

Safeguard Buzz shifts to NZ 2YO Sale



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Perth three-year-old filly Buzzzoom is in superb form at Ascot and a hat-trick could be just around the corner for the battle-hardened daughter of Safeguard.

Buzzzoom's victory in the Reg Bartle Handicap (1200m) on Saturday was her fifth run in less than six weeks since resuming from a winter spell for her trainer Dan Morton and a syndicate managed by his father Len.

They banked \$70,000 thanks to extras from the Westspeed Scheme and there was a bonus of a different kind for Mogumber Park owner Colin Brown, who stands Safeguard in WA.

Safeguard (Exceed And Excel) breaks new ground next month when his colt from Irish-bred mare Kerimba (Sinndar) opens Day 2 of the NZB Ready To Run Sale. He was pin-hooked for \$75,000 from Mogumber Park at the Perth Magic Millions Yearling Sale in February.

"Buzzzoom is one tough filly and was bred by Ben and Jo Duncan who are great clients and great friends," Brown said. "It was a top training feat by Dan. She backed up from the midweek meeting to win again on Saturday and it proves the Safeguards are not just two-year-olds."

A Godolphin homebred trained by Peter Snowden, Safeguard won the Group 3 Kindergarten Stakes (1100m) at Randwick and returned at three to claim another Group 3 in the Vain Stakes (1100m) at Caulfield.

He was Champion WA Two-Year-Old and First Season Sire with record-breaking earnings in 2018-19 and has consolidated that start with a winning strike-rate that sits above 60 per cent. His stakes performers to winners strike-rate is a creditable 13 per cent on the back of black-type gallopers like Specialism, Policiere, Miss West Coast, Janaura and Surveillance.

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Handicap (1200m) at Belmont last month and holds a Group 1 nomination for the Winterbottom Stakes (1200m) on November 27.

Brown, who is Perth Racing chairman, and his partner Fiona Lacey, who is president of Thoroughbred Breeders WA, combed through Eastern States Broodmare Sales to support Safeguard and one of their buys was the Aga Khan-bred mare Kerimba.

Kerimba had foaled Listed Gosford Belle of the Turf Stakes winner Cathay Lady (Exceed and Excel) early in her stud career but was getting on when she paraded at Newmarket. "She wasn't in foal so we got her cheaply," Brown recalled. "It was a proven cross with Exceed And Excel and I was sure she would suit Safeguard."

Her final foal before changing hands was a son of Deep Field who was sent to Hong Kong to be trained by Jimmy Ting for owner Sarah Wong Lai. Named My Sugar, he has emerged as a very promising sprinter winning four of his last five starts capped by a comprehensive victory in the Corum Excellent Handicap (1400m) at Sha Tin last Sunday.

"My Sugar has been an absolute bonus for Kerimba and her first foal for us was the Safeguard colt that's been catalogued for the New Zealand two-year-old sale," Brown continued. "She foaled a Safeguard filly in August and we bred her back to our other stallion Rommel last month."

Safeguard's two-year-old colt from Kerimba at Karaka (**Lot 161**) is being offered (as agent) by Woburn Farm's Adrian Stanley. He breezed 11.02s under a hold with a Press Statement colt (**Lot 196**) last week which was the third fastest of the 18 Woburn Farm Ready To Run entrants that galloped at Te Rapa.

"The Safeguard is a natural. Nicely balanced, correct, athletic and should get going as a two year-old," Stanley predicted. "His older half-brother My Sugar bolted in at Sha Tin on the weekend and that should create plenty of interest from Hong Kong."

Mogumber Park stands Safeguard alongside Rommel (Commands) who was also Champion WA Two-Year-Old and First Season Sire last season. They are both priced at \$4,400 (inc GST) service fees.