



NEWSLETTER

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WA APG Yearling Sale Sunday 5 March 2023...

Remember that our 2023 WA Yearling Sale is on in around 3 weeks!. Catalogues have been sent or are waiting to be picked up at major clubs and from vendors. The online guide is available on the APG website <https://www.harnessbred.com/APG/2023/PERT/CATALOGUE/>. You can also obtain listing of the lots, by lot number as well as sire and dam and links to the catalogue pages, using this link [list of lots](#).

Only 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.

The catalogue includes something for everyone, with ALL the top sires represented. There are also some exceptional female lines that have proved to be very successful, along with sons and daughters of Group 1 winners and half sisters and brothers to Group one winners. There is over \$1 million in feature races for 2yos and 3yos each year along with standard races AND Westbred and First Win Bonuses! 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, KTC Bloodstock will have their annual Yearling Parade at their Hopeland property on Sunday 26 February. And keep an eye on The Trots WA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheTrotsWA> for events coming up!

APG /WASBA Sales Classic Awards Night 3 March...

Yes its on again and it promises to be a great night with upgraded food packages for WASBA and APG guests! So if you are planning on buying a yearling at the 2023 WA APG Sale, send us a line at info@wasba.com.au or call 0447 053 040 and we will add you to the guest list (as long as we still have spots available!).

Our Award winners and Sales Vendors will also be attending so you can "suss" them out about their Yearlings.

Award winners for the 2YO, 3YO male and filly of the year, aged horse/gelding and mare of the year, breeder of the year, broodmare of the year and all our 12 breeder of the month winners are automatic invites. If you haven't got your invitation in the next few days, give us a call or text 0447 053 040.

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 \$30,000 Restricted Summer Feature (HWOE < \$70,000 is on 17 February



2023 – the season that is

We have a million dollar race coming up in April with mostly WA raced starters – although multiple Group 1 and Miracle Mile winner **Spirit Of St Louis NZ (Sweet Lou USA)** has been "acquired" for the race!

We have another exciting batch of 2yos coming through, and let's see how last year's 2yos stack up as 3yos! And last season's 3yos are now officially a year older – and stronger - and better!.

AND the Westbred Bonus has increased for the 2yos racing in 2023, as well as a first (lifetime) start for WA bred horses of \$500. So no matter where you race, your first start will yield a minimum of \$650.

WASBA member breeding vouchers

If you won a voucher for breeding in the 2022/23 season, don't forget to forward a copy of your invoice to info@wasba.com.au. The vouchers are valid for this season only, but if in doubt come and chat to us.

The \$300,00 Fremantle Cup and \$15,000 Busselton Cup

What an exciting race, and proving that our WA bred horses are as good as any. Golden Slipper, WA Derby and now Fremantle Cup winner **Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano NZ)** is now a Grand Circuit winner, with the \$300,000 Fremantle Cup rightly added to the events on that list.

Mighty Ronaldo has made a "clean sweep" of the feature races, winning an open Group 1 in the 2yo, 3yo and aged categories. Mighty Ronaldo was bred by Trevor Lindsay and sold for \$22,000 at the 2019 APG Perth sale.

Mighty Ronaldo is one of 3 foals of racing age from his dam **Millwood's Delight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:57 \$49,648, a dual Gloucester Park She is a half sister to Raptorial NZ (Falcon Seelster USA) 1:52.1 \$316,088 and 4 other winners and is part of the prolific **Black Watch** family. Their dam Gliding By NZ 1:57.4 \$48,093 is a full sister to champion **Pacific Flight NZ (Vance Hanover USA)** 1:51.1 \$562,345 whose granddaughter **Chicago Blues NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** is the dam of **Chicago Bull NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:51.6 \$2,417,890. **Rocknroll Lincoln NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** 1:54.0 \$507,588 and **Alta Christiano (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:54.2 \$309,163 are also members of the Black Watch family. Mighty Ronaldo has Black Watch on both sides of his pedigree.

And at the other end of the spectrum, the \$15,000 Busselton Cup was also super exciting with a very large crowd on course to watch the event. Drawing widest on the front in 4, Hi Tommy zoomed to the front with Hayden Hancock on board and held off a spirited challenge at the end to win the Cup by a head, the second win for the Woodworth family in 3 years. It was the 5th win from 7 starts with his new owner trainer Jason Woodworth who purchased Hi Tommy recently for \$2,000.

Hi Tommy's dam Malady is the non winning full sister to Group 1 winner **Lets Thank Heaven (Presidential Ball USA)** 1:52.8 \$324,930. This is the maternal line of **Arania**, a huge family with strong links to WA. Horses from this family that have raced in WA include **Valedictorian (Art Major USA)** 1:55.5 \$132,647, **Famous Alchemist (Mach Three CA)** 1:53.0 \$322,869, **Aliveandwell (Live Or Die USA)** 1:50.4 \$467,815, **Space Junk (Dawn Ofa New Day USA)** 1:56.5 \$144,273 and his half brother **Withoutthetuh (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:56 \$133,666, and numerous others.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ Champion and even freaky stallion **Bulldog Hanover (Shadow Play)** has been announced as the 2022 O'Brien Horse of the Year winner, taking out the Older Pacing Horse award, as well as being the winner of the equally prestigious Cam Fella award. Bulldog Hanover boasts an impressive resume from 2022 (which included his first season at stud) of 14 wins from 16 starts and more than \$1.8 million in earnings. His victories included the William Haughton Memorial (world record 1:45.4), Dan Patch, Hoosier Pacing Derby, Dayton Pacing Derby, Canadian Pacing Derby, the Breeders Crown and the TVG Open Pace, just to name a few. Bulldog Hanover has been retired from racing and will stand his second year at stud at Seelster Farms in Ontario, for partners including Diamond Creek Farms. The dam of Bulldog Hanover is a half sister to **Betterthancheddar**, who had a great resurgence in Western Australia in 2022



