



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 APG WA Sale list out now

Have a look [here](#) at the list of yearlings available in the 2024 APG WA Sale to be run on Sunday 3 March 2024. There are 140 yearlings available covering every major sire available in Australia. You can choose from Westsired or Westbred with a wide range available. Catalogues and detailed pedigree information are expected to be available soon. The list can be re-sorted to suit. Please note there are some gremlins in the list that will be fixed soon. Most vendors will be happy to take calls about their yearlings.

## In loving memory of the 30....

who lost their lives 9 November 2023 at Tioga Downs by a heinous act. Don't ever let it happen anywhere else.

Always Smooth, 2yo; Better Call Saul, 11; Birdie Three, 3; Blazin Mooss, 4; Buzzards R Flying, 2; Da Boogie Man, 6; Danzon Hanover, 5; Diamond Express, 2; Fireside Tail, 1; Grant Me This, 8; Hall It Off, 6; Hot Shot Joe, 3; Hunts Point, 4; Ideal Chance, 6; Its Rigged, 7; Karpathos, 22

Lone Wolf American, 4; Market Mayhem, 5; Mc Mach, 9; My Delight, 8; Payara, 5; Pineapple Sundae, 3; Pocket Watch N, 7; Prairie Dutchess, 5; Ruff Montana Lane, 3; Sd Watch Me Now, 5; Silverhill Misty, 8; Slave Labour, 4; Violence, 4; and Unnamed Yearling, 1

The horses have been given a proper burial near the backstretch of Tioga Downs. A monument inscribed with the names of the 30 horses, aged from 1 to 22, will be installed to memorialize them.



## Westbred Bonuses this year so far...

It pays to race a Westbred or Westsired – so far this season (to end October)

- **If you are a trainer or driver you have shared in \$198,000 in Westbred Bonuses**
- **If you are an owner you have shared in \$2,042,000**
- **If you are a breeder you have shared in \$750,000.**

And if you are a combination of the above, the total Westbred Bonuses, including First Win and First start, totals almost \$3 million with two months to go for the season.

Westbreds like *Fly To Fame*, *Lavra Joe*, *Swingband*, *Bronzed* have all won over \$50,000, while *Wonderful To Fly* and *Black Jack Baby* collected around \$100,000 outside of stakes.

## WASBA Member Service fee discounts

Just considering your options? WASBA members can obtain 10% discounts on the following stallions:

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| ❖ <b>Bling It On (American Ideal USA)</b>               | ❖ <b>The Storm Inside (Rocknroll Hanover USA)</b>  |
| ❖ <b>For A Reason (Art Major USA)</b>                   | ❖ <b>Ultimate Machete NZ (Bettors Delight USA)</b> |
| ❖ <b>King Of Swing NZ (Rocknoll Hanover USA)</b>        | ❖ <b>Vincent (Art Major USA)</b>                   |
| ❖ <b>My General Lee (Art Major USA)</b>                 | ❖ <b>Elite Stride (Muscle Hill USA) (TR)</b>       |
| ❖ <b>Ride High (Art Major USA)</b>                      | ❖ <b>Majestic Son CA (Angus Hall USA)</b>          |
| ❖ <b>Rock N Roll Heaven USA (Rocknroll Hanover USA)</b> |  |

The Australian bred Vincent, purchased for \$130,000 at the 2015 Sydney APG Sale by the Mark Purdon stable, is currently second on the Australian 3YO First Season Sire List behind Huntsville, while Ultimate Machete NZ is

4<sup>th</sup> on the 2YO First Season Sire List. Some of the others are Group 1 producers, while some are new sires with progeny not old enough to race but good reports from breeders and yearling preparers.

With service fees up to \$8,800 that turns into some decent savings, with thanks to Alabar and Cobbitty. If you are a WASBA member (or become one) and your mare has been served, you can still apply for the discount.

If you haven't paid your (\$20 Ordinary or \$30 Family) membership, please call **0418 207 079** (Howard) or **0447 053 040** (Jeanine) to pay by credit card or pay by direct deposit (WASBA Westpac account BSB 036 043 account 129810) using your surname as a reference, OR complete the membership form online and pay securely by credit card (have your credit card handy after you submit your form). You can also pay at the AGM.

If you would rather go local with a WA based sire and take advantage of the Westsired Bonus (double the Westbred Win Bonus): you could look to these stallions (remember to check the type of service (live cover, chilled semen or frozen semen) – contact details included and website if there is one:

- ✚ **Advance Attack NZ** (In The Pocket USA) full brother Courage Under Fire, noted sire of precocious juveniles (Adrian Shanks 0416 523 817)
- ✚ **Bonavista Bay** (Rustler Hanover USA), multiple Group 1 winner (Kevin Spurr 0429 104 145)
- ✚ **Captain Ahab USA** (Captaintreacherous USA) first crop available in the 2024 APG WA Sale ([Westbred Pacing](http://WestbredPacing) Kellie Simmonds at admin@westbredpacing.com or 0435 059 777)
- ✚ **Fly Like An Eagle** (Mach Three CA), sire of Wonderful To Fly ([Allwood Stud Farm](http://AllwoodStudFarm) in Bullsbrook, Mick Holtham 0421 331 586).
- ✚ **Goodtime Sammy** (Somebeachsomewhere USA), new to WA in 2023 (Kevin Spurr 0429 104 145)
- ✚ **Renaissance Man** (Art Major USA) sire of multiple Group winners (Mike Hackett 0423 703 779)
- ✚ **Shoobees Place USA** (Artsplace USA) sire of multiple Group 1 and NSW Derby winner Better Be The Best (Josh Spurr 0474 271 272)
- ✚ **Ultimate Sniper NZ** (Bettors Delight USA) Inter Dominion champion, oldest progeny are yearlings ([Allwood Stud Farm](http://AllwoodStudFarm) in Bullsbrook, Mick Holtham 0421 331 586).
- ✚ **Wesley** (Sportswriter USA) Group 2 winner and Group 1 placed (Sarah Wall 0430 414 914).

