



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Albany and Busselton season just around the corner**

Don't forget the Busselton and Albany rounds will be underway in December/January (a trial at Busselton is required if you haven't started at the track before) and they are both such fantastic clubs and super meetings.

Busselton will again provide the excellent Sweetheart Series bonuses and WASBA will also be providing bonuses. Busselton sponsors are also enabling the provision of fuel vouchers for participants at the meetings, so every incentive to be there for some great racing and on track activities.

And there are some good races lined up for Albany with the new race program coming on stream already. How exciting – everything is new!

## **WASBA AGM 29 Nov 6pm at Gloucester Park**

*If you are a member (or would like to be) please drop in to our AGM on 29 November at Gloucester Park. An AGM is a necessary part of any legitimate association, and essential for us to continue. Financial members attending the AGM in person will receive \$30 vouchers to use on course for food and beverages.*

*Committee nominations have closed, but if you do have an interest in being a Committee member in the future, please let us know as some of our very hard working and long term Committee members would like to have a break and see the Committee refreshed with some new Committee members.*

## **2024 Inter Dominion first round of Heats 29 Nov**

The first round of Heats are on 29 November at Newcastle over 2030m, followed by Bathurst (1730m, 4 Dec), Menangle (2300m 7 Dec) with the Pacers \$500,000 Grand Final and \$50,000 Consolation over 2300m at Menangle (14 Dec). The Heats will be run for \$30,000 (\$20,000 Trotters Heats and \$150,000 Final). While on the surface it looks like \$500,000 isn't enough to entice the top pacing runners, it's not a surprise that many of these top horses have found the stakes - to run in 3 heats to qualify for the final – very unattractive, and have gone to other events. And clearly there is not enough reason for the headline trotters to be there.

We want the Inter Dominion to return to its former glory and its former rotational system, where every single one of us can aspire to have a horse run in the local series or race on Heat nights and be part of the drama and the history. We have put forward viable means to fund the race. Administrators have done our industry a disservice by allowing our premier race to be relegated to a shadow of its former self, and only eastern seaboard.

We wish everyone the best who is competing in the series this year. There is always a winner of every race, and anyone who competes in the series and does well is deserving of the plaudits. Can you pick the winner?

From WA we have two entrants, including the 2024 WA Pacing Cup winner Minstrel (drawn 1!). Sixteen entrants were born in NZ. Best wishes to all the connections. TAB has the naming rights for the 2024 series, and as part of the deal all heats and finals will be broadcast on Sky Thoroughbred Central and the Sky Racing channels.

Queensland will host the 2025 to 2027 Inter Dominions with an expected lift to \$1 million for the 2025 final, which will be run over the Queensland Winter Carnival. Perhaps NSW spent all its money on the Eureka.

## **It's fire season – please be prepared!**

*Hot – cold – wet – dry. You know summer is coming our way so please ensure you are ready for an emergency and have a plan for yourself, your family, your valuables and your animals.*

The RWWA bushfire emergency information kit includes key contacts and resources to assist in a bushfire crisis, as well as information for planning to leave and returning to your property. The information kit is available on the RWWA and WASBA website, or [click here](#) .

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



2YO	Other races programmed to the end of December The first 2YO race in 2025 is scheduled for 27 January at Pinjarra
3YO	Races programmed to end December The first 3yo race in 2025 is on 7 January, with races scheduled weekly
Mares	Qualifying Heats for two separate series commence 14 and 20 January. Check program
<b>Westbred</b>	<b>6 December at Wagin – a number of Westbred only races</b>

### Breeding and foaling

Don't forget one of the most important things you need to do - and it will save you money – is to register your foal early. The 3 tier structure currently in place in WA is much cheaper if you do this early. Results of all final services/pregnancies need to be registered, even if your mare has missed, slipped or no live foal. All states are now aligned with the registration process, but the fees will be different.

It is the (managing) owners responsibility to register the foal and there is a new online process that you can use with a *Harnessweb* registration. The fee is \$133 in WA if the foal is registered within the first 35 days of birth of the foal, and it increases – a lot - after that.

The RWWA fee structure is available at this link [here](https://racingwa.com.au) or from the Industry Essentials tab on the <https://racingwa.com.au> page. Yes, we know it's a lot harder to find things on the new ubeaut website.

If you don't have a *Harnessweb* account, you can use the link [here](https://racingwa.com.au) if you need to apply. A YouTube online tutorial covering the online foal registration process can be accessed [here](https://racingwa.com.au). If you are struggling with all this you can contact RWWA, or if you are a WASBA member we will try to assist you.

All Westbred progeny earn Bonuses in 2YO and 3YO races less than \$22,000, for first to 4th place AND receive \$500 on their first race start. Westsired progeny can earn more, with a double win Bonus of \$5,100 to \$10,200, depending on the stakes tier, on all 2yo and 3yo races under \$22,000. Check details, including bonuses for horses older than 3yo winning their first career start [here](https://racingwa.com.au)

### WA National Rating System first programs available

The program is available for January for our first “toe in the water” program for the national rating system in WA. There are races bases on NR, maiden races, races based on number of wins, races based on level of wins. Plenty of variety so make sure you check what is a match for your trusty steed. Let us know what you think.

### 2024 \$14,000 Bob Humphries Memorial

Another excellent program provided by the Bunbury Trotting Club on our \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial night, with the race honoring one of WA's top administrators and breeders.

This year was another good field of Westbred mares vying for the win. With a scratching there were 10 starters, with the two favourites starting outside of the backline. As it turns out the punters were “on the money” with favourite 4yo **Get The Booth** (**Sweet Lou USA** out of Here For The Money) getting the win ahead of close second favourite Our Lady Jen (Captaintreacheraus USA out of Our Lady Luxury NZ).



Starting from 3 on the back line in a fast 36 lead, Get The Booth was motoring forward and in the lead after 800m, with Our Lady Jen one out and two back. Sprinting away in a 27.5 last qtr, Get The Booth went on to win by 9m in 1:59.5 from a resolute Our Lady Jen. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> win from 5 starts for new trainer driver combination Ryan Bell and Kyle Symington and she has won \$18,000 in less than 2 months.

Get The Booth is a full sister to champion filly **Double Expresso** 1.55.4 \$328,034, whose 13 wins included the Group 1 2YO Fillies Sales Classic and 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic, Group 2 3YO Fillies Sales Classic and Daintys Daughter Classic, as well as a top class win in the Group 3 3YO Caduceus Club Classic.

Get The Booth is a half sister to the Ryan Bell trained **Shockwave (Mach Three CA)** 1.53.4 \$567,001, the winner of 22 races including Group 1 4YO Golden Nugget, Group 2 4YO/5YO Championship and James Brennan Memorial, and first past the post in the 4YO Classic. He was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Fremantle Cup and followed that with 6 consecutive wins before retiring. He is now standing his first season at stud and offers a great chance to breeders to add both international and local bloodlines.



