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News and Views from the Valley of Champions Summer 2012

Nicconi Set to Make Magic

At the start of this year, Widden Stud put the sparkle into the first season sires offering at the Magic Millions courtesy of Sebring and Northern Meteor and in 2013 we will be doing it again with a spectacular line-up of youngsters by explosive sprinter Nicconi.

A young stallion blessed with extraordinary good looks and a freakish turn of foot, Nicconi blazed through his racetrack career claiming Group I victories in the VRC Lightning Stakes over 1000 metres and AJC The Galaxy over 1100 metres.

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He earned high praise from his trainer David Hayes, who labelled him, "The most electrifying colt to have come out of Lindsay Park, the best sprinter I've ever trained."

Nicconi quickly won over breeders, who have flocked to the grand-son of Danzig and his first yearlings have been keenly sought by the auction houses for their sales in 2013.

"Magic Millions in particular have a reputation for targeting the progeny of particular sires that fit their criteria for success, both in the sale ring and later on the track. Nicconi has hit the target in that regard and with 30 of his stock catalogued for the Gold Coast showcase in Sessions One to Five, he is the most popular first season sire". said Antony Thompson.

"They are strong, athletic well balanced individuals, very much stamped in the mould of their sire and we could not be happier with the way our Nicconi youngsters are progressing towards the sale."

Widden Stud will present five Nicconi yearlings at Magic Millions starting with Lot 207, a colt from San Lorenzo (UAE), a Machiavellian mare from a star studded European family featuring numerous Group I winners including St Nicholas Abbey.

Set to follow will be fillies from Very Speed (USA)(Lot 334), Wickham (Lot 351)and Bella Moxie (Lot 428).

Also with his first yearlings to be sold in 2013 is Choisir's Group II winning son Dreamscape, who will make his sale ring debut at the 2013 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in Sydney.

Early Winners Fly for Sebring

KISS A ROSE becomes Sebring's 4th metro winner!

They say a young sire needs to have a smart winner before Christmas to be popular at Magic Millions and our Golden Slipper winner Sebring has been right on the money there in producing not one, but three metropolitan winners in October and November.

Giving Sebring his very first winner was the Tony McEvoy trained filly Bring a Ring, who made no mistakes from barrier one, leading throughout and kicking clear to win the open juvenile event on debut at Morphettville by a length and a half.

Criterion – Impressive debut winner at Rosehill

Making it a quick double was the David Payne trained colt Criterion, who stamped himself as a slipper prospect with an eye-catching debut win at Rosehill in early November.

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Criterion, a homebred for Go Bloodstock, accelerated smartly over the last couple of furlongs to run down Sweet Idea and score a soft win in the 1100 metre juvenile event. David Payne was full of praise and stated post race that he is a "good looking colt with plenty of scope I will turn him out now and bring him back aiming towards the Golden Slipper".

Sebring's third winner was hailed as 'the most impressive 2yo seen in Adelaide this season' after the debut performance of Australia Day for veteran trainer Len Smith. Racing on the tempo, Australia Day exploded away after straightening to win eased down by over four lengths.

A $130,000 Inglis Easter purchase from the draft of Widden Stud, Australia Day is the first foal of smart Sydney metropolitan winner Helluva Party.

Sebring has 26 yearlings entered for the 2013 Magic Millions Sessions One to Five.

Big spring highlighted by new Group 1 winner for Stratum

Outstanding sire Stratum has enjoyed a fabulous start to the season with over 50 winners and cementing himself in the Top 10 on the Australian General Sires List by earnings and winners. He is also the cur¬rent Leading sire in Australia of Individual 3yo winners.

Stratum has enjoyed another big spring capped off by his outstanding 3yo Southern Lord winning the Gr1 Levin Classic over 1600m. Southern Lord has been nothing but consistent this spring and appeared destined to win a Group 1 once he was stepped up to a mile.