You can obtain all the relevant contact details from <https://www.harness.org.au/owners-breeders/registered-stallions/>. The link lists all registered stallions and we suggest that if the stallion you want isn't listed, that you check with the stud to make sure that "it's in the mail" as HRA are not guaranteed to register progeny from stallions that are not registered.

You can also check <https://www.harness.org.au/ausbreed/studs/INDEX2.HTM> the Index of Australian sires, but make sure you check the date in the top left corner to ensure it's current!

The Annual Stallion Guide has listings of most of the popular sires standing in Australia and New Zealand. You can also check [Our website](#) (check out the [Links](#) page), stud websites and Facebook pages!

All Westbred progeny earn Bonuses in 2YO and 3YO races less than \$22,000, for first to 4th place AND receive \$500 on their first race start. Westsired progeny can earn more, with a double win Bonus of \$5,100 to \$10,200, depending on the stakes tier, on all 2yo and 3yo races under \$22,000. Check details, including bonuses for horses older than 3yo winning their first career start [here](#)

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

2YO and 3YO – races are still running

3YO	Wagin Westbred Final is on 1 December (Preludes 17 Nov) including a \$5,000 trophy
Mares	\$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares is on 15 November
	\$150,000 Westral Mares Classic is on 24 November
	\$50,000 Christmas Belles is on 22 December
	\$30,000 The Coulson Fillies and Mares (HWOE < \$40,000) is on 29 December
	Busselton season and Sweetheart Series commences 26 December
Other	Narrogin meeting 9 December with each race having a trophy to the value of \$500
	Albany season commences 15 December



## WASBA Stallion Service Voucher winners

If you have won a stallion service voucher from WASBA for this breeding season, don't forget to claim it when you receive your service fee invoice. Vouchers can be used on stallions from the below studs under the conditions advised.



### Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** set a track record winning the \$125,000 Potomac Pace Invitational for aged pacers at Rosecroft Raceway, running 1:48 from the front and defeating Tattoo Artist, Linedrive Hanover and Allywag Hanover. It was the 4yo geldings 25<sup>th</sup> lifetime win from 32 starts with \$2.13 million in the bank. He now leads the aged group category for stakes won this year, just ahead of 6yo Tattoo Artist whose lifetime stakes exceed \$2.7 million. Bythemissal also won the 2023 \$600,000 Open Breeders Crown Pace at the end of October in 1:48, the fastest run of the night

**Tattoo Artist (Hes Watching)** 1:47.1 will likely stand at New Jersey's Deo Volente Farm in 2024. His dam Stylish Artist (Artsplace) 1:51 \$940,000 is a 2yo Breeders Crown winner. Tattoo Artist was on his 7<sup>th</sup> straight win in winning his Breeders Crown Heat before placing to Bythemissal in the BC Final and the Potomac.

☑ A new **Somebeachsomewhere** stallion heads to stud next year in Ohio. **Carbine** 1:47.4 \$385,674 is one of the very last sons of Somebeachsomewhere to enter stud. Carbine is thought to have paced the fastest back half in Meadowlands history at 51.3. He is the winner of two legs of the Graduate series, and has raced and beaten the likes of Charlie May, Line Drive Hanover and Hellabalou. He is a half brother to full siblings **Heston Blue Chip** and Sunfire Blue Chip and his granddam is a full sister to **Kikikatie (Real Artist)** \$1,415,566 one of the best mares to have raced in the US. Kikikatie is the dam of the very successful stallion Rockin Image (Rocknroll Hanover) Carbine will stand for a service fee of \$2,500. Great bloodlines for the price.



Carbine 1:47.4

☑ Canada's 2022 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** was the winner of the \$700,000 Breeders Crown for 3yo fillies at Harrahs Hoosier Park in 1:49.2, with **My Girl EJ (Sweet Lou)** causing an upset to unseat the previously unbeaten Geocentric (Sweet Lou) in the \$700,000 2YO Fillies Breeders Crown in a new stakes and track record of 1:49.2. The \$400,000 Breeders Crown for the mares was won by **Max Contract (Huntsville)** by a length in 1:50.2, giving her \$340,000 for the season.

☑ The \$700,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Pace was an upset win to **Gem Quality (Captain Crunch)** to lift him to 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 2023 US 2YO Pacers List for stakes earned. Leading the list are 3 fillies **My Girl EJ** 1:49.1 with \$600,000 (4 wins from 11 starts), **Geocentric** 1:49.3 with \$560,000 (9 wins from 10 starts), and **Pass Line (All Bets Off)** 1:49.3 with \$550,000 from 10 wins (including an Elimination of the Breeders Crown, the \$300,000 OSS Gold Super Final and the Fillies \$200,000 Ontario Sire Stakes Gold in a record) out of 13 starts. The leading 2yo male is **Better Is Nice (Bettors Wish)** 1:50.3 with \$510,000 from 7 wins from 11 races.



☑ Along with the 2yo filly Pass Line, 3yo gelding **Moment Is Here (All Bets Off)** is representing his sire well with over \$385,000 season earnings and \$686,000 lifetime earnings

☑ A Breeders Crown win for 3yo colt **Confederate (Sweet Lou)** to add to his list of accomplishments. It was an exceptional win in 1:48 in a rainstorm, with Stockade Seelster (State Treasurer) second ahead of Cannibal.

☑ A fortnight later another win for **Confederate (Sweet Lou)**, this time the \$170,850 Matron Stakes by 2.5 lengths in 1:49. He has been almost unbeatable this season and this was his 11<sup>th</sup> straight win and 13<sup>th</sup> win from 14 starts. He beat stablemate and Adios Pace winner **Cannibal (Sweet Lou)**.



