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# NEWSLETTER

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## GRACIAS PARA NADA

Commiserations to the connections of top juvenile pacer Gracias Para Nada who suffered a tragic injury following surgery and has been put down. This star Westbred three year old, like James Matthew a few years earlier, promised to be one of WA's best horses and it is a loss to all that the career of both of these horses was cut short. Gracias Para Nada was bred by Caulfield Park Stud in WA.

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## W.A. BASED SIRES (April)

The progeny of WA based sires won 52 races in April. Rich And Spoilt had a great month with his progeny winning 10 races. Next best were Saab with 7 winners and Northern Luck 6 winners. Legacy Of Power produced 4 winners. Congratulations to the connections of the following WA sired pacers who won races at GP Friday night meetings:- Dalvey Gold (Kinney Hanover) breeders ARG and RG Creyk, Adda Tak (Rich And Spoilt) breeder Harry Capararo and Getaway Plan (Parsons Den) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd. Getaway Plan won the \$100,000 2yo C/G's Sales Classic Final in the smart mile rate of 1:58.0ms.

## WESTBRED HORSES

Westbreds did quite well winning 97 (51.5%) and the Imports 91(48.5%) of the 188 races run in April. However Westbreds didn't fare too well at GP Friday night meetings only winning 7 (14%) of the 50 races. Four of the Westbred winners at GP Friday Night meetings have been mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, so congratulations to the other 3 winners:- El Machine (Elsu) breeder Ian Davie, Aussie Reactor (Camcracker) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd and Jumbo Operator (Armbro Operative) breeder Lynda Huston.

It is interesting to note that this season from September 2011 to February 2012 Westbreds won 526 (44.5%) of the 1181 races run over this period. In the last two months (March and April) Westbreds have won 206 (54%) of the 382 races run. There are probably several reasons for this increase but certainly the marked increase in Westbred Only races (14 in March and 15 in April) over the two month period must be an important factor. We all hope the trend continues.

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH (April)

Congratulations to Royalstar Pty Ltd who bred the 2yo Gelding Getaway Plan (Parsons Den X Queen Delilah) who won the \$100,000 2yo Colts and Geldings Sales Classic. Getaway Plan has now had 3 starts for 1 win, 1 place, best mile rate of 1 : 58.0ms and stakes of \$63,690. The dam of Getaway Plan is Queen Delilah (Orange Sovereign x Dainty Delilah) whose racing record stands at 67 starts for 10, wins, 25 places and stakes of \$66,421. She is a 100% producer with 3 live foals for 3 winners. Her best foal to date is Jumbo Operator (Armbro Operative) with 42 starts for 24 wins, 9 places and \$313,175 in stakes. The dam side of "Getaway Plan" traces back to the NZ bred mare Dainty Widow (Light Brigade) who produced the great WA mare Dainty's Daughter..

## HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO?

There were 22 (11.7%) F/M's races run in April. However 9 races were for 2yo and 3yo fillies so only 13 (6.9%) F/M's races were run for mares 4 yrs or older. Of the 166 races open to both males and females the C/G's won 140 (84.3%) races and the F/M's only 26 (15.7%) races. At Friday night meetings 5 (12.5%) of the 40 races were F/M's only races. Of the other 35 races the C/G's won 34 (97%) and the F/M's only 1 (3%). Overall, the F/M's only won 6(15%) of the 40 races run at GP Friday night meetings in April. Of the 6 races won by F/M's 5 were won by Imports and only 1 by a Westbred. The Westbred winner was the 2yo filly Arme Xpress (Artiscape x Arma Antoinette NZ) who won the 2yo fillies Sales Classic. Arma Xpress's 4 wins from 4 starts includes the \$20,000 Western Crown and the \$50,000 Champagne Classic. Congratulations to Owner/ Breeder Jim Currie. Also congratulations to the connections of 4yo NZ bred mare Kamwood Laughter (Live Or Die x Kamwood Smart NZ) who won the WASBA / Chaff City \$20,000 Golden Girls Mile Classic at Pinjarra in the very fast winning mile rate of 1:53.8ms. Well Done to the Pinjarra Club for their strong support of this race and the great hospitality always extended to the WASBA representatives on the day. Also many thanks to Chaff City for their financial support of the Golden Girls Mile.

## SUB TWO MINUTE PERFORMANCES (April)

In January 22 Westbred pacers qualified in **1:59.0** or under. Winners were Adda Tak (Rich And Spoilt) **1:58.4**, Alkira Jetstar (Jet Laag) **1:56.6**, Arma Xpress (Artiscape) **1:57.5**, Big And Smooth (Dr Drew) **1:56.4**, Big Bang Theory (Barnett Hanover) **1:58.7**, Black Rak (Dr Drew) **1:58.4**, Copagrín (Grinfromeartoe) **1:58.0**, Dalvey Gold (Kinney Hanover) **1:58.3**, Devastating Power (Legacy Of Power) **1:55.7**, Eagle Rox (Bettors Delight) **1:57.3**, El Machine (Elsu) **1:58.7**, Empires Express (Royal Mattjesty) **1:58.2**, Getaway Plan (Parsons Den) **1:58.0**, High And Righteous (Righteous Hanover) **1:58.5**, Jumbo Operator (Armbro Operative) **1:59.0**, Kissed Flush (Courage Under Fire) **1:57.8**, Kissed Flush (Courage Under Fire) **1:57.8**, North Toa Luckstar (Northern Luck) **1:58.1**, Red Salute (Life Sign) **1:58.0**, Red Salute (Life Sign) **1:58.5**, Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation) **1:57.1**, Touch Of Tango (Northern Luck) **1:58.4**, Tyler Diamond (Day In A Life) **1:57.5**.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The annual WASBA Gala Dinner will be held at Gloucester Park on **Friday, 26 October 2012**. This is a fabulous event so keep the date free, organise a table and further information will be provided shortly.

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