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Divisive goes lame, out for a year

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Star pacer Divisive, a Fremantle and WA Pacing cups runner-up at his past two starts, has gone lame.

Victorian trainer-reinsman Peter Rixon expects the horse will be out of racing for up to a year.

The Miracle Mile winner, flown to Melbourne last week, was a leading fancy for the Inter Dominion Championship series which features a \$1 million grand final on the Gold Coast in March.

Rixon said lameness was detected in Divisive's near foreleg yesterday, shortly after he was an acceptor for Saturday's \$125,000 Ballarat Cup.

"He has a strained suspensory ligament in the near foreleg," Rixon said.

"He'll be given plenty of time to recover before he resumes training. It could be 12 months before he races again."

The \$1.3 million stake-earner has won 26 races and run 16 places in a 46-start career.

Queensland mare Fleur De Lil, unplaced after galloping in last Friday night's Australian Pacing Championship at Gloucester Park, will be a Ballarat Cup starter and trainer Luke McCarthy has booked her on a flight out of Perth today.

Fleur De Lil will be accompanied on the trip by APC winner Washakie and McCarthy has been asked to train him for the Inter Dominion series.

"It was at my recommendation that Washakie will join Luke's team," the

horse's trainer Gary Hall Sr said yesterday. "I have decided to concentrate on our Perth team rather than go to the Inters with Washakie."

Hall will start Indian Giver and Talk To Me Courage in Friday night's *The West Australian* Nights Of Thunder Final at Gloucester Park.

"I'm confident Indian Giver will win," Hall said. "He's the best horse in our stable."

Meantime, WA colt Crown Bromac has drawn gate five in a Victorian Pacing Derby heat at Ballarat on Saturday night and top Melbourne reinsman Daryl Douglas is booked to drive him.

Barrier draw — The West Australian Nights Of Thunder final, 1730m: Bad Leroy, Rudiani, Pablito, Indian Giver, Class Blaster (E2), Eastwood Star (E1), Mister Odds On, Talk To Me Courage, Davisons Destiny, Cody Banks, Mysta Magical Mach FT.