Both colts will stand at stud in 2024, Cannibal 1:48.1 for \$5,000 and Confederate 1:46.1 for \$20,000. Both are out of A Rocknroll Dance mares but quite different in other ways. Both will stand on behalf of Diamond Creek Farm. The leading 3yo trotting colt and Hambletonian and Breeders Crown winner Tactical Approach (Tactical Landing) 1:50.1 \$1,458,739 is also heading for Diamond Creek Farm at the end of this season.

☑ The \$117,550 Matron Stakes for 3YO Fillies was won by **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** from Zanatta (Stay Hungry). Twin B Joe Fresh has \$1.2 million in stakes (over \$750,000 this season) with a lifetime best 1:48.2 and her granddam is a full sister to American Ideal.

☑ **Sylvia Hanover** and **Twin B Joe Fresh** are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on the 3YO Performers (both over \$750,000 this season) behind Confederate 1:46.1 \$1,630,000 and Its My Show (Sweet Lou) 1:46.4 \$1,073,000.

☑ At the other end of the spectrum, Brittany Farms continues to scale back operations as they prepare to close the farm after the 2025 Lexington Select Yearling Sales. Their stallions are transitioning to other farms for 2024. Perfect Sting stands at Deo Volente Farm in 2024, with American Ideal standing at Blue Chip Farms. The decision was made at the start of the year with their farm Manager retiring then after 40 years at Brittany, with Brittany's owner deciding to sell, hopefully to a harness enthusiast.

☑ Kentucky's brand new harness track the Cumberland Run has just finished a very successful 12 meet season hosting the likes of trainers Tony Alagna (the leading trainer with stakes earnings over \$400,000) and Ron Burke as well as driver Dexter Dunn. The leading driver Tony Miller also had stake earnings of over \$400,000. Naturally the new club is rapt with their success.

☑ Making it to the millionaires list was 7yo gelding **Covered Bridge (American Ideal)**, who won his 17<sup>th</sup> race for the season from 34 starts and a season tally of \$490,000. He has a lifetime best 1:49.4 on a half mile track. Another one in the winningest list is Australian bred American Ideal gelding **Idealsomemagic** who won his 15<sup>th</sup> race for the year and has nearly \$390,000 in stakes this season after winning a \$32,000 Open Handicap Pace.

☑ Good to see mares doing well – 6yo **Racine Bell (So Surreal)** returned to Saratoga for her win, bringing up almost \$200,000 for the season and \$1.2 million in lifetime stakes. She has a lifetime best 1:47.2 as a 5yo.

☑ Credit to them, they have a race for 14yos at Pocono Park in Pennsylvania, which is their last year of racing. It means at least one of them has a win for the season. The winner was Mariner Seelster (Camluck) who has a lifetime mark of 1:50.4 set as a 9yo and lifetime earnings of nearly \$700,000. Up in Canada, 14yo **Iron Phil (King Tutpankhamen)** will have a special retirement ceremony at his home track, the Hippodrome in Quebec.

Ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> on the USTA All aged (pacing) sires list are unheralded **Rockin Image** (Rocknroll Hanover) and **Betterthancheddar** (Bettors Delight) with the usual suspects Bettors Delight, Sweet Lou, Captaintreachorous and American Ideal in the top 4 positions. Relatively new stallions Always B Miki, Huntsville and Downbytheseaside are in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> positions. Lazarus is 9<sup>th</sup> on the 3yo sires list.

☑ Good news for US vendors in their Harrisburg Mixed Sale with 3 trotting fillies going for \$450,000 each - Hambletonian Oaks winner Heaven Hanover (Father Patrick), Swanky Hanover (Muscle Hill), a Grand Circuit-winner who is a full sister to multiple Dan Patch Award winner Manchego, and Bella Ciao (Muscle Hill), a stakes-winner whose family includes 2022 Trotter of the Year Bella Bellini. The two day sale grossed \$27.9 million for the 605 horses and stallion shares available. The average price was \$46,235.

## And elsewhere...

☑ Well, who picked THE (Melbourne) cup winner? Not many of the experts – goes to show there is no such thing as a certainty in racing. Only two Australian bred horses in the race – we have some work to do to catch up with our stayers, unlike harness racing where our horses are showing they are up to the best at any distance.

☑ Lets clarify something about track size in harness racing in Australia – it's a leader biased industry. The leader or breeze horse at the bell wins *at least* 50% of the time regardless of track size. That includes Melton, Menangle, Gloucester Park and Pinjarra. That's irrespective of barrier. What horses and owners need is a well maintained track with a suitably prepared surface and a good track camber so that we can have some success when the stars are aligned and come back next week.

☑ What we like to see - lots of spectators. The Kaikoura Trotting Club in New Zealand had a very successful meet which they hope will be a lead up meeting to the New Zealand Cup going forward. Good crowds, good racing and good turnover – what more can you ask?



*The scenic Kaikoura in New Zealand for their annual round*

☑ In a rare feat, broodmare **The Arch Nemesis (Jeremes Jet USA)** 1:55.4 \$35,718 is the dam of 3 in 1:50. At The Meadowlands recently Captain Crusader (Captaintreacherous USA) won in 1:49.6 to join older US based brother Crunch Time (Somebeachsomewhere USA) 1:49.6 and the brilliant filly **Lux Aeterna (Captaintreacherous USA)** 1:49.9 \$317,823, superb winner of the \$150,000 2YO Fillies Breeders Challenge along with the \$150,000 Gold Tiara. This is a top maternal line as the grandma of The Arch Nemesis is **Willing Greek (Golden Greek USA)** the granddam of War Dan and millionaire Caribbean Blaster.

