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Bettors Delight Raffle closes 16 August –very last days

Our raffle prize - a service to **BETTORS DELIGHT USA** – its worth more than most people can afford and this is your chance. Even if you can afford the service fee, this is also your chance to win a service for just \$100 per ticket. Unfortunately, if you have received this newsletter by post, its too late.



So call **0418 207 079** (Howard) or **0447 053 040** (Jeanine) for your tickets, or email the completed flyer to info@wasba.com.au You can pay by credit card, or direct deposit to the WASBA Westpac Bank account BSB 036 043 account 129810 (make sure you use your surname as reference).

All ticket purchasers who are WASBA members at raffle close on 16 August (if you aren't a member you can pay with your ticket), will be included in a draw for one of two \$1,000 service fee vouchers (drawn immediately after the raffle draw) to use at one of our sponsor studs. WASBA membership is \$20 single or \$30 family.

AND if you also pay your 2023/24 membership before 30 September 2023 and have either purchased a raffle ticket or participated in the 2023 WASBA Stallion Tender (opening immediately after the raffle is drawn), you will be included in the draw for 10 \$500 service fee vouchers that will take place on 1 October 2023.

All vouchers will be available for use on service fees at one of our sponsor studs which so far include Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud Farm, KTC Bloodstock, Llowalong Farms, Soho Standardbreds, Westbred Pacing and Woodlands Stud. More will be added in the coming weeks.

All Westbred progeny, whether Westsired or otherwise, earn Bonuses in 2YO and 3YO races less than \$22,000, for first to 4th place AND receive \$500 on their first race start. This season's Bonuses total \$1.9 million so far.

WA based stallions give you a *double Westbred Win bonus* when their WA born Westsired progeny win any WA 2yo or 3yo race under \$22,000 (foals of 2020 onwards). And yes we know it is confusing, as there are different Bonus levels depending on the season born, but the least you will get as a win bonus is \$2,550 if Westbred and the most you will get is \$10,200 if you are Westsired.

[Our website](#) , [HRA's website](#), stud websites and Facebook pages are being updated regularly.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	Colts and Geldings Pearl Heats on 15 August, \$100,000 Final on 25 th August \$100,000 Diamond Classic Final for the Fillies on 18 August
3yo	\$30,000 WASBA Country Oaks (Westbred fillies trained in the country) at Bunbury on 30 August
Mares	\$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



WASBA Stallion Tender opens after the Raffle and ...

Will include another champion pacing sire who ranks one of the best in the world. There will be a stallion in every price range and sire line, from WA, Victoria, NSW and some more. We will let you know when we have the final list and you wont be disappointed. Once again we have our generous payment requirements, with a \$300 deposit due in 30 days of notification of successful Tender and the balance due in December.

If you cant wait that long, Pinjarra has there Stallion Tender available now, open until 31 August with payment due by 7 September if you are successful. The brochure and conditions are available [here](#)

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ The only horse to ever leave from post 11, 4yo stallion **Ponda Warrior (Rockin Image)** came out the winner of another iconic race in the US, the \$310,000 Dan Patch Stakes at Harrahs Hoosier Park, in his new lifetime best 1:48. Ponda Warrior beat a class field to score his 11th win from 29 starts and is 2 from 2 this season. Quoting his owner trainer *"He is such a special animal to me. Winning this race with this horse, which I picked out at the sale, is what dreams are made of. It's just absolutely incredible"* His sire Rockin Image has done incredibly well in the US with less than favourable opportunities, and it's a wonder this family, from world champion mare **Kikikatie (Real Artist)** 1:50.3 \$1,268,463, has always been overlooked in the southern hemisphere. Always worth looking outside the proverbial square.

☑ Another stallion who raced and bred at the same time, Messenger Stakes winner **American Courage (American Ideal)** 1:47.4f \$838,152 has hung up his hobbles and retired from racing to stand at Blue Chip Farm. He stood for the first time in 2023.

☑ Runner up in the \$315,700 Cane Pace at The Meadowlands, **Seven Colors (Stay Hungry)** stepped out to win the \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial at Northfield Park, setting a world record 1:48.1 for 3yo pacing colts on a half-mile track. World champion 4yo gelding **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** was a winner on the undercard, just missing the track record in 1:48.2. Bythemissal won a division of the Sam McKee Memorial a week earlier.

