



# NEWSLETTER

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## Covid-19 Update and new G2G PASS

There is good news for some of those with elective surgery previously cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with some procedures now being rescheduled. Those impacted and eligible under the guidelines to have their surgery rescheduled will be contacted by the relevant hospital/GP etc. This is a great improvement for people who have had relatively essential surgery categorized as “elective” including things like colonoscopies, breast screens etc, with the cancellation of these and other elective surgeries leaving people concerned about their future.

THIS HAS ONLY BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY everyone adhering to the restrictions that are still in place, resulting in very low community spread in WA.

The State Government has also introduced a new initiative - the G2G PASS – which is aimed at helping the WA Police Force manage and enforce travel restrictions as well as assist in streamlining the process for those people with an exemption to move through borders and checkpoints.

RWWA strongly encourages all essential persons who are required to cross regional boundaries to apply for a G2G PASS. You will need to apply online at:

<https://www.g2gpass.com.au/>

and ensure that you select the relevant regions in which you are required to travel, including the region in which you are based. If approved (the process is quite quick but you should allow a day or two) you can then download the G2G PASS App to generate a QR code, which can be saved to your phone or printed out to enable it to be scanned at the checkpoints for quick access.

If this sounds too complicated or if you are unable to download the App, a PDF copy of your G2G PASS will be emailed to you upon approval of your application, which you can then print to take to relevant checkpoints.

If you have been issued with a ‘Letter of Authority to Travel’ by RWWA, you are still able to use this documentation to support your approved travel. However, applying for a G2G PASS will help to ensure you are able to move through the approved checkpoints more quickly and without any issues.

Non essential attendance at race courses, training centres and trials is still prohibited, and other restrictions including social distancing are currently still in place.

Please do not presume restrictions will be lifted before they actually are. 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/>

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

<b>2yo</b>	Pearl and Diamond Heats are coming up in May – you need to be qualified to start
<b>3yo</b>	The \$120,000 WA Oaks, is on 1 May The Standing start Race For Roses is also on 1 May
<b>Mares</b>	The \$40,000 Breeders Stakes is at Gloucester Park on 8 May The \$24,000 Group 3 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO and 5YO Westbred Mares Final is on 5 June
<b>Westbred</b>	Watch for further (now) \$8,000 RWWA Westbred 4yo and over races (3 were scheduled for the abandoned Narrogin meeting on 21 March)



## REMEMBERING THE BEST

At this time of year while we have Easter and all the juvenile races coming on stream and the excitement that brings, we sometimes overlook how we got to be so lucky.

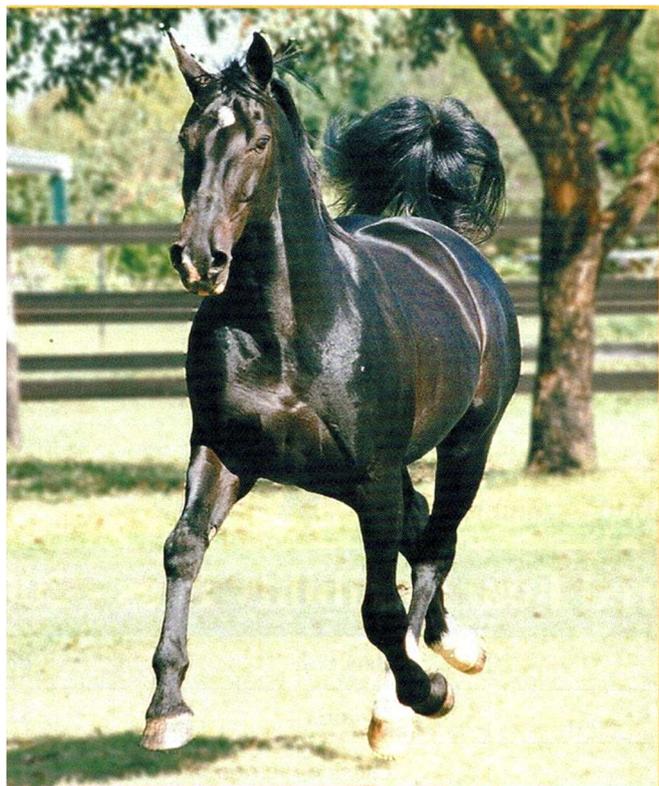
On Anzac Day we reflect on the sacrifices made by many, both old and young, some of whom returned and some who didn't. Hopefully we will never know that sacrifice again, but if we can all take a quiet moment to reflect on the men, women and yes animals including horses, donkeys and dogs that gave up their lives so that we could live ours. Some of our own Standardbreds went to war, and never returned home.

