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Cover: Follow a Foal "Demi"
Aldebaran Eagle US-Aldebaran Maori filly



Be Happy Mach. Picture: Harness Racing NSW

FINDING RIGHT FORMULA

HOMEWORK ALL IMPORTANT FOR BUNNING

THERE IS ALWAYS AN ELEMENT OF LUCK IN THE pursuit of a champion, whether it is as a breeder or buyer of a yearling.

As a buyer at yearling sales, Ballarat-based owner Tim Bunning has a basic philosophy.

Take as much luck as you can out of the equation by doing as much homework as possible.

Although there can never been any guarantees, for Bunning this approach has certainly met with plenty of success.

Philadelphia Man, Jadahson, Our Little General, Centenario and Australia's reigning two-year-old colt/gelding of the year Be Happy Mach headline some of the right team calls Bunning has been involved in.

And it is all about a team.

As far as Bunning is concerned, you can never have enough input from experts across pivotal areas.

It all goes back to his entry into the sport alongside master trainer Peter Tonkin.

Tonkin had not long moved from Portland to Ballarat and Bunning asked Tonkin to train Few Good Men, which would go on from a win on debut in Ballarat in May, 2006, to becoming warhorse in a career which would see the son of Panorama win 32 races in Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia.

It was an ideal foundation stone.

His first venture to the yearling sales was next and this resulted in the purchase of Jadahson (2007 colt, Falcon Seelster US-Jadah Rose), Mister Sheedy (2007 colt, Presidential Ball US-Intoxicating) and Mathias (2007 colt, Artsplace US-Outa Credit) for a syndicate of friends and associates.

Then a year later came the acquisition of Philadelphia Man (2018 colt, Art Major US-My Liberty Belle).

Bunning has no hesitation in declaring Tonkin as the mastermind behind those early buys.

While Tonkin has largely passed on this baton onto his son Clayton – partner of premiership trainer Emma Stewart – the formula remains largely the same more than decade later.

Bunning said the focus was always on colts.

He said the process began well before sales catalogues were published, with some inspections of prospective purchases taking place on farms once favoured bloodlines were found.

Clayton Tonkin plays a major role in inspecting yearlings and advising on the bloodlines.

Bunning said a mare from a good family was an important starting point as was sticking with proven sires.

He said once a “wish-list” was established experts such as veterinary surgeons and farriers all become involved as required.

“It’s vital to get a full profile as you go through the process of trimming down to the main targets.”

Bunning said once the desired lots were finalised, it was important to go to the sale with a dollar figure in mind.

“Then it’s a matter of assessing the market.”

Bunning and co-owners have never been afraid to dig deep for the right yearling, but it was always important that price was right.

Three years ago Bunning secured an American Ideal US colt out Art Major mare Beninjured (an unraced full sister to Philadelphia Man) for \$115,000 at the Australian Pacing Gold Melbourne sale.

He turned out to be Centenario – a two-time group 1 winner as a two-year-old and a season which earned him \$300,000 and the title of 2yo colt/gelding of the year.

Then at the APG Melbourne sale a year later Bunning did not have to pay as much, but still outlaid a significant \$57,500 for a Mach Three US colt.

That youngster is the stunning Be Happy Mach, a two-time group 1 winner of 10 of 11 starts as a 2yo last season and the reigning Australian 2yo colt/gelding of the year.

Bunning said these outcomes spoke volumes for the hard work which took place in the lead up to the yearling sales, and then the racing preparation by the Stewart and Tonkin stable team.

Bunning said with reference to Be Happy Mach, the appeal of Mach Three – the sire of Our Little General with which they had enjoyed enormous success before he was sold to the United States - and stud career of NZ-bred broodmare Be Happy Sam (by Washington VC US) had given the colt immediate appeal.

She had already produced Heza Thrill NZ (Christian Cullen NZ) and listed winner Rathmore Lady NZ (Christian Cullen NZ), Ballymore Boy NZ (Santanna Blue Chip US) and Our Great Spirit NZ (Christian Cullen NZ) – all prolific winners.

Bunning said everyone was impressed with what they saw at the sales.

“He had an excellent confirmation.

“We thought if the price was right...”

Bunning said at the time everyone believed Be Happy Mach was good value.

He has certainly confirmed this in just the one year on the track.

Bunning said his groups of owners had been fortunate to have the success which enabled them to aim high when going to the sales.

He said while not everyone could afford some of the higher prices, there was always an opportunity to get involved through the sales.

Bunning said getting a syndicate together, as he had and continued to be involved in, was a great way to make a start.

He does not believe it matters how much someone is looking to spend, getting as much advice as possible was remains crucial.

“Talk to as many people as you can. Talk to the professionals. Talk those who have prepared the yearlings at the studs. Find out the habits of the yearlings.

“Get together as much information as you can.

“It’s no different to any other major purchase you make – a house or a car. Do as much research as you can.

“There’s no guarantees, but you can have a lot of fun,” Bunning said.

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A Behappysam colt by Courage Under Fire is being offered at the APG yearling sale in Sydney on Sunday, March 8. He lot 628.

A Beninjurd colt by Captaintreacherous US is being offered at the APG yearling sale in Melbourne on Sunday, February 2. He lot 87.

BY DAVID BREHAUT



Tim Bunning with Be Happy Mach's Victorian 2yo of the year trophy

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Captaintreacherous-Wishitwasheaven filly

MOTHER, DAUGHTER TEAM UP

APG BRISBANE YEARLING SALE

THE 2020 YEARLING SALES ARE UPON US, WITH Brisbane providing the first sale of the new decade with the Australian Pacing Gold on Australia Day, January 26.

Some 41 lots have been catalogued for sale

There are 21 stallions represented, including Somebeachsomewhere, Art Major, Badlands Hanover, trotting sire Sebastian K, Betting Line, Always B Miki (three offerings from his first crop) and Captaintreacherous.

The first lot to pass through the ring will be a full brother to the 2019 Brisbane sales topper - a Captaintreacherous colt out of champion mare Forever Gold.

Lot 33 will be the only filly by Captaintreacherous - an offering out of Rock N Roll Heaven mare Wishitwasheaven. Consigned by Rhonda Aldons and Kylie Barsby, the filly has been prepared by the Denning family at Burwood Stud.

While Aldons and Barsby have both been involved in the sport for many years, this will be the first time the mother and daughter combination has teamed up in breeding and offered a yearling for public sale.

Kylie is married to arguably Australia's best harness broadcaster Chris Barsby and has had success as both a trainer and a driver, preparing and steering winners along the way since gaining her licence in the mid 2000s.

Rhonda, a retired nurse, now trains a small team of the family's pacers and has been married for 48 years to Dr Pat Aldons, one of Brisbane's leading thoracic physicians based at the Prince Charles Hospital. The Aldons have four children, with a son Ben also being a successful trainer.

Rhonda and Pat are no strangers to breeding and racing talented stock on both sides of the Tasman. The Aldons have shared ownership with the likes of City Rogue (2001 Australian Derby), Hot Shoe Shuffle (a filly that was a NZ Derby runner-up), Town Royal (contested 1987 Inter Dominion), V For, Down Town Lad, Afro Samurai and Christian Miracle all among some of their better performers.

While Rhonda and son Ben now train from the family's Logan Village property, there are quite a few horses in training with Peter Manning in Victoria, while Pat and Rhonda have also raced horses with David and Cath Butt, and Mike Berger in New Zealand.

With the Aldons breeding many horses across the Tasman, over the past decade they have worked towards shifting focus with their breeding activities. This has led to their entire broodmare band being relocated from New Zealand, to take up residence in Queensland at Burwood Stud.

Joining this band is Wishitwasheaven, a five-time winner

on the track that took a career best 1.55.8. Strengthening her breeding page, the mare is a full-sister to the 1.53.2 two-year-old APG winner Park Life.

With former Albion Park committeeman Neil Badcock presenting an opportunity too good to refuse, the mother/daughter team took a lease on Wishitwasheaven, with a pre-conceived plan to offer any progeny through the yearling sales ring. That led to covering the mare with the \$3million earner Captaintreacheros.

"We got a lovely filly as the first foal; she is a well-developed filly who is a nice size and well-balanced. Noel (Denning) said at an early stage she was a very correct filly and will command attention at whatever sale she is entered for in the future," Kylie said.