☑ The O'Brien awards are the Canadian annual awards for harness racing. Other than Bulldog Hanover, winners included 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)**, 8 wins - including the Breeders

Crown - from 9 starts for \$903,300; 2YO Pacing Colt **Stockade Seelster (State Treasurer)** 8 (including the Metro Pace) from 11 and \$917,470; 3YO Pacing Filly **Silver Label (Bettors Delight)** with earnings of \$498,138 and going one better than in 2021; 3YO Pacing Colt **Pebble Beach (Downbytheseaside)**, the leading money winning horse in Canada with \$1.038 million earned in Canada including the the \$1 million Pepsi North America Cup and the Breeders Crown final; and **So Much More (Big Jim)** collected her 2nd O'Brien trophy in the Older Pacing Mare division, winning 16 times from 34 starts and earning \$427,707. She also passed the \$1 million lifetime earnings and achieved her 50th lifetime win.

Of note is that all winners were by different sires, and **Pebble Beach** joins the stallion ranks in 2023.

☑ **Beach Glass (Somebeachsomewhere)** p,3,1:47.2 \$1,110,544 will race on in 2023 as a 4yo, before being retired to stud. Beach Glass is from the last crop of the legendary Somebeachsomewhere and the first foal of his dam **Im With Her (Bettor's Delight)**, who is a daughter of Hall Of Fame broodmare Hattie. Hattie is the dam of Meadowlands Pace Winner Holborn Hanover 1:46.4 \$2,164,802, Hyperion Hanover 1:49.1 \$1,274,713 and Hillbilly Hanover 1:49.3 \$983,677. Beach Glass's 3yo year was interrupted by surgery but he still managed to be one of the best horses racing. His lifetime best was set winning the Meadowlands Pace.

☑ In somewhat of a surprise, an appeal heard in New Jersey has reinstated **Charlie May (McArdle)** as the winner of the 2021 Meadowlands Pace. Charlie May was disqualified for alleged interference with another horse and moved to last place. The decision to disqualify Charlie May was judged to be "*arbitrary, capricious and unjust, and violated petitioner's fundamental due process rights, and the rights of the wagering public...*". The disqualification prevented owner Donald Tiger from entering Charlie May in the 2021 Little Brown Jug in Delaware, Ohio. The Racing Commission has 45 days to make a final determination and can reject the Appeal Judge's finding. A point of irony, the race was awarded to a horse named Lawless Order. Stay tuned.

☑ **Divine Art (Outrageous Art)** is on a winning streak of 17 in a row - 12 in her home country Canada before being sold and moving to the US to continue her career where she now has 5 from 5. Divine Art is from the first crop of Alberta (Canada) based stallion **Outrageous Art (Artsplace)** 1:49.2 who retired from racing in 2018 with a record of 51 wins 37 places-and earnings of \$638,868. He won in each of 8 seasons of racing. His current stud fee is CA\$1,250. There are gems out there – you just have to find them.



Divine Art on her way to 16 straight wins with her previous owner trainer driver

☑ WA bred mare Slick Artist (Art Major) recently won at The Meadows, taking her career tally to \$344,353, with a lifetime best 1:52. And WA raced Newsy (Bettors Delight) was also a winner.

☑ The Little Brown Jug at Delaware this year could reach the \$1 million in stakes. The sustaining payment (\$750) is due mid February. The Delaware Grand Circuit, which includes the Jugette (\$500), Old Oaken Bucket (\$500) and Buckette (\$400) is run over 5 consecutive days in September.

☑ Australian champion and millionaire pacer **Lochinvar Art (Modern Art)** was an impressive winner on his much anticipated debut at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. Driven by Lauren Tritton, Lochinvar Art won by a neck in 1:50.1. The 8yo stallion is being aimed for the MGM Borgata Series at Yonkers, starting 20 March.

☑ The USTA has voted to amend its rule on Artificial Insemination. In a special meeting the rule was amended (by a vote of 38 to 5), effective immediately, to allow frozen semen to be used in the breeding season, or year, immediately following castration or death of the stallion. This is in line with Europe and Australia.

☠ Champion trotting stallion **Cantab Hall** was humanely euthanized at the early age of 22 as a result of arthritic disabilities. Apart from being a champion on the racetrack, he has left exceptional progeny to carry on his bloodline including Father Patrick and Uncle Peter. He is also the broodmare sire of world champions Atlanta, Mancho, Ariana G, Southwind Frank to name just a few.

