



PRIME DISPATCH

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Golden Script heads to Caulfield on Saturday to compete in the \$300,000 VOBIS Sires!!!

The Championships at Royal Randwick were a wonderful advertisement for the Australian breeding industry. Locally bred horses won 18 of the 20 races run over the two days with NZ studs providing the other two winners. In total the locals filled 52 of the 60 placings and won all of the major races with the exception of the Sydney Cup.

Our industry has come a long way over the past two decades with our leading breeders up there with the very best in the world. I remember when the shuttle horses started coming to Australia. It used to make me laugh how some of our smaller breeders would treat the international owners of these horses as if they were part of the 'second coming'. How times have changed.

Our attention will soon shift to Adelaide and Brisbane where we have two great carnivals about to start. They may not have the glitz and glamour of Sydney's big show, but both have a character of their own. Unfortunately, this year's Queensland Carnival will miss not having the state's best track available for any of the meetings. It is hard to comprehend how the Eagle Farm debacle occurred, but it has been sickening to watch it unfold. Someone must be held responsible for one of the biggest disasters in

Australian racing history. Surely such an expensive mess affecting so many can't simply be swept under the mat.

We should have some nice runners at both Carnivals. SA has long been a poor cousin but the authorities there have in conjunction with the SA State Government have put together a very attractive few weeks of racing. Well done to them. If any of you are heading to Adelaide and wish to book lunch in one of the restaurants or marquees, please give Nicole a call on 0882950111 and make a booking. Tell her you are an owner with Prime Thoroughbreds and you will be looked after.

I really enjoy a day at the races at Morphettville with the Winning Post Restaurant very well positioned, the food is very good.

Winx

Our industry owes a great deal of gratitude to Winx. She has raised the profile of the industry to a level we haven't seen for a long time. She is the best horse I have seen race in my time and doubt we will see one better than her for a long time. I would love to see her finish her career winning 'The Everest'.

Winx is a great story on so many fronts but as owners there is always the chance that you may own a great horse one day. She was sold through at the 2013 Magic Millions Sale for \$230,000. I purchased four winners from this sale, Hijack Hussy, Bella Venus, Annaman and Sitkamose. Winx was never on our radar.

On The Track

It has been a very good week with three winners from our past five runners. Our two years old team are going great guns. Our Long Sali was awesome on Sunday in Hobart and is set to line up again on 29 April before heading to either the SA or Tasmanian Sire's Produce Stakes on 12/13 May.

Zizzis ran well at Mornington on Monday when she ran home strongly from last for a nice 2nd. This will top her off for the Group 3 SAJC Breeder's Stakes in Adelaide on 28 April. From the wide draw and carrying 60kg she had to go back and just had too much to do on the tight Mornington circuit.

Golden Script runs at Caulfield on Saturday in the \$300,000 VOBIS Sires. She looks to have a great chance. I would get a big thrill if she won as she is the only VOBIS qualified horse I purchased in 2017 and she was bred in Tasmania not Victoria. The two yearlings I purchased from Tasmania's Armidale Stud in 2017 were Our Long Sali and Golden Script.

Our other runners on Saturday are Husson Eagle in the Listed Bel Esprit Stakes and Flying Jess in the Anniversary Handicap. I remember winning the Anniversary Handicap with Zero Drama and dropped the Waterford Crystal Trophy leaving Caulfield. I can guarantee they don't bounce.

Black and Tan is set to run on Sunday at Ballarat. Nothing went right in Adelaide and she deserves a better ride. No horse deserves to be ridden as badly as she was at Morphettville. It completely stuffed up her preparation. Jordan Childs returns to ride her. Jordan has really stepped up and is developing into a first-class rider. He's come a long way since the early days when he rode for us. His first major win was on Rumeron in the Tasmanian Magic Millions and I remember him being very excited at the Country Club Casino after the meeting concluded. He is a very nice young man.

We have had some nice trials recently and I expect to see Can't Catch Her, Our Hot Date, Lady Husson and Addocarr heading to the races soon.

Let's hope we get a couple of decent barrier draws for this weekend.

Yearlings

I have some shares remaining in the Sizzling filly I purchased in Adelaide for Patrick Payne. I really am keen on Sizzling. He is doing a great job and is clearly holding down 3rd spot on the Australian First Season Sire's List. He also has the 2nd most individual winners of the freshman sires.



