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POSITIVES FROM THE SEASON ROUND UP

Yes there were! A 12 month comparison is a 12 month comparison so while HRA have turned the season into a 16 month “year”, we will compare the 12 months ending August 2020 against the same 12 months of the previous season. You may recall we had some positives from the 2018/19 season including overall stakemoney won, number of winners, high stake earners, Bonus payments etc so this year was going to be up in the air with the stakes reduction from Covid. So here it is, just looking purely at the numbers:

Stakes: \$\$\$

- 949 Westbred raced, and collectively earned \$11.8 million in stakes (983 for \$11.7 million last year).
- 95 Westbreds earned more than \$30,000 (last year 93).
- The highest stakes earner was 4yo **Shockwave** with \$238,000, followed by last years highest earner, 6yo **Handsandwheels** on \$179,000 (slightly above last year) and 3yo filly **Double Espresso** (half sister to Shockwave) with \$144,000.
- The highest earning mare was the Annie Belton trained mare 6yo **Gotta Go Gabbana** (following the footsteps of last years leading Westbred stakes earning mare in Lady De La Renta) with \$115,000 and the highest earning 3yo filly behind Double Espresso was WA Oaks winner **Sports Package** with \$117,000. The highest earning 2YO filly was Westsired filly **Black Jack Baby** with \$110,000.
- **Major Martini** was the highest earning 3yo male with \$115,000 and **Mighty Ronaldo** was the highest earning 2yo male with \$104,000
- Good to see that others with earnings over \$60,000 cover a variety of ages. The list includes 2yo filly **Lady Jadore**, 3yo fillies **Blockjorg** and **Blue Chip Adda**, the mares **Fake News** and **Parisian Partygirl** (again), 2yo males **Give Us A Wave**, **Lavra Joe** and **Talks Up A Storm**, 3yo males **Gardys Legacy** and **Longreach Bay**, older males **Argyle Red**, **One For Dave Andme**, **Patrickthepiranha** (a repeat of last year), **Rock Me Over**, **Sergeant Oats**, **Theo Aviator** (again), **Vultan Tin** (a top earner last season) and relative newbie **While They Pray**.
- Twenty one different sires are represented in these success stories – from \$2,000 stud fee up to the top end - with Westsired progeny of Follow The Stars and Renaissance Man also present.
- The stakes figures are notable when you consider the 20% reduction, April to July, due to Covid19.
- The number of Westbred horses earning more than \$20,000 in the season decreased, not surprisingly, but the percentage of winners to starters increased to 54.5%.

Wins: ↑↑↑

- **For the second successive year Westbreds won over 50% of races** (53.5% compared to the previous 2 seasons 52.0% and 48.4% respectively)
- Fillies and mares maintained the upward trend and **increased their winning percentage to 27.8%** (26.9% and 26.1% for the previous 2 seasons)
- Fillies and mares races increased to 14.0% (13.1% last season), getting closer to the high of 14.6% in the 2015/16 season.

Bonuses: \$\$\$

- **Over \$1.9 million** was paid in Westbred Bonuses, including first win bonuses.
- 216 Westbreds won first win bonuses for their connections (220 last season)
- \$222,000 (\$277,000 last season) **was earned in Epona Credits** (fillies and mares earning a 10% win stakes bonus). A little down, but 20% reduced stakes during the high time of the season did impact.
- \$116,000 was claimed in Epona credits for 50 mares (previous season \$146,000 for 63 mares) confirming the more difficult breeding environment in 2019/20.

Many of these numbers are very good outcomes. However, as we head into another season, the programing needs to cater for the horses that are not seeing success in WA or have reached their “mark” and are not

competitive at that level, and as a result have very attractive national ratings. This is producing an exodus of horses to the eastern states, more so than is usual.

We want to keep all our horses here to maintain our meetings and races and there is around \$4 million in races and bonuses just for our WA bred horses. However, NSW, Vic and SA are certainly not objecting to WA augmenting their racing numbers.

Please talk to us if you cannot find suitable races for your horses so that we can take the issue forward.

2020 Member discounts for Stallion Services

WASBA members can obtain a 20% discount for all three **Allwood Stud** stallions, ie 20% off the service fees for:

- ❖ **Fly Like An Eagle (Mach Three)** standing at Allwood Stud, WA with his first WA 2yos racing in 2021;
- ❖ **Follow The Stars (Art Major)** sire of the outstanding filly **Black Jack Baby**, standing in Victoria; and
- ❖ **Rock N Roll World USA (Rocknroll Hanover)** standing in Victoria for his second Australian season.

Alabar Bloodstock are offering 10% on the remaining available stallions (eg Vincent at \$4,455) for our members. **A Rocknroll Dance USA** (Rocknroll Hanover) has a 25% service fee discount all season.

Yirribee and Cobbitty are providing discounted service fees for their stallions to breeders this year as a result of the financial impact of the pandemic.

Woodlands Stud has **Downbytheseaside USA** (Somebeachsomewhere) at 25% discount on his standard fee for the full season.

You can also check out the multiple mare discounts that many studs will offer.

There are mares available for lease and purchase – contact us if you are looking for one, or have one available (please include as a minimum sire, dam, damsire, race record). The attached list at the end of the Newsletter includes all the mares we have been advised to date, that are available by purchase, lease or free, for breeding this season:

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	all the major races are done but there are still races for you to the end of 2020
3yo	all the major races are done but there are still races for you to the end of 2020
Mares	the feature race schedule for mares has not changed



The Breeding Season is underway but plenty of time left to get up and running, maybe with another mare.....

