



NEWSLETTER

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2025 WASBA Raffle opening soon!

WASBA Raffle

Yes its opening on 16 July. This year's raffle is another special offering –

- **FIRST PRIZE** is a service to any stallion standing on behalf of Alabar
- **SECOND PRIZE** is a service to any stallion standing on behalf of Alabar, other than the stallion chosen by our First prize winner.

We are super excited by our offering this year which obviously has the full support of Alabar.

Subsequent to the Raffle draw, we will draw two \$1000 stallion service vouchers for use on an Alabar, Woodlands, Allwood or other stallion bases supporting WASBA and its membership in the 2025/26 breeding season. To be eligible for the bonus draws you will need to be a current (2024/25) WASBA member, pay your 2025/26 membership before the raffle closes, and have purchased a raffle ticket.

There are 300 tickets available in the raffle, which closes 20 August and will be drawn 22 August.

GET READY! GET SET!

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	19 July \$11,000 De Campo Memorials for each sex at Bunbury
	28 July 2YO Diamond Classic Heats
3YO	4 July \$30,000 3YO Westsired Classics
	14 July \$35,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Country Classic at Pinjarra
Mares	25 July (fillies and mares) \$30,000 non winners of races > \$30,000
	2 August \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Mares Pace
	8 Aug \$30,000 WASBA 4YO & 5YO Mares (non winners of races > \$30,000)
Westsired	5 July \$14,000 Narrogin Salutes Red Vicar Westsired Pace - Westsired 4yo+ who have not won a race over \$21,000 as a 3yo or older (you must also be Westborn)

Notice Board

Don't forget that Winners photo!

One of the services you get offered with a win is the chance to buy a professional photo. Perhaps you have had so many wins that another one doesn't count, but for those that are not so lucky, this service is an absolute necessity to maintain. It can only be maintained if enough people make purchases.

There are significant costs – and time – in providing this service, particularly across country tracks, and we should applaud those prepared to travel the miles. Or even just to be there on a really cold and wet night. Make no mistake it's a service to the industry, not a license to make money. So step up winners please, and make a purchase, even if it's just an image not a framed photo.

We should also mention sponsors. They are hard to come by and in many cases they provide much needed funds for clubs to undertake those small tasks that make a big difference. If you are in a race that has a presentation or trophy, we ask that someone representing the owners makes the effort to attend the meeting, just in case their horse is the recipient of one of those rewards. Clubs are often blamed for not making an effort, but participants have a part to play as well.

So let's all be where the action is - on course to watch your horses run – it can't be fun if your trainer and driver are the only ones there. Sending a thanks via text message isn't the same thing.

WASBA would like to thank all the connections in the past who have been present for the presentations that go with the WASBA supported races, most recently Aiden de Campo at Narrogin for the presentation for the Color Glo, and connections of Penny Black NZ for the presentation for the Kerry Clarke.

Narrogin \$14,000 WASBA Tribute to Color Glo

One of our champion mares from yesteryear was recognised with the \$14,000 WASBA Tribute to Color Glo Westbred Mares Pace at Narrogin –new trainer driver Aiden de Campo prepping winning 6yo mare **Dame Valour (Sweet Lou USA)** perfectly on her return to racing after an absence of 7 months. Starting favourite and going forward from barrier 5 to lead all the way, Dame Valour won by 2.3m in a solid 1:59.4.

Bred by KTC Bloodstock, **Dame Valour** 1:54.7 8 wins 8 places \$60,000 has had just 25 starts. She is one of 3 winners from her dam **Brush With Courage (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:58.9 \$33,895, including the unfortunate **Seeryanfly (Heston Blue Chip USA)** 1:57.4 14 wins \$127,603. Brush With Courage is a full sister to **Heez On Fire** 1:54.7 \$287,607. Their dam Artists Impression produced 6 other winners including **Papinik (Advance Attack NZ)** 1:54.5 \$145,511, and **Rocknroll Artist (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:55.8 \$129,717. This is a strong maternal line that also includes three times Inter Dominion Heat winner **Nerano (Tintin In America NZ)** 1:50.7 \$349,073 and **Rakarebel NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:54.1 \$349,607, and is the maternal family of the great **Lordship**. Courage Under Fire NZ and full brother Advance Attack NZ, as well as Christian Cullen NZ and Tintin In America NZ, have something in

common – the first 3 are by **In The Pocket USA** while Tintin In America's dam is by **In the Pocket USA**.

The race is named after Westsired mare **Color Glo (Wrack Again)**, who was born and raised in Wagin. Her first wins were at Katanning, Wagin and Collie, with trainer driver Clive Riseborough. She had 5 wins on the board at these tracks before venturing to Pinjarra for trainer Clive for her first win there in April 1965 under the new ownership team of G



and I Ward. She followed that with a win at Gloucester Park.

Returning to racing in November 1965 with new trainer driver Phil Coulson, her first win was at Richmond Raceway. All but one of her remaining 17 wins were at Gloucester Park. Color Glo won the 1966 Easter Cup and Winter Cup, and is still one of the few mares to have won the WA Pacing Cup (1967).

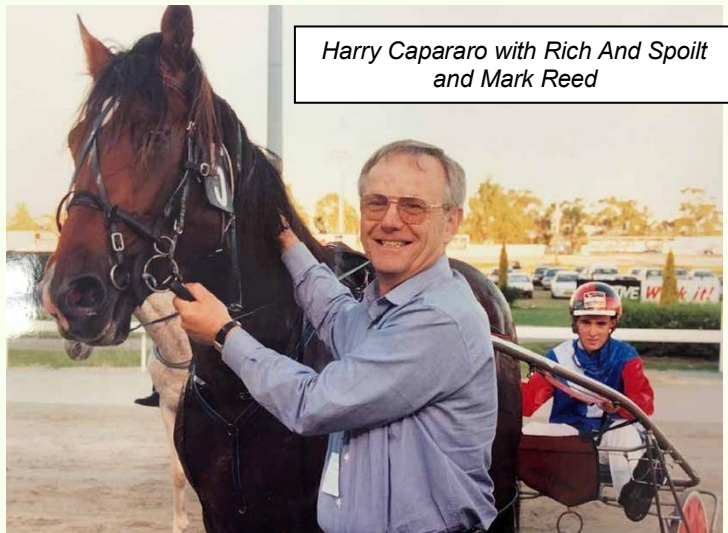
Color Glo also won a Heat of the 1967 Inter Dominion and reached the Final, but was unfortunately knocked out of running by an incident in the front straight the last time that also took out Blue Pennant and Tongue Twister and disorganized the field. Champion Binshaw went on to win the 1967 Inter Dominion. Color Glo retired from racing in 1968.

