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Bill Egan on Rubisaki!!!
He is reaping the rewards of hard work!!!

I have been pleased to see Bill Egan getting the recognition he deserves. He has really cemented himself as one of our best riders and is now in the top 20 on the National Jockey's Premiership and 4th on the Victorian Premiership.

Bill has ridden for us for a few years and won some good races including the \$1 million Inglis Sprint on Rubisaki and Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic on Zizzis. He is a pleasure to work with and very much a team man.

He gave up a ride on Rubisaki at Flemington to go to Donald to ride Zelsignoret when we really needed her to win a race. This type of act has been typical of him since we have been associated with Bill. I wonder if he has enough time to win the Victorian premiership. I hope he does.

Bill heads to Casterton tomorrow where he has a nice book of rides. He rides Vivilici and Who Doubted Me for Prime.

Rubisaki is back with Patrick. She did exceptionally well during her break. She could be in for a big spring. The filly will be aimed at the \$7.5 million Golden Eagle but has also been mentioned as a possible starter in The Everest. Exciting times.

Good luck to the Brisbane Racing Club with the big Stradbroke meeting being run tomorrow. It looks a good meeting with the JJ Atkins an interesting race. I would not be surprised to see an upset result although the top weight looks hard to beat.

The news out of NSW with stakes money returning to normal from 1 July was a big boost for our industry. I expect Victoria to follow suit.

I might only be early stages but the decision to allow owners the opportunity to attend the meeting in Sydney tomorrow is a positive one and hopefully we will see the other states follow the lead in the not too distant future.

We have quite a few runners over the next week starting with Vivilici and Who Doubted Me at Casterton tomorrow. Illecebrous heads to Scone with Almerheri and Chalmers heading to Canterbury on Wednesday.

Japery and McCain are likely to run at Sale on Wednesday. Good luck to each of them.

I was pleased with Fituese's run last Saturday. She may have been beaten into second place, but we now know she is far better on top of the ground. She heads out for a short spell before being prepared for a crack at some nice races later in the year. Her form should be franked again today with Aquitaine a short priced favourite in the last at Eagle Farm.

Her trainer John Thompson is having a great season, punching well above his weight in the pressure cooker Sydney environment.



Fituese winning at Randwick – off for a spell!!!

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 very 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.

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 myself, 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 – 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!!!