

EUREKA STUD by Brian Russell

DUAL GR.1 WINNER

has the fighting spirit

FEW young sires measure up better as a prospective source of good, tough and durable performers than Spirit of Boom (Sequalo-Temple Spirit by Special Dane). The dual Gr.1-winning sprinter is a resident at one of Australia's most respected studs, Scott McAlpine's Eureka, at Cambooya near Toowoomba.

A handsome, powerfully made, rich bay standing 16 hands, Spirit of Boom certainly deserves to succeed, especially when you consider his performance on the track, his breeding and the opportunity he has been given since retiring to stud in 2014.

Bred by the McAlpines on Eureka, raced by them with seven others and trained at Eagle Farm by Tony Gollan, Spirit of Boom challenged as one the toughest competitors of his time up to Gr.1 level to 1400m in a career embracing 52 starts spread over five years that netted nine wins, 14 seconds and six thirds, 13 Gr.1 cheques and earnings of \$2,361,900.

He ran in 18 Gr.1 races, his appearances including wins in two of Australia's most prestigious sprints, the Doomben 10,000-Gr.1 (1350m) and the William Reid-Gr.1 (1200m) at Moonee Valley. These two successes were among seven starts, six Gr.1, in 2014, his final campaign and one that confirmed his excellence.

In sequence, that year he came back from a three month let up to be a first-up second in the MRC Oakleigh Plate-Gr.1, follow with a second in the VRC Newmarket-Gr.1 (to Lankan Rupee in both), win in the MVRC William Reid-Gr.1, and in Brisbane seconds in the Victory Stakes-Gr.2 and BTC Cup-Gr.1, a win in the Doomben 10,000-Gr.1 (equal favourite) and finally a 1.25 length fourth of 18 in the BTC Stradbroke-Gr.1.

Spirit of Boom had kicked off his racing career by proving one of Queensland's best two year-olds of his generation. His six outings at this age included a win at Eagle Farm and two at the Gold Coast, the first by seven lengths (second start, Magic Millions 2YO Classic Prelude, 14 ran, favourite) and the other the Listed Ken Russell Stakes, and a second at Doomben in the Champagne Classic-Gr.2, splitting Press Day and Buffering.

He beat four-time Queensland Horse of the Year Buffering on several occasions and also warred in a number of races with his year older gelded half-brother Temple of Boom (by Piccolo (GB)), a Gr.1 winner of 11 races and \$1.96m. They were the first two of four foals from Temple Spirit, a McAlpine bred and raced filly who died at 10. She won eight of 16 outings (1000-1200m, three Brisbane) and was stakes placed.

Temple Spirit is a daughter of Special Dane (Danahill (USA)-Wing Space by Bletchingly), a winner of five races, headed by the MRC C.F. Orr Stakes-Gr.1 and Sandown Guineas-Gr.2, and who included in six seconds appearances at two in the Todman-Gr.2 at Rosehill Gardens and in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast. Spirit of Boom's second dam, Temple Top, is by one of Queensland greatest sires in Semipalatinsk (USA) (by Nodouble, a son of exported Star Kingdom champion Noholme) and from Temple Black, a daughter of Without Fear (FR). Semipalatinsk, a Eureka Stud used sire, Nodouble, the Champion Sire in the US in 1981, and Without Fear (by Round Table) all supplied tough, durable performers.



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The same criteria applied to Spirit of Boom's sire Sequalo, a durable winner of 10 races, three at Gr.2 including the MVRC A.J. Moir in course record time, and a head second to Brawny Spirit when he won the 1996 Newmarket-Gr.1 at Flemington in 1200m Australian record time. Sequalo and Brawny Spirit were both by Rustic Amber (IRE) (Thatching-Forever Amber by Bold Lad), a Champion 3YO Sprinter whose top line traces to Hyperion. The latter appears many times in Sequalo's pedigree including via Star Kingdom's brilliant sons Biscay and Noholme. It's worth noting too that Thatching's sire, the champion sprinter Thatch (Forli-Thong by Nantallah is a brother to the outstanding broodmare Special (dam of Nureyev and second dam of Sadler's Wells, Fairy King and Perugino) and that his son Thatching (Sequalo's grandsire) is inbred to this family.

