



NEWSLETTER

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Looking forward to 1 September?!

Yes that's the date that the breeding season officially starts, and you can make arrangements for your empty (not pregnant) mare to be bred from this date. Now is the time to start checking out some of the options available for the coming season, if you haven't done so already. Your pregnant mare will have to wait until after she has foaled and is vetted to be suitable to breed again, if you are breeding in successive years. However, you can still identify the stallions that you are interested in, and book her in.

Don't forget to check the **WA based stallions** – you get a *double Westbred Win bonus* when their WA born Westsired progeny win any WA 2yo or 3yo race under \$21,000 – that's (foals of 2020 onwards) \$10,200 for every metropolitan level win or \$6,800 for other wins, on top of stakes. All Westbred progeny earn Bonuses in 2YO and 3YO races less than \$21,000, for first to 4th place AND receive \$500 on their first race start.

We now have stallions covering every major sire line bar one, and with impeccable breeding. The stallions standing in WA in 2023 for public service include these very successful sires (alphabetic order):

- **Advance Attack NZ** (In The Pocket USA) sire of Persistent Threat, Cott Beach, Papinik
- **Fly Like An Eagle** (Mach Three CA) sire of Wonderful To Fly, Skylord, Extraordinary Mary, Northern Gaze
- **Renaissance Man** (Art Major USA) sire of Arma Einstein, Medieval Man, Fifty Five Reborn,
- **Shoobees Place USA** (Artsplace USA) sire of Better Be The Best, Shoobee Doo, Katchar Shoobee.

Standing in WA for public service, but with their oldest crop weanlings are:

- **Captain Ahab USA (Captaintreacherous USA)** – from the family of millionaires Artspeak USA and Southwind Lynx - his full brother Combustion is ranked in the top 10 for US features.
- **Ultimate Sniper NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** - we welcome the Inter Dominion champion to the ranks of stallions standing in WA, – 4 times Group 1 winner, full brother to Ultimate Machete (whose first crop are racing successfully this season) and half brother to multiple Group winner and WA Oaks winner Major Reality. Ultimate Sniper will arrive in late July to stand at Allwood Stud.

A number of other well bred sires who have had limited stud opportunities include multiple Group 1 winner **Bonavista Bay**, whose sire Rustler Hanover USA won almost \$1 million in the 1990s and who is a full brother to champion Rocknroll Hanover USA, and Group 2 winner **Wesley** (Sportswriter USA) whose maternal line is the famed Australian 3YO Filly of the Year and Broodmare of the Year Misty Maiden.

Not Westsired but WA managed is frozen semen for **Foreclosure NZ** (Rocknroll Hanover USA) – he is going great and definitely worth a look too! His oldest WA crop are a small group of classy 3yos and he has a number of top performers born in Ireland who are currently racing very successfully in the US/Canada.

[Our website](#) and [HRA's website](#), and stud websites and Facebook pages are being updated as information comes to hand.

Not long to go!!!!

If you have a mare in foal, now is the time to be firming up your foaling and breeding options.

If you are foaling at home – do you have everything you need, and what do you need? Start [here](#) with a simple checklist. Veterinary articles that you might find useful are at the base of the [WASBA Links page](#)

Do you need to look for an agistment service or breeding farm that offers the extra security of foaling alarms and supervision? It may cost more in the short term but what you really want is a healthy foal and mare.

We suggest you don't cut corners. Make sure your mare is getting the right nutrition, is not over-fed, is checked regularly, will be supervised during foaling and will have assistance on hand or literally just round the corner if needed. Make sure you know if she has been caslicked.

We recommend an IgG test for the foal – do not assume that because the foal looks normal, everything is ok. You do not want to waste the year by something going wrong, so think now about what you plan to do. If something does go wrong that was avoidable, it is not only a year out of your life and the life of the mare, but it's a year's worth of expenditure as well. Be wise and ensure your mare has the best chance to raise a healthy foal.

This year there are over 600 mares in Western Australia who are (mostly) positive tests and expecting foals. We want you all to be successful with your breeding endeavours. We are excitedly looking forward to them foaling. And remember that foal registration is also much cheaper if you register in the first 30 days of birth.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES



2yo	\$30,000 2YO Westsired Classics are on 30 June
3yo	\$30,000 3YO Westsired Classics are on 7 July
	\$30,000 3YO Daintys Daughter Country Classic Fillies is on 17 July at Pinjarra
	\$30,000 WASBA Country Oaks (Westbred fillies trained in the country) at Bunbury on 30 August
Mares	\$30,000 The Lewis is on 30 June
	\$30,000 Fillies & Mares Winter Feature (L7/9) is on 28 July
	\$30,000 WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares (non group winners) is on 11 August
	\$14,000 WASBA Virgil Queen Westbred Mares (HWOE < \$25,000) 19 August at Northam

2023 \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes

On the same night that Westsired gelding Arma Einstein (Renaissance Man) won the \$50,000 4YO/5YO Championship, WA bred mare **Taking The Miki (Always B Miki USA)** beat a classy field of mares to brilliantly win the \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes.

This followed her win a week earlier in the \$30,000 Standing Start Race For Roses, another win a fortnight earlier in a metropolitan fillies and mares and 2 earlier wins since resuming in March. All up to the end of May she has 5 wins from 7 starts including a very resolute second in an open race to smart gelding Otis.

This followed her 2022 performances in winning the \$150,000 WA Oaks and 3rd in the \$200,000 WA Derby

Taking The Miki is the first foal from **All American Dream (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:58.7 \$23,908 who is one of 4 winners from her dam **River Valley Dream NZ (Artsplace USA)**. The pedigree page at the sale didn't quite give the information you needed to see what was in this family. Some champions of yesteryear belong here including the freaky **Lord Module** 1:54.9 \$251,750 in the 70s, champion NZ trotting sire **Gold Bar** 1:59.6 in the 30s, champion WA mare **Burrows** and her descendants including WA Oaks winner **Nevabend Lombo** (Troublemaker USA) and granddaughter **Infinite Symbol (Indomitable Saab)** \$261,000, WA raced **American Boy (American Ideal USA)** 1:50.4 \$840,929, Hunter Cup winner **Another Party (Holmes Hanover USA)** 1:56.3 \$888,678 and Breeders Crown and NZ Harness Jewels winner **Cowgirls N Indians (Real Desire USA)** \$323,735. Closer to home is WA raced NZ mare **Booraa (Mach Three CA)** 1:51.1 \$151,000 and **Waylade NZ (Washington VC)** 1:53.5 \$447,069 and one of NZs top youngsters in **Republican Party (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:52.4 \$233,565. Fortunately for the purchasers, none of these names were in the catalogue.

