



PRIME DISPATCH

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It was a sad week for the industry with the passing of racing legend Bart Cummings as well as the Chairman of Tas Racing Brian Speers. Bart was one of our great trainers and while it should be remembered Tommy Smith won more Group 1 races than Bart it was Bart that really made our greatest race, the Melbourne Cup his own. His passing gave us the opportunity to look back on an amazing career that spanned over six decades. I met Bart on a number of occasions and was lucky enough to have a couple of private conversations with him. My favourite horse Bart trained was the very good mare Maybe Mahal.

Our sport like all sports needs to give its stars due recognition. If we don't then we won't give the emerging enthusiasts in our industry the opportunity to fall in love with the sport and build an affinity with the greats of the time. My heroes were Jim Atkins and Tommy Smith with horses like Dalrello and Kingston Town having a huge impact on me. While I was very interested in racing during my childhood it wasn't until I was about 18 that I became passionate about the industry.

The industry also lost a great administrator with the sudden death of the Chairman of Tas Racing, Brian Speers sadly passing away last Wednesday. Brian had guided the industry in Tasmania

through some very challenging times and deserves a lot of credit for giving his fellow directors and the salaried staff of Tas Racing the leadership they needed and space required to get on with the difficult job at hand.

We thank both of these fine men for their contributions and I'm certain both will be given the recognition they deserve. May they both Rest in Peace.

THE WEEK AHEAD

I'm certain I wasn't on my own in farewelling winter on Monday. The coldest winter in Victoria in 26 years said it all. It has been a shocker and I hopefully we will see it starting to warm up. Not to be outdone Tasmania recorded its coldest in 50 years.

I went to the jump outs at Burrumbeet which is near Ballarat yesterday and it had reached -5 overnight. The Burrumbeet Track is a good asset for the Ballarat trainers. The training tracks at Ballarat are first class and I intend arranging a visit to Darren Weir's training complex in December to give our clients a chance to have a look at the facilities. They are exceptional.

We kick things off on Friday at Wyong where we may have Awasita and Rumeron running. Rumeron is also in at Newcastle on Saturday. On Sunday More Than A Rose and Maydena are down to run at the Sunshine Cast and Devonport.

Once again this week we had a few trial and some very promising efforts although with our horses we don't go out to win trials by a minute, no stakes money winning trials.

SPRING CARNIVAL

A couple of weeks ago I wrote in the dispatch that I felt the Sydney trained horses would make a big impact on the Victorian Carnival when they ventured south. This certainly was the case last Saturday with Boban and Bounding winning important races. In my opinion the three year olds look really strong in Sydney.

This Saturday's Randwick meeting is an absolute cracker and again I recommend you look closely at any Sydney trained horses heading south to Moonee Valley. They may well be dodging bullets in Sydney and while Sydney hasn't had the best of weather it has been far superior to the fare served up in Victoria in recent weeks.

Horses of interest running at Moonee Valley are Pasadena Girl (Closely related to Sitkamose), Scream Machine (1/2 to Naranja), Bring A Ring (Closely related to Terra Amata) and Contributor (Closely related to Annaman and Shining Brooke).

Good luck as you work your way through the carnival.

SHARES AVAILABLE



Smart Missile filly out of Pride Of Pine 2013

10% shares @ \$12,500 (5% @ \$6,250) - Kris Lees to train

The filly

This filly is a strong well balanced athlete that will continue to go forward as she commences breaking in at about the end of June. She has a great hindquarter and is without doubt the best credentialed filly I have ever offered for syndication.

She is a $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to the outstanding 3year old filly Lone Rock and winner of the Group 1 SAJC Goodwood Handicap.

The filly is also a $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to Pride Rock the VRC Riverside Handicap and Lucia Bella which was

trained by Kris Lees and displayed great ability before going amiss.

The filly has many upsides including:

- As the $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to a Group 1 winner she has residual value and if she were to gain black type would be an extremely valuable breeding proposition after she completed her racing career.
- She comes from a great female line that includes some of the best mares in the Australian Stud book, Procrastinate, Personify, Galapagos Girl.
- There are quite a number of well-bred fillies high up on the page that should continue to see the pedigree page continue to improve.

