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the WASBA Raffle – yes its HIM!

Go time! The sire of the fastest 3yo pacer in history. Sire of the winner of the Adios, two Little Brown Jugs, Meadowlands Pace, Australian 2yo colt/gelding of the year, sire of multiple southern hemisphere Group 1 winners AND fully booked in most seasons.

Sweet Lou USA was a multiple world record holder and exceptional speed machine. He was crowned leading first season sire in both New Zealand and Australia in the 2018/19 season and has continued to produce outstanding racehorses of both sexes like Never Ending, Water Lou, Double Xpresso, Sweet On Me.

Known as “the great white blaze”, he has added this character to many of his progeny, along with them being noted as good gaited with great attitude. He is a complete outcross for almost every breeding line in Australia and New Zealand. His maternal line is one of the strongest in the northern hemisphere, with his half brother being \$2.7 million winner and World Champion **Bettor Sweet** (Bettor’s Delight) and half sister the 1.51.1 mare **Sweet Paprika** the dam of Captain Crunch, and to the dam of **Youaremycandygirl** 1:48.2 \$1,566,292.



Sweet Lou p,1:47f \$3,478,894 (Yankee Cruiser-Sweet Future), is the only horse in history to pace six consecutive winning miles faster than 1:48. He was a World Champion and Dan Patch Champion as a 2yo and was voted "Pacer of the Year" as a 5-year-old in 2014. His lifetime best time was set on a five-eighths track, not a mile track where the records are being set today. His progeny are good for all size tracks and both sexes.

Still only \$100 per ticket and only 300 tickets available. **Raffle closes 28 August** and winner announced 30 August. If you are a WASBA member at close of draw you will also go into the draw for one of two \$1,000 stallion service fee vouchers at studs supporting WASBA this year. **Order your tickets NOW.** Fill out and send in the flyer ([link here](#)) or call Howard 0418 207 079 or Jeanine 0447 053 040 for your tickets. **!Good luck!**

WASBA uses the money raised from the Raffle and other activities to provide the extra dollars for our sponsored races, like \$3,000 for the Narrogin Tribute to Color Glo, our rugs, garlands, trophies, awards, Off The Track sponsorship, basically for everything we do. That is over \$30,000 in industry contribution every year!

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	26 July 2YO Colts and Geldings Western Crown (postponed from June)
	29 July Heats of the \$100,000 Diamond Classic for fillies
	6 Aug Heats of \$100,000 Pearl Classic (colts and geldings)
	27 August Westbred Classic 2yo Heats, \$215,000 Finals on 6 September
3YO	17 August \$30,000 WA Country Oaks
	26 August Westbred Classic 3yo Heats, Finals on \$100,000 Finals on 6 September
Mares	3 August \$14,000 Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares at Northam (HWOE <\$25,000)
	9 August \$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (non Group winners)



Pinjarra Stallion Tender open

Is available now. A link to the Tender form and all the details about the stallions and Tender conditions is [here](#).

Don't forget to take a look at the selection of stallions including WA, eastern states and New Zealand based stallions. The Tender **closes on 31 August 2024**, with winning Tenderers advised within 3 working days. If you miss out on Sweet Lou you can still put in a Tender.

WASBA Stallion Tender coming...

The WASBA Stallion Tender will open a little earlier this year, and close on Wednesday 4 September. A link to the Tender form and all the details will be available soon. We aim to have a stallion standing in each major state and New Zealand. The Tender will close on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

\$14,000 Narrogin Remembers Red Vicar Westsired Pace

Another excellent race and good driving characterised the inaugural \$14,000 Narrogin Remembers Red Vicar Westsired Pace. The Gary Hall Snr trained favourite **Velocipede (Fly Like An Eagle)** was expertly driven by Stewie McDonald, with Emily Suvaljko showing great judgement in bringing home second placed Majic Bay.

Velocipede started favourite from inside the back line, and had moved into the moving line shortly after the start. Racing one out and 3 back, at a good pace, he got into a great position one out and one back after good judgement from Emily Suvaljko to concede the lead. Inside the 400m Velocipede swept to the lead, going to a nice 7m win in 2:00.8 from Majic Bay who had fought back to finish second

Velocipede is the younger full brother of champion filly and mare **Wonderful To Fly** 1:53.6 \$742,477, out of the unraced **Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)** who is a half sister to **Jumbo Operator (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:57 \$313,175 winner of 19 of his first 23 starts, dual Group 1 winner **Getaway Plan (Parsons Den USA)**, **Tubbs Farquhar (Mach Three CA)** the winner of 16 races and \$114,691 and **Aqueensomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:57.3 \$44,768 who is the dam of Group 3 \$50,000 Champagne Classic winner **Reinette (Vincent)** 1:56.3 \$44,557. Not Now Delilah's dam **Queen Delilah (Orange Sovereign USA)** 2:01.1 10 wins \$66,421 is a granddaughter of **Daintys Last (Frosty Nelson)** the half sister to champion and Hall Of Fame mare **Daintys Daughter**.



Stewie McDonald behind Velocipede with Narrogin Committee rep

Great work again by Narrogin Race and Pace to get this race off the ground!

Online Foal Registration now available

RWWA (who are now Racing WA by name) have joined with the other major states and introduced online foal notifications through Harnessweb, commencing 1 September 2024. Please note, you WILL need a Harnessweb account to do this, and it is a simple process to obtain an account – you don't need to be a licensed participant. Go to this link [here](#) if you need to apply.

