



PRIME DISPATCH

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Zizzis gets the job done!!!

Zizzis was given the ride of the day on Saturday by Craig Williams. He allowed her to roll to the front and then dominated the race beating a good field of fillies. She now heads to Fleming to run in the Jim Beam Black Stakes over 1400m on the first Tuesday in November. She has now won on Adelaide Cup day, Caulfield Cup day and it would be nice for her to repeat the dose on Melbourne Cup day. Hijack Hussy won this race in 2014.

The win took the earnings on the track for the eight horses I have syndicated with Patrick to have raced to \$2,059,272. Not a bad return considering the eight cost just \$459,500. Seven of the eight are winners including three Magic Millions winners.

The win helped relieve some of the pain our team felt during the week. On Friday Randy Wix was humanely put down after an infection in his hock failed to respond to treatment. This was a tragic end to a career that promised so much. It was hard to believe he was gone after being so impressive in a barrier trial only a week earlier and with his highly anticipated debut on Cox Plate Day in the Inglis Banner. But sadly, that is the game we are in.

On Friday night Brad Rawiller rode Zelsignoret at Pakenham and almost pinched the race. It was nice to see a jockey use some initiative when the speed wasn't on and Brad rolled to the front. I was shocked on Sunday to hear Brad was being airlifted to the Alfred Hospital after being badly injured in a horrific fall at Cranbourne. Brian Higgins was also badly injured in the accident. I spoke to Des O'Keefe this morning and Brad has sustained very serious injuries. Brad has been riding for Prime Thoroughbreds for over 15 years and is a very decent person. I'm certain everyone wishes both jockeys all the best as they start the long trip to recovery.

Black And Tan was very good on Friday night running home nicely and is now ready to step up to her favoured trip of 1600m. We are hoping to get her into a race on Oaks Day at Flemington but her rating may see her miss a run. Fingers crossed but there are plenty of other options for her.

Melbourne Racing Club

The effort the Melbourne Racing Club puts in to make the owners race day experience a good one should be patented and sent to all other metropolitan race clubs. The owners' area and seafood buffet lunch provided for all owners is a great initiative and very well received.

The club had a very good week. A quick break up of the background of the winners looks like this:

28 Races run over three days with 20 won by Australian bred horses, 6 by International and 2 by NZ bred horses. A total of 94 imported horses including those from NZ competed at the three meetings. Darren Weir was the dominant trainer winning seven races. I was pleased Zizzis won with our other runner Golden Script being unplaced.

Cup Week Drinks

We will be having a few drinks at Proper and Son located at the South Melbourne Markets on Sunday 4 November 2018 starting at 6 pm. This is **only** open to our owners and their partners. This is an opportunity for our clients to meet our trainers in a relaxed environment and to get together during this busy week.

Please email to primethoroughbreds@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend. The function will complete at 930pm.

On The Track

We certainly have plenty happening at present. We are hoping to see Invincible Al and Our Long Sali line up at Moonee Valley. Craig Williams is booked for Invincible Al with Beau Mertens booked for Our Long Sali. On Friday One Invincible Cat is set run at Gawler in a heat of the Riziz Series and Kissing Game is in the final of the Viddora Series at Morphettville on Saturday.

There is no racing in Queensland on Saturday due to the strike by the industry participants. I support their action. In a nutshell over the past 10 years prize money in Queensland has dropped from 75% of that on offer in NSW to 43% while the State Government has continued to receive a small fortune from the industry.

We have several horses heading to barrier trials which should see our numbers of runners continue.

Perhaps the politicians should take the blinkers off in Queensland and have a look at the impact the Racing Industry is having in the big two states. The industry in Victoria injects \$3.2 billion into the Victorian economy each year.



Another great photo of Zizzis!!!



Winning owners Caulfield Cup Day!!!