

FBAA Foals start Marathon Sale

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All roads lead to the Gold Coast this week for the marathon Magic Millions National Sale starting with a catalogue of 534 foals on Thursday.

Members of Federation of Bloodstock Agents Australia (FBAA) outlaid \$1.72 million for 24 lots on behalf of clients at last year's Foal Sale.

Sheamus Mills Bloodstock topped the FBAA spend with \$250,000 for an I Am Invincible - Radiant Star colt. That was a profitable pinhooking exercise - the youngster returned to the Gold Coast in January for the Magic Millions yearling sale and made \$550,000 to the bid of Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA).

Boomer Bloodstock agent Craig Rounsefell started this month on a winning note thanks to With A Promise in the LR Silk Stocking (1200m) at the Gold Coast on May 6. She is also by I Am Invincible and was a cheap \$26,000 buy on behalf of owners Mike & Patty Crooks at the 2015 Gold Coast Magic Millions yearling sale.

Blue Sky Bloodstock (FBAA) was also in the frame at the same meeting with Bat Out of Hell (900m) winner Prompt Return. He clocked a sizzling 49.86s with a whirlwind finish to get within a tick of Tornado Alley's benchmark (49.66s) set in the 2008 Bat Out Of Hell.

Prompt Return (Beneteau) cost Blue Sky agent Julian Blaxland \$60,000 at the 2014 Gold Coast Magic Millions and has earned \$348,500



Prompt Return

for owners Mark Sowerby and Ron Hamer. The LR Queensland Lightning (1000m) is a likely target at Eagle Farm on June 3.

Blaxland also bought Beneteau as a yearling to win a G3 Blue Diamond Prelude and he was set for a successful stud career at Arrowfield before succumbing to an acute neurological condition in January 2013.

Another Blue Sky graduate in the mix for the Brisbane winter carnival is recent Wyong juvenile winner Legal Girl. The Star Witness filly is trained by Clarry Connors and is heading towards the Group 1 J J Atkins Stakes (1600m) on June 10.

Legal Girl cost Blaxland \$140,000 at the 2016 Gold Coast Magic Millions. She is also part-owned by Sowerby and is bred to get over ground being a daughter of LR Tasmanian Oaks winner La Fantastique (Fantastic Light). "Clarry sent her up to Queensland after the Wyong win and she ran a real good third at the Sunshine Coast last week," Blaxland said. "She pulled up well and the mile will suit next time."

Kiwi import Moss 'N' Dale provided Bluegrass Bloodstock (FBAA) manager Lenny

Russo with a popular win at Warrnambool's famed carnival in the first week of May.

Russo bred Moss 'N' Dale and manages the gelding on behalf of a large syndicate. "The boys wanted to come here instead of Flemington," trainer Peter Gelagotis explained after the Mercedes Benz Hcp (1400m). "They're real people at the Bool and this is real racing. We were up against a select field but he had a fitness edge."

Russo also sourced this year's G3 Hobart Cup winner Count Da Vinci (Faltaat) from New Zealand and now he's syndicating promising stayers King of Sting & Dale Doback from across the Tasman.

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