



PRIME DISPATCH

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Strike For Victory winning a barrier trial in Hobart in fast time

She will be prepared for the Elwick Stakes on Hobart Cup Day!!!!

Over the years we have purchased some very good two year olds and won plenty of races with them. In many cases these have been small to medium sized but strong fillies. Some of these fillies include Calming, Hidden Wonder, Hijack Hussy, Greenmount Belle, Sandasta, Transparent Lass, Eramor, Sun Glazed, Maha Chakri, Rose Of Scotland, Huiskes and of last season the Adelaide Magic Millions winner Atalanta Miss. The most expensive of this group of fillies was Hijack Hussey at \$62,500.

On Tuesday in Hobart Charlie and Leuella stepped out a Smart Missile filly I purchased for just \$35,000 at this year's Gold Coast January Magic Millions Sale. She won her barrier trial as she liked. She will be given a short let up and be prepared for the Listed Elwick Stakes, Tasmanian Magic Millions 2Year Old Classic and Gold Sovereign Stakes. She appears to have terrific ability and comes from a high class NZ female family.

On Wednesday at the Cessnock Barrier Trials (transferred from Gosford) we stepped out a Hinchinbrook filly out of the Magic Albert mare Al's Magic Miss. She went on to score as impressive a win as you are likely to see belting her opposition in fast time by 6 ½ lengths. Again she isn't a big filly but very strong and athletic. Like Strike For Victory she came from the Yarraman Park draft at this year's Magic Millions in January.

We had another two year old named Great Southern trained by Darren Weir run a nice 2nd in a jump out at Ararat on Tuesday. He is by Husson out of Bel Mer and the most expensive yearling I have purchased. I am very excited about this crop of two year olds. Currently we have ten of the 20 on our books in work and we are getting very positive feedback on all of them.

Over the years I hate to think how many times I have purchased these athletic running fillies and then had trouble selling them because people look at them and think they are too small. Some of the best horses we have had were the hardest to sell because of this including the Group 1 placed Under Command, outstanding sprinter Husson Eagle and multiple winner Believe'n' Achieve.

I'll never forget I got a call from a prospective buyer a few years ago after I sent an information pack out to him for Too Many Reds. He called to tell me I was syndicating hedgehogs. I wish I'd kept his number so I could send him the race record of that hedgehog!!!

There is a big difference between small strong horses with good conformations and weak horses. The latter are generally never any good. Two of the very best mares Bill Mitchell trained were Snippet's Lass (Dam of Snitzel and Hinchinbrook) and French Braids, winner of the \$1million Heroic Championship at Randwick. They were small mares.

BIG WEEK FOR THE PRIME TRAINERS

Congratulations to Darren Weir, Tony McEvoy and Kris Lees who won races during the Flemington Carnival. It isn't an easy week and when you look at the results we see some of Australia's strongest stables not striking a blow which didn't surprise me. It is a very competitive week.

Darren Weir was clearly the top performer and also leads the trainer's Spring Carnival Premiership. He has had a remarkable few months (years!!!) and has done the job without the high priced firepower of his opposition. Tony McEvoy deserves a special mention. He has worked hard over the past two years on his two state stables in NSW and SA and he has been getting good results.

Kris Lees continues to do the job. By his high standards he may seem to have been a bit quiet but came up with a big winner when it counted and he sits comfortably in the top 20 on the Australian Trainer's Premiership along with the other Prime trainers Darren Weir, Tony McEvoy and Tony Gollan. I have a host of our team trialling with these trainers as well as with Charlie Goggin, John Moloney and Patrick Payne during the next month so watch this space as we head into Christmas.

John Thompson almost got the job done with Honesta which was 2nd in the VRC Oaks in a race where the tempo simply didn't suit his filly. I'm expecting her to go on and be a terrific stayer over the next couple of seasons.

AUSTRALIAN BRED HORSES

The Australian based sires have done a great job with the 27 Group 1 races contested since the start of the season seeing 21 being won by Australian based sires (20 from the Hunter Valley), four from NZ and two from Europe.

