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# Breeders' Guide

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Good type . . . foal by Star Cross out of Our Brigetta who will stir the interest of buyers

## Star products to shine at the sales

By SHAYNE O'CASS

BAERAMI Stud chief Paul Higgins believes that even with only 30 foals from his first crop arriving now, progeny of resident sire Star Cross will highlight any sale that they are entered for when the time comes.

"Star Cross' first foal the was born here is outstanding," Higgins said.

"The foal is slightly taller than average and has the same athletic nature that all who have seen Star Cross comment on. With good limbs, a great temperament and an early inclination to run the paddock, all the signs of a natural athlete are present."

Several more have followed in the short time since this fillies arrival both at Baerami and at other nurseries.

"We're still thrilled. They are great types like himself. I think that will be a major advantage when it comes to sale time because so many trainers and owners buy on type," Higgins said.

"Imagine some of these cracking foals in the Magic Millions session five or at the Classic or at Scone. They'll do very well."

Star Cross was a late arrival on to the national roster which explained why a horse of his enormous presence and quality was privy to such a small book, Higgins explained.

"I can honestly say, and I know

every stud master says it, but his book is definitely going to bigger and better this season and beyond."

● YARRAMAN Park tenant Magic Albert achieved a significant milestone on the weekend after New Zealand bred son Alberto made it four wins from five starts taking the Listed Wanganui Guineas.

Alberto, trained by Graeme Rogerson, proved too classy for his rivals over the 1320m Journey to win by a half length.

The following day at Bendigo, Cranbourne trained gelding Magic Jet scored his his second win from as many starts.

"He's become a good bread and butter sire and I think he's doing a fine job given that he didn't have the quality of mare of some of the stallions that he is above (on the sire tables)," Yarraman's Arthur Mitchell said.

"They train on and they can run a mile. Magic Albert is so popular at the moment. He'll end up serving 150 or 160 mares."

● Makybe Diva's dam, Tugela, foaled a filly by reigning Champion Sire Redoute's Choice on Wednesday at Arrowfield Stud shortly after 6 P.M.

The filly is a full sister to the exciting colt Musket who cost \$2.5 million as a yearling.