☑ No Pacing Triple Crown winner this year. With the first leg (Messenger Stakes) won by Captain Batboy (Captaintreacheraus) it needed a repeat winner in second leg the \$315,700 Cane Pace at the Meadowlands. That didn't happen, with Meadowlands Pace winning colt **Confederate (Sweet Lou)** storming home late to win in 1:47.3, a stakes record equalling time. Confederate is currently the highest stake earning 3yo, ahead of Pepsi North America Cup winner **Its My Show (Sweet Lou)**, **Seven Colors (Stay Hungry)** and the filly **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)**, while Sweet Lou is the highest earning 3yo sire ahead of Huntsville, Downbytheseaside, Captaintreacheraus and Stay Hungry. The third leg is the Little Brown Jug in September.

☑ Not to be outdone, 3yo colt **Cannibal (Sweet Lou)** took out the \$350,000 Delvin Miller Adios Stakes at The Meadows, using the inside running to gather in the leaders and win from **Redwood Hanover (Stay Hungry)** and Seven Colors. Cannibal and Its My Show were the Adios Elimination winners, with Its My Show setting a world record 1:47.4 for a 3yo gelding on a five-eighths track.

☑ Whenever they run a boys race they usually run a girls race and the companion race on the Adios night was the \$114,770 Adioo Volo, won by **Always B Naughty (Always B Miki)**, who was unraced at two.

☑ In a brilliant finish and one of the great races in the trotting gait, **Tactical Approach** (Tactical Landing) was a minor upset winner in the 98th Edition of the \$1 million Hambletonian after taking a "rails run" and going to the line in 1:50.1. You still have to be good enough to trot that fast!. The Hambletonian is for 3yos, with the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks for fillies won by Heaven Hanover (Father Patrick) coming from the clouds down the outside in a bigger upset to score at 28/1 in 1:50.3.



☑ **Silver Label (Bettor's Delight)** continued on her winning way, this time in the \$171,400 Lady Liberty Mares Open in a stakes record equalling and career best 1:47.3, taking her career tally to just under \$1 million.

☑ Also continuing with her winning form is 3yo filly **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)**, adding the \$100,000 Shady Daisy Pace in 1:48.3 to her previous wins in the \$169,000 Mistletoe Shalee and \$420,000 Fan Hanover.

What is really great about US racing is the high class races for fillies and mares that are named after their great winners of the past, keeping the history of harness racing to the fore.

☑ Alabar shuttle stallion **Bettors Wish (Bettors Delight)** 1:47.3m US\$2,601,233 is having a good start to his stallion career with 2yo progeny **Pulp Fiction** and **Better Is Nice** well up on the 2yo list. Filly Pulp Fiction is unbeaten and is leading the 2yo starters on stakes earned, while Better Is Nice is 4th. Both were winners of their separate \$240,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes for state sired progeny. Bettors Wish was the 2019 Dan Patch 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year and Older Male Pacer of the Year in 2020.



The filly Pulp Fiction (Bettors Wish) with Australian driver Todd McCarthy

Bettors Wish is the highest ranked first season sire in the US, followed closely by Lather Up.

☑ Sitting in 4th on the 2yo list is **Boston Rocks**, by another little recognized sire in Dan Patch 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year **Boston Red Rocks (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:48.2f \$1,370,016. All these sires are being supported by State based Sires races, with Boston Rocks taking out the \$106,300 New York Sire Stakes at Batavia Downs. Other NYSS winners were 3yo fillies **Earthwindfire (American Ideal)** and **Southwind Bella (Huntsville)** who each won an \$84,000 New York Sire Stakes division. That's two races to accommodate the eligible fillies, not one race with higher stakes.

☑ Another track record broken, this time for aged mares, with 5yo **Grace Hill (Always B Miki)** winning the \$100,000 Cleopatra Invitational 1:48.4 at Scioto Downs. The other \$100,000 Invitational was won by 5yo gelding **Charlie May (McArdle)** who won in 1:47.4, just outside the track record set a week earlier by second placed **Little Rocket Man (Rockin Image)**. Charlie May won the \$444,000 William Haughton Memorial in 1:47.1 earlier in the year.

☑ In a massive win for fair play, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas has reversed the adjudication order of the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) regarding the 2019 positive test of three times Breeders Crown winner and champion trotter **Manchego (Muscle Hill)** from a race at Scioto Downs run in September 2019. Manchego tested positive to gabapentin at a level of 269 picograms per millilitre, with the test result reported to the OSRC on 9 October 2019. The OSRC did not have a screening limit for gabapentin at the time. The OSRC adopted a screening limit of 8,000 picograms per millilitre on October 30, 2019. The judge reversed the decision of the OSRC stating that the Commission "failed to apply the gabapentin screening limit, which applied to all tests reported to the Commission on and after October 30, 2019, irrespective of the date of the subject race. The final test for gabapentin in Manchego's blood was reported to the Commission on November 21, 2019, and was well below the screening limit." Trainer Nancy Takter pushed to have the decision overturned as it prevented Manchego's entry to the Hall Of Fame for which she was surely entitled.

