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Covid-19 Impact on our Racing

In one of the few bright lights of the current worldwide pandemic, we are still racing in Australia (except Tasmania). Others may question why, but certainly all codes of racing have done everything possible to maintain a safe environment for participants, the public and our horses. We must continue to do so for as long as it takes!. Please do not presume restrictions will be lifted before they actually are.

In WA, and apart from the numbers coming from the cruise ships (particularly the Artania, which has just finished a quarantine period at Fremantle and is on it's way), we have managed to keep the numbers of infected people low. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO THIS, by following all the required protocols at all times. We are certainly better off than people in NSW and Victoria, and we want to remain that way. Racing has too long a history for us to let it go, so let's keep on top of an ever changing environment and keep racing!

Currently RWWA is restricting attendance at all race courses, training centres and trials and putting other mandatory measures in place. This is in an effort to maintain racing while complying with all government requirements and sensible practices, and trying to maintain the best possible outcome for racing participants.

Everything that has been put in place, annoying as it may be, has been introduced to keep us racing. Please follow the relevant social distancing and other instructions available from the RWWA website using this link

<https://www.rwwa.com.au/media-centre/wa-racing-update-covid-19/>

TWENTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN STAKES

We need the support of the betting public to increase our turnover, which has currently dropped 50%. In response to the economic impacts of Covid-19 and closure of pub Tabs and Tab outlets, stakes have been reduced by 20% across all three codes. Stakes for all codes across Australia have had a similar response to the virus impacts. The cut will not apply to the Pearl and Diamond Classics which involve futurity payments.

Queenland's turnover has actually increased so lets see if we can do the same, through mobile apps, phone betting and tab accounts. You can use the link below to sign up for a tabtouch account. If you know anyone who normally visits a TAB outlet, they are welcome to sign up for an account too. Must be over 18 years old....

<https://www.tabtouch.com.au/signup?Sports=False#/stepOne>

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	Pearl and Diamond Heats are coming up in May – you need to be qualified to start
3yo	The \$120,000 WA Oaks, unfortunately suffering from the 20% cut, is on 1 May The Standing start Race For Roses is also on 1 May
Mares	The \$40,000 Breeders Stakes is at Gloucester Park on 8 May, another one of the mares feature races to be hit by the 20% stakes reduction The \$11,200 WASBA King-Lethbridge is on at Pinjarra on the public holiday Monday 27 April
Westbred	Watch for further (now) \$8,000 RWWA Westbred 4yo and over races (3 were scheduled for the abandoned Narrogin meeting on 21 March)



INTERESTED IN RWWA OTT SPONSORSHIP?

Don't forget to check the information on the RWWA OTT site. There you can find:

- Horses available to buy or lease, and you can also advertise your retired horse for sale;
- Advice and guidance on how to care for a retired racehorse, as well as off the track training tips;
- Clinics and Events run by RWWA or run in partnership with other organisations;
- A list of all acknowledged re-trainers who can retrain your horse or help you find the right retiree;
- Information on how to apply for some excellent sponsorships from RWWA's Off the Track program.

RWWA provide annual individual horse and rider sponsorship, as well as event based sponsorship. Applications for the individual horse and rider sponsorship are expected to open soon (Covid-19 limitations permitting), so please keep a look out. Applications for event based horse and rider sponsorships are open all year round, but with Covid-19 in play there are no events being programmed. When they do open up you need to apply a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the event, so again, make sure you are aware as to what is available.

Check out the website at <https://www.offthetrackwa.com.au/> and keep an eye out for the upcoming RWWA sponsorship if you are competing at the elite level with one of our off the track horses.

TRIPLE GROUP 2 SUCCESS FOR HANDSANDWHEELS

This time last year now 6yo entire **Handsandwheels (Mach Three** out of Benjor Maddy Lombo by **Perfect Art**) had run 3rd in the City of Perth Cup, had won the \$50,000 RWWA Cup in 1:54.3 and was 4th in the \$50,000 Governors Cup. This year he is in another league, adding the \$50,000 Bunbury Cup to his credentials followed by an unlucky but unsuccessful Cups campaign, before starting his 3 win sequence in Group 2 company.

