



# PRIME DISPATCH

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## One of my favourite photos

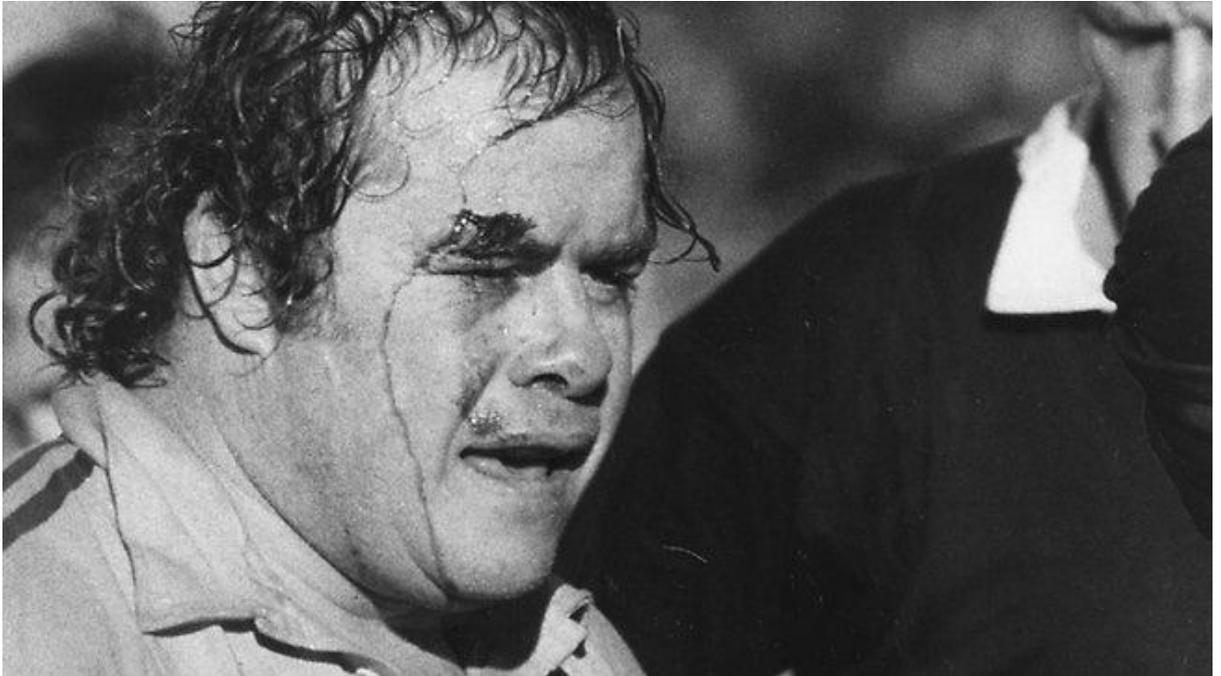
### Atalanta Miss as a foal – she is set to resume on 19 December at Flemington

I really enjoyed getting around the seeing our horses in South East Queensland on Monday and Tuesday. They are a nice group of horses with the current star of our Queensland team being Annaman. We have some nice youngsters in the state going through our system.

We are so lucky to have our horses spelling and pre-training at Washpool Lodge near Aratula. The team at Washpool Lodge headed up by Kevin Thomas is simply outstanding with Kevin being in a class of his own when it comes to dealing with horses. I have had horses at the farm since 1998 and in that time I have never had an issue with a horse spelling there which says a lot for the high quality of care and high level of professionalism offered by the whole operation.

On the way back to the Gold Coast Airport I decided to stop off at a coffee shop in Canungra. I was posted to the Land Warfare Centre at Canungra from 1987 until the end of 1990 and have great memories of my time there. While I was at the coffee shop I had one of the funniest things that has ever happened to me occur.

A lady who works in the kitchen came out with a serviette and asked me to autograph it for her. She had two of the kitchen hands with her. I was a bit stunned but when she said 'you are Buddah Handy aren't you'. Considering I have lost about 15kg I was a bit taken back but I suppose to be mistaken as being a former Wallaby isn't that bad, particularly as he is a Queenslander!!!



**Chris 'Buddah' Handy!!!!**

**The poor lady needs a new set of spectacles!!!!**

### **NATIONAL JOCKEY'S TRUST**

Recently I was lucky enough to be able to play in the National Jockeys Trust golf day at Yarra Yarra Golf Club in Melbourne. One of my team mates for the day was David Taggart who was badly injured in a race fall at Stoney Creek about eight years ago. David wasn't a 'headline' jockey but had worked hard and made a nice living as a professional rider. His biggest thrill was riding Hollow Bullet to win the VRC Oaks.