Commencing 25 September, your **4yo and older Westbred or Westsired became eligible for the standard Westbred Bonus payment on his or her first career win**. This means \$2,550 in Bonus payment to the winner of a race less than \$15,000, or \$4,250 if the race stakes is \$15,000 to \$19,999.

At the same time the first win Bonus for all Westbreds has been increased to \$3,000, meaning \$3,000 to the racebook owners and \$3000 to the breeders for a first career win.

So it's the right time to think about breeding that mare that is retiring from racing or perhaps sitting in the paddock while you consider what to do next.

There are also some mares available for lease or purchase, some even with Epona Credits, so get in touch if you have a mare you want to make available for sale or lease, or you are thinking of breeding your own this season but need a mare. Unlike the racing season, the breeding season started on 1 September, although eastern states couriers don't start until late September, and are now in their full season routine.

The following stallions were made available through our Tender and Raffle and are still available and are some great choices. Don't forget the other WA based stallions (which gives you a Westsired foal eligible for the double Westbred win Bonus).

- [**Bling It On**](#) 1:50.2 - \$1,833,597. Australasia's richest and fastest son of American Ideal, out of a dual Australian Broodmare of the Year. Australian 2yo and 3yo Pacer of the Year. 48 wins, 6 Group 1 wins incl Hunter Cup, Victoria Cup etc. Oldest progeny are 2YOs in 20/21. Standing at **Cobbitty Equine in NSW**.
- [**Caribbean Blaster**](#) 1:52.6 \$1,113,677. Multiple Grp 1 winning son of Bettors Delight out of Kalypso (Safely Kept). Winner of Chariots of Fire, 4YO Breeders Crown, Victoria Cup etc. Raced and beat Im Themightyquinn, Smoken Up, Washakie etc. First two crops racing have produced 36 individual winners. Standing at **Global Breeding Farms in WA**.
- [**Control The Moment USA**](#) 1:48.2 - US\$1,227,832. Canadian 2yo Pacing Colt of the Year. Won Metro Pace, Meadowlands Pace, Cane Pace. Son of US 3yo Pacer of the Year Well Said 1:47.3 US\$2.6M. First crop racing in 2020 - 12 winners and 50% starters to foals already. **KTC Bloodstock FROZEN SEMEN**
- [**Downbytheseaside USA**](#) 1:48.3 \$US2,179,558. Champion son of Somebeachsomewhere. 22 wins at 2 and 3, equal fastest 2YO in history. 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year beating Huntsville, Fear The Dragon etc. Race timed 1:50 on half mile track. Standing 3rd season for **Woodlands Stud in NZ**.
- [**Follow The Stars**](#) 1:53.8 - \$707,237. By Art Major. Multiple Group 1 winner. 19 wins, 9 places from only 29 starts incl. 10 from 11 as a 2yo. 2014 Australian and New Zealand 2YO of the Year. Second on 2018/19 Australian first crop sire list. Fifth on 2019/20 2YO Sires list after Bettors Delight (service fee \$27,500), Mach Three (dec), Somebeachsomewhere (dec), Captaintreacherous (\$15,000) and Art Major (\$14,000), Sire of sensational Black Jack Baby. Standing for **Allwood Stud in Vic**.
- [**Foreclosure NZ**](#) 1:48.4 - \$807,746. By champion Rocknroll Hanover out of a Fake Left mare. NZ bred. Entirely US raced for 15 wins. Raced and beat the best including Foiled Again. Sole US crop of 21 foals for 16 winners, 14 in 1:55, 1 in 1:50, \$93,000 ave. earnings per starter. Third Aus season. **FROZEN SEMEN from KTC Bloodstock**.
- [**Franco Nelson NZ**](#) 1:50.3 - \$872,493. By champion sire Christian Cullen from a Falcon Seelster dam. Multiple Group 1 and Harness Jewels winner. Beat the greats Lazarus, Tiger Tara, Smolda, Christen Me, Have Faith In Me, Family of NZ 2YO Filly of Year Nevermore, champion NZ mare Spanish Armada, Chancellor Cullen and Cardigan Bay. First public season. Standing for **Burwood Stud in Qld**.
- [**Lather Up USA**](#) 1:46.0 - US\$1,735,623. World Champion. Broke seven track records racing from 2yo to 4yo. By a son of Bettors Delight from a daughter of champion NZ sire In The Pocket. 23 wins. Fastest 4yo in history World record 1:46.0 set as a 4yo. Dam has produced 2 in 1:50, 5 in 1:52 and is a full sister to a millionaire. First season at stud Standing for Woodlands Stud at **Northern Rivers Equine in Vic**
- [**Mel Mara USA**](#) 1:47 – US\$1,028,350. By Lis Mara, the fastest and richest son of speed champion Cambest (1:46.1 World record in 1993). Maternal family of No Nukes and Rock N Roll Heaven. Won 28 races, millionaire performer, beat Sweet Lou, Always B Miki, McWicked etc. Dam-sire and grand-dam sire were the fastest of their time. Second season. Standing at **Northern Rivers in Vic**.
- [**My Hard Copy NZ**](#) 1:51.6 \$1,270,660. Multiple Group 1 winner by American Ideal. From the family of Adios Vic, Manifold Bay, Run Oneover, etc. Winner of 27 races. Beat Lazarus, Chicago Bull, Soho Tribeca in 2018 Fremantle Cup. Dual WA Pacing Cup winner. Inters Heat winner. Second season at stud. Standing at **Highlight Lodge in WA**.
- [**Poster Boy**](#) 1:49:1 \$803,310. By world champion Somebeachsomewhere USA. Won 7 from 10 starts at 2 including a Gr 1, won 8 from 12 at 3 incl 2 Group 1s. Two Group 1s as a 4yo.. Lifetime best winning Chariots of Fire. US bred dam Aston Villa (Artsplace) named 2019 Australian Broodmare of the Year. Standing at **Northern Rivers in Vic**.
- [**Rock N Roll World USA**](#) 1:48.3 - US\$712,737. By world champion Rocknroll Hanover out of champion US 2YO/3YO Pacing Filly of the Year Worldly Beauty - a full sister to the dam of Captaintreacherous. Granddam a full sister to dam of Art Major. Raced from 2 to 5yo at the highest level. Set season record Hoosier Park Invitational defeating Freaky Fete Pete Second season. Standing for **Allwood Stud in Vic**
- [**Soho Tribeca**](#) 1:53.8 - \$1,103,854. By American Ideal out of Australian Broodmare of the Year Pixel Perfect (Art Major), dam of 5 in 1:55 incl. 3 Grp 1 winners. Multiple Group 1 winner incl. Golden Nugget, Vicbred Super Series. Multiple Inter Dominion Heat winner. Third in 1:46.9 Miracle Mile. Beat Lazarus, Tiger Tara, Chicago Bull etc. First season. Standing for Soho Standardbreds at **Northern Rivers in Vic**
- [**Sportswriter USA**](#) 1:48.6 - US\$1,566,460. By World Champion Artsplace USA. Family of Whats Next USA, Downbytheseaside USA, Custard The Dragon USA. Three quarter brother to the dam of current leading US 3yo colt Tall Dark Stranger USA p3 1:47.1. Noted sire of juveniles, with 2yo Group 1 winners Mitch Maguire, Niki No No, Shezallapples, Lumineer. **Standing for Alabar in Vic**.

