



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Kissing Game confirmed her potential scoring a strong win at Canterbury beating a high profile field of maidens!!!**

On behalf of our family I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the Festive Season and I hope you have a great 2018. For the O'Neill's 2017 has been a good one and we have certainly enjoyed the year.

I got a big thrill out of Kissing Game's win on Friday night at Canterbury. She hadn't had much luck with barrier draws but from barrier one she was always going to be hard to beat. Well done to John Thompson and Tye Angland couldn't have ridden her any better. Kissing Game is another product of Yarraman Park that I have purchased privately. This has been a great source of good quality gallopers for us over the years with Invincible Al, Too Many Reds and Believe 'n Achieve three good examples of horses I have purchased privately from Yarraman to go on to have good racing careers.

If Friday night was good things got better on Wednesday when Patrick Payne prepared a double for us at Echuca. The tracks across Southern Australia have been very firm and at last we got a genuinely soft track and both Casa De Lago and Honolulu Lass appreciated the conditions to score impressive wins.

Patrick has done a remarkable job for us with all seven of the yearlings I have purchased for him getting to the races with six winning. These have not been expensive horses with Husson Eagle, Atlanta Miss, Invincible Al, Hussy's Glow, Honolulu Lass, Casa De Lago and Kaera Jaani costing just \$334,500. They have won 16 races and \$1,458,402 in stakes money with hopefully plenty more to come. Our trainers are under no pressure to get the Prime horses to the races with five of the seven still in our team. Unfortunately, Kaera Jaani won't make the grade.

My decision to change direction with the Victorian arm of our business has certainly paid dividends with our three Victorian trainers having produced incredible results. Darren Weir, John Moloney and Patrick Payne have received 14 yearlings from Prime Thoroughbreds now aged three or older with 13 winning. We still have five unraced two year olds with these three fine horseman by I Am Invincible, Written Tycoon, Smart Missile, Not A Single Doubt and Sizzling.

I'm looking forward to purchasing each of these trainers two yearlings in the upcoming sales. I will be attending the Magic Millions Gold Coast, Adelaide, Perth, Tasmanian and National Yearling Sales as well as the Inglis Classic, Premier and Easter Sales as well as the Scone Yearling Sale.



**Casa De Lago bolts in!!!**

**She was a cracking yearling and in my opinion the best Delago Deluxe yearling I inspected!!!**

**WHY IS THE MAGIC MILLIONS JANUARY SALE SO IMPORTANT TO  
PRIME THOROUGHBREDS?**

Since I have returned from overseas my main focus has been firmly on the upcoming Magic Millions Carnival and Sale which starts in a couple of weeks time. It is a daunting task with over 1000 yearlings to work through. I must write we have a good system in place and generally purchase about five yearlings from the sale which represents about 40% of the yearlings we syndicate each year.

I have been spending time updating our statistics from the January Sale in particular concentrating on those of the past five years. These figures throw up a number of snapshots of our overall performance and give me the opportunity to sit back and see where our success has come from. It certainly paints a very good picture of the importance of the Gold Coast Magic Millions January Sale to Prime Thoroughbreds. Below is a summary of the yearlings we have purchased from this sale commencing in 2012 through to the 2016 Sale.

It should be noted that most of the yearlings from this sale head to our NSW and Victorian trainers where the standard of racing is much higher than the other states and jurisdictions. To date none of the 2017 purchases from this sale have raced so the figures from this crop are not included.

**Summary 2012 – 2016 Crops from Gold Coast January Sale**

Yearlings purchased – 27

***Raced – 25 (93%)***

Winners – 18 (67%)

***Races won – 54***

Combined purchase price - \$2,360,000

***Average purchase price - \$87,407***

Stakes money won - \$3,264,875

***Returns from sales after racing careers completed - \$1,438,000***

Still in racing team – 11

- Notes:
1. Two yearlings died in 2013 before we could race them (not included in figures).
  2. Magic Anna is unraced but should race this preparation.
  3. Lord Elliott and One Invincible Cat are yet to win but still in our racing team.
  4. The average purchase price of the January Sale is about double the average of our purchases.

5. It is important to note 11.1% of our purchases from these sales are stakes winners compared with the sales average of about 4.25%.

### **ON THE TRACK**

The past week has seen three of our two years old team either head to the barrier trials or jump outs. Overall, we had some promising results with **Everard** running a nice trial at Gosford. She is trained by Kris Lees and is likely to debut at Randwick on 30 December although we have accepted for Boxing Day at the same track. A win in this race would see her qualify for a start in the rich Magic Millions Two Year Old Classic on 13 January 2018.

**Our Long Sali** was very impressive winning a jump out in Hobart and is being aimed at the Tasmanian Magic Millions Two Year Old Classic. She is likely to make her debut at Launceston on 24 January in the Alfa Bowl. She is the first yearling I purchased for Stuart Gandy who is really making a name for himself in Tasmania.

**Lady Husson** has gone for a break after showing signs she has had enough in a trial at Belmont on Monday. She is trained by Dan Morton.

