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The 2022 WASBA Raffle is here (almost)

With thanks to Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud and Northern Rivers LLowalong Farms we have 3 fantastic stallions for you to choose from for first and second prize in the 2022 Raffle, AND 3 \$1,000 vouchers to use on stallion services at one of those studs. Don't tell anyone but its **Art Major USA** (stud fee \$14,000), **Century Farroh CA** (stud fee \$5,000) and **Fly Like An Eagle** (stud fee \$5,000).

Art Major USA and Fly Like An Eagle have established very successful stallion careers. Century Farroh is a first season sire with \$1.5 million in earnings and a Breeders Crown win, along with being named 2019 and 2020 O'Brien winner and 2020 Canadian Horse of the Year. Oh, he is by Mach Three CA and his dam's maternal line is the same one that produced Mach Three.

And subsequent to the raffle and the WASBA stallion Tender (which will follow the raffle), if you were a member in 2021 (1 Sep 2021 to 31 Aug 2022), paid your 2022 membership (1 September 2022 to 31 Aug 2023) by 30 September and either purchased a raffle ticket or participated in the Stallion Tender, then we will be drawing 10 additional \$500 vouchers for use on stallions at any of the above studs or those studs that supported WASBA in the Stallion Tender. Wins for you!

The Raffle officially opens on 22 July, but you can complete the attached flyer and we will process your purchase as soon as the raffle opens.

Stallion registration is now being handled by HRA...

From the 22/23 breeding season, Harness Racing Australia (HRA) will handle the registration of all breeding stallions. State Controlling Bodies, including RWWA, are no long registering stallions to stand in their state.

A person intending to stand a stallion in any given breeding season must make application to register the sire via HRA. The application process is more detailed than previous and requires information on ownership, agreements, method of service and a number of other details.

If a person other than the stallion owner wishes to register the stallion, an authorised Studmaster, agent or other person can submit the application along with a letter of Authority from the stallion owner. This also applies to authorised agents of imported and frozen semen.

Online Registrations open from 25 July at <https://www.harness.org.au/owners-breeders> , or can be completed via hardcopy by downloading a form from HRA. You can use this link [here](#) for Australian domiciled stallions. There are gremlins in the process at present, so please be patient as the new system is bedded in.

A separate application form must be completed for each stallion. If you have any queries, contact HRA at hra@hra.com.au

Remember, before you have your mare served, ensure that the stallion is registered!

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	The Diamond Heats are on 9 August, with the Pearl Heats a week later
3yo	the \$30,000 WASBA Country Oaks is at Bunbury on 24 August
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



The APG bombshell – WA and Qld continue full steam

APG have cancelled their Melbourne and Sydney Sales for 2023, but will continue as normal with their 2023 WA and Queensland Sales and will be calling for entries. They will review their position in Victoria and NSW during 2023. Buyers would always like a cheaper horse and vendors want to make as much money as possible so that they can reinvest in their ongoing business including purchasing new stock. It's impossible to satisfy everyone.

Rest assured all the WA Sales' races will continue. The 2022 Perth and Queensland Sales both produced record turnover and averages, with high clearance rates. Any yearlings purchased at the 2022 and previous sales remain eligible for all race series relevant to that year (if those yearlings were sustained by the owners).

The 2022 APG Mixed Sale will continue as advertised (bidding 27-31 July for registered bidders). APG have also advised that buyers who sustain their purchases from the 2023 Perth and Queensland Sales will have access to the richest ever sales races in those states, with non-sale entries not permitted (ie you cant buy in), which is great news.

Hall of Fame information

You really should take a trip down memory lane to explore the phenomenal achievements of all the Harness Hall of Fame inductees – there are some incredible stories of horses, of people with enormous insight, drive and vision. Hopefully one of those will be reincarnated soon.

RWWA does seem to make the site disappear after a while, so do look soon. I did forget to include Alan Parker on my list last month (missed the early announcement) so apologies and congratulations to Alan. Without Alan, most of our history would never have been written.

There have been 41 inductees so far, commencing in 2007 with the mighty Mount Eden and Beau Don, James Brennan, and trainer/drivers Frank Kersley, Fred R Kersley, Phil Coulson and Jim Schrader,

For some fascinating reading, go to <https://www.rwwa.com.au/club-events/wa-racing-hall-of-fame/inductees/>

2022 Perth Royal Show featuring standardbreds

Yes I am repeating this heading – DO NOT forget to enter your eligible Standardbred. This is so important to get a bigger focus on our beautiful Standardbreds and what a better way to do it than in the Royal Show

If you know anyone with an Off The Track horse, RWWA or otherwise, let them know.

