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Opportunity ... Josh Parr has hooked up with Peter Moody and will ride Shout Out Loud in Saturday's \$175,000 Villiers Stakes (1600 metres) at Warwick Farm.

Photo: Jenny Evans

Parr takes his chances with Moody

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THERE was a false start to the partnership between Josh Parr and Black Caviar's trainer Peter Moody but it has begun to flourish. They are out to take the group 2 Villiers Stakes with Shout Out Loud at Warwick Farm on Saturday.

Parr has battled the big names in Sydney riding ranks for the past decade, doing his apprenticeship with Gai Waterhouse before riding with varying degrees of success for Darley's Peter Snowden and Gerald Ryan.

However, he has only been a bit

player for the bigger stables but spotted a chance when Moody set up his stable at Rosehill.

"It started when I rode Brambles earlier in the year, I ran second on him at Hawkesbury and Peter was happy, so I got to ride him in Brisbane and got suspended on him," Parr said.

"Brad Rawiller got on him and he went on to win the Queensland Derby. It was one of those things.

"I didn't really do anything wrong on him but I missed that group 1. Looking back on that I'm really proud with how I handled that

because I didn't let it get me down. I spoke to the stable rep here, Claire Cunningham, and said to her I was available to do anything they wanted, so it went from there."

Parr, who rides trackwork at Rosehill, has continued to work with Moody's Sydney team.

"He fits my profile and gets the job done," Moody said. "There is a fair bit of L.Nolen about him. He was a top apprentice and has ridden for some top stables and they don't use blokes who can't ride.

"I like to have those sort of blokes and I get them to do it my way then

there is no one to blame other than myself. He rode a couple for me at Canterbury last week and you wouldn't say he slaughtered them but he wanted to improve and that is all you can ask."

Parr and Moody got their first taste of black type when Brilliant Bisc won the listed Gimcrack Stakes at Randwick on October 6.

"That was great because I nearly didn't get there because of traffic," said Parr, who got changed in his car on the way to races.

"I was saying to my dad that I had to get there because I knew if she hit

the front they wouldn't beat her. I got a lot of confidence out of that win."

Parr's association with Moody has so far netted 10 winners at a strike rate approaching 30 per cent, but a win in the Villiers would be another boost. He will ride Shout Out Loud, while Luke Nolen will be in the saddle of Highly Recommended.

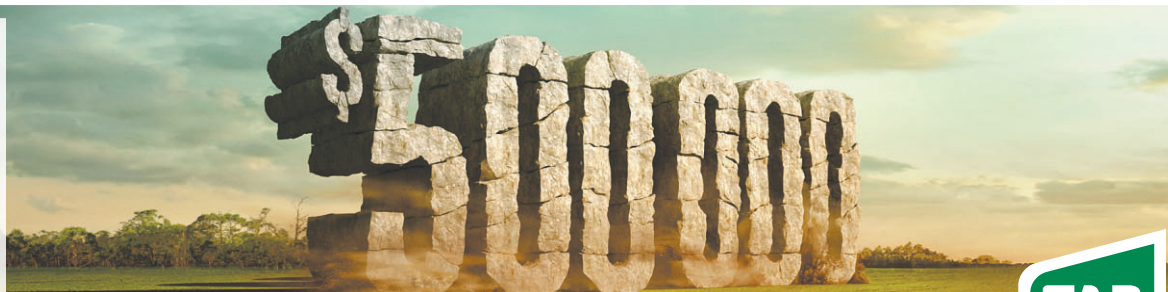
"Shout Out Loud is just a good, honest handicapper that is in good form," Moody said. "Highly Recommended is a group horse but because of injury he missed the spring. He has needed the two runs he has had but I think he is a miler with a bit of talent."

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