



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**McCain as a yearling one of our new stars!!!**  
**\$65,000 2019 Inglis Classic Sale!!!**

It has been a hell of a week with four winners since I left Melbourne on 4 July to travel into NSW to reside in the state for 14 days to meet the Queensland Government's requirement so I can attend the Magic Millions National Sale.

We have had a great season with the results our 2yo team are starting to produce being the icing on the cake. Our winners since I headed north have been McCain and Miss Divine Em with Patrick Payne, Illecebrous with Kris Lees and Addocarr with Tony Gollan. During that time, we have only had seven runners. I have added pictures of our five 2yo winners. **These five winners combined cost just \$253,250 to purchase. Consider this, the average yearling purchase from the 2019 Magic Millions and Inglis Easter Yearling Sales was \$295,410!!!**

Miss Divine Em's win at Murtoa yesterday was the 50<sup>th</sup> win by horses I syndicated for Patrick Payne which was a nice milestone to reach. The first yearling I purchased Patrick was Husson Eagle in 2013. Patrick has trained 15 individual winners of the 20 to have raced and I expect that figure to rise to 17 when Kogi Lass and Lorely win their maidens.

These 20 horses average purchase price was just \$60,225 with the returns to date from stakes money and sales proceeds is \$4,369,706. The value of the 11 horses still in our team from the 20 would be in excess of \$3,000,000 with Rubisaki the highest profile horse in our team at present.

The most exciting aspect of these figures is the results Patrick and his team have produced with our 2yo's. This season Patrick has stepped out six of the 2yo's we have with him with five winning. These six horses have only had 14 starts winning six races for a 42% strike rate.

Over the past 12 months the composition of our team has changed with a lot of our older solid performers retiring. It is hard to replace horses like Husson Eagle, Hussy's Glow, Casa De Lago and Reneged.

Our owners have plenty to look forward to as we head towards the Spring. It is important we place our horses and take advantage of the class system to maximize returns.

We will continue to have plenty of runners over the next week or so with the likes of Almerheri, Chalmers, Zizzis and Our Long Sali as well as quite a few younger horses heading to the track.

There has been quite a bit of documentary on the tracks in NSW and I must say the tracks around Sydney have been copping a lot of rain and we seem to be running on heavy tracks week after week. Hopefully this trend will start to flatten out but it could be a few weeks until we get back to the good 4 range.



**Japery as a yearling – will be prepared for the Spring by Patrick Payne!!!**  
**\$58,250 2019 Inglis Classic Sale!!!**



**Miss Divine Em as a foal!!!**  
**\$42,500 2018 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale**



**Mr Cashman as a weanling!!!**  
**\$37,500 2018 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale!!!**



**Gaga's Belle as a weanling!!!**  
**\$50,000 2018 Magic Millions National Weanling Sale!!!**

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dam is the Group 2 winning Rory's Jester mare Alizes with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dam being the Group 1 winner La Baraka. The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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!!!**