

# Great Charade

## GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND AT ASCOT

If ever a horse needed help from above, it was Great Charade at the Ascot midweek meeting on March 10.

Under the pump from the jump, the Magnus gelding worked outside the lead until the home turn and then fought off several challenges in the TABtouch – Better Your Bet Hcp (1400m).

The win was greeted by a big roar from the crowd and trainer Trevor Andrews dedicated the victory to part-owner Jerry Lobban who passed away last week.

"It was divine intervention. The horse really fought it out. Our dear mate Jerry was right behind him all the way and his boys are out here today. It's a touching tribute to a champion bloke."

Lobban was known as the Mayor of Quinns Rocks and was a respected trader for many years at Canning Vale Market. He was part of the syndicate that purchased Great Charade for \$70,000 at the 2017 Perth Magic Millions.

A Pinjarra maiden winner on Boxing Day in 2018, he was transferred to the Goldfields last year and won a couple of races for John Lugg.

"We sent him up to Kal and he got a bit of confidence winning a couple of races up there," Andrews said. "He's matured and his two runs since coming back have been pretty good."

Winning jockey Clint Johnston-Porter said it was a tough win.

"I had to do a lot of work to get across and the other horse kept tacking on inside me. He came off the bit quite quickly and I thought he would run second or third. But the more I asked the more he gave. He kept finding and it's good to get him up today."

Great Charade was bred and sold by Rangeview Stud and is the first and only foal from Ascot winner Guessing Game (Key Business). Her older half-brother Poor Judge (Royal Academy) won a G3 Chatham Stakes at Flemington plus the LR Bribie Hcp and LR Weetwood Hcp in Queensland.

Their dam Outward Display (Thunder Gulch) had been a \$62,500 purchase from Gooree Park by Rangeview owner Rob Gray at the 2007 Magic Millions National Sale.

Outward Display's final foal is a yearling colt by So Secret and Rangeview has maintained several links with the family through her daughters Secret Diva (So Secret), Femme De Classe (Key Business) and Henty Gal (Galah).

The Ascot result followed a winning double for Rangeview sire Galah with Rexford (Ascot) and Cockyjoy (Bunbury) who has been a consistent mare for Capel owner-breeder-trainer Jimmy Grieve winning 6 races for prizemoney in excess of \$140,000.







# Sassy Patronize

## FILLY WITH OUTSIZE ABILITY

Giant filly Pat's Got Sass started an odds-on favourite on debut at Ascot last month and she confirmed that hype with a dominant victory in the Heineken Hcp (1000m).

The 17 hands daughter of Patronize tips the scale at 530kg making her the biggest 2yo David Harrison has ever trained.

"She's a freak," he said.

"For a filly that size, she's so balanced and just glides over ground."

Pat's Got Sass sat outside the speed and then put panels on Queen's Gift (King's Troop) and Warpipes (War Chant). "She been a natural since Day 1," Harrison continued.

"She's still gangly but has an economical action. That's a rare commodity."

Pat's Got Sass (2f Patronize – Sassy Flyer by Due Sasso) is a homebred for Harrison in partnership with his wife Jenny, Tony and Jill Triscari and the Atwell family who stand her sire at Darling View Thoroughbreds. She's a full-sister to their LR Perth Stakes winner Chix Pic.

Sassy Flyer is a half-sister to Listed winners McLurch (Hannans Hcp) and Raw Metal (Ruabon Sprint) and she has a weanling colt by Lucky Street and is in foal to Playing God.

Winning jockey Paul Harvey admitted he went into the race with positive prospects after she defeated Ascot winner Policiere in a trial at Lark Hill.

"She had been working well at home but was all at sea once she got to the front in the straight. It's the first time she's been off the bridle and will be much better when there's one in front of her."

Pat's Got Sass completed a month for Darling View. First-season sire Lucky Street opened his account with Story Book at Pinjarra and I'm All The Talk's Group 2 winner Watch Me Dance returned from a spell to win an Albany trial on Thursday.

I'm All The Talk unveiled another smart type when Tumivet bolted in at Ascot. Sent straight to the front by Mitch Pateman, he scored by more than three lengths on debut in the International Women's Day Maiden (1500m).

Tumivet is trained by Martin Allen for Jan Williamson, Ann Williamson-Croucher and Lynne Asquith. His dam Lady Alaska (Reset) was sold to Lee Cox for \$7,500 at the Mungrup Stud Dispersal and she foaled a Playing God colt three weeks after changing hands.





