



PRIME DISPATCH

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Munjai became our 12th three year old winner when she sored on debut at Scone on Monday

I always get a thrill when the progeny of one of our mares wins a race. This was certainly the case on Monday when Munjai scored an impressive win on debut at Scone in a strong maiden.

Munjai is out of the Tasmanian Oaks winner Maha Chakri who has already thrown Group 2 winner Whittington. Maha Chakri was a stunning yearling by Beautiful Crown and had a stack of ability. I purchased her at the Inglis Classic Sale in 2005 and she was an important member of an outstanding crop of yearlings I purchased that year. To my eye Munjai was one of the standout fillies of the 2015 Magic Millions and it probably shouldn't be any surprise she has taken until now to get to the races. She is by the Tale Of The Cat horse Trusting who stood at Patinack Farm.

This is another link to Patinack which has been so good to us and hopefully Munjai can go on with the job. It is amazing how often horses that win on debut go on with it.

Munjai is herself part of a crop of yearlings I purchased in 2015 that is doing a good job for us with her being our 12th three year old winner. I'm confident this number will improve in the coming weeks with the likes of Chastity Strikes, Quirion and Not Surprising in work.

AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB

The staff at the Australian Turf Club is to be commended with the effort they put in to make sure everyone felt welcome at Randwick on Saturday. Julie Harris and Ashley MacGregor in particular went out of their way to help our clients. Racing in NSW is certainly benefitting from having the one Metropolitan Club in Sydney with four racecourses under its control. The relationship between the ATC and Racing NSW is very strong and I can only see the sport in Sydney booming.

I would love to see Melbourne having the one club. The cost of being a full member of the ATC is \$574. The combined cost of being a member of the VRC, MRC and Moonee Valley Racing Club is turning a lot of people away from the sport. It is simply too expensive. Also Racing Victoria Limited would be able to work with one club much more effectively than the current situation where the three metropolitan clubs seem to be going in different directions.

INGLIS EASTER SALE

The Inglis Easter Yearling Sale was always going to be a very strong sale but to have an average on the first day of \$347,000 was much higher than I had expected. It simply points to just how strong the industry in Australia is at present. Also the international interest in our breeding industry has never been better.

I write it every year but the yearlings I have purchased look great value when you look at the prices being paid in Sydney. In particular I wish I was selling the Sebring filly I purchased at the Gold Coast Magic Millions in this sale. I'm tipping I would have made a nice profit.. It is always interesting to see who is buying and where the yearlings finish up.

Good luck to both the vendors and buyers for the rest of the sale. If you haven't been to the Newmarket Complex I recommend you get out there as this is the final sale at the famous site. A little bit sad.

NICE PEDIGREE UPDATE

When Debellatio ran third in the Group 2 Karrakatta Plate at Ascot on Saturday it meant a lot to the owners of Strike For Victory, Honolulu Lass and the Smart Missile filly I am syndicating out of Devoirs.

Debellatio is out of Velasco, the dam of Honolulu Lass. Debellatio is also a ½ brother to Reve de Victoire and Devoirs, the dams of Strike For Victory and our Smart Missile filly.

This is a great running family with some terrific fillies at the top of the page that will be properly bred which augurs well for the future of the family.

It pays to understand how a mare and her close relatives are being bred because it makes a huge difference going forward. Look at these matings. Velasco is in foal to Hinchinbrook. Devoirs is in foal to I Am Invincible. Reve de Victoire is in foal to So You Think.



