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WA APG Yearling Sale Sunday 5 March 2023...

We at WASBA really hope that 2022 was a good year, and that 2023 will be even better.

Remember that our 2023 WA Yearling Sale is on in around 7 weeks. The online guide is available on the APG website <https://www.harnessbred.com/APG/2023/PERT/CATALOGUE/> so start checking out your options.

Yearlings sold through the 2023 sale are eligible, if sustained, for \$125,000 2YO Finals and \$100,000 3YO Finals (an increase of \$50,000) for each sex, run in WA. These are the only yearlings eligible for those races.

There are sons and daughters of Group 1 winners, half sisters and brothers to Group one winners. All the top sires are represented and some incredible female lines. It isn't our practice to select particular lots that you might be interested in, but if you can't find a nice colt and a nice filly you like then you are hard to please. You can always contact one of the local trainers and ask them to check out a yearling or two on your behalf.

As part of the Yearling Sale promotion, the team at The Trots WA is running the Harness The Dream competition, involving shares in two current 2yos from last year's WA APG Sale. There are a number of events involved including a "Stable Tour and Masterclass" on Sunday 22 January. Keep an eye on The Trots WA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheTrotsWA> for Harness the Dream and other events coming up!

2022 – the season that was

- \$27.5 million - overall stakes paid - up from \$23.4 million
- \$15.2 million - more importantly, the stakes paid to Westbreds increased from \$13 million
- Bonus payments (Westbred and First Win) money declined slightly from 3.8 million to 3.5 million, principally due to the smaller 2yo crop size and lower First time winners. The increase in the Westbred Bonus starting for the 2yos of 2023 should rectify that dollar decline.
- 600 - the number of individual Westbred race winners – an increase
- 59.5% - the percentage of race wins by Westbreds – an increase from 58.2%
- The number of winning 4yo and over Westbreds increased – both mares and males

There are some good results here, but more work needs to be done across the board to promote breeding, so that we can increase the number of 2yo and 3yo starters coming through. If you have your thoughts on this, please let us know.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	2YO racing has commenced. The Heats for the 2023 2YO WA Sales Classics are on 21 February. The \$100,000 Finals are on 3 March 2023
3yo	The Heats for the 2023 2YO WA Sales Classics are on 21 February. The \$50,000 Finals are on 3 March 2023
Mares	The new \$50,000 Laurie Kennedy Fillies and Mares is on 10 February The \$30,000 Restricted Summer Feature (HWOE < \$70,000 is on 17 February



WASBA members - service fee discounts

Don't forget that you may be eligible for either WASBA member discounts or multiple mare or loyalty discounts when paying for your successful service fee.

And if you were the recipient one of the \$500 Service Fee vouchers, don't forget to use it. Valid for this season only, but if in doubt come and chat to us.

Rankings for the 2023 Fremantle Cup

The rankings for the \$300,000 Fremantle Cup certainly made it clear who is in the Cup, a week out from the event. With Diego NZ (ranked 2) winning the \$100,000 JP Stratton Cup from Gambit NZ (ranked 4) followed by Mighty Ronaldo (17), Jumpingjackmac NZ (5), Patronus Star NZ (8), Ragazzo Mach NZ (16), Perfect Major (19) and Magnificent Storm NZ (1) it was hard to see any major changes to the top 11.

HOWEVER, a few unknowns. Firstly, To Fast To Serious (10) was stuck in Sydney. Anyone who has tried to get fights from the east to Perth without a few gallopers on board knows how hard that is. AND Himself NZ, a late entry (for a fee of \$5,000) wasn't going to pay the \$5,000 if he wasn't going to get a start.

Who lost? Probably a little unlucky was Ragazzo Mach NZ, who drew 5 and 12 at his last two starts and started from 5 at the previous start and won, beating one of the Cup starters as well as one of the emergencies.

The Fremantle Cup field in barrier order with their last ranking in brackets:

Lavra Joe (3), Diego NZ (2), Mighty Ronaldo (17), Patronus Star NZ (8), Wildwest NZ (7), Prince Of Pleasure NZ (13) replaces the tragically late scratching Gambit (4), Himself NZ (-), Magnificent Storm NZ (1), Jumpingjackmac NZ (5), Second line Hampton Banner NZ (9), Vultan Tin (12), Minstrel (6), remaining emergency Vampiro NZ (14). Missing from the list is rankings 10 and 11 – To Fast To Serious and the improver of the year – Ideal Agent NZ, who unfortunately had to be withdrawn from the Fremantle Cup due to injury. Both of these horses should be available for the Pacing Cup.

