



Kingston Town (Malcolm Johnston) returns to scale after one of their many Randwick victories

THE 10 GREATEST THOROUGHBREDS EVER

LAST MONTH THE TOP 10 WAS REVEALED – HERE KINGSLEY PRESENTS THEIR BREEDING, RACE RECORDS, WINNING DISTANCE RANGE AND MAJOR RACE WINS WORDS: KINGSLEY EDWARDS PICTURE COURTESY: ERN MCQUILLAN

1. PHAR LAP (NZ)

Chestnut gelding (born 1926)

By Night Raid from Entreaty

Phar Lap is the greatest racehorse Australia has ever seen, not least because of the countless records he set, many of which still hold to this day, but he set more Australian race records (4) and Stakes race records (9) than any other horse. He is the only horse to win on all four days of the Melbourne Cup carnival and in 1930 won the Mackinnon Stakes (2000m), Melbourne Cup (3200m), Linlithgow Stks (1600m) and C.B. Fisher Plate (2400m).

Race Record (in Aust) 50: 36-3-2 (9 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 43: 35 Wins (81%)

Winning Distance Range

1400m to 3600m
14% Sprinter/Miler
40% Middle-distance
46% Staying races

Major Race Wins

Melbourne Cup (carrying 62.5kg)
W.S. Cox Plate (twice)
Craven Plate (three times)
Kings Plate (twice)
Futurity Stakes (carrying 65kg)

2. TULLOCH (NZ)

Bay entire (born 1954)

By Khorassan from Florida

Tulloch won three Derbies, two St Legers and the Caulfield Cup (in world record time) in his classic year. Despite missing two years racing through a severe illness, he returned to win first-up over 2000m in the VRC Queens Plate, a most memorable victory, as was his final race when winning the Brisbane Cup with 62.5kg. Tulloch finished only once out of a place in his entire career when seventh in the 1960 Melbourne Cup carrying 64kg.

Race Record (in Aust) 53: 36-12-4 (1 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 49: 34 Wins (69%)

Winning Distance Range

1000m to 3200m
22% Sprinter/Miler
31% Middle-distance
47% Staying races

Major Race Wins

Caulfield Cup (world record time)
W.S. Cox Plate (race record time)
AJC Derby (race record time)
VRC Derby (by 8 lengths)
AJC Queen Elizabeth Stks (three times)

3. CARBINE (NZ)

Bay entire (born 1885)

By Musket from Mersey

Carbine was famed for winning races from seven furlongs up to three miles carrying huge weights. His greatest performance was his win in 1890 Melbourne Cup in race record time with the extraordinary record weight of 66kg. He is also the only horse to win five races in one week at the Randwick Autumn carnival which he accomplished in 1890. Carbine was the first great stayer in Australian racing history; a benchmark against which all others have subsequently been measured.

Race Record (in Aust) 38: 28-6-3 (1 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 38: 28 Wins (74%)

Winning Distance Range

1400m to 4800m
12% Sprinter/Miler
21% Middle-distance
58% Staying races

Major Race Wins

Melbourne Cup (carrying 66kg)
Sydney Cup (twice)
AJC Plate (three times)
VRC All Aged Stks (three times)
Cumberland Stakes (three times)

4. AJAX

Chestnut entire (born 1934)

By Heroic from Medmeham

Ajax is best remembered for his record of 18 consecutive wins (all Stakes races) which came to an end when defeated at 40/1-on (approx. \$1.02½) in the 1939 Rawson Stakes. He was a brilliant sprinter-miler who also won Australia's best middle-distance races. Ajax is the only horse in the history of the Australian turf to win five different Stakes races each on three occasions – the AJC All Aged Stakes; Futurity Stakes; Underwood Stakes; Memsie Stakes and Cropper Plate.

Race Record (in Aust) 46: 36-7-2 (1 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 46: 36 Wins (78%)

Winning Distance Range

1000m to 2400m
67% Sprinter/Miler
25% Middle-distance
8% Staying races

Major Race Wins

W.S. Cox Plate
Newmarket Handicap
AJC All Aged Stks (three times)
Futurity Stakes (three times)
Underwood Stks (three times)

5. WAKEFUL

Bay mare (born 1896)

By Trenton from Insomnia

Wakeful is the greatest racemare in Australian history and is also the only horse to win Stakes races over a distance range of more than 3600m; from the Oakleigh Plate (1100m) to the VRC Champion Stks (4800m). Her victory with 60kg in the 1902 Sydney Cup was exceptional, as was her second place in the 1903 Melbourne Cup carrying 63.5kg, the highest weight ever by a mare, 6.5kg over weight-for-age.