Taking the Miki was bred by WASBA Committeeman John Coffey, who has a track record of giving new stallions a chance. The result here is a top class mare who has won over \$300,000 for her \$26,000 purchase at the 2020 WA APG Sale for some very happy connections including Pinjarra GM Dale Putland!

Spend 8 minutes of your time to watch Lord Module - winning from Gammalite, Armalight Hands Down and Bonnies Chance in his last race the [Allan Matson FFA](#) or winning the [1979 New Zealand Cup](#). Worth your while.

Lord Module



2023 \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares

Another story about a nice mare given the chance to recover from injury and come back bigger and stronger. Just what these races are designed to support – those mares who have yet to win the bigger group races for any one of many reasons.

With only 15 starts under her belt **Acharne Girl (Alta Christiano NZ)** has won her last 4 in a row since resuming in May, including the \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares. Starting favourite from 2, stand-in driver Stewie McDonald had Acharne Girl quickly to the pegs for a brief sit behind the leader before moving her around to lead for the rest of the journey. With good sectionals, she polished off the win by 5.1m in 1:56.6, last qtr slick in 27.9. Acharne Girl has now won \$69,000, with \$39,000 coming this season. She ran 3rd in the 2022 WA Oaks at her last start as a 3yo.

Acharne Girl is raced by two of her breeders, Gary Ralston and the estate of the late Beth Richardson. Acharne Girl is the 4th foal and 4th winner from her dam **Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.7 \$89,999, with the other winners being recent US winner **Slick Artist (Art Major USA)** 1:52.0 \$370,303 and full brothers to Acharne Girl in **While They Pray (Alta Christiano NZ)** 1:54.7 \$170,788 and **Faster Than Dad** 1:55.5 \$79,824. This is actually an Australian family (yes!) stemming from Group 1 winner **Girl Called Destiny (Fast Knight USA)**, and her Group winning daughter **Donna Who (Golden Greek USA)** 1:57.1 \$244,668, whose NZ bred daughter **Whos The Bird (Falcon Seelster USA)** is the dam of Slick Bird and three other winners including **High Courage (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:53.4 \$143,950. The full sister to Girl Called Destiny is the dam of standouts **It Is I (Golden Greek USA)** 1:56.4 \$208,575 and Group 1 winner **La Sperenza (Whats Next USA)** 1:59 \$155,828, the dam of Group 1 winner **Armida (Safely Kept USA)** 1:59.1 \$159,285 who is the dam of **Caesar Augustus (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.5 223741, all top Queensland performers.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ One of the biggies in the northern hemisphere, the 40th running of the (Canadian) \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup was won by Heat winner **Its My Show (Sweet Lou)** in a lifetime best 1:47.2 to make it 6 wins from 6 starts this season after a winless 2yo season of 8 starts (he was gelded following his 2yo season). Placegetters were Heat winners Confederate (Sweet Lou) post 5 and Fulton (Heston Blue Chip) (post 4). The winner came from post 2, with Voukefalas (Lazarus NZ) starting in post 6 and finishing 4th.



The winner is a half brother to 2019 Meadowlands Pace winning stallion **Best In Show (Bettors Delight)** 1:48 \$672,240. Great family, with their dam being World Champion mare **Put On A Show (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:47.3m \$2,406,628. Her dam is Hall of Fame champion **Stienams Place (Artsplace)** 1:50.4m \$1,402,301. Stienams Place is also the dam of **Good Day Mate (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:49.3 \$ 654,170 from Christian Cullen's year in the US. Wouldnt it be great to see this family in Australia!

☑ On the undercard for the North America Cup were the \$420,000 Fan Hanover Final for the 3yo fillies, won in great style by **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** in 1:48.2 which tied the track, stakes and Canadian record for 3yo pacing fillies set by American Jewel (American Ideal) in 2012.

Who was Fan Hanover? **Fan Hanover (Albatross)** as her name suggests was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms in 1978 from the unraced Farm Norah (Bret Hanover 1:54.3f \$1,201,470). She earned over \$201,264 as a 2yo, winning 16 of 19 starts, along with 3 places. As a 3yo, she won 17 of 23 starts, including the Little Brown Jug - becoming the first filly to win against the males – and earned \$497,717 in that season, an American record for a 3yo pacing filly. She was named 1981 Harness Horse of the Year as a 3yo. At 4, she earned another \$270,643 from 12 wins and 10 places from 30 starts, and retired in July 1982 with a record of 1:50.4 and \$969,724 from 45 wins and 17 places from 72 starts. She was named 1982 Aged Pacing Mare of the Year. She belongs to the same family as champion Life Sign and his dam Three Diamonds, a champion herself. Bret Hanover and Life Sign were also Little Brown Jug winners.

☑ Also winning on NA Cup night was another champion mare in 5yo **Grace Hill (Always B Miki)** who raced away to a stakes, track and Canadian record 1:47.4 and lifetime best in the \$305,000 Roses Are Red Final. The win was the 24th for the 2022 Breeders Crown Mares winner.

☑ Australian stallion **Lochinvar Art (Modern Art)** did what we were hoping in winning the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie at Northfield Park. It was the bay stallion's sixth win this season in 12 starts, upping his seasonal earnings to \$262,925 and his career earnings to \$1,285,493. Lochinvar Art won in 1:50 on the Northfield Park Circuit, which is rated as a half mile track with a 132m home straight. Sounds familiar....

It brought up a momentous double within 24 hours, with thoroughbred trainer Jena Antonucci being the first female in history to win the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes with her mare Arcangelo, and driver Lauren Tritton became the first female driver in harness racing history to start in the Northfield feature, let alone win it

☑ Australian bred **Idealsomemagic (American Ideal)** made it 10 wins for the season when winning one of two feature Open Pace events run at Yonkers (the other was won by Borgata winner 5yo stallion Hellabalou). His stakes so far this season are just shy of \$185,000.

☑ Making it win number 45 was Australian bred 10yo **Stars Align (Art Major)** who won at Northville Downs in Michigan in 1:53.2, taking his lifetime stakes to \$623,292.

☑ The 2yos are up and running in the US with the current leader on stakes being first season sire **Freaky Feet Pete (Rockin Image)** 1:47.1f \$1,617,056 with 18 starters from only 47 foals, followed by Fear The Dragon (Dragon Again) 45 starters 98 foals and Luck Be Withyou (Western Ideal) with 18 starters from 47 foals. Captaintreacherous is 4th. The dollars are low at this time but nice to see some of the unconventionally bred stallions on top. Freaky Feet Pete won 9 races from 10 starts as a 2yo, and 15 of 17 races as a 3yo including the \$530,000 2015 Breeders Crown, before setting a world record of 1:47.1 as a 4yo in the \$500,000 Ben Franklin Final.



