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Naranja as a yearling

Being set for the Magic Millions Maiden at the Gold Coast in January

Jason Day's win in the BMW Tournament and his elevation to World Number 1 player was the absolute highlight of the week for Australian sport and continued the good run our sportsmen and women having been having in recent months. You can't win every time you compete but Jason's current form is simply faultless and I hope he has a long reign at the top. He joins two great Australian Sportsmen to have held the premier position in golf in Greg Norman and Adam Scott. We should also include Karrie Webb in this group. She is probably Australia's greatest ever golfer and dominated Women's golf for many years and is still very competitive.

Australia is about to say goodbye to one of its greatest ever competitors with Leyton Hewitt set to bow out after the Australian Open in January. He has been a great warhorse carrying the Davis Cup side on his shoulders for quite a few years. Well done to him. He deserves every accolade he receives.

The AFL and NRL seasons are drawing to a close with just four sides remaining in each competition. Good luck to our clients that support the eight clubs still in contention. O'Neill's tips for what they are worth are Hawthorn to play West Coast in the AFL and Melbourne to play the Roosters in the NRL Grand Finals.

The Wallabies kicked off their World Cup campaign this morning against Fiji with a solid win. Fiji is a good side. I'm pleased Michael Cheika decided to go with his strongest line up. It is important Australia make a sound start to the tournament and get the momentum rolling. It is in a difficult Grouping and the Wallabies need to win three of our four matches to get through to the quarter finals.

I must say I had a wry smile when the news Japan had beaten South Africa filtered through on Sunday morning but the standard of world Rugby is improving. It is certain to keep a couple of staunch Springbok's fans around Beaumaris quiet and out of sight for some time which isn't a bad thing.

VICTORIA IN SPRING A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT

Last week I recommended you look closely at visiting the Yarra Valley during your time in Melbourne in the coming weeks. Melbourne has some great markets with the Victoria Market the best known. Personally I love the South Melbourne Market. It isn't as big as the Vic Market but the quality of fresh produce, seafood and meat on offer is hard to beat.

South Melbourne Seafood is a terrific shop and sells the freshest fish and shellfish you are likely to find anywhere. Their oysters are simply divine and shucked at the market. Kirkpatrick's is a great butcher shop. Their lamb is outstanding and Fred Kirkpatrick is always looking for a winning tip!!!

South Melbourne Pizza Shop is located next to the fish shop and serves great pizza and excellent coffee. Say hello to mine host Frank who raced Eramor with Prime Thoroughbreds. He loves his racing and a chat.

There are several good restaurants including Turkish, Mexican Spanish, Seafood, Asian and numerous take away shops and delis. Check out the website and get the light rail from the city to and from the market. It is a short journey but you won't be disappointed.

<http://southmelbournemarket.com.au>

A great way to enjoy the market is to take a good bottle of wine with you and wander around having some oysters at the seafood outlet, dumplings to die for from Mama Tran, a piece of Frank's Pizza and then coffee at Prosser'!!! What a day. Make sure you don't drive though because you may have more than one bottle of wine!!!!

COBALT – SYDNEY

The penalties handed down on Monday in the cobalt saga in Sydney reflected the severity of the charges being faced by those involved. It has been a messy affair and we still have a way to go before the whole thing is put to bed. I don't feel the reporting or views being expressed by some members of the media are helpful. The integrity services have a difficult job to do and I'm certain they take no pleasure in suspending and or fining those found to have breached the rules. The fact we have had senior vets, a racing official and member of the media also implicated in this saga is very disappointing but points out just how thorough the investigations have been.

We still have some issues to be tidied up in Sydney and the Melbourne circus is in full swing with the latest appearing to be an effort to discredit the Integrity Department of RVL which I find distasteful to say the least. Patrick Bartley wrote an interesting column in Tuesday's Age which in many ways sums up the situation.

I have pasted this column at the end of this dispatch.

MAGIC MILLIONS RACEDAY

The \$10 million Magic Millions day of racing to be held on the Gold Coast in January is only 16 weeks away. We are looking at targeting the day with some of our runners. Husson Eagle is being aimed towards the \$1,000,000 Magic Millions Sprint and won't be seen during the Melbourne Spring Carnival. We have quite a few Magic Millions qualified horses on our books and as we get closer will be steering some of these towards the day. It is a big day and I'm not in a position to be able to get tickets to the day or get clients into functions.

We have had some success in the past winning Magic Millions races with Hidden Wonder, Rose Of Scotland, Atalanta Miss and Rumeron.

