



# PRIME DISPATCH

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## **Freddie Forstner sadly passed away in December**

### **'Patron' of Prime Thoroughbreds in Tasmania**

As we head into a new season I thought it appropriate to look back on a year that produced some great moments but also one that saw us lose some great friends and family. Some of the many highlights included Unchain My Heart's historic win in the Andrew Ramsden Stakes at Flemington. The mare went really well and her performance to become the first mare to win the time honoured race twice was terrific. There were mixed emotions when she returned to scale as it was her final run in our colours.

Pitt Street has been a great warrior for us and he gave his loyal group of owners a big thrill when he won the Tamworth Cup. Quite a few of his owners have close connections with Tamworth.

Awasita's three wins including two excellent ones at Flemington and Moonee Valley were terrific. In all we had 32 wins which was satisfactory but it was a pity some of the 47 second placings we ran could not have been winners. We also had 35 third placings.

We head into the new season with the youngest team of horses we have had for some time with some outstanding prospects amongst them. The three year olds Husson Eagle, Hijack Hussy, Savoureux, Makeadane, Raido, Rumeron, Bella Venus, Stimuli, Arrayanes, Sitkamose and Hazy Blur have all displayed good ability and should set us up for a good season.

In total we have 47 horses in our team backed up with the best credentialed group of two year olds I have ever purchased. There are still a good number of older horses on our books which are the backbone of any stable.

I'm pleased to welcome a number of new owners to Prime Thoroughbreds. I hope they have great success and enjoy their racing. I am still proud to say the first owner who joined us back in December 1997 is still with us!!!

### **TRAINERS AND THE 2013/14 SEASON**

Our thanks go out to our trainers and their dedicated staffs. In the main they had good seasons with Tony McEvoy, David Hayes, Kris Lees and Tony Gollan finishing in the top 20 on the Australian Trainer's Premiership. David Hayes and Patrick Payne finished top 20 in Victoria with Patrick really starting to make people sit up and take notice of his results.

Kris Lees did a remarkable job to finish 5<sup>th</sup> on the NSW List behind four of the strongest stables in Australia. Tony Gollan won the Brisbane Trainers Premiership and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Queensland List. Well done to him. He has made a big impression since moving to Brisbane.

Tony McEvoy finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the SA List. Charlie Goggin and Leuella Meaburn finished 5<sup>th</sup> on the Tasmanian Premiership which was another good effort considering their stable has reduced in size over the past couple of years with Charlie and Leuella moving from public to private trainers..

John Thompson has continued to win plenty of races although his team of horses isn't as big as it was when Patinack was full steam ahead. Mark Kavanagh's restructure is complete and I expect we will start to see more runners from his stable.

Good luck to them in the coming season.

### **ON THE TRACK**

Bad weather in NSW and Tasmania saw our number of runners greatly diminished in the last week of the season. We should make up for it in the coming week with Terra Amata set to run at Rosehill on Saturday, Oeuvre and Chief Lord lining up in Tamworth on Tuesday, Awasita resuming at Sandown on Wednesday and Rumeron running in Devonport this Saturday.

As is normally the case during the winter months our numbers in work have dropped off with just 20 in work. These numbers will start to increase over the next month and will increase to about 30 horses including most of the rising two year old.

### **VISIT TO ELLALONG FARM**

We will be visiting Kris Lees Ellalong Farm near Cessnock on a Sunday 14 September. The visit will start from 11 am and then we will head to the Ellalong Pub for a bbq lunch and few drinks. Kris has done a lot of work at the farm and it is worth having a look at the facilities he has on offer.

They are first class and give Kris's horses a competitive edge over most of his opposition. This visit is open to all our clients, not just those with horses with Kris. We will also be having a visit to Tony McEvoy's stable at Hawkesbury which is quite an impressive setup later in the year.

Ellalong Farm is at Ellalong about 10 minutes from Cessnock in the Hunter Valley. I look forward to catching up with many of you. I will need number as we get closer for catering purposes.

### **ACCOUNTS**

It is important you include your name or client id when paying the account through with internet banking. It takes a lot of time to try and decipher who is paying what at times which is annoying.

Thank you to the vast majority of clients that pay on time. We have a big commitment to our suppliers and like to pay everyone in a timely manner.

