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## ALWYN PARK FAREWELLS *Palace Reign*

Group 1 Caulfield Guineas winner Palace Reign has died at Alwyn Park Stud. He was 31.

"He had been his usual self but had passed away when I checked his paddock one morning last month," Alwyn Park owner John Andrew said. "It's a sad day but he did have a great innings."

Palace Reign was laid to rest alongside Trade Fair (GB) at the Serpentine stud which he called home for almost all his life. "He was born at Fairfields Stud and came here as a foal at foot," Andrew recalled. "He was beautifully-bred by champion sire Beau Sovereign and his dam Brechin Castle won a stack of races including the Champion Fillies and WA Oaks.

"I took him to the 1991 Yearling Sale and there was a \$55,000 reserve on him. The bidding stopped \$5,000 short and the managing owner Mike Scaffidi told me to bring the colt back home.

"I broke him in and sent him to Len Morton for his first prep at Ascot. The Karrakatta was a Group 1 run before Christmas back then and he finished third despite being shin-sore.

"Mike and the other part-owners – Bill Moffitt and Lou Ligovich – transferred him to Lindsay Park and he won the 1992 Caulfield Guineas on heavy track. David Hayes was bullish about his chances in that year's Cox Plate but he went down in a three-horse fall with Naturalism and Sydeston.

"He came out of it with bone chips but recovered and won a Memsie Stakes and Feehan Stakes the following year."

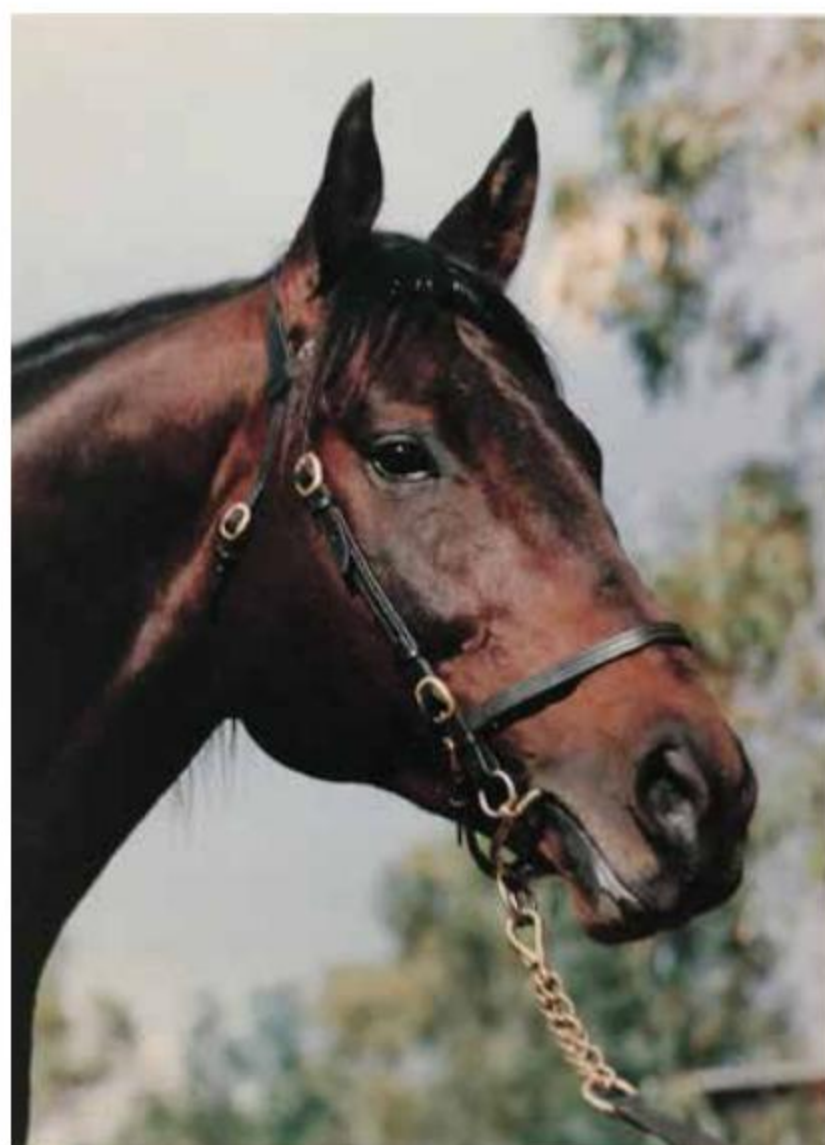
Hayes gave Palace Reign a ringing endorsement when he bowed out with a placing in the JRA Trophy at Moonee Valley. "He showed the same fighting qualities as Better Loosen Up and I'm sure his race record would have been similar without that injury."

