

# NEWS UPDATE



Muscle Hill

## 6 AUGUST 2019

### **Muscle Hill dominates Hambo Day**

**MUSCLE HILL** took the sireing honours on Hambletonian Day at The Meadowlands on Saturday (August 3) with four winners including a world record, a track record and a stakes record. The deeds of his progeny lifted him to the top of the two and three-year-old Sire premierships.

**MUSCLE HILL's** three-year-old daughter **When Dovescry** captured the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks, leading for the last half-mile and winning convincingly in a career-best 1:50.4. She gave **MUSCLE HILL** his fourth consecutive winner of the Hambo Oaks.

A \$200,000 yearling, **When Dovescry** advanced her stake tally to \$576,250.

**Real Cool Sam**, a two-year-old son of **MUSCLE HILL**, equalled the world record for a two-year-old trotting gelding and set a new track record of 1:53.2 when he led home a **MUSCLE HILL** trifecta in the \$324,550 Peter Haughton Memorial. The gelding is undefeated in five attempts and has banked \$216,998.

The **MUSCLE HILL** four-year-old mare **Manchego**, winner of the 2018 Hambletonian Oaks, hoisted a new stakes record of 1:50 going wire-to-wire in the \$186,000 Dr John Steele Memorial.

Meanwhile, the **MUSCLE HILL** colt **Green Manalishi S** won the first \$70,000 elimination of the Hambletonian in a new lifetime record of 1:50.6. He has now earned \$726,532.

By Peter Wharton

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### **Breeders Crown winner for Muscle Hill**

Brilliant three-year-old filly **Liberty Stride** became **MUSCLE HILL's** second Australian Breeders Crown champion when she captured the Group 1 \$80,000 final at Melton on Saturday night (August 24).

Starting from outside the back row, the filly was trapped wide early before slotting into the running line midfield. Gaining a three-wide trail in the back straight, **Liberty Stride** quickly gobbled up her rivals in the final furlong and careered away to win by 19.4 metres.

Her mile rate for the 2240 metres was a career-best 1:58.6.

**Liberty Stride** has now won four races and \$61,075 in stakes.

Congratulations to breeder Beverley Williamson and owners Emilio and Maria Rosati.

On the same night **Lily Stride**, an American-bred daughter of **MUSCLE HILL**, notched her first win on Australian soil with a 1:54.9 effort at Menangle. The four-year-old has a 1:50.2 record and over \$700,000 on her card.

In North America, **MUSCLE HILL's** world champion two-year-old **Real Cool Sam** maintained his unbeaten winning streak with a convincing success in 1:56.4 in a \$91,000 division of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes at Pocono Downs on Sunday (August 25).

**TRIXTON** three-year-old filly **Evident Beauty** won the fastest \$83,000 division of the Casual Breeze Stakes by six lengths in 1:54.4 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Canada on Friday night (August 23). She has now earned \$555,000.

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Wishing Stone

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### **Wishing Stone dominates Danish Trotting Derby**

The Kentucky Futurity winner **WISHING STONE**, who is part of the powerful Stallions Australasia sire roster, enjoyed tremendous success on Sunday afternoon (August 25) in Denmark as a stallion.

The Danish Trotting Derby (3,000 metres) for four-year-old trotters, raced at Charlottenlund in Copenhagen, was a big triumph for **WISHING STONE**, who not only was the sire of the first two horses past the post, **Dumbo** and **Donatello Garbo**, but is also the sire of fourth placed **Diamant Østervang** and fifth placed **Diamondwind**.

From a crop of just 14 foals, **WISHING STONE** managed to have six sons qualify for the Derby and further, he had one mare in the Hoppe Derby, **Doyouwishdiamond**, who finished third.

**Dumbo** rated 1:59.3.

**WISHING STONE** is now standing at stud in Italy and has served 120 mares there plus 40 mares in Denmark in 2019.

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