First up was the \$50,000 City of Perth Cup, with Handsandwheels going out as favourite from barrier 1 and going straight to the lead. After a 27.7 3rd qtr regular trainer driver Aiden De Campo released the brakes down the straight, with Handsandwheels going to the line 5.4m in front of El Jacko, with half brother Rock Me Over a neck away in 3rd, mile rate 1:56.1 and last qtr also 27.7.

A week later, the \$50,000 Governors Cup was next, and it was the second feature race win on the night by a WA bred horse. This time Handsandwheels was starting outside the back line, which was a big advantage given the breakneck speed set by the front runners. Settling one out 4 back Handsandwheels followed a forward move by Galactic Star in the final 400m to be second into the straight and proved too strong over the final 100m to win by 1.7m from Galactic Star, mile rate of 1:53.2, last half 56.6.

A fortnight later it was the \$50,000 RWWA Cup with Handsandwheels lining up from barrier 2 and leading from his half brother Rock Me Over. Controlling the race, Handsandwheels went to the line a clear winner by 3.3m from Rock Me Over, last qtrs. 28.1 and 27.4 and mile rate 1:56.8.



Handsandwheels and connections after his RWWA Cup win

Bred by Mike Howie and owned by local stable clients of the De Campos, Handsandwheels was broken in and initially trained by Andrew De Campo until son Aiden took over this season. Handsandwheels won his first start as a 2yo and remained winless for the remainder of his 2yo season. He won his first start as a 3yo, won 2 of his next 8 starts before stepping out in the 2017 WA Derby and winning, the first WA bred horse to win the Derby since Argent Treasure in 2008. Handsandwheels also won his first start as a 4yo and his career tally to date is \$657,718 from 28 wins and 23 places.

Handsandwheels is one of 5 winners from dual Broodmare of the Year **Benjor Maddy Lombo** 2:01.8 \$21,510, whose other winners include **Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven)** 1:53.8 \$236,607, and WASBA King Lethbridge winner **Maddy White (Lombo Mandingo)** 1:56.9 \$110,824. Benjor Maddy Lombo is out of **Magic Maddy Lombo (Classic Garry)** 2:03.8 1 win \$7,664. You can see there is not a lot of racing success with these mares, but that did not impact their capacity to produce top class horses. Magic Maddy Lombo produced 7 winners including **Miss Trickin Lombo (Blissfull Hall)** 1:53.3 \$230,312, multiple Group 1 winner and Cordina Sprint winner **Suave Stuey Lombo (Bettors Delight)** 1:49.6 \$587,032, **Sweet Maddy Lombo (Panorama)** 1:59.5 1 \$106,588 and **Soho Madeleine (Bettors Delight)** 1:56.8 \$96,803. A full sister to Magic Maddy Lombo in **Decethree Lombo** 2:00.9 \$4,715 produced 11 winners including **Lombo Skyrider (Panorama)** 1:50 63 wins \$841,611 and **Iceenothink (Art Major)** 1:55.6 \$193,417 and is the granddam of numerous winners including **Lord Lombo (Blissfull Hall)** 1:53.6 \$286,504, **Soho Wonder (Jet Laag)** 1:56.1 \$190,663, **Lady De La Renta (Well Said)** 1:49.2 \$306,529 and Group 2 Champagne Classic winner **Wesley (Sportswriter)** 1:55.2 \$163,186. The dam of Magic Maddy Lombo is Australian 3yo Filly of the Year and (later) Australian Broodmare of the Year **Misty Maiden (Windshield Wiper)** 1:59.4 \$245,449, with Misty Maiden the dam of 9 winners including Australian 2yo and Horse of the Year **Lombo Pocket Watch (Jet Laag)**, 1:53.6 \$1,522,638 the winner of 17 successive races as a 2yo and the only 2yo to be named Australian Horse of the Year. What a family.