☑ Australian bred gelding **Idealsomemagic (American Ideal)** scored the biggest win of his career in the \$250,000 Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial at Saratoga. This was a classy field, with Idealsomemagic racing home wide to win in a lifetime best 1:50 on the half mile track. Idealsomemagic is currently 4th on the aged performers list, behind Hellabalou (Sweet Lou), Charlie May and Covered Bridge (American Ideal). That's quite an achievement. He has won at 12 of 21 starts this year with career stakes nearing \$500,000.



☑ Now 8yo gelding **Its Rock N Roll (A Rocknroll Dance)** continues to roll in the winners, this time with a big win in the \$50,000 Governors Cup during the Delaware State Fair at Harrington Raceway. It was his 3rd straight win and 25th lifetime win.

And elsewhere...

☑ **Rock The Captain NZ (Captaintreacherous USA)**, who was sold as a yearling at the 2022 NZ National Yearling Sale to race in the US for US interests (exported in March this year), won a leg of the Kindergarten Series for 2-year-olds at the Meadowlands in 1:52. The dam of the colt is Group 3 winner and Group 1 placed, Rocknroll Arden NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA), a half sister to Bettors Strike NZ 1:55.7 \$789,864 and to the dam of South Coast Arden 1:49.1 \$575,507. He was sold for \$40,000 – where were the Aussie buyers?

☑ The conditions for the 2023 Inter Dominion Series to be run in Queensland starting 1 December have been announced, with some Golden Ticket holders adding some mystery to the series. The series will be run over the traditional 3 nights on 1, 5 and 9 December with the Grand Finals on 16 December. Looks like it will be very busy in Queensland over the next few years with the Commonwealth Games likely to be added to the roster.

☑ Chariots of Fire winner and now 5yo **Better Eclipse (Betterthancheddar USA)** has returned in great style after stumbling a little during his summer campaign. These horses, who have to race in top company all the time, are not robots, but the break appears to have to set him on the right path to a successful campaign aiming for the Len Smith Mile, Victoria Cup and Queensland Inter Dominion. Better Eclipse has won over \$700,000 and he is by another of those underrated sires in Betterthancheddar USA.

☑ You cant do much better than win, and 4yo mare **Star Celebrity (Always B Miki USA)** has 7 wins in a row for her \$89,000, having missed racing as a 2yo where a lot of the money is won. She wasn't quite there as a 3yo but is now a bigger stronger mare. Patience is a virtue.

☑ One of the greatest trotters in our history has finally been inducted into the Victorian Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Trotting mare **Scotch Notch (Scottish Bret)** was inducted along with My Lightning Blue and they join Maori's Idol, Globe Derby Popular Alm and Gammalite as Legends. Scotch Notch was considered to be the 'greatest standardbred mare bred in Australia', and she raced in the US as well as Australia and New Zealand to tally 48 wins including two Inter Dominions. These Hall of Fame processes can be very slow. The initial take up should be much larger while people are still alive to enjoy them.



⚠ The writing was on the wall when Stakemoney in Victorian thoroughbred racing was reduced. So no surprise that there will be some cuts to Victorian harness racing stakes. It has not been well received and there may be more announcements to come through as some level of industry consultation starts to occur. However, we will never be in charge of our own destiny if our leaders don't tackle the fundamental problem with placement being controlled by a third party. How did that ever happen? HRV advised that they are trying to maintain prizemoney levels to meet Group 1 & 2 levels where possible and also protect mares races where possible. Great work HRA to introduce new higher Group levels in a tightening economy.

☑ New Zealand is introducing a new Bonus Scheme that will assist 2yos in their first win (\$8,000 to the owner and \$4,000 to the breeder) in a totalisator race, and fillies and mares breeding credits for finishing first to third. There are also some bonuses for NZ born horses that are sired by NZ bred stallions standing in Australia. NZ Stakes for the season have also been increased by a total of \$5 million.

☑ WA has upped some of the Westbred Bonuses as well, for horses born in WA from 2020. The first win bonus remains at \$3,000 to the breeder and \$3,000 to the owner, but the maximum bonus amount for a win has increased depending on the stakes tier, with up to \$10,200 for a win if your horse is sired by a stallion standing in WA. There is also a first start bonus of \$500 and Bonuses are paid to any Westbred horse winning the first race in their career as a 4yo or older. In WA of course. Fillies and mares also receive a breeding credit when winning any WA race.

