



# PRIME DISPATCH

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## More Than Ready filly out of Rose Of Sharon

It is nice to be home after ten days away. The weather in Melbourne is not that inviting as I look out my office window. I am planning to get our monthly accounts out by COB Wednesday.

Maree is away for the next month caring for an elderly aunt in Casino which sees me on my own which will be a challenge.

## GRAFTON CARNIVAL

I was very impressed with the Grafton Carnival. I attended three days of racing. It is a big affair with five meetings held over 10 days. The Chairman Graeme Green and his committee along with the full time staff headed up by Michael Beattie didn't seem to stop and were everywhere. They are all to be

commended for the job they did in putting together the five days of racing and the other associated activities. The Carnival started with a meeting on Thursday followed by the South Grafton Cup meeting on Sunday, Grafton Cup Carnival Lunch on Monday, calcuttas on Monday and Tuesday nights, Ramornie meeting on Wednesday, Grafton Cup meeting on Thursday and the Maclean Cup meeting on Sunday. Added to this program were golf days and other social activities in Grafton and other towns in the area.

One thing that did impress me was that while the Carnival was sponsored XXXX Gold each of the main races had a major local sponsor and these sponsors were right into the atmosphere of the Carnival and very well looked after by the Committee and staff of the CRJC.

I was delighted to be asked to be a guest speaker at the Sportsman's Lunch along with Mick Dittman and Peter Snowden. It was a good occasion that was very well supported.

I have written a lot recently about the need for the country cups to be a part of at least two days of racing. The economic effect to towns such as Grafton and Warrnambool can't be under estimated and from an industry perspective it is the only occasion many young people from the country have to attend a major meeting and get the feel for racing rather than watching in the TAB's and at home.

If the racing industry is to continue to grow and prosper it is vital the younger generation must be embraced and catered for.

I was able to catch up with many of our clients and ran into quite a number of our good friends from many parts of Australia. All being well I will be attending the Grafton meeting next year.

### **TRACK WORK RIDERS**

At the Grafton Cup Carnival lunch I was talking to Mick Dittman about the importance to trainers of having the best track work riders possible. Many people think that when horses go out and work of a morning they can be ridden by anyone. In my experience the stables that are consistently successful have the best track riders.

When I worked with Bill Mitchell we had our best success when we had really top class riders at our disposal. Mick said when he eventually went to Sydney to be Tom Smith's stable rider he did so on the condition he was available to ride track work six days a week. One of the advantages we have with the trainers preparing the 'Prime' horses is they have access to some of the best track riders most of the time.

The job of the track work rider is not only to educate the horse but provide feedback to the trainer on how a horse was progressing and also to highlight any issues that may be festering. It is important that the same rider is on the horse on a regular basis. The best track riders I have encountered amongst the jockeys were Rodney Quinn, Darren Beadman and Brett Prebble although most of the top jockeys are very good.

The riders employed by the stables are also important and once a trainer has faith in a rider to do job terrific results can flow. A classic case was Steve Dalton who almost exclusively rode Dignity Dancer, the best horse I have been associated with by a long way. Dignity Dancer was a very difficult horse to ride and Steve built up a relationship with him that went a long way to the horse having the success he did. We also had terrific success when Alan Russell was riding work for us in our Brisbane Stable.

### **ON THE TRACK**

We have a real winter happening across southern Australia and with it have come some very wet and unpredictable tracks. I hate this time of the year and it makes it very difficult to predict how the horses will handle the conditions served up. Thankfully, we only have about six weeks of winter remaining.

Terra Amata had proved to be one of the most consistent mares running in Tasmania in recent seasons and I know Charlie Goggin must have been disappointed when he recommended she continue racing on the mainland where there were more opportunities from her. She moved to Kris Lees at the conclusion of the Tasmanian Summer Carnival and had her first start for him the time honoured Sir James Kirby Quality at Grafton on Thursday and she didn't disappoint her loyal group of owners when caught on the line in race record time. She should be placed to advantage in coming weeks.

I was pleased to see Prime Shadow return to somewhere near her best form when she was also a close 2<sup>nd</sup>, this time in Newcastle. Sweet Talkin Woman should have finished a lot closer at Randwick on Saturday. She ran into dead end after dead end!!!

We have a quiet week ahead with the Tasmanian Magic Millions Two Year Old Classic runner up Rumeron resuming in Devonport on Wednesday. The all weather track in Devonport comes into its own at this time of the year.

## **ACCOUNTS**

It is important you include your name or client id when paying the account through with internet banking. It takes a lot of time to try and decipher who is paying what at times which is annoying.

## **YEARLING OF THE WEEK**

**This week I will highlight the More Than Ready filly out of the very well related Encosta De Lago mare Rose Of Sharon. At \$8,500 per 10% share she represents amazing value. 1/2 shares are only \$4,250 each. John Thompson will train the filly. This filly has been very well received which isn't surprising.**

**It isn't often you get a chance to buy into a filly by one of the best stallions out of one of the daughters of one of the best broodmare sires in Australia that vetted out without any issues and passed all our checks and balances.**

### **The Filly**

This is a good filly. She has an excellent pedigree and is a nice type. She is typical of many of the fillies thrown by the stallion. Medium sized and as a November foal there is plenty of scope for her to continue to develop. She has a wonderful attitude and gets around very well. She walks well and vetted out without any issues.

The filly was grown out at one of our best farms in Baramul Stud.

Not only does she offer her owners the opportunity to race a top class filly but also she has the potential to be a very valuable brood mare should she win a nice race.

She is a gorgeous running type of filly by the prolific sire of stakes winners More Than Ready. The filly looks like a runner to me and will be paid up for the Magic Millions Series.

### **More Than Ready**

More Than Ready has just about done it all as a sire. He is a member of a rare group of horses that sire in excess of 100 stakes winners. He has sired a Derby winner, Golden Slipper winner, in excess

of 50 Group winners. He is the sire of the champion mare More Joyous, Group 1 winning mares Samaready and Carry On Cutie. He has sired Magic Millions winners as well. One of his biggest selling points is that he has one of the best conversion rates of winners to stakes winners in Australia.

Added to these impressive figures he is now starting to make a big name as a broodmare sire with the Group 1 winners Miracles Of Life, Rebel Dane and Atlante being out of his daughters.

If our filly could win a decent race she would be worth a lot of money. She is the best pedigreed filly I have purchased.

### **Rose Of Sharon**

Rose Of Sharon comes from one of the very best families in the stud book and she was stakes placed four times including in the Group 1 Queensland Oaks. She is by the very good broodmare sire Encosta de Lago and a half-sister to the dual Group 1 winner Lotteria. The 2<sup>nd</sup> dam, Rose Reward is by the champion broodmare sire Sir Tristram and was one of the best looking two year olds I have ever inspected. The 3<sup>rd</sup> dam is by Zamazaan.

Rose Of Sharon has been well bred with the four year old and two year old half by Redoute's Choice and a weanling by Fasntet Rock. To help Lotteria has had the best matings as well.

I am more than pleased to have secured her and she will head to John Thompson to be trained. 10 shares @ \$8,500 each (1/2 shares @ \$4,250 each).



**Awasita's happy group after a Flemington win!!!**