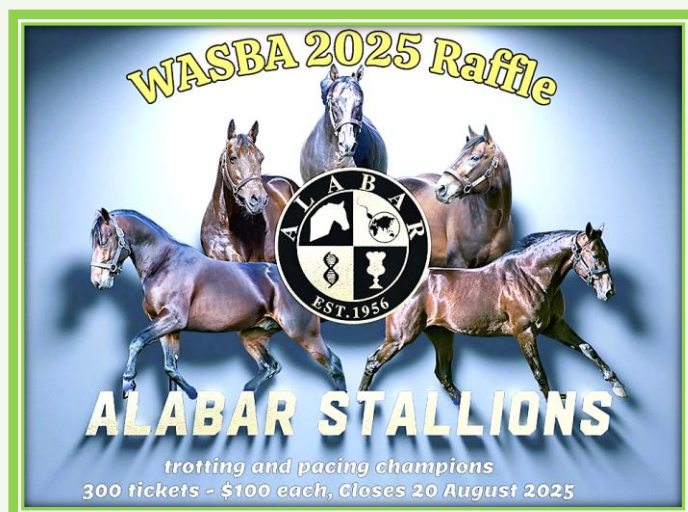




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2025 WASBA Raffle open for business!



Yes its open from 16 July and closes midnight 20 August 2025. DON'T BE LATE!

FIRST PRIZE - a service to any stallion standing on behalf of Alabar in 2025

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2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	28 July 2YO Diamond Classic Heats for the \$100,000 Final on 8 August 5 August 2YO Pearl Classic Heats for the \$100,000 Final on 15 August 26 August Heats of the 2YO Westbred Classics
3YO	16 August \$30,000 WASBA Country Oaks at Bunbury 25 August Heats of the 3YO Westbred Classics
Mares	2 August \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares, Northam 8 Aug \$30,000 WASBA 4YO & 5YO Mares (non winners of races > \$30,000)

Notice Board

Resignation of HRA CEO Andrew Kelly

It has been unofficially reported that Andrew Kelly has resigned from his position of CEO of Harness Racing Australia, on the back of a revolt on the stallion tax and its use. This is unofficial, but too significant to leave out of this newsletter in case it is true. Stay tuned in.

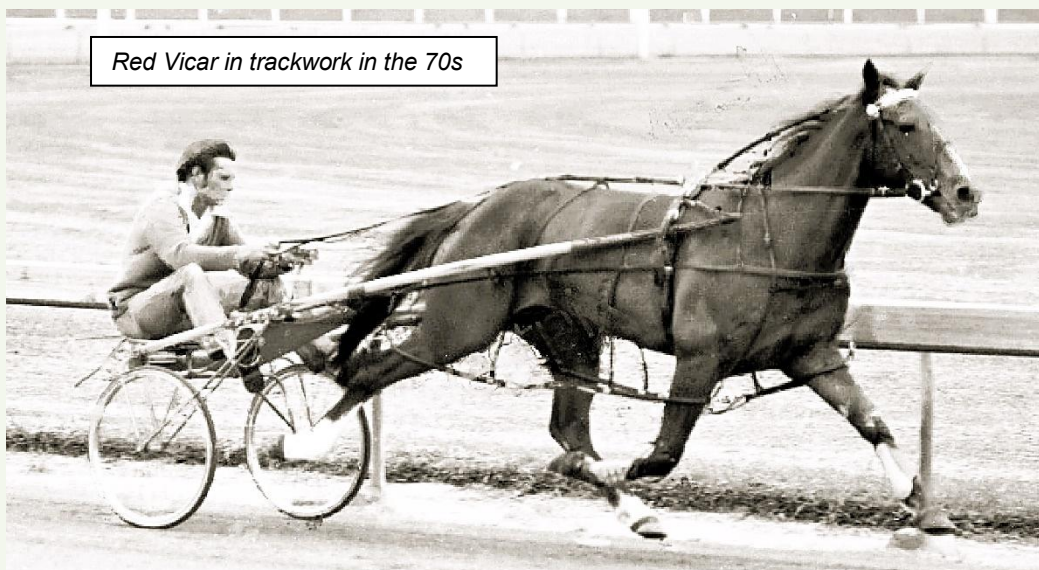
Westired \$14,000 Narrogin Salutes Red Vicar

A great win by Chris Voak on 4yo **Maximum Rock (Rock N Roll World USA o/o Life To The Max by Live Or Die USA)**. Starting favourite from 2 on the backline for owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, the win looked out of range at the top of the straight but he flew home to win by 1.3m in a solid 1:59.9. He has cemented that win with a follow up win in the \$35,000 Botra Cup for career earnings of \$78,000.



The race is named after Westired champion **Red Vicar (Overdew)**. He raced from 1969 as a 2yo to 1976, with winning streaks of 8 and 6 for a career tally of 30 wins 11 seconds 10 thirds from 101 starts. His first win was at Katanning in 1969 with trainer Vic Murphy and driver Colin Murphy. He changed hands before his next win in January 1970 and for the season won the Great Southern Derby at Wagin and 3 races at Narrogin. Red Vicar came into his own as a 4yo in the 1970/71 season, winning 11 times and placing once from 16 starts. He moved to the stables of Phil Coulson in October 1970, winning his first metropolitan Qualifying Stakes in December 1970 after being sensationally backed from 10/1 into 7/4, and won by over 50 metres.

With various trainers and drivers, most notably Phil Coulson, Fred Hough and Fred Kersley, Red Vicar was a champion on the track. He was by an unraced local stallion Overdew (by champion sire Garrison Hanover) who was a half brother to some good winners of the era. Red Vicar's dam Bonnie's Kay was also unraced. All up, he won 31 races including 18 metropolitan wins in WA at both Gloucester Park and Richmond Raceway, and 5 metropolitan wins at Albion Park – including a Heat of the Queensland Inter Dominion and 4th in the Final and two Heats of the Albion Park 10,000 (later the Queensland Pacing Championship) -and Harold Park.