And plaudits to Ray Williams for challenging the stewards in querying why a horse who drew 9 didn't perform better in this company over 2536m. Diego drew 1, Gambit drew behind him and Mighty Ronaldo drew 2. Compared with Magnificent Storm 9, Vultan Tin 7 and Hampton Banner 8 finishing in 3 of the last 5 places. Vultan Tin and Hampton Banner drew better in the Fremantle Cup but Magnificent Storm drew 8, giving him another difficult workout. Trips win races.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ the 2021 2YO Dan Patch winner **Monte Miki (Always B Miki)** 1:50.4 will stand his first US season in Ohio after sustaining a tendon tear during training in 2022 that prevented his return to the track. He won 6 of his 7 starts as a 2yo and he is already fully booked for the 2023 season. Monte Miki won the \$650,960 Metro Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park and the \$600,000 Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands.

☑ Joining **Heart Of Chewbacca (Bring On The Beach)** 1:48.4f \$409,690, **Gulf Shores (Downbytheseaside)** 1:50.3f \$653,270 and Monte Miki in the stallion ranks this year is **Doctor Butch (Art Major)** 1:48.1 \$1,655,593 who will stand in Virginia under their new incentive program. Breeders will receive \$1500 if the foal qualifies to race in 2:11, and \$1500 if the foal is born in Virginia. Very nice!. Doctor Butch won 8 from 12 starts at 2, won the Art Rooney and won over \$600,000 at 2 and 3 and raced through to 2022.

Also joining the list of first seasons stallions is contender for US 3YO Colt of the Year **Pebble Beach (Downbytheseaside)** 1:48.1 \$1,359,625.



As a 3yo, Pebble Beach won his elimination and Final of the North America Cup and Breeders Crown

Pebble Beach will stand at Diamond Creek Farm in Kentucky for a fee of \$7,500

(Pebble Beach winning the Pepsi North America Cup)

☑ 2yo colt **Stockade Seelster (State Treasurer)** 1:49.3 \$686,268 was the highest earning 2yo pacer in the US in the 2022 season just completed. He was followed by 2 fillies – **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** 1:50.2 \$675,565 and **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** 1:48.4 \$598,162 then **Confederate (Sweet Lou)** 1:49.2 \$443,700. Six of the top 10 2yo earners in the pacing division were fillies, something unheard of in Australia. Sires of two of the top 3 earners are unavailable in Australia.

☑ The top 3yo pacers on stakes earnings in the US for the 2022 season were colt **Pebble Beach (Downbytheseaside)** 1:48.1 \$1,359,625, gelding **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** 1:48.3 \$1,165,925, colt **Beach Glass (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:47.2 \$1,079,649 and colt **I Did It Myway (Captaintreacherous)** 1:48.1 \$729,745.

☑ Unfortunately when you have such a dominant horse in a season like **Bulldog Hanover (Shadow Play)**, 1:45.4 \$1,649,906 it can be a disappointment to others but credit to another stallion in **Tattoo Artist (Hes Watching)** 1:47.1 \$889,759 (lifetime earnings \$1.8 million) who still managed to put in some amazing performances to finish behind Bulldog Hanover in the US All Age list for 2022. The mare **Test Of Faith (Art Major)** 1:47 \$820,143 was next – wouldn't it be nice to see a mare third on the season stakes list in Australia. Interestingly a NZ bred – **Funatthebeach (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:49.2h \$592,978 and an Australian bred – **Leonidas (Mach Three)** 1:50.3 \$431,500 took 4th and 6th place on stakes earned.



☑ Champion New Zealand driver Dexter Dunn was the leading money-winning harness racing driver in North America for the third consecutive season. Dexter drove the winners of \$US15.1 million in 2022, almost \$US600,000 ahead of his nearest rival, Tim Tetrick. He drove 308 winners from 1,574 starts - a 20 per cent strike rate. He was also the leading driver on the Grand Circuit points table for the second time.

He landed seven Grand Circuit winners, including a remarkable four Breeders Crown finals on the one night at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Ontario. He partnered Bulldog Hanover (Shadow Play) during the “greatest speed streak in history”, which encompassed six sub 1:47-winning miles including a historic 1:45.8 triumph in the William Haughton Memorial at The Meadowlands in July. He drove four of the divisional winners of the USA Horse of the Year awards in Bulldog Hanover (Older Male Pacer), Treacherous Dragon (3YO Pacing Filly), Ecurie D (Older Male Trotter) and Bella Bellini (Older Female Trotter).

Since arriving in the US in 2018, Dexter has driven the winners of \$US53 million in North America.

☑ At the end of the 2022 US season, the top 2YO Pacing stallions on earnings were in order Captaintreacherous, Sweet Lou, Downbytheseaside and Stay Hungry, followed by Huntsville, American Ideal and Always B Miki. With a much lower crop size, Lazarus was just behind them with earnings of \$1.6 million.

The top US 3yo stallions on progeny earnings for season 2022 were in order Downbytheseaside, Captaintreacherous, Huntsville, Sweet Lou, Always B Miki, American Ideal and champion Bettors Delight.

