



THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS WA

# Alfred Nobel

## FILLY A PROPER PROFESSIONAL

Ascot trainer Dion Luciani has the front-runner among Perth's early-season juveniles after winning two barrier trials with Bumper Humper at Lark Hill last month.

Bumper Humper is a daughter of Alwyn Park sire Alfred Nobel (Ire) and she won a 400m dash by a half-length from Gracienne (Bradbury's Luck) on September 16 without being extended by Brad Parnham.

It was a repeat performance of her win over Reciting (I'm All The Talk) on September 2.

"She's a professional and reminds me of Prim And Proper," Luciani said. "They've both got hot attitudes and turn that energy into speed."

Prim And Proper is also by Alfred Nobel and won this year's LR Supremacy Stakes at Ascot for Dion's father Lou Luciani. She is being set for the 3yo featured LR Belgravia Stakes (1200m) and LR Burgess Queen Stakes (1400m) at Ascot.

All going well, Bumper Humper will head straight into the \$70,000 Initial Plate (1000m) at Ascot on October 12. "Brad said she's a tractable filly to ride," Dion added. "She flew the gates and takes everything in her stride."

He trains her for Loloma Farm owners Kevin Fowler and Kelly Everett and there's another smart Alfred Nobel 2yo filly in the stable being prepared for Gold Front owners Alan and Sue Olive.

Registered as Tishya, she is a half-sister to Amarillo Rose (Slater) who won the 2018 Initial Plate for the Olives and Luciani. Another half-sister Deacalda (Sizzling) won on debut at Northam last season.

Alfred Nobel (Danehill Dancer) was the Champion 2YO of his generation in Ireland following a Group 1 victory in the Phoenix Stakes (1200m) at the Curragh. He stands at Alwyn Park for a \$2,200 service fee.



# Blackfriars

## MARE OFF TO MELBOURNE

Part-owner and trainer Justine Erkelens has some unfinished business in Melbourne with her smart stakes-winner Friar Fox.

The Blackfriars mare is marking time for another interstate trip off a first-up victory in the TAB Touch BM70 (1600m) at Belmont. Set alight from last on the corner by Steven Parnham, she circled the field and had them covered at the furlong to win by a half-length from Missile Launch.

Friar Fox won last year's LR Natasha Stakes (1800m) at Ascot and was sent to Darren Weir for a spring carnival campaign that didn't get off the ground in Melbourne. Her best effort in four starts was a close second to Snipfit (Snippetson) at Moonee Valley.

"She was stabled on course and it just about fried her brains," Erkelens recalled. "She had never been boxed in her life. This time, I will look for a rural environment over there."

Erkelens bought Friar Fox in partnership with Neil Biggs for \$14,000 at the 2016 Perth Magic Millions. Bred and sold by Scenic Lodge, she has been lightly-raced winning 6 times in 16 starts for prizemoney of \$321,000.

Parnham reported it was very good win off a short break. "I was worried about her over a mile but she was strong right to the end. She got into a rhythm and thankfully the pace was on up front. Justine just said to get her to the outside and she would do the rest."

Friar Fox's dam Pearlesque (Statoblest) won at Ascot and is a younger sister to Perth stakes winner Impressive Stats. Her first foal Friaresque (Blackfriars) won his third race at Belmont in July and her latest are a yearling filly by Blackfriars and a filly foal by Snippetson born at Scenic Lodge in August.



## SECOND DEAD-HEAT INVOLVING

# Kaplumpich

Kaplumpich was responsible for one of the more bizarre results in racing when he shared a dead-heat decision for the second time in his career at Cranbourne last month.

The All American gelding came from the clouds to collar Eagle Spirit right on the line. Both jockeys – Ethan Brown (Kaplumpich) & Harry Grace (Eagle Spirit) – weren't prepared to claim victory or concede defeat and, after a long deliberation, neither was the judge.

Kaplumpich (4g All American – Illusionary by Hussonet) was having his second start for local trainer Kevin Corstens after previous stints with Darren Weir and Cairon Maher.

"I didn't know what to think," Brown admitted when quizzed after the Procon Developments BM64 (1200m). "I studied the replay of his previous run at Morphettville and thought he would be a better chaser rather than sitting on the pace. We were caught wide with the rail out and I sent him on a long looping run around the home-turn.

"It wasn't easy but Kevin has got him firing and he raced out of his skin today."