We would like to thank Cathi and Trevor from Narrogin Race and Pace for their support for both the Red Vicar and Color Glo races. We look forward to next year's events

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ A recent 2yo winner in the US may be his best. The aptly named 2yo **Prince Willie** (out of Princess Layla) drew the outside barrier (10) but still managed to win by over 9 lengths in 1:51.3 at Lexington, Kentucky after working early then breezing for the first half before running a final qtr in 26.3. He has won 4 from 5 in his debut season and will be a very good promotion for the new owners of his sire **Lazarus (Bettors Delight)** at Wai Eyre Farm in New Zealand. Lazarus already has a millionaire in **Voukefalas** 1:47.3, and another runner **Lifes A Puzzle** has just run 1:49.1.

☑ 2025 may see a new Queen of harness racing in the US, with 5yo **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** winning the Grade 3 \$100,000 Clara Barton at Plainridge Park in a 5/8ths track world record for a pacing mare of 1:47.2 - and becoming a \$2 million earner in the process. She defeated the current queen and previously unbeatable **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** by 4 ½ lengths. Driven by Tim Tetrick, it was her second victory this season over Twin B Joe Fresh, the 2024 Dan Patch Horse of the Year. It was also her second win in this race, having won in 2024. Tetrick previous wins in the Clara Barton include two with the NZ bred World Champion **Shartin (Tintin In America)** by McArdle).



Previously, Twin B Joe Fresh was successful in the \$142,000 Grade 2 Dorothy Haughton, defeating Sylvia Hanover in 1:48.1 for her second win in a row after her defeat by Sylvia Hanover in the \$116,500 Grade 3 Perfect Sting at The Meadowlands. Two each this season.

☑ Trips win races. The 7yo gelding and favourite **Desperate Man (Shadow Play)**, had to settle for second after the 43/1 pop on the rail used the sprint lane to come through for victory in the \$250,000 Grade 2 Joe Gerrity Jr Memorial. The 2021 O'Brien (Canadian) Horse of the Year Desperate Man is a North America Cup winner and has \$1.7 million to his name, with 5 wins and 2 seconds in his last 8 starts. His previous loss was to Ken Hanover in the Grade 2 Battle of Lake Erie at MGM Northfield Park after being caught on the line in a world-record 1:48.3. There is plenty of good racing available in the US and Canada for the older age group, male and female, hence the demand for southern hemisphere horses.

☑ The record books will record the winner of the 2025 \$656,000 Grade 1 Meadowlands Pace as **Madden Oaks (Huntsville)** after a blemish by Todd McArthy, the driver of first past the post **Prince Hal Hanover (Captaintreacherous)**. Madden Oaks will aim for the Cane Pace but is considered unsuited to the Little Brown Jug on the half mile Delaware track. Madden Oaks gets the race win but not the winners time of 1:47.4. Madden Oaks is the top pacing earner for the season so far, having finished a head 2nd to Louprint in the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup. The early favourite, the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup winner **Louprint (Sweet Lou)** was a non starter after requiring surgery to remove a testicle. Still one left.

☑ Like the Meadowlands Pace it isn't one of the Triple Crown events but prestige in winning the Grade 1 Delvin Miller Adios Pace for the Orchids at The Meadows can set up a stallion's career. The eliminations saw the top 3yos in North America trying to make their future, with 2025 Grade 2 Messenger Stakes (first leg of the Triple Crown) winner **Twisted Destiny (Bettors Wish)** victorious in his Elimination in a career best 1:48. Behind him were top 3yos Prince Hal Hanover (Captaintreacherous), and Papis Rocket (Papi Rob Hanover) in 4th. Coming in third was the Ron Burke trained late entry **Rick Wink (Bit Of A Legend)**

who has won 12 of 14 lifetime starts. He was a \$27,000 Yearling Sale purchase, no doubt due to his unheralded sire, and belongs to the same maternal family as Hellabalou and 2015 Dan Patch winner Boston Red Rocks.

Of course, New Zealand born **Bit Of A Legend (Bettors Delight)** 1:49.4 \$2,569,621 is a 100% US bred, being out of Sokys Legend (Sokys Atom) out of the imported (to New Zealand) mare Shebatross (Niatross). His lifetime best was set on a half mile track, and he is a previous winner of the Joe Gerrity, with over \$1.9 million from a successful northern hemisphere racing career.

The remaining starters in the Adios Pace Final came from the second elimination, with **Swingtown (Downbytheseaside)**, Sippinonsearoc (Downbytheseaside), Railroad Station (Sweet Lou USA) and Wedlock Blue Chip (Bettors Wish) finishing first to 4th, with the final qualifier coming from the 5th placed horse with the highest career earnings – Makes Sense (Papi Rob Hanover). The two Elimination winners get to choose their own barriers (3 for Twisted Destiny, and Swingtown in 4).

Recent winners of the Adios have included Catch The Fire (Captaintreacherous) in 2020, Hellabalou (Sweet Lou) in 2021, Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside) in 2022, Cannibal (Sweet Lou) in 2023, Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous) in 2024. The only winner in this group that did not come through from an Elimination win was Bythemissal. Joining Bythemissal as a non-Elimination winner is the 2025 winner **Prince Hal Hanover**, after a very heady drive from a wide barrier that saw him defeat Elimination winners Swingtown and Twisted Destiny in a lifetime best 1:48.1.

☑ The \$1 million MGM Yonkers International Trot for 13 September is starting to form, with invites to Gio Cash (Victor Gio) to represent Germany and 2023 Elitloppet winner Hochneck (Royal Dream). The 8yo ran 3rd in 2025. Neither trainer expects any issues with the 800m Yonkers track.