Shockwave winning the Brennan

WASBA 2018/19 Broodmare of the Year **Here For The Money (Rich And Spoilt)** won over \$80,000 including being placed in the 2011 2YO Fillies Group 1 Diamond Classic. She is a daughter

of the unraced **Regal Castle (Safely Kept USA)**, who is a half sister to **Duel Prince (Panorama)** 1:57 \$163,902. Their dam **Duel Queen** is a half sister to four other winners including **Gold King (Silent Spring)** 1:58.4 \$216,186 and full sister **Queen Xena** 2:02.7 \$23,359 - the dam of multiple Group 1 winners **Chariot King (Badlands Hanover USA)** 1:51.3 \$643,405 and **Emjayem Grand (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:49.6 \$431,697. Close up family includes **Its Only Rocknroll (Million Dollar Cam USA)** 1:50.8 \$576,185 and 2024 NSW Blue winning 3yo filly **Soap Opera (Warrawee Needy CA)**.

Purchased for a high price at the 2021 WA APG Yearling Sale from her breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, her connections, who include former trainer Luke Edwards, have been very patient but should now be rewarded. Thanks to Tiffany Sharpe and Bunbury Trotting Club's Chris and Sarah Wall for assisting with the presentation.

## Great turnout for the \$30,000 2YO Westsired fillies

Three times lucky and a full field for the twice rescheduled Westsired Classic for the 2yo fillies is a good omen for the future. Great work by the Bunbury Club with some help by WASBA and SKT Breaking and Pre-Training.

A top race with some very good performances. Bred by Josh Spurr and purchased for \$8,000 at the 2023 WA APG Yearling Sale by Paul and Simone Strachan and trained by Simone, the favourite **Shoobees Double (Shoobees Place USA)** stepped out from 3. Well driven by Dylan Egerton-Green to wisely take the sit behind the leader **Chekker (Caribbean Blaster)**, who was having her first ever lifetime start, Shoobees Double had to get past the stubborn Chekker in the straight to take the win.

Shoobees Double is the second winner from her dam **Double E NZ (Elsu NZ)** 5 wins \$39,736, a half sister to Dikerry NZ (Mach Three CA) 1:52.8 16 wins \$163,485 and **Elena S (In The Pocket USA)** 1:55.0 \$97,549, who in turn is the dam of **Major Pocket (Art Major USA)** 1:51.6 \$426,901 and recent winner **Bellezza Nera (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:54.9 11 wins \$132,429.

Not only did Kim and Toby Thomas from SKT Breaking and Pre-Training sponsor the race, but they also were responsible for breaking in Shoobees Double. A great demonstration of their work! A good double also for Simone Strachan who also trained Arionrock (Rock N Roll World), winner of the 2024 \$30,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Westsired Classic.

**Shoobees Place USA (Artsplace USA)** 1.49.2 \$787,271 who is the sire of 56 winners including **Shoobee Doo** 1.49.2 \$578,164 and multiple Group 1 winner **Better Be The Best** 1:49.8 \$395,787, is available again this year from Josh Spurr's Smithdale Farm in Wagin.

## Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ The season is winding down but most of the top 3yos are still out there and heading for the last grand circuit event for the season, the \$268,000 Progress Pace. The field comprises 8 horses coming through the elimination including elimination winner **Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous)** in 1:48.4, after a similar drive failed him in the Breeders Crown, **Nijinsky (Bettors Delight)** who was supplemented to the Progress after paying \$25,000 late fee, \$600,000 Breeders Crown winner **Mirage Hanover (Bettors Delight)** and Gem Quality (Captain Crunch). It's a champions race lacking in nothing. After his 3rd in the Breeders Crown, Captain Albano had some revenge against Mirage Hanover in the \$185,000 Matron Stakes, a fortnight prior to the Progress Elimination. Major wins for Captain Albano have been the Little Brown Jug on the half mile Delaware track and the Adios Pace.



Dexter Dunn on board Mirage Hanover in Breeders Crown win

North America Cup winner Nijinsky, who has won \$1.14 million this season, was runner up to Mirage Hanover in the Breeders Crown and dominated the \$180,000 Monument Circle 6 days later. Whether he races next season or goes to stud or both is undecided. Nijinsky 1:47.3, Mirage Hanover 1:46.3, Captain Albano 1:48.1 and the just retired Cane Pace winner Legendary Hanover 1:46.2 are vying for 3YO colt of the Year. A win in the Progress Pace may just make the difference.

☑ The pick for 3YO Trotting colt of the Year is another "either or" with 2YO Colt Trotter of the Year and \$1 million 3YO Hambletonian winner **Karl (Tactical Landing)** 1:50.3 way ahead early, but unable to start in the Breeders Crown and finish off the season. Overall Karl has 18 wins from 23 starts along with \$2.4 million in stakes. **T C I (Cantab Hall)** 1:50.4 was just behind Karl as a 2YO, was second in the 2024 3YO Breeders Crown and cruised to win the \$175,000 3YO C/G Carl Erskine Memorial Trotters, along with other notable wins. His earnings this season were nearly \$600,000 with lifetime earnings of \$1.8 million. **Sig Sauer (Muscle Hill)** 1:49.3 was the only 3yo trotter to break 1:50, was competitive all year and won the \$600,000 Breeders Crown, with season earnings of around \$880,000 to be next best to Karl (\$1 million) in stakes for the season.

Disappointingly, Karl (Diamond Creek, Kentucky for \$20,000), T C I (Midland Acres, Ohio for \$10,000) and Sig Sauer (Hanover, Pennsylvania \$8,000) will all retire from racing to start stud careers in 2025.

☑ Star of the Breeders Crown this year was undoubtedly Dexter Dunn, who succeeded with **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** in the \$400,000 Mares BC in 1:49, **My Girl E J (Sweet Lou)** in 1:49.3 in the \$600,000 3YO Fillies BC, **Miki And Minnie (Always B Miki)** in the \$700,000 2YO Fillies BC in 1:50.2, **Maryland (Chapter Seven)** in the \$700,000 2YO Colts/Geldings BC Trot in 1:51.4, **Mirage Hanover (Bettors Delight)** in the \$600,000 3YO Colts/Geldings BC in 1:48, and **Winners Bet (Walner)** in the \$600,000 Open Trot in 1:51.

Other winners included **Louprint (Sweet Lou)** in the \$700,000 2YO Male Pacers, just defeating Sippinonsearoc and Fallout. **Sig Sauer (Muscle Hill)** just pipped T C I and Amazing Catch in the \$600,000 BC 3YO Colt/Gelding Trot. **Tactical Landing** progeny won both the 2YO (**Lady Landia**) and 3YO (**Allegiant**) Filly Trot.



