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TRAINER MARK PEACE IS HAPPY TO SIT-OUT THE \$400,000 BIG 6 HUNTER CUP WITH HIS STABLE STAR CINCINNATI KID.

That's because Peace has already set his sights on a third consecutive Inter Dominion campaign at Sydney's ID10.

Cincinnati Kid broke through for the biggest win of his career when he upstaged a hot field in last Saturday night's \$125,000 Barastoc Grand Circuit Ballarat Cup.

"Now I'm heading to the Inter Dominion more confident than I've ever been," he said.

"It's such a thrill to finally win a big race with this horse. He's been racing so well at the top level for more than two years now and gone close many times without winning a big one."

Peace said the grueling 3050m distance of Saturday night's Hunter Cup didn't suit Cincinnati Kid.

"It's just too far for him," he said. "Last October's Kilmore Cup proved to me once again he just can't stay those really long trips.

"I didn't bother entering him for the Hunter Cup because my focus has always been getting to another Inter Dominion in Sydney.

"This year's series really suits him with the distances.

"Starting at Harold Park is another plus for him, especially if he draws well to use his gate speed."

Before the Ballarat Cup, Peace said Cincinnati Kid's career highlight was a heat win at Geelong in the 2008 Melbourne Watpac Inter Dominion.

"The disappointment of the Melbourne series was then finishing a luckless 10th in the semi-final and missing a spot in the final," Peace said.

Cincinnati Kid finished the 2008 series with a fourth in the consolation.

The eight-year-old ran fourth and eight in his two qualifying races of last year's Watpac ID09 at the Gold Coast before a third in the consolation.

"Making the final is the goal this year. He deserves it," Peace said.

"I think he's going at least as well as he has in the past, maybe better."

Cincinnati Kid will have his final lead-up race to Watpac ID10 in the Sky Racing Free-For-All at Moonee Valley on Saturday night.



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