## WEEKEND DOUBLE FOR *Sons of Snippetson*

Stablemates Gemma's Son and Jericho Missile are set for rewarding autumn campaigns after their rousing first-up runs in the MGB Hcp (1000m) at Bunbury in March.

Gemma's Son (Snippetson) scored with something in hand and trainer David Harrison was equally pleased with Jericho Missile (Smart Missile) who ran home late to finish second about a length behind the winner.

In a sprint with plenty of depth, Gemma's Son camped on the speed for 3kg claimer Kristy Bennett before angling to the centre of the track to collar the leaders at the furlong.

"They're both (RL) Magic Millions 2yo Classic winners and it's great to see them come back like that," Harrison said.

"They're in for nice preps.

"Gemma's Son is a genuine horse and a pleasure to train. He's a lot stronger and settles better now. I think he can get out in distance and be strong over a mile with the blinkers off."

Harrison purchased Gemma's Son from Scenic Lodge for \$20,000 at the 2019 Perth Magic Millions and his earnings now amount to \$809,300 including Westspeed bonuses of \$232,240. The winning syndicate includes Harrison's wife Jenny, Ron O'Malley, Gerald Ryan, Graham & Megan Donovan, Keith & Carol Holly and Lex & Shirley Piper.

Snippetson's former 2yo stakes winner Tinsnip also returned to winning form with a narrow victory at Ascot.

The Adam Durrant-trained 4yo never the left fence under Clint Johnston-Porter to narrowly defeat Invictus Domini (Playing God) in the Flying Colours Hcp (1400m). He had won the G3 WA Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) in April 2019 but didn't fire during a 3yo season when he was never a factor in a half-dozen starts.

"We don't really know what happened last year," stable rep Jason Miller admitted.

"He had a an off prep but is in a good place now. He ran well first-up last month and toughed it out today."

Tinsnip is a homebred for David Elsegood and his dam Mabel Grace (Kendel Star) won five Listed events at Ascot in the York Stakes (1600m), Jungle Dawn Classic (1400m), La Trice Classic (1800m), Miss Andretti Stakes (1200m) and Matchmaker Classic (1400m).

Tinsnip is one of 18 individual winners from Snippetson's first crop at Scenic Lodge and they have won 42 races and over \$1.88 million in prizemoney.



# Oakland Park

## UNFURLS FILLIES IN MELBOURNE

Oakland Park Stud led WA breeders at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale in March with fillies by Street Boss (USA) and Pierro making a combined \$300,000.

Both yearlings were part of the Blue Gum Farm draft that led the Premier Sale with turnover of \$5.20 million. The Euroa nursery also topped the overall leader-board with a \$1.10 million Written Tycoon colt sold as agent for breeder Rob Crabtree.

Blue Gum topped the 2020 Melbourne Premier with a \$725,000 Snitzel colt on behalf of Oakland Park breeder Neville Duncan. Subsequently named Bruckner, he finished third on debut in the Black Opal Preview (1000m) in Canberra in February.

Oakland Park's Street Boss – Unfurl filly (Lot 417) was bought by Victorian-based Rich River Meat Exports for \$190,000. Her dam is a Melbourne-winning half-sister to NZ stakes winners Inferno and Ortem Fire.

Unfurl (Raise The Flag) was purchased by Oakland Park carrying a PPT to Street Boss for \$75,000 at the 2019 Magic Millions National Sale. She has a Sessions filly on the ground and was bred back to him in November.

Oakland Park's Pierro – Ready On Time filly (Lot 276) made \$110,000 to Melbourne trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young. She is from a More Than Ready winning half-sister to No Wine No Song (G1 Sydney Cup) and Cappo D'Oro (LR Towton Cup).

Ready On Time also has a filly foal by Sessions and was bred back to the Oakland Park resident late last year.

Among other WA breeders represented at the Melbourne Premier were Westbury Park and Forest View Thoroughbreds who both received \$90,000 for their yearlings.

Westbury Park sold its Capitalist – Satirical Lass colt (Lot 307) through Springmount studmaster Michael Flannery. He had been pin-hooked by Westbury owner Phil Ibbotson for \$35,000 at last year's Inglis Australian Weanling Sale.

Forest View owner Ben Duncan catalogued his Shalaa – Saigon Tea filly (Lot 303) in the Rushton Park draft prepared David Johnson who is another highly-regarded horseman formerly based in WA.

Duncan bought Saigon Tea (Thorn Park) in foal to Shalaa (Ire) for \$100,000 at the 2019 Magic Millions National Sale. She won a LR Christmas Cup in Sydney and has a filly foal by Epaulette.

