



# NEWSLETTER

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## Yes it's coming – the WASBA Raffle

And yes we are trying to make it as big as last time. Book your mares in to your current choice of stallion but don't forget to buy a ticket or two.

WASBA uses the money raised from the Raffle and our other activities to provide the extra dollars for our sponsored races, like \$3,000 supplied to top up the Narrogin Tribute to Color Glo, for our rugs, garlands and trophies, for our awards, for our Off The Track sponsorship, basically for everything we do. We do a lot, and we need to raise a lot.

Even if you don't win, it helps us to help you. Of course if you do win, it's definitely worth it!

## 2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	13 July \$11,000 each - De Campo Memorials at Bunbury
	26 July 2YO Colts and Geldings Western Crown (postponed from June)
	29 July Heats of the \$100,000 Diamond Classic for fillies
3YO	5 July \$30,000 each - 3YO Westsired Classics
	15 July \$35,000 Daintys Daughter Country Classic at Pinjarra
Mares	26 July \$30,000 Fillies and Mares Winter Feature (HWOE < \$40,000)
Westsired	6 July \$14,000 Narrogin Salutes Red Vicar Westsired Pace at Narrogin (HWOE <\$25,000)



## Narrogin \$14,000 Tribute to Color Glo Westbred Mares

An excellent race and race meeting for the inaugural WASBA \$14,000 Westbred mares race at Narrogin. The Dylan Egerton-Green trained and driven favourite Champagne Everyone (Shadow Play USA) started brilliantly from 5 and after a short tussle went straight to the lead, keeping the pace solid throughout. Challenged over the last 400m, she held them all out to win the \$14,000 WASBA Tribute to Color Glo by 1.2m.



Champagne Everyone with Dillon Egerton-Green after her win. Photo courtesy Paceway Photos

Champagne Everyone was bred by her owners Oz-West Pacing, Morris, Eaton and Richards. She is a half sister to the very promising **Nase Vera (Alta Christiano NZ)** 1:57.4 \$41,826. Their dam **Sovereign Faith NZ (Live Or Die USA)** 1:53.6 \$132,719 did her early racing for the owners in NSW before coming to WA. Familiar names from the family include Group 2 Newcastle Mile winner **Saucy Legend** 1:51.6 \$435,386 and **Livura** 1:56.4 \$261,006, both by Live Or Die USA.

Thanks Narrogin Race and Pace for helping to get this race to happen!

## \$50,000 Kerry Clarke Stakes

It took a while to get the official result but it was never in doubt, with 5yo mare **Acharne Girl** victorious in the \$50,000 Kerry Clarke Group 3 Mares Pace. Initially a race for Westbred 4YO and 5YO it's namesake would not have minded the change, to give the mares racing in WA another opportunity to win a Group race. And Acharne Girl is a Westbred and a 5yo.

Starting from 10 with new driver Stewie McDonald on board after regular driver Gary Hall Jnr chose 3<sup>rd</sup> favourite Three Rumours NZ from barrier 11, Acharne Girl settled behind race leader and favourite Soho Seraphine, who was challenged for a significant part of the journey by Three Rumours once the field had settled. Manoeuvring off the pegs at the bell to be running behind Three Rumours, Acharne Girl started to challenge new leader Three Rumours coming to the turn and after an epic dual down the straight went on to win the \$50,000 Kerry Clarke by a half head in 1:56.3, last half 56.7.



Acharne Girl and Stewie McDonald

Owned by two of her breeders the late Beth Richardson and, Garry Ralston, **Acharne Girl (Alta Christiano NZ)** has now won \$200,000 from her 33 starts. Out of WA raced **Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.7 \$89,999 she is the 4<sup>th</sup> foal and 4<sup>th</sup> winner from her dam, others being her full brothers **While They Pray** 1:54.7 \$180,037 and **Faster Than Dad** 1:55.5 \$126,775 and half sister **Slick Artist (Art Major USA)** 1:52.0 \$404,531. It's a very winning family with Slick Bird NZ being one of 5 winners – including **High Courage NZ (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:53.4 \$143,950 - from her winning dam **Whos The Bird NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)**. This is in fact an Australian breeding line, with Whos The Bird NZ out of top filly **Donna Who (Golden Greek USA)** 1:57.1 \$244,668 who in turn is out of Group 1 Oaks winning filly **Girl Called Destiny (Fast Knight USA)**. The full sister to Girl Called Destiny is the dam of standouts **It Is I (Golden Greek USA)** 1:56.4 \$208,575 and Group 1 winner **La Sperenza (Whats Next USA)**, the dam of Group 1 winner **Armida (Safely Kept USA)** 1:59.1 \$159,285 who is the dam of **Caesar Augustus (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.5 \$223,741.

## \$50,000 2YO Champagne Classic

What a great result for the only filly in the usually boys dominated Champagne Classic. **Reinette (Vincent)** joins Shez A Clout (2006), Arma Xpress (2012), Tricky Styx (2014) and Cott Beach (2017) as the only filly winners in the last 20 years. Bred by Dennis and Dot Roche, Reinette sold for a mere \$15,000 at the 2023 APG WA



Reinette winning, photo courtesy of PacePix

Yearling Sale, Reinette won the first 2yo race of the season for the Nafranec family and has won 3 of her 6 starts along with a placing. She stepped out from 3 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of betting in the Classic, started quickly then surrendered the lead before charging home coming off the back to race past the leader in the straight and win the \$50,000 2YO Champagne Classic by 3m.

Reinette is the second foal of her dam **Aqueensomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:57.3 \$44,768 who was purchased by Dennis at the 2015 WA Yearling Sale. Aqueensomewhere is one of 6 winners from her successful race winning dam **Queen Delilah (Orange Sovereign USA)** 2:01.1 10 wins \$66,421, other winners including **Jumbo Operator (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:57 \$313,175 who won 19 of his first 23 starts, dual Group 1 winner **Getaway Plan (Parsons Den USA)** and **Tubbs Farquhar (Mach Three CA)** the winner of 16 races. The unraced daughter of Queen Delilah in **Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)** takes the prize though, as being the dam of champion filly and mare **Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle)** 1:53.6 \$742,477. This is the family of champion and Hall Of Fame mare **Daintys Daughter**.

Congratulations to Dennis, Dot, the Nafranec family and to Kevin and Annette Charles who have brought the Daintys' family back to life through breeding Aqueensomewhere and Not Now Delilah from Queen Delilah.

## Dual Code Spectacular

Another terrific show, with the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of WA doing all the hard work to create the show for our retired standardbreds (and thoroughbreds) in the Dual Code Spectacular. WASBA supplied the Garland & Trophy for the Supreme Ridden Standardbred won by hard working SPPHAWA President Alex Markowski on **TIMS PORTRAIT**. Denise Trobe was there to assist with the presentation.

