

SILENT SEDITION A MAGIC MILLIONAIRE

Silent Sedition reigned as one of the stars at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale after the last of 817 lots paraded on the Gold Coast last month.

The Group 1 winning daughter of Yarradale Stud sire War Chant (USA) was purchased by Japanese owner Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.50 million. "We bought her for our partners Northern Farm and she had what they look for in a mare," Arrowfield chairman John Messara said after a spirited bidding duel. "She has conformation, she has the family and she certainly has the performance."

"Northern Farm has been collecting these Group 1 mares and this is another that will be staying with us at Arrowfield. In other countries you don't have the opportunity to buy these mares. They are owned by families who don't release them, so we are very lucky to be able to buy her."

"We are taking a long-term view with Silent Sedition. We are breeding for the next five to ten years, not for tomorrow."

Silent Sedition was purchased by Adelaide-based owner Tom Curnow for 45,000 at the 2014 Perth Magic Millions. Offered by Korilya Stud, she is by War Chant from Fiorentina (Dubai Destination) who is a half-sister to G1 Dubai World Cup winner Monterosso (Dubawi). Second-dam Porto Roca (Barathea) won a G1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill.

A winner of 7 of her 24 career starts, Silent Sedition's finest hour came when beating subsequent Group 1 winner Hellbent (I Am Invincible) in last season's G1 William Reid Stakes at Moonee Valley.

Messara indicated she will be covered by Arrowfield Stud's resident champion Snitzel (Redoute's Choice) or Japanese shuttler Maurice (Screen Hero).

A day after Silent Sedition changed hands, her dam Fiorentina (Dubai Destination) was purchased by Coolmore Stud for \$850,000. Korilya Stud's Ellie Giles sold her in foal to Coolmore's champion stallion Fastnet Rock.



DREAM RESULT FOR GEISEL PARK

Eddie Rigg has conjured up a second Group 1 in two years to promote All American at Geisel Park Stud in WA.

Rigg was part of the syndicate that purchased All American in February 2016, a fortnight before his Champion Filly Yankee Rose first emerged in Sydney. The 12yo stallion returned east last year but Rigg wouldn't be denied and purchased him outright in May.

Two weeks later, on June 9 to be exact, Dark Dream gave All American another Group 1 lift in the \$600,000 Queensland Derby (2200m) at Doomben. His connections are now looking forward to an iconic Group 1 double in the \$5 million Caulfield Cup (2400m) and \$7 million Melbourne Cup (3200m).

"It's a great result for Geisel Park and for Western Australia," Rigg declared. "It's uncanny and so exciting. I can't believe we've done it twice in two years!"

All American served 113 mares at an \$11,000 fee in his first Geisel Park book and Rigg is assured of bigger numbers second-up after pricing him at \$7,700.

"We have some cracking weanlings on the farm at Myalup and have consistently received favourable comments from satisfied clients. They wanted All American back and now he's home for good!"

NSW breeder Mary Jane Basson has already sent Dark Dream's dam Buchanan Girl (Lion Hunter) across to WA. The mare is in foal to Shamus Award off an October cover last year.

"Mary Jane retained Dark Dream and she rang up and booked the mare into All American as soon as Eddie announced he would

be coming back," Geisel Park studmaster Conor Dunlop revealed. "She lost the mare's first All American foal, a filly who was struck by lightning."

"Mary Jane said Dark Dream has huge lung capacity," Dunlop added shortly after the Queensland Derby. "They reckon he will develop into a top-class staying four year-old."

All American stands with French Group 1 winner Vert De Grece (Ire) at Geisel Park. A son of former WA shuttler Verglas, he won the Criterium International by five lengths and earned a Timeform 2yo Rating of 116.



BEACH COMEBACK FOR BART

Fans of Black Heart Bart will be heartened to learn the champ is back in training for a spring campaign in Melbourne.

The Blackfriars gelding has returned to Darren Weir's Warrnambool stables for the first stage of a comeback following a no-show autumn. "He was down at the beach and has since transferred to our Ballarat base," Weir's racing manager Simon McCartin said. "He's looking good and we're managing the hoof problems that kept him sidelined earlier this year."

Black Heart Bart hasn't been seen since a trip home for a head-bobbing loss in the G1 Railway Stakes and a hard-luck midfield finish in the G1 Kingston Town Classic in December.

The G1 Memsie Stakes (1400m) is an early-season target at Caulfield on September 1. He won the Memsie in 2016 and was runner-up to Vega Magic last year.

Black Heart Bart is the highest earner (\$3.94 million) among 38 stakes winners by deceased Scenic Lodge champion Blackfriars. The next one isn't far away if Come Play With Me keeps improving during the winter season at Belmont.

Trainer Adam Durrant will aim him at the LR Aquanita Stakes (2000m) on July 7 and LR Belmont Classic (2200m) on July 21.

Come Play With Me gave his rivals a galloping lesson with a daylight victory over Elegant Blast (Blackfriars) in the Seacorp Hcp (2200m)

last month. He had paid his dues winning three times at Northam earlier this season and is ready for the next level now.

Come Play With Me is the second foal from Russian Playmate (Dr Johnson), a Listed winner of the La Trice Classic and Starstruck Classic for Durrant's parents Geoff and Vicki in 2008.

Her first is Blackfriars mare Fast As The Wind who has won four races for Scenic Lodge principal David Smith, the most recent at Ascot on May 16. She has an unraced 2yo (Black Russian) plus yearling and weanling colts by Blackfriars.



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