

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



QUINTESSENTIAL RETURNS

Fast N Famous mare **Quintessential** returns to her favourite hunting ground this Saturday.

The John Sargent-trained 4YO lines up in a compact field of six for the **Gr.2 Eagle Farm Cup (2200m)** – a start which is an important prelude to her **Gr.2 Brisbane Cup (2400m)** aim in just over a week's time.

The Nearco Stud-owned racemare was the star of the show at this very meeting last year, winning the **Gr.1 Queensland Oaks** with 2.3 lengths to spare (*see picture above*).

One week later she gamely chased **Savabeel** gelding **Brambles** home for second in the **Gr.1 Queensland Derby** and has since added to her Eagle Farm record, powering home for the **Gr.3 Chairman's Hcp (2100m)** at last start.



QUINTESSENTIAL represents the only racehorse bred on the **FAST'N'FAMOUS/ SWORD DANCE** cross.

GREEK GODDESS STRIKES 15th SW FOR O'REILLY

The Roger James-trained 2YO **Hera** provided **O'Reilly** with his 15th individual stakes winners of the season in the **Listed Great Northern Foals Stakes (1400m)** at Ellerslie last Saturday.

Hera was ridden by Matt Cameron, who said he had few worries during the race, before pushing her out for a 1 ¼ length win.

Raced by long-time stable clients Ron and Fran Dixon, **Hera** is named after the Greek goddess of Love and Marriage.

Names relating to Greek Mythology has served the Dixon's well, with previous Gr.1 winners of theirs including **Tethys** (Gr.1 Avondale Cup), **Cronus** (Gr.1 Adelaide Cup) and **Hades** (Gr.1 NZ Derby).

Hera now heads to the spelling paddock with a 2YO record showing two wins and two placings from five starts.



With NZ\$40,860 in earnings so far achieved, she has already returned the 2012 Select Sale purchase price of \$28,000 that James outlaid for her.

Bred by Waikato Stud, **Hera** is out of the **Centaine** mare **Corsica**, who is a three-quarter sister to the dam of Australian stakes winner and Group performer **Marquardt**.

HERA	Greek goddess of Love and Marriage
TETHYS	A goddess of the Sea.
CRONUS	The leader and the youngest of the first generation of Titans.
HADES	Greek God of the Underworld



HERA embodies the **O'REILLY/ CENTAINE** cross. From its 133 runners to date, the cross has been strongly distinguished by **3 Gr.1 winners ALAMOSA, MACO'REILLY and GUYNO, 13 stakes winners** and by a **68.4% Winners-to-Runners ratio**.

NZ SIRE AWARD STANDINGS

DEWAR (NZ+AUS)

	Stallion	Earnings
1	O'REILLY	\$6,667,203
2	Thorn Park	\$5,066,021
3	High Chaparral	\$4,548,005
4	Zabeel	\$4,191,639
5	Pins	\$4,084,063

CENTAINE (Global)

	Stallion	Earnings
1	O'REILLY	\$10,420,492
2	Pins	\$9,243,927
3	Thorn Park	\$7,934,864
4	High Chaparral	\$6,011,480
5	Zabeel	\$5,647,026

GROSVENOR (NZ)

	Stallion	Earnings
1	O'REILLY	\$2,161,752
2	Savabeel	\$1,629,417
3	Darci Brahma	\$1,497,690
4	Pins	\$1,370,965
5	Ekraar	\$1,121,390

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

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY			
ASJA NACLE 10f Fast 'N' Famous x Madhuri Dixit by Famous Star	Listed Castletown Stakes (1200m)	Wang.	1:00pm
Goodn'targ 10f Savabeel x Deautche Express by Volksraad	Listed Castletown Stakes (1200m)	Wang.	1:00pm
MADE MY POINT 05g Pins x Baas by Anabaa	Listed Challenge Stakes (1600m)	Wang.	3:33pm
TAURUS 08g No Excuse Needed x Stars In her Eyes by Jetball	Listed Challenge Stakes (1600m)	Wang.	3:33pm
QUINTESSENTIAL 08f Fast 'N' Famous x Florette by Sword Dance	Gr.2 Eagle Farm Cup (2200m)	BRC	3:00pm
JUSTANEXCUSE 06g No Excuse Needed x Aggressive by Val Dansant	Listed Spear Chief Hcp (1500m)	BRC	3:40pm

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Racing Carrot @RacingCarrot

14h

With Eagle Farm at least slow, Justanexcuse in R4 is overs at \$31. Nice wet track form, classy at best (3rd to Ocean Park G1 in September)

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MARK'S MAIL



Big Queens Birthday weekend ahead with the kids, so I'm sure to be kept on my toes - something Harry's God father Hylton Bayliss found out only too well recently.

We'd taken the kids duck shooting. The rain had set in and they were starting to get bored.

"Dad it's raining, what are we going to do?" asked Harry.

"Well you're going to get wet," replied Hylton.

"No shit!" Harry immediately retorted.

Ok tip this week...! with the Twitter thoughts above of **@RacingCarrot**. **Justanexcuse** is currently paying \$26 Fixed Odds with the NZ TAB and should be very competitive on the Eagle Farm surface, which is currently rated a Slow 7.

Tip of the Week: JUSTANEXCUSE - Saturday - BRC - Listed Spear Chief Hcp (1500m) - 3:40pm

Good luck and good punting everyone!



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