☑ Lazarus NZ was represented by **Nathan Street**, a brilliant winner of the 2YO Colts and Geldings NSW Breeders Challenge. On the other side of the country Lazarus has been well represented by Grevis, who has just missed out on a couple of Group 1 wins.

☑ A brilliant win by 13m in a track record 1:51.7 over the 2138m by 4yo entire **Leap to Fame (Bettors Delight)** in the Queensland Cup at Albion Park in Brisbane has him back on top for a potential run at the 2023 Inter Dominion. He has won 25 of his 35 starts with most of them at top level and went agonizingly close in losing the recent 2023 Victoria Cup.

☑ No such thing as a certainty. Captain Ravishing went to Yarra Valley to collect a cup but unexpectedly met strong resistance in the form of **Serg Blanco (Bettors Delight)**, with the 5yo lesser-known gelding getting the win in the Yarra Valley Pacing Cup to follow his earlier win in the Swan Hill Pacing Cup. Serg had to work for his win in the Yarra Valley Cup, working to the lead before conceding the front to Captain Ravishing then running him down in the straight. With his good form of late he may contemplate a tilt at the Inter Dominion.

☑ Two Sweet Lous were successful in Tasmania's premier 3YO races – Paradise Valley in the Tasmanian Oaks, and Celebrity Royal in the Tasmanian Derby. Paradise Valley heads to the Breeders Crown Final after running 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Heat to another top flight filly in Major Delight (Bettors Delight USA) who is out of champion mare and multiple Group 1 winner Lady Euthenia (Art Major) 1:53.3 \$461,285.

Another pair of feature race wins for Sweet Lou were **Sweet Bella** in the \$150,000 Victoria Oaks and **Eye Keep Smiling** in the \$150,000 3YO Fillies Breeders Challenge at Menangle. Another beautifully bred filly, she is out of **Oh Eye See (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:54.5 \$101,705 who is a full sister to **Two Eye See** 1:52.4 \$306,703 and a half sister to the ill fated **Eye See Diamonds (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:51.6 \$284,875 and Group 1 winner **Hardhitter (Mach Three CA)** 1:51.4 \$175,430.



☑ **Ladies In Red (Mach Three CA)** tipped her earnings over \$1 million by her latest win in the Group 1 \$150,000 Queen of the Pacific adding to her other Group 1 wins the \$305,000 2022 The Rising Sun (open to 3yo and 4yos), two Breeders Crowns (2YO and 3YO Fillies) and the 2021 Victoria Oaks. It was a repeat win for Ladies In Red as she was the winner of the 2022 Queen of the Pacific. An exceptional mare. Ladies In Red is 100% northern hemisphere breeding. Her Canadian dam **Kabbalah Karen B CA (Western Terror USA)** is also the dam of **Our Little General (Mach Three CA)** 1:49.8 \$765,566.

☑ 2022 Chariots of Fire winner **Better Eclipse (Betterthancheddar USA)** is in a purple patch (apart from the Victoria Cup) with wins in the Group 2 Caduceus Classic, the \$75,000 Kilmore Cup and the Group 3 4YO and 5YO Classic, giving him \$120,000 since resuming in September.

☑ First season sire **Ultimate Machete NZ** is having a good start to his siring career, with **Miss Idaho** winning her last 4 in a row including the SA open 2YO Golden Nursery. From a relatively small crop he has 9 winners and sits 4<sup>th</sup> on the First Season Sires list.

☑ NSW is offering a \$300,000 bonus for their Carnival of Cups, with 5 \$60,000 Cup races across country NSW. Some of Australia's biggest musical talents will be performing at these events. What a brilliant concept!

☑ 3yo filly Millwood Nike (Captaintreacherous) winning her 16<sup>th</sup> out of 16 starts on New Zealand Cup day.

## **The \$750,000 New Zealand Cup**

Not content with winning the \$1 million Nullarbor, the Grimson/Hart team have headed off to New Zealand with the lone Australian entry and won a super New Zealand Cup at Addington, Christchurch.



It's the most prestigious NZ race and its very hard to win. **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** was not expected to be the highlight of the field but with hindsight it was his 9<sup>th</sup> win in a row for trainer Jason Grimson and a very good win from champion Akuta and the up and coming Beach Ball.

It was no fluke. The previous Australian winner was the brilliant Flashing Red in 2006 and 2007. Swayzee surprised many when he defeated a hot field, including Leap To Fame, in the 2023 \$400,000 Blacks A Fake, and the 3200m New Zealand Cup was his third start and third win since then.

Swayzee is in fact the older brother of champion Leap To Fame. He also has an American Ideal half brother Maximus Red with over \$300,000 in earnings. Their dam Lettucereason (Art Major USA) 1:55.9 \$180,073 is a daughter of Left For Me (Fake Left USA) 1:59 \$30,905, who is also the dam of millionaire and successful sire For A Reason (Art Major USA) 1:49.4 \$1,111,470.

## **WA Pacing Cup night**

Well, we might not have won the biggie on the night (congratulations to all placegetters and all runners in THAT) but we did win the other biggie on a night of stars. The Group 2 \$100,000 Norms Daughter Classic, named after one of our great mares, was almost unnoticable in all the fanfare. A top field of mares and no doubt Ray Williams was looking for a feature race double after winning the 2023 \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup with Magnificent Storm NZ (American Ideal USA) giving Magnificent Storm his 3rd and most prestigious Group 1 win.

*Beyond TheSea (10) about to pass Wonderful To Fly (1)*



But back to the Norms Daughter, which also had its share of action. It was a great run to the finish, with race favourite from 1 in Wonderful To Fly just getting nabbed near the line by another 4yo mare **Beyond The Sea (Sunshine Beach USA)** owner breeders the Lindsay's Karnup Racing Pty Ltd.