There is a massive amount of work involved in running these shows, and SPPHAWA do a terrific job. That's why WASBA does put an effort and money into the rehoming process and subsidises SPPHAWA member's entry fees into these shows and the Royal Show, for our WA bred standardbreds and mares. You just need to be a SPPHAWA member to benefit from the subsidies.

There are shows with classes for different levels of horses from led, ridden, jumping, carriage and novelty, so a lot of options for those owners who want some fun with our WA standardbreds and mares, including former broodmares.

And don't forget the Kulin Bush Races is on again this year so you need to be prepping your standardbred for that – last year there was one race just for standies, won by our very own **Red Salute**, and we want there to be more standardbreds entered this year – its really a lot of fun.!



*Tims Portrait with Alex and Denise. Photo courtesy of Vicki Photos*

Check out Kulin Bush Races on Facebook and their website <https://kulinbushraces.com.au/> . Don't be late!

## Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ With his popularity increasing, **Volstead** will no longer shuttle to Australia this year but will be available by frozen semen instead, as per last year. One of his most recent winners in the US, 2yo filly **Volstarita**, won by 17 lengths on debut, and two 3yo fillies **Sugar Instead** 1:52.4 and **Jurassic Hattie** 1:52.3 are highly regarded.

☑ Tactical Landing's 3yo filly **Allegiant**, from his 2nd crop, set a stakes-record 1:52.3 in a Grand Circuit event at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows. It's the fastest time by any winner – male or female – in the 50 year history of the event. She is from the same crop as champion **Karl**, with **Tactical Approach** from his first crop. Karl set a new lifetime mark of 1:51 winning the \$240,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes Final by 7 lengths. 4yo mare **Mambacita**, from his first crop, is 3<sup>rd</sup> on the list of earners and is unbeaten this year. Her record is 17 wins from 37 starts and stakes of \$970,418.

☑ They aren't shy to bring in horses from across the globe, Ireland included, with 5yo gelding **Oakwood Ardan (Sweet Lou)** proving to be quite a star since arriving and proving that the breed is improving across the globe. Oakwood Ardan has won 9 of 10 US starts, with his latest win defeating warhorse Allywag Hanover in 1:48.3.

☑ One of the big races in the northern hemisphere is run in Canada and it's called the North America Cup for 3yos at Woodbine Mohawk Park, which is a 7/8 mile track with a home straight of 1,095 ft - translate that it is 1400m and a 334m straight. The \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup was on 15 June and it was a great night of racing and a good night for Bettors Delight. There were several major Canadian feature races, mostly named after their past champions, and nearly all run with qualifying Heats to reach the 10 horse finals. Winning the North America Cup was **Nijinski (Bettors Delight)** in 1:48.1, who is undefeated in 5 starts this season after winning only one of his 10 starts as a 2yo. The beaten brigade were all top class horses and some will become our future stallions. Fortunately for the connections of Nijinski, whose dam is called Piroutte Hanover, he was supposed to be gelded but it just never got organized, so he is still a colt.



Nijinski winning – how's that for excitement!

On the same night the \$425,000 Fan Hanover for 3yo fillies was won by **Its a Love Thing (Bettors Delight)** in 1:48.2, tying the Canadian record for 3yo pacing fillies. The record was set in 2012 by **American Jewel (American Ideal)** and equalled by **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** in 2023. Its a Love Thing only has one eye, but that hasn't stopped her winning 6 races at 2 including the \$540,000 Shes A Great Lady, and with her latest win she is close to \$1 million in earnings.

Again on NA Cup night, 4yo mare **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe - full brother to Bettors Delight)** set a lifetime best of 1:48 in winning the \$305,000 Roses Are Red from her arch rival Sylvia Hanover. Twin B Joe Fresh now has \$1.7 million in earnings from her 22 wins from 31 starts.

For the older horses, **Linedrive Hanover (Betting Line)** won the \$100,000 Mohawk Gold Cup in 1:47.2 on NA Cup night. Earlier in the month, Linedrive Hanover had to lower his colours to **Hellabalou (Sweet Lou)** in the \$150,000 Camluck Classic in 1:51.1 at the half mile The Raceway at Western Fair District, London, Ontario. Down south at the 5/8ths Harrahs Philadelphia, 7yo gelding **Ruthless Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere)** followed up his first up win in 1:47.1 to win the \$100,000 Joseph Auger Memorial Pace in 1:47.2 for consecutive wins in the event. Very tough racing for the older geldings

☑ One of the vanquished in the NA Cup, 3yo gelding **Funtime Bayama (Hes Watching)** won his \$84,000 Division of the Somebeachsomewhere in a lifetime best 1:49.1, while NA Cup winner Nijinski won his division in 1:49. Hes Watching is overlooked in Australia but he is still scoring high with the like of \$2.2 million earner now sire **Tattoo Artist** 1:47.1 and Saratoga Horse of the Year **Always Watching** who has 31 wins to her credit.

☑ The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) will livestream the Ohio county fair races again this summer - 129 meetings from 66 county and independent fairs. The OHHA fair coverage will include "Five Days In Delaware" coverage of the Little Brown Jug from the county fairgrounds. Food for thought anyone?

☑ The Sire Stakes racing is up and running full steam (similar to Vicbred Heats and Finals) across most harness racing states with some very attractive money available for the local sire eligibles. The 3yo Fillies \$117,000 New York Sire Stakes at Buffalo Paceway was won by their 2023 reigning 2yo filly **Peace Talks (American Ideal)** to take her career stakes to \$321,000, while the 3yo colts division was won convincingly by

reigning 2yo NYSS pacing champion **Boston Rocks (Boston Red Rocks)** in a career best and track record for 3yo colts of 1:52.2. His career earnings are now \$410,000.

☑ They may concentrate on the 2yos, 3yos and 4yos but there is good racing for the older horses with very competitive fields, including the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie at Northfield Park, won by 8yo **Little Rocket Man (Rockin Image)**, winning at his 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt and defeating several of the leading older horses on his way to career stakes of \$1.9 million.

**Boston Red Rocks (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:48.4 and **Rockin Image (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:48.4 are two stallions whose female lines we haven't really seen in the southern hemisphere even though their track performances produced \$1.3 million and \$900,000 respectively. Boston Red Rocks is a half brother to top filly/mare **McSeaside** 1:48.4 \$595,000, while Rockin Image is out of 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year **Kikikatie** 1:50.3 \$1.3 million and he is also the sire of millionaire **Freaky Feet Pete** 1:47.1 on a 5/8<sup>th</sup> track.

