



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Hazy Blur wins at Hawkesbury ridden by Brenton Avdulla**

**12th individual winner of 13 from the crop of 2013**

**First of two wins for the week!!!**

I must say I was expecting Hazy Blur to break her maiden a lot sooner than she did. She was very good winning at Hawkesbury after getting a number of poor barriers and bad tracks in nearly all her previous starts. She was the 12<sup>th</sup> individual winner out of 13 to race in our crop of yearlings purchased in 2013 (Sadly the most expensive colt and filly in this crop died before we could do anything with them).

Combine this statistic with our class of 2012 where 13 won of the 14 we have 25 winners from 27 to race from our three and four year old crops. I challenge anyone to beat this record.

She then backed it up 7 days later scoring a strong win at Cessnock in a Class 1 race. This isn't easy and Kris Lees deserves all the credit for recommending we back her up and finding the 'right' race for the mare. A week ago she was a maiden and now she has two wins to her credit. She can go through her grades and it will be interesting to see if she can get over more ground. All indications are she will.

The crop of 2013 looks like being one of our best ever with the likes of Hijack Hussy, Savoureux, Husson Eagle, Raido, Rumeron, Bella Venus, Makeadane, Annaman and of course Hazy Blur all being multiple winners with the first three being stakes performers already. The other winners are Stimuli, Invincible Me and Sitkamose. I often wonder what might have been had we not lost the two high profile yearlings.

Congratulations to the owners of Hazy Blur. They include some of our longest serving clients. She is a full sister to our good sprinter Too Many Reds and like so many of our horses was reared at Yarraman Park.

**I will be running around inspecting some of our Victorian based horses today and will have my feet back under the desk on Monday.** I enjoyed my break. It has been a very busy year.

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

Once again bad weather with heavy rain falling across Sydney and surrounds will have an effect on our runners. As it stands we have Terra Amata at Doomben and Awasita at Rosehill on Saturday.

We have had some nice performances at the barrier trials/jump outs during the past week

### **VISION OF VICTORIAN RACING**

It was terrific to see Victorian Racing back on Sky. Also the new free to air channel is set to commence tomorrow. In fairness anything that promotes our industry should be given a 'fair go' and I hope the coverage on Channel 7 is a roaring success. They have assembled a good group of presenters with Bruce McAvaney heading up the team. Good luck to them.

### **ROBYN WISHAW – A STAR!!!**

I have been lucky enough to meet some great people through racing with none better than the Wishaw family from Tasmania. At the Tasmanian Awards Dinner on Friday night Robyn Wishaw was inducted as an Associate into the Tasmanian Thoroughbred Hall Of Fame. I can't remember a person more thoroughly deserving of this great honour and I'm sure her late husband Dennis would have been chuffed at her induction.

After Dennis's sudden passing Robyn worked tirelessly to keep Tasmania's leading thoroughbred nursery Armidale Stud as a going concern through some very tough times for the industry in the

Apple Isle. I had many discussions with her on the best direction for the industry to go and I must say I've never met a more tenacious fighter than Robyn. She is a great credit to herself and I'm certain her children David, Will and Camilla are over joyed that their mother was given the recognition she so rightly deserves. Great stuff!!!!

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Name	Track	Result	Trainer	Syndicator
Hazy Blur	Cessnock	1	Kris Lees	
<b>Dragon Flyer</b>	<b>Hawkesbury</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>John P Thompson</b>	
Hazy Blur	Hawkesbury	1	Kris Lees	
Dragon Flyer	Canterbury Park	1	John P Thompson	
Raido	Doomben	1	Kris Lees	

In the past I have highlighted just how useful the [bloodstock.com.au](http://bloodstock.com.au) site is for people looking at getting involved in racing through a syndication company. The site is owned by William Inglis and Son and is open to all licenced syndicators.

I have pasted the front page as at last night which lists the last five winners or stakes placed horses for all the syndicators using the site. It is nice to have three of the five representing our company. If you are looking at getting into a share in a horse and the syndicator offering the share isn't availing themselves of this service perhaps you should ask 'why not'?

All our horses are listed with [bloodstock.com.au](http://bloodstock.com.au) and I see this as a very transparent way of letting prospective purchasers check how much success you are having. There are some quite notable omissions from the list!!!

### SPRING CARNIVAL

I was thrilled to see Royal Descent win the Warwick Stakes at Randwick last Saturday. She is an outstanding mare and could well be a real star of the spring. A word of warning. I'm treating the form from the Sydney Autumn Carnival very cautiously. The tracks were heavily rain affected for most of the carnival and I'm certain had we had better tracks the results of most races would have been far different from the outcomes we got. Given the projected weather pattern for the next few months we should get mainly dry tracks, if anything perhaps too firm.