Sizzling / Nullarbor Nymph filly 2016
Patrick Payne to train \$9,900 per 10% share

At the 2017 series of yearling sales I was consistently taken by the progeny of Sizzling. They looked athletic, racy types of horses and as a result I decided to purchase a couple. Both are now two years old and named Addocarr and Zizzis. Addocarr recently had his first barrier trial finishing a close second at Doomben. We decided to give him a month off and then get him back to have a crack at the Queensland Winter Carnival.

The second a filly named Zizzis has won two of her three starts. She recently won the SA Magic Millions 2YO Classic. A third filly by Sizzling out of our former smart race mare Greenmount Belle slipped through our hands when I was the under bidder on her and has won her first three starts and was placed 2nd in the Black Opal.

The filly

This is a strong, athletic filly with a great head and powerful hindquarter. I was very pleased to find her at the sale. She has a bit of an attitude which is a trait that doesn't worry me too much in a filly, in fact it is a positive.

The filly vetted out without any issues and has a great hindquarter and a good strong shoulder and deep girth. Her legs are very good. In fact, you couldn't fault her conformation.

Sizzling

I really liked what I saw in several of Sizzling's progeny at last year's sales. To me it is a no brainer that he will be a success at stud. He was a terrific racehorse and precocious two years old from the most dominant sire line in Australia for the past 20 years out of a 'black type' mare by one of the greatest sprinters of the modern generation in General Nediym. He fits the Australian profile in every respect.

Sizzling's pedigree page is very strong with a host of very good horses down the page. In fact, it couldn't be any stronger with both the 2nd and 3rd dams being superior producers.

I love the General Nediym (1st dam), Alzao stakes winner (2nd Dam) and Without Fear stakes producer (3rd dam) down the page. Estate Label, the 3rd dam was a very high-class producer also throwing the outstanding filly Loving Cup.

I must say I had a bit to do with both sides of this pedigree with Sizzling's sire Snitzel being out of Snippet's Lass. Both General Nediym and Snippet's Lass were trained by Bill Mitchell when I was his Racing Manager. They were both outstanding racehorses with Snippet's Lass being one of the toughest mares I have had anything to do with.

Sizzling has started out his stud career in great fashion and is currently 3rd on the Australian First Season List. I'm expecting his progeny to continue to improve with age.

Nullarbor Nymph

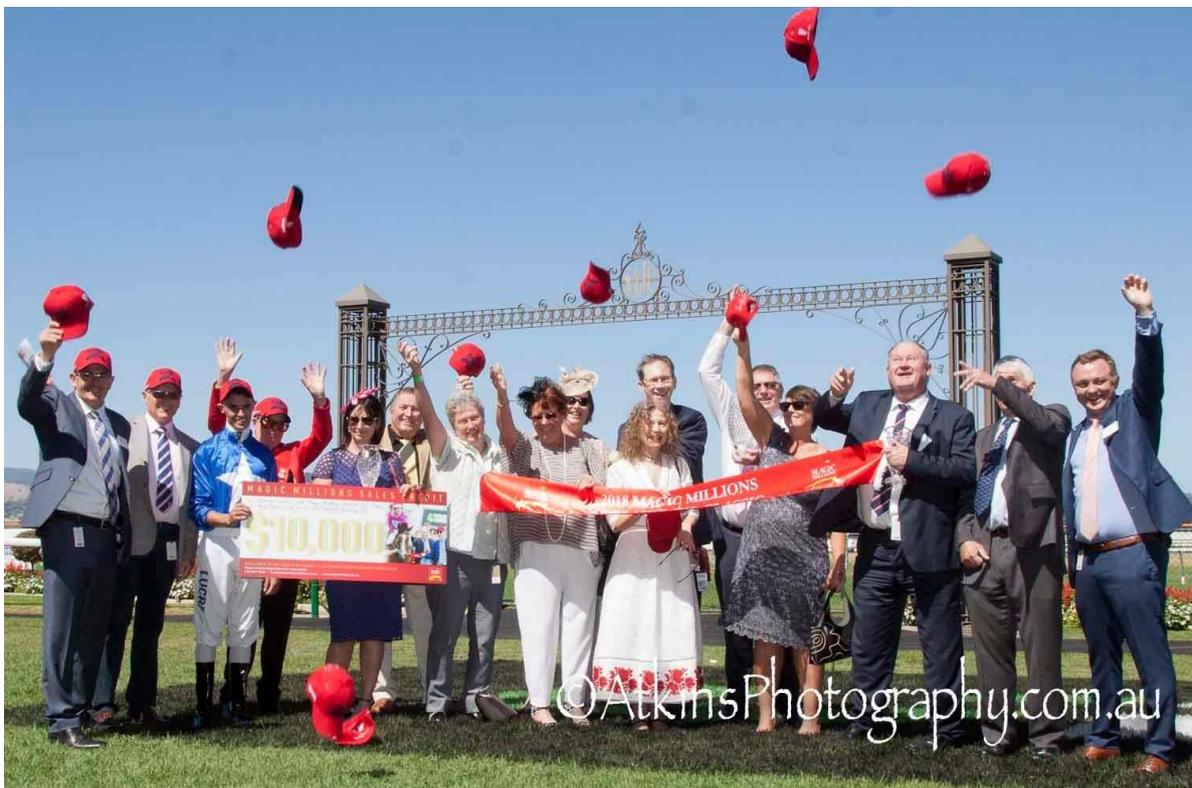
Nullarbor Nymph was a fast mare with this being her first foal. I like purchasing first foals. She is very well bred with the second dam being a stakes winner and placed 3rd in the Queensland Oaks and 4th in the AJC Oaks. Again, this is a great pointer with many of our best horses coming out of families where we have Oaks placed horses on the pedigree page.