☑ One of their "pop up series" – which usually involve races specific to the lesser performed horses – was completed at Buffalo Raceway in June. For non winners of \$15,000 in their last 10 starts, the series was run over 4 heats with Egomania (Always B Miki) winning all 3 of his qualifiers and the \$25,000 Final, running 1:56.3. Not to be giggled at, his lifetime stakes are \$413,000. A similar \$20,000 Spring Up Series Final for pacers who were non-winners of \$8,000 in their last 10 starts was also run.

☑ After finishing top point scorer in the Blue Chip Matchmaker series and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the final, 7yo Australian mare **Dougs Babe (Western Terror)** has continued on her way, this time winning an Invitational Fillies and Mares from **Coachellabound NZ** (2<sup>nd</sup> in the Matchmaker) to take her career tally to \$430,000. No wonder they like Australian and New Zealand mares over there! Dougs Babe was a Group 1 winner in Victoria.

☑ Perhaps another look at Claiming races with the owner allowed to claim them back? The \$12,500 claimer 7yo mare **Need Ur Opinion (Warrawee Needy)** won her 7th straight start at Harrington Raceway and was claimed by her owner. She has been claimed in four straight starts, and has 13 wins for the season.

☑ Bet365 has applied for and been given a 2 year license to offer Fixed Odds betting on thoroughbred racing in New Jersey and harness and thoroughbred in Colorado.

☑ Grand River Raceway in Canada has commenced racing on its new 5/8ths mile track, having just upgraded it from the previous half mile surface which was built in 2004.

## And elsewhere....

☑ In Europe's premier event the Elitloppet run at Solvalla in Sweden, the French horse that missed last year's event through injury was a decisive winner in front of an enthusiastic and supportive crowd. We might not recognise many of the names but 7yo **Horsy Dream (Scipion du Goutier out of Bonanza du Closet by Prince Gede)** was a 4 length winner of Elitloppet 2024 in the 8 horse field, winning in a record time of 1'08". Solvalla is a 1000m track, with 16 horses invited and divided into 2 elimination heats, with 4 horses from each heat progressing to the Final raced later on the same day.



This is how they celebrate the big race wins in Europe!

☑️ Legendary French broodmare the 19yo **Reethi Rah Jet (Love You)**, who has recently foaled to French stallion Express Jet, is to be served by champion **Tactical Landing**, but with a twist. She is owned by Hunter Valley Stud and the decision has been made to relocate her to Sweden to enable her to produce an Embryo Transfer foal. The French stud book is closed to foreign trotters - and that obviously includes Tactical Landing – and ET is forbidden within 2 years of a last foal which also precludes the mating. Reethi Rah Jet is of course the dam of the legendary **Bold Eagle (Ready Cash)** 1:50 A\$7.5 million, the richest French trotter ever and winner of over 20 Group 1 races from age 3 upwards, including the European Derby, Criterium Continental, US Breeders Crown, Belgium and Paris Grands Prix, Grand Prix d’Amerique (twice), European Championship etc. About the only thing he didn’t win was Elitloppet, although he broke the (then) European record 1’08”4 (1:50) in his Heat, becoming the first French horse to go under the 1’09 mark for a kilometre.

☑️ The 2yo season has started in the northern hemisphere and some of the new sires are being seen. **Captain Midnight**, **Catch The Fire**, **Cattlewash**, **Papi Rob Hanover** and **Tall Dark Stranger** are all on the board. Some will progress more than others as they have very different books representing them.

Trotting champion **Pastor Stephen (Cantab Hall)** 1:52.8 is also on the board with his first US winners after initially standing in Europe. Pastor Stephen was the 2010 Dan Patch 2yo Trotting Colt of the Year and won more than \$1 million as a 2yo and 3yo in the US. His dam is a half sister to world champion trotter **Chocolatier** 1:53 \$1.3 million but more than that, Pastor Stephen is a full brother to champion racehorse and sire **Father Patrick**. Pastor Stephen is available by chilled semen from Llowalong Farms.

☑️ Yirribee Pacing Stud NSW, under its new ownership, will resume breeding activities with frozen semen available from **Cattlewash USA (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:46.8 \$1.3 million. He is the fastest entire by Somebeachsomewhere and has a number of winners this year from his first small crop sired while still racing. Also at Yirribee and worthy of a look is world champion **Warrawee Needy** 1:46.8 \$1.2 million, which is a pretty spectacular mile rate given the era in which he was racing. He has done very well at stud from small crops.

☑️ Somerset Farms in Queensland will shuttle **Catch The Fire USA (Captaintreacherous USA)** 1:46.8 \$1.5 million for his second Australian season. Already seeing winners in the US, Catch The Fire will join resident stallion **A Rocknroll Dance (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** who should get more respect this year with not only his siring performances (nearly \$50,000 per starter) along with being the broodmare sire of both Adios Pace winner **Cannibal** 1:48.1 \$785,040 and world champion **Confederate** 1:46.1 \$2 million the fastest 3yo of all time.

☑️ **Bettors Wish**, **Captain Crunch**, **Dancin Yankee** and **Lather Up** all have their first under 1:50 winners from their first 3yo crops. **Bettors Wish USA (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:47.3 \$ 2.6 million will be available by frozen semen only this year, from Cobbitty Equine NSW. Cobbitty will also shuttle **Dancin Lou USA (Sweet Lou USA)** 1:47.4 \$1.1 million, the younger 3/4 brother to Dancin Yankee. **Captain Crunch USA (Captaintreacherous USA)** will return to Alabar in Victoria, while World Champion **Lather Up USA (Im Gorgeous USA)** 1:46.0 \$1.7 million will be available from Woodlands Stud in New Zealand for the first time.

☑️ In great news, world champion racehorse and sire **Bettors Delight** has arrived safe and well in New Zealand and will be available via chilled semen for the 2024 stud season. Frozen semen from the recently deceased **American Ideal USA (Western Ideal USA)** 1:47.4 will also be available at a great price from Woodlands under pay on live foal (POLF), but not forever. Woodlands also has bundles of frozen for Bettors Delight.

☑️ Resuming fast work and aiming for the \$150,000 Len Smith mile (Menangle), then the \$300,000 Victoria Cup is \$1.25 million Nullarbor and \$300,000 Fremantle Cup winner **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)**. He is skipping the Inter Dominion where he was likely to meet brothers **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** and **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** and is a possible return to WA to make it 3 from 3 in the \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup.

☑️ **Forty Love (Downbytheseaside)** is a starter in Queensland’s new premier event the \$500,000 Protostar Slot race of 2yos. He was bred by and is owned by his trainer driver Aaron Dunn. Another nice race for those who can afford to put their hand up for a Slot, with 3 starters still to be invited and a nice mix of sires represented.