☑ What a difference a few months can make. Last season's Dan Patch (US) 2YO Male Trotter of the Year **Maryland (Chapter Seven)** with 6 wins and \$1.23 million is finding stiff opposition this year from stablemate **Super Chapter (Chapter Seven)** 1:50.3 who is 5 from 5 this season including a Hambletonian Elimination, the Todd McCarthy drive **Go Dog Go (Greenshoe)** 1:50.4 with 3 from 4 and **Emoticon Legacy (Walner)** 1:50.2. The three competitors together won less than Maryland last season, but each has a victory over him this year, with Super Chapter and Go Dog Go winning their legs of the Grade 3 Stanley Dancer Memorial, while Emoticon Legacy won the \$320,000 Grade 2 Dr Harry Zweig Memorial 3YO Open Trot and his Hambletonian elimination. All four are the top picks for the 100th running of the Hambletonian on 2 August. Super Chapter has a chance to win the Trotting Triple Crown, having won the first leg (the Yonkers Trot) but needs to win the Hambletonian in August and the Kentucky Futurity – His dam Lifetime Pursuit was the winner of the 2014 Hambletonian Oaks. The last trotting Triple Crown winner was Marion Marauder in 2016.



The Grade 1 500,000 Hambletonian Oaks, for 3yo trotting fillies, will also be run on 2 August.

☑ The Kentucky Sire Stakes finals at Oak Grove saw some big wins by the fillies, with **Unreasonable (Huntsville)** winning by 4 ½ lengths in an equal 3yo filly track record of 1:49.4 for Oak Grove track, with **Caviart Daisy (Sweet Lou USA)** winning the \$100,000 2YO Fillies Final by 13 ½ lengths in a 2yo filly track record of 1:51. There was also a 1:49.3 result for **Falcon (Captain Crunch)** to win the \$100,000 3YO Colts/Geldings KYSS Pace. Plenty of state based opportunities for state bred horses.

In what looks to be a good year for the 3yo fillies, **Champagne Room (Papi Rob Hanover)** set a new lifetime mark of 1:48.4, only 0.2 behind the world mark for a 5/8ths track.

☑ Also in 1:48.4 but at The Meadowlands Red Mile, was 3yo filly **Miki And Minnie (Always B Miki)** to win the Grade 3 \$172,650 Jerry Silverman Memorial, running a 25.4 last qtr to win by over 5 lengths. She has won 4 from 5 this season including the Grade 1 \$390,000 Fan Hanover in her lifetime best 1:48.3.

All these fillies are potentially the mothers of our future sires.

☑ Australian bred 6yo mare **Silk Cloud (Shadow Play)** ran a lifetime best 1:49.1 for Australian driver Lauren Tritton for trainer Peter Tritton. Keeping it in the family. Silk Cloud has now earned over \$550,000

☑ 2025 Inductees into the Harness Racing Museum Hall of Fame included Hambletonian winner American Winner, triple Breeders Crown winning trotting mare Grades Singing, multiple millionaire trotter Magician, champion pacing filly Romalie Hanover, and Dan Patch 2YO and 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year Town Pro. Inducted into the Living Horse Hall of Fame were US and Canadian 2YO and 3YO Trotting Filly of the Year Ariana G, trotting Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder, Dan Patch 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year and the fastest mare in history at that time Put On A Show, and world champion New Zealand bred **Shartin N** plus broodmares Fireworks Hanover (dam of World Champion trotter Explosive Matter) and Steamy Windows (dam of World Champion Hall of Fame trotter Gimpanzee). To look up the entire US Hall of Fame list, [click here](#).

New Zealand born Chris Ryder, who has won more than 1,900 races and \$58 million in stakes during his career was also a Hall of Fame Inductee. He has won 8 Breeders Crown trophies along with being the trainer of 10 horses to win end of year honours in Canada and the US. He is the trainer of Twin B Joe Fresh and Miki And Minnie and trained Bettor's Wish and Niki Hill, I Luv The Nitelife, Put On A Show, Mystical Sunshine, Cathedra Dot Com, Sealed N Delivered and McArdle.

And elsewhere....

☹ A sad but inevitable day given the circumstances. Auckland Trotting Club (ATC) members have voted to sell the club's remaining real estate in order to pay off their \$120m debt over the failed development of Alexandra Park. Although the club won an \$83 million judgement against the developer, that company was placed into voluntary liquidation soon after, leaving ATC with their original debt plus interest. The process will also involve the loss of the Franklin Park training facility, with the \$70 million from its sale to be fully recovered by April 2027 if the deal is finalized. The club will also need to offload their commercial units at Alexandra Park to clear the remaining debt. There are still significant hurdles for the industry in finding funding for the provision of a replacement training centre. You can only wonder if the company directors involved in the original development are enjoying their \$83 million windfall.



The Franklin Park track and training centre that will go as part of the shemozzle

☑ The 2023 and 2024 New Zealand Cup winner **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** is back in work with his first target being the \$250,000 Group 1 Victoria Cup on 18 October, before prepping for his third New

Zealand Cup, all going to plan. The 7yo gelding, who is the older half brother to **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)**, has an unblemished New Zealand record, with two starts for two Group 1 wins in New Zealand's most prestigious race. Sometimes you can be lucky in breeding but it helps if the mare you are breeding from is by the champion racehorse and 8 times leading sire of 2yos in Australia in **Art Major USA**, and was the winner of 17 races and over \$180,000. A \$50,000 Yearling Sale purchase in 2010 (which was a fair amount of money 15 years ago), that mare, **Lettucereason**, is out of champion broodmare **Left For Me (Fake Left USA)** from NZ mare **Our Lady Delwin (Lordship NZ)**. All champion sires but **Fake Left USA** is one of those exceptional sires who could lift a mare to new heights, in readiness for the likes of Art Major and Bettors Delight to continue that exponential growth in performance level. **Left For Me** was a 10 race winner, and produced 11 winners from 13 foals including champion racehorse and sire **For A Reason** (Victoria Cup and multiple Group 1 winner) who is the full brother to Lettucereason. At stud in Australia the 1989 Little Brown Jug winner Fake Left USA has left the winners of \$51 million as well as being the broodmare sire of the winners of \$53 million.