Since his fall in which he badly broke both ankles David has had several operations with his ankles being permanently fused. My heart went out to him as he described the struggles he has had since his accident which ended his career. David is typical of many jockeys who are forced to stop riding due to injury or weight problems. These men and women often leave school early to take up a position in a stable where they hope to be apprenticed and in David's case go on to be a jockey.

Once their career is taken from them many struggle to find a niche and lack the education required to move into a worthwhile alternative career path. In David's case the injuries he has made it difficult for him to get around. He is a cheerful little fellow and I wish him well. The National Jockey's Trust

raises money to help ex-riders like David move forward in their lives but for many they face a difficult journey.

In 1976 I had an interest in a mare named Young Ruby. I had a lot of fun with her and she was good to me winning three of the five races she contested while I was connected with her. Sadly at her 5<sup>th</sup> start for us she had a collision with another horse turning into the straight at Gatton. She lost her balance and careered through the outside rail with her rider Michael Lucas being very badly injured. I was only 20 at the time and visited Michael in hospital where he was in a poor state. He never really got over the injuries he received on that day and I lost contact with him when I moved from Toowoomba in 1977.

I intend getting involved with the National jockey's trust and help raise funds for them. The jockeys and riders who get on our horses each day risk their lives for us so we can enjoy our involvement in the racing industry. When the National jockey's trust has functions on that I feel we should support I will advertise them through this medium and I'm sure we can provide some help for this worthwhile cause.

### **WORDSMITH**

A few weeks ago I highlighted the great results the progeny of Wordsmith were achieving in Tasmania. I have a big wrap on the stallion and I am pleased to write the amazing results his progeny have been getting seem to be getting better. Last Sunday he won four of the races on the card and had several placed horses as well.

There are several yearlings by Wordsmith entered for the Tasmanian Magic Millions Yearling sale to be held in Launceston in February. They make the sale a must attend.

I was pleased to see the Paul and Elizabeth Geard who own Wordsmith are considering sending the outstanding two years old Gee Gee Double Dee to the mainland to have a couple of starts. I hope they do as I'm certain the filly will raise a few eyebrows when the public see her.

The Geard's are great supporters of Tasmanian racing and raced the best horse I have seen in the state in Geegees Blackflash. He was a super horse and I'm sure had he raced on the mainland could well have won at Group 1 level, and a serious Group 1 at that.

I always used to smile when I visited the home of my great friend Freddy Forstner. Fred had an interest in a filly named The Hornet and proudly displayed a winning photo of her beating Geegees Blackflash!!! Racing can be a funny old game at times.

Interesting to note the Wordsmith had another double last night in Launceston.

## **ON THE TRACK**

The performance Annaman put in to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at Doomben on Saturday was exceptional. A horse broke down in front of him coming to the turn and he copped most of the interference and was lucky to stay on his feet. He is ok and will head back to Doomben on Saturday week.

This Saturday we are likely to have two runners at Randwick with Awasita resuming and Makeadane stepping out to his preferred distance. These two horses will start a run of metropolitan runners which may include Raido and Naranja at Canterbury on 11 December, Savoureux at Randwick and Annaman at Doomben on 12 December and then Husson Eagle and Atalanta Miss at Flemington on 19 December. As well as these high profile runners we have several other horses heading to the provincials. We have plenty happening.

I am firmly focused on Magic Millions Day with us hopefully having a few runners. Fingers crossed but we are still five weeks away.

## **TRACK BIAS OF A SORT**

I hope the powers to be at Australian Cricket wake up and start to produce test match wickets that give both the bowlers and batsmen the chance to show their talents. The 'roads' that were prepared in Brisbane and Perth did nothing to promote Test cricket. We need wickets with some grass on them to give our batsmen the opportunity to bat under conditions where the ball moves around. Otherwise the debacle we saw on the Ashes Tour where the ball seamed will be repeated all too often.

While on cricket I must say the job Steve Smith is doing with a young side is refreshing. He is an excellent player and has a good cricket brain. I hope the selectors don't use the revolving door policy and give the young players time to find their feet at test level. We did a good job against the Kiwis. They are a good side. In hindsight perhaps we were lucky the tracks were so flat in Brisbane and Perth!!!

I watched Ricky Ponting hit a few golf balls the other day and he is a remarkable athlete. He hit the ball out of sight.