I have decided to pay her up for the rich Magic Millions series which will see only Magic Millions horses eligible to run for the \$10million on offer at the Magic Millions Premier Day at the Gold Coast each January from 2016.

Smart Missile

I was confident after starting to inspect the weanlings and then yearlings of Smart Missile that he would make it as a sire and he is my pick to be Leading First Season Sire in 2015/16 season.

He has almost every important characteristic I look for in a potential sire. In his case these are:

- He has a great pedigree coming from a strong female line that consistently produces black type horses that compete at the highest level.
- His dam is a $\frac{1}{2}$ brother to the outstanding young sire Northern Meteor who gave us a glimpse of his great ability as a sire in the three crops that have raced.
- He had explosive speed and was an exceptional two years old. This is very important in Australia.
- He is by Fastnet Rock and represents the most successful sire line ever seen in Australia with his grandsire being the great Danehill.
- Importantly for a son of Fastnet Rock he isn't too big. In fact he isn't unlike Australia's current leading first season sire Hinchinbrook, also by Fastnet Rock in this regard.
- He was selected to stand at Arrowfield Stud by John Messara. Studs always don't get it right when standing sires but Arrowfield under Messara's stewardship haven't made too many mistakes when standing a new horse.
- Smart Missile is Australian bred and competed at the highest level in this country in our harsh conditions. I can never understate how important this is. If you want to confirm just how important this characteristic is have a look at the leading sire's tables.

Pride Of Pine

There isn't much more to write about Pride Of Pine. She was a fast race mare that has done a great job at stud throwing three winners from four to race including the Group 1 winner LONE ROCK.

Pride of Pine is by Lion Cavern who is quite a good broodmare sire internationally but not well represented in Australia. His two Australian Stakes horses are by Danehill line sires which may well be the key to his success. He also has a very good horse by Exceed and Excel named Flashman's Papers which won 17 races two at stakes level.

ARROWFIELD'S TAKE ON SMART MISSILE

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Owned by Arrowfield Stud (USA); by Gentle Bird (USA), May 2000.



Overview

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By Fastnet Rock from a half-sister to promising young sire Northern Meteor, it is no surprise Smart Missile is considered a most exciting prospect.

Superstar Colt of his Generation

Smart Missile, the brightest star of his generation, began his stud career in 2012 at Arrowfield Stud with outstanding support from Australian breeders.

The brilliant son of leading sire Fastnet Rock was unbeaten at two, defeated all his closest rivals at Group 2, Group 3 and Listed level, and was Group 1-placed at three in a six-start, 12-month career.

Smart Missile first caught the public eye with a sparkling trial win in September 2010, then came out on debut to win the AJC Breeders' Plate 1000m LR by a decisive 1.5 lengths, despite being slowly away and racing very greenly in the straight. Runners behind him included subsequent ATC Hobartville S. G2 winner Wild and Proud and G1 performers Darci Be Good and Induna.

Industry Quotes

- ◆ "In our view, he was clearly the best two-year-old of a stellar generation, with the best of him not seen at three. Smart Missile made the impossible look easy, and in our view it's that X factor which separates the exceptional from the merely outstanding."
- John Messara

Account of **AMARINA FARM, Denman, NSW.**
(As Agent for Pine Lodge Thoroughbreds)



Lot 1691 (100% GST) **BAY FILLY** **Stable E 14**

Foaled 13th October 2013

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Sire	Fastnet Rock	Danehill	Danzig
SMART MISSILE		Piccadilly Circus	Royal Academy
2008	Comical Smile	Comic Strip	Red Ransom
		Explosive	Fappiano
Dam	Lion Cavern	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
PRIDE OF PINE		Secrettame	Secretariat
2002	Storm at Night	Night Shift	Northern Dancer
		Reigntaine	Century

SMART MISSILE (AUS) (Bay 2008-Stud 2012). 3 wins-2 at 2-at 1000m, 1200m, A\$541,150, ATC Todman S., Gr.2, Run to the Rose H., Gr.3, AJC Breeders' P, L, 2d ATC Golden Rose S., Gr.1. Half-brother to SW Kiss From a Rose (ATC Triscay S., L). Out of a half-sister to SW Northern Meteor (VRC Coolmore Stud S., Gr.1), SW Queen of the Hill (MRC How Now S., Gr.3), SW Rabbuka and SP Justlikedawg. His oldest progeny are yearlings.