☑ Winner of the Ohio 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year was **McSeaside (Downbytheseaside)** 1:51.2 \$296,000, while **Racing Rampage (Racing Hill)** \$228,000 was named the 2022 Ohio 2-Year-Old Pacing Colt of the Year. Racing Hill 1:48 \$1.7 million is not standing stud this year, having being put back into training as a 10yo.

☑ Winner of the Ohio 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year was **Sea Silk (Downbytheseaside)** 1:50.1 \$477,000, while **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** 1:48.3 \$1.2 million was named the 2022 Ohio 3-Year-Old Pacer of the Year. Bythemissal was the first Ohio-bred to win the Little Brown Jug in 34 years.

- ☑ Standardbred Canada released their leading stallion statistics (average earnings), with **State Treasurer** leading the 2YO's, and the great **Somebeachsomewhere** leading the 3YO's. Captaintreacherous was second on both lists,
- ☑ Dr Steven Dey III's Heritage Hill Farm has been selected as New Jersey Breeder Of The Year. From a relatively small group of mares the farm has bred the winners of over \$3.3 million in 2022, Ranking 11th overall in North America. Top performers include Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside), Niki Hill (Always B Miki), Earthwindfire (American Ideal), and Gotthegreenlight (American Ideal).
- ☑ Hanover Shoe Farms in Pennsylvania, has been voted as the 2022 Dan Patch Breeder of the Year as voted by members of USHWA, the leading organization of harness racing writers. Hanover bred three Breeders Crown winners in 2022 – two-year-olds Gaines Hanover and Sylvia Hanover, along with Bulldog Hanover. The free-for-all pacing division saw Hanover-breds occupy six spots in a consensus top dozen - Abuckabett Hanover, Allywag Hanover, Bulldog Hanover, Linedrive Hanover, Rockyroad Hanover, and Ruthless Hanover
- ☑ BJ's Squall (Artsplace – Lady Ashlee Ann) was named 2022 Dan Patch pacing Broodmare of the Year. BJ's Squall was purchased by Hanover in 2002, and the mare, now a 25yo, hit the jackpot when mated with Shadow Play to produce her 14th foal in 2018 as a 20yo - Bulldog Hanover. BJs Squall is a half sister to Betterthancheddar 1:48 \$1,634,314 and the 15th foal Courtly Choice 1:47.1 \$1,345,754. Obviously age and foals are not a barrier to this maternal line producing champions
- ☑. Five year old entire **Hellabalou (Sweet Lou)** 1:50.1 \$532,000 won his 4th in a row in an Open Handicap Pace at Hollywood Casino at The Meadows. Running second in the distinguished field was WA bred Patrikthepiranha.
- ☑ **Let It Ride NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven, Brett Miller)** opened his 10-year-old season with a 1:50.4 lead all the way win in a \$30,000 Open Pace in Ohio. Let It Ride won 13 times in 2022 and banked \$256,576. He now sports 41 wins with \$733,068. He raced in Australia from 2017 to 2020 before being exported to the US in 2020. His biggest Australian race win was in the 2018 Blacks A Fake, and he was second in the 2017 Chariots of Fire.
- ☑ The US owned NZ bred entire **Duke Of Cornwall (Sweet Lou)** was an impressive winner second up in 1:50.1, to get the bank roll going in his US campaign. He now has two wins.
- ☑ The 2023 harness racing season will start at the Yonkers Raceway Hilltop Oval on January 16. The meet will feature a new condition sheet, great purses, five days of racing per week over 240 days, a 1-million-dollar international event, a new Jumbotron tote board, AND a slanted starting gate. For those who don't know, Yonkers is a half mile track.



- ☑ Australian winners in the US/ Canada –Intheskyrocket (American Ideal) 1:54.4, Slick Artist (Art Major) 1:53.8.

And elsewhere...

- ☑ TAB Eureka Slot Holder Tas racing has announced that their slot will be filled by a Taswegian – either bred or 100% owned in Tasmania, and trained by a Tasmanian trainer. Great to see Tasmania supporting their own!
- ☑ **Copy That NZ (American Ideal USA)** and **Old Town Road NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** – will be flown to Australia to tackle both the Ballarat Cup and the Hunter Cup two weeks later. Copy That, winner of the past two NZ Cups, will have just the two Victorian runs then return home to prepare for The Race by Grins (at Cambridge).
- ☑ A very eventful Bendigo Cup, with eventual winner **Major Meister (Art Major)** running into the back of driver Michael Stanley who was attempting to retire Rock N Roll Doo from the race...

☑ Leading harness racing trainer Emma Stewart is considering moving to the US with a select team of horses. Emma trained 808 starters across the country in 2022 for 304 winners and nearly \$6million in prizemoney. However, the workload is immense and the Grand Circuit has been elusive, with a shift in training from juveniles a possibility, or a trip overseas.

