



Performance of the Month: Skylimit

By Zeb Armstrong

After two brilliant trial wins and many weeks of breathtaking trackwork, the exciting colt Skylimit (Flying Spur x Bahia) finally got to the races, and this son of Flying Spur certainly did not disappoint. While the margin was not great, the colt was competing against much more experienced runners, and the way he extended through the line after absorbing 400m of sustained pressure indicates he had plenty left in the tank had he been required to find it. This win was the result of a lot of hard work from many people from owner and breeder, Mr George Altomonte of Corumbene Stud, to Gai to everyone who got the colt to the races. The win was more than good enough to be awarded the Performance of the Month going for this issue.

Skylimit was backed remarkably on and off the track. This, no doubt, was due to his remarkable trial and trackwork form leading into the race. From barrier five of seven, Tommy Berry pushed the three-quarter brother to Overreach out of

the gates nicely and soon found a spot on top of the speed. For the majority of the race, Skylimit was cruising and the colt was displaying perfect balance and sustained momentum. Shortly before the turn, the pressure from both outside and eventually on the inside of the colt appeared. Tommy did not panic, but instead simply continued to ride out his mount, and Skylimit did the rest. When challenged, Skylimit found another gear or two and despite for a fleeting moment looking as if he might be relegated from the winner's circle, the colt eventually fought off all the late comers to record a both classy and tenacious debut victory.

Congratulations to the owners of this colt. He is doing everything right and it was a big thrill to see him take his trackwork and trial form to the races. The progeny of Flying Spur have been winning over a variety of distances of late, and we know what Skylimit's dam has produced in the way of speed. All in all the future looks very bright for this talented colt.

Onwards and upwards. ■

"In the next twelve months we will have the progeny of Fiorente and Pierro at the Magic Millions sales. Fiorente of course won a Melbourne Cup, and Pierro would, had his career continued, been dynamic at 2000m and maybe beyond."