Put to stud at the Lyndhurst Stud, Warwick in 1997 and deceased in September 2014, Sequalo has supplied 695 winners of more than 2400 races and has progeny earnings of \$44m. Twenty-eight of his runners have won 10 or more races.

His son Spirit of Boom went to stud at Eureka in 2014 and received a very warm welcome from breeders, looking after good quality books of 154 and then 147 in his first two seasons. He is the source so far of 110 registered first crop offspring, 53 colts and 57 fillies.

Returning 86.3% fertility, his first book included mares by Danahill (USA), Redoute's Choice, Snitzel, Encosta de Lago, Exceed and Excel, Lonhro, Commands, Flying Spur, Bel Esprit, General Nediym, More Than Ready (USA), A.P. Indy (USA), Red Ransom (USA), Rock of Gibraltar (IRE), Pins, Choisir, Snippets, Rory's Jester, Dehere (USA), Mossman, Marauding, Snaadee (USA), Spinning World, Arena, Fusaichi Pegasus (USA), Unbridled's Song (USA), Easy Rocking, Iglesia, Show a Heart, Falvelon, Lion Hunter, Hidden Dragon, Reset, Made of Gold (USA), Royal Academy

(USA), Chester House (USA), Polish Precedent (USA), High Yield (USA), Desert Prince (IRE), Peintre Celebre (USA), Diesis (GB), Celtic Swing (GB), Woodman (USA), Bernadini (USA), Scenic (IRE), Viscount and Thunder Gulch (USA). He also has foals from mares by Leading Queensland sires Semipalatinsk (USA), Piccolo (GB), Red Dazzler and Brave Warrior.

Facing up to another big quality book this year, Spirit of Boom is available at Eureka Stud on a fee of \$11,000 including GST and conditional free return. Scott McAlpine can be reached on mobile 0408 700 724, (07) 4696 1204, fax (07) 4696 1307, email eurekastud@bigpond.com or visit www.eurekastud.com.au. ■

Spirit of Boom, bay 2007 16h

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Nine wins, 14 seconds and six thirds, \$2,412,900.
Won at two, three, four, five and six.

His 13 Gr.1 cheques

Wins

BTC Doomben 10,000 2014 (1350m, 14 starters, fav) beat Temple of Boom, Buffering.

MVRC William Reid Stakes 2014 (1200m, 10 starters) beat Shamexpress, Gregers.

Seconds

BTC Cup 2014 (1200m, seven starters) beat Buffering, Temple of Boom

VRC Newmarket 2014 (1200m, 14 starters) beat Knoydart, Shamexpress.

MRC Oakleigh Plate 2014 (1100m, 18 starters) beat Knoydart, Gregers.

Thirds

MRC Oakleigh Plate 2013 (1100m, 13 starters) beat Ortensia, Shamal Wind

WATC Winterbottom Stakes 2012 (1200m, nine starters) beat Pinwheel, Hallowell Bell.

Fourths

BTC Stradbroke 2014 (1400m, 18 starters) beat Rebel Dane, Knoydart.

WATC Winterbottom Stakes 2013 (1200m, 12 starters) beat Power Princess, Barakey.

BTC Stradbroke 2013 (1400m, 18 starters) beat Tiger Teas, Sea Siren.

BTC Doomben 10,000 2013 (1350m, 15 starters) beat Better Than Ready, Your Song.

BTC Doomben 10,000 2012 (1350m, 16 starters) beat Pampelona, Beaded.

Fifth

BTC Cup 2012 (1200m, 13 starters) beat Woorim, Neeson.