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Miller confident come-from-behind Jokers Grin can have the last laugh

By Trevor Marshallsea

Knockabout Perth trainer Bernie Miller is confident Jokers Grin (Maschino) - the quirky gelding who hasn't changed his life - is in the right shape to excel as "the hunted" runner in Saturday's Winterbottom Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) at Ascot.

The 70-year-old Miller runs a team of around half a dozen horses at his property at Serpentine, between Perth and Mandurah.

He began training in 1980 but - after one

winner in seven years - retired from it to pursue other avenues in the electricity industry, before regaining his licence in 2007.

Always keeping a small team, he's had 69 winners since then, and knows he's never had - and never will again have - a horse as good as Jokers Grin.

Back in April, the five-year-old brought his small-time trainer and his owner-breeders a huge windfall when he became the first locally trained horse to win the \$5m slot race The Quokka (1200m), with its \$2 million first prize.

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Miller was of course delighted with that last-gasp victory by the horse who comes from the back, but said nothing has changed at his stable, which he runs with the help of two staffers, other than a little irrigation work.

"Has the Quokka changed my life? Nope, and I told everybody it wouldn't," the affable Miller told ANZ News.

"Don't get me wrong, it was a big thrill, and an enormous effort by everyone, but you can't be getting big headed and become a smart-

arse - that's not me. I'm very much an introvert, although people think I'm not. I like to be quiet and left alone, and I'm still the same."

"My horse numbers certainly didn't improve. My phone wasn't ringing hot, apart from a few people wanting to interview me. We used the money to do some irrigation work around the place, but that was about it."

Things are slightly different between the Quokka and this Saturday's other WFA Sprint, the Winterbottom.

While the Quokka is worth far more money, it's not black type. But if Jokers Grin can lift the \$1.5 million Winterbottom he'll become the first Group 1 winner not only for Miller but for the sprinter's sire Maschino (Encosta De Lago).

The 18-year-old, standing around the corner from Miller's place at Alwyn Park for \$8,800, has had ten stakes winners from 181 runners at 5.5 per cent. They're headed by seven-time stakes winner Marocchino and Machine Gun Gracie, both of whom won a Group 2.

"I'm a big fan of Maschino. He's the most

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underrated stallion we've got over here," said the wiry, grey-haired Miller, who used to breed horses from a couple of mares himself before building his property at Serpentine.

"I take my horses to Ascot or Belmont for fast work, and that's an hour away. If I'd kept the mares, you'd know when they would have started foaling down - just as I was pulling into Ascot. My wife [Karen] isn't horsey, so it wouldn't have been fair on her."

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One of the horses Miller did breed from his two mares was Cup Night (Maschino) out of a "beautiful" dam he'd trained for two wins in six starts before tendon trouble arose, Walk In Beauty (Barely A Moment).

Cup Night won three stakes races, highlighted by the Northam Sprint (Gr 3, 1100m), continuing a happy relationship between Miller and veteran jockey Pat Carbery, which has flowed on into Jokers Grin.

Though plagued by flat feet which required constant maintenance through a career of 32 starts for nine wins, Cup Night also contested all three of Perth's Group 1s, with a best of running sixth in the Railway Stakes (Gr 1, 1600m) of 2020.

When he stopped breeding, Miller gifted his two mares to old friend Mark Jones, who with associate David Gatti took Walk In Beauty and bred the horse who's now her second stakes winner from four runners, Jokers Grin.

As a young rig, he'd been entered in the

Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale of 2022, but had to be withdrawn due to a habit that stays with him to this day - 12 starts into his career, for nine wins.

He's fine at the stable and at the track, it's the bit in between that's the problem.

"Things didn't work out for that yearling sale, because they had a bit of trouble loading him onto the truck. So I guess he wasn't meant to go," Miller said.

"So Mark withdrew him from the sale and said we'll keep him and play with him."

Was Miller happy to receive Cup Night's brother?

"Ooh yeah - very happy," he said. "Cup Night had the potential to be something really good, but we had a lot of trouble with his feet."

"Jokers Grin's a good bit better. He's really going to make his mark on the racing over here or wherever he goes."

Miller and Carbery felt they had a better younger brother when he was still at the breaker's.



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"I always send them back a second time, not that they're naughty, it's just what I do," Miller said. "When he was there the second time, the breaker said Jokers Grin was clearly one of the best horses he'd handled, if not the best."

"He asked Paddy to jump on, and he took him for a slow spin around Ascot. Just the feel he gave Pat - you know when good horses glide over the ground - we thought he was pretty good."

Gelded before he raced, requiring surgery as a rig, Jokers Grin raced on the pace when fourth on debut in May last year at Belmont. Switched to settling at the back, **Continued on page 5**



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Continued from page 4 he unfurled one of those familiar Perth picket fences, winning his next five on the trot in restricted grade.

He had a win and two seconds from his next three starts, the last a second in his black type debut in the Roma Cup (Gr 3, 1100m), when he fell victim to his trait of hitting the lead too early and cruising.

The gelding then went into the Quokka as a \$21 longshot against several stars of the east and west. Drawing the widest gate of 13, Carbery went back and went wide around the turn. Jokers Grin looked unlikely to win for the length of the straight, until in the last few bounds he lifted to nudge out Sydney sprinter Headwall (Dream Ahead) by 0.17 lengths.

Jokers Grin has now extended his current winning streak to three, resuming after The Quokka with a 0.81 length success in the Prince Of Wales Stakes (Gr 3, 1000m) before a 0.56 length win in the Colonel Reeves Stakes (Gr 3, 1100m), also at Ascot.

This means that unlike in The Quokka, he'll be one of the favourites for the Winterbottom. The TAB on Monday had him at \$2.70, behind Overpass (Vancouver) at \$2.10. Bjorn Baker's sprinter's bid to win a third Quokka in its third running last April ended in a fifth place behind Jokers Grin, but he comes in off a sterling fourth in The Everest (Gr 1, 1200m).

"Now we're not the hunter; we'll be the hunted," Miller said. "They'll be trying to figure out how they can beat us now.



I GUESS THERE'LL BE A FEW
JOCKEYS LOOKING OVER THEIR
SHOULDER TO SEE WHERE HE IS
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Maschino

ALWYN PARK STUD

"We'll have the same racing style, we'll send him back a bit, wait till he's balanced up and ask him to go around them, so I guess there'll be a few jockeys looking over their shoulder to see where he is.

"The good thing for us is they do go fast over here, especially in these higher graded races. The likes of Overpass, he's a proven champion, and I can't see him doing anything different, apart from putting the pedal down for as long as they can. They'll go like scalded cats to get their positions, and hopefully our boy can drift back, peel out and come past them.

"I'm pretty confident, but it'll be very, very competitive. I'm not one to say we're gonna shit in or anything like that, but he's improved since his last run and I'm very happy with him."

Win or lose, Miller has his eyes on another Quokka tilt next April, before considering

eastward options in Jokers Grin's six-year-old season, such as the VRC Newmarket Handicap (Gr 1, 1200m).

Hopefully, he'd travel well - something which still takes some work even for the trip from home to Perth's two racecourses.

"He's a great horse, but the only time I worry is when I put him on the truck," Miller said. "He plays up a lot on the truck. He used to try to jump straight off the truck onto the bitumen.

"Once we've got him on the ground, he's fine. I shampoo him, he goes to sleep in the tie-up stalls. And after a race, you wouldn't know he'd had a race. He just stands still.

"But getting him off the truck, we've got all this gear on him now to pacify him. We're slowly winning that battle. At least now he'll walk down the ramp instead of trying to jump off the bastard."

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Accredited set for stakes opportunity

Honest gelding Accredited (All Too Hard) will get another chance to break through at stakes

level when he lines up in Saturday's Festival Stakes (Gr 3, 1500m) at Rosehill. The Joe Pride-trained six-year-old has been a model of consistency this campaign and heads into the \$250,000 contest off consecutive second placings. Most recently, Accredited finished 0.7 lengths behind stablemate Coal Crusher (Turffontein) in the \$1 million The Hunter (1300m) at Newcastle, adding to a string of narrow defeats. Pride said the performance underlined the gelding's trademark resilience. "Coal Crusher is a hard horse to beat at Newcastle and he did a really good job, he never gave up," he said. "He will be thereabouts and the 1500 metres will suit him. He will start in the market as he always does. He is an honest, consistent horse and he is never far away." Accredited's record stands at seven wins and eight minor placings from 21 starts, with prize-money exceeding \$700,000. His Hunter placing followed another runner-up finish over 1100 metres at Randwick on Melbourne Cup Day, when he was nabbed late by stablemate Estadio Mestalla (Galileo Gold). The gelding has been edging toward a stakes win for some time, ending last prep with a narrow second in the Winter Challenge (Listed, 1500m) over the same course and distance as Saturday's assignment after running third in the Winter Stakes (Listed, 1400m) prior.



