



Gainsborough Lodge News

There was good news from two fronts for Gainsborough Lodge studmaster Col Richards this week relating to his young Irish-bred Danehill mare Basamaat and her yearling colt by shuttle horse Henny Hughes.

Basamaat's 2008 foal Mr Big (by Elusive Quality) won the Group 3 Magic Millions Juvenile Championships in Singapore on Sunday to take his record to three wins from three starts.

He had won on debut by eight lengths and then took the Group 2 Golden Horseshoe in May, and Sundays win confirmed him as Singapore's outstanding two-year-old of the season.

This augurs well for Basamaat's future as a broodmare, beginning with her Henny Hughes colt which Richards plans to sell at his Brisbane Bloodstock yearling sale early next year.

There was more good news for Richards when he heard about Henny Hughes' US bred two year old JC's Pride running a track record 56.54sec at his second race start at Saratoga. The record had stood for 19 years.

A week earlier another of Henny Hughes' two year olds She Digs Me had won a Listed race at Monmouth Park to five the Darley Stallion his fourth black-type winner of the year. He will have his first Australian-bred runners in the new season.

Basamaat is due to foal to Mossman in October. Then she will be mated with Widden Stud's Northern Meteor.

Richards has booked two other mares to go to Northern Meteor – Princess Renee (by Zabeel), the dam of Melbourne winner Royal Commands and Fictional (by Danehill).

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