It would just be nice to see some innovation that contributes to opportunities for the 97% of horses that aren’t represented by these races. The gallops introduced some accompanying races that catered for the general

population, not just the top echelon. The Inter Dominion rotated through each state gave opportunities for many owners and horses in each state to compete for glory and money. The powers that be and the betting companies can produce money for Slot races, why not for the rest and our most historic race??

☑ Powering through his first handicap test was 5yo entire **Leap To Fame**, winning the \$32,000 Flashing Red brilliantly by nearly 13m from a 20m handicap over the 2647m journey at Albion Park. However, no one is unbeatable as it turned out at the 833m Redcliffe track a fortnight later, with Leap To Fame leading over the 2280m mobile but getting run down in the shadows of the post by **District Attorney (Courage Under Fire NZ)** who had surrendered the lead, running 1:55.7 with last qtrs 27.5 and 26.8. That has put a spanner in the works for a trip to New Zealand for the New Zealand Cup in November. Neither Leap To Fame or his half brother **Swayzee** are starters in the \$100,000 Redcliffe Cup – Swayzee due to trainer



*District Attorney (outside) catches Leap To Fame*

Grimson not being completely happy with him following his recent defeat by his stablemate **Nerano (Tintin In Americal NZ)** at Albion Park, and Leap To Fame due to the impending 30m handicap he was about to receive due to the withdrawal of Swayzee. The Redcliffe Cup was the marker for Leap To Fame to progress to New Zealand. Interesting that both the “unexpected” winners are by champion New Zealand pacers/stallions, and a 30m handicap is considered too much these days. Stay tuned. Leap To Fame is still expected to compete in the \$355,000 Sunshine Sprint and \$400,000 Blacks A Fake.

☑ A highly probably New Zealand Cup runner is the unbeaten mare **Millwood Nike (Captaintreacherous USA)** who is back in work after “doing a tendon” frolicking in the paddock. Millwood Nike won all 17 of her starts with her second last victory in the Group 1 Sire Stakes just sensational - winning by 6 lengths after being 3 wide for the entire 1980m - going one better than Lazarus NZ. In her last win she defeated the now WA based **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)**. Also back in New Zealand but less likely is champion entire **Copy That (American Ideal USA)** who is on the water walker after surgery and rehab in Australia. One who isn't returning is champion **Self Assured NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**. He won a New Zealand Cup, two Auckland Cups, the inaugural Race by Grins and other top level wins for \$2.4 million in stakes. He was aiming for his 3<sup>rd</sup> Auckland Cup when agonizingly close in the 2024 Auckland Cup, 2nd behind winner Better Eclipse.

☑ Building up to the Eureka in September are confirmed starters **The Lost Storm (Captaintreacherous USA)** for the Aaron Bain Racing & Summit Bloodstock Slot, while another of the Emma Stewart trainees, the Victoria Derby winner **Petracca (Captaintreacherous USA)** is likely for Slot holder Danny Zavitsanos, since he owns him, but he is also looking at other options. Chariots of Fire winner **Frankie Ferocious (Captaintreacherous USA)** has been chosen by TAB to run for their Slot, and **Extreme Sea (Well Said)** will run for Western Jewel. Cordina Racing have **Captains Knock** and Soho Standardbreds have chosen WA 4yo **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)** as their runner. The Eureka is a restricted race for Australian bred 3yos and 4yos. The Lost Storm, Frankie Ferocious, Extreme Sea and Captains Knock are likely to meet in Queensland in the \$350,000 The Rising Sun. The 2022 Rising Sun was won by **Ladies In Red (Mach Three CA)**.

☑ The \$150,000 Golden Girl in Queensland is the target for 6yo mare **Ladies In Red** after rounding out her “southern” campaign with a good win in the Cinderella Stakes FFA at Melton, which is possibly her last start in Victoria. She reached \$1 million in earnings at the end of last season and can top up her stakes if successful against **Rakero Rebel NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** and new standout **Aardies Express NZ (Always B Miki USA)**, who is now trained by Jason Grimson. With 27 wins from 35 starts, Ladies In Red has only finished further back than second on one occasion and that was on resuming this year in the \$100,000 Cordina Sprint in open company. All 3 mares are from spectacular families – Rakero Rebel's dam is a granddaughter of the great racemare **Pacific Flight NZ** 1:51.2 \$562,345 who herself is a daughter of **Significant NZ**. Ladies In Red is a full sister to multiple Group 1 winner **Our Little General** and is a daughter of **Kabbalah Karen B CA** 1:53.8 \$285,098 who is a half sister to world champion and the fastest horse in the world in his day in **Cammibest USA**. Aardies Express comes from 5 generations of the Forest Lodge/Kevin Newbound Australian breeding excellence, with her dam **Tatijana Bromac NZ (Rockroll Hanover USA)** 1:54.2 \$198,481, being bred in New Zealand from Group 1 winner **Tandias Courage (Stonebridge Scooter)** 1:53.6 \$305,236 who was sold to the

US before being purchased by New Zealand interests. This is the family of the amazing **Classic Garry**. Aardies Express took on the boys for the first time in Australia for a 4<sup>th</sup> placing at Menangle, on her way to Queensland.

☑️ “Not Happy Jan” would be a good way to describe the Tasmanian participant and Club response to a recent decision by the Office of Racing Integrity relating to transfer of horses from one trainer to another.

☑️ Concluding actions which began in September 2023, Emma Stewart has been fined \$12,000 for administering or attempting to administer substances within one clear day of (horses) racing, in contravention to the rules of racing. Co trainers Stewart and Tonkin are taking a number of horses to Queensland for the Constellations Carnival including Ladies In Red, The Lost Storm, **The Highlight Reel (Poster Boy)** and **Cigano (Poster Boy)** for the Protostar, **Very Pretty (American Ideal USA)** for the Oaks, Bay Of Biscay (Somebeachsomewhere USA) for the Derby and comeback 6yo gelding and Victoria Cup winner Honolua Bay (Somebeachsomewhere USA). 2YO Filly of the Year **Lux Aeterna (Captaintreacherous USA)** is already in Queensland for the Redcliffe Oaks and is likely to meet arch rival Very Pretty in the Queensland Oaks

☑️ Diamond Creek Farm, owners of **Tactical Landing USA** and **Sweet Lou USA**, are setting up a New Zealand base, starting with a couple of mares. They intend to breed to Diamond Creek Farm stallions and sell at the New Zealand Sales. They may in the future set up a boutique establishment in Australia but have partners established in New Zealand and will therefore concentrate on that market first. The first two mares, one by Huntsville USA out of the 2015 Dan Patch 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year, the other by Captain Crunch USA out of a \$1.3 million earner who set a world record 1:48.2 on a 5/8ths track, will settle at Arden Lodge in West Otago.