Dexter Dunn and Twin B Joe Fresh

Next years Breeders Crown series will be run at Woodbine Mohawk Park in Canada. This race series is so important to the northern hemisphere that it is run in rotation across 3 years. How novel is that...!

☑ **Maryland (Chapter Seven)** is heir apparent for the 2YO Trotting Colt of the Year. He has won 6 races from 9 starts and earned over \$1.2 million in stakes, which is just short of T C I's earning record for 2yo trotting colts and geldings of \$1,238,870 (\$200,000 higher than Karl) from his 10 wins from 12 starts.



*Dexter Dunn again in the Breeders Crown, this time winning with Maryland*

However the all time record earnings for a 2yo trotter belongs to a filly, **Snow White (Self Possessed)** who in 2007 earned \$1,252,646. The first 2yo to reach the million dollar mark in any gait was **Land Grant (Meadow Skipper)** in 1980, but the record earnings for a 2yo belongs to **Redskin (Storm Damage)** in 1986, earning \$1,407,263.

Tragically, the wonder filly Snow White never got to show what she could produce as a broodmare. She suffered a severe colic attack in 2009 while in training and did not survive surgery.

☑ It take a long, long time to break some records with Southwind Amazon (Camluck) becoming the winningest horse in modern harness racing history, winning in 1:54.4 at Northfield Park. It was the 138<sup>th</sup> win by the 14 year old, overtaking a 35 year old record for the number of wins. His earnings are almost \$1.5 million, and his mandatory retirement comes at the end of the year. The winningest standardbred of all time is gelding Symbol Allen, who won 241 races from 1944 to his retirement at 17 in 1958. Symbol Allen was inducted into the Canadian Racing Hall of Fame in 2000 as a Legend.

☑ There's money in them trotters. Canadian Trotting Classic winner **Amazing Catch (Walner)** sold for a harness racing record \$1.85 million during the final session of the 2024 Harrisburg Mixed Sale in Pennsylvania, eclipsing the previous record for a standardbred set in 2019 for champion trotting mare Atlanta of \$1.55 million. The colt comes from a family that includes Muscle Hill, Gimpanzee and millionaire Met's Hall The 3yo trotting colt was purchased by Greg Luther, who also purchased the Lucy Pearl - Sweet Lou weanling colt at the Preferred Equine Mixed Sale.

Also changing hands at the Harrisburg Sale was the dam of Jiggy Jog S, in foal to Walner, for \$1 million. Pacing mare **Angelou (American Ideal)** dam of Captain Albano, was sold for \$460,000 in foal to Confederate. Captain Albano 1:48.1 \$1.4 million will stand at stud in 2025 at Blue Chip Farms New York, for a fee of \$8,500. He belongs to the maternal family of **Blue Horizon**, the family of champion Australian sire **Panorama**.

☑ Top 2YO sires are **Captaintreacherous**, **Sweet Lou** and **Huntsville**, but for the 3yos, **Bettors Delight** has cemented himself at the top of the list in front of those same three in the same order. Of the first season sires, Papi Rob Hanover (5<sup>th</sup>) with earnings of \$2.1 million, Tall Dark Stranger (8<sup>th</sup>) and Cattlewash (11<sup>th</sup>) have done exceptionally well, all with earnings above \$1 million.

Chapter Seven is streets ahead in stakes for the 2yo trotters, ahead of Greenshoe, Walner and Tactical Landing. He also leads the 3YO list ahead of Walner, Muscle Hill and Tactical Landing.

On average earnings per foal, **Sweet Lou** tops the 2yos ahead of Huntsville, while **Bettors Wish** heads the 3yos from Sweet Lou.

☑ Huntsville (Somebeachsomewhere) and his 3yo son, 2024 Meadowlands Pace winner **Legendary Hanover** 1:46.2 \$1,088,681, will both be at stud in 2025, with Legendary Hanover to stand for \$7,500 at Southwind Farms New Jersey and Huntsville \$10,000 at Cameo Hills, New York.

☑ The Hambletonian Society Poll remains unchanged with **Twin B Joe Fresh** at the top, and only **Maryland (Chapter Seven)** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Chantilly** (4<sup>th</sup>) and **Captain Albano** are any risk to her leading the poll at the end of the

season. The 2yo filly Chantilly is unbeaten from 9 starts but wasn't eligible for any of the big races. There are 5 3yos in the top 10 list and the list is split equally between pacers and trotters. Second placed **Jiggy Jog S** has been retired, as has 6<sup>th</sup> placed **Sig Sauer** who starts his stud season in 2025.

☑ Tenth on the Hambletonian list is two-time Breeders Crown champion filly **My Girl EJ (Sweet Lou)** 1:48.1 \$1,458,040 who sold for \$758,000 at the Preferred Equine Mixed Sale to dissolve her racing partnership that included her breeder Ron Burke. My Girl EJ was a resounding winner of the 3YO Fillies Breeders Crown but had her colours lowered in the \$120,000 3YO Fillies Matron Stakes by **Direction (Always B Miki)** who has amassed \$514,000 this season.

It's a shame that a filly who set the 1:49.1 all-age female world record on a half-mile track when she won her Elimination heat of the Jugette at Delaware (broken gear and did not finish in the final) and recently won her 2nd Breeders Crown, is in the sale ring. Her dam Lucys Pearl in foal to Sweet Lou along with her weanling and yearling colt, were also sold.

The new owners of My Girl EJ were also the purchases of **Abuckabett Hanover (Betting Line)** in 2022 for \$534,000. Since then the 6yo stallion has won \$1 million and has career earnings of \$1.9 million. His most recent win was against arch rival Ruthless Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere) in 1:47.4 in the \$125,000 Potomac Pace at Rosecroft.

☑ It's tough at the top. A champion filly last season, 2023 Horse of the Year, **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** has found her 4yo year a bit different but rebounded for her 3<sup>rd</sup> win from 17 starts in winning a Preferred Mares at Mohawk Park, taking her career stakes to \$1.9 million. Her previous win was in October, setting a track record 1:47.3 winning at the Red Mile. This year she is racing against a raging Twin B Joe Fresh.

☑ WA raced NZ mare **Turn The Page NZ (Vincent)** continues to race well, and her latest effort in setting one of the fastest miles at 1:50.2 in inclement weather was her 8<sup>th</sup> win (second in 6 days) since being cleared to the US in May 2024, and she has won over \$100,000 for the season.