Brown was also aboard when Kaplumpich dead-heated with Jentico at Moonee Valley last November.

A \$70,000 graduate of the 2017 Adelaide Magic Millions, he is a full-brother to Invisible who won his maiden at Canterbury before transferring to Hong Kong for further victories at Sha Tin and Happy Valley.

Their dam Illusionary won at Sandown Lakeside and is a half-sister to Chase The Rainbow (G2 Bill Stutt Stakes) and Ms Funovits (G2 Karrakatta Plate).

Sydney-based sprinter The Bald Eagle is on a hat-trick for All American after back-to-back victories at Canterbury for Team Hawkes. He camped on the speed last time out in the ATC Member Tours BM70 (1550m) before striding clear for a convincing victory.

"That was his strongest performance yet," co-trainer Michael Hawkes declared. "And Brenton (Avdulla) gave him a great ride."

His dam Salutations (Redoute's Choice) also foaled last-start LR Scone Guineas winner Wild Planet (Animal Kingdom). Second-dam Toast Of The Coast (Rory's Jester) won a Group 2 in the 2003 Yallambee Classic at Morphettville.

**All American is running second to Blackfriars on the WA sires' table this season and he stands for a \$6,600 service fee at Geisel Park Stud in Myalup.**



## BLACK-TYPE BOOKINGS TO

# Ducimus

Rivercrest Park owner Steve Hoare has confirmed 15 black-type mares are among the bookings into Ducimus this season.

The stakes winning son of champion sire Snitzel is owned by Orbis Bloodstock and Hoare is delighted with the support from broodmare owners in Western Australia. "I'm hard-pressed to recall another locally-based stallion that has attracted as many black type producers or performers in their first season at stud. He's a good stallion to work with and took to serving like a duck to water."

Local breeders have taken advantage of black-type discounts to mares like Starlight Lady (Fantastic Light), Mexican Lass (Verglas), Snug Buggles (Jeune), Sister Madrid (Fuji Kiseki), Shezapro (Econsul), Eight Roses (Bellotto) & Black Magic Miss (Blackfriars).

The first covers for Ducimus last month were Magdelaine (Geiger Counter) and Many Secrets (Viscount).

Magdelaine was bred by Peters Investments and her half-sister Old Money (Old Spice) won the 2000 WATC Derby when it was a Group 1. Her son Trap For Fools (Poet's Voice) added another Group 1 to the page in last year's Mackinnon Stakes at Flemington.

Many Secrets descends from Group 1 broodmare Most Secret (Bletchley Park) and her first foal War Secret (War Chant) broke his maiden at Kalgoorlie last Sunday for Peter Fernie and the Morris family.

Macchiato (O'Reilly) is another mare booked into Ducimus coming off winning update last Sunday. Her 3yo colt Dinga (Safeguard) cruised home second-up in a Casterton maiden for trainer Symon Wilde. "He was too good and careered away to win by more than two lengths," Wilde said. "The margin may well have been bigger but Dean (Yendall) looked after him and eased down in the run to the line."

Macchiato is due to Aquis Farm shuttler Dream Ahead (USA) in a few weeks. She's a half-sister to Group winning Perth sprinter Grand Nirvana (Scenic) and their dam Paradise Park (Bletchley Park) won a G3 WATC Sires' Produce Stakes.

Ducimus is one of the spearheads among Snitzel's second-wave of sire sons born in 2014. That same generation includes Aquis Farm newcomers Invader and Jukebox, Trapeze Artist (Widden) and Showtime (Arrowfield).

He won the LR Talindert Stakes at Flemington which earned a Timeform 2YO rating above fellow Snitzel colts Summer Passage (G1 NZ Sistema Stakes) and Menari (G2 Run to the Rose).

The Talindert honour-roll includes successful sires All Too Hard (Vinery) and Star Witness (Widden) and this year's winner Microphone trained on to claim the G1 Inglis Sires' Produce Stakes at Randwick.

Snitzel completed a hat-trick of Australian titles in 2018-19 and he's off to another good start this season with Godolphin 3yo Exhilarates winning the G3 Quezette Stakes and LR Atlantic Jewel Stakes in Melbourne. His \$15 million earner Redzel is also on track for a three-peat in the The Everest at Randwick on October 19 following a last-start victory in the G3 Concorde Stakes.

Rivercrest Park and Orbis Bloodstock stand Ducimus for a \$2,750 (inc GST) fee with payment on a live foal.