As we go about our lives with the difficulties currently being experienced through Covid-19, let us take time to compare our current hardships with those of the past, and try to support each other through adversity.

**Lest  
We  
Forget**



It is also a time when, this year, we have lost some of our champions. Trainer driver **Gavin Lang** sadly lost his battle with a rare form of lymphoma. And as coincidence goes, only in March did we lose champion stallion **Safely Kept**, who was the sire of one of Gavin's best and favourite horses in **Persistence**. Safely Kept was the 3 times leading 2YO Sire of the Year, and in the top echelon of sire of the year and broodmare sire on multiple occasions. He sired class trotters and well as pacers. His highest stake earning pacers were **Safe And Sound**, **Kept For Pleasure** (dam of **Vincent**), **Manifold Bay** and **Persistence** – all multiple Group 1 winners of \$500,000 plus. His best trotter was multiple Group 1 winner and \$448,000 earner **La Coccaracha**, dam of multiple Group 1 winner and \$478,000 earner **Dance Craze**. Safely Kept is also the broodmare sire of millionaires and multiple Group 1 winners **Smolda**, and **Caribbean Blaster**. A special horse and a special man, liked by all. RIP.



## MILLIONAIRE CARIBBEAN BLASTER TO STAND IN WA

We have Art Major, Mach Three, American Ideal all represented in WA with highly credentialed sons available. Now we have Bettors Delight represented in WA, with **Caribbean Blaster** 1:52.6 \$1,113,677, the multiple Group 1 winning son of Bettors Delight to stand in WA at Global Breeding Farms.

Apart from being a son of Bettors Delight, he is a millionaire Chariots of Fire and Victoria Cup winner, who raced and beat all the best of the era including Smoken Up, Im Themightyquinn, Beautide, Restrepo and Christen Me.

He won the 2012 Chariots of Fire in 1:52.6, was an Inter Dominion Heat winner, won the 2012 Victoria Cup in 1:53.7 defeating Mah Sish, Im Themightyquinn, Smoken Up, Washakie and The Gold Ace. He won the Group 1 South Australian Cup over 2710m, beating Smoken Up, and competed in and won a Hot To Trot Stampede, running his second quarter in 25.8.



He was unlucky not to win a second Victoria Cup running second, with Christen Me, Smoken Up, Mah Sish, Restrepo and Beautide finishing behind him. He finished 2<sup>nd</sup> by a nose to Christen Me in the 2014 Hunter Cup. He competed successfully in many open company Grand Circuit races, surpassing most of his stud competitors in this regard.

His female line is second to none, with **Kalypso (Safely Kept)** 2:00.8 \$30,110 also producing Protikora (Solys Atom) 1:59 \$212,109, Kalypson Kid (Armbro Operative) 1:56.4 \$125,351, and Group winner War Dan (Bettors Delight) 1:52.4 \$175,973. Kalypso is a full or half sister to 9 winners including multiple Group 1 winner Grand Stride (Artiscape) 1:52.4 \$324,658, Sapphire Stride (Artistic Fella) 1:52.2 \$134,115 and Group 3 Tatlow winner Katasopos, dam of the Paleface Adios Classic winner Copper Coast (Modern Art) 1:52.2 \$308,702.

Keeping with the WA link, **Willing Greek (Golden Greek)**, the dam of Kalypso, is out of Group 2 Bathurst Gold Tiara winner **Willing Whiz (Armbro Whiz)** 1:57.5 \$120,515 with her dam a half sister to **Willadios (Deep Adios)** 2:00.7 \$180,257, winner of the 1982 Fremantle Cup and a Heat of the 1982 Inter Dominion

Caribbean Blaster is an imposing 16h individual so for those wanting a millionaire racehorse sire and a piece of Bettors Delight, contact Mike Hackett at Global Breeding Farms 0423 703 779.