Only managing owners or studmasters with an active account will be able to submit their foal notifications in this manner. This is an extension of the Transfers, Leases and Naming functions that are also available online but again, only if relevant parties have Harnessweb accounts. Otherwise you still need to submit the paperwork.

There will be no discount to fees for utilising online foal notifications – the tiered fee system will still apply in WA.. We will ask RWWA to reconsider this as it obviously saves them time and money.

A neat little online YouTube tutorial can be accessed [here](#). Please note, the online process does not allow for the foal and mother to have different ownership. In this case the Certificate of Service will need to be submitted.

Racing WA will still issue Certificates of Service for those who prefer to submit the information in this manner. Where the Certificate of Service is submitted to RWWA, payment must accompany the certificate to be valid

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ Continuing on from his \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup win on the 7/8 mile track at Canada's Woodbine Mohawk Park, 3yo colt **Nijinsky (Bettors Delight)** won the \$150,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Mid-Season Final to make him Bettors Delights latest millionaire. Nijinsky has won 7 from 8 this season, after his 2yo season only brought him one win from 10 starts. Great bloodlines for Australia anyone?

Proving that it "runs in the family", Nijinsky's half sister 7yo Alexa Skye (Somebeachsomewhere out of Piirouette Hanover by Western Ideal) set a track record 1:49.3 in winning at the Hollywood Casino at the Meadows, which is the fastest ever paced by a mare at the 5/8ths track. She is the winner of 30 races and \$583,000.

☑ Also a repeat winner at Mohawk after taking out the \$425,000 Fan Hanover, 3yo filly **Its a Love Thing (Bettors Delight)** became another millionaire for her sire in winning the 3YO Fillies \$150,000 OSS Gold Mid-Season Final in 1:49.2. Unlike Nijinsky, It's a Love Thing has continued on from her very successful 2yo season where she was Bettors Delight's top 2yo earner. The dam of Its a Love Thing is a half sister to **See You At Peelers (Bettors Delight)** 1:49.2 \$1.6M, the winner of 22 straight races at 2 and 3. It's a Love Thing also won the \$100,000 Jerry Silverman prior to the OSS, defeating Sweet Lou fillies My Girl EJ and Geocentric.

☑ The \$225,000 Messenger Stakes, the first leg of the pacing 3YO Triple Crown (the other two legs are the Cane Pace and the Little Brown Jug in September), was won by gelding **Sweet Beach Life (Sweet Lou)** in 1:53.1 at the half mile MGM Yonkers Raceway. The granddam of Sweet Beach Life is a half sister to Australian based sire **Dawn Ofa New Day**, the sire of our own millionaire **Vultan Tin**.

☑ It appears that no one is unbeatable, with early favourites for the Hambletonian **Karl (Tactical Landing)** and **T C I (Cantab Hall)** - both finishing 3rd - both having upset losses in their divisions of the 3YO Colts/Geldings Stanley Dancer Memorial. With Karl starting from 8 most of the field were being driven with purpose, while a very tactical race was run in the other division. The losses have thrown the Hambletonian predictions into disarray. Dancer winners do not have a good record in the Hambletonian, with eliminations scheduled 27 July.

☑ Favourite for the \$600,000 Hambletonian 3yo Fillies Oaks Trot is flying chestnut **Elista Hanover (International Moni)** who has 9 consecutive wins in her season tally. The Hambletonian does not permit the use of Lasix, making it a good guide for Australian breeders.



☑ By one of the forgotten sires, who is also the sire of one of the top sires, 4yo **Coaches Corner (Always A Virgin)** paced one of the fastest miles in the history of Saratoga Casino in winning the \$250,000 Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial Pace in 1:49.3 after winning his qualifier with a final qtr of 25.4. His earnings are now over \$500,000.

☑ Another colt by an unheralded sire, **Boston Rocks (Boston Red Rocks)** set a lifetime best 1:51.4 on a very wet Pocono Downs 5/8ths track, winning by 7 lengths. The reigning 2yo New York Sire Stakes pacing champion Boston Red Rocks is a half brother to top filly/mare McSeaside 1:48.4 \$595,000.

☑ The fastest time by a 2yo in North America so far this year, if that's important, has been set by a filly – **Chantilly (Big Jim)** won her \$95,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold division at Mohawk, running 1:50.4. The time was faster than that of filly Papi Grad (Papi Rob Hanover) and colt Railroad Station (Sweet Lou). The colts division was won by Century Lucifer (Shadow Play) in 1:53.1. Fillies are also leading on dollars won, with the leading 2yo on earnings being **Cowgirl Hanover (Huntsville)** who has 4 from 4 for \$170,000, having added the \$108,200 New York Sires Stake (NYSS) at Tioga Downs to her victories.

