



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Atalanta Miss winning on debut at Morphetville with Jordan Childs aboard!!!**

**I purchased a filly out of the mare at the Adelaide Magic Millions!!!!**

Heavy rain has fallen across most of NSW over the past couple of days and it doesn't look like letting up as we head into the weekend. The Golden Slipper meeting is one of NSW's most important and if it goes ahead will be conducted on a bottomless track. This makes it impossible to line up the form with many of the horses competing at the meeting having no hope because they don't handle the wet.

This is a pity because the Golden Slipper is likely to decide the Champion 2YO Sire of the year and Champion First Season Sire. The first Season Sire's have really put their hooves up this year with seven of the sixteen runners being by the new boys. Good luck to anyone who has a runner in the race. I'm happy to sit on the fence given the track conditions with the track likely to be a cow paddock by the time the race is run. This is the same for the other races run at Rosehill tomorrow.

Racing NSW would be keen to run the meeting with many runners having important lead ups into some of the feature races later in the Carnival.

We have seen some great racing in NSW and Victoria over the past few weeks. This is set to continue with the Group 1 William Reid Stakes heading up a nice meeting at Moonee Valley tonight. The track should be perfect for this meeting.

The yearling sales continue to be competitive with records being set at almost every sale. I was pleased I jumped in and purchased eleven yearlings at the Magic Millions January Sale at the Gold Coast and Inglis Classic Sale in Sydney. These yearlings are now looking terrific value. I thought some of the prices fetched at the Gold Coast Sale earlier this week were a bit silly.

I have highlighted two yearlings I have shares available in later in this Dispatch. They are the Shalaa (Ire) filly out of Saigon Tea (NZ) (20% available) and Spirit Of Boom filly out of Show Bender (10% available).

The prices being paid for the Spirit Of Boom's yearlings is quite extraordinary. I am so pleased I purchased the two fillies in January. My only disappointment is I couldn't resell them at the Gold Coast earlier this week. I would have easily doubled my money!!!

### **ON THE TRACK**

Timing is important in racing and we have several really nice horses heading to the trials over the next week. The stable star Rubisaki heads to the Tatura Barrier Trials on Wednesday. She is set to resume at Randwick on 10 April in the Sapphire Stakes. The mare seems in great shape and the wet weather in Sydney is a great bonus to her. She loves it.

Fituese is back in work and will be aimed at the Ortensia Stakes at Rosehill on 15 May. She won the Denise's Joy Stakes at this meeting last year. It will be interesting to see how Masked Crusader goes in the Group 1 William Reid Stakes tonight. Fituese gave him a cold when they met.

We have Ellyse, Tillotson and Xtremetime stepping out at the Randwick Barrier Trials next Friday. These three nice fillies are trained by John Thompson with Tillotson and Xtremetime being placed behind Four Moves Ahead in a Randwick Trial earlier in the season. These are three very nice fillies. Four Moves Ahead is 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite for the Golden Slipper.

Kris Lees is hoping to get In The Blink to the races sometime over the next week. The form around her is very good. She may run against the older horses at Gosford on Tuesday. Embeller is also in at Gosford. Superel is also a chance to run next week. She doesn't have any issues with a rain affected track. Miss In Charge who was an unlucky 4<sup>th</sup> on debut in the Listed Calaway Girl Stakes on debut heads back to Kris tomorrow after four weeks pre-training at Washpool Lodge.

Adam Trinder is set to trial Needs Remembering and Scribbler next week with both set to head to the races after these trials. Scribbler was very impressive in a recent trial win.

Patrick Payne has a nice team of young horses going through their strides with quite a few to have jumpouts at Kilmore next week. Patrick's results for Prime Thoroughbreds have been extraordinary. 24 horses I syndicated with Patrick have raced with 18 winning. Of these 18, 10 won stakes races or feature Magic Millions or Inglis Sales races or metropolitan races or a combination of these. These 24 horses cost \$1,439,500 (Average \$64,3267) and have won 58 races and returned \$4,842,438 (stakes money and proceeds from sales). These figures are exceptional when you consider only about 50% of any foal crops gets to the races and about 20% actually win.

Japery, Miss Divine Em and Gaga's Belle are back in pre-training and will be aimed at the end of the season. They are part of a nice three year old team we have ticking over.

Our only runner for the weekend is Invincible Al at Eagle Farm. He was an impressive winner last start and looks a live hope again tomorrow.

I intend getting the Dispatch out weekly. Covid has caused a lot of disruptions to our business but we are now coming out of it and getting back into a routine. The response to our yearlings has been very positive.

I will have the Spieth filly out of Atalanta Miss on the market tomorrow. She heads to Patrick Payne who trained Atalanta Miss to win the Adelaide Magic millions for us.

