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OLE KIRK X GOLDEN ELIXR FILLY
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THE WEEK AHEAD

In The Noms
Wonder Kid 10/7

Upcoming Trials
American Eagle 8/7
Charming Nic 10/7

MRH OFFERS

2026 SPRING LAUNCH TICKETS

2026 SYDNEY SHOWCASE

SHARE COUNTDOWN

HOME AFFAIRS FILLY: OVER 70% SOLD

HITOTSU COLT: FINAL 80

SKADOOSH* OVER 60% SOLD

FULL SISTER TO KING KIRK: OVER 40% SOLD

CURRENT SEASON STATS

STARTS: 267

WINS: 44

WIN STRIKE RATE: 16.48%

PLACINGS: 112

PLACE STRIKE RATE: 41.95%

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OWNER INSIGHT SERIES

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF OUR WEEKLY OWNER INSIGHT SERIES, WHERE WE TAKE YOU BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE RACING WORLD - THIS WEEK IS ALL ABOUT THE SPEED GENE

What Is the Speed Gene?

Scientists have identified a gene called myostatin that influences muscle development in horses. Variations of this gene help determine whether a horse is naturally suited to sprinting or staying longer distances.

The myostatin gene is a major determinant of race distance aptitude because it influences:

• Skeletal muscle growth

• The proportion of fast twitch (glycolytic, Type IIB) muscle fibre required for short bursts of power and the proportion of slow twitch (oxidative, Type I) muscle fibre types required or stamina

• Race distance aptitude is almost entirely determined by the genetic make-up of this gene • Test result is based on the combination of “C” and “T” genetic variants, one inherited from each paren

The Three Types

Horses typically fall into three genetic categories:

- CC (Speed Type): Built for explosive speed over short distances
- CT (Middle Distance): A balance of speed and stamina
- TT (Stayer Type): Suited to longer races and endurance

While genetics is very important, training, environment, and management are just as important. A great trainer can maximise a horse’s natural ability, but understanding genetic predisposition helps place horses in the right races, giving it the best chance to perform at its peak.

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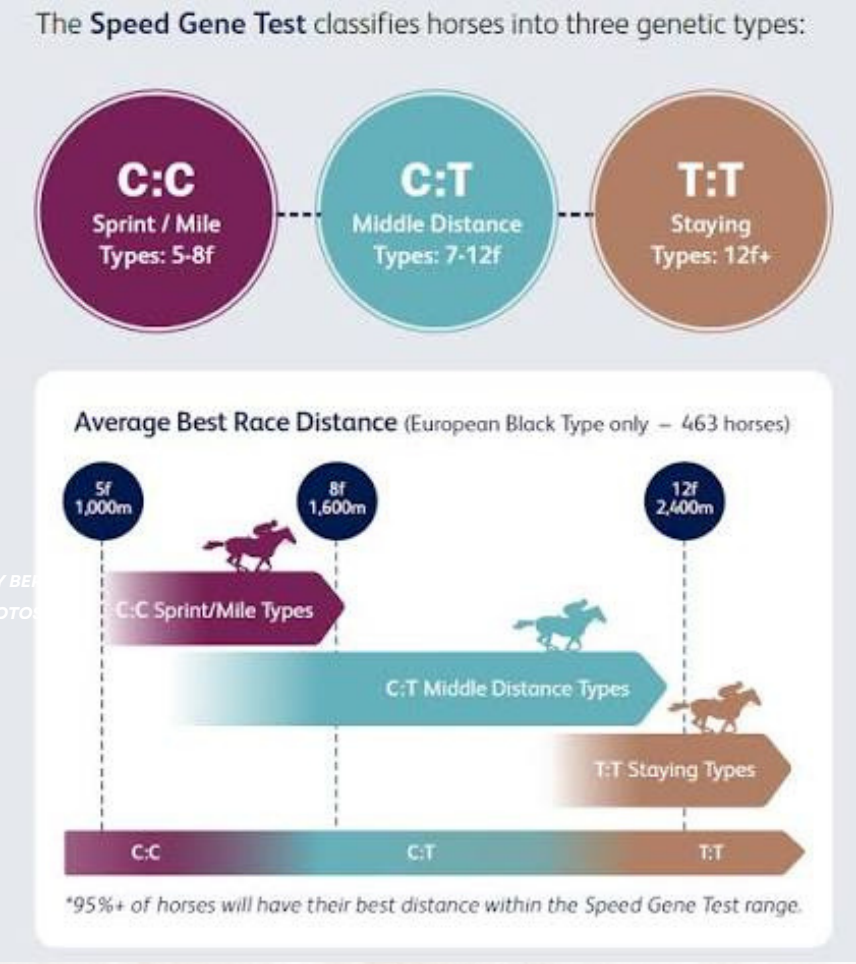
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Examples of MRH horses

