



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Zizzis has retired and will go to the 2019 Everest winner Yes Yes Yes!!!  
The mating should produce a ¾ to Rubisaki!!!**

It certainly has been a tough year for many Australians. I'm fortunate it has been pretty much business as usual for us. The new season started strongly with a couple of winners. We should have a reasonable number of runners during the Spring with the number of runners increasing as we get closer to Christmas.

We are indebted to the staffs at each of the racing jurisdictions for keeping racing going during the past few months when many industries have been closed or operating at low levels.

I was keen to find out the numbers of mares being bred for the coming season. The feeling I got while I was in the Hunter Valley was the numbers are good although some of the lower end sires were struggling a bit. The situation in many of the smaller states isn't as good with many smaller or hobby breeders holding back. We purchase most of our yearlings from the NSW studs so the lesser numbers being bred across the country shouldn't have a big effect on us.

I picked up quite a bit of information while I was in the Hunter. The breeders in this region really have their fingers on the pulse and pick up trends earlier than most. I suppose that is why 18 of the top 20 sires on the Australian General Sires List for last season either stood in NSW or will stand there for the coming season.

The two exceptions were Ocean Park and Savabeel which stand in NZ. Five of the top 20 stood or will stand at Arrowfield Stud this season, five at Coolmore, three at Widden with Vinery, Yarraman Park, Darley Twin Hills having one each. Lope De Vega stood at Patinack Farm which no longer exists.

The big movers amongst the sires were Pierro, All Too Hard and Zoustar. Pierro, did a great job jumping into 3<sup>rd</sup> position behind Arrowfield's Snitzel and Yarraman's I Am Invincible. Interestingly, Snitzel was bred at Yarraman Park with Pierro coming from Darley stud and being sold as a yearling by David Kobritz's Musk Creek Farm.

David Kobritz had a few tough weeks with firstly Danzero passing on and now Subzero. David raced both these great horses. I hope a fitting memorial is built for Subzero and Graham Salisbury who died earlier this year. They were great ambassadors for our industry.

I'm not surprised to see All Too Hard starting to make an impact. He was a good racehorse and has a superb pedigree. I think it took the breeders a while to sort out which types of mares to send to him. The Russian Revolution weanling I purchased at the Magic Millions National Sale is out of an All Too Hard mare. All Too Hard hasn't had a runner out of his daughters yet with this Russian Revolution filly being probably the first syndication offered in Australia out of one of All Too Hard's daughters. I syndicated the first yearling out of a Danehill mare a long time ago. He was by Geiger Counter out of Lady Danette and named Ionised. He won three races with Lady Danette going on to be a good mare and Danehill Champion Broodmare Sire on many occasions.

All Too Hard's sire Casino Prince has come out running as a broodmare sire with four stakes horses from his 16 winners. This is an exceptional performance. The Group 1 winner Shadow Hero is the best of these. Casino Prince has a superb pedigree.

The Coronavirus crisis seems to be well under control in Australia with most states and territories having minimal or no infections. The exception of Victoria. The Victorian situation is stabilizing. It is amazing the perception out there that Victoria is rife with the virus. As at 5pm yesterday there were 2,640 active cases in Victoria which represents one active case per 2,556 Victorians. Sadly, a lot of these cases were acquired in Aged Care Facilities or are health workers.

Let's hope things continue to progress in the right direction.

## **YEARLINGS**

The response to our yearling purchases has been excellent given the situation we are in. 85% of the Needs Further colt with Adam Trinder has been taken up with a couple of our owners looking at taking up what is remaining. Needs Further has moved to Victoria and should get a better book of mares. He is currently 2<sup>nd</sup> this season for winners to runners in Australia (29.4%) behind another under rated sire in Better Than Ready (29.7%). If you are interested in receiving more information on our Needs Further colt please call me on 0433762700 and I'll send out an information pack. His son Bold Star was unlucky not to win the Group 3 Heath at Caulfield on Saturday.

## **WEANLING SYNDICATIONS**

It is about 15 years since I started to flirt with the idea of syndicating weanlings. I decided to do this because yearlings were becoming expensive and I was concerned some of our owners would drop out of racing due to the upfront costs of getting into a horse. Overall, the results have been outstanding with some good horses joining our team through this type of syndication.

