



O'Reilly Stand Out - Silent Achiever

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O'Reilly Already Achieving 2012 Stakes Reward

O'Reilly has wasted no time making his mark on 2012.

On New Year's Day, his Kevin-Hickman bred-and-raced daughter, **Silent Achiever**, gave rise to a possible Australia assault ahead with a bold **Gr.2** win in the **Championship Stakes (2100m)** at Ellerslie.

"2000 metres may well be her best distance, so we might look at Aussie," said the 3YO's successful trainer, Roger James.

Out of the **Zabeel** mare **Winning Spree**, **Silent Achiever** is a half-sister to four winners, including the **Gr. 2 Wellington Guineas** placegetter **Anotherchancetaken** (No Excuse Needed).

Silent Achiever is the 52nd individual stakes winner for **O'Reilly** and represents his fourth this term behind **President Lincoln**, **Collar** and **Dating**.

Fact

O'REILLY OVER ZABEEL MARE CROSS
-75% Winners-to-Runners-
-16.7% Stakes Winners-to-Runners-

WS Dominant in Melbourne

Waikato Stud was a dominant force in Melbourne on Wednesday, counting no less than three homebred winners.

Higuain and **Muchos Respectos** gave **Pins** a double, while **O'Reilly** was on the score sheet early with daughter **Notice Received** in the opening event.

A \$145,000 Premier Sale yearling, **Higuain** was purchased by trainer Danny O'Brien at Karaka in 2009 and had been placed in three of his previous four appearances. He is closely-related to the stakes winner **Mygoodgrace** from the family of WS's triple Gr 1 winner **Daffodil**. Waikato will offer a half-sister to **Higuain** by **O'Reilly (Lot 233)** at Karaka this year.

Also from the O'Brien stable was **Muchos Respectos**, who as a \$45,000 buy and has now won three times. The 4YO is out of the stakes winning **College Chapel** mare **Lookatmelads** and is from the family of Gr.1 winner **Fully Fledged** and **Showmeran**.

Notice Received is trained by Andrew Noblet, who bought the filly out of WS's 2010 Sydney Easter Sale draft for \$A135,000. The 3YO, who was on debut, is out of the winning **Royal Academy** mare **Classique Royale** and is from the family of the multiple Australian stakes winner **Apple Danish**.

Blackbooker: PUSSY WILLOW

This week's blackbooker is the 2YO **O'Reilly** filly, **Pussy Willow**.

Confirming the merit of her debut trial win in December, **Pussy Willow** debuted for further success at Ruakaka yesterday, winning her race by an easy 2 lengths.

BREEDING: O'Reilly x Octapussy by Octagonal
BREEDERS: Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & P J Walker
OWNER: Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & P J Walker
TRAINER: Stephen McKee



Mark's Mail



Congrats to Kevin Hickman and trainer Roger James for their win with **Silent Achiever** last Sunday. Was a very impressive win and what a great way to start the year!

There was also plenty to crow about on the farm on Wednesday following the three WS-bred winners at Melbourne. Well done to all the owners involved and to friends Danny O'Brien and Andrew Noblet for enabling these good wins.

Hope there's lots more to follow!

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