☑ Ladbrokes has secured **Magnificent Storm NZ (American Ideal USA)** for its slot in the inaugural \$1 million The Nullarbor at Gloucester Park on 14 April.

☑ 2yo filly **Joyful (Always B Miki)**, 3yo filly **Amore Vita (Art Major USA)**, 4yo mare **Dougs Babe (Western Terror USA)**, 2yo **The Lost Storm (Captaintreacherous USA)**, 3yo **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)** and 4yo **Captain Bellasario (Captaintreacherous USA)** were the respective winners of the Vicbred Finals.

☑ The Emma Stewart trained **Captain Ravishing (Captaintreacherous USA)** is back in work aiming for the major east coast event like the Chariots of Fire and perhaps the Miracle Mile.

☑ Anthony Butt has picked up the drive on **Rock N Roll Doo (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** in the Group 1 Ballarat Cup and probably the Group 1 Hunter Cup on February 4, after regular driver Michael Stanley suffered two broken vertebrae in the Bendigo Cup mishap. Stanley is likely to be out of action for 6 weeks.

☑ **Rock N Roll Doo (Rock N Roll Heaven)** has been selected by the Slot Holder Aussie Lads to be their starter in the \$1 million The Race by Grins on 14 April at Cambridge New Zealand.

Another promising 2yo is the NZ bred **Blazing Home (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, with 7 starts for 7 wins and a BMR of 1:51.9 over 1720m. His sire is undergoing a resurgence with class juvenile and older horses across Australia and New Zealand.

What do you do?

Not all great race mares make great broodmares but its well and truly time that these mares were honoured and cared for just like their gelded counterparts. What brought this on?

Diamond Creek Farm announced that harness racing world champion **She's A Great Lady (Dexter Nukes)** has passed away at the age of 31.

Shes A Great Lady was born in 1992 and became a world champion. She set a world record at Delaware twice. Her world record spanned more than a decade. Earning just shy of \$1 million (in the early 90s) and taking a mark of 1:50.4, she raced from 2 through 5. She was the Dan Patch 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year and the 1996 Dan Patch and O'Brien Pacing Mare of the Year.

Her broodmare career spanned 12 years, but although her first foal Lady MacBeach (2YO Pacing Filly of the Year) won over \$800,000, her other foals were not as successful. After her final foaling in 2012, Shes A Great Lady was retired to the group of Golden Girls at Diamond Creek Farm, where she remained happily until her death. She left behind best friend Armbro Nest, 31, with whom she has spent the last 16+ years at Diamond Creek.



When a horse like Im Themightyquinn or Chicago Bull or David Hercules or My Hard Copy retires, everyone rightly expects them to be looked after for life after their deeds on the track. Why should it be any different for a race mare or broodmare who has rewarded past or present owners with status, progeny or money?

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Represented by very small crops, First crop sires Control The Moment USA and Foreclosure NZ finished 3rd and 4th on the all Australian first crop sire list, and Control The Moment finished first based on average earnings per starter. WA based Shoobees Place and Fly Like An Eagle were both in the all Australian top 20 2YO sires list on progeny earnings. Great effort.
- ♣ Sad to see Mares Classic winner Miss Limelight heading for the US and lost to our breeding.
- ♣ Commiserations to the connections of Gambit NZ, who tragically died from colic.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – December 2022

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 it's a 3yo filly. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **December 2022**, Kevin and G Strahan, Gary and V McRae, as the owner breeders of **Elli Mirando (Hes Watching USA** out of Shezagoodtimegirl by **Jeremes Jet USA**). Elli Mirando raced once as a 2yo then won first up in January 2022 as a 3yo with a new trainer. After another couple of letups and a new trainer she hit form in November for a win at Pinjarra. A few unplaced runs before stepping out mid week at Gloucester Park to lead all the way and win in a speedy 1:56.7 after better than even time quarters throughout.

Elli Mirando is the second foal from Shezagoodtimegirl, who was a yearling sale purchase by her current owners and trained by Kevin Strahan for her 14 starts. Shezagoodtimegirl is a half sister to 9 winners including **Nomore Forusir (Armbro Operative USA)** 1:57.8 26 wins \$198,663 and **Go Some More (Badlands Hanover USA)** 12 wins \$93,767. This is the maternal line of Morris Queen and her non winning daughters Boom Boom Baby (Pure Steel) and Dripping Diamonds (Maple Lanes Strike USA). From these two mares we have dual Empress Stakes winner **Golden Goddess (Golden Greek USA)** 1:56.9 \$258,906, Fremantle Cup winner **Golden Gears (Golden Greek USA)** 1:56.9 \$336,466, WASBA Breeders Stakes winner **Red Hot Date (Village Jasper USA)** 1:56.5 \$99,730, Easter Cup and Ladyship Cup winner **Party Date (Panorama USA)** 1:56 \$256,003, **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:53.5 \$351,417, Group 1 winner **Rocknroll Whitby (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:55.6 \$256,441, **Rockin The Boys (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:50.2 \$284,279 and current runners **Flametree (Huntsville USA)** and **Catch The Red Eye (Fly Like An Eagle)**

Elli Mirando with Mitch Miller on board



Congratulations Elli Mirando and her connections.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES DECEMBER 2022

There were 36 Westsired winners of 40 races in December, representing 13 sires. **Follow The Stars** was well in front with 12 winners of 12 races.