☑ The Adios Eliminations produced expected winner **Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous)** 1:49.1 and surprise winner **Wish You Well (Bettors Wish)** 1:49.2. The Elimination winners get to pick their own barriers. How's that!. The \$350,000 Adios final will be run on July 27

☑ The \$650,000 Meadowlands Pace for the 3yos was run and won in dominant fashion by one of the most



Legendary Hanover winning his Elimination

expensive yearlings of his year, **Legendary Hanover (Huntsville)**, beating stablemate Nijinsky. The pair had won their eliminations. Legendary Hanover was a \$260,000 purchase and covered his purchase price at the end of his 2yo season. This season is all profit and enjoyment. Both his dam and granddam were unsuccessful on the track but his dam is a half sister to **Dealt A Winner (Cams Card Shark)** 1:47.3 \$1,392,605, and Legendary

Hanover is a half brother to **Linedrive Hanover (Betting Line)** 1:47 and \$800,000 plus. Legendary Hanover set a track record in the event, running 1:46.3 to win by over 5 lengths and now has \$710,000 in earnings.

Also by **Betting Line**, 6yo stallion **Abuckabett Hanover** just tipped race leader **Voukefalas (Lazarus)** for the win in the \$428,000 William Haughton Memorial in 1:47.4. Abuckabett Hanover was purchased for \$534,000 at the end of 2022 and has now won 18 races from 64 starts for \$1,512,866. Abuckabett Hanover also won the \$152,190 Dave Brower Memorial in 1:47.3 in late June. Voukefalas had come off a win in the \$230,000 Graduate Pace at the Meadowlands setting his lifetime best 1:47.3 in the win.



Abuckabett Hanover winning the Dave Brower in 1:47.3

☑ With a win on North America Cup night in the \$305,000 Roses are Red, 4yo mare **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** lowered her lifetime best when following that win with a win in the mares \$140,000 Dorothy Haughton Memorial in 1:47.3. Its tough at this level, with champions Silver Label and Sylvia Hanover also competing. It was the 7th successive Grand Circuit win for Twin B Joe Fresh who has stakes of \$1.7 million from 24 wins.

☑ Leading 2yo pacing sires in the US include some of the new brigade, with new sires Papi Rob Hanover (4th) Tall Dark Stranger (8th) and McWicked (10th) in the top 10. The list is led by Huntsville, Downbytheseaside, Captaintreacherous. Sweet Lou is 5th and American Ideal is 9th but included in the next 10 places are the newer sires Catch The Fire, Lather Up, Captain Crunch, Cattlewash and Capt Midnight. Early days, although the list will change with some of the stallions not having enough progeny to keep them on the list.

☑ Leading 3yo pacing sires in the US are the regulars Bettors Delight, Captaintreacherous, Huntsville, Sweet Lou, American Ideal and Downbytheseaside. First season 3yo sires Captain Crunch, Bettors Wish, Lather Up and McWicked feature in the top 20.

And elsewhere...

☑ By champion racehorse and sire **Cantab Hall**, the sire of millionaire 2yo **T C I**, the new stallion to Wingate Farms in NSW is a trotter, **Fast As The Wind USA** 1:52.2 \$833,274. His Yankee Glide sire line is that of Father Patrick, Explosive Matter, Uncle Peter and Volstead, while the dam line through his Muscle Mass dam is Guccio 1:51.1f \$1,017,232 and Lagerfield 1:53.2f \$804,450. As a permanent resident, there will be no HRA stallion levy.

Meanwhile, the Volstead USA book for New Zealand is closed, with only limited frozen semen bookings available this year.

☑ Plaudits to Somerset Farm for adding frozen semen from **Tattoo Artist USA (Hes Watching USA)** 1:47.1 US\$2,822,298 to Australia this coming season. Standing for \$10,000 in the US, the 2023 Canadian Derby

winner will be available for \$4,900 +GST and HRA stallion levy, all in all a terrific price. His sire **Hes Watching (American Ideal USA)** 1:46.4 US\$1,116,450 was undefeated as a 2yo, setting 5 track records and two world records, the fastest ever race winning 2yo on both 1/2 and 5/8 tracks, US 2yo Colt of the Year, the youngest winner of the Meadowlands Pace and fastest 3yo ever at the Meadowlands – until **Legendary Hanover**. **Tattoo Artist** will “join”, figuratively speaking shuttle stallion



Catch The Fire USA (Captaintreacherous USA) 1:46.8 \$1,494,434 for his second Australian season, and resident sire **A Rocknroll Dance (Rocknroll Hanover USA)**.

☑ Queensland's inaugural \$500,000 Protostar for the 2yos is ready to roll with the favourite **The Highlight Reel (Poster Boy)** drawing well in 3. Not drawing so well was **Sweet On Lexy (Sweet Lou)**, winner of the Group 2 Paleface Adios in 1:53.2. He drew outside the front line 7, with second placed **Hesitate (Sportswriter USA)** drawing better in 9 off the back line.

☑ Cementing his place in the Eureka is winner of the Queensland \$207,000 Group 2 The Hayden **Free Thinker (Hurrikane Kingcole)**. 2022 Australian 2YO of the Year **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)** returned to racing with a top win in the \$50,000 Winter Cup in WA, on his way to a Eureka start for Slot Holder Soho Standardbreds. Other confirmed runners are **Don Hugo (Art Major USA)**, with John Singleton taking a chance on him after he ran second in the \$355,000 Rising Sun after earlier running second to early favourite **Extreme Sea** in the Riverina Championship Final at Wagga; **The Lost Storm** for Aaron Bain Racing and Summit Bloodstock; and **Captains Knock (Captaintreacherous USA)** for Cordina Racing. The TABs **Frankie Ferocious** is out of favour after a run of disappointing results and **High Above** is also behind the eight ball after a failure. The Eureka is limited to Australian bred 3yo and 4yos, which rules out quite a few of the current top ranked horses. The Tasmanian runner for Tasracing will depend on the winner of the **Beautide** in early August.