☑ Champions **Hannelore Hanover** (mare), **McWicked** (racehorse) and **Yankee Glide** (stallion) have been selected for induction in their categories into the Harness Racing Living Horse Hall of Fame. There are strict criteria for eligibility. The complete list of inductees, for those interested in reading about champions, is [here](#). The site also has information on the immortals who make up much of the breeding history of standardbreds.

☑ Amongst the many recent Australasian winners in the US/Canada were Western Australian winners **Alta Engen** (Alta Christiano) 1:54.6, **Intheskyrocket** (American Ideal) 1:53.6, **Lord Willoughby** (Mach Three) 1:56.4, **Mister Spot** (Village Jolt) 1:49.6, **Soho Chelsea** (Mach Three) 1:53.8.

And elsewhere....

☑ Queensland has introduced a new \$100,000 race, the Hayden (named after Australian international cricketer great Matthew Hayden), exclusively for 3yo and 4yo QBRED horses over 2138m at Albion Park on July 15. The winner of the race will represent Racing Queensland in the TAB Eureka. Queensland joins Slot Holder Tasmania in selecting one of their own horses for the race. A series of other activities will be included in the promotion for the race, with funds being put forward to support education programs for Indigenous students. Great thinking Queensland!

☑ **Copy That NZ (American Ideal USA)** has had a bit of a horror run (again) in Victoria, after becoming fired up while tackling for the lead in the Hunter Cup, over raced then choked down to be sensibly retired from the race by Blair Orange, then suffering a minor bleed to get a 28 day ban. None of that affects the intention of trainer Ray Green to have him at his peak back in NZ for The Race by Grins (at Cambridge) in April.

☑ The 2023 A G Hunter Cup was won by 6yo gelding **Honolua Bay (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** from 2022 Inter Dominion winner I Cast No Shadow NZ (Shadow Play USA). The win was the 3rd leg of the Australian Grand Circuit, with the first 2 legs being the Fremantle Cup won by Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano NZ) and WA Pacing Cup won by Diego NZ (Bettors Delight USA). Honolua Bay started his racing career as a 3yo and has won 21 from 35 with 7 places.

☑ the 4yo mare **Amore Vita NZ (Art Major USA)** won the \$100,000 Ladyship Cup in Victoria, and is the 6th winner of the race by Art Major USA. Other winners by Art Major are Our Golden Goddess, Quick Draft and New Zealand bred mares Spellbound NZ, Princess Tiffany NZ and Majorly Foxy Styx NZ.

☑ Despite her defeat by stablemate **Braeview Kelly NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** in the Group 3 Sibelia Stakes, **Stylish Memphis NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** is targeting the \$200,000 Ladyship Mile. It will be her 3rd win of the Group 1 feature event in consecutive years if she achieves it.

☑ Kiwi raiders **Republican Party (Bettors Delight USA)** and **B D Joe (Roll With Joe USA)** won their first Australian starts as they head for targets like the Miracle Mile and the Chariots of Fire, with the win in the Group 3 \$50,000 Hondo Grattan qualifying 4yo Republican Party for the Chariots on 18 Feb. On the same card Chicago Bull's full brother **Perfect Stride** won his 15th race.

☑ Rock N Roll Doo will miss the \$1 million The Race By Grins on April 14 and instead go for a spell. The Slot holder Aussie Lads will be on the lookout for a new starter, with the 4 confirmed starters being **Old Town Road NZ**, **Akuta NZ**, **Self Assured NZ** – all by Bettors Delight USA - and Australian bred 2022 Chariots of Fire winner **Bettor Eclipse (Betterthancheddar USA)**. Akuta won the 2022 Group 1 \$250,000 New Zealand Pacing Derby, defeating Republican Party by 6 1/2 lengths.

☑ The Emma Stewart trained **Captain Ravishing** has been ravishing in his comeback races on the way to the Chariots of Fire, as has **Catch A Wave**. Both horses are by Captaintreacherous USA. The Miracle Mile may also be targeted by these 4yos, depending on the result in the Chariots.

☑ On his way to the Miracle Mile and a probable clash with Captain Ravishing is **Bondi Lockdown (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** who must win the Newcastle Mile to guarantee a place in the Miracle Mile

☑ Mark Purdon looks set to try his hand at training thoroughbreds, with 3 recent purchases at the NZ National Thoroughbred Yearling Sale at Karaka.

☑ Champion pacer and now stallion **King Of Swing NZ (Rocknroll Hanover USA)** has been named the Australian Harness Horse of the Year for a record-equaling third time. He joins other champions Im Themightyquinn, Our Sir Vancelot, Blacks A Fake and Westburn Grant as three time winners. King Of Swing raced 4 times for 4 wins including the Hunter Cup - Miracle Mile double.

☑ Gary Hall Snr should be congratulated for winning his 13th WA Pacing Cup. The 2023 winner Diego NZ had special poignancy with the loss of probably his best contender, Gambit due to colic.



Akuta and Mark Purdon

🇯🇵 New Zealand's Alexandra Park was badly impacted by the floods and requires a full track reconstruction. All feature races scheduled for Alexandra Park in February have been transferred to Cambridge while the works are underway.

