



Press Release

The perfect start to any stallion's career – his very first runner a winner.

And that is how Brackley Park's Deadly Storm has kicked off, his promising two-year-old son Stormpatch an impressive winner at Launceston last weekend.

Having only his second start – unlucky at debut, the David Miller trained bay showed good natural speed to find the front and he was never in any danger of defeat – racing away to an easy 1.8 length victory.

"He missed the start at debut and cut his mouth a bit when he got his tongue over the bit," Miller said, adding that he has always had plenty of time for the horse despite the fact that he was injured by him!

"I liked the horse from the outset but he was not my favourite horse because he dumped me when I was breaking him in and I copped a busted collarbone."

"So I guess he owed me this win!"

"I reckon he has a lot of potential," he added, "and I am hoping he can measure up in the Sires Produce which is his main mission."

Deadly Storm's owner Damian White was thrilled by Stormpatch's performance, proud that Deadly Storm has provided an early winner from limited opportunities.

"He really has had to do it all on his own," he said – pointing out that there are just 28 foals in Deadly Storm's crop and that being an unraced stallion makes it harder for him.

"He was in Australia to race but a steward's embargo had been placed on his previous owners so he never made it to the track – luckily his looks and breeding have carried him through."

"The fact that he has had a winner from his first starter is amazing in itself but when you take into account that he covered only a small group of home-bred type mares in his first season it makes his feat more remarkable."

"One of the most pleasing things," he continued, "is the number of calls that I am getting from other owners and trainers who already have a Deadly Storm in their stable – telling me that they are showing good ability."

"It is most gratifying as a stallion owner to see his name listed in the winners breeding section of the paper, knowing that there are others coming along who should repeat the dose for him."

Quality and numbers wise, Deadly Storm served his best book of mares last season and White is proud of how good his progeny from his first three crops are looking.

"They are like peas in a pod," he said – "all either bay or brown with that little bit of Storm Cat attitude and precociousness. You can certainly pick out the Deadly Storms when you walk into a paddock of yearlings."

Deadly Storm – a son of Storm Cat and the g.3 mare Brushing Gloom – will again stand at Grant & Joanne Dwyer's Brackley Park at Avenel this season, his fee remaining at \$5500 including gst.