Andrew had always vowed not to stand a stallion but he

made an exception with Palace Reign. "He ended up siring his fair share of winners without ever being a leading commercial stallion. His best was Finito who won a Bunbury Cup and Strickland Stakes for Neville Duncan's brother Ian.

"I was still using him as a teaser until recently and he was loved by everyone here. He was quite a character and it's funny that he won a Caulfield Guineas on a bog track. He would always walk around a puddle here instead of getting his feet wet!

"And he would whinny every morning to let us know he was still around. We will miss him."







## LADIES LAND CASH WITH

# Six Carat

A lively ladies syndicate celebrated overtime after Six Carat scored a longshot victory in the TABtouch Plate (1100m) at Ascot on Saturday.

Six Carat's connections cashed in with a \$31 pay-out on the TAB and they also divided \$82,000 in prizemoney and Westspeed Premium bonuses. The Demerit filly was a well-beaten fourth on debut last month although there were excuses according to trainer Paul Jordan.

"She wasn't really switched on and she also got galloped on around the home turn," he revealed.

"But sometimes it just clicks for them and she got a beautiful run into the race for Craig (Staples) today."

Six Carat was an \$85,000 buy for Jordan out of the Taunton Vale draft to the 2020 Perth Magic Millions. "It's terrific for the girls. She was one of the last deals that Harvey Crossman put together before he passed away. Craig Thompson bought a share for his wife Rose, Harvey's wife Nina is also in the syndicate and so is my wife Laura."

They have been dubbed 'Desperate Horse Wives' (pictured) and are among 26 all-female syndicates eligible for a \$75,000 bonus over and above \$250,000 in prizemoney for the Magic Millions WA 2YO Classic RL at Pinjarra in February.

"She relaxed and railed up beautifully in the straight," Staples reported. "This means a lot. Harvey was special to me and this is special for his family."

Six Carat is bred to be good being a younger sister to 2018 G3 Gimcrack Stakes winner Agent Pippa and \$472,500 earner Double Digit. Their dam Female Agent (Commands) has a yearling filly from Demerit's last crop with Nina Johnston at Taunton Vale and there's also a Sessions filly on the ground at Dardanup.

Demerit doubled up later in the day at Ascot with Point Taken in the Glenroy Chaff Hcp (1400m). The 5yo mare is trained by Jim Taylor for his wife Tina, his mother Lois and the Castledine family.

Point Taken took a while to get mobile and didn't win her maiden until a rising 4yo at Northam but in the last six months she has added city wins at Ascot (2) and Belmont (2). Her older sister Kiss Bang Love won the 2017 G3 Gimcrack Stakes at Ascot and her first foal is a colt by Trapeze Artist with Victorian breeder Rob Crabtree.

Their dam Vacillare (Trade Fair) has a 2yo Demerit filly that failed to make a \$50,000 reserve at the 2020 Perth Magic Millions.



# All American **HEADING TO HONG KONG?**

WA buyers sourced 8 lots at the Magic Millions 2YO Sale last month and there was also an All American that looked the part on the Gold Coast.

Perth owner Robin Humberston paid \$75,000 for a Pierro colt from a three-quarter sister to Manhattan Rain. He races last year's G2 Karrakatta Plate runner-up Miss West Coast (Safeguard).