## TOP PERFORMANCES BY MAJOR MARTINI

After a classy win in a 3yo metro race in December, multiple Group 1 winning Sales graduate **Major Martini (Art Major** out of Gaetana Nicole by **Sutter Hanover)** had two seconds (in a 3yo and over race and missing by a nose in the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic) before two consecutive and dominant wins in two \$50,000 3yo feature races.

Starting short priced favourite from 2 in the \$50,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic. Major Martini was content to let the leaders sort themselves out in front and Caveman led into the straight followed by Poisedtopounce, with Major Martini 4 lengths back followed by stablemate Manning. Single file and easy going until Major Martini moved to the breeze with just over a lap to go then a flat our 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr had Major Martini putting paid to Caveman, Poisedtopounce also beaten and only stablemate Manning, in third position, any sort of threat. But into the straight it was just Major Martini striding away, going on to win the \$50,000 Colts and Geldings Sales Classic by 15.3m from Manning in 1:56.6 and last qtrs. 27 and 27.7.



Major Martini 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic 1:56.6

After such a dominant win Major Martini started favourite a fortnight later, from the same barrier 2 but this time over the 2536m journey. Going straight to the front from the barrier, Ryan Warwick on Howard Hughes in the breeze made sure the pace was genuine, and Major Martini with Justin Prentice on board was going to have to be good to lead all the way. Heading into the back, the pace stepped up to a 28 flat 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr, with nobody doing better than the leader Major Martini. Scooting away coming out of the back, Major Martini was a clear leader, with just the minor placings up for grabs. As they straightened, Major Martini was the winner all the way to the line, going on to take the \$50,000 3YO Western Gateway Stakes by 10.7m in 1:57, last qtr 27.9. This is one of the best Art Major sons we have seen in WA and only bad luck or a bad drive would lose him the Derby a fortnight later.

Valiant in defeat, history shows Major Martini lost the Derby to Patronus Star, whose top WA credentials include being a full brother to Billies A Star and whose dam is a half sister to the dam of Ima Rocket Star.

Bred by Steve Johnson, Major Martini was a \$44,000 purchase by Justin Prentice at the 2018 WA APG Yearling Sale. He is the second foal and first winner out of the unraced **Gaetana Nicole (Sutter Hanover)**, who was also bred by Steve. Gaetana Nicole is a half sister to 5 winners including **Fake Embrace (Fake Left)** 1:53.4 37 wins \$240,249, **Go by Jet (Whats Next)** 1:58.3 20 wins \$91,746 and **Like A Dame (Golden Greek)** 2:02 \$10,312 as well as non winners **Endless Journey (Die Laughing)** and **Hotniten Georgia (Albert Albert)**. Endless Journey is the dam of Group 1 winner **Isaiah Artois (Modern Art)** 1:58.3 \$117,351 and Group 3 \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic winner **Mandy Joan (Art Major)** 1:57.3 \$86,439. **Hotniten Georgia** is the dam of Group 1 winner **Supreme Royalty (Parsons Den)** 2:00.5 \$93,739 and of course, **Like A Dame** is the dam of **Kerrin Joseph (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:55.3 \$111,849, **Hugh Victor (Artesian)** 1:54.9 \$144,034 and multiple Group 1 winner and Fremantle Cup winner **David Hercules (Artesian)** 1:52.7 39 wins \$1,263,159.

## SHOCKWAVE UP TO THE BEST

The crowd would have been a buzz if they were on course on April 24, to see how new kid on the block **Shockwave (Mach Three)** went against the older champ **Chicago Bull**. The loss of both horses to Ocean Ridge did not in any way lessen the status of any of those horses, but it did suggest we will have some exciting racing coming up.

After showing formidable form in the 4yo events before Christmas, including his first official Group 1 win in the \$200,000 Golden Nugget, 4yo entire Shockwave is now looking to a 2021 Cups campaign on the back of some brilliant recent efforts including 4 in a row.