Accredited

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Craig to make long-awaited return after wind operation

Connections of Craig (Territories) will face an anxious wait on Saturday when the talented gelding resumes in the Testa Rossa Stakes (Listed, 1400m) at Caulfield, his first start since a throat condition halted his rise through the ranks last spring. Last year's Toorak Handicap (Gr 1, 1600m) runner-up has not raced since finishing near the rear in the \$10 million Golden Eagle (1500m) in early November last year, when the issue was discovered. Co-trainer Trent Busuttin said the early signs are encouraging after surgery, but only race pressure will provide certainty. "You never know with wind operations," Busuttin, who trains in partnership with Natalie Young, told Racing.com. "Most of them don't work so it's a bit half-glass empty, but he is showing some good signs. You have a fair few of them when you are a trainer and you can tell the ones that have not worked straight away." The UK import has trialled twice leading into his return. "I'd say he's breathing well and I think it's worked but you just don't know until they hit that race-day pressure at around the 200-metre mark on Saturday," Busuttin said. "He's galloping up well and trialing up well, but the proof will be in the pudding under race-day pressure." Busuttin believes the rising-five year old's upside has always been significant. "He's got Group 1 ability but we just don't know if he'll be able to show it," he said. A strong performance may put the Supernova (1400m) slot race at Pakenham on the table, but Busuttin said the immediate priority is a confidence-building return after 12 months off the scene.

Keys to unleash promising colt in Merson Cooper

Cranbourne-based trainer Ken Keys will roll the dice with emerging colt Alibaba (Alabama Express) in Saturday's Merson Cooper Stakes (Listed, 1000m) at Caulfield, hopeful the post-carnival juvenile feature can once again act

as a springboard for a future star. The race has produced its share of top-liners in recent years – including Anamoe (Street Boss), Little Brose (Per Incanto), Cylinder (Exceed And Excel) and Oohood (I Am Invincible) – and Keys is cautiously optimistic Alibaba has the raw ability to follow a similar path. "He's a pretty nice horse," the trainer said of the Alabama Express (Redoute's Choice) colt, who has won both trials at Cranbourne and his latest at Caulfield Heath last week. "Originally, I was planning on putting him out after that trial... but I went and sat at the track for the rest of the afternoon... and had too much time to think. He did a few things wrong in the mounting yard. He was a bit naughty... but on the track he was good. He looks like a nice horse, visually. He's right up there with any [juveniles] we've had. When you see him you will go 'Wow'. He's pretty natural... Craig [Williams] gave him a good report." Keys has long been curious about the Merson Cooper's uncanny record. "It's been a race for some nice horses for some time," he said. "I don't know why. It makes no sense." Alibaba was a \$150,000 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale purchase for Keys this year, and is a brother to the Listed-placed Strideaway out of the winning Written Tycoon (Iglesia) mare Rowsthorn.

Brownes reset for Jericho Cup after Melbourne near-miss

After coming agonisingly close to securing their first Melbourne Cup (Gr 1, 3200m) runner earlier this spring, Emma-Lee and David Browne will chase a very different staying test on Sunday when Salsita (Shocking) tackles the Jericho Cup (4600m) at Warrnambool. The \$300,000 marathon represents a rare opportunity for restricted-class stayers, one the Pakenham-based duo are keen to seize with the 65-rater. Salsita had his final lead-up run at Cranbourne last Saturday in a Benchmark 70 (2540m), finishing second behind Black Peppermint (Americain). While it extended his run of near-misses, Emma-Lee Browne was upbeat. "It's another second placing for him but we are actually very pleased about it," she told Racing.com. "That's why he ran, to get him right for the Jericho...just to bring him on so as to be cherry ripe." Managing Salsita's keenness will be key over the extreme trip. "We don't want

to pull too hard so we'll probably be taking the side winkers off so he can relax." The son of Shocking (Street Cry) has now finished second five times in his past seven starts. "He's going so well but he seems to always find one better," Browne continued. "But if he decides that's the day to be in front next Sunday, we will be very happy." The stable had earlier pinned hopes on Basilinna (Stephanos) making the Melbourne Cup field before a small bone chip halted her campaign.

Scone stables set for showdown in Tamworth feature



Upwardly Mobile

SPORTPIX

Local bragging rights will be on the line at Tamworth on Tuesday as Scone's leading stables square off in a competitive Benchmark 82 over 1600 metres. A three-way betting stoush is expected on a Soft 5 surface, with two powerhouse country yards primed to dominate the market. Rodney Northam holds early favouritism with Upwardly Mobile (Divine Prophet), who rocketed home to win a Class 3 Highway at Newcastle on stand-alone Saturday. The tough mare has now collected four wins from 14 starts and continues to build a reputation as one of the stable's most reliable late-finishers. She heads into her sixth run since late August, producing two wins and finishing within two lengths of the winner in her remaining starts. Well-weighted with 55 kilograms – two less than her Newcastle victory – she will face stiff opposition from the key hope from the Paul Messara and Leah Gavranich yard in Rematch (Real Impact). The lightly raced six-year-old resumes a proven pattern after finishing a close second in the Guyra Cup (1400m) at Armidale on November 9. Rematch's last win came in January, when he surged late to score over Tuesday's course and distance, and he again looks suited stepping to the mile

second-up. Upwardly Mobile's stablemate Jacenza (Shooting To Win) is also set to line up, the gelding an all-the-way Benchmark 82 (1600m) winner two starts back.

Tootell lands Finals Day double

Caitlin Tootell capped a breakout season with a Finals Day double at Morphettville on Saturday, a haul that also delivered her 100th career victory. The young rider stepped in late for Brooke King aboard Starlite Valley (Valentia), guiding the Kym Healy-trained mare to her second Viddora Final (1200m) before lifting Ginger Sinner (Castelvecchio) to a hard-fought win in the Riziz Final (1200m) for Paula Trenwith. "It means a lot to me, this horse isn't easy," Tootell told Racing.com after Ginger Sinner's narrow victory. "He didn't want to win again, but he stuck his nose out at the right time. It's great to hit the 100, especially on Finals Day." Ginger Sinner has been a rewarding acquisition for Trenwith, who praised the gelding's attitude. "He's high-energy...he's like a kid on red cordial," she said. "He's a special little horse." Tootell shared riding honours with Campbell Rawiller, who continued his sizzling comeback form. Rawiller guided Oxford Blue (Fiorente) to a gutsy win in the Country Mile Final (1600m) before returning 30 minutes later to land the Country Sprint Series Final (1200m) aboard Vexatious Dancer (Hualalai). He has now produced 14 winners from his past 50 rides. Luke O'Connor also enjoyed a career highlight, with veteran Worsfold (Shamus Award) storming to a dominant win in the Restricted Final (1800m) – his first success in more than two and a half years. "We mapped this race a while ago and when a plan comes off, it's so satisfying," O'Connor said.

Leeton Cup meeting returns to traditional May date

Leeton Jockey Club has confirmed its community raceday will shift back to its traditional May timeslot next year, with the Leeton Cup (1600m) to be run on May 9. The decision was announced at the club's annual general meeting on November 20. In his annual report, Club president Grant Fitzsimon noted that despite the 2024 TAB raceday being moved

to a Tuesday, turnover defied statewide trends. Fitzsimon outlined several improvements undertaken over the past year, including the purchase of a new cool room and converting all Sky Racing TV signals to digital. He also confirmed changes to the scope of works for the derelict grandstand, with grant funding instead directed toward new security fencing, gates and asbestos removal. Further upgrades are planned for the jockey rooms and racecallers' box in 2026.

New Zealand

Mufhasa option for Spencer



Spencer

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Spencer (Derryn) could be set for a big leap in grade following his win at Wanganui on Saturday. The Spring Sprint (Gr 3, 1400m) on December 7 had initially been pencilled in as the six-year-old's next target, but connections are weighing up a tilt at the Mufhasa Mile (Gr 1, 1600m) at Trentham on the same day. "It was good to see him perform so well on top of the ground after all his earlier wins had been on soft or heavy tracks," co-trainer Peter McKay said. "We're still leaning towards the Spring Sprint, which he won when it was at Te Rapa last season, but we'd also be keen to see how strong the Group 1 mile might be. He was rated 100 before winning on Saturday and I'll have to talk to the handicapper about where he might have ended up, but he's pushed himself up there and we might just have to look at weight-for-age racing."

