

Bromac Lodge News

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BROMAC'S IN COURAGEOUS BALLARAT QUINELLA

Gilt Bromac and **Urbane Bromac** quinella-ed the field in the WHK Pace at Ballarat last Thursday and in the process also produced a quinella for their sire **Courage Under Fire**.

Last start winner **Gilt Bromac** was hotly supported by the public and led the field out of the gate from her starting barrier of three, where she pretty much spent the rest of the race.

On the other hand, **Urbane Bromac**, despite also being a last start winner was only fourth favourite at \$9.30 for the win against Gilt's \$1.50.

Showing how much luck can play a part, the pair drew side by side at three and four and sped out of the gate but whereas **Gilt Bromac** got to the front, **Urbane Bromac** ended up three wide in the open. Half of the first lap had gone by before he got cover, although still three wide. Then as they entered the straight with a lap to run, **Urbane Bromac**'s driver decided cover was not the go and sent him 3 wide to challenge **Gilt Bromac**. Made to work hard before he got to the spot outside **Gilt Bromac**, **Urbane Bromac** spent the rest of the race in the open.

As they entered the home straight **Gilt Bromac** shifted out to allow the trailing **Tess Sting** to come through and with **Urbane Bromac** still fighting on the outside of her, the race looked set for a close finish. However **Tess Sting** was the first to succumb and it was down to the pair of **Bromac**'s to see who crossed the line first. As the post neared they were both still fighting hard and it was the refusal of **Gilt Bromac** to be headed that got her there first ... **Urbane Bromac**'s courage was noted however, as after the run he had had, he should have been gone on the home turn – not well clear of the rest of the field and less than half a head shy of getting home first.

The 1710m journey was covered in 2:06.3, a mile rate of 1:58.8 and a last quarter in 29.3.

The victory was **Gilt Bromac**'s second from as many starts this season and her 12th overall. Her earnings are now over \$83,805 lifetime and the four year old mare seems only to need a bit of luck to pass the \$100,000 barrier not too far in the future. She has taken sub 2:00 marks in each of her two, three and four year old seasons to date.

Urbane Bromac has now won once and finished twice in his three starts this season. The gelding is a winner of 6 races to date – one in NZ and five in Australia. Like **Gilt Bromac**, he has a fastest lifetime mark of 1:58.4.

While **Gilt Bromac** is bred on the **Courage Under Fire – Present Laughter** cross (out of **Gilt Laughter**), **Urbane Bromac** is bred on the **Courage Under Fire – Holmes Hanover** cross (out of **Universal Bel**).