Smart Missile / Devoirs filly

BAY FILLY
Foaled 13th August, 2015

Sire: Smart Missile 2008	Fastnet Rock	Danehill	Danzig	7-a
			Razyana	2-d
	Comical Smile	Piccadilly Circus	Royal Academy	8-c
			Gatana	2-f
		Comic Strip	Red Ransom	6-b
Dam: Devoirs 2006	Dehere	Explosive	Now That's Funny	9>
			Fappiano	16-a
	Velasco	Deputy Minister	Scuff	5-h
			Vice Regent	10-c
		Sister Dot	Mint Copy	10-a
	Flying Spur	Secretariat	2-s	
	Vital Curves	Sword Game	2-o	
		Danehill	2-d	
		Rolls	4-g	
		McGinty	12-c	
		Career Girl	8-j	

By **SMART MISSILE (AUS)** (B. 2008 - Stud 2012) Stakes-winner; won 3 races and \$541,150 inc. ATC Todman Slipper Trial [G2], ATC Run to the Roses S. [G3]; **sire of SW Sassy 'n' Smart** and **SP Debellatio**, Smart Manoeuvre, Smart Amelia, Rocketeer, Stephenstihls, Jericho, Mediterranean, Hair Trigger, Fromparis Withlove; also winners Royal Missile, Ahndras, Exocet, Cadogan, Sam's Love, Arleigh, Acceptile, Madluce Missile, No Say in It, Thaad, The Wasp, Gadfly, Missile Boom, Blinkin Fast, etc. His oldest progeny are 3YOs.

1st DAM

DEVOIRS, by Dehere (USA). **1 win** at 1600 m. Won BRC Princess S. [L]. 2nd MVRC Alexandra S. [L], AJC Rosebrook H. 3rd STC I Am Invincible at Yarraman Park Stud Plate. Half-sister to **Debellatio**. Dam of 3 foals, 2 raced, 1 winner-

EDGE AWAY (2012 f by Hinchinbrook). **3 wins** 900 to 1100 m. and \$84,660. Won ATC Cellarbrations Plate. 2nd ATC Mossman @ Vinery Plate, ATC Pro-Ride Handicap. 3rd ATC Cal Rei Handicap.

2nd DAM

VELASCO, by Flying Spur. **1 win** at 1200 m. at 2. Won Matamata RC Matamata Breeders' S. [G2]. 3rd AuRC Ellerslie Sires' Produce S. [G1], AuRC Great Northern Guineas Trial [L], Avondale JC Poison Ivy H. 4th Waikato RC Fairview Ford S. [L]. Half-sister to **Bond**. Dam of 7 named foals, 4 raced, all winners-

DEVOIRS (f by Dehere (USA)). **Winner**. See above.

Debellatio (c by Smart Missile). **1 win** at 1200 m. Won WATC Get the Tabtouch Handicap. 3rd WATC Karrakatta Plate [G2], WATC Get the Tabtouch Plate.

ENJOY THE GAME. **2 wins** at 1650, 1800 m. and \$219,976. Won Happy Valley High Island H., Happy Valley Inverness H. 2nd Happy Valley Ng Fong H, Happy Valley Heung Yip H. 3rd Sha Tin Tong Fuk H., Sha Tin Wo Che H., Sha Tin Citigold Private Client H.

REVE DE VICTOIRE. **2 wins** at 1340, 1400 m. Won WRC The Huhtamaki Longest Drink in Town Maiden. 2nd WRC KPR Catering 2 YO H. Producer. **Strike For Victory**.

ON THE TRACK

Once again the weather will have a big bearing on our runners for the next few days. Savoureux is set to run at Randwick on Saturday in the Group 2 Sapphire Stakes. Fingers crossed we get no more rain. It is best to keep an eye on the website for our other runners. I'll update each morning.

We will have plenty of action with a large number of horses having either jumped out or competed in barrier trials over the past week and we have quite a few more to trial in the coming two weeks.

HUSSON - ZANY LADY FILLY



Husson filly out of Zany Lady 2015 - Dan Morton to train
10% shares \$8,500 – 5% shares \$4,250

This filly really caught my eye at the Perth Magic Millions Yearling Sale. She is a very strong well balanced filly with a powerful shoulder and great hindquarter. I have had terrific success with the progeny of Husson having raced eight with six individual winners already. These include Husson Eagle, the outstanding sprinter and winner of the 2016 \$1 million Magic Millions Sprint on the Gold Coast on Magic Millions \$10,000,000 day.