All the WA based stallions, including Caribbean Blaster and My Hard Copy above, were listed in the September/October Harness WA hardcopy magazine, so don't forget to check them out.

HOW DID THE SIRES PERFORM THIS SEASON?



Apart from lower stakes in some months, WA completed its entire feature race and normal program for the 12 month season ending 31 August, thanks to RWWA and the outstanding efforts by everyone involved. The below figures reflect these results and show some of our WA based sires have performed very well, especially when some have only 2 or 3 crops. The statistics for Westbred starters include eastern states performances by Westbred horses. The statistics for all WA 2yo and 3yo starters include all starters in WA, Westbred and other.

2YO Westbred Starters 2019/20 – Top 5 Sires					
Sire	Starters	Winners	Wins	Places	Stakes
FOLLOW THE STARS	29	11	22	53	\$ 295,596
MACH THREE CA	10	6	11	22	\$ 215,101
ALTA CHRISTIANO NZ	3	2	4	6	\$ 118,714
TINTIN IN AMERICA NZ	3	2	4	5	\$ 98,814
ROLL WITH JOE USA	3	2	8	6	\$ 98,310
3YO Westbred Starters 2019/20 – Top 5 Sires					
FOLLOW THE STARS	26	19	39	99	\$ 308,384
ALTA CHRISTIANO NZ	11	10	36	34	\$ 238,163
BETTORS DELIGHT USA	9	7	31	25	\$ 229,476
RENAISSANCE MAN	12	6	18	21	\$ 186,771
SPORTSWRITER USA	7	5	12	21	\$ 179,405
Overall Statistics – Westbred Starters 2019/20 – Top 7 Sires					
MACH THREE CA	25	19	48	96	\$ 895,555
ALTA CHRISTIANO NZ	29	24	84	100	\$ 743,459
ART MAJOR USA	52	34	70	157	\$ 721,950
BETTORS DELIGHT USA	42	30	78	130	\$ 713,547
FOLLOW THE STARS	55	30	61	152	\$ 603,980
RICH AND SPOILT	35	20	40	109	\$ 396,420
RENAISSANCE MAN	27	14	37	60	\$ 342,447
Overall 2yo and 3yo Statistics – All starters in WA 2019/20 – Top 4 Sires					
FOLLOW THE STARS	55	30	61	152	\$603,980
BETTORS DELIGHT USA	34	25	84	64	\$571,921
AMERICAN IDEAL USA	18	14	39	45	\$452,645
ALTA CHRISTIANO NZ	16	13	46	43	\$389,348
ART MAJOR USA	24	14	31	52	\$378,132



New Sectional Times Rules to comply with

No doubt this has been discussed everywhere, but the rules are in play and drivers need to be aware of and conform to the policy to avoid fines. Refer to the RWWA website for the rules and the background:

We would hope that consideration will be given over the winter months for slower times in inclement weather, and we will follow that up next winter.

CHANGES to HOW RACES ARE DESCRIBED...