Southern Lord is raced by his trainer, who purchased him for $125,000 from the Bellagio Lodge draft at the 2010 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale.

He is the 15th stakes-winner for Stratum and is his third Group I winner joining Crystal Lily and Streama and ensuring his sire has a Group I winner in all three crops.

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Also heading the list of new stakes winners this spring is exciting Perth sprinter Texan and lightly raced Victorian speedster Unpretentious.

The Nikki Burke trained Unpretentious produced a storming run to zoom home from back in the field and win the Listed VRC MSS Security Sprint at Flemington on Cup Day.

Jockey Craig Williams describing him as horse with "serious talent".

Unpretentious has now been spelled with the aim of tackling the big autumn sprints including the Group I VRC Newmarket Handicap.

Texan has been a revelation in WA this season. Having started his career in Sydney he has evidently matured into a thorough professional and this spring captured back-to-back stakes victories in the Listed Hannan Hcp & the Listed Birthday Stakes at Belmont.

Stratum has 23 yearlings entered for the 2013 Magic Millions Sessions One to Five.

SOUTHERN LORD storms home to win the Gr1 Levin Classic, 1600m

New Stakes-Winner for Snippetson

Promising Snippetson three year-old Rebelson has been racing in top form in Western Australia in recent months capturing his first Black Type success in the Listed WATC Fairetha Stakes at Ascot in November.

The Darren McAuliffe trained gelding settled midfield and accelerated away at the finish to win the 1400 metre contest by a length and three-quarters.

Retained to race by his breeders, Rebelson has the overall record of four wins from nine starts with prize money in excess of $144,000. In December, Rebelson backed up with a dominant 3 length win in the Aquanita Stakes at Belmont this time over 1800m.

Rebelson is one of five stakes-winners sired by Snippetson, who has proven to be an outstanding value for money sire whose progeny have now won over $6million.

Is it any wonder he's been so busy this spring at a fee of just $11,000!

Dominant winner of the Aquanita Stakes at Belmont

The Meteor Lands

Record breaking sprinter Northern Meteor has also been quick to break the ice with his first winner when Ticket to Toorak saluted at Ballarat in early November.

The Matt Williams trained colt raced greenly throughout, settling at the rear of the field before charging home late to win the $30,000 1000 metre juvenile event.

At his only run since then, Ticket to Toorak finished a gallant second in the inaugural $200,000 Magic Millions Clockwise Classic at Ballarat on November 25 and looks a bright prospect for the future.

Ticket to Toorak was an $80,000 Magic Millions purchase for Australian Thoroughbreds from the Vinery Stud draft and is the first foal of Ballet d'Amour (USA), a half-sister by Stravinsky to stakes-winner Taletobetold from the family of Group I winner Majestic Roi tracing back to super producer Fanfreluche.

Ballet d'Amour foaled a gorgeous filly this spring by Northern Meteor's stablemate Sebring.

Northern Meteor has 25 yearlings entered for the 2013 Magic Millions Sessions One to Five and interestingly has over 70 2yo's paid up for the 2013 ATC Gr1 Golden Slipper.

The good looking Ticket To Toorak came from off the pace to win handsomely

Star Babies for Witness

A flashy chestnut with a muscular physique, Star Witness was the dominant colt of his generation winning the Group I MRC Blue Diamond Stakes at two and Group I VRC Coolmore Stud Stakes at three, his first foals proving the talk of town!

We know how good they are, but don't just take our word for it.

Kate Nivison (Etak T'Breds): *"My two Star Witness foals are outstanding and I had no hesitation in breeding back to him again this year."*.

Ray Willis (Rheinwood Pastoral): *"Would be fair to say Star Witness is the most impressive first season sire with foals. We have two here that are simply outstanding"*.

Craig Anderson (Amarina): *"Judging on the types of the 6 foals we have here at Amarina by Star Witness he would be a huge chance, he's my pick to be leading first season sire at the sales in 2014."*

David Toole (Kambula Stud): *"Off the back of my best foal being by Star Witness I have supported him again strongly this season"*.