However, on the radar for the Eureka is the winner of the \$355,000 The Rising Sun in 4yo **Wisper A Secret (Huntsville USA)** who made a season tally of 6 wins from 9 starts from a lifetime tally of 12 wins from 27 starts. Knocking back a big US offer for him last year seems to have been a good choice.



Wisper A Secret about to win The Rising Sun

☑ Another one for **Sweet Lou USA** in the Queensland carnival was **Eye Keep Smiling**, winner of the \$150,000 Group 1 Garrards The Golden Girl in 1:51.5. This was no mean feat, defeating glamour pair **Aardies Express** and **Ladies In Red**. McCarthy is thinking Eureka for **Eye Keep Smiling**, who is from the family of champion **Jasmarilla (Tarport Low USA)** 1:55.2 \$503,000. Other members of this family include **Messini (Art Major USA)** 1:55.2 \$711,711 and more recently **Two Eye See (Armbo Operative USA)** 1:52.4 \$306,703 and **Eye See Diamonds (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:51.6 \$284,875 who was unfortunately lost while foaling.

☑ **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** is expected to win the \$400,000 Blacks A Fake, drawing barrier 1 even though he will have to contest the lead and likely need to hold up. Jason Grimson has 5 runners in the event including the inform **Swayzee**, **Nerano** and **District Attorney** (beat **Leap To Fame** in June). **Leap To Fame** just completed back to back wins in the Group 1 \$200,000 **Sunshine Sprint**, running 1:50. That followed his win in the 53,000 **Mr Feelgood** by an easing 8.5m in 1:51, beating his own track record over 2138m.

- ☑ Rewards for those who venture to the Sales with the Queensland \$156,000 APG Graduate Final being won by the 2yo filly **Hunger Strike (Stay Hungry USA)**. In the US, **Stay Hungry (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** oldest crop are 4yos and include Seven Colors 1:48.1, Zanatta and Hungry Angel Boy, while his oldest small Australian crop are 2yos.
- ☑ There are now 8 first crop sire winners on the list in Australia, including Poster Boy (Somebeachsomewhere USA) top of the list, Captain Crunch (Captaintreacherous USA), McWicked USA, (McArdle USA), Soho Tribeca (American Ideal USA) Wesley (Sportswriter USA), The Storm Inside (Rocknroll Hanover USA), Soho Lanikai (Somebeachsomewhere USA) and Lather Up USA.
- ☑ You just never can tell unless you try. **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** scored a win as a trotting sire in New Zealand with pacing bred **Highview Rockn Roll** scoring at 60/1. She is a 9yo mare with current earnings of nearly \$100,000.
- ☑ Great news for country NSW with \$1 million bonus being allocated to the Carnival of Cups. NSW has done a great job re-invigorating their racing in this class and with \$60,000 available for each of the Cups plus the bonus, it's a sure winner. They have also ensured a great trackside experience for patrons attending the Cups, which helps to grow the product for both participants and spectators alike. Congratulations to NSW, at least two states are working hard for the future of harness racing in Australia.
- ☑ It wasn't meant to end this way but it was a top win for **Aroda NZ (Art Major USA)** in the \$100,000 Redcliffe Gold Cup, which was originally supposed to be a match race between half brothers Swayzee and Leap To Fame. Neither of them started, which in no way detracts from the win of Aroda NZ who set a track record of 1:58.6 over the 2613 Stand. It was no fluke, with Aroda NZ being a half brother to millionaire and multiple Group 1 winner and Auckland Cup champion **Akuta NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**
- ☑ Top NZ stallion **Merlin NZ (Art Major USA)** is back in work, heading for the big features later in the year. Not so is **Copy That (American Ideal USA)** whose progress since surgery and rehab is deliberately slow, and Akuta who is undergoing a year off racing despite promising results from his scans. Missing entirely will be the recently retired **Self Assured NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** after a memorable career.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Good to see top filly Water Lou trial successfully after her issue. Great work by Shannon Suvaljko to recognise the problem and pull her up before any harm done;
- ♣ The Queensland Winter Carnival has breathed new life into harness racing in that state. A great example of what can be achieved with vision.
- ♣ A fillip for New Zealand with Entain and the TAB contributing significantly to stakes for the next 5 years to build the industry



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – June 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 is a late bloomer who has managed two recent metropolitan wins. *Congratulations* to Barry Howlett, our **Budget Stockfeeds Breeder of the Month** for **June 2024** as the breeder of 6yo gelding **Lil Happy Fella (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** out of Lil Miss Hilarious NZ by **Christian Cullen NZ**. Lil Happy Fella won 4 races as a 3yo before having over a year off racing, resuming as a late 4yo with a win. His 5yo year resulted in 3 wins and 6 places. Winning at Albany in January 2024 he changed hands soon after, resuming in May for almost instant success. Under the new Debbie Padberg team he has 3 wins and 1 place. His lifetime earnings are \$114,000 with over \$50,000 this season.