You only have to look at the results from the 2018 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale where I purchased three weanlings. Miss Divine Em, Mr Cashman and Gaga's Belle all joined us through this sale with all three winning as 2yo's with the first two being Melbourne metropolitan winners.

They have raced ten times for five wins and earned over \$190,000 in stakes money. Their combined purchase price was just \$125,000.

The reports on the two weanlings I purchased last year are strong.



**Russian Revolution / The King's Widow filly 2019 - Patrick Payne To Train**  
**5% share @ \$4,750 10% \$9,500**

I find buying weanlings far less challenging than yearlings. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to fill our portfolio each year by only purchasing weanlings. It would be nice if we could as they generally represent excellent value, but the breeders keep most of their better youngsters back for the lucrative yearling sales.



Breeders are more likely to offer some of their better weanlings by the first season sires in an effort to get them out there and the buying bench discussing their merits or faults. I love purchasing weanlings and yearlings by the first season sires. About 30% of our best mares go to these sires. Our current outstanding fillies Rubisaki, Fituese and Miss Divine Em were out of the first crops of their respective sires.

Other good horses I have been associated with by first or second season sires include Under Command, Unchain My Heart, Bedi, and Rose Of Scotland. These were outstanding horses. In any year I will normally purchase three or four yearlings by the new sires.

At the 2018 National Sale I purchased three yearlings. Due to Darren Weir's demise I sent all three to Patrick Payne.

These three weanlings were grown out at Ascot Farm near Pitt Town in NSW and have done a great job. They have raced nine times for five wins. Mr Cashman and Miss Divine Em are Melbourne Saturday metropolitan winners with Gaga's Belle an impressive winner at only her second start. Collectively, these three nice horses cost \$130,000 and have returned \$184,863 already.

This Russian Revolution filly really grabbed my attention. I rated her a 7 which is about as good a rating as I give a weanling. She is a beautifully well balanced, filly with a keen eye and attractive head. It may be a small thing but I have rarely come across a good racehorse that has an unattractive head.

The filly is a beautiful mover. She walks freely and has a nice swagger as she gets along. This is very important. We are looking at buying athletes, not cart horses. She is a nice sized filly with a good length of reign and deep girth. This is where the engine is and she has plenty of scope to further develop through her girth and into her chest.

The filly was reared at Sledmere Stud which is located adjacent to Scone Racecourse. This is a premier breeding farm with a history dating back to 1920. The famous STA brand is well known and highly regarded in our industry. The Raymond family bred the super stars Rimfire, Tranquil Star, Red Fury and more recently outstanding horses Gold Brose, Pane In The Glass, Lyrics, Star Alight and Dyslexia.

Today the farm is run by Catrina and Royston Murphy. Catrina is a member of the famous Raymond family and Royston a highly regarded thoroughbred breeder having run Segenhoe Stud, one of our best. It is hard not to be impressed with the job they have done bringing this farm on, modern improvements balanced with the wonderful history of the farm is certain to be a winning formula.

The filly is by the duel Group one winning son of Champion sire Snitzel in Russian Revolution. He was a fast horse, a very fast horse winning twice at the elite level. The ATC Galaxy Handicap and MRC Oakleigh Plate are two of our very best races. Only good horses win them. He also won the Roman Consul Stakes and the Vain Stakes amongst his seven wins.

Snitzel is one of our great sires winning four Australian Champion Sire's titles. He is by Redoute's Choice whose remarkable record at stud is amongst the very best of the modern era. Only his sire Danehill has a better record in Australia in the past 25 years.

It should be noted that Redoute's Choice's best two sons at stud were the fast horses Snitzel and Not A Single Doubt. Speed and more speed works in this family.

Russian Revolution is out of a mare by the son of the great sire Nureyev in Stravinsky. Again, we see speed on speed. This is a formula that works here.

Two of the very best horses of the modern era in Lankan Rupee and Mosheen are by Danehill line sires out of Stravinsky mares. Stravinsky's daughters have produced a remarkable 147 stakes performers including 14 Group 1 winners.

The King's Widow is by All Too Hard, a ½ brother to Champion mare Black Caviar. All Too Hard is yet to have a runner out of one of his daughters but his sire Casino Prince has had a remarkable start to his career as a broodmare sire with a Group One winner and three other stakes horses from just 16 winners. This is extraordinary but Casino Prince had an unbelievable pedigree.

