



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**SAVOUREUX coming back after her brave win at Rosehill**

**She is a cracking filly – how good?**

## **THE WEEK THAT WAS**

What a week for the Royal Blue White Star and Red Cap. I was thrilled when Savoureux won at Rosehill on Saturday beating a high class field of three years olds. She is very talented and one of the very best horses I have syndicated.

On Monday, I was certain we had a good thing at Cessnock with Naranja set to run. Initially, from the wide gate our inclination was to scratch him but with the arrival of the rain the whole makeup of the race changed and he was the horse to beat. Alas the meeting was washed out so we headed to Hawkesbury on Tuesday against a strong group of juveniles that included a \$725,000 Snitzel colt which grabbed us on the line. Naranja is still improving and maturing.

As was the case with last week's winner Maraska, these horses were purchased from Edinglassie Stud in the Hunter Valley. Over the years we have purchased a small number of horses from Edinglassie with Shine on Anna and Eramor also graduates from this fine nursery.

On Wednesday Stimuli who had been so unlucky in his first two starts being beaten in class record time at Taree and Scone made amends beating a smart field at Warwick Farm. He is a very progressive horse and became the 11<sup>th</sup> individual winner from 13 three year olds we have on our books.

This is a wonderful statistic and when you combine our four year olds we have 24 individual winners from 27 horses or 88.9% winners with 100% to the races. This is a remarkable statistic considering only about 50% of any foal crop races and 15% are winners!!!

Like so many of our winners Stimuli was reared at Yarraman Park near Scone in the Hunter Valley, another great nursery.

### **CAULFIELD CUP DAY**

On Caulfield Cup Day Prime Thoroughbreds along with a select group of our associated companies are sponsoring the day's racing at UBET Park in Hobart, previously known as Tattersall's Park. This is very exciting and I am putting together a tempting program. How does this look:

Thursday 16 October – Arrive in Hobart cocktail party

Friday 17 October – Golf at Royal Hobart or visit MONA

Saturday 18 October – Salamanca Market and race day

Sunday 19 October – Lunch at Peppermint Bay

Monday – Retreat back home hopefully not too battered and bruised.

I will be putting out more information as we get closer but we do have a very special guest for the race day with the Tasmanian Racing Club working very hard to lift the profile of the club to where it should be. I'm certain we can make this an annual event and my aim is for it to be the best day on the Tasmanian Racing Calendar.

### **INTEGRITY SERVICES**

I have received some positive feedback on my suggestions for the pooling of Integrity Services. More as we go forward but there is plenty of work to be done.

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

At last Hijack Hussy has drawn a half reasonable gate as she takes on a very smart field in the Queensland Guineas at Doomben on Saturday. Michael Rodd is heading home from Singapore to ride the filly. Good luck to all associated with the filly.

Faith'n' Courage really is a horse that needs a good gate and won't run Monday. She heads back to Tony Gollan and will start next Saturday at Ipswich. Our numbers of runners will continue to be strong with some excellent barrier trial performances this week. Things couldn't be better.

## **FIRST SEASON SIRE**

Last week I highlighted the tight race for the Australian First Season Sire's Title. Press Statement did the right thing by Hinchinbrook winning at Rosehill and now lines up in the Group1 JJ Atkins Stakes on Saturday at Doomben. Good luck to the Hinchinbrook team.

The Mitchell family from Yarraman Park deserve a very special mention with I Am Invincible winning the title last season and now with Hinchinbrook in such a strong position to take this year's title. Yarraman Park is competing with the massive Australian and International studs like Arrowfield, Coolmore, Darley, Vinery and Widden and are setting the standard.

It is very important for our industry that studs like Yarraman continue to operate offering good quality affordable sires to the market. Some of the fees set for the first season sires in particular for the coming season are in my opinion ridiculous.

Yarraman Park only stand three stallions with the third Magic Albert winning the first season winners title with his first crop of yearlings.

Hinchinbrook will almost certainly clinch the title if Press Statement wins. Also don't forget the Hinchinbrook filly Flippant in the Lancaster Stakes. She looks better than her opposition.

I'm looking forward to attending the meeting at Doomben on Saturday. There are some excellent races on offer. Queensland Racing has been going forward nicely in recent times. The Queensland Government's decision to dismiss the Thoroughbred Racing Board looks to be a knee jerk reaction and an unwarranted distraction.

## NATIONAL YEARLING SALE

The Magic Millions National Yearling Sale has been on the up for many years and is a different beast to the first one I attended in 1998 where the catalogue was full of the progeny of Snaadee, Geiger Counter and Celestial Dancer.

It has become a very important sale with a lot of nice yearlings. I had 23 vetted with a short list of 7 eventually coming from this group of yearlings. **Unfortunately the ½ sister to Savoureux by Medaglia D'oro had a number of issues on x-ray as well as concern regarding a pedal bone and our vet recommended we not buy her. She also isn't as good a type as Savoureux was and was passed in for \$65,000.**

As I write this newsletter I have purchased three really nice yearlings and have a further couple on my list. It has been my aim for some time for Prime Thoroughbreds to be recognised as Australia's premier syndication company. Our results over the past couple of years has allowed us to position our company where it is gaining plenty of recognition.

The yearlings I purchase at this sale will round out our team. Have a look at these two yearlings. They are both outstanding prospects.



**Written Tycoon colt out of Miss Fascination 2013**

The picture tells a story here. This colt is all quality and I can't remember getting so many compliments after purchasing a yearling. He is a loose walking colt with a great head and wonderful hindquarter. He has a deep girth and great bone. I love him.

The colt has a great pedigree being by a sire that has got plenty of winners from limited opportunities.

His dam is by the broodmare sensation Redoute's Choice with the cross with Written Tycoon producing Masthead the winner of \$969,000. Only two foals have raced with this cross. This is her first foal. I love first foals. The second and third dams are stakes winners. The colt is Super VOBIS eligible and I have decided to send him to Darren Weir.



**Smart Missile filly out of Pride Of Pine 2013**

The second yearling is possibly the best credentialed filly I have purchased being a  $\frac{3}{4}$  sister to the SAJC Gp 1 Goodwood Handicap Winner Lone Rock. Lone Rock was also the Joint Top Filly on the Australasian 3YO Classification in 2010/11. As well as winning the Goodwood she won VRC Gp 3 Bobby Lewis Handicap and MRC Gp 3 Champagne Stakes. Importantly Lone Rock is by Smart Missile's sire Fastnet Rock so the cross really works well.

Kris Lees trained another sister Lucia Bella who he said had very good ability but had issues and never reached her potential. A big advantage this filly has is that there are plenty of well-bred fillies high up on the pedigree page.

The filly is from the immediate family of Procastinate, Laisserfaire, A Time For Julia, Time Thief and Foreplay. The filly heads to Kris Lees.



**Commands Already filly 2013**

At the 2014 Adelaide Magic Millions Sale I was the under bidder on a grey filly by Not a Single Doubt out of Already which races as The Grey Flash. She has gone on to win the SAJC Gp 3 Sires Produce Stakes. In my opinion this Commands filly is superior to The Grey Flash as a type and represents a great cross with Commands going over a More Than Ready mare. The page is great with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dam by Unbridled Song throwing Group 2 winner Brightexpectations. The 3<sup>rd</sup> dam is by Danehill and 4<sup>th</sup> dam the mother of the outstanding two year old Brilliance.

The filly will go to John Thompson and is a great addition to our team.