For the 12 month period, the leading WA based sires (Westsired progeny) on stakes earned were the following:

	Sire	Winners	Wins	Stakes
1.	Follow The Stars	52	108	\$1,043,440
2.	Fly Like An Eagle	39	81	\$917,109
3.	Renaissance Man	16	37	\$503,890
4.	Alta Christiano NZ	16	35	\$440,280

Mister Montblanc (Fly Like An Eagle) – a Gloucester Park double - and Strauny (Indomitable Saab) – wins at Pinjarra and Gloucester Park - were dual winners, with Bronzed (Indomitable Saab) winning 3 races. Great effort from Indomitable Saab with such small crop sizes.

The 6 First Time winners included:

- 2yo **Torrevean Pinky** (Follow The Stars);
- 3yo **Alta Montel** (Alta Christiano NZ);
- 4yos **Caribbean Chimes** (Via Gears), **Rose To Fame** (Sweet Fame) and **Tis Only A Name** (Franco Jamar) and
- 5yo **Another Chook** (Artesian).

Westbred progeny received \$159,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses for December 2022, about \$50,000 more than the previous month.

For the 2022 season, Westbred progeny received \$1.6 million in Westbred and First Win Bonuses compared to \$1.8 million in 2021. The lower result is partly the result of the much lower number of 2yos, 2yo races and 2yo winners (from the much smaller crop), and the lower number of aged winners. The first runners from Rock N Roll World will appear in 2023, and along with the increase in bonus payments for this crop it will more than likely result in an increase to the overall Bonus payments

In December 2022 there were 4 Westbred winners at premium metropolitan meetings, including one filly. The remaining 3 winners were:

- ♣ 2yo **Bronzed - Indomitable Saab** o/o **Zonya (Live Or Die USA)**, owner breeder Sue Williams. Showing a lot of promise with 2 wins and 4 places before a midweek win early December. Next up started favourite from 4, quickly to the lead, well clear most of the way, a length clear at the 400m, switching the tail down the straight but a good win in the \$20,250 2YO Open by 4.8m in 1:58.2, last half 59.2;
- ♣ 3yo colt **Seven No Trumps – Advance Attack NZ** o/o **Eastern Jet (Jeremes Jet USA)**, breeder Eilleen Roberts, M Lynch, J Schurmann. Out of luck 3yo starting at 21/1 from 4, caught wide early in a fast lead before getting to the breeze with just under than 2 laps to go, looked in trouble at the 400m but rebounded to be challenging for the lead coming into the straight, hard fought battle down the straight but overcame the leader to win the \$9,000 3YO and over Pace by a neck in 1:59.2, last half 58.4
- ♣ 2yo colt **Skylord - Fly Like An Eagle** o/o **Southern Legacy (Northern Luck USA)**, breeders Ray Grantham, T Schmedje, nice colt finishing off the year in excellent fashion. Started a very short favourite from 3, steady out before going to the front at the top of the straight the first time, well rated throughout by trainer driver Jocelyn Young, some challengers down the back but holding them at bay and went on to a good win after a speedy last 400m to win the \$20,250 2YO Pace by 4.4m in 2:02.0, last qtrs 30 and 27.1, giving 7 starts for 3 wins, 3 places, \$73,000 in stakes and \$28,000 in Bonuses.



Keeping it in the family - Skylord and trainer driver Jocelyn Young

WESTBRED WINNERS – DECEMBER 2022

Westbreds won 111 (59.4%) of the 187 races run in December 2022. This is marginally down on the results for December 2021 (116 wins, 60.7%), but it is still the second highest December result in recent times.

59.4% of wins
\$1.2 million in stakes
\$339,000 in Bonuses

The best performing stallion standing outside WA from a Westbred perspective was **Betterthancheddar USA** – for the third month in a row - with 10 winners of 10 races. Forty eight different sires were represented overall.



For the 12 month period the top 6 stallions (Westbred or Westbred progeny) were:

	Sire	Winners	Wins	Stakes
1.	Follow The Stars	52	108	\$1,043,440
2.	Alta Christiano NZ	35	72	\$1,007,696
3.	Fly Like An Eagle	40	83	\$ 933,931

4. American Ideal USA	24	57	\$ 710,739
5. Sweet Lou USA	12	30	\$ 694,007
6. Art Major USA	18	38	\$ 633,998

Other stallions with Westbred progeny earnings over \$400,000 were Mach Three CA, Always B Miki USA, Renaissance Man, Sportswriter USA, Rock N Roll Heaven USA and Betterthancheddar USA.

