



PRIME DISPATCH

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Danzero passed away on Monday – he was a star!!!
Sire of Zero Drama and Hidden Wonder!!!

When Bill Mitchell and I started Prime Thoroughbreds in 1997 we were lucky enough to have plenty of good winners early on. One of the sires that helped put our colours on the map was Danzero. He was the first Group 1 winner by the Champion Danehill and went on to be a good sire.

Two of the horses I syndicated by him were the stakes winners Zero Drama and Hidden Wonder. Bill Mitchell also trained a couple of outstanding fillies by him named Hinting and Brilliant Jewell.

The progeny of Danzero were tough, robust animals and proved to be ideal syndicate horses. I was sad to hear he had died. He had a long and successful career. While he retired a few years ago from stud his daughters have continued his legacy with him sitting 14th on the Australian Broodmare List.

Zero Drama in did a great job in helping us establish ourselves in the Melbourne scene. He was a bold front running horse and in 2000 we started the new season off in great style winning the first two 3yo races of the season at Caulfield with Zero Drama and Calming.

Calming was a great mare and won for us in four states. She was by Zeditave, another star sire for us in those formative years. He also sired Zelady who was a handy racehorse but an even better

broodmare. Calming and Zero Drama finished 2nd and 3rd on the Super VOBIS Premiership in that season.

The Coronavirus is creating a lot of issues in Victoria at present. If the reports in the news are correct and the security guards at the hotels used to isolate overseas arrivals did some of the things reported then heads must role.

The response to the pandemic in this country has been outstanding and amongst the best in the world. I still can't fathom why the Victorian Premier didn't follow NSW and use police and the ADF to enforce the quarantine orders. I smell a rat!!!

ON THE TRACK

I was very pleased with the effort of Almerheri at Randwick yesterday. She was strong through the line and will be very hard to hold out once she gets out to 1400m. Once again John Thompson has done a remarkable job with her.

I wasn't sure what to make of Zizzis run. She got back and looked disinterested before picking up the bit and running home ok with her being strong past the post. She is an older horse now and many have needed a couple of runs to get back to full fitness. She is a ½ sister to Rubisaki which makes her quite valuable.

We will continue to have good numbers at the races with Gaga's Belle, Who Doubted Me, Our Long Sali, Our Hot Date, Addocarr, McCain and Miss Diving Em heading to the races in the next few days.



Hidden Wonder by Danzero winning at Randwick

YEARLINGS

Over the years we have made a habit of supporting first season sires whose progeny have attracted our attention for one reason or another. About 50 new sires come on the market each year with them covering about 20 to 30% of the mares to go to stud in any year. Any decent stud master goes out of his way to get the best mares to his new sire he can.

Each year I purchase two or three yearlings from the sales by first season sires. Rubisaki, Zizzis and Fituese were by first season sires as were our outstanding gallopers Unchain My Heart and Under Command.

This year I was very taken by the progeny of Astern. He was an outstanding racehorse out of one of the best female lines in our stud book. I was keen to buy one if I found one that represented good value.

I purchased this filly from the Inglis Classic Sale for Patrick Payne to train. This is the last opportunity to get into a yearling with Patrick this year. She has been paid up for the rich Inglis Race Series. Inglis have added a new race to the series with a 2yo filly's race to be run on Oaks Day at Flemington. This filly is eligible to run in this race.

I couldn't offer a better type of filly. Get back to me if you are interested in her. She is starting to fill up and does come out of the Inglis Classic Sale which produced some of our best horses including Rubisaki.

VICTORIA



Astern / Island Pago filly 2018 – Patrick Payne to train
10% shares \$13,000 5% shares \$6,500

I was impressed with some of the fillies by Astern which were offered at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Sale but couldn't secure any. That may well be a bonus as I secured this filly at the Inglis Classic Sale. She is a stunning filly and was highly rated by me, Bill and James Mitchell and Tim Roberts. I was a bit stunned when I secured her for about \$40,000 less than I was prepared to pay for her.

