



# NEWSLETTER

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## Westbred Bonus recipients earn what??....

There is plenty of promotion on the east coast for their breeding schemes, not so much in WA... Each state's Bonus Scheme is different and all have merit, although all except WA require series fees or sustaining payments. So what does anyone get from the Westbred Scheme?

In the briefest of forms, the Westbred Bonus Scheme cover Epona Credits, First Win bonuses and the Westbred Bonus. There have been some significant and overdue bonus increases in recent times, but from the bonuses that are in place, the top earners of Westbred Bonuses (excluding Epona Credits which come when the fillies or mares are sent to stud) are both fillies in Wonderful To Fly and Black Jack Baby, with both earning over \$97,000. Wonderful To Fly is still earning, with another 6 months to go in her 3yo season.

Earning over \$50,000 are Westbred progeny like Lavra Joe, Powerplay and Fifty Five Reborn. There are quite a number of 3yos sitting between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in Bonuses, so they may well progress to \$50,000 by year end. Swingband might get to \$50,000 in bonuses if he doesn't keep winning feature races (his current stake earnings are just over \$165,000 from 12 months of racing), remembering that Bonuses cannot be earned in races over \$21,000 except for Breeder Bonuses in our Westbred Classics. The Westbred Bonus does not target feature race winners, it targets first to fourth placegetters in ordinary races across metro and country.

We are hoping that the increases are coming in early 2023, but we have not been officially advised of the commencement date. There are more benefits that we have asked for, including incentives specifically relating to breeders.

Don't forget if you have an eligible 2yo, the first running of the \$225,000 Westbred 2YO Classics will be in September 2022, with qualifying heats 10 days prior to the Finals.

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



2yo	\$25,000 2YO Westsired (separate races) 1 July
3yo	\$25,000 3YO Westsired 8 July
	\$30,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra 11 July
Mares	\$30,000 The Lewis 22 July
	\$14,000 Virgil Queen Celebration Pace at Northam 6 August
	\$30,000 WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares (non Group winners) 12 August
Westbreds	\$30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO/5YO Westbred Final 8 July (non Group winners)

## 2022 Hall of Fame

The Award function will be held on 30 June to recognize horses and people who have contributed significantly to harness racing in Western Australia. The 2022 inductees that we know of so far are:

- Horses – champion racehorse and sire [Royal Force](#)
- Trainers/Drivers – [Jim Hand](#), [Andy Sheahan](#)
- Associates – [Alan Parker](#), [Rob Bovell](#)

Click on the names to read the information that was responsible for their nomination and subsequent induction. You can also watch the short videos that are under [The Trots WA](#) Facebook page. Just scroll until you find it, or google it!

## 2022 Perth Royal Show featuring standardbreds

Standardbreds are back in a big way at the Royal Show this year.

In addition to the normal equine events, Standardbreds will be a feature breed and will be included in the Harness competition. The Harness competition comprises horses and ponies which are divided into Carriage Driving, Race Cart and Working Harness competitions. Horses are judged on conformation, presentation, manners, and paces within their field. Carriage driving is the discipline of horses working with either two or four wheeled carriages, presenting an elegant spectacle.

There is nothing preventing you from entering your Standardbred in the Carriage driving section, but the Race cart competitions showcase Standardbreds in their post-racing careers as show horses – so everyone get your entry in if you have an eligible Standardbred suitable for this class! Entries close 31 August and must be done online.

Entries are now open at this link: <https://entries.perthroyalshow.com.au/Account/ExhibitorLogin>

For further information contact the Horses Competition and Event Coordinator Rebecca Adams on (08) 6263 3153 [horses@raswa.org.au](mailto:horses@raswa.org.au). If you are unsure what to do, you can also contact SPPHAWA Committee member Kristie Morrone who is a member of the Harness Horses Working Party for the 2022 Perth Royal Show.

### Snippets from the USA and Canada..

✓ Todd McCarthy won the Pepsi North America Cup with Downbytheseaside colt **Pebble Beach**, with another colt **Beach Glass** (Somebeachsomewhere) in second. Pebble Beach is from the family of champion mare **Silk Stockings** and his dam is a full sister to millionaires Vintage Master and Great Vintage. Beach Glass was mentioned in our October Newsletter, and you might look at his female line and think where did that come from?

But look more closely, you find that granddam Hattie produced 2 millionaires including champion Holborn Hanover, as well as a \$900,000 and \$600,000 earner. Hattie's granddam is a full sister to the dam of another champion in Ralph Hanover.

