

# ***Nest egg from a hobby***

A poultry farmer who started breeding race horses as a hobby won his first city race yesterday at Rosehill.

Mr Alex Schembri has spent over \$20,000 in the past three years since he decided to diversify his interests at his Vineyard property.

Instead of buying yearlings, Mr Schembri bought two broodmares Muni and Star Peace.

Muni cost him \$11,500 and has produced three foals, including the provincial winner Witchcraft.

## **Breeding**

But it was Star Peace a \$7,500 buy who took the honours of producing the first city winner, Sprayette.

Trained by Pat Murray, Sprayette (7-1) yesterday won the Second Parramatta Stakes (1200m) by one length from Stormy's Lady (7-1).

"All those chooks can drive you mad so I decided a few horses around the place would be a nice change, but I now have nine horses and it is becoming something more than a hobby" Mr Schembri said.

Mr Schembri linked with Pat Murray from the start of his breeding venture and, the Randwick trainer has prepared all of Muni and Star Peace's progeny.

The Tommy Smith trained Yeux De Feu (5-1) was third, performing much better than her heavily backed stablemate Romantic Cellar.

## **Breeder's win not paltry**

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Mr and Mrs Alex Schembri,  
with Sprayette and trainer  
Pat Murray (left) at Rosehill  
yesterday.



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