THREE GROUP WINS FOR DOUBLE EXPRESSO

After a loss at her first start for the season, albeit in an open mares race, 3yo filly **Double Expresso** put that behind her with wins at her next 4 starts. The first was a race for 3yo fillies, with Double Expresso starting favourite from 8, breezing for the last mile and taking a well deserved win by a head in 1:57.4 over the 2130m.



A month later was the next win, the feature \$50,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic, this time not as favourite which was a later regret from the punters. Double Expresso settled mid field before regular driver Chris Lewis moved her to the breeze outside the favourite with 1400 to go. Double Expresso caught the favourite coming into the straight and was just too good, winning by 3.6m from Star Fromthepalace and Run For Mercy, last qtrs. 28.2 and 28.6 and mile rate 1:56.

Next up was the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic open to all 3yos. A super field stepped out, with just the one filly. Starting inside the back row, Chris Lewis had Double Expresso positioned 3 back the rails. WA's best male pacer Major Martini was in last position after starting from barrier 9. Again the punters were off the mark with

Double Expresso at 7/1 and Major Martini at 13/1. Coming off the back after a 27.9 3rd qtr, Double Expresso was about to find an opening, while Major Martini was still 3rd last on the rails. Around the turn Double Expresso was in the clear 3 wide and flying, and at the 100m she was gathering in the leaders while Major Martini was now in the clear 5 wide but 2 lengths back. Double Expresso hit the front, with Major Martini low flying on the outside but too late to catch Double Expresso who won by a nose in a super 1:55.4, last qtr 28.4.

Last but not least was the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic, with Double Expresso leading from 1 and going on to win by 3.2m in 1:56.1, last qtrs. 28.1 and 28.2 and repeating her result in the 2YO \$100,000 Sales Classic.

Bred by Kevin and Annette Charles and by **Sweet Lou** out of **Here For The Money (Rich And Spoilt)** 1:57.9 \$81,874, Double Expresso was a \$22,000 2018 yearling sale purchase by her current trainer Ross Olivieri.

Double Expresso won her first 4 career starts and was clearly the superior filly of her year. She won both the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic and the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic. She has been unplaced only once in her career and has stakes totaling \$282,884. She is one of two Group 1 winning foals from locally sired mare Here For The Money, who has also produced Golden Nugget winner **Shockwave (Mach Three)** 1:53.4 \$373,019.

2018/19 Broodmare of the Year Here For The Money raced successfully in WA including running second in the 2YO Fillies Sales Classic of her year. Her Group 1 winning sire **Rich And Spoilt** has added another dimension to her pedigree, with the line now bringing back the successes of generations passed. Here For The Money is a daughter of the unraced **Regal Castle (Safely Kept)**, who is a half sister to **Duel Prince (Panorama)** 1:57 \$163,902. Their dam **Duel Queen (Seahawk Hanover)** 2:02.7 \$32,150 is a half sister to four other winners including **Queen Xena (Silent Spring)** 2:02.7 \$23,359, **Gold King (Silent Spring)** 1:58.4 \$216,186 and **Boldandbeautiful (Albert Albert)** 1:59.2 \$79,422. Boldandbeautiful is the dam of **Its Only Rocknroll (Million Dollar Cam)** 1:50.8 \$398,209, while Queen Xena is the dam of multiple Group 1 winners **Chariot King (Badlands Hanover)** 1:51.3 \$643,405 and **Emjayem Grand (Bettors Delight)** 1:49.6 \$431,697.

Sad loss of Alta Christiano



Alta Christiano's Derby win

Such a terrible shame that we have lost probably the most promising siring son of **Christian Cullen**, in **Alta Christiano**, just when his stud career was starting to take off. Alta Christiano was also one of the few sires available from the Black Watch female line. We just mentioned him last month as a sire of the future, so quite disappointing for the connections and breeders. His most memorable run in WA would be his Derby win, when he faced the breeze for the entire 2536m journey before steaming away for a win by 13.6m. Finishing behind him that day were \$1 million plus earner My Hard Copy, \$500,000 earner Glenferrie Hood and \$450,000 earner Northview Punter. Those who have one of his foals or are expecting one would be well pleased they made the right choice. Hopefully there will a grandson of Christian Cullen who stands out as a sire in the future.

