

## Trading places at Alwyn Park



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Maschino

The changing of the guard at Alwyn Park was evident when Jedaffair (Trade Fair) and Cup Night (Maschino) saluted at Ascot last Saturday.

The Serpentine stud lost Trade Fair (Ire) in March 2018 but Maschino is marching on as one of the most promising stallions in Western Australia.

Trade Fair has sired the winners of 21 races since the New Year and he capped that run with Jedaffair's Listed victory in the Natasha Stakes (2200m) on Saturday. She cut the breeze outside the leader Osipova before pinching a break at the top of the straight.

Trainer Adam Durrant misjudged the 3yo filly early on when she was running in sprints. "We were completely off the mark where she needed to be," he admitted. "She was working well but not performing. We were at a loss so rolled the dice and stepped her up in distance."

Jedaffair replied with wins at Pinjarra (1406m) and Bunbury (1675m) before completing a hat-trick over 2200m. "She's a real nice type and has a staying pedigree on

the dam's side," Durrant continued. "We only started screwing her down three or four weeks ago and she's still building fitness-wise."

Bred by Lynward Park owner Ted van Heemst, she's the final foal from unraced mare King's Lynn (King's Best). Second-dam Miss Josh (Nasty And Bold) was imported to Australia by Stratheden Stud after winning the G1 Gamely Hcp at Hollywood Park.

Trade Fair covered 11 books in WA for a syndicate managed by van Heemst and was a much-loved stallion at Alwyn Park after initially shuttling to Evergreen Lodge.

The G3 WA Oaks (2400m) worth \$250,000 on March 30 is the obvious target for Jedaffair and her owner Wes Martin. He bought her as a foal for just \$1,750 at the 2016 Magic Millions Perth Winter Sale.

Maschino is also on a roll with Cup Night. He was given the run of the race in the Seppelt Wines Hcp (1200m) and coasted to the line under Patrick Carbery to score by a length.

The talented 3yo gelding earned minor black-type when placed in last year's LR Perth Stakes and will be set for the LR Raconteur

Stakes (1500m) and Ngawyni Trophy (1600m) in April.

Cup Night is raced by Carbery's wife Jessica and the rest of his family in partnership with trainer Bernie Miller and his wife Karen. "We regard them as family and vice versa so this means a lot," Carbery said after first-up win. "He's been a special horse from the time he was foaled. I've stuck with him when I could have ridden better-credentialed horses.

"He was in the right spot today and probably hit the front too early. He does tend to wait for them so I kept him honest in the straight."

Cup Night was foaled the night Prince Of Penzance won the 2015 Melbourne Cup. His dam Walk In Beauty (Barely A Moment) was prepared by Miller and was retired immediately after winning two in a row at Bunbury in February 2013.

Maschino (Encosta De Lago) was renowned for his whirlwind finishes winning 7 races topped by the G3 R J Peters Stakes (1500m) for owner Jim Anderson. He was also placed in the G3 Asian Beau Stakes and LR Northerly Stakes before a tendon injury drew the curtain on a career that spanned 22 starts.

From a handful of mares in his first two books, he has sired Cup Night and fellow city winners like flying filly Fabergino, Snowchino, Fa'lion Maschine, Scooter's Machine and Cockney Crew who just missed black-type when fourth in the LR Roberts Quality on Saturday.

The numbers have escalated in response to those results although he could have joined Trade Fair in that stable in the sky after being bitten by a snake last year. Alwyn studmaster John Andrew noticed Maschino was acting off colour and the reason became clear when he combed the yard and found a dugite!

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