If they aren't sure what to do, contact the Horses Competition and Event Coordinator Rebecca Adams on (08) 6263 3153 horses@raswa.org.au, or SPPHAWA Committee member Kristie Morrone who is a member of the Harness Horses Working Party for the 2022 Perth Royal Show.

In addition to the normal equine events, Standardbreds are a feature breed and are included in the Harness competition, which comprises horses and ponies divided into Carriage Driving, Race Cart and Working Harness competitions. Horses are judged on conformation, presentation, manners, and action. Carriage driving involves either two or four wheeled carriages. The Race Cart competition will be classes 500 to 505.

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. You must register first and have a competition login.

See <https://perthroyalshow.com.au/competitions/competition-entries/>

If the cost is a concern to you, speak to SPPHAWA and WASBA will work with SPPHAWA to look to ways to assist.

And if you have an off the track horse or used to have a horse that is now competing in any of the various shows, don't forget to check for photos from the show photographers like Vicki Photos at <https://vickiphotos.smugmug.com/browse> and collect some memoirs.

To promote and foster the breeding of the Standardbred Horse in Western Australia and to further the interests of breeders.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ **Bulldog Hanover (Shadow Play)** is now a champion in his own right, owning the standalone World Record of 1:45.8 set in winning the William Haughton Memorial. This is within 2 weeks of him equalling the previous world record of 1:46 in winning a division of the Roll With Joe, that record being held by Lather Up USA and Always B Miki USA. Bulldog Hanover has just finished his first stud season in conjunction with racing. His breeding should be very familiar to Australians – his dam B Js Squall (Artsplace) is a half sister to 3 exceptional millionaires in **Betterthancheddar (Bettors Delight)** 1:48, **Courtley Choice (Art Major)** 1:47.1 and **Ashlees Big Guy (Life Sign)** 1:50.4. Definitely in those genes. The dam of B Js Squall is a half sister to the dam of Parsons Den, who truthfully did extremely well in WA as a sire and broodmare sire.

☑ Someone always has to run second, and **Allywag Hanover (Captaintreacherous)** was it, but has shown his class in a recent win without Bulldog Hanover in the race, winning in 1:49.2 to take his stakes to \$1.3 million

☑ **Beach Glass (Somebeachsomewhere)**, from the final crop of his stallion, won the \$600,000 Meadowlands Pace, the only race to elude his sire who ran second – his only loss - to Art Official in the 2008 edition of the race. In an incredible story, the dam of Beach Glass (**Im With Her** by Bettors Delight) was pulled out of training to breed to Somebeachsomewhere in his final year with frozen semen.

☑ **Codename Cigar Box (Custard The Dragon)** set a track record of 1:51.1 at Century Downs (Canada), giving him 5 consecutive wins and 11 wins from his last 12 starts. Scattered around the US and Canada there are quite a few well qualified stallions that we in Australia will never see.

☑ Reigning Horse of the Year and Roses Are Red winner **Test Of Faith (Art Major)**, set a world record for 4yo mares in winning the \$175,000 Dorothy Haughton Memorial in 1:47.2. She now has 27 wins and \$1.9 million.

☑ **Lifes A Puzzle (Lazarus NZ)** is the fastest first time starter - winning two-year-old, with a time of 1:50.4. Unfortunately you can only get Lazarus this year if you have a mare located in NZ.

☑ Patrickthepiranha, Major Pocket, Poisedtopounce, Intheskyrocket, Soho Leviathan, One Off Delight, Bettors Fire, Infinite Symbol, Gardys Legacy and Bettor B Chevron have all won in the last month.

And elsewhere....

☑ **Ladies In Red (Mach Three CA)** led and won the Group 1 Rising Sun. Great mare with a record of 1:51.9, 19 wins and 4 places from 23 starts and \$789,420 in stakes. Any mare coming up against her is unfortunate.

☑ Coming out of the Queensland Winter Carnival, local Queensland filly **Racy Roxy (Mr Feelgood USA)** won the Group 3 South East Oaks, while NZ filly **Amore Vita (Art Major USA)**, won the Group 3 Redcliffe Oaks. **Spirit of St Louis NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** won the Listed Wondais Mate, while **Town Echo (Art Major USA)** won the Group 1 The Golden Girl. Four year old **Better Eclipse (Betterthancheddar USA)** won the Group 1 Sunshine Sprint, beating Spirt Of St Louis NZ. Unfortunately for his dam, Better Eclipse's stellar career (\$492,000 to date) started too late, and he is the only progeny of his dam.