Shaun Buckley (Ultra T'Breds): *"I sent some terrific mares to Star Witness including Gr1 winners Dane Julia & Culminate and I am thrilled with the strength & quality of their foals"*.

Lady Larissa / Star Witness filly

Hairpin / Star Witness colt

This Magic Moment / Star Witness filly

Tickets to Carry on Tradition

Sons of champion sire Redoute's Choice have been the hot ticket to stud success in recent years and nobody knows this better than we do as we are lucky enough to have his best sire son in Stratum.

Stratum is one of no fewer than ten sons of Redoute's Choice to sire a stakes-winner, a remarkable statistic and one that certainly gives us confidence in regards to our young stallion Tickets.

Arguably the best bred of all the sons of Redoute's Choice at stud, being a half-brother to Group I winners Duporth and Excites from top race mare and producer Staging, Tickets also has the race performance to back up his impressive lineage.

A brilliant Group II winning juvenile, who also finished second in the Group I ATC Sires Produce Stakes and Champagne Stakes, Tickets has every prerequisite to be a top stallion of the future.

Clonakilty (NZ) / Tickets colt

Covering some 152 mares last spring at a fee of $9,900, Tickets was a popular choice for breeders looking for the affordable punt and looking at his stunning first foals, their punt may well pay off in spades.

First Aussie Winner for War Pass

Ill-fated former Champion US Two Year Old War Pass (USA) stood for only two seasons with us at Widden in Australia before suffering a premature death in North America and sired his first Aussie bred winner when the Anthony Cummings trained colt Never Can Tell scored an impressive debut win at Rosehill on October 27.

A homebred for Gooree Stud, Never Can Tell looked good in winning his only previous trial and ran up to that form in scooting clear to win the 1100 metre juvenile event by two and three-quarter lengths.

In the Northern Hemisphere, War Pass has sired seven winners including the Group I placed stakes-winner Java's War, so we can expect to see more winners by him here season the season unfolds.

War Pass has four yearlings entered for the 2013 Magic Millions Sessions One to Five.

Magic Millions 2013

Lot 86 Filly
Duporth x Modellastic,
by Danasinga

Second foal of a placed half-sister to stakes-winner Orca, from the family of champion filly Slight Chance, leading sire Dane Shadow and Group IBRC Queensland Derby winner Brambles.

Bred on successful Red Ransom x Danehill cross that has produced Group I winner Headway and stakes-winners Direct Charge, Cavalry Rose, Crack a Roadie, Urban Groove, etc.

PEDIGREE

Lot 89 Colt
Not a Single Doubt x Montecatini,
by Marauding

Half-brother to Sydney metropolitan winner Carmine King from the family of Group I winning sprinter Carmine Lake.

Bred on similar Redoute's Choice x Marauding cross to dual Group I winner Melito and Group III winner Mearas.

PEDIGREE

Lot 94 Colt
Northern Meteor x Moti (NZ),
by Don Eduardo

First foal of smart stakes-winner Moti, 8 wins and $313,800 inc. Listed AJC Toy Show Handicap, Newcastle Tibbie Stakes, Wyong Mona Lisa Stakes.

Bred on successful Encosta de Lago x Zabeel cross that has produced Group I winning 2YO Apercu and stakes-winners Dizlago and Bacchanal Woman.

PEDIGREE

Lot 100 Filly
Encosta de Lago x Muzareta,
by Fasliyev (USA)

Second foal of a half-sister to Group III placed Fight and Defend, who was also by Encosta de Lago.

Closely related to record breaking Group I winner and hot young sire Northern Meteor, again also by Encosta de Lago.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 126 Filly
Encosta de Lago x Pasikatera, by Thunder Gulch (USA)

Half-sister to stakes-placed Planet Voyage from former good racemare Pasikatera, 7 wins and $530,825 inc. Group III AJC Breeders Classic.

