

Bids in for Sebring

CONFUSION within the ranks about the alleged sale of Golden Slipper winner Sebring to the northern hemisphere for \$20 million.

Word was the two-year-old who came within a short head of winning the Triple Crown was snapped up, much to the angst of all six top Aussie studs who have put in offers of that amount.

However one owner declared that `` at \$20 million it means \$2.5 million each and that is not life changing for us."

The owners already have shared \$2,537,060 from the colt's six runs and five wins and second!

Adam hits the Track

ADAM Sangster is getting fit to walk the Kokoda Track in August for charity with the Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea.

Meanwhile Adam's half-brother, Sam, who will be 21 on late father Robert's birthday on May 23, is seeking a six-month internship with the Victoria Racing Club, having completed a stint with weanlings in the Hunter Valley.

Winner on a loser

PUBLIC relations went out the gate at Moonee Valley last Saturday when a patron was evicted for allegedly being an emu.

An emu is the term used for a person who scavenges discarded winning betting tickets.

The tale goes that a punter had two bets in a race, both of which won. He could find only one ticket and returned immediately to the TAB counter where he had placed the bets and started searching for the lost ticket.

Despite TAB staff supporting his case, security insisted he leave. He refused and kept looking, eventually finding the ticket. By this stage, a third security guard was on hand.

After collecting, the man was escorted off track -- richer for his discovery, but poorer for the experience.

Rick's flick hard pick

THINK it is pretty cool Caulfield trainer Rick Hore-Lacy -- who can't use a computer -- has jumped into the 21st century and embraced the idea of technology.

He now has his own website -- www.rickhorelacy.com.au -- and he is pleased with his Q&A page.

Word is it took an eternity to complete because he kept changing his favourite movie!

Profile in paint

STAND by for more gallopers like Apache Cat with his generous splashes of white.

Peta Oxenbridge, at Racing Colours Farm in NSW, has imported Australia's first thoroughbred boasting paint horse genetics: meaning he will produce offspring with masses of white all over them.

She owns the northern hemisphere-bred unraced stallion hope **Profile In Style, whose sire, Ellusive Quest, shares the rare gene.**

A Golden decision

KEVIN O'Brien is still pondering a stallion for super mare Gold Edition's first visit to the breeding barn.

`` The one we are really keen on is More Than Ready," he said, adding Hussonet and Encosta de Lago were also in the running.

Mare goes on block

TASMANIAN mare Oceano has been retired and will be sold at the Inglis Great Southern Sale at Oaklands this week.

A \$5000 yearling at Melbourne's 2003 Inglis Autumn Yearling Sale, Oceano carries the bonus of a service to Keep The Faith .

Today opens the sale of 360 yearlings, all graduates being eligible for a \$100,000 purse in a race next autumn.

Pompeii Ruler, Lazer Sharp and Grand Journey, all Group 1 winners, were each bought at this sale for less than \$20,000.

A willing stallion

TONY Santic will stand his first stallion, Purrealist, at his property Makybe.

Purrealist's career was cut short by injury, and his breeding (by Tale Of The Cat) suggests he will find plenty of willing mare owners besides Santic's crop.

`` I will be sending him a significant number of my quality mares; you never know he might even be suited to Makybe Diva!"

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