



THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

BOOSTING TRADE FOR 2019 MAGIC MILLIONS

Trade Fair (GB) may be gone but won't be forgotten if he keeps getting winners like Ambiente and Gunnago.

They doubled up at Belmont last month for the former Alwyn Park sire who died in March. And breeders who supplied mares in his last two books will be banking on a continuous flow of winners ahead of the 2019 and 2020 Perth Magic Millions Yearling Sales.

Entries for the 2019 Magic Millions close on August 10. "I've nominated three by Trade Fair for next year," Alwyn Park studmaster John Andrew said. "He was a terrific horse. An absolute professional whose progeny responded to kindness."

Ambiente improved his record to 5 wins in 9 starts for breeder Ted van Heemst with a half-length victory in the Crown Sports Bar Hcp (1000m). His dam Black in Time (Blackfriars) has a Street Boss colt who is a yearling in August and is increasing in value all the time.

Gunnago broke a run of 10 outs winning the Vale Peter Miguel Hcp (1400m). He races for Steve Roberts in partnership with Ed & Stacy Smith who own his dam Impatient Lass (Dr Johnson). They sent the mare back to Trade Fair last year but she came up empty.

Keysbrook trainer Jason Pateman prepares Gunnago and he knows how to get the best out of the Trade Fairs. "I love them," he said. "His colts are big and his fillies mostly small but size doesn't matter – they can all gallop."

The Belmont double sent Trade Fair through \$2 million in 2017-18. Tradesman was his chief earner with \$260,000 after travelling east to win the I Am Warrnambool Hcp and LR Ipswich Cup.

Tradesman was a \$57,500 graduate out of Fiona Gerrard's Toreby Park consignment to the 2013 Perth Magic Millions. The Oakford-based stud will have more Trade Fair yearlings at the first Perth Magic Millions in the Swan Valley on February 18 & 19.

Other commercial breeders with Trade Fair yearlings include Siobhan Campbell (Bellbridge Park) and Ted van Heemst (Lynward Park). The excitement of what's bound to be a ground-breaking auction could also attract extra yearlings from owner-breeders like Kevin Berry, Fenella Martin, Rod Cosgrove, Rick Hart, Renato Divitini, Wally Daly, Arthur Mortimer, Steve Wallace and Norm Burren who all supported Trade Fair in 2016.



SPECIAL RESULT IN HONG KONG

Oakland Park-bred sprinter Saul's Special gave Zac Purton some breathing space to win the 2018 Hong Kong jockeys title last month.

Saul's Special won the Let Me Fight Hcp (1000m) at Happy Valley to send Purton clear of his rival rider Joao Moreira. The 4yo gelding has earned the equivalent of AUD 348,825 in his first season with trainer Michael Chang.

"He had a good gate and the best jockey in Hong Kong," Chang claimed after the three-length victory. "It's going to be tougher now that's he's in Class Two competition but he won over 1400m in Australia so maybe we can try that next season."

Saul's Special (4g Charge Forward – Cortina Gal by Flying Spur) was bred and sold by Oakland Park owner Neville Duncan for \$160,000 at the 2015 Perth Magic Millions. Purchased by Mt Hallowell's Craig Thompson, he won a LR Fairetha Stakes (1400m) at Ascot before agents came calling with a massive offer on behalf of Hong Kong owner Chen Zhuo Lin.

Duncan purchased Cortina Gal for \$70,000 at the 2013 Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale. She had won a Wyong Magic Millions Classic and is related to Diamond Dash (G3 WA Sires' Produce Stakes).

The mare has a yearling colt and weanling colt from the first two crops by Oakland Park sire Sessions. A Group 2 winner of The Shorts (1100m) in Sydney, beating Spirit Of Boom, he's a son of Lonhro and stands for a \$7,700 fee this season.



STANDOUT FOR SUNSPEED IN QUEENSLAND

Jot Joel's name in the black-book for Brisbane following his up-front win in the Channel 7 Hcp (1350m) last month.