## And elsewhere....

☑ What a super horse he is. **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** now has a special 2 from 2 in two countries. Winner of the \$60,000 Cherry City Cup at Young on top of his earlier win in the \$60,000 The Dish at Parkes. The 6yo gelding is on the way to a million dollar bonus if he wins all of the Country Cup races. They add to his \$300,000 Victoria Cup win from a star studded field and not to mention his second consecutive win (after trainer Jason Grimson paid the \$28,000 late entry fee) in the \$1 million NZ Cup. Swayzee worked to the lead and got passed by half a length in the straight by Don't Stop Dreaming, but fought back to win by half a length. Swayzee has been withdrawn from the Inter Dominion to enable him to concentrate on more productive opportunities.



Swayzee and his second NZ Cup

He isn't by Sweet Lou or Bettors Delight or Art Major – he is by the underrated **Rock N Roll Heaven USA**. If you are still considering breeding this year, contact Alabar about this proven, reasonably priced Australian based stallion.

Swayzee's half brother Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA), was withdrawn from both the New Zealand Cup and the Inter Dominion to enable him to get over some niggling issues. Their dam **Lettucereason (Art Major USA)** won \$180,000 and is a daughter of outstanding broodmare **Left For Me (Fake Left USA)**. We should all thank Kevin Seymour for bringing champion Fake Left USA to Australia.

☑ It's been a very lucky period for Swayzee's major owner as he also owns Merlin's half sister **Captains Mistress (Captaintreacherous USA)** winner of the \$200,000 Group 1 2YO Fillies Sires' Stakes, having purchased the filly as a weanling.

☑ Catch A Wave didn't come to Perth to tackle the WA Pacing Cup as originally planned, instead choosing to go to New Zealand for the Group 1 \$200,000 NZ Pacing FFA. Unfortunately it didn't go to plan, with **Merlin (Art Major USA)** back to a middle distance and back on top in a good turnaround from his 4<sup>th</sup> to Swayzee in the NZ Cup. No shame in not running a 3200m at this stage of his career. Better Eclipse faired a lot better and ran a great race to finish second to Merlin. At this stage of his career 4yo Merlin is better suited to shorter distances, and the win followed an impressive victory in the Group 2 NZ Flying Stakes in late October.

☑ **Captain Ravishing (Captaintreacherous)** did come to Perth and was a nice winner of the \$50,000 Navy Cup before a 4<sup>th</sup> in the \$450,000 Pacing Cup. Obviously appreciated the beach because he is staying over here for a while and will have new trainer Jemma Hayman for his stay. There are some good races and no Swayzee, Leap To Fame or Catch A Wave so a sensible decision for the 5yo stallion.

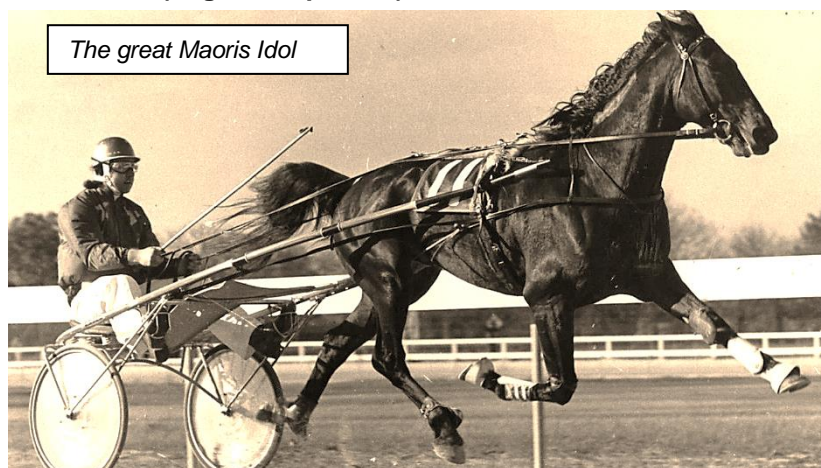
☑ Seems like a lot of juvenile racing in New Zealand at present with **Marketplace NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** adding the Group 1 \$200,000 2YO Woodlands Stud Sires' Stakes Series Final to his win in the \$200,000 Harness Million 2YO Colts and Geldings. Certainly offering this sort of money makes a difference to breeding from local sires. We would like to see stakes of just 25% of one of these races for our WA based sires, to encourage more investment in this area.

☑ A filly favoured to win a Derby? Yes she did. The unbeaten filly **Keayang Zahara (Volstead USA)** put paid to her rivals in the \$75,000 Victorian Trotters Derby and then it was off to New Zealand to compete in the \$500,000 3YO Trotters The Ascent Slot race. She was even more impressive in winning that race by 8 lengths and is being spoken of in terms of her future being on the international (European and American) stage.



Keayang Zahara winning The Ascent

This is a homebred filly and while all the talk is about Volstead USA, Keayang Zahara is from one of Australia's most memorable trotting families in the **Maori Miss** maternal family. This family includes **Maori Time (Pegasus Spur CA)** holder of the Australasian mile rate record for trotters at 1:51.5, **Maoris Idol**,



The great Maoris Idol

one of the most exceptional trotters ever produced, winning at 40 of 46 starts with a number of those starts against the best pacers in the land. Of interest is that all of the progeny of Maori Miss were by a pacing stallion. The current leading 2yo trotter in stakes earned, **Rainbow Jester (Majestic Son CA)** also belongs to the Maori Miss family.

Keayang Zahara traces to the Maori Miss daughter **Maori Mia**, who is by pacing stallion Kentucky USA. Keayang Zakara won the NSW Trotters Oaks/Derby double, the Victorian Trotters Oaks and Derby double and

now she adds a myriad of other Group 1 wins to her CV.

☑ The big spring Group races for mares in WA have completed, (although the \$50,000 Christmas Belles remains) with **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** getting the barrier and the win in the \$150,000 Westral Mares Classic, **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** winning the Group 2 \$100,000 Norms Daughter from the same barrier, and also winning the \$50,000 The Schrader Fillies and Mares, from 1. Its very hard to pass these quality mares once they are in front. They come from very good families – in fact the races have been full of very good families from both sides of the Tasman.

Two of the runners, **Peaceful** (out of champion mare Frith) and **Steno** (out of champion mare Lady Waratah) both come from the same maternal line through the unsuccessful 1982 race mare **Bernies Sister (Gay Reveler USA)**, with the progeny of that mare bred by Bernie and Dianne Kelly. Dianne is the breeder/owner of both Steno and Peaceful. The **Lady Waratah (Walton Hanover USA)** 1:59.5 \$564,770 arm of the family – to name just two - produced Steno and Botswana, the dam of Blissfull Boy, **Led Suitcase** and champion **Lennytheshark. Frith (Four Starzzz Shark USA)** 1:50.1 won over a million in her career including wins in the Group 1 Ladyship Mile, Group 2 Sibelia Stakes, Group 1 WA Oaks and dual Breeders Crowns. Her arm of the family includes Miss Paula, Albert Kelly and Greg Kelly.

