



PRIME DISPATCH

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Flying Jess showed she is back to her best with a cracking 2nd in the Group 3 Cockram Stakes

I was thrilled with Flying Jess's return to the track on Saturday at Caulfield where she almost pulled off a major upset storming home for the closest of seconds in the Group 3 Cockram Stakes. She is a very good mare and John Moloney and his staff has done a great job with her. Jordan Childs also deserves a special mention. He has done most of the fast work with the mare and had her spot on for Saturday's run.

Flying Jess will now head to the Let's Elope Stakes on 16 September at Flemington and then probably to the Stutt Stakes on 29 September at Moonee Valley. I can't wait for her to get out to 1600m. She has done a great job and is currently Hinchinbrook's highest stakes earner still racing with \$1,327,930 to her credit, not bad for a \$60,000 purchase. It is nice to have a good horse heading into the spring and hopefully we will have a couple more join her. This is a great time of the year but today you could be forgiven thinking it was still winter in Melbourne.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RICKY STUART FOUNDATION
FLEMINGTON COMMITTEE ROOM LUNCH
20 JANUARY 2018

I am pleased to announce that our lunch in the Committee Room at Flemington on 20 January 2018 will be conducted in partnership with the Ricky Stuart Foundation in support of autism.

Ricky is an owner with Prime Thoroughbreds and is very well known in Rugby League and Rugby Union circles. He had distinguished careers firstly in Rugby Union where he toured Argentina with the Wallabies but as a Rugby League player and coach he has few peers. He is the current coach of the Canberra Raiders a club he won three premierships with as a player.

Ricky represented and coached the NSW State Of Origin Side, went on two tours of Great Britain and France with the Australian Rugby League Kangaroos and has won an NRL Premiership as a coach with Eastern Suburbs in his first year as an NRL coach. In 1993 he was awarded the Rothman's Medal being recognised as the finest player in the competition.

It is our aim to firstly have a great day while doing so raising some money for this very worthwhile cause. We will deliver further information as we get closer but I can assure you it will be a memorable day for those lucky enough to attend.

The cost for the day in the Committee Room is \$225 per head. The VRC Committee Room overlooks saddling enclosure and is the prime position at the great course.

I'm expecting the function to be very popular given the number of replies I have already had for the day. This is a superb venue and Shawn Cosgrove will be our host for the day.

- racecourse admission
- dining package – sit down four course lunch
- beverage package
- car parking
- race books
- exclusive tote facilities

*To book this function email: **primefunctions@outlook.com***

On Sunday 21 January we will be visiting Fulmen Park on the Mornington Peninsular for a bbq lunch. This will also give you the opportunity to inspect the facilities available at the property where we spell many of our horses.

A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

The table below is the Victorian Jockey's Premiership List for the current season. It makes interesting reading and does show we have a changing of the guard in Victoria.

Ben Thompson	14	8	10	11	17	\$563,122.00
Ethan Brown	11	11	7	4	4	\$428,544.00
Ben Melham	11	8	6	6	9	\$618,825.00
Patrick Moloney	11	6	10	10	6	\$281,419.00
Damian Lane	10	16	3	4	9	\$482,990.00
<u>Craig Williams</u>	9	7	5	5	1	\$1,188,940.00
Ryan Maloney	9	6	15	3	4	\$200,749.00
Regan Bayliss	9	6	11	5	5	\$413,988.00
Mark Zahra	9	5	6	4	6	\$448,675.00
Michael Walker	9	3	6	7	6	\$230,004.00
Daniel Stackhouse	8	8	9	9	5	\$187,107.00
Jordan Childs	8	6	3	6	6	\$174,711.00
Jessica Eaton	8	5	9	7	5	\$150,425.00
Arron Lynch	8	5	6	3	2	\$159,437.00
John Allen	7	7	2	2	3	\$358,084.00

TWO YEAR OLD BARRIER TRIALS

The barrier trials for the two year olds have commenced with just three trials at Cranbourne and Rosehill yesterday. This is a different situation to 25 years ago where there would be up to 20 trials run in Sydney alone.

Only 16 youngsters ran in these trials with all being by sires based in the Hunter Valley. The two Cranbourne trials were won by a son of I Am Invincible and a filly by Zoustar.

The first winner was Still Invincible by I Am Invincible was bred at John Muir's Milburn Creek Thoroughbreds. He was a cracking colt and a ½ brother to first season sire Sizzling. I commented at the Magic Millions Sale when he went through that he looked well purchased to me at \$900,000. This is the farm I purchased Flying Jess and Calming from.

The second Cranbourne trial was won by the Zoustar filly Sunlight. I rated her very highly at the Magic Millions where she fetched \$300,000. Widden Stud did a great job with Zoustar with him covering a really good book of mares in his first year. I would liked to have purchased one but the fillies I liked and had on my list simply went for too much money. It will be interesting to see how they go as we head into the season.

The Rosehill trial was also won by a son of I Am Invincible. He was purchased from the Inglis Classic Sale for \$180,000 and is a classic case where I Am Invincible looks to have upgraded the mare. The second placed horse in this trial was a filly by Epaulette. He is another first season sire I have a big opinion of with this filly costing \$150,000 at this year's Magic Millions.

Many more yearlings will trial before the first two year old races are run in Melbourne and Sydney. It will be interesting to watch their progress. The first two year old races are in Sydney on 30 September at Randwick.

AT THE TRACK

Makeadane makes his return to racing this Saturday at Rosehill. He has been a very honest horse and looked good in a recent barrier trial.

On Wednesday Montana Pines heads to Ipswich and Quirion is nominated for the Sunshine Coast on Sunday. Great Southern resumes on Friday at Geelong and Husson's Kiss is set to run in Hobart on Sunday.

We had 11 runners in August for two wins which is about par for the course at 18.1% winners to runners. Compare this to the top 20 trainers in Australia's with their average being 18.8%.

SHARES AVAILABLE



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 horse. He has a wonderful attitude and is nice walking horse. He handled the breaking in process without any issues.

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 and a colt I really wanted to secure. I only usually purchase two colts a year with this being the second.

The colts and geldings we currently have in our system to have raced and won include Husson Eagle, Invincible Al, Reneged, Annaman, Lomazzo, Banachek, Great Southern and Makeadane.

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. General Nediym has done a remarkable job through his daughters at stud with him currently sitting in 5th spot on the Australian broodmare list. This isn't surprising. The 'General' had good depth to his pedigree on his dam's side with his daughters residing at the very best studs in Australia.

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. Estate 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

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.

On the strength of my opinion of this colt and the Sizzling filly I purchased at the Gold Coast Magic Millions I have recommended to our owners that we send three of the mares I manage to Sizzling. I rate him a huge chance at being a success at stud.

I am getting very positive feedback on the progeny of Sizzling. He has to be a good chance at stud. He is by Snitzel out of a General Nediym mare. Speed on speed.

Our Sizzling filly purchased at the Magic Millions in January may well have a trial later in the month and the reports from Patrick Payne on her progress are very encouraging. Patrick also has another Sizzling filly he is very bullish about.

Tony Gollan is also very upbeat about the sire on the strength of the youngsters he has had through his stable. When you start getting positive information from trainers not associated with the stud the sire stands at then it is time to take notice.



Kate in the Sahara Desert!!!
Kate and Gabby are home on Friday!!!