"I know Dad is a big believer in Captaintreacheros and he has supported him in his first couple of seasons down under, his results in North America on and off the track are hard to argue with and he's got the makings of a champion stallion so Mum and I didn't hesitate jumping on the bandwagon with our mare at her first go.

"We matched her up with Huntsville following the Captaintreacheros filly, but unfortunately she slipped and he's no longer available to down under breeders which is a shame. She's just been covered by He's Watching for the current term so here's hoping everything goes to plan."

In North America, the son of Somebeachsomewhere has been white-hot, with his progeny including the millionaire Captain Crunch, a 1.47.2 three-year-old winner of the North America Cup at Mohawk.

With the first Australian crop of Captaintreacheros ready to hit the track for their two-year-old campaigns, early indications match the hype that came at sales time last year.

Across the APG Sales in 2019, the Captain realised two \$100,000 yearlings (colt \$130,000 out of Sweet As Reign and filly \$100,000 out of Golden Showgirl) and 10 which went to at least \$40,000, with his sale average across Sydney and Melbourne hitting a tick over \$45,000.

With those type of numbers, Australia Day 2020 shapes as an anxious time for Rhonda and Kylie. The filly is a very strong type and well developed, should they dare to dream that they could possibly have a sales topper with their first foray into the Sales ring?

Having been in the sport long enough to know that sometimes you never really do know, Kylie remains upbeat about what lays ahead.

"It's exciting, but really nerve wracking at the same

time. You don't know what to expect and you can't really control it either so you're hopeful that everything goes well on the day, this is the first horse we have sold at public auction.

"Noel and Christine are beautiful people, their attention to detail is second to none and have prepared this filly in the best possible manner, I hope this filly sells well for them more than anything else given what they're going through with the current drought conditions because it might just give them a ray of hope."

Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things.

BY DARREN CLATYON QUEENSLAND CORRESPONDENT

GOLDEN INFLUENCE

Making Gold has left a significant footprint as a broodmare.

The daughter of Bookmaker US has produced four winners, including champion mare Forever Gold.

That influence is set to continue through the Australian Pacing Gold yearling sale in Brisbane on Sunday, January 26.

This will firstly occur through Making Gold's latest offering - a colt by Betting Line US (lot 8).

In addition, there are foals out three of Making Gold's daughters - champion mare Forever Gold (Famous Forever), Layback Cullen (Christian Cullen NZ) and Medium Strip (Presidential Ball US).

Forever Gold's third foal - a colt by Captaintreacheros - opens the sale.

Forever Gold won the group 2011 Queensland Oaks and was a multiple group 1-placed performer in winning 42 races for \$700,000 in stakes.

Her first foal (a filly by Rock N Roll Heaven) finished second on debut at Albion Park on December 20.

Layback Cullen has a Betting Line colt as lot 6 and Medium Strip has an Auckland Reactor US colt as lot 10.

In addition, Elegant Posh (Famous Forever daughter of Layback Cullen) also has a colt by Rock N Roll Hanover going under the hammer as lot 40.

A HALF brother to Colt Thirty One (Rock N Roll Heaven) is lot 36.

The son of Charm Personified is by American Ideal US and sure to attract enormous interest.



Betting Line

NEW BLOOD IN RING

APG MELBOURNE YEARLING SALE

ALWAYS B MIKI US AND BETTING LINE US ARE poised to have the biggest influence of stallions with their first crops on offer at the Australian Pacing Gold yearling sale in Melbourne on Sunday, February 2.

Always Miki has 16 lots and Betting Line 21 in the catalogue.

STANDING at Alabar, Always B Miki is a son of Western Hanover US stallion Western Ideal US.

His offspring to go under the hammer includes:

Lot 63: filly out of Bettors Delight mare and group 1 Bathurst Gold Tiara 2yo and Queensland 2yo Nursery Stakes finals winner Aussie Made Lombo, out of champion racemare and dam of eight winners Tailamade Lombo.

Lot 71: filly out of Eلسu NZ mare Arms of an Angel NZ (1:49.5, 12 wins, \$221,000), which was third in the

Miracle Mile and Chariots Of Fire and multiple group 3 winner.

Lot 106: filly out of Bettors Delight US mare Cosmic Delight – a daughter of strong producer Janeola Star (Classic Garry), which has left six winners, including Cosmic Flight (Sokys Atom US) 30 wins, \$202,000; and Cosmic Legacy (Legacy of Power US) 35 wins, \$195,000.

Lot 118: colt out of Feel The Magic (Fully Loaded US) – dam of Keayang Secret (Always A Virgin US) 9 wins, \$90,000 and 1:53.2. The filly's third dam is 2001 Australian broodmare of the year Larrakeyah Lady (Windshield Wiper), dam of nine winners including group 1 AG Hunter Cup winner Safe And Sound.

Lot 145: colt out of Christian Cullen NZ mare Jazzam (1:53.6, 24 wins, \$231,000) and dam of two winners.

Lot 177: colt out of Mollys Lucky Star (Bettors Delight US)

15 wins and dam of four winners, including group 1 WA Diamond 2yo Classic winner Askmeilltella.

Lot 243: colt out of The Waratah (Mach Three US), a winning half-sister to Australian 2yo and 3yo filly of the year Lady Waratah (Walton Hanover US).

BETTING LINE is made available to Australian breeders through Empire Stallions.

He is a son of champion sire Bettors Delight.

His offspring to go under the hammer includes:

Lot 57: gelding out of multiple group 1 winner Vixen Hanover (Trump Casino US) 20 wins, \$371,000 and 1:55.4. He group 1 wins included NSW Sires 2yo and 3yo finals and Victoria Oaks.

Lot 65: filly out of Arterial Way (Art Major US), the dam of Australian 2yo filly of the year Maajida, which won group Australian Breeders Crown and Vicbred Super Series 2yo finals.

Lot 89: colt out of Bettor Rose (Rocknroll Hanover), Bettor Rose is a daughter of Jadah Rose, also the dam of Guaranteed (Artspace) -

Winner of group 1 Vicbred Super Series 2yo and 3yo finals, Chariots of Fire and South Australian Cup.

Lot 170: filly out of Miss Astronomical (Astreos US), a daughter of Star Chaser (Tornado Hanover US) – the dam of eight winners including group 1 Ballarat Pacing Cup winner and now successful sire Safari.

Lot 221: filly out of Spirited Storm US (Artsplace) – the dam Australian 2yo pacer of the year and group 1 Australian Pacing Gold winner The Storm Inside.

Lot 247: filly out of group 1 winner Trend Setter (Perfect Art US), which is the dam of world record breaker Heavens Trend (Rock N Roll Heaven) 21 wins, \$385,000, and 1:52.1.

AUSTRALIAN track star Guaranteed also has a lot up for sale from their first crops.

Guaranteed has just the one yearling going to Oaklands Junction.

Goodtime Lodge, which stands Guaranteed, is offering a filly out of Goodtime Ruby (Browning Blue Chip US) as lot 130.

OTHER LOTS OF NOTE:

Lot 67: American Ideal US-Alldatgittersisgold NZ colt – full brother to group 1 Victoria Cup winner and newly retired Bling It On. Alldatgittersisgold is a two-time Australian broodmare of the year.

Lot 70: Somebeachsomewhere US-Art De Triomphe filly. Art De Triomphe is a full sister to former champion pacer

Follow The Stars (19 wins, \$707,000 and 1:53.8).

Lot 79: Somebeachsomewhere US-Artic Pleasure filly. This filly's second dam is group 1 winner Victoria Oaks and Australian Oaks winner Kept For Pleasure (Safely Kept) 19 wins, \$542,000. – making Artic Pleasure (Art Major) a full sister of NZ Derby winner Vincent (16 wins, \$598,000 and 1:50.2).

Lot 87: Captaintreacherous US-Beninjurd colt. A half brother to Australian 2yo pacer of the year and multiple group 1 winner Centenario.

Lot 94: Courage Under Fire NZ-Crown Defender NZ colt. Half-brother to group 1 NZ Cup, NZ Freee-For-All and Len Smith Miles winner Cruz Bromac.

Lot 108: Rock N Roll heaven US-Dreams of heaven colt. Half brother to Australian 3yo of the year Menin Gate, which won the Victoria and Queensland Derbies, Victoria Super Series 3yo final and Australasian Breeders Crown 3yo final.

