

PAQUIRRI SPOTLIGHT ON PERTH

Sunspeed colt Paquirri delivered more Group success for Dawson Stud and the Perth Magic Millions on the first day of The Championships at Randwick.

The Gary Moore-trained 2yo picked the perfect stage to break his maiden in the G3 Kindergarten Stakes (1100m). He had been placed in the Max Lees Classic at Newcastle and at the Gold Coast behind top filly Sunlight in the lead-up to the \$2 million Magic Millions Classic.

Paquirri's only below-par performance was a last-start failure in the G2 Todman Stakes and jockey Andrew Adkins said there were excuses. "He reared when the gates opened and we got back so it's a nice turnaround. He really showed a bit of fight today. Blinkers have switched him on."

Paquirri (2c I Am Invincible – Miss Solis by Oratorio) was knocked down for \$265,000 at the 2017 Perth Magic Millions and Dawson Stud's Graham Daws kept a share in the colt. His dam was a Listed winner of the Supremacy Stakes and Belgravia Stakes in 2012.

"He didn't have much luck in his first few races and was first emergency for the Magic Millions Classic," Moore said. "He does possess plenty of speed and has got a big motor. He really is a nice horse."

"I worked him in blinkers at Rosehill last week and he went sensational. He's shown that of a morning but we haven't been able to get it out of him. He got to the line today and now we will step him up in class for Brisbane."

"He was the pick of the yearlings at the Perth Magic Millions and was a very good buy. I really wanted to get a top-class juvenile and this could be the bloke to do it for me."

Dawson Stud stood champion sire Bletchley Park (Ire) and is a fixture among the Top 5 vendors at Perth's Magic Millions. Paquirri joins its recent city graduates Winning Supreme, Lunar Eclipse, Stored Energy and Swedish Memories.



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FIRST WINNER BY PLAYING GOD

Mungrup Stud freshman Playing God sired his first winner when Lordhelpmerun was a at Ascot on Saturday.

Lordhelpmerun is trained by Steve Wolfe and didn't require any divine intervention on the way to an impressive victory in the Magic Millions Plate (1200m). Settled in traffic by Shaun McGruddy, he charged into the clear approaching the furlong to win by over a length from Magic Planet and Rebel Knight.

"Steve has done a lot of work with him since that first-up run here a fortnight ago," McGruddy said. "It was all over once we got to the front but then he stargazed so I didn't knock him around."

Wolfe and Commercial Bloodstock (FBAA) agent Noel Carter bought the winner for \$25,000 from Toreby Park at the 2017 Perth Magic Millions. He was bred in partnership by Neville Parnham who trained Playing God to Group 1 victories in the 2010-11 Kingston Town Classics.

Parnham also prepared his dam Pure Heaven (Snippetson) and grand-dam Magic Heaven (Magic Ring) to multiple wins at Ascot.

Playing God's progress has been a revelation so far this season. His stock were expected to take time at two before peaking as spring and autumn three year-olds.

"I thought they would come in and trial before an educational run or two – then go out for a break," Mungrup owner Gray Williamson said last month. "They won their trials alright but they've stayed in work and are racing well above what we expected at this stage of the season."

Playing God (Blackfriars) had his second crop yearlings sell to \$67,500 at February's Perth Magic Millions. He will stand for Playing God \$5,000 service fee at Mungrup Stud this year alongside Oratorio (\$10,000) and I'm All The Talk (\$5,000). All fees (plus gst).



Lordhelpmerun

THISAWAY WINS FOR OUQBA

Trainer Trevor Andrews produced a very promising Heytesbury Stud homebred to a first-up in town during Easter.

After putting the writing on the wall at York and Bunbury last month, Thisaway broke through in the TABTouch Maiden (1400m) at Ascot. He reeled in Clever Dick and then did best in a finishing duel with Tips And Scandals to score by a half-length.

"It was a super run last time...he was giving them 15 lengths and clocked a better finishing sectional than the Bunbury Stakes," Andrews said. "He's big and green and is still growing into himself. My wife Joanne rides him in work and has a real opinion of this horse."

Thisaway is a first-crop son of Heytesbury Stud sire Ouqba (GB) who was raced by Sheikh Hamdan to win the LR European Free Hcp (1400m) at Newmarket and G3 Jersey Stakes (1400m) at Royal Ascot.

He's the final foal from Running Mate (Lord Dane) for owner-breeder Paul Holmes a Court. The dam's older half-brother Mr. Tanzania (Namaqualand) won three black-type staying races for Lou Luciani and was also a Group 1 runner-up in the 2001 Railway Stakes won by Old Comrade.

Second-dam Sudden Burst (Serheed) won two Listed races at Ascot that are now known as the R.J. Peters Stakes and Starstruck Classic. "He's starting to put it together and is getting better every time," winning jockey Jarrad Noskie said. "He's got a future."

Ouqba is a son of champion sire and sire of sires Red Ransom. Andrews prepared his first winner Vigneto earlier this season and there's several more on the trainer's books at Ascot.

Heytesbury studmaster Dennis Tilbrook can be contacted on 0419 967 879 for further information about Ouqba.



Thisaway

WAR CHANT WARRIOR SET FOR BELMONT GUINEAS

Gifted Warrior took the first step towards a black-type winter campaign with a first-up victory at Ascot last month.

The 3yo son of War Chant (USA) settled three-wide with cover behind Guns Of Navarone and then peeled off heels to score by more than three lengths over 1200m. He had won on debut at Northam in September and then signed off with a fourth at Belmont.

Gifted Warrior is a half-brother to Perth winners Who's To Blame (Bletchley Park) and Luke's Gold (Fath). Their dam I'm Gifted (Blackfriars) foaled a Snippetson colt in September.

"We've got a high opinion of this horse," co-trainer Todd Harvey said as Shaun McGruddy brought Gifted Warrior back to scale. "He's been slow to mature and went shin-sore three times. He's got a good turn of foot and should get a mile in a race like the Belmont Guineas."

The LR Belmont Guineas (1600m) worth \$100,000 will be run on Saturday, June 23.

Yarradale Stud has more War Chants catalogued for its annual Yearling Sale at Gidgegannup on Sunday, May 20. And War Chant's Group 1 winning mare Silent Sedition will be offered at the Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale starting on May 29.



War Chant