Good success so far for Australasian stallions in a tough market, with relatively new sires and former champions Tiger Tara NZ, Ultimate Machete NZ and Ohoka Punter NZ (Bettors Delight USA), Poster Boy (Somebeachsomewhere USA), Soho Tribeca (American Ideal) all with promising youngsters. Add to those the lesser known Wesley (Sportswriter), The Storm Inside (Rocknroll Hanover USA) and Soho Lanikai (Somebeachsomewhere USA) and some of these quality horses are showing that they can produce winners and could do even better with bigger crops and better access to good mares.

☑️ The Globe Derby track is getting an upgrade, with improved cambering and a new racing surface. The track at 845m is 12m bigger (circumference) than Redcliffe and 40m bigger than Gloucester Park.

☑️ Great initiative after a lot of hard work by the Darling Downs Harness Racing Club, with the first meeting on grass at Gatton in the Lockyer Valley in regional Queensland, set to get underway in August. They have growing interest in harness racing in the regions, supported by Burwood Stud and Egmont Park as well as the Lockyer Valley Turf Club. Well done to the Club and Secretary Brendan Sippel. There are also plans for a series of race meetings to include racing at Warwick Racecourse in November and Toowoomba Showgrounds.

## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣️ Worthy win to Pinny Tiger in the Narrogin Cup
- ♣️ Great to see most of the top drivers and teams down at Narrogin for the Color Glo meeting - *“build it and they will come”*.



## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – May 2024

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

Our winner this month came with great expectations in the previous season after such a good start, before trailing off in the last two runs. This season it's all four firing, with a first up win then 3 places and another win from the 5 starts. **Congratulations** to Mike and Sharon Howie, our **Breeder of the Month** for **May 2024** as the breeder of 3yo colt **Waverider (Downbytheseaside USA)** out of Premium Copper by **Major In Art USA**.. After placing in the 3YO Pearl Heat, he breezed most of the way in the Final and was good enough to move up to the leader at the top of the straight and go on to a 2.1m win in a solid 1:57.0, last half 56 flat.

Waverider was a \$60,000 purchase from the APG 2022 Sale. He is the third live foal – and most successful to date - from his non-winning dam **Premium Copper** whose **Fake Left USA** dam is a full sister to the dam of **Copper Beach Girl (Jennas Beach Boy USA)** 1:56.2 \$156,851, whose progeny include **Bettor Be Oscar (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:52.6 \$294,823 and winning mare **Topless Beach Girl (Art Major USA)**, the dam of 3 winners including 2YO Pearl Classic winner **The Miki Taker (Always B Miki USA)** 1:53.9 \$251,708. Premium Copper is also granddaughter of 3yo Fillies Diamond Classic winner and Sires Produce winner **Copper Strike (Maple Lanes Strike USA)** \$91,644 1:58.8.



Other big winners from this family include Pearl Classic winner **Willowleaf Boy (Perfect Art USA)** 1:57.7 \$74,200, **Copagrin (Grinfromeartoeat USA)** 1:54.7 \$241,352, and **Caveman (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:50.2 \$249,843.

Congratulations to Mike and Sharon Howie and all the connections on an excellent purchase.



Kyle Symington on Waverider victorious in the \$50,000 3YO Pearl

## WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES MAY 2024

May 2024 saw WA based sire Fly Like An Eagle on top with 8 winners of 9 races. Overall there were 25 Westsired winners of 26 races. Fly Like An Eagle sired the lone dual winner of the month, Pacific Eagle, who scored wins at Central Wheatbelt and Wagin.

There were 3 first time Westsired starters collecting their \$500 First Start Bonus, all 3yos - Hold Your Fire, Idontwanabeapirate and World Of Rock. Five Westsired progeny won their first career start – 2yo **Formel** (Fly Like An Eagle), 3yo **Money Time Madness** (Fly Like An Eagle) 4yos **Escapefromreality** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Kinsaabi** (Indomitable Saab) and 5yo **Wheres Flare** (Renaissance Man)

The Westbred Bonus payments to Westsired starters (including First Win and First Start) for May 2024 of \$114,000 showed an increase over the previous month and a similar twenty plus percent increase over May last year. Bonuses so far this season total \$582,000

There were 49 races run at premium meetings in May 2024, with 2 Westsired winners Ambitsaya (Advance Attack NZ) and Wall Street Girl (Alta Christiano NZ). These winners are highlighted under Fillies and Mares.

## WESTBRED WINNERS – MAY 2024



Westbred Bonus payments for May 2024 were \$280,000, continuing the upward trend over 2023. For the first 5 months of the year the tally is almost \$1.46 million, which is \$116,000 higher than the equivalent period in 2023.

Westbred winners for May 2024 were similar to last month, with 95 winners of 107 races, or 59.4% of the 180 races run. It is slightly above May 2023 (59.3%) in percentage terms, with the peak figure for May being 63.2% or 120 winners, the result for May 2022.

Forty two sires were represented by Westbred winners in May 2024. For outside sires, **Sweet Lou USA** led with 6 winners of 9 races, followed by **Americal Ideal USA** (6 winners of 7 races) and **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** 6 winners of 6 races. This compares to 8 winners of 9 races for local sire **Fly Like An Eagle**.

There were 24 first time starters in May 2024, with 141 First Time Starters to the end of May - a very positive result. This includes 94 2yos, 32 3yos and 5 mares.

There were 14 First Time Westbred winners. Excluding the previously listed Westsired, they were:

- 2yos **Major Miki Whitby** (Always B Miki USA), **World Combination** (Rock N Roll World USA),

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- 3yos **Ideal Interest** (American Ideal USA), **Sonic Seelster** (Betting Line USA), **Caberneigh** (Bettors Delight USA), **Spice Package** (Sportswriter USA);
- 4yos **Whitbys World** (Captaintreacherous USA) and **Veeforvictory** (Vincent) and 5yo **Cee Dee Three** (Auckland Reactor USA).

Other than the Westsired there were 10 other multiple winners – first time winner **Major Miki Whitby** (Always B Miki USA), **Johnny Lombo** (Auckland Reactor NZ), **Finvarra** (American Ideal USA), **Maungatahi** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Cold Hard Cash** and **Get Ya Bets On** (Betting Line USA), **Highview Heidi** (Rock N Roll World USA) and **Queeninthecorner** (Sportswriter USA). **Water Lou (Sweet Lou USA)** made it 3 successive months with multiple wins making it 7 wins in 3 months, and another Sweet Lou USA progeny **Covernote** won 3 races.