Lot 135: American Ideal US-Gumdrops colt. First foal out of group 1 Queen of the Pacific winner.

Lot 184: Bettors Delight US-Machthreewishes colt. This is the first foal out of the full sister to multiple Inter Dominion finalist San Carlo (Mach Three).

LOT 201: A Rocknroll Dance US-Pelicanarama colt. Latest foal out of champion filly Pelicanrama (Panorama US), which had a career of 55 wins, \$730,000 and 1:53.4 She has left six winners.

LOT 207: Sportswriter US-Rooftop Fair. Full brother to group 1 winner Our Uncle Sam.



Always B Miki

IT'S SALES TIME

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

"Follow A Foal"

The Harness Breeders Victoria project hit the ground with the arrival of a pacing-bred filly by Always B Miki US and out of NZ-bred Elsu mare Arms Of An Angel at Alabar on October 24, 2018.

Then came the birth of a trotting-bred filly by Aldebaran Eagle US and out of Dream Vacation US mare Aldebaran Maori at Aldebaran Park on December 24, 2018.

"Follow A Foal" has done as the title suggests - follow the journey of Arms Of An Angel and Aldebaran Maori, and their foals.

And we are now at the points where "Angel" and Demi" will be offered at the Australian Pacing Gold yearling sale in Melbourne on Sunday, February 2, and the APG Australasian Premier Trotting Sale on the same day.

Here are their breeding profiles:

"ANGEL"

Always B Miki US-Arms Of An Angel filly

Arms Of An Angel (Elsu NZ-Pomis Princess NZ) - 12 wins, \$221,000.

Best wins: group 2 Hondo Grattan, group 3 Kevin Newman and Norms Daughter.

This is her first foal.

"DEMI"

Aldebaran Eagle US-Aldebaran Maori filly

Aldebaran Maori (Dream Vacation US-Maori Lindy) - 10 wins, \$74,000

Best wins: Aussco 2yo Classic, HRI Gold Bracelet.

Dam of 3 winners, including Fear Not (Sky Valley NZ) 7 wins, \$140,000-plus; and group 1 Breeders Crown 2yo trot winner Kyvalley Kyrie (Angus Hall US) 4 wins, \$79,000.



AUSTRALASIAN PREMIER TROTTING SALE

IN HER IMAGE

TROTTERS IN THE RING

A HALF BROTHER TO THE TOP PRICED LOT LAST year is being offered at the Australasian Premier Trotting Yearling Sale at Oaklands Junction on Sunday, February 2.

A Father Patrick filly out of Shes An Image sold for \$70,000 in 2019.

This year Chris and Haley Lang have an Andover Hall-Shes An Image colt going through the ring.

Shes An Image (by Last Sunset NZ) won 20 races for \$233,000 and a best winning mile rate of 1:57.4.

She was a three-time group 1 winner – 2011 Vicbred Super Series 2yo trot, Victoria Trotters' Oaks and NSW Trotters' Oaks.

Four of Father Patrick's progeny from his second Australian crop are listed in the sale - filly out of Gipsy Flair (Skyvalley NZ-Fiona Flair), filly out of Joyces Choice (Samadhi US-Miss Manoroki), filly out of Our Sunny Rose NZ (Muscles Yankee US-Our Sunny Whiz) and filly Social Fireball (Courage Under Fire NZ-Lombo Socialite).

Yet to have a starter in Australia, Father Patrick is the sire of two crops of racing age in North America, including million dollar earner Greenshoe 1:49.4.

Australian Pacing Gold has catalogued 61 lots for the sale.

Proven breeding nurseries Yabby Dam and Aldebaran Park will have a substantial hand in the APTS.

After selling just one lot last year, Yabby Dam has entered 14 lots, including three from the first Australian crop of Swedish sire Dreamcatcher.

Dreamcatcher is a son of champion French-bred stallion Love You

His progeny at the sale includes a colt out of NZ-bred mare Xena Hest (Pine Chip US-Amy Hest), filly out of Bohemian Queen (Sundon US-Queens Rhapsody) and first foal out Pink Diamond (CR Commando US-Another Starlet).

Other new sires with yearlings going under the hammer:

- Sebastian K Swe has a colt out Illawong Shimmer (Muscle Mass US-Shining Sun). This is the mare's first foal.

- Royalty For Life US has two lots – a colt out of Miss Adelaide NZ (Monarchy US-Bergan) and filly out of Solana NZ (Monarchy US- Soliel).

A Love You filly out of Miss Adelaide sold for \$35,000 at last year APTS sale – the fourth biggest price.

- Kvintet Fin has one lot – a colt out Brite N Lucky (Britewell US-Speed N Luck)

- Creatine US has five lots, including a colt and the first foal out Swedish-bred mare Sewed Dreams (Varenne Ita-Reality AS).

- Cardigan Boko Swe has two lots, including a colt out of Its Only Words (Western Terror US-Poetry), which is a half sister to champion racemare and dam La Coccaracha.

- Aldebaran Eagle US has three lots as among seven from Aldebaran Park. They include a filly out of Aldebaran Maori (Dream Vacation US-Maori Lindy) and colt out of Aldebaran Revenue (Revenue Swe-Maori Lindy). A Muscle Hill US filly out of Aldebaran Revenue last year sold for \$40,000.

BY DAVID BREHAUT



Andover Hall



MEMORIES FOR PROVIS

NOTHING FAKE ABOUT THIS SMILE

WHEN PACER FAKE SMILE SALUTED FOR THE FIRST time in almost four years memories came flooding back for breeder Denise Provis.

Fake Smile is a son of Counterfeit Girl, an all-time favourite mare of Provis and her late husband Peter.

Provis said it was great to see Fake Smile still racing after the long break he had – more than two years away from the racetrack.

“It brought back a lot of memories.

“Peter would have been thrilled.”

Peter Provis died in 2010 after more than two decades in the breeding industry.

Provis, operating in partnership with Denise under the Aptaro Standardbreds brand, was a breeding industry leader – a winner of Harness Breeders Victoria’s prestigious Ian Daff Memorial Award.

Now an eight-year-old, Fake Smile (by Grinfromeartoear US) was bred by Denise Provis the year after Peter’s death and won on debut as 3yo for trainer Susan Hunter in Ballarat in March, 2015.

He stamped himself as a horse of the future by winning his first eight starts – one for Hunter, four for Ahmed Taiba and three for Michael Doltoff.

Injury was to stall his progress in dramatic fashion after his 10th visit to the races.

Three tendon injuries later Fake Smiles returned in early November last year, this time in the care of Craig Demmler.

It was at this third run back at Melton on November that the gelding again became a winner – his previous success being at Kilmore in January, 2016.

Denise Provis said it was always exciting to see on their family lines continuing to taste success after so many years.

She recalls Apollo Kutie – a 1975 Magnus Apollo mare – as the starting point for what would be an exciting ride for the Provis family.

She said Apollo Kutie and her younger half-sister Tarport Kutie (Tarport King US) were among their early interests.

The appropriately named Denise’s Dream (Land Grant US - a stallion Peter Provis had a share in) was among the progeny of Tarport Kutie and the grand dam of Better Than Elvis (14 wins) and Art of Gold (15 wins).

When it came to leaving winners, Apollo Kutie’s stud career was relatively low key.

She produced two winners – Miandetta Kutie (Sprinkler US) 3 wins and Classic Grant (Land Grant) 5 wins.

However, Her fourth foal, unraced mare Lisa Nicole (Winshield Wiper US), was to be the groundbreaker.

Lisa Nicole was named after the Provis’ daughter.

Denise Provis said the filly was leased out as a racing proposition, but returned to their Yarck property between Yea and Bonnie Doon without fulfilling that aim and went to stud.

Lisa Nicole's first foal would be Counterfeit Girl (Fake Left US).

She was a hit on the track, winning 14 of 32 starts and earning a healthy bankroll of \$118,000 through the late 1990s in Victoria.

Her biggest wins were the 2000 Qbred Triad 4yo final and 1998 Qbred Triad 2yo prelude. She was also second in the Qbred 2yo and 3yo finals.

Then came an even more impressive stud career, with all progeny bred by Denise and Peter Provis.

Influential (Safely Kept US) was her first foal followed by group 1-winning Artificial (Perfect Art US), Counterfeit Chic (Barnett Hanover US), EM Maguane (Jennas Beach Boy US), group 1-winning Devilish Smile (Grinfromeartoe), In The Trenches (Art Major US) and Fake Smile as the winners.