Shockwave came through the January Cup series without success but more mature. After a 20m win in a trial that was his first start since the Pacing Cup, he was starting 5 days later on 13 March in the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship. Very short in the betting after drawing barrier 1, it was straight to the front. Super confident in front, regular driver Aiden De Campo took a look around with 600 to go, and had another look at the 400 but no-one was going to test him and he dashed away in the straight to win the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship by 4.8m in 1:56.5, last qtrs. 28.2 and 27.3.



A week later he was in open company and even shorter in the betting, this time starting from 4. Dashing to the front by the top of the straight the first time, Shockwave was running along nicely in front, and the slow first qtr set it up for a sprint home if anyone was good enough to run over him. With 28.2 and 27.3 last qtrs, Shockwave was untroubled to win by 5.5m in 1:56.3.

Another week later, another open race but this time over 2536m, which was never going to be a problem for him. Starting in 8 after a scratching, and with the favourite Galactic Star from 1, Aiden De Campo waited briefly for the field to settle before scooting round to take the breeze position next to race leader Galactic Star. That's how the race unfolded, with Galactic Star looking comfortable but running solidly in front. With 500m to go Shockwave was picking up Galactic Star, who was now under pressure. The good horse that he is, Galactic Star fought back but Shockwave was too strong even after breezing and went on to an impressive win in the \$25,000 FFA by a head in 1:57.4, last qtrs. 27.3 and 27.7. That made it 3 from 3. A fortnight later he made it 4 from 4, this time over 1730m and from barrier 7, starting favourite and racing one out one back, taking off at the 400m to run past leader Galactic Star and Ocean Ridge who then compounded, winning by a head in 1:53.4, last qtrs 27.6 and 27.7.

Bred by Kevin and Annette Charles and by Mach Three out of **Here For The Money (Rich And Spoilt)** 1:57.9 \$81,874, Shockwave was a \$46,000 2017 yearling sale purchase by Kevin Jeavons and is owned by Kevin, son Kyle as well as Howard King.

The breeding of 2018/19 Broodmare of the Year Here For The Money was covered in last month's newsletter but we will run through it again as it shows that quality bloodlines usually come through.

Here For The Money raced successfully in WA including running second in the 2YO Fillies Sales Classic of her year, the exact same result as Shockwave in his 2YO Sales Classic. The sire of Here For The Money is locally bred Group 1 winner **Rich And Spoilt (Million To One)** who won 8 of his first 11 starts including the Group 1 Pearl. That was no fluke as he was placed 2ND in the WA Derby, the Australian Derby and the Golden Nugget. Rich And Spoilt has definitely influenced the ability of grandson Shockwave and half sister Double Expresso.

Here For The Money is a daughter of the unraced **Regal Castle (Safely Kept)**, who is out of **Duel Queen (Seahawk Hanover)** 2:02.7 \$32,150. Duel Queen, dam also of **Duel Prince (Panorama)** 1:57 \$163,902, 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, who competed in the 2013 Inter Dominion won by Im Themightyquinn, and **Emjayem Grand (Bettors Delight)** 1:49.6 \$431,697.

## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Great effort by everyone to stick with the plan and keep us safe and racing;
- ♣ Top WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Westbred Mares effort from **Delightfull (Bettors Delight)** to breeze from the 1200m and go on and win by 2.4m;
- ♣ **Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven)** winning \$110,000 since purchased on behalf of stable clients in March last year, with \$97,000 this season;
- ♣ Another bunch of exciting 2yos coming through, both colts and fillies from the Sale and home bred. Hopefully the owners will get to see them race in the flesh soon;
- ♣ Six Westbred winners on Memorial Stakes night – a great result.

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 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 **March 2020**, **Bryan Cousins' Tarsao Investments Pty Ltd.** Bryan bred 7yo mare **Parisian Partygirl (Courage Under Fire** out of Summer Carnival NZ by **Tuapeka Knight**) who beat a quality field of mares in the \$30,000 Global Breeding Farms Golden Girls Mile at Pinjarra, running a lifetime best 1:53.6. Starting from inside the back line, Parisian Partygirl settled 3 back the fence with favourite Rosies Ideal out front, Pick My Pocket behind her, second favourite Our Alfie Romeo breezing and 3<sup>rd</sup> favourite Gotta Go Gabbana in the one by one. The speed was on all the way, and after a 27.9 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr, runs were coming from the back as Parisian Partygirl was being manoeuvred off the rails to go wide, but Rosies Ideal and Our Alfie Romeo still led into the straight. The charge of the light brigade down the straight with Parisian Partygirl finishing the best in a bunched field ahead of American Delight, from 4 back the fence, and Gotta Go Gabbana, last qtr 27.7 and 7m covering first to last. Brilliant race.

