

Boom Time Rising for WA

WA-bred stayer Boom Time flew out to Tokyo on Monday in readiness for an historic assignment in the G1 Japan Cup (2400m) on November 25.

The G1 Caulfield Cup winner will represent Lindsay Park owner-trainer David Hayes who won the Japan Cup with legendary galloper Better Loosen Up in 1990. "He had no excuses out of the Melbourne Cup except he didn't stay the two-miles," Hayes said. "They're very good stayers in Japan and have been for a long time."

The Japan Cup winner will earn AUD 3.53 million and participation incentives go down to 10th prizemoney of AUD 70,500. Winning the Caulfield Cup – Japan Cup double also carries a bonus of AUD 2.61 million.

"I think Boom Time will run well although he's not in the same class as Better Loosen Up," Hayes added. "But it's an opportunity that's hard to turn down with the bonus on offer."

Boom Time was bred by Kim Loxton his Serpentine-based farm in 2011 using Flying Spur over Snippets mare Bit Of A Ride. It's been well-documented that he sold the gelding to Hayes earlier this year but the gelding still has family links in the Sunspeed State.

His dam Bit Of A Ride was covered by Champion WA sire Blackfriars at Scenic Lodge on the morning of his Caulfield Cup victory. And his half-sister Sentoki (Haradasun) has been covered by God Has Spoken, a Group 2 winning son of Blackfriars, at Rivercrest Park.

Reaping rewards at Ascot

It's a wonder Carolina Reaper ever made it to the races after facing some life-threatening hurdles as a foal at Yarradale Stud.

The Frost Giant (USA) colt was orphaned at one month but he's made of sterner stuff and that was evident during his second-up victory over Sanantorio (Oratorio) and King Of Planets (Planet Five) in the Argonaut Plate (1100m) at Ascot on November 4.

"Everyone at the farm was glad to see



him win," Yarradale manager Bernie Hamill explained. "When his dam Hot Tamale died we couldn't find a foster mare with milk. He was raised on formula from a bucket and looked after by one of our old nanny mares Dark Hope.

"She loved him like her own and let him nurse off her even though she had no milk."

Carolina Reaper was offered as Lot 2 at the Yarradale Stud yearling sale in May and trainer Paul Jordan was happy to take him home despite the earlier setbacks. He was even happier when the grey colt took a rails run to land a sting that saw his odds tumble from \$21 into \$12.

"He cost us \$32,000 and that's 70 big ones in the back-pocket," Jordan said referring to the prizemoney combined with a Westspeed bonus. "He was unlucky on debut here a fortnight ago but got the breaks today."

Carolina Reaper is owned by a Lima Syndicate managed by Harvey Crossman and is a half-brother to War Chant winners Saturaia and Habenera. Crossman and Jordan also raced Cool Intrigue who opened Frost Giant's account in Australia this time last year.

Frost Giant (Giant's Causeway) shuttled to Yarradale for two seasons from Keane Stud in the USA. The Kentucky-bred stallion won the G1 Suburban Hcp (2000m) at Belmont Park and was Champion first and second second-season sire in New York.



Agent Pippa

Promising Pippa from Perth

Agent Pippa has returned home to Perth for a spell after being scratched from last Saturday's G3 Maribyrnong Plate (1000m) at Flemington.

A brilliant debut winner at Ascot last month, she pulled up poorly after trackwork on Thursday morning. "It's disappointing but we weren't going to run if she wasn't 100%," co-trainer Ben Pearce said. "She will be set for the G2 Karrakatta Plate in April."

A half-share in Agent Pippa was sold to Melbourne businessman Rod Menzies by her part-owners Wes Martin and Nathan Hebbard in a deal brokered by bloodstock agent Tony Cavanagh (FBAA).

The daughter of Demerit created a big impression winning the Western Racepix Plate (1000m) on October 21. Bouncing straight to the lead, she raced away in the straight to win eased down by a length from Princess Pierro.

Cavanagh revealed Menzies was taken by Agent Pippa's all-the-way victory. "It was a big effort to win her trial and then win her race," he said. "Her grand-dam Develan ran fourth in a Maribyrnong Plate."

Taunton Vale owners Kent and Nina Johnston stand Demerit for a \$3,300 (inc gst) fee. A Darley homebred by Lonhro, he was runner-up to Black Caviar on debut and returned at three to defeat Manhattan Rain and Starspangledbanner in the G3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude.

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