It will be interesting to see if these two progress to the stallion ranks and bring some fresh – but old – blood with them.



✓ Fan Hanover winning trainer Brett Pelling produced 3yo fillies **Treacherous Dragon** (Captaintreacherous out of My Little Dragon) and **Wickedly Innocent** (American Ideal) to finish one –two in the C\$401,000 Fan Hanover final at Mohawk Park in 1:50.1. **My Little Dragon** finished a close second in the 2006 edition and went on to win \$2.3 million in stakes. Both fillies are impeccably bred, with Wickedly Innocent belonging to the family of some very prominent sires in Australia in the 60s and 70s including Dick Adios, as well as Beach Towel the grandsire of Somebeachsomewhere. Returning some old blood to the top of the tree.!

✓ Roses Are Red winner **Test Of Faith** (Art Major), last year's Horse of the Year in the United States, was an impressive winner of the C\$315,000 Roses Are Red Mares Final at Mohawk in 1:50.1, to take her stakes to \$1.7 million. Her driver Dave Miller compared her to some of the best racing mares produced in America, including Glowing Report and Shebestingin.

✓ Lazarus is off to a great start in the US with his first crop. From 92 foals he has 42 in qualifiers. The pool of horses will be very different to his southern hemisphere crops, and he already has two very nice types - Lifes A Puzzle and Fox Valley Adele - out of Somebeachsomewhere dams, as well as Voukefals out of a Cams Fortune dam and Laz out of an Art Major dam. It is quite exciting to see his success in the US.

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☑ Patrickthepiranha is a recent winner in the US, as is Mister Spot, One Off Delight, Gardys Legacy, Maczaffair and Bettor B Chevron.

## And New Zealand....

☑ The great **Lazarus** will stand at Nevele R Stud in Canterbury New Zealand this year after being based at Alabar's NZ operation last year. The NZ base has been much more productive than his earlier seasons in Australia.

☑ NZ champion **A Gs White Sox** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) – from the family of champions Tiger Tara and Power Of Tara - has joined the Luke and Belinda McCarthy team and will campaign in Queensland. He joins Spirit Of St Louis (Sweet Lou USA), Mach Shard (Mach Three CA) and Jilliby Kung Fu (Four Starzzz Shark USA) in Queensland preparing for the Sunshine Sprint and Blacks A Fake and other races. The Australian bred Jilliby Kung Fu 1:48.8 has successfully returned to the track after 30 months off including stud duties.

☑ The NZ filly **Amore Vita** (Art Major USA), from the family of Undercover Lover 1:51.8 is also in Queensland for their carnival, chasing the 3yo events. Purdon's former top mare, the NZ bred Spellbound (also by Art Major USA), originally selected to start in The Race in NZ but withdrawn due to a paddock accident, has been retired.

## 2022 \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes

Another great WASBA Breeders Stakes with the \$50,000 Group 2 a great chance for the mares to improve their earnings and their credentials. It was certainly going to be harder for the quality field to catch 2021 Group 1 Mares Classic winner Savvy Bromac after she drew 1, and appropriately started favourite.

Fast out and holding the lead with Emily Suvaljko on board, it was a solid lead before a breather then 28.2 final quarters for a mile rate of 1:55.9, with Savvy Bromac winning by 7.4m.



Savvy Bromac had 4 NZ starts before coming across to WA and has won almost \$300,000 from 14 wins and 15 places.

She is one of 5 winners from her dam, who is a half sister to the dam of Zeuss Bromac (Bettors Delight USA) 1:50.6 \$363,915.

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## The \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares

Another nice race recognizing one of our top breeders. Peter Capararo was on course again this year to represent his late father Harry. The Group 3 race is restricted to Westbred 4yo and 5yo mares that have not won a Group race to give those mares with plenty of talent but not a lot of luck a chance to win a Group race.

Dabbling in thoroughbreds but putting his life into Standardbreds through Adda Equine Stud in Albany, Harry Capararo died in 2019 after a long battle with cancer. He bred over 500 pacing winners in his own right and had enough faith in his champion Rich And Spoilt to give him a chance at stud and buy race mares and broodmares to support him. Harry's dynasty commenced with the New Zealand bred 4yo mare Royal Patina, whose daughter Nolas Nuisance was the dam of Rich And Spoilt. Rich And Spoilt's race record should have looked a lot better with just a little bit of luck, having lost the WA Derby on protest and finishing second in the Australian Derby and the Golden Nugget. His career included 20 wins and 14 places from his first 37 starts, with another 5 unplaced runs at the end of his career.