Parisian Partygirl also won an \$18,000 Fillies and Mares in February (below) at Gloucester Park, driven well to get a nice position 3 back the fence, came flying down the straight 3 and 4 wide and hit the front on the line to win by a half neck in 1:57.8, last qtrs. 28.5 and 29.1



Purchased for \$12,000 at the 2014 WA Yearling Sale, Parisian Partygirl has been raced throughout her career by Sue Bonser and trainer Bernard James. Her first win was in one of the WASBA initiated end of season 3CO \$8500 races at Gloucester Park, at her 13<sup>th</sup> race start. She is now the winner of over \$180,000 from 12 wins and 29 places, with the recent Golden Girls win a true accolade and shows what can be achieved if you give them the opportunities.

Parisian Partygirl is the last foal and 6<sup>th</sup> winner from her NZ dam **Summer Carnival (Tuapeka Knight)** 2:01.2 \$35,442, with other winners including **Winter Retreat (Armbro Operative)** 1:52.8 33 wins \$416,693 and **Kissed Flush (Courage Under Fire)** 1:54.7 30 wins \$159,369. Another winner **Spring Carnival** 1:59.1 6 wins \$31,595, a full sister to Winter Retreat, is the dam of **Dardy Delight (Bettors Delight)** 1:58.2 13 wins \$119,779, and a half sister to Summer Carnival is the granddam of **Rave Moonraker (Bettors Delight)** 1:52 \$121,173.

Congratulations to **Susan, Bernard, Tarsao Investments** and **Parisian Partygirl**.



## **WA BASED SIRES – MARCH 2020**

In March there were 25 Westsired winners of 30 races representing 10 different sires. **Follow The Stars** led again, with 6 individual winners of 7 races, followed by **Renaissance Man** with 5 winners of 5 races and **Rich And Spoilt** with 4 winners of 5 races. **P Forty Seven** produced 4 individual winners.

There were 3 multiple winners in the month, with dual winners being 3yo **Aristocratic Star** (Follow The Stars) and 7yo mare **Dotandnell** (Rich And Spoilt). There was one other multiple winner, a very promising 4yo **Papinik** (Advance Attack) who commenced his 4yo campaign in March and won 4 races in the month.

No 2yos, but 6 3yos **Star of Madonna**, **Miss Starfire** and **Our Star Carly** (all Follow The Stars), **Justgivemerubies** (Parsons Den) and **Flywillowfly** and **Goodonya Mate** (Renaissance Man) won their First win Bonuses and their Double Westsired win Bonuses giving them \$9,100 each plus their winning stakes.!

3yo **Adda Spoilt Major** (Rich And Spoilt), 4yo **Hot Hostess** (P Forty Seven) and dual winner **Dotandnell** (Rich And Spoilt) also had their first career wins in March in 3yo and over events. Westsired progeny won nearly \$114,000 in Win and Place Bonuses and First win Bonuses in March, over 10% higher than February. This is on top of any stakes earned.

Congratulations to all the Westsired winners, especially those who benefited from Bonuses this month.

There were two Westsired Metro Stakes winners in March, both fillies, covered in the Fillies and Mares section. There was one Feature race winner in March outside Gloucester Park meetings:

- ♣ **Aristocratic Star (Follow The Stars)**, owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, winner of the \$30,000 Country Derby and run at Bunbury for the first time over the Derby distance. Started in 4, breezed early then one out one back with 2 laps to go, moved out at the top of the straight to flash home and win in 1:59.9, last qtrs. 28.6 and 27.7.

The \$10,000 Bridgetown Cup was also won by a Westsired, 4yo gelding **Henwood Bay** (Fully Loaded).

## **WESTBRED WINNERS – MARCH 2020**

With a number of abandoned meetings in the month, the number of races run in March 2020 was the lowest for many years. However it did still produce good results for Westbred winners, with 105 (56.5%) of 186 races won by Westbreds, compared to 59.0% in March 2019 and 50.0% in March 2018.