Fake Left won a phenomenal 1992 Little Brown Jug Series, defeating world champion **Western Hanover** in an epic battle, preventing Western Hanover from being the first horse to win the Pacing Triple Crown (he had already won the Messenger and Cane Pace) since 1983. Fake Left was one of 3 winners in round one, defeating Western Hanover. Western Hanover turned the tables on Fake Left in the second Heat ([watch here](#)) requiring a race off involving all Heat winners – you had to win two heats. To watch them battle it out in the Final after already racing twice on the day, [watch here](#), two of the greatest pacing stars of our times. Of interest is that Bettors Delight USA, Rock N Roll Heaven USA and Fake Left USA were all winners of the Little Brown Jug, the ultimate test of brilliance, tractability and endurance.

☑ Retaining her unbeaten record was **Eye Keep Smiling (Sweet Lou USA)**, who won her tenth race in a row in winning back to back the Group 1 \$150,000 Garrards Golden Girl at Albion Park on Inter Dominion night in a sensational 1:49.9 over the 1660m, after breezing.

Unfortunately for Steno and Tay Tay, as well as Rakero Rebel who chose to compete in the Inter Dominion instead (good enough to take her place in the Final), Eye Keep Smiling has just been too good and she has breezed, led and come home with a late sprint to defeat all challengers in her races



which have included wins in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth and Group 3 Robin Dundee. She cannot be beaten for the 2025 Australian Mare of the Year, and may even tackle the boys in the summer feature country cups that have been announced. While Sweet Lou may be getting a lot of the credit, Eye Keep Smiling is from a very good family with her dam **Oh Eye See (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:54.5 \$101,705 a full sister to the popular **Two Eye See** 1:52.4 \$306,703, while their unraced dam **Grace Robinson (Perfect Art USA)**, a full brother to **Art Major** was the last foal of champion **Jasmarilla (Tarport Low USA)** 1:55.2 50 wins \$503,000, who was purchased by the Success Stud Gibson family while still racing in the US. Grace Robinson has extended the family line with some significant performers including multiple Group 1 winners **Eye See Diamonds (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:51.6 \$284,875, **Two Eye See** and **Hardhitter (Mach Three CA)** 1:51.4 \$175,430. Eye Keep Smiling already has a 2024 Bettors Delight colt through embryo transfer.

Steno (Sweet Lou USA) put up a champions performance in trying to defeat Eye Keep Smiling, having placed to her in her last 5 starts. She will be retired to stud to be served by Bettors Delight.

☑ He may have had a good barrier but you still have to put in the performance. Winner of the 2025 New Zealand TAB Trot in April, **Arcee Phoenix (Trixtion USA)** did better than his placings in both Heats by

stepping out quicky – and safely – to take the lead for an all the way win in the 2025 \$500,000 Inter Dominion Trotting Grand Final. It was a great run by **Bet N Win (What The Hill CA)** – who was a stylish winner of both his Heats - to be second after losing a shoe in the first lap, and a phenomenal sprint to the line by **Oscar Bonavena (Majestic Son CA)**, but just too late. Arcee Phoenix is the second Australian bred Inter Dominion winner to reach \$1 million in stakes, the other being Just Believe.

☑ The Purdons brought two for the Inter Dominion carnival and went home almost satisfied, with Queensland Derby winner **Rubira NZ (Always B Miki USA)** stepping up to atone for his loss in the Rising Sun, running 1:54.7 over the 2680m. He goes home with 3 wins including the Redcliffe Derby. He defeated the previously insurmountable Marketplace NZ Bettors Delight USA) at his last NZ start in March before his Australian journey. The dam of Rubira in the moderate performer Delightful Kas NZ is a full sister to **Belle Of Montana NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.1 \$595,592, winner of the 2019 Group 1 Victoria Oaks and 2020 Group 1 Ladyship Cup and in New Zealand, the winner of the Group 1 Queen of Hearts and the Group 1 3YO Diamond amongst her Group 1 wins. Their dam is a half sister to the dam of **Miki Pins (Always B Miki USA)** 1:49.7 and the unbeaten **Sweet Pins (Sweet Lou USA)**.



Their second runner was **Oscar Bonavena**, who scraped into the Inter Dominion Trot Final after galloping away in his round 1 Heat , but showed why he is a millionaire with a phenomenal finish in the Final.

☑ It did run to script, but that's a good outcome when the acknowledged best horse currently racing in the southern hemisphere is the winner. **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** was outstanding throughout the series and was brilliantly driven by Grant Dixon throughout. Most drivers thought they were driving for a place and were smart enough to maximise their place chances – just as they are supposed to do when they have little chance of winning. Nevertheless, it was a perfect drive to win and did not give any other horse a chance, regardless of how they were driven.

Defending champion and Miracle Mile winner **Don Hugo (Art Major)** put up a top effort to win his first contest but had too tough a run in the second round – against Leap to Fame - trying to breeze in what was a very fast run race - with 3 of the 4 qtrs run in under 28. Top point scorer was locally trained **Sure Thing Captain (Captaintreacherous USA)** winning both his Heats, both from barrier 4, with last qtrs in 26.6, 26.5 in the first round and 26.7, 27.1 in the second round. The Jess Tubbs trained mare **Rakero Rebel NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** put up a great show to reach the final including a 3rd to Sure Thing Captain, with her other starter, Better Eclipse (Betterthancheddar USA) unlucky not to qualify for the final after running two fourths and just getting pipped by a point due to the bonus system that applied. Good for some, not for others. **Pinseeker NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** showed plenty of speed in running second to Leap To Fame in the first round and despite his second round mistake looks very talented and up to the company.

