

BLOODSTOCK

By Peter Howard

KEVIN Dixon received a pleasant surprise after he purchased the Sir Tristram mare Hedgehog for his Racetree Stud near Beaudesert on Sunday.

Dixon bought the mare at the Melbourne broodmare sale because Sir Tristram mares had provided a successful cross with top stallion Success Express, who is a three-quarter brother in blood to Racetree stallion Greenwood Lake.

He paid \$14,000 for Hedgehog in foal to Quest For Fame.

Later, when he found time to study the pedigree of the previous days Doomben Cup winner Sarrera, he discovered a lot of similarity between Sarreras pedigree and that of Hedgehogs expected foal.

Sarrera was sired by Quest For Fame from a mare by Sir Tristrams son Zabeel from a Zamazaan mare.

Hedgehogs foal will be by Quest For Fame from a mare by Sir Tristram from a Zamazaan mare and he will be from a first-class family to boot.

Hedgehogs dam Zamazaan Lady was a half-sister to Hunza, the dam of Golden Slipper and Blue Diamond winner Courtza, dual Adelaide Cup and SAJC Derby winner Our Pompeii and three other black-type winners. Another half-sister Kapelle Lady produced Group 1 winner Kapchat.

SARRERA, incidentally, is a direct descendant of the wonderful broodmare Dulcie, whose family has made its mark on the Brisbane winter carnival many times over.

Dulcies most famous off-spring was Balmerino who won the Brisbane Cup, P.J.

OShea Stakes and Grand Prix Stakes at the 1976 carnival.

Another of her sons Fulmen won the 1967 Brisbane Cup, while her daughter Michelene produced Lord Hybrow (1988 Doomben Cup and Brisbane Cup), Surround

(1977 Grand Prix Stakes and Queensland Oaks) and Purple Patch (1975 Tattersalls Cup).

DON'T be surprised to see a few Apache Cat look-alikes on Australia racecourses in a few years time.

A recent addition to the NSW stallion ranks, the US-bred **Profile In Style** has more white paint splashed over him than Apache Cat.

He has a similar baldy face and four white legs plus a random patch of white on his belly. While Apache Cat is chestnut, **Profile In Style** is bay.

Profile In Styles sire Ellusive Quest was most unusually coloured with more white over his face and body than his bay coloring and three white legs.

Both father and son are said to carry a rare gene, frame overo, that generates the splashes of white.

Profile In Style will stand at Racing Colours Farm near Bathurst.

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