☑ Also on the first season sires list with winners are **Courtly Choice (Art Major)**, **Jimmy Freight (Sportswriter)**, **Lather Up (Im Gorgeous)** and NZ stallion **Bit Of A Legend (Bettors Delight)**. All different sires and all outstanding performers on the track. Of those listed only Lather Up, Fear The Dragon and Luck Be Withyou have been available to Australian breeders with Lather Up's first 2yos hitting the ground in Australia in 2024.

☑ NZ bred and WA raced mare **Booraa (Mach Three)** set a new lifetime mark 1:51.3 in her 3^d win from only 4 US starts since being exported in February this year. A great start to her career.

☑ the fastest mile ever on a five-8ths mile track 1:46.3 - was set by 6yo gelding **Ruthless Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere)** at Harrahs Philadelphia in a \$100,000 Memorial Invitation Pace. Lochinvar Art was third ahead of Borgata winner Hellabalou. The previous record was set by Allyway Hanover in 2022.

On the same night the record was set, 4yo mare **Max Contract (Huntsville)** was successful in the \$100,000 Betsy Ross Mares Pace, defeating a field of top mares that included Racine Bell, Amazing Dream, Niki Hill and Treacherous Dragon. Australian mare **Dougs Babe (Western Terror)** finished second. Max Contract has since won at the same track in 1:49.3, staking her claim to be in the top mare's category.

☑ The Meadowlands Pace is just over 3 weeks away and the top 3yos get another chance to enter their name in the chronicles of racing. Missing out in the North America Cup but still well and truly in the running is **Voukefalas (Lazarus)** who was successful in the \$240,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final in a lifetime best 1:49.4 at the end of May. The Meadowlands Pace will be run on 15 July.

☑ Some local horses winning recently in the US and Canada include Alta Engen and Alta Blues (Alta Christiano), Bettor Not Bitter (Bettors Delight), Caveman (Somebeachsomewhere), Galante (Art Major), Gardys Legacy (Bettors Delight), Its Rock And Roll (A Rocknroll Dance) Kasey John (Bettors Delight), Lady De La Renta (Well Said), Patrickthepiranha (Four Starzzz Shark), One Off Delight (Bettors Delight) while some locally raced winning horses include Cyclone Banner NZ (Bettors Delight), Herrick Roosevelt NZ (Christian Cullen), In The Spotlight NZ (Bettors Delight), Miss Limelight NZ (Bettor Delight), My Carbon Copy NZ (American Ideal), Newsy NZ (Bettors Delight) and Soho Leviathan (Rock N Roll Heaven)

And elsewhere....

☑ 2022 Trotting Inter Dominion and Great Southern Star winner **Just Believe (Orlando Vici FR)** has certainly done exceptionally well in his overseas exploits - the significant travel required to compete and then to be equal to the best is certainly an achievement. He joins other champions Petite Evander (1977, 1978) her daughter Pride Of Petite (1997), Lyell Creek (2001), A Touch Of Flair, Sundons Gift (2009) and Maori Time (2018) to be invited, with another champion Scotch Notch invited to the US to compete in 1985. No horse should be judged on whether they succeed or fail in one race, just being invited should be enough. And let's not forget the efforts of **Knight Pistol** in winning a Group 1 event in Norway in 1997 after nearly dying following the harrowing journey.



Just Believe

☑ **South Coast Arden NZ (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** is obviously enjoying Australian racing, bringing up a double in his first two starts for his new stable including a win in the J D Watts Memorial against the unlucky Spirit Of St Louis NZ (Sweet Lou USA) and Hunter Cup placegetter and Inter Dominion winner I Cast No Shadow (Shadow Play USA). The Paul Fitzpatrick trainee is the winner of the Group 1 4YO Emerald and the Group 1 NZ Metro defeating Self Assured and Krug, so no issues about his class.

☑ The Kiwis are well represented in Queensland, with, Nullabor winner and now Aussie Bettorzippit NZ (Bettors Delight USA) and Hot And Treacherous NZ (Captaintreacherous NZ) who have all won in Queensland. I Cast No Shadow NZ and multiple Group 1 winner Bondi Lockdown, who is hoping for a change in form to go with the warmer weather, have also headed north for the spoils on offer. Australian bred Auckland Cup winner Turn It Up (Courage Under Fire NZ), recent winner and Inter Dominion placegetter Expensive Ego (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and of course, WA raced Magnificent Storm NZ (American Ideal USA) are also going to be there.

☑ Victorian mare **Encipher (Captaintreacherous USA)** is aiming to repeat the efforts of champion mares Amazing Dream and Ladies In Red – both won the Queensland Rising Sun as 4yos. The \$350,000 race is restricted to 3yo and 4yos, with PBD on age and sex.

☑ Don't we miss them! The striking grey trotting gelding **Smokin Bandar NZ (Monkey Bones USA)** will also head to Brisbane for the Constellations Winter Carnival. Smokin Bandar NZ has 10 wins from 30 starts and is aiming for the Group 2 Trotters Championship and Group 1 Trotters Cup, both in July. Monkey Bones was a grey son of Andover Hall. Unfortunately a paddock accident led to an early death in 2015 at the age of 12, otherwise we would have many more grey trotters in Australia and New Zealand.



☑ NZ may have another nice mare coming through the ranks and its another **Art Major. Whispering Artist**, with only 11 starts to her name, is successfully taking on NZ's best mares including Group 1 winner **Manhattan**, who has arrived in Australia for the Brisbane Carnival.

☑ Australian trainer driver Kerryn Manning has been rewarded for her extensive contribution to harness racing, and to ovarian cancer awareness, by being made a Member of the Order of Australia. She has over 4100 wins to her name and escorted and trained Knight Pistol on his European journey that resulted in a Group 1 win.

☑ If you are looking for a nice mare, some in foal to top of the range sires, contact Peter Bell of Egmont Park Stud, Queensland. Leviathan owners Kevin and Kay Seymour are reducing their numbers and have some top mares available.

☑ The win by the unheralded bargain priced **Metallica Man (Tintin In America NZ)** in the \$100,000 TAB Regional Championships Hunter Final at Newcastle demonstrates the great initiative by NSW to support regional racing in that state. Placegetters qualified for the \$100,000 TAB Regional Championships State Final. WASBA is strongly supporting a push for the Westsired finals to be regionally based with increased stakes.