Joel was given the run of the race behind the leaders and, when slipped some leather in the straight, lifted a gear and put the race to bed under Matthew McGillivray. Standout wins in midweek maidens at Ipswich are a rarity, however, a high head-carriage and quick turn of foot made it anything but a low-key victory.

Trained by Robbie Heathcote for a Slade Bloodstock syndicate, Joel was sold by Einoncliff Park breeder Wayne Beynon for \$45,000 as part of the Western Breeders Alliance draft at the 2016 Perth Magic Millions.

Former Glenlogan Park stallion Real Saga sired him from All About Soul (Zeditave). The dam's first four foals by Charge Forward all won races and her final foal after Joel is a yearling filly by God Has Spoken.

Beynon and his wife Jane are based at North Boyanup and have been active building their broodmare stocks at Magic Millions National Sales. Among the recent arrivals from the Gold Coast have been Bitter Twist

(California Dane) in foal to Winning Rupert and Our Time Will Come (Oratorio) in foal to Kiss and Make Up.

Other mares purchased at earlier National Sales have been Molta (Danske), Curtains (A P Jet) and Zhu Jiang (Ad Valorem) who has an Artie Schiller colt eligible for the 2019 Perth Magic Millions Yearling Sale.



MIZLECKI KICKS BUTT IN BELMONT OAKS

Miss Strezelecki was an inspired choice as a broodmare prospect when she was purchased for just \$8,000 at the 2014 Inglis Sydney Broodmare Sale.

Well-bred but a racetrack failure, the 7yo Al Maher mare was carrying a Lope de Vega filly and was knocked down to Premium Bloodstock (FBAA) agent Grant Burns on behalf of Yarradale Stud owner Ron Sayers.

It was a home-coming of sorts for Miss Strezelecki whose dam Magdalena (Snaadee) was part-owned by Sayers and had won a LR Burgess Queen Stakes in Perth before being sold and retired to the Hunter Valley.

Her Lope de Vega filly was named Mizlecki and, after failing to reach a \$30,000 reserve at the 2016 Perth Magic Millions, was leased to Fred and Judith Kersley. She has made a mockery of that asking price earning \$390,000 in prizemoney and Westspeed bonuses.

Among the highlights have been Listed victories in the Raconteur Stakes, Sheila Gwynne Quality and last month's Belmont Oaks (2000m). She burst through a gap in the winter classic and established a big enough lead for Shaun O'Donnell to look back, gear down and then salute the crowd.

"The pace was terrible and there was a bit of interference early on," O'Donnell reported. "But when the run came, she exploded and kicked their butts!"

Mizlecki is only small and Kersley was concerned the distance could bring her undone in the Belmont Oaks. "She had a tough campaign and did a really good job over 2000m. She's a strong, gutsy little filly and had run over the top of some quality sprinting fillies before today. I rate her very highly. Ron will be happy with that win and all the black-type will make her a valuable broodmare for Yarradale."

Miss Strezelecki has a filly foal by Yarradale stallion Gingerbread Man and is back in foal to him off an October cover last year.

BLACK-TYPE NO.39 BY BLACKFRIARS

Trainer Adam Durrant will set Come Play With Me for an Eastern States cups campaign after his recent victory in the LR Aquanita Stakes (2000m).

The Durrant family's 3yo gelding completed a hat-trick at Belmont to become the 39th stakes winner by Blackfriars. His dam Russian Playmate (Dr Johnson) was a Listed winner of the 2008 La Trice Classic and Starstruck Classic for the trainer's parents Geoff and Vicki.

Come Play With Me started a short-priced favourite and won like a good thing from State Prosecutor (More Than Ready) and Frosty Heart (Frost Giant). Durrant said he will miss the summer carnival and go to Melbourne for a campaign targeting the LR Mornington Cup (2000m) and G2 Adelaide Cup (3200m). The two features are worth a combined \$700,000 in prizemoney.

Russian Playmate has also foaled multiple city winner Fast As The Wind and unraced 2yo Black Russian by Blackfriars. She has yearling and weanling colts by Blackfriars and was covered by Snippetson a day after the champion sire died last December.

The final crop of foals by Blackfriars will begin arriving in August - shortly after he claims an 8th WA Sires' premiership.