Artificial (15 wins, \$209,000) took out the 2007 group 1 Queen of the Pacific and Devilish Smile (20 wins, \$282,000) saluted in the 2011 VicBred Super Series 3yo final.

Denise Provis said with her husband's approach being "keep the fillies and sell the colts" Artificial had been

retained and the likes of Devilish Smile and Fake Smile put through the sales ring and their fortunes followed from afar.

Provis said they could hardly have been more proud of what Counterfeit Girl had achieved on the racetrack and in the breeding barn.

"She's undoubtedly one of our greatest success stories."

Provis said as well as enjoying the success they had had with the likes of Counterfeit Girl and Artificial on the track and at stud, her husband had taken a lot out of getting other people involved in the sport through syndication and being at the races with them.

"He loved it."

Now living in retirement at Mernda, Provis has cut back her involvement in harness racing, but still remains active as a committee member of the Angelique Club – a social-based group for women for an interest in harness racing and presenter of the Pearl Kelly Award – and breeder.

She retains three broodmares: Classic Tycoon (PB Bullville US) and great granddaughter of Apollo Kutie; and daughters of Artificial in Artys Delight (Bettors Delight US) and False Desire (Real Desire US).

A ROCK N Roll Heaven US colt out of Artys Delight is being offered at the Australian Pacing Gold yearling sale in Melbourne on Sunday, February 2.

Her first foal, he is lot 64.



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GREAT SCOTT

WHAT A NOBLE CAREER

BY NOEL RIDGE

NOBLE SCOTT HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED AS ONE of Australia's all-time great stallions.

A sire of 301 winners, his memory has been further perpetuated by his inductions into the Victorian Harness racing Hall of Fame.

Noble Scott was one of six new inductees late last year, joining Harry Holmfield, Alice Laidlaw, Dick Lee, Ken Pocock and Gyro.

In addition, Edgar Tatlow was elevated to the status of legend.

Noble Scott was born in New Zealand, a son of U Scott US-Widow Volo US, in 1940 at the famed Roydon Lodge Stud of Sir John McKenzie.



Noble Scott's son James Scott. Picture: Gene Lett

U Scott was regarded as the greatest sire ever imported into New Zealand. He was the leading stake earning sire of New Zealand on nine occasions, topped the broodmare sires list on 10 occasions and the Australian broodmare sires' list six times. Remarkably, in 1962 U Scott was 17th on the overall American broodmare sires' list, headed at that time by Tar Heel and Adios.

Noble Scott's dam, the unraced Widow Volo, was foaled in 1933 and imported to New Zealand by McKenzie. Her dam, Widow Grattan had a 2:00.0TT record made at the Red Mile at Lexington in 1930

Noble Scott had two race starts in New Zealand, one as a two-year-old and one at three.

He was also used lightly at stud in 1943-44, siring 13 foals before moving to Australia in 1945.

Noble Scott sired two classic winners in NZ. Real Scott (2:07.9) won 13 from a known 40 starts, including the 1954 Dunedin Cup, and Defendant (2:11.7) won three feature races, including the 1954 Timaru Trotting Cup.

One of the 12 foals that Noble Scott sired in 1945, from the Great Bingen mare Madam Slow, was the unraced Widower Scott, which at stud in New Zealand sired the top class trotter Castletons Gift (1960) and 1961 full sister Castletons Queen, the dam of Inter Dominion trotting final winners and half-brothers Castletons Pride (1975) and Sir Castleton (1984).

Noble Scott was selected in New Zealand for the new Meadowbrook Stud established at North Woodend by brothers Frank and Harry Abrahams by their inaugural studmaster Ron Males. Males was an experienced and successful trainer-driver, having won the metropolitan drivers' premiership at Richmond and Ascot tracks in 1935-36 and Victorian drivers' premierships in 1934-35, 35-36 and 37-38 (later to repeat in seasons 1944-45 and 1945-46).

Males kept meticulous notes of his daily activities. One of his journals, in the care of his daughter Irene Pilcher, of Bendigo, contains the note he made when Noble Scott arrived from NZ.

Shortly after the stallion arrival at Meadowbrook Stud, Noble Scott was put into training by Males.

Racing as a pacer, he won six races, all at Woodend, as well as one at the Royal Melbourne Show.

He won two races on Boxing Day in 1945 and another three days later. On New Year's Eve Noble Scott won again, and on New Year's Day he won the fifth consecutive race in six days. He won his sixth and last race at Easter in 1946.

Noble Scott stood his first Australian season in 1945 combining stud duties and racing. His crops at Meadowbrook quickly resulted in a good racehorse each season.

From the 1946 foals came Desert Scott 2:09. The 1947 crop produced the good racehorse and later sire Goulburn Monarch 2:06.0 and the top class WA Free-For-All class pacer Scott's Way, later to sire the brilliant Dainty's Daughter.

In seasons 1952 and 1953 Noble Scott stood at Rosewood Stud at Peak Hill in NSW on lease arrangement to the famous Hando family, while their stallion 1949 AG. Hunter Cup winner Silver Peak stood at Meadowbrook.

Noble Scott sired Inter Dominion heat winner Billabong Scott and brilliant 2:00 horse and 1962 Inter Dominion final winner James Scott, which later sired 248 winners.

The Abrahams struck gold when Silver Peak sired a filly - hall of fame Argent, which was unprecedented winner of the Victorian and NSW Oaks and Derbies, and later the dam of the brilliant racehorse, sire and now hall of fame member Gyro.



Noble Scott

Noble Scott moved on at the end of the 1953 season.

Jack Campbell, of Barrakee near Charlton, who had collected a number of exceptionally bred mares from the Pride of Lincoln family from New Zealand and a number of mares by Raider US, purchased Noble Scott from the Abrahams for a then Australian record price of 6000 guineas. Noble Scott stood at Loddon Valley Stud Durham Ox for the next 12 seasons.

Present day Loddon Valley studmaster John Campbell says his father Jack was so impressed with Noble Scott that he bought stallion's younger brother, foaled in 1948, from Roydon Lodge. The colt raced as Clan MacTavish and ran 2:11.4 when trained by hall of fame member Jack McKay. He later stood at stud and sired 101 winners from a reported 188 foals. These included the good Showgrounds performer Lassie MacTavish, iron horse and winner of 55 races Macaree (2:01.10 and 1962 NSW Derby winner Deep Tan.

Siring 301 winners in an era when there were limited opportunities as year round metropolitan racing was

yet to be introduced was an outstanding achievement. Noble Scott's crops were small compared with the hundreds that today's topline stallions sire each season.

A feature of Noble Scott's career was his ability to leave at least one topline racehorse every year.

Here's a look at a decade of his leading offspring:

1947 CROP

GOULBURN MONARCH (2:6 TT): Italian Cup, 1954 Inter Dominion heat, sire of 48 winners

SCOTT'S WAY (2:8): three Gloucester Park free-for-alls, 1954 WA Easter Cup, sire of 21 winners.

1948

SCOTTISH PRIDE (2:13.2): 1952 Victoria Oaks

1949

DALL SCOTT (2yo 2:6 TT): won nine consecutive races

EFFICIENCY (2:10.8): 1955 Ararat Cup, 1958 Mildura Cup, sire of 12 winners

PETER SCOTT (2:12): NSW and Victorian Breeders Plates, Victorian Sapling Stakes

1950

MAUDEEN FENTON (2:12.6): Melbourne Showgrounds winner

1951

BOLD SCOTT (2:8.8): 1957 Echuca Cup

1952

BILLABONG SCOTT (2:9.6): NSW Derby heat, Inter Dominion heat, South Australian Cup

1953

JAMES SCOTT (1:59.2 TT): 1962 Inter Dominion final, multiple cups winner, sire of 248 winners

1954

BENELONG (T2:18.4): Victorian and South Australian Trotters' Derbies

CHELSEA LODGE (2:5.5 TT): 1962 Geelong Cup

1955

CHROME GIFT (2:13): 1958 Victoria Sapling Stakes

OUR NOBLE (T2:13.6): 1959 Victoria Trotters' Derby

1956

GRIFFITH SCOTT (2:10): Leeton Cup

UNCANNY (T2:9.2) 1960 Victoria and NSW Trotters' Derbies, 1967 NSW Easter Trotters' Cup

Noble Scott was able to produce pacing and trotting winners from a large range of mares. He sired winners from mares by at least 57 different stallions including the obscure sires Eppalock, Sanardo, Dalavan Dick and Fulham Dalla.