Westbreds won 7 of the 8 2yo races run in May 2024, with 28 of the 31 2yo starters being Westbred. Starter numbers are consistent with May last year and much improved on April 2024. For the first 5 months of the season, individual 2yo starters (104) are marginally below the numbers for the previous year.

Westbreds won 20 of the 22 3yo races run in May 2024, along with 4 of the 8 3yo and over races won by the age group. There were 94 3yo starters, including 82 Westbreds, which is quite a drop on the previous month. With nearly all the 3yo features later in the year, it isn't surprising. For the first 5 months of the season the number of 3yo starters has increased from 154 in 2023 to 173 in 2024.

4yo and over starters in May 2024 (506) has dropped from the previous month (544) but is well above the figure for May 2023 (471). For the season, the number of Westbreds racing (585) has increased, resulting in a higher number of starters (893) compared to last year (881).

There were 13 races restricted to horses at least 4 years of age, somewhat of a drop from the previous month. There were 150 races that 4yo and over could race in, with Westbreds achieving a 53.5% win rate out of the 142 races won by this age group. Winners included 54 4yos (26 Westbred), 32 5yos (19 Westbred), 28 6yos (18 Westbred) and 14 7yos (5 Westbred). The oldest winner was 12yo Batavia Blackhole (Life Sign USA) who won at Wagin.

For the season so far the 3yos average a win every 6.4 starts, 4yo and over horses average is 9.5 starts.

Of the 49 races run at premium meetings at Gloucester Park in May 2024, Westbreds won a super 22, including 2 wins by Westsired fillies/mares and an amazing 10 other wins by Westbred fillies/mares. The remaining 9 winners of 10 races were:

- ♠ **8yo Alta Rhett - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Justlikechocolate (Live Or Die USA)** breeder part owner David Stringer. Over \$200,000 in earnings. Placed at his previous start then started favourite from 4, wasted no time cementing himself out front, a misstep midfield effectively reduced the field by 2 but no impact on the front of the field. Led clearly at the 400m and went on to a convincing win in the \$9,360 Pace by 8.7m in 1:58.3, last qtr 28.1. Good to see drivers showing concern for the affected runners. *Half brother to **Dontbesillychilli** 1:55.8 \$151,799. Dam **Justlikechocolate** 1:57.9 \$188,937 a Group 3 winner and Group 1 placed. Family of dual Oaks and Group 1 winner **Concorde Lombo (Classic Garry)** 1:58.4 \$550,451, **Lombo Air Express** and **Lombo Alliance**.*

- ♠ **5yo Horse Arma Xfactor - American Ideal USA o/o Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)** breeder part owner Kemprust Pty Ltd, \$67,000 last season. Last won in December. Started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 5 over the 1730m sprint, zoomed out from the barrier to take the lead, never really challenged, kicked away down the straight to win the \$19,000 L5 by 5.9m in 1:54.3, last qtrs 28.2 each. *Full brother to **American Arma** 1:55.8 \$191,693 and **Xceptional Arma** 1:54.1 \$299,608 out of Golden Slipper winner **Arma Xpress** 1:56.5 \$279,890.*



Maddison Brown on Arma Xfactor

Same family as **Fifty Five Reborn** 1:56.5 \$263,298 and **Arma Einstein** 1:54.9 \$340,992. Maternal family NZ Oaks winner **Ar Miss** and her daughter the NZ Cup, Auckland Cup NZ Oaks and Inter Dominion Heat winner **Armalight** (Timely Knight USA)



♠ **6yo Finvarra - American Ideal USA o/o Nuala NZ (Changeover NZ)** breeder part owners Estate of Beth Richardson, G Ralston, G Moore, M Grynberg, W Paterson, J Kollankandy. Resumed in February after an injury enforced 7 month absence. Placed at his previous start in May then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 3, began brilliantly and straight to the lead, easy lead time and plenty in the tank to fly down the back and cruise home to win the \$31,000 FFA by 3.2m in 1:55.5, last qtrs 27.1 and 28.6. Started favourite from 3 the following week after a scratching and straight to the lead, in control down the back and to the turn, just got the win from his two stablemates in a tougher finish, winning the \$31,000 FFA in successive weeks in 1:56.4, margin a neck and last half 56.8. *First foal from Group 2 and Group 3 winner Nuala NZ 1:55.6 \$132,449. Granddam Forever Blue NZ (Live Or Die USA) 1:54.1 winner of 13 US races. Family of Little Boy Blue 1:54 \$165,821 and Southland Oaks winner Gaylees Delight NZ;*

♠ **6yo Lil Happy Fella - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Lil Miss Hilarious NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder Barry Howlett. Won the Albany Cup in January. Started middle of the betting from 4 after a scratching, restrained immediately and good driving to settle one out two back with tearaway leaders out front, raced after the leaders from the 600m to the turn, swept to the lead to win the \$9,360 Pace by 3.1m in 1:56.3 for Debbie Padberg's 600<sup>th</sup> training win. *First of 3 winners from Lil Miss Hilarious 1:56.7. Immediate family includes champion Hilarious Guest NZ 1:57.3 \$283,230, winner of the NZ Sapling Stakes, NZ 2yo Championship, NZ Derby, NZ Oaks, Northern Oaks, Messenger and placed in two Auckland Cups. Very big maternal family includes Garry Rowan and Millwood Nike NZ;*



Shannon Suvaljko cool and calm on Lil Happy Fella



♠ **4yo Magnus Victor - Sweet Lou USA o/o Benjor Maddy Lombo (Perfect Art USA)** breeder Mike Howie. \$60,000 last season, going well this season but out of the draw mobiles so started from 9 at 10/1, settled in the breeze before galloping briefly after interference from the new breeze horse, made his forward move at the 400m and too strong over the closing stages to go to a meritorious win in the \$21,000 Pace by 1m in 1:58.0, last qtrs 28.7 and 27.4. *Seventh winner from his dam, half brother to Rock Me Over 1:53.8 \$406,336 and multiple Group 1 winner Handsandwheels 1:53.2 \$707,393. Dam a half sister to Suave Stuey Lombo 1:49.6 \$587,032. Immediate family of Star of Diamonds and Group 1 winner Floewriter, maternal family 3yo Pacer of the Year and Australian Broodmare of the Year Misty Maiden, the dam of 2YO Pacer of the Year millionaire Lombo Pocket Watch;*