☑ The 2023 Group 1 Auckland Cup was brilliantly won by Mark Purdon's 4yo **Akuta (Bettors Delight USA)** with Purdon champion **Self Assured (Bettors Delight USA)** - the 2019 and 2022 winner - in 2nd after working hard. Akuta belongs to the same family as Queensland Oaks winner White Thunder (Presidential Ball USA) the dam of Im Presi Belle (Mach Three CA) winner of 6 from 7 this season. The close family also includes multiple Group 1 and WA Oaks winner **Artemis Belle (Artiscape USA)** 1:56.1 \$359,559, her Group 1 winning half sister **Eagle Rox (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.2 \$225,656, as well as Golden Slipper winner **Franco Edward NZ (American Ideal USA)** 1:54.2 \$221,468 and NZ 4YO of the Year **Franco Emirate NZ (Christian Cullen)**.

☑ Champion **Copy That NZ (American Ideal USA)**, 4th in the 2022 Auckland Cup is very likely to stay home and not head north for the Constellations Carnival, to concentrate on trying to win the New Zealand Cup for the third time, joining just 3 other pacers (**Terror To Love** 2011-2013, **False Step** 1958-1960, **Indianapolis** 1934-1936) who have achieved that feat. Recent dual winners include Lazarus, Monkey King, Flashing Red and Just An Excuse. The Cup will be run at Addington on November 14.



Terror To Love winning one of his three New Zealand Trotting Cups in front of a full house

☑ Two stallions who don't visit our shores anymore – **Betterthancheddar USA (Bettors Delight USA)** and **Sportswrither USA (Artsplace USA)** are sitting 9th and 10th on the overall sire list in Australia, with progeny earnings of \$1.8 million. Betterthancheddar USA is the sire of Nullabor winner Bettorzippit NZ and NSW Bred 3YO Final winner No Dramas.

☑ First crop sires **Rock N Roll World USA**, **Lazarus NZ**, **Ohoka Punter NZ** and **Ultimate Machete NZ** lead that list. First crop 3yo sires **Huntsville USA** and **Vincent** are 4th and 7th on the 3yo sires list, while **Shoobees Place USA** has the highest ratio of \$ per starter on the 3yo list.

☑ Voted by the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) as the 2022 Broodmare of the Year, **Road Bet (Bettors Delight)** has another very nice filly with 3yo filly **Earthwindfire (American Ideal)** continuing on her winning way to over \$350,000 in stakes. She is a half sister to champion mare **Niki Hill (Always B Miki)** \$1.4 million and to **Cattlewash (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:46.4 \$1.3 million who will be available by frozen semen for his second season in 2023 through Trump Bloodstock. Trump Bloodstock will also shuttle **Dancin Lou USA (Sweet Lou USA)** 1:47.2 \$991,441 for his second year in 2023. Trump Bloodstock are offering discounts to their stallions for multiple mares, and discounts to Cattlewash (who served a full book in the northern hemisphere in 2023) and Dancin Lou for WASBA members.

☑ New to the Australian stallion scene this year are US champion **Pebble Beach USA (Downbytheseaside USA)** 1:48.1 \$1.72M who will stand for Alabar in Victoria, and **Catch The Fire USA (Captaintreacherous USA)** 1:46.4 \$1.49M who will stand in Queensland for Somerset Farms. Both highly credentialled stallions will be here in the flesh. Pebble Beach is the 2022 North America Cup and Breeders Crown Champion, and Catch The Fire is the 2020 Adios winner, the 2021 Dan Patch winner and set his world record 1:46.4 as a 5yo. For the trotting gait, **King Of The North USA (Walner USA)** TR1:50.3 \$1.37M will stand at Llowalong Farms in Victoria

☑ A couple more starters are lining up for the inaugural \$2 million TAB Eureka in September. Joining early picks **Captain Ravishing (Captaintreacherous)**, **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous)** and **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight)** are **My Ultimate Ronnie (Bettors Delight USA)** for Rob Watson's Soho Standardbreds Slot and 3yo colt **The Lost Storm (Captaintreacherous USA)** will run for the Tabcorp Slot. Racing Queensland's slot will be the winner of the inaugural The Hayden, for Qbreds, run on 15 July and Tassie will select one of their own for their Slot holder Tasracing in "The Beautide" to be run on 5 August.

The race is for "Australian served and bred" 3yo and 4yos. In an ironic footnote, The Lost Storm is 100% US bred, with his dam Ayshe Whitby (bred by Ed Dewar in WA) being by Rocknroll Hanover USA out of **Miss**

Worthy Whitby (Bettors Delight USA). Miss Worthy Whitby is a daughter of US mare **Spirited Storm (Artsplace USA)** and is a half sister to top juvenile and now sire **The Storm Inside (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:50.7 \$311,125 16 wins and 2 places from 19 starts.

☑ Australian Pacing Gold (APG) have announced they are back in action in Melbourne (4 Feb) and Sydney (25 Feb) and Yearling Sales. The WA Sale is scheduled for Sunday 3 March 2024. Nominations will be accepted from 1 to 31 July on the APG website, with race details to follow soon.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS



- ♣ Five winners on one Friday night by colonial stallions – 3 by WA based sire Alta Christiano NZ and two by Australian bred Vincent – not too bad!
- ♣ The WA Pacing Cup moving to a date 2 months earlier than expected...
- ♣ The unbeaten **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)** – wouldn't we all like one
- ♣ Distribution announcement including a \$100,000 4YO Westbred Final – details coming.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – May 2023

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.

Breeding is sometimes (often) about bravery, especially when it comes to first season sires, and especially when they are some of Australia and New Zealand's former champions. It doesn't always go well, and breeders don't always want to chance their arm. So this month it's *congratulations* to our *Breeder of the Month for May 2023*, Mike Howie as the breeder of 2yo filly **Bazaar Package (Ultimate Machete NZ** out of Secret Dragon by **Sutter Hanover USA)**.

Bazaar Package was purchased for \$17,000 by her current owners at the 2022 APG WA Yearling Sale. She commenced racing in March this year, with one place from 5 starts before her consecutive Gloucester Park metropolitan level wins. She is from the first crop of her sire **Ultimate Machete NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**.

