



PRIME DISPATCH

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Shining Brooke coming back after being our first winner for the New Season

Ridden by champion jockey Robert Thompson

I have been racing horses in NSW since 1998 and Shining Brooke was the first winner ridden for Prime Thoroughbreds by Robert Thompson. It certainly gave me a great thrill. Robert is a terrific person and I have never met anyone who loves racing as much as him. To be fair to him he hasn't ridden many runners for us over the years.

It was great to start the New Season with a winner and now Shining Brooke has started to settle in her races she should be able to win again. She is racing more like a middle distance horse as she has matured. This isn't surprising as she has always indicated she would be better over more ground.

We had a good visit to Tony Gollan's Stable at Eagle Farm on Sunday where our owners got the opportunity to have a look at Annaman, Husson Boots and Montana Pines. These horses were in really good order. Tony is looking forward to moving into a new stable complex in the centre of Eagle Farm which is set to be completed in about three months.

I said to a mate of mine that we may not see the 348 winners set by Darren Weir in the 2015/16 Season broken for some time. Well Darren saddled up 17 winners in the first 8 days of the new season. His strike rate is exceptional and he is set to be one of Australia's great trainers.

STABLE VISIT PATRICK PAYNE

We have a visit to Patrick Paynes's stable at Plumpton this Sunday at 10am. We will meet in the laneway at about 945am. The address is posted below. On this day we will parade Husson Eagle, Atalanta Miss, Invincible Al, Hussy's Glow, Honolulu Lass and the Delago Deluxe filly. These are certainly a nice team of horses and I'm certain our owners are looking forward to seeing them. Light refreshments will be provided.

Address: 215 Leakes Rd, Plumpton VIC 3335

We are also having a visit to Darren Weir's Ballarat Stables on 25 September. Details of this visit will be available as we get closer.

These visits are open to all our clients not only those that have horses with the trainer. It is a great opportunity to meet our trainers and some of their staffs in a relaxed environment. It isn't often ideal to approach trainers on race day as they are busy with the owners of the runners on the day and often have a million things going through their minds.

ON THE TRACK

We have some important runners in the coming week with Awasita at Caulfield and Savoureux at Rosehill on Saturday. On Sunday Raido may have a hit and run visit to Bendigo and Bella Venus resumes at Devonport. The best way to keep up with our runners is to visit the website where our Twitter Posts and Stop Press have our runners detailed.

I update our Website, Facebook page and our Twitter account almost on a daily basis. Check these out at **Prime Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd** for Facebook, **@JoefromPrime** for Twitter and of course

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SPRING CARNIVAL ON TOP OF US

We are heading into the most exciting time of the year with great racing in NSW and Victoria. The next 12 weeks see the best horses we have on show and I love the competition between the two big states. I must say the NSW trained horses may have an advantage this year with Victoria

experiencing one of the coldest and wettest winters in my time in the state although the weather has started to improve with the outlook being quite promising for the coming week.

It pays to keep an open mind and keep a close eye on the interstate visitors particularly from Caulfield Guineas Day onwards.

I think everyone in Australia racing looks forward to Flemington in November. It is a special week with one great race after another. I checked out this year's programme last week it certainly is a step up on last year.

I'd like to see some changes to the qualifying conditions for the Melbourne Cup giving more locally trained horses the opportunity of gaining a start. It is the race that stops the Nation but it has become a race that is in many ways at the mercy of the foreign invaders.

I'd like to see the winners and perhaps some placegetters from races such as the Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth Cups as well as say the Andrew Ramsden Stakes exempt from ballot for the Melbourne Cup. I really think this would create a lot more interest in those races and would probably see the standard of the qualifying races improve.

I recommend if you are looking at coming to Victoria for any of the big days that you get organised and see what options are available to you. All you need to do is visit the websites of the three Melbourne Race Clubs. You will find the staffs at these clubs only too willing to help out.

Hopefully we will have some runners over the Carnival. We have had good success in the past but you really do have to have the 'right' horse to give yourself a chance at success.

COLIN MCALPINE AM

Colin McAlpine's passing in Queensland certainly gained a lot of press as it should have. His "Eureka Stud" has been a leader in the industry in Queensland for decades and I'm certain we will see the legacy Colin left continue through his son Scott and his sons.

Not long after I left school in 1974 I started helping out a trainer in Toowoomba named Norm Mottram. Norm leased a filly off Colin by Streetfighter named Mantle Street. She won a two year old race in Brisbane early in the season and Norm thought his 'day' had arrived. The stakes money for winning was the princely sum of \$1,860.

I remember going to Brisbane in a float owned by Gary Higgins to watch the filly run in the Queensland Guineas. She didn't place but it is a memory that has lived with me since.

YEARLINGS ON OFFER

This week I will highlight the Snitzel filly out of Signoret and the Hinchinbrook filly out of Kiss 'N Chase.

SNITZEL FILLY OUT OF SIGNORET MAGIC MILLIONS AND SUPER VOBIS QUALIFIED



Snitzel / Signoret filly 2014 - Darren Weir to train
10 shares @ \$12,000

The filly

This is a very athletic filly and she reminded me a lot of our high class mare Hidden Wonder when I inspected her at the sale. This filly is a great walker and has a lovely stride.

She has a very attractive head and a great hindquarter. She also has a deep girth and vetted out without any issues.

I was thrilled to get her as I expected she may have fetched quite a bit more at the sale. A big bonus is that she was paid up for Super VOBIS which wasn't advertised. This was a big mistake by the vendors but a big help to the people who eventually race this filly.

She wouldn't have been out of place in a much higher profile sale.

