

NSW off to a flying start

NEW SOUTH WALES OWNERS ARE ALREADY POWERING AWAY THIS SEASON CLAIMING NEARLY HALF OF THE STAKES RACES RUN FOR 2015-16 WORDS: SHARON HUNT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA) PICTURES: STEVE HART



ABOVE: Winx (Hugh Bowman) is too strong in the Epsom at Royal Randwick. The mare has recorded two Group 1 wins (the Epsom and Cox Plate) and a Group 2 success (Theo Marks Stakes) already this season

BELOW: The Chris Waller-trained Preferment (Hugh Bowman) takes the Hill Stakes from Magic Hurricane – the horse has wins at both Group 1 and Group 2 levels this season



As any owner will tell you, to win a race is a fantastic experience – leading your horse into the winner’s stall with the cheers from the crowd and all the accolades associated with winning.

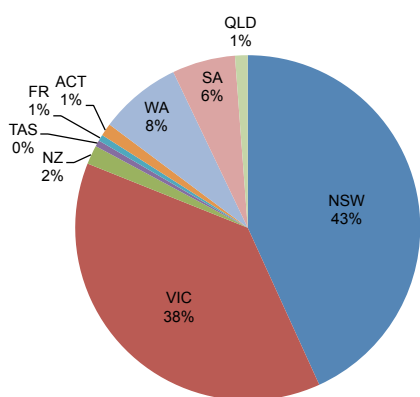
But to win a Black Type race, that’s something even better again!

At the time of writing the 2015-2016 racing season is a few months old and the various spring carnivals are well underway.

It’s that very exciting time of year when patterns start to take shape for the season and various racing stars emerge.

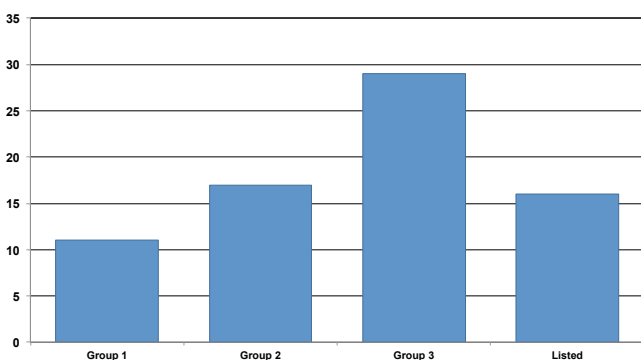
New South Wales-trained horses have made a good start for the season recording 42% of the winners (current as at 31 October 2015) in Black Type races to date – see the graph below.

Black Type Winners by State trained - current to 31/10/15



The breakdown of those wins is as follows:

Breakdown of NSW Trained Black Type Wins - current 31/10/15



As at 31 October 2015, some 20 three Group 1 races had been conducted and New South Wales has won 11 of those events – a success rate of 48%.

Those winners (in alphabetical order) were: Boban, Exosphere, Japonisme, Kermadec (NZ), Magic Hurricane (Ire), Preferment (NZ), Press Statement, Speak Fondly, Vanbrugh and Winx (twice).

NSW has also recorded 17 winners out of the 37 races at Group 2 level to date – a success rate of just on 46%.

Of the 49 Group 3 race winners, 29 of those have been won by NSW – a 59% success rate. And finally, NSW has recorded 16 Listed Race wins to date out of the 59 events held – a 27% success rate.

17 NSW-trained horses have recorded multiple Black Type wins so far this season. Recording three wins to date are (in alpha order):

- Exosphere – a Group 1, a Group 2 and a Group 3
- Speak Fondly – a Group 1 and two Group 2 wins
- Winx – two Group 1 wins and a Group 2

Recording two wins to date are (in alpha order):

- Ambience – a Group 2 and a Listed Race
- Amicus – a Group 2 and a Group 3
- Beyond Thankful (Ire) – a Group 3 and a Listed Race
- Complacent – a Group 2 and a Group 3
- Counterattack – two Listed Races
- Gold Symphony – two Group 3 wins
- Japonisme – a Group 1 and a Group 3
- Magic Hurricane (Ire) – a Group 1 and a Listed Race
- Preferment (NZ) – a Group 1 and a Group 2
- Press Statement – a Group 1 and a Group 2
- Shiraz – two Group 3 wins
- The Offer (Ire) – a Group 3 and a Listed Race
- Vanbrugh – a Group 1 and a Group 3
- Vashka – a Group 2 and a Group 3

As you can imagine there would be some very delighted owners out there, very pleased to be included in these statistics.

Our congratulations to the owners of all the Black Type winners and indeed, to all owners who have had winners so far this season.

NSWROA members are also off to a flying start in the Black Type arena having recorded 45 wins to date. Those winners listed alphabetically are:

Ambience, Amicus, Amovatio, Beyond Thankful (Ire), Calliope, Catkins, Complacent, Dothraki, Excess Knowledge (GB), Exosphere, Holler, Japonisme, La Passe, Magic Hurricane (Ire), Metallic Crown, Miss Gunpowder, Nayeli, Pearls, Preferment (NZ), Rebel Dane, Royal Descent, Ruling Dynasty, Sadler’s Lake, Shards, She’s Clean, Sovereign Nation, Speak Fondly, Terravista, Vashka, Vezalay and Winx.

In addition to these Black Type triumphs, NSWROA members recorded a further 169 winners throughout the State during the months August to October.

Those wins were at Albury (2), Ballina (2), Bathurst (3), Canberra (8), Canterbury (14), Carinda, Cessnock (4), Coffs Harbour, Collarenebri, Coonabarabran, Gosford (9), Goulburn (2), Gundagai, Hawkesbury (9), Inverell, Kembla (18), Lockhart, Mendooran, Moree, Moruya, Mudgee, Mungery, Murwillumbah (2), Muswellbrook (6), Narrandera, Newcastle (5), Nowra (3), Orange, Queanbeyan (3), Royal Randwick (11), Rosehill Gardens (13), Sapphire Coast, Scone (8), Tamworth, Taree, Tuncurry, Wagga (2), Warwick Farm (12), Wellington and Wyong (14).

What a wonderful start to the new season! Very exciting for all involved. To those of you who are not owners as yet, why not give it a go!

You never know, you might be leading in a future winner of a Black Type race. 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 (NSWROA).

Applications will be opening soon for the 2016 membership year. For further information, simply visit our website www.nswroa.com.au or telephone the NSWROA office on (02) 9299 4299. **RNSW**