The data base www.classicfamilies.net, records that 23 of his classic race winners came from mares by four sires: eight Silver Peak mares, five by Louis Direct US, five by Raider US and five mares by New Derby

No foals are recorded for 1963 breeding season. At that time Jack Campbell reputedly gifted the 23-year-old Noble Scott to North Bendigo owner-trainer-driver Len (Curly) Orwin, who had been successful with some of Noble Scott's earlier progeny.

Noble Scott sired seven foals in the seasons 1964 and 1965. Of those seven foals, four of them won races. They were

Imperial Derby and Imperial Law for Orwin, 1971 Australasian Trotter Championship heat winner Noble Report for Bill Dixon and Noble Epic for Ray Heath.

The Australian Harness Racing website www.harness.org.au records that Noble Scott mares produced 1040 foals. If the data is accurate, 384 started in races, with 301 of those winning.

The website also reports 365 individual winners from Noble Scott mares. Noble Scott mares produced prolific West Australian Kodak, V.L. Dullard Cup winners Mary Beverly and Stormy Meadow, Dick Lee's Bendigo and Melbourne Pacing Cup winner Rhodonite, and top class Kerang trotter Bold Apepa

Noble Scott has remained influential into the modern era.

The 1989 Inter Dominion championship winner Jodie's Babe is a fourth generation descendent of 1950 Noble Scott mare Noble Greta. The 2018 Ballarat Cup winner Heaven Rocks (1:49.3) is a fifth generation descendent of the Noble Scott mare Dusky Scott, foaled in 1946.

It is fitting that Noble Scott has become a member of the Victorian Harness Racing Hall of Fame, joining his importers the Abrahams brothers, and Loddon Valley Stud's John and Jack Campbell.

Noble Scott joins stallions Globe Derby (legend), Meadow Vance, Thor Hanover, and Classic Garry in the hall of fame.

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Noble Scott's grandson Castletons Pride



UPDATE

WITH
NICK HOOPER
PRESIDENT

HBV UPDATE

The New Year always brings with it a sense of excitement with continued high quality racing throughout January culminating in the AG Hunter Cup and the Great Southern Star, along with a range of other high quality races.

For our commercial breeders, the Australian Pacing Gold and Australasian Premier Trotting Sale - to be held jointly for the first time on Sunday, February 2 - represent the culmination of a lot of work over a long period of time. We wish all of our member vendors all the best for the sale and hope to see steady increases in the sales prices for both sales.

Many breeders will have received an emailed invitation to respond to a survey being conducted by consulting firm Gemba, on behalf of Harness Racing Victoria. HRV is gathering strategic information which will assist their approach to the Victorian State Government to seek targeted funding which will stimulate breeding in Victoria. Your committee has been working closely with HRV on this matter, which we see as being of vital importance to the breeding industry.

HRV, via its new chief executive officer Dayle Brown, has been quite clear in

its objective to undertake the necessary actions to ensure we have a sustainable number of foals each year. HBV has been clear in our advocacy that the costs of breeding need to be reduced otherwise the decline in the number of foals is likely to continue. This remains the number one issue for HBV for the foreseeable future, but we remain optimistic that government will recognise the urgent nature of this issue with a suitable funding package.

YEARLING SALES

Harness Breeders Victoria will be on site at Oaklands Junction for the Friday afternoon-evening inspection day and also on Sunday to watch our two "Follow A Foal fillies" go through the yearling sales rings.

Come and find our marquee to discover more about our stud and charity partners, Alabar, Aldebaran Park, the Women's Cancer Foundation and the Children's Tumour Foundation, take a tour to learn about the sales and meet the fillies, and learn more about the HERO program and the world of horse ownership.

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Ultimate Sniper. Picture: HRNZ

AN ULTIMATE BLOODLINE

NO ONE BETTOR

NEW INTER DOMINION PACING TITLEHOLDER

Ultimate Sniper was the undisputed star of the championship in Auckland in November and December.

A son of American sire Bettor's Delight, which stands at Woodlands Stud, he won each night – over 1700 metres, 2200m in a New Zealand record of 2:35 and 2700m.

His run in the 2700m final in 3:14.7 was only 0.9 seconds outside Christen Me's national mark.

Ultimate Sniper, which has won 14 races and almost \$850,000 in stakes, is a member of the same maternal family as Logan Derby - the winner of the inaugural Inter Dominion series in 1936 and later a highly successful sire and sire of sires.

Foaled in 2015, Ultimate Sniper is from a fine racemare in Reality Check, which took a record of 1:59.9, won four races and was six times placed for \$139,495 in stakes.

Reality Check was by the Little Brown Jug winner Armbro Operative (Meadow Skipper sire line), a prominent sire

in Australia, from Maureen's Dream (1:58.8), by Lordship from Tuapeka Dream, by Lumber Dream and tracing eventually to Bonnie Belle, a Lincoln Yet mare bred in NZ and who founded a great winning family on both sides of the Tasman.

Besides Ultimate Sniper, Reality Check - a multiple classics-winning juvenile - left an top colt in Ultimate Machete (1:51.9), the winner of 13 races and \$823,896 including the NZ Sires Stakes 3yo Championship, NZ Free-For-All and WA Golden Nugget and now at Alabar's Auckland stud; and an outstanding racemare in Major Reality (1:50.9), which won 23 races including the WA Oaks and Norm's Daughter Classic for \$434,455.

Reality Check was recognised for her deeds at the stud with the NZ pacing broodmare of the year award in 2019.

Reality Check was out of Maureen's Dream, also a NZ broodmare excellence award winner and dam of 11 individual winners (seven inside 2:00) headed up by a smart pacer in Lavros Lord (1:52.6, \$104,666), a winner

in Victoria and North America; Kokona (1:56.9, 3 wins); the exported Laughing Lord (1:55.8) and Tuapeka Lightning (1:56.6); and Tuapeka Dancer (2:00.9), a Vance Hanover mare which left five winners and is the grand-dam of the NSW Simpson Sprint winner God Send (1:51.8, \$293,077).

Other daughters of Maureen's Dream also bred on with marked successes. Tuapeka Wings became the dam of Ideal Scott (1:52.8, \$842,757), a winner of 22 races including the NZ Great Northern Derby, Breeders Crown 4yo Final and Queensland Pacing Championship; Tuapeka Melinque left a capable pacer in Mister Tuberts (Victoria 3yo Graduate) and Atom Queen, which figured as the dam of the NZ Welcome Stakes winner Zacaharia (1:55.8).

Maureen's Dream's dam, the Lumber Dream mare Tuapeka Dream, was the dam of the NZ 2yo of the year and successful sire Tuapeka Knight and the third dam of the top flight WA pacer Deadly Jaguar, Hokuri Handrail (1:51.2, \$342,4576) and Hannah (1:54.6), winner of the NZ Southern Belle Speed Series.

Another branch of Maureen Dream's family was founded by the Smooth Fella mare, Seamoon, which became the dam of the prolific Albion Park winner Ima Sea Storm (1:53.4, \$131,686) and the NZ Yearling Sales Series 2yo Final winner Pacific Rapture (\$160,479). Others from Seamoon were The Neptune's Lady (1:57.5, \$112,176), winner of the NSW Robin Dundee and P. J. Hall Memorial, Magical Mike (NSW Inter City Pace) and Wave Runner (1:56.3).

Machtu (WA Winter Cup), Bonnie Joan (NZ Premier Mares Ch'ship), Mister Lennox (Tas. Derby) and Ocean Diva are a line-up of top pacers from this family.

Ultimate Sniper can claim a doubling up of the blood of Cam Fella in the third remove of his pedigree and a strong 4x4 cross of the Albatross horse BG's Bunny. His distaff side carries the blood of Armbro Operative, Lordship, Lumber Dream, Light Brigade and U Scott, all champion sires and broodmare sires.

