



## THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

### LIGHTNING STRIKES FOR OAKLAND PARK

Lightning is likely to strike twice for Oakland Park Stud with the Sepoy – Beauty World filly that was knocked down for \$400,000 at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale.

She's a half-sister to stakes-winners Lite'n In My Veins, Hi World, Loveyamadly & Ducimus and was the top-priced filly on Day 2 at Oaklands Junction.

Belmont Bloodstock (FBAA) agent Damon Gabbedy bought her on behalf of Milburn Creek owner John Muir. "John always likes to buy a filly each year with an eye to a future broodmare and this filly is a perfect example of that," Gabbedy said. "She's got the best pedigree of any filly in the sale and you have to pay a premium for fillies like her."

The Sepoy filly was bred by Oakland Park studmaster Neville Duncan and was sold through the draft of Blue Gum Farm. That same connection was responsible for Handsome Bo Bo who won the Citigold Hcp at Sha Tin on February 25.

Handsome Bo Bo is the final foal from Sadler's Girl (Fr) who was bought by Gabbedy on behalf of Oakland Park for \$80,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. Covered by Helmet later that year, she foaled a colt that Duncan sold for \$120,000 through Blue Gum at the 2016 Melbourne Premier.

Pin-hooked by Esker Lodge, his value increased to \$240,000 when targeted by Willie Leung's Magus Equine at the 2016 NZB Karaka 2YO Sale.

Exported to Hong Kong in August 2017, he broke through second-up for trainer Manfred Man. He had worked at both ends when fourth on debut in January but was able to dictate in front for Zac Purton over 1200m.

Still only a three-year-old, Handsome Bo Bo gave a comprehensive kick at the business end of the race to win by just under a length in

what was a very encouraging effort. He remains eligible for another Class Four and will comfortably handle the raise in weight if he manages to get a look at an inside draw for a change.

Handsome Bo Bo's dam Sadler's Girl (Sadler's Wells) was imported to Australia in 2006 and won at Sandown and Ballarat for Danny O'Brien. She is from a half-sister to the Sadler's Wells Group 1 racehorse and sire Barathea.

Her Sepoy filly had been a standout all week at the Melbourne Premier and Blue Gum Farm's Philip Campbell was far from surprised by the price-tag. "The filly is a cracking type and her dam has produced superior runners to a number of different stallions. She's worth that sort of money just as a broodmare and she's going to improve her value on the racetrack.

"Neville and Susan Duncan bred Northerly, they bred Marasco, they are absolutely A1 breeders and we have sold yearlings like Ducimus and Jukebox for them. They are legitimate sellers – in the last four years we haven't passed a horse in."



### WINNING ZONE FOR PROART

Dropping back from 1800m was the point of difference for Prozone in the Mandurah Mail Maiden (1500m) last month.

Trainer David Harrison elected to bring him back from a front-running second to Perceptive Miss (Blackfriars) and that paid dividends at Pinjarra. Always in the firing line for Paul Harvey, he found a length for the champion jockey in the straight while the favourite Amber Glow was left flat-footed.

Prozone is by Balmoral Park stallion Proart and his dam Dark Horizon (Thunder Gulch) won up to a mile in Adelaide. She is a half-sister to LR Gimcrack Stakes winner Our Cutesy (Carry A Smile).

Harrison purchased Prozone from Balmoral Park for \$35,000 at the 2016 Perth Magic Millions. "We always had a good opinion of him and we retained a share," Balmoral manager Brian Collison recalled. "He had a great attitude and took the sales prep in his stride."

"David plans to eventually step him back up in distance. We have his full brother at the farm and he looks a ripper type already."

Prozone continues the winning run for Proart who has sired 7 individual winners at a 60% strike-rate this season. His first crop contained stakes-winning filly Rosmartini, however, subsequent

relocations restricted his books until a permanent move to Balmoral Park.

His current crop of yearlings are the first conceived at Balmoral Park. There are shares available in several of them and Collison can be contacted to arrange an inspection on 0411 055 164.



## SPECIAL FILLY BY BLACKFRIARS

Is Blackfriars filly Assetro the best 2yo seen out in Perth this season?

That was a talking point at Ascot recently after her astounding victory in the TABtouch Plate (1100m). She was in another time-zone at the top of the straight before reeling in Emerald Rose (Patronize) to win by a long-head.