If you are planning to head up for the Magic Millions and want to enjoy the day get in touch with the Gold Coast Turf Club and book your tickets or lunch packages. Check out the link:

<http://www.gctc.com.au/event/2016-jeep-magic-millions/january-2016/406>

THIS WEEK ON THE TRACK

We are likely to have Go Arrivederci, Annaman and Ankara Lass running over the next few days. Currently we also have Husson Eagle, Shining Brooke, Miss De Vega, Makeadane, Atalanta Miss, Bridie's Brook, Lamoza, Savoureux, Raido, Stimuli, Naranja and a host of other horses ready to trial

or in work getting ready to race during the Spring and into the Summer. As well we have our team of 20 two year olds at varying stages of their preparations. We are careful with these precious babies and always take the cautious approach with them although I expect we could see some action on the racetrack before Christmas.

HINCHINBROOK – PRINCESS ANNA FILLY

I wrote last week that I had purchased two fillies to be the start of our 2016 team. The first of these is a Hinchinbrook filly out of the Encosta de Lago filly Princess Anna. See the details on her below:



Hinchinbrook filly out of Princess Anna 2014

John Thompson to train at Randwick

10% shares \$7,900

5% shares \$3,950

The Filly

This filly is a strong nicely balanced athlete that gets around well and has a real presence about her. She is very strong behind and through the hocks which is a characteristic of the progeny of Hinchinbrook.

She vetted out without any issues and was reared at Yarraman Park one of Australia's most well respected boutique nurseries.

The filly is an August foal and will be broken in in February/ March of 2016 with a view to giving her every chance to run as a two year old. **She comes from a very precocious family with her dam's ½ sister winning stakes races twice as a two year old and being placed in the \$1million Gold Coast Magic Millions Two Year Old Classic.**

Hinchinbrook

After I inspected the yearlings by the first season sires in 2013 I made the prediction that Hinchinbrook would be Australia's leading first season sire. He didn't let me down winning the title in a field of over 50 contenders for the title. This was a wonderful effort considering the horse didn't serve a big book of mares and stood at a modest fee.

A lot of the credit for his success goes to the team at Yarraman Park. The farm consistently punches above its weight with the yearlings coming off the farm setting the benchmark across our industry. It should be remembered Yarraman Park's I Am Invincible won the title in the previous season.

In winning the title Hinchinbrook not only got early runners but high class juveniles including the Group 1 winner Press statement and multiple stakes winner Flippant.

Hinchinbrook was a top class juvenile winning the Group III AJC Skyline Stakes and Listed Canonbury Stakes before being the **first colt home when fourth to Crystal Lily in the Group I STC Golden Slipper** and was then third in the Group I AJC Sires Produce Stakes.

He then trained on at three for Group I placings in the AJC All Aged Stakes, MRC Oakleigh Plate and MVRC William Reid Stakes, before being injured in the UK while preparing for Royal Ascot and retiring with earnings in excess of \$590,000.

He is a three-quarter brother to leading young sire Snitzel and Group III winner Viennese by champion sire Fastnet Rock from stakes-winning sprinter Snippets' Lass.

Snippet's Lass was the best mare trained by Bill Mitchell while I was with him and had one of the very best pedigrees in Australia. While she was only small in stature she was big on quality and had a heart as big as herself.

It looks as though Hinchinbrook will continue the great start he had in his first season with one of the most impressive trial winners to my eye to date has been the Hinchinbrook filly Divajeu at Randwick recently.

She was a relatively inexpensive purchase from the January Magic Millions Sale. I have been very big supporter of Hinchinbrook and have three two year old fillies at various stages of their development as well as two three year olds including Shining Brooke who is being prepared for the Spring Carnival.

Hinchinbrook really impresses me and during my visits to the Hunter over the past few months I have left each time with the feeling that he is going to be a great success at stud. I can't get enough of them!!!

Princess Anna

Princess Anna was by Encosta de Lago. Princess Anna is very well related and was a \$200,000 Easter yearling. This is her first foal which I love buying. **Horses bred on this cross include the Group or Stakes winners Musir, Empress Rock, Pheidon, Killua Castle, Proisir, Beneteau, Sookie, Instinction, Essington, Mohave, Ghost, Peeping, Inner Warrior, Frespanol, Burnstone.**

As I wrote earlier Princess Anna comes from a very precocious two year old family that includes the outstanding racehorses **Faith Hill, Black Minx, Simply Believe, Mr Make Believe, Chosen Moment, Truly Believe, Pure Of Heart and the successful sire Lion Hunter.**

It is important to note the 2nd and 3rd dams both won high class stakes races with the conversion rate of winners to runners in the first 4 dams being very good when you consider the level that they raced at.