☑ Eureka starters **The Lost Storm (Captaintreacherous USA)**, **Captain Ravishing (Captaintreacherous)** and **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous)** are all firmly on their way to being at top level for their attempt to be the first winner of the Eureka in September. Some hiccups along the way as usual but they will meet Racing Queensland's contender **Speak The Truth (Bettors Delight USA)**, winner of the inaugural Hayden, along with the Seymours wonder horse **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** who is still favourite despite his loss in the Blacks A Fake to half brother Swayzee. The Lost Storm is coming along swimmingly with 4 wins from 4 starts, while Rob Watsons Soho Standardbreds runner **My Ultimate Ronnie (Bettors Delight USA)** is yet to start in August. Tassie's runner is "The Beautide" winner **Magician (Sweet Lou USA)**. Aaron Bain Racing and Summit Bloodstock have selected SA bred mare **Encipher (Captaintreacherous USA)** for their Slot. The Tyson Linke owned-and-bred Encipher has won 15 of just 25 starts with 3 at Group 1 level. Two Slots remain to be filled,

although there is only one genuine slot up for grabs, with the John Singleton Slot to be filled from one of the runners in the \$50,000 The Singo on 19 August. The Singo will provide all the emergencies for the Eureka.

☑ Having a crack at the last Slot is WA mare **Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle)**. Lets hope the travel isn't too onerous, but she deserves the chance to test the waters at elite level. Wonderful To Fly has won 27 from 44 starts but is yet to try her luck on the bigger tracks

☑ The win by Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) over clear favourite and half brother Leap To Fame goes to show there is no such thing as a certainty in racing. It also shows that sires like Rock N Roll Heaven are underrated, with the stallion doing an incredible job while not receiving many accolades. His Australian progeny have won \$33 million and include some standouts like Expensive Ego, Let It Ride NZ and A Gs White Socks NZ. He never had the support in the US so has done it the hard way.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Locking wheels can definitely lose you a race!
- ♣ Great to see Encipher in the Eureka. First mare to be chosen. Congratulations owner breeder Tyson Linke
- ♣ The new 4YO \$100,000 Westbred races have been scheduled for April 2024



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – July 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.

It's one of our smaller owner breeders this month, who happened to have 2 wins in the month with two 3yos from different sires and different mares. It's **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for July 2023**, Reg Smallacombe as the breeder of 3yo gelding **Tommy Carta (Huntsville USA** out of Alba Carta by **Allamerican Ingot USA**). Reg also bred 3yo winner Dee Jay Big Boy (Betting Line USA). Tommy was racing second up and started second favourite from 8 in his July win, raced wide early before settling at the rear, first to move 3 wide with just over a lap to go, moved up to challenge the leader at the 500m and started to move away at the 400m before withstanding a fightback from the leader to go on to a 2.1m win in 1:57.9. Tommy has started 5 times this year for 3 wins and a second, and his career tally is 8 starts for 4 wins and 3 seconds.

Alba Carta (Allamerican Ingot USA), the dam of Tommy Carta, had 6 starts and managed a win at only her 3rd lifetime start. Also bred by Reg, Alba Carta produced 3 foals, all winners including Elsa May (Betting Line USA) 1:56.3 \$47,309.

Alba Carta is the only successful breed from her dam Nitschke (Live Or Die USA) 2:01.7 6 wins \$21,975. The maternal family of Tommy Carta leads to Oro Travis, and includes many of the top horses raced in WA in yesteryear including Alfa Freeway, Derby and Group winner Bin Oro, Champagne Classic winner Courageous Ned, Travis Frosty, Vermillion and Travis Arania



Congratulations owner breeder Reg, Reg's regular trainer John Graham, driver Kyle and Tommy Carta.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES JULY 2023

There were 26 Westsired winners of 27 races in July 2023, representing 9 sires, with the leading sires being **Follow The Stars** with 7 winners of 7 races, and **Fly Like An Eagle** (6 winners of 6 races). For the 7 months of the season the leading sire of winners is Follow The Stars with 41 winners, followed by Fly Like An Eagle (27) and Renaissance Man (13).

The dual winner for the month was 2yo colt **Rox The World** (Rock N Roll World USA). Rox The World won at Northam and Wagin and additionally took home over \$17,000 in Bonuses including his First Win Bonus.