Aardiebytheseaside is from the unraced **Divine NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**, who is a full sister to the dam of **Mitch Maguire (Sportswriter USA)** 1:50.2 \$375,848 and a half sister to the granddam of inaugural Nullarbor winner **Betterzippit NZ (Betterthancheddar USA)** 1:48.6 \$653,402. Divine NZ's dam is a full sister to Spirit Of Beth NZ (granddam of **Lazarus NZ**), with the family including Dracarys NZ 1:51.2 \$211,371, El Chema NZ, **Spirit Of St Louis NZ (Sweet Lou NZ)** 1:48.2 \$1,461,626, Group 1 Fremantle Cup winner **Caviar Star (Betterthancheddar USA)** 1:54.2 \$362,582 and his half brother the New Zealand champion **Self Assured NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:50.3 \$2,109,791. For those interested, Sportswiter USA and Downbytheseaside USA belong to the same maternal family.

☑ We all know there is no such thing as a certainty. 2023 Dominion Trot winner **Oscar Bonavena NZ (Majestic Son CA)** proved that in downing Australian champion **Just Believe (Orlando Vici FRA)** in the Group 1 \$100,000 New Zealand Trotting FFA after the latter defeated him in the 2024 \$400,000 Dominion Trot 3 days earlier. Just Believe had previously won 10 consecutive races across the two countries, including the \$600,000 TAB Trot Slot race. Just Believe has 5 wins against 8yo stallion Oscar Bonavena NZ but the NZ champion is just that, having won the race in 2021 and 2023 and currently just shy of \$1 million in earnings. He is also doing some stud service this year, similar to some of the US champions who have mixed racing and breeding very successfully (just ask the owners of Bulldog Hanover).

It was Just Believe's first defeat in New Zealand from 6 starts. He will remain in New Zealand rather than return to Australia to defend his Inter Dominion titles. His stablemates, pacers Better Eclipse and Hes From Heaven and trotter One Over All, will also remain in New Zealand for feature racing and other opportunities.

↔ Changing trainers hasn't quite worked out for **Callmethebreeze (Trixtion USA)** who missed the \$400,000 Dominion Trot, the \$100,000 Trotters FFA and isn't a starter in the Inter Dominion. Perhaps he will be back for the NZ The Trot Slot race in April.

☑ Peaking at just the right time is the evergreen 8yo **Max Delight (Bettors Delight USA)** who has drawn nicely in 3 in Heat 1 or round 1 of the Inter Dominions. Max Delight should pass the \$1 million barrier during the Inters and is well deserving of the accolade.

☑ Guess who the unbeaten Millwood Nike is in foal to? What a coup for Art Major USA. Millwood Nike was retired this year as a 4yo after 17 wins, following a second tendon tear on her way back to racing.

☑ There is a new \$200,000 Group 1 in New Zealand at Addington in December, named after the all conquering Christian Cullen. How fantastic is it to see a Group 1 named after one of our very best racehorses and sires. The race is for 4yos, and an online poll was held to decide the name. And from the CEO "We are also on a new and very innovative approach focused on attracting the next generation of harness racing participants. We think this unique concept will support emerging trainers, new sires (1st and 2nd year), Owners, Breeders and yearling sales....This is an exciting opportunity " Stay tuned



The great Christian Cullen winning the 1998 New Zealand Cup



and in 2024 below, who says nobody is interested in harness racing?



## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Resounding Oaks win by Madam Publisher, with trainer driver Stewie McDonald always confident in her ability to win the WA Oaks;
- ♣ Great to see a good field of fillies step out in the \$30,000 2YO Westsired Fillies at Bunbury thanks to Bunbury for taking the opportunity and RWWA for making the opportunity
- ♣ Two mares with dual metropolitan winners – Harriet Elizabeth (Sweet Lucifer and Tricky Miki) and Smile With Me NZ (Sorridere and To Fast To Serious)
- ♣ Deni Roberts driving in the Inter Dominion



## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – October 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 having his best season as a 4yo, tripling his earnings.

**Congratulations** to Tonia and A Stampalia, our **Milne Feeds Breeder of the Month** for **October 2024** as the owner breeder trainer of 4yo entire **Chaco Eagle (Fly Like An Eagle** out of Renacentari by **Yankee Sensation USA**). **Chaco Eagle** had his first career win in January this year and had to wait until June for his second win. Since then until the end of October he has had another win and 3 places, then stepped up a notch to win a metropolitan race in 1:57.9 after briefly losing the lead down the back before showing some resilience to retake the lead and win. Chaco Eagle has won over \$36,000 this season for lifetime stakes of just under \$50,000, plus another \$16,000 in Westbred Bonus for being Westsired.

Chaco Eagle is just the second foal from his dam after 6 tries. His dam **Renascentari (Yankee Sensation USA)** was also bred by the Stampalia family and was the winner of one race. She is a full sister to Renascentrez 1:58.0 \$50,776 and a half sister to 2 other winners including **Renascentur (Resonator USA)** 1:58.2 20 wins \$169,502, all bred by the family.

Congratulations to trainer Tonia, driver Vance and all the family connections of **Chaco Eagle**.

## WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES OCTOBER 2024

There were 11 different WA based sires represented by winners during October 2024 with 31 individual winners of 36 races. Leading the list again was Fly Like An Eagle with 10 winners of 12 races, followed by Rock N Roll World with 7 winners of 8 races.

With just 2 months to go of the 2024 season **Fly Like An Eagle** (42 winners of 83 races) remains the leading sire of Westsired progeny, followed by **Follow The Stars** (37 of 61) and Rock N Roll World (23 of 44). Fly Like An Eagle has just the 4 WA based crops, while Rock N Roll World has just 2 crops racing.

Eight first time starters collected a minimum of \$650 for making it to the races, while 6 first time winners - except for 2yo Hot Rod (Capricorn Commander) – collected a minimum of \$11,700 in Bonuses for their first career win. First time winners included 3yos **Rolling In Class** and **Tommy Price** (Rock N Roll World USA), 4yos **Low Flyin** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Adda Lucky Boy** (Rich And Spoilt), and 5yo **Altachaera** (Alta Christiano NZ). Hot Rod didn't receive a Westbred win bonus (He still received the \$6,000 First Win Bonus) because his first career win was in the \$30,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Westsired Classic!

There were 5 Westsired progeny who won multiple races – **Alta Freeway** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Funky Music** (Bonavista Bay), **Runningonempty** and **Zuede** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Tommy Price** (Rock N Roll World USA).

For October the Westbred Bonus payments (including First Win and First Start) for Westsired progeny was \$117,000, for a 10 month tally of \$1,177,000 – exceeding the annual total of each of the previous two years. The 3 leading Westsired bonus earners this season are **Noble Thorondor (Fly Like An Eagle)**, **Last Hard Copy (My Hard Copy NZ)** and **Iseeubaby (Wesley)**, all with at least \$35,000 on top of stakes.