Boxing Day targets for Clotworthy pair

Shaun and Emma Clotworthy are looking forward to heading to Ellerslie on Boxing Day with a pair of their runners following their winning double at Pukekohe on Saturday.

Progressive mare Sista Sugar (Too Darn Hot) opened the stable's account on Saturday when taking out the Stella Artois Championship Qualifier (1400m) in the hands of Masa Hashizume, improving on her first-up runner-up effort over 1200 metres at Ellerslie last month. "She got a beautiful trip. She is only small but she tries hard," Shaun Clotworthy said. "She has matured a bit more as a four-year-old and she seems to be coming along nicely and racing with better manners." The victory sealed Sista Sugar's place in the \$110,000 Stella Artois 1500 Championship Final (1500m) on Boxing Day, and Clotworthy is keen to pursue the riches on offer. "She will probably head towards that Stella Artois Final on Boxing Day," he said. "She may have one run in-between, we are just working it out." Stablemate Billy Blinx (Shocking) is also destined to head to the same meeting to contest the \$125,000 Stayers' Championship Final (2400m) following his victory in a qualifier over 1600 metres on Saturday. "He looks like quite a progressive horse. He has always shown us a lot, but he just hasn't been mature enough," Clotworthy said. We think that [Stayers' Final] is where we will head with him. We will just see how he comes through the next couple of days and then make a plan."

Asia

45 for Kizuna

Shadai Stallion Station resident Kizuna (Deep Impact) registered his 45th individual stakes winner when Peintre Naif (2 c ex Art Brut by Makfi) took out Monday's Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai Stakes (Gr 2, 1800m). Trained by Tetsuya Kimura, the colt was delivered late by Christophe Lemaire to defeat Zoroastro (Maurice) by a head, with Reichsadler (Siskin) another length behind in third place. The colt made it two wins from three runs after breaking his maiden last time at Nakayama. Bred by Niikappu Hashimoto Bokujo, Peintre Naif is a brother to Grade 3 winner Parallel Vision, being the second foal to race out of the Makfi (Dubawi) mare Art Brut, herself a half-sister to Grade 3 winner Maitres D'Art (Zenno Rob Roy) – that pair both out of the Group 1-placed mare Exhibit One (Silver Hawk). Kizuna stands for a fee of ¥20,000,000 (approx. AU\$197,340).

Buick eyes IJC glory after banner year of Group 1 success

William Buick will return to Hong Kong at the end of a year of consistent top-level success as he attempts to tick off another major ambition. The Norwegian-born, British-based rider is set for another tilt at the International Jockeys' Championship (IJC) on December 10. It will be the fifth time Buick has participated in the showdown at Happy Valley, but it has not been an event of great fortune for him so far, with a fifth place overall being his best return to date in 2020, while he was sixth behind Mickael Barzalona 12 months ago. "It's always a privilege to be invited by The Hong Kong Jockey Club to the IJC and I've been lucky enough to participate a few times," Buick said. "I've never won it, or been on the podium yet, so it would be lovely to get a win in the competition. Obviously, the rides are luck of the draw, so you need a lot of luck. It's very competitive and you need to be on the ball against a great line-up of jockeys."

International

Four for Volatile

Fast Market (3 f ex Betty Draper by Street Cry) provided Volatile (Violence) with his fourth individual stakes winner when she got up late to land the rescheduled Pebbles Stakes (Gr 3, 8.5f) at Aqueduct on Sunday. Trained by John Terranova II, the filly was winning for the second time in 11 starts as she beat Love You Anyway (Tapit) by a length and a half. Sweet Treasure (Twirling Candy) finished a further half-length away in third. Bred in Kentucky by Breed First, Fast Market is out of the winning Street Cry (Machiavellian) mare Betty Draper, making her a half-sister to, among others, the stakes-placed winner Higgins Boat (Omaha Beach). She was a \$210,000 yearling purchase by Elena Racing at the 2023 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. In 2024, owners Hit The Bid Racing secured the filly for \$350,000 at the Ocala Breeders' June Two-Year-Olds and Horses of Racing Age Sale. Volatile will stand the upcoming northern hemisphere breeding season at Three Chimneys for a fee of US\$10,000 (approx. AU\$15,495).

Kiwi Chronicles

Ardrossan double strike

By Lloyd Jackson

The weather lately has affected New Zealand spring racing in a negative sense, that is until last Saturday when it affected racing in a positive sense. At last, the weather Gods smiled and Pukekohe provided a splendid day of racing on a tip-tip surface. We were overdue. Spring is nearly over.

Recent trials at Avondale and Waipa attracted a total of 370 runners over 54 heats indicating that horses were ready but the racetracks were not. Betting revenues, the lifeblood of the industry, always increase with larger fields which at Pukekohe averaged 12.7. Half the fields attracted 14 starters. Racing matched the conditions and the four stakes races each provided a worthwhile story.

Waikato Stud's Ardrossan (Redoute's Choice) sired a stakes double in Ardalio, winner of the Counties Bowl (Gr 3, 1100m), and two-year-old De Armas, successful in the Counties Challenge Stakes (Listed, 1100m). Nice timing just as the NZB yearling catalogues are released.

Ardalio is in for a good season. Her record is impressive having had just eight starts for four wins. Significantly, three wins have been at Group 3 level. Last season she was clearly one of New Zealand's premier three-year-olds, signalling a bright future when taking out the Almanzor Trophy (Gr 3, 1200m) on Karaka Millions night on the eve of the 2025 NZB Yearling Sales.

That win earned a slot in the NZB Kiwi (RL, 1500m) in which she finished a creditable seventh, caught wide but may have found 1500 metres a shade far. The Cambridge Breeders' Stakes (Gr 3, 1200m) at the end of April showed her true talent when blocked for a run twice in the run home. Barging into space she exploded



Ardalio

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late and was much too good although her rider Michael McNab copped a fine and a suspension.

That same determination and acceleration was present on Saturday. Taking the lead at the 200 metres pole she looked an easy winner until Twain (Per Incanto) emerged from the pack. Ardalio saw him and simply sprinted again to score by 1.5 lengths in 1:03.25 for the 1100 metres (equivalent to 1:09 for 1200 metres).

Ardalio shows preference for sprints and races such as the Telegraph Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) and the Railway Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) look likely targets, according to stable representative Dylan Johnson. Yet to win beyond 1200 metres, the BCD Sprint (Gr 1, 1400m) in February has a question mark over it. With another year under her belt and cover until late, the extra 200 metres may be within her scope.

Bred by Elsdon Park, Ardalio was not offered for sale and is from Bridgewater (Written Tycoon), a graduate of the 2017 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. Bridgewater suffered a pelvic injury which restricted her race career (two unplaced starts) but agent Bruce Perry is

adamant that Bridgewater possessed talent, she was the "real deal". Perry also reported to ANZ News that the current season has seen Elsdon Park breed three stakes winners by Ardrossan, namely Saltcoats, Ardalio and De Armas.

Bridgewater's presence at the Easter sale was because she is by leading sire Written Tycoon (Iglesia) from a half-sister to Index Linked (Dansili) whose 12 wins included three stakes races. Another half-sister, Defy The Odds (Galileo), produced South Australian Derby (Gr 1, 2500m) winner Leicester (Wanted).

A glance at Ardalio's pedigree shows an interesting double up of Iglesia (Last Tycoon) who appears as Ardrossan's damsire as well as the sire of Ardalio's maternal grandsire Written Tycoon. Elsdon Park's Perry chimes in: "The double up of Iglesia was by design although it's easy to say that now. We love Last Tycoon so the male/female Iglesia seemed good."

Ardrossan over Bridgewater is two for two re winners. A two-year-old brother, Raymond, also by Ardrossan, has trialled and the mare foaled a Per Incanto (Street Cry) colt in 2024 before visiting Sword Of State (Snitzel).

You can't keep them all

Completing a stakes double for Ardrossan (now sire of seven individual stakes winners) was De Armas, a filly bought from Ardallo's breeders, Elsdon Park for a now bargain \$16,000 but you can't keep them all. De Armas is also proving a worthy advertisement for NZB's National Online Yearling Sale in light of the fact that outstanding unbeaten three-year-old filly, New Zealand One Thousand Guineas (Gr 1, 1600m) winner Well Written (Written Tycoon), was sourced from last year's edition of the sale.