Wasba Breeding Awards for 2022

The WASBA 2022 Awards include Breeder of the Year, 2YO, 3YO mare of the Year, 2YO, 3YO and 4YO and older horse/gelding of the year. The winners must all be Westbred progeny.

There are also awards for the leading WA based stallions for 2YO 3YO and overall progeny and Broodmare of the Year (Westbred progeny only). WASBA also provides an award for the Breeder of Excellence – a breeder who has produced outstanding Group winning progeny.

In previous years our sponsors APG and Decron have provided \$1000 to the breeders of our open Group 1 winning Westbreds. Although this sponsorship is not available this year, WASBA will provide trophies for these awards and a \$500 breeding voucher to be used in WA in the 2023 season. To be eligible for the Open Group winner awards, breeders must be financial members of WASBA and be able to attend the Awards ceremony for the presentation (or make arrangements with WASBA for someone to attend in their place).

While other winners will be announced at the APG WASBA Awards night function on 3 March, the winners of the Sire awards and our monthly awards are listed below:

- WA based 2YO sire - FLY LIKE AN EAGLE (21 starters, 12 winners of 16 races and \$228,709)
- WA based 3YO sire - FLY LIKE AN EAGLE (37 starters, 27 winners of 64 races and \$683,901)
- WA based overall sire – FOLLOW THE STARS (111 starters, 58 winners, 129 wins and \$1,198,536)

Month	Breeder of the Month winner	Horse
January 2022	P C (Patrick) O'Boyle	SONIC SUZY
February 2022	KARNUP RACING PTY LTD	SWINGBAND
March 2022	Lancaster Lodge	INFINITE SIGN
April 2022	P J and D A Costello	VULTAN TIN
May 2022	M J (Mike) Howie	NEWSLETTER
June 2022	B J, L E and J R Howlett & Geographe Tree Services P/L	LITTLE DARLING
July 2022	H A (Harry) Capararo	AUGUST MOON
August 2022	S A (Steve) Johnson	NEVER ENDING
September 2022	W P (Wayne) Morrison	STRAUNY
October 2022	Patrician Park	TAKING THE MIKI
November 2022	N A Turvey, D R Young, T Sermon, P Ensel	SHOWPONY
December 2022	K D and G G Strahan, G A and V S McRae	ELLI MIRANDO

Award winners will receive an invitation to the Awards function in the next few days.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣️ WA bred **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson, winning the Australian 2YO Pacing Colt/Gelding of the Year
- ♣️ Great effort by the Busselton Club to have another great Busselton round with thousands of people on course and excellent racing.
- ♣️ Winners at Gloucester Park on the same night were half siblings Neverminthechaos (Sportswriter USA) and Walsh (Art Major USA), bred by Mike Howie out of the successful racemare Dontgetmeruffled (Courage Under Fire NZ). Hard to get one winner on a night let alone two from the same dam.
- ♣️ What can you say when tragedy strikes? Words don't seem to be enough, but you can only show you care and feel for those who have had tragic loss in their lives, and make sure you are there for them whenever they need you.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – January 2023

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

It's the first month of the new racing year and its *congratulations* to our *Breeder of the Month* for *January 2023*, Bob Fowler of Allwood Stud Farm for the Northam Cup win of Troopingofthecolor (**Follow The Stars** out of From The Palace by **Royal Mattjesty USA**). Troopingofthecolor has hit the ground running with new trainer and mostly driver Chris Voak. Troopingofthecolor has lifetime stakes of \$92,000 with \$50,000 and 5 wins since August under Chris's tutelage. His best win to date is his feature win this month in the \$30,000 Northam Cup, after being successful 5 days earlier at Pinjarra.



Troopingofthecolor is the 3rd foal and 3rd winner from his dam From The Palace, with her other winners being the nice mare **Star Fromthepalace (Follow The Stars)** 1:56.6 9 wins \$113,365 and **Changingoftheguard (Changeover NZ)** 1:59.2 6 wins \$49,712. The maternal family has produced bundles of winners including **Machnificent (Mach Three CA)** 1:52.4 \$194,333, and stems from **Nells Pride NZ** and includes **Chokin NZ (Vance Hanover USA)** 1:56.2 \$1,801,685 **Chaangerr (Vance Hanover)**, **Changeover (In The Pocket USA)** 1:53.4 \$2,321,676, **Anvil Vance** 1:57.8 \$450,729 and **Fly Like An Eagle (Mach Three CA)** 1:53.9 \$699,419 and his full brother **Mach Doro** 1:50.2 \$653,165.

Congratulations Troopingofthecolor, Allwood Stud Farm and trainer driver Chris Voak.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES JANUARY 2023

There were 11 sires represented by Westsired winners in January, with 30 winners of 38 races. **Follow The Stars** has started the season brilliantly with 10 winners of 11 races followed by Fly Like An Eagle with 4 winners of 7 races.