☑ Wagering on the Inter Dominion night was exceptionally good. You do have to be mindful however that when you bundle up a lot of the most sought after races on the one night, it can leave a gap on several other nights that results in a lower turnover figure overall, compared to running separated features. Food for thought and analysis.

☑ It didn't go as expected but with such a top field of 3yo fillies it was always going to be a top race. The expected winner **Captains Mistress NZ (Captaintreacherous USA)** didn't quite go home with all the bikkies expected, especially when the usual lack of big picture view saw her excluded from the Rising Sun field, but the three wins she did have were exceptional. The Queensland Oaks winner was also exceptional in **Soho Americano (American Ideal USA)** who has won 9 of her 14 starts this season and has only been unplaced twice in her career. She is the first foal of Group 1 winner **Soho Interceptor (Art Major USA)** who is a daughter and granddaughter of two champion Australian mares in **Aussie Made Lombo (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.1 \$578,456 and **Tailamade Lombo (Troublemaker USA)** 1:55.3 \$1,354,978. Of note - both of these mares commenced their racing careers *before* 1 January of their 2yo year and continued racing until the age of 5 and 7 respectively. The significant contribution of Lombo Standardbreds to Australian racing should be acknowledged.

☑ With the very talented 3yos – who also received a barrier advantage – it was not unexpected that they might win the Group 1 \$300,000 Rising Sun, and they did, for the first time. The race is restricted to 3yos and 4yos but has really belonged to the 4yos up until now. With a first half in just over even time and final qtrs run in 27.2 and 26.6 you had to be near the front to have a chance, with the first 4 finishers being the first 4 in running. The very classy colt **Fate Awaits (Always B Miki USA)** slipped through along the sprint lane to win in 1:54.1, with his dam another one by champion sire **Art Major USA** picked out from the Yearling Sales by Grant Dixon – just like Leap To Fame – for Kevin and Kay Seymour's Solid Earth Pty Ltd. Pretty staggering that Fate Awaits was purchased for \$24,000 given that his Mach Three CA granddam is a half sister to **Bettor Cover Lover NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:53.8 \$1,026,427. Fate Awaits was the 2024 \$500,000 Protostar winner and the Australian 2YO Colt/Gelding of the Year.

Given the proliferation of very big prizemoney for some races, perhaps its time to primarily consider the Group level of the win, not the prizemoney. While Fate Awaits was a worthy winner of the 2024 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year (he won the NSW Breeders Challenge 2YO Colts and Geldings Final as well as the Protostar), most runners in most states cannot reach anywhere near those stakemoney levels, regardless of how many group races they win.

☑ This year's Protostar (2yos) winner is the Emma Stewart trained **Loucasso (Sweet Lou USA)** another Group 1 winner out of an **Art Major USA** mare, who had to work his way to the lead from outside the front line barrier before running final qtrs in 27.6 and 26.4 to win. A \$40,000 APG Sales purchase in Sydney, he is also the winner of the 2025 APG 2YO Colts/Geldings Series in Victoria.



☑ Some moves on the stud scene, with champion **Auckland Reactor (Mach Three CA)** finding a new home and perhaps a better chance than in recent years, moving to Yanko Lodge in NSW. A champion race horse, he is the sire of multiple Group 1 winner and top juvenile **Chase Auckland NZ**, and one of the fastest mares in history **Soho Burning Love** 1:48.2. He has an average earnings per starter over \$34,000.

☑ Also on the front foot are New Zealand studs with their acquisitions. Other than Lazarus NZ (reported last month) they have also acquired **US Captain USA** (Captaintreacherous o/o World Champion American Jewel USA) 1:49.0 in the flesh, along with a number of the frozen semen stallions.

☑ New Zealand is introducing a Spring series for mares, to run from August to November and offering \$252,000 in prizemoney over 6 races.

☑ The 2026 APG Yearling Sale dates have been set starting with Queensland on 8 February. Victoria follows a week later on Hunter Cup weekend, WA a fortnight later on 1 March. The NSW Sale will run on Miracle Mile weekend 15 March with the SA Sale a week later on 22 March.

☒ Of concern is the proliferation of frozen semen stallions. While they offer wonderful opportunities in bloodlines where US owners do not want to shuttle their stallions (while still making a profit), in many cases they significantly increase the cost to breeders through an invisible component of the service fee which breeders would not have to pay if it was chilled semen. If the trend is to continue it will extend the difficulty smaller breeders have to remain competitive.

Studs should be considering much lower stud fees for frozen semen to compensate breeders for their increased costs.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Mark Purdon did not back the current Inter Dominion format. He did support the increase in prizemoney and prestige "...where it needs to be." He did say "It has always been a great series and I would like to see it come back to New Zealand as well at some stage, just how it used to be". And so say all of us.
- ♣ It has been a terrible period for losing some of our best. Sincerest condolences to the Garrard, Collins and McQueen families, and especially the Lewis and Tubbs/Sugars families, on the recent loss of their loved ones. All have contributed greatly to the industry, but more importantly they were all deeply loved by family and friends and will be dearly missed.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – June 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 4yo gelding who has won half of his lifetime stakes in two starts this season with a new trainer driver. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **June 2025, Jocelyn Young** as the breeder of **Miki Made Monty (Always B Miki USA** out of Cyclone Dilinger by **D M Dilinger CA**). Miki Made Monty won his first start of the season after a 9 month absence in a metropolitan race, finishing strongly to win by 3.3m in 1:57.4, and followed that with a metropolitan second.