Bred on the exact same Encosta de Lago x Thunder Gulch cross as brilliant Group II winning juvenile Press the Button.

PEDIGREE

Lot 155 Colt
Stratum x Purely Spectacular (NZ), by Pins

First foal of a placed sister to stakes-winner Raid, who was second in the Group I ARC Diamond Stakes.

Bred on a similiar Stratum x Snippets cross as Golden Slipper winner CRYSTAL LILY.

PEDIGREE

Lot 207 Colt
Nicconi x San Lorenzo (USA), by Machiavellian

Half-brother to promising winner Kochamma from the family of European Group I winners St Nicholas Abbey, Ballingarry, Starborough and Aristotle.

From a daughter of outstanding broodmare sire Machiavellian, sire of the dam of 79 stakes-winners including Group I winners Shamardal, Victoire Pisa, Red Rocks etc.

PEDIGREE

Lot 214 Filly
Stratum x Search for Fame, by Quest for Fame (GB)

First foal of a placed three-quarter sister to brilliant sprinter Impaler, 11 wins and $830,450 inc. Group II AJC Challenge Stakes and Hobartville Stakes.

Traces back to the Eight Carat family through Cotehele House featuring Group I winners Danewin, Emerald Dream and leading sire Commands.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 226 Colt
Northern Meteor x Sheeznodoubt, by Not a Single Doubt

First foal of slick juvenile winner Sheeznodoubt from the family of brilliant Group II winners Rain Affair and Been There.

Bred on similar Encosta deLago x Redoute's Cross as Group-winners Maschino and Admiration.

PEDIGREE

Lot 232 Colt
Snippetson x She's in Demand, by Commands

Half-brother to two winners from stakes-winning juvenile She's in Demand.

Bred on similar Snippets x Danehill cross as Group II winner Wild and Proud, Group III winner That's The One and stakes-winner Miss Upstart.

PEDIGREE

Lot 239 Colt
Northern Meteor x Silk and Money, by Frisco View (USA)

From classy stakes-placed sprinting mare Silk and Money, won 12 races and more than $380,000 in prizemoney, 3d Listed AJC Pacesetter Stakes.

From the family of stakes-winners Twilight Precieux, Night's Upon Us.

PEDIGREE

Lot 303 Colt
War Pass (USA) x Think Fast, by Lucky Owners

First foal of an unraced half-sister to March Hare, 7 wins and $1.1 million inc. Group I AJC George Main Stakes, Champagne Stakes.

From the family of Group I MRC Thousand Guineas winner Serious Speed, Group II winner Majestic Music and stakes-winner Victory Chant.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 325 Filly
Sebring x Upsetthym (NZ),
by Rhythm (USA)

Third living foal of Champion NZ Stayer Upsetthym, winner of the Group I Auckland Cup and half-sister to Group II SAJC Adelaide Cup winner Capecover, 16 wins and $1million in prizemoney.

Goes back top European Black Type family featuring English Derby winner Slip Anchor.

PEDIGREE

Lot 334 Filly
Nicconi x Very Speed (USA),
by Silver Hawk

Half-sister to two winners from a daughter of US Group II winner Memories, a half-sister to Group I English St Leger winner Scorpion.

From the family of outstanding performer Zipping, 16 wins and $4.5 million inc. Group I VRC Australian Cup, Turnbull Stakes and Group II MRC Sandown Classic four times.

PEDIGREE

Lot 351 Filly
Nicconi x Wickham,
by Elusive Quality (USA)

Half-sister to promising winner Celtic Sea and is second foal of a half-sister to the dam of US Group III winner Mrs Kipling.

From the family of US Group winners Squan Song and Omega Code.

PEDIGREE

Lot 355 Colt
Sebring x Will Fly,
by Will Dancer (Fr)

Half-brother to Group II VRC Maribyrnong Plate winner Sanziro, Group III winner Flying Object and to the dam of Macau stakes-winner Happy Gladiator.