There were 7 other first time winners including 2yo **Belles Whisper**, 3yo **Hooah** and **Rosies Last Attack** (Advance Attack NZ), 2yo **Lenora Jane** and **Knight Eagle** (Fly Like An Eagle), 3yo **Ladytwo** (Follow The Stars) and 3yo **Majic Star** (Franco Jamar NZ). Winners received bonuses of up to \$13,650 for their first win.

Westbred progeny received nearly \$127,000 in Westbred, First Win and First Start Bonuses in July 2023, and for the first 7 months of the season the total bonuses paid to connections of Westbred progeny is \$819,000.

There were 3 metropolitan level Westbred winners in July including a filly. The remaining 2 winners were:

★ 4yo **High Price** – **Alta Christiano NZ** o/o **Harriet Price NZ (Grinfromeartear USA)**, owner breeders A Merrington and M Howden, Resumed in May after a 6 month absence. Won consecutive \$9,000 races in June, a place two starts later then started favourite from 1 in the 1730 sprint, did enough to hold the lead, quick lead then 1st qtr in 28.7, a length clear down the back, well in control at the top of the straight and held them in hand to win the \$20,250 Pace by 4.4m in 1:55.1, last half 58.2; and



★ 3yo colt **Skylord (Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **Southern Legacy (Northern Luck CA)**, breeders the late Ray Grantham and T Schmedie, A very talented Westbred colt. Resumed in June with a midweek win and place, then started favourite from 6 in the \$30,000 Westbred Colts and Geldings Classic. Settled wide early before going forward to take the lead with 2 laps to go on the wet track. Good first half under the conditions, solid 3rd quarter, a length clear at the 400m and into the turn, sprinted fast down the straight to increase his lead and easily win by 12.1m in 1:58.5, last qtr special at 27.7.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JULY 2023

There were 177 races run in July 2023 with 97 individual Westbreds winning 109 (61.6%) of these races – another solid result for locally bred horses. This is another strong result for July, although just under the percentage for July last year (109 wins off 172 races).

In a very even month the dominant sire for the month (sires standing outside WA) was champion sire **Art Major USA** with 5 winners of 8 races, followed by **American Ideal USA** with 4 winners of 5 races.

For the 7 month period January to July 2023 the leading Westbred sire standing outside WA on a win basis (as well as individual winners) is still **American Ideal USA** with 39 wins. **Mach Three CA** and **Sweet Lou USA** follow with 29 wins, **Betterthancheddar USA** 27 wins, **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** and **Betting Line USA** with 23 wins, and champs **Art Major USA** and **Bettors Delight USA** with 22 wins. **Betterthancheddar USA** and **Mach Three CA** have the second highest number of individual winners (16) behind **American Ideal USA** (18).

In addition to the Westbred dual winner there were 10 Westbred winners of 2 or more races - – **Speedwagon** (Always B Miki USA) won two Gloucester Park midweek races, **Carabao** (American Ideal USA) won metro class and the Botra Cup and may be off to the US soon, **Major Overs** (Art Major USA) won at Northam and Wagin, **Beat The Bank** (Bettors Delight USA) won at Pinjarra and Bunbury, **August Moon** (Captaintreacherous USA) won metro class and the feature Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra, **All Is Well** (Foreclosure NZ) won at Pinjarra and Northam, **Rambo Rabbit** (Shadow Play USA) won a Bunbury double and **Jolted Charm** (Village Jolt USA) won a midweek double at Gloucester Park. Trotter **Bonnie Rae** (Majestic Son CA) won at Pinjarra and Gloucester Park and with 3 wins for the month was **Lombo Mitchinson** (Art Major USA) who won at Narrogin and a double at Bunbury.

On top of the 8 Westbred winners there were 13 Westbred winners who broke their maiden status in July:

- 2yos **Opal Hunter** and **Swindler** (both Control The Moment USA) and **Grevis** (Lazarus NZ);
- 3yo **Montego** (Art Major USA) **Dee Jays Big Boy** (Betting Line USA), **Minnenooka** and **Tantabiddi** (Foreclosure NZ), **Rock The Bank** (Pet Rock USA) and **Im Articulate** (Well Said USA); and
- 4yos **Bonnie Rae** (Majestic Son CA) and **Dannika** (Shadow Play USA), and 5yos **Allzfairnluvnwar** (Alta Christiano NZ) and **Immaculate** (Mach Three CA).

Total Bonus payments in July 2023 were just under \$318,000 including \$9,000 in First Start Bonuses. Of that amount, 2yos received \$133,000, 3yos received \$125,000, and 4yo and over received \$60,000. The amounts include \$83,000 paid solely to breeders. So far this season 132 Westbreds have broken their maiden status.

Bonus payments for the first 7 months of the season total \$1,976,000 (including \$518,000 to breeders).