Encosta de Lago is proving to be one of our very best broodmare sires and is currently placed 2nd behind Flying Spur on the broodmare sires list. The previous three seasons has seen him progress from 14th to 5th to 4th and now 2nd on this highly competitive list. His best to race this season is **Japonisme.**

It isn't surprising for him to be so well up on the list as he offers a terrific outcross to the dozens of sons and grandsons of Danehill standing here in Australia. Encosta de Lago has also been a highly successful sire in his own right. I am really looking forward to this filly racing and feel I purchased her well under the odds.



Shining Brooke winning at Geelong
Hinchinbrook – Shine On Anna 201

GREY FILLY

Foaled 1st August, 2014

Sire:	Fastnet Rock	Danehill	Danzig
HINCHINBROOK		Piccadilly Circus	Razyana
2007		Snippets	Royal Academy
	Snippets' Lass	Snow Finch	Gatana
		Fairy King	Lunchtime
	Encosta de Lago	Shoal Creek	Easy Date
Dam:		Danehill	Storm Bird
PRINCESS ANNA	Faith Hill	Simply Believe	A Realgirl
2008			Northern Dancer
			Fairy Bridge
			Star Way
			Rolls
			Danzig
			Razyana
			Kenmare
			Convent (10-c)

By **HINCHINBROOK (AUS)** (B. 2007 - Stud 2011) Stakes-winner; won 2 races and \$590,300 inc. AJC Skyline S. [G3], AJC Canonbury S. [L]; sire of 2 SWs (1 G1) Press Statement, Flippant and SP Brooklyn, Old Trieste; also winners Carriages, Danglissa Girl, Thorsborne, Moment of Music, Brazen, Snuffle, Emilion Storm, Shining Brooke, etc. His oldest progeny are 3YOs.

1st DAM

PRINCESS ANNA, by Encosta de Lago. 1 win at 1284 m. in Australia. Half-sister to **BLACK MINX**, **More Than Faith**. Dam of 1 foal.

2nd DAM

FAITH HILL, by Danehill (USA). 6 wins 1200 to 1600 m. and \$323,975. Won AJC Emancipation S. [G2], AJC Reginald Allen Quality H. [L], STC Stargames H. 2nd Scone RC Dark Jewel Classic [L]. 3rd STC Queen of the Turf S. [G2], MRC Tristarc S. [G3]. 4th VRC Rose of Kingston S. [G3]. Three-quarter sister to **Mr Make Believe**. Dam of 7 foals, 5 raced, 3 winners inc.-.

BLACK MINX (f by Lonhro). 5 wins 1000 to 1200 m. at 2 and \$335,140. Won QTC C.E. McDougall S. [L], QTC Sir Douglas Wadley S. [L], BTC Gianni Restaurant 2 YO Plate, BTC 4Bc's Sports Talk Today 2 YO H. 4th Gold Coast TC Magic Millions 2 YO Classic [RL], QTC J. Cadell-Garrick H. [L].

More Than Faith (f by More Than Ready (USA)). 2 wins at 1200 m. Won ATC Ranvet Handicap. 2nd ATC Reginald Allen Quality H. [L].

3rd DAM

SIMPLY BELIEVE, by Kenmare (FR). 3 wins at 1200, 1600 m. Won SAJC West End Export S. [G3], MVRC Seppelt Great Western S. [L], MRC La Trobe H. 2nd MRC Bletchingly S. [G3]. 3rd MRC Tranquil Star S. [L]. Sister to **Truly Believe**. Dam of 6 named foals, 5 raced, 3 winners inc.-.

FAITH HILL (f by Danehill (USA)). 6 wins. See above.

Mr Make Believe (g by Commands). 10 wins 1000 to 1514 m. and \$373,929. Won MRC Alh Group Handicap, MRC Fujitsu General & Jason Richards Cup, MRC Ahern's at Highways After the Last H., ATC Endeavour Foundation Recycled Clothing Handicap. 2nd MRC Heath S. [L], MRC Doveton S. [L]. 4th MRC Sir John Monash S. [G3].