Chris Lewis on the way to the win on Miki Made Monty



Miki Made Monty is the first foal from Cyclone Dilinger, winner of 5 races and \$43,000 in stakes, who is a full sister to Hurricane Dilinger 1:53.8 \$87,242 and a half sister to Car Fifty Four (Armbro Operative USA) 1:57.6 \$70,300. Their granddam **Eye Of The Storm (Judge Hanover USA)** produced 4 winners including **Classical Gas (Classic Garry)** 1:58.1 \$77,853 the dam of Gold Bracelet and Sales Classic winner **Fidelius Charm (Life Sign USA)** 1:59.1 \$159,974. What might surprise is

that this is the immediate family of champion filly and race mare **Bonnie Frost**, the 1970 NZ Horse of the Year when there were no age categories. This is also the family of champion mare **Daintys Daughter** as well as **Bonnie Blue Eyes**, and therefore includes WASBA and RWA 2024 3YO Filly of the Year **Reinette** and champion Wonderful To Fly. As well as Cott Beach, Longreach Bay, Priscilla Rocks etc. Quite a big extended family of Group winning progeny.

Congratulations to **Miki Made Monty**, owner breeder **Jocelyn Young** and trainer driver Debra and Chris Lewis. Note that one of the most successful breeding partnerships in the US is trainer Ron Burke who rather than buy most of his champions in the yearling sale, is breeding from mares he either races or selects to race and breed.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES JUNE 2025

In June 2025, 15 WA based sires produced 35 individual winners of 40 races. Allwood Stud's Fly Like An Eagle led with 8 winners of 9 races, and he also leads the 6 month season tally with 29 winners of 46 races..

Three Westsired progeny won multiple races – **Miss Knowall (Fly Like An Eagle)** won a double, **Jimmy Rocks (Rock N Roll World USA)** also won a double and **This Time Jacko (Franco Jamar NZ)** won 4 races from his 6 starts, all at different tracks – Pinjarra, Central Wheatbelt, Gloucester Park and Northam.

There were 6 Westsired progeny winning for the first time in June 2025 – 2yos **Shoo Boozy** (Shoobees Place USA) and **Wake Up Geoff** (Fly Like An Eagle), 3yo **Snipes Magic** (Wesley), 4yo **Air Marshal** (Advance Attack NZ), 5yo **Ziggy Vermeer** and 7yo **Danger**, both by Renaissance Man.

There were 40 races run at Gloucester Park premium meetings, with Westsired progeny winning 4 of these races. Excluding the two female winners covered later, the remaining winners were:

- ♠ 9yo **Cams Boulder - Cams Fool USA** o/o **Beautiful Night (Western Terror USA)** breeder Botsky Pty Ltd, 3 places from his previous 4 starts then started favourite from 3 with Ryan Warwick on board, quickest out and straight to the lead, fast 3rd qtr, had them covered all the way, moved away in the straight to win the \$30,000 Pure Steel NR 60-80 by 4.4m in 1:58.7, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.9; and
- ♠ 8yo **Joey James - Heartland Hanover USA** o/o **Soho Honolulu (Bettors Delight USA)** owner



Kyle Harper on Joey James

breeder Kat Lynn, has quietly made over \$140,000. Started from 5 after a scratching in the 1730m event, settled one out two back by Kyle Harper in the small field before moving 3 wide into the final turn, sprinted hard 5 wide down the straight to grab the leaders and win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-70 by 1.5m in 1:57.2.

Stakes won by Westsired progeny in June 2025 was a relatively good result at \$411,000, with stakes of \$2.455 million over the 6 month period January to June being the highest for the last 6 years. Bonus payments for the month were \$139,000, with \$568,000 for the 6 month period.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JUNE 2025

Another good monthly result with June 2025 producing 91 winners of 108 races (62.4%) from the 173 races provided. This is the third highest June figure in percentage terms over the last 12 years.

Bonus payments for the month recovered from the previous month to be \$328,000, which is the second highest figure for the June month over the last 6 years.

Stakes payments overall are reflective of a winter racing calendar, with Westbreds receiving \$1,256,171 of the total stakes payment for the month – very similar to last year.

There were 45 sires represented by winning Westbred progeny in the month, with WA based **Fly Like An Eagle** on top with 8 winners of 9 races. **Foreclosure NZ** and **Rock N Roll World USA** were next with 4 winners of 6 races, followed by Betting Line USA and Rock N Roll Heaven with 5 wins. For the 6 month

period the leading outside Westbred sires have been **American Ideal USA** (19 winners of 35 races) and **Sweet Lou USA** (16 winners of 31 races)

There were also 22 first time starters in June 2025, along with 16 first time winners, including the previously mentioned Westsired. The remaining 10 first time winners were:

- ❖ 2yos Slay Queen (**American Ideal USA**), Butter Me Up, Lady Mermaid and Maas Attack (**Downbytheseaside USA**) and El Mystro (**Lather Up USA**);
- ❖ 3yos Pick Me (**Always B Miki USA**), Lazi Dais (**Rock N Roll Heaven USA**), Shesa Delight (**Major In Art USA**) and Shecanplay (**Soho Tribeca**); and
- ❖ 5yo Twoheartonediamond (**Foreclosure NZ**).

Fifteen Westbreds won at least 2 races in June 2025. Other than Westsired, dual winners were Frankensteinsbride (**Alta Christiano NZ**), Amaretto Angel (**Betting Line USA**), Mysta Moon Walker and first time winner Twoheartonediamond (**Foreclosure NZ**), Lucienne (**Hes Watching USA**), first time winner El Mystro (**Lather Up USA**), Damage Done (**McWicked USA**), No Noney and first time winner Lazy Dais (both **Rock N Roll Heaven USA**), Official Rock (**Rock N Roll World USA**), Hold The Ammo (**Sweet Lou USA**) and Her Presence (**Vincent**).

Westbreds won all nine 2yo races run in June 2025, and provided 38 of the 40 2yo starters.