♠ **5yo Horse Maungatahi - Betterthancheddar USA o/o Poppy Maguire NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder part owners Rob Tomlinson, P Morris. Resumed in February after an absence of 14 months and wasted no time in scoring 4 wins and 3 places from 8 starts. Then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 3 after a scratching, easily crossed to the lead over the 1730m sprint, controlled proceedings for the duration and went on to win the \$21,000 Pace by 2.6m in 1:55.9 for his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive win. *One of 3 winners from his winning dam. Granddam is one of 7 winners from her dam. Family of Taking The Miki 1:54.2 \$365,812, extended family of Coachellabound NZ 1:49.1, Republican Party NZ 1:52.4*

♠ **6yo Name In Lights - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Gold Diamonds NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Barry, Linley, Jimmie and Katie Howlett, Geographe Tree Services Pty Ltd. A welcome win. Started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 6. Pinged out from the barrier to grab the lead, withstood a brief challenge before going to a dawdle in the second qtr, had the race won in the back straight but almost caught on the line, winning the \$9,360 L5 Pace by a half head in 1:59.3 for another win for the Padbergs. *Half brother to 2 winners including Tux And Tails 1:57.6 \$122,759. Winning dam a full sister to Golden Nugget, NZ Metro and NZ Emeralds winner The Gold Ace 1:52.6 \$1,180,491*

♠ **5yo Rockandrollartist - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Artists Impression (Perfect Art USA)** owner breeder Adrian Shanks. In great form with 3 consecutive mid week wins before starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 5, quickly out to burn to the front untroubled, steady first half before quickening down the back and scooting home to win the \$19,000 L5 Pace by 1.7m in 1:58.0, last qtrs 28.8 and 27.6. *Half brother to 7 winners including Heez On Fire 1:54.7 \$287,607, Papinik 1:54.5 \$145,511. Family of Dame Valour 1:54.7, Rakarebel NZ 1:54.1 \$349,607, maternal family of the great Lordship;* and

♠ **3yo colt Waverider - Downbytheseaside USA o/o Premium Copper (Major In Art USA)** breeder Mike and Sharon Howie. 2023 2YO \$100,000 Sales Classic winner with 4 wins from 6 starts last season. Resumed in April with a win followed by 3 places including a 3YO Pearl Heat. Started favourite from 2 in the Final and settled straight into the breeze position, easy lead and controlled the race from the breeze, levelled up at the top of the straight and drew clear at the 50m to win the \$50,000 3YO Pearl Classic by 2.1m in 1:57.0, last qtrs 28.2 and 27.8.

## How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (May 2024)

In May 2024 there were 54 wins by fillies and mares out of the 180 races run (30.0%). This is an improvement on the low figures for April 2024 (50 winners, 26.7%), and returns us to the minimum monthly target of 30% but we are looking to the program to deliver more. From 2019 to 2022 the figures for May were above 30%. There were 46 individual female winners.

Westbred fillies/mares won 38 races, and \$561,000 in stakes (out of a total of \$725,000 won by fillies and mares), as well as \$123,000 in bonuses – all figures well above those of May 2023. Wins included 35 (23 Westbred) at the \$9,000 level, and 11 (10 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level.

For the first 4 months of the year fillies and mares have won 276 races, or 30.1% of available races, and over \$3.5 million in stakes. Over this period Westbred fillies and mares complimented their stakes with \$672,000 in Bonuses – definitely better to be racing a Westbred.

Leading winning sire for fillies and mares for May 2024 was **Sweet Lou USA** (5 winners of 8 races) followed by the under appreciated **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** (4 winners of 6 races).

Amongst the fillies and mares there were 11 first time starters by a variety of sires including American Ideal USA, Control The Moment USA, Foreclosure NZ, Heston Blue Chip USA, Sportswriter USA, Village Jolt USA and Vincent. First time starter **Capture The Moment** (Control The Moment USA) had her first start in the \$35,000 Listed Gold Bracelet!

Two fillies - 2yo **Formel** (Fly Like An Eagle) and 3yo **Spice Package** (Sportswriter USA) and - and 2 mares - 4yo **Escapefromreality** (Fly Like An Eagle) and 5yo **Wheres Flare** (Renaissance Man) enjoyed their first career win.

There were 6 multiple winners amongst the fillies and mares including Westbreds **Highview Heidi** (Rock N Roll World USA), **Queeninthecorner** (Sportswriter USA) and **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA).

Races for fillies in May 2024:

- 2YO – 2 out of the 8 2yo races were restricted to fillies, with 2 open 2yo races also won by fillies. Fillies contributed (52%) of 2yo starters.
- 3YO 8 out of the 22 3yo races were restricted to fillies with one open race also won by a filly. Fillies won an additional four 3yo and over races, with 10 of the 13 3yo filly wins being Westbred fillies. The 3yo fillies contributed 47% of the 3yo starters.

There were 37 wins by mares in May 2024, just fractionally down compared to May last year. The 146 starters for the month continues the downward trend over the season.

Fillies and mares won 13 of the 49 (26.5%) races run at Gloucester Park at premium meetings, one of the best results on record but still below what we should be able to expect from every premium race meeting. Ten of the 13 wins were in fillies and/or mares races. Winners included classy 4yo mare **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** who won the \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes at her second WA race start, to follow her win last month in the \$75,000 Empress Stakes.

The remaining 10 WA bred winners of 12 races at premium meetings were:

♥ **3yo Ambitsiya - Advance Attack NZ o/o Is She Talking NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeders Estate of Beth Richardson, G Ralston, K Hall. Lightly raced filly with 3 wins from 5 starts in her debut year. Resumed in May and second start back started from 1, out quickly enough to retain the lead, led throughout and never under any real threat to go to a good win in the \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace by a neck in 1:56.9, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.9. *Half sister to Fake News 1:52.7 \$177,412. Metropolitan winning dam Is She Talking 1:55.2 \$81,615. Family of Mister Ardee NZ 1:56.2 \$371,834, Group 1 winners Lilac Stride 1:54.4 \$276,140, Wolf Stride 1:49.1 \$558,650 and To Fast To Serious 1:52.4 \$263,493*

♥ **4yo Cabsav - American Ideal USA o/o Lughnasadh NZ (Artsplace USA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock, the 2022 WA \$100,000 Sales Classic winner. A win and place in April, then started middle of the betting from 8 after a scratching, restrained early, quickly slid into 4<sup>th</sup> along the pegs, insane 35.2 lead, into the 3 wide line in the back, 5 wide and challenging on the turn and grabbed the leader near the line to win the \$9,360 L5 by 1.5m in 1:57.7. *Half sister to 6 winners. Dam is half sister to dam of NZ 3YO Filly of the Year Copper Beach NZ – the dam of NZ De Lovely NZ 1:54.0 \$613,355 who is half sister to dam of Yambukian and Miracle Mile and and Chariots of Fire winner Catch A Wave. Granddam Interchange NZ twice NZ Broodmare of the Year and dam of champion Elsu NZ 1:53.6 \$2,083,352,*