From October the way races are being described has changed in WA's standalone conditioned rating system (CRS). Instead of HWOE, a new concept of LEVEL is being introduced. The barrier draw (previously GPPBD/HWOE) will also reflect the new levels rather than HWOE.

Not a lot of notice, and it's early days, so keep your comments coming if you are having difficulties either understanding the system or finding the right race for your horse.

The highest Level is Level 15, which is equivalent to HWOE \$100,000 and over. The translation between HWOE and the remaining Levels is as follows:

LEVEL	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9	L10	L11	L12	L13	L14
HWOE	\$0- Maiden	\$1- \$2,999	\$3,000- \$5,999	\$6,000- \$8,999	\$9,000- \$11,999	\$12,000- \$18,499	\$18500- \$24999	\$25,000- \$32,499	\$32,500- \$39,999	\$40,000- \$54,999	\$55,000- \$69,999	\$70,000- \$84,999	\$85,000- \$99,999	Conditioned Pace

National Rating	64
Horse Class	NR64
HWOE Assessment	L8 (H\$27763.98)

In Harnessweb your horse will have a National Rating (NR) as well as a Level and HWOE.

And in the race fields your horse will have both HWOE and Level:

2		12:47pm		MVS EQUINE HOSPITAL - COOLUP MS PACE (SKY1)				2185M	
				\$7,500 3YO and older. L2/4 NE HWOE \$9,000+. PBD/L Mobile ⓘ				2ND LEG EARLY QUADDIE	
Form	Horse	Trainer	Other Eng.	Driver	Class	Hcp			
1	6568s GOODONYA MATE 📄	Brian Clemens		Trent Wheeler	L2 (H\$1921.50)	FR1	\$4.00		
2	21882 ISWHAT ITIS 📄	Aiden De Campo		Aiden De Campo	L3 (H\$3362.62)	FR2	\$9.00		
3	88370 MISTA MANGELS 📄	Mark Lee		Michael Grantham	L3 (H\$3362.62)	FR3	\$6.50		

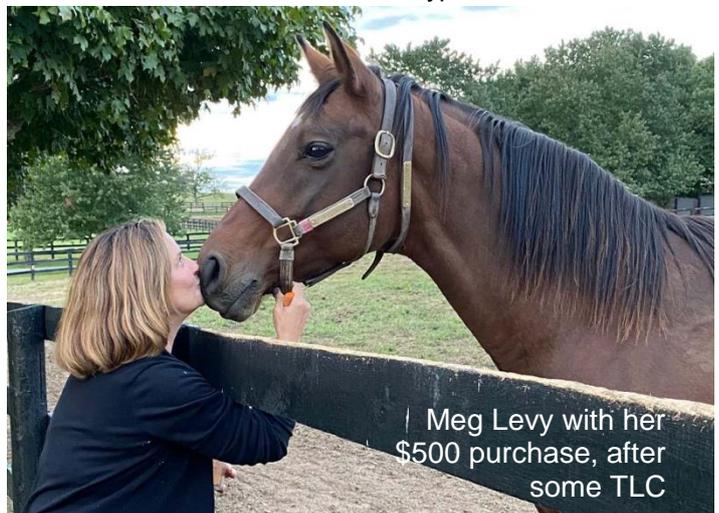
Full details are on the RWWA website under the “*Harness Hub*> *Racing Office Official Site*” or the following link <https://www.rwwa.com.au/harness-hub/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/09/CRS-New-Terminology.pdf>

Are you waiting for the right Opportunity?

On the thoroughbred front, an unwanted mare purchased for \$500, with no “black type” in the first two generations and a non winner herself, produced a Group 1 winner at Keeneland, Kentucky, that will see the filly *Simply Ravishing* go straight into the US Breeders Cup, the race that stops their nation.

Why mention this? Because the new owner Meg Levy simply saw something in the mare that she liked, brought her back to peak condition, bred her to a stallion just starting his breeding career and gave her the opportunity to succeed as a broodmare through her offspring.

There are many mares available that some might consider not of good standard. However, there are more than enough champions that have come from humble beginnings, so take a look and see if opportunity is knocking for you.



Meg Levy with her \$500 purchase, after some TLC

WA BRED WINNER OF GOLDEN SLIPPER

We didn't have space last month but do need to recognise the excellent crop of 2yos that included the winner of the 2020 Golden Slipper. Despite some top quality 2yos, the Golden Slipper has been difficult for our WA bred horses to win since the filly *Arma Express* (her daughter *American Arma* won first up on Friday) won in 2012.

The winner **Mighty Ronaldo** (**Alta Christiano** out of **Millwoods Delight** by **Bettors Delight**) started in 9, not the best barrier, but with trainer Justin Prentice on board. That's a really good omen. Bred by Trevor Lindsay, **Mighty Ronaldo** is the 3rd foal out of **Millwoods Delight** 1:57.0, a winner of 6 races and \$49,648. **Mighty Ronaldo** was selected and purchased for \$22,000 by Justin at the 2019 WA APG Yearling Sale and he is raced by regular (and very happy) clients of Justin.

As always, it was a really top race for the 2yos with any number of horses capable of winning. After the early manoeuvres, and there were plenty of those, Mighty Ronaldo was 5th along the pegs with Give Us A Wave in front and Lavra Joe in the breeze until Machnificent took over the breeze, in a solidly run race. Talks Up A Storm bubbled making a 3 wide forward move in the straight with 900 to go, giving Justin the opportunity to get into the one out 3 back position, and the three wide line was in play, led by favourite Jett Star.