### **YARRAMAN PARK**

The team at Yarraman Park deserve a special mention. The Mitchell family has owned and run Yarraman for over 40 years and the successes of I Am Invincible's progeny on the racetrack has seen him take out the title as 'Leading First Season' Sire in Australia. This is a wonderful achievement for a family owned business to take on and beat the big international studs. It follows Magic Albert's efforts in his first year when he was leading First Season Sire by winners in Australia.

I'm confident the Mitchell's are in for a few stellar years with their young sire Hinchinbrook's progeny really looking the goods to me and is my tip for the title as leading first season sire in the coming season.

### **YEARLING OF THE WEEK**

Not A Single Doubt has really had a stellar season and is a standout as the leading sire of two year old winners for the 2013/14 season where he has 24 winners. Look at the list behind him. I Am Invincible 15, Snitzel 13, Choisir 12, Fastnet Rock 11, Sebring 11, Street Cry 10 and Northern Meteor 9 just to name a few.

I have just three shares remaining in the Not A Single Doubt filly out of Our Greta. This filly is now broken in and Patrick Payne reports the breakers we thrilled with her. She is a full sister to recent Hong Kong winner Victorious and bred on the same cross as the outstanding filly Villa Verde. The sprint Victorious unleashed in the final 200m was amazing.

This filly looks the goods to me. She is bred with speed over speed and represents some of the very best sprinting bloodlines seen in Australia in the past 50 years.

Pictured above is a stunning filly by Not A Single Doubt out of the good producing Rory's Jester mare Our Greta. The filly looks like a running two year old to me and will be aimed at the early two year old races. I am paying her up for the Adelaide Magic Millions and she will be nominated for the Blue Diamond Stakes.



### **NOT A SINGLE DOUBT / OUR GRETA FILLY 2012**

#### **Not A Single Doubt**

Not A Single Doubt has been a terrific sire of precocious two year olds with the outstanding two year old fillies Miracles Of Life, Villa Verde and Karuta Queen being by this outstanding horse. Not A Single Doubt was the most prolific sire of 2 year old winners in Australia for the 2013/14 season with 24 winners, 9 ahead of his nearest rival and the most in the past 14 years.

#### **Our Greta**

Our Greta is by the Champion Sire Rory's Jester. Rory's Jester has been consistently been amongst the very best broodmare sires in Australia for many years. When Rory's Jester mares have been crossed with Danehill line stallions the results have been exceptional with the Group 1 winners Reward For Effort and Southern Lord being produced as well as the Group and Listed winners Vintedge, Permaiscuous, Rosa's Spur, Hinting, World Peace and Downhill Racer.

Our Greta has had two to race with both winning including the very good gelding Victorious with 4 wins and \$307,000 in stakes money. He recently won very impressively in Hong Kong. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> foal. The 3<sup>rd</sup> foal is a two year old filly by Choisir and is reported to have nice ability.

**This filly is bred on a similar cross to Villa Verde.**

### **The Filly**

This is a great filly. She has an excellent pedigree and is a really good type of a horse. She has a wonderful attitude and gets around very well. She has a lovely easy, relaxed walk.

The filly was grown out at Mill Park Stud in South Australia after being weaned at Edinglassie Stud in the Hunter Valley where Mick Talty said she was a strong foal with a great temperament and terrific doer in the feed bin.

Not only does she offer her owners the opportunity to race a top class filly but also she has the potential to be a very valuable brood mare should she win a nice race.

### **The Stud**

Mill Park Stud situated on the Limestone Coast in South Australia has established itself as one of the country's very best horse farms. The results the horses reared on the farm have produced on the racetrack have been exceptional. **Horses reared at Mill Park include Happy Trails, Fawkner, Divine Madonna, Southern Speed, Serious Speed, Undoubtedly, Laser Flash, Rebel Raider, Princess Coup, Mummify, Gold Guru, Devil Moon, Captain Sonador and St Clemens Belle and Proprietor.**

**All these horses have two things in common – MILL PARK- GROUP 1 WINNERS.**

The amazing thing about Mill Park is the fact the farm produces high class two year olds through to the very best stayers. They regularly compete and win in the very best company and appear to be quite sound horses.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> yearling I have purchased from Mill Park. The first is a three year old named Unique which Kris Lees is preparing for a crack at the Three Year Classics during the Queensland Winter Carnival.

## Syndicate Details

I am more than pleased to have secured her and she will head to Patrick Payne to be trained. 10 shares @ \$9,000 each (1/2 shares @ \$4,500 each).



**Vincent O'Neill with our new addition his daughter Louise**  
**We must always look to the future!!!**