The King's Widow's dam is the outstanding Group 1 performing mare Dowager Queen by the son of Zabeel in Savabeel. Dowager Queen was an outstanding filly winning twice at two and being placed at Group 1 level in the VRC Oaks, ATC Flight Stakes, Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes and was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Queensland Oaks. There are some excellent gallopers through the pedigree. This is a strong pointer to this filly being a successful racehorse.

I place a lot of weight on the opinion of Bill and James Mitchell and our vet Dr Tim Roberts. Bill and James do a great job for me eliminating the chaff at the sales. This allows me to spend more time inspecting and investigating the horses that have passed their strict criteria.

During the past decade Tim Roberts has been doing most of our vet work at the sales. I'm certain his input has been a big factor to us getting almost 100% of the yearlings and weanlings we purchase to the races. This is so important. Tim is also a good judge of a horse and I value his input.

I regard our selection processes as being as good as there is and when you consider I only purchase about 15 youngsters from each crop our results are outstanding.

In conclusion, where is the downside with this filly? As I see it, we have ticks across the board from her sire, dam to the farm she was reared. I could not recommend a better filly to you. Good luck with her. She is a ripper.



**Pariah / Rambla De Flores filly 2019 – John Thompson To Train**  
**5% share \$3,000 10% share \$6,000**

This Pariah filly really grabbed my attention. I rated her a 7 which is about as good a rating as I give a weanling. She is a beautifully well balanced, filly with a keen eye and attractive head. It may be a small thing, but I have rarely come across a good racehorse that has an unattractive head. She is also very strong through the hocks.

The filly is a beautiful mover. She walks with a sense of purpose and strength. This is very important. We are looking at buying athletes, not cart horses. She is a nice filly with good length of reign and deep girth. This is where the engine is located. She has plenty of scope to further develop through her girth and through her chest.

The filly was reared at Kenmore Lodge on the Darling Downs in South Queensland. I have been impressed with the yearlings produced by the farm.

The filly is by the superbly bred Pariah, a son of Champion Sire Redoute's Choice. Redoute's Choice has left a amazing legacy with his sons Snitzel and Not A Single Doubt amongst our very best sires of the past decade. Pariah is very similar to these two giants of our breeding industry. He was a very fast horse and precocious 2yo winning the Group 3

ATC Canonbury Stakes on debut beating Menari and went on to win San Domenico Stakes as a 3yo. He was placed in the Group 1 Blue Diamond Stakes.

Pariah's dam is a ½ sister to Australian Champion 3yo filly Melito. Pariah is out of the Hussonet mare Secluded. His pedigree is littered with 'black type' performers including the great sire Zeditave.

The cross with Redoute's Choice over Hussonet mares sees eight stakes performers out 20 foals including the very good horses The King's Legacy, Panzer Division, Honesty Prevails and of course Pariah. Another young sire I have a big opinion of is Extreme Choice who is by Not A Single Doubt from a Hussonet mare. Not A Single Doubt is by Redoute's Choice.

Our filly is out of the Street Cry mare Rambla De Flores by the great sire Street Cry. Street Cry is best known here as the sire of Winx.

It might seem silly to write but Street Cry is a relatively young sire from a broodmare perspective but has already had 131 stakes horses produced out of his daughters. The best known here are Con Te Patiro, Farnan and Lyre.

An interesting aside sees the best performed horse out of a Street Cry mare being Group 1 winner Diversify (USA) with 10 wins including six at stakes wins. He is by Bellamy Road. He is the dam sire of our promising filly Embeller.

Rambla De Flores is out of the Anabaa mare and stakes winner Great Anna with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dam being Great Vintage by Sir Tristram and a Group winner. This is a family that produces very good horses on a regular basis.

Street Cry into Anabaa into Sir Tristram is about as good as it gets on a female line. These three sires have produced 660 stakes horses from their daughters including Triscay, Saintly, Filante, Ethereal, Buffering, Dissident, English, Hartnell, Rostova and the list goes on.

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**Miss Divine Em from Super One's first crop of yearlings \$42,500 weanling won \$98,213  
Won three of her four starts including Saturday at Moonee Valley!!!**



**Rubisaki from Rubick's first crop of yearlings \$85,000 yearling won \$1,156,560  
Unbeaten at three winning the \$1 million Inglis Sprint, VRC Kewney Stakes  
ATC PJ Bell Stakes and ATC James HB Carr Stakes**