There were 41 races run at premium meetings in October 2024, with Westsired progeny winning 3 races:

- ♠ 4yo Horse **Chaco Eagle - Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **Renascentari**

(**Yankee Sensation USA**) breeder Tonia and A Stampalia, owned and trained by Tonia. Having a good season and a great reward for patience. Started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 1, sizzling 35.7 lead and held the lead under challenge, was passed down



Chaco Eagle fighting back

the back but regained the lead on the turn and a heady drive from Vance Stampalia to win the \$9,360 Pace by 1.3m in 1:57.9, last qtrs 28.8 and 29.7;

- ♠ 5yo **Flying Rumour - Fly Like An Eagle o/o Stage Whisper (Armbro Operative USA)** owner breeder Kim Marsh. Won 2 in March and 4 places from his previous 5 starts before starting 11/1 from 9 on the front, went forward from the barrier to go to the breeze with 2 laps to go, but one out two back at the bell. Very calm drive from Shannon Suvaljko to wait until the home bend before streaking home wide in the straight to win the \$19,000 Pace by a neck in 1:57.6, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.1; and
- ♠ 2yo Colt **Hot Rod - Capricorn Comander o/o Janet James (Live Or Die USA)** breeder Brad Lynn and new driver Lauren Harper, started at 91/1 from 1 in his second lifetime start, followed the race leader throughout before swooping past coming to the final turn to run home solidly to win the \$30,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Westsired Classic by 1.8m in 2:00.7, last qtrs 28.1 and 29.6.

Total stakes won by Westsired progeny in October 2024 was \$381,000 with the 10 month season tally being \$3,642,000.

## WESTBRED WINNERS – OCTOBER 2024

With the 10 months of the season resulting in \$3,087,000 in bonuses, we are on target to produce the second highest bonus tally in recent years. For October 2024 bonuses for Westbreds totalled \$302,000.

Westbred winners for October 2024 remained solid with 89 individual winners of 98 races (54.7% of total races). While this is one of the lower October results in recent years it follows on from a bumper September, with a change in the race pool contributing to the result. We certainly enjoyed the additional opportunities that heats provided for our local horses in September and look forward to this being carried through to other races and events to maximise the return for more participants.

There were 36 sires represented by winning Westbred progeny, with local sires **Fly Like An Eagle** (10 winners of 12 races) and **Rock N Roll World USA** (7 winners of 8 races). **Alta Christiano NZ** (with a mix of Westsired

and Westbred) and Sweet Lou USA were next with 7 race wins, followed by Rock N Roll Heaven and American Ideal with 5 individual winners of 5.

**Fly Like An Eagle** (43 winners of 84 races) also tops the season tally, followed by **Sweet Lou USA** (31 winners, 79 wins). Rounding out the top 5 are **Follow the Stars** (37 winners, 61 wins) and **American Ideal USA** (28 winners, 59 wins) and Rock N Roll World USA (30 winners of 53 races).

There were 18 first time starters in October 2024, with an exceptional season tally of 232 first time starters. This includes just over 42% of the 2yo crop, and 27 aged 4yo. Including first time 2yo starters last season, it also means that 62% of our 2020 crop (3yos this season) have reached the track and earned their First Start Bonus.

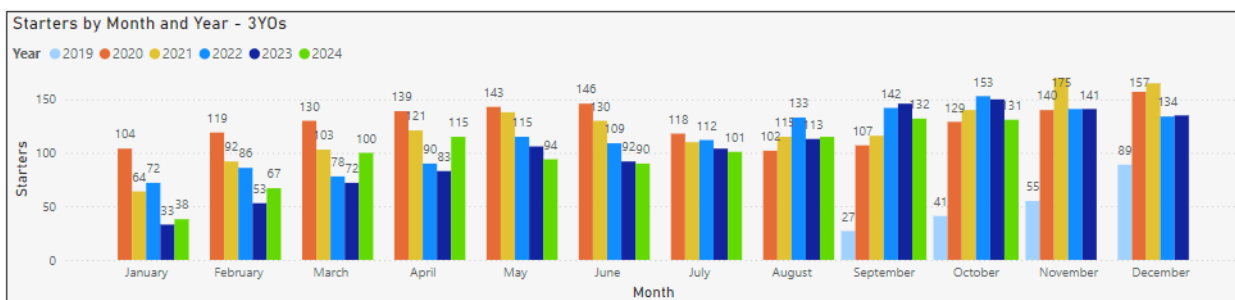
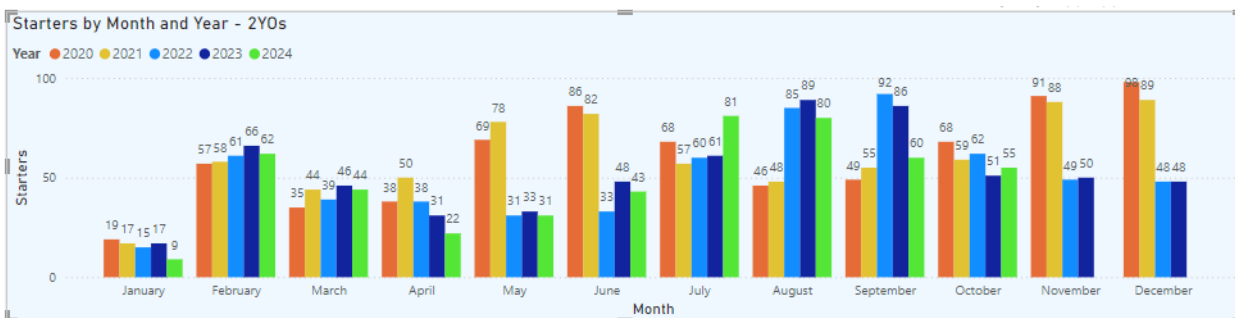
In addition to the 6 Westsired progeny winning for the first time, there were 10 other first time winners:

- 2yos **Major Disco** (Art Major USA), **Just Betty** (Heston Blue Chip USA), **Ice Cold Sapporo** (McWicked USA), **Hot Hand Horror** (Sportswriter USA) and **Ravenous Romeo** (Stay Hungry USA);
- 3yos **Seasidejo** (Downbytheseaside USA) and **Icy Cold** (Roll With Joe USA);
- 4yos **Sounds Treacherous** (Captaintreacherous USA and **Hughey** (Sweet Lou USA), and 5yo **Major Blue Eyes** (Art Major USA).

There were 8 Westbreds winning multiple races in the month. Excluding the 5 Westsired dual winners they were **Thenu Came Along** (Bettors Delight USA) and **Our Sandy Shore** (Sunshine Beach USA) who won 2 races each while **Sweet Lucifer** (Sweet Lou USA) won a treble.