There were 12 multiple winners for December 2022 including Westsired progeny. Excluding the 3 Westsired progeny mentioned previously, they were **Cab Sav** (American Ideal USA), **Little Darling** (Art Major USA), **Tiger By The Tail** (Betters Delight USA), **Orlando Blue** (Heston Blue Chip USA), **Wait For The Bell** (Hurrikane Kingcole USA), **Strike Team** (Mach Three CA), **Tubbs Farquhar** (Mach Three CA) **Euphoric Moment** (Mr Feelgood USA), and **Showpony** (Sweet Lou USA).

In a nice pick-me-up for the end of the year there were 17 First Time Bonus winners in December 2022. Excluding the 6 Westsired they were:

- 2yos **The Real Mikoy** (Always B Miki USA), **Insta Gator** (Huntsville USA) and **Our Sandy Shore** (Sunshine Beach USA);
- 3yos **Dazzling Jewel** (Art Major USA), **Carla Mila** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Capitol Dawn** and **Yani Yani** (Sunshine Beach USA) and **Jack Mannix** (Village Jolt USA); and
- 6yo **Last Mini Minor** and 4yo **Sweet Suzi** (Auckland Reactor NZ) and 4yo **Goldngalaxy** (The Gold Ace NZ).

Total Bonus payments in December 2022 were \$339,000, \$4,000 up on December last year so a nice turnaround at the end of the year for Bonus money.

Breaking up Bonus payments by age for the 12 month period – 2YOs received \$1.1 million, 3yos received \$1.7 million, and the older horses received just under \$670,000.

Westbreds won 25 races at Community level, 72 at the \$9,000 level, one \$11,000 Cup race at Albany, and 13 standard metro races. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.2 million.

Two year old starters (48) was marginally down on November (49) but substantially down on December last year (89). This is not unexpected given the major 2yo races have just finished and many of the 2yos are off for a well earned break. However, it is still opportune to gain bonus money for your 2yo at this time, so a change to his program to accommodate the end of season opportunities (remembering that this leads directly into 3yo opportunities in January and February) should be noted. There were 13 2yo races (4 for maidens) – all won by Westbreds. Westbred 2yos contributed 88% of 2yo starters.

The number of 3yo starters in December 2022 (134) declined compared to November 2022 (141) for similar reasons to the 2yos. However, this is still a great time to try for a Bonus. There were 24 races (5 maidens) provided, with Westbreds winning 22 of the 3yo races.

Westbred 3yos also won 12 of the 19 3yo and over races won by 3yos. Westbreds 3yos provided 85% of individual 3yo starters and are the future of WA harness racing.

There was a very solid increase in the number of 4yo and over Westbred starters in December 2022, compared to both the previous month and December 2021. There were 13 races provided specifically for this age group, and for the 12 month period there were 171 races run compared to 183 races in 2021 - we would like to see as many races as possible for this group of horses, across all tracks.

Maiden races, which are so helpful to those trying to get that first win, have not always stood up. This is a puzzling aspect – we would certainly like to understand why a maiden race would not receive sufficient nominations when we know there are plenty of horses. We certainly want to see more 3yo maiden races and maiden races for mares. If these are being programmed at the wrong tracks or there is some other reason why some of these races are not attractive *please let us know so that we can come up with a solution.*

The majority of Westbred winners older than 3 were 4yos (37), 5yos (14) and 6yos (9). The oldest winner was 8yo Heza Beauty, who brought up his second win for the season!.

WA bred horses won 16 of the 51 races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings in December. Five of the wins were by fillies/mares, another 3 were Westsired winners and the remaining 6 winners of 8 races were:

◆ 4yo **Aussie Scooter – Mach Three CA o/o Jasmin Amal (Sportswriter USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson. a big won in the \$30,000 Don Randall Memorial at Pinjarra in October and 3 places from 4 starts since. Then started favourite from 2, stepped away safely from the stand to quickly settle one out one back, no change going into the back and bided his time before moving forward 3 wide at the 400m, still 3 wide but 2nd on the home bend, raced up at the 100m to grab the lead and go on to win the 2503m \$20,250 stand by 1.6m in 2:01.7, last qtrs 28.8 and a speedy 27.8;



◆ 9yo **Eldaytona – Somebeachsomewhere USA o/o Hearty Franco (Artsplace USA)** breeder part owner Kevin Charles. A very competitive gelding. Started a short priced favourite from 2, very keen at the start and no trouble going straight to the front, scooted away down the back and raced away to the turn, not at risk down the straight and won the \$20,375 Pace by an easing 2.1m in 1:56.6, last qtrs 27.7 and 28.8 to bring up his \$100,000 for the season. Could have been higher ranked for the Cups;