Trainer Adam Durrant was momentarily lost for words after watching her paralysing burst but quickly regained his composure during a post-race interview. "She had no business winning from back there," he said. "She's something special...I've been waiting a long time for a filly like this one."

Assetro had won on debut at Ascot on New Year's Day prior to an odds-on loss second-up. "That was frustrating but she's made amends today. I don't want to do too much with her this season even though she's a natural. I can see her in Melbourne in 6 to 12 months!"

"We will run her in the Karrakatta Plate or WA Sires' Produce Stakes or both," Durrant predicted. "I'm not convinced she's a stayer although she should get out to 2000m."

Assetro (2f Blackfriars – Ortessa by Oratorio) is owned in

partnership by the Rullo and Widdicombe families and they also raced her dam for two wins at Ascot and a fourth placing in the 2010 WA Sires' Produce Stakes when it was staged at Belmont.

"She was a long way out of her ground and I thought we had too much to do at the furlong," champion jockey Willie Pike admitted. "But she wants to win and really attacked the line."

Durrant paid \$100,000 for the Snippetson half-brother to Assetro when he was offered by Scenic Lodge at the 2018 Perth Magic Millions. Ortessa lost a Blackfriars foal last season and she was bred back to Blackfriars in November



## TRIBUTES FOR TRADE FAIR

"Trade Fair was the most under-rated stallion in my 50 years in the industry and deserved far more recognition than he was afforded."

That's the fitting tribute to Trade Fair from John Chalmers, WA's leading bloodstock agent, after the 18-year-old stallion was humanely euthanised on February 28 with multiple large cancer tumours.

Chalmers negotiated the shuttle of Trade Fair for David Redvers, of Tweenhills Farm and Stud, Gloucestershire, England, to stand at Evergreen Lodge, Myalup, in 2006 for a syndicate of Rick Hart, Fiona Gerrard (Toreby Park), the late Allan Young (Kintore Stud) and Siobhan Campbell (Bellbridge Park).

He covered 92 mares in his first season and stood a further three years at Evergreen Lodge.

Chalmers then organised the outright purchase of Trade Fair to Ted van Heemst's Lynward Park Stud in 2010 with the original shareholders remaining in the partnership. Trade Fair was relocated to John Andrew's Alwyn Park Stud, Serpentine.

In 12 WA seasons Trade Fair covered 811 mares with an 87 per cent fertility rate. His biggest book was 122 mares in 2014.

"He has a record of 517 named foals for 400 starters and 245 winners at 61.3 per cent. And 6.8 per cent of his runners have been Stakes winners or Stakes placed. His winners have been successful from 1000m to 3800m.

"Trade Fair has sired Group and Listed winners in both hemispheres including the Canadian Group 1 winner Trade Storm, who also gained Group placings in Canada, the USA, UAE and UK. "His best Perth winners have been Fuschia Bandana, winner of the Group 3 Hyperion Stakes, Strickland Stakes and Northerly Stakes, and Cool Trade, winner of the Listed Scenic Blast Stakes and placed nine times at Listed level.

"Trade Fair has produced 31 individual winners in the current racing season and there is much more success ahead.

"His progeny have been extremely resilient and very sound with

many racing till seven or older. His stud performance has been clearly impressive."

Trade Fair's sire, Zafonic won at five of seven starts including the Group 1 English Two Thousand Guineas and Dewhurst Stakes and the Group 1 French Prix Morny and Prix de la Salamandre. He was the 1992 2YO and 1993 3YO European champion.

Trade Fair's dam, Danefair, by Danehill from Roupala, a daughter of Cairn Rouge, winner of the Group 1 Irish One Thousand Guineas and Group 1 English Champion Stakes, was unbeaten in four French starts taking the Group 3 Prix Minerve and Listed Prix des Tuilleries and Prix Melisande.

Trade Fair's five wins included the Group 3 Irish Minstrel Stakes and English Criterion Stakes and Listed English King Charles 11 Stakes and Dubai Duty Free Cup. He was third in the Group 1 English Dewhurst Stakes, their equivalent to the Golden Slipper Stakes.

Said John Andrew: "Trade Fair was a terrific horse. Good to handle. An absolute professional. His progeny responded to kindness."

Trade Fair was cremated and buried near his stall at Alwyn Park Stud.



Trade Fair