



O'Reilly – 25 Wins in Last 30 days

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WS Sires Dominant at Ballarat

WS sires were dominant at Ballarat yesterday, winning 3 of the 8 race card.

O'Reilly 3YO, **Rollerball** (ex Dehere Today), fittingly got the ball rolling in the second, winning at his second appearance for trainer Robert Smerdon.

Pins homebreds **Infuse** (ex Fiaba) and **Attivita** (ex Activate) later followed suit in race 4 and 6.

Infuse was a stylish maiden winner over 1600m for Robert Hickmott, whilst **Attivita** struck at 1400m for her third victory from eight starts for trainer Peter Moody.

Fact

NO EXCUSE NEEDED

-  **6.57%** Stakes Winners To Runners
-  **4** Stakes Winners averaged per season

O'Reilly Leading the Way

Last week following the **Gr.2** success of **Silent Achiever**, we said **O'Reilly** had wasted little time leaving his mark on 2012.

The truer picture it seems is over the last 30 days.

According to www.breednet.com.au, **O'Reilly** is Australasia's current Leading Sire for Wins over this period...

TOP SIRES BY WINS LAST 30 DAYS	
O'Reilly	25
Exceed And Excel	23
Encosta De Lago	22
Hussonet	22
Sequalo	22

Source: www.breednet.com.au, 12 January

Bluebloods to Fore in Hong Kong

Glorious Days – the $\frac{3}{4}$ brother in blood to WS sire **Rios** and **Smart Giant** – the **Pins** half-brother to WS's triple Gr.1 winner **Daffodil** have featured prominently on Hong Kong's recently released Top Rated List of 4YO's.

Having won all three of his starts for trainer John Size, the Hussonet galloper **Glorious Days** is strongly enumerated as the 4th top Hong Kong 4YO with a rating of 107.

Alternatively, the John Moore-trained **Smart Giant** has picked up the 5 wins from his 11 Hong Kong starts and counts a rating of 105. As such, he is esteemed as the 3rd leading chance for the **HK-1 The Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Derby (2000m)** on March 18.

The Pins gelding could potentially improve this standing on Wednesday the 25th of January, when he sets sail in the **HK-1 The Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Classic Mile (4YO, 1600m)**.

Blackbooker: SPEEDY CAT



This week's blackbooker is a 3YO gelding by **Scaredee Cat** called **Speedy Cat**.

Following on from three successful trial outings, **Speedy Cat** debuted for tremendous effect in Singapore last Sunday.

The talented galloper remarkably won his very first start in a 1100m Polytrack course record equalling time of 1 min 4.67 secs.

BREEDING: Scaredee Cat x Lane Cove by Magic of Sydney
BREEDERS: Grande Vue Lodge Syndicate & Waikato Stud
OWNER: Alvin Tan
TRAINER: Alvin Tan

Mark's Mail



Waikato Stud sponsors the 9th on the card at the **Marton Cup Race Day** at Awapuni RC this weekend.

In it, we expect a big run from **No Excuse Needed's** last start **Gr.3** winner **Justanexcuse**, who should be ideally suited to the 1400m trip.

According to Lisa Latta, his work has been fantastic and he's spot on for the race.

I've also been hearing very good things about **Sadist**, so I really can't go past these two as my picks this week.

Tip of the Week: Justanexcuse and **Sadist** for the quinella at Awapuni Racecourse in Race 9, **Waikato Stud Hcp (Opn Hcp 1400m)** at 5:41pm.

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