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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 Cutey (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.