Award winning Breeders for the 2018/19 Season

The WA Breeding Awards for the 2018/19 Season were presented by WASBA in February at a function in Quinnyies, with the awards covered last month. The major award winner was also highlighted last month with the below representing some of our other crystal award winners on the night including (L to R) Peter Capararo (representing the late Harry Capararo) – Rich And Spoilt, Mike Hackett – Renaissance Man, Bill Hayes – Gee Jay Kay, Joy Fletcher – Infinite Symbol and Mike Howie - Handsandwheels. Lots of blue.



Congratulations to all our award winners for the 2018/19 Season

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Yearling Sale graduate **Shockwave (Mach Three)** continues on his winning way, looking like a genuine contender for our top races;
- ♣ Sometimes even the best drivers make terrible decisions when the stakes are at the highest;
- ♣ Top form shown by former Group 1 winner **Rosies Ideal (American Ideal)**, passing the \$200,000 mark;
- ♣ Great win by **Parisian Partygirl (Courage Under Fire)** in the \$30,000 Global Breeding Farms Golden Girls Mile in 1:53.6
- ♣ Not in the same league as his full brother and new sire **My Hard Copy (American Ideal)**, 100% American bred My Carbon Copy is quietly going up the ranks, making over \$70,000 so far this season;
- ♣ Mathematically speaking, if your driver goes through the lead time in a 2130m race at Gloucester Park in 35 seconds or less, he is asking your horse to run at 26.4 pace for the quarter, equivalent to better than a 1:46 mile rate. Don't be surprised if your horse doesn't win;

- ♣ Another great WASBA Country Oaks finish, with the win going to **Sports Package (Sportswriter)** in a very exciting finish from Blue Chip Adda (Heston Blue Chip) and favourite Suing You (Alta Christiano);
- ♣ Support for Kiara Davies as she battles breast cancer can be provided through the gofundme campaign set up to raise funds for her ongoing treatment and surgery – you can use the following link:

[support-kiara-through-her-breast-cancer-journey](https://www.gofundme.com/support-kiara-through-her-breast-cancer-journey)

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 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.

Congratulations to our **Breeder of the Month** for **February 2020, Patrician Park's John Coffey**. John bred 2yo filly **Lady Jadore (Tintin In America** out of Ima High Rolla by **Kinney Hanover**) who outclassed a quality field of 2yo fillies in the final of the 2020 \$100,000 APG WA 2YO Fillies Sales Classic. Lady Jadore started favourite from barrier 5, was in front after 500m, paced flawlessly running 28.3 for the first quarter and went on to win by 3.4m in a speedy 1:57.1 (running second was another Patrician Park bred filly Adore Me Some More, who is also by Tintin In America). John entered 7 fillies for the 2019 APG Sale, with 3 of them racing in the Sales Classic Final – a very good effort!. John is a genuine seller and “gave away” Lady Jadore for \$5,000.



Lady Jadore had two previous starts in February, both wins, giving her a 3 out of 3 for her career to that stage. She won her first start by just over 3m, then was very impressive in her Heat win, scoring by over 8m.