Westbreds won 28 races at Community level, 65 at \$9,000 level, 1 mini feature \$11,000 race at Narrogin and 15 metropolitan level races including 7 at FFA or feature race level. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.2 million, or 58.2% of the total stakes pool.

There were 15 2yo races run, with Westbreds winning 12 of these races and contributing 54 of the 61 starters, which is very similar to July last year. This is the highest number of 2yo starters in a month since February.

The 3yos are quite different - the 104 starters in July is also the second highest tally for the season (just below 106 in May), and is lower than July 2022 (112) but trending upwards as we head towards the bigger races. There were 18 3yo races including 5 maidens, with Westbreds winning 16 of these races. Westbred 3yos also won 12 of the 21 3yo and over races won by 3yos. If you are running in 3yo and over races because you aren't finding the right 3yo race, let us know.

The number of 4yo and over starters is still trending down despite the marginal improvement in June 2023, but it is still 12 higher than July 2022. At 453 it is still higher than the previous 3 years. Westbred starters comprised 62.5% (283) of starters in this age group. There were 12 races (including 2 maidens) for 4YO and over, including a \$30,000 Westbred 4YO and 5YO Restricted Winter feature. WA bred horses won 11 of these races.

There were 123 wins by horses 4yo and over with 69 being Westbred. This included - 49 (29 Westbred) 4yos, 44 (26 Westbred) 5yos, 20 (10 Westbred) 6yos, 4 (1 Westbred) 7yos and 6 (3 Westbred) older than 7 years.

Westbreds won 15 of the 39 races run at prime meetings at Gloucester Park in July 2023. Three of the wins were by Westsired progeny, five others were fillies or mares and the remaining 6 winners of 7 races (including 4 that appeared in the list last month) were:

- ◆ **5yo Carabao – American Ideal USA o/o Escovedo (Western Terror USA)** Owner breeder Tarsao Investments. Going great guns this season with new trainer driver Chris Voak. A win in June and 4 seconds at his previous 5 starts then started from 1 in the standing start \$30,000 Botra Cup over 2503m, stepped off well to take control from the barrier, even time first half, had them really stretching down the back led into the straight and although under challenge, held on for a good win by 1.3m in 2:01.3, last qtrs slick at 27.8 and 28.2. A fortnight later started from 5 in another Stand over the same journey, skipped a little but quickly steadied and straight to the lead with the field stretched over 30m. Slightly slower first half and 3rd qtr than his previous win but well in command, moving away from the 400m, bolting up to the home turn, stretched his lead even further down the straight to win the \$20,250 Pace by 14m in 2:01.7, last qtrs 28.8 and 27.8;
- ◆ **5yo Eldaytona – Somebeachsomewhere USA o/o Hearty Franco NZ (Artsplace USA)**, breeder part owner Kevin Charles, \$100,000 last season and half way there this season. Won in June and a place in his next 3 starts, then started favourite in 1, never going to give up that advantage, began fast and straight to the front, field in single file early, slow lead, a more compact field with a lap to go, sprinted down the back and a length and a half clear at the 400m, had the race won at the 100m and despite the close finish was always going to win the \$20,375 Pace running 1:59.1, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.8;
- ◆ **5yo Faster Than Dad – Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeders the late Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, Garry Ralston, Neville Pinner, Falsify Syndicate, full brother to Acharne Girl. A nice Westbred bred having his best season so far. Trained by Michael George for stable connections of Gary Hall Snr. Won in April and June. Started favourite from 1, mustered speed to retain the lead, even time first qtr before a quick 28.8 2nd qtr, even faster 3rd qtr still in control at the 400m. Challengers coming 4 wide but looked to have it won at the 100m before the horse on his back got clear and rocketed home but not soon enough, with Faster Than Dad winning the new \$30,000 Westbred Winter 4YO/5YO Classic by a half head in 1:57.4, last half 57.9;

