



PRIME DISPATCH

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Andrew Bensley, yours truly and Matt Hill at the Grafton Cup meeting. Matt would be a great choice to replace Greg Miles!!!

It is hard to believe we are only a couple of weeks away from Christmas and 2017. I received the Inglis Classic Catalogue today and it looks to have plenty of good quality yearlings on offer. I purchased three yearlings from last year's sale with the Delago Deluxe filly Casa De Lago having run a nice race in the Inglis Nursery on Cox Plate Day at Moonee Valley. She is now back in work with Patrick Payne who is doing a sterling job for us.

Another filly I purchased named Watego's Beach is scheduled to have her first start at Echuca next week. She is by the all-conquering sire I Am Invincible. We have six progeny of I Am Invincible on our books with two of our recent winners Invincible AI and Isthmian by the sire.

We supported him from day one and he has become the most sought after sire in Australia. You won't be able to buy the nice ones anymore for \$55,000 which is what we paid for Invincible AI and Isthmian. I'm tipping they could average around \$250,000 at the upcoming Magic Millions Sale.

TASMANIAN RACING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

I must compliment Tasracing and Sky Channel for their combined efforts to showcase Wednesday Night Racing from Launceston.

Tasracing work on a tight budget and the extra income they receive from the likes of the French TAB generated from this coverage has been a great bonus for racing in the state.

Tasracing has complimented the Sky Racing Central coverage which is very good with a running commentary on Twitter. Peter Staples, Simon Stout and David Manshanden provide excellent interviews with the trainers of fancied runners as well as updates on where the money is going. It is a terrific help for punters and the three of them are to be commended on their innovative approach which I'm certain which is well received and certainly adds to the night's entertainment.

Social media is a great tool when used correctly and Tasracing's personnel have excelled in its use. It would pay the racing authorities in some other states to have a look at what Tasracing is doing because in my view they are the leaders in this field.

ON THE TRACK

As we head towards the New Year we will have many runners wearing our colours across NSW, Victoria, Queensland, SA and Tasmania. This is exciting and I know from the positive feedback we are receiving that many of our clients and followers are really enjoying following our team of horses.

Over the next week our runners may include Hijack Hussy at Flemington, Annaman at Doomben, Brooklyn Lass at Morphetville, Stimuli at Taree, Banachek at Horsham, Watego's Beach at Echuca, Tough Vic, Bella Venus and Husson's Kiss in Tasmania.

THE VICTORIAN SCENE

There certainly has been a lot of turmoil in Victorian Racing over the past couple of years but hopefully we are starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel and can get on with racing horses without having unnecessary distractions.

I was pleased to see a new CEO has been appointed to Racing.com. At this stage there is no word on who the new CEO of RVL will be although the announcement can't be far off. The current incumbent departs in the next couple of weeks so I expect some news will be forthcoming soon.

The judge who presided over the appeals by the two Flemington based trainers with cobalt charges is still going through the volumes of evidence but may well be finished soon and pass down his judgement. This whole saga has been drawn out and has not been good for racing in Victoria.

As I understand it there is a study currently being conducted into stakes levels in Victoria. I hope this includes a review of Super VOBIS which is in need of a revamp.



Naranja ready to run!!!