☑ Champion Thefixer NZ is about to start his new career as a Clerk of the Course horse. Among his Group 1 wins in his previous career was the 2018 New Zealand Cup, in the fastest race time outside of Lazarus.

2022 Westsired Classics

It's a long night for the 2yos to wait for races 10 and 11 but worth it when you win. This year's 2yo Westsired Classics went to the favourites, with both showing a lot of class to lead and win, although 2yo Ronald Scott did get a mini holiday for breaking in the straight.

Trained and driven by Jocelyn Young for his owner breeders the Paganoni family, Ronald Scott now has 3 wins from 3 starts since coming up from Albany. By 2009 Group 1 Golden Nugget and Vicbred 4YO winner **Bonavista Bay** 1:56.3 \$504,499 out of **Maybe A Corka (Armbro Operative USA)**, 1:57.1 8 wins \$32,021, he is the first live foal from his dam. Hopefully the family will have better luck in future years as Maybe A Corka is a full or half sister to 12 other winners and the family has produced the likes of **Come On Frank (Blissfull Hall USA)** 1:52.0 \$404,650, **Whatabro (Four Starzzz Shark CA)** 1:57.2 21 wins \$129,786, **Hes A Corka (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:57.4 45 wins \$192,209 and many others.



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Content Creators - Ronald Scott



Infinite Symbol

Following Ronald Scott's win was the 2yo filly **Indomitable Symbol (Follow The Stars)**, who was having her 5th race start (her 4th race was abandoned due to a fall). Going straight to the lead from barrier 2 she was never in danger and collected her First Win Bonus of \$6,000 along with the \$15,113 for the win in the 2YO Fillies Classic. Bred by the late Rod Fletcher and raced by the family, she is the second winner from her 100% producing dam **Indomitable (Saab)** 1:53.8 \$133,759. Winner of the 2015 Group 3 Golden Girls Mile, Indomitable is a full sister to **Indomitable Saab** 1:55.8 \$154,491. This is the family of champions from yesteryear like **Bold Alabar**, **Sheffield Globe**, **King Frost** and **Frosty Monarch**, but what will surprise many it is also the family of current millionaire **Vultan Tin** 1:54.3 \$1,030,484.

The 3YO Westsired Classics also produced wins from the favoured horses, with 3YO wonder filly Wonderful To Fly taking out the 3YO fillies leg, setting a very solid time of 1:56.7 to win by over 11m with last qtrs. 27.6 and 27.4. A bargain buy for the connections no matter how much she cost, everyone does forget that there can be many horses that come before the one of your dreams, so treasure every moment.

Wonderful To Fly is from the unraced **Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)** who has a promising full brother waiting in the wings. Not Now Delilah is a full or half sister to some very talented performers including multiple Group 2 winner **Jumbo Operator (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:57.24 wins \$313,175, Group 1 winner **Getaway Plan (Parsons Den USA)** 1:58.0 \$135,549, **Aqueensomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:57.3 \$44,768 and 3 other winners. Their dam **Queen Delilah (Orange Sovereign)** 2:01.1 10 wins \$66,421 is out of good winner **Dainty Delilah (Rock Butler)** 1:57.6 8 wins, a daughter of **Daintys Last** who is a half sister to champion Hall Of Fame mare **Daintys Daughter**.



Wonderful To Fly with trainer driver Shane Young



Infinite Sign and driver Ryan Warwick

The 3yo colts and geldings Westsired Classic produced a double for the Fletcher family, with the talented **Infinite Sign (Indomitable Saab** out of Never Waver Lombo by **Astreos CA**) settling in the breeze in a solidly run race, getting a breather with a lap to go to settle behind the leader as the leading pair split from the field, then taking off inside the 400m to win by over 12m in 1:56.8. His sire Indomitable Saab was mentioned as being

the full brother to the dam of the winner of the 2YO Fillies Westsired Classic in Indomitable Symbol. Infinite Sign is a full brother to top class mare Infinite Symbol 1:50.2 \$223,758, a recent winner in the US. All very solid performances from the family.

This family stems from the SA mare Burrows (Tarport Boy USA) who was a champion mare in the 70s, winning the Empress Stakes, the Breeders Stakes (twice), FFAs and being one of the first 100 horses in Australia to both run under 2:00 and to win over \$100,000.