◆ 6yo **Euphoric Moment – Mr Feelgood o/o Barleys Hope (Kinney Hanover USA)**, owner breeders Scott and C Glover, nice win at Albany following a run of outs. Then two weeks later started from 6 at the yoo hoo odds of 71/1, drifted back close to last before settling one out 3 back, first to move 3 wide with 1000 to go, outside the leader at the 400m, poked his head through to hit the lead at the 100m, held off an outside challenge to win the \$9,000 \$L5 Pace by a head in 1:57.2, last qtrs. 28.9 and 28.8;

◆ 4yo **Orlando Blue – Heston Blue Chip USA o/o Harriet Elizabeth (Modern Art USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson. Half brother to WA Derby winner Tricky Miki. Resumed in December after a let up, second run back started 2nd favourite from 2 over the stayers 2536m journey, briefly looked for the lead but not going to happen and settled briefly for the breeze before getting a sit after a lap, still one by one and between horses with 400 to go, and between horses, got an opening coming off the back and 3rd but 3 wide at the top of the straight, just got past the very resolute leader on the line and won the \$20,375 Pace by a half head in 1:58.9, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.3. A week later switched to the stand, starting from



the 10m. Brilliantly away and hit the front after half a lap. Never seriously under threat with Gary Jnr driving and went on to win the \$20,250 2536m Stand by 2.4m in 2:01.9, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.1;



◆ 4yo **Rockstar Rebel (Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Penny Wonda (Art Major USA)**, owner breeder Sean Barrett, at last some luck. Won over the sprint journey in November, then a fortnight later started at 20/1 from 5, quick out to be in the lead after half a lap. A length clear and going well into the back, in control off the back, skipped away at the top of the straight to win the 1730m \$20,250 Pace by 3.3m in 1:55.2, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.7. Likes the short ones. \$46,000 this season; and



◆ 4yo **Strike Team – Mach Three CA o/o Topless Beach Girl (Art Major USA)**, breeder owners Mike and Sharon Howie, Estate Ian Howie. A long break since March and won first up in December in the \$9000 Pace after starting favourite from 1 and leading from go to whoa. A week later started at 8/1 from inside the back row over the 1730m sprint, settled 3 along the pegs, moved one wide off the back then 4 wide into the straight, finished brilliantly to win the \$20,250 Pace by 4m in 1:54.1, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.9 after a 27.8 1st qtr.

For December 2022 Westbreds provided 66.9% of individual starters, 59.4% of race wins for 52.2% of stakes. Translated to the 12 month season, these figures are 67.8%, 59.5% and 55.5% respectively. If we pick up one of the premier cups those figures improve even more!

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (December 2022)

Fillies and mares won 57 (30.5%) of the 187 races run in December 2022, marginally down compared to December 2021 (59) from slightly more races run. The number of wins for the season (665) was 1 win less than for 2021 and the season average was 30.6%, which is slightly disappointing compared to the 31.1% achieved in 2021. We are targeting a figure equivalent to the national average of around 32% to ensure owners of fillies and mares can be confident that the racing program for fillies and mares will be of value to them.

There were 26 fillies/mares races provided in December 2022, a reduction of 4 compared to the previous year. Those extra 4 races – and 4 wins – would have provided a very positive picture. The remaining 31 wins (16.6%) were in open races. The wins included 10 (9 Westbred) at Community level, 36 (26 Westbred) wins in \$9,000 level races, 9 (5 Westbred) in standard metropolitan or FFA level and two at Group level. Westbred fillies and mares won 70% of the races won by fillies and mares and 65% of their stakes.

There were 49 individual filly or mare winners, from 26 sires, with **Bettors Delight USA** (5 winners of 8 races) just ahead of **Betterthanneddar USA** and **Follow The Stars**, both with 6 winners of 6 races.

For the 2022 season, there were 306 individual filly/mare winners from 71 sires. Including all fillies and mares, Bettors Delight USA, Mach Three CA and American Ideal USA were the leading sires, not surprising given the number of imported mares from these sires. For Westbred fillies and mares, the leading sires were:

	Sire	Winners	Wins	Stakes
1.	Fly Like An Eagle	18	36	\$ 503,712
2.	Follow The Stars	18	41	\$ 428,669
3.	American Ideal USA	9	26	\$ 396,582
4.	Alta Christiano NZ	18	34	\$ 368,915
5.	Sweet Lou USA	6	16	\$ 310,856

During December there were 6 multiple winners, including WA bred **Cabsav** (American Ideal USA) - a midweek and metro GP win - and **Little Darling** (Art Major USA) – a metro GP double.