Ultimate Machete 1:51.9 \$823,896 is a four time Group 1 winner with accolades that include NZ Three Year Old and Four Year Old Pacing Male of the Year. He raced in WA during the 2017 Inter Dominion Series winning the \$125,000 4YO Classic and the \$200,000 Golden Nugget before running 4th in a mighty \$300,000 WA Pacing Cup behind My Hard Copy, Lazarus and Chicago Bull. Ultimate Machete is a full brother to champion NZ Horse of the Year, Inter Dominion winner and 4 times Group 1 winner **Ultimate Sniper NZ** who will stand in WA for the 2023 season, his 3rd season at stud. Their half sister is Group 1 WA Oaks winner Major Reality, who also won the \$30,000 Golden Girls Classic, \$50,000 Empress Stakes and \$50,000 Norms Daughter Classic.

Secret Dragon, the dam of Bazaar Package, is a 100% producer, being the dam of 4 of racing age, all winners. Her sire **Sutter Hanover USA**, for those who haven't noticed, is the sire of the dam of the outstanding **Major Martini (Art Major USA)** 1:54.8 \$322,483 who took all before him in his juvenile racing before an unfortunate injury following the WA Derby. The family of Secret Dragon has some depth just off the Sales page and includes standouts like **Allwoods Chief** 1:54.4 \$465,497 from yesteryear, and more currently Breeders Crown and dual Derby winner **Menin Gate (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:54.3 \$574,758 dual Group 1 winner **Rocknrolla (Grinfromeartoe USA)** 1:57.1 \$287,531 and **Smooth Showgirl (Art Major USA)** 1:52.3 \$373,786, **Kasey John (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:50 \$235,239, top Qld 3yo **For Real Life (For A Reason)** 1:54.3 \$148,592 and includes a strong trotting branch with the likes of 2019 Inter Dominion Trotting winner and NZ Trotter of the Year **Winterfell NZ (Majestic Son CA)** \$429,917.

Congratulations Mike Howie and Ultimate Package..

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES MAY 2023

There were 9 sires represented by Westsired winners in May 2023, producing 29 winners of 34 races. **Follow The Stars** continues to dominate with 11 winners of 12 races, followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** (5 winners of 7 races) and **Alta Christiano NZ** (5 winners of 6 races). For the 5 months of the season for living sires, Follow The Stars has produced 36 individual Westsired winners, Fly Like An Eagle (17), Renaissance Man (8) and Advance Attack NZ (6).

There were 5 multiple Westsired winner in May – **Acharne Girl** (Alta Christiano NZ) won a Pinjarra double, Fly Like An Eagle's **Flying Rumour** won a Gloucester Park mid week double and **Wonderful To Fly** won a \$50,000 metro feature and a FFA, **Ya Bettor Followme** (Follow The Stars) won at Northam and Central Wheatbelt and **Arma Einstein** (Renaissance Man) won a FFA and a \$50,000 metro feature.

There were 5 Westsired first time winners in May 2023, with all pocketing over \$11,700 in Bonuses on top of stakes – 3yos **Reg Lawson** (Advance Attack NZ) and **True Aristocrat** (Follow The Stars) and 4yos **Alta Rapido** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Dukes Empire** and **Half Kidding** (Follow The Stars).

Westsired progeny received \$91,000 in Westbred, First Win and First Start Bonuses for May 2023, with 7 first time starters received \$500 each on top of any stakes or other bonuses. For the first 5 months of the season Westsired progeny have received \$530,000 in Bonuses, including \$29,000 in First Start Bonuses.

There were 3 Westsired winners at premium metropolitan meetings, winning 5 races. Excluding the dual winning mare the remaining two winners were:

- ♠ 5yo **Arma Einstein** (*Renaissance Man* o/o *Arma Fifty Five* (*Bettors Delight USA*) owner breeders Montague, Currie Farrant and Brown, In top form and over \$80,000 this season. A metro winner in



March and April including the \$30,000 Autumn Classic. Started from 1 as favourite in the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Classic, quick out to hold the lead in a very good field, plenty happening mid field under a quick 2nd qtr, still leading down the back but lots of action behind him, broke away at the top of the straight, might have swished the tail down the straight but went on to a solid win



by 3.1m in 1:55.4, last qtrs 28.5, 28.6 and 29. A fortnight later started favourite from 5 over the 2536m stayers journey, settled 4th on the pegs before moving to one by one with 1400 to go, moved 3 wide coming off the back after a fast 3rd qtr, 3 wide into the straight and in a really tight finish covering 4 of the 5 starters, just got there to win the \$30,000 FFA by a head in 1:59.9, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.3; and

- ♠ 4yo **Swingband** (*Alta Christiano NZ* o/o *Bettors Gem* (*Bettors Delight USA*), breeders Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, trialled in April for 2 wins after last racing in October 2022. Two thirds followed, then started favourite from 1, beaten for speed out of the barrier in a very slick 35.4 lead but immediately came off the pegs to go around and retake the lead, even time first half, a length clear at the 400m, eased towards the line to win the \$18,500 \$L5 Pace by 2.5m in 1:55.9, last half 57.3.

WESTBRED WINNERS – MAY 2023

There were 88 individual Westbred winners in May 2023, winning 105 (59.3%) of the 177 races run – almost identical to the previous month but not as solid as May 2022 (120 wins from 190 races).

It was a very widespread result for the stallions standing outside of WA, with the best result being **Sweet Lou USA** with 4 winners of 6 races, **Betting Line USA** (3 of 5) and **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** and **Betterthancheddar USA** both with 4 winners of 4 races. There were 41 sires represented by Westbred winners.

In a mirror image of last month there was 16 First Time winners in May 2023. Excluding the 5 previously mentioned Westsired winners they were:

- 2yos **Amaretto Angel** (Betting Line USA), **Thenu Came Along** (Bettors Delight USA), **Cork Can Run** (Sportswriter USA), **Bazaar Package** (Ultimate Machete NZ), **The little Master** (Vincent);



- 3yo **Idealicious** (American Ideal USA), **Callmewhatuwant** (Shadow Play USA) and **Mister Linton** (Sweet Lou USA); and
- 4yo **Moon Daisy** (Hurrikane Kingcole USA) 5yo **Happichappi** (Grinfromeartear USA) and 6yo **Shes A Lucky Penny** (Village Jolt CA).

Idealicious, who is a daughter of champion filly Dodolicious, was having her first start in a race and also won her \$500 First Start Bonus.