- ◆ *5yo entire **Finvarra** – **American Ideal USA** o/o **Nuala NZ (Changeover NZ)**, breeder the late Beth Richardson, Garry Ralston, Glen Moore and others. Top season last year. Resumed in May after a 5 month absence. Three seconds and a metro win in June. Then started favourite from 1 in a small but classy field, straight to the front, just above even time first half with the field in single file, quicker down the back, a length clear at the top of the straight but about to be challenged by the stablemate who had sat behind, just enough left to cling to the win in the \$30,000 FFA by a half head in 1:56.9, last qts 28.5 and 27.3;*
- ◆ *5yo **Peligroso** – **Captaintreacherous USA** o/o **Courage On Fire NZ (Courage Under Fire NZ)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Has been a work in progress but had an encouraging season in 2022. Won midweek first up in June after an absence of 5 months, then started favourite from 1, began well to retain the lead over the short course 1730m, fast first half, the field bunched from the 600m, had the field covered at the 400m, led into the straight and increased his lead down the straight to win the \$9,000 Pace by 5.7m in 1:56.3, last half 58.4; and*
- ◆ *2yo colt **Waverider** – **Downbytheseaside** o/o **Premium Copper (Major In Art USA)**, breeders Mike and Sharon Howie, Resuming after winning his heat and \$100,000 Sales Classic in March, started favourite from 2 and straight into the leaders role with the field in single file, high stepping down the back to a half length lead at the 400m in the fastest qtr so far, great effort from the placegetters to try to catch the leader in a super slick final qtr but a strong win under reins only to take the \$21,250 2YO Pace by 1.3m in 2:00.1, last qtrs 29.4 and 26.9.*



Waverider wins with driver Kyle Symington

WA bred horses provided 68% of individual starters in July 2023, earning \$1.47 million in stakes and bonuses.

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

Fillies and mares won 53 (29.9%) of the 177 races run in July 2023. While it is slightly below our target it is quite a good result for July and is a marked improvement on July last year (26.2%).

There were 31 fillies/mares races provided in July 2023 – the same as the previous month and a welcome 8 more than July last year. The balance of the wins (22) by fillies and mares were in open races. Wins included 7 (all Westbred) at Community level, 36 (26 Westbred) wins in \$9,000 level races, and 10 (7 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level races.

There were 30 individual sires represented by the winners, with 47 individual winners. Sire representation was again widespread, with the leading sire for the month for winning fillies and mares was **Captaintreacherous USA** with 4 winners of 5 races followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** and **Alta Christiano NZ** both with 4 individual winners. For the first 7 months of the season (including all fillies and mares racing in WA) **Follow The Stars** still leads with 21 winners of 35 races, followed by **American Ideal USA** (12 winners of 26 races), **Fly Like An Eagle** (14 of 25), **Alta Christiano NZ** (11 of 22). Outside these 4, the stallion with the most female winners is **Betterthancheddar USA** with 12 individual winners.

There were 3 Westborn dual winning fillies or mares – **August Moon** (Captaintreacherous USA), **Jolted Charm** (Village Jolt USA) and trotting mare **Bonnie Rae** (Majestic Son CA). Other dual winning fillies/mares were

Cyclone Charlotte (Bettors Delight USA, Rocknroll Sass (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and another trotter, Evas Image (Father Patrick USA).

There were 11 fillies/mares with their first career win – 2yos **Belles Whisper** (Advance Attack NZ), **The Swindler** (Control The Moment USA) and **Lenora Jane** (Fly Like An Eagle), 3yo **Montego** (Art Major USA) and **Ladytwo** (Follow The Stars), 4yos **Rosies Last Attack** (Advance Attack NZ), **Knight Eagle** (Fly Like An Eagle), **Bonnie Rae** (Majestic Son CA) and **Dannika** (Shadow Play USA), and 5yos **Allzfairnluvnwar** (Alta Christiano NZ) and **Immaculate** (Mach Three CA)

There were no “Fillies Preferred” races, with 6 (including 3 maidens) of the 14 2yo races and 6 (including 2 maidens) of the 18 3yo races being for fillies. Races for the 3yo fillies included the \$30,000 Westsired Classic and \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic. Unfortunately this did mean limited opportunities in fillies races for fillies who were not open company and had won their maiden.

Another 15 races were provided for 3yo+ fillies and mares including an FFA and the \$30,000 Restricted Winter Feature. There were also 4 standard \$9,000 races restricted to mares. We can still identify gaps in the program but need you to tell us if you need more races of a particular type.

Overall fillies won their 6 2yo races, 7 3yo races and 4 3yo and over races. Of the 36 wins by mares, 8 were in 4yo and over races. All up 18 of the wins by mares or 50%, were in open races.

Amongst the 36 wins by mares there were 21 wins by 4yos, with the oldest winner being 9yo Lilly Laguna who won at Northam. The majority (83%) of the wins were in races at the \$9,000 level and above.