## **MAGIC MILLIONS RACEDAY**

It will be too late to call me on the week of Magic Millions hoping to get a ticket. They will be like finding hen's teeth. If you are planning to head up for the Magic Millions and want to enjoy the day get in touch with the Gold Coast Turf Club and book your tickets or lunch packages. Check out the link:

<http://www.gctc.com.au/event/2016-jeep-magic-millions/january-2016/406>



**I Am Invincible filly out of Belle Amici 2014**

**Darren Weir to train in Victoria**

**10 shares @ \$10,500**

The filly pictured above is a terrific filly by the outstanding young sire I Am Invincible from the well related Catbird mare Belle Amici. I have inspected her four times at Yarraman Park since May and was keen to purchase her. She is a very good type of filly with a good hindquarter, great conformation and a attractive head.

She vetted out without any issues and was reared at Yarraman Park one of Australia's most well respected boutique nurseries.

The filly is an October foal and will be broken in in February/ March of 2016 with a view to giving her every chance to run as a two year old. **She comes from a very precocious family with Belle Amici's ½ brother Restless winning as a two year old and being stakes placed as well.** He was placed in six of his seven starts as a two year old and went on to win 10 races including four at Group

or stakes level and \$578,305 in stakes money.

The first three dams have had 17 to race with 15 individual winners which is exceptional. To me this looks Belle Amici's best mating.

### **I Am Invincible**

I Am Invincible was Australia's Leading First season Sire in 2013/14 Season by both stakes money and individual winners. In fact in his first season he gapped the opposition with as many winners as the next three sires on the list. In his second season he continued the good work finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to Medaglia d'Oro for the stakes earnings. Medaglia d'Oro figures were somewhat distorted with him having the Golden Slipper winner which accounted for over half his stakes earnings. Once again I Am Invincible had the most individual winners in this year.

55.1% of I Am Invincible's runners won during the season with him being the only sire in the top 10 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> season list standing in Australia to break the half century. At the completion of the 2014/15 Season he was 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fastnet Rock and Street Cry on the National 3 Year Old List with both these sires having far stronger books of mares than I Am Invincible.

I Am Invincible's duel Group 1 winning son Brazen Beau has been purchased by Darley and is standing this season at a service fee of \$44,000. He was also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Group 1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot.

I Am invincible had his service fee raised to \$55,000 this breeding season and was fully booked out in a matter of days and Yarraman Park are already taking bookings for next season.

### **Belle Amici**

As I wrote earlier Belle Amici is well related and by the Golden Slipper winner Catbird. Catbird was a very well bred horse with a particularly strong female line. Catbird's stud career was cut short but he did a good job at stud and he is proving to be a very capable broodmare sire with the horses of the Group and Stakes of the calibre of **Hawkspur, Catkins, Mystic Prince, Lady Royale, Atacama, Real Charm, Pinch River, Silversands and Entisaar** coming from his daughters.

**Belle Amici is out of the outstanding race mare Let's Hurry the winner of 8 races including three at Group 2 level and one at Group 3 level. She was also placed twice at Group 1 level and was 4<sup>th</sup> in the VRC Oaks and SAJC Goodwood Handicap. All seven of her foals to race were winners.**

One of the strong characteristics of I Am Invincible is that he crosses well with almost any sire line and he has in most cases upgraded the performance of the mares he has served. **In fact there is no particular sire line that stands out with his 15 stakes performers to date being represented by 14 different broodmare sires.**

It should be remembered he stood for only **\$11,000** in his first season and while he was a standout as a type didn't get the 'A' grade mares many of the other first season sires received. This has now changed and I am expecting his progeny which pass the vet to be out of our reach in next year's yearling sales.

I am thrilled to have this filly join our team and look forward to her wearing our colours.

**BAY FILLY**  
**Foaled 14th October, 2014**

Sire: <b>I AM INVINCIBLE</b> 2004	Invincible Spirit .....	Green Desert .....	<b>Danzig</b> Foreign Courier Kris Eljazzi Blethingly Jesmond Lass Zoffany Sister Pedrille
		Rafha .....	<b>Danzig</b> Razyana Marscay Corn
	Cannarelle .....	Canny Lad .....	Vice Regal Vite Fillette Grey Ghost Lady Hurry (23-a)
		Countess Pedrille .....	
Dam: <b>BELLE AMICI</b> 2002	Catbird .....	Danehill .....	
		Fitting .....	
	Let's Hurry .....	Vite Cheval .....	
		Nigretta Miss .....	