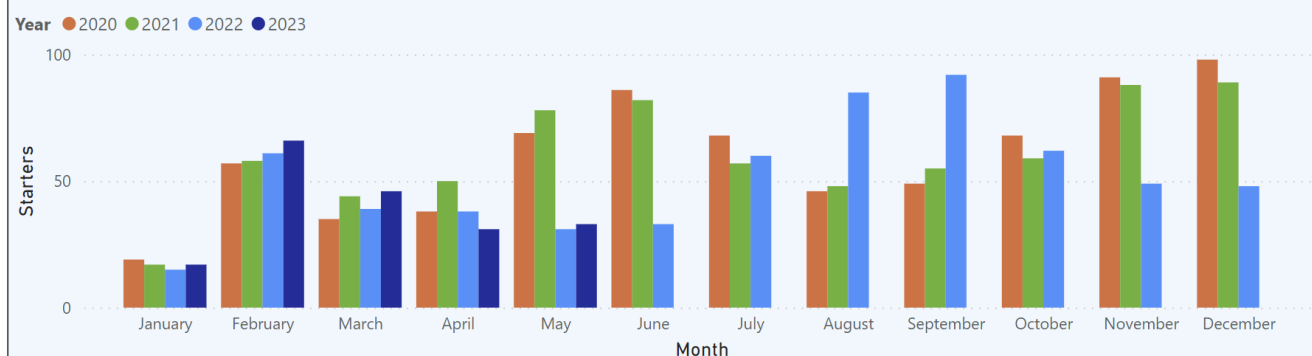
There were 15 multiple winners for May 2023 including 5 listed under Westsired. Other dual winners were **All Is Well** (Foreclosure NZ) won at Pinjarra and Central Wheatbelt, **Happichappi** (Grinfromeartear USA) won a Pinjarra double to go with his First Win Bonus, **Navy Street** (Hes Watching USA) won at Narrogin and Bunbury, **Shockwave** (Mach Three CA) won two Gloucester Park FFAs on his return to racing, **Feeling Aces** (Mr Feelgood USA) won at Northam and midweek Gloucester Park, **Middlepage** (Tintin In America NZ) repeated last months metro stakes double, and first time winners **Bazaar Package** won two metropolitan 2yo fillies races for her first season sire Ultimate Machete, and **The little Master** won a Pinjarra double. There were also 2 geldings who won 3 times – exceptional 3yo **Never Ending** (Sweet Lou USA) who won a Heat and Final of the \$50,000 Pearl and a 3yo metro stakes race and **Whos The Dad** (Betting Line USA) won a mini feature at Bunbury and two metro stakes races.

Total Bonus payments in May 2023 were just over \$268,000 including \$12,000 in First Start Bonuses. Of that amount, 2yos received \$87,000, 3yos received \$118,000, and 4yo and over received \$63,000. The amounts include \$66,000 paid solely to breeders.

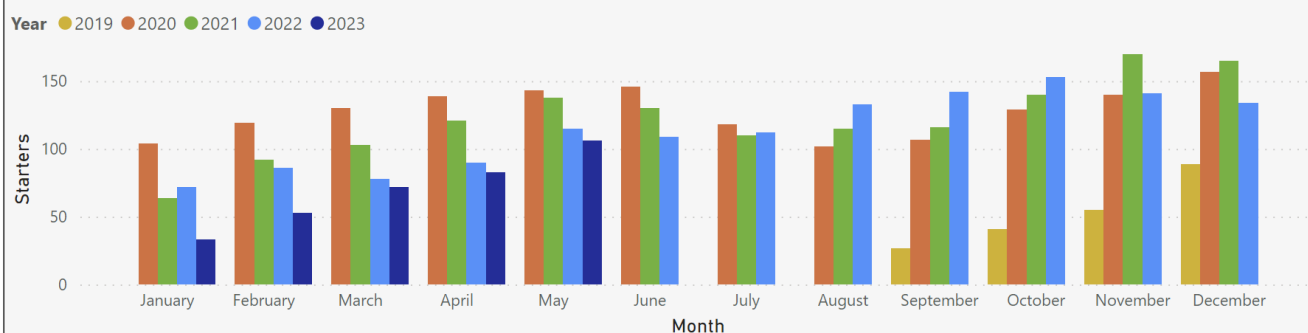
Bonus payments for the first 5 months of the season totals \$1,347,000 (including \$352,000 to breeders).

Westbreds won 24 races at Community level, 57 at \$8,000 to \$9,000 level, 3 mini feature \$11,000 races and 21 metropolitan level races including 8 features. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.26 million, or 60.2% of stakes paid.

Starters by Month and Year - 2YOs



Starters by Month and Year - 3YOs



The graphs show the different behaviour with 2yo and 3yo starters due to the change in the racing season (introduced in 2020), and the subsequent change to the feature race calendar (beginning in 2022). The smaller crop size (also in 2022) has had less impact than the changing of the feature races to the end of the year.

However, the opportunity still exists in these early months to earn bonus money, and to make decisions about whether to try for the bigger races or try for bonus money in normal races. We are still asking for a longer racing calendar (beyond 6 weeks) for juveniles, to allow trainers and owners to make informed decisions.

There were 9 2yo races run - Westbreds won 8 of these races. Westbreds contributed 26 of the 33 2yo starters.

There were 20 3yo races run – Westbreds won 18 of these races as well as 1 of the 16 wins by 3yos in 3yo and over races. In their early careers and with the advantage that HWOE provides for 3yos, the imported 3yos are finding easier races outside of 3yo races to achieve their wins.

Racing numbers for 3yos is on an upward trend with 106 runners in May 2023, compared to 83 the previous month. Westbred 3yos contributed 81% of 3yo starters. The figures are however lower than April/May last year.

Unlike the 3yos, the number of 4yo and over starters is trending downwards since January. This is the normal trend, with numbers expected to increase around September. There were 471 starters in this age group for May 2023, with Westbred starters comprising 64% (303) of starters in this age group. We would like to see more, but there were 15 races (including 2 maidens) for this age group, with 13 of these races won by WA bred horses.

There were 132 wins (78 Westbred) by horses older than 3yo - 43 (32 Westbred) 4yos, 39 (22 Westbred) 5yos, 28 (11 Westbred) 6yos, 17 (11 Westbred) 7yos and 5 (2 Westbred) older than 7. The oldest Westbred winner was 9yo Allwood Glow (Mach Three CA).