We sincerely thank the Narrogin Club, particularly Cathi Trefort and Kevin Timms for their support with the Color Glo for the Westbred mares and the Red Vicar (5 July) for the Westsired progeny.

Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO & 5YO Mares

Another great opportunity for the girls who have missed a bit of the glamour on the way to becoming a mare. This race is named after prominent breeder Harry Capararo who died in 2019. Harry Capararo was one of Western Australia's most successful and highly respected breeders and owners, breeding and/or racing over 1100 winners with his best horse being top colonial sire and Harry's favourite horse **Rich And Spoilt (Million To One USA)**, who retired in 2003 to Adda Equine Stud, the stud set up by Harry for him.

Rich and Spoilt 1:58.2 was one of WA's best juveniles, racing with distinction in WA particularly in his 2YO, 3YO and 4yo seasons. Overall, he won \$303,330 in stakes from 20 wins and 14 seconds from just 42 starts. He won the 2YO Pearl Classic, and as a 3YO won the Caduceus Club Classic and the State Sires Series Final. He finished second to Seelster Sam NZ in the Australian Derby and the Group 1 4YO Golden Nugget. He was first past the post in the WA Derby but lost on protest to Australian 2yo Pacer of the Year Telladega who he had beaten by 50m in their first clash earlier in the season. Rich And Spoilt won 13 of his 2yo and 3yo starts along with 8 seconds, finishing unplaced only twice from 23 starts in those age groups. With a little more luck he would have been a 3 times Group 1 winner.



Harry Capararo with Rich And Spoilt and Mark Reed

Rich and Spoilt has produced 151 winners for \$8.25 million prize money. His best progeny include the brothers Shipwreck, 1:52.2, \$279,198 and New World Order, 1:51.8, \$265,243, the very impressive Im Soxy 1:53.1 \$225,083, Group 1 winners Adda Cool Mil and Golden Slipper winner Silver Tail Adda, and other Group winners Adda Paternal Suit 1:53.6 \$256,862, Babyface Adda 1:56 \$255,693 and Sarah Goody 1:54.0 \$209,691. His daughters have produced Group 1 winners Shockwave 1:53.4, \$567,002, Double Espresso 1:55.4, \$328,034 and WA Oaks winner Blue Chip Adda, as well as Blacknsweet Adda 1:52.2 \$334,254 and the very promising Last Hard Copy.

Except for his last 3 starts, Rich And Spoilt was trained by Mike Reed, the trainer of the winner of the 2025 Harry Capararo in 4yo **Lion Queen (Control The Moment USA)**.

Lion Queen won two of her first 3 starts before injury and sat out most of her 2yo and 3yo career but has shown some of her brilliance in recent runs. She resumed in April with a win and prior to the Harry Capararo had 2 wins (including a lifetime best 1:54.0) and 2 places from 6 starts. After being involved in the early speed from a wide barrier she was forced to breeze in the Harry Capararo, and despite having to run a slick 3rd quarter she still went on to good win in 1:56.9.



The Lion Queen and Capararo families

Bred by Kevin Charles, Lion Queen is a half sister to 4 other winners including Group 1 winner **Tenniele Erin (Sportswriter USA)** 1:55.1 \$88,180. Their US dam **Liliana Beauty (Walton Hanover USA)** 1:53 \$135,174 is a granddaughter of Armbro Caprice USA, the dam of champion US pacer **Hi Ho Silverheels (Walton Hanover USA)** 1:49.8 \$1,197,987 and his Australian bred full brother, cups king and multiple Group 1 winner – including the 2007 Hunter Cup - **Sting Lika Bee** 1:55.8 \$1,042,381.

A Penny for the \$50,000 Kerry Clarke Mares Pace

An excellent race on a wintry June night with a field of quality mares and a tight finish - a head separating the first three and only 6m from first to eighth. The winner **Penny Black NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** is having a bumper feature race season and added another one to her list after breezing for the duration, just grabbing the win on the line in a solid 1:56.7 with last qtrs 28.6 and 28.

This adds to the Group 3 \$50,000 Lombardo Fillies and Mares in March, the \$35,000 Race For Roses in April and the \$50,000 Group 3 WASBA Breeders Stakes in May. She is now off for a spell to get ready for the end of season features.



As mentioned last month her dam Tessa Rocks NZ is a full sister to another good WA racemare in **Crystal Sparkles NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:53 \$233,000, while their unraced dam **Taylor Kate NZ (Artsplace USA)** is a half sister to champion filly and 2008/09 NZ 3yo Pacing Filly of the Year **Lauraella (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:55.9, \$649,946, whose wins including the Northern Oaks, Group 1 NZ Oaks, Ladyship Stakes, Group 2 Harness Jewels 2yo Diamond and Group 1 Queen Of Hearts.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ The first jewel in the Pacing Triple Crown is the Grade 2 \$200,000 MGM Grand Messenger Stakes for 3yos, with two eliminations at MGM Yonkers Raceway leading to the 8 horse Final at Yonkers on 27 June. Getting through the eliminations were winners **Twisted Destiny (Bettors Wish)** defeating Dandy Ideal (American Ideal) in 1:53, and **Odds On No Limit (Sweet Lou)** defeating 2024 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes champion and multiple Grand Circuit winner Papis Rocket (Papi Rob Hanover) in 1:52.4. Other qualifiers were Manolete (Cattlewash), World Of Wishes (Bettors Wish), Banderas (Tall Dark Stranger) and Pepsi North America Cup placed Fast Choice (Courtly Choice), making it a mix of top sires for the final at the half mile Yonkers track.