This filly reminds me a lot of a couple of good Zeditave mares I raced in Calming and Zelady. She has a real presence about her and I was thrilled to pick her up for about half what I was prepared at pay.

Husson is a great Sire and the job he has done in Australia has been remarkable given the start he received here standing at Patinack Farm.

I could go on forever about his accomplishments but as Hussonet's best son at stud he was always going to a great chance at stud.

Since the start of the New Year he has continued to get great results including Private Secretary's outstanding win in the \$1 million Magic Millions Mares Race at the Gold Coast in January and his two year old daughter Frolic won the recent \$250,000 Inglis Classic race at Randwick.

Other current gallopers by him doing the job are Lucky Hussler and of course our very good sprinters Husson Eagle and Raido.

Zany Lady is a very good brood mare by a great sire in Zeditave. She has had five to race for four winners and comes from a very good winning family. Zeditave has had 37 stakes winners as a brood mare sire including the Group 1 winner and Sire Reset.

It is hard to go past winning families and in this case the filly was reared at Oaklands Park Stud, one of WA's very best and the nursery that produced the outstanding gallopers Northerly, Marasco, North Boy and So Secret.



Unchain My Heart winning the Andrew Ramsden Stakes
10 wins \$595,580 in stakes earnings

I purchased Unchain My Heart out of Al Maher's first crop of yearlings and she was a terrific mare for her owners. Not many horses win 10 races and in excess of \$500,000 in stakes money. The Al Maher/Miss Cutie filly reminds me a lot of Unchain My Heart and has the right type of pedigree to do the job.

Phillip Stokes who I regard highly as a judge of a yearling was the under bidder on the filly and spoke with me about her on Sunday.

AL MAHER MISS CUTIE FILLY



Al Maher filly out of Miss Cutie 2015
\$8,500 per 10% share (5% shares \$4250)
John Thompson to train at Royal Randwick

For a few years I have been on the lookout for a nice Al Maher filly and at last I found the one I was after. This filly is a beautiful walking filly and in many ways reminds me of the better Street Cry fillies I have inspected. She has good size and is well proportioned. She has an attractive head and is strong through the shoulder and hindquarter.

The one characteristic I really liked about this filly was her attitude. While she had a strong personality she was easy to handle and I observed her being inspected on several occasions to make sure she had a good attitude. In my experience the progeny of Al Maher can be a bit 'hot'.

I was keen on the progeny of Al Maher from day one and purchased two fillies out of his first crop. One of these was Unchain My Heart. She was a wonderful staying mare and won the Andrew Ramsden Stakes twice and also the Bagot Handicap.

Like this filly Unchain My Heart came from a stout female line and wasn't unlike this filly as a type. Al Maher has been a really good sire with his progeny producing better than 10% stakes winners to winners. Only the best sires achieve this figure.

His 32 stakes winners include some outstanding females including Delicacy, Majestic Music, Speedy Natalie and of course Unchain My Heart.

Miss Cutie is by the Champion sire Street Cry and was a metropolitan winner and placed in Sydney as a two year old. This is only her second foal with the first being placed recently at Sandown.

Miss Cutie comes from a very good female line that includes the high class Group 1 performers Defier and Traveston Girl. I also like the line of dams with Street Cry, Grand Lodge, Marscay and Salieri the dam sires of the first four dams.

The 2nd dam is a half-sister to Defier who was a wonderful galloper winning three times at Group 1 level and in excess of \$2.9 million.

All in all Miss Cutie presents as quite a complete package.

SMART MISSILE DEVOIRS FILLY



Smart Missile / Devoirs filly – Darren Weir

10% shares \$14,900 5% shares \$7,450

If there was one yearling I was always going to purchase at this sale it was this one. I know the family very well and have two fillies closely related to this impressive Smart Missile filly. The first is Strike For Victory who like this filly is by Smart Missile Australia's Champion First Season Sire of 2015/16 season. Strike For Victory is probably the fastest two year old I have ever had. She has amazing talent but her attitude has let her down although this is improving.