Westbreds won 22 of the 42 races run at prime meetings at Gloucester Park in May 2023. Five of the wins were by a Westsired gelding or mare, 4 were by other fillies or mares and the remaining 9 winners of 13 races were:

- ◆ **5yo Hillview Bondi – Somebeachsomewhere USA o/o Maid For Life (Safely Kept USA)** breeder part owner Lisa Bendotti, Last win in July 2022 was also at headquarters. Second at Kellerberrin then started favourite from 1 over the 1730m sprint, not fast enough to hold the lead but settled behind the leader, a sizzling first qtr of 27.4 before an even time breather, got the gap he needed at the 400m to go forward 3 wide, lost ground as they straightened but the chase was on in earnest and just got there on the line to win the \$20,250 Pace by a short half head in an impressive 1:53.4, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.5;

- ◆ **5yo Lil Happy Fella – Rock N Roll Heaven o/o Lil Miss Hilarious NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**, breeder part owner Barry Howlett. Won at Narrogin in April then started 2nd favourite from the wide 7, restrained from the barrier to settle 2nd last in the moving line. First to move 3 wide with a lap to go before briefly getting a sit then back to leading the 3 wide line to the 400m and now second, got a length clear into the straight and dashed away to win the \$9,000 Pace by 9.6m in 1:58.3, last qtr 28.4

- ◆ **6yo Middlepage - Tintin In America NZ o/o That's The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, Having his best season ever. Three wins from his last 5 starts. Started at 9/1 inside the 20m line in the 2503m Stand, slow out and about 70m last before moving up to be last of the moving line with 2 laps to go. Made his 3 wide move at the top of the straight the last time, 3 wide and 3rd entering the back, sustained the move and a half length in front at the 400m, well clear at the top of the straight and bolted away to win the \$20,250 Pace by 10.4m in 1:59.7, last half 58.8. Three weeks later started from 30m, slow away with the front of the field going like the clappers to take advantage, followed a one wide move to be one out one back with 2 laps to go, waited until the last turn to go 3 wide, rocketed home on straightening to win the \$20,250 Stand by 1.9m in 2:00.8, last half 57.9;

- ◆ **2yo Never Ending – Sweet Lou USA o/o Endless Journey (Die Laughing USA)** breeder Steve Johnson, Unbeaten star of the future, picked out by trainer Justin Prentice at the 2021 APG WA Yearling Sale. First race start since his Golden Slipper win in September. Started favourite from 5, ended up 5th on the pegs with the fields in single file before moving up to be one out one back at the top of the straight with a lap to go. No change until the 400m when



the speed quickened noticeably, now 3 wide and just in front into the straight, just too good and drew away before easing to win the \$20,250 3YO Pace by 2.9m in 1:57.9, last qtrs 29.1 and 27.6. Followed up with a win in his heat of the 3YO Pearl then started favourite from the difficult 8 barrier, restrained to the rear, still 2nd last with a lap to go, got a cart up 3 wide to midfield, still 20m off and towards the back at the 400m, 5 wide approaching the turn, 3 lengths back into the straight and now rocketing home, just caught the leader Sorridere on the line to win the \$50,000 Pearl Classic by a half head in 1:56.6, last qtrs 27.9 and 29.1. Great drive out in front by Aiden De Campo on Sorridere, almost stole it;

- ◆ **5yo entire Otis – Sweet Lou USA o/o Janet Gai (Art Major USA)**, breeder part owner Steve Johnson. First race start since November 2021. Started 2nd favourite from 3 on the 10m line of the 2503m stand. Galloped a few strides before settling last in the moving line and well back. Even time first half with the one out line gradually moving up, made a move with a lap to go to lead the 3 wide line, outside the leader Taking The Miki at the 400m and looked to have the better of her to the turn, a determined come-back by the much smaller Miki but couldn't hold out Otis who won the \$20,250 Pace by a half neck in 2:01.0, last qtrs 28.7 and 29.1;

- ◆ **5yo Rascal – Captaintreacherous USA o/o Straittothehilton (Rich And Spoilt)**, owner breeders Tom Erceg and Kat Warwick. A previous winner here. Started favourite from 1 over the longer 2536m journey, had to catch them up behind the barrier but held the front to lead, slowish first half, 3rd line forming down the back the last time but still a length clear at the 400m, led into the straight but under a strong challenge, found enough to hold out and win the \$18,500 Pace by 1.3m in 2:00.9, last qtr 28.8;

- ◆ **7yo entire Shockwave – Mach Three CA o/o Here For The Money (Rich And Spoilt)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. After a long wait of 21 months Shockwave was finally ready to race, following 2 strong trials. Starting favourite from 5 in the testing field, settled safely in the breeze and racing tractably, a half length second at the 400m, just in front coming off the turn, finishing strongly and moved away from them to win the \$30,000 FFA by 3.4m in 1:56.1, last qtrs 28.1 and 27.1. A fortnight later started a short priced favourite from 7, breezed very briefly before running to the front, close to even time first half before touching the accelerator, sprinted away from the field down the straight to win the \$30,000 Ray Duffy Memorial FFA by 7.1m in 1:55.1, last qtrs very slick at 27.4 and 27 flat;

- ◆ **5yo Talks Up A Storm – Artspeak USA o/o Typhoon Tan NZ (Live Or Die USA)**, breeder Harry Capararo. Consolidating his metro win last month after two unplaced runs. Started 3rd favourite from 5, settled one out two back, looked beaten at the 400m before going 3 wide to the turn, looked out of it at the top of the straight but found what he needed and raced home in the closing stages to win the \$20,375 Pace by 1.1m in 1:54.4, all the pace in the first three quarters;

- ◆ **4yo Whos The Dad – Betting Line USA out of Glenferrie Clan (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, owner breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. A nice win in the \$11,000 Wagin Cup in April, and a win in the short course Dash For Cash at Bunbury earlier in May. Then a second at GP before starting 2nd favourite from 5, quick out but well beaten and well driven for 3rd along the pegs in a very slick lead, settled into an even time first half with the field in Indian file, rolled off the inside at the start of the back straight the last time and running second at the 400m, in the lead coming off the back and broke away to win the \$20,250 Pace by 3.3m in 1:56.8, last half 59 after a scintillating lead of 35.2. A week later started outside the back line as favourite, initially one out 4 back and 3rd last on settling over the 1730m sprint, made his 3 wide move with a lap to go, very fast down the back to shoot past the leaders at the 400m, bolted away to win the \$20,250 Pace by a big 17.6m in a brilliant 1:53.0, last qtrs 28.5, and 27.8.



WA bred horses provided 68% of individual starters in May 2023, earning \$1.53 million in stakes and bonuses.

How did the **FILLIES AND MARES GO (May 2023)**

Fillies and mares won 50 (28.2%) of the 177 races run in May 2023, which is under our expectations of what the race program should be delivering. Some recent changes to programming will hopefully improve this outcome.