Twisted Destiny is out of World Champion 2005 mare **Tug River Princess (Badlands Hanover)** 1:49.3 \$1,830,155 who was the winner of the \$376,000 Roses Are Red at Mohawk, \$257,000 Golden Girls at the Meadowlands and the \$127,000 Artscape Pace along with her other accomplishments. She was the 2008 Dan Patch 3YO Filly Pacer of the Year and her 8 winning progeny have won over \$2 million in stakes. Perhaps her quirky named granddam Awestralian (Armbo Aussie) is a clue for the future!



Tug River Princess in 2009 Artscape Pace Fred Brown Photo

☑ **Louprint (Sweet Lou)** had to put in a stunning 1:47.1 to win Canada's Woodbine Mohawk Park \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup for 3yos, defeating the relatively unknown 53/1 **Madden Oaks (Huntsville)** who put up an outstanding effort after starting from 10 on the front. Madden Oaks won just over \$16,000 as a 2yo but his 5 starts this season have yielded a win and 4 places for \$184,000. Elimination winners Captain Optimistic (Captaintreacherous) and Lite Up The World (American Ideal) finished 4th and 5th respectively in a star studded lineup.

Louprint is unbeaten this season in 5 starts for \$449,000 in stakes. His dam is by **Rockin Image (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:48.2 \$ 901,756 and his granddam is by Bettors Delight. Rockin Image is a son of Dan Patch 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year **Kikikatie (Real Artist)** 1:50.3 \$1,268,463 and he is the sire of winners of over \$69 million as well as siring two millionaires in Little Rocket Man and World Champion Freaky Fete Pete 1:47.1. His trainer Ron Burke is on record as saying Louprint is better than his sire.

2024 2YO Dan Patch Male of the Year Louprint leads the rankings for the Meadowlands Pace, with eliminations for that race at the beginning of July for the final on 12 July. He is currently the fastest 3yo pacer for the season, ahead of Papis Pistol, Lite Up The World and Miki and Minnie (all under 1:49).

In the aged brigade the fastest time for the year belongs to **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** whose earnings are \$2.4 million following a win in the Grade 3 \$100,000 Joseph Auger Memorial.

☑ The big one for the fillies was the Grade 1 \$390,000 Fan Hanover on Pepsi North America Cup night, with the anticipated clash between Breeders Crown champion **Miki And Minnie (Always B Miki)** and the undefeated **Chantilly (Big Jim)**. Both fillies had won their eliminations (Chantilly making it 12 from 12) with Minnie making it 3 from 3 this season in winning the Fan Hanover in 1:48.3 without Chantilly, who was scratched due to illness. It was a hard fought win over **Rodeo Drive Deo (Captaintreacherous)** to take Minnie's tally to 9 wins from 14 starts and \$1.38 million in earnings. However, a week later it was Rodeo Drive Deo victorious over Miki and Minnie in the 2nd round of the 3yo fillies Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, running down Miki And Minnie to the line to give her 3 wins for the season and \$521,000 in stakes.



☑ 2024 North America Cup winner and O'Brien 3YO Male Pacer of the Year **Nijinsky (Bettors Delight)** won round one of what will be an eventful year in the 4yo ranks, taking a win in the 4YO Graduate Series 3rd leg from 2YO and 3YO Dan Patch Male Pacer of the Year **Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous)** by a nose in 1:48.4. Caught in the pocket in the Mohawk Gold Cup for his first 4yo defeat, Nijinsky was able to get to the lead and hold out Captain Albano who had made the most of an inside run. Both stallions had won their previous legs of the Series.

☑ Sitting on top of the world - still - is 5yo mare **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** who has continued on from her dominant 2024 to take the Grade 1 \$287,000 Roses Are Red at Mohawk Park. New Zealand bred 4yo/5yo mare **Aardie B Miki (Always B Miki)** - fresh off her win in the \$490,000 Grade 1 Blue Chip Matchmaker Series at Yonkers - was good enough to run 3rd, which is a top accolade. Twin B Joe Fresh has now won almost \$3 million. Her sire Roll With Joe is the less fertile full brother to Bettors Delight.

☑ You cant all be in the big races, but there has to be races for all to help the industry thrive. Over at the 5/8ths Running Aces track in Minnesota US, 4yo mare **Overthemoonforyou (Karpathan Kid)** won her 10th

race in a row and 15th race for the year in a \$9,000 conditioned pace, taking her to the top of table for seasonal wins. She has won \$106,000 for the season and heads the list from \$100,000 Mohawk Gold Cup winner **Brue Hanover (Stay Hungry)** 1:47.4 who has earned \$186,000 from 11 wins. For those interested, the granddam of Karpathian Kid (Somebeachsomewhere) is a half sister to World Champions Dragon Again 1:48.3 \$2,343,428 and Bret Hanover, which is the maternal family of Miss Bertha Dillon.

☑ Another repeat winner, 4yo **Women Layer (Sweet Lou)** remains undefeated this season from 7 starts, with 19 wins from 28 starts, clean sweeping the Kentucky Sire Stakes series to get to \$636,000 lifetime. For the season the leading all aged earners are two New Zealanders – **Mosssdale Ben** with \$430,500 from 8 wins, 3 places from 12 starts, and **Aardie B Miki** – 5 wins, 1 place from 7 starts and \$374,000.

And elsewhere....

☑ One of our best ever racehorses, champion **Lazarus (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:48.8 \$4,125,988 has been sold to an ownership group that includes Wai Eyre Farm and he will stand at the stud's North Canterbury base in 2025.

☑ A scramble for breeders with **Always B Miki USA** not shuttling this season due to a leg injury that would put him at risk if he was to travel.

☑ Good news. 2023 2YO O'Brien Pacing Male of the Year **Legendary Hanover (Huntsville USA)** 1:46.2 \$1,088,681 who stood his first season in the US this year to a full book, will shuttle to Cobbitty Equine in 2025 for a fee of \$7,500 plus 8% stallion levy. As a yearling **Legendary Hanover** was the top priced pacing colt at \$260,000. He was the winner of the Grade 1 Cane Pace and Grade 1 Meadowlands Pace as a 3yo. He missed the Breeders Crown due to illness and was retired as a 3yo. Great pick up Cobbitty.