There were 16 Westbred races run in March 2020, 2 more than the previous month. There was only one of the 4yo and over \$10,000 Westbred races run in the month, although 3 of these races were amongst the programmed races on the abandoned meetings. These have been reduced to \$8,000 with the 20% stakes cut, until further notice.

The progeny of 41 sires produced the 105 wins in March, including 32 sires based outside WA. **Bettors Delight** was best with 6 winners of 7 races, followed by **Art Major** with 3 winners of 7 races and **Mach Three** with 4 winners of 6 races. **Alta Christiano** and **Courage Under Fire** both produced 4 individual winners.

There were 14 multiple winners (11 Westbred and 3 Westsired) this month. **Major Martini** (Art Major), **Jessie Joan** (Artesian), **Bettor Be Oscar** (Bettors Delight), **Sagatious** (Major In Art), **Run For Mercy** (Pet Rock), and **Lavra Joe** and **Rumour Has It** (Roll With Joe) were all dual winners. Also dual winners were **Caruba** (Caribbean Blaster) and **Verstappen** (Grinfromeartoeat), who both featured as multiple winners last month. The triple winner for the month was **Shockwave** (Mach Three), and **Roman Art** (Art Major) won 4 times in the month.

There were 22 (13 Westbred and 9 Westsired) first time winners in March, taking home their \$2,000 owner and breeder First win bonuses. This is lower than the peak value for February (30), but off a much lower number of races, and it still compares well to December and January when there were 18 and 14 first time winners respectively. March 2019 produced 26 first time winners receiving their First Win Bonuses.

Seven of the winners were 2yos, 12 were 3yos, 2 were 4yos and there was 1 7yo. Of the 3yos taking home their first win, only 3 did so in a 3yo and over race, meaning the others received Westbred Bonuses as well as first wins.

There were 11 2yo races run in March (compared to 16 in February) with 10 of the winners being Westbred.

There were 23 3YO races including 9 Westbred races (2 open, 4 open maidens, 3 fillies' maidens) run in March compared to 20 in February and 14 in January. Six of the 3yo races were for fillies which is still too low, but partly explained by some 3yo fillies looking for better opportunities against older mares, which does cause some 3yo races to fall over.

Twenty of the 23 3YO races were won by Westbreds, an outstanding result. All up 3yos won 45 races (42 last month), with 22 wins outside of the 3yo class. Westbred 3yos won 28 of these 45 races, mostly in the 3yo races which also provides them with access to the Westbred Bonuses.

The Westbred Bonus payments (excluding First win Bonuses) were just over \$142,000, just \$13,000 less than February which is quite a good result given the lower number of races run in March. The March result is also \$56,000 higher than January 2020. This comparable figure for March 2019 was just under \$125,000.

There were 4 races restricted to horses at least 4 years old, including the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship won by Shockwave, and two \$10,000 races. All 4 races were won by Westbreds, demonstrating the importance of this type of race for WA bred horses.

Of the wins by Westbreds, 33 were in \$4,500 races, 48 in \$7,500 races, 18 were in Metro stakes races (including 7 standard races, 5 Listed races, 2 Group 3 races and a mighty 4 Group 2 races), and 6 were for stakes of \$8,500 to \$10,000.

At Gloucester Park, there were 42 races run at prime meetings. There were 12 Westbred winners of 15 races at the prime meetings, including 7 wins by Westbred fillies/mares listed under their section and 5 other winners of 8 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the Westbreds who were successful at our feature race meetings in March.