There were 7 multiple winners led by **Hope** (Fly Like An Eagle) with 3 wins at Busselton and the Sweetheart Series. Dual winners were **Seven No Trumps** (Advance Attack NZ) and **Troopingofthecolor** (Follow The Stars) who both won at Pinjarra and Northam, **Cracka Tinny** (Allamerican Ingot USA) won an Albany double, **Miracle Mary** (P Forty Seven) won a double at Busselton and **Girl In Clover** (Rich And Spoilt) won at Pinjarra and Albany. **Mister Montblanc** (Fly Like An Eagle) followed up his double last month with wins at Gloucester Park and Pinjarra.

The 3 First Time winners were 3yo **Alexandra Thegreat** (Follow The Stars) and 4yos **Sheza Adda** (Rich And Spoilt) and **Batavia Bob** (Advance Attack), all adding over \$11,000 to their stake earnings.

Westsired progeny received \$39,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses for January 2023, with the 2yos benefiting from the increase in the Westbred Bonus payment that WASBA has been strongly requesting. All first time starters (first career start) were also the recipients of \$500 as a first start bonus to reward those owners who take their horses through to racing – another WASBA initiative.

In January 2023 there were 4 Westsired winners at premium metropolitan or country meetings:



♣ 2yo **Bronzed - Indomitable Saab** o/o **Zonya (Live Or Die USA)**, owner breeder Sue Williams. Very nice youngster. Made it 4 in a row after starting equal second favourite from 7, sizzled out of the barrier to be leader in the blink of an eye, eased the pace considerably for a slow lead and first half, clear leader down the back, swished the tail off the back, still a length clear at the 100m and held off a good challenge to win the \$20,250 3YO Pace by a half neck in 2:01.0, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.6;

♣ 6yo **Heng Heng - Rich And Spoilt** o/o **Cool Adda (Chill Factor USA)**, breeder Harry Capararo. Resumed in December after a 8 month absence. Started favourite from 1 at his 3rd run since April. No surprise that he held the lead in a solid lead time, a bit of a breather in the first qtr, still a half length clear with 400 to go, still in charge at the top of the straight and withstood some determined challenges to win the \$9,000 Pace by a head in 1:58.6, last qtrs 28.3 and 29.3,

♣ 4yo **Strauny - Indomitable Saab** o/o **Caval Ridge (Badlands Hanover USA)** breeder part owner Wayne Morrison. Likes the stands but not the start. Started favourite from 5, got away then galloped, settled towards the rear with some tearaway leaders before making a forward move to get to the breeze with just under 2 laps to go. Got his nose in front at the 400m, led by a length into the straight, fought off a spirited challenge to win the \$20,250 2503m Stand by 1.3m in 2:01.3, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.8;



♣ 5yo **Troopingofthecolor (Follow The Stars** o/o **From The Palace (Royal Mattjesty USA)**, owner breeder Bob Fowler, new trainer since resuming in August 2022 and close to \$50,000 in earnings. Won 5 days earlier at Pinjarra then started from 4 off the front in the \$30,000 Stand, quickly out to settle behind the leader before settling 3rd on the fence after a change of leader. Deftly off the rails with a lap to go and behind the breeze horse, got the opening coming off the back, 3 wide and a nose in front into the straight, finished strongly to win the 2560m Northam Cup by 2.2m in 2:00.2, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.6.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JANUARY 2023

There were 110 individual Westbreds winners in January 2023, winning 128 (69.2%) of the 185 races run. In percentage terms that's the highest value for at least 10 years, and we have to go back to March 2019 to get a higher number of wins (135 wins from 229 races).

69.2% of wins
\$1.5 million in stakes
\$145,000 in Bonuses

The best performing stallion standing outside WA from a Westbred perspective was **Betterthancheddar USA** – for the fourth month in a row - with 6 winners of 8 races, joined by his sire Bettors Delight also with 6 winners of 8 races. In a repeat of last month 48 sires were represented overall.



There were 16 multiple Westbred winners for January 2023. Excluding the 7 Westsired progeny mentioned previously, they were **Tux And Tails** (A Rocknroll Dance USA) who won an Albany double, Betterthancheddar USA's **Alfa Prince** – Busselton double - and **Fleur Du Maquis** with an Albany double, Bettors Delight USA's **Bettor Move Along** who won at Pinjarra and Bunbury, and **Sugarloaf** (an Albany double), **Pocketful Of Opals** (Foreclosure NZ) also with an Albany double, **Nevermindthechaos** (Sportswriter USA) won a Gloucester Park Friday night double and **Beyond The Sea** (Sunshine Beach USA) won at Pinjarra and Friday night Gloucester Park. **Hi Tommy** (Highview Tommy NZ) won 3 races at Busselton including the Busselton Cup.

A lower number of first time winners (14) than usual for this time of year, but the turnaround in the racing season with the juvenile features at the end of the year has had an impact on the racing numbers. First Time Bonus winners in January 2023 (excluding Westsired) were:

- 2yos **Ideal Muscle** (American Ideal USA), **Bettor Arcade** (Bettors Delight USA), **Off The Charts** (Downbytheseaside USA) and **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA);
- 3yos **Major Dalton** (American Ideal USA) and **Telkem Jay** (Bling It On); and



- 4yos **Pink Parade** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), **Always Be Teddy** (Always B Miki USA), **Recover Lover** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA) and **Galeocerdo Cuvier** (Four Starzzz Shark USA); and 6YO **Im Inapickle** (Auckland Reactor NZ).