☑ New Zealand 5yo **Pinseeker NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** Had a good start to his Inters campaign with a Menangle win over the mile in 1:51.9 after having just arrived from New Zealand. **Pinseeker NZ** was a starter in the \$1 million Race by Betcha following an impressive 3rd behind Chase A Dream NZ and Merlin NZ (Art Major USA) in the \$60,000 Group 2 Pacers Flying Mile after breezing. Since the Slot race he has placed twice from 3 starts in New Zealand. Initially not expected to make the journey to Queensland.



The 2025 Inter Dominion Championship will begin in Brisbane at Albion Park on July 5, with the \$1 million pacing final on 19 July.

☑ Of course, Australia appears to hold all the aces in the 2025 Inter Dominion Pacing Championship with both **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** and defending champion and Miracle Mile winner **Don Hugo (Art Major)** on song for their rematch after Leap To Fame's win in the Race by Betcha. Since his New Zealand win, Leap To Fame has won 3 Albion Park races including a lower class Handicap Stand from the 30m (in readiness for a later trip to New Zealand for the New Zealand Cup). Since his loss in New Zealand, Don Hugo has won 2 races at Menangle including his impressive win over the mile in 1:49.6.

Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA) is also (likely) heading north from his Victoria base, but an unfortunate non-starter for the Inter Dominion is the popular **Bulletproof Boy (Art Official USA)** who has put his hand up for a spell. Winner of \$750,000 overall including wins in the Bendigo and Ballarat Cups earlier in the year, and twice winner of the Group 3 Smoken Up Sprint, it would have been a great opportunity for the 10yo, regardless of the odds of winning. Inter Dominions are about more than those top horses, its about being able to compete in the most prestigious racing in the southern hemisphere

☑ The Queensland Sun winning 3yo **Path To Greatness (Captaintreacherous USA)** is the first to receive a golden ticket through to the \$300,000 Rising Sun so will not have to compete against other 3yos and 4yos to get into the race - the winner of the \$300,000 Rising Sun (for 3yos and 4yos) will have the option of a parachute to the Inter Dominion Grand Final. Contenders for the Rising Sun include Queensland domiciled 4yo **The Janitor NZ (Always B Miki USA)** who has won his last 3 starts, and Luke McCarthy's recent winning 3yo **Hesitate (Sportswriter USA)** who will also target the Queensland Derby on Inter Dominion night. Of course Mark and Nathan Purdon have brought **Rubira NZ (Always B Miki USA)** over for the Derby and Rising Sun, with Rubira receiving an invite for the Rising Sun even before his first up win at Albion Park, defeating last seasons \$500,000 Protostar winner **Fate Awaits (Always B Miki USA)** who also has a Rising Sun invitation. The 2025 Chariots of Fire winning stallion **Bay Of Biscay (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, a son of champion mare **Nike Franco (McArdle USA)** 1:48 \$913.870, is on his way for the Rising Sun but will have to concede barrier advantage to the 3yos.



Either way its likely all these horses will race on Inter Dominion night.

☑ McCarthy already has 5yo mare **Eye Keep Smiling (Sweet Lou USA)** in Queensland to defend her Group 1 Golden Girl title. Her most recent win was her 8th in a row. Her wins have included the Group 1 \$200,000 Queen Elizabeth and the Group 3 Robin Dundee. She has earnt \$274,000 this season with career earnings of \$674,000. Running second to Eye Keep Smiling in the most recent run at Albion Park and in the Queen Elizabeth is 6yo mare Steno who is also on target for the \$150,000 Golden Girl at Albion Park on 19 July. The public sentiment though, should she go, is likely to be with the Jess Tubbs trained **Rakero Rebel NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** who won the Queen of the Pacific at Melton last October, the Geelong Cup in March and ran 2nd and 3rd in the Robin Dundee and Queen Elizabeth. Jess also has Inter Dominion starter multiple Group 1 winning millionaire **Better Eclipse (Betterthancheddar)** 1:47.6.

☑ New Zealand 3yo filly **Captains Mistress (Captaintreacherous USA)** is one from one for her new trainer Grant Dixon, who will manage her while she resides in Queensland for the Queensland Oaks on 19 July. Captains Mistress will be driven by her NZ trainer/driver for her next two engagements. Grant's other top 3yo filly, the \$200,000 NSW Oaks winner **Cool And Classy (Captaintreacherous USA)** competed in the \$216,000 The Hayden (one of only 2 fillies to do so) but was unplaced. Captains Mistress NZ was the 2024 New Zealand 2YO Filly of the Year and is a half sister to champion NZ 3YO and 4YO of the Year **Merlin NZ (Art Major USA)**.



They belong to the maternal family of **Scuse Me NZ**. Already in Queensland is Queensland filly **Arrive (Captaintreacherous USA)** who defeated Cool And Classy at her most recent outing in the QBred 3YO Fillies Breeders Classic in May.

☑ Queensland has its runner for the Eureka, coming through the \$216,000 The Hayden won by second past the post **Call To Order (American Ideal USA)**. It was a very close finish.

☑ The New Zealand trotters are on song for their Inter Dominion, with **Bet N Win NZ (What The Hill CA)** following his win in the \$200,000 Rowe Cup in New Zealand with a first up win at Menangle. **Oscar Bonavena (Majestic Son CA)** who arrived much earlier, also won first up in the Group 1 Cranbourne Trotters Cup but surprisingly lost his most recent start – At Albion Park - to another New Zealand bred in **Zealous Spur NZ (Pegasus Spur USA)**.

☑ The Australian Inter Dominion trotting brigade will be led by **Arcee Phoenix (Trixton USA)** - who won the \$600,000 Tab Trot in April and at his first start since, won easily at Melton - and the pacing bred **London To A Brick (Bettors Delight)**. The Australian troops have been diminished somewhat by the loss of The Locomotive, My Name Is Susan and Keayang Zahara who are all non starters for various reasons.