Beyond The Sea, trained by Murray Lindau who had a win earlier on the night with Hotly Pursued (Huntsville USA) who he bred and owned with

Claire McNaughton, had started on the backline behind race leader Wonderful To Fly and followed her throughout before peeling off near the top of the straight to chase down the win. Beyond The Sea is the second foal and second winner from her dam Robyns CC NZ (Christian Cullen NZ) who raced very successfully in WA after being imported by the Lindsays. She finished her career with 13 wins, 22 places and \$122,578. Robyn CC's dam is a Holmes Hanover USA half sister to 6 winners including the 1994 NZ Oaks winner Robyns Treasure (Son Of Afella USA) 1;57.7 \$152,245.

A little bit of history - Norms Daughter is arguably one of the best mares to have raced in Australia. Her beginnings were fraught with difficulties and her accolades are numerous including wins against some of the best horses of the era, like triple Inter Dominion winner and dual WA Pacing Cup winner Our Sir Vancelot.

Norms Daughter (Northern Lights USA) started racing at 3 and by the time she retired she had won the WA Oaks, two WA Four-and-Five-Year-Old Championships, the Qantas Sprint (now the Allied Express Sprint), the

*Norms Daughter after one of her Gloucester Park wins*



Ladyship Mile (now the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Mile), heats of the Inter Dominion in different states, but the pinnacle was the win in the 1996 Miracle Mile at Harold Park, becoming just the second mare to do so after the great Robin Dundee in 1967. She finished her career with 24 wins, 11 places and almost \$585,000.

You can read more about Norms Daughter [here](#) or watch the [Miracle Mile win](#).

Yes it did deserve a night on its own.



## Foaling this year?

We sincerely hope your breeding season has been or will be successful. We can only highlight the importance of the right care and attention throughout the process to assist the odds. Here is a reminder of an earlier article.

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 and what action is needed if she is.

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 please take the right precautions. Be wise and ensure your mare has the best chance to raise a healthy foal.

If you are a stallion owner - all stallions should have been registered by 31 October. If registered, the stallion appears [here](#)

If you have a foal, early registration is much cheaper!

## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ The pressure of being expected to win repeatedly, can be overwhelming
- ♣ Yirribee Stud has a new owner – with the intention to retain the familiar name and continue in the harness industry
- ♣ Can Cameron Hart win another big race in WA, this time with My Ultimate Ronnie? We will soon find out with the \$200,000 Golden Nugget 15 December
- ♣ Opening round of the Queensland Inter Dominion starts at Albion Park on 1 December



## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – October 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 a breeder owner this month with a breeder who had 3 separate wins with three separate horses of three different ages - **congratulations** to Joy Fletcher, our **Breeder of the Month** for **October 2023**, carrying on breeding and racing activities for Lancaster Lodge and the Fletcher family as the breeder of 3yo filly **Indomitable Symbol (Follow The Stars** out of Indomitable by **Saab**). The other two winners were 4yo Infinite Sign (Indomitable Saab) who won on a Friday night by nearly 24m, and his 2yo full brother Infinite Merit who won at Pinjarra 5 days earlier. To add to that their full sister Infinite Symbol won her 14th race in the northern hemisphere to take her stakes to nearly \$270,000 and lifetime best 1:50.1, giving their metropolitan winning dam Never Waver Lombo (Astros USA) a perfect 3 from 3 of racing age.

Indomitable Symbol sped out from 5 at a midweek GP meeting, held the lead well and moved away down the straight to win comfortably by nearly 10m in 1:58.8. It was her 3<sup>rd</sup> run since resuming in September after her previous win in the Westsired Fillies in July 2022.





Her dam **Indomitable (Saab)** 1:53.8 \$133,759 was a very successful racemare winning the \$30,000 Golden Girls Mile and other metropolitan races, and was one of the few mares to defeat the sensational Sensational Gabby. She is the dam of 2 winners from 2 foals of racing age and is a full sister to **Indomitable Saab**, 1:55.8 \$154,491 the winner of multiple metropolitan races including a Golden Nugget Prelude, and 3rd in the Final.

Indomitable whose granddam is Infinite Time, stems from one of the first broodmares ever purchased by Alabar's Alan Galloway – **Grand Potts (Grand Scott)**, a daughter of Edna May (Jack Potts) who was also the dam of Ketchil (Raider) the dam of champion racehorse of the 60s and sire Sheffield Globe (Springfield Globe). Grand Potts produced champion pacer **Bold Alabar (Aachen)**, and his full sister Bonjour Alabar, with this mare being the granddam of Infinite Time. A half sister to Edna May is the ancestress of champion **Vultan Tin**.

Congratulations to the Joy Fletcher and all the connections of **Indomitable Symbol**.

## WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES OCTOBER 2023



There were 34 Westsired winners of 38 races in October 2023, representing 11 sires, with **Follow The Stars** and **Fly Like An Eagle** the leading sires, both with 9 race wins and **Rock N Roll World USA** with 7 race wins.

For the 10 months of the season to date, the leading sire of Westsired winners remains as **Follow The Stars**, with 55 individual winners of 93 races, followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** (37 winners, 74 races). Including all horses raced in WA, Follow The Stars is a noteworthy 3<sup>rd</sup>, behind Bettors Delight USA and American Ideal USA.

There were 4 dual winners for the month – **The Mercenary** and **Runningonempty** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **World Secret** and **Worlds Above** (Rock N Roll World USA).

