



*BLAST FROM THE PAST- SAVABEEL streaking away for Cox Plate glory.*

## O'Brien Buoyant of Shamrock



Victorian trainer Danny O'Brien is buoyant ahead of **Shamrock's Gr.1 WS Cox Plate (2040m)** bid this Saturday.

"She's really well and I'm very pleased with her," said O'Brien of the Champion O'Reilly 4YO yesterday.

"Her major target is the Melbourne Cup, but if the Cox Plate is run at good speed – which is just how she won the Gr.1 VRC Australian Guineas, she'll be sure to be hitting the line very strongly."

Horses to complete the **Cox Plate/Melbourne Cup** double: **Nightmarch** (1929), **Rising Fast** (1954), **Saintly** (1996) & **Makybe Diva** (2005).

*Photo courtesy of Darryl Sherer*

# Cox Plate Fact

**Savabeel: 1** of only **7** 3YO's since 1970 to win the Cox Plate.

Since 1970, **123** 3YO's have contested the **WS Cox Plate**. Of these only **5.6%** have been successful.

The **seven** 3YO winners of **Australasia's Weight For Age Championship** comprise: **Abdul** (1970), **Surround** (1976), **Red Anchor** (1984), **Taj Rossi** (1973), **Octagonal** (1995), **Savabeel** (2004) and **So You Think** (2009).

Source: [www.coxplate.racingandsports.com.au](http://www.coxplate.racingandsports.com.au)

## WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>SWEET AS WILSON</b> 06g Scaredee Cat x Demerara by Danasinga	<b>Listed</b> Wellesley Stakes (1000m)	WRC	3	1:50pm
<b>NO EXCUSE MAGGIE</b> 06f No Excuse Needed x Maggie O'Reilly by O'Reilly	<b>G3</b> Thompson Hcp (1600m)	WRC	5	3:13pm
<b>JUSTANEXCUSE</b> 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	<b>G3</b> Thompson Hcp (1600m)	WRC	5	3:13pm
<b>LADY KIPLING</b> 07f Savabeel x Akela by Al Akbar	<b>G3</b> Thompson Hcp (1600m)	WRC	5	3:13pm
<b>COLLAR</b> 08g O'Reilly x Laebeel by Zabeel	<b>G2</b> Mitchelton Wines Vase (2040m)	MVRC	4	4:40pm
<b>PRESIDENT LINCOLN</b> 08g O'Reilly x Pinot Gris by Pentire	<b>G2</b> Wellington Guineas (1500m)	WRC	8	5:08pm
<b>RELEASE ME</b> 08g No Excuse Needed x La Pearl by Danasinga	<b>G2</b> Wellington Guineas (1500m)	WRC	8	5:08pm
<b>PADDY O'REILLY</b> 05g O'Reilly x Star of Amarissa by Assert	<b>G2</b> Drake International Cup (2500m)	MVRC	6	6:00pm
<b>TULLAMORE</b> 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Flying Spur	<b>G2</b> Drake International Cup (2500m)	MVRC	6	6:00pm
<b>SHAMROCKER</b> 07f O'Reilly x Bohemian Blues x Blues Traveller	<b>G1</b> WS Cox Plate (2040m)	MVRC	8	7:35pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>WAIKATO</b> 03g Pins x Skywalker Wilkes by Skywalker	<b>G1</b> Raffles Cup (1800m)	Sgp	9	9:50pm

## Foal of the Week: O'Reilly ex Rationable Colt



**Sire:** O'Reilly

**Dam:** Rationable

**Damsire:** Housebuster

**Comment:** **Rationable** has proved a real blue hen mare for the stud. To date, she has had six winners from seven to race.

Importantly, of these foals three have been the stakes winners:

- **VIGOR** (O'Reilly) Gr.2 Makybe Diva Stakes
- **JOEY MASSINO** (O'Reilly) Gr.2 Avondale Guineas
- **VINCENT MANGANO** (No Excuse Needed) Karaka Million hero.

## Tullamore Backs Up



Gai Waterhouse's **Savabeel** stablestar **Tullamore** backs up from his bold third in the **Gr.1 Caulfield Cup** this Saturday.

The **Gr.2 Brisbane Cup** winner is to pin his ears back in the **G2 Drake International Cup (2500m)** at Moonee Valley and will have the services of Nash Rawiller aboard.

In her Thursday Blog, Waterhouse wrote:

*He had a look around the Valley on Tuesday and Tom Berry said he handled it like an old pro, Tullamore is extremely happy and Nash too, is happy with the big brute,"*  
([Click here to read more](#)).

*Photo courtesy of Darryl Sherer*

## Warhorse Out to Turn the Tables



Laurie Laxon's super warhorse **Waikato** lines-up in the **G1 Raffles Cup (1800m)** in Singapore this Sunday.

The **G1** winning **Pins** 8YO was 3<sup>rd</sup> to stablemate **Better Than Ever** at his last start in the **Sgp-1 Kranji Mile** and will be motivated to turn the tables this time out.

Bred by Maurie McLeod of Amadi Park in Australia, **Waikato** has won 17 races and has achieved earnings of over NZ\$2.5million for his owner/trainer Laxon, deservedly making him a firm stable favourite.

## Runner of the Week: Pretty Pins

Promising Patinack Farm-owned filly **Pretty Pins** might have earned a long-range **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** campaign next winter following her grinding Eagle Farm win last Saturday.

She was perfectly ridden by the in-form Jim Byrne who is a big fan of the **Pins** 3YO and believes she has the scope to be a Gr.1 prospect at Eagle Farm during next year's Brisbane winter carnival.

Bred by Cherry Taylor and Trelawney Thoroughbreds Ltd, **Pretty Pins** is a half-sister to the **Gr.1 Toorak Hcp** winner **Allez Wonder** and has won 2 from 3 starts.

## Mark's Mail



Another busy week. We've had just on 125 foals, the yearlings are beginning their preps and the stallions – well their still loving their work.

Could be a massive weekend ahead. The **Cox Plate** always brings back great memories with what **Savabeel** did in 2004 and did I mention the **All Blacks World Cup Final** this Sunday?!

There's a stack of smart black-type runners this weekend, but I'm going to make a horse that we made our **Runner of the Week** a while back my **Tip of the Week**:

**Said Com**, Saturday, ATC, Race 4, 5:02pm.

Go the AB's!

[WWW.WAIKATOSTUD.COM](http://WWW.WAIKATOSTUD.COM) | WEEKEND RUNNERS