De Armas was described by Elsdon Park thus: "This Ardrossan filly is a cracking type with plenty of athleticism and great movement. She has good conformation and is a sound filly with no issues." Noted by Otaki-based trainer Johno Benner, the filly is also unbeaten in her two starts and made quite an impression when she bounded clear of her opponents in landing Saturday's Challenge Stakes.

Racing outside the lead to the 400 metres, De Armas took over passing the 300 metres. It was over the final 150 metres that she asserted her authority when a late challenge from the favourite Harvey Wallbanger (Home Affairs) emerged, a challenge she shook off with ease by 1.8 lengths.

Benner, who was a little choked up after the win admitted two things: De Armas may well be the best he has saddled, which is quite a statement given his record, and secondly that the Karaka Million 2YO (RL, 1200m) for which she is now favourite, might not necessarily be a target.

Her dam Regal Winks (Rip Van Winkle) won twice and has foaled two winners. Her



De Armas

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dam, Regal Thrills (Royal Academy) was Listed placed in Sydney in addition to four wins including at Moonee Valley, Morphettville and in Hong Kong. Regal Thrills ranks as a half-sister to the dams of three Group winners including Hong Kong Sprint (Gr 1, 1200m) winner All Thrills (St Covet).

Blandford Lodge have enjoyed great success with this family as they bred and raced the next dam Soleil Rouge (Red Tempo). Cambria Park will offer De Aramas's half-brother by Banquo (Written Tycoon) at NZB's 2026 Summer Yearling Sale in January, as part of the 100th National Yearling Sales series.

Expect Ardrossan's fortunes to rise as the quality of his mares improves. At the upcoming NZB National Yearling Sales series he is well represented with 29 in Book 1, 24 in Book 2 and ten in the Summer Sale.

Overdue

It would have been a travesty had Qali Al Farrasha (Almanzor) been retired to stud without a stakes win to her name. The five-year-old mare had previously racked up some top class performances in her career, including a solid third in the New Zealand Oaks (Gr 1, 2400m), and last season, at four, three consecutive Group 1 placings, the best of which was a 0.1 length second in the Thorndon Mile (Gr 1, 1600m).

Therefore, a victory in Saturday's Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (Gr 2, 1400m) was not only deserved but overdue, even if the race distance might have been considered short of her preferred 1600 metres. Exactly one year ago she was second in the Counties Cup (Gr 3, 2100m). Winning jockey Wiremu Pinn stated: "I thought 1400 metres might be too short for her, but she proved me wrong."

From midfield she cruised up alongside the leaders at the 300 metres and then proceeded to race clear soon after. The win was never in doubt with a 100 metres to run. In her 1.8 lengths success in a good time of 1:21.92 she turned the tables on Provence (Savabeel) who beat her in the Thorndon last January.

She doesn't win out of turn and the Breeders' was just win three in a career of 17 starts for prize-money earnings of \$586,175, a nice result for her owners, Te Akau Stud, and Westonlea Stud who bred her in conjunction with Nearco Stud.



Qali Al Farrasha

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Qali Al Farrasha was not sold at any sale. Neither was her brother Nucleozor who was an unbeaten Listed winner in three juvenile New Zealand starts before his export to Hong Kong where he has yet to fire. Their dam is a winning half-sister to Melbourne Group 2 and Listed winner Tijuana (American Pharoah) and their granddam, Mexican Rose (Volksraad), was a champion at two and three in Singapore after scoring two-year-old wins at Ellerslie and Awapuni before her export.

For Cambridge Stud's Almanzor (Wootton Bassett) Qali Al Farrasha marks stakes winner 26. NZB's 2026 Karaka Yearling Sale series will feature 24 Almanzors in Book 1, nine in Book 2 and two in the Summer Sale.

Right leg

Another Saturday stakes scorer whose winning strike-rate is just three from 25 is Final Return (Reliable Man), successful in the Counties Cup and whose trainer, Janelle Millar, revealed that her charge races better right-handed. Left-handed he strikes himself.

An even field assembled for stayers' feature

and the result backed that up with a very crowded finish as the official margins declared were: a neck, a nose, a nose, a neck, a nose and a neck. Less than a length covered the first six across the line. Added to that is: all but three of the 14 runners carried the minimum of 53 kilograms.

Credit is due to rider Elen Nicholas whose initiative spelled the difference between winning and not when she realised that the pace was never going to suit her normally free-going mount. A clear last by three lengths entering the back straight Nicholas asked Final Return to pass all but one of the runners and co-led at the 800 metres. "We managed to go around them without him having to do too much work, and then we were able to take a bit of a breather after we got to the front as well, which was good," said Nicholas. Into the straight they finally led alone at the 400 metres and it says much of the seven-year-old that he never relented all the way to the line. He kept finding when challenged by five runners and was very brave.

His previous best effort was a fighting third, beaten 0.7 lengths in the Avondale Cup (Gr 3,

2400m) back in March. His previous win was almost two years ago in a Benchmark 65 over 1600 metres at Wanganui.

One reference source has Final Return selling for \$500 on Gavelhouse as an unnamed three-year-old. Another said he was withdrawn but if the former, Final Return has made a mockery of that price by earning in excess of \$280,000. His dam Kind Return (Zabeel), a graduate of the NZB 2002 Karaka Premier Sale, won four times and placed second in the Zabeel Classic (Gr 1, 2000m). At stud she has produced six winners, Final Return her first to achieve a stakes victory.

Kind Return is a sister to Perth Cup (Gr 2, 3200m) winner Respect (Zabeel) as well as Zarzino (Zabeel), the dam of dual Group 1 winner and successful sire Tarzino (Tavistock). Their dam also produced Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (Gr 1, 1400m) winner Kinda Cross (Cape Cross).

Reliable Man (Dalakhani), now the sire of 29 stakes winners, will be represented by four lots during next January's NZB Karaka Yearling Sale.



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Strasbourg (I Am Invincible)	Adelaide Plains Bloodstock	SA	\$5,000	Private
Jonker (Spirit Of Boom)	Aquis Farm	QLD	Unchanged	\$12,500
Prost (Snitzel)	Aquis Farm	QLD	\$13,200	New
Kobayashi (I Am Invincible)	Aquis Farm	QLD	\$13,200	\$15,000
Lean Mean Machine (Zoustar)	Aquis Farm	QLD	\$8,800	\$13,200
Officiating (Blame)	Aquis Farm	QLD	\$8,800	\$12,500
Stronger (Not A Single Doubt)	Aquis Farm	QLD	\$8,800	\$9,900
Glenfiddich (Fastnet Rock)	Aquis Farm	QLD	\$4,400	\$5,500
Needs Further (Encosta De Lago)	Armidale Stud	TAS	Unchanged	\$5,500
Alpine Eagle (High Chaparral)	Armidale Stud	TAS	Unchanged	\$4,400
Bodyguard (I Am Invincible)	Armidale Stud	TAS	\$8,800	New
Dundeel (High Chaparral)	Arrowfield Stud	NSW	Unchanged	\$88,000
Maurice (Screen Hero)	Arrowfield Stud	NSW	Unchanged	\$55,000
Hitotsu (Maurice)	Arrowfield Stud	NSW	Unchanged	\$22,000
The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice)	Arrowfield Stud	NSW	\$66,000	DNS
Castelvecchio (Dundeel)	Arrowfield Stud	NSW	\$49,500	\$22,000
Vandeek (Havana Grey)	Arrowfield Stud	NSW	\$22,000	New
Sejardan (Sebring)	Blue Gum Farm	VIC	Unchanged	\$13,750
Flying Artie (Artie Schiller)	Blue Gum Farm	VIC	\$11,000	\$16,500
Oxley Road (Exceed And Excel)	Blue Gum Farm	VIC	\$6,600	\$8,800
D'Argento (So You Think)	Bowness Stud	NSW	Unchanged	\$16,500
Chaldean (Frankel)	Cambridge Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$35,000
Almanzor (Wootton Bassett)	Cambridge Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$30,000
Hello Youmzain (Kodiac)	Cambridge Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$30,000

