

# Cheeky filly set for Perth classics



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**D**awson Stud-bred filly Kissonallforcheeks (Written Tycoon) will head straight into stakes company after a first-up victory in the Morley Growers Market Hcp (1200m) at Ascot last Saturday.

Trainer Dan Morton will nominate her for the Burgess Queen Stakes (Listed, 1400m) on November 3 as a dress rehearsal for the Champion Fillies (Gr 3, 1600m) on November 14.

“She’s well above average and we were confident of a forward run,” Morton said. “We bypassed a trial and kept her fresh. She can be a bit quirky but credit to my staff, they have done a super job and she was perfect today.”

Dawson Stud’s Graham Daws bred her by using Written Tycoon (Iglesia) over Rosie Rocket (Blackfriars) who won the La Trice (Listed, 1800m) and Starstruck (Listed, 1600m) Classics in 2011. She was sold for \$120,000 through the Newhaven Park draft at the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Kissonallforcheeks sat outside the leader and then accelerated to complete a winning hat-trick on either side of a winter spell. “I was trying to hold her up and then she trucked into the race,” jockey Brad Parnham said. “The earmuffs have calmed her down and it was good effort to finish it off like that after working early.”

Morton also mentioned the Kingston Town Classic (Gr 1, 1800m) as a possible target if Kissonallforcheeks accounts for the 3yo fillies at her next two starts. Arcadia Queen (Pierro) and



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Kay Cee (Playing God) have claimed the last two editions of WA’s weight-for-age championship after wins in the Champion Fillies and Burgess Queen respectively.

An end-of-year Group 1 would cap a career-high 2020 in elite company for Written Tycoon following Pippie, Tyzone, Ole Kirk and Odeum. He also opened Perth’s latest black-type season with Stageman winning the inaugural Black Heart Bart Stakes (Listed, 1200m) at Belmont last month.

“I’m very happy for Dan and the filly’s owners and the Westspeed breeders bonus comes in handy, too,” Daws said. “We’ve retained Rosie Rocket’s two-year-old filly by Star Witness and she has been named Star Of Rosie. The mare foaled a colt by Russian Revolution in August and we bred her to All Too Hard this season.”

Daws debuted three-year-old filly Temptacion (All Too Hard) on Wednesday and she looked a black-type prospect when beaten in a three-way photo at Ascot. She is also prepared by Morton and is a half-sister to WA Oaks (Gr 3, 2400m) winner Very Tempting (Redoute’s Choice) and a full-sister to Group 1 performer Outrageous.

Belmont Bloodstock’s Damon Gabbedy bought Temptacion on behalf of Daws for \$300,000 out of the Vinery Stud consignment to the 2019 Magic Millions. Her dam Fit And Ready

is a More Than Ready (Southern Image) half-sister to Golden Slipper Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) winner Catbird (Danehill) and his Pago Pago Stakes (Gr 2, 1200m)-winning full-brother Danbird.

Perth’s three-year-old fillies have starred at the last two Ascot summer carnivals and there’s another red-hot division assembling this season led by Clairvoyance (Nostradamus). The Impressive Racing homebred completed an unbeaten Belmont hat-trick in August and then dominated a strong field in the Crown Perth 3yo Classic (1000m) at Ascot on October 10.

“The ratings from the winter suggested she was above average and she has come back in great order,” Impressive Racing trainer Darren McAuliffe said. “The world is her oyster.”

It completes a quick comeback for Impressive Racing so soon after the demise of its Group 1 star Gattling (Hard Spun) at Flemington last month. McAuliffe and his business partner Kevin Berry bought Clairvoyance’s dam Dance On Air (Perugino) for \$18,000 through agent John Chalmers at the 2017 Inglis Great Southern Sale in Melbourne.

She only delivered the one foal in WA before being pensioned in August but it’s a good one and then some. “We’ve received offers for Clairvoyance but they haven’t been anywhere near what was required,” McAuliffe confirmed. “They came up with \$600,000 but that’s almost disrespectful.”



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