There were 10 Westsired progeny with their first career win and they included 5 2yos – **Funky Music** (Bonavista Bay), **Infinite Merit** (Indomitable Saab), and **Ourfirstimpression**, **Queenie Daisy** and dual winner **World Secret** (Rock N Roll World USA) as well as 3yo **Trunkey Mon Star** (Follow The Stars). Other first time winners included **Ally Rocks** (Advance Attack NZ), **First Reunion** (P Forty Seven USA), 5yo **Galaxy Warrior** (Follow The Stars) and 6yo **Whoz This** (Cams Fool USA). Congratulations to all our first time winners

**Westsired progeny received a bumper \$224,000 in Westbred, First Win and First Start Bonuses in October 2023, bringing the season tally to \$1.3 million.**

There were 3 metropolitan level Westsired winners (2 included under fillis and mares) in October:



- ♥ 4yo **Infinite Sign** – **Indomitable Saab o/o Never Waver Lombo (Astreos CA)**, breeder part owner Lancaster Lodge, collecting almost \$50,000 last season. Resumed in October off a 5 month absence. Started favourite from 3 with the Bond team on board over the 1730m sprint, fast out and grabbed the lead then withstood a strong challenge in quick time before winning the early battle, quick first qtr before having a breather, started to accelerate away from the field in the back straight, first for home by a good margin and bolted in to win the \$9,360 Pace by 23.9m in 1:55:0, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.5.



## WESTBRED WINNERS – OCTOBER 2023

There were 186 races run in October 2023, with 91 individual Westbred winners of 102 (54.8%) races. Although down on the results for the previous months it is just under the figure for October last year (104) and is the third highest October figure for the last 10 years.

There were 42 sires represented by winning Westbreds. With **American Ideal USA** (5 winners of 6 races) again leading amongst the sires standing outside WA, with 5 sires achieving 4 race wins.

For Westbred progeny for the 10 month period ending October 2023 **American Ideal USA** and **Sweet Lou USA** are well clear of other stallions standing outside WA with 61 and 54 race wins respectively. Alta Christiano NZ is inbetween on 57 wins (and the highest stakes) if you include his Westsired and Westbred progeny.

In addition to the Westsired multiple winners there were 7 dual winning Westbreds – **Rocknroll Spirit** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), **Tricky Miki** (Always B Miki USA) **Xceptional Arma** (American Ideal USA) **Talks Up A Storm** (Artspeak USA), **TakeThecanolli** (Caribbean Blaster), **Thomson Bay** (Mr Feelgood USA), **Lets Rock Tonight** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA).

There were 9 first time winners in October in addition to the 10 Westsired winners:

- **2yos Douseeme** (Alta Christiano NZ) and **Taxi It Is** (Vincent);
- 3yo **Quattrose** (American Ideal USA), **Era** (Foreclosure NZ), **Iwill Never Know** and **Just All Style** (Sportswriter USA), **Sweet Lucifer** (Sweet Lou USA), **Ima Aussie Artist** (Vincent) and
- 5yo **Times Tickin** (Live Or Die USA).

Total Bonus payments in October 2023 of \$370,000 far exceeds the previous October (\$270,000) and is also \$58,000 higher than September 2023. Of the total, 2yos and 3yos each received \$157,000, with 4yo and over receiving \$56,000. The amounts include \$85,000 paid solely to breeders. So far this season 184 Westbreds have broken their maiden for a First Win Bonus payout of \$1,104,000, and \$101,500 paid to First Time Starters .

Westbreds won 28 races at Community level, 59 at \$9,000 level and 15 metropolitan level races including 3 at FFA or feature race level. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.2 million, or 50.8% of the total stakes pool.

There were 15 2yo races run (same as October 2022), with Westbreds winning 12 of these races. As expected with the end of the features the number of 2yo starters decreased (to 51, 86 in September). However, there are still 2yo races being programmed to collect stakes and bonuses. Westbreds provided 92% of 2yo starters.

The number of 3yo starters (150) is a high for the year and just marginally under October 2022 (153). Westbreds provided 72% of the starters and won 20 of the 26 3yo races as well as 11 of 36 races won by 3yos in the 3yo and over class. That suggests there is room for more 3yo races.

Westbred 4yo and over starters in October 2023 (289) was identical to last month, with the overall starters increasing from 452 to 458. Compared to October 2022 the percentage of Westbred starters increased from 57.9% to 63.1% with the number of Westbreds increasing by 18 and non-Westbreds declining. There were 13 races (including 2 maidens) for 4YO and over horses (9 won by Westbreds) and an increase in the number of races would be reasonable at this time of year to ensure the age group receives the right opportunities.

There were 109 wins (58 Westbred) by horses 4yo and over out of a total 145 races that they were eligible to race in. This included 53 wins by 4yos (31 Westbred), 30 wins by 5yos (18 Westbred), 13 wins by 6yos (4 Westbred) and 11 (4 Westbred) wins by 7yos. The oldest winner was 10yo Cavalry Call (Tintin In America NZ), winning at Kellerberrin. These older horses need to have a place to go that they can be competitive.

Westbreds won 17 of the 41 races run at prime meetings at Gloucester Park in October 2023, with 6 of the wins being by fillies or mares and another Westsired winner. The remaining 7 winners of 10 races were:

- ◆ 5yo **Bellezza Nera – Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Elena S (In The Pocket USA)**, owner breeder Oz-West Pacing. Having a good season with a win and 8 places so far from 13 starts. Started from 2 after a scratching, with a very hot favourite starting in 6. Fast out before surrendering the lead to take the sit in a 35.6 lead, slower first half, fast down the back after moving off the pegs to challenge the leader with the leading pair now well clear, a battle royal coming off the back with others coming wide, working very hard down the straight to catch the leader, held out the late charge and a brave win by a half head in the \$9,360 Pace in 1:57:0, last qtrs 28.1 and 29.1;
- ◆ 7yo **Cordero – Western Terror USA o/o Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept USA)**, breeder Tarsao Investments P/L. Another excellent year and nearly \$200,000 in lifetime stakes. Won in September. Five runs later started at 19/1 from inside the back row, scurried up to hold the leaders back over the 2536m long journey, faster than even time first half, no change almost to the 400m, saw an opening coming off the back to be 3 wide into the turn and looking dangerous, 3rd into the straight and raced down the outside for a good win in the \$21,000 Pace by 1.7m in 1:57.5, last qtrs pretty quick at 27.9 and 28.4
- ◆ 5yo **Rocknroll Elliot – A Rocknroll Dance USA o/o Pure Empathy NZ (Elsu NZ)**, breeder Mike Howie, A midweek win and place in his last 3 starts then started from 1 as favourite, held his position well to hold onto the race lead over the stayers 2536m, close to even time first half, being tested a little



with a lap to go, picked up the pace down the back and looking to be in control, cleared out coming into the straight, well clear at the 100m and went on to a good win in the \$19,000 Pace by 9.7m in 1:58.1, last qtrs 28 and 28.7;