Madame Grange. Unraced. Dam of 2 winners---

SHIRAZ ATTACK. 4 wins 1200 to 1400 m. and \$135,550. Won BRC Quest Breakfast Creek Open Fillies and Mares Handicap, BRC Paynter Dixon Qtis Three-Years-Old Handicap, BRC The Brisbane Produce Market Fillies and Mares Class 6 Handic, BRC Grinders Coffee Maiden Plate. 2nd BRC Landfill Logistics Pty Ltd Qtis Three-Years-Old Fillies Maid. 3rd BRC Bundaberg Distilling Co Qtis Three-Years-Old Handicap. 4th BRC Vo Rogue Plate [G3].

FRESH LIGHT. 3 wins 1700 to 2200 m. and \$77,085. Won MVRC 1Print.Com.Au Handicap.

Timely Moment. Started once in Australia. Dam of 2 winners inc.---

Chosen Moment (g by Choisir). 3 wins at 1000, 1200 m. and \$182,098. Won MVRC Spotless Handicap, MVRC Sportingbet Powered By William Hill Handicap. 2nd SAJC S.A. Sires' Produce S. [G3], SAJC Oaklands Plate [L], MVRC Alternate Rail Handicap. 3rd MVRC Red Anchor S. [G3], MRC Premier Signs Plate.

4th DAM

CONVENT, by Sir Tristram (IRE). Unraced. Half-sister to **Lion Hunter**, **Glowing Tribute**. Dam of 7 named foals, 5 raced, 4 winners inc.-.

SIMPLY BELIEVE (f by Kenmare (FR)). 3 wins. See above.

Truly Believe (f by Kenmare (FR)). 1 win at 1150 m. 2nd MRC Kilshery H., MRC Denise's Joy H. 3rd SAJC Morphetville Guineas [L]. Dam of 3 winners inc.--.

FIDELE. 1 win at 1400 m. at 2. Won AJC Burwana Maiden H. 2nd MRC Cap d'Antibes H., AJC Let's Hurry H. 3rd AJC Barry Watson Cabra-Vale Diggers Welfare Officer H., AJC Warilla Hotel-Motel H. Dam of 3 winners inc.---

ROUNABOUT. 2 wins at 1400 m. Won MRC Le Pine Funerals Handicap, MRC Hyland Race Colours Plate. 2nd VRC Eugene Gorman Handicap. 3rd Kwoon Chung Bipenggou Tourism Service H, VRC Primacy Handicap.

PURE BRIGHT. 2 wins at 1000, 1210 m. in Australia 3rd STC Rudolph H. Dam of 6 winners inc.---

PRIME TIME. 1 win at 1000 m. at 2. Won VRC Bulban H. 3rd MVRC Reggio Calabria Club H. Dam of 2 winners

inc.---

FIFTYSHADESOFGREY. **4 wins** 1200 to 1950 m. Won Avondale JC The Venue Waiheke 1200. 2nd AuRC Places & Graces 1400, AuRC Barfoot & Thompson Twilight Cup. 3rd AuRC Support Rmhc 1400.

Better Believe. Unraced. Dam of 4 winners inc.---

LEGEND. **3 wins** 1525 to 2060 m. Won Avondale JC Commercial Sprayers Maiden H.

THE GODDAUGHTER. **2 wins** at 1600, 2200 m. Won AuRC Provet New Zealand Mile.

Have Faith. Unraced. Dam of 2 winners inc.---

CINQUE TERRE. **2 wins** at 1400, 1640 m. Won BRC Padua College Maiden H. 3rd BRC Myer Maiden Plate, BRC Childhood Cancer Support Maiden H.

5th DAM

PURE OF HEART, by Godswalk. **5 wins** 1000 to 1400 m. Won STC George Ryder S. **[G1]**, VATC Autumn S. **[G3]**. 2nd VATC Marlboro Cup **[G1]**, STC Rosemount Wines Classic **[G2]**. 3rd VRC Newmarket H. **[G1]**, SAJC Spring S. **[G2]**. 4th VRC Lightning S. **[G2]**. Three-quarter sister-in-blood to **IDOL WORSHIP**. Half-sister to **FIELD HAND**, **RIVER DANE**, **PREGO**, **Danhagen**, **Son of Joan**. Dam of 11 foals, 10 raced, 8 winners inc.-.

Lion Hunter (c by Danehill (USA)). **3 wins** at 1200 m. and \$114,800. Won BTC TT Bakeries Flying H., BTC 4Bc Wayne Roberts H., QTC Mercherie Maiden H. 2nd AJC Galaxy S. **[G1]**, VRC Rupert Steele S. **[G3]**.