Westbreds won 9 of the 14 2yo races run in October 2024, with 48 of the 55 2yo starters being Westbred. This is a similar result to 2023. Races are still available for 2yos, heading into the early 3yo races of 2025. For the season 2yo starters (176) remain higher than for 2023 (167), with 154 of these starters being Westbred.

Westbreds won 19 of the 23 3yo races run in October 2024, along with 10 of the 23 3yo and over races won by the age group. There was a slight drop in 3yo starters compared to the previous month. The move into the 3yo and over races as well as the reduction in runners suggests that the 3yo program isn't working as well as it could to attract horses into the racing pool. Total 3yo starters for the season remain marginally higher than for 2023, while Westbred starters for the season are up 12 to 189.



A welcome increase (to 449, including 282 Westbreds) in the 4yo and over starters occurred in October 2024, which addresses the downward trend over the previous 3 months. This was partly due to trainers being more prepared for the shift in timeslot of the Pacing Cup and other features. For the season ending October 2024, 670 Westbreds in this age group have raced, which means they are still around to race if the races are attractive to owners and trainers. Retaining the older group in all classes is imperative to produce the right racing product for owners and the betting public. A total of 1050 4yo and older horses have raced in WA in 2024.

In October there were 11 races restricted to horses 4 years of age or older, with this age group eligible to run in 143 races. Westbreds achieved a 50% win rate out of the 120 races won by the age group. Wins included 49 by 4yos (26 Westbred), 34 5yos (18) and 15 6yos (7 Westbred). There were 9 wins by Westbreds older than 6yo.

For the season so far the 3yos average a win every 7.2 starts, 4yo and over horses average is 10.3 starts.

For the month there were 19 Westbred winners including 3 Westsired and another 4 fillies/mares. The remaining 12 races were:

- ★ ◆ **6yo Bellezza Nera - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Elena S NZ (In The Pocket USA)** owner breeder Oz-West Pacing, Very handy gelding with \$46,000 for the season and first metropolitan level win when starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 2, settled one out one back in a fast opening over the sprint journey, enjoyed a good run before going 3 wide into the home turn and raced home to just grab the win in the \$21,000 Pace by a head in 1:54.9, speedy last qtrs of 27.8 and 28.8;
- ◆ **6yo Faster Than Dad - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeders the late Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, Garry Ralston, Neville Pinner, Falsify Syndicate, 6<sup>th</sup> start this season, started at 19/1 from 8 with Stewie McDonald on board, happy to settle 2<sup>nd</sup> last in the moving line before following a 3 wide move with a lap to go, moved 4 wide move coming off the back, ran down the leaders in the straight and a good win in the \$9,360 Pace by 3.2m in 1:57.5, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.6;
- ◆ **3yo Ideal Muscle - American Ideal USA o/o Delightful Page (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeder Craig Lynn. Has hit the \$100,000 from 2 seasons of racing. Started favourite from 1 after a scratching didn't waste time and fast out to hold the lead with trainer driver Aiden de Campo watchful, raced keenly throughout, tired near the post but held on to win the \$21,000 Western Gateway Consolation by a head over the 2536m in 2:00 flat, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.6
- ◆ **6yo Lil Happy Fella - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Lil Miss Hilarious NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder Barry Howlett, started at 9/1 from 2 after a run of outs, settled nicely one out 2 back for driver Lindsay Harper, fast pace throughout, 3 wide down the back and 4 wide into the straight to be in front in the last 20m to win the \$21,000 L5 by a half neck in 1:55.5, last qtrs 28.5 and 29.9;
- ◆ **5yo Horse Paul Edward - Always B Miki USA o/o Like A Dame (Golden Greek USA)** owner breeder Steve Johnson, dropped the zero off his last start performance against Mister Smartee NZ when starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 2 with regular driver Dylan Egerton-Green, fast out and straight to the lead, controlled the race throughout and went on to win the \$19,000 L5 by a neck in 1:57.7, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.4;
- ◆ **4yo Sorridere - Sunshine Beach USA o/o Smile With Me NZ (McArdle USA)** breeder part owner Oz-West Pacing. First up since winning in October and started inside the back row at 20/1 with Aiden de Campo, positioned 3 on the pegs with 2 laps to go, got the split coming to the bend to be 3 wide and raced past the leaders at the 50m to win the \$23,000 4YO and older Pace by 3.2m in 1:55.5, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.2;
- ◆ **5yo Sugar Shake - Bettors Delight USA o/o Bonnies Blessing (Art Major USA)** breeder Geographe Tree Services Pty Ltd, very lightly raced 5yo with only 9 previous starts before starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 1, held his position in the early push for the lead and remained in charge under Chris Lewis in a quick lead and even first half, held up well down the straight despite drifting wide and won the \$9,360 L5 by 1.9m in 1:56.5, last qtrs 28.9 and 28.7
- ◆ **4yo Sweet Lucifer - Sweet Lou USA o/o Harriet Elisabeth (Modern Art USA)** breeder Steve Johnson. A win and 4 seconds with new trainer Leeann Lee, then 2 Pinjarra wins earlier in the month then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 2, burned to the lead, over raced for Donald Harper but a length clear down the back, scooted away at the top of the straight after missing interference and went on to a good win in the \$21,000 Pace by 4.6m in 1:55:5, last half 58.5 after the sizzling 35.6 lead;
- ★ ◆ **3yo Thenu Came Along - Bettors Delight USA o/o Arconite NZ (Art Major USA)** breeder the late Harry Capararo, won mid week by 11.6m then cemented his spot in the Derby after starting favourite from 1, withstood a strong challenge for the lead, even time first half, running strongly down the back and raced away from the turn for home to win the \$21,000 3YO Pace by 16.5m, 1:56.4, last qtrs both 28.4;



*Thenu Came Along winning easily for Deni Roberts*

- ◆ **7yo Thomson Bay - Mr Feelgood USA o/o Geordie Bay Rich And Spoilt()** breeder Peter King, Barbara Pellick, M King, Estate of P A King. Has been a handy horse again this season and has career stakes of \$150,000. Started 3<sup>rd</sup> favourite from 1 and Stewie McDonald wasn't going to waste that. Fast out after the candy pole and kept the front, kept the pace even for the first half before stepping it up down the back, well clear into the straight and an easing win in the \$9,360 Pace in 1:57.4, last qtrs, 28.3 and 29
- ◆ **8yo To Fast To Serious - Shadow Play USA o/o Smile With Me NZ (McArdle USA)** breeder Edwin Dewar. Quality gelding approaching \$300,000 for trainer driver Dylan Egerton Green. Started at 119/1 from 2 on the back row and nicely driven to settle 3 on the pegs, got a great run up behind the leader coming off the back, swung 3 wide into the straight and zoomed home to win the \$31,000 James Brennan Consolation by 1m in 1:56.7, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.4; and
- ◆ **5yo Tricky Miki - Always B Miki USA o/o Harriet Elisabeth (Modern Art USA)** breeder Steve Johnson, very nice to own with over half a million in the bank, started from 1 and led from go to whoa over the stayers 2536m to win the \$31,000 FFA by 8.2m in 1:57.9, really scooting home, last qtrs in 27.8 and 27.6.