- ◆ 5yo **Talks Up A Storm – Artspeak USA o/o Typhoon Tan NZ (Live Or Die USA)**, breeder the late Harry Capararo. Having a very productive season with 3 metropolitan wins before resuming in September, 4th run in and started way out in the betting at 51/1 from barrier 8. A very slick performance to be fast out and take the race lead, steadied to a 37.1 lead and around even time first half, a half length in front of the breezing favourite at the 400m after a quick 3rd qtr, in front into the straight, held up well for a good win by 3.3m in the \$25,000 Pace in 1:55.7, last qtrs very slick at 27.7 and 27.7. A week later started favourite from 1, hustled out to hold the lead, similar race to the previous week, not as fast down the back and a length clear at the 400m, holding them at bay but they are coming after him, gained another metre at the top of the straight and went on to an easing win by 1.2m in the \$25,000 Pace in 1:56.9, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.2 for \$79,000 so far this season;

- ◆ 6yo **Thomson Bay – Mr Feelgood USA o/o Geordie Bay (Rich And Spoilt)** breeders Peter King, Barbara Pellick and M and D King, Has been handy and now hitting the spot. Second the previous week then started favourite from 2, quickly out and to the lead very fast 27.6 first qtr over the 1730m sprint journey,

better than even time next half, going well at the 400m, well clear into the straight and they were catching up but not at risk to win the \$21,000 Pace by a neck in a slick 1:54.5. A fortnight later as luck would have it started from 1 but this time as 2nd favourite. Led out, a sensible lead and better than



Winners are grinners – Stewie McDonald and Thomson Bay

even time first half, slick 3rd qtr and in charge to the top of the straight, going on to a solid win in the \$20,790 Pace in 1:55.9, again by a neck, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.9.

- ◆ 4yo **Tricky Miki – Always B Miki USA o/o Harriet Elizabeth (Modern Art USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson, Resuming after a 4 month absence. Started second favourite inside the back row, flat tack lead of 34.6 as the favourite tussled unsuccessfully for the lead with Tricky Miki almost keeping up and moving to the one by one with 2 laps to go, a bit of a breather in the first half but not much, moved up 3 wide with 450 to go and had the leaders covered in 50m, moved away into the straight and raced away to win the \$19,000 Pace by 12.3m in 1:56.0, last qtrs 28.8 and 28.2. A fortnight later started favourite from 7, got to a good position one out two back without much effort, made a move 3 wide with just over a lap to go, worked his way up to be a half length in front at the 400m and to the top of the straight, kept going down the straight and retained his lead over the inside runner to win the \$23,000 Pace by 1.8m in 1:57.1, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.6. Great return by the Derby winner;

- ◆ 5yo **Whos The Dad - Betting Line USA o/o Glenferrie Clan (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, owner breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, Having a top year with over \$80,000 in the bank so far. Started favourite from 2, got away quickly to go to the lead, fast lead and very solid first half, still leading down the back with the field stretched out, first into the straight and a mishap behind him stopping half the field but unlikely to have changed the winner, well clear down the straight and went on to win the \$19,000 Pace by 19.5m in 1:55.8, last half 58.8.

Westbreds provided 67% of individual starters in October 2023, earning \$1.6 million in stakes and bonuses.

## How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (October 2023)

Fillies and mares won 46 (31.7%) of the 186 races run in October 2023. This is one of the most disappointing results we have had for quite some time, perhaps reflecting the programming opportunities for some categories of mares. If you dont see the right races for you, please let us know so that we can take it forward.

The result has dampened our percentages for the current season to end October, with fillies and mares winning 30.7% of races run. Individual winners are 34.0% of total winners. Don't forget there is one remaining Outreach session, at Bunbury on 17 November, for you to listen or put forward your thoughts.

There were 29 fillies/mares races run in October 2023, the same number as the previous month with the balance of winners (17) coming from open races. Wins included 7 at Community level, 31 (21 Westbred) wins at mid-tier level, and 8 (6 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level races. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in September was \$723,000 (29.7% of stakes), with Westbred fillies and mares winning \$524,000 as well as \$146,000 in Bonuses.

Twenty six sires were represented by winners, with American Ideal and Sportswriter the most represented with 4 individual winners. For the season to date, **Follow The Stars** continues to lead with 26 winners of 46 races, followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** (18 of 37), **Alta Christiano NZ** (14 of 36) and **American Ideal USA** (15 of 34).

There were 3 dual winners in October 2023 – **Xceptional Arma** (American Ideal USA), **World Secret** (Rock N Roll World USA) and NZ filly Turn The Page NZ (**Vincent**) won another double.

Taking home their very first win were 8 fillies/mares – 2yos **Douseeme** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Funky Music** (Bonavista Bay), **Queenie Daisy** and **World Secret** (Rock N Roll World USA), **Taxi It Is** (Vincent), 3yos **Quattrose** (American Ideal USA) and **Just All Style** (Sportswriter USA) and 4yo **Ally Rocks** (Advance Attack NZ). Good to see the 2yos in particular having a profitable end of season after the big races have finished.