SERIES WINNERS - PACING

ULTIMATE SNIPER NZ
HEAT 1, HEAT 3 and HEAT 5
FINAL – CHAMPION

Ultimate Sniper is a 4yo entire by Bettor's Delight US and out of Reality Check NZ (Armbro Operative US) – making him a full brother to the outstanding Ultimate Machete NZ, which after having his racing career cut short now stands at Alabar NZ. Reality Check has only had three offspring to the races, but each has an outstanding record: Ultimate Machete 13 wins, \$NZ650,000; Ultimate Sniper 11 wins, \$NZ531,000 after his Inter Dom heat victory; and now Australian-based Just Like Mum NZ (Art Major US) 23 wins, \$386,000. Reality Check provides classic colonial bloodlines back to Globe Derby via the Lordship, Johnny Globe and Logan Derby line. He dam Maureens Dream is by Lordship.

AG'S WHITE SOCKS **HEAT 2 and HEAT 4**

AG's White Socks NZ is a 6yo gelding by Rock N Roll Heaven US and out of Sokys Atom US mare Atomic Gold. AG's White Socks is the second big time performer out of Atomic Gold, which 11 years earlier produced 2009 group Fremantle Cup winner Power of Tara (Live of Die US) 22 wins, \$NZ747,000, 1:56.3, which went on to finish his racing career in the United States. AG's White Socks was bred by PG Laboyrie.

CRUZ BROMAC NZ **HEAT 6**

An 8yo gelding by Falcon Seelster US, out of Crown Defender NZ (Life Sign US). Cruz Bromac is one of only two winners out of Crown Defender from five offspring to go to the races. Her first foal Churchill Bromac (Badlands Hanover US) won three times. Crown Defender is out of unraced Camluck US mare Classic Blue Jeans, which produced group 2 winner Attorney General (Falcon Seelster US) 20 wins, \$NZ434,000; Captain Bromac (Falcon Seelster US) 5 wins, \$26,000; and Cullen Bromac (Christian Cullen NZ) 5 wins, \$NZ51,000. Cruz Bromac was bred by Bromac Lodge.

BY PETER WHARTON



Winterfell. Picture: HRNZ

PRIDE OF PLACE

EVERYTHING FALLS INTO PLACE

NEW INTER DOMINION CHAMPION WINTERFELL IS the fourth winner of Australasia's premier trotting event from the famed Pride of Lincoln family.

The son of Majestic Son US follows Take A Moment (2001 and 2003), True Roman (1988) and Tussle (1987), which all belong to the same branch of the family.

The championship outcome was also a notable score for champion trotting sire Majestic Son as both the winner and runner-up Majestic Man were sired by the Angus Hall horse.

Winterfell might well have distinguished himself as a pacer as his dam Una Bromac was sired by pacer Live Or Die, the leading New Zealand pacing sire on four occasions and his grand-dam sire Holmes Hanover was the premier pacing sire in NZ and Australia.

Una Bromac (tr 2:05.2), a good winner as a trotter, left one of NZ's finest trotters in Escapee (tr 1:57.4, \$263,115)

as NZ Trotters Derby-Oaks winner, and others of this gait in Queensland group winner Needle (tr 1:57.4, \$122,481) and Bathurst Gold Coronet winner Caligula (tr 1:56), a full brother to Winterfell.

Una Bromac, which won eight races and \$85,222 in stakes, was out of the Holmes Hanover mare Universal Kim, a winner at the lateral gait which became the dam of four winners, including Ulrica Bromac, a winner in NZ, NSW and Victoria and who took her record of 1:49.6 in three United States, where she finished up with a stake tally of \$250,339.

Others from Universal Kim were Kylie Bromac (1:55.6), a winner at Albion Park; Violet Bromac (2:01.6); and unraced Ursula Bromac - a full sister to Una Bromac - which left a Ushaka Bromac (tr 1:59.3, \$144,985) and a useful pacer in Put Your Lights On (2:00).

The next dam, Kim Bromac (by Bo Scot's Blue Chip, a son

WINNERS IN PROFILE

of Most Happy Fella), left three winners including the dual-gaited Ken Bromac, while Winterfell's fourth dam Kenton Hanover (2:06) produced Gloucester Park winner Master Kenton (1:59.8) and Harold Park winner General Anvil.

By Boyden Hanover, Kenton Hanover was from the unraced mare Bachelor's Advice, which bred extensively and whose family is widely represented in Australia. Bachelor's Advice was the dam of a good trotting winner in Berwyn Bridge (tr 2:5.6), which won six races in NZ; Kenton Lad, a winner in NZ and the US; the double-gaited Bobby Bromac (3 wins) and General Kenton (2 wins).

Bachelor's Advice was the second dam of the prolific Moonee Valley winner Pacific's Mate (1:59.5, \$135,765), Harrison Minor (1:56.2 US) and NSW Golden Easter Egg winner Gone Heavy, the third dam of a cup class pacers in Allwood's Chief (1:54.4, \$465,497) and Ulos (\$127,329) and brilliant but ill-fated Victoria Sires Stakes 2yo Final and SA Golden Nursery winner Exhilarator.

In the back removes of Winterfell's pedigree are pacers of the calibre of Beefy T, Under A Cloud, Franco Conquest and Menin Gate, but in some branches of the family the emphasis has been on trotters.

INTER DOMINION NZ ALL THE WINNERS - TROTTING

PARAMOUNT KING NZ HEAT (1)

Paramount King is a 5yo gelding by Love You and out of Sundon mare Paramount Star, which won seven of 38 starts. Paramount King is the eighth of her 10 foals, which also include NZ group 3 winner and 2010 group 1 Breeders Crown 2yo trot final and 2011 Breeders Crown 3yo trot final winner Paramount Geegee (Pegasus Spur) 17 wins, \$NZ533,000, 1:57.3; Paramount Queen (Love You) 8 wins, \$NZ62,000; and Paramount Dream (Pegasus Spur) 8 wins, \$NZ46,000. A seven-time winner, Paramount Star is a daughter of Karenero (Loner US), which had five foals to the races, including Paramount Jack (Gee Whiz II US) 12 wins, \$NZ50,000. Loner was a son of Meadow Skipper US, with a Tar Heel and Adios cross on maternal side.

Paramount King was bred by Studholme Bloodstock Limited, G F Gimblett

WINTERFELL NZ HEAT (2) and HEAT 6 FINAL – CHAMPION

Winterfell is a 5yo gelding by Majestic Son US and out of Una Bromac (Live Or Die US) – a winner of eight races and dam of three winners. Her other winning foals are 2012 group 1 NZ Trotting Derby and Northern NZ Trotting Derby winner and Escapee (Sundon) 11 wins, \$NZ186,000; and Needle (Muscle Mass US) 3 wins. Una Bromac won eight times and was a group 2 winner. Winterfell was bred by TG Casey.

MAJESTIC MAN NZ HEAT 3

Majestic Man is a 5yo gelding by Majestic Son and the fifth foal out of Love Hate Revenge (Holdonmyheart US). Holdonmyheart left just 38 NZ-bred winners at stud - all trotters – with his most successful being Mark Andrew (Gee Whiz II) 11 wins. Love Hat Revenge had just the one win, with her other foals including Sol Invictus (Sundon) 11 wins, \$62,000, which was still racing earlier this year as an 11yo. Love Hat Revenge is out of Gees Pride (Pernod Eden) 9 wins and was easily her most successful foal. Majestic Man was bred by NT Bennett, LHR Syndicate.

TEMPORALE NZ HEAT 4 and HEAT 5

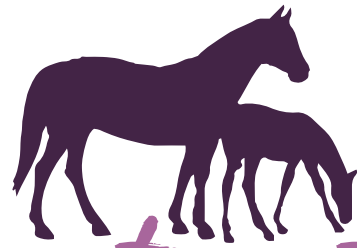
A 7yo by Monarchy US, Temporale is out of Armbro Invasion US mare Whosinthenest, which left five winners. They also included

Miracle Rising (Muscles Mass) 5 wins. Whosinthenest was out of the successful Rob The Nest (Chiola Hanover US), which after winning six races went to leave seven winners, which also include Sonofthedon (Sundon US) 7 wins, \$NZ67,000; 2003 group 1 Great Northern Trotting Derby and 2003 group 1 NZ Trotting Derby winner Thedonsson (Sundon) 9 wins, \$NZ124,000; 2006 group 1 NZ Trotting Derby winner Galleons Assassin (Earl Ca) 13 wins, \$NZ 327,000.

Temporale was bred by GW and BM Hulston.

