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Miss In Charge wins at Canterbury - Hinchinbrook / Positive Charge
2020 Magic Millions Gold Coast Purchase

Miss In Charge put the writing on the wall that a win wasn't far off when a great 3rd to two well performed colts at Warwick Farm recently. On Wednesday she showed that run was no fluke finishing strongly to win at Canterbury. Congratulations to Kris Lees and his great staff for a job well done with the filly. Hugh Bowman was seen at his best and guided the filly through a tight gap to win running away in a what could prove to be a strong form race.

Miss In Charge gave her ill-fated sire Hinchinbrook his first Metropolitan 2yo filly winner for the season. Each time a Hinchinbrook wins we are reminded of what a big loss he was to our industry. He was a quality horse from a great female line. I'm certain in time he will make an impact on the Australian Broodmare Sires Premiership here and in NZ. I was lucky enough to syndicate his highest earning female in the Magic Millions Guineas winner, Flying Jess.

We have been quietly stepping out our 2yo team with the obvious star being Xtremetime who has won two of her three career starts including the Listed Woodlands Stud Stakes. She is an incredibly

valuable filly. Over the next few weeks I'm sure we will kick a few more goals with these youngsters. This is shaping as our best crop since 2013 when we had 13 get to the races, with all winning including 10 Metropolitan winners, four Stakes winners and two winning Magic Millions races. That was a special crop that included Husson Eagle, Savoureux, Hijack Hussy and Raido.

I was proud of Rubisaki's brave 2nd at Flemington behind a talented imported horse. She has raced very well without winning during this preparation with the obvious highlight of the preparation being her 3rd placing in the Group 1 Robert Sangster Stakes. She will get her day again and heads to the Listed Winter Stakes at Randwick on 10 July. Hopefully, we can go and watch her.

I really like Japery's chances at Morphettville on Saturday. He has been racing in great heart without winning. He is a stunning looking horse. I must say one of the biggest disappointments for me has been that our owners have not been able to go to the races and enjoy watching their horses compete. This was particularly the case last year when Rubisaki and Fituese were taking all before them with no one there to cheer them home.

Fituese is having a break and will be prepared for a crack at the Sydney Spring Carnival with Xtremetime back at Randwick with John Thompson. She is an exciting filly.

It's Not All Bad News

The announcement from Racing Victoria earlier in the week of \$16,000,000 in stakes increases for the coming season was great news for the industry not only in Victoria but across the country and in NZ. We can look forward to a Spring Carnival in Victoria that will run for 13 weeks with \$100,000,000 in stakes money to be won. This gives us plenty to look forward to particularly when you consider the Victorian Carnival will be supported with a strong Carnival in Sydney and good racing across the other jurisdictions.

The News here seems to be dominated by Covid 19 with most people being over it. Australia has had some great things to celebrate over the past couple of weeks. Firstly, the unemployment rate has dropped to 5.1% and if the economists are right is heading to 4%. This essentially is full employment.

Secondly, our trade balance has been the strongest on record with huge surpluses being posted each month. These two factors are doing their bit in helping the Federal Government to stop the budget from completely blowing out.

I think the biggest News was the announcement of the free trade deal with the UK. I remember the heartache it caused here when the UK joined the European Union. This deal will help offset the issues we have with China. I'm not overly concerned with the China situation. China seems to be rattling a lot of other cages at present. We are not on our own.

The border closures caused by Covid 19 have created a lot of heartache in Australia. If the NSW Premier and her Government navigate their way through the current outbreak without closing the state down it will cause a lot of embarrassment for some of Premiers of other states and it should.

Personally, I hope they do get through this situation without closing our biggest state down. I'm sure many of you are over the politics behind most of the decisions. I was disappointed for Nash Rawiller not being able to ride Sweet Deal in the Tatt's Tiara on Saturday after being denied entry into Queensland due to the Covid situation in Sydney.

Yearlings

Most of our yearlings are close to being fully subscribed. I decided to change the Sebring filly I purchased for Matt Laurie across to Patrick Payne. I wasn't getting the response I needed to fill her with our owners who race in Victoria being very pleased with the job Patrick has done for us.

I had a couple of fillies on my list in the National Yearling Sale but didn't get either. This didn't worry me too much.

In the past we normally don't fill our Yearling Syndications until the end of July. This year I should have them completed by the end of June which is encouraging given the issues we are facing at present.

The biggest bonus we have is the incredible position the industry is in at present. I expect further announcements on stakes money increases in Victoria shortly. The vibe has been positive across all our jurisdictions with NSW likely to follow Victoria's lead.



Sebring / Leny's Here filly – Patrick Payne to train
10% shares \$19,000 5% shares \$9,500
Gold Coast Magic Millions filly!!!

I was thrilled to secure this athletic filly by one of Australia's best sires Sebring out of the very well related mare Leny's Here, a daughter of the outstanding race mare Devil Moon. She was bred by David Kobritz at his boutique stud farm Musk Creek. David has been associated with some of Australia's best gallopers in Subzero, Danzero and Pierro.

It is hard to fault Sebring as a sire. His statistics are superb with 672 individual winners and 135 stakes horses. Only the very best sires have better than 10% stakes winners to winners which Sebring does. He can get an outstanding filly with three of his six Group 1 winners Egg Tart, Nettoyer and Amphritite reaching the elite level.

