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Our Long Sali as a yearling

\$32,000 purchase from the 2017 Tasmanian Magic Millions Sale

Our Long Sali takes her place in the Listed SAJC Sire's Produce Stakes on Saturday which is a great thrill for her loyal band of owners. She has firmly established herself as the best juvenile in Tasmania and deserves her chance at this race. I have no doubt she will be competitive although I would have liked a 'kinder' barrier.

When I attended the Tasmanian Magic Millions Yearling Sale last year I wasn't sure if I would purchase a yearling but when I inspected this filly and Golden Script I decided I would try and secure both and I'm pleased I did. Golden Script is spelling and will be prepared for the Melbourne Spring Carnival. A decision will be made on our Long Sali's immediate future after she runs on Saturday. Good luck to her and her owners. I know she has a lot of support in Tasmania and the state gets behind its horses when they travel interstate. Stuart Gandy has done an excellent job with the filly.

Black And Tan will also head to Adelaide to contest the Adelaide Guineas. She was a late nomination after the field came up a bit light on and it would be a great result if she was to run into a place. The top weight does look very hard to beat.

On The Track

We have had an interesting week and while haven't had any winners we have had a couple of excellent performances from horses resuming from a spell. Chalmers Honolulu Lass, Hussy's Glow and Reneged put in nice runs and we can look forward to them having good winter campaigns. The Wasp's performance was a better one and it would be nice to see her win a mid-week city race during this preparation. She is a $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to the Group 1 winner Lone Rock.

I felt sorry for our first starter Can't Catch Her. She pinged the gates but from the wide gate she was taken back and then they ran the last 600m in a touch over 33 seconds. She is a $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to the good staying mare Unchain My Heart and will be better suited in races over further, but they must start their careers somewhere.

A Week Of Contrasts

I doubt if anyone who follows racing couldn't have been thrilled for Harry Coffey winning his first Group 1 on Saturday in Adelaide. He is an inspiration to so many people and a delightful young man to deal with. He is very popular with our owners but needs time off for treatment for cystic fibrosis, it is a daily battle for him. Good luck to Harry and I hope he continues to have success.

On the other hand, we had the verdict handed down in the case against the Aquanita eight. There is no place in our industry for these people. On Saturday Stuart Webb was parading around Morphettville as if nothing has happened. Hopefully that was his last day on a racecourse.

I have a feeling the Aquanita case is a long way from being finished. The judge hands down his penalties today and I am expecting that we won't see some of the eight ever on an Australian racetrack again. It will be interesting where the saga goes from here but well done to the integrity unit at RVL for getting such a good result.

Yarraman Park

Two years old racing in Australia is such an important part of our industry and in many ways something that sets us apart from many other jurisdictions around the world. It may surprise you to know we only have five Group 1 2yo races in Australia. This year the influence that Yarraman Park has achieved in the four races run to date has been remarkable and certainly worth noting.

It is 50 years since Major James Mitchell purchased Yarraman Park from George Moore and moved his young family from England to Scone. Few would have believed the Mitchell family would have such a profound affect on the breeding industry in Australia. They have certainly had to endure their share of ups and downs through this half a century, but the results the stud is achieving now are the culmination of much hard work.

Look at the influence the Mitchell's have had on the big four two years old races run this year:

ATC Golden Slipper – winner by Snitzel reared at Yarraman Park. 2nd placed by I Am Invincible which stands at Yarraman Park.

ATC Sire's Produce Stakes – winner by a son of Magic Albert who stood at Yarraman Park. 2nd placed horse by I Am Invincible.

ATC Champagne Stakes – winner by Hinchinbrook who was reared and stands at Yarraman Park. 2nd placed horse by Snitzel.

MRC Blue Diamond Stakes – 3rd placed by I Am Invincible.

Bill Mitchell selected and purchased Snippet's Lass as a yearling and she has gone on to be one of Australia's great broodmares being the dam of Snitzel and Hinchinbrook.



Black And Tan runs Saturday in Adelaide!!!

Yearlings

The response to our yearlings has been terrific. The two yearlings I have shares remaining in are the Shooting To Win filly and Deep Field filly. I am getting very good feedback on the progeny of Shooting To Win and our filly is a cracking type who has done a treat since I purchased her. I will be heading up to Washpool Lodge later in the month and will put her into pretraining for two weeks before she heads to John Moloney. I highly recommend the daughter from the first crop of Shooting To Win, a Caulfield Guineas winner.

I am continuing to work through our yearling promotions and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. There are not too many shares remaining. Have a look at these.

New South Wales



Deep Field filly out of Cattalo 10% shares \$8,500 (5% shares available)

John Thompson - Randwick

I have been inspecting the progeny of Deep Field at this year's sales but the ones I have liked were bringing more than I was prepared to spend. I found this filly is the Perth Magic Millions Sale and valued her at \$80,000. I managed to secure her for \$50,000 which was a bargain.

She is a very attractive filly. She is well grown and has a great hindquarter. She is also BOBS qualified which is a great advantage and as a result I will send her to John Thompson to train.

The progeny of Deep Field averaged \$219,231 at this year's Gold Coast Magic Millions Sale only behind I Am Invincible, Snitzel and Fastnet Rock on averages which gives you an idea of just how well his progeny were received.

I have had very good success buying out of the Perth Magic Millions. I have only purchased four yearlings with the three to race all being winners. Raido is the best of these and won the Listed Goldmarket Handicap at the Gold Coast recently breaking the race record. This followed on from his December win when he broke the Class record for 900m at the same track.

The other two winners I purchased were Invincible Me which has won five races and Maldicion who won just the one race but had good ability running in the Tasmanian Oaks. Unfortunately, she injured a tendon which finished her career. These three horses collectively cost \$150,000 to purchase and have won 13 races and \$385,233 with two still racing.

The 4th is a Husson filly, now two years old named Lady Husson trained by Dan Morton that should get to the races in late April.

Deep Field

Deep Field was a very fast horse five races including two at Group 2 level, a Listed race and he was placed 3rd in the VRC Lightning Stakes. He has a superb pedigree being by the ill-fated Northern Meteor who looked like being a super star but died prematurely leaving three sire sons including Australia's Leading 2YO Sire this season in Zoustar as well as the highly credentialed Shooting To Win and Eurozone who looks like making a name for himself at stud.

Most good sires have a strong female line and that is certainly the case here with Deep Field being out of the very good race mare Listen Here. She is also the dam of the Caulfield Guineas winner, Shooting To Win.

Cattalo

Cattalo is by the Danehill line horse Tiger Hill who has been a great success as a broodmare sire. Most of his best results are overseas with his best performed runner here being Almandin, the 2016 Melbourne Cup winner.

This is only her third foal. The 2nd foal is a Sizzling colt trained by Lee Curtis who has a very good opinion of her.

The 2nd dam is by Marscaj and was a 2yo Sydney winner. She has had six to race for five winners including the stakes placed Toquite which was also placed 4th in the AJC Randwick Guineas.

The 3rd dam is the Champion mare Mannerism the dam of the Moonee Valley Oaks and the Group 3 winner and sire Manner Hill.

I was thrilled to purchase this filly and look forward to her wearing our colours.

Correct as at 20/03/18

Victoria



Shooting To Win / Miss Fidler filly 2016
\$17,500 per 10% share (5% shares available @ \$8,750)

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

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, he has quite several very nice yearlings and they 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.