Total Bonus payments in January 2023 were \$145,000, quite a low figure compared to the previous year, (\$258,000) but this should increase with 2yos in particular coming through.

Don't forget – this is a good time of year to collect bonus money for your 2yo or 3yo, *regardless* of feature races.

Breaking up Bonus payments by age – 2YOs received \$46,500, 3yos received \$56,000 (approximately half of what was received in January 2022), and the older horses received \$42,000, well down on 2022 (\$109,000).

Westbreds won 33 races at Community level, 70 at \$9,000 level, 5 mini feature races from \$11,000 to \$15,000, 16 standard metro races, two FFAs and two cup races! Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.5 million.

Two year old starters (17) was 2 higher than January last year. That's promising but obviously a long way to go in the season. Consistent with previous years there were 4 2yo races – all at Pinjarra and all won by Westbreds. Westbred 2yos contributed 100% of 2yo starters.

The number of 3yo starters in January 2023 (33) was a significant decline compared to January 2022 (72). Again, this is still a great opportunity to get Bonus money. There were 7 races (1 maiden) provided for this age group. WA bred 3yos won all 7 races, as well as 1 of the 7 3yo and over races won by 3yos. Westbred 3yos contributed 76% of 3yo starters.

The number of 4yo and over starters in January 2023 held up well compared to the previous year, mainly due to Westbred starters, where 382 WA horses raced compared to 358 in 2022. There were 14 races provided specifically for this age group, and 4 of those were maidens.

It is difficult to criticize the lack of maiden races for 3yos (1 only) with the number of 3yo starters, but they are necessary and that includes at Albany and the lesser tracks. It would be helpful to the industry for those 3yos who have yet to race or score a win had a racing timeframe in which they could compete like for like. With the change in feature racing to the end of the year, now is a good time to offer up to owners of 3yos that have yet to achieve their first win.

The majority of Westbred wins by horses older than 3 (116) were 4yos (41), 5yos (37) and 6yos (16). The oldest winner was 11yos Batavia Blackhole and Dwayne, with wins at Albany and Bunbury respectively!

As well as winning the \$20,000 Albany Cup (Under The Alta) and the \$15,000 Busselton Cup (Hi Tommy), WA bred horses won 23 of the 40 races run at prime Gloucester Park and country meetings in January 2023. That's a record that we want to maintain.

Eight of the wins (also a record) were by mares and 4 others were Westsired wins. The remaining 11 winners were:

- ◆ 5yo **Aussie Scooter – Mach Three CA** o/o **Jasmin Amal (Sportswriter USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson. Winner of the \$30,000 Don Randall Memorial at Pinjarra in October Now 5yo improving all the time, \$65,000 last season and racing well in stands. A metro win in December followed by two places, all stands, then started second favourite from 3 on the 10m line, second last after the field settled but made his move with 2 laps to go to go to the lead, had the field on the bit down the back with the breeze horse and favourite the only risk, in charge into the straight and scooted away to win the 2503m \$20,250 Stand by 13.2m in 1:59.7, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.7;
- ◆ 10yo **Disco Under Fire – Courage Under Fire** o/o **Midnight Disco (Pacific Rocket USA)**, breeders John and Sue Awcock, golden oldie with new trainer since December and still sound after 175 starts. Started second favourite from 2, bounced straight to the lead, close to even time first half, going strongly down the back, clear leader into the straight and raced home to win the \$18,500 Pace by 4.9m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.7 and 29.6;
- ◆ 8yo **Joe With The Flow – Roll With Joe** o/o **Miss Jeffries (Albert Albert USA)**, breeder Allwood Stud Farm. Fairly lightly raced 8yo, last raced September 2022 then second run back started from the prized one draw as 2nd favourite, withstood a challenge and maintained the leaders role, led at the bell and fortunately was not impacted by the bad incident that caused severe interference to 3 horses close to the front of the field. Went on to win the \$9,000 Pace by a half head in 1:57.1, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.6;

