



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Zizzis winning on debut at Bendigo off to Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic!!!**

I am looking forward to Monday's Adelaide Cup Meeting where we have two good chances with Flying Jess lining up in the CS Hayes Stakes and Zizzis running in the Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic. We have had great success over the years racing in Adelaide with Calming our first runner at Morphettville winning the Liz Davenport Stakes on 20 May 2002.

Hopefully our two representatives can draw decent barriers. The 2yo race looks like being a full field which is unusual for this race where normally we only get a dozen runners or less. In any case we are certain to get a run being 5<sup>th</sup> in the order of entry.

Both Flying Jess and Zizzis were purchased at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Sale with Flying Jess costing \$60,000 and Zizzis \$120,000. Good luck to the owners of both horses. I am looking forward to

a nice day at the races and hopefully some success with Zizzis being a chance to give us our 8<sup>th</sup> Magic Millions success. I was surprised when I looked at Patrick's Payne's results to see Zizzis is just the 5<sup>th</sup> yearling I had purchased him from Magic Millions Sales. His record to win two Magic Millions features with Husson Eagle and Atalanta Miss from the first four is remarkable in itself but then when you consider John Moloney and Stuart Gandy won Magic Millions features with the first yearling I purchased each of them we have some terrific results all around us.

The SAJC do a great job catering for their big days. If you are not organised for Monday's big meeting and want to book into a restaurant or marquee call Nicole on 0882950111.

It has been an interesting week with the Inglis Premier Sale being conducted in Melbourne. I get the feeling it has been a disappointing sale but with the big increases seen in the four previous sales held in Australia there had to be a time when the market slowed. I believe the results from the Melbourne sale were the combination of a number of factors which when combined didn't make for a great environment for this sale.

Not least of these is the compression of the sales. The Inglis Classic Sale completed on 13 February and we have had the Tasmanian and Perth Yearling Sales followed by this sale. I went out to Oaklands on Thursday to have a look at a few lots I was interested in but none really caught my attention.

There reaches a time when you have to sit back and take stock of the yearlings you have purchased and start to speak to your clients about them. I have been very pleased with our purchases and I am looking at securing three more yearlings this year so I can be very select where I purchase them.

The industry in Victoria has taken too many hits in recent times with the current controversy surrounding Aquanita potentially being the most damaging. To think these issues don't affect the confidence in the industry would be to put your head in the sand. I only hope the affair is finalised quickly and if those charged are found guilty that they are banished from racing for a long time if not life.

I know of at least one race where one of our horses was affected being beaten by a horse that was allegedly illegally treated. I'm certain there will be more, but we will need to wait for the case which starts on 30 April to find out if there are any others. I find it extraordinary two of those charged, the main witnesses I would dare to say have said they won't attend the RAD Board hearing.

### **Yearlings**

I will be attending the Adelaide Magic Millions Sale which commences on Tuesday and runs for two days. I love this sale and have purchased four Magic Millions winners from it in recent years.

I've done quite a bit of work leading into the sale and I am certain there will be good buying to be had.

Our yearlings have been well received by the market and I will highlight a couple today in this dispatch.



**Hinchinbrook / Rock Bottom filly – only 20% of the filly is still available**  
**John Thompson to train at Royal Randwick**  
**10% \$8,500 per share**

We were given a timely reminder just how good a sire Hinchinbrook is last Saturday when the high class mare Flippant won at Flemington and exciting two years old Seabrook won at Randwick. This saw him propelled into 18<sup>th</sup> on the Australian General Sire's List. This is a great effort for a horse that doesn't serve big books of mares.

I was really taken by this filly when I inspected her. She is very strong behind and has good scope to grow. I have had quite a bit to do with the progeny of Hinchinbrook having purchased Flying Jess, his highest earning filly. The best Hinchinbrook fillies seem to be the ones with good size, scope and strength. This filly certainly has both these attributes. Another of our good Hinchinbrook fillies is Kissing Game which also is a strong athletic filly.

Dr Tim Roberts who does my vet inspections at the yearling sales was also very taken with this filly and as surprised as I was when I secured her for such a reasonable price.

### **Hinchinbrook**

Hinchinbrook was destined to be a sire from the moment he was born at Yarraman Park. He was a strong impressive looking foal and has developed into a magnificent looking sire. He is a ¾ brother to Champion Australian Sire Snitzel but his deeds at stud have seen him come out of Snitzel's shadow to be a very highly regarded young horse in his own right.

Hinchinbrook, like many of the sprinters that raced in his era suffered at the hands of Black Caviar. Nevertheless, his racetrack achievements were very good. He won his first won starts before being the first colt home in the Golden Slipper. He won the Skyline Stakes and Canonbury Stakes. He was placed in the Group 1 ATC Sire's Produce Stakes and also the Group 1 ATC All Aged Stakes. He proved his versatility when being placed in Melbourne in the Group 1 MVRC William Reid Stakes and the Group 1 MRC Oakleigh.

At stud he has excelled. He was the leading Champion First Season Sire in Australia in 2013/14 Season producing a Group 1 winner in his first crop. His performances at stud are better than they look when you consider he has only ever served reasonably small books of mares. The most foals he had in his first three seasons at stud was just 92. This is about half the number some of the other sires in the Hunter Valley have representing them.

### **Rock Bottom**

Rock Bottom is by Not A Single Doubt who has established himself as a sire that produces fast uncomplicated sprinters. I'm certain he will be a big success at stud as a broodmare sire. It is very early days for him but his daughters have already produced a Group 1 winner in Season's In Bloom.

