

Leading breeder Bob Peters with the winning trophy for the 2018 Kingston Town Classic, won by Arcadia Queen



WA SHUT-OUT AT ASCOT

Ascot showcased Western Australia's breeding industry to a national audience at the Kingston Town Classic meeting last month.

Leading breeder Bob Peters is looking towards a Sydney campaign with his 3yo filly Arcadia Queen who announced her arrival on the big stage with a consummate victory in Perth's Group 1 weight-for-age championship.

Peters also won the LR Jungle Dawn Classic with his homebred mare Celebrity Dream as part of a shut-out for the local industry,

Scenic Lodge champion Universal Ruler sired a winning double commencing with Market Ruler in the Tourism WA Trophy (1000m). Bred and part-owned by David Reed with a syndicate from the Cottesloe Golf Club, she has won 5 times in 9 starts for prizemoney of \$340,935 including Westspeed Bonuses of \$145,000.

It's a WA family going back generations to Broker's Break, a daughter of Coral Park Stud legend Beau Sovereign.

Universal Ruler front-runner The Velvet King struck again for more black-type in the Sir Ernest Lee-Steere Classic. He won the LR Fairetha Stakes last month and enjoyed some cheap sectionals under Mitch Pateman on Saturday.

"If anything, I thought Mitch was too steady in the lead," trainer Darren McAuliffe admitted. "He's tough and fit and usually goes a bit quicker to take the sting out of them. That left him vulnerable but he was still too good."

The Velvet King's dam Doubleblack Velvet (Show A Heart) was purchased for \$7,500 by Impressive Racing's Kevin Berry at the 2013 Magic Millions

National Broodmare Sale. She delivered a Universal Ruler filly in August and is back in foal to him.

Veteran grey gelding Candlelight Star won the sprint dedicated to trainer Bill Doughty who passed away last week. His sire Kendel Star died this time last year, aged 27, at Rivercrest Park.

Candlelight Star was one of the last horses bred by Mary Johns who ran Bindaree Stud in the Great Southern from 1967 to 2011. Her father Fred Farquhar stood Champion WA sire Camelhair (Gainsborough) at Gingin in the 1940s.

Darling View Thoroughbreds owner Clive Atwell bred Alpha Sky (Patronize) to win the Quayclean Hcp (1000m) and Rangeview Stud's Rob Gray followed up with Lucky Roar (So Secret) in the Crown Perth Hcp (1500m).

Oakland Park's Neville Duncan won the 2013 Kingston Town Classic with Ihtsahymn and his colours were back in the frame courtesy of Cappo D'oro in the LR Towton Cup (2200m). The winner is a half-brother to Duncan-bred stayers No Wine No Song (G1 Sydney Cup) and Atlantic Air (LR Bagot Hcp).

Juicing Carrots (Black Tom) blew quaddie punters to smithereens with a long-shot victory in the 'lucky' last. He's by 2006 Perth Cup winner Black Tom and was bred by Mandurah-based owner-trainer Raquel Reid.

Black Tom also had Prying Eyes run a career-best fifth in the Kingston Town Classic on Saturday. Not bad for a stallion who stands 200kms north of Perth at Dunmar Farm for a \$500 service fee.



Darren Weir being presented with the 2018 Winterbottom Stakes trophy won by Voodoo Lad

TALENTED DIVA BY SNIPPETSON

Darren Weir and John Allen are going better than any other trainer-jockey combination in Australia this season and they made headlines at the spring carnival with 3yo colts Extra Brut (G1 Victoria Derby) and Ringerdingding (G2 Sandown Guineas).

Verry Elleegant (G3 Ethereal Stakes) was their leading 3yo filly and there are several others ready to step up including Snippetson's promising winner Queen La Diva.

"She's on an upward curve and will be winning much better races down the line," Allen said after the Ladbrokes Hcp (1600m) at Sandown last month. "She took a while to hit top gear but extended and powered through the line."

Still in her first prep, Queen La Diva had broken her maiden over a mile at Bendigo for Weir who owns a share in a partnership put together by Leigh Winwood. She cost them a record-breaking \$160,000 at the 2017 Tasmanian Magic Millions.

"She really impresses me," Allen added. "They rolled along and I was confident she would round them up with such a long straight at Sandown."

Queen La Diva (3f Snippetson - Flying Diva by Flying Spur) is a full-sister to Kenjorwood who has won 10 races and \$720,000 for Winwood. His best for Weir was the 2016 Lord Stakes at Caulfield.

The Snippetson cross with Danehill-line mares has generated numerous other stakes performers like Vergara (G3 Epona Stakes) and That's The One (G3 C S Hayes Stakes).

Based at Scenic Lodge in WA, Snippetson has 15 lots catalogued for the 2019 Perth Magic Millions starting with the colt from Encosta de Lago mare Brimarsco (Lot 16). His second dam Grand Journey won the G1 WA Derby - G3 WA Oaks double in 2008.



Oakland Park Stud's resident sire Rogano

PREMIER ENCORE FOR OAKLAND PARK

Oakland Park has its yearlings on track for Perth's Magic Millions and for an encore there's a well-related Street Boss filly at the Inglis Melbourne Premier in March.

The Swan Valley consignment from owners Neville and Susan Duncan includes Hunter Valley sires Dundee, Nicconi, Artie Schiller, Perth's boom freshman Safeguard and resident sire Rogano.

The Duncans have built a successful rapport with Victorian-based Blue Gum Farm owners Philip & Patti Campbell selling colts like Snitzel stakes winners Ducimus and Jukebox at Oaklands.

Ducimus made \$700,000 to the bid of Team Hawkes and was straight out of the blocks winning the LR Talindert Stakes at Flemington before a close second in the G2 Pago Pago Stakes while never giving an inch at Rosehill.

Jukebox repaid a \$200,000 price-tag right away in the Inglis Premier at Caulfield and returned as spring 3yo to claim the G3 Vain Stakes. He has just finished covering his first book at Aquis Farm in the Hunter Valley.

Their Street Boss - Riptide filly is a half-sister to NZ colt Crown Prosecutor who won the G3 Lucia Valentina Wellington Stakes (1600m) last month and she has been catalogued as Lot 414 in the Blue Gum draft at Oaklands on Tuesday, March 5.

Crown Prosecutor (Medaglia D'Oro) had been placed in two of his three starts for trainer Stephen Marsh but showed significant improvement over a mile. "He's a lovely type with a great physique," stable manager Todd Pollard said after the front-running victory. "He has been a bit of a colt but we won't geld him now."

Belmont Bloodstock (FBAA) agent Damon Gabbedy bought their dam Riptide (Exceed And Excel) for \$150,000 on behalf of the Duncans at the 2017 Magic Millions National Sale. She was carrying the Street Boss filly and foaled a colt by Darley shuttler Frosted in October.