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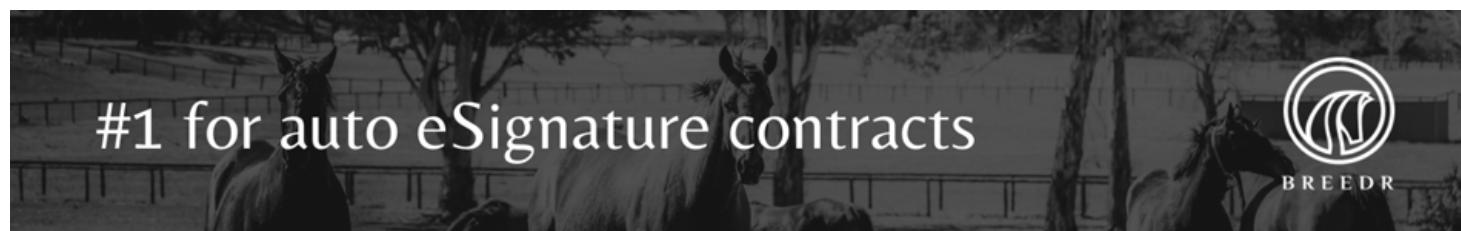
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Embellish (Savabeel)	Cambridge Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$5,000
Sword Of State (Snitzel)	Cambridge Stud	NZ	\$20,000	\$15,000
Home Affairs (I Am Invincible)	Coolmore	NSW	Unchanged	\$82,500
Shinzo (Snitzel)	Coolmore	NSW	Unchanged	\$55,000
St Mark's Basilica (Siyouni)	Coolmore	NSW	Unchanged	\$38,500
Switzerland (Snitzel)	Coolmore	NSW	\$60,500	New
City Of Troy (Justify)	Coolmore	NSW	\$49,500	New
So You Think (High Chaparral)	Coolmore	NSW	\$44,000	\$77,000
Pierro (Lonhro)	Coolmore	NSW	\$33,000	\$55,000
Pride Of Dubai (Street Cry)	Coolmore	NSW	\$27,500	\$22,000
Private Life (Written Tycoon)	Coolmore	NSW	\$19,250	New
Storm Boy (Justify)	Coolmore	NSW	\$16,500	New
King's Legacy (Redoute's Choice)	Coolmore	NSW	\$16,500	\$22,000
Best Of Bordeaux (Snitzel)	Coolmore	NSW	\$13,750	\$19,250
Acrobat (Fastnet Rock)	Coolmore	NSW	\$11,000	\$13,750
Bivouac (Exceed And Excel)	Darley	NSW	Unchanged	\$55,000
Native Trail (Oasis Dream)	Darley	NSW	Unchanged	\$27,500
Too Darn Hot (Dubawi)	Darley	NSW	\$275,000	Returning
Anamoe (Street Boss)	Darley	NSW	\$110,000	\$121,000
Broadsiding (Too Darn Hot)	Darley	NSW	\$66,000	New
Harry Angel (Dark Angel)	Darley	NSW	\$66,000	\$38,500
Pinatubo (Shamardal)	Darley	NSW	\$38,500	\$55,000
Traffic Warden (Street Boss)	Darley	NSW	\$22,000	New
Victor Ludorum (Shamardal)	Darley	NSW	\$11,000	\$13,750
Street Boss (Street Cry)	Darley	VIC	Unchanged	\$66,000
Cylinder (Exceed And Excel)	Darley	VIC	Unchanged	\$44,000
Brazen Beau (I Am Invincible)	Darley	VIC	\$27,500	\$33,000
Kermadec (Teofilo)	Darley	VIC	\$13,750	\$16,500
Paulele (Dawn Approach)	Darley	VIC	\$11,000	\$13,750
Spirit Of Boom (Sequalo)	Eureka Stud	QLD	Unchanged	\$38,500
Don Corleone (Extreme Choice)	Eureka Stud	QLD	Unchanged	\$13,200
Encryption (Lonhro)	Eureka Stud	QLD	\$9,900	\$11,000
Divine Prophet (Choisir)	Highview Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$9,000
Santos (I Am Invincible)	Highview Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$8,000
Mr Mozart (Snitzel)	Highview Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$6,000
Wrote (High Chaparral)	Highview Stud	NZ	\$12,000	\$8,000
War Decree (War Front)	Inglewood Stud	NZ	\$9,000	\$7,000
Farnan (Not A Single Doubt)	Kia Ora	NSW	\$77,000	\$55,000
Captivant (Capitalist)	Kia Ora	NSW	\$19,800	\$22,000
Prague (Redoute's Choice)	Kia Ora	NSW	\$11,000	\$13,200
Graff (Star Witness)	Kitchwin Hills	NSW	Unchanged	\$9,900
Merchant Navy (Fastnet Rock)	Kooringal	NSW	Unchanged	\$13,200
Sandbar (Snitzel)	Kooringal	NSW	\$13,200	\$8,800
Finance Tycoon (Written Tycoon)	Kooringal	NSW	Unchanged	\$11,000

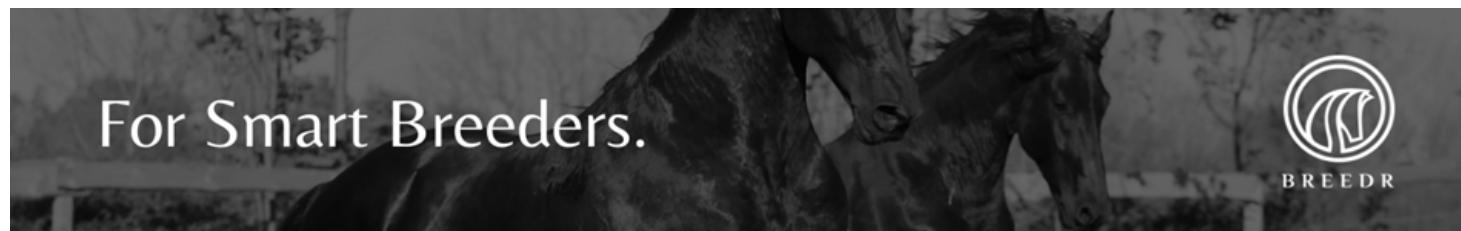
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The Brothers War (War Front)	Kooringal	NSW	Unchanged		\$6,600
Lauda Sion (Real Impact)	Larneuk Stud	VIC	Unchanged		\$11,000
Impending (Lonhro)	Larneuk Stud	VIC	Unchanged		\$6,600
Wandjina (Snitzel)	Larneuk Stud	VIC	Unchanged		\$6,600
Griff (Trapeze Artist)	Larneuk Stud	VIC	\$9,900		New
Per Incanto (Street Cry)	Little Avondale	NZ	\$60,000		\$50,000
Little Brose (Per Incanto)	Little Avondale	NZ	\$15,000		New
Fierce Impact (Deep Impact)	Lovatsville	VIC	Unchanged		\$13,750
Generation (Snitzel)	Lovatsville	VIC	Unchanged		\$11,000
Gold Trip (Outstrip)	Lovatsville	VIC	Unchanged		\$8,800
Royal Meeting (Invincible Spirit)	Lovatsville	VIC	Unchanged		\$22,000
Move To Strike (I Am Invincible)	Lovatsville	VIC	\$16,500		New
Barbaric (I Am Invincible)	Lyndhurst Stud	QLD	\$6,600		\$8,800
Better Than Ready (More Than Ready)	Lyndhurst Stud	QLD	Unchanged		\$27,500
General Beau (Brazen Beau)	Maluka Thoroughbreds	VIC	Unchanged		\$8,800
Lofty Arch (Snitzel)	Maluka Thoroughbreds	VIC	\$5,500		New
Armory (Galileo)	Mapperley Stud	NZ	Unchanged		\$10,000
Ozzmosis (Zoustar)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$44,000
Tassort (Brazen Beau)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$38,500
In The Congo (Snitzel)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$27,500
Wild Ruler (Snitzel)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$27,500
King's Gambit (I Am Invincible)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$22,000
Artorius (Flying Artie)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$22,000
Brutal (O'Reilly)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$16,500
Profiteer (Capitalist)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$11,000
Tiger Of Malay (Extreme Choice)	Newgate Farm	NSW	Unchanged		\$11,000
Extreme Choice (Not A Single Doubt)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$330,000		\$275,000
Stay Inside (Extreme Choice)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$66,000		\$55,000
Capitalist (Written Tycoon)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$44,000		\$66,000
Russian Revolution (Snitzel)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$33,000		\$66,000
State Of Rest (Starspangledbanner)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$22,000		\$27,500
Cosmic Force (Deep Field)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$16,500		\$11,000
North Pacific (Brazen Beau)	Newgate Farm	NSW	\$11,000		\$16,500
Cool Aza Beel (Savabeel)	Newhaven Park	NSW	Unchanged		\$16,500
Mo'unga (Savabeel)	Newhaven Park	NSW	\$25,000		\$27,500
Xtravagant (Pentire)	Newhaven Park	NSW	\$11,000		\$16,500
Staphanos (Deep Impact)	Novara Park	NZ	\$9,000		\$15,000
Sweynesse (Lonhro)	Novara Park	NZ	\$7,000		\$10,000
King Of Comedy (Kingman)	Novara Park	NZ	Unchanged		\$7,000
Press Statement (Hinchinbrook)	Novara Park	NZ	Unchanged		\$6,000
Ace High (High Chaparral)	Rich Hill Stud	NZ	Unchanged		\$15,000
Proisir (Choisir)	Rich Hill Stud	NZ	\$70,000		\$80,000
Satono Aladdin (Deep Impact)	Rich Hill Stud	NZ	\$45,000		\$65,000
Shocking (Street Cry)	Rich Hill Stud	NZ	\$10,000		\$12,500