The 3rd dam is Princess Kingston by Champion sire Bletchingly and is a full sister to Kingston Town, one of Australia's greatest ever gallopers. There are many great horses on this page including Deer Valley.



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Zizzis winning the Adelaide Magic Millions



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The winning feeling!!!

New South Wales



More than Ready (USA) / Riva del Mar filly 2016
\$13,000 per 10% share (5% shares available)
Kris Lees to train

I was taken by this filly when I inspected her. She is very athletic and by a sire who just keeps getting stakes winners. More Than Ready is one of the world's great sires with an amazing 179 individual stakes winners to his credit. Compare this with Fastnet Rock's 129 stakes winners and you get an idea of just how good he is.

The filly

This filly is very much in the mould of many of the good More Than Ready fillies I have inspected. He stamps his progeny and right from his first crop in Australia from which I purchased Readymore he has consistently done a remarkable job.

I haven't been able to purchase many fillies by More Than Ready mainly because the ones I have liked to have been too expensive. It didn't take long for his progeny to escalate in price after they started racing.

This filly has excellent conformation and I must say is a very well-balanced athlete. Dr Tim Roberts who does most of my vet work at the sales really liked her and gave her a good rating.

I wouldn't be surprised to see her get up and going early and she will be paid up for the \$8 million Inglis Series of races as well as the BOBS Scheme.

More Than Ready

More than Ready is one of the greatest shuttle stallions to have visited our country. His progeny has won 1962 races in Australia and \$74,766,148 in stakes money. These are incredible figures. Worldwide he has won 4680 races with over \$190,000,000 in stakes earnings. Compare that with Fastnet Rock who has 2622 wins and just over \$140,000,000 in stakes earnings.

Some of his best to have raced in Australia include Sebring, Samaready, More Joyous, Carry on Cutie, Phelan Ready and Perfectly Ready just to name a few. More Than Ready has consistently been a top 20 sire in Australia for the past 15 years.

The biggest impact More Than Ready may have on our industry is as a great broodmare sire. He is currently 9th on the broodmare list and is the youngest sire represented which is a great pointer to the future.

Riva Del Mar

Riva Del Mar is by the champion sire Shamardal out of the highly credentialed Zabeel mare More Chickens. This is a great female line with two Oaks winners on the page. One of these is Faint Perfume by Shamardal which shows just how well the cross works with this family.

I love buying yearlings out of families where an Oaks winner is up on the page. It is interesting that our latest Stakes Horse Casa De Lago also has two Oaks winners on her page.

Make no bones about it, the Oaks winners are the very best fillies of their year and the families they come from almost always go forward and produce very good gallopers.

This is her first foal which I also really like. Once again many of the better gallopers I have been associated with over the years are first foals.

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More Than Ready averages \$282,143 at Easter with the top priced being a filly for \$400,000!!!



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 him.

The 2nd dam is by Marscay and was a 2yo Sydney winner. She has had six to race for five winners including the stakes placed Toqique 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