WASBA reps Jeanine and Joy with Peter Capararo on the left and some of the winning connections

Starting from 4, the favourite Bettors Destroya (Bettors Delight USA) was driven out to gain the early ascendancy and went to the lead in a blistering 35.4 lead time under challenge. Steadying for the next two quarters, Gary Hall Jnr on board scooted her 3 lengths clear in the back straight the last time in a winning move, and although tiring after such a hard run, she held on determinedly to win by 1.1m in 1:57.8.

The lightly raced 4yo has been in good form this season with 2 wins and 4 places from 8 starts and she has won close to \$55,000 from just 20 starts. Purchased at the 2019 APG Perth yearling sale, she is trained by Justin Prentice and owned by a syndicate of owners headed by Michael Radley and Rob Gartrell.

Bred by Steve Johnson, Bettors Destroya is the 6th winner from her non winning dam Chemical Romance (Northern Luck CA) with her other winners including the exciting Bettor Reward (Bettors Delight USA) 15 wins \$244,065, the tough Destined To Rule (Shadow Play USA) 1:57.5, 13 wins \$204,761 and promising 3yo filly Sovrana (Betting Line USA) 1:56.3. The dam of Chemical Romance was the outstanding Ferrari Trunkey (Tarcoola Frost) 1:56.6 22 wins \$267,527, dam of 8 winners including WA Derby winner Trunkey Maserati.

## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ In case you haven't noticed, the \$6,000 and \$9,000 stakes (up from \$5,000 and \$8,500) kicks in on 1 August. Yeh!
- ♣ Return of champion Chicago Bull NZ, a nice first up run
- ♣ Huntsville USA will be available by frozen semen from Cobbitty Equine. Stud fee TBA
- ♣ Pocket rocket and Miracle Mile winner Royal Force inducted into the WA Racing Hall of Fame;



- ♣ RWWA has repealed the local rule of racing applicable to vaccination for Covid. Safety controls will continue, including Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) of drivers, stewards and other race day staff whose roles are critical, in RWWA's view, to the conduct of racing.
- ♣ Queensland's Constellations and Winter Carnival have signed up an impressive line-up of starters, having freshened up the calendar with some innovative offerings.

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – May 2022

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.

This month it's a mare with plenty of ability, but like many horses it hasn't been an easy ride for her – or her connections. Its *congratulations* to our *Breeder of the Month* for *May 2022*, prominent breeder Mike Howie for being the breeder of 6yo mare **Newsletter** (**Sportswriter USA** out of My Killarney Miss NZ by **Live Or Die USA**). With 2 placings against classy performers from her previous 3 starts, she started from 1, kept the lead and went on to a comfortable win in the \$20,250 Fillies and Mares Pace to record her best win to date.



The 2020 WASBA Virgil Queen winner, Newsletter has always shown ability but not always on the track and has recovered from injury this season to return to racing in January after an 8 months absence. She has now earned \$64,000 from 6 wins and 17 places and this is already her best season.

Newsletter is one of two winners from her dam My Killarney Miss NZ (Live Or Die USA) 1:57.4 \$64,465 who after 6 wins in New Zealand, won her first two starts in WA when trained by Nathan Turvey. The winning half sister to Newsletter is the WASBA King-Lethbridge winner Misstiano (Alta Christiano NZ) 1:55.8 \$65,885.

Congratulations to **Newsletter**, bred and trained by Mike Howie for his wife Sharron, and driven for the first time by Emily Suvalkjo.

## WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES MAY 2022

Only 9 sires represented this month but a big tally of winners, with 35 individual Westsired winners of 40 races during May 2022, which is the highest number for at least the last 30 months. Well out in front was former WA based sire **Follow The Stars** with 12 winners of 12 races followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** with 6 winners of 8 races.

Given the high numbers it was surprising that there was only 5 multiple winners in the month – **Swingband** (Alta Christiano NZ) won two at Gloucester Park, **Catch The Red Eye** (Fly Like An Eagle) at Pinjarra and Gloucester Park, **Dynamite Dolly** (Renaissance Man) won a Pinjarra pair and **Pocketful of pepper** (Rich And Spoilt) at Bunbury and Gloucester Park. The flying filly **Wonderful To Fly** (Fly Like An Eagle) won two at Gloucester Park, following up on her 4 race wins last month.