The leading pair were a length clear in the back after 28.8, 28.8 and 28.4 qtrs but the runs were coming. Out of the back Robbie Rocket was 4 wide, with Mighty Ronaldo wider still, coming into the home straight 4 wide and sweeping past the leaders, hitting the front at the 50m and going on to win the \$100,000 Golden Slipper by a resounding 4.4m from Give Us A Wave, Robbie Rocket and Machnificent. The fastest Golden Slipper ever, with mile rate 1:55.5 and last qtr 29.8.



Millwoods Delight (Bettors Delight) is a granddaughter of the unraced **Significant (Out To Win)**, making her part of the very famous **Black Watch** family. Other members stemming from Significant include **Ima Rocknroll Legend (Rock N Roll Heaven)** 1:50.0 \$348,940, **Mighty Mr Sharkey** 1:51.6 and of course the mighty **Chicago Bull (Bettors Delight)** 1:51.6 \$2,002,531. **Alta Christiano** is from another arm of the Black Watch family, while **Rocknroll Lincoln (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:54.0 \$504,991 is from yet another arm of the family.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Making them go fast doesn't pay more in stakes and doesn't achieve much if they don't stay sound. Why not just have fun and enjoy watching them race?
- ♣ Eight year old Chicago Bull, after being nursed back from major injury, has just reached \$2 million in earnings. Credit where it is due, congratulations to all involved;
- ♣ Lochinvar Art victorious in the Victoria Cup, ahead of King Of Swing. Both horses in great racing order. A lot is being expected from him, but champion and millionaire Bling It On third in the Victoria Cup, again managing a stud and racing career at the same time.
- ♣ \$125,000 to Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven) after being sold mid way through last season and with new connections and trainer. Goes to show that if a horse or mare is up for sale, it's an opportunity.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – August 2020

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.

August was another month with several very good candidates for our Breeder of the Month, all for different reasons. Our final Breeder of the Month for the traditional racing season ending August goes to the breeder of the Golden Slipper winner in July, and it's a common theme with the sire being the same for both horses. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for August 2020, Trevor Lindsay**, as the breeder of **Alta Engen (Alta Christiano out of Its Karma by Million To One)**.

Alta Engen raced twice in August for 2 wins, with the second of those wins in the city. In this race he breezed and fought on well to hold them out, winning the \$18,000 3YO Pace by 2.0m in 1:56.7, last half 57 flat. That took his tally to 6 wins from 8 career starts, gave him three consecutive wins (he has since won another race) and it was also the 3rd winner on the night for his sire Alta Christiano.

Not the most fashionably bred, Alta Engen is the 3rd and last foal from **Its Karma (Million To One)** 1:59.3 6 wins \$37,710. Its Karma is one of 11 winners from her dam **Liberty Lombo (Hilarion)** 2:02.7 \$18,435, making her a half sister to **Baylan Jett (Courage Under Fire)** 1:54.2 \$158,188, **Showstopper (Northern Luck)** 1:55.5 \$90,920, etc. Other members of the immediate family include **Illusionation** 1:57.8 \$96,709, **Looks Like Heaven** 1:54.8 \$127,115 and **Roman Aviator** 1:54.2 \$139,203.



Looking further in the pedigree we find at the top of the list **Preux Chevalier** 1:54.3 \$791,331, **Lombo Pocket Watch** 1:53.6 \$1,522,638, **Terror To Love** 1:51 \$2,377,125, , and a myriad of other class winners descending from the 1946 mare **Mary Wootton**.

Congratulations to Trevor Lindsay trainer driver Aiden De Campo and the connections, who scored the very promising gelding **Alta Engen** for just \$12,000 at the 2018 APG WA Yearling Sale.

WA BASED SIREs – AUGUST 2020

In August, 7 WA based sires were represented by 17 individual Westsired winners of 17 races. Leading the way were **Follow The Stars** and **Renaissance Man** each with 5 winners of 5 races.

Four 2yos – **Make It Quick** and **Chance Eclipse** (Follow The Stars), **Mister Ridgewell** (Renaissance Man) and **Girl In Clover** (Rich And Spoilt) – and one 3yo – **Barry Allen** (Follow The Stars) won their First win Bonuses and their Double Westsired win Bonuses, giving their connections over \$14,000 for their winning effort including stakes and Breeder Bonus. There was one other Westsired first time winner – 5yo mare **Lovemelovemenot** (P Forty Seven).

Just under \$59,000 was paid to Westsired progeny in Westbred Bonuses in August, on top of \$24,000 in First win Bonuses. This compares to a combined \$109,000 paid in August last year to Westsired progeny.

While it was a lower result for August, for the 2019/20 season ending August the Westsired progeny received \$816,000 in Bonuses, including First win Bonuses and Breeder Bonuses, compared to \$537,000 in 2018/19. This is a significant increase and a great outcome for those breeders using WA based sires.

There was one Westsired winner of a Metro Stakes race in August, and a very special winner that was. She is covered under the fillies and mares section.

WESTBRED WINNERS – AUGUST 2020

Westbreds won 75 of the 151 races (49.7%) run in the month, near enough to 50% to make it 8 months in a row with at least half the race wins in each month. Interestingly this is the exact same result as August 2019.