From former top class mare Will Fly, 9 wins and $432,640 inc. Group III VRC Hardy Brothers Prelude, SAJC Spring Stakes, VATC Tristarc Stakes, etc.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 367 Colt
Fastnet Rock x Zarita (NZ),
by Pentire (GB)

First foal of outstanding racemare Zarita, 9 wins and $1.6 million inc. Group I SAJC South Australian Derby, Australasian Oaks, Group II VRC Wakeful Stakes, Kewney Stakes.

Dam is a half-sister to Group II winner Run Like the Wind and Group III winner Joy and Fun, Meydan Al Quoz Sprint and HK Chairman's Sprint Prize.

PEDIGREE

Lot 406 Filly
Charge Forward x Arrogantly,
by Flying Spur

From metropolitan winning half-sister to Group II VRC Maribyrnong Plate and Magic Millions winner Catnipped.

Bred on the exact same Charge Forward x Flying Spur cross as Group I winner Headway and stakes-winners Urban Groove, Crack a Roadie and Fort Lincoln.

PEDIGREE

Lot 428 Filly
Nicconi x Bella Moxie,
by El Moxie (USA)

Half-sister to stakes-placed Living Pegasus and metropolitan winner Military Gal.

From the family of Group II VATC Sandown Guineas winner Polar Air, Group III winner Perfect Jet and stakes-winner Merlot Now.

PEDIGREE

Lot 438 Colt
All American x Bold Countess,
by Danzero

From a half-sister to stakes-placed Funster and Henry's Hill and daughter of juvenile stakes-winner Alshandegha.

Bred on successful Red Ransom x Danehill cross that has produced Group I winner Headway and stakes-winners Direct Charge, Cavalry Rose, Crack a Roadie, Urban Groove, etc.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 478 Filly
All American x Condesaar,
by Xaar (GB)

Second foal of a half-sister to Group I New Zealand Derby winner Redoute's Dancer.

From the family of European Group I winners Condessa and Tout Seule.

PEDIGREE

Lot 483 Filly
Shamardal (USA) x Copa de Oro,
by Hector Protector (USA)

Half-sister to talented galloper Primus, 4 wins and $524,780 inc. Group III Tatts Tramway Handicap. 3d Group I MRC Caulfield Guineas and STC Rosehill Guineas.

From the all conquering Denise's Joy family featuring Group I stars More Joyous, Tuesday Joy, Sunday Joy, Bentley Biscuit, etc.

PEDIGREE

Lot 510 Filly
Flying Spur x De Jetcat,
by Tale of Cat (USA)

First foal of good Sydney metropolitan winner De Jetcat, a daughter of stakes-winner Superjet.

Comes from the family of champion South African fillies and multiple Group I winners Princess Victoria, Petrava and Hoeberg.

PEDIGREE

Lot 516 Colt
Commands x Demanding,
by Octagonal

Half-brother to five winners including smart stakes-winners Phenomenons and Spacecraft, from the family of Golden Slipper winner and Champion 2YO Tierce.

Bred on the exact same Commands x Octagonal cross as brilliant Group II winners Rain Affair and Altar.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 550 Colt
Testa Rossa x Exorcette,
by Flying Spur

First foal of a winning half-sister to Group II winner Stokehouse and last season's stakes-winning juvenile Malasun.

From the family of good tough stakes-winners Gay Tulip and Valdazair.

PEDIGREE

Lot 594 Filly
Stratum x Glogirl,
by General Nediym

Second foal of a metropolitan winning half-sister to globe-trotting superstar Ortensia, 13 wins and $2.4 million inc. Group I WATC Winterbottom Stakes, York Nunthorpe Stakes, Meydan Al Quoz Sprint.

Bred on a similar Redoute's Choice x General Nediym cross to Group I winner Sizzling and stakes-winner Mama's Choice.

