



THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

Winter Final

BECKONS BLAZEJOWSKI

Grey galloper Blazejowski has gone to a new level for trainer Greg Eurell and his large syndicate of owners this campaign.

The Dash For Cash sprinter completed a hat-trick in the Henry Bolte Hcp (1400m) at Flemington last month and connections are now contemplating a start in the LR Winter Championship Final (1600m) back at headquarters on July 6.

He's unbeaten this year after wins at Sale and Sandown in May.

"It's been interesting to see him progress and step up in class since coming back from a spell," Eurell said.

"He's a lovely horse and has matured so much in the last 12 months."

Blazejowski (4g Dash For Cash – Ellexcell by Octagonal) has earned \$180,000 and there's \$160,000 at the judge in the Winter Final.

"I don't know whether he can get the mile but at the moment we're enjoying what he's doing," Eurell continued.

"We will just place him where he can keep winning races. Jye (McNeil) had a plan and it worked out perfectly. He settled in a lovely spot from a sticky gate and presented with a sprint in the straight that was quite exciting."

Blazejowski is bred to be more than a one-dimensional sprinter. His dam is a half-sister to Dr Well who won up to 2400m at Sha Tin in the LR Queen Mother Memorial Cup.

The Flemington result was the 50th win for Dash For Cash in Australia this season. A half-hour later, Mula made it 51 with her third win since March at the Swan Hill Cup carnival.

The following week, his Chris Waller-trained sprinter Andaz broke a long run of outs in the Pallister Promotions Hcp (1600m) at Gosford. He was a Flemington winner at two and was stakes placed as a spring 3yo at Randwick.

Andaz (4g Dash For Cash – Amoroso by Revoque) is a brother to Arinosa who won the 2012 Subzero Challenge (1400m) at Flemington before graduating to a Group 2 victory in the Sapphire Stakes at Randwick.

Their older brother Onerous also won the Flemington race restricted to grey gallopers in 2016 and followed up with some black-type of his own when runner-up to Reldas in the LR Abell Stakes at Moonee Valley.

Dash For Cash has maintained a 64% winning strike-rate throughout his stud career and is a value-plus sire for a \$2,750 (inc GST) fee at Scenic Lodge.



Playing God

PLAYS WINNING HAND AT BELMONT

Mungrup Stud stallion Playing God played a winning hand with three of a kind at a Belmont midweek meeting last month.

His 3yo fillies Classy Lassy and Playing Marika increased their strike-rate to a combined 6 wins in 9 starts, while his 3yo gelding Hotham Valley broke through when racing for just the second time this year.

The winning treble could be the catalyst for a close finish to the second-season premiership in WA. It reduced the margin at the top of the table to \$100,000 between Rangeview Stud leader Galah and Playing God.

Classy Lassy is a homebred for Wally Daly and was in command at every call as the \$2.40 favourite in the Old Mate's Sports Bar Hcp (1000m). She is prepared by rookie trainer Jake Casey who rode her dam There'snonesosassy (Due Sasso) to wins at Belmont, Broome and in the Goldfields.

The only question mark about Hotham Valley's easy victory was why it took him 9 starts to salute the judge. The Neville Parnham-trained galloper rolled to the front and wasn't challenged before coasting home to three-length victory in the Ascend Trophies Maiden (1400m).

Stable followers backed him into a \$2.30 favourite on the back of Parnham's confidence leading into the race.

"I thought the horse would be hard to beat today," he admitted.

"He wasn't suited at 1000m first-up and the rise in distance helped him get into a rhythm."

Parnham trained Playing God to dual wins in the G1 Kingston Town Classic and he bought Hotham Valley for \$20,000 at the

2017 Perth Magic Millions on behalf of his wife Carol, Bill Biggs, Trevor Holgate, Paul Cooke and Colin Loxton.

His dam Bermaise (Orientate) was also prepped by Parnham to win the LR WATC Matchmaker Classic in 2012. The mare has enjoyed a monogamous relationship with Playing God foaling another three fillies by him in as many years.

Playing Marika completed the Playing God treble with a last-to-first victory in the Schweppes Hcp (1300m). She was undefeated in three starts at Northam and Ascot (2) last year and the latest win signalled another successful campaign during the back-end of the season.

"I'm rapt with how she went," trainer Steph Bakranich said.

"Troy (Turner) said she's a better chaser than a leader and the wide gate made it an easy decision to settle back in the field. It all worked out well although I was panicking a bit when she was caught wide out the back."

Bakranich will take Playing Marika through the grades for owner-breeders

Livio and Renato Divitini. Her dam Just Marika (Grandera) is a stakes-performed half-sister to Doyoudare (LR WA Tatt's Cup).

Playing God stands for an \$11,000 service fee at Mungrup Stud alongside Oratorio (\$11,000), I'm All The Talk (\$5,500) and A Lot (\$5,500). All fees (inc GST).

Playing God star Lordhelpmerun also returned to winning form at Belmont three days after the treble. Starting a heavily supported \$2.25 favourite, the result was never really in doubt after Brodie Kirby landed in the box-seat. The gifted apprentice produced the big fella at the top of the straight and the horse did the rest fending off Moschard for a confidence-boosting victory.

Trainer Steve Wolfe said Lordhelpmerun is right back on top of his game after banking \$88,100 in stakes and Westspeed bonuses for connections.

"He hadn't won in seven starts since last year's G3 WA Sires' Produce Stakes but he's still maturing and we never lost faith. His best form is still 12 months away."

