



Good afternoon,

## **PRIME THOROUGHBREDS UPDATE 23 JANUARY 2014**

### **TOO MANY REDS RETIRED**



#### **Too Many Reds**

Too Many Reds has run his last race. The gallant son of Magic Albert was one of the most popular horses to have worn our colours and did a great job winning 10 of his career 41 starts and \$296,155 in stakes money. Not bad for a weanling I purchased from Yarraman Park for just \$25,000.

His best run was in the ATC Lightning Stakes at Randwick where he was beaten a nose in course record time. He was a great character with a strong personality and bluffed a few of his handlers in his day.

Over the past few months we have retired about a dozen from our team including good horses such as Namsarai, Sea Tryst and Rose Of Scotland. We now have 51 on our books with a new wave of youngsters starting to hit the track which is healthy. Included in this number are 36 aged three or younger.

## **ON THE TRACK**

I was thrilled to see Oeuvre win on debut at Taree on Tuesday. He scored a strong win. It isn't easy to win on debut and I see it as a very positive sign for a horse going forward. Congratulations to the owners. I thought Not Another Red had won on Sunday but was beaten a nose. Terra Amata was very honest running 3<sup>rd</sup> in a good quality race and she now heads to the Group 3 Bow Mistress on 2/2/14 in Hobart. The less written about Rumeron's ride the better. Pitt Street was great at Randwick after such a long break. It was good to see Mossgiel Village bounce back in Launceston last night where he was a good 2<sup>nd</sup> behind a handy one.

The Tasmanian Carnival is in full swing with the big Hobart Cup day only two and a half weeks away. We are looking at running Unchain My Heart in both the Hobart and Launceston Cups prior to a crack at the Adelaide Cup. We will have quite a few other runners over the Carnival.

On Saturday last start winner Poussin heads to Sale and Unique (half-brother to Happy Trails) makes his debut at Newcastle.

## **MAGIC MILLIONS SELECTION PROCESS**

Most people who turn up at a sale like the Gold Coast Magic Millions January Sale have no idea of the work that goes into putting the sale together. The reason for the sale is to sell horses and the activities and race day that are part of the week and there to help create a positive environment to help the sale.

Over 2,500 yearlings were nominated by breeders for the sale and Magic Millions bloodstock staff had the job of selecting the 926 yearlings they felt best suited to the sale. To achieve this task the bloodstock team inspected every yearling nominated for the sale as well as visiting farms prior to nominations to get a feel for the yearlings that may be nominated. They also look for yearlings they want in the sale. The yearlings being considered for the sale are inspected several times before the final catalogue is put together.

The final result was probably the best catalogue of yearlings I have seen offered at the Gold Coast in my 17 years attending the sale. It was a great sale. It was genuine with Magic Millions closely scrutinizing prospective buyers and laying down the rules for the sale. This was the sale the industry needed after a few tough years.

## **ACCOUNTS**

I only managed to get the accounts out late Tuesday night. This is a disruptive month with the Magic Millions taking up much time.

## YEARLING OF THE WEEK

Two years ago Magic Millions introduced a bonus for horses raced exclusively by ladies. This year I went looking for a filly that was physically strong enough to get to the early two year old races and hopefully qualify for the Magic Millions Gold Coast Two Year Old Classic in January. I found a Husson filly out of a mare that was very precocious as a two year old. Her details are laid out below. She has been popular with half her shares already taken up.

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**Husson (Arg) – Turquia filly 2012**  
**Ladies Only Syndicate**  
**10% Shares \$8,500 – 5% Shares \$4,250**

This is a lovely filly from a great two year old family. I was really impressed with her as a type and to my eye she looks a natural two year old runner.

She will be trained by John Thompson and aimed at the early two year old races in Brisbane with a view to qualifying for the \$2million Magic Millions Two Year Old Classic at the Gold Coast next year. As a Ladies only syndicate she will be eligible for the Ladies Bonus.

### **Husson (Arg)**

Husson (Arg) is by the champion sire Hussonet. Hussonet is starting to make big waves in Australia with his sons and daughters proving outstanding breeding prospects. Husson's results thus far have been amazing. In total 77 have won with 8 (10.38%) of these being stakes winners and 5 (16.88%) stakes placed. Compare this with the career statistics for Australia's Leading Stallion for 2011/12 in Commands with 588 winners for 50 (8.5%) stakes winners and 40 (15.3%) stakes placed runners. I'm certain Husson isn't a flash in the pan.

The world record-breaking champion and multiple Group 1-winning sprinter/miler Husson, won Argentina's Golden Slipper equivalent by over nine lengths. He also ran *an* astonishing 1.18.98 for 1400m

which still ranks as one of the fastest times over that distance in the world. He was unbeaten in five starts as a two and three year old winning three Group 1 races.

**Turquia**

Turquia was a very fast filly winning twice as a juvenile and was placed three times in Listed company including once at Group 2 level.

This is a great winning family with the first three dams producing 21 to race for 17 individual winners. There are a number of two year olds included amongst these.

**The filly**

She is an impressive filly and I can't wait for her to race.