Glowing Tribute (c by Danzatore (CAN)). **3 wins** 1100 to 1600 m. Won AJC Knave H., VRC Alexander and Paterson H., QTC Mr. Consistency Conditions H. 3rd VRC Sires' Produce S. **[G1]**, VRC Mollison H. **[L]**, QTC Veil Kingdom Welter H. 4th BATC National Nine News S. **[L]**.

PINKY LONG LEGS. **8 wins** at 1650, 1800 m. and \$1,103,481. Won Sha Tin Chun Shek Divided H., Happy Valley Bangalore H., Happy Valley Po Leung Kuk Divided H., Happy Valley Blake Garden H. 3rd Sha Tin Manawatu Racing Club Divided H., Happy Valley Chinese General Chamber of Commerce H., Happy Valley Mount Nicholson H.

Cobalt penalties a real warning for those awaiting their turn

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COMMENT

Racing NSW stewards on Monday sent a clear message to anyone wishing to cheat with banned substance cobalt in that state – stay away or be wiped out.

In a decision that will send shivers down the spine of the five Victorian trainers yet to face the Racing Disciplinary and Appeals Board here, NSW stewards disqualified the six individuals involved for more than 50 years collectively.

Disqualification means the person is banned from racing, racetracks, stables and from participating in any activity relating to racing.

In delivering the penalty in a wide-ranging eight-page judgment, the stewards were scathing of trainer Sam Kavanagh and Flemington vet Dr Tom Brennan, who were both given potentially career-ending penalties.

However, the stewards didn't stop with them, and everyone involved was disqualified from racing.

The steward's panel did allow some penalties to be served concurrently. However Kavanagh and Brennan are still disqualified for nine years and six years respectively.

Brennan, the vet at the centre of some Victorian cobalt cases, still has to face the Victorian RAD board on 20 charges and it is likely he will face the Veterinary Board in both states.

The cobalt saga has wiped out trainers across Australia and is doing massive damage to the racing industry and its reputation, domestically and internationally.

Certainly the NSW stewards are sending a message to everyone that they are intent on cleaning up the sport.

In harness racing in NSW the first cobalt crusader steward, Reid Sanders, set the first cobalt threshold, caught 10 trainers and disqualified them from periods ranging from 30 months to 10 years.

Next, Ray Murrphy and his team at Racing NSW moved in and disqualified Newcastle trainer Darren Smith for 15 years - effectively a lifetime.

Kavanagh (suspended for nine years), Brennan (six years) and the others (three months to 4½ years) will also have plenty of time to ponder the error of their ways.

Brennan was quick to resort to social media, tweeting "six years - see you in court, Ray!" This may not be too far from reality, but not in the way Dr Brennan would prefer.

This NSW stewards' decision should be a worry to the Victorian trainers who have cobalt charges pending - they are Danny O'Brien (four positives), Lee and Shannon Hope (three positives), Mark Kavanagh (one positive) and leading trainer Peter Moody (one positive).

On the one cobalt positive, Midsummer Sun, Kavanagh and Brennan each received three years' disqualification on that one positive alone.

During the case, every possible cobalt defence - not a prohibited substance, not performance-enhancing, bioaccumulation and "the Sergeant Schultz defence - I know nothing" - were all put to the panel and rejected. A fact that will be of little solace to our Victorian trainers and their lawyers.

Closer to home, the cobalt saga has caused a media circus, with Moody being critical of Chief Stipendiary Steward Terry Bailey and others when interviewed by Shane Anderson of industry-owned TV station Racing.com.

On Monday, Anderson went public defending his interview with Moody and claimed that at least three Racing Victoria board members had run in to support his interview with Moody.

Given Racing Minister Martin Pakula has already warned the RV board not to meddle in matters of integrity, let us hope Shane Anderson has embellished things. Because RV support of his interview would appear to be at odds with Pakula's specific directive.

Moody didn't stop there, tweeting on Saturday: "Bet TB [Terry Bailey] happy he is not a footy coach. Full support of Board and CEO usually means...".

Perhaps Moody should be happy he is not a footy player, as criticising the umpire is not tolerated by the AFL and results in immediate sanctions. Maybe Moody should reintroduce his media ban and extend to it social media. The extra time will help him explain Lidari's cobalt reading of 410.

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/sport/horseracing/cobalt-penalties-a-real-warning-for-those-awaiting-their-turn-20150921-gjrpmr.html#ixzz3mPpYoYFL>