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WHAT A LABOUR WEEKEND!

Diary

Saturday, Oct 22	<i>O'Reilly 3YO President Lincoln bolts home for G2 Wellington Guineas (1500m)</i>
Sunday, Oct 23	<i>All Blacks win 2011 Rugby World Cup!</i>
Monday Oct 24	Labour Day (NZ) <i>Pins colt Antonio Lombardo claims G3 James and Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes (1400m)</i>

G1 VRC Derby

O'Reilly and **Savabeel** are strongly represented in one of the most important races on the 3YO racing calendar this Saturday- the **Gr.1 Victoria Derby (2500m)** at Flemington.

The Lloyd Williams raced and Little Avondale-bred **O'Reilly** galloper **Collar** lines up with a win in the **Listed Westfield Doncaster Stakes (1400m)** at the track 3 starts ago. At his last start in the **G2 Mitchelton Vase (2040m)**, he had the measure of all bar Derby hot pot **Manawanui**.

Alternatively, the Clyde and Pat Buckingham **Savabeel** hope **Sangster** notably enters for NZ trainers Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young with a recent **G1** placing in the **Spring Champion Stakes (2000m)**. At his last start, he was second in the **G3 Norman Robinson Stakes (2000m)**.

Interestingly, **Sangster's** breeders are no strangers to the **G1 Victoria Derby**. The Buckingham's raced **Ebony Grosve**, who finished 2nd= in the 1996 event before going on to take out the **G1 Australian Derby** two starts later.

WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
TULLAMORE 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Flying Spur	G3 Lexus Stakes (2500m)	VRC	2	2:00pm
DOWAGER QUEEN 08f Savabeel x Dower by Pins	G2 Wakeful Stakes (2000m)	VRC	3	2:40pm
COLLAR 08g O'Reilly x Laebeel by Zabeel	G1 Victoria Derby (2500m)	VRC	6	5:00pm
SANGSTER 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	G1 Victoria Derby (2500m)	VRC	6	5:00pm

Foal of the Week: Savabeel ex America Bay Filly



Sire: Savabeel

Dam: America Bay

Damsire: Fastnet Rock

Breeder: Jason Abrahams

Comment: This filly is a cracker. She is the mare's second foal and as you can see, she is stamped **Savabeel** through and through.

O'Reilly 3YO President Lincoln Claims G2 Guineas

O'Reilly's two from three winning son **President Lincoln** could have an important **G1** start ahead following his impressive **G2 New Zealand Bloodstock Wellington Guineas (1500m)** win last Saturday.

"He's a big, strong boy and he is nominated for the Levin Classic, but I'll just be keeping an eye on the tracks," said trainer Lisa Latta.

The John and Lyn Street bred and raced 3YO settled off the pace, but when rider Kelly Myers pushed the button the gelding surged to the front and raced clear to score by two and a-half lengths.

Fact

O'REILLY won the G1 Levin Classic (1600m) at 3 in 1996.

*Nb) His 3YO daughter **Final Destination** followed suit in 2001.*

Big Raps on Antonio Lombardo

Matamata trainer Peter McKay paid the **Pins** colt **Antonio Lombardo** the highest of compliments after his dominant **G3 James and Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes (1400m)** win at Te Rapa on Monday.

"*He likes to lead and he kicked on the corner and I'm starting to think this horse is better,*" said McKay when asked to compare the 3YO to his former 4 time **G1** winning **O'Reilly** stable star, **Alamosa**.

Bred by Robert Anderson and Trelawney Stud, **Antonio Lombardo** worked to the front under Sam Spratt and never looked in danger thereafter, coasting to the line for owners Trevor Luke and Peter and Kim McKay with a length to spare over last season's Champion NZ 2YO, **Anabandana**.

Runner of the Week: Quintessential



A chestnut daughter of **Fast 'N' Famous** by the name of **Quintessential** pointed to a bright future ahead at Te Teko this week.

In what was just her second raceday appearance, the John Sargent-prepared 3YO dished out a powerful finishing burst, hitting the line with a short neck to spare over the nearest of her 1400m rivals.

The Trelawney Thoroughbreds-bred filly is raced by Christchurch businessman Greg Tomlinson's Nearco Stud.

"*That was particularly pleasing as she's quite lean and mean and there's a lot of improvement in her,*" Tomlinson's Thoroughbred Manager Adrian Clark said after the race.

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As you can imagine, there were plenty of happy faces about the place following the **All Black's World Cup** win this week.

Outside of the AB's, a big congrats need go to John and Lyn Street for their success this week with **President Lincoln** and to Trevor Luke, Peter and Kim McKay, Robert Anderson and Trelawney Stud with **Antonio Lombardo**. Both horses now head to the **G1 Levin Classic (1600m)**, so interesting times ahead.

I thought Davo our Stallion man went pretty well a week or so back, so I've called on him again for my **Tip of the Week**.

"*Pretty Pins should win. She was very impressive winning at her last start and I don't think the mile will trip her up,*" he told me.

Can't argue with that...

Tip of the Week: Pretty Pins, Saturday, BRC, Race 2, 4:01pm.

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