



Pussy Willow - Star O'Reilly 2YO

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Pussy Willow Wins G2 Wakefield Challenge S.

Pussy Willow looks another potential headline act for **O'Reilly** following her brilliant victory at Trentham last Saturday. The 2YO displayed a stunning turn of foot to claim the **Gr 2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes**.

A winner on debut at Ruakaka earlier this month, she came from well off the pace with a cracking final 200 metres on Saturday to win with ease. "*She's still very raw and green,*" trainer Stephen McKee said, "*She got a bit lost, but she's absolute top class.*"

Out of the multiple winner and Gr 1 performer **Octapussy**, **Pussy Willow** is a sister to the promising **Pussy O'Reilly** who is also raced by her breeders Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan and Peter Walker. **Pussy O'Reilly** has also been a winner for Cambridge trainer Don Sellwood and looks to add black-type to her own record in Saturday's **Gr.3 Desert Gold Stakes**.

O'Reilly also completed a notable juvenile double when last weekend when son **Shamexpress** was successful at the first time of asking at Flemington. The Danny O'Brien-trained colt is out of the **Volksraad** mare **Volkrose** and was bred and sold, for \$130,000 at Karaka, by Beltana Stud's Richard Rutherford who has been a staunch supporter of **O'Reilly**.

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O'REILLY

- 🏆 **Current NZ General Sires' Premiership Leader.**
- 🏆 **2011/12 Stakes Winners - President Lincoln, Silent Achiever, Dating, Collar and Pussy Willow.**

WS Sired Stakes Runners this Weekend

HORSE	RACE NAME	WHERE	Race #	Time (NZ)
SATURDAY				
PUSSY O'REILLY 08f O'Reilly x Octapussy by Octagonal	Gr. 3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m)	WRC	5	2:45pm
QUINTESSENTIAL 08f Fast'N'Famous x Florette x Sword Dance	Gr. 3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m)	WRC	5	2:45pm
JUSTANEXCUSE 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	Gr.1 Thorndon Mile (1600m)	WRC	6	3:26pm
DATING 07m O'Reilly x Mandate by Sound Reason	Gr.1 Thorndon Mile (1600m)	WRC	6	3:26pm
SUNDAY				
MOSH PIT 08f Scaredee Cat x Ten Guitars by Danasinga	(R) L Karaka 3YO Mile (1600m)	ARC	3	6:13pm
FREEDOM 09c O'Reilly x Captivate by Stravinsky	(R) L Karaka Million (1200m)	ARC	5	7:17pm
SILK PINS 09f Pins x Silk Ending by End Sweep	(R) L Karaka Million (1200m)	ARC	5	7:17pm

O'Reilly Leading the Australasian Way

TOP SIRES BY WINS LAST 7 DAYS	
O'Reilly	9
Flying Spur	7
Blevic	6
Pins	6
Bianconi	5

TOP SIRES BY WINS LAST 30 DAYS	
O'Reilly	29
Exceed And Excel	25
Pins	24
Commands	20
Flying Spur	20

Source: Breednet.com.au

Pins Scores Winning Double

Pins was represented by a winning double at Hastings on Wednesday with **Glad** carrying the farm's colours to victory and **Sharp Decision** collecting his maiden success.

Trained at Matamata by Jason Bridgman, the well-related **Glad** had placed in two of her previous three appearances and was a dominant winner of the closing event. The 3YO is out of the Rory's Jester mare **McHappy** who is from the family of the sprinting superstar **Black Caviar**.

Infuse Justifies Support



The money was right on the mark for **Infuse** at Flemington last Saturday. Despite racing out of his grade, the 3YO son of **Pins** was the target of solid support and duly delivered.

The strapping gelding was left in front a long way from home but had no trouble holding all challenges at bay to win with authority. Trained by Robert Hickmott for the Williams family, he was the only ride of the day for Steven King, who predicts a bright future for **Infuse**.

He was sold at the 2010 Sydney Easter Sale by the Matamata farm for \$A90,000 and is out of the **Defensive Play** mare **Fiaba**. She was bred and raced by Garry Chittick and won six races and was twice stakes placed. **Infuse** is yet another winning member of the family of Gr 1 Salinger Stakes and Goodwood Handicap winner **Glamour Puss**, whose **Pins** colt (Lot 216) will be offered by WS during the Premier Sale at Karaka.

Blackbooker: CROSSLANDS



This week's blackbooker is the 3YO **O'Reilly** filly **Crosslands**.

Crosslands created a strong impression at the first time of asking when she won by widening four and a-half lengths at Hastings on Wednesday. The filly is out of the Centaine mare **Formosa Girl**, who won seven races, and is from the family of the multiple Hong Kong Group winner **Able Choice**.

BREEDING: O'Reilly x Formosa Girl by Centaine

BREEDERS: Brian Collins

OWNER: F A Conway, M Diamond, F G Finnegan, Tuhundi Syndicate & K Vickers

TRAINER: Francis Finnegan

Mark's Mail



A big congrats this week goes to **Pussy Willow's** owner/breeders Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan and Peter Walker.

Her win was simply outstanding! Hopefully sister **Pussy O'Reilly** repeats the dose for you in the **Gr. 3 Desert Gold Stakes** this Saturday.

Are flat out parading at Karaka at the moment – a great way to be heading into the Sale starting Monday.

Tip of the Week: **Commett** (No Excuse Needed) at Rotorua in the 3rd at 1:45pm today.

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