It is a great honour for a trainer to be given a big race winner to train. When this horse is a Melbourne Cup winner it is especially significant but to be honest the trainer receiving the horse is under a lot of pressure to try and get the horse back to his previous high performances. Kris Lees is in such a position with Protectionist. Nothing went right during the autumn but on the strength of the horse's good trial on Monday he may well be on his way back. Let's hope so. We wish Kris a highly successful spring, hopefully we will be a part of it.

It is disappointing that we have a really soft track in Sydney tomorrow. There are some great races scheduled to be run. Once again the weather is having it's say on proceedings.

### **SHARES AVAILABLE**



#### **Smart Missile filly out of Pride Of Pine 2013**

**10% shares @ \$12,500 (5% @ \$6,250) - Kris Lees to train**

#### **The filly**

This filly is a strong well balanced athlete that will continue to go forward as she commences

breaking in at about the end of June. She has a great hindquarter and is without doubt the best credentialed filly I have ever offered for syndication.

She is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  sister to the outstanding 3year old filly Lone Rock and winner of the Group 1 SAJC Goodwood Handicap.

The filly is also a  $\frac{3}{4}$  sister to Pride Rock the VRC Riverside Handicap and Lucia Bella which was trained by Kris Lees and displayed great ability before going amiss.

The filly has many upsides including:

- As the  $\frac{3}{4}$  sister to a Group 1 winner she has residual value and if she were to gain black type would be an extremely valuable breeding proposition after she completed her racing career.
- She comes from a great female line that includes some of the best mares in the Australian Stud book, Procrastinate, Personify, Galapagos Girl.
- There are quite a number of well-bred fillies high up on the page that should continue to see the pedigree page continue to improve.

I have decided to pay her up for the rich Magic Millions series which will see only Magic Millions horses eligible to run for the \$10million on offer at the Magic Millions Premier Day at the Gold Coast each January from 2016.

### **Smart Missile**

I was confident after starting to inspect the weanlings and then yearlings of Smart Missile that he would make it as a sire and he is my pick to be Leading First Season Sire in 2015/16 season.

He has almost every important characteristic I look for in a potential sire. In his case these are:

- He has a great pedigree coming from a strong female line that consistently produces black type horses that compete at the highest level.
- His dam is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  brother to the outstanding young sire Northern Meteor who gave us a glimpse of his great ability as a sire in the three crops that have raced.
- He had explosive speed and was an exceptional two years old. This is very important in Australia.
- He is by Fastnet Rock and represents the most successful sire line ever seen in Australia with his grandsire being the great Danehill.
- Importantly for a son of Fastnet Rock he isn't too big. In fact he isn't unlike Australia's current leading first season sire Hinchinbrook, also by Fastnet Rock in this regard.
- He was selected to stand at Arrowfield Stud by John Messara. Studs always don't get it right when standing sires but Arrowfield under Messara's stewardship haven't made too many mistakes when standing a new horse.
- Smart Missile is Australian bred and competed at the highest level in this country in our harsh conditions. I can never understate how important this is. If you want to confirm just how important this characteristic is have a look at the leading sire's tables.

### **Pride Of Pine**

There isn't much more to write about Pride Of Pine. She was a fast race mare that has done a

great job at stud throwing three winners from four to race including the Group 1 winner LONE ROCK.

Pride of Pine is by Lion Cavern who is quite a good broodmare sire internationally but not well represented in Australia. His two Australian Stakes horses are by Danehill line sires which may well be the key to his success. He also has a very good horse by Exceed and Excel named Flashman's Papers which won 17 races two at stakes level.

## ARROWFIELD'S TAKE ON SMART MISSILE



### Overview

The most popular first season sire in many years, Smart Missile retired to stud in 2012 having captured the imagination of the racing industry with his undiluted brilliance. Smart Missile first revealed his devastating turn of foot when he won the Breeders' Plate on debut.

That raw speed was displayed time and time again over his next five starts with several victories over previously unbeaten future G1 stars Sepoy and Foxwedge.

By Fastnet Rock from a half-sister to promising young sire Northern Meteor, it is no surprise Smart Missile is considered a most exciting prospect.

### **Superstar Colt of his Generation**

Smart Missile, the brightest star of his generation, began his stud career in 2012 at Arrowfield Stud with outstanding support from Australian breeders.

The brilliant son of leading sire Fastnet Rock was unbeaten at two, defeated all his closest rivals at Group 2, Group 3 and Listed level, and was Group 1-placed at three in a six-start, 12-month career.

Smart Missile first caught the public eye with a sparkling trial win in September 2010, then came out on debut to win the AJC Breeders' Plate 1000m LR by a decisive 1.5 lengths, despite being slowly away and racing very greenly in the straight. Runners behind him included subsequent ATC Hobartville S. G2 winner Wild and Proud and G1 performers Darci Be Good and Induna.

### **Industry Quotes**

- ◆ "In our view, he was clearly the best two-year-old of a stellar generation, with the best of him not seen at three. Smart Missile made the impossible look easy, and in our view it's that X factor which separates the exceptional from the merely outstanding."  
- John Messara