There were 14 Westbred races run in August 2020, one more than the previous month and 1 more than August 2019. Included in the tally were the North Eastern Districts and the South Western Districts Council Derbies.

There were only four 4YO and over races, including 2 WASBA initiated races and two others for \$10,000.

Thirty three sires produced the WA bred winners in August. Leading the list for the second month in a row was **Alta Christiano** with 6 winners of 11 races, followed by **Bettors Delight** with 5 winners of 5 races and **Auckland Reactor** again featured with 4 winners of 5 races. It will be exciting to see Alta Christiano and Fly Like An Eagles first WA crop racing as 2yos in 2021.

There were 9 multiple Westbred winners in August – **Alta Blues**, **Alta Engen**, **Alta Rhett**, **Fake News** and **Little Bitof Fun** (all Alta Christiano), **Always A Dreamer** (Always A Virgin) for the second month, **Nuclear Poker (Auckland Reactor)**, **The Party Boy** (Mr Feelgood), and **Western Arterra** (Western Terror).

There were 18 first time winners (including 6 Westsired progeny) in August (16 in July 2020 and 17 in August 2019) taking home their first win owner and breeder bonuses. Excluding the Westsired winners, they include 2yos **Bettor Beach Belle** (Bettors Delight), **The Swiss Maestro** (Captaintreacherous), **Justanextragrand** (Changeover) and **Kissed By A Rose** (Sunshine Beach) and 3yos **Sixth Edition** and **Just Like Shannon** (American Ideal), with all these winners also taking home Westbred Bonus money. Other first time winners in the 3YO and over races were 3yo **Ainsworth** (Shadow Play), 4yo **Richie Reactor** (Auckland Reactor), 5yo **Out Of Rhythm** (Safari), 6yos **Innocent Oscar** (Village Jolt) and **Deenaalee** (Bettors Delight) and 10yo **Junior Navajo** (Ponder) who resumed racing in June 2020 after a 4 year absence and has since won another race!

There were 19 maiden races run, including 7 for 2yo and 4 for 3yos.

Overall, there were 11 2yo races run in August, which is 4 less than the previous month and 2 less than August 2019. Westbred 2yos won 9 of the races, with 5 of the races restricted to Westbreds.

There were 16 3yo races (19 last month), with 13 of the races won by WA bred horses. Five of the 3yo races were restricted to Westbreds.

In total, 3yos won 42 races, with 26 of these races in the 3YO and over category. Westbred 3yos won 25 races including 12 in the 3yo and over races. Of the 1400 start for the month, 3yos only comprise 14.2%, while recording 27.8% of race wins for the month

Back to normal Westbred Bonus payments this month, and excluding First win Bonuses, Bonus payments were just over \$125,000 compared to \$138,000 in August last year.

Of the wins by Westbreds, 5 were in \$4500 equivalent races and 54 \$7500 equivalent races. There were 11 metropolitan or feature race wins including the \$30,000 Group 3 WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace, the Group 3 \$30,000 The Schrader Fillies and Mares and the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares Pace. The remaining 5 wins were in \$10,000 - \$10,500 races.

At Gloucester Park, there were just 38 races run at prime meetings. There were 10 Westbred winners of 11 races at these meetings, including 4 fillies/mares included under their section. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of all the Westbreds who were successful at race meetings in August.

The 6 other WA born horses, including two winners from last month, were:

- ◆ **Alta Blues (Alta Christiano)** breeder Caulfield Park, highly rated 3yo unraced at 2. Wins in 3 successive months and made it 3 wins in a row after a metro win in July in 1:55.7, followed by a midweek win then started in 4, allowed to settle, went to the breeze and held his ground to win an \$18,000 Pace in 1:56.5;
- ◆ **Alta Engen (Alta Christiano)**, breeder and part owner Trevor Lindsay, followed midweek wins in July and August then started favourite in 5, settled in the breeze after missing out on a sit on the leaders back, challenged off the back and fought out the finish to win his 3rd consecutive race in the \$18,000 3YO Pace by 2.0m in 1:56.7, last qtrs. both 28.5;
- ◆ **Alta Rhett (Alta Christiano)** breeder David Stringer, a mid week win, then 10 days later started favourite from 1 over 2536m, led and won well in an \$18,000 Pace by 4.1m in 1:57.8, last qtrs. 28.8 and 27.8;
- ◆ **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight)** breeder M Sargent and D Hindle, what a super little horse. A winner in June then at his 208th start started in 4, settled one out one back, 3 wide off the back, chased them down then held off late challenges to win the \$17,000 Pace by a head in 1:57.9, last half 58;
- ◆ **Quick Stride (Live Or Die)** owner breeder Allwood Stud, first start with new trainer. Started in 8,



Bettor Party scooting for home

restrained and settled 5th on the fence and last, looked to be struggling or maybe bored, swung 5 wide into the straight and motored right past them to win a \$17,000 Pace by 2.0m in 1:57.9, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28.7; and

- ◆ **Our Perkins (Rocknroll Hanover)** breeder Steve Johnson, Led all the way in a \$14,400 Pace last month, then worked hard to get to the lead from 2, challenged down the straight but held on to dead-heat in a 2536m \$17,000 Pace in 1:58.4, last qtrs. 28.7 and 28.8.