These statistics are quite compelling with 77.7% being won by the local product and only 7.4% being won by European imports which seem to get most of the publicity in our press. Interesting, but we seem to have a fascination for things European!!!

2016 YEARLING SALES

The 2016 Yearling Sale Schedule is well and truly set with the Gold Coast Magic Millions sale, first big one of the year commencing on 6 January at the Bundall complex.

The sales I am planning to attend early in the year are as follows:

Magic Millions Gold Coast 6-12 January 2016

Inglis Classic Sale 6-8 February 2016

Magic Millions Perth 15-16 February 2016

Magic Millions Tasmanian 18 February 2016

Inglis Premier Sale 28 February – 2 March 2016

Magic Millions Adelaide 14-16 March 2016

Inglis Easter Sale 5-7 April 2016

Inglis Scone 15 May 2016

This is a tight schedule where I will be looking to purchase about 12 yearlings to round out our team with the two I have already secured recently.

RUGBY AND CRICKET

Congratulations to the All Blacks and their supporters on winning the World Cup. They were simply too good and will be remembered as one of the great World Cup winning sides. The Wallabies deserve a lot of credit for firmly establishing themselves as the 2nd best team in world rugby and the signs going forward are very strong. Michael Cheika has done a sterling job with the side and got rid of a culture that really didn't sit well with many of the national side's supporters.

I am very impressed with Steve Smith and the way he has handled the job as captain. Captain of the Australian Cricket Team is the most important position in Australian sport and Smith by pulling Stark into line showed good leadership. Australian sporting teams have always been regarded as tough but fair competitors. During the past few years we saw a culture coming into Australian sport particularly team sports where some players felt they were more important than the game.

Both Smith and Cheika have done a great job by all of us and I am looking forward to the remaining summer of cricket. The Kiwis are a good side and can be expected to put up a good fight in Perth although our fast bowlers should be the difference on the quick, bouncy WACA wicket.

THE BARRIER TRIALS



Husson Eagle is set to return to racing on 21 November at Ballarat

In the Magic Millions Sprint!!!

We had eleven gallopers barrier trial or jump out earlier this week with there being good merit in all their efforts. Those that are set to run in the next couple of weeks include Husson Eagle at Ballarat,

Bella Venus in Launceston, Bridie's Brook and Lomazzo at Hawkesbury. Our only runner this weekend is Annaman at Doomben with Makeadane heading to Rosehill next Saturday.



I Am Invincible filly out of Belle Amici 2014

Darren Weir to train in Victoria

10 shares @ \$10,500

The filly pictured above is a terrific filly by the outstanding young sire I Am Invincible from the well related Catbird mare Belle Amici. I have inspected her four times at Yarraman Park since May and was keen to purchase her. She is a very good type of filly with a good hindquarter, great conformation and a attractive head.

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

The filly is an October foal and will be broken in in February/ March of 2016 with a view to giving her every chance to run as a two year old. **She comes from a very precocious family with Belle Amici's ½ brother Restless winning as a two year old and being stakes placed as well.** He was placed in six of his seven starts as a two year old and went on to win 10 races including four at Group or stakes level and \$578,305 in stakes money.

The first three dams have had 17 to race with 15 individual winners which is exceptional. To me this looks Belle Amici's best mating.

I Am Invincible

I Am Invincible was Australia's Leading First season Sire in 2013/14 Season by both stakes money and individual winners. In fact in his first season he gapped the opposition with as many winners as the next three sires on the list. In his second season he continued the good work finishing 2nd to Medaglia d'Oro for the stakes earnings. Medaglia d'Oro figures were somewhat distorted with him having the Golden Slipper winner which accounted for over half his stakes earnings. Once again I Am Invincible had the most individual winners in this year.