Lil Miss Hilarious, dam of Lil Happy Fella, winning in 2013



Lil Happy Fella 1:55.0 is the first foal and one of 3 winners from his metropolitan winning dam **Lil Miss Hilarious NZ** 1:56.7 \$20,193, who is a half sister to Hilarious Life NZ 1:58.8 \$89,814. The granddam of Lil Miss Hilarious NZ is a daughter of **Hilarious Guest NZ (Hilarious Way USA)** 1:57.3 \$283,230 who was the winner of the NZ Sapling Stakes, NZ 2yo Championship, NZ Derby, NZ Oaks, Northen Oaks, and

Messenger, as well as being placed in two Auckland Cups. This is quite an extensive NZ family with the most famous current star from the family being the unbeaten **Millwood Nike NZ (Captaintreacherous USA)** 1:52.7 17 wins \$690,932.

Congratulations to Lil Happy Fella, Barry Howlett and especially new trainer Deb Padberg who has given the 6yo a new opportunity to succeed.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRE'S JUNE 2024

Overall for June 2024 there was an improved result for Westsired winners, with 38 winners of 38 races. The most successful sire for the month was Fly Like An Eagle with 12 winners of 12 races. Following him was the former WA based sire Follow The Stars, with 7 Westsired winners of 7 races. With half the season finished, leading Westsired sire is Fly Like An Eagle, with 32 winners of 54 races then Follow The Stars (27 of 40) and Rock N Roll World (15 of 20) from just his two crops.

There were 6 first time Westsired starters collecting their \$500 First Start Bonus including 2yos **Bonpoppy** (My Hard Copy NZ) and **Save Me** (Fly Like An Eagle), 3yo **Air Marshal** (Advance Attack NZ), 3yos **Lazi Dais** and **Yo Adrian** (Rock N Roll World USA) and aged gelding **Blind Edition** (Follow The Stars).

There were also 5 first time winners, with connections receiving at least \$11700 on top of stakes. They were 3yos **Dekla Diva** (Fly Like An Eagle), **Perfect Move** (Advance Attack NZ) and **Rockin Le Monde** (Rock N Roll World USA), and 4yos **Shes A Dactyl** and **Sugar Boo** (both Follow The Stars).

The Westbred Bonus payments to Westsired starters (including First Win and First Start) for June 2024 of \$118,000 showed a steady increase over the previous two months. For the 6 month period bonus payments to Westsired progeny have exceeded \$700,000, an increase over the same period in the previous two years.

There were 41 races run at premium meetings in June 2024, with 3 Westsired winners including promising filly **Iseeubaby** and impressive mare **Acharne Girl**. The remaining Westsired winner was:

♠ **5yo Me Flash - Fly Like An Eagle o/o Dreamy Eyes (Modern Art USA)** breeder owners Jerime and Shane Steele. Second win for the season. Started at 8/1 from the prime 1 barrier, didn't waste it and fought off an early challenge to hold the lead, set a solid pace throughout, got the winning break half way down the straight and a good drive to win the \$21,000 Pace by 1.6m win in 1:55.7, last qtr 28.8. *Half brother to Stormyskyes* 1:57.4 \$167,343. *Dam won 5 races and was a full or half sister to 4 winners. Winning granddam a half sister to Group 1 winners Bettor Bling* 1:58.4 \$140,115 and *Delightful Jade* 1:52.0 \$241,577. *Delightful Jade the dam of Soho Spectre* 1:52.8 \$292,392 and *Soho Rhapsody* 1:53.3 \$165,432. *Maternal family of Remit.*



Owner breeder trainer driver Shane Steele on his winning way

WESTBRED WINNERS – JUNE 2024

Total Westbred Bonus payments for June 2024 were \$306,000, marginally down on the figures for June last year. For the first 6 months of the year the tally is \$1.77 million, which is \$110,000 higher than the equivalent period in 2023 and is the highest half year figure over the last 4 years.

A good result for overall Westbred winners in the month, with 107 individual winners of 116 races (63.4% of races run). This is the highest June figure for a considerable time and is keeping up with the good "off season" results. It is just outside a top 10 result in terms of winners, for the past 3 years.

Forty sires were represented by Westbred winners in June 2024. For sires standing outside WA, winners were spread evenly across a range of sires with Foreclosure NZ and Betting Line USA on top with 6 wins each. For the first 6 months of the season, leading sires, including WA based, are **Fly Like An Eagle** (54 wins), **Sweet Lou USA** (42 wins), Follow the Stars (40 wins) and **Americal Ideal USA** (37 wins).

There were 24 first time starters 16 2yos and 6 3yos - in June 2024, from 20 different stallions including relatively new comers Captain Crunch, USA, Lather Up USA, Mel Mara USA, My Hard Copy NZ, Poster Boy, Soho Tribeca, Ultimate Machete and Vincent.

There were 18 First Time Westbred winners including the 5 Westsired progeny:

- 2yos **By Gee By Gingo** (American Ideal USA), **Captain Stirling** and **Winter Wonder** (Captain Crunch USA), **Lake Pichola** (Foreclosure NZ) and **El Jaydo** (Vincent),
- 3yos **Prince Benson** and **Lunetta** (Downbytheseaside USA), **Loch Tay** (Fear The Dragon USA), and **Vinnies Star** (Vincent);
- 4yos **Spoil The Party** (Bettors Delight USA), **Wut Now** (Foreclosure NZ), 5yo **Agent Booth** (Highview Tommy NZ), and 8yo **Batavia Jane** (Smiling Shard NZ).

