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LP Shamrock's first foal among crack Japanese **sale**

THE first foal of Australia's Champion 3YO Filly Shamrock will go under the hammer in Japan on Tuesday.

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Shamrock was one of five **Group** 1 winning mares that left for Japan in February last year along with Southern Speed, Mosheen, King's Rose and Australasian Oaks winner, Absolutely.

All bar Absolutely were served by Japan's two-times Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer, Deep Impact.

Shamrock's bay filly by Deep Impact is one of 200 foals catalogued for the JHRA Select **sale** held at Northern Horse Park.

The 2013 **sale** averaged approximately \$347,000.

Another highly-sought after Deep Impact foal with an Australian link on offer next week is Lot 403, a colt out of Azeri.

Azeri won 17 races and was USA Horse of the Year as well as the nation's threetimes Champion Older Mare.

Azeri is a daughter of Jade Hunter from Zodiac Miss who was trained by David Hayes for the late USA owner/ breeder, Allen Paulson.

Zodiac Miss won three of her eight starts highlighted by **Group** 3 NJC CocaCola Classic (1200m) at Newcastle nine weeks after she was runner-up in Clan O'Sullivan's Magic **Millions** 2YO Classic on the Gold Coast.

Azeri has so far foaled four winners led by **Wine** Princess (by Ghostzapper) who won the Grade 2 Falls City Handicap at Churchill Downs in 2013.

Meanwhile, Japanese turf idol Lord Kanaloa, winner of the past two **Group** 1 **Hong Kong** Sprints, was voted the 'Most Admired Overseas Horse of the Year at the HKJC gala to end the current racing season last Sunday.

His success in the Territory coincides with the JBBA launching an 'Incentive Bonus Scheme' in **Hong Kong** to promote Japanese-bred horses and Japanese auction sales.

A similar scheme already exists in Singapore.

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