The 5 WA born horses, with 8 wins between them, are listed below:



- ◆ **Lavra Joe (Roll With Joe)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, very, very good type, won a midweek event 8 days earlier by 12.3m, then started favourite from 7, went to the breeze, a fast first and last qtr and impressive easy winner of the \$18,000 2YO Pace by 6.8m in 1:56.1, last qtr 28.7;
- ◆ **Major Martini (Art Major)**, breeder Steve Johnson, off the back of a 2<sup>nd</sup> by a nose in the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic stepped out in March and too good for them to win the \$50,000 Colts and Geldings Sales Classic by 15.3m in 1:56.6, last qtrs 27 and 27.7. A fortnight later went straight to the front from 2 over the 2536m, genuine pace on from the outset, scooted away coming off the back and went on to win the \$50,000 3YO Western Gateway by 10.7m in 1:57, last qtrs 28 and 27.9;
- ◆ **Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano)**, breeder Trevor Lindsay, ran 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bunbury by less than a metre in his 2<sup>nd</sup> race start in 1:56.6 after breezing, then started a short priced favourite from 3, straight to the front, raced away to win the \$25,000 Colts/Geldings Western Crown by 10m in 1:59.3, last qtr 27.7;
- ◆ **Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven)**, breeder Mike Howie, an astute purchase by current connections, 2<sup>nd</sup> a fortnight earlier, then led and won a \$20,000 Pace by 1.0m in 1:58.2, last qtr 28 flat; and

- ◆ **Shockwave (Mach Three)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, 3 out of 3 in March, first up after the Pacing Cup went straight to the lead from 1, dashed away in the straight to win the \$50,000 4YO/5YO Championship by 4.8m in 1:56.5, last qtrs 28.2 and 27.3. Open company a week later, started in 4, straight to the front, untroubled to win the \$25,000 FFA by 5.5m in 1:56.3, last half 55.5. A week later breezed and an impressive winner of a 2536m \$25,000 FFA by a head in 1:57.4, last qtrs. 27.3 and 27.7.

At Bunbury, 4yo gelding **Al Guerrero (Alta Christiano)** breeders G and K Anderson, won the \$25,000 Battle of Bunbury, after getting fast out of the barrier to lead all the way and win untouched by 4.2m, last qtr 27.9.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in March 2020 was \$1,067,151, roughly \$240,000 lower than the good February result, mostly due to the two Sales Classics being run in February this year and the lower number of races run. Similarly, the result is about \$300,000 lower than March last year, for the same reasons.

Total stakes paid to Westbreds was \$1,117,706 out of \$2,077,688 (advertised stakes of \$2,117,000), or 53.8% of stakes (54.1% in March 2019). This is a reasonable result given there were no Group 1 Sales Classics in March this year, and it is the second highest percentage since June 2019, with only last month's percentage figure being higher.

Lining up all the comparisons, Westbreds provided 63.3% of individual starters for 63.5% of race starts, 56.5% of race winners and 53.8% of race stakes. These are lower than February but still encouraging results, although a little more in stakes would round it out nicely.

## **HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (March 2020)**

Fillies and mares won 52 (28.0%) of the 186 races run in March 2020, which is a higher percentage than February but 3 less race wins due to the much lower number of races run (207 races in February 2020). The result is slightly lower but still comparable in percentage terms with March last year.

The wins by fillies and mares were spread equally between races restricted to fillies and mares and open races.

There were 5 wins by 2yo fillies (4 Westbred) and 18 wins by 3yo fillies (12 Westbred including 10 in 3yo races), with the 6 non-Westbred 3yo fillies winning their races in 3yo and over races. Nine fillies (one more than last month) took home their first career win Bonus, with only one of these in 3yo and over events – the other 8 fillies also won Westbred Bonuses while taking a life penalty for their win. If you are going to take a life penalty then try to do it in a Bonus eligible race.

There were 12 wins by 4yo mares, 5 by 5yo mares, 4 by 6yo mares and 6 wins by 7yo mares. There was also a win by a 9yo mare and 10yo trotter Kell Road Kid also won. These numbers are lower than they should be, with the overall result for fillies and mares needing to improve and provide opportunities at this time of year for the older age category, who still need winnable opportunities to stay racing.

\$4,500 races accounted for 11 wins, while 27 wins were in \$7,500 races. There was also 6 wins in standard metro races, as well as one listed race win, 1 Group 3 win and 2 Group 2 wins.

Westbred fillies and mares won 34 (65.4%) of the 52 races won by fillies and mares, and 61.6% of their stakes, about 15% lower than last month.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in March 2020 was \$543,848 which is only exceeded this season by February 2020 (\$616,717). Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$567,753, with Westbred fillies and mares earning \$380,120. This does seem quite low compared to February (\$495,596) but it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest figure this season behind December (Gotta Go Gabbana winning the Mares Classic) and February (the 2YO Fillies Sales Classic was run in March last year and February this year). Other than the 2YO Sales Classic run in a different month, the major difference this year to last year is a filly (Fake News) won the \$30,000 Country Derby in March last year.