Westbred 3yos won 20 of the 25 3yo races, and an open race, out of 26 3yo wins. There were 62 races available for the age group. Westbreds provided 84 of the 98 3yo starters. The 3yos averaged a win every 9.1 starts.

The number of 4yo and over starters dipped to 454, but for the same month over the previous 6 years it is only below the very high 2024 figure of 513. Westbred numbers of 298 for June 2025 are also the second highest for the month for the age group, over the 6 year period.

The combination of meetings may be impacting these numbers, with trainers finding it difficult to front up on consecutive days at meetings that are in opposite directions.

There were 102 races restricted to 4yo and over, with 139 races available for the age group. Westbreds won 78 of these races. On average, 4yo and over starters averaged a win every 9.5 starts for June.

There were 40 races at Gloucester Park premium meetings, with 16 Westbred winners of 17 races. Excluding wins by Westsired and fillies/mares the remaining 9 winners of 10 races were:

- ◆ 4yo **Cabernigh - Bettors Delight USA** o/o **Nivea Franco NZ (Live Or Die USA)** owner/breeders Barry, Linley and Jimmie Howlett, 2 wins in April then 2 wins from 3 starts before starting from 8 with Madeliene Young, a flying start saw him in front before reaching the back straight, a fast 1st qtr and a packed up field with 600 to go but still in charge, clear into the straight and went on to an easing win in the \$23,000 0-2W/18K by 7.7m in 1:53.4 over the 1730m, last qtr 27.8;

- ◆ 2yo **El Mystro - Lather Up USA** o/o **Lady In Command (Allamerican Ingot USA)** breeder Raelene Williams. Two starts, two wins. Won midweek 11 day earlier then started favourite from 2 with trainer driver Robbie Williams, straight to the lead from the barrier, set a solid pace and the \$21,000 2YO Pace by 8.9m in 1:56.3, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.7;

El Mystro wins for the Williams team



- ◆ 8yo **Feeling Aces - Mr Feelgood USA** o/o **Ace Of Cards NZ (American Ideal USA)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, 3rd at his previous start then started at 20/1 inside the back line in very wet

conditions with Joseph Suvaljko on board, had to settle for 3 back the pegs, got an opening at the 400m to move 3 wide coming off the back, charged forward from the top of the straight and after a gritty tussle went on to win the \$21,000 1W/18K by a neck in 1:56.9;

- ◆ **4yo Manhattan Moon - Control The Moment (US) o/o Moon Ovr Manhattan (American Ideal USA)** owner breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, started favourite after drawing 1 with driver Chris Voak, beaten for speed from the barrier and settled behind the leader in a solid 36.4 lead, better than even time the rest of the way, fast 28.5 3rd qtr and still tucked in coming off the back but found some room into the straight to run down the leader and win the \$21,000 0W/18K relatively easily by 4.8m in 1:55.7;

- ◆ **4yo Miki Made Monty - Always B Miki USA o/o Cyclone Dilinger (D M Dilinger CA)** owner breeder Jocelyn Young. First start for the season and new trainer driver combo Debra and Chris Lewis. Started favourite inside the back line, quickly off the inside to settle one out two back in the moving line with over 2 laps to go. First to go 3 wide with a lap to go, 3 wide but 3rd at the 400m, rounded almost level and strong to the line to win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR 50-70 by 3.3m in 1:57.4;

- ◆ **5yo No Noney - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Just Bella NZ (Holmes Hanover USA)** breeder Craig Lynn, having a very good season. Six places from 6 starts then started favourite from 7 with Chris

Lewis, out quickly to take the sit with 2 laps to go, one out 2 back at the 1200m, followed a 3 wide move at the 600m to be 4th at the 400m, sprinted fast into the straight to grab the lead at the 100m and win the \$21,000 Westbred 4YO+ 0-3 WIN by 2.7m in 1:57.4. Placed next then started at 19/1 from



inside the back line. A lot happening at both ends of the field before settling behind the race leader who had kicked up on the inside, nowhere to run until the top of the straight, a quick switch 3 wide to gobble them up and win the \$30,000 The Lewis by a half neck in 1:56.4, with Chris Lewis on board, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.1;

- ◆ **6yo Horse Paul Edward - Always B Miki USA o/o Like A Dame (Golden Greek USA)** owner breeder Steve Johnson. Wins the right races. Started 11/1 from 6 with trainer driver Dylan Egerton-Green and settled one by one with 2 laps to go, a solid last 1200m and made a 3 wide move into the turn, flew home 3 wide to catch a brave leader and win the \$31,000 FFA by 3.1m in 1:55.5, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.6;

- ◆ **7yo Talks Up A Storm - Artspeak USA o/o Typhoon Tan NZ (Live Or Die USA)** breeder the late Harry Capararo, 2020 2YO Sales Classic winner with over \$350,000 in earnings. Started from 3 after a scratching with Kyle Harper, challenged and won the early battle for the lead, fast last half and led throughout, held together well in the relentless rain to win the \$31,000 NR 100 or better by a neck in 1:57.3, last qtrs very quick in the conditions - 27.9 and 28.2; and

- ◆ **4yo Thelittle Master - Vincent o/o Anna Faye NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, placed at his previous start, then started favourite from 7 with regular driver Deni Roberts, settled well back 2nd last early with a solid lead time in front before settling one out two back in the moving line, 3 wide and back at the 400m, swooped 5 wide into the straight to be just in the lead at the 50m, going on to win the \$25,000 0-2W/18K by 2.4m in 1:57.1.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (June 2025)

Fillies and mares won 65 (37.6%) of the 173 races run in the month, giving their owners an improved outlook for the future. The average for the first 6 months of the season is 35.4%, which meets our target - it is compatible with the national average for wins by fillies and mares.