There were 26 fillies/mares races provided in May 2023, the same as the previous month, with 24 wins (13.6% of races) coming in open races. Wins included 7 (all Westbred) at Community level, 33 (22 Westbred) wins in \$9,000 level races, a Westbred winner of the Kellerberrin Central Wheatbelt Cup and 9 (6 Westbred) standard metropolitan, FFA or Group level races.

There were 45 individual filly/mare winners, from 28 sires. Sire representation was widespread, with Follow The Stars leading with 7 winners of 7 races, followed by American Ideal USA with 4 winners of 5 races. For the first 5 months of the season and including all mares raced in WA, Follow The Stars leads with 18 winners of 25 races, followed by American Ideal USA (10 winners of 20 races), then Sweet Lou USA 16 wins, Sportswriter USA (15), Fly Like An Eagle and Betterthancheddar USA (14) and Alta Christiano NZ and Mach Three CA (12).

There were 5 dual winning fillies/mares in May 2023 including Westbred 4yos **Acharne Girl** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Wonderful To Fly** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Bazaar Package** (Ultimate Machete NZ). NZ 3yo Brulee (Vincent), who arrived in WA as a weanling, scored consecutive wins including the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Diamond Classic.

There were 7 fillies/mares with their first career win – meaning they received the \$6,000 (\$3,000 to their breeder and \$3,000 to their owner) - First Win Bonus during May 2023. 2yos **Amaretto Angel** (Betting Line USA) and **Bazaar Package** (Ultimate Machete NZ), 3yo **Idealicious** (American Ideal USA), 4yos **Alta Rapido** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Half Kidding** (Follow The Stars) and **Moon Daisy** (Hurrikane Kingcole USA) and 6yo **Shes A Lucky Penny** (Village Jolt USA) were the recipients.

Excluding "Fillies Preferred" races, 3 of the 9 2yo races were for fillies, including two metropolitan level races. Five of the 20 3yo races were for fillies, including 2 Heats and the WA \$50,000 3YO Fillies Diamond Classic. Another 14 races were provided for 3yo+ fillies and mares including an FFA and the \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes, and there were 4 races just for level 1 to 4 mares. While some changes have been made to the program, there does appear to be gaps for mare only races, so if this is impacting you please let us know.

Overall fillies won 12 races including one open 3yo race and 3 3yo and over fillies and mares races. Mares won 32 3yo and over races (21 open) and 6 races restricted to 4yo and over including 4 mares races.

Amongst the 38 wins by mares there were 18 wins by 4yos, 12 by 5yos, 3 by 6yos and 5 7yo winners, with 82% of the wins in races at the \$9,000 level and above. These figures are similar to the previous month, however we really do want to encourage more mares in all age categories to continue racing. Any ideas?

There were 9 wins by fillies and mares (21.4%) at the prime Gloucester Park meetings - 4 wins less than would be required to reach our target (30% winners) at these meetings. Winners included 3yo **Brulee (Vincent)** in the \$50,000 3YO Diamond Classic, 4yo **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** in a \$22,000 Fillies & Mares, and 6yo **Nullarbor Navajo (Betterthancheddar USA)** in a \$20,250 Fillies & Mares. The 4 WA bred winners of 6 races were:

♥ 2yo **Bazaar Package – Ultimate Machete NZ** o/o **Secret Dragon (Sutter Hanover USA)**, breeder Mike Howie. One of the first winners for Ultimate Machete from his first crop, and nice to have your first career win in the city. Started well out in the betting at 33/1 from 3 for trainer driver Aldo Cortopassi. Got the lead after a short tussle with the field split in two and covering over 30m. Now a more compact field with a lap to go, going easily down the back with the extra distance of the 2130m testing some, rounded the turn well clear and went on to win the \$20,250 2YO Fillies Pace by 9.5m in 1:59.7. A fortnight later started from 2 as favourite, started well and straight to the lead, slow lead and first qtr, better than even time for the rest of the race, good lead down



the back, not under threat and moved away over the final 70m to win the \$20,250 2YO Fillies Pace by , by 4.3m in 1:59.9, last half 58.4;



- ♥ **7yo Line The Starzzz – Four Starzzz Shark CA o/o Life On The Line (Life Sign USA)** breeder Terry Ferguson, A midweek win and 9 places so far this season for the pacing bred mare. Started off 10m in the 2503m stand, got away safely to be 3 on the pegs, first to move to the breeze with just over a lap to go, burst to the front at the 600m, raced clear 8m by the 400m, rounded well clear, tiring but great drive Egerton-Green to take the initiative and win the \$20,250 Trot by 2.9m in 2:05.0, fast 3rd qtr of 28.3;



- ♥ **4yo Taking The Miki – Always B Miki o/o All American Dream (Bettors Delight USA)**, breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park. Last season's WA Oaks winner comming off two wins in March and another double in April including the \$30,000 Race For Roses. Started 2nd favourite in 1 and wasted no time to retake the lead after being beaten out of the barrier, fast lead and even time first half, turned on the speed down the back and well clear at the 400m, clear into the straight and nothing was going to catch her, going on to win the \$50,000 Breeders Stakes by 5.1m in a slick 1:56.4, last qtrs 27.6 and 29.1; and



- ♥ **4yo Wonderful To Fly – Fly Like An Eagle o/o Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Two wins and 3 places this time in then started a short priced favourite from 1 in the \$50,000 APG WA 4YO (Mixed sex) Final over the short course 1730m after winning her heat, stepped away safely and the race was really on for second, Good driving from Chris Lewis to get the sit behind Wonderful To Fly, no pressure on early, why would you, a final dash over the 4th qtr to try to run her down but the wonderful mare was not giving it away and went on to win her 24th race in 1:57.4 by 7.3m, last qtr 26.5. A week later started an even shorter favourite from 3, straight to the lead, Indian file most of the way, 8m clear at the 400m, continued to pull away and win the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 15.1m in 1:55.7, last qtrs 27.4 and 27.6. Just too good, just shy of \$500,000 in earnings plus over \$105,000 in bonuses.

Congratulations to the James and Sayers family for their win with 6yo **Zyanya (Follow The Stars)** in the Shire of Kellerberrin Central Wheatbelt Cup, after much dedication and patience.

The number of fillies and mares who raced in May 2023 (219) did pick up by 14 from the previous month and was also an increase on May 2022 (211). Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in May 2023 was \$638,000, almost the same as May last year.

Westbred fillies and mares won \$570,000 in stakes and bonuses - \$32,000 more than May 2022. Westbreds are critical to the racing system – they provided 81% of 2yo fillies, 87% of 3yo fillies and 77% of mares. They won 72% of the races won by females and 71% of their stakes, but also won \$116,000 in bonuses.

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