

## FIRST WINNER BY *Our Boy Leo*

**Boallia Farm resident Our Boy Leo sired his first winner when Mahaleo made the most of dream run in the MACA Mining Maiden (1500m) at Ascot last month.**

Mahaleo is just the second starter from Our Boy Leo's first crop and he never left the fence from an inside draw to gradually get the better of Kolchino (Maschino).

"He appreciated getting out to 1500 metres and he's got a future given time," Hall of Fame trainer Fred Kersley predicted.

"The drop in weight and the gate were in his favour and it was good to see him get the job done."

A 3kg claim also brought him right into the race with 53kg.

"It worked out perfectly in running," stable apprentice Beaux Banovic-Edwards said. "I had the choice of going around the leader but my horse usually lays in so I stayed on the rails to avoid causing any drama."

Our Boy Leo is a son of Lonhro from Magical Miss (Danehill) who was trained by Bart Cummings to win the G1 Thousand Guineas – G1 Victorian Oaks double for the late Bill Wyllie and his wife Rhonda in 2001.

Mahaleo is the final foal of Miss Mahal (Canny Lad) who descends from the Cummings-trained Australian Horse of the Year Maybe Mahal.

Our Boy Leo didn't trouble the judge in a career that spanned two short preps with John McArdle at Mornington. But Rhonda Wyllie backed his pedigree to make a difference at stud and she stands him with Boallia Farm owner Tracey Bannister for a \$1,100 (inc GST) fee.

Boallia Farm is also home to Rogano who is available at a \$2,750 (inc GST) fee. He is a Redoute's Choice full-brother to deceased Arrowfield Stud champion Not A Single Doubt and was purchased by Dave Powrie after starting his stud career at Oakland Park.

Rogano 3yo He's Gold is capable of winning in Stakes company during the Ascot summer carnival for trainer Ted Martinovich and a partnership managed by his daughter Simone Moloney. He was bred by Ted's late wife 'Pie' from Goldfields winner Rue de Marengo (General Nediym) and his other part-owners include Nick Giorgetta, Rob Mitchell, Glyn Evans & Wayne Forrest.

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## FOR STAKES WINNERS

**Gold Front stallion Awesome Rock sired his first Stakes winner at Ascot last month with Searchin' Roc's before backing it up with a good result at the Inglis Ready2Race Sale in Sydney.**

Searchin' Roc's was racing first-up since an impressive hat-trick at Belmont in June – July and she went to another level in the LR Belgravia Stakes (1200m). There were no excuses for the beaten brigade after she collared It'sarayday (Winning Rupert) to score by more than a length.

"I didn't know how the winter form would line up but I did know she had come on in leaps and bounds," trainer David Harrison said.

"She was a skinny little thing but has developed and has been working really well at home."

"It was my first ride on the filly and I was confident in running," jockey Chris Parnham recounted.

"We were in a good position and she travelled nicely. I was aware it was a strong field but she was very strong through the line."

Searchin' Roc's is a homebred for Serpentine owners Rob and Heather Grant and is the first of the fairer sex among Harrison's four Belgravia winners following McFlirt (1997), Waratah's Secret (2009) and Jericho Missile (2019).

She's the only foal to race out of Still Searchin' (Trade Fair) who was bred by the late Alan Young at Kintore Stud in Serpentine. The family goes all the way back to blue-hen mare Denise's Joy (Seventh Hussar).

Awesome Rock (Fastnet Rock) sired Searchin' Roc's from his first crop at Gold Front Thoroughbreds and, as expected, they are beginning to make a mark as three year-olds. He stands at the Breera stud for \$5,000 alongside Leonardo Da Hinch (3,000). Fees (inc GST).

An Awesome Rock – Silk Shantung colt pin-hooked at the Perth Magic Millions in February sold for \$70,000 at the Inglis Ready2Race Sale. He was bred by Gervase Park and is a half-brother to Time To Test (LR Port Adelaide Cup). The bay colt retains a WA connection after being purchased by Belhus Racing and John Price Bloodstock.