The \$30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO/5YO Westbred

Well he was the favourite but probably his name isn't an indication of where he has come from. This year's winner of the Group 3 \$30,000 Kerry Clarke, **The Good Life (Mach Three CA** out of Artistic Coper by **Artistic Fella USA**) has not had an easy life to date and neither have his connections, who have stuck by the talented gelding and given him the time he needed to recover from the various setbacks. Leading all the way to win by 7.1m in 1:57.7 in a top field, the Mike Howie bred gelding made it 3 consecutive wins for his team of owners and trainer driver Aiden De Campo. He now has 9 wins and 15 places from 30 starts and over \$75,000 in stakes.



A winner of over \$100,000 in her racing career including the 2013 2YO Sales Classic, Artistic Copper is a 100% producer with her other winners being **Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:57.0 \$100,020 and 3yo filly **Artistic Scribe (Sportswriter USA)** 1:58.4 3 wins \$24,656 This is the family of US mare **Tina Rainbow (Adios USA)** and includes class horses like **Bettor B Chevron NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:51 31 wins \$559,761, **Speed Man NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:52.2 \$397,146, champion racehorse and sire **Knight Rainbow (Tuapeka Rainbow NZ)** and top racehorse **Rainbow Knight (Kawartha Robust USA)** 1:55.9 \$417,771.

This race, like the Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO for Westbred Mares, is specifically for those Westbreds that have suffered setbacks in their careers or simply needed longer to mature. Next year's Kerry Clarke is programmed to be a Group 3 \$50,000 race for mares, with the existing 4YO/5YO race one of 2 restricted \$30,000 races programmed for 4YO/5YO Westbreds under the current conditions.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Terrific boost for some feature races in 2023 - the Kerry Clarke will become a \$50,000 race for the girls, and a new \$50,000 Laurie Kennedy for fillies and mares. There will be two new \$30,000 restricted races for 4YO/5YO Westbreds without Group winning form
- ♣ Return of another top class competitor in Lavra Joe (Roll With Joe USA) , safely through his first start in just over 12 months
- ♣ Barn fires are such terrible news. Please ensure it doesn't happen to you or your horses.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – June 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 filly who didn't look like a winning chance most of the race but came with a whirlwind finish. It's **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for June 2022**, owner breeders Barry, Lynley and Jimmie Howlett and Geographe Tree Services Pty Ltd as the breeder of the not so aptly named **Little Darling (Art Major USA** out of **Fay Darling NZ by Bettors Delight USA**). The Howlett family devote a huge amount of time and effort, let alone money to the Standardbreds and deserve every reward they receive.

Little Darling had 4 starts as a 2yo before a 9 month absence and resumed in March. She won 3 country races and ran 3 places before her Friday night appearance when she raced near the rear of the field, fortunately missing the breakneck speed out front, before coming 5 wide down the straight to swoop past the leader and win the 3YO Fillies Pace by 2.5m in 1:57.2



Little Darling is the first foal out of **Fay Darling NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:56.4 \$33,106 who was raced in WA by the Howletts. Fay Darling is one of 5 winners from champion racemare Molly Darling NZ (Christian Cullen NZ), whose other winners include **No Doctor Needed NZ (Mach Three CA)** 1:50.2 16 wins \$330,085, and full sister and current winning mare **Mimi E Coco** 1:55.2 \$81,092. Molly Darling NZ was a multiple Group 1 winner of 24 of her 72 starts with earnings over \$500,000, winning on 3 continents. She won eight of her 21 New Zealand starts, 10 of her 29 Australian starts and 6 US wins. As well as Group 1s in NZ, she won the 2004 2yo Breeders Crown Final at Bendigo. At the time Mainland Banner left NZ to race in the US, Molly Darling was the only filly or mare to have beaten her. Let's hope this line continues in WA.

Congratulations to **Little Darling**, bred, owned and trained by the Howlett family and driven by Chris Lewis.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES JUNE 2022

There were 24 Westsired winners of 24 races this month, representing 10 sires. Well clear again this month was the underrated **Follow The Stars**, with 8 winners of 10 races. Next best was Renaissance Man and Fly Like An Eagle, both with 4 winners of 4 races.

There were two multiple winners this month – **See The World** (winning at Wagin and Northam) and **Star For Me (both by Follow The Stars)** a double at Wagin.

There were 3 first time winners in June 2022, all 3yos and all by Fly Like An Eagle:

- Cherry On The Cake, Love to Fly and Zuede.

Westsired progeny received \$63,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses for June 2022, which is hugely down on the figures for June last year but comparison is difficult with the complete change to racing for juveniles due to feature races being moved.