There were 8 first time winners in May 2022:

- 2yos **Ekara Navajo** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **See Ya Bye** (Follow The Stars)

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- 3yos Ready To Attack (Advance Attack NZ), **Extinction** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Dreams Of Valhalla** and **Hokulani** (Follow The Stars); and
- 4yos **Gladys Gugman** (Follow The Stars) and **Allinablaze** (Yankee Sensation USA).

All of these Westsired progeny picked up a little over \$11,700 in Bonuses including First Win, as well as stakes.

Westsired progeny received \$141,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses for May 2022, about \$34,000 less than the previous month but \$33,000 more than May last year.

In May 2022, 4 metropolitan races were won by Westsired progeny. Excluding the filly, the remaining 3 very impressive Westsired winners were:

- ★ **4yo Arma Einstein - Renaissance Man o/o Arma Fifty Five (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeders Montague, Currie, Farrant and Brown families, very consistent gelding with 2 wins and 3 places from his previous 7 starts. Started from 6 and moved forward to take the breeze early before eventually being one out two back with 1400 to go. Dropped back slightly when the speed picked up down the back but in touch again at the 400m, moved 4 wide coming off the back to chase the leaders, rounded the home bend in 3rd but still wide and two lengths back, too classy down the straight and came away to win the \$18,500 Pace by 1.3m in 1:57.7, last qtrs 28.5 and 28 flat;

- ★ **6yo Babyface Adda - Rich And Spoilt o/o Sonatina NZ (Art Major USA)** - breeder Harry Capararo, not considered likely in the betting but went forward from 2 to settle behind the race leader and favourite Vultan Tin, going very well down the back and just enough room to move off the rails at the 400m to challenge, exciting contest down the straight and good enough to grab the lead with 20m to go and win the \$30,000 2536m FFA by a half neck in 2:01.0, last qtrs 28.1 and 27.7; and

- ★ **3yo Swingband - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Karnup Racing, continues to excel – may get an invite to the Eur- ka next year! After his easy win in the \$50,000 3YO APG Gold Bullion Final, slightly overconfident to breeze and just win his Heat of the 3YO Pearl by a short half head in 1:56.3 before stepping out in the \$50,000 Final from 2 as favourite. Going straight to the front in a solid lead, raced away down the back to be 20m in front, stayed there to the finish to win the Group 2 by 17.4m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.8 and 28.4.



Swingband well clear

## WESTBRED WINNERS – MAY 2022

Westbreds won 120 (63.2%) of the 190 races run in May 2022. This is the highest May figure in percentage terms since 2015 and the highest individual number of winners since March 2021 (200 races). May 2021 produced 100 winners.

Again, very difficult to compare due to the major change in feature races, but with 7 of the last 8 months producing higher than 60% Westbred winners it is a greatly improved result for WA breeders and owners of WA bred horses.

The 120 Westbred winners represent 42 sires (including the 9 WA based sires). Best of the sires based outside WA was **American Ideal USA** with 6 winners of 10 races, followed by **Somebeachsomewhere USA** (4 winners of 8 races) and Auckland Reactor NZ and his sire Mach Three CA both with 5 wins.

There were 18 multiple winners in May 2022 – similar to last month and 50% more than May last year. Excluding the Westsired progeny mentioned previously, the dual winners were **While They Pray** (Alta

**63.2% of wins**  
**\$1.3 million in stakes**  
**\$314,000 in Bonuses**

Christiano NZ) at Gloucester Park, **Arma Xfactor** (American Ideal USA) Gloucester Park and Pinjarra, **Rich American** (American Ideal USA) both at Gloucester Park, **Silent Reaction** (Auckland Reactor NZ) at Kellerberrin and Northam, **All Is Well** (Foreclosure NZ) Gloucester Park and Pinjarra, **Sonic Chip** (Mr Feelgood USA) Gloucester Park and Pinjarra, **Heidi Who** (Racing Hill USA) at Pinjarra and Northam, **Caveman** (Somebeachsomewhere USA) a double at Gloucester Park, **Eldaytona** (Somebeachsomewhere USA) Gloucester Park and **Middlepage** (Tintin In America NZ) a Gloucester Park double. The triple winners were **American Arma** (American Ideal USA) a triple at Gloucester Park, **Seeryanfly** (Heston Blue Chip USA) Bunbury (2) and Narrogin and **Hillview Bondi** (Somebeachsomewhere USA) at Bunbury (2) and Northam.