At prime Gloucester Park meetings there were 9 wins by fillies and mares (23.1%) – which is disappointing after such a good month in June. Another 3 wins would make the grade, but there was also a feature win at Pinjarra. Winners included 2yo Castella Dellacqua (**Captaintreacherous USA**) in a \$20,250 2YO Fillies, 4yo **Cyclone Charlotte NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** in the \$30,000 Fillies and Mares Restricted Winter Feature and 4yo **Steno (Sweet Lou USA)** in a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares. The 6 WA bred winners of 7 races were:

- ♥ 3yo **August Moon – Captaintreacherous USA o/o My Samantha Jane USA (Extreme Three CA)**, breeder the late Harry Capararo. Very nice filly. Won the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic in March for her 3rd consecutive win. Resumed in July, first up started 2nd favourite from 4, initially 4th on the pegs before moving to the breeze with 1200 to go, quick 28.9 2nd qtr, a head off the lead at the 400m, just in front at the top of the straight and broke away to win the \$20,250 Fillies Pace, easing down, by 2.1m in 1:58.8, last qtrs 28.7 and 29. Backed up 3 days later in the \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic starting favourite from 6. Settled one out 3 back, still 5th last at the 600m, made her 3 wide move with 450 to go, 4 wide into the straight, powered home in a group finish to win by 3m in 1:59.8, last qtrs 28.9 and 28.5;



August Moon with ears pricked for driver Gary Hall Jnr

- ♥ 3yo **Fly to Fame – Follow The Stars o/o Chevrons Champion NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeder Bob Fowler, Very nice filly improving all the time. A good last season and even better this season. Looking for her 3rd consecutive win after two wins in June. Started favourite from 1 in the rain and didn't waste the opportunity. Fast out, held the lead effortlessly in the single file field, joined by a breeze filly with one lap to go, challenged down the back but not under pressure, ¾ length clear into the straight and a relatively easy win in the \$30,000 Fillies Westsired Classic by 4.2m in 2:02 making it 3 in a row, last qtrs on a wet night in a solid 28.9 and 28.5;

- ♥ 5yo **American Arma – American Ideal USA o/o Arma Express (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeders Liam O'Connor and Jim Currie's Kemprust P/L The first leg of a double on the night for exceptional mare Arma Xpress. Two previous seconds in July then started from 2 as favourite, safely out and to the front in a slow lead, just worse than even time first half, faster 3rd qtr but in command at the 400m, strong performance by the breeze mare but raced strongly to the line to win the \$22,000 Fillies and Mares by 2.8m in 1:59.2, last qtrs 28.7 and 27.7;
- ♥ 2yo **San Remo Beach – Downbytheseaside USA o/o Artistic Copper (Artistic Fella USA)**, owner breeder Mike Howie, A nice filly having only her 6th lifetime start for a previous win and 2 places. Started at 7/1 from barrier 6, wide early before settling in the breeze with 2 laps to go, almost level at the 400m in a tight field, just in front at the top of the straight and a good strong effort to win the \$20,250 2YO Fillies Pace from the breeze by 1.6m in 2:00.8, last half in 59.9;
- ♥ 6yo **Stormyskyes – Mr Feelgood USA o/o Dreamy Eyes (Modern Art USA)**, breeders Jerime and Shane Steele, Second win of the season and a good one to win. Drawn in 1 but not favoured in the betting, easily kept the front with the favourite in the breeze, slow lead and first qtr, moving the pace up steadily through the second qtr, faster down the back, saw off the breeze horse around the bend, scooted clear at the 100m to win the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 3.2m in 1:58.7, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.2. Over \$40,000 for the season;
- ♥ 2yo **Xceptional Arma – American Ideal USA o/o Arma Express (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeders Liam O'Connor and Jim Currie's Kemprust P/L Second leg of the winning double for the dam Arma Xpress and a full sister to the previous winner American Arma. Won her Gold Bullion event before travelling unsuccessfully to Menangle in April. Then first up started favourite from 3, started quickly to go to the lead, slow lead and 1st qtr, moved up to even time before a 28.7 3rd qtr and a head in front at the 400m, slipped away entering the straight and went on to an easy win in the \$20,250 2YO Fillies Pace by 4.4m in 2:00.3, last qtrs fast at 28.7 and 27.7.

The number of fillies and mares who raced in July 2023 increased by 30 compared to July last year, following the same trend as did June 2023. While the number of 3yo fillies dropped by 12, 2yo filly starters increased marginally and there was a big increase (40) in the number of mares racing compared to a year ago. The more the merrier. Great to see more mares in the racing system!. The total number of fillies and mares racing in the month was 223, with Westbreds provided 96% of 2yo fillies, 85% of 3yo fillies and 74% of the racing mares.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in July 2023 was \$640,000 (\$79,000 more than July last year). Of the total, Westbred fillies and mares won \$487,000 as well as \$149,000 in Bonuses.

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