The second filly I have from the family is Honolulu Lass out of Devoirs dam Velasco. Patrick Payne trains her and has a big opinion of her. She should race in the next six weeks. **A Smart Missile colt out of Velasco named Debellatio was an impressive winner WA recently and looks to have plenty of talent and is being aimed towards the Group 2 Karrakatta Plate.**

Devoirs was a good racehorse and Stakes winner. I was offered her first foal Edge Away as a weanling but felt she was too small. She is a Sydney Metropolitan winner.

This filly was reared at Yarraman Park whose reputation for rearing tough horses with good bone and a strong constitution has soared in recent years. I've written many times that it is more important where a foal is raised than who its parents are. This is certainly the case with Yarraman Park.

Progeny reared at Yarraman Park did a remarkable job during the recent Magic Millions Gold Coast Carnival where the highlight was the win by the Yarraman reared Houtzen. Other horses from the farm to perform well on the day were I Am Zelady which was 2nd in the \$1 million Mares Race and Madeenaty 3rd in the Two Year Old race as well.

I have been a strong supporter of Smart Missile since I first inspected his yearlings and have three very nice three year old fillies by him that have raced with The Wasp and Strike For Victory being very impressive winners and Chastity Strikes being placed before needing a spell after contracting a virus. He was Champion first Season Sire in his year in Australia and s leading Second Season Sire as I write this.

I am thrilled to have this filly in our team and should thrive under Darren Weir's training. The filly will be paid up for the rich Magic Millions Series and looks a real runner to me.

Note: This filly's ¾ brother Debellatio ran 2nd in the Karrakatta Plate on Saturday at Ascot.



Sizzling /Dedication colt – Tony Gollan

10% shares \$8,500 5% shares \$4,250

This is a cracking colt and he certainly attracted my attention at the sales where he was one of only two colts I had vetted. He is well grown and a very athletic. He has a wonderful attitude and is a nice walking horse.

I love his pedigree and more than that I was instantly attracted to him when I inspected him. If you don't like a horse when you first inspect it you should never buy it.

In my opinion this colt was as good an individual as I inspected in the sale.

I really liked what I saw in a number of the progeny of Sizzling at this year's sales. To me it is a no brainer that he will be a success at stud. He was a terrific racehorse and precocious two year old from the most dominant sire line in Australia for the past 20 years out of a 'black type' mare by one of the greatest sprinters of the modern generation in General Nediym.

Sizzling's pedigree page is very strong with a host of very good horses down the page. In fact it couldn't be any stronger with both the 2nd and 3rd dams being superior producers.

I love the General Nediym (1st dam), Alzao stakes winner (2nd Dam) and Without Fear stakes producer (3rd dam) down the page. Eastate Label, the 3rd dam was a very high class producer also throwing the outstanding two year old filly Loving Cup.

I must say I had a bit to do with both sides of this pedigree with Sizzling's sire Snitzel being out of Snippet's Lass. Both General Nediym and Snippet's Lass were trained by Bill Mitchell when I was his Racing Manager. They were both high class racehorses with Snippet's Lass being one of the toughest mares I have had anything to do with.

Dedication is a young well related mare by a sire that has had a great impact in Australia through his daughters at stud and provides a perfect outcross to the many Danehill line sires we have standing in Australia. A close look at this female line displays plenty to be enthusiastic about.

Firstly, Singspiel has crossed beautifully with the sons of Danehill with the high class Australian Group 1 winners Helmet and Epaulette being amongst the thirty two Group winners his daughters have thrown.

Secondly, there are several examples of Danehill working in this pedigree headed by Alverta, the Group 1 winning daughter of Flying Spur, Group 3 winner Aerobics and stakes performers Violet Lane and star Mystic.