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Fituese resumes on Saturday at Rosehill for John Thompson!!!

We have a couple of interesting runners on Saturday with progressive mare Fituese resuming at Rosehill. She has been very impressive in two barrier trials at that track leading into this run. Good luck to her and her owners. This race has been named after Rick Worthington who died last week. I knew Rick quite well and was saddened to hear of his passing. He was a decent person and excellent horse breaker. I last spoke to him at the Inglis Classic Sale after I purchased Ellyse. He liked the filly. Hopefully, it was a good omen.

Invincible Al lines up in a strong race at Doomben. He will need this run. It is a lead in to the Weetwood Handicap to be run in Toowoomba in a couple of weeks.

The standard of racing on show at Flemington and Rosehill on Saturday is top shelf with the Run To The Rose the best race we have seen in Australia this season. John Thompson has started the season off strongly and it wouldn't be a surprise to see his very good colt Mamaragan win this race. The Queensland winter form will be under the microscope again with Rothfire running. This is a

huge step up compared to the horses he was competing against in Brisbane. It will be interesting to see how the day pans out.

BROODMARE LIST

The Australian Broodmare List doesn't change much from year to year with it generally taking a long time for the younger sire's daughters to start to make an impact.

The Champion Broodmare Sire for the 2019/20 Season was Redoute's Choice. This isn't surprising and he could easily fill this position for a few years. He was an outstanding sire and has done it all.

The big mover was Fastnet Rock up to 3rd from 75th just five seasons earlier. He has moved into 2nd position in the current season although we are only five weeks into it. Commands is the other big mover. He is now holding down a top 10 position. He was a good racehorse and has a wonderful pedigree with his progeny having terrific attitudes. Street Cry has also made a strong move and could easily be in the top 10 by the end of this season.

Seven of the top 10 sires on the 2019/20 List were Australian bred with More Than Ready (USA), Zabeel (NZ) and Galileo (IRE) making up the other three positions. These three are champion sires. Four of the top 10 were by Danehill with Rubisaki being the highest stakes earner for Danehill Dancer who came in at number 19. It was interesting to see Danehill drop out of the top 10 with Fastnet Rock the only sire born after 2000 to be placed in the top 30.

These figures strengthen the position Australia now holds in the International breeding scene. The broodmare bands her having been improving for the past 25 years and this should continue.

CORONAVIRUS

The virus continues to create issues due to the inability of trainers and their staffs to move freely between the states which is a bit frustrating. I can understand the restrictions being placed on Victoria at present, but the situation is improving.

The number of cases in the other states and territories for the past few days is fluctuating between .32 and .9 of one person per 1,000,000 of population. That is less than one new case each day per 1 million of the Australian population outside Victoria.

I was concerned where I read Virgin Australia had axed many of its services to Regional Australia. This is a concern with the Tourism and Hospitality sectors of our economy currently being smashed by the current restrictions. The Gold Coast is a classic example with current unemployment rates over 10% with some reports it may reach 20%.

One of our biggest concerns should be by the time the states open up their borders the cost of air travel will have increased and become too expensive for most Australians. This would see isolated destinations such as WA, North Queensland, Tasmania and NT being unaffordable to most Australians to travel to, resulting in another massive hit to the tourist industries in those states and territories.

The tragic face of this crisis has really hit home with two restaurant owners in Beaumaris taking their lives during the past couple of weeks. I ran into a mate of mine at the Beaumaris Concourse yesterday and he has aged 20 years since I last saw him in March, he is a nervous wreck. The

measures put in place by the Andrews Government are having a severe impact on many people's lives. It's time for a change in Victoria.

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.



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 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 2nd 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.

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 eyes.

Since Tim Roberts has been doing most of our vet work at the sales, we have had almost 100% record in getting the yearlings and weanlings we purchase to the races. This is 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 for this filly? As I see it, we have ticks across the board from her sire, dam and the farm she was reared. She is also a great type. I could not recommend a better filly to you. Good luck with her.



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!!!