55.1% of I Am Invincible's runners won during the season with him being the only sire in the top 10 on the 2nd season list standing in Australia to break the half century. At the completion of the 2014/15 Season he was 3rd to Fastnet Rock and Street Cry on the National 3 Year Old List with both these sires having far stronger books of mares than I Am Invincible.

I Am Invincible's duel Group 1 winning son Brazen Beau has been purchased by Darley and is standing this season at a service fee of \$44,000. He was also placed 2nd in the Group 1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot.

I Am invincible had his service fee raised to \$55,000 this breeding season and was fully booked out in a matter of days and Yarraman Park are already taking bookings for next season.

Belle Amici

As I wrote earlier Belle Amici is well related and by the Golden Slipper winner Catbird. Catbird was a very well bred horse with a particularly strong female line. Catbird's stud career was cut short but he did a good job at stud and he is proving to be a very capable broodmare sire with the horses of the Group and Stakes of the calibre of **Hawkspur, Catkins, Mystic Prince, Lady Royale, Atacama, Real Charm, Pinch River, Silversands and Entisaar** coming from his daughters.

Belle Amici is out of the outstanding race mare Let's Hurry the winner of 8 races including three at Group 2 level and one at Group 3 level. She was also placed twice at Group 1 level and was 4th in the VRC Oaks and SAJC Goodwood Handicap. All seven of her foals to race were winners.

One of the strong characteristics of I Am Invincible is that he crosses well with almost any sire line and he has in most cases upgraded the performance of the mares he has served. **In fact there is no particular sire line that stands out with his 15 stakes performers to date being represented by 14 different broodmare sires.**

It should be remembered he stood for only **\$11,000** in his first season and while he was a standout as a type didn't get the 'A' grade mares many of the other first season sires received. This has now changed and I am expecting his progeny which pass the vet to be out of our reach in next year's yearling sales.

I am thrilled to have this filly join our team and look forward to her wearing our colours.

BAY FILLY
Foaled 14th October, 2014

Sire: I AM INVINCIBLE 2004	Invincible Spirit	Green Desert	Danzig Foreign Courier Kris Eljazzi Blethingly Jesmond Lass Zoffany Sister Pedrille
		Rafha	Danzig Razyana Marscay Corn Vice Regal Vite Fillette Grey Ghost Lady Hurry (23-a)
	Cannarelle	Canny Lad	
		Countess Pedrille	
	Catbird	Danehill	
Dam: BELLE AMICI 2002	Fitting	Vite Cheval	
		Nigretta Miss	
	Let's Hurry		

By **I AM INVINCIBLE (AUS)** (B. 2004 - Stud 2010) Stakes-winner; won 5 races and \$270,050 inc. SAJC D.C. McKay S. [G3], MRC Sir John Monash S. [L]; **sire of 9 SWs (1 G1)** Brazen Beau, Look to the Stars, Massive Millennium, Super One, Fuld's Bet, Illustrious Lad, The Justice League, Leeds, Bassillique and **SP** Tetsuko, Silent Whisper, Mine Two, Convincible, Band on the Run, Miss Antaeus, Uratta Belle; also winners Hellbent, I Am the General, Most Important, Comprendre, Invincible Jules, Invincible Man, Abu Dhabi, Lexgetreddy, etc.

1st DAM

BELLE AMICI, by Catbird. **1 win** at 1400 m. in Australia. Half-sister to **RESTLESS**. Dam of 5 living foals. Her fourth foal is a 2 YO, 2 raced, both winners-

ALIEN (2008 g by Elusive Quality (USA)). **5 wins** at 1200, 1300 m. and \$112,296. in Malaysia.

CAMARADA (2010 g by Bernardini (USA)). **2 wins** at 1200 m. in Australia.