- ◆ 5yo entire **Machnificent – Mach Three CA** o/o **Honorable Daughter (Northern Luck CA)** breeder Allwood Stud Farm. Second start this season after earning \$75,000 last season. Started 2nd favourite from 7 in the 8 horse 1730m sprint. Settled last from the barrier with 2 tearaway leaders. Made his move 3 wide with a lap and the straight to go, and a half length in front but still 3 wide with 500 to go, a length in front at the 400m and with inside running, kept going down the straight for an impressive win in the \$20,375 Pace by 2.8m in 1:53.0, last qtrs a super quick 27.3 and 28.6;
- ◆ 6yo **Middlepage – Tintin In America NZ** o/o **That's The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Solid last season for over \$30,000 in stakes. Started second favourite from 4, briefly breezed before getting the one by one over the sprint 1730m journey, mid field and surrounded at the 400m, got the opening to be 3 wide at the top of the straight, wore down the breeze horse to win the \$9,000 Pace by a half neck in 1:57.2, last half 57.2;
- ◆ **6yo Make It Happen – Somebeachsomewhere** o/o **World Peace (Blissfull Hall USA)**, owner breeder Bob Fowler. Started his career as a 3yo so \$83,000 and 12 wins is a pretty good result. Started at 8/1 from 6 over the 1730m sprint journey, scooted out to grab the breeze position, racing keenly and raced a half length ahead in the breeze and a 27.6 second qtr, almost a length in front, but still in the breeze at the 400m, first into the straight and swishing the tail but held on well under the circumstances to win the \$18,500 Pace by 2.6m in 1:55.7, last qtrs 28.7 and 31
- ◆ 5yo **Mighty Ronaldo – Alta Christiano NZ** o/o **Millwoods Delight NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, breeder Trevor Lindsay, got a start in the Fremantle Cup after his 3rd at his last start. Started from 3 at 31/1, in the breeze early before getting the sit behind Minstrel with 2 and a half laps to go, still there at the 400m, started to make a move coming off the back, 3 wide and ready to pounce at the top of the straight, really hard fought battle down the straight and a brilliant finish by Mighty Ronaldo to make it a trifecta of Group 1s and win the 2536m \$300,000 Fremantle Cup by a half neck in 1:56.9, last qtrs 27.5 and 28.1



- ◆ 4yo **Orlando Blue – Heston Blue Chip USA** o/o **Harriet Elizabeth (Modern Art USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson. Impressive half brother to WA Derby winner Tricky Miki. Following up from his solid wins in December in a 2536m mobile and 2503m stand. A fortnight later started from 7 in his Nights of Thunder Heat, great drive from Gary Jnr to get behind the leader in running in a quick lead time, dropped back slightly at the 400m to get off the rails, 3 wide off the back and into the straight, finished powerfully to win the 1730m Heat by 2.1m in 1:55.1, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.5;



Orlando Blue returning to scale with Gary Hall Jnr

- ◆ 7yo **Pierre Whitby – Mach Three CA** o/o **Party Date (Panorama USA)**, breeders Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenenberg. Collected \$39,000 last season by consistently earning. Unplaced last start then started at over 50/1 from 6 over the stayers 2536m. Meandered out to settle one out 3 back, still 3rd last in the back but making a 3 wide move with just over 400 to go. Five wide off the back, motored home down the straight to win the \$18,500 Pace by a half neck in 1:58.6, last qtrs 28.5 and 30.7;
- ◆ 7yo **Walsh – Art Major USA** o/o **Dontgetmeruffled (Courage Under Fire NZ)**, breeder Mike Howie, Had some issues in 2022 but has been a solid earner with over \$150,000. New trainer Michael Blakemore since December and two places from 5 starts before starting from 1 as favourite in the 1730m sprint, nicely away to take the leaders role, even time first half, leader into the straight but many challengers, responded well to win the \$18,500 Pace by 1.1m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.5; and
- ◆ **9yo Whoswhointhetoo – Major In Art** o/o **Art And Soul (Live Or Die USA)**, owner breeder Karen Thompson. Has quietly amassing solid earnings of over \$160,000 before starting second favourite from 2, settled one out two back, pushed out 3 wide with 900 to go but with a trail, 4 wide at the 400m and into the straight, picked up speed when they straightened and raced home to win the \$18,500 Pace by 2.9m in 1:59.3, last qtrs 28.8 and 29.1.



Want to know how important or WA bred horses are? In January 2023 they provided 70% of individual starters and race starts, while winning 69.2% of races, plus bonuses, for their connections.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (January 2023)

Fillies and mares won 62 (33.5%) of the 185 races run in January 2023. This is a similar number of wins to January last year (61). Only May 2021 (33.9%) has produced a higher percentage of wins and the result is very encouraging and certainly something that we want to see repeated. A great start to the season.

There were 24 fillies/mares races provided in January 2023 (one more than January 2022), with the remaining 38 wins (20.5%) in open races. The wins included 11 (10 Westbred) at Community level, 42 (25 Westbred) wins in \$9,000 level races, 2 (both Westbred) mini feature races and 7 (all Westbred) wins in standard metropolitan or FFA level races. Westbred fillies and mares won 71% of the races won by fillies and mares and 75% of their stakes.

There were 50 individual filly or mare winners, from 31 sires, with **Follow The Stars** (5 winners of 5 races) just ahead of **Art Major USA**, **Bettors Delight USA**, and **Sportswriter USA** with 4 wins each.

During January there were 11 multiple winners, including WA bred **Fleur Du Maquis** (Betterthanceddar USA), **Hope** (Fly Like An Eagle), **Pocketful Of Opals** (Foreclosure NZ), **Miracle Mary** (P Forty Seven USA), **Girl In Clover** (Rich And Spoilt), **Nevermindthechaos** (Sportswriter USA) and **Beyond The Sea** (Sunshine Beach USA).

There were 6 fillies/mares who took their first career win bonus home for their connections – 2yo **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA), 3yo **Alexandra Thegreat** (Follow The Stars), 4yos **Pink Parade** (A Rocknroll Dance USA), **Recover Lover** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), **Sheza Adda** (Rich And Spoilt) and 6yo **Im Inapickle** (Auckland Reactor NZ).

