

Queenslanders celebrate a new home

As Lankan Rupee ran away with the recent \$2.5million Group 1 T.J. Smith Stakes (1200m) at Royal Randwick and became one of the leading contenders for the 2013/14 Horse of the Year title, it further franked the form for another exciting Group 1 winning sprinter.



In the both the \$1million Group 1 Newmarket Handicap (1200m) at Flemington and the \$400,000 Group 1 Oakleigh Plate (1100m) at Caulfield - races Lankan Rupee won enroute to the TJ Smith - the runner-up and first entire home in both time-honoured sprints was Queensland speedster, Spirit Of Boom.

The form around Lankan Rupee is undeniable.

At his next start after the Group 1 Newmarket, Spirit Of Boom won the \$400,000 Group 1 William Reid Stakes (1200m) at Moonee Valley.

It was the son of Sequalo's eighth career win and took his total prizemoney past \$1.85million.

Included in his eight career wins to date are the \$221,000 Group 2 MRC Caulfield Sprint Hcp (58kg-1100m),



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Spirit Of Boom (M Rodd) winning the 2014 \$400,000 Group 1 William Reid (1200m) at Moonee Valley.

the \$100,000 Listed GCTC Goldmarket Quality (1300m), \$100,000 Listed Ken Russell Memorial (1200m), the restricted \$400,000 Magic Millions Cup (1400m) and he has been win or placed in no less than 20 stakes races between Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Competitive at the highest level, Spirit Of Boom has started in 15 Group 1 races earning prizemoney for connections on 13 occasions.

"He should probably have four

Group One's beside his name if not for bad luck," shares Queensland breeding legend and Eureka Stud's founder Colin McAlpine.

Colin was no doubt recalling the 2013 Group 1 Oakleigh Plate where Spirit Of Boom only got out in the last 50m to finish full of running in third, less than two lengths from the winner.

And then there was the recent Group 1 Winterbottom Stakes (1200m) in Western Australia where Spirit Of Boom was almost put over

the running rail but somehow stayed on his feet and flew home in fourth, less than two lengths from the winner Buffering.

Also, in both the recent Group 1 Newmarket Handicap (1200m) and Group 1 Oakleigh Plate (1100m) with better luck in running, he would have made the finish very interesting with Lankan Rupee.

An exceptionally consistent sprinter, he



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Happy connections celebrate Spirit Of Boom's recent 2014 Group 1 William Reid Stakes (1200m) victory.

grown Group 1 winning stallion!

was runner-up in the Group 2 VRC Yellowglen Stakes (1200m) to Fontelina (twice), Group 2 BRC Victory Stakes (1200m) to Buffering, Group 2 VRC Gilgai Stakes (1200m, twice placed) and Group 2 BRC Champagne Classic (1200m) as a two-year-old to Pressday (Buffering was third) and third in the Group 2 ATC Shorts (1100m) to Sessions.

His placings in Group 3 races are just as impressive - the VRC Bobbie Lewis (1200m), the BRC BTC Classic (1350m), and the BRC George Moore Stakes (1200m).

Spirit Of Boom showed exceptional ability from day one.

An impressive youngster at two he won three races including the \$100,000 Listed GCTC Ken Russell Memorial Classic (1200m), \$85,000 Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Prelude (900m), and finished second in the Group 2 BRC Victory Stakes (1200m) and Listed Phelan Ready Stakes (1000m).

Eureka's homebred sprinter is quite simply the epitome of a class racehorse. Spirit of Boom was always a stallion in the making. In a career to date of 48 starts, he has competed in stakes races 39 times.



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Spirit Of Boom (58kg-G Hall) easily wins the 2013 \$221,000 Group 2 MRC Caulfield Sprint Hcp (1100m).

SEQUALO (AUS) —————

Bay stallion 7 October 2007

TEMPLE SPIRIT (AUS) —————

	Thatching
Rustic Amber ———	Forever Amber
	Bending Away
Dash Around ———	La Perdita
	Danehill
Special Dane ———	Wing Space
	Semipalatinsk
Temple Top ———	Temple Black

Spirit Of Boom's ability on the track is more than matched by his pedigree. His dam Temple Spirit from a Danehill/Semipalatinsk cross, won eight races from 1000-1200m and was stakes placed.

Temple Spirit has also produced the \$355,000 Group 1 Galaxy (1100m) winner, Temple Of Boom (Piccolo). Temple Of Boom, another Eureka homebred, also won the \$251,500 Group 2 Gilgai Stakes (1200m), \$151,000 Group 3 Aurie's Star Hcp (1200m), \$151,500 Listed VRC Swisse Vitamins Stakes (1100m) and has career prizemoney of over

\$1.3million.

Spirit Of Boom's sire Sequalo, is one of the most prolific sires of winners of the modern era in Queensland, having also won the honour of Queensland Champion Sire. Sequalo is currently sitting on 113 wins for the 2013/14 season, equal with twice Champion Australian Sire Redoute's Choice. With Sequalo now in his twilight seasons, Jeff Kruger of Lyndhurst Stud where Sequalo stands is thrilled a Group 1 winning son will be standing in Queensland to carry on Sequalo's great legacy.

Spirit of Boom will have his last start in the Group 1 BRC Stradbroke Hcp, before retiring to the McAlpine family's Eureka Stud to be syndicated. A real Queensland, he was Eureka-bred, Eureka-raced and returns to Eureka to stand.

"He is a real boost for Queensland, the industry and breeders. He has all the right qualities two-year-old speed, tenacity, and toughness," shared Eureka's Scott McAlpine.

"An honest horse, by the right sire, we are so happy to keep him in Queensland and return him home to continue our family's 80 years tradition of standing stallions."