There were 7 Westbreds with double wins – **Tux And Tails** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), **Shes A Mare** (American Ideal USA), **Bettagetonpip** (Betting Line USA), **Bettor Arcade** (Bettors Delight USA), **Road Closure** (Mr Feelgood USA), **Lil Happy Fella** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), and **Sorridere** (Sunshine Beach USA). There was also a triple winner in the month – **Eye Better** (Betterthancheddar USA).

Westbreds won 9 of the 10 2yo races run in June 2024, with 39 of the 43 2yo starters being Westbred. This is 12 more starters than the previous month but is lower than June 2023. For the first 6 months of the season, individual 2yo starters are up to 122 – quite impressive considering the crop size.

Westbreds won 14 of the 17 3yo races run in June 2024, along with 11 of the 18 3yo and over races won by the age group. There were 90 3yo starters, including 79 Westbreds. This is a minor drop on May 2024 (94). However, the total 3yo starters for the first half of the season is up to 192, compared to 169 for last season.

4yo and over starters in June 2024 (513) showed an increase over the previous month (506) and is also well above the figure for June 2023 (474). For the season to end of June, the number of Westbreds who have raced (621) has increased, with a similar increase in overall starters for the age group (952 versus 939).

There were 14 races restricted to horses at least 4 years of age, an improvement on the previous month. There were 156 races that 4yo and over could race in, with Westbreds achieving a 59.4% win rate out of the 138 races won by this age group. Wins included 46 by 4yos (25 Westbred), 37 5yos (24 Westbred), 23 6yos (17 Westbred) and 13 7yos (6 Westbred). The oldest winner was a 10yo.

For the season so far the 3yos average a win every 6.3 starts, 4yo and over horses average is 9.6 starts.

Of the 41 races run at premium meetings at Gloucester Park in June 2024, Westbreds won 15, including the 3 wins by Westsired progeny and 4 by Westbred fillies/mares. The remaining 7 winners of 8 races were:

- ◆ **6yo Lil Happy Fella - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Lil Miss Hilarious NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder Barry Howlett. A winner 3 weeks earlier, he started at 20/1 from 8 after a scratching in THAT race with a sizzling pair out front, second last with a lap to go but moving up 3 wide following a forward move down the back, 4 wide down the straight and just in front on the line to win the \$19,000 L5 by a half neck in 1:55.6, last half 60.2. A week later and again out of favour from 3, restrained to settle one out two back, followed a 3 wide move with a lap to go, moving up and 4 wide into the straight, going on to a solid win in the \$21,000 Pace by a neck in 1:55.0, last half 57.9. *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**;

- ◆ **5yo Paul Edward - Always B Miki USA** o/o **Like A Dame (Golden Greek USA)** breeder Steve Johnson. First start this time in and started from inside the back line to settle behind the leader and favourite from the barrier, travelled strongly down the back, got out of the pocket coming into the home turn to race up to his stablemate and sweep past to win the \$30,000 The Pure Steel by 2.7m in 1:57.4, last qtr 27.9 after a slick 36.5 1st qtr. *Half brother to 7 winners including **Hugh Victor** 1:54.9 \$144,034, **Kerrin Joseph** 1:52 \$226,190 and champion and multiple Group 1 winner **David Hercules** 1:52.7 \$1,263,159. Winning dam a half sister to the dams of multiple Group 1 winner **Major Martini** 1:54.8 \$322,483, Pearl Classic winner **Isaiah Artois** 1:58.3 \$117,351 and Australian 2YO of the Year **Never Ending** 1:54.6 \$606,275;*

- ◆ **6yo Rocknroll Elliot - A Rocknroll Dance USA** o/o **Pure Empathy NZ (Elsu NZ)** breeder Mike Howie. A mini let up before resuming in May. Third run in started 18/1 from 5 after a scratching, floated back to 2nd last from the barrier with the leaders doing a super quick 35.9, led up the 3 wide line with a lap to go, in the one wide breeze at the 400m looking like the winner, raced away down the straight to win the \$19,000 Pace by 7.1m in 1:56.0. *Metropolitan winning dam **Pure Empathy NZ** 1:57.6 12 wins \$88,125. Family of **Alberto Contador NZ** 1:49.8 \$702,344, **Condrieu NZ** 1:51.5 \$269,520 and Queensland Derby, Australian Oaks and Chariots of Fire winner **Oaxaca Lass NZ** 1:55.8 \$426,585;*