In June 2022, 3 metropolitan races were won by Westsired progeny. Excluding the mare, the remaining 2 Westsired winners were:



- ♣ **4yo Arma Einstein - Renaissance Man o/o Arma Fifty Five (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeders Montague, Currie, Farrant and Brown families, a win and 2 places last month from 4 starts, then started favourite from 2 with trainer Colin Brown on board, fast out and into the lead then slowed the pace, easy first half then stepped right up to a 27.7 3rd qtr, close finish in the end but never in doubt and won the \$20,375 Pace by a head in 1:58.0, last qtr 28 flat;

- ♣ **5yo Medieval Man – Renaissance Man o/o So Crimsonandclova (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder part owner Graeme Davies. A bit of a find last season as a 4yo and continuing the good work. A 2nd at his previous start then started favourite from 1, held the lead easily, a very slow lead and first half, picked up the pace down the back, still in front into the straight to win the \$18,500 Pace by 3.7m in 2:01.1, last qtrs. 28.1 and 28.2.



Medieval Man with Emily Suvaljko

Medieval Man has probably run his last race in Australia, having recently being sold to the US. We wish him the very best of luck over there.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JUNE 2022

Westbreds won 98 (57.3%) of the 171 races run in June 2022. In number and percentage terms it's the 3rd highest June figure over the last 10 years. It is actually quite a good result even though lower than last June (104 wins and 59.1%) because June is traditionally when a high number of Westbred feature races are run. That didn't apply this year.

The 98 Westbred winners represent 43 sires (including the 10 WA based sires). Best of the sires based outside WA was **Mach Three CA** with 6 winners of 7 races, followed by **Bettors Delight USA** with 5 winners of 5 races and **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** with 4 winners of 6 races.

There were 12 multiple winners in June 2022 – double the number in June 2021. Excluding the Westsired progeny mentioned previously, the dual winners were **Ima Tiny Dancer** (A Rocknroll Dance USA) both midweek at Gloucester Park, **Silent Reaction** (Auckland Reactor NZ) at Bunbury and Narrogin, **Rascal** (Captaintreacherous USA) a double at Bunbury, **Lewis William** (Caribbean Blaster) a double at Kellerberrin, **Cachinnation** (Grinfromeartoeat USA) at Narrogin and Gloucester Park, **Boston Rob** (Hes Watching USA) at Narrogin and Pinjarra, **Imahero** (Hes Watching USA) a meritorious double at Gloucester Park Friday, **Give Us A Wave** (Mach Three CA) at Kellerberrin and Gloucester Park, **Lets Rock Tonight** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) a double at Kellerberrin, and **Supreme Class** ((Rock N Roll Heaven USA) at Pinjarra and Bunbury. Connections of Silent Reaction must be pleased as he was a dual winner last month as well.

There were 17 first time winners in June 2022 compared to 20 the previous month and 26 in June 2021, with the noticeable difference being 6 less 2yo first time winners due to the smaller number of races and starters. There were 8 2yo and 3yo maidens in June this year compared to 11 last year.

Excluding the 3 Westsired recipients of the First Win Bonus, the winners were:

- 2yos **Crowd Control** (Control The Moment USA), **Hunt The Magic** (Huntsville USA), **Imahero** (Hes Watching USA) and **Magnus Victor** (Sweet Lou USA)
- 3yos **Been Scootin** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Ima Tiny Dancer** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), **Speedwagon** (Always B Miki USA), **Supreme Class** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and **Tiger By The Tail** (Bettors Delight USA);



57.3% of wins
\$1.03 million in stakes
\$238,000 in Bonuses

- 4yos **Lewis William** (Caribbean Blaster) and **Elephant Rock** (Pet Rock USA)
- 6yos **Batavia Dreamer** (Elsu NZ) and **Elliegozoom** (Mach Three CA) and 7yo **Batavia Reactor** (Auckland Reactor NZ).

Ima Tiny Dancer, Lewis William and Imahero were also dual winners in the month.

Total Bonus payments in June 2022 were \$238,000 (\$116,000 lower than June last year).

Again, the difference in 2yo starters and starts for June 2022 compared to last year is significant, with a drop of 60% in the number of starters and 70% in the number of starts - principally the result of moving most of the feature races to the latter half of the year. Unfortunately, owners and trainers cannot predict how many horses will be in work and RWWA needs to come up with a more secure process for providing racing opportunities throughout, supported by appropriately timed feature races.

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

Bonus money received by 2yos in June 2022 (\$51,510) was 60% down on June last year.

There was a better picture for the 3yos with 19 3yo races run in June 2022 compared to 21 races in June last year. Sixteen of the 19 races were won by Westbreds.

