

Is This Horse Getting Under People's Guard?

Hold That Tiger is enjoying outstanding success in the US and Northern Hemisphere. He continues to tick along nicely here and many breeders are continuing to vote with their feet and book into the horse while they train up the previous Hold That Tiger foal they have retained. Hence not many make it to the sales. Despite this they have sold well again this year and \$150,000 at the Melbourne Premier Sale for a filly out of Quiet (the full sister to SP Tigresque) was a pleasing result for breeder Wayne Smith from Rangeview Park Thoroughbreds. The filly was knocked down to Robbie Griffiths who had an order from an owner to buy the two nicest fillies at the sale.

In the last three days, Hold That Tiger's 4YO daughter Danse Grecque (USA) ran home for a half length second in the Group 2 Saint-Cloud Prix Corrida over 2100m in France. From his first crop the mare has already been stakesplaced and from limited starts is showing great promise and her Group victory will come. Interestingly she performed on the soft track which has not been a common characteristic of the Hold That Tiger runners and so we can expect to see her improve as the racing tracks harden up in Europe. While Santana Six a 3YO Colt was a fast closing second, beaten a half-length, in the USA Spend A Buck 3YO Stakes LR at Monmouth Park, over 1670m on the Dirt.

Thursday, also proved that his few runners in Australia are also capable of improving his statistics. Dynamite Tiger was a good winner at her third run back from a spell. Jim Mason has always had a good opinion of the filly, but after displacing her soft palate at her debut run she needed an operation. This is her third run back this time; for a first up win at Bendigo and yesterday's strong victory. Sandwiched in the middle was a disappointing run on a slow track which is consistent with most of his stock; except it seems Apprehend who won well at Mornington on a heavy track on May 12th (however he is out of a Touching Wood mare and they were swimmers).

Interesting comparisons can be drawn between Statue of Liberty (Service Fee \$17,600 and a book that is supposedly filling fast) and Hold That Tiger who started their careers together and were both by Storm Cat. You just need to do the research yourself. For the record right now as at 31/5/09: Hold That Tiger is doing very well with the following statistics: Runners 243; winners 126; winners to runners 51.9%; Stakeswinners 4; Stakesplaced 12; Stakeshorses to runners 6.6%; Earnings A\$6.8m. Hold That Tiger's Early Bird Service Fee of \$7,425 including GST with a Live Foal Guarantee or a free return is certainly great value. One of only 12 ever recognized champions by Storm Cat; and one of only 8 ever Group 1 winning 2YO colts by Storm Cat he is perfectly poised to continue this dominant sire line. A quick look at his electrifying finish on the website will attest to his class. Don't miss this golden opportunity to put yourself ahead of the pack.