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Starlust (Zoustar)	Riverstone Lodge	NSW		\$27,500	NEW
Hanseatic (Street Boss)	Rosemont Stud	VIC		Unchanged	\$16,500
Schwarz (Zoustar)	Rosemont Stud	VIC		\$38,500	NEW
Shamus Award (Snitzel)	Rosemont Stud	VIC		\$33,000	\$38,500
Henry Longfellow (Dubawi)	Rosemont Stud	VIC		\$22,000	NEW
Extreme Warrior (Extreme Choice)	Rosemont Stud	VIC		\$13,200	\$16,500
Doull (Snitzel)	Rosemont Stud	VIC		\$7,700	\$11,000
Lofty Strike (Snitzel)	Swettenham Stud	VIC		Unchanged	\$22,000
Puissance De Lune (Shamardal)	Swettenham Stud	VIC		POA	\$8,800
Wooded (Wootton Bassett)	Swettenham Stud	VIC		\$16,500	\$22,000
I Am Immortal (I Am Invincible)	Swettenham Stud	VIC		\$8,800	\$13,750
The Chosen One (Savabeel)	The Oaks Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$4,000
Roc De Cambes (Red Ransom)	The Oaks Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$3,000
U S Navy Flag (War Front)	The Oaks Stud	NZ		\$12,500	\$15,000
Daumier (Epaulette)	Twin Hills	NSW		Unchanged	\$16,500
Smart Missile (Fasnet Rock)	Twin Hills	NSW		Unchanged	\$13,200
Hallowed Crown (Street Sense)	Twin Hills	NSW		Unchanged	\$8,800
Peltzer (So You Think)	Twin Hills	NSW		\$11,000	\$16,500
Exceedance (Exceed And Excel)	Vinery Stud	NSW		Unchanged	\$33,000
Hawaii Five Oh (I Am Invincible)	Vinery Stud	NSW		Unchanged	\$16,500
Ole Kirk (Written Tycoon)	Vinery Stud	NSW		\$99,000	\$55,000
All Too Hard (Casino Prince)	Vinery Stud	NSW		\$27,500	\$38,500
Star Turn (Star Witness)	Vinery Stud	NSW		\$16,500	\$27,500
Headwater (Exceed And Excel)	Vinery Stud	NSW		\$6,600	\$9,900
Savabeel (Zabeel)	Waikato Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$100,000
Ardrossan (Redoute's Choice)	Waikato Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$20,000
Super Seth (Dundee)	Waikato Stud	NZ		\$75,000	\$45,000
Ocean Park (Thorn Park)	Waikato Stud	NZ		\$15,000	\$20,000
Noverre (Savabeel)	Waikato Stud	NZ		\$10,000	Unchanged
Banquo (Written Tycoon)	Waikato Stud	NZ		\$3,000	Unchanged
Redwood (High Chaparral)	Westbury Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$10,000
Swiss Ace (Secret Savings)	Westbury Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$5,000
Ferrando (Fast 'N' Famous)	Westbury Stud	NZ		Unchanged	\$5,000
Tarzino (Tavistock)	Westbury Stud	NZ		\$25,000	\$20,000
El Roca (Fastnet Rock)	Westbury Stud	NZ		\$10,000	\$15,000
Reliable Man (Dalakhani)	Westbury Stud	NZ		\$10,000	\$12,500
Ghibellines (Shamardal)	White Robe Lodge	NZ		Unchanged	\$7,000
Ancient Spirit (Invincible Spirit)	White Robe Lodge	NZ		Unchanged	\$7,000
Alflaila (Dark Angel)	White Robe Lodge	NZ		\$7,000	New
Zoustar (Northern Meteor)	Widden Stud	NSW		Unchanged	\$275,000
Zousain (Zoustar)	Widden Stud	NSW		Unchanged	\$27,500
Written By (Written Tycoon)	Widden Stud	NSW		Unchanged	\$22,000
Trapeze Artist (Snitzel)	Widden Stud	NSW		\$33,000	\$55,000



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Jacquinot (Rubick)	Widden Stud	NSW	\$24,200	\$27,500
Portland Sky (Deep Field)	Widden Stud	NSW	\$16,500	\$19,800
Anders (Not A Single Doubt)	Widden Stud	NSW	\$13,200	\$16,500
Supido (Sebring)	Widden Stud	NSW	\$9,900	\$16,500
Sweet Ride (Deep Field)	Widden Stud	NSW	\$9,900	\$11,000
Rebel Dane (California Dane)	Widden Stud	NSW	\$8,800	\$11,000
King Colorado (Kingman)	Widden Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$16,500
Doubtland (Not A Single Doubt)	Widden Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$13,200
Dirty Work (Written Tycoon)	Widden Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$13,200
Star Witness (Starcraft)	Widden Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$8,800
Southport Tycoon (Written Tycoon)	Widden Stud	VIC	\$38,500	New
Russian Camelot (Camelot)	Widden Stud	VIC	\$16,500	\$19,800
Nicconi (Bianconi)	Widden Stud	VIC	\$13,200	\$16,500
Bruckner (Snitzel)	Widden Stud	VIC	\$9,900	\$11,000
Gold Standard (Sebring)	Widden Stud	VIC	\$5,500	\$9,900
Paddington (Siyouni)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$35,000
Profondo (Deep Impact)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$17,500
Circus Maximus (Galileo)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	Unchanged	\$17,500
Auguste Rodin (Deep Impact)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	\$30,000	New
Shamexpress (O'Reilly)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	\$20,000	\$8,000
Turn Me Loose (Iffraaj)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	\$7,500	\$12,000
Vanbrugh (Encosta De Lago)	Windsor Park Stud	NZ	\$7,500	\$8,000
Benbatl (Dubawi)	Woodside Park Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$22,000
Shalaa (Invincible Spirit)	Woodside Park Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$19,800
Rich Enuff (Written Tycoon)	Woodside Park Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$13,200
Delaware (Frankel)	Woodside Park Stud	VIC	Unchanged	\$7,700
Celestial Legend (Dundee)	Woodside Park Stud	VIC	\$27,500	New
Foxwedge (Fastnet Rock)	Woodside Park Stud	VIC	\$8,800	\$9,900
Hellbent (I Am Invincible)	Yarraman Park	NSW	Unchanged	\$38,500
I Am Invincible (Invincible Spirit)	Yarraman Park	NSW	\$220,000	\$275,000
Brave Smash (Tosen Phantom)	Yarraman Park	NSW	\$27,500	\$33,000
Tagaloa (Lord Kanaloa)	Yulong	VIC	Unchanged	\$22,000
Panthalassa (Lord Kanaloa)	Yulong	VIC	Unchanged	\$16,500
Diatonic (Lord Kanaloa)	Yulong	VIC	Unchanged	\$13,750
Written Tycoon (Iglesia)	Yulong	VIC	private	private
Alabama Express (Redoute's Choice)	Yulong	VIC	\$66,000	\$55,000
Pierata (Pierro)	Yulong	VIC	\$55,000	\$66,000
Lucky Vega (Lope De Vega)	Yulong	VIC	\$38,500	\$16,500
More Than Looks (More Than Ready)	Yulong	VIC	\$22,000	New
Growing Empire (Zoustar)	Yulong	VIC	\$22,000	New
Grunt (O'Reilly)	Yulong	VIC	\$19,800	\$22,000
First Settler (Written Tycoon)	Yulong	VIC	\$11,000	New