The number of 3yo starters did decline compared to last year (from 130 to 109), but the number of starters was a better fit for 3yo races which meant there were less 3yos in the 3yo and over races. There were 19 wins by 3yos in the 3yo and over races, compared to 29 in June 2021. Overall, Westbred 3yos won 16 3yo races and 24 of 38 races won by 3yos in June 2022. Westbred 3yos provided 84% of individual starters and race starts for that age group.

Bonus payments to 3yos in June 2022 was \$142,000, down from May 2022 but \$16,000 higher than June 2021.

There were 14 races for horses older than 3. One was a feature race of \$30,000, 7 were at community level and 6 at the \$8,500 level. Two of \$5,000 races were for maidens, which gave those horses a great opportunity to collect some Bonus money.

There were 17 maiden races run in June 2022 (5 less than 2021), with the decrease due 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 2 winners having her first start in WA and now with the record of 3 wins from 3 starts. *We believe maiden races should exclude non Westbred horses that have not had at least one prior race start in WA. This approach is sensible from every perspective, including wagering.*

Bonus payments to 4yo and older Westbreds was \$44,000 (\$91,000 in June 2021). For the 6 month period ending June, bonus payments to 4yo and older horses is \$448,000, down \$8,000 on the same period in 2021.

Of the races won by Westbreds, 24 wins were in the \$5,000 races, 58 in \$8,500 races, 1 at \$10,250 level, 9 standard metro races and 6 at Listed or Group level.

WA bred horses won 16 of the 40 races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings in June. Three of the wins were by Westsired progeny, and another 7 wins were by Westbred fillies or mares. The remaining 6 winners of 6 races were:

- ◆ 4yo **Faster Than Dad – Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeders Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, G Ralston, N Pinner, Falsify Syndicate. Winning form in April and a place in May. Nicely drawn in 2 on the backline, nice run through to be one out one back. New leader at the 700m so now in the breeze and chasing. Almost level pegging at the 400m and a clear leader into the straight, coasted home to win the 2536m \$8,500 Pace by 3.1m in 1:59.9

- ◆ 2yo **Hotly Pursued - Huntsville USA o/o Besos Baci (Blissfull Hall USA)** breeder owners Murray Lindau and Claire McNaughton, two places then 2 successive wins from his first 4 starts. Started favourite from 1 over 1730m in the small field, held the lead easily, moderate pace throughout, led into the straight and never under pressure to win the \$25,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Western Crown by 4.4m in 2:03.0, last qtr 28.2;

- ◆ **4yo Sound Wave – Mach Three o/o Terra Into The West NZ (Western Terror USA)**, breeder KTC Bloodstock. Much improved gelding finally hitting his straps. A win and a 2nd at his previous 2 starts then started favourite from 1 with the very promising Kyle Symington on board. Came out running and held the lead, Straight to the lead, going well down the back and in control at the 400m, battled the breeze horse down the straight but not going to get caught, won the \$20,250 Pace by 2.6m in 1:58.5, last qtrs. 28 flat and 28.2;



- ◆ **4yo Talks Up A Storm – Artspeak o/o Typhoon Tan NZ (Live Or Die USA)** breeder Harry Capararo. Won in April then 3 unplaced runs before starting from 4 at a generous 18/1, settled in the one by one very early, very fast lead on the rain affected track, covered up down the back but restrained to gain clear running at the 400m, 5 wide off the back and 4 wide into the straight, gathered them in to be clear at the 50m and went on to win the \$30,000 The Pure Steel by 7.3m in 1:57.5,
- ◆ **6yo To Fast To Serious – Shadow Play o/o Smile With Me NZ (McArdle USA)** breeder Ed Dewar. Not quite where he was 2 years ago but the class horse in the race. Third at his previous run then started 2nd favourite from 5 in the 7 horse field. Second last with 2 laps to go then moved forward leisurely to the breeze with a lap to go. On level terms with the race leader at the top of the straight, moved away down the straight to win the \$30,000 FFA in 1:59.1, last qtrs. 28.5 and 27.8;
- ◆ **3yo Whos The Dad – Betting Line o/o Glenferrie Clan (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, breeder/owners Kevin and Annette Charles. Won at Pinjarra in May then a place from his next 2 starts. Then started inside the back row at 23/1 and settled 3 back the pegs, got the break at the 550m to move off the rails, 4 wide coming off the back, raced home strongly untouched down the straight to win the \$20,250 3YO Pace by 5.6m in 1:57.6, last qtrs 28.2 and 29 flat;

Total stakes paid in June 2022 was \$1.83 million (advertised stakes for races run of \$1.89 million). Of the total stakes paid, Westbreds earned \$1.03 million. Except for the 4 Westbred Classics that would normally be run in June, this is the equivalent earnings to June 2021. Stakes paid to the first 6 place-getters was \$1.99 million (\$1.35 million for Westbreds).