There were 9 first time winning fillies and mares in December 2022 – 2yos Torrevean Pinky (Follow The Stars) and Our Sandy Shore (Sunshine Beach USA), 3yos Dazzling Jewel (Art Major USA), Carla Mila (Betterthanneddar USA), Capitol Dawn and Yani Yani (Sunshine Beach USA) and 4yo mares Sweet Suzi (Auckland Reactor NZ), Rose To Fame (Sweet Fame USA) and Caribbean Times (Via Gears). Great to finish the season with a Bonus!

In December (excluding “Fillies Preferred” races), there were 5 races for 2yo fillies and 4 for 3yo fillies. Another 15 races were provided for 3yo+ fillies and mares, and an additional 2 races for mares only. Fillies won 5 (all Westbred) of the 13 2yo races and 14 (13 Westbred) of the 24 3yo races, along with 6 3YO and over races.

Amongst the 32 wins by mares there were 20 wins by 4yos, 9 by 5yos and 3 by 6yos. The majority (72%) of the wins were at the \$9,000 level and above, including 5 at metropolitan or Group level.

There were 11 wins by fillies and mares (21.6%) at the prime Gloucester Park meetings. We are really aiming for at least one more winner per meeting.

City winners included 3yo filly **Cyclone Charlotte NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** who did one better than last month's effort in winning a \$20,250 3YO Open, 4yo mare **Three Rumours NZ (Mach Three CA)** won a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares and the \$30,000 The Coulson Fillies and Mares, 5yo mare **Eighteen Carat NZ (Mach Three CA)** took out another feature with a win in the \$50,000 Christmas Belles and Bettor Get It On NZ won two \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFAs.

Congratulations to all fillies and mares who won in December. The WA bred metro or feature race winners were:



3yo **Beyond The Sea – Sunshine Beach USA o/o Robyns CC NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**, breeder owners Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Resumed in December after a win at Northam at her previous start in July. Two unplaced runs then started from 6 at 23/1, dropped straight back to last on the inside from the barrier before opting to move to last in the moving line. Followed two 3 wide moves into the back but still with most of the field to cover at the 400m, started to make an impression coming off the back but 4 wide, 4 wide into the straight but close, burst on the scene down the straight and went on to win the \$20,250 3YO Fillies Pace by 2.8m in 1:57.3, last qtrs 29.1 and 28.5;

- ♥ 2yo **Cabsav – American Ideal USA o/o Lughnasadh NZ (Artsplace USA)**, breeder KTC Bloodstock, must be well respected to start at 4/1 from barrier 8. Six places from 7 previous starts then from 8 burst out of the barrier to be leader into the back the first time, kept the pace solid throughout, moved away at the top of the straight and although a smaller margin in the end, went on to a comfortable win in the 1730m 2YO Fillies Pace by 3.1m in 1:56.0,
- ♥ 2yo **Fly To Fame - Follow The Stars o/o Chevrons Champion NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner breeder Bob Fowler. A metropolitan win in November before starting favourite a fortnight later from 6, settled one out two back, latched onto the back of a 3 wide move at the 600m, pushed wide near the 400m and giving the new leader a start, now motoring to be 3rd into the home straight, nabbed the leader at the 50m and went on to impressively win the \$20,250 Fillies Pace by 2m in 2:00.2; and
- ♥ 3yo **Little Darling – Art Major o/o Fay Darling NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, owner/breeders Barry, Lynley and Jimmie Howlett and Geographe Tree Services Pty Ltd Very consistent filly who rarely misses a place. Surprisingly started favourite from 7, driven forward to get position but 3 wide early before settling in the breeze after a speedy 36.2 lead, made her move in the back straight to be a nose in front at the 400m, raced clear at the top of the straight and bolted in to win the \$20,250 3YO Fillies Pace by 10.8m in 1:57.8, last qtrs 28.2 and 29.6. A fortnight later, started favourite from outside the backline over the 1730m sprint journey. A great start, pressed forward to the breeze after half a lap, gradually moved forward to be a head off the lead at the 400m, a half length clear into the straight and moved further away down the straight to win the \$20,250 Pace by 6m in an impressive 1:55, last half 57.8.



Just checking – Chris Lewis on Little Darling

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in December 2022 was \$715,160, about \$40,000 higher than December 2021. We of course would like every month to be a little higher so that fillies and mares earn in proportion to their representation in the racing system. For December, fillies and mares collected \$167,000 (double the previous month) in Westbred and First Win Bonuses, a very handy add-on for WA bred progeny.

For the 2022 season fillies and mares earned \$8.3 million in stakes and \$1.5 million in Bonuses, compared to \$9 million overall in 2021, an increase of around \$800,000. Over the 3 year period 2020 to 2022 79 fillies/mares have earned more than \$14,000 in bonuses, with the highest earners being Westsired fillies Wonderful To Fly and Black Jack Baby

WA mares contributed 70% of the racing mares, with Westbred 2yo fillies comprising 84% and Westbred 3yo fillies comprising 87% of fillies racing. All up, 192 Westbred fillies and mares raced in December 2022.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **25 January 2023**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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