Purchased by Annie and Colin Belton for just \$5000, Lady Jadore is the 3rd winner from her WA bred dam **Ima High Rolla (Kinney Hanover)** 2:01.6 \$30,280. Kinney Hanover stood in WA most of his stud career. He was a 1:51 horse in the early 90s and has produced a number of good performers in WA as well as being the broodmare sire of high calibre racing stock such as **Gotta Go Gabbana** (bred by Annie and Colin Belton) Ima High Rolla won the 3YO Sales Classic in 2008 and is one of 5 winners from her unraced dam **Corniche Trunkey (Wellwood Hanover)**

including **Fluent Style (Village Jasper)** 2:00.1 \$78,033 and tough little mare **Skewsy Newsy (Village Jasper)** 1:59.1 \$75,893. Corniche Trunkey is out of former brilliant race mare **Ferrari Trunkey (Tarcoola Frost)** 1:56.6 \$267,527. Very relevant for this time of year, Ferrari Trunkey won the WA Oaks, WASBA Breeders Stakes, Silver Bracelet and other Group races amongst her 22 wins. Ferrari Trunkey produced 8 winners including WA Derby winner and multiple Group 1 winner **Trunkey Maseratti (Wellwood Hanover)** 1:56.4 22 wins and \$273,457, and non winner **Chemical Romance (Northern Luck)** dam of **Destined To Rule (Shadow Play)** 1:57.5 \$143,587 and Group 1 and Group 2 winner **Bettor Reward (Bettors Delight)** 1:52.7 \$243,565.

Congratulations to John, Annie and Colin Belton and **Lady Jadore**.

WA BASED SIRES – FEBRUARY 2020

In another good monthly result, there were 13 WA based sires represented by 27 Westsired winners of 32 races in February 2020. This time it was **Follow The Stars** leading with 7 individual winners of 9 races, followed by Rich And Spoilt with 4 winners of 6 races.

The dual winners for the month were 2yo filly **Black Jack Baby** and 2yo colt **Robbie Rocket** (Follow The Stars) and **Theo Aviator** (Mr Aviator). The triple winner for the month was 4yo gelding **Babyface Adda** (Rich And Spoilt) – good to see this former top juvenile back in the winner's circle.

Two 2yos **Robbie Rocket** and **Watch the Stars** (both Follow The Stars) as well as 3yos **Shes All Star**, **Stride Like A Star** and **Stars Of Gold** (all Follow The Stars) and **Harris River Henry** (Yankee Sensation) were rewarded with First win Bonuses as well as Double Westsired win Bonuses giving them \$9,100 each plus their winning stakes. !

3yo **Hengheng** (Rich And Spoilt) and 4yo **All Black Rain** (Tinted Cloud) had their first career win in February, in 3yo and over events. Westsired progeny won over \$100,000 in Westbred and First win Bonuses in February.

Congratulations to all the Westsired winners this month.

There were two Westsired Metro Stakes winners in February:

- ♣ **Reacher (Allamerican Ingot)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, lightly raced 5yo in the stables of Kyle Harper, a win and a 2nd at his previous two starts, started outside the backline, settled one out three back, moved 3 wide with 600 to go, 4 wide down the straight, finished with a burst to win an \$18,000 Pace by a half head, mile rate 1:58.1 and last qtrs. 28.5 and 28.8; and
- ♣ **Theo Aviator (Mr Aviator)** breeder part owner Nicholas Taylor, very good 4yo, started favourite from 4, went to the lead, untroubled out front and went on to win an \$18,000 Pace by 3.7m in 1:56.7, then from 7, settled one out two back before zipping around to take the breeze, wore down the leader in the straight and went on to win the \$20,000 Pace by 1.7m in 1:56.4, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.7.

WESTBRED WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2020

February has been one of the best months for WA bred winners for the previous 3 years, and February 2020 was no exception. There were 127 (60.2%) Westbred winners of 211 races, compared to 59.5% (from 200 races) in January 2020 and 59.9% (out of 207 races) in February 2019.

There were 14 Westbred races run in February 2020, 10 more than the previous month. One of these was a \$10,000 race for 4yo and over. Over the next few months we will see more of these races, which until further notice will be \$8,000 as a result of the stakes reductions.

The numbers are a positive sign for WA bred horses with the results expected to continue as the juvenile racing brings in many new starters over the prime racing months. If you have concerns about the race program for your own Westbred (or filly/mare), please let us know. Likewise please let us know what things are working for you.

