

WAY WEST DAUGHTER NAMED CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD FILLY

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Way West
(Photo : Greig Muir)

"GO WEST YOUNG MAN"

Having a top young stallion prospect is every breeder's dream, so when **Way West** flattened the cream of Australia's exposed juvenile talent in the Blue Diamond Prelude of his year, there was more than a smile of satisfaction from **Arrowfield's John Messara**. He was, after all, a son of **Danehill**.

In the winner's circle, when it was announced that he'd posted a race record as well as lowering the time of the great **Alingi** in the Fillies version just a half hour earlier, the beam on General Manager **Peter Keating's** mug was palpable. At **Lindsay Park**, the **Hayes'** famous nursery and training centre, thoughts turned to the Blue Diamond itself, and already there was talk of a crack at the Golden Slipper, the world's richest Two Year old get together.

Alas, when injury intervened, as so often happens with the demands of Australia's richly endowed juvenile programme, it was a case of here today, gone tomorrow.

One thing's for sure, though, when we talk of his first crop daughter, **Waywest Goddess**, she is both the here and the now. Facile winner of the **Ruffian Stakes (Listed)**, the first juvenile Black type of the season, she subsequently underscored her supremacy over Gauteng's juvenile version in the **R400,000 The Fillies Nursery (Gr.2)**, going away by two lengths to secure the Highveld Champion's tag, and earning 'Johnny-come-lately', **Louis Goosen**, a "welcome home" to the world of racing.

Like her nearest pursuer, **Pretty Polly (Gr.3)** heroine **Oochee Agent**, she is another advertisement for the **2009 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Sale**.

And speaking of the Ready To Run, it's worth remembering that the Horse Of The Year at the same ceremony, was a graduate as well.