By **I AM INVINCIBLE (AUS)** (B. 2004 - Stud 2010) Stakes-winner; won 5 races and \$270,050 inc. SAJC D.C. McKay S. [G3], MRC Sir John Monash S. [L]; **sire of 9 SWs (1 G1)** Brazen Beau, Look to the Stars, Massive Millennium, Super One, Fuld's Bet, Illustrious Lad, The Justice League, Leeds, Bassillique and **SP** Tetsuko, Silent Whisper, Mine Two, Convincible, Band on the Run, Miss Antaeus, Uratta Belle; also winners Hellbent, I Am the General, Most Important, Comprendre, Invincible Jules, Invincible Man, Abu Dhabi, Lexgetreddy, etc.

**1st DAM**

**BELLE AMICI**, by Catbird. **1 win** at 1400 m. in Australia. Half-sister to **RESTLESS**. Dam of 5 living foals. Her fourth foal is a 2 YO, 2 raced, both winners-

*ALIEN* (2008 g by Elusive Quality (USA)). **5 wins** at 1200, 1300 m. and \$112,296. in Malaysia.

*CAMARADA* (2010 g by Bernardini (USA)). **2 wins** at 1200 m. in Australia.

**2nd DAM**

**LET'S HURRY**, by Vite Cheval (NZ). **8 wins** at 1200, 1400 m. and \$485,710. Won AJC Expressway S. [G2], AJC Surround S. [G2], QTC Sir Byrne Hart S. [G2], VRC Great Western S. [G3]. 2nd VATC Vic-Health Cup [G1], STC Winfield Classic [G1], QTC Sir Byrne Hart S. [G2], AJC T.L. Baillieu H. [L]. 3rd Tattersalls Club (nsw) Tramway H. [G3], VATC Tristarc S. [L]. 4th VRC VRC Oaks [G1], AJC Champagne S. [G1], SAJC Goodwood H. [G1], VRC Edward Manifold S. [G2], STC Tea Rose S. [G2]. Half-sister to **Girl's Best Friend**. Dam of 9 named foals, 7 raced, all winners inc.-.

**RESTLESS** (g by Thunder Gulch (USA)). **10 wins** 1200 to 2020 m. and \$578,305. Won BTC Carnival Cup [G3], AJC Japan Racing Association Plate [L], STC Sky High Quality S. [L], STC Parramatta Quality Cup [L]. 2nd AJC Craven Plate [G3], BTC Labour Day Cup [G3], AJC Australia Day Cup [L], AJC Carbine Club S. [L]. 3rd Gold Coast TC Prime Minister's Cup [G2], STC N.E. Manion Quality Cup [G3], AJC T.L. Baillieu H. [L], STC Frank Underwood Quality Cup [L]. 4th BTC Chairman's H. [G3].

**WIZAWAY**. **5 wins** 1300 to 2200 m. Won WATC racingjobs.com.au H., WATC Call Tab to Bet 132 369 H. 3rd WATC Racing Radio 1206Am Handicap.

**SUPERIOR ECHO**. **2 wins** at 1400, 1630 m. Won BTC Play Station Three-Years-Old Class 3 H.

### 3rd DAM

NIGRETTA MISS, by Grey Ghost (GB). **6 wins** at 1000, 1100 m. in Australia. Dam of 10 foals, 8 raced, 6 winners inc.-.

**LET'S HURRY** (f by Vite Cheval (NZ)). **8 wins**. See above.

**Girl's Best Friend** (c by Diamond Joe (GB)). **4 wins** 1200 to 2020 m. Won VATC H R Way Welter H., VRC Trivalve H., MVRC Happy Valley H. 3rd VATC Wallace S. [L], VATC Dandenong H.

**EXPORETTA**. **4 wins** 1200 to 1614 m. Won MVRC Coca Cola H., VRC Show Ego H. Producer.

**ACADEMY LASS**. **2 wins** at 1200, 1400 m. Won VATC The Park S., VATC Sturt H. 2nd VATC Sapphire H., VRC Rainbird H. 3rd VATC Grange H., VRC Pago Pago Plate. Dam of 6 winners inc.---

**ANOTHER WOMBY**. **3 wins** at 1118, 1200 m. and \$79,310. Won MVRC MVRC Plate. 2nd MRC Hickmans of Melbourne H. 3rd MRC Din San Nurseries H. Producer.

Helimar. Unraced. Dam of---

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**Blazing Arch** (g by Archway (IRE)). **7 wins** 1600 to 2100 m. and \$108,195. Won STC Special Conditions H., STC Truscott's Toyota Superfecta, STC Special Conditions H. 3rd STC W.J. McKell Quality Cup [L], STC Class 6 Cup, STC On Course Tours Superfecta, STC Clipsal H.



**2yo filly Husson Boots as a yearling**

**A strong winner of a jump out at Doomben recently**