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Image: Belhus Racing's Awesome Rock colt breezes before the Inglis 2YO Sale

## WINNING WAR DANCE IN *Northerly Stakes*

**War Chant (USA) mare Dance Music is poised to join her sire's millionaires' club after winning a battle of attrition in the G3 Northerly Stakes (1400m) at Ascot.**

Dance Music and Massimo (Sessions) staged a two-horse war in a fitting renewal of the event that honours WA's 'Fighting Tiger'.

"I loved Northerly and it's a race I really wanted to win," trainer Simon Miller said.

"This mare is a ripper. As she's got older she wants it further and that makes it a lot easier."

The Northerly speed-map predicted Dance Music would lead first-up after a spell but winning jockey Brad Parnham was happy to take sit behind Massimo.

"We got a good cart into the race," Parnham told the West Australian Newspaper.

"I thought she could have put him away easier but, in the end, it was still a good effort."

Yarradale Stud champion War Chant (Danzig) has sired 44 individual stakes winners of 88 stakes races worldwide.

Dance Music's Northerly score was her fifth following the 2018 Placid Ark Stakes, 2020 Northam Cup & Starstruck Classic and 2021 La Trice Classic.

Dance Music (6m War Chant – Fast Flowing by Dubawi) is raced by owner-breeder Neven Botica in partnership with Hollymount Stud's Matthew Sandblom. Her overall record now stands at 12 wins and 11 placings in 28 starts for prizemoney of \$981,695 including Westspeed bonuses of \$162,000.

That puts her in third place among War Chant's Australian progeny behind Silent Sedition (\$1.17 million) and Dainty Tess (\$1.09 million). War Chant's Kentucky-bred warhorse Chamberlain Bridge tops his global count with earnings of US\$1.95 million after 19 wins in 53 starts topped by a Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Churchill Downs.

Yarradale Stud owner Ron Sayers, who had share in Northerly, stands War Chant for an \$11,000 service fee alongside Gingerbread Man (\$5,500) and Bradbury's Luck (\$3,300). All fees (inc GST).

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Image: Dance Music wins Northerly Stakes / Photo: Western Racepix

# Luciani TAKES 2YO POT SHOT

## Dion Luciani proved once again he's 'King of the Kids' when training the first two juvenile winners of the season in Perth.

Both youngsters – Pot Shot and Revitup – are by former Taunton Vale stallion Demerit and were well-educated for their debuts at Ascot.

Loloma Farms and Luciani celebrated another victory in the Initial Plate (1000m) when Pot Shot claimed the first 2yo race of the season. They won it with Bumper Humper (Alfred Nobel) in 2019 and Pot Shot put this year's edition to bed when she pounced on the leaders coming off the home turn. Willie Pike kept her mind on the job to safely hold Kosta's Crown (Supido) and Cosmopolitan Girl (Safeguard).

Luciani also trained the 2018 Initial Plate winner Amarillo Rose (Slater).

"She won two trials and we've used that system with success," stable foreman Ian Glading said.

"She got lost on corner but Willie sorted that out and she never really looked like getting beaten."

Pot Shot is a homebred for Loloma Farms owner Kelly Everett and is from the final crop of Demerit (Lonhro). She's

a half-sister to Ascot winner Slick Mover (He's A Decoy) and their dam On Ze Move (Love A Dane) is a close relation of WA Oaks winners Hasty Departure and India's Dream.

Pike rode the winner on one rein until she flattened out in the straight.

"She did a lot wrong and there's a few kinks to iron out," he said.

"They went quick with a tailwind and she was hanging out for the majority of the race. Then she saw the straight and realised what she had to do. It was all good from then on."

Revitup won the Irish Day Plate (1000m) a fortnight after the Initial Plate carrying the Loloma silks and she was ridden to victory by Brad Parnham from Snowdome (Rommel) and Pot Shot who started a short-priced favourite.

Her dam Regal Class (Al Maher) was a Perth winner for Peters Investments and hails from the family of Perth black-type winners Caretaker (LR All Stars Stakes) and Power Princess (G3 Prince of Wales Stakes).

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Image: Pot Shot wins Initial Plate / Photo: Western Racepix