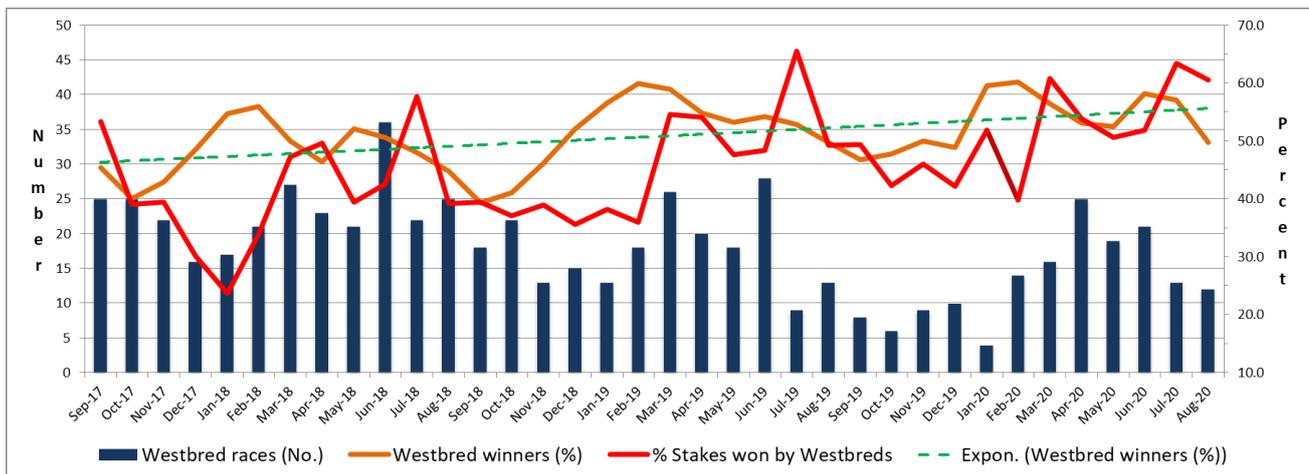
There were two Council Derbies run in August, one going to a filly and the other going to the lightly raced Trotsynd owned gelding **Manning (Sportswriter)** breeder Steve Johnson. Manning won the South West Council Derby to take his stakes to just under \$120,000 from just 22 starts, not bad for a \$19,000 yearling sale purchase!!



Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in August 2020 was \$734,197, over \$110,000 down on August 2019 but it did follow a super July for our WA bred horses. Total stakes paid in August 2019 was nearly \$200,000 higher than this year (off the same number of races), so does explain the poorer result.

Total stakes paid to Westbreds was \$774,062 out of a total \$1,625,250 (advertised stakes of \$1,652,500).

Lining up all the comparisons, Westbreds provided 63.8% of individual starters for 62.5% of race starts, 49.7% of race winners and 47.6% of race stakes – with all numbers (in percentage terms) comparable to August last year, except for a 1.7% dip in total stakes earned.



HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (August 2020)

Fillies and mares won 48 (31.8%) of the 151 races run in August 2020. This is 8 more wins from the same number of races compared to August last year, and helps us to maintain a healthy ratio of wins to races for the girls. We just need to get the stakes up as well. Of the wins by fillies and mares, 22 (14.6%) were in races restricted to fillies and mares and 26 (17.2%) were open races.

There were 2 races for maiden 2yo fillies and 1 race for maiden 3yo fillies (all restricted to Westbreds). There was also 1 maiden race for mares, which is an important category to cater for in the program.

There were 5 wins (3 Westbred) by 2yo fillies. The three Westbred fillies were all first time winners so won their first win Bonuses as well as Westbred Bonuses – **Bettor Beach Belle** (Bettors Delight), **Girl In Clover** (Rich And Spoilt) and **Kissed By A Rose** (Sunshine Beach). For those at the 2019 Yearling Sale, Girl In Clover was passed in at \$4,000 and won \$14,000 for this win.

There were 17 wins by 3yo fillies, including 2 multiple winners. Eleven of the wins were by Westbred 3yo fillies including one metropolitan level race. Five of the wins by the Westbred fillies were in 3YO and over races, so no bonus money applied to these wins.

Of the non Westbred 3yo filly winners, 4 wins were in 3YO+ races. Out of 16 3yo races, only 4 were for fillies.

Two 3yo fillies **Sixth Edition** and **Just Like Shannon** (both by American Ideal) had their first race win in August and did so in a 3yo race, giving their connections the First win and Westbred Bonus money.

There were 15 wins by 4yo mares (10 Westbred), 6 wins by 5yo mares (2 Westbred), 4 wins by 6yo mares (3 Westbred) and 1 win by a 7yo mare. There were two first time winners amongst the mares.

\$4,500 races accounted for 2 wins, while 32 wins were in \$7,500 races. There were 11 wins at metropolitan stakes level (including the Group 3 \$30,000 WASBA Mares 4YO and 5YO Pace and the Group 3 \$30,000 The Schrader. The other 3 wins were in \$10,000 (including 1 for 4YO and over mares) races and the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares Pace at Northam.

