

NSW sets the pace in black type stakes

THE 2016-2017 RACING SEASON IS JUST A FEW MONTHS OLD BUT ALREADY NEW SOUTH WALES GALLOPERS HAVE BOUNDED FROM THE BLOCKS, WINNING A HOST OF BIG RACES WORDS: SHARON HUNT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA)

Is there any better feeling for an owner than winning a race?

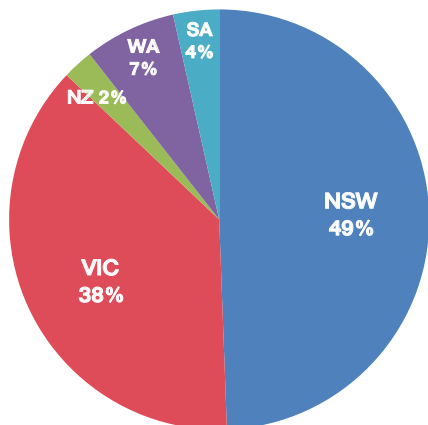
It's a wonderful experience, leading your horse into the winner's stall and the cheers from the crowd and all the accolades associated with winning. It's simply fantastic.

But to those lucky enough to win a black type race, well that is something even better again.

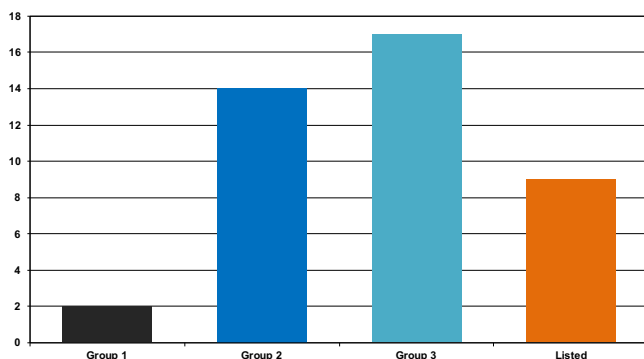
At the time of writing, the first two months of the 2016-2017 racing season have just been completed and the various spring carnivals are underway.

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 once again 'hit the ground running' recording 49% of the winners (current as at 30 September 2016) in black type races to date – see graph under.



The breakdown of those wins is as follows:-



As at 30 September 2016, only seven Group 1 races had been conducted and New South Wales has won two of those events – a success rate of 28.5%. Those winners were Astern and Winx.

NSW has also recorded 14 winners out of the 23 races at

Group 2 level to date – a success rate of just on 61%. Of the 26 Group 3 race winners, 17 of those have been won by NSW – a 65% success rate.

And finally, NSW has recorded nine Listed Race wins to date out of the 29 events held – a 31% success rate.

Six NSW-trained horses have recorded multiple black type wins to 30 September 2016. Leading the way on three wins is Tycoon Tara who has two Group 2 wins (the Missile Stakes and the Golden Pendant) and a Group 3 win (the Show County Quality) to her credit.

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

- Astern (a Group 1 and Group 2 win)
- Foxplay (two Group 2 wins)
- Hartnell (GB) (two Group 2 wins)
- McCreery (GB) (a Group 3 and a Listed Race win)
- Winx (a Group 1 and a Group 2 win)

As you can imagine there would be some very delighted owners out there, quite 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 22 wins to date.

Those winners listed alphabetically are: Allergic, Astern (2), Chetwood, Felines, Fitou, Foxplay (2), Hartnell (GB) (2), Hauraki, Heavens Above, Impending, Kentucky Miss, McCreery (GB) (2), Pearls, Redzel, Voodoo Lad (2) and Winx (2).

In addition to these black type triumphs, NSWROA members recorded a further 86 winners throughout the State during the months of August and September.

Those wins were at Canberra (2), Canterbury (7), Casino, Cessnock (2), Dubbo, Forbes, Gosford (2), Goulburn (6), Hawkesbury (5), Kembla (18), Moree, Muswellbrook (2), Newcastle (5), Nowra (2), Randwick, Rosehill (4), Sapphire Coast, Scone (4), Tamworth, Taree (3), Wagga (2), Warwick Farm (6) and Wyong (9).

What a wonderful start to the new season and 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 2017 membership year.

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