Rock Bottom comes from a nice running family where the 23 horses to race out of the first four mares are all winners. Rock Bottom herself was unraced but she is a ½ sister to six winners including the stakes pair of Foxstar and The Astronomer.

The second dam is Foxy by Canny Lad. I love Canny Lad in a pedigree. He is the dam sire of Redoute's Choice and I Am Invincible. This filly represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer.



**The filly spelling at Ascot Farm – heads to the breakers in early April**



**Shooting To Win / Miss Fidler filly – John Moloney to train 40% remains available**  
**10% \$17,500 per share**

One of the most important things to come out of the Inglis Premier Sale was that the market had well and truly warmed to Shooting To Win. All his yearlings in Book 1 sold with their average being in the top echelon of those sold. I spoke with the Managing Director of Godolphin Australia about the sire and he was very bullish about his prospects with Godolphin being active buying progeny of the sire.

In December I was doing my pre-sale inspections in the Hunter Valley and visited Fernrigg Farm. I was very impressed with the way their yearlings were presented and this filly particularly caught my eye. She is a very attractive looking horse and gets around very well. I marked her reasonably highly at the time and was pleasantly surprised just how well she had done since I first saw her a month earlier.

Let's look more closely at why I purchased her.

The filly vetted out without any issues and has clear x-rays. Dr Tim Roberts, one of Australia's leading vets does most of my sales inspections and is also a very good judge of a yearling. He has provided a detailed report which is included in the Product Disclosure Statement.

She is a nice sized filly and very attractive. She has a nice length of rein and stands over good ground. She has a great shoulder and is strong through the neck and has a nice girth. She is nice and strong behind which is important.

I believe this filly should run at but that she will develop into a really lovely three and four years old.

The filly has a superb pedigree and is related to some very good horses. This is a family that seems to throw up outstanding gallopers in each generation.

In many ways as a type she reminds me of Hidden Wonder, a very good mare I syndicated a few years ago.

### **Shooting To Win**

Shooting to Win has all the ingredients to make a successful sire. Firstly, he comes from an outstanding family and is out of one of the very best mares at stud in Australia. His sire Northern Meteor looked like being a super star but died prematurely which was a massive loss to the Australian breeding industry.

Secondly, he is an outstanding looking horse. He has terrific conformation and is as good a type as you are likely to see.

Thirdly, he was a very good racehorse with his time in winning the Caulfield Guineas being quicker than Redoute's Choice and Lonhro. He is one of only three horses to win the Stan Fox Stakes / Caulfield Guineas double, the other two being Kenwood Melody and Lonhro.

Fourthly, his yearlings look like racehorses.

### **Miss Fidler**

Miss Fidler has an outstanding pedigree and comes from a family that continually produces high class gallopers. She herself is a ½ sister to the Group 1 winner Hurtle Myrtle, the winner of the VRC Myer Classic.

Miss Fidler is out of a Royal Academy mare which I love. Two horses that come to mind that I syndicated out of Royal academy mares are Husson Eagle and Raido. He is the brood mare sire of a remarkable 189 stakes winners including the high class Australian bred Group 1 winners Fastnet Rock and Heart of Dreams.

Miss Fidler is only a young mare and has a 2yo brother by Medaglia d'Oro and is believed to be in foal to Choisir.



**Sizzling / Belle D'Amour filly – Dan Morton to train**  
**10% \$8,500 per share**

I really liked the progeny of Sizzling at last year's sales and purchased two yearlings by him. The first was Zizzis who won on debut and heads to Monday's Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic. The second was a colt from the Adelaide Magic Millions Sale named Addocarr. He is trained by Tony Gollan and is back in work being prepared for the Brisbane Winter Carnival. He ran 2<sup>nd</sup> in his first barrier trial and looks to have plenty of ability.

I was the under bidder on a 3<sup>rd</sup> filly by Sizzling at the Magic Millions National Sale named Sizzling Belle out of Greenmount Belle, a mare we raced. She has won her first three starts and runs in Sunday's Black Opal Stakes. Sizzling has started off well and looks to have a good future at stud.

The photo does do this filly justice. She is very athletic and a very attractive filly. She is a nice size and looks a runner to my eye. She is eligible for the Westspeed bonuses which is a great advantage when racing horses in WA.

The filly vetted out without any issues and has a great hindquarter and a good strong shoulder and deep girth. Her legs are very good. In fact you couldn't fault her conformation.

I really liked what I saw in a number of the progeny of Sizzling at last 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 years 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dams being superior producers.

I love the General Nediym (1<sup>st</sup> dam), Alzao stakes winner (2<sup>nd</sup> Dam) and Without Fear stakes producer (3<sup>rd</sup> dam) down the page. Estate Label, the 3<sup>rd</sup> dam was a very high-class producer also throwing the outstanding two years 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.

**Sizzling has started out his stud career in great fashion and is currently 4<sup>th</sup> on the Australian First Season List.**

**Belle D'Amour** is by the good sprinter Jet Spur. He has had a good start as a broodmare sire with 15 of his 26 runners winning. This is more than acceptable.

Belle D'Amour was a very good race filly and won the BRC Lancaster Stakes at two years old. This is only her 2<sup>nd</sup> foal with the first being a winner of one of his only two starts. There are also plenty of winners down the page including several 'black type' performers. Belle D'Amour's dam is by Military Plume which adds a lot to the page.



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