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NSW 'FLYING HIGH' IN THE BLACK TYPE ARENA

There is something really special about Black Type racing. It is the pinnacle that we, as owners, all aspire to.

To win any race is a fantastic experience for an owner – leading your horse into the winner's stall – the cheers from the crowd and all the accolades associated with winning, but to win a Black Type race would be just surreal.

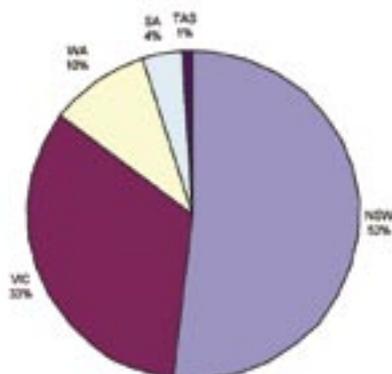
The 2008/2009 racing season is but two months old, but already NSW-trained horses are showing their superiority on the track having recorded some 42 victories in Black Type races to date.

The graph which appears under (current to late September) shows NSW with 52% of the winners. How good is that!

As you can imagine there would be some very delighted owners out there, pleased to be included in this statistic. Our congratulations to the owners of all the Black Type winners and indeed, to all owners who have had winners so far this season.

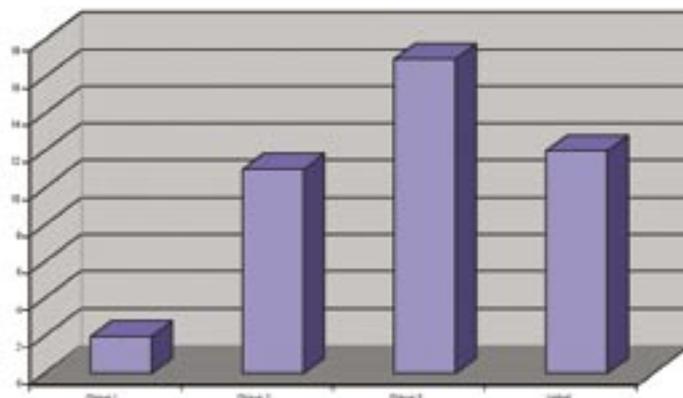
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Black Type Winners by State trained in - current to 27.09.08



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Breakdown of NSW Trained Black Type Wins - current to 27.9.08



As at 27th September 2008, three Group One races have been run and NSW-trained horses have won two of these events. The first Group One of the season was the MVRC Manikato Stakes which went to the Tim Martin-trained Typhoon Zed who also has a Group 3 win to his credit in the Concorde Stakes this season.

The other NSW Group One winner was Mentality (trained by John Hawkes and co-owned by NSWROA members Mr Michael and Mrs Gail Crismale) who was successful in the George Main Stakes at Royal Randwick in late September.

Three horses who were award recipients at the NSWROA Racing Night of Champions, have followed on from their successes last season with Black Type wins in the early stages of this season.

The 2007-2008 NSW Champion Horse of the Year, Tuesday Joy recorded a Group 2 win in the W.H. Stocks Stakes at Moonee Valley on 13th September.



Typhoon Zed – the first Group 1 winner for the 2008-09 season

Racing to Win, the NSW Sprinter/Miler of the Year for 2007-2008, was successful in the Gr 2-Warwick Stakes at Warwick Farm on 23rd August.

Last season's NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year, Samantha Miss, returned to racing in magnificent form recording wins in the Gr 3-Silver Shadow Stakes at Warwick Farm, the Gr 2-Furious Stakes at Randwick, the Gr 2-Tea Rose Stakes at Randwick and the Gr 1-Flight Stakes at Randwick.

NSWROA members are also off to a flying start in the Black Type arena. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions I cannot list all of the winners but hereunder are some highlights (in alphabetical order) for the lucky owners:-

- **Bhufane Dane** (Danehill Dancer (Ire)-Joleur): Co-owned by Nick and Amy Vass and Fred Crews and trained by Gai Waterhouse, he recorded his first Black Type success in the Listed-Heritage Stakes at Rosehill Gardens in September. Bhufane Dane has only faced the starter five times for two wins and two placings.
- **Bianca** (NZ) (Painted Black (Jpn)-Blanche Amelia (NZ)): Owned by the Cloros family and trained by Gai Waterhouse, she has two Black Type wins to date this season having saluted in the LR-Wyong Cup on 8th September and the Gr 3-Newcastle Cup 10 days later. Bianca has now recorded five wins (two at Black Type level) and five placings from her 24 career starts.
- **Dreamscape** (Choisir-Faith in Dreams (USA)): Owned by Goore Pastoral Company and trained by Gai Waterhouse, he has also recorded two Black Type wins to date this season. Dreamscape, who was successful in the Gr 3-Up and Coming Stakes on 23rd August at Warwick Farm and the Gr 2-Stan Fox Stakes at Royal Randwick a fortnight later, has a record of two wins and a third from four starts.
- **Judged** (High Yield (USA)-Adjourn): Owned by Gordon and Gloria Stack and trained by Joseph Pride, this mare is another



Mentality has been a great money spinner for his owners having won just under \$2million to date

who has recorded two Black Type wins this season. She won the Gr 3-Research Stakes at Rosehill Gardens on 13th September and the Gr 3-Bill Ritchie Handicap at Royal Randwick on 27 September. Judged has faced the starter 18 times for five wins and six second placings.

- **Mentality** (Flying Spur-Synaesthesia (USA)): Co-owned by Michael and Gail Crismale and trained by John Hawkes, the chestnut saluted in the Gr 1-George Main Stakes at Royal Randwick on 27th September. Mentality has recorded seven wins (all at Black Type level including three at Group One level, two at Group Two level and two Listed Race successes), six second placings and three third placings from 28 career starts.
- **My Vegas** (Royal Academy (USA)-Smytzer's Century): Co-owned by Glenn Elliott and trained by Charlie Britt, recorded his first Black Type win in the LR-Starlight Stakes run at Rosehill Gardens on 20th September. My Vegas takes his record to three wins and three second placings from only nine career starts.

As the owners above will surely confirm, owning a racehorse is an exciting experience. So why not give it a go!

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