♥ **2yo Highview Heidi - Rock N Roll World USA o/o Highview Jackie NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. One of Rock N Roll World's best to date. Won at her last start in March before a short letup then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 8 over the 1730m sprint journey, got out brilliantly to settle one out one back, moved forward quickly 3 wide at the 450 to be challenging the new leader, almost in front at the top of the straight and going strongly to the line went to draw clear in the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 3.1m in 1:58.3, last qtr 27.7. A week later super impressive in winning the \$35,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet over 1730m after breezing, margin 7.1m in 1:56.5. *Just \$9,000 at the 2023 APG WA Yearling Sale. Dam a winner of 12 and \$81,000. Her dam a half sister to Group 3 winner Group 1 placed Highview Ebony 1:55.6 \$189,582*

♥ **3yo Miss Hepburn - Ultimate Machete NZ o/o Montanas Smile (Grinfromeartear USA)** breeder part owner Kim Tuckey, 3 solid places from 3 starts since resuming as a 3yo, before starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 2 over the sprint 1730m journey, won the battle for the lead after a strong challenge, a clear leader at the 400m and withstood two late challenges to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace by 1.6m in 1:55:9, all the speed in the first half. *Half sister to Bolta 1:57.7 \$97,606. Non winning dam a half sister to dam of Navy Street 1:55.8 \$92,704. Granddam Montana Jane a full sister to Victorian Oaks winner Montana Anna \$230,863 and half sister to Group 1 Golden Slipper winner Aikido Whitby \$270,328, their dam the Group 1 Golden Slipper, Pearl and Diamond winner Whitbys Merit, a daughter of Remit*



♥ **5yo Queeninthecorner - Sportswriter USA o/o Ace Of Cards NZ (American Ideal USA)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles. Switched trainers in March and has had a win and 3 places from 7 starts since. Then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from lucky number 3, 3 wide early before settling in the breeze in a 35.8 lead, moved into the lead after a lap, challengers coming at the 400m but held on well to an impressive win in the \$23,000 Fillies and Mares by 1.6m in 1:55.4, last half 57.8. The following week started favourite from 4, quickly out to go straight to the lead, much easier this time and controlled throughout to win the \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 7.5m in 1:55.5, last half 57.2. *Half sister to Feeling Aces \$124,880. Unraced granddam a half sister to Under Worked NZ \$334,177. Immediate family of Hunter Cup winner Surprise Package 1:52.4 \$848,679. Extended family of Manning, Mighty Conqueror NZ, Shardons Aflyin NZ, Maczaffair NZ and Copy That NZ;*

- ♥ **2yo Requette - Vincent o/o Aqueensomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** breeder Dennis and Dot Roche. Won at her first career start, and had 2 wins and a place from 5 starts before starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of betting in the open Group 3, and the only filly in the race. Very quickly out from 5 in a quick lead time before taking a sit behind the new race leader, squeezed between the leading pair coming into the turn for home, quickly raced to the lead at the top of the straight and bounced back from her loss a week earlier to win the \$50,000 2YO Champagne Classic by 3.1m in 1:58.2.
- ♥ **7yo Starlight Dream - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Dreams Daughter (Crouch USA)** owner breeder Alex Treasure. Making up for a late start to her racing career. Won 4 consecutive races in March/April. Three starts later started favourite from 8, settled 5 back the moving line before following a 3 wide move with a lap to go, 5 wide on the home bend and flew home, moving away for an impressive 5.3m win in the \$21,000 Fillies and Mares Pace in 1:58.3, last half 57.9. *Dam Group 1 placed and \$122,000 stakes, and half sister to 4 other winners. Extended family includes millionaires Fleur de Lil and Miss Galvinator;*
- ♥ **4yo Sweet Vivienne - Sweet Lou USA o/o Quite A Sensation (Yankee Sensation USA)** breeder part owner Paula Petricevich, been unlucky with the barrier but drew 1 this time but still started at 11/1, tried hard but beaten for speed so settled behind the leader from 3, solid pace throughout, made the move with 450 to go to chase down the lead, getting to the lead with 50m to go and winning the \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares Pace by 2.3m in a quick 1:55.5, last half 57.7. *First and only foal from her unraced dam Quite A Sensation. This is the maternal line of Trixie Milne who produced New Zealand Oaks winner Ar Miss (Armbro Del USA) and her half sister Bonny Milne who is the ancestress of Sweet Vivienne. This is the same family of champion NZ Cup and Auckland Cup winner Armalight (Timely Knight USA) and all the Armas, as well as Majestic Mach 1:53.9 \$796,397, Ohoka Punter NZ 1:52.4 \$1,177,323, Spankem 1:47.7 \$1,868,078 and many more;*
- ♥ **5yo Wall Street Girl - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Manhattan Dream (Elsu NZ)** owner breeder Debra Lewis, started well enough to get through between horses and go to the lead after starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 7 over the 2536m journey. A breather in the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr then travelled strongly down the back, well clear into the straight and went on to a well deserved win in the \$9360 L5 by 7.8m in 1:59.0, last qtr 28.6. *Dam a winner of 17 races and half sister to 5 winners including Big Gun Johnny 1:55.5 \$86,923. Granddam Miss Holmes \$78,789 a Group 1 WA Oaks winner and half sister to Group 1 winner Village Of Dreams 1:56.2 \$304,056;*
- ♥ **3yo Water Lou - Sweet Lou USA o/o Living Hei (Live Or Die USA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles. Stepping out for her 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive win of the season after winning her Diamond Classic Heat 10 days earlier. Started a short priced favourite from inside the back line, very quick 35.9 lead time and racing behind the leader, a manoeuvre off the pegs to be in the running line with just over a lap to go caused interference, four wide down the back to be 2<sup>nd</sup> at the turn, in front at the top of the straight, withstood a protest to go on and win the \$50,000 Diamond Classic by 2.4m from a brave Miss Hepburn, mile rate 1:56.5. *Family of Pocketful Of Opals (Foreclosure NZ) 1:58.4 \$78,624, Courage Tells 1:54.1 \$433,861 and Narrogin Cup winner Pinny Tiger 1:51.2 \$276,706.*

The number of fillies and mares racing in May 2024 (206) is again lower than the previous month (221) and May 2023 (219), principally due to the drop in mares racing. For May 2024 Westbreds provided 94% of 2yo fillies, 93% of 3yo fillies and 79% of racing mares. Fillies and mares contributed 32.6% of overall starters (631), which dropped by 50 compared to the previous month.

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