She is by Astern. He was a terrific young horse winning the Silver Slipper and Kindergarten Stakes as a 2yo and the Group 1 Golden Rose as a 3yo. He also won the Group 2 Run To The Rose Stakes.

I often discuss what makes a good sire in this country with Bill Mitchell. There are many factors but the best sires here are the fast horses. This is an attribute Astern had in abundance. He won some of our best 2yo races and then trained on to be a high class 3yo. He won five of his nine career starts and was placed 2nd on two other occasions including the Group 1 Ascot Vale Stakes and the Group 2 Roman Consul Stakes.

Astern is an impressive individual and stands at Darley's Hunter Valley Stud. He has as good a female line as we have in this country. He is out of the fast 2yo winning mare Essaouira by Exceed And Excel. She has also given us Champion filly Alizee and the stakes horses Tassort and Mogador.

The 2nd dam is the Group 2 winning Rory's Jester mare Alizes with the 3rd Dam being the Group 1 winner La Baraka. The 4th dam is Triscay by Marscay, one of the best fillies to ever race in Australia.

Darley think enough of Astern to shuttle him between the USA and Australia.

Island Pago is by Choisir. Choisir is doing a great job as a broodmare sire, although it is early days for him. He is represented by 31 stakes horses from his daughters including three at Group 1 level.

Medaglia d'Oro has crossed very well with Danehill with the Golden Slipper winner Vancouver coming from this cross. He also crossed very well with Thunder Gulch. I love Red Anchor in a pedigree. He was an outstanding horse. He is the dam sire of My Marebelle, this filly's 4th dam.

There is a lot to like about this filly. Most importantly, she is an athlete.

Astern's ½ brother Tassort was retired to stand at stud at Newgate Farm this season with his ½ sister and Group 1 winner Alizee also going to stud. This is a great family.



Astern – a big hope of success at stud!!!

TASMANIA

NEEDS FURTHER / REMEMBER THEM COLT

I have shares available in a cracking Needs Further colt to be trained by Adam. He is Magic Millions paid up as well as eligible for Tasmanian Breeding Bonuses.



Needs Further colt out of Remember Them 2018 - Adam Trinder to train

5% shares \$4,125

This picture tells the story. I have been inspecting the progeny of Needs Further for four years and this is the best colt I have inspected by the exciting young sire. He is an outstanding type of horse and from the moment I saw him I was determined to secure him. In my opinion he was the best colt in the 2020 Tasmanian Magic Millions Sale.

He is a superb athlete, light on his feet with a nice hindquarter and excellent conformation. He vetted out without any issues. The colt was reared at Armidale Stud which is a great start. Good horses I have purchased from Armidale in the past include Our Long Sali, Golden Script and our exciting 2yo Needs Further filly Vivilici.

Needs Further has done a remarkable job at stud with his biggest crop of yearlings being just 63. From this modest number he finished 9th on the Australian 3yo Sires List. He has sired the Group 1 winner Mystic Journey as well as the good sprinter Bold Star who recently won the Listed VRC Kensington Stakes. He also has the stakes horses Mystical Pursuit, Our Long Sali, Deroche and Pateena Arena.

I doubt if a better credentialed mare than Remember Them has been to Needs Further. She is by the Champion Sire Elusive Quality. He is best known in Australia as the dam sires of Shooting To Win, Deep Field and Guelph.

Remember Them is a ½ sister to the Stakes horses Highclere and Sunny Skies. She is out of the Multiple Stakes winner Showery. Further down the page is the NZ Oaks winner Natter. Good horses in the pedigree are the Group 1 winners Trap For Fools, Linc The Leopard and Old Money.

Remember Them's two earlier foals are deceased. She is believed to be in foal to Needs Further.

I'm thrilled to have secured this colt and I can't wait for his racing career to start. He looks like a 2yo to me.



Our Long Sali winning the Tasmanian Magic Millions 2YO Classic!!!