Chris Lewis on Rocknroll Elliot

- ◆ **5yo The Miki Taker - Always B Miki USA** o/o **Topless Beach Girl ()** breeder Mike and Sharon Howie, Estate of Ian Howie. Started favourite from 1, led and won his 4th race for the season by the narrowest of margins after seeing off a challenge for the lead and fighting off a strong challenge down the straight to win the \$25,000 Pace by a short half head in 1:57.3, last qtr 27.5. *Dam a half sister to **Bettor Be Oscar** 1:52.6 \$294,823, Group 2 winning granddam a half sister to **Copagrinn** 1:54.7 \$241,352. Family of **Caveman** 1:50.2 \$249,843, Group 1 Diamond Classic winner **Copper Strike** and 2YO Sales Classic and 3YO Pearl Classic winner **Waverider** 1:55.4 \$140,161;*
- ◆ **8yo The Righteous - Rock N Roll Heaven USA** o/o **Righteous Ann (Righteous Hanover USA)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. First win of the season. Started 3rd favourite from 1 and settled behind race favourite and leader in running, got clear coming to the home turn, swung 3 wide down the straight, came late and fast to grab the win in the \$9,360 L5 by a short half head in 1:57.5. *Half brother to **Bonstar** 1:57.8 \$75,202. Family of **Allwoods Rocknroll** 1:57.6 \$149,281, **Northern Assassin** 1:51.8 \$301,877, **Buck The Odds** \$307,547 and **Might Be Luck** 1:55.0 \$150,674;*
- ◆ **6yo Twobob Cracker - Art Major USA** o/o **Where Dreams Grow (Allamerican Ingot USA)** breeder Kody Charles. First time to the winners circle since July 2022. Placed at previous start then started inside the 10m line in the Stand, settled 4th on the pegs, got a dream opening one out two back in the moving line with a lap to go, moved 3 wide at the 400m to be challenging at the top of the straight, just got the nose in front on the line to win the \$21,000 2503m Stand by a half head in 1:59.5, middle qtrs the fastest. *Half brother to two winners. Metropolitan winning dam **Where Dreams Grow** 1:54.7 12 wins \$103,800 a half sister to **Rabchenko** 1:55.2 \$166,061. Family of **Charlie El** 1:57.5 \$153,596; and*
- ◆ **5yo Whataretheodds - Betting Line USA** o/o **Generally Outspoken NZ (Mach Three CA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock, Kevin Charles. Now more like the horse he promised to be as a 2yo. Two prior places then started a short priced favourite from 1, not troubled to hold the lead, even time 1st 3 quarters and went on to an expected win in the \$9,360 L5 Pace by 3.4m in 1:57.8, last qtr 28.1. *Half brother to **Chrysoprase** 1:58.1 \$64,426 and **Marbeechsam**, Group 3 winning dam a sister to **Machs Gold NZ** 1:54.3 \$134,470 and half sister to Group 1 winner and multiple Group 1 placed **Spellbound NZ** 1:50.1 \$382,155.*

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (June 2024)

In June 2024 there were 52 wins by fillies and mares out of the 183 races run (28.4%). This is a disappointing result and below our target of 30%. We hope the national rating system does not have so many "Not Eligibles"

that makes programming a mare very difficult and unnecessarily so. The race program needs to be more open to change. In percentage terms it is well below the result for the same month in recent years.

Westbred fillies/mares won 43 races and \$511,000 in stakes (out of a total of \$645,000 won by fillies and mares), as well as \$146,000 in bonuses. Wins included 31 (26 Westbred) at the \$9,000 level, and 9 (5 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level.

For the first 6 months of the year fillies and mares have won 328 races, or 29.8% of available races, and over \$4.2 million in stakes. Over this period Westbred fillies and mares complimented their stakes with \$818,000 in Bonuses – definitely better to be racing a Westbred filly of mare. However, we are not satisfied that the program is delivering enough for owners of fillies and mares and the 6 month results for 2024 demonstrate that – it is the lowest percentage result for wins by fillies and mares since the Covid period in 2020.

Leading winning sire for fillies and mares for June 2024 was **Fly Like An Eagle** (6 winners of 6 races) followed by **Sweet Lou USA** (4 winners of 5 races). With half the season run, leading sires of fillies and mares is Sweet Lou USA (17 winners, 36 wins), American Ideal (13 winners, 27 wins), and Fly Like An Eagle (15 winners, 20 wins). For Westbred fillies and mares the leading sires are American Ideal (24 wins) Sweet Lou USA (21 wins) and Fly Like An Eagle (20 wins)

Amongst the fillies and mares there were 7 first time starters. There were also 7 First Time Winners – 2yo **Winter Wonder (Captain Crunch USA)**, 3yos **Lunetta** (Downbytheseaside USA), **Loch Tay** (Fear The Dragon USA) and **Dekla Diva** (Fly Like An Eagle), 4yos **Shes A Dactyl** and **Sugar Boo** (Follow The Stars), and 8yo **Batavia Jane** (Smiling Shard NZ).

Multiple winners included 2yo **Bettagetonpip** (Betting Line USA), 3yo **Shes A Mare** (American Ideal USA), and with 3 wins in the month was 6yo **Eye Better** (Betterthancheddar USA).

Races for fillies in June 2024:

- 2YO – 4 out of the 10 2yo races were restricted to fillies, with no other wins. Fillies contributed (49%) of 2yo starters.
- 3YO 5 out of the 17 3yo races were restricted to fillies with 3 3yo open races also won by a filly. Fillies won an additional four 3yo and over races, with 11 of the 12 wins by 3yo fillies being Westbred. The 3yo fillies contributed 41% of the 3yo starters.

There were 36 wins by mares in June 2024, well below the figure for June last year (44). There was an increase in the number of mares starting in races (from 146 in May to 157 in June) which makes the overall result and opportunities more disappointing.

The results for fillies and mares at premium meetings from the races programmed remains frustratingly inadequate. Fillies and mares won 10 of the 41 (24.4%) races run at these premium meetings. All but one of the 10 wins were in fillies and/or mares races which clearly highlights the need to make winnable opportunities in open races more available for mares.

