



THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

## HANNANS ON HORIZON FOR

# Neurological

Neurological punches well above his weight and that will count for plenty when he heads to Kalgoorlie for the LR Hannans Hcp (1400m) in October.

The 4yo son of Yarradale Stud sire Gingerbread Man earned a trip to the Goldfields after overcoming a chequered passage in the Crown Perth Hcp (1400mw) at Belmont last month. He settled in the box-seat but William Pike's plans to follow Red Paddy into the race were foiled when that horse hit a brick wall. Taxagano took advantage and pinched a two-length break before being collared right on the line.

Neurological cost part-owner and trainer Martin Allan \$20,000 out of the Yarradale draft to the 2016 Perth Magic Millions and he's now banked \$243,020 from 8 wins in 17 starts. He purchased the horse with the help of an inheritance from his father who died of Motor Neurone Disease.

"He's a pretty smart horse to do what he did today," Allan said. "He's only 410kg but he's got a big engine. I will give him 10 days in the paddock and set him second-up for the Hannans."

A Hannans victory would complete a hat-trick of country features following the Fitzgerald Plate at Albany and Batavia Sprint at Geraldton earlier this year.

"He got out of trouble and made me look good," Pike admitted after weighing in. "We lost momentum and it was very good win considering the sticky surface."

Neurological is the first foal of First Game (Soldier's Tale) who won a Northam maiden for Yarradale owner Ron Sayers. Martin has leased her yearling filly by City Place (USA) from Yarradale and the mare was bred back to Gingerbread Man last year.

The Belmont Classic meeting continued the successful run for Yarradale stallions. Neurological completed a treble following the earlier wins Kelvin (Heritage) and Don't Fuss (Scandal Keeper).

Champion sire War Chant (USA) leads the Yarradale roster at an \$11,000 service fee with Gingerbread Man, Bradbury's Luck, Heritage and Vital Equine (Roselee Stud) all priced at \$4,400.





# Alfred Nobel

## TO STAND AT ALWYN PARK

Alfred Nobel (Ire) has transferred from Bullsbrook to Serpentine where he will join Maschino at Alwyn Park Stud.

Capel-based trainer Lou Luciani and his partner Trish Roberts have purchased the Group 1 winner from Lynward Park. Still only a 12 year-old, he will be based at Alwyn Park in association with studmaster John Andrew.

Luciani and Roberts have always rated Alfred Nobel highly and won this year's LR Supremacy Stakes (1000m) at Ascot with his 2yo filly Prim And Proper.

"She's a tough little bugger and is doing us proud," Luciani said after banking valuable black-type.

"She's as game as Ned Kelly."

After making enquiries to book her dam Prima Vista (Invincible Spirit) and some other mares into Alfred Nobel, Lou learned from bloodstock agent John Chalmers that the stallion was for sale.

"I need a stallion like I need a hole in the head," Luciani laughed when interviewed on Racing Radio. "But the price was right and I couldn't knock back the opportunity to buy him outright."

Alfred Nobel has been priced right at a \$2,200 service fee this year.

Initially shuttling from Coolmore Stud in Ireland, he has sired 94 individual winners of 253 races world-wide although the best of his stock have surfaced in Western Australia.

Prim And Proper is his third stakes winner here following Showy Chloe (G3 WA Sires' Produce Stakes) and Fontainebleau (LR Belmont Oaks) while Winning Supreme has been the best of his WA-bred exports winning four races and HK\$3.02 million for trainer Me Tsui.

Alwyn Park will be busier than ever this spring now that Alfred Nobel will stand alongside rising star Maschino whose recent books have trebled from his early days.

"He's settled in without any dramas," Andrew said.

"Lynward has added Mahuta and Bondi to its roster so I guess a third stallion might have been one too many."

Alfred Nobel was Ireland's champion 2YO in 2009 winning the G1 Phoenix Stakes and G2 Railway Stakes. His sire Danehill Dancer also won a Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown and among his more successful sire sons have been Mastercraftsman and Choisir.

His dam Glinting Desert (Desert Prince) is from the immediate family of G1 English Derby winner New Approach (Galileo) and they descend from Champion Irish 2YO and 3YO Filly Park Express (Ahonoora).

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