**Eldaytona** (Somebeachsomewhere USA) was a dual winner in both March and April as well.

There were 20 first time winners in May 2022 compared to 21 the previous month and 27 last May. It's still a good result (and great for the winners), with the most noticeable difference being the lower number of 3yo first time winners (7 less this month). There were 10 2yo and 3yo maidens in May this year compared to 15 last year,



Excluding the 8 Westsired recipients of the First Win Bonus, the winners were

- 2yos **Our Lady Jen** (Captaintreacherous USA) and **All Is Well** (Foreclosure NZ)
- 3yos **Goodfellaz** (American Ideal USA), **Nowuseemerunin** (Auckland Reactor NZ) and **Heidi Who** (Racing Hill CA);
- 4yos **I See Fire** (Art Major USA), **Ideal Ivana** (American Ideal USA), **Chasing Cooper** (Elsu NZ), **Observation** (Hes Watching USA) and **Sonic Chip** (Mr Feelgood USA); and
- 5yos **Im Biddy** (Caribbean Blaster) and **The Second Fourth** (Mr Feelgood USA).

Once again we see some of the First Time winners also popping up as dual winners. Great for the connections!.

Total Bonus payments in May 2022 were \$313,700 (\$42,000 lower than May last year).

Needless to say, the number of 2yo starters in May this year is less than half the number of starters for the same month last year – principally the result of moving most of the feature races to the latter half of the year. We have asked for more certainty for owners who have 2yos in work and are looking for races and will continue to request some guarantees in regards to opportunities for both 2yos and 3yos.

We would like to see some of the feature races moved back to earlier timeslots to encourage more trainers to race at this time of year. This particularly applies to the Pearl (and Diamond) which for 2022 will be run in August. This is not a good month for wagering, and it is not a good month for 2yos to be racing in a Group 1 race. We understand that some trainers might feel it flows nicely into other races for their top horses, but there are more than 12 horses that need to be catered for with feature race opportunities spread across the season.

Westbred 2yos won 7 of the 8 2yo races. Four of the 8 races were for maidens.

Bonus money received by 2yos in May 2022 (\$69,000) was understandably well down compared to the same month last year (\$106,000).

There were 25 3yo races run in May 2022, one more than May last year. This was a much different (better) picture to the 2yos, and may have been due to the \$50,000 3YO Pearl and Diamond being run in May and attracting a number of starters. Twenty two of the races were won by Westbreds, with both the 3YO Pearl and 3YO Diamond being won by top class Westsired progeny in Swingband and Wonderful To Fly.

The number of 3yo starters did decline compared to last year, and in good news for the older horses, the number of 3yos winning in 3yo and over races dropped to 14 compared to 29 last year. Overall, Westbred 3yos won 22 3yo races and 30 of 39 races won by 3yos in May 2022. Westbred 3yos provided 90% of individual starters and race starts for that age group.

Bonus payments to 3yos in May 2022 was a respectable \$159,000, down from the \$185,000 of May last year but \$26,000 higher than April 2022.

There were 16 races for the 4yo and older horses as well as a \$50,000 4YO APG Consolation. Four of these races were for maidens, which gave those horses a great opportunity to collect some Bonus money. Eleven of the races were at community level and 5 at the \$8,500 level.

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There were 22 maiden races run in May 2022 (4 less than 2021), with the drop related to the reduced number of maiden races for 2 and 3yos.. This month, 15 of the maiden winners were WA bred horses, with one of the remaining 7 winners having its first start in Australia. *We believe maiden races should exclude non Westbred horses that have not had at least one prior race start in WA.*

Bonus payments to 4yo and older Westbreds was \$86,000 up from \$65,000 for May 2021.

Of the races won by Westbreds, 29 wins were in the \$5,000 races, 66 in \$8,500 races, 5 at \$10,000 level, 13 standard metro races and 7 at FFA or Group level.

WA bred horses won 22 of the 40 races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings in May, which is an excellent result for the month. Four of the wins were by Westsired progeny, and another 4 wins were by Westbred fillies or mares. The remaining 10 winners of 14 races were:

- ◆ **2yo *All Is Well - Foreclosure NZ* o/o *Cap In Hand (Auckland Reactor NZ)*** breeders S & N Dickson Pty Ltd, lightly raced 2yo from a very good family. Won a maiden at Pinjarra 4 days earlier then started from 4, settled 3 back the pegs, 2<sup>nd</sup> last at the 400m before going 3 wide but a lot of ground to pick up, flew down the straight 4 wide to win the \$20,250 2YO Pace by a head in 2:00.1, last half 57.4;
- ◆ **5yo entire *Caveman - Somebeachsomewhere USA* o/o *Our Copper Art (Art Major USA)*** breeders Mike, Sharron and Ian Howie, started from 6 as second favourite after a scratching, made a 3 wide move to be in the breeze with just over 2 laps to go, almost level at the 400m, hard fought battle down the straight to win the \$8,500 Pace by a short half head in 1:57.1, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.5. A week later started from 6, a repeat of the previous week and into the breeze with 1200 to go, strong down the back, almost hit the lead at the top of the straight before grabbing the lead with 40m to go to win the \$18,500 Pace by 2.2m in 1:57.0, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.5;
- ◆ **4yo *Eldaytona - Somebeachsomewhere USA* o/o *Hearty Franco NZ (Artsplace USA)***, breeder Kevin Charles. Started a very short priced favourite from 3 and made it 3 in a row after going to the front in a very solid lead time, in control all the way and went on to win the \$20,250 Pace 2.3m in 1:57.0, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.1. Second at his next start then started from 4 as favourite, straight to the front again in a slow lead, looked to have their measure down the back, briefly challenged at the top of the straight but went on to win the \$22,000 Pace by 5.0m in 1:58.3, last qtrs 28.7 and 27.1
- ◆ **4yo entire *Finvarra - American Ideal USA* o/o *Nuala NZ (Changeover NZ)*** breeder/owners Beth Richardson, G B Ralston, Glen Moore, M Grynberg, W Paterson, J Kollankandy, first start for the season. Started from 3 as a very short favourite, fast out and straight to the lead, slow lead and first qtr, opened up down the back to be well clear at the 400m, clear into the straight and coasted to the line to win the \$20,375 Pace by 4.6m in 1:58.2, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.4. Fifteen lifetime starts for \$137,000;
- ◆ **2yo *Hotly Pursued - Huntsville USA* o/o *Besos Baci (Blissfull Hall USA)*** breeder owners Murray Lindau and Claire McNaughton, won at his 3<sup>rd</sup> lifetime start at Pinjarra in April, then started from 3 at 23/1, initially settled 4 on the fence, very slow lead and first half, smart move to go forward with 1100 to go and get a trail to be one out on back, very strong 3 wide move coming off the back, just in front coming into the home turn, battled resolutely down the straight and then came away over the final stages to win the \$20,250 2YO Pace by 3m in 2:01.4, last qtrs 28.8 and 27.5;



*The impressive Hotly Pursued with Kyle Harperr*



- ◆ **3yo Loucid Dreams - Sweet Lou USA o/o Bettor Whitby (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Mike Howie, lightly raced 3yo with a good strike rate. Second in Heat of the 3YO Pearl but drew badly in the final. Then started from 1, challenged early but held the lead, leisurely pace all the way, still in the lead at the 400m but under challenge, got a length clear at the top of the straight, and a good run to hold on to win by a head over the stayers 2536m 3YO Pace in 1:59.9, last qtrs 28.6 and 29.4;



- ◆ **5yo Middlepage - Tintin In America NZ o/o That's The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA)** - breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, a win and 3 places before 3 unplaced runs, then started from 2, restrained from the barrier to settle 3 on the fence before going to the breeze with a lap to go, challenging the leader at the 400m, a nose in front into the straight before drawing clear to win the \$8,500 Pace by 5.0m in 1:58.9, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.3. A week later started from 2 again, this time as favourite over the 1730m sprint, settled one out two back before going 3 wide with a lap to go, moved up to be 3 wide and leading at the 400m, raced away to win the \$20,250 Pace by 7m in 1:56.5, last half 57.6;

- ◆ **6yo Pierre Whitby - Mach Three CA o/o Party Date (Panorama USA)** - breeders Ed Dewar, Geoff Groenberg, 3 unplaced runs before starting favourite from 1, held out the early challenge to retain the lead before slowing the pace, still leading down the back but under pressure from the breeze runner, two horse war down the straight and fought back to win the \$18,500 Pace by a nose in 1:57.9, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.2;



Pierre Whitby (rails) and Jocelyn Young

- ◆ **4yo Twobob Cracker - Art Major USA o/o Where Dreams Grow (Allamerican Ingot USA)** breeder Kody Charles, two wins in April including a metro. One place from his next 4 starts before starting from 2 in the stand, settled behind the leader, a new race leader after half a lap and the pace increased, manoeuvred into the one by one with a lap to go, plenty in hand at the 400m, rounded the home turn in third but quickly got to the lead, moving away over the final 50m to win the \$20,250 2503m Stand by 3.7m in 2:00.1, last half 58.4 ; and