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

In October 2024 there were 56 winning fillies/mares who won a total of 61 races (34.1%) out of the 179 available races. It's nice to be able to repeat that this is the 4th successive month with at least 60 wins, and takes the season average to 31.5%. This is an improved result from yesteryear, but we want to be at least equal to the national result (33.5%) under our new handicapping system commencing in January 2025.

The October result is a big improvement on October 2023 and is the highest October figure (wins) for the past 12 years. Wins included 35 at the \$9,000 level, and 8 metropolitan, FFA or Group level.

Westbred fillies/mares accounted for 38 of the 61 wins and \$435,000 in stakes (out of a total of \$740,000 won by fillies and mares), plus \$123,000 in bonuses. This is obviously much lower than the previous month which featured the 2yo and 3yo Westbred Classics. Prizemoney in those races equalled \$365,000, including heats.

To the end of October, fillies and mares have won 576 races, over \$7.4 million in stakes plus \$1,396,000 in Bonuses for the Westbred fillies and mares.

Leading winning sire for fillies and mares for October 2024 was **Bettors Delight USA (5 winners of 7 races)**, with the season leaders being **Sweet Lou USA (25 winners of 66 races)**, **American Ideal USA (18 winners, 38 wins)** and **Fly Like An Eagle (20 winners of 30 races)**. **Alta Christiano NZ (28 wins)**, **Betterthancheddar (25 wins)** and **Bettors Delight USA (25 wins)** round out the top 6.

Amongst the fillies and mares there have been 103 first time starters this season, including 5 in October.

There were 4 fillies and 2 mares with their first career win in October 2024 and taking home between \$8800 and \$11,700 in bonuses for the win – 2yos **Just Betty (Heston Blue Chip USA)** and **Hot Hand Horror (Sportswriter USA)**; 3yos **Seasidejo (Downbytheseaside USA)** and **Icy Cold (Roll With Joe USA)**, 4yo **Sounds Treacherous (Captaintreacherous USA)** and 5yo **Altachaera (Alta Christiano NZ)**.

Dual winning fillies were 3yo filly **Funky Music (Bonavista Bay)** and 4yo mare **Our Sandy Shore (Sunshine Beach USA)** In fact, **Our Sandy Shore (Sunshine Beach USA)** won 2 in August and 2 in September as well!!

Opportunities for fillies in October 2024:

- 2YO – there were 7 wins by fillies – including a dead heat- in the 13 2yo races, including 3 wins in open races. Fillies provided 19 (40%) of the individual 2yo starters.
- 3YO – fillies won 10 of the 23 3yo races including 5 open 3yo races. They also won 9 3yo and over races, including 7 open races. Of those 19 wins, 13 were Westbred fillies. The 3yo fillies contributed 50 (52%) individual 3yo starters, which would indicate they can have more races allocated to them, or preferential draws in open 3yo races.

Mares won 35 races in October 2024, slightly lower than the previous 2 months but substantially higher than October last year. Conversely, the number of mares racing in the month was noticeably down on October last year. Perhaps the better results this year will encourage more starters in 2025 in this timeframe.

It remains paramount that better returns for mares are needed to encourage a bigger race pool. There are some simple solutions.

Fillies and mares won 8 (19.5%) of the 41 races run at Gloucester Park premium meetings, including 2 wins in open races. We repeat that the program should deliver 3 filly/mare winners per 10 race program every week. Anything less is discouraging ownership and racing of 50% of the foals born every year and is detrimental to the growth of the industry.

Winners included 3yo filly **Madam Publisher NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, winner of the \$150,000 WA Oaks, 4yo **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** won a \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, 4yo **Soho Seraphine (Betting Line USA)** won a \$21,000 L5, and 5yo **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** won the Group 3 \$50,000 The Schrader Fillies and Mares FFA.

The remaining 4 WA bred filly/mare winners at premium meetings were:

- ♥ **6yo Fleur Du Maquis - Betterthancheddar USA o/o Shattering Roxey (Shattering Class)** trainer, part owner breeder Bianca Ashcroft. Having her best season, started at 23/1 from 7 after a scratching, idled out by Kyle Harper and settled last in the moving line before going forward 3 wide to the breeze with 1200 to go, got her second wind when tackled on the outside and fought it out down the straight to win the \$21,000 Pace by a head in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.8;



Fleur Du Maquis (8) fighting out to win with Kyle Harper on board

- ♥ **3yo Lion Queen - Control The Moment USA o/o Lilianna Beauty USA (Walton Hanover USA)** breeder Kevin Charles, talented filly out of racing for 18 months. Resumed in August and won first up, a win and 3 places from her next 4 starts then started favourite from 4, breezed for half a lap before going to the lead in the 1730m sprint, headed down the back and looked beaten but fought back courageously in the straight to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace by a half head in 1:54.9, last qtrs 28.7 and 29.2;
- ♥ **4yo Our Sandy Shore - Sunshine Beach USA o/o Winter Strike NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeders Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Won twice at Pinjarra in September and early in October then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 3 in an open race, driven out for the lead, challenged and zipped through the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr to be just in front into the straight and fought on well to hold out the challengers to win the \$21,000 Fillies and Mares by 1.4m in 1:55.6, last qtrs 28.6, 27.9 and 30;
- ♥ **7yo Starlight Dream - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Dreams Daughter (Crouch USA)** owner breeder Alex Treasure, another lightly raced winner with just 16 previous starts including a last start metro level win. Started favourite from 1 and always likely, withstood a strong challenge to hunt up and hold the lead, always in charge with trainer driver Donald Harper and went home untroubled to win the \$30,000 Fillies and Mares Restricted Spring Feature by 2.3m in 1:55.0, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.3.

The number of fillies and mares racing (208 in October) was a marginal decline on the previous and is also lower than the same month in previous years. This is primarily due to a decline in the number of mares racing, something that we can redress with the right program opportunities. If we can get the right racing opportunities for fillies and mares it will make for a better racing product overall and better results for owners who race fillies and mares, increasing the likelihood that those fillies and mares will become broodmares.

Westbreds provided 77% of the total female racing population in October, with 83% of 2yo fillies, 87% of 3yo fillies and 77% of mares. Fillies and mares contributed 33% of the 635 overall starters.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **4 December 2024** (to elect the incoming executive team). 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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