



PRIME DISPATCH

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**Shooting To Win colt out of Captivity from the Inglis Classic Sale
Michelle Payne to train!!!**

I am thrilled with my three purchases from the Inglis Classic Sale. It was a difficult sale to digest with so many yearlings being sold on the back of the big Magic Millions and NZ sales. My feeling is the market simply couldn't absorb the volume of horses.

I'm fortunate that I don't attend the NZ Sales. This gives me a chance to prepare for the Inglis Classic Sale as well as the Magic Millions Perth and Tasmanian sales with Perth starting on Monday. It is interesting that the past 12 Group 1 Derby or Oaks run in Australia have been won by horses bred in this country. Perhaps the days of being able to confidently purchase a Derby or Oaks horse from NZ are behind us.

Personally, I feel having three massive sales within a four weeks period puts too much pressure on the studs, vendors and buying bench. I ran into a couple of trainers at Sydney Airport yesterday who attended the three sales and they looked drained. They have been trying to train their horses for the big carnivals coming up, running their businesses and attending three of the biggest sales of the year. It all seems a bit much to me. The pressure being put on these participants is simply too great.

I have no doubt Inglis will review this year's sale and perhaps make some changes. Overall the quality of the sale was fine but with this sale growing from 482 to 1017 yearlings in five years the pressure was on to maintain the standard. It will be interesting to see the final washup.

I'm certain the Darren Weir factor had an effect on the sale. Over 600 horses were distributed to other stables during the past week, mainly in Victoria which saw quite a few trainers concentrate on settling in their new charges and owners. This has been a big job for many trainers and their staffs.

There is an old saying 'good often comes from bad' and this may well be the case with Darren Weir's demise opening up spot for me to appoint another trainer in Victoria. I had been considering giving Michelle Payne a horse to train for some time but wanted to wait until the time was right. Well now is that time and I purchased her the colt pictured above. He is a cracking horse and I'm sure she will do a great job with him. Patrick Payne has gradually become the biggest trainer I have had since Bill Mitchell's retirement with him having 24 horses for Prime Thoroughbreds.

The three yearlings I purchased this week are worthy additions to our team. The first, a Sizzling colt out of Andromeda is a cracking 2yo type and heads to Patrick. Andromeda has had just the one foal race with her winning impressively as a 2yo at her second start. Unfortunately, she passed away before having another start.

The 2nd is a stunning filly by Super One. She is out of a four-time stakes winning mare Embellished. I love the Super One's as types. They look very good to me. They are athletic and have good bone, great conformation and terrific temperaments. This filly is the mare's second foal. This filly heads to John Thompson.

The 3rd was the Shooting to Win colt out of Captivity for Michelle Payne. He is the first foal out of a very well related mare.

I am hoping to be able to put these yearlings on the market on Thursday but this will depend on receiving back approval from the relevant authorities.

On The Track

We have been a bit light on for runners over the past few weeks but this is more due to the cycles our horses are in rather than anything else. We had a couple of very good performances during the past week.

Our Long Sali can't draw a gate and again had to go back from the outside draw in the Listed Strutt Stakes in Hobart. She ran super beating all bar the winner which is a very well credentialled Godolphin filly. She has now run 2nd at her past three starts in the Tasmanian Guineas, Tasmanian 1000 Guineas and the Strutt Stakes. If she can draw a barrier in the Tasmanian Oaks, I'm certain she can turn the tables on the filly that beat her on Monday. Five Star Gal was disappointing and we have recommended to the owners she be sold.

Almerheri's performance at Randwick was sensational. She drew a poor gate as well and had to be restrained back in the field. Coming to the turn she was at the tail of the field but unleashed a great sprint to run 4th in a race where the course record was broken. She now heads to a Filly and Mare's

Maiden at Hawkesbury on Sunday week. I really like the way she is progressing with her reminding me more of Unchain My Heart each time she runs.

Over the next week we have Hussy's Glow heading to Flemington and Reneged running at Randwick. They both put in good performances at their most recent runs. Everard may resume at Newcastle. I'd love to see a wet track for Reneged.

Invincible Amici is likely to run at Werribee on Sunday. She transferred from Darren Weir to Patrick Payne. Banachek isn't far off racing as well. He also moved from Darren.

It will be interesting to see how the horses that have moved from Darren to other stables race in the next few weeks. They went super on Saturday but some only left Darren on Tuesday.



Michelle Payne returning after Husson Eagle's great win in the 2016 Magic Millions Sprint!!!



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