In January 2023 (excluding "Fillies Preferred" races), there were 0 races for 2yo fillies and 0 (4 last year) for 3yo fillies. Another 22 races were provided for 3yo+ fillies and mares, and an additional 2 races for mares only. Fillies won 1 2yo race and 2 of the 7 3yo races, along with 4 of the 7 3YO and over races won by 3yos.

Amongst the 55 wins by mares there were 22 wins by 4yos, 26 by 5yos and 5 by 6yos. The oldest winner was Sanford Tilly at Albany. Eighty percent of the wins were at the \$9,000 level and above.

There were 8 wins by fillies and mares (20.5%) at the prime Gloucester Park meetings. We want the program to be delivering 30% female winners at prime meetings as a monthly average.

City winning mares were all Westbred this month, but congratulations to all fillies and mares who won in January. The 7 WA bred metro or feature race winning mares were:

♥ 4yo **Beyond The Sea – Sunshine Beach USA** o/o **Robyns CC NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**, breeder owners Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Resumed in December with a metro win 3rd start back, followed that with a Pinjarra win early January then started on the 3rd line of betting from 6, settled one out 3 back after restraining before barrier release, solid lead time and close to even time first half, followed a 3 wide move in the back to be 6th at the 400m, 4 wide and 4th into the home bend, flew home to make it 3 wins in a row in the \$20,250 Pace by 1.4m in 1:55.7, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.3. Great effort by all placegetters;

♥ 5yo **Nevermindthechaos - Sportswriter USA** o/o **Dontgetmeruffled (Courage Under Fire NZ)**, breeder Mike Howie. Very nice mare with 2 places from 3 starts since resuming in December. Then started second favourite from 5, moseyed out to be one out 3 back and still the same after a lap with lots of changes up front and solid 28.9 first qtr. Made a move to the breeze with a lap to go, just headed the leader at the 400m, just in front into the straight but showed strength to win the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 4m in 1:55.4, last half 57. A fortnight later started favourite from 5, settled straight into the breeze, solid lead and even time first half, made the move going into the back to be an easy leader in a very slick quarter, 2 lengths clear at the 400m, flicked up down the straight to win the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 6.5m in 1:55.7, last qtrs 27.5 and 29.4;

♥ 4yo **Paroquet – Shadow Play** o/o **Smooth Moven (Walton Hanover USA)**, owner/breeder Paula Petricevich. Nice mare who has done very well since being transferred to trainer Michael Munro. Resumed in December, a good 3rd at her previous start then started from 2 as favourite, quickly out with

the master on board and straight to the front after a brief struggle, eased the pace before an even time 2nd qtr, very quick down the back, rounded the home turn in front but under threat, steadied then moved away before easing on the line to win the \$20,250 Pace by a neck in 1:57.8, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.1;



♥ 5yo **Rumour Has It - Roll With Joe** o/o **Roustabout NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**, owner breeder Debra Lewis, Nice mare deserving of higher earnings. Resumed January 2023 after a 9 month absence. Placed at Pinjarra then started favourite from 1, back from the barrier at the start but held up to lead, a half length in front at the 400m, led into the straight but being challenged, a brief moment of worry but finished the race off well to win the \$9,000 Pace by 2.5m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.3;



- ♥ 6yo **Run For Mercy - Pet Rock USA** o/o **Arousing (Western Terror USA)**, breeder part owner Jemma Hayman, started 3rd line of betting from 3, initially settled 5 on the pegs before following a move to be one out one back after half a lap over the sprint journey. Still 4th at the 400m, 3 wide off the back and making up ground, finished with a good run to overcome the leading pair and be in front when it counted to take the \$20,250 Pace by a head in 1:54.7, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.6;
- ♥ 6yo **Star Of Diamonds - Bettors Delight USA** o/o **Maddy White (Lombo Mandingo)**, breeder S L, S and M J Howie, Not a lot of luck this time in and started from outside the back row at 14/1 with new driver Kyle Symington. Moved forward at the start to be one out two back before some early race manoeuvring from the favourite resulted in settling one out 3 back. Solid lead and first half, started a 3 wide move at the 400m, 4 wide into the home straight, finished strongly to get the win near the line in the \$22,000 Fillies and Mares Pace by a head in 1:56.1, last qtrs 28.6 and 30.2
- ♥ 6yo **Stormyskyes - Mr Feelgood USA** o/o **Dreamy Eyes (Modern Art USA)**, owner breeders Jerime and Shane Steele, Collected \$30,000 last season. Started favourite from 1 over the 1730m sprint, Challenged out of the barrier but kept the lead, still in charge at the 400m, led into the straight, had to fight out the finish but held on well to win the \$20,250 Pace by a neck in 1:59.7, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.2;

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in January 2023 was \$611,160, marginally less than the \$617,000 paid in January 2022. Fillies and mares collected \$53,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses, sadly affected by the \$30,000 less earned by both 3yos (lack of runners) and mares.

WA mares contributed 81% of the racing mares, with Westbred 2yo fillies (7) comprising 100% and 7 of the 12 3yo fillies that raced being Westbred. All up, 171 Westbred fillies and mares raced in January 2023.

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