On Saturday we have **Invincible Al** running at Moonee Valley, **Raido** at the Gold Coast and **Savoureux** at Warwick Farm. **Not Surprising** may run at Gosford on 28 December.

30 January is shaping to be a big day with **Reneged** and **Kissing Game** joining **Everard** at Randwick. **Zelsignoret** is being aimed at a suitable race at Sandown on that day as well.

**Makeadane** is likely to head to Randwick on New Year's Day although he may run at Newcastle on Boxing Day. **Banachek** is set to run at Warrnambool on New Year's Day with **Husson Boots** heading to Toowoomba that night and **Hussy's Glow** set to run at Echuca as well. **Chalmers** has accepted at Taree on Christmas Eve.

For your information our runners on Magic Millions Day are shaping like this. The \$250,000 Maiden - One Invincible Cat and Our Netbank. The \$250,000 Country Cup – Banachek, Husson Boots, Lomazzo and Not Surprising. The \$2,000,000 @ Year Old Classic – Everard. The \$2,000,000 Magic Millions Guineas – Zelsignoret and the \$1,000,000 Stayer's Cup – Reneged.

Everard, Zelsignoret and Reneged will need to win their next starts to get a start but all three have been set for 13 January and I'm pleased with where they are at. A bit of rain would certainly help our cause.

*The Magic Millions Carnival has a real buzz about it and I get the impression the yearlings will be expensive. I have decided to head to the Gold Coast earlier and will commence inspections on 5 December rather than 7 December as I had planned.*

**SHARES AVAILABLE IN STAR WITNESS FILLY**  
**DARREN WEIR TO TRAIN**  
**10% REMAINS**

I have completed the purchase of the Star Witness filly out of Involve. She is a cracker and full details are enclosed. I had an owner withdraw due to a change in his circumstances, so I have the one 10% share remaining in her.

Some of the recent private purchases from Yarraman Park include Invincible Al, Kissing Game, Isthmian and Invincible Amici.

The 10% shares will be \$11,500 with 5% shares available. Hopefully she can join Holding, Unchain My Heart, Pitt Street, Too Many Reds and Invincible Al as successful horses we have purchased privately.



**Star Witness / Involve filly 2016**  
**\$11,500 per 10% share (5% shares available)**  
**Australian Champion trainer Darren Weir To Train**

Over the years I have purchased some outstanding horses privately to syndicate. Included are the high-class gallopers Holding, Unchain My Heart, Too Many Reds, Believe 'n Achieve, Pitt Street and more recently our talented gallopers Invincible Al, Invincible Amici, Kissing Game and Isthmian.

In all cases this strategy has allowed us to keep the entry price down for clients wanting to get involved in racing. The horses listed above have given their owners terrific satisfaction and enjoyment.

This Star Witness filly which was reared at Yarraman Park represents great value. Let's look at why I purchased her.

### **The filly**

I was taken by this filly's physical presence when I inspected a group of yearling fillies at Yarraman Park earlier this year. She is a strong well-balanced athlete with good bone. She is an attractive filly with good conformation and no issues on x-ray. She becomes our first yearling purchase for the new season.

I'm really pleased to have secured her and I am very pleased to offer such a nice filly to the market and I have high expectations for her.

### **Star Witness**

Star Witness was also a good chance to be a success at stud. He has a good pedigree and is out of a very fast mare who is sister to the outstanding mare Chinchilla Rose. He comes from a family that produced the handy sprinter Ferocity, a reasonable sire himself. Star Witness was a very good juvenile and trained on. He won twice at the top level and competed with distinction in England.

More to the point he was selected to stand at the famous Widden Stud. Like all studs Widden don't always get it right but they do more often than not when selecting sires to stand at the famous nursery. Widden's current stallion roster with runners are Sebring, Nicconi, Star Witness, Your Song and Zoustar.

Sebring is number two on the current season's Australian Winners List, Nicconi comes in at seven. Star Witness is the leading fourth season sire in Australia after securing the top spot on the third season list in 2016/17 Season.

Young Song is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Second Season Winner's List and Zoustar is 3<sup>rd</sup> on the First Season Sires List.

About 700 sires are represented on these Lists so the statistics are very impressive.

Tara Madgwick summed it up very well:

*"Widden's Star Witness appears a sure thing to continue his rise up the Australian Stallion ranks judging on his ability to sire arguably Australia's best two 3YO's of either sex. From just three crops he has sired high class sprinter milers that perform from Two to Three. With over 360 mares covered in the last two seasons don't expect this guy to slow down anytime soon."* Tara Madgwick, Breednet

### **Involve**

Involve is by Champion Broodmare Sire Encosta de Lago. He has won the Broodmare sire's title in the past two seasons and is currently placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot behind Zabeel.

Involve has done a good job at stud with four winners from just five to race. This is her sixth foal. She has been proven to produce nice class horses with all four of her winners being metropolitan class horses including this filly's full brother Arrestar who won recently in Brisbane.

Involve is out of the Lunchtime mare Glorified who produced 9 winners including the very good gallopers British Lion and British General from 11 to race.



**Honolulu Lass coming back to scale after her dominant win on Wednesday**  
**It was a big day for Tahlia Hope with four winners including our two!!!**