There were 53 individual fillies/mares winning during the month, with the leading sires being **Vincent, Downbytheseaside USA** and **Fly Like An Eagle** – all with 4 winners of 5 races. After 6 months of the season, the leaders are **American Ideal USA** and Vincent (23 wins), followed by **Sweet Lou USA** and **Fly Like An Eagle**.

The total stakes won by fillies and mares was \$771,000, along with \$147,000 in Westbred bonuses and \$45,000 in Epona credits. Westbred fillies/mares won 44 of the 65 races, earning \$484,000 in stakes.

Fourteen 2 and 3yo fillies had their first career start in June, and 6 fillies and 2 mares won for the first time during June - 2yos Lady Mermaid and Maas Attack by **Downbytheseaside USA**, Shoo Boozy by **Shoobees Place USA**, Slay Queen by **American Ideal USA**, 3yos by **Soho Tribeca** (Shecanplay) and **Major In Art USA** (Shesa Delight), 4yo by **Advance Attack NZ** (Air Marshal) and 5yo by **Foreclosure NZ** (Twoheartonediamond).



A good month for dual winners, with 10 including Westborn Frankensteinsbride (**Alta Christiano NZ**), Amaretto Angel (**Betting Line USA**), Miss Knowall (**Fly Like An Eagle**), Twoheartonediamond (**Foreclosure NZ**), Lucienne (**Hes Watching USA**), Official Rock (**Rock N Roll World USA**) and Her Presence (**Vincent**). Others were by Bettors Delight USA (Kinky NZ), Downbytheseaside USA (Aardiebytheseaside NZ), Majestic Son CA (Majestic Ga Ga) and Roll with Joe USA (Malakie).

Of the 9 2yo races there were 4 2yo fillies races with fillies winning just the 4 races while providing 24 of the 40 starters.

There were 6 3yo fillies races out of 25 3yo races, with fillies winning 11 3yo races (7 by Westbreds) and providing 50 (51%) of the 98 3yo starters.

In June 2025 mares won 50 of the 138 races won by their age group, which is an improvement on the June 2024 result (36 wins, 138 races). We hope the improving results encourages connections to keep more mares in the racing system. The number of mares racing was also much more stable than their male counterparts, compared to last year.

Compared to May 2025 (220) and June 2024 (215) the total number of fillies and mares racing during June 2025 (223) is a slight but encouraging increase.

Any feedback about the racing calendar for Westbreds or mares, or concerns or suggestions for improvements in other areas, is welcomed.

Fillies and mares won 14 (35%) of the 40 races run at Gloucester Park at premium meetings, another good result. Nine of the races were open races. Winners included imported fillies/mares:



- ❖ 4yo **Majestic Ga Ga (Majestic Son CA)** won two open \$21,000 Trotters, and **Xcite Me NZ (Vincent)** won a \$21,000 4YO+ Mares NR<70.
- ❖ 5yos **Penny Black NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** won the \$50,000 Group 3 Kerry Clarke, **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** won a \$31,000 NR 100-120 and a \$31,000 FFA both pref draw on sex, **Candy Apple NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** won a \$21,000 4YO+ with pref draw and **Acushla Machree NZ (Vincent)** won a \$25,000 NR 65-90 Mares
- ❖ 7yos **Heavenly Gipsy (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** won a \$27,000 NR 80 to 100 with pref draw on sex, and **Malakie (Roll Withh Joe USA)** won a \$21,000 NR<60 with pref draw on sex.

All were repeat winners from last month except 5yo Candy Apple NZ and 7yo Malakie.

The remaining 5 WA bred filly/mare winners at premium meetings, were:

- ♥ 4yo **Amaretto Angel - Betting Line USA o/o Smiling Angel (Safely Kept USA)** breeder Adda Equine Stud. Won midweek 10 days earlier then in a very open race started on the 4th line of betting from 1 with junior Toby Lynn, closely contested lead down the back and just in front at the 400m, got a

length clear at the top of the straight, withstood some late challenges near the line to win the \$21,000 4YO+ NR < 60 by a half head in 1:58.3 over the 1730m;

♥ 8yo **Blockjorg - Hes Watching USA** o/o **Toobee Three (Legacy Of Power USA)** owner breeder Clarina Racing Syndicate, won 2020 3YO Diamond Classic and Daintys Daughter Country Classic, started favourite from 1, raced out to lead over the 1730m, held that position throughout to go on to an easy win in the 4YO+ NR 50-70 by 7.1m in 1:56.4, second win on the night for Kyle Harper;

♥ 4yo **Grand Couteau - Ultimate Machete NZ** o/o **De La Tourbie (Auckland Reactor NZ)** owner breeder Oz-West Pacing. A year away from racing for trainer driver Dylan Egerton-Green. First up, started favourite from 3 after a scratching, worked hard enough to get the lead, solid last three qtrs, had the race in hand a long way from home and went on to win the \$21,000 4YO+ Mares NR < 65 by 2.8m in 1:57.6;

♥ 3yo **Iseeubaby - Wesley** o/o **Icanseeu (Lincoln Royal NZ)** owner breeder Tracey Massimini, very nice Westsired filly, Started favourite from 5 with regular driver Emily Suvaljko, charged forward to take the lead, overraced again and well clear down the back and into the straight to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies by 14.8m in 1:54.8 over the 1730m, final qtrs 28.7 and 28.4; and

♥ 4yo **Relatively Arma - Renaissance Man** o/o **Arma Fifty Five (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Montague, Currie, Farrant and Brown, driver Maddison Brown. 3rd at her previous start then started favourite from 1, settled quickly in the leaders role, still in control at the 400m, a brief concern in the straight but held up well to win the \$23,000 4YO+. NR 60-80 by 2.3m in 1:58.1.



Westbreds share of the female racing population in June 2025 was 80%, while Westbred 2yo fillies contributed 96% and 3yo fillies 86%. Overall fillies and mares provided 38% of the racing population in the month, while winning 36% of the stakes.

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