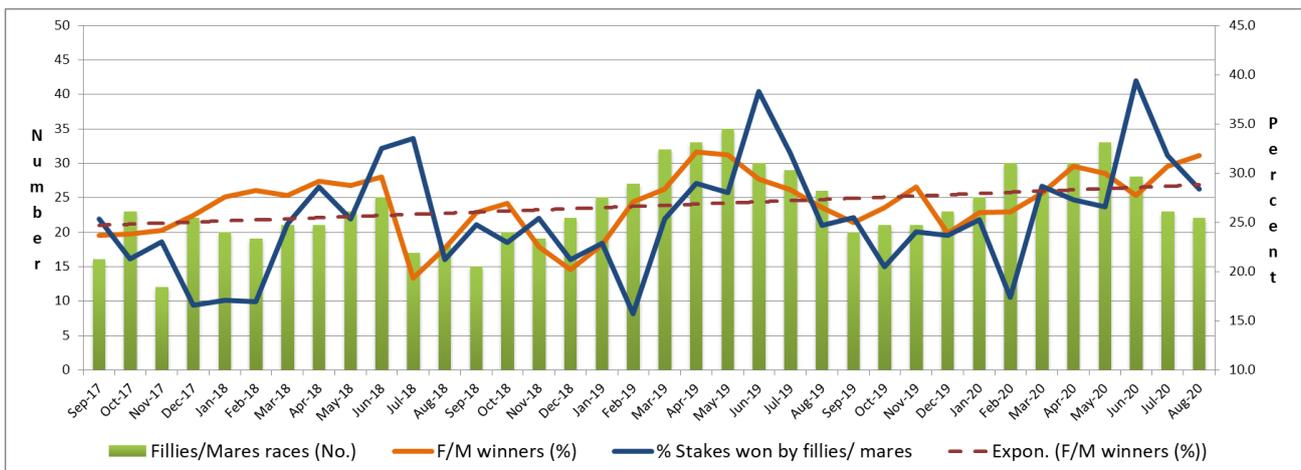
Westbred fillies and mares won 29 (60.4%) of the races won by fillies and mares, and 62.7% of their stakes.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in August 2020 was \$475,250, about \$60,000 higher than July 2020 \$416,313, and about 8% higher than August last year off the same number of races. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$496,160, up \$56,000 on July 2020 and also higher than August 2019.

The percentage of overall stakes paid to fillies and mares in August 2020 was 30.5%, up 5% on August 2019.

For August 2020, fillies and mares comprised 32.3% of individual starters, and 32.6% of race starts, both figures up on the previous month. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 75.9% of individual starters and 72.8% of race starts, with a dip in the number of Westbred fillies and mares going to the race track but no change to their overall number of race starts – they raced slightly more often

Westbred 2yo and 3yo fillies made up 81.8% of fillies in that age range, a slight increase on last month.



At Gloucester Park prime meetings, there were only 37 races run over the 4 nights in August. In a nice result for the month, 10 mares won 11 (29.7%) of the 37 races, including 4 on one night!

Winners included NZ 4 yo mares **American Delight (Bettors Delight)** in and \$18,000 Open Pace, **Starlight Destiny (Bettors Delight)** in an \$18,000 Fillies and Mares, 5yo **Queen Shenandoah (Somebeachsomewhere)** in a \$20,000 Open and 7yo mare **Just Rockon Bye (Christian Cullen)** – all on the one night. Also winning were 6yo mare **Madam Meiland (McArdle)** in a \$17,000 Open and **Askmeilltellya (Somebeachsomewhere)** won an \$18,000 3YO Fillies Pace.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in July 2020. The 4 WA bred winners of metropolitan stakes' races, including a dual winner and a winner from last month, were:



- ♥ **Blockjorg (Hes Watching)**, owner breeder Clarina Racing Syndicate, brought up her second Group win last month in the \$30,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic, then in August started favourite from 11, settled one out one back in a field with a runaway leader, chased down the back straight and a strong effort to win an \$18,000 3YO Fillies Pace by a neck in 1:56.6, last qtr 31.3 after a pointless 35.9 lead;

- ♥ **Fake News (Alta Christiano)**, breeder/owners Beth Richardson, Gary Ralston and Karen Hall, took her stakes to \$97,000 this season with a smart drive to surrender the lead from 1, then raced past the favourite in the straight to win a \$20,000 Pace in 1:55.0, last qtrs super at 27.4 and 27.5. Then started in 6, worked hard to breeze, sprinted down the back and fought out the finish to win a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares by 1.1m in 1:55.5, last qtrs 27.7 and 28.8;



- ♥ **My Prayer (Renaissance Man)**, breeder Global Breeding Farms, a good 2nd at her previous start, then started from inside the back line, settled behind the leader with catch driver Colin Brown on board, got the gap coming off the back and challenged the leader down the straight to win the \$30,000 Group 3 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Pace in 1:56.2, last half just under 57; and
- ♥ **Typhoon Tiff (Bettors Delight)**, owner breeder Colleen Lindsay, a metro win in June. In August started super fast from 5, surrendered the lead in a 35.9 lead, held up then split the eye of a needle in the straight to zoom past and win the \$30,000 The Schrader in 1:55.5, last qtrs. 28.4 and 30.

At Northam, **Newsletter (Sportswriter)**, breeder Mike Howie, started favourite and worked hard from 2 to lead and despite the early pressure, went on to win the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Farm Virgil Queen Celebration Pace by 6.7m in 1:59.2 over the 2190m. On the same night, 3yo filly **Miss Merit (Western Terror)**, breeder Ed Dewar, won the North Eastern Districts Council Derby.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **4 November 2020**, with this likely to proceed as the more convenient teleconference under the current social distancing requirements.

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