

TWO BROMAC SALES GRADUATES QUALIFY FOR VICTORIA DERBY FINAL

Two years ago **Bromac Lodge** prepared 24 yearlings for the **NZ Yearling Sales** and last Saturday night saw two of those graduates enter the Listed heats of the **Group One Victoria Derby** and qualify for the big final this Saturday.

Crown Bromac was super impressive in taking out his heat of the Derby, leading throughout and showing why he carried the mantle of "the boom West Australian" into the race. The **McArdle** 3YO had won three of his four career starts prior to last Saturday, his only defeat being an unlucky but tough sixth in the **Western Crown 2YO Final** at Gloucester Park, when he was involved in an early collision which saw him carrying a flat tyre for the rest of the race, much of it three wide.

The other qualifier was the **Live Or Die** gelding **Hung Jury** which raced just twice in NZ as a 2YO before being exported to Australia. He was an easy 2 length winner at Addington on debut and finished 4th in 1:58.4 in the **Group 3 NZ Sapling Stakes** in his other start.

Australia saw him add another two placings as a 2YO before being turned out for a spell and after beginning his 3YO career with a good fourth at Ballarat in late December, he placed third and first in the intervening starts prior to last Saturday.

Hung Jury's heat was won by another boom colt in **Captain Joy**. However **Hung Jury's** run was full of merit as well, for after being restrained at the start and then starting to pull hard, he raced three wide for the middle of the race before being sent to sit in the death where he stayed and stuck grimly for his placing and thus earn a start in the final.

These two qualifiers are not the only ones of **Bromac Lodge's** draft to show up on the racetrack to date. Twenty four yearlings were entered for the sales and to date, no fewer than fifteen have qualified as two or three year olds and another one is currently at the workouts.

One in three of the yearlings entered have already won races with **Crown Bromac** and another smart Australian in **Smudge Bromac** leading the way with four wins apiece. The latter has not yet raced as a three year old, winning four of his seven Australian juvenile starts and taking a mark of 1:58.9. He included heats of the **Australian Breeders Crown** and the **Kevin Seymour** amongst his wins, adding a third in the **\$100,000 Seymour Final** and being lucky to stay on his feet in the incident packed **Breeders Crown Final**, finishing fifth.

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Another two to show up early have been the **Southland 2YO Pacer of the Year Dustin Bromac** who has had the extreme misfortune to draw badly (i.e. wide or wide second row) in almost every one of his starts to date, yet has still garnered over \$25,000 in earnings, and highly promising trotter **Shing Bromac**. The latter won three races in his juvenile trotting season including a heat of the **Australian Breeders Crown** and began his three year old season with a fast finishing third from 11 at Waterlea in mid January.

Ultra consistent **Manhattan Rusty** (ne **Manhattan Bromac**) is another to have won three races already, including the NZ 3YO Sires Stakes Silver at Ashburton in November where he took a mark of 1:56.7. He has finished in the first four in ten of his fourteen starts (including placing in a heat of the **AU Breeders Crown**), with his last seven starts showing results of either first or second ... hard to match ..

Others to record wins from this single draft include the dual winner **Tex Bromac** and promising **Red River Hanover** filly **Bella Bromac**, while another three have placed from a few starts to date ...

Both dams of **Crown Bromac** and **Hung Jury** have yearlings in the **Bromac** draft this year with **Crown Bromac**'s half brother by **Christian Cullen** going through the ring at Auckland on Saturday week and **Hung Jury**'s half sister by **Dream Away** being offered early on day one at Christchurch.

Dams of **Dustin Bromac**, **Manhattan Rusty**, **Tex Bromac** and a number of those placed or qualified have also got yearlings going through the ring again at Christchurch.

All in all, it is worth noting that quiet achiever **Bromac Lodge** has the impressive record of 76 prepared yearlings for 41 qualifiers to date – including 10 of their current two years old (another has been a trial winner) from last years draft of 20.