Overall Westbreds provided 69% of individual starters and race starts, 57.3% of race wins for 56.1% of stakes..

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (June 2022)

Fillies and mares won 51 (29.8%) of the 171 races run in June 2022. This is the traditional month for the Westsired and Westbred Classics, so it isn't a surprise that the numbers are down compared to last year (33.0%). It is short of our target and as a result the 12 month rolling average for filly and mare wins has declined slightly to 31.3%, compared to the national 2021 average of 32.2%. These number are also being impacted by the lower number of juvenile races.

There were 23 fillies/mares races included in the tally, with the remaining 28 (16.4%) wins in open races.

There were 39 individual filly/mare winners from 27 sires. The dominant stallions this month were Follow The Stars and Bettors Delight USA, each with 4 winners of 6 races.

June was a good month for multiple wins by the girls - WA bred dual winning fillies and mares were 2yo **Imahero** (Hes Watching USA), 3yos **Ima Tiny Dancer** (A Rocknroll Dance USA) and **See The World** (Follow The Stars), and 4yo mare **Star For Me** (Follow The Stars). Other multiple winners from fillies and mares were Simply Shaz NZ (American Ideal USA), In The Spotlight NZ (again) and Platinum Sparkle (Bettors Delight USA), The Amber Hare (For A Reason), Ark Of Rock (Pet Rock USA) and Angel In White NZ (Santanna Blue Chip USA). The maiden winner Scarlet Ribbon NZ (Captaintreacherous USA) won 3 races.

There were 6 first time winning fillies and mares including 2yos Hunt The Magic (Huntsville USA) and Imahero (Hes Watching USA), Ima Tiny Dancer (A Rocknroll Dance USA) and Cherry On The Cake (Fly Like An Eagle), and 6yos Batavia Dreamer (Elsu NZ) and Elliegozoom (Mach Three CA). Special congratulations to the double winning maidens.

For the girls there were 12 (9 Westbred) wins in \$5,000 races, 25 (13 Westbred) wins in \$8,500 level races, 10 (5 Westbred) in standard metropolitan level and 4 wins (3 Westbred) at Listed or Group level. Westbred fillies and mares won 30 (58.8%) of the 51 races won by fillies and mares and 63.2% of their stakes.

Similar to the previous 2 months, there were 4 races for 2yo fillies in June. The remaining 4 2yo races were won by the boys. Fifty seven percent of the 2yo starters were fillies, which suggests one more 2yo fillies race would have been handy.

Four of the 19 3yo races were restricted to fillies. With 40% of the 3yos racing in (May and) June being fillies, this is an inadequate number of races for the fillies and at the participation rate, needs to be doubled. Fillies won 7 of the 3yo races, with another 6 wins coming in 3yo and over races. There were 50 3yo fillies racing in June 2022, compared to 52 in June last year.

Race wins by mares in June 2022 (34) was a good result compared to June in the previous 2 years. Mares won 11 of the 15 3yo and over races restricted to fillies and mares, as well as 23 open races.

Amongst the mares there were 18 wins by 4yos, 8 by 5yos, 3 by 6yos, and 5 by 7yo and 8yo mares. The majority (68%) of the wins were at the \$8,500 level and above.

With 40 races run at the Gloucester Park prime meetings, there were 14 wins by fillies and mares (35%). This is one of the best results in recent times. It's certainly what we would like to achieve on a monthly basis. Four of the wins were at Listed or Group 3 level, and 9 of the wins were in Filly and/or mare races.

City winners included 3yo **In The Spotlight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** who won a \$20,250 3YO Fillies, 4yo mare **Platinum Sparkle (Bettors Delight USA)** won the \$30,000 Lombardo Fillies and Mares, 7yo **Ideal Charm (American Ideal USA)** won an \$18,500 Pace, and 8yo **Angel In White NZ (Santanna Blue Chip USA)** won a double – a \$22,000 Pace and a \$20,375 Pace to follow her win last month. 6yo trotter **Majestic Dream (Majestic Son CA)** won a \$20,250 Trot

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won throughout June. The 7 WA bred winners of 8 metropolitan races were:

♥ **4yo American Arma - American Ideal USA o/o Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeder Liam O'Connnor and Jim Currie, classy mare who won 3 in a row in May. Then started from 8 and restrained out to settle 2nd last with the leading pair ruining their chances in a 35.9 lead. Still 3rd last with a lap to go but first to move 3 wide, running 2nd at the 400m and in front coming off the back, well clear down the straight and won the \$20,250 Fillies and Mares by 12.9m in 1:57.8;

♥ **4yo Bettors Destroya – Bettors Delight o/o Chemical Romance (Northern Luck CA)** breeder Steve Johnson, Two wins and 4 places from her previous 9 starts then started favourite from 4, driven out hard for the lead in a blistering 35.4 lead time, steadied over the first half, scooted clear by 3 lengths in the back in a race winning move by Gary Hall Jnr, tiring towards the finish but held on determinedly to win the \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares by 1.1m in 1:57.8;

♥ **5yo Fifty Five Reborn – Renaissance Man o/o Arma Fifty Five (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeders Montague, Currie Farrant and Brown families, very good mare who has deservedly cracked the \$200,000 in stakes. Started second favourite from 1, scooted out to hold the lead, controlled the

race throughout, scooted clear at the top of the straight and went to the line a winner in the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA in 1:57.5, last qtrs very speedy at 27.7 and 28.2. Great wet track run;

- ♥ 2yo **Imahero - Hes Watching USA** o/o **I Am Special (Live Or Die USA)**, breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park. Seven previous starts for 3 places, then started from 3 at long odds over the 1730m, a bit rough out on the wet track and settled 3 back the fence, strong in running, got the break in the field to move 3 wide at the 400m, 3 wide at the top of the straight, won the battle down the straight to win the \$25,000 2YO Fillies Western Crown by a neck in 2:00.9. A week later started from 6 after a scratching, slow out and settled almost last but one out one back. Very slow lead and first half, nicely placed in 4th at the bell. Faster down the back, moved out 3 wide into the home bend, really motored over the final 50m to grab the win in the \$20,250 2YO Fillies Pace by a head in 2:03.5;



- ♥ 3yo **Little Darling – Art Major USA** o/o **Fay Darling NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeders Barry, Lynley, Jimmie Howlett and Geographe Tree Services P/L. Resumed in March from a long layoff. Unplaced first up before 2 consecutive wins and 3 places. Then stepped out at Narrogin for a win before starting favourite from 5, settled one out 2 back but well back in a super quick 35.9 lead, close to last with a lap to go, expertly manoeuvred back and out by Chris Lewis near the 400m to go 5 wide to the home turn, flashed home to lead at the 50m and brilliantly win the \$20,250 3YO Fillies by 2.5m in 1:57.2;

- ♥ 7yo **Vivere Damore - Lincoln Royal NZ** o/o **Living On Love (Village Jasper USA)** breeder Patrician Park. A winner last month in a \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA. In June started at exceptional odds of 40/1 from 4, settled one out 2 back in a good field, 5th at the 400m with the leader faltering, 3 wide and 3rd coming to the home turn, finished resolutely to overcome the inside pair near the line and went on to win the \$23,750 Pace by a head in 1:57.1 last qtrs 28.1 and 28.8; and

- ♥ 2yo **Zephyra – Sweet Lou** o/o **Tricky Styx NZ (Jeremes Jet USA)** breeder part owners Marie and Jesse Moore, resuming for her 3rd lifetime start off a 12 week absence. A metropolitan winner last start, not the favourite though and started from 8 outside the favourite in 7 and settled last in the moving line, which became one out 2 back. A slow run race (and why not) on the rain affected track, moved 3 wide at the 400m to chase the new runaway leader, 15m behind at the top of the straight and raced home to grab the tiring leader near the line, winning the \$20,250 2YO Fillies Pace by 1.9m in 2:03.2.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in June 2022 was \$580,000, well down on June last year but not unexpected with no Westbred Classics included in this year's tally. Westbred fillies and mares earned \$367,000 and additionally collected \$91,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonus money.

The percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares in June 2022 was 31.7%. After the first 6 months of the season, fillies and mares have earned \$3.8 million – up \$80,000 compared to the same months in 2021.

Compared to June last year the number of mares racing has increased by 8, but 2yos and 3yos have decreased by 25 (down to 65). This time of year could certainly do with more races to attract owners, particularly for those horses that are not the top of their age group or class.

In June 2022, WA mares contributed 74.0% of the racing mares, with Westbred 2yo fillies comprising 93% and Westbred 3yo fillies comprising 86% of fillies racing. All up, 148 Westbred fillies and mares raced in June 2022, 74% of the racing females.

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