Races for fillies:

- 2YO races – fillies won 8 (including 4 open) of the 15 2yo races. There was one 2yo fillies maiden.
- 3YO races – fillies won 4 (including 1 open) of the 26 3yo races. There were no 3yo fillies maiden.
- 3yo fillies won 8 3yo and over races, including 3 open races.

*We believe* participation rates would be much higher if the races specific to 2yo and 3yo fillies were more in line with the racing numbers. As an example, there were more 2yo fillies racing in October than males. There was twice as many 3yo males racing as fillies. These results suggest the number of 2yo fillies races could have been higher and with a third of the racing pool, the number of 3yo fillies races should have been double (8 races out of 26), instead of 4 races. This would do more to encourage juveniles to race within their age group and earn bonuses, something they cant earn in a 3yo and over race (unless it's their first career win).

There were 26 wins by mares (4yo and over) made up of 4 races exclusively for them, 13 races for fillies and mares and 9 open races. We would like to see mares doing better in the open races, as they have done in previous months, or alternatively more races specific to them. Mares racing in October comprised 30.7% of the 4yo and over racing population.

Wins by mares included 16 wins by 4yos and 9 wins by 5yos, with just the one win by a 6yo. The majority of the wins were in races at the \$9,000 level and above, including some feature wins.

With the 2yo features rounding up there was an overall decline in racing numbers for fillies and mares but the number racing in October 2023 (223) was still one of the highest monthly tallies for this year. The small decline compared to the previous month follows the same pattern as 2022 and is principally due to the 2yo fillies dropping out. The extra months (compared to the traditional season) available for 2yos and 3yos at the end of the calendar year does mean that bonuses are in fact available for a longer period than previous and this can be a consideration when racing your young horse, particularly fillies. The big races for mares are here as well, and your mare can still be racing while you attend to her breeding career.

Not the best month for the mares but there were 8 wins (19.5%) by fillies and mares at prime metropolitan meetings. The race program does need to deliver better than this. Winners included 3yo **Turn The Page NZ (Vincent)** who won a \$21,000 Fillies and Mares and 4yo **Cyclone Charlotte (Bettors Delight USA)** who won a \$30,000 Fillies and Mares.

The remaining 5 WA bred winners of 6 races were:

- ♥ 3yo **August Moon – Captaintreacherous USA** o/o **My Samantha Jane USA (Extreme Three CA)**, breeder the late Harry Capararo. Has rounded out her season with \$250,000 in stakes, lifetime stakes \$296,000. Unplaced previous start but 5 consecutive wins before that, then the big one for the girls - the \$150,000 WA Oaks. Started from 4 as 2nd favourite behind the visitor Soho Seraphine. Worked forward to the lead, and a big ask from the visitor though to go forward to the breeze in a solid lead. A breather





in the 2nd qtr before stepping it up down the back. A length clear at the 400m and looking to have the race in hand, still the length in front but looking under pressure at the top of the straight with 3 challengers coming fast, noticeably tired over the last 70m but fought back to just get the verdict by a nose, running 1:57.9 with last qtrs 28.3 and 29.1. The last 400m matters;

- ♥ 3yo **Allaglow - Fly Like An Eagle o/o Artistic Glow (Major In Art USA)**, owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, Has been quietly achieving. Started from 11 and not favoured in the betting, moved forward out of the barrier but stayed out of the insane 35.8 lead for this class, settled one out one back after the dust settled, scooted 3 wide at the 600m to be leader with 400m to go, led into the straight, fought off the bigger 2nd favourite down the straight to win the \$20,790 Pace by 1.1m in 1:57.0, last half 59.5;



- ♥ 4yo **Taking The Miki – Always B Miki USA o/o All American Dream (Bettors Delight USA)**, breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park, WA Oaks winner and Breeders Stakes winner, resumed a week earlier with a 3rd then started inside the back line on the 3rd line of betting, held her position to settle behind the race leader with the favourite in the breeze, better than even time first half, slipped off the pegs at the 600m with the favourite not quite able to go with the rapid change of pace, almost level pegging at the 400m, moved clear into the straight withstood a late challenge to hold out the favourite and win the \$50,000 The Schrader by a head in 1:55.6, last qtrs 27.7 and 29;
- ♥ 4yo **Wonderful To Fly – Fly Like An Eagle o/o Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Always good to see a good horse come back after a loss. Making it \$170,000 for the season and \$580,000 lifetime, Wonderful To Fly started a short priced favourite from 5 in the small but class field, straight to the front before slowing the speed, slow first qtr before moving up the pace to an even time second qtr, picked up the pace down the back, and striding out nicely, quickened again at the 400m, not really challenged down the straight and did it well to win the \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 4.2m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 27.8 and 27.4; and
- ♥ 2yo **Xceptional Arma – American Ideal USA o/o Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeders Liam O'Connor, Jim Currie. Lining up for her 7th win this season. Has already won the Group 1 Westbred 2YO Fillies Classic. Started favourite in 5 after a scratching, happy to go forward to the breeze with 1,000 to go after taking a look for the first lap, slow lead and first half, started to pick up the pace in the back, no change to the 400m, just in front at the 100m after some encouragement and went on to win the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 2m in 2:00.8, last qtrs 29 and 28. A fortnight later started from 5 as a short priced favourite, happy to settle midfield before breezing outside the second placed filly, 15m off the leader. Quick lead and solid first half was likely to tell, all caught up with a lap to go, 3m off the lead with 400m to go, just got the nose in front at the top of the straight, battled down the straight and a hard earned win in the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 1.8m from two late challengers in 1:57.9, last half 57.2, with the pretty brave race leader fading to fourth.

Westbreds provided 93% of 2yo fillies, 83% of 3yo fillies and 81% of the racing mares. Fillies and mares contributed 35.2% of starters.

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