☑ In a new initiative, following consultation with clubs, Victoria has regrouped its major races between 10 January and 14 February. For the pacers that includes the Bendigo, Shepparton, Ballarat, Cranbourne and Kilmore Cups and the \$250,000 Hunter Cup on 14 February, with all races a week apart. Similar will apply to the feature trotting races culminating in the \$250,000 Great Southern Star on 14 February. The change is likely to hand a very small number of the top horses \$2 million in stakes.

☑ Another great initiative in New Zealand. A \$720,000 race day made up entirely of horses whose service fee was less than \$5,000. There will be 12 finals, for 3yo, 4yo and 5yo+ for each gait, with each final worth \$60,000. It might be a bit tricky to find the pacers, but it's a great idea. Inexplicably, we just don't seem to have a similar appetite from administrators in Australia, who are focused on the other end of town.

☑ In a major announcement, ENTAIN Australia and New Zealand boss Dean Shannon is departing his role in the organization on 30 June. This will be a major change for the organisation. He will be replaced in the interim by Andrew Vouris, a former Tabcorp executive...

☑ New Zealand has installed a new advisory committee to TAB NZ. TAB NZ works alongside Entain, who run the day-to-day operations of the TAB and its associate brand Betcha. Betcha was created to attract a younger audience to the industry. The advisory committee is a very strong industry focused group of appointees that includes (Chair) New Zealand Bloodstock owner and renowned breeder and owner Sir Peter Vela, Cambridge Stud owner Brendan Lindsay, Waikato Stud boss Mark Chittick, major breeder/investor Greg Tomlinson, Breckon Farms owner Ken Breckon, and ex New Zealand thoroughbred champion trainer Chris Waller. There will be another appointee with detailed knowledge of the harness racing industry, to ensure the code is further represented.

Phew!. So much happening on the other side of the ditch. Anyone feel like we are being left behind?

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Fantastic recognition for Ken Casellas, with his Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday 2025 Honours List, recognising his distinguished service to journalism and to sport. On course every Tuesday and Friday.
- ♣ If you use it you lose it. Unfair to horses and their trainers and owners to expose them to illicit human substances. Think about others and what future you want for yourself.
- ♣ Vale John Bagshaw, one of harness racing's best administrators and renowned supporter of the breeding industry in Australia. We just don't have many, if any, people of his calibre.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – May 2025

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.

This month is a promising Westsired 3yo colt who continues to improve. Last season he won 4 races including a heat of the Westbred Classic. This season he won 3 of his 4 starts to the end of May and has since won another race in 1:54.1. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for May 2025, Bill Hayes** as the breeder of **Last Hard Copy (My Hard Copy NZ** out of **Call Me Paris** by **Rich And Spoilt USA**).

Last Hard Copy is as the name suggests one of the last foals from the ill fated champion My Hard Copy NZ and he has over \$61,000 in earnings from just 14 starts which have resulted in 8 wins and one place. Being Westsired he has added to that with \$63,006 in bonuses – making earnings of \$124,000 to date.

Last Hard Copy is one of 4 winners from his dam **Call Me Paris (Rich And Spoilt)** including full brother Copy Of Paris 1:58.2 \$36,667. Call Me Paris is out of the 4 times winner Loose Lips (Orange Sovereign USA) and is a full sister to metropolitan winner **Shipwreck** 1:52.2 19 wins \$279,198 (who like his sire was 2nd in the WA Derby) and Group 1 winner **New World Order** 1:51.8 \$265,243



Last Hard Copy with Aiden de Campo

Congratulations to breeder W (Bill) Hayes and the connections of **Last Hard Copy**.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES MAY 2025

In a good month for Westsired progeny, 12 WA based sires produced 35 individual winners of 42 races. Deceased sire **Rock N Roll World USA** with 8 winners of 9 races was on top, followed by **Follow The Stars** who also produced the (6) winners of 9 races from his Westsired progeny.

Six Westsired progeny won multiple races - **Ya Bettor Followme** (Follow The Stars), **Bronzed** (Indomitable Saab), **Last Hard Copy** (My Hard Copy), **Longreach Bay** (Renaissance Man) and **Rox the World** (Rock N Roll World USA) all won 2 races, while **Alexandra Thegreat** (Follow The Stars) won a triple!. Both Alexandra Thegreat and Longreach Bay were dual winners last month.

There were 4 Westsired first time winners in May 2025 – 2yo **Majestic Lombo** (Fly Like An Eagle), 3yo **Taylors Boy Fred** (Caribbean Blaster), 4yo **World Of Rock** (Rock N Roll World USA) and 5YO **Diamond Bay** (Bonavista Bay).

There were 49 races run at Gloucester Park premium meetings, with Westsired progeny winning 4 of these races:

- ♣ 6yo **Follow Rocknroll** - **Follow The Stars** o/o **Rocknroll Royalty (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, having a great year and just short of career earnings of \$100,000. Started at 14/1 from 9 with Trent Wheeler driving, 2nd last early and 3 wide before scooting up the inside to settle 5 along the pegs, last coming off the back before swinging 5 wide into the straight, found an opening and flew through the middle of the field to win the \$23,000 NR 60-80 by a half neck in 1:56.5, last qtrs 28.3 and personal last qtr 28.86, gaining 18m on the leader from the 800;
- ♣ 3yo colt **Last Hard Copy** - **My Hard Copy NZ** o/o **Call Me Paris (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Bill Hayes, 3 wins from 4 starts this time in. Split two Pinjarra wins with a win in a \$21,000 3YO Pace after



starting favourite from 2 with trainer driver Aiden de Campo, burst to the front and rolled along for the duration giving nothing else a chance, won by 4.9m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.3;

- ♠ **8yo Longreach Bay - Renaissance Man o/o Back In The Black (Armbro Operative USA)** owner breeders Peter and M King, and Barbara Pellick, had won 6 of his last 10 starts before starting 2nd favourite from 8 with regular junior driver Joseph Suvaljko on board, flew out to take the lead, settled well over the 2536m journey, even time first half before quickening down the back, rated well throughout and let them catch up near the finish when the race was over, winning the \$25,000 NR 70 to 90 by 1.2m in 1:58.2, last qtrs 28.5 and 28. Three weeks later started from 6 after a scratching over the 1730m sprint journey, flew to the lead in his customary way, had them stretching down the back, no trouble to win the \$31,000 FFA by 5.1m in 1:55:2.