1st dam

PRIDE OF PINE, by Lion Cavern. **2 wins** at 1000m. Half-sister to **Calm Before**. This is her fifth foal. Dam of four foals to race, **three winners**-**LONE ROCK** (f. by Fastnet Rock). Joint Top Filly of 2010-11 Australasian 3YO Classification (Sprint). **4 wins**-1 at 2-at 1000m, 1200m, \$597,178, SAJC Goodwood H., **Gr.1**, VRC Bobbie Lewis H., **Gr.3**, MVRC Champagne S., **Gr.3**, MRC Bramerton 2YO P, 2d SAJC Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic, MVRC Friends of Epworth H., 3d MRC How Now S., **Gr.3**, MVRC Red Anchor S., **Gr.3**, MRC Geoff Murphy H., 4th MVRC William Reid S., **Gr.1**, SAJC Robert Sangster S., **Gr.1**.
Pride Rock (f. by Fastnet Rock). **2 wins** at 1100m, 1200m in 2014-15, VRC Riverside H., 3d MRC MiStable H.
Lucia Bella (f. by Fastnet Rock). **Winner** at 1200m.
Sequential Miss (f. by Dubai Destination). Placed at 3.

2nd dam

STORM AT NIGHT, by Night Shift. Unraced. Half-sister to **GALAPAGOS GIRL, PROCRASTINATE** (dam of **LAISSERFAIRE, A TIME FOR JULIA, FOREPLAY PERSONIFY, TIME THIEF, KAMPAIGN**, Watercolours (dam of **BLAKE**). Dam of 7 foals, 6 to race, **3 winners**, inc:-
Calm Before (More Than Ready). **3 wins** at 1000m, 1200m, BRC Lyndhurst Stud H.-twice, QTC Mercedes-Benz A-Class H., 2d BRC Poolrite Equipment H., 3d QTC Sir Douglas Wadley S., **L**.

3rd dam

REIGNTAINE, by Century. Unraced. Sister to **CENTAINE**. Dam of 13 foals, 10 to race, **9 winners**, inc:-
PROCRASTINATE (Jade Hunter). **6 wins** to 1400m, \$141,475, VATC Tristarc S., **Gr.3**, 2d VATC Mannerism S., **Gr.3**, AJC Tarien H., **L**. Dam of-
LAISSERFAIRE (Danehill). **12 wins**-2 at 2, Newmarket TC Computaform Sprint S., **Gr.1**, Scottsville South African Fillies Sprint S., **Gr.1**-twice.
A TIME FOR JULIA (Redoute's Choice). **4 wins** at 1200m, 1400m, to 2013-14. ATC Wenona Girl H., **Gr.3**, MRC Geoffrey Bellmaine S., **Gr.3**.
TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice). **2 wins** at 1000m, 1200m, \$369,738, MRC Zeditave S., **L**, 2d MRC Caulfield Guineas, **Gr.1**. Sire.
FOREPLAY (Danehill). **2 wins** at 1000m, 1100m, MRC JRA Doveton S., **L**, 2d VRC Kensington S., **L**, 3d VRC Newmarket H., **Gr.1**. Sire.
PERSONIFY (Galileo). **Winner** at 2 at 1100m, SAJC Queen Adelaide S., **L**. Trepina. **Winner** at 1300m, 2d Waikato RC Ideal Electrical H. Dam of-
CENTENNIAL PARK (Thorn Park). **8 wins**-1 at 2-to 1400m, STC Expressway S., **Gr.2**, VRC AAMI Business Insurance S., **Gr.3**.
BALLACK (Montjeu). **5 wins**. BTC Chairman's H., **Gr.3**.
GALAPAGOS GIRL (Dehere). **4 wins** to 1400m, VRC Frances Tressady S., **Gr.3**.