Race Record (in Aust) 44: 25-12-4 (3 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 42: 25 Wins (60%)

Winning Distance Range

1100m to 4800m
20% Sprinter/Miler
44% Middle-distance
36% Staying races

Major Race Wins

Sydney Cup (carrying 60kg)
L.K.S. McKinnon Stks (three times)
Doncaster Hcp (race record time)
Oakleigh Plate (race record time)
AJC All Aged Stks (by 20 lengths)

6. TODMAN

Chestnut stallion (born 1954)

By Star Kingdom from Oceana

Todman was an outstanding sprinter at two-years-old, winning the inaugural Golden Slipper by a record margin of 8 lengths, then displaying his considerable ability as

a middle-distance performer at three, by winning the Canterbury Guineas (also by 8 lengths). Todman sustained an injury which kept him from racing for over two years, from which he returned to win all three races he contested before being retired to stud.

Race Record (in Aust) 12: 10-1-0 (1 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 10: 8 Wins (80%)

Winning Distance Range

1000m to 1900m
90% Sprinter/Miler
10% Middle-distance

Major Race Wins

Golden Slipper Stks (by 8 lengths)
Canterbury Guineas (by 8 lengths)
AJC Champagne Stks (race record time)
Futurity Stakes (race record time)
Lightning Stakes

7. MANIKATO

Chestnut gelding (born 1975)

By Manihi from Markato

Manikato dominated weight-for-age sprint races in Australia for a period of six years. A champion two-year-old, he raced only three times over 1600m, all as a 3yo, winning the 1800m Futurity Stks. Manikato is the only horse to win a Stakes race five times which he did consecutively in the William Reid Stakes from 1979 to 1983, with the race now called the Manikato Stakes in his honour.

Race Record (in Aust) 47: 29-9-4 (5 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 45: 27 Wins (60%)

Winning Distance Range

1000m to 1800m
96% Sprinter/Miler
4% Middle-distance

Major Race Wins

William Reid Stks (five times)
Futurity Stakes (four times)
C.F. Orr Stks (three times)
George Ryder Stks (twice)
Doomben 10,000 (carrying 58kg)

8. KINGSTON TOWN

Black gelding (born 1976)

By Bletchingly from Ada Hunter

Kingston Town's three successive wins in 1980, 1981 and 1982 in the W.S. Cox Plate is unique. He holds the record for the most number of wins in consecutive races in Sydney (21) of which 18 were Stakes races. Despite being acknowledged as one of the greatest middle-distance champions ever, Kingston Town was never beaten in all of the seven Stakes races which he contested at distances less than 1600m.

Race Record (in Aust) 41: 30-5-2 (4 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 37: 27 Wins (73%)

Winning Distance Range

1200m to 3200m
33% Sprinter/Miler
45% Middle-distance
22% Staying races

Major Race Wins

W.S. Cox Plate (three times)
H.E. Tancred Stks (by 4.5 lengths)
AJC Derby
Sydney Cup
George Main Stks (twice)

9. BERNBOROUGH

Bay entire (born 1939)

By Emborough from Bern Maid

Bernborough was legendary for his devastating finish to win in the final stride under enormous weights. Had he not been restricted to racing exclusively in Toowoomba for the first four years of his racing career, his achievements would surely have been even more remarkable. He won 15 Stakes races in succession in 1945/46 when he began competing on the national stage, ending only when fifth in the Caulfield Cup carrying 64kg.

Race Record (in Aust) 38: 26-2-1 (9 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 21: 16 Wins (76%)

Winning Distance Range

1200m to 2200m
56% Sprinter/Miler
44% Middle-distance

Major Race Wins

Newmarket Handicap (carrying 63kg)
Doomben Cup (carrying 68.5kg)
Doomben 10,000 (carrying 65.5kg)
Rawson Stakes
Futurity Stakes

10. SKY HIGH

Bay entire (born 1957)

By Star Kingdom from Flight's Daughter

Sky High was a standout galloper of the early 1960's in an era of champions. He defeated several outstanding horses including Wenona Girl, Persian Lyric, Aquanita, Lord and Dhulagiri. Although principally a sprinter/miler, Sky High has the distinction of being the only horse ever to win the Golden Slipper and go on to be victorious in the three-year-old spring classic, the Victoria Derby.

Race Record (in Aust) 55: 29-10-9 (7 unplaced)
Stakes Races: 52: 26 Wins (50%)

Winning Distance Range

1000m to 2400m
65% Sprinter/Miler
31% Middle-distance
4% Staying races

Major Race Wins

L.K.S. McKinnon Stks (Australian record time)
Caulfield Stks (Australian record time)
Rawson Stakes (twice)
Chipping Norton Stks (course record time)
Hill Stks (race record time) **RNSW**