Stakes won by Westsired progeny in May 2025 were \$445,000, the highest May figure for the last 6 years. For the 5 months of the season, this represents an average of \$1,036 per race start. Bonus payments for May 2025 for Westsired progeny were \$99,000, and \$428,000 for the 5 month period.

WESTBRED WINNERS – MAY 2025

May 2025 continues the good trend for Westbred winners, with 95 individual winners of 114 races (62.6%) of the 182 races provided. This is the second highest May figure in both number and percentage terms, only surpassed by May 2022 (120 winners of 190 races, or 63.2%).

Bonus payments for the month were low at \$269,000, with little attraction in the calendar for 2yos and 3yos to bring the numbers through.

Stakes payments to Westbreds (\$1,427,149) in May 2025 was quite a dip from the previous month, but nevertheless was \$125,000 higher than May 2024 and the highest May figure in the last 6 years.

There were 43 sires represented by winning Westbred progeny in the month, with **Rock N Roll World USA** leading with 9 winners of 10 races. The next highest were **Follow The Stars** 9 wins and **Fly Like An Eagle** 7 wins, with the best outside stallions being **Betting Line USA** (5 winners of 6 races) and **Sweet Lou USA** (3 winners of 6 races).

There were also 13 first time starters in May 2025, along with 12 first time winners, including the previously mentioned Westsired. The remaining 8 first time winners were:

- 2yos He Is Talking (**Downbytheseaside USA**), Im Category Five (**Poster Boy**);
- 3yos Wave Rebellion (**Betting Line USA**), Boom It Up (**Bling It On**), Crunch The Numbers (**Captain Crunch USA**), Akoya Pearl (**Lather Up USA**), Ultimate Event (**Ultimate Machete NZ**); and
- 4yo Well Oiled (**Well Said USA**).

Sixteen Westbreds won at least 2 races in May 2025. Other than Westsired, dual winners were Douseeme (**Alta Christiano NZ**), fist time winner Wave Rebellion (**Betting Line USA**), Sugar Delight (**Bettors Delight USA**), Toby George (**Capt Midnight USA**), Lion Queen (**Control The Moment USA**), first time winner Im Category Five (**Poster Boy**), Ruby Lovera (**Sweet Lou USA**) and Spudmeister (**Well Said USA**). Winning 3 in the month were Shes A Mare (**American Ideal USA**) and Sweet Duncan (**Sweet Lou USA**).

Westbreds won all 7 of the 2yo races run in May 2025, as well as providing all 20 starters. For the first 5 months of the year, 2yo first time starters are low compared to 2024, reflecting changes made to the calendar.

Westbreds won 21 of the 29 3yo races, with one open race won by 3yos in the 87 races available for the age group. In signs of recovery in 3yo numbers, Westbreds provided 95 of the 112 3yo starters in May.

Also showing signs of recovery, the number of 4yo and over starters increased to 483, still lower than the same month last year (506) but trending upwards.

Our submission under the feature race review requested the availability of a much longer calendar, particularly for juveniles, to enable owners and trainers to better plan for their horses.

In a new programming trend, there were 90 races restricted to 4yo and over, with 147 races available for the age group. Westbreds won 86 of these races

As a group the average was one win every 9.6 starts, compared to 9.7 for the previous three months.

There were 49 races at Gloucester Park premium meetings, with 20 Westbred winners. Excluding wins by Westsired and fillies/mares the remaining 8 winners of 7 races were:

- ◆ **4yo Alta Tribute - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Harriet Price NZ (Grinfromeartoeat USA)** breeder part owners A Merrington, M Howden, started his career as a late 3yo with 4 consecutive wins. Lining up for his 3rd consecutive win from 3 starts this season, started 2nd favourite from 1 with Emily Suvaljko, had a go but settled behind the favourite in running, no opening until the home turn then moved quickly up to the leader, just in front at the 100m and held a challenger at bay to win the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship by 2.3m in a lifetime best 1:54.7, last qtrs 28.2 and 28 flat;
- ◆ **5yo Bet On The River - Betting Line USA o/o Firth Of Tay (Live Or Die USA)** breeder David Anderson. Having a good year. Missed his 3yo and most of his 4yo year. Won the Busselton Cup in January. Started at 13/1 inside the back row with junior Tom Nally. Came through nicely to race behind the leader, got the opening just before the turn, quickly off the inside to grab the leader at the top of the straight and win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-60 by 7.5m in 1:57.3, last qtrs 28.8, 28.7;
- ◆ **4yo Menemsha - Sunshine Beach USA o/o Falcons Gem NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Over \$300,000 in stakes. Started 2nd favourite from 8 over the 1730m sprint journey for trainer driver Aiden de Campo, restrained to the rear of the moving line with the



favourite leading, fast 28.2 1st qtr, first to move 3 wide with a lap to go, 3 wide and 3rd at the 400m and into the straight, a very tight 4 horse finish but got the bikkies with a win in the \$25,000 NR 70-90 by a half neck in 1:55.0;

- ◆ **6yo Navy Street - Hes Watching USA o/o Life Of Bryne (Life Sign USA)** breeder Kim Tuckey, first win since December, started at 13/1 from 2 and quickly out to take the race lead, slow lead and steady first half before sprinting down the back, had a length clear at the top of the straight but challengers coming, held on well to win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50 to 70 Pace by a head in 1:58.3, last qtrs 28 flat and 27.8. Good drive by junior Tom Nally;
- ◆ **3yo Seaside Magic - Downbytheseaside USA o/o Playin With Magic (Jeremes Jet USA)** breeders S and Brock Gossage and stable clients of trainer driver Aiden de Campo, having a successful 3yo

season with over \$40,000 in earnings. Ran 2nd in his Pearl Classic Heat and drew 1 in the final. Started at 13/1 with trainer driver Aiden de Campo, happy to concede the lead but had to avoid the galloper and luckily got back to his position behind the new race leader, eased out from behind the leading pair coming to the home turn after a quick 3rd qtr, raced up at the 100m and went on to a good win in the \$50,000 3YO Pearl Classic Final by 3.4m in 1:57.0, middle qtrs 28.7 and 28.4;

