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PERTH MAGIC MILLIONS *Sale*

Last month's buoyant figures at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Yearling Sale augurs well for the Perth Magic Millions in the Swan Valley on February 17 and 18.

Comprising a catalogue of 331 lots for the two-day auction, the Perth 2020 Sale includes half, three quarter or full relations to stakes winners Agent Pippa, Clearly Innocent, Delicacy, Dig Deep, Hobart Jones, Kiss Bang Love, Leonardo da Hinch, Let Her Rip, Platoon, Quilista, Showy Chloe, Tellem We're Comin and Vital Silver.

There are 87 individual sires represented with strong interest set to surround a total of 21 freshmen including locally-based Awesome Rock, King's Troop, Lucky Street, Mahuta, Rommel and Vert De Grece.

More than 93% of yearlings catalogued are eligible for either the Westspeed Platinum or standard Westspeed scheme. Some 84 lots are BOBS eligible and all lots offered are eligible to be paid up for the \$12.69 million Magic Millions Race Series.

The sale will be preceded by the Magic Millions Raceday at Pinjarra on February 8 featuring the \$250,000 Magic Millions WA 2YO Classic (RL) and \$150,000 Magic Millions WA 3YO Trophy (RL).

This year's 2YO Classic will incorporate the crowning of the inaugural winner of the \$75,000 Magic Millions WA Racing Women's Bonus. The Perth Magic Millions owns a growing list of star graduates headed by Group 1 winners Black Heart Bart, Boom Time, Silent Sedition, Great Shot, Magnifisio and Scenic Blast.

"The excitement surrounding the Magic Millions Yearling Sale is building significantly with a number of trainers and bloodstock agents saying this is the best catalogue they have seen in Perth," TBWA President Brent Atwell said.

"It's a credit to our farms for continuing to invest in bloodstock over the past few years.

"It has been a big season for WA-bred Group 1 winners already with Gattling (Impressive Racing) in the Makybe Diva Stakes at Flemington, Come Play With Me (Geoff & Vicki Durrant) in The Metropolitan at Randwick and Kay Cee (Greg & Kathy Edwards) in the Kingston Town Classic at Ascot.

"Our local breeders also dominated The Masters in Perth winning 12 of the 14 stakes races at Ascot."

The catalogue can be viewed online: magicmillions.com.au



Image: Brent Atwell



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GRAPHIC COLT FROM *Gold Front*

Awesome Rock's first-crop yearling colt from Sigaro made everyone sit up and take notice at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Sale last month.

Catalogued as Lot 985 by Attunga Stud as agent for Gold Front owners Alan and Sue Olive, he put on a show in the sale-ring that was captured by photographer Katrina Partridge. Fortunately, his handler Caleb Degen is a first-class horseman and he calmed the youngster before Team Hawkes made a successful bid of \$150,000.

It was a good start for Awesome Rock who stands for an \$6,500 service fee at Gold Front Thoroughbreds in Breera. The colt's dam Sigaro (Lujain) has already foaled Perth stakes performers Prete A Partir and Black Cuban.

Awesome Rock (Fastnet Rock) won the G1 Mackinnon Stakes at Flemington and he has another 17 first-crop yearlings catalogued for the Perth Magic Millions on February 17 & 18. His filly from Brisbane stakes winner Belle D'Amour (Lot 158) is bred to go early and the Olives rate her one of the picks of their draft in the Swan Valley.

Perth buyers were active purchasing 11 yearlings at the Gold Coast Magic Millions.

Ascot trainer Neville Parnham outlaid a total of \$470,000 for colts by Dissident & Zoustar and fillies by Dissident and Sebring. The Dissident colt is a half-brother to Awesome Rock.

Simon Miller paid \$210,000 for a Nicconi filly and Mt Hallowell Stud's Craig Thompson also weighed in with \$210,000 for a Snitzel filly from Sydney Group 2 winner Imana.



Image: Awesome Rock – Sigaro Colt

BIG GIRL'S BIG WIN IN

Scorcher

It's little wonder that Jim Anderson gave his giant, grey mare Fabergino a massive cheer as she raced home to notch up her second career stakes victory in the LR Summer Scorcher (1000m) at Ascot last month.

First up, Anderson races the horse with good mates John Beesley, Marty McDonagh and John Tierney.

Secondly, Anderson bred the 5yo mare from Razyana (Danzero) while, importantly, he also owns Fabergino's sire Maschino who is going gangbusters at Alwyn Park Stud.

Fabergino is trained by Tiarna Robertson and initially appeared on the scene in April 2017 as an autumn 2yo to win her first four starts. She's only once been out of the top three in 10 outings, winning seven overall for earnings of \$348,500...a matter of great pride for her young trainer.

With a dozen in work and a sideline in pre-training at her Bennett Springs stables, Robertson says Fabergino is her best racehorse thus far and a thrill to train.

"She showed a lot of ability from the very start, but she's a big girl – 17.1 hands! – and has had a few issues as a consequence," Robertson told Aushorse.

"We've really taken our time with her and the thing is, she just keeps getting better."

That's all music to Anderson's ears who has been involved in the construction industry and owned horses for some 30 years.

Fabergino races in the same pink and grey shamrock silks as her sire Maschino who is by Encosta de Lago from the multiple stakes winning Redoute's Choice mare Tahni Girl.

"I purchased Maschino as a yearling for \$240,000 at the 2009 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale and, based on his breeding, had always intended standing him at stud regardless of how he went on the track," Anderson recalls.

"However, he ended up winning seven of his 22 starts, including the (G3) R J Peters and was multiple stakes placed, so it was a really a no brainer about a career as a stallion.

"So, I ended up standing him with John Andrew at Alwyn Park Stud and he really appears to be starting to hit his straps."

Things were fairly quiet though in Maschino's first couple of years at stud, but then Fabergino started showing ability and the stallion has since garnered wider appeal in the last three seasons with sizeable books.

Yet, while it was Fabergino shouldering most of the weight earlier, Maschino has really come into his own in the last 12 months with Snowchino winning the Listed Starstruck Classic just before Christmas and Cup Night capturing the Listed Raconteur last season before finishing second in October's Northam Cup, while Cockney Crew finished a close second in the 2019 G2 WA Derby.

"I've got eight mares at our property Lonsdale Park and I alternate, usually giving them a year off, and we tend to race the progeny ourselves," Anderson points out. "That said, we've decided to sell a couple at the Perth Magic Millions: a full sister to Fabergino and a full sister to Cockney Crew. Should be interesting in light of how well the stallion is going."