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There is plenty of excitement in the air as our first draft of yearlings 🐾 go through their prep, with five fillies and three colts being readied for January's @magicmillions yearling sale on the Gold Coast 🐾☀️

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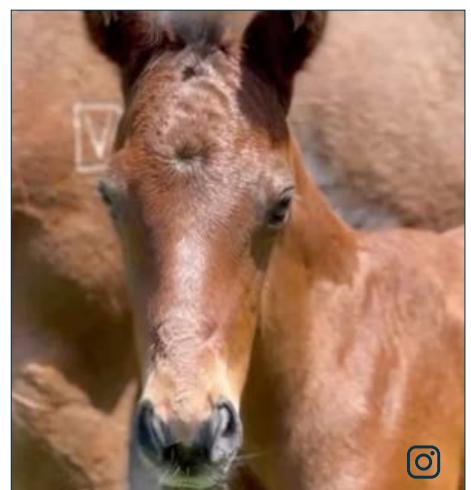


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Last foal of the season 🥰

A very handsome Satono Aladdin x Rasa Lila colt wrapped up our 2025 breeding season. 41 foals - 22 colts & 19 fillies were welcomed to Pencarrow Stud by the team 🐾 [V]

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Race Results

Monday, November 24, 2025

TAB MEETINGS

Albury NSW Good(4)

R1: Book Your Christmas Race Day Package Now Country Boosted Mdn Hcp, \$30,000, 1000m

1. **Bombay Boom (AUS)** (b/br G 3 **Spirit of Boom (AUS)**) - Steflara (AUS)
T: Matthew Dale **J:** Nick Heywood
2. **Judith's Revenge (AUS)** (br F 3 Brutal (NZ) - Miss Ladybird (AUS))
3. **Belnera (AUS)** (br M 5 So You Think (NZ) - Most Secretive (AUS))
Margins: 2 lens, 2.3 lens. Time: 0:58.74 (last 600m 34.48)



R2: Bur Real Estate Country Boosted (Bm58), \$30,000, 1600m

1. **Gold Tracker (AUS)** (ch G 6 **Xtravagant (NZ)**) - Gracefully Chic (AUS)
T: Michael Travers **J:** Rebecca Bronett Prag
2. **Star Empire (AUS)** (b/br G 4 Vancouver (AUS) - Annifrid (AUS))
3. **Strategic Defense (AUS)** (b M 5 National Defense (GB) - As I Do (AUS))
Margins: 0.5 lens, 0.6 lens. Time: 1:37.45 (last 600m 37.09)

R3: Yackandandah Park (Bm66), \$27,000, 1000m

1. **Danceenuff (AUS)** (ch M 6 **Rich Enuff (AUS)**) - Destined to Dance (AUS)
T: W G Carroll **J:** Brittany Button
2. **Bridie's Luck (AUS)** (ch M 6 Written Tycoon (AUS) - Diploma (AUS))
3. **Calais Bliss (AUS)** (br M 4 I Am Immortal (AUS) - Calais View (AUS))
Margins: 0.1 lens, 0.8 lens. Time: 0:58.67 (last 600m 34.80)



R4: NSW Jockeys Trust Mdn Plate, \$27,000, 1400m

1. **Albanian Beauty (AUS)** (b G 4 **Starcraft (NZ)**) - Rezyana (AUS)
T: Nick Ryan **J:** Jack Martin
2. **Cayman Island (NZ)** (b G 3 Hello Youmzain (FR) - Nucleonic (NZ))
3. **Doc March (AUS)** (ch G 5 Prized Icon (AUS) - Awesome I Am (USA))
Margins: 1.3 lens, 0.7 lens. Time: 1:24.23 (last 600m 37.08)

R5: Trackpix Mdn Plate, \$27,000, 1175m

1. **Raiderlicious (AUS)** (b M 4 **Kermadec (NZ)**) - Thunder Raider (AUS)
T: Matthew Dale **J:** Nick Heywood
2. **Hold This (AUS)** (ch G 4 Illovethiscity (AUS) - Starry Eyed (AUS))
3. **Lil Orlov (AUS)** (ch G 3 Russian Revolution (AUS) - Lil Diamond (AUS))
Margins: 0.6 lens, 3.5 lens. Time: 1:10.15 (last 600m 36.27)

R6: Twin City Truck Centre Hcp (C1), \$27,000, 1400m

1. **Dooralong (AUS)** (b G 5 **Rubick (AUS)**) - Hoist (AUS)
T: Matthew Dale **J:** Nick Heywood
2. **Doubtfree (AUS)** (b/br G 4 Dubious (AUS) - Liberating (USA))
3. **Watoto (AUS)** (br G 4 Justify (USA) - Consider It Done (AUS))
Margins: 2.5 lens, 1.1 lens. Time: 1:24.5 (last 600m 37.00)

R7: Atura Albury (Bm58), \$27,000, 1175m

1. **Jaskier (AUS)** (b G 5 **Nicconi (AUS)**) - Miss Middleton (AUS)
T: P McVicar **J:** C J Parish
2. **Dry Fire (AUS)** (ch G 5 Shooting to Win (AUS) - Magondo (AUS))
3. **Cosmic Attraction (AUS)** (b M 4 Cosmic Force (AUS) - Hidden Attraction (AUS))
Margins: 2.6 lens, 0.2 lens. Time: 1:10.20 (last 600m 36.17)

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Wellington NSW Good(4)

R1: Congratulations Gillian Ryan - Life Member Plate (C1), \$27,000, 1700m

1. **Billabong Alvin (AUS)** (br G 4 **Panzer Division (AUS)**) - Tejon (AUS)
T: Brett Thompson **J:** Braith Nock
2. **Alpine Rose (AUS)** (b M 5 Denman (AUS) - Yorkshire Lily (AUS))
3. **Sabatina (AUS)** (b M 4 Churchill (IRE) - Pretty Peggy (AUS))
Margins: 1.5 lens, 0.3 lens. Time: 1:45.53 (last 600m)

R2: KFC Wellington Mdn Plate, \$27,000, 1400m

1. **Naftali (AUS)** (b G 4 **Deep Field (AUS)**) - Gracie's Lass (AUS)
T: Brett & Georgie Cavanough **J:** Braith Nock
2. **Nandowrie (AUS)** (ch G 4 Headwater (AUS) - Leola (AUS))
3. **Casdaemon (AUS)** (b G 6 Casino Prince (AUS) - Canny Maree (AUS))
Margins: 1.1 lens, 1.6 lens. Time: 1:24.43 (last 600m)

R3: Allendale Merino - Get Back In The Saddle Tony Country Boosted Mdn Plate, \$30,000, 1000m

1. **Capsity (AUS)** (ch F 3 **Capitalist (AUS)**) - Pomosity (AUS)
T: Brett & Georgie Cavanough **J:** Braith Nock
2. **Gail Jeanette (AUS)** (ch F 3 Capitalist (AUS) - Terminology (AUS))
3. **Imastatement (AUS)** (b M 4 Press Statement (AUS) - Invincible Thunder (AUS))

Margins: 0.1 lens, 1.2 lens. Time: 0:57.59 (last 600m)

R4: JD Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Hcp (C2), \$27,000, 1000m

1. **Keadool (AUS)** (b/br G 4 **Harry Angel (IRE)**) - Turramurra (AUS)
T: C Lundholm **J:** Zoe Hunt
2. **Brummagen (AUS)** (b G 5 Outreach (AUS) - Letyahairhang-down (AUS))
3. **Yorkel (NZ)** (b G 6 Swiss Ace (AUS) - Joie D'amour (AUS))

Margins: 0.2 lens, 3.4 lens. Time: 0:57.04 (last 600m)

R5: Lousick Earthmoving Mdn Hcp, \$27,000, 1100m

1. **Kevin (AUS)** (b G 3 **Winning Rupert (AUS)**) - Miss Valor (AUS)
T: Brett Robb **J:** Izzy Neale
2. **Vicious Rumour (AUS)** (bl M 4 Cable Bay (IRE) - Solchow (AUS))

3. **Play Gem (AUS)** (b M 4 Bull Point (AUS) - Play Katey (AUS))
Margins: 1.3 lens, 1.4 lens. Time: 1:04.10 (last 600m)