To demonstrate how diverse breeding is in WA, the progeny of 49 sires had winning WA bred progeny in February, including 37 based outside WA (Mr Aviator has winners from both WA and Eastern States services). **Alta Christiano** was again on top with 7 winners of 8 races followed by **Mach Three** with 6 winners of 8 races. **Bettors Delight** had 6 winners of 7 races followed by **Art Major** with 6 winners of 6 races and **Somebeachsomewhere** with 5 of 6.

There were 18 multiple winners (14 Westbred and 4 Westsired) this month. **While They Pray** (Alta Christiano), **Talks Up A Storm** (Artspeak), **Beiderbecke** (Bettors Delight), **Caruba** (Caribbean Blaster), **Black Jack Baby** and **Robbie Rocket** (Follow The Stars), **Handsandwheels** and **Pierre Whitby** (Mach Three), **Tahi** (Major Bronski), **Bee Seventeen** and **Theo Aviator** (Mr Aviator), **Right Royal Cheer** (Mr Feelgood), **Rockinthebox** (Pet Rock), **Adda Girl** (Somebeachsomewhere) and **Double Espresso** (Sweet Lou) were all dual winners for the month. The triple winners for the month were **Verstappen (Grinfromeartoeear)**, **Babyface Adda** (Rich And Spoilt) and **Lady Jadore** (Tintin In America).

There were 30 (22 Westbred and 8 Westsired) first time winners in February taking home their \$2,000 owner and breeder First win bonuses, compared to 18, 14, 15 and 11 in the previous 4 months, so a big increase. Ten of the winners were 2yos, 12 were 3yos, 4 were 4yo, 3 were 5yo and 1 was a 6yo. Of the 3yos taking home their first win, 6 did so in a 3yo and over race, so missed out on Westbred Bonuses.

The Westbred Bonus payments (excluding First win Bonuses) were nearly double that of January, which is fantastic given January Westbred Bonus payments were nearly double that of December. \$155,830 was paid out in February compared to 86,755 in January 2020 (\$36,563 in December 2019 and \$76,000 combined in the previous 3 months). This compares to just over \$123,000 in February 2019.

There were 16 2yo races run in February compared to 4 in the previous month. All the winners were Westbred.

There were 20 3YO races (including 4 Westbred only maidens and one other Westbred only) run in February 2020, compared to 14 in January and 10 in December. Six of the 3yo races were for fillies, which was better than the previous month but needs to be higher, and 17 of the twenty 3YO races were won by Westbreds. All up 3yos won 42 races (22 outside the 3yo class), with Westbreds winning 30 of these.

There were 4 races restricted to horses at least 4 years old, including the \$25,000 4YO and 5YO Manea Classic and 3 \$10,000 races for 4YO and over. All 4 races were won by Westbreds, but we would like to see more races aimed at these older horses, with the better 3yos taking the opportunity in the 3yo and over races to get some quick wins.

Of the wins by Westbreds, 34 were in \$4,500 races, 64 in \$7,500 races (including a deadheat), 18 in Metro stakes races (including a 2 Group 1s, 3 Group 2s and a Group 3) and 11 were for stakes of \$8,500 to \$10,000.

At Gloucester Park, there were 40 races run at prime meetings. There were 13 Westbred winners of 17 races at the prime meetings, including 7 wins by Westbred fillies/mares listed under their section and 3 Westsired wins. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the Westbreds who were successful at our feature race meetings in February.