BY PETER WHARTON

Maternal Instincts



BROODMARES LEAVING THEIR MARK

SAVED A CORKA (ARMBRO OPERATIVE US)

Saved A Corka has the distinction of being the dam of the first two-year-old winner in Victoria this season – Ultimate Exclusive (Art Major US) at Kilmore on January 2. Saved A Corka (24 wins, \$130,000) has five other winning foals – Aspiring Artist (Art Major) 27 wins, \$170,000; Rap Artist (Art Major US) 20 wins, \$108,000; Our Little Artist (Art Major) 16 wins, \$57,000; Major Exclusive (Art Major) 11 wins, \$87,000; and Final Frontier (Sportswriter US) 4 wins. Saved A Corka's dam Uncorked NZ (Tuapeka Knight NZ) is the dam of 13 winners, also including Hes A Corka (Armbro Operative US) 45 wins, \$192,000 and 1:57.4. Saved A Corka was bred by MB Billinger and RV Miller in South Australia, Ultimate Exclusive bred by Pinaroo Park.

LAGOON LADY (TROUBLEMAKER US)

Soextra (Bettors Delight) became the first winner from former smart racemare Lagoon Lady when the 3yo won on debut at Kilmore on January 2. She has also produced the speedy Beach Surge (Somebeachsomewhere US) 11 wins, \$70,000 and 1:51.8. Lagoon Lady won 28 races for \$203,000. She was a listed winner, also scoring in the Terang Cup and Geelong Rocket. Lagoon Lady was bred by GD, JT and JI Gourley. Soextra was bred by RJ Richards.

RIGHT INTEREST (SUNDON US)

Former topline trotting racemare Right Interest has thrown another smart squaregaiter. Right Moves (The Best Madrik Fra) made a perfect start to her career with a win on debut at Shepparton on November 1. She is the fourth foal out of Right Interest to race and win, following group 1 winner Aimforthemoon (Angus Hall US), Allthemoves (Muscles Yankee US) and She Is The One (Muscle Hill US). Right Interest won 18 races for \$202,000, including the group 1 2006 Breeders Crown 3yo trot final. She was one of nine winners out of unraced Late Withdrawal (Magnus Apollo US), which also produced 1998 group 1 VL Dullard Cup winner National Interest (Torado Hanover US) 33 wins, \$350,000. Right Interest was bred by Sheron Park in Victoria.



Pat Prendergast and Vin Mahar with La Lola

GOLDEN ABBESS (FLEXIBLE)

The family of 1947 mare Golden Abbess just keeps giving as was demonstrated by La Lola (Rock N Roll Heaven US) in an impressive win on debut in Ballarat on November 29. She is a six-time great granddaughter of Golden Abbess. The four-year-old's dam is Predict (Grinfromeartoeat US) 9 wins; and follows the maternal line of unraced Erase (Classic Garry), Wipe Clean (Windshield Wiper US), 3 wins, extra smart 1984 Ladyship Mile winner Once More (Encore Lobell US) 18 wins and 1:57, Gyrate (Gyration) and Pliant (Flexible), a daughter of Golden Abbess. La Lola is the second winner and last foal out of Predict. La Lola was bred by Pat and Mary Prendergast's Brackenhurst Pty Ltd. The Prendergast family acquired Golden Abbess as a broodmare from the Abrahams family.

STYX (KEYSTONE SALUTE US)

A short career on the track as a two and three-year-old trotter in the early 1990s, but what an impact she made in the breeding barn. She produced six winners, with multiple group 1 placed River Red (Yentls Image Ca) 28 wins, \$111,000; 2002 group 1 Victoria Trotters' Derby and Victoria Trotters' Oaks winner Zesta (SJs Photo US)

13 wins, \$143,000; and Nica Macdonon (Eilean Donon US) 14 wins, \$131,000 the most prolific winners. It is the family of a non-winning foal Ginger Gem (Keystone Salute US) which has provided one of the latest wins for Styx's bloodline. 2016 gelding Rules Dont Apply (Muscle Hill US) had his first race win in Ballarat on November 29. Bred by TL and C Atkins, Rules Don't Apply is the second winner out of Abandoned Annie (Continentalman US), a daughter of Ginger Gem, which is also the dam of 2019 group1 Vicbred Super Series 3yo trotting final winner I Am Pegasus (Pegasus Spur Ca).

MERRY GRAND (MEADOW VANCE US)

What a boon it was for the Douglas family of Ballarat when they acquired unraced 1965 mare Merry Grand. While she never made it to the races, she would leave nine winners which almost 50 years later are still impacting for the Douglas clan.

Tungsten Lass (Honourable Son) led the way on the track with 14 wins and \$57,000. Her other foals included Plain Rappa (Nardyns Byrd US) 8 wins, \$40,000; Tungsten Girl (Thunderbird) 6 wins; Merry Dollar (Grecian Star) 3 wins; and Armada Vance (The Admiralty US) 3 wins. It is Tungsten Lass which leads the family's latest winner, 3yo colt Born To Be Watched (Hes Watching US). He is out Current Raider (Crosscurrent US) - a daughter of Milady Raider (Kentucky US) and granddaughter of Tungsten Lass. Tungsten Lass had six foals, with Milady Raider the only filly. She went onto leave four winners, with Machieve (Mach Three US) the best of them with seven wins and almost \$40,000 in stakes. Current Raider won twice Born To Be Watched is her second foal, with Snip of Grand (Art Colony US) winning seven times for \$83,000.

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Family Ties

BRANACH NAME LIVING ON

WHEN ROCKY BRANACH SALUTED FOR A FIFTH AND

sixth time in his career at Wagga and Leeton in December it brought back to mind one of the best young pacers to grace Victoria tracks in the early 1990s.

Nicholas Branach was a star for the Conway family from Hopetoun in Victoria's southern mallee.

Nicholas Branach (Kentucky US-Libby Low) took all before him as a 2yo on his way to a career record of 33 wins for \$350,000 in stakes – winning the 1991 Victoria Sires Stake, Victoria Breeders Plate, SA Golden Nursery Stakes and Edgar Tatlow Memorial Stakes. He went on to take out the 1993 Kilmore Pacing Cup, and Hamilton and Yarra Valley Cups in 1994.

So where does Nicholas Branach fit into the pedigree of Rocky Branach? The Pet Rock US 4yo is out of Nicholas Branach mare Sky High Branach, which had just the one win in a short racing career.

Nicholas Branach is part of what has been a great story for the Conway family, with patriarch the late Maurie Conway and his son Ross at the helm.

It goes back to 1967 Aachen mare Maldanna – a great granddaughter of Globe Derby on her paternal and maternal sides. She had a stunning career as a broodmare – leaving some class performers such as Bon Titian (Bon Adios), Maria Vassallo (Avian Again), Libby Low (Tarport Low US) and Low Man (Tarport Low US), which was a classic

winner under the guidance of "Tubby" Peace in taking out 22 races. Six of Maldanna's daughters went on to leave winners, with Katie Mulholland (Future Monarch) producing six winners including 1992 Queensland Winter Cup victor Aberdeen (Tarport Low US) 35 wins, \$225,000.

The most successful of them all though was Libby Low. She was the dam of 11 winners, with Nicholas Branach not the only topline. He first foal Voight (Adios Vic US) was also one out of the box for the Conways. He won 28 races for \$226,000 and ran 1:57.7. He did not race until a late 3yo, but quickly found his feet in open age, winning the 1987 Geelong Cup, a Winfield Gold Cup prelude and the 1988 Tasmanian Pacing Championship. Libby Low also left Mac The Knife (Pure Steel) 10 wins and Belvoir Park (Kentucky US) 7 wins.

Other maternal line descendants of Maldanna include Classic News (Classic Garry), Pinkstwotter (Equitable), and group 2 and group 3 winner Mister Wickham (Julius Caesar NZ) 20 wins, \$244,000 and 1:52.2

Nicholas Branach finished his stud career with 27 winners from 58 starters.

His most successful offspring were Prince Saroun 12 wins, \$67,000; Fleur Delacour 11 wins, \$51,000; Glen Branach 13 wins, \$48,000; Littlemissbranach 13 wins, \$43,000; and Lemelson 11 wins, \$32,000. Fleur Delacour was the fastest with a 1:57.4 mark.

SIRING SNIPPET

A rare siring double for two former stablemates at Narrogin on November 29.