R6: Stuart Town Pub - Ironbark Inn (Bm66), \$27,000, 1600m

1. **Sports Page (AUS)** (b M 6 **Sports Edition (AUS)**) - Hurghada (AUS)
T: Natalie Pearce **J:** Izzy Neale
2. **Marnoo (AUS)** (b G 5 Holler (AUS) - Savannah Haze (AUS))
3. **Accrue (AUS)** (b G 7 Xtravagant (NZ) - Tuchuzy (AUS))

Margins: 1.6 lens, 0.4 lens. Time: 1:37.48 (last 600m)

R7: Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club Country Boosted (Bm58), \$30,000, 1400m

1. **Shadow Dane (AUS)** (b/br G 6 **Rebel Dane (AUS)**) - Red Silhouette (NZ)
T: M R Mulholland **J:** Jacob Stiff
2. **Trumpty Dumpty (AUS)** (b G 5 American Pharaoh (USA) - Mumtaazah (AUS))
3. **Seven Mile Missile (AUS)** (b G 5 Smart Missile (AUS) - Ocean Tempest (AUS))

Margins: 1.1 lens, 0.6 lens. Time: 1:23.28 (last 600m)

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3	Galileo (IRE) 1998 - 2002	Sadler's Wells - Urban Sea	100	25	31	3(5)	\$11,759,450	Via Sistina - 6,581,500
4	Desert King (IRE) 1994 - 1998	Danehill - Sabaah	18	8	13	1(3)	\$9,124,200	Half Yours - 8,900,950
5	Street Cry (IRE) 1998 - 2003	Machiavellian - Helen Street	207	73	101	5(6)	\$8,391,972	Attica - 1,389,200
6	Snitzel (AUS) 2002 - 2006	Redoute's Choice - Snippets' Lass	372	116	138	3(3)	\$7,929,434	Clear Thinking - 1,042,000
7	Per Incanto (USA) 2004 - 2011	Street Cry - Pappa Reale	26	3	5	1(1)	\$7,842,960	Ka Ying Rising - 7,549,000
8	Redoute's Choice (AUS) 1996 - 2000	Danehill - Shantha's Choice	427	115	143	6(6)	\$7,788,241	Inkaruna - 677,350
9	Shamardal (USA) 2002 - 2005	Giant's Causeway - Helsinki	103	36	50	5(7)	\$7,742,950	Ceolwulf - 5,031,895
10	Savabeel (AUS) 2001 - 2005	Zabeel - Savannah Success	178	47	64	3(3)	\$6,964,778	Gringotts - 2,446,000
11	Var (USA) 1999 - 2005	Forest Wildcat - Loma Preata	1	1	4	1(3)	\$6,800,500	Autumn Glow - 6,800,500
12	Lonhro (AUS) 1998 - 2004	Octagonal - Shadea	344	82	99	3(4)	\$6,504,850	Observer - 1,753,500
13	O'Reilly (NZ) 1993 - 1997	Last Tycoon - Courtza	219	68	84	2(3)	\$6,191,028	Pride of Jenni - 1,027,145
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16	Not a Single Doubt (AUS) 2001 - 2005	Redoute's Choice - Singles Bar	240	78	97	5(6)	\$5,204,678	My Gladiola - 647,145
17	Zed (NZ) 2002 - 2007	Zabeel - Emerald Dream	2	2	3	1(1)	\$4,562,860	Jimmysstar - 4,539,500
18	Medaglia d'Oro (USA) 1999 - 2005	El Prado - Cappuccino Bay	125	37	50	4(6)	\$4,520,372	Apocalyptic - 1,049,000
19	Casino Prince (AUS) 2003 - 2008	Flying Spur - Lady Capel	84	26	35	2(2)	\$4,507,649	Sepals - 2,687,400
20	Hussonet (USA) 1991 - 1994	Mr. Prospector - Sacahuista	117	42	52	3(4)	\$4,394,916	Rothfire - 1,196,500

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10	I Am Invincible (AUS) 2004 - 2010	Invincible Spirit - Cannarelle	204	70	94	3(3)	\$3,771,056	Grand Prairie - 223,675
11	O'Reilly (NZ) 1993 - 1997	Last Tycoon - Courtza	219	68	84	2(3)	\$6,191,028	Pride of Jenni - 1,027,145
12	Flying Spur (AUS) 1992 - 1996	Danehill - Rolls	176	59	82	2(2)	\$3,749,600	Mazu - 1,123,000
13	Sebring (AUS) 2005 - 2009	More Than Ready - Purespeed	229	58	79	2(2)	\$3,579,985	Salty Pearl - 301,750
14	High Chaparral (IRE) 1999 - 2004	Sadler's Wells - Kasora	228	55	70	3(4)	\$4,394,259	Sonofdec - 323,950
15	Zabeel (NZ) 1986 - 1991	Sir Tristram - Lady Giselle	178	51	73	4(4)	\$3,790,595	Zambardo - 685,750
16	Commands (AUS) 1996 - 2000	Danehill - Cotehele House	227	49	61	2(2)	\$3,009,659	Caballus - 249,645
17	Bel Esprit (AUS) 1999 - 2003	Royal Academy - Bespoken	158	48	54	1(1)	\$2,375,015	Luana Miss - 372,700
18	Savabeel (AUS) 2001 - 2005	Zabeel - Savannah Success	178	47	64	3(3)	\$6,964,778	Gringotts - 2,446,000
19	Stratum (AUS) 2002 - 2006	Redoute's Choice - Bourgeois	145	47	58	1(3)	\$3,714,567	Lindermann - 1,958,000
20	Choisir (AUS) 1999 - 2003	Danehill Dancer - Great Selection	176	46	58	2(2)	\$2,236,887	Piggyback - 218,400



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7	Savabeel (AUS) 2001 - 2005	Zabeel - Savannah Success	113	22	25	0(0)	\$693,017	Enterprise - 62,585
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9	Sebring (AUS) 2005 - 2009	More Than Ready - Purespeed	15	4	7	1(2)	\$644,012	Well Written - 462,875
10	Darci Brahma (NZ) 2002 - 2007	Danehill - Grand Echezeaux	67	17	21	0(0)	\$614,950	Toa Haka - 85,300
11	Shocking (AUS) 2005 - 2011	Street Cry - Maria di Castiglia	8	3	5	1(2)	\$613,890	Waitak - 546,250
12	Redoute's Choice (AUS) 1996 - 2000	Danehill - Shantha's Choice	52	12	15	0(0)	\$608,115	Arabian Songbird - 91,750
13	Showcasing (GB) 2007 - 2011	Oasis Dream - Arabesque	24	7	8	1(1)	\$544,775	Lollapalooza - 236,775
14	More Than Ready (USA) 1997 - 2001	Southern Halo - Woodman's Girl	45	13	14	0(0)	\$531,815	Cognito - 74,800
15	Fastnet Rock (AUS) 2001 - 2005	Danehill - Piccadilly Circus	45	17	23	0(0)	\$529,765	Rosso - 63,625
16	Per Incanto (USA) 2004 - 2011	Street Cry - Pappa Reale	34	11	13	0(0)	\$426,130	Steal My Thunder - 70,545
17	Rip Van Winkle (IRE) 2006 - 2011	Galileo - Looking Back	34	11	14	1(1)	\$423,185	De Armas - 86,250
18	Snitzel (AUS) 2002 - 2006	Redoute's Choice - Snippets' Lass	26	5	7	1(1)	\$415,765	Captured by Love - 75,250
19	Swiss Ace (AUS) 2004 - 2010	Secret Savings - Rapid Serve	21	6	7	1(1)	\$389,615	Swiss Prince - 123,935
20	Al Akbar (AUS) 1990 - 1995	Success Express - Gala Night	15	5	7	0(0)	\$343,145	Taika - 89,990

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16	Thorn Park (AUS) 1999 - 2004	Spinning World - Joy	31	9	9	1(1)	\$324,230	Rosetown Princess - 82,750
17	Iffraaj (GB) 2001 - 2007	Zafonic - Pastoraie	41	9	9	0(0)	\$298,305	Astoria Brooke - 40,000
18	Makfi (GB) 2007 - 2011	Dubawi - Dhelaal	24	9	11	0(0)	\$222,600	Martell - 55,985
19	Mastercraftsman (IRE) 2006 - 2010	Danehill Dancer - Starlight Dreams	34	8	8	0(0)	\$258,030	Tolstoy - 33,800
20	Showcasing (GB) 2007 - 2011	Oasis Dream - Arabesque	24	7	8	1(1)	\$544,775	Lollapalooza - 236,775



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