The 5 WA born horses, with 7 wins between them, are listed below:

- ◆ **Bee Seventeen (Mr Aviator)**, breeder Nicholas Taylor, new trainer and connections since November, settled one out one back, got into the 3 wide line at the 400m ran 3 wide down the straight to grab the win on the line in an \$18,000 Pace, super 1:56.9 over the 2536m, last half 57.6, then started inside the back line again over 2536m, settled behind the leader, got a rails run in the straight and won the \$18,000 Pace by a half head in a slick 1:57.6;
- ◆ **Handsandwheels (Mach Three)**, breeder Mike Howie, dominant win in the \$50,000 City of Perth Cup in January. In February a week later started outside the back line, settled one out 4 back, followed a forward move in the back straight and too strong, winning the \$50,000 Governors Cup by 1.7m in a super 1:53.2, last half 56.6. Followed that with his second win in the \$50,000 RWWA Cup, leading from 1 and winning by 3.3m in 1:56.8 last qtrs. 28.1 and 27.4;
- ◆ **Lightning Jolt (Village Jolt)**, breeder Glen Ross, former promising juvenile now 7yo temporarily with trainer/driver Aldo Cortopassi. Started in 1, surrendered the lead, got off the rails at the right time, chased the leader down in the straight to win the \$18,000 Pace by 2.3m in 1:58.1, last half 57.6;
- ◆ **Major Spoilt (Art Major)**, breeder Harry Capararo, three consecutive seconds then starting in 9, restrained out of the barrier to be last on settling, followed a 3 wide move with a lap to go, kept chasing down the straight grabbing the leader just before the line to win the \$18,000 Pace by a half head, mile rate 1:58.6 last qtrs 28.3 and 28.5; and
- ◆ **Talks Up A Storm (Artspeak)**, breeder Harry Capararo, two lifetime starts for two wins after a good win in his Heat of the Sales Classic, then went straight to the lead from 3, dominated the race and set a race record of 1.56.2 to win the \$100,000 APG Sales Classic by 7m, last half in 57.4.



Talks Up A Storm and Dylan Egerton-Green

The \$25,000 Manea Classic was another victory to a WA bred horse, with 4yo gelding **While They Prey (Alta Christiano)** breeders (and part owners) Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, G Ralston, Falsify Syndicate, being successful. While They Prey is a half brother to 2018 \$50,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic winner **Slick Artist (Art Major)** 1:52.2.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in February 2020 was \$1,308,474, roughly \$300,000 higher than December and January, and about \$450,000 higher than November, so quite a good result. It is also \$205,000 higher than February last year. This was helped by the two Group 1 Sales Classics, but still reflects the quality of the WA bred horses racing.

Total stakes paid to Westbreds was \$1,370,204 out of \$2,252,570 (advertised stakes of \$2,300,500), or 60.8% of stakes (54.6% in February 2019). This is the highest percentage since June 2019, but it needs to be remembered that the 2YO Sales Classic Finals were run in February this year, producing a higher tally for the month. February and March percentages are usually higher due to the performance of WA bred horses in the feature juvenile events, which is an excellent sign.

Lining up all the comparisons, Westbreds provided 66% of individual starters for 65.7% of race starts, 60.2% of race winners and 60.8% of race stakes (the number of individual Westbred starters was slightly up on February 2019). A very nice even month and certainly the more like this the better! It certainly reflects that the WA bred horses are stacking up well, regardless of the opposition. And to be optimistic, next year we just might be cheering a WA bred winner of the Pacing Cup with such a good crop of 3 and 4yos this year.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (February 2020)

Fillies and mares won 55 (26.1%) of the 207 races run in February 2020, which is 1% lower than the figure for February 2019 but within 1 race win of that month. It is however the lowest result in percentage terms for the last 5 years.

Of the wins by fillies and mares, 30 (14.2%) were in races restricted to fillies and mares and 25 (11.8%) were open races, with less wins in open races being the reason for lower than expected results. We are looking for a one or two percent increase in overall wins in the short term.

There were 7 wins by 2yo fillies (all Westbred), 16 wins by 3yo fillies (12 Westbred) including 7 in 3yo and over races. Eight fillies took home their first career win Bonus (3 last month), and in a good sign, just 2 of these were in 3yo and over events.

There were 21 wins by 4yo mares, 8 by 5yo mares, 2 by 6yo mares and one win by a 7yo mare. The mares definitely need winnable opportunities as they age.