PEDIGREE

Lot 598 Colt
Stratum x Golden Delicious,
by Made of Gold (USA)

Full brother to Group II placed Straight Gold from former very good racemare Golden Delicious, 13 wins and $497,290 inc. Group III WATC Prince of Wales Stakes.

From the family of Group I VRC Salinger Stakes winner Ancient Song.

PEDIGREE

Lot 708 Colt
Lucky Owners (NZ) x Princess
Carnegie, by Carnegie (IRE)

Full brother to Group III placed winner King's Pact.

From a half-sister to Group III winner Pillar of Hercules from the family of Golden Slipper winner and sire Catbird and Queensland Derby winner Half Hennessy.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 762 Colt
Dylan Thomas (IRE) x Venassas Jig (USA), by Street Cry

Third foal of a winning half-sister to US stakes-winner Five Grand Girl.

From the family of successful sires Tights (USA) and Dauberval (USA) as well as Group winners Prussian Blue and Tiz Wonderful.

PEDIGREE

Lot 799 Filly
Sebring x Boo Who, by Filante

Third living foal of an unraced sister to Group I MRC Thousand Guineas winner Macedon Lady.

From the family of prolific Group II winning sprinter Cranky Tikit.

PEDIGREE

Lot 828 Colt
Lucky Owners (NZ) x Cyclonic Miss, by Hurricane Sky

Half-brother to smart Singapore winner Yoyo from a half-sister to stakes-winner Red Labelle, the dam of stakes-winners Strawberry Field and Pellizotti.

From the family of Group II winner Silver Glade and bred on successful Danehill x Hurricane Sky cross that has produced Group II winners First Command, Carrara and Oneworld.

PEDIGREE

Lot 835 Colt
War Pass (USA) x Donating, by Octagonal

Half-brother to two winners from a half-sister to Group I placed Galileo's Daughter and daughter of stakes-winner Donna Dior.

From the family of Group I Golden Slipper winner and successful sire Catbird.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 850 Filly
Northern Meteor x Fernald (USA),
by Quiet American

Third foal of a half-sister to Group III winner Aud and daughter of Group III winner Gail's Brush.

Carries a double cross of leading US sire Fappiano as do 19 stakes-winners worldwide including Group II winners Justin Phillip, Nicole H, Anak Nakal, etc.

PEDIGREE

Widden Stud (as Agent for Moranjee Stud)

Lot 93 Filly
Dane Shadow x Mosaic Gold,
by Viscount

First foal of a half-sister to brilliant juvenile Guineas, 10 wins and $1.8 million inc. Group I STC Golden Slipper and three-quarter sister to Group II placed Takas.

Bred on successful Danehill x Quest for Fame cross that has produced Group I winners Skilled and Erewhon, also Group II winners Lamasery, Ambidexter and Torio's Quest.

PEDIGREE

Lot 672 Colt
Real Saga x Maxy Legs,
by Strategic

First foal of Brisbane metropolitan winning half-sister to stakes-placed Celtic Explosion and grand-daughter of stakes-winner Pasakiss.

From the family of dual Kiwi Group I winner Keeninsky and Group II winner So Keen.

PEDIGREE

Lot 827 Filly
Mossman x Curtain,
by Springsteen

Three-quarter sister-in-blood to brilliant Group II winners and Group I placed sisters Pure Energy and Segments.

Second foal of a placed daughter of Group I New Zealand Thousand Guineas winner Our Cure.

PEDIGREE

Magic Millions 2013 Continued

Lot 857 Filly
Sebring x Foxsphere,
by Foxhound (USA)

Third foal of an unraced half-sister to outstanding filly Heavenly Glow, 9 wins and $792,360 inc. Group I AJC Australian Oaks, STC Arrowfield Stud Stakes.

From the family of stakes-winner Starsphere and Prince Granada.

PEDIGREE

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