Snitzel

Snitzel is one of our very best sires and is currently 9th on the Australian General Sire's List. There are about 700 sires standing in Australia. Snitzel was a high class racehorse winning four races as a two year old and highlighting his career winning the Group 1 Oakleigh Plate.

I was keen on Snitzel as a yearling. He was out of the high class mare Snippet's Lass trained by Bill Mitchell. She has gone on to be one of the very best broodmares in Australia and is also the dam of Australia's leading first season sire last season in Hinchinbrook.

You can never underestimate just how important the female line is when assessing a sire's chances of making it as a stallion.

It is fair to write that Snitzel is the most prolific sire of two year old winners in Australia with him having sired 25 individual two year old winners this season. Compare this with Written Tycoon 8 and Not A Single Doubt 6.

Snitzel's best filly was the wonderful race mare Sweet Idea.

Signoret

Signoret is by the Champion broodmare sire Anabaa. Anabaa was a very good sire and was very well managed in Australia where he only served limited books of select mares. Anabaa is currently 6th on the National Broodmare List. Again there are hundreds of broodmare sires in Australia.

As a result his daughters were very well bred and many come from 'a' grade families. When you look at his statistics the big thing that stands out is the small number of runners which have put him in the this elite top 10 position with the likes of Zabeel, Danehill, General Nediym and Encosta de Lago . Other horses of a comparable age in the top 10 are Encosta de Lago with 575 runners and Flying Spur with 450. Anabaa only has 190 runners but many are high quality ones including Buffering.

HINCHINBROOK FILLY OUT OF KISS 'N CHASE
BOBS ELIGIBLE



Hinchinbrook filly out of Kiss 'n Chase 2014
John Thompson to train at Randwick
10 shares @ \$7,900 each

The filly

This filly is a strong nicely balanced athlete that gets around well and has a real presence about her. She is very strong behind and through the hocks which is a characteristic of the progeny of Hinchinbrook.

She vetted out without any issues and was reared at Yarraman Park one of Australia's most well respected thoroughbred nurseries.

The filly has been broken in and is currently spelling. She is due back into work in early August.

Hinchinbrook

After I inspected the yearlings by the first season sires in 2013 I made the prediction that Hinchinbrook would be Australia's leading first season sire. He didn't let me down winning the title in a field of over 50 contenders for the title. This was a wonderful effort considering the horse didn't

serve a big book of mares and stood at a modest fee. **He has continued on and has blitzed his opposition and will be the Champion 2nd Season Sire as well.**

A lot of the credit for his success goes to the team at Yarraman Park. The farm consistently punches above its weight with the yearlings coming off the farm setting the benchmark across our industry. It should be remembered Yarraman Park's I Am Invincible won the title in the previous season.

In winning the title Hinchinbrook not only got early runners but high class juveniles including the Group 1 winner Press Statement and multiple stakes winner Flippant and stakes winners Samara Dancer and the unbeaten filly Whispering Brook.

The success he enjoyed in his 1st season has continued on with him clearly leading the 2nd Season Sire's Title with his progeny earning almost double that of his nearest rival.

Hinchinbrook's conversion rate of winners to stakes winners is exceptional with 12.5% of his winners converting up to stakes winners. This compares with Fastnet Rock 12.7% and is superior to Snitzel 10.6% and Not A Single Doubt 8.2%.

Hinchinbrook was a top class juvenile winning the Group III AJC Skyline Stakes and Listed Canonbury Stakes before being the **first colt home when fourth to Crystal Lily in the Group I STC Golden Slipper** and was then third in the Group I AJC Sires Produce Stakes.

He then trained on at three for Group I placings in the AJC All Aged Stakes, MRC Oakleigh Plate and MVRC William Reid Stakes, before being injured in the UK while preparing for Royal Ascot and retiring with earnings in excess of \$590,000.

He is a three-quarter brother to leading young sire Snitzel and Group III winner Viennese by champion sire Fastnet Rock from stakes-winning sprinter Snippets' Lass.

Snippet's Lass was the best mare trained by Bill Mitchell while I was with him and had one of the very best pedigrees in Australia. While she was only small in stature she was big on quality and had a heart as big as herself.

I have been very big supporter of Hinchinbrook and have three two year old fillies at various stages of their development as well as two three year olds and two yearlings. Hinchinbrook really impresses me and during my visits to the Hunter over the past few months I have left each time with the feeling that he is going to be a great success at stud. I can't get enough of them!!!

We have had terrific success with these including Flying Jess which won the Group 3 SAJC Sires Produce Stakes recently. Shining Brooke has also displayed good ability winning twice.

Kiss 'n Chase

Kiss 'n Chase is by Red Ransom whose daughters when crossed with Danehill line sires being very good. Some of the horses with this cross include Roll Out The Carpet, Red Ruler, Vavasour, Vilanova, Ovidio, Chance By, Secret Agenda, Reparations and Cape Kidnappers.

Kiss 'n Chase was a good race mare winning four races and running 4th in the Listed AJC HB Carr Stakes. She is a full sister to Kick 'n Chase a winner of 4 races with \$\$252,540 in stakes earnings.

Kiss 'n Chase's first foal is by Northern Meteor and heading to John Size in Hong Kong. He recently won a trial and the information we are getting is that he has very good ability. The 2nd also by Northern Meteor is trained by Laurie Mayfield Smith and he reports he is very happy with her.

The first four dams on this page have had 22 foals race for 19 winners.

I am really looking forward to this filly racing and feel I purchased her well under the odds.



Flying Jess winning the Group 3 SAJC Sire's Produce Stakes
Cost \$60,000 Earnings \$82,830
Valuation \$350,000