The percentage of overall stakes paid to fillies and mares in March 2020 was 27.3%, lower than February (28.7%) but again, the second highest figure for the season.

For March 2020, fillies and mares comprised 30.6% of individual starters and 29.6% of race starts, very similar to last month. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 75.1% of individual starters and

73.2% of race starts, a very slight dip on last month. Westbred 2yo and 3yo fillies made up 83.8% of fillies in that age range.

At Gloucester Park prime meetings, 9 mares won 9 (21.4%) of the 42 races in March 2020, consistent with previous months and needing at least 2 more race winners to meet the target for overall wins at this level. There was also the \$30,000 Golden Girls at Pinjarra contributing to the winners at metro stakes level.

Winners included NZ mares, the 5yo **Dontstopbelievin (Somebeachsomewhere)** won a \$20,000 Fillies and Mares and 6yo **Pick My Pocket (Bettors Delight)** won the \$50,000 Empress Stakes.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in March 2020. The WA bred winners of metropolitan stakes' races, with two repeating February's winning efforts, were:

- ♥ **Black Jack Baby (Follow The Stars)**, owner breeder Shane Quadrio, stunning effort. Not paid up for the Sales, but some compensation with a win in a \$18,000 2YO Pace after starting favourite from 1 and going straight to the lead, just kept going and went on to win by 23.5m in 1:58.6, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.2, making it 4 in a row;
- ♥ **Caruba (Caribbean Blaster)**, breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, 3 country wins from her previous 6 starts including a 3rd the night before, then started favourite from 1, led, was tackled and fought out the finish to win an \$18,000 Fillies and Mares Pace by a nose in 1:59.1, last qtrs 28.9 and 28.2;
- ♥ **Double Espresso (Sweet Lou)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, won a 3YO Fillies event in January, then in February breezed and won the 3YO Fillies \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic, followed by a win against the boys in the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic in 1:55.4. Made it 4 in a row going straight to the front, led all the way to win the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic by 3.2m in 1:56.1, last half 56.3;
- ♥ **Fifty Five Reborn (Renaissance Man)**, owner breeders the Currie and Montague families, ran 5<sup>th</sup> at her first start since August, then started in 7, settled one out 3 back, followed a 3 wide move in the back, 4 wide into the straight then raced past them to easily win an \$18,000 Fillies Pace by 4.3m in 1:57.4, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.8;
- ♥ **Parisian Partygirl (Courage Under Fire)**, breeder Tarsao Investments, a good win in February to fly home and win an \$18,000 Pace in 1:57.8, and showed that was no fluke with a great win in the \$30,000 Golden Girls Mile, lifetime best 1:53.6 and last qtrs. 27.9 and 27.7, settled on the rails, got out at the top of the straight and flashed home to win by a head;
- ♥ **Rosies Ideal (American Ideal)**, breeder Craig and A Lynn and D Trigwell, followed a good win in December with a better win in February in 1:56.6 after breezing, then started favourite, worked very hard from 8 to get the lead in a fast lead time, held on to win the \$22,000 Fillies and Mares Pace by a head in 1:56.4, last half 56.7;
- ♥ **Rumour Has It (Roll With Joe)**, owner breeder trainer Debra Lewis, won at her previous start at Pinjarra by 22.7m in 1:56.3, then settled second last before going forward with 1400 to go to settle in the breeze, threatened the leader at the top of the straight and finished fast to win the \$25,000 2YO Fillies Western Crown by 1.4m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.1; and
- ♥ **Run For Mercy (Pet Rock)**, owner breeder Jemma Hayman, in form filly unfortunate to run into stablemate Double Espresso at the same age, a win at Pinjarra 4 days earlier then started favourite from 1, led and won the \$18,000 3yo Fillies Pace, running 1:59.3 and last qtr 27.8.



The Denmark Cup at Albany was won by Country Oaks winner and 4yo mare **My Prayer (Renaissance Man)**, breeder Global Breeding Farms.

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