Apocalyptic-
SPEED GENE SCORE: CC-SHORT (1000m-1400m) ,
Career- Min/Max-Dist-Win: 1200/1600m
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Ninja-
SPEED GENE SCORE: CC-LONG (1200m-1600m).
Career- Min/Max-Dist-Win: 1300/1400m
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Storm Leopard-
SPEED GENE SCORE: TT Long (1800m - 3200m)
Career- Min/Max-Dist-Win: 1530/2000m
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IS ANAMOE THE MOST CREDENTIALED STALLION TO RETIRE TO STUD SINCE SO YOU THINK?

When Anamoe retired to stud, the industry knew he was special. But here's the question...

Is he the most credentialed stallion to retire to stud since So You Think? Let's look at the resume.

Anamoe won nine Group 1 races, over $12 million in prizemoney, and was crowned Australian Horse of the Year.

He won at two, three and four, showing a level of durability and consistency that's becoming increasingly rare in modern racing.

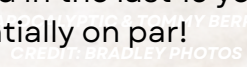
Now, plenty of elite horses have gone to stud since So You Think retired.

Think Pierro (6 G1 wins), The Autumn Sun (5 G1 wins), Russian Revolution (2 G1 wins), Trapeze Artist (4 G1 wins), All Too Hard (4 G1 wins), Zoustar (2 G1 wins), Extreme Choice (2 G1 wins) and Home Affairs (2 G1 wins). Some were brilliant. Some were faster. Some became outstanding stallions.

Whilst it may seem like a “no-brainer” to suggest that Anamoe is more credentialed than the horses listed above, it’s important to create the comparison to these successful stallions to see where Anamoe stacks up. Very few retired with a racetrack résumé as complete as Anamoe's. Most either lacked his longevity, his Group 1 tally, his Horse of the Year title, or his ability to perform at the elite level across multiple seasons.

The only horse that really sits above him on credentials is So You Think. Ten Group 1 wins. Two Cox Plates. And multiple Group 1 victories in Europe. That's the benchmark.

But when you stack Anamoe's record against every major Australian stallion prospect that has retired in the last 15 years, there's a genuine argument he's second only to So You Think, or potentially on par!



The next challenge? Turning an elite race record into an elite stallion career.

What do you think? Is Anamoe the most credentialed stallion since So You Think, or is there another horse that deserves the title?

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MRH WEEKEND REVIEW

ENGINE OF WAR - 4TH - ROSEHILL BM78 2000M

Engine Of War was brave in defeat again over the weekend. He settled into a good rhythm, but jockey Anna Roper reported that he wanted to lay in upon straightening, which made it difficult to get him to top speed. Trainer Mick Price mentioned post-race that he'd love to get the gelding back up to 2400m at his next start.

CHICAGO KING - 3RD - GOLD COAST BM65 1400M

Yet again, Chicago King put in another consistent performance at Gold Coast on Saturday. He was up on speed and tightened up for room with approximately 600m to go, but once he found clear air, he ground to the line to finish 3rd. He has now placed 14 times from his 22 starts, which shows that he is a true model of consistency.

OUR SASSY LADY - 3RD - MURRAY BRIDGE BM62 1800M

Our Sassy Lady was narrowly beaten at her home track on Saturday at Murray Bridge. Jockey Teagan Voorham put together another great ride, getting the lead with some easy sectionals. Unfortunately, she was just run down late over the concluding stages, but did well to hold onto the minor money.

APOCALYPTIC & TOMMY BERRY
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