\$4,500 races accounted for 11 wins, 33 were in \$7,500 races and 2 wins were in \$10,000 races (the Sales Heats). The remaining 9 were in metropolitan stakes races including a Group 1, 2 Group 2s and a Group 3.

Westbred fillies and mares won 39 (70.9%) of the 55 races won by fillies and mares, and 76.7% of their stakes. This is a good result, even without including the 2YO Fillies Sales Classic.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in February 2020 was \$616,717, which is \$100,000 higher than December and \$150,000 higher than January 2020. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$646,167 with Westbred fillies and mares earning \$495,596 – more than the total earned by all fillies and mares in January 2020.

The percentage of overall stakes paid to fillies and mares in February 2020 was 28.7%, a big improvement on the January figures without the male dominated Pacing Cup and Fremantle Cup. Wouldn't it be nice if mares had the equivalent of the Fremantle Cup to add to their list of feature races?!

For February 2020, fillies and mares comprised 30.5% of individual starters and 30.3% of race starts. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 76.2% of individual starters and 74.9% of race starts. Westbred 2yo and 3yo fillies made up 86.5% of fillies in that age range.

At Gloucester Park prime meetings, 8 mares won 9 (22.5%) of the 40 races in February 2020, consistent with previous months. It was a fairly good month for the WA bred fillies and mares, however the metropolitan meetings need to produce 25-30% of filly/mare winners at each meeting to reach the required target.

Winners included 5yo **Miss Sangrial (Art Major)** won a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares and 4yo NZ mare **American Delight (Bettors Delight)** won the \$30,000 The Lewis Fillies and Mares.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in February. The WA bred winners of the metropolitan stakes races, with two repeating January's winning efforts, were:

- ♥ **Double Espresso (Sweet Lou)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, super filly, a well deserved win in a 3YO Fillies event in January, then brilliant effort to win the 3YO Fillies \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic after breezing, rating 1:56. Next start a fortnight later, the only filly in the race, came from 3 back the fence to win the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic in 1:55.4, last qtrs. 27.9 and 28.4;
- ♥ **Fake News (Alta Christiano)**, breeders / part owners Beth Richardson and Garry Ralston, a winner 3 months in a row, 2 wins last month including a 1:52.7, then started favourite from 3, settled one out one back, first to move 3 wide in the back, running second at the 400m and overcame the leader down the straight to win the \$20,000 Pace by 2.4m in 1:57.5, last qtrs. 27.9 and 28.9;
- ♥ **Lady Jadore (Tintin In America)**, breeder Patrician Park, won her first lifetime start in a midweek 2yo fillies, then ran a super race to lead and win her heat of the Sales Classic by 8.8m, last qtr 27.7, then another dominant win after leading most of the way to win the \$100,000 Sales Classic Final;
- ♥ **Parisian Partygirl (Courage Under Fire)**, breeder Tarsao Investments, having a great season, starting in 11, settled 3 back the fence, found a way clear around the bend to come 4 wide down the straight, flew home picking up 3 lengths on the leaders to win the \$18,000 Pace by a half neck in 1:57.8, last half 57.6;
- ♥ **Rosies Ideal (American Ideal)**, breeder Craig and A Lynn and D Trigwell, first race start since a win in December, settled in the breeze, gave the favourite the sit of the race, shot away in the straight and although tiring, went on to win an \$18,000 Fillies and Mares by 2.1m in 1:56.6, last qtrs. 27.7 and 29.
- ♥ **Sports Package (Sportswriter)**, owner breeder trainer Terry Ferguson, started at 80/1 in an 8 horse fillies field, settled last, grew wings in the straight and flew past them to win a \$18,000 3yo Fillies Pace by a nose in 1:57.3, last qtrs. 27.9 and officially 29.7 except for Sports Package.

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The **WASBA AGM** was held at Gloucester Park of Friday 8 February. The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **29 April 2020**, with this likely to proceed as a teleconference under the current social distancing requirements.

Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or comment on any aspect of breeding, please contact a Committee member or:

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