2nd DAM

LET'S HURRY, by Vite Cheval (NZ). **8 wins** at 1200, 1400 m. and \$485,710. Won AJC Expressway S. [G2], AJC Surround S. [G2], QTC Sir Byrne Hart S. [G2], VRC Great Western S. [G3]. 2nd VATC Vic-Health Cup [G1], STC Winfield Classic [G1], QTC Sir Byrne Hart S. [G2], AJC T.L. Baillieu H. [L]. 3rd Tattersalls Club (nsw) Tramway H. [G3], VATC Tristarc S. [L]. 4th VRC VRC Oaks [G1], AJC Champagne S. [G1], SAJC Goodwood H. [G1], VRC Edward Manifold S. [G2], STC Tea Rose S. [G2]. Half-sister to **Girl's Best Friend**. Dam of 9 named foals, 7 raced, all winners inc.-.

RESTLESS (g by Thunder Gulch (USA)). **10 wins** 1200 to 2020 m. and \$578,305. Won BTC Carnival Cup [G3], AJC Japan Racing Association Plate [L], STC Sky High Quality S. [L], STC Parramatta Quality Cup [L]. 2nd AJC Craven Plate [G3], BTC Labour Day Cup [G3], AJC Australia Day Cup [L], AJC Carbine Club S. [L]. 3rd Gold Coast TC Prime Minister's Cup [G2], STC N.E. Manion Quality Cup [G3], AJC T.L. Baillieu H. [L], STC Frank Underwood Quality Cup [L]. 4th BTC Chairman's H. [G3].

WIZAWAY. **5 wins** 1300 to 2200 m. Won WATC racingjobs.com.au H., WATC Call Tab to Bet 132 369 H. 3rd WATC Racing Radio 1206Am Handicap.

SUPERIOR ECHO. **2 wins** at 1400, 1630 m. Won BTC Play Station Three-Years-Old Class 3 H.

3rd DAM

NIGRETTA MISS, by Grey Ghost (GB). **6 wins** at 1000, 1100 m. in Australia. Dam of 10 foals, 8 raced, 6 winners inc.-.

LET'S HURRY (f by Vite Cheval (NZ)). **8 wins**. See above.

Girl's Best Friend (c by Diamond Joe (GB)). **4 wins** 1200 to 2020 m. Won VATC H R Way Welter H., VRC Trivalve H., MVRC Happy Valley H. 3rd VATC Wallace S. [L], VATC Dandenong H.

EXPORETTA. **4 wins** 1200 to 1614 m. Won MVRC Coca Cola H., VRC Show Ego H. Producer.

ACADEMY LASS. **2 wins** at 1200, 1400 m. Won VATC The Park S., VATC Sturt H. 2nd VATC Sapphire H., VRC Rainbird H. 3rd VATC Grange H., VRC Pago Pago Plate. Dam of 6 winners inc.---

ANOTHER WOMBY. **3 wins** at 1118, 1200 m. and \$79,310. Won MVRC MVRC Plate. 2nd MRC Hickmans of Melbourne H. 3rd MRC Din San Nurseries H. Producer.

Helimar. Unraced. Dam of---

Trismar. Unraced. Dam of---

Blazing Arch (g by Archway (IRE)). **7 wins** 1600 to 2100 m. and \$108,195. Won STC Special Conditions H., STC Truscott's Toyota Superfecta, STC Special Conditions H. 3rd STC W.J. McKell Quality Cup [L], STC Class 6 Cup, STC On Course Tours Superfecta, STC Clipsal H.

Compare this filly with Isthmian!!!



Isthmian (I Am Invincible – Amber's Halo) pictured as a yearling in November last year

I often look back at the photos and notes I made of yearlings I purchased to see what attracted me to them. The picture above is the highly promising I Am Invincible filly Isthmian I purchased from Yarraman Park last year. The picture of her was taken at about the same time the one of the I Am Invincible filly out of Belle Amici was taken this year.

It is fair to write that this year's Belle Amici filly is much stronger than Isthmian was at the same time. Check out Isthmian's barrier trial win at:

<http://racing.racingsw.com.au/FreeFields/Results.aspx?Key=2015Oct06,NSW,Wyong,Trial#>