

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



SHAMEXPRESS IN GREAT SHAPE FOR ASCOT DEBUT

NZ-bred Royal Ascot contender **Shamexpress** has settled in well at Abington Place in Newmarket, England ahead of the **Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes** on Tuesday (*Wednesday 4:05am - NZ Time*).

The Danny O'Brien-trained **O'Reilly** colt comes into the race in good form, having won the **Gr.1 Newmarket Handicap (1200m)** in March at Flemington. He has also subsequently impressed winning two jump outs, the most recent of which he beat subsequent **Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap (1400m)** winner Linton.

"The form out of the trial has stood up really well and I thought he trialled equally as impressively as he did before he won the Newmarket," said jockey Craig Newitt who is set to arrive in England on Monday.

"As for how the horse has been working, I don't think he's ever been going any better."

"Obviously it is exciting to know that he's travelled and settled in really well because that was my only concern with him."

Source: NZTM



SHAMEXPRESS is bred on the **O'Reilly/Volksraad** cross. To date this has produced 11 runners for 10 winners.

Wednesday (NZ TIME)			
Shamexpress 09g O'Reilly x Volksrose by Volksraad	Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes (1000m)	Ascot	4:05am

SHAMEXPRESS FACT FILE

SHAMEXPRESS (NZ) 2009 colt

BREEDING O'Reilly out of Volkrose (Volksraad)

OWNERS Jeff Dimery, Andrew Smith, Ken Woolley, Andrew Butler, Andrew Duncan, Kelly Turner, Dawn Keogh, Joel Hitt, Sam Larkey, Chris Wylie, Ryan Callister, Leah and Mick Ashton.

BREEDERS Richard Rutherford, Roger Gordon and Tim Davis.

TRAINER Danny O'Brien Racing

SALE 2011 NZB National Yearling Sale, Premier Session
Vendor: Beltana Stud
Purchaser: Danny O'Brien
Price: \$130,000

RECORD 10 Starts 3-1-2 A\$780,475. Winner of the Gr.1 VRC Newmarket Hcp (1200m).

SIRE O'REILLY - 14 Gr.1 winners
- 15 stakes winners in 2012-13 alone.

DAM VOLKROSE - dam of five foals, four winners.
Served by Redoute's Choice in 2012.

SIBLINGS 2007 f. Little Rose (Pentire) Unraced.
2008 g. Too Big To Cry (O'Reilly). Raced once.
2009 c. **SHAMEXPRESS** (O'Reilly)
2010 f. Guelder (O'Reilly)
2011 f. By O'Reilly
2012 c. By Paco Boy



SHAMEXPRESS VIDEO LIBRARY



**TRACKSIDE'S JAYNE IVIL
CATCHES UP WITH
SHAMEXPRESS' CO-BREEDER
RICHARD RUTHERFORD**

Source: NZTM, Youtube

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2013 ROYAL ASCOT PREVIEW - DANNY O'BRIEN, TRAINER OF SHAMEXPRESS

Source: Thorough Media, Youtube

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WINNER OF THE WEEK: Spirit of Heaven



With her older Gr.1 winning half-sister **Lights Of Heaven** (Zabeel) retiring this week, the **Savabeel** 2YO filly **Spirit Of Heaven** (pictured left) made a timely and impressive debut win at Sandown-Hillside this week.

Trained by Peter Moody, **Spirit Of Heaven** was giving the leaders about five lengths before Luke Nolen managed to ease her into the clear at the 300m.

The young filly then powered home, handling the heavy conditions well, to win the 2014 Blue Diamond Nominate Now Handicap (1000m) by just over a length for breeder/owners Ron and Judi Wanless

Source: ANZ Bloodstock News

NZ SIRE AWARD STANDINGS

DEWAR (NZ+AUS)

	Stallion	Earnings
1	O'REILLY	\$6,801,628
2	Thorn Park	\$5,091,346
3	High Chaparral	\$4,621,310
4	Zabeel	\$4,610,963
5	Pins	\$4,188,402

CENTAINE (Global)

	Stallion	Earnings
1	O'REILLY	\$10,745,871
2	Pins	\$9,497,480
3	Thorn Park	\$7,976,876
4	Zabeel	\$6,164,089
5	High Chap.	\$6,110,747

GROSVENOR (NZ)

	Stallion	Earnings
1	O'REILLY	\$2,193,602
2	Savabeel	\$1,650,467
3	Darci Brahma	\$1,543,290
4	Pins	\$1,380,239
5	Ekraar	\$1,133,065

Source: www.nztm.co.nz www.arion.co.nz

MARK'S MAIL



Can't wait to see **Shamexpress** in the **Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes (1000m)** on Tuesday - well 4:15am Wednesday NZ time.

It's great to see breeders Richard Rutherford, Roger Gordon and Tim Davis and owners Jeff Dimery, Andrew Smith, Ken Woolley, Andrew Butler, Andrew Duncan, Kelly Turner, Dawn Keogh, Joel Hitt, Sam Larkey, Chris Wylie, Ryan Callister, Leah and Mick Ashton rewarded for their efforts with this terrific international ambassador.

Good luck to you all, to jockey Craig Newitt and of course, to trainer Danny O'Brien.

No tip this week guys. Copped a bit of abuse for my tipping last week. I thought it was a good run - he did get held up after all.

Go Shamexpress!



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