Ascot-based Stephen Rowe led WA trainers with \$65,000 for a More Than Ready colt from the family of Helmet. Other buyers (and sires) with Ready To Run colts heading west were Paul Ferguson (Palentino), Gary Crispin (Wandjina), Luke Fernie (Hinchinbrook), Ash Maley (Sooboog & Epaulette) and Britt Taylor (Super One).

Geisel Park sire All American topped that lot with an \$80,000 gelding offered by Shaun Nolen of JCS Thoroughbreds (as agent). A well-built individual, he tips the scales at 520kg and impressed when breezing a comfortable furlong in 10.61s at Seymour.

"He's a solid type already and will continue to thicken out," Benalla-based Nolen said. "He didn't blow me away at the beginning but kept maturing and improving as he progressed through the sale prep. You need to have the right product to bring to market and he was the right product."

Like many of the Magic Millions Sale graduates, he will likely head off-shore and it's worth noting winning bidder Andrew Williams Bloodstock has close ties with Lindsay Park trainer David Hayes who recently relocated to Hong Kong.

Hayes trained All American (Red Ransom) who was rated one of the most precocious 2yo colts in the stable. "He was outstanding winning the (G3) Skyline Stakes," Hayes recalled. "And he trained on at four to beat So You Think in record time in the (G1) Emirates Stakes at Flemington."

His Magic Millions 2yo is from Champagne Sisters (Anabaa), a winning half-sister to Rutherford Eagle (LR Gosford Classic) and the dam of Ready Set Sail (G3 VRC Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes).

All American has sired 8 winners from 13 starters in Hong Kong headed by Dark Dream (AUD 1.66 million), Elusive State (AUD 1.39 million) and Green Card (AUD 976,300).

His first Westspeed 2yo crop jumped the blocks with an unprecedented three individual winners before Xmas this time last year and Kallaroo added black-type caps in the LR Fairetha Stakes at Ascot last month.

Geisel Park stands All American (Red Ransom) for a \$6,600 service fee with Vert De Grece (Verglas) at \$4,400. Fees (inc GST).







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# NO DANGER TO *No Surrender* AT ASCOT

The decision to switch No Surrender to a shorter trip was a winning one for Impressive Racing trainer Darren McAuliffe in November.

No Surrender (3g Universal Ruler – Dark Attack by Dylan Thomas) was never in danger winning his maiden when dropping back in distance for the Mrs Mac's Hcp (1200m) at Ascot and then he doubled up over the same track and trip in the TABtouch Hcp (1200m). He led at every panel for Mitchell Pateman who rode him positively on both occasions.

McAuliffe knows Universal Ruler and his stock better than anyone having trained him to three stakes wins in Perth before a successful second career at Scenic Lodge where he has sired Impressive stars like The Velvet King, Rebel King, Market Ruler, Military Reign & Abdicator.

"He didn't get a mile back in October and was disappointing. He got on the wrong leg and I thought coming back to 1200m would be a better option," McAuliffe said. "He's above average and should have won a few races by now but he's got an attitude problem."

Last season, No Surrender had finished fourth on debut to Gemma's Son (Snippetson) in the LR Perth Stakes in March before fading from view behind from Watch Me Dance (I'm All The Talk) in the G3 WA Sires Produce Stakes.

"He's a difficult animal to deal with and has got a different mindset to the rest of his family," McAuliffe revealed.

"It's weird because they have all been lovely quiet horses."

No Surrender is the final foal of Dark Attack (Dylan Thomas) who was bred by Peters Investments. Dark Attack retired a maiden but her half-brother Cohort (Scenic) completed a stakes winning double in the 2008 Belmont Guineas and Belmont Classic. She is also a half-sister to the dams of Dark Choice (G3 WA Oaks) and Churchill Dancer (G2 VRC Bobbie Lewis Hcp).

Universal Ruler stands for a \$6,600 service fee at Scenic Lodge with Snippetson (\$6,600) and Dash For Cash (\$2,750). (Fees inc GST) with a free return.