- ◆ **7yo Sound Wave - Mach Three CA o/o Terra Into The West NZ (Western Terror USA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock. New trainer and ownership this season. Started at 17/1 from 5 with Emily Suvaljko, settled 2nd last in the moving line over the 1730m journey, led up the 3 wide line with a lap to go, 5th and still making up ground with 400m to go, rounded 3 wide and 3rd, got the better of the leaders near the line for a solid win in the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-70 by 1.1m in 1:55.5;
- ◆ **2yo colt Toby George - Capt Midnight USA o/o Karen Elizabeth (Art Major USA)** breeder Steve Johnson, lining up for his 3rd win from 4 starts and started 2nd favourite from 5, settling one out one back driven by Gary Hall Jnr, and
- ◆ **2yo colt Waves Of Fortune - Poster Boy o/o Sea Me Smile (Cams Fool USA)** breeder Debra Lewis and driven by Chris Lewis. A win and a place at Pinjarra then 3rd lifetime start as favourite from 2, won the challenge for the lead, solid lead and first half, a 3 wide move by Toby George to make it a 3 horse racing coming to the home turn, down to a two horse war to the finish with a dead heat in the \$21,000 2YO Pace to Waves Of Fortune and Toby George, in 1:56.7.



How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (May 2025)

Fillies and mares won 75 of the 182 races run in the month. At 41.2% that would have to be a record. We expect this to lower over coming months as the ratings adjust over time, but it's a very welcome and overdue result. The average for the first 5 months of the season is now 35.0%, which meets our target. This will be fractionally above the national average, which is where we want to see it.

There were 59 individual fillies/mares winning during the month, with the leading sire being **Vincent** with 5 winners of 8 races, followed by **Follow The Stars** (4 winners of 6 races). For the 5 months of the season the leader is American Ideal USA, followed by Sweet Lou USA, Vincent and Fly Like An Eagle.

The total stakes won by fillies and mares was \$891,000 and \$50,000 in Epona credits. Westbred fillies/mares won 51 of the 75 races, earning \$589,000 in stakes plus \$118,000 in Westbred bonuses.

Six fillies/mares won for the first time during May, including 2yos by Poster Boy (**Im Category Five**), 3yos by Betting Line USA (**Wave Rebellion**), Lather Up USA (**Akoya Pearl**) and Ultimate Machete NZ (**Ultimate Event**), 4yo Well Said USA mare **Well Oiled** and 5yo Bonavista Bay mare **Diamond Bay**.

All up 12 fillies/mares won at least two races during May 2025 - Douseeme (**Alta Christiano NZ**), first time winner Wave Rebellion (**Betting Line USA**), Sugar Delight (**Bettors Delight USA**), Lion Queen (**Control The Moment USA**), first time winner Im Category Five (**Poster Boy**), Ruby Lovera (**Sweet Lou USA**). Winning 3 in the month were Shes A Mare (**American Ideal USA**) and Alexandra Thegreat (**Follow The Stars**). Other multiple winners included 2 Vincent mares, a Betterthancheddar mare and a Majestic Son CA trotting mare.



There was one 2yo fillies race with fillies winning 2 of the 7 2yo races and providing 10 of the 20 starters.

There were 8 3yo fillies races, with fillies winning 11 3yo races (9 by Westbreds) and providing 54 (48.2%) of the 112 3yo starters.

Mares won 62 of the 147 races won by their age group. This is a significant result for the owners of mares who have persevered for a very long time, without a lot of success. The number of mares racing in the month increased to an equal high for May, with 156 starters. It is an under-utilised pool of horses and improving the program for them can only help the industry – as well as their connections!

Compared to April 2025 (199) the total number of fillies and mares racing during May 2025 (220) is a positive sign that owners can see benefits in the racing calendar, brought about by a fairer concession policy that has produced a better result, particularly for mares. There have always been detractors of the

concessions for mares, principally from those who don't race mares. This is understandable, however the need for change has long passed and just like in thoroughbreds, mares are entitled to concessions to make the racing fairer for all. No colt has been born that wasn't produced by a mare.

We are continuing to ask for an extended racing calendar to enable owners and trainers to make sound financial decisions about the racing careers of their horses.

Fillies and mares won 18 (36.7%) of the 49 races run at Gloucester Park at premium meetings, a great result. Ten of the races were open races. Winners included imported fillies/mares:

- 3yos **Oceanfront (Vincent)** won a \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace, giving Vincent a double on the night, and 3yo **Poppyonthebeach (Downbytheseaside USA)** won a \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace.
- 4yos **Chilli Punter (Betting Line USA)** won an open \$21,000 0W/19K, **Majestic Ga Ga (Majestic Son CA)** won two open \$21,000 Trotters, and **Xcite Me NZ (Vincent)** won a \$21,000 4YO+ with pref draw on sex.
- 5yos **Penny Black NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** won the \$50,000 Group 3 WASBA Breeders Stakes, **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** won a \$31,000 FFA with pref draw on sex, and **Acushla Machree NZ (Vincent)** won a \$21,000 0W/18K.
- 7yo **Heavenly Gipsy (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** won a \$27,000 1-4W/20K with pref draw on sex,

The remaining 7 WA bred filly/mare winners of 8 races at premium meetings, were:

♥ **4yo Douseeme - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Nowuseemelive (Live Or Die USA)** owner breeder Tracey Massimini, just 10 starts to her name after missing her entire 3yo season. Unplaced first up then 5 weeks later started favourite from 2 with Emily Suvaljko, settled one-one before moving 3 wide with a lap to go, hit the lead at the 400m, had a wall of horses chasing in the straight, just holding on to win the \$21,000 4YO+ by half head in 1:58.9. Cemented that result with a country win 8 days later;