Check out these two yearlings, they are rippers:



**Shalaa (Ire) / Saigon Tea (NZ) 2019 - Patrick Payne To Train**  
**10% Shares \$14,000 - 5% Shares \$7,000**  
**Only 20% remains**

When I did my inspections of yearlings in the Hunter Valley in late 2019 I was taken by the progeny of Shalaa (Ire) I inspected. Unfortunately, I kept getting beaten in the sale ring and was unable to secure the ones I liked. My assessment of his potential to be successful here has been proven correct with him currently filling 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the Australian 2YO Premiership. This is an impressive effort for a First Season Sire.

It is only early days for Shalaa, but he already has sired two stakes winners and five other stakes placed horses amongst his 25 winners. I expect his progeny will get better with age. He is a very promising sire. Here are some comments on him by Frankie Dettori and John Gosden.

*Al Shaqab Racing's Shalaa made his mark on the 2015 European season with five consecutive 1200-metre victories, culminating in Group 1 success in Europe's premier 2YO sprinting tests, powering clear of his rivals in the Deauville Prix Morny G1 and making all in the Newmarket Middle Park S. G1.*

*Those performances ultimately cemented Shalaa's status as Champion 2YO Colt in Great Britain and France. Timeform was suitably impressed, rating Shalaa at 123+ in July 2015, and declaring him the best two-year-old in the world at that time.*

*Jockey Frankie Dettori said after Shalaa's Middle Park win, "He's got tremendous speed and he is the fastest two-year-old I've ridden. I haven't met a horse fast enough to lead him."*

*His champion trainer John Gosden echoed Dettori's assessment. "He's very, very fast - the fastest two-year-old I've trained. He has so much speed and has that sprinter's build, so he reminds us all of Oasis Dream...He's of that mould."*

One of the things I really liked about this filly was that she wasn't too heavy. Some of Shalaa's progeny can be a bit to stocky. The video of her really displays her athleticism.

Shaquero, the 2021 Gold Coast Magic Millions winner was a similar build when I inspected him at Fernrigg Farm in the Hunter in December prior to the Magic Millions sale.

I wasn't confident in securing any of the yearlings I had on my list at the Inglis Premier Sale and was a bit shocked when Lot 303 this stunning Shalaa filly out of Saigon Tea (NZ) was knocked down to me for \$99,000 incl GST.

She is a super athlete out of a stake's winning Thorn Park mare in Saigon Tea (NZ). Saigon Tea has thrown a filly by I Am Invincible named Saigon which has won four races including two in Sydney with one of these wins being her most recent start.

Shalaa has done a great job and is currently 2nd on the Australian 2YO Premiership. This is a great effort for a first season sire. Shalaa is by Invincible Spirit as is I Am Invincible the sire of Saigon.

There is a lot to like here with the second dam Boulevardofdreams being the Champion 3YO of NZ in 2003/04.

I will be paying the filly up for the Inglis Series. She is also BOBS eligible and Super VOBIS Nominated.



**Spirit Of Boom out of Show Bender filly 2019**  
**10% available @ \$19,500 5% shares @ \$9,750**  
**Kris Lees to Train**

This outstanding filly is by a proven sire out of a high class and well related I Am Invincible mare in Show Bender. I loved her from the moment I saw her at Yarraman Park in early December and was thrilled when she vetted out without any issues. The filly is incredibly athletic with a nice depth of girth and great hindquarter. This was a trait for many of the progeny of Spirit Of Boom in this sale.

Spirit Of Boom did a remarkable job to be 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Australian First Season Sire's List in 2017/18 Season behind the super young sire Zoustar.

It is very early days for I Am Invincible as a broodmare sire but I expect him to be a great success in this role. They are such attractive mares with great conformation and bone.

Show Bender was a three time metropolitan winner out of a Hussonet mare Gold Licence who thre the stakes horses Convincible and Nicci's Gold. I love Hussonet mares. He has been a major force in Australian racing with his daughters outstanding broodmares. With them throwing 165 stakes horses.

Show Bender comes from a very strong female line which includes Champion sire Redoute's Choice as well as Hurricane Sky, Umatilla and Al Maher to name a few.

Spirit Of Boom was a very fast horse by Sequalo who did a great job on the track and at stud. We were lucky enough to race Holding who was one of Sequalo's first good horses. Spirit Of Boom has followed on in his sire Sequalo steps producing tough sond sprinters.

Spirit Of Boom was a Group 1 winner out of a very good mare in Temple Spirit who through the Group 1 winner Temple Of Boom. He did a remarkable job at stud and was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Australian First Season List behind Zoustar. He achieved this on the back of a very average book of mares.

Spirit Of Boom is currently 24<sup>th</sup> on the Australian Sires List which is a good effort. Given the high quality of this crop of yearlings I would expect him to start moving up this list once they start racing.

This crop of yearlings are out of a very good group of mares. I'm thrilled to offer this filly, she is a cracker.

Kris Lees will train the filly from his Newcastle base but has a Gold Coast base and has regularly conducted successful raids up north.