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**Husson Eagle took his stakes earnings to \$1,001,618 when 3rd in Hareeba Stakes!!!
Husson / Tie Me Up 2011 \$42,500 Adelaide Magic Millions Purchase!!!**

I was thrilled when Husson Eagle joined the Millionaire's Club on Saturday when he stormed home for 3rd in the Hareeba Stakes at Mornington. He has been a great horse for his owners and supporters and seems to have a new string to his bow with him settling much better in his races which is the key to him being able to get out past 1100m.

Patrick Payne has done a wonderful job with him and we have a sound six year old, who loves his racing with plenty still ahead of him. He is pictured above at Flemington a few weeks ago. I'm sure you would agree it is a great photo.

His run wasn't our only stakes success for the weekend with Flying Jess who was well ridden by Dwayne Dunne was very good at Moonee Valley when 3rd in the Group 2 Sunline Stakes. Many of our owners who race good fillies understand how difficult it is to gain that elusive 'black type'. Flying Jess is best known for her great win at the Gold Coast in the Magic Millions Guineas but since that wonderful win has been placed in four Group races including two at Group 2 level. These performances certainly enhance her pedigree page as does her recent 4th in the Listed CS Hayes Stakes.

Many of our owners follow our team closely particularly when we are having a good run. These are the plans we have in place for our more high-profile horses in the coming weeks:

Flying Jess – 21/04/18 Autumn Stakes Caulfield then 05/05/18 Queen Of The Turf Stakes Adelaide

Husson Eagle – 21/04/18 Bel Esprit Stakes Caulfield then 19/05/18 Goodwood Handicap

Raido – 07/04/18 – Weetwood Handicap Toowoomba

Zizzis – 28/04/18 Breeder's Stakes Adelaide

Black And Tan – 07/04/18 Laelia Stakes Adelaide then 21/04/18 Schweppes Stakes Adelaide

Our Long Sali – 29/05/18 Autumn Sprint Hobart then 13/05/18 Sires Produce Stakes Launceston

On The Track

We have a quiet week with Our Netbank ling up at Ipswich tomorrow in a 1200m maiden. She should be very competitive.

Golden Script is set to be our 5th two years old runner for the season when she makes her debut at Sandown tomorrow. It is always a big day when any two years old has its first start and we wish her and her owners all the very best.

Our Yearlings

Quite a few of our yearlings are now at the breakers with me receiving positive reports back on their progress. Most of the yearlings I syndicate have had sales preparations with good studs so they are used to being handled and as a result are easy to break in.

It is a very important period in a horse's career as a bad experience while being broken in can cause long term issues with horses.

We only use the best breakers and as a result we have very few issues with our horses. Over the years I have seen many cases where a person goes out and spends a lot of money on purchasing an expensive yearling only then to try and cut corners and save money in spelling the horse and getting it broken in. It doesn't work and these animals need to be treated like professional athletes.

I am working my way through our purchases and many are getting close to being fully subscribed. I have shares remaining in the following yearlings.

Victoria



Shooting To Win / Miss Fidler filly – John Moloney to train
10% \$17,500 per share

One of the most important things to come out of the Inglis Premier Sale was that the market had well and truly warmed to Shooting To Win. All his yearlings in Book 1 sold with their average being in the top echelon of those sold. I spoke with the Managing Director of Godolphin Australia about the sire and he was very bullish about his prospects with Godolphin being active buying progeny of the sire.

In December I was doing my pre-sale inspections in the Hunter Valley and visited Fernrigg Farm. I was very impressed with the way their yearlings were presented and this filly particularly caught my eye. She is a very attractive looking horse and gets around very well. I marked her reasonably highly at the time and was pleasantly surprised just how well she had done since I first saw her a month earlier.

Let's look more closely at why I purchased her.

The filly vetted out without any issues and has clear x-rays. Dr Tim Roberts, one of Australia's leading vets does most of my sales inspections and is also a very good judge of a yearling. He has provided a detailed report which is included in the Product Disclosure Statement.

She is a nice sized filly and very attractive. She has a nice length of rein and stands over good ground. She has a great shoulder and is strong through the neck and has a nice girth. She is nice and strong behind which is important.

I believe this filly should run at but that she will develop into a lovely three and four years old.

The filly has a superb pedigree and is related to some very good horses. This is a family that seems to throw up outstanding gallopers in each generation.

In many ways as a type she reminds me of Hidden Wonder, a very good mare I syndicated a few years ago.

Shooting To Win

Shooting to Win has all the ingredients to make a successful sire. Firstly, he comes from an outstanding family and is out of one of the very best mares at stud in Australia. His sire Northern Meteor looked like being a super star but died prematurely which was a massive loss to the Australian breeding industry.

Secondly, he is an outstanding looking horse. He has terrific conformation and is as good a type as you are likely to see.

Thirdly, he was a very good racehorse with his time in winning the Caulfield Guineas being quicker than Redoute's Choice and Lonhro. He is one of only three horses to win the Stan Fox Stakes / Caulfield Guineas double, the other two being Kenwood Melody and Lonhro.

Fourthly, his yearlings look like racehorses.

Miss Fidler

Miss Fidler has an outstanding pedigree and comes from a family that continually produces high class gallopers. She herself is a ½ sister to the Group 1 winner Hurtle Myrtle, the winner of the VRC Myer Classic.

Miss Fidler is out of a Royal Academy mare which I love. Two horses that come to mind that I syndicated out of Royal academy mares are Husson Eagle and Raido. He is the brood mare sire of a remarkable 189 stakes winners including the high class Australian bred Group 1 winners Fastnet Rock and Heart of Dreams.

Miss Fidler is only a young mare and has a 2yo brother by Medaglia d'Oro and is believed to be in foal to Choisir. The Medaglia d'Oro colt is reported to be going quite well.

West Australia



Sizzling / Belle D'Amour filly – Dan Morton to train
10% \$8,500 per share

I really liked the progeny of Sizzling at last year's sales and purchased two yearlings by him. The first was Zizzis who won on debut and backed this up by winning the Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic. The second was a colt from the Adelaide Magic Millions Sale named Addocarr. He is trained by Tony Gollan and is back in work being prepared for the Brisbane Winter Carnival. He ran 2nd in his first barrier trial and looks to have plenty of ability.

I was the under bidder on a 3rd filly by Sizzling at the Magic Millions National Sale named Sizzling Belle out of Greenmount Belle, a mare we raced. She has won her first three starts and ran 2nd in Black Opal Stakes. Sizzling has started off well and looks to have a good future at stud.

The photo does do this filly justice. She is very athletic and a very attractive filly. She is a nice size and looks a runner to my eye. She is eligible for the Westspeed bonuses which is a great advantage when racing horses in WA.

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.

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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.

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 two years old 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 high class 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.

Belle D'Amour is by the good sprinter Jet Spur. He has had a good start as a broodmare sire with 15 of his 26 runners winning. This is more than acceptable.

Belle D'Amour was a very good race filly and won the BRC Lancaster Stakes at two years old. This is only her 2nd foal with the first being a winner of one of his only two starts. There are also plenty of winners down the page including several 'black type' performers. Belle D'Amour's dam is by Military Plume which adds a lot to the page.



Zizzis winning the Adelaide Magic Millions

New South Wales



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

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.

Victoria



Sizzling / Nullarbor Nymph filly 2016
\$9,600 per 10% share (5% shares available)

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 is now unbeaten in two starts having 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.

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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.

New South Wales



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 her.

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 Toique 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.