Renaissance Man and Caribbean Blaster each produced winners.

Three-year-old gelding Medieval Man (Renaissance Man-So Crimsonandclova) saluted for trainer Kiara Davies and 4yo mare Caruba (Caribbean Blaster-Spirit Away) for trainer Peter Tilbrook.

Renaissance Man and Caribbean Blaster were each star

performers on the track for Victorian trainer Any Gath.

Renaissance Man (by Art Major US) won 18 races for \$297,000 with a best winning mile rate of 1:53.1

His biggest wins included 2009 group 1 NSW Sires Stakes for 2yos and 2010 group 1 South Australian Derby.

Caribbean Man (Bettors Delight US) won 24 races for \$1.1m, with a best winning mile rate of 1:52.6.

He won the 2012 group 1 Chariots of Fire, 2012 group 1 Breeders Crown 4yo final, 2012 group 1 Victoria Cup and 2014 group 1 SA Cup.

AUSTRALIA WIDE GROUP 1 HONOUR ROLL

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ALDEBARAN PARK MAORI MILE TORNADO VALLEY

Skyvalley NZ-Begin NZ (Sundon NZ)
Family: Peri NZ
Breeder: PL Gaugler and TM McMillan

Tornado Valley NZ brought up his sixth group 1 in taking his second Maori Mile – giving him 32 career wins and \$563,000 in earnings. Tornado Valley was first foal out of Begin and has been the only winner from three foals to race. Begin is an unraced mare by Lordship. She produced four winners, including Strapon (Straphanger US) 4 wins.

ALDEBARAN PARK VICBRED PLATINUM HOME GROWN 3YO TROTTING FILLIES FINAL RUM JUNCTION

Bacardi Lindy US-Virginiaconnection (Framework US)
Family: Fair Nell NSW

Breeders: JB, CM and DJ O'Connor, P Donnelly, TJ McGarity, M Blomeley, C McMeel, R Gadsden

Rum Junction hails from two outstanding Australian trotting families with her fourth maternal dams being Maori Miss and Lucy Clare.

Virginiaconnection (1 win) is a daughter of Keystone Crosby US mare Mary Clare, which also produced Fiery Salute (Keystone Salute US) 4 wins and Fire Chase (Keystone Salute US) 2 wins. Diamond Insitu (CR Commando US) was another daughter of Mary Clare and went on to leave three-time group 1 winner Sparkling Success (Great Success US), with victories in the 2018 Great Southern Star, Maori Mile and Vicbred Super Series 4yo final.

Mary Clare is a daughter of Keystone Crosby US and Idol Clare (Maori's Idol), which was out of top flight trotting mare Downsouth Clare (Caliburn US-Lucy Clare). Downsouth Clare won 19 races for \$101,000, including the 1983 Australasian Trotting



Tornado Valley. Picture: Stuart McCormick.

Championship. Lucy Clare also produced 1988 Inter Dominion consolation winner Game Ebony (Black Gamecock US) 29 wins, \$181,000; and Mister Everest (Mt Everest) 9 wins.

ALDEBARAN PARK VICBRED PLATINUM HOME GROWN 3YO TROTTING COLTS/ GELDINGS FINAL

KEYANG IGNITE

Angus Hall US-Aldebaran Revenue (Revenue Swe)
Family: Problem NZ
Breeder: Aldebaran Lody Pty Ltd

Initially named Aldebaran Bryce, Keayang Ignited is the second winner out Aldebaran Revenue, following Aldebaran Poppy (Skyvalley NZ) 3 wins.

Aldebaran Revenue is a daughter of Maori Lindy (Lindy Lane US) and an unraced half-sister to four winners, including Aldebaran Maori (Dream Vacation US) 10 wins, \$74,000. Maori Lindy was a daughter of group 1 winner Maori's Glory (Red Coach Glory US) 14 wins, \$109,000.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA**RETRAVISION FREMANTLE CUP
CAVIAR STAR NZ**

Betterthancheddar US-Star Of Venus NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)

Family: Mona R US

Breeder: RN Caldow

Caviar Star (13 wins, \$158,000, 1:55.2) is one four winners out of Breeders Crown Graduate winner Star Of Venus, which has also left Star Of Dionysis NZ (American Ideal US) 12 wins, \$118,000, 1:53.6; group 3 placed Vega Star (Real Desire US) 18 wins, \$121,000, 1:51.3; and New Zealand star Self Assured NZ (Bettors Delight US) 8 wins, \$268,000, 1:54.1.

Star Venue is a full sister to Night Of The Stars NZ (9 wins, \$114,000) and half sister to multiple group winner Star Galleria (Art Major US) 13 wins, \$360,000, 1:53.9

**WA SIMMONDS STEEL 4YO CLASSIC
SANGUE REALE**

Art Major US-Christisimo NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)

Family: Krina NZ

Breeder: A22 Pty Ltd

Sangue Reale is the third winning foal of Christisimo, joining group 2 winner and multiple group placed Miss Sangrial (Art Major US) 1:55.7, 16 wins, \$199,000; and Mio Christisimo (Rocknroll Hanover US) 1:57.4, 8 wins, \$44,000. Christisimo (10 wins, \$48,000) was one of nine winners produced by Mio Bellissimo NZ (Smooth Fella US), which also left 2000 group 2 NZ Breeders Produce Stakes winner Black Flash NZ (Holmes Hanover) 24 wins, \$130,000; 2005 group 1 Queensland Derby winner Torbello NZ (In The Pocket US) 1:56.1, 24 wins, \$147,000; and multiple group 3 placed The Cavalier NZ (Christian Cullen NZ) 1:56.8, 15 wins, \$248,000. Mio Bellissimo was out of Krina Bella (Lordship NZ), which is also the dam of pacing legend Preux Chevalier.

**WESTRAL MARES CLASSIC
GOTTA GO GARBANA**

Gotta Go Collect NZ-Lady Gabbana

Family: Fair Nell NSW

Breeder: C and AE Belton

Lady Gabbana (Kinney Hanover US) is a 2005 daughter of Beach Towel US mare Whitbys Beachbabe. Lady Gabbana has had two foals to races, with Gotta Go Garbana the only winner. Whitbys Beachbabe is out of Whitby Babe (Tarpport Adios US) and half-sister to Whitbys Magic (Magic Fella NZ) 13 wins, \$115,000.

**RETRAVISION GOLD NUGGET 4YO
SHOCKWAVE**

Mach Three Ca-Here For The Money (Rich and Spoilt Family: Vanity

Breeders: KJ and AG Charles

Here For The Money won seven races for earnings of \$81,000 and has had three foals to the races, also including two-time group 1 winner Double Expresso (Sweet Lou US) 7 wins, \$169,000 and 1:55.7. Shockwave took her record to nine victories for \$163,000.

Here For The Money was one of two winners left by Regal Castle (Safely Kept US), with also had Sexy Beast (Armbro Operative US) 4 wins.

QUEENSLAND**DARRELL ALEXANDER TROTTING
CHAMPIONSHIP
WEE MAN TROUBLE NZ**

Superfast Stuart Ca-Sunny Maree NZ (Sundon US)

Family: Lizzie Witherspoon US

Breeders: WF Fletcher, MJ Smolenski

Wee Man Trouble saluted at just his third Australian start. A 5yo, he the first foal out of Sunny Maree and her only offspring to race. Sunny Maree is an unraced daughter of Britwell mare Bright Diedre, which has left two winners, including 2-15 group 1 3yo Ruby trot winner Sunny Ruby (Sundon US) 19 wins, \$260,000 and 1:54.7. Superfast Stuart has produced 15 winners in four crops in NZ.

SIRING SNIPPET

This could hardly have been more appropriately named winner than Rather Sentimental at Narrogin on November 29.

The six-year-old won the day before his sire Allamerican Ingot US died after a paddock incident at Peppercorn Dell Stud in Central Victoria.

A 1999 son of Western Hanover Allamerican Ingot, which was out of Abercrombie US mare Incredible Margie, arrived in Australia in 2009 after winning nine races for \$1.2m, and a best winning mile rate of 1:50.6.

He started his stud career in the US in 2003 and Royalstar Farm in Western Australia was his first Australian base.

Allamerican Ingot followed up with a winning double at Pinjarra on December 9 with Camluck King and The Last Drop.

Serene Grin has also made a promising start to her career, winning her first two starts in NSW.



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