

# RACING NEWS

## *Gai Waterhouse's Two-Year-Olds Impress At Randwick Trials*

**T**rainer Gai Waterhouse had two impressive two-year-old winners, Mr Jackman (Northern Meteor) and Sugar Rush (More Than Ready) at yesterday's Randwick barrier trials.

From the General Nediym (Nediym) mare Miss Broadway, Mr Jackman was offered by Carramar Park at the 2012 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and was purchased by Star Thoroughbreds for \$80,000.

Mr Jackman led all the way over 740m in 43.8secs with Tommy Berry in the saddle. "He has always shown a lot of ability from day one," Star Thoroughbreds' Denise Martin said.

"There was always the indication he would be an early-running two-year-old from the outset. He has a lovely stride, a lovely action.

"Tommy Berry said he loved the way he relaxed but the best part was the last 100m when he really extended. All Tommy could say was 'bring on the Breeders' Plate' and I hope he is right."

With some inside knowledge about Mr Jackman's immediate family, Martin paid \$80,000 for Mr Jackman at this year's Magic Millions sales.

"I bought his half-sister Give My Regards [by Charge Forward for \$175,000] at last year's Easter sales and she won her first and only start for us in May," she added.

Mr Jackman's sire Northern Meteor (Encosta De Lago) was also trained by Gai Waterhouse. Raced as a three-year-old he won the Coolmore Stud Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) and was retired to Widden Stud after finishing second to Takeover Target (Celtic Swing) in the 2009 TJ Smith Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m) at Randwick.

The Waterhouse stable's other impressive winner, Sugar Rush, was the most expensive yearling at today's trials. Sugar Rush came from last in a small field of four but she won under a tight hold in 44.8secs.

Sugar Rush is the first foal from Group Three winner Sugar Babe (Exceed And Excel) and was offered by Strawberry Hill Stud at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, where she was knocked down for \$600,000 to Gai Waterhouse and James Harron Bloodstock.

Sydney's first official two-year-old barrier trials will be run at Warwick Farm on 24 September.

