

Super weekend for NSWROA members

PUTTING TURNBULL STAKES DAY BACK TO THE SUNDAY CREATED A 'SUPER WEEKEND' FOR NSWROA MEMBERS

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Smart Missile (Corey Brown) powers down the outside to snare the NSW Breeders' Plate at Royal Randwick. Picture by Steve Hart

Royal Randwick is the venue for what is commonly referred to as "Super Saturday".

The day in question was Saturday 2 October which saw the running of no less than 10 Black Type events (including four Group One events) – a vintage day of racing.

"Super Saturday" was to be complemented by a great day's racing in Melbourne with nine Black Type events on the card; the highlight being the Group One-Turnbull Stakes, but that meeting was rescheduled to Sunday 3 October due to the replay of the AFL Grand Final.

The change in day for the Melbourne meeting made no difference to NSWROA members who took all before them by saluting in 10 Black Type events during the

two days – making it a "Super Weekend" for members of the Association. What a fantastic result!!

Firstly, to Randwick where NSWROA members recorded six Black Type wins in the Group 1-Flight Stakes, the Gr 1-Spring Champion Stakes, the Gr 2-The Shorts, the Gr 3-Craven Plate, the Listed-NSW Breeders' Plate and the Listed-Angst Stakes.

The first Black Type success for NSWROA members on Super Saturday came in Race 2, the NSW Breeders' Plate; the first Stakes event for two-year-old colts and geldings in NSW for the season.

The talented Smart Missile (Fastnet Rock-Comical Smile (USA)) saluted for Gooree Pastoral Company in blazing fashion.

Smart Missile scored by 1½-lengths from Isle Be Ready (NZ) with Wild and Proud

(also owned by Gooree Pastoral Company) in third place.

Race 3, the Gr 3-Craven Plate saw the second Stakes success for NSWROA members when C'Est La Guerre (NZ) (Shinko King (Ire)-La Magnifique (NZ)), which is part-owned by NSWROA member Graeme Rogerson, scored.

C'Est La Guerre (NZ) takes his record to six wins (including the G1-NZ Derby as well as the G3-Craven Plate), 2 second placings and a third placing from 25 career starts.

The first Group One success for NSWROA members on the day came in the Flight Stakes, Race 5 on the card, when the very promising Secret Admirer triumphed.

Secret Admirer (Dubawi (Ire)-Secret Illusion) is owned by longstanding NSWROA members Mr & Mrs John Muir who



Hot Danish (Tim Clark, red, green sleeves) prevails from Whitefriars (Jim Cassidy) in the Gr 2-The Shorts at Royal Randwick. Picture by Steve Hart

race under the banner of Milburn Creek Thoroughbred Stud Syndicate.

This was the first Black Type success for Secret Admirer who has only faced the starter 4 times for 2 wins and 2 third placings. This win followed on from an eye-catching third placing in the Listed-AJC Reginald Allen Quality Handicap the week before.

Next up for NSWROA members was Race 6, the Gr 1-Spring Champion Stakes which was taken out by the underrated Erewhon from his stablemate Retrieve, thus giving Sheikh Mohammed the quinella in the event. The lightly-raced Erewhon (Commands-Pseudonym) has only faced the starter 7 times for 3 wins, 2 second placings and a third placing and this was his first Black Type success.

The Gr 2-The Shorts saw one of the most popular horses in recent times, Hot Danish, score in emphatic style.

Hot Danish (Nothin' Leica Dane-Hot 'n' Breezy), who is co-owned by NSWROA member Anthony Curtis, demonstrated yet again her incredible will-to-win.

Overcoming an unsuitable track, the darling of Sydney racing had everyone on their feet cheering when she fought hard to prevail.

This win takes her record to 16 wins (13 at Black Type level including 2 x G1's, 6 x G2's, a G3 & 4 Listed Races) and 5 second placings from her 27 career starts to date.

The last Black Type success for NSWROA members at Randwick came in the last race; the Listed-Angst Stakes with Lovemelikearock saluting. Lovemelikearock (Fastnet Rock-Love All (USA)) co-owned by Mrs Bernadette Cummings, was too strong for Shannara (owned by Sheikh Mohammed thus giving our members the quinella in the event) with Live in Sin in third place.

The focus moved to Flemington on 3 October and NSWROA members again came to the fore recording Black Type wins in the Gr 2-Blazer Stakes, the LR-Doncaster Stakes, the LR-Maribyrnong Trial Stakes and the LR-Superstable Stakes.

NSWROA members started the day well when Sepoy took the spoils for Sheik Mohammed in the Maribyrnong Trial Stakes, the first event on the card. Sepoy (Elusive Quality (USA)-Watchful) won by a length and was having his first race start.

It was success again for Sheikh Mohammed in Race 3, the LR-Doncaster Stakes when Territory proved too strong for his rivals. Territory (Lonhro-Dominions) takes his record to 2 wins, a second placing and 2 third placings from his 5 career starts and this is his first Black Type win.

Race 5, the Gr 2-Blazer Stakes, saw NSWROA members on the winner's dais yet again when Palacio de Cristal saluted for Gerry Harvey.

Palacio de Cristal (Encosta de Lago-Crystal Palace (NZ)) has recorded 5 wins (including

2 at Gr 2 level), a second placing and 2 third placings from her 22 race starts.

The final race on the day, the LR-Superstable Stakes, saw Patinack Farm Racing Syndicate triumphant when Gathering took out the event.

Gathering (Tale of the Cat (USA)-Celebria) recorded his first Stakes victory with this win and takes his career statistics to 3 wins, 3 second placings and 3 third placings from 17 starts. Coincidentally, Patinack Farm Racing Syndicate also scored in this event last year with Raheeb.

What great results – congratulations to all involved.

But it wasn't only in the Black Type arena that our members were having success on 2 & 3 October. NSWROA members also recorded wins in NSW at Bowraville, Cootamundra, Mudgee (2), Muswellbrook (2) and Newcastle.

Once again our congratulations to all members and indeed all owners who recorded winners during this time.

To those owners who are not as yet members of the Association, why not join this winning team and become a member of the NSW Racehorse Owners Association.

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