

CORUMBENE STUD

SLIPPER CAPS A STELLAR YEAR

It's been another outstanding 12 months in the history of Corumbene Stud and crowned by further success in the world's richest race for two year-olds. George Altomonte's farm won the Golden Slipper Stakes-Gr.1 in 2008 with the homebred champion colt Sebring, and this year it was the turn of the bonny filly Overreach to claim major honours.



"YOU can't do any better than that, we've had a great year," Altomonte said. "Before that I bred Paris Opera who ran second in it (the Slipper) and then had a third with Hasna, so we were knocking on the door." The General Nediym mares Bennetta (Light Fingers Stakes-Gr.2) and Ichihara (Magic Night Stakes-Gr.2, Gosford Guineas-LR, Eskimo Prince

Stakes-LR) have also contributed significantly to the success of the operation. Bred and owned by the stud, the Exceed and Excel filly Overreach (ex Bahia by Snippets) won the Widden Stakes-LR and the Moet & Chandon Stakes-Gr.2 leading up the Slipper and was turned out after she finished third behind Guelph in the Sires' Produce Stakes-Gr.1.



Overreach

“She recently got the Australian Champion Two Year-Old of the year award and that’s the second time we’ve got that after Hasna,” Altomonte said. “Overreach is having a break and she’ll be back with Gai (Waterhouse) about December and hopefully she should be back racing in February/ March. She’s done pretty well while she’s been out.”

Slipper winner and now Widden Stud sire Sebring was sold by Corumbene for \$130,000 at the Magic Millions Sale in 2007 and the stud will have another quality draft of 15 headed to the Gold Coast in 2014. “I’ve been selling there for years, probably ever since they got started and it’s been a very good sale to us,” Altomonte said. “We’ve got some lovely horses to sell there again.”

Among the colts bound for Queensland, particularly high

hopes are held for a son of the Golden Rose Stakes-Gr.1 winner Denman and the winning Flying Spur mare Espousal, who is a granddaughter of a Champion Older Mare of the mid-1990s in Flitter (Doomben 10,000-Gr.1, Winfield Classic-Gr.1). “He’s a really nice colt and Denman’s producing a few winners already with his first crop and I think he’ll be a very good sire,” Altomonte said.

Another stand-out for the Magic Millions is the Not a Single Doubt filly from Jolie (Armidale). “Her half-sister has won a trial and came second at Randwick on her first start, she is with Garry Frazer,” Altomonte said. Jolie was a dual winner as a two year-old and the pedigree features Group performers St Magnus, King of Acapulco and more recently Solar Charged.

Near the township of Dunedoo in the upper Hunter Valley, Corumbene was established in 1980 by Altomonte and the stud is part of a vast 5058ha (12,500 acre) property that runs about 2,000 head of cattle, 14,000 sheep and 200 horses. It is an immaculately appointed, fully established commercial thoroughbred horse stud. The property has been highly developed and is constantly improved and maintained to provide premium facilities for breeding and to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the residents.

The property is self sufficient in terms of feed for livestock, with both hay and oats grown and harvested and also boasts a vast and technically advanced irrigation network, including two centre-pivot irrigation systems of some

105ha (260 acres). The property is watered by reticulation to each paddock and a number of dams, and the paddocks used as part of the horse stud are fed by an automatic irrigation system.

One of the jewels in the Corumbene broodmare band is the Flying Spur mare Purespeed, dam of Sebring and the Gr.2 winner Pureness. “Sebring is going all right as a sire too and his mother produced a very nice filly by So You Think on September 21,” Altomonte said. “I’ve seen a few by So You Think, who has produced excellent foals as you would expect from a great racehorse who was a good looking bloke. Purespeed will be going to More Than Ready and she’s already produced a lovely yearling filly by More Than Ready who we will be retaining so we can keep breeding from that family.”

Lot	Colour & Sex	Sire	Dam
177	B Filly	Not a Single Doubt (AUS)	Woodie (AUS)
361	Br Colt	Denman (AUS)	Espousal (AUS)
428	Blk or Br Colt	Sebring (AUS)	Gourmet Garage (NZ)
464	Ch Filly	Snitzel (AUS)	Icedginger (AUS)
485	B Filly	Not a Single Doubt (AUS)	Jolie (AUS)
799	Ch Colt	Congrats (USA)	Donnica (AUS)
821	B Filly	Lookin at Lucky (USA)	Flittery (AUS)
850	B Colt	Not a Single Doubt (AUS)	Highest (AUS)

Lot	Colour & Sex	Sire	Dam
882	Br Filly	Charge Forward (AUS)	Mantova (AUS)
901	B Colt	Congrats (USA)	Mrs Windsor (AUS)
Day 6	B Colt	Street Sense (USA)	Esther
Day 6	Ch Colt	Congrats (USA)	Saynomore
	As agent		
707	Br Filly	Congrats (USA)	Song of Unbridled (AUS)
847	Ch Colt	Snippetson (AUS)	Hello Boss (AUS)
865	B Colt	Dylan Thomas (IRE)	La Marama (AUS)



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