He was an excellent racehorse winning the Golden Slipper Stakes, Australia's premier juvenile race. He has proven to be an incredibly versatile sire with Group 1 winners from 1200m to 2400m. He gets superior colts and fillies.

This season Sebring has continued to punch above his weight with him sitting in 9th on the National Sire's Premiership with earnings of \$9,404,614.

Sebring passed away with this being his final crop of yearlings. It is very early days for him as a brood mare sire, but he nailed it with On The Bubbles out of his daughter More Bubbles winning the Karaka Millions on 23 January. This is New Zealand's most high profile 2yo race.

When I buy fillies, I am looking to the future hoping they can win the 'right' races and go on to be successful broodmares. Have a look at the results these mares I syndicated or purchased as yearlings achieved at the recent Magic Millions Gold Coast sale.

Seven mares I had purchased as yearlings had yearlings on offer at the sale. **Awasita** (Gold Coast Magic Millions - Newhaven Park), **Calming Influence** (Gold Coast Magic Millions - Newhaven Park), **Flying Jess** (Gold Coast Magic Millions - Milburn Creek), **Hijack Hussy** (Gold Coast Magic Millions - Arrowfield), **Honolulu Lass** (Melbourne Premier - Yarraman Park), **Shine On Anna** (Gold Coast Magic Millions - Edinglassie) and **Sweet Talkin Woman** (Gold Coast Magic Millions - Vinery) were purchased by me for a combined total of **\$515,000**.

These seven mares returned their owners \$4,696,453 on the track and from their sale on retirement. At this year's Magic Millions their yearlings all sold and returned \$1,850,000.

Leny's Here is an unraced Husson mare out of the Group 1 Turnbull stakes winner Devil Moon. This is a great family with serious horses right across the pedigree page. Horses of the calibre of Skybeau, Turner Bayou, Beaumont Babe, Natchez and Classy Babe. It should be noted the 2nd, 3rd and 4th dams are '**Black Type**' mares. Leny's Here was a \$260,000 yearling sold at the Patinack Dispersal Sale.

Leny's Here's first foal is a filly by More Than Ready and is in training with Logan McGill in Victoria. The early reports about her are good. The mare has a Capitalist weanling at foot which is positive. The mare has been well bred.

I'm thrilled to have secured this filly and look forward to her racing career. I would expect her to run as a 2yo but to be at her best once she matures. I'd like to think she could be a classic filly and perhaps even develop into an Oaks filly. Time will tell but she will be given every chance.

More Winners – More Often – More Fun

Weanlings

Over the years we have had tremendous success syndicating and racing weanlings. They represent great value.

This week I will highlight the Brave Smash colt I purchased from the Gold Coast Magic Millions National Sale. He is a cracker and I'm certain would have fetched about \$150,000 at next year's yearling sales. Only 50% remains available.



Brave Smash (JPN) / More For Me colt 2020 – Kris Lees to Train

10% Shares \$12,500 5% shares \$6,250

I expected the Magic Millions National Sale to be a tough one and that is how it turned out. I was pleased to get all seven yearlings I had vetted through the clinical and x-ray checks. This was a first!!! On day one I had five weanlings I was keen to purchase with two going through the following day.

These five were all outstanding types out of good families from successful farms. I was confident I would get a couple but finished up with just the one colt, an outstanding individual by the multiple Group 1 winner and Everest placed Brave Smash (JPN).

I've been wary of the Japanese sires but Brave Smash fits a different profile to most. Firstly, he was a fast precocious 2yo winning twice. He was trained as a stayer as a young horse in Japan but once he came to Australia was eventually trained as a sprinter winning the Group 1 MVRC Manikato Stakes and MRC Futurity Stakes. He was also placed twice in Victoria's top sprint, The VRC Newmarket Stakes and was 3rd in the ATC Everest.

The weanlings I have seen by him look like sprinters with our colt as a good example. He has a terrific hindquarter and good shoulder. I love the way he walks. He is athletic and light on his feet. Twenty years ago, it would have been a good guess to say he was by Rory's Jester, one of our very best juvenile sires who appears in this colt's pedigree.

Our colt is out of a More Than Ready mare. There are not many better sires in the world than More Than Ready. He did it all as a sire and has already left a huge mark on our industry as a sire, sire of sires but I think more as a broodmare sire. He is currently 3rd on this season's Broodmare Sire's List with Bivouac being his best performer this season. He has been a top 10 broodmare sire for the past five seasons.

Our colt's dam, More For Me was a Melbourne metropolitan winner at two and was placed in the Listed Woodlands Stakes. This is the race Xtremetime won at Rosehill. She has had one winner from two to race but her second foal to race ran in the Listed Talindert Stakes and Adelaide Magic Millions 2yo Classic. These are high profile 2yo races so he must have displayed good ability.

The second dam is the Danehill stakes winning mare Langness with the third dam being the Champion sprinter Isca. She was an Australian Sprinter of the Year winning the VRC Lightning stakes and Newmarket Handicaps. She was by the great juvenile sire and broodmare sire Rory's Jester. Interesting.

I love buying out of families where a Derby or Oaks horse is on the page. In this case we have both an Oaks and Derby placed horses.

I will send the colt to Kris Lees to train. Kris trained Brave Smash and said he underestimated just how good a sprinter he was. Kris was thrilled when I called him to say I had purchased him this colt.

There is an awful lot to like about this colt.