



## THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

### SUNSPPEED BANKER IN SINGAPORE

The Sunspeed breed banked more dollars in Singapore when top-class colt Charger won second-up at Kranji.

Charger was bred and sold by Mungrup Stud for \$50,000 at the 2016 Perth Magic Millions and he's already earned the equivalent of AUD 164,090 for owners Constance Cheng and Julia Ho.

Leading trainer Theo Kieser was confident Charger would return to the form that saw him earn an \$80,000 bonus for accumulating most prizemoney during the 2017 Aushorse Golden Horse 2YO Series. "He's been good from Day 1 and I expected him to make his presence felt today. He was strong to the line and will now go for the 3YO Challenge."

The Singapore Challenge starts with the G3 3YO Sprint (1200m) on March 30 followed by the G2 3YO Classic (1400m) on April 22 and G1 Singapore Guineas (1600m) on May 18.

"The first-up run brought him on and he was more relaxed today," winning jockey Nooresh Juglall said. "It took him a while to unwind but he let down very nicely for a solid win."

Charger (Dick Turpin) is a half-brother to LR Scenic Blast Stakes winner Dueton and Mungrup bred their dam Californium (Flying Spur) back to I'm All The Talk in September.

Charger heads a high-tide of WA graduates making a mark in Singapore.



Charger

### INTERNATIONAL DOUBLE FOR NAMERIK

Namerik Thoroughbreds mares Zenda (NZ) and Truancy have received major pedigree updates in New Zealand and Hong Kong. They are from the immediate family of recent stakes winners Avantage (Fastnet Rock) and D B Pin (Darci Brahma).

Avantage kept her unbeaten record intact in the RL Karaka Millions Classic at Ellerslie and D B Pin (Darci Brahma) graduated to a Group 1 victory in the Centenary Sprint Cup at Sha Tin.

They descend from Centaine mare Raining who won a Friday Flash Sprint at Ellerslie before retiring to Little Avondale Stud in Masterton.

Zenda (Zabeel) was the first of her 7 winners and she was followed by Pins 'N' Needles (Pins) who won a G3 White Robe Lodge Hcp and was runner-up in a G1 Thornden Mile.

Pins 'N' Needles foaled Asavant (Zabeel) first-up and she is the dam of Avantage. Her fourth foal D B Pin was exported to Hong Kong and trainer John Size is setting him for another Group 1 in the Dubai Golden Shaheen on March 31.

Zenda has enhanced the Western Australian branch of the family after Namerik bought her for \$36,000 at the 2003 Inglis Broodmare Sale.

Truancy (Akhenaton) was the first Sunspeed-bred foal from Zenda and she won 4 races in NSW. Her 2008 foal King Saul (Flying Pegasus) added more black-type to the pedigree page with victories in the G2 WA Guineas, LR Belgravia Stakes and LR Northerly Stakes.

Namerik owner Alan Bansemer reports both mares are positive this season – Zenda to Lucky Street and Truancy to My Admiration.



D B Pin

### SUPREME WINNER IN HONG KONG

Winning Supreme began living up to the potential he showed in Australia when lifting to a half-length victory at Sha Tin last month.

A Sunspeed graduate from Dawson Stud, he won the Peacock Hcp (1200m) clocking 1.08.61s after sitting on a quick clip set by Gracydad. It was his first cheque for trainer Me Tsui this season.

Winning Supreme is by Lynward Park sire Alfred Nobel (Ire) and was a \$60,000 buy for Gary Moore out of the Dawson Stud draft at the 2014 Perth Magic Millions. He won at Hawkesbury (2) and Gold Coast for Strike Thoroughbreds before shipping off-shore last year.

His dam Matilda Grace (Stravinsky) is a sister to G2 NZ Wakefield Challenge winner La Italia and she's currently in foal to Mogumber Park sire Rommel.

Alfred Nobel (Danehill Dancer) was a Group 1 winner of the Phoenix Stakes at the Curragh for Aidan O'Brien. He initially shuttled to Lynward Park from Coolmore Ireland before being bought outright by the van Heemst family to stand permanently in WA.



Alfred Nobel



### PORTELLI PATRONIZES WA

Golden Slipper winning trainer Gary Portelli has set his talented Sunspeed-bred colt Patron Black for the \$275,000 G3 Black Opal Stakes in Canberra on March 11.

Patron Black is by Darling View Thoroughbreds sire Patronize and cost \$46,000 at the 2017 Perth Magic Millions. Starting an odds-on favourite second-up in the Black Opal Hospitality Hcp (1000m) last month, he jumped to front and extended the margin in the straight to score by two lengths.

"He looked good winning today and we will aim for the Black Opal," Portelli said. "I bought him with Vin Cox in WA last year. I bought Secret Lady there, too.

"Patronize is not so well known over here," Portelli answered when interviewed in Sydney. "He's a three-quarter brother to Exceed And Excel and this colt seems to have a lot of ability."

Patron Black is the first colt from Red Belly Black (Rock of Gibraltar) who won a Flemington nursery on debut for Lindsay Park in December 2009. She delivered a Patronize filly in August and is back in foal to Darling View's new sire Lucky Street.

Patronize (Redoute's Choice) has built up a 60% strike-rate headed by RL Magic Millions 3YO Trophy winner Enchanted Dream and G2 Karrakatta Plate runner-up Mystic Maid. His stakes-placed Belmont winner Parading has been retired after pulling up lame in the near foreleg earlier this season.



Patronize

### FREQUENT FLYER BY BLACKFRIARS

Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young purchased 14 yearlings during Book 1 of the Karaka Sale last month including a Blackfriars colt from Brighthill Farm for \$130,000.

He was conceived in WA, sold in NZ and will race in Victoria.

Trent and Natalie and their two children moved from New Zealand to Cranbourne 18 months ago after stints in Singapore and Cambridge. The move was an immediate success with Tavago winning the 2016 Australian Derby at Randwick.

They had been on the look-out for suitable stables in Victoria ever since bringing Sangster across the Tasman to come up trumps in the 2011 Victoria Derby. They've come full-circle purchasing the colt by Blackfriars who won the 1999 Victoria Derby for owner-breeder Robert Sangster!

"He's a nice type and should get going earlier than you would expect of a Blackfriars," Young said on Wednesday. "We've been targeting Savabeel and Tavistock – like everyone else at Karaka – but this colt was reasonably priced. We won't have any trouble sorting out a syndicate when we get him back home."

His dam Indian Flower (Husson) was served by Blackfriars at Scenic Lodge in October 2015 and then sent to NZ to foal down by breeder Neven Botica. Her half-sister Artistry (Shamardal) won Group 3 sprints at Rosehill and Flemington for Botica before a maiden cover to Snitzel in September.



Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young

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