

TE AMO BROMAC HAS ART MAJOR FILLY



Bromac Lodge broodmare Te Amo Bromac and her new filly foal by Art Major.

Young Bromac Lodge broodmare Te Amo Bromac (p3, 1:55.8, seven wins from 25 starts for \$147,402) has delivered her third foal to the standardbred world.

The newcomer is a filly by successful classic-producing sire, Art Major, who earlier crossed well with Te Amo Bromac's dam Tandias Courage (1:53.6, US), producing smart filly/mare Tandias Bromac (1:53.7, Aust; 14 wins & \$193,951).

The Art Major filly is a half-sister to Tara Bromac, the first foal from Te Amo Bromac, by Bettor's Delight, who sold for \$110,000 to the bid of West Melton trainer Cran Dalgety at the NZ Premier Yearling Sales in February.

Tara Bromac broke-in well for the Kentuckiana Lodge mentor, who confirmed she is intelligent and has speed.

"Tara", now owned by Thompson Bloodstock Ltd, who earlier raced close relative Tandias Bromac both in NZ and in Victoria, comes back into work on October 1 and is likely to trial in January.

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Te Amo Bromac's second foal is a brother to Tara Bromac in Jack Bromac, a colt by champion sire Bettor's Delight.

Te Amo Bromac has plenty going for her in the broodmare stakes.

She's a daughter of Mach Three and Tandias Courage who was race-timed in 1:54.7 at two when a huge second to Venus Serena in the 2013 Harness Jewels 2YO Diamond at Ashburton.

Racing from the Allstars stables of Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen, Te Amo Bromac won her first of her first four 2YO races in Canterbury.

She then went to Auckland for the top 2YO filly races, firstly overcoming the 13 barrier for second to front-line horse Libertybelle Midfrew (with Venus Serena third) in the Listed \$156,000 PGG Wrightson NZ Yearling Sales 2YO Fillies Final.

She then ran fourth from a good draw to Venus Serena in the Group One \$156,400 Magness Benrow Sires Stakes 2YO Fillies Championship.

Venus Serena (five) also had a slight barrier advantage over Te Amo Bromac (seven) in the Group One \$150,000 Harness Jewels 2YO Diamond at Ashburton and held by a head, with both fillies being race-timed in 1:54.7 (1609m).

But Te Amo Bromac was forced five and six wide into the first turn when an inside horse galloped and pushed the midfield runners wide. She improved three wide with cover mid race, sat parked outside Venus Serena from the 700m and all but beat her rival.

Te Amo Bromac then ran four consecutive seconds in Victoria in the lead-up to the \$302,000 Australasian Breeders Crown 2YO Fillies Final, running sixth to Whereibylong.

At three, Te Amo Bromac was Group One-placed when third to Ideal Belle and Raksdeal in the New Zealand Oaks at Addington, the winner pacing a smart 3:11.7 (1:58.6 rate).

Te Amo Bromac was race-timed in 1:53.2 (1609m) finishing sixth from the 14 barrier to Venus Serena in the Harness Jewels 3YO Fillies Final at Cambridge.

She remained in the north with Barry Purdon for her final few starts, winning at Auckland twice and taking her 1:55.8 race-winning mark over 1700m, before joining the Bromac Lodge broodmares.

Te Amo Bromac is one of three Harness Jewels-placed fillies from Tandias Courage.

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Tatijana Bromac (p3, 1:54.2 & \$215,578), by Rocknroll Hanover from Tandias Courage, ran second to Carabella in the 2011 Harness Jewels 3YO Diamond at Ashburton, while Tandias Bromac (Art Major-Tandias Courage), was a promoted third to Onlyforyou and Rozelski in the 2012 Harness Jewels 2YO Fillies Diamond at Cambridge.

Another from Tandias Courage in Tallulah Bromac (by Artsplace) qualified but who only raced twice is now the dam of Australian winner Turbo Bromac (six wins from 12 starts) and Tennyson Bromac, a Bettor's Delight colt who qualified at two in March for the Mark Purdon/Natalie Rasmussen stable in 2:31.1 (2000m).

Tennyson Bromac resumed with a close-up third to last season's race-placed juveniles, Major Shard and Anthem, at the Ashburton workouts on Tuesday.

Tandias Courage (23 races for \$265,237), herself a former top filly being the 2000 Australian 2YO Pacing Filly Of The Year, is a sister to Mother Courage (30 wins & \$462,520), the 1999 Australian 3YO Filly of the Year and joint 2002 Australian Aged Pacing Mare of the Year.

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