- ◆ **6yo While They Pray - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** - owner breeders Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, Ralstons and Falsify Syndicate. Two starts this time in following a long spell, started long odds from 4 in the 6 horse \$30,000 FFA. Settled one by one after an eventful start, began a tentative forward move at the 600m before finding his feet and making an impression coming 3 wide off the back, solid finish to just get the nose in front at the right time to win by a half head in 1:57.1. Next up ran 2<sup>nd</sup>, then followed up a fortnight after the first win with another win in a \$30,000 FFA after starting from 6, fast out to get the lead, slick 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr, a length clear at the top of the straight and just managed to hang on (and out) long enough to win by a nose in 1:55.9, last qtrs 27.6 and 28.6;



Total stakes paid in May 2022 was \$2.03 million (advertised stakes for races run of \$2.09 million). Of the total stakes paid, Westbreds earned \$1.29 million – another good result for a month that would normally include one of the biggest 3yo features run in WA. Stakes paid to the first 6 place-getters was \$1.9 million (\$1.2 million for Westbreds).

Overall Westbreds provided 69.5% of individual starters and race starts, and 63.2% of race wins for 63.3% of stakes. Champagne for everyone!

## How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (May 2022)

Fillies and mares won 60 (31.6%) of the 190 races run in May 2022. Coincidentally this is the same number of races won for the last 3 years, just differing in the percentage of wins. This is the second highest May figure in percentage terms, beaten only by the 33.9% for 2021 off 177 races.



There were 26 fillies/mares races included in the tally, with the remaining 34 (17.9%) wins in open races.

The WA 12 month rolling average for filly and mare wins sits at 31.5% compared to the national average for 2021 of 32.2%.

There were 51 individual filly/mare winners from 29 sires. There was no dominant stallion, with Bettors Delight USA siring 5 winners of 7 races. American Ideal USA and Fly Like An Eagle each produced 3 winners of 5 races.

WA bred dual winning fillies and mares were 3yos **Heidi Who** (Racing Hill CA), **Catch The Red Eye** and **Wonderful To Fly** (Fly Like An Eagle), and 4yo **Dynamite Dolly** (Renaissance Man) with another 4yo in **American Arma** (American Ideal USA) winning 3 races. Other multiple winners from fillies and mares were In The Spotlight NZ and Miss Limelight (Bettors Delight USA and the trotter Majestic Dream (Majestic Son CA).

For the girls there were 11 (8 Westbred) wins in \$5,000 races, 37 (25 Westbred) wins in \$8,500 level races, 3 (all Westbred) wins in \$10,000 races, 6 (3 Westbred) in standard metropolitan level and 3 wins (2 Westbred) at Group level. Westbred fillies and mares won 41 (68.3%) of the 60 races won by fillies and mares – anything over 70% is a good result – and 67.3% of their stakes.

There were 7 first time winners amongst the fillies, one more than last month. The winners were 2yos Ekara Navajo (Fly Like An Eagle) and Our Lady Jen (Captaintreacherous USA), 3yos Nowuseemerunin (Auckland Reactor NZ) and dual winner Heidi Who, 4yos Gladys Gugman (Follow The Stars) and Ideal Ivana (American Ideal USA) and 5yo Im Biddy (Caribbean Blaster).

As for last month, there were 4 races for 2yo fillies, with the fillies winning 5 of the 12 2yo races. Fifty percent of the 2yo starters were fillies, which suggests more races restricted to fillies should be programmed. This is the first year that most of the feature races have been moved to the end of the season, so we are again suggesting a change to this to make this racing period more attractive to owners and trainers.

As for last month, 4 of the 18 3yo races were restricted to fillies. With 40% of the 3yos racing in May being fillies, this is an inadequate number of races for the fillies. Fillies won 6 of the 3yo races, with another 6 wins coming in 3yo and over races. There were 46 3yo fillies racing in May 2022, compared to 56 in May last year.

Race wins by mares in May 2022 (43) was a dip on the previous month but significantly better than May 2021 (27). Mares won 16 of the 18 3yo and over races restricted to fillies and mares, as well as 27 open races – which included 5 races restricted to horses older than three. Very positive to see the winning results of mares see an increase.

Amongst the mares there were 23 wins by 4yos, 11 by 5yos, 5 by 6yos, and 4 by 7yo and 8yo mares. The majority (74%) of the wins were at the \$8,500 level and above.