Winners included the slightly erratic 3yo filly **Flybye Lou NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** in a \$21,000 3YO Fillies, 4yo **Soho Seraphine (Betting Line USA)** won the \$30,000 the Lewis Fillies and Mares, 4yo **Eve Crocker (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** won a \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, and very productive 6yo mare **Three Rumours NZ (Mach Three CA)** won a \$23,000 Fillies and Mares, taking her overall stakes to \$215,000.

The remaining 5 WA bred winners of 6 races at premium meetings, as well as the WASBA feature at Narrogin, were:

- ♥ 5 yo **Acharne Girl - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** part owners breeders Estate of Beth Richardson, Garry Ralston. Started 2nd favourite from inside the back line, got away well to hold position behind the race leader and favourite Soho Seraphine from 1, deftly moved to be one by one behind Three Rumours with a lap to go, running 3rd coming into the straight and great tussle down the straight to get the better of Three Rumours to win the \$50,000 Kerry Clarke by a half head in 1:56.3, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.6. Dam **Slick Bird NZ** 1:55.7 \$89,999 also dam of full brothers **While They Pray** 1:54.7 \$180,037 and **Faster Than Dad** 1:55.5 \$126,775 and half sister **Slick Artist** 1:52.0 \$404,531. Granddam **Whos The Bird NZ** the dam of 5 winners including **High Courage NZ** 1:53.4 \$143,950. Dam of Whos The Bird was top Australian bred filly **Donna Who** 1:57.1 \$244,668 who was out of Group 1 Oaks winning filly **Girl Called Destiny**. Multiple Group 1 winners in the family.

♥ 2yo **Bettagetonpip** - **Betting Line USA** o/o **Pippa Royale (Sportswriter USA)** breeder Dennis, Dot and M Roche. A win and 2 places before a let up. First run back started favourite from 4 after a scratching, began fast and got the lead, troublefree run in front before a quick 28.7 3rd qtr, sprinted away down the straight for a clear win in the \$21,000 Fillies Pace by 9.3m in 1:58.3. A week later started favourite from 1 and easily led from the barrier over the 1730m, going easy down the back and into the straight for an easy win except for the filly flying down the inside. Just held on to win the \$30,000 Western Crown for 2YO Fillies by a half neck in 1:56.3, last qtrs 28 flat and 29.3. *First foal from race winner Pippa Royal, a half sister to Group 1 winners Give Us A Wave 1:52.2 \$165,857, Truckers Ruffnut 1:56.0 \$249,770, Tuxedo Tour 1:53.9 \$194,596 and Doalittlerocknroll 1:59.4 \$78,330. Their unraced dam Royal Tour is out of the lightly raced Zenagain, a daughter of the unraced Zenover, the granddam of champion Elsu NZ 1:53.6 \$2,030,796. Family of Victorian and NZ Oaks winner Copper Beach NZ 1:58.6 \$166,928, multiple Group 1 winner De Lovely 1:54.0 \$613,355, Albert Jaccka NZ 1:54.5 \$400,792 and champion racehorse and sire Tintin In America NZ 1:53.2 \$906,422.*

♥ 5yo **Champagne Everyone** – **Shadow Play** o/o **Sovereign Faith NZ (Live Or Die USA)** owner breeders Oz-West Pacing, Morris, Eaton and Richards. Started brilliantly from 5, and overcame a challenge to lead, solid pace throughout, challenged again over the final 400m but too strong and went on to a good win in the \$14,000 WASBA Tribute to Color Glo Westbred Mares Pace at Narrogin by 1.2m in 2:01.8. *Half sister to Nase Vera 1:57.4 \$41,826. Dam Sovereign Faith NZ 1:53.6 \$132,719 did her early racing for the owners in NSW before coming to WA. Family of Group 2 Newcastle Mile winner Saucy Legend 1:51.6 \$435,386 and Livura 1:56.4 \$261,006.*

♥ 2yo **Iseeubaby** - **Wesley** o/o **Icanseeu (Lincoln Royal NZ)** owner breeder Tracey Massimini. Lovely Westsired filly. First up winner in February then resuming for her 3rd lifetime start was 2nd favourite from 1, held the lead from Western Crown winner and favourite Bettagetonpip, led throughout before sprinting away at the top of the straight to get some space before the charge home, and went on to win the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 1.6m in 2:00.4. *First foal from her unraced dam. Winning granddam is a half sister to Group 3 winner Nowuseeme 1:57.2 \$287,234. Their dam the Champagne Classic winner Nowuseemenowudont NZ.*

♥ 5yo **Rattlin Lilly** - **Always B Miki USA** o/o **Baileys Gold NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeder Robert Gartrell. A win and 3 places from her previous 6 starts then started 2nd favourite from 3, started slowly and 3 wide with 2 laps to go, still 3 wide with 400 to go and second, fought hard down the straight in a massive performance to win the \$9,360 Pace by 4.5m in 1:56.6. Deserved more money.



♥ 3yo **Water Lou** - **Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Living Hei (Live Or Die USA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles. Lining up for her 8th win in a row and 10th win from 11 starts. Naturally started favourite, even though barrier 7, watched 2nd favourite Xceptional Arma settle in the lead before taking off with two laps to go to sit in the breeze, tackled the leader coming off the back and drew clear at the 50m to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies by 2.5m in 1:55.9, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.3. *Family of Pockettful 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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The WASBA AGM (for the 12 months ending 31 August 2023) was held on **Friday 24 November 2023**.

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **31 July 2024**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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