



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Rubisaki winning the Group 3 James HB Carr Stakes at Randwick on Final Day**  
**10 starts 8 wins \$1,156,650**

The win by Rubisaki was as satisfying a victory as I can remember in my time in racing. It was disappointing not to be at Randwick to watch her complete her 3yo season undefeated but sometimes it is nice to be able to sit back and enjoy the moment and I did that at home with Maree and Grace.

She has had a remarkable career and the rise in her profile has been wonderful to see. She has reached and set some important benchmarks along the way. Look at this for a list:

The only filly to win the Kewney Stakes, PJ Bell Stakes and James HB Carr Stakes.

Only Private Steer, Flickering Fire and Red Tracer won both the PJ Bell and James Carr in the past. These were outstanding fillies. I was Bill Mitchell's racing manager when Flickering Fire won both in 1998. She was a stunning yearling.

She was the only horse to break 12 seconds for her final 200m on Doncaster Day and she ran home quicker than Nature Strip for her final 600m.

Patrick Payne joined an exclusive list with only Bart Cummings and Lee Freedman having won the three races, although with different fillies.

The winners of these prestigious races include Sunline, How Now, Dane Ripper, Cap D'Antibes, Mannerism, Houtzen, Private Steer, Love A Kiss, Faint Perfume, Red Tracer, Mulan Princess, Flickering Fire and Flitter.

She is the only Group winning 3yo to be undefeated in Australia for the 2019/20 season.

Rubisaki heads out for a good break and hopefully she will come back in great sae and continue to thrill her huge legion of fans.

The TAB has a poll out on their Facebook page with Rubisaki leading the most popular horse of the Sydney Autumn Carnival. Great stuff.

Let us hope she gets up again!!!

## WHO IS YOUR HORSE OF THE AUTUMN?



**ADDEYBB**



**RUBISAKI**



**KING'S LEGACY**



**NATURE STRIP**

I thought the Carnival was outstanding with the six weeks of racing from the Coolmore Classic through to the All Aged Stakes meetings throwing up some outstanding performances and horses to follow.

At the completion of the 2019 Spring Carnivals in Melbourne and Sydney many of us thought the group of 3yos we had watched race were as good as we had seen for a long time. The Coolmore Stakes, Golden Eagle and Caulfield Guineas were outstanding races.

It looks like we may have been getting a bit ahead of ourselves, given the results of the place getters from those races and races such as the VRC Derby and Oaks five months on.

The Derby and Oaks are horse killers with very few of the 3yos running in them ever amounting to much after being asked to run over 2500m so early in their careers. They simply are not ready for it and the results from last year certainly highlight this once again.

The Derby had 15 runners. Five have not raced since. Six have not won a race since. Four have won with Shadow Hero the only runner to go on with the job winning the Randwick Guineas. The other three winners won maidens at Pakenham, Sandown and Sale. Hardly inspiring stuff. These figures are hardly a great advertisement for the young stayers that lined up in the Derby.

The Oaks paints just as poor a picture. Of the 12 fillies that ran in the Oaks two have not raced since. Six have not won since with Silent Sovereign winning the Group 3 Auraria Stakes in Adelaide and three others winning maidens at Goulburn, Cranbourne and at Pakenham.

Given the profile of the runners going into these two 'Classics', the fact the 27 runners between them have managed to win just eight races since their big day in November tells a story.

If we are going to have a pool of competitive older stayers bred in Australia, then organisations like RVL and more to the point the VRC need to bring the distance of the Derby and Oaks back to 2000m. We don't breed that many stayers in this country and the ones we do breed need to be well looked after while they are young.

By the way Rubisaki has won six races since then.

## **HORSES TO FOLLOW**

We have had a terrific Carnival in Sydney with some outstanding performances. This year the Spring is likely to look a lot different with the strong likelihood of no overseas visitors. This will see a lot of money being saved by the VRC Committee in particular, obsessed with having internationals running in the Melbourne Cup. I hate to think how much of the Club's money has been spent bringing out the Internationals in recent years. It would be a staggering amount of money.

Looking to the future I would recommend you follow the following horses from the Sydney Carnival:

### **2YO**

Farnan – The Golden Slipper winner and sure to be the Australian 2yo of the year. The Coolmore Stakes looks his for the taking. Head and shoulders above the rest of his age group.

Mamaragan – did enough in the Golden Slipper and Sires Produce Stakes to stamp himself as a horse of the future. He has some maturing to do but could be a nice 1600m colt in the Spring.

Away Game – is a good filly but I I'm not sure about the way she is being pushed. She has been up a long time. Provided she comes through her tough 2yo year she could be a good 3yo.

### **3YO**

Rubisaki – unbeaten as a 3yo and has a great will to win. She will be competitive in any race she contests during the Spring and effective from 1200 to 1600m. A lot of upside and will be placed to advantage.

Colette – head and shoulders above the other staying fillies and has a real touch of class. It will be interesting to see which direction Godolphin take with her.

Shadow Hero – I hope they keep him to 1600 to 2000m races. A real star at those distances. Could be a Cox Plate horse.

Super Seth – was good late in the All Aged Stakes. He is a classy colt and can be placed to advantage. Epsom horse? Caulfield Guineas winner.

### **Older Horses**

Master Of Wine – he has a touch of class and looks a very good horse to me. He could well be a Cox Plate horse with the Caulfield Cup looking right up his alley.

Melody Belle – is an outstanding mare and probably at her best at 1600m. The Empire Rose would be a great target for her again.

### **YEARLINGS**

I am gradually working through our yearlings and I am quite happy where I am placed at present.

### **ON THE TRACK**

We have quite a few horses getting close to racing which should see us having good numbers of runners over the next few weeks.

Today Addocarr resumes at Doomben. He has drawn a bit wide with the rail out 9m so he will need plenty to go his way in the run but he is ready to go to the races and will be at his best once we get him out to 1600m.

Chalmers heads to Port Macquarie on Friday. He has been disappointing since running 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Provincial Final last year but gets his chance to show up in this race. It isn't a strong race.

I can't wait for Fituese to get back to the races at Randwick next Saturday. Her barrier trial was as good as you could hope for.

There is plenty of good racing coming up with some interesting races in Adelaide followed up with the Queensland Winter Carnival. It won't have the same punch as in normal times, but we should still see some competitive racing.

Sydney and Melbourne should continue to be competitive.



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**Fituese back on 2 May 2020 at Royal Randwick**