



THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

SNIPPETSON RULES AT SCENIC LODGE

Scenic Lodge has been home to Champion WA sires since the turn of the century and its dominance will continue despite the recent loss of Blackfriars.

Legendary stallion Scenic (Ire) won 9 premierships straight until Blackfriars assumed his mantle in 2010-11. He's already assured of an 8th title in a row this season and it won't be the last with his final 2yo crop commencing their racing careers in 2020-21.

General-manager Jeremy Smith is looking forward to the future with the current roster led by Snippetson. "The death of Blackfriars was a shock but it's been softened by the amazing season enjoyed by our other stallions," he explained. "That's why we won't be adding to our line-up for 2018.

"Snippetson was Champion sire for individual winners ahead of Blackfriars last season and has taken over as the leading active sire in WA," Smith continued. "And Universal Ruler is the leading WA-based 2yo sire this season."

The first WA yearlings by Snippetson averaged \$52,000 at the Magic Millions in February and, on that score alone, he's tremendous value at a \$6,600 (inc gst) service fee. He's free of Danehill blood and has achieved great results with Danehill-line mares.

Scenic sire Universal Ruler has enjoyed a breakout season with his juveniles headed by Lady Cosmology. She will be voted Champion WA 2yo Filly this season following a victory in the LR Supremacy Stakes and a nose second in the G2 Karrakatta Plate.

Bam's On Fire is another promising Universal Ruler filly in Perth. She rocketed home for an eye-catching third in the G3 Gimcrack Stakes and then came from the tail of a capacity field to finish fourth in the G2 Karrakatta.

The Simon Miller-trained Market Ruler added her name to the growing list of his juvenile winners in May. She's a stablemate of Lady Cosmology and the addition of blinkers made all the difference as she sprinted to a three-length victory at Ascot.

Abdicator heads Universal Ruler's 3yo division with a black-type win in the LR Rangeview Stud Classic. He was also placed in the LR

Challenge Stakes and LR Raconteur Stakes.

"He's emerging as one of the leading sires in WA," Smith said. "And he's so versatile - just like Scenic."

Universal Ruler sires sprinters the calibre of Rebel King (LR Scenic Blast Stakes) as well as stayers like Master Magician who won over 2200m during the autumn carnival prior to doubling up over 2100m at Ascot last month.

His yearlings sold to \$72,000 at the 2018 Magic Millions and he will stand at \$4,950 (inc gst).

Proven sire Dash For Cash has built up an exceptional 64% winning strike-rate and is still siring stakes winners the calibre of Dodging Bullets (LR Bendigo Golden Mile). Champion trainer Darren Weir produced another future stakes winner when Grey Shadow bolted in at Caulfield last month.

Dash For Cash rounds out the roster at a rock-bottom service fee of \$2,750 (inc gst).

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Universal Ruler

FABERGINO FLYING WITH MASCHINO

Fabergino returned to racing with a sizzling first-up victory in the James Boags Premium Hcp (1100m) at Ascot.

The grey flash had blitzed an Ascot nursery on debut exactly a year ago and wasn't seen again until a similar front-running victory in November. She was off the scene for another six months before completing a comeback hat-trick recently back at Ascot.

"She's a filly with untapped ability and we will only give her another light campaign," trainer Tiarna Robertson said. "She's always been blistering over 1000m and today showed she will get out to 1200m. She's improving and is still a work in progress."

Fabergino is a first-crop daughter of Encosta de Lago sire Maschino and is raced by a partnership that includes her breeder Jim Anderson. He raced Maschino and bought her dam Miss Razyana (Danzero) for \$36,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions National Sale.

Maschino retired to Alwyn Park after a career topped by a Group 3 victory in the R J Peters Stakes (1500m). His second-crop includes the Bernie Miller-trained 2yo Cup Night who was placed in the LR Perth Stakes behind Chix Pic and Platoon in March.

Fabergino is the first WA foal from Miss Razyana who won at Canterbury for Gai Waterhouse and is related to G1 Coolmore Classic winner Camino Rose. The 13 year-old mare has more by Maschino in the pipeline with a 2yo named Rush'n Machine, a colt foaled in August and she's back in foal at Alwyn Park.



Fabergino



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TOREBY PARK TREBLE WITH TRADESMAN

Former WA galloper Tradesman has earned a Group 1 start in Queensland with a resounding victory at Warrnambool this week.

Now with Darren Weir, Tradesman scored as easy as you like in the I Am Warrnambool Hcp (1700m) on the first day of Australia's premier country carnival in May. Managing part-owner Todd Harvey trained the son of Trade Fair to 7 wins in Perth, including a LR Belmont Guineas, before transferring him to Victoria earlier this year.

"He's an exciting horse and has been nominated for the (G1) Doomben Cup," Weir said. "There's also races like the Brisbane Cup and Caloundra Cup that fit in really well up there."

Tradesman has made headway in all three starts for Weir and impressed winning jockey John Allen. "He's a big-striding horse and his Perth form is holding up. He was better than this grade and we will push on to Queensland."

Tradesman is the final foal of Virelay (Laranto) who won at Ascot for the late Mark Spencer. He was a \$57,500 buy for Harvey out of the Toreby Park draft at the 2013 Perth Magic Millions.

Mogumber Park has kept a link with the family in WA through his half-sister Hart To Trade (Hartley's Spirit). She foaled a Safeguard filly first-up in October and was bred back to Rommel.

The Warrnambool result completed a quick-fire winning treble for Toreby Park's Fiona Gerrard following her Ascot-winning graduates Middle Earth and Lordhelpmerun (G3 WA Sires' Produce Stakes).



Tradesman

SOLDIER SALUTES IN SINGAPORE

Oratorio sprinter Rafaello is back on deck for another black-type campaign in Singapore after a deserved victory at Kranji last month.

With Glen Boss aboard for the first time, Rafaello settled nicely on the bridle behind race-leader White Hunter and then pulled clear to score by three-quarters of a length. It was his 8th win from 29 starts for prizemoney of AUD 551,300.

Rafaello had only faced the starter once in 12 months when resuming in March. Among his targets this prep will be the G3 Garden City Trophy (1200m), a race he won in 2016.

"I knew they weren't going to run him down at the top of the straight," trainer Ricardo Le Grange declared. "Rafaello is the stable soldier. He's had chips removed from both fetlocks and I owe a

big thank-you to the owners Fred and Manuela Crabbia for their patience."

Mungrup Stud champion Oratorio sired him from Born Bold (Exceed And Excel) and he sold for \$47,500 out of the Yarradale Stud draft at the 2014 Perth Magic Millions. Her latest foal is a Gingerbread Man yearling colt with Dan Morton.

Boss replaced suspended Nooresh Juglall and acknowledged any jockey could have steered Rafaello home to victory. "He's a lovely ride. He is a very fit racehorse and he enjoyed having a bunny to chase."

Oratorio has sired the winners of 35 races in Singapore and he will stand for an \$11,000 (inc gst) fee this year.

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