With 40 races run at the Gloucester Park prime meetings, there were 10 wins by fillies and mares (25.0%). This is one of the better results but one or two more wins per month is required to meet a reasonable target. Nevertheless some of the wins were nice feature races. Six of the wins were in fillies and/or mares races, emphasizing how important it is to either run more of these races, or provide fillies and mares with an allowance to enable that 50% of the foal crop to be more viable for their owners. We are aiming for 30% winners each month in the city.

City winners included 4yo mare **Soho Broadway (Bettors Delight USA)**, who won a \$8,500 Pace, 5yo NZ mare **Savvy Bromac (Mach Three CA)** won the Group 2 \$50,000 Breeders Stakes, 5yo mare **Miss Limelight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** won an \$18,500 Pace and a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares, and 8yo **Angel In White NZ Santanna Blue Chip USA)** won a \$22,000 Pace.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won throughout May. The 4 WA bred winners of 5 metropolitan races were:

- ♥ **4yo American Arma - American Ideal USA** o/o **Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeder Liam O'Connnor and Jim Currie, top mare who won 5 of her first 6 starts as a 2yo. Resumed in April after a halt to her initial comeback in November after rehab from injury. Two places from 4 starts then impressive in two mid week wins in May. Then started from 3 over the 1730m sprint in the \$50,000 APG Consolation Final, not quick out and settled nicely in the one by one without having to contest the super

quick lead, 27.6 first qtr, good drive Colin Brown to extract her at the 400m for a 4 wide finish, swept past them to lead into the straight and go on to an easing win by 3.6m in 1:55.8, last half 58.3;

♥ **6yo Newsletter (Sportswriter USA o/o My Killarney Miss NZ (Live Or Die USA)** breeder Mike Howie, 2020 Virgil Queen winner, started favourite from 1 in a quality field, fast out and held the lead, going well down the back under urging, clear coming into the straight and went on to a good win in the \$20,250 Fillies and Mares by 3.9m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 28.2, 29.1;

♥ **2yo Quartzz - Sweet Lou USA out of Isabella Jane (Sportswriter USA)** owner breeder Jeneen Johnson. Won in February at her only prior start. Trialled mid month then started from 1 as favourite, straight to the lead, going well down the back, moved further away to win the 2130m 2YO Fillies Pace comfortably by 12.8m in 1:59.9, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.9;

♥ **7yo Vivere Damore - Lincoln Royal NZ o/o Living On Love (Village Jasper USA)** breeder Patrician Park. Quality mare waiting on a change of luck. Started from 1 as favourite, held the lead comfortably, easy first half, sprinted fast down the back, held off the late inside and outside challengers to win the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 1.3m in 1:57.6, last qtrs 27.9 and 28 flat; and



Vivere Damore with a clean pair of heels

♥ **Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle)** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Added to her impeccable record with another 2 wins making it 6 in a row in 7 weeks. Won the \$50,000 APG Gold Bullion Final at her previous start in April then won Heat 1 of the 3YO Diamond by 11m in 1:56.4. Started in the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Diamond Final from inside the back row, dropped out early before getting the chance to get into the moving line, made a fast move with 2 laps to go to sprint to the lead, easy second qtr before stepping up the pace down the back, raced away at the top of the straight before easing down to win the Group 2 by 2.2m in 1:56.8, last qtrs 28.4 and 27.9.

Good to see some of the mares picking up metropolitan wins.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in May 2022 was \$637,000, about \$20,000 down on May last year but other than that, one of the higher May figures. The \$150,000 WA Oaks has traditionally been run in May, so it is a good result compared to the historical values. Westbred fillies and mares earned \$428,000 of this and additionally collected \$159,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonus money.

The percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares in May 2022 was slightly lower but remained consistent with the previous month. After the first 5 months of the season, fillies and mares have earned \$3.2 million – up by \$190,000 compared to the same months in 2021.

Compared to May last year the number of mares racing has increased by 20, but 2yos and 3yos have decreased by 40. We would like to see more effort put into making this period of racing more attractive to owners across the board, and particularly connections of fillies and mares.

In May 2022, WA mares contributed 68.7% of the racing mares, with Westbred 2yo fillies comprising 100% and Westbred 3yo fillies comprising 95.7% of fillies racing. All up, Westbred fillies and mares make up 76.8% of the racing females, and are very, very important to the future of the industry. There would definitely be more fillies and mares racing if the racing prospects could be improved.



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