♥ **4yo Heartofahlia - Art Major USA o/o Quick Sunrise NZ (Washington VC USA)** breeder David B Simmonds, C Barr. A winner first up since being off the scene since December. Started 2nd favourite from 4 with Aiden de Campo steering, quickly out to lead, missing the midfield disruption, a failed midrace move put the favourite out of play leaving Heartofahlia with all the chances. Still on top at the 400m, led into the straight, withstood the challenge from the brave breeze horse to go on to win the \$21,000 4YO+ Pace by a half neck in 1:59.1;

♥ **2yo Im Category Five - Poster Boy o/o Typhoon Tiff (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeder Colleen Lindsay. Two starts two wins for driver Dylan Egerton-Green. Started from 4 after a scratching, raced greenly in an eventful race, raced 3 on the pegs before moving forward with a lap to go, tangling with another runner before racing past the leader at the 400m to win the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 6.6m in 1:59.9;

Dylan Egerton-Green coasting
with Im Category Five



♥ **4yo Lion Queen - Control The Moment (USA) o/o Lilianna Beauty USA (Walton Hanover USA)** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Resumed in April with a win. Four starts later started 2nd favourite from 6 with regular driver Shannon Suvaljko, settled quickly in the one-one in a quick 36.0 lead, moved 3 wide with a lap to go, 1/2 length in front with 400m to go, bounced away off the back, well clear down the straight to win the \$25,000 NR 70-90 by 9.8m in lifetime best 1:54.0, last qtrs 28, 28.3. A fortnight later started favourite from 7 after a scratching, pressed forward but failed to get to the lead in a sizzling 35.8, briefly settled behind on the pegs before going to the breeze when the field closed up after a lap, flat tack down the back in a 27.8 3rd qtr, got the nose in front at the 400m, got the better of the

leader down the straight and too late the challengers, going on to win the \$30,000 4YO/5YO Harry Capararo Westbred Mares by 1.6m in 1:56.9;

♥ **6yo Little Darling - Art Major USA o/o Fay Darling NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** owner breeders Howlett Breeding and Racing P/L. Brilliant win at her previous start in the \$75,000 Group 2 Empress Stakes then 2 weeks later started 2nd favourite from 7 with regular driver Chris Lewis, moved forward steadily from the rear to be breezing near the leader and favourite Madam Publisher NZ with 1200 to go, slick 2nd qtr and quick down the back to be just back from the leader coming into the straight, too smart to the finish and won the \$25,000 Mares Pace by 1.5m in 1:55.4, final qtrs 28.6, 27.9 and 28.4;

♥ **3yo Ruby Lovera - Sweet Lou USA o/o Lovera NZ (Badlands Hanover USA)** breeder Debra Lewis, won at Pinjarra in April, won her Diamond Heat in May then started favourite from 2 with Gary Hall Jnr, slightly disadvantaged at the start but recovered to take the leaders role in a solid 36.1 lead, never really looked in danger and went on to a comfortable 8.5m in the Group 3 \$50,000 3YO Fillies Diamond Classic in 1:56.8, last half 57.4; and

♥ **4yo Sugar Delight - Bettors Delight USA o/o Savannah Maguire NZ (Art Major USA)** breeders Barry, Lynley, Jimmie Howlett, returned to racing with a win and a place at Pinjarra then started favourite from 7 after a scratching, started very quickly to be leading into the straight the first time, well rated throughout by Chris Lewis to be a length clear into the straight and go to a good win in the \$21,000 4YO+ Mares by 3.5m in 1:57.4, last qtrs 28.8 and 28.4.



Westbreds share of the female racing population in May 2025 was 79%, while Westbred 2yo fillies contributed 100% and 3yo fillies 85%. Overall fillies and mares provided 35.8% of the racing population in the month, while winning 33% of the stakes.

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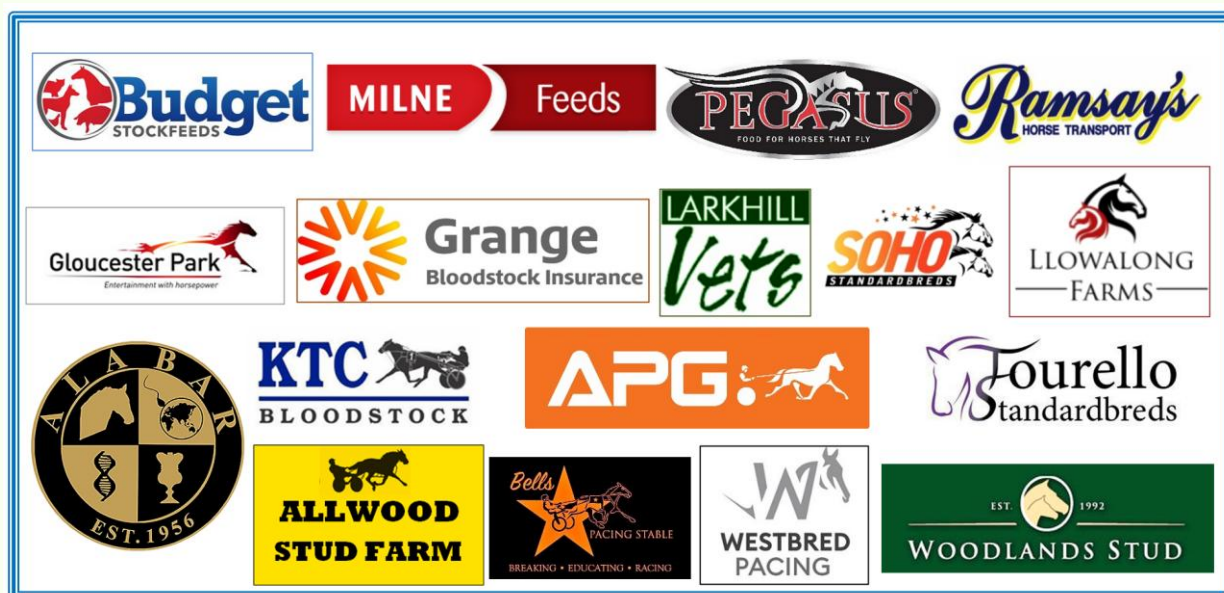
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