



PRIME DISPATCH

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Chalmers wins first up for the preparation at Newcastle!!!
Well done to Kris Lees on a great training performance to get him back as a winner!!!

Chalmers is the oldest horse in our team, and he showed he isn't a spent force winning at Newcastle on Saturday. He overcame a poor barrier and surprised us by jumping well and leading. In the end he was simply too good. Arron Bullock gave him every chance and he fought off several challengers in the straight to record his 6th win and takes his stakes earnings to \$294,795 which is a great effort. He cost \$75,000 as a yearling. He is most likely to have his next run at Port Macquarie on 9 October in the Hastings Cup over 1500m.

During the past couple of weeks, we have put about 15 of our horses back into work. They should be ready to race in mid to late November with some of the babies being aimed at the Gold Coast Magic Millions should they put their hand up. I love racing our horses over Christmas and into the New Year. There are plenty of races on offer. It certainly appears stakes money will not be cut with betting turnover being strong across the board. My mail is RVL finished off the 2019/20 FY in a stronger position than the previous year.

The whole country should be pleased the number of Covid 19 infections in Victoria is dropping and the way things are tracking we may well see new infections into single figures in the next week. It certainly has been a tough year for many people.

It is hard to believe we will be preparing for Derby Day in just five weeks. We certainly have the makings of a great Carnival in Melbourne albeit without crowds. The Sydney Carnival is in full swing, but I do wish they would change the name of some of the “golden” races. It is too confusing.

Good luck to Invincible Al in Toowoomba on Saturday. Hopefully, he gets a run. Rubisaki is set to resume on Saturday week at Flemington. She seems in great shape. Fituese heads to Melbourne for the Alinghi Stakes on 17 October which should be an ideal race for her.

I'm looking forward to us being able to get to the races soon. Hopefully, the Victorian situation continues to improve.

FIRST SEASON LIST

I must say I am not sure what to make of the first season sires for the 2019/20 Season where Pride Of Dubai was the leading sire with 11 winners from 48 runners. Night Of Thunder was clearly the standout sire for mine with eight winners from just 18 starters. He also had three individual stakes winners with the other 35 sires on the List winning just five stakes races between them.

Unfortunately, Night Of Thunder which stood at Darley didn't come back but may do in future. He is the real deal with Patrick Payne's Cherry Tortini looking like being a star of the Spring. Cherry Tortini runs in the Stutt Stakes on Friday night at Moonee Valley. The 1600m trip should be ideal second up. Night Of Thunder has already had five individual winners in the new season from just 14 to race which is quite impressive.

Spill the Beans finished second on the List but has died. Headwater had a good first season with 13 winners from 40 runners out of a good book of mares. It will be interesting to see how they train on.

The same could be said about Vancouver. He would have got the best book of mares of the new sires. He failed to get a stakes winner in his 10 individual winners from 28 runners.

I backed Super One with three of the four fillies I purchased by the sire getting to the races with two now being winners. He did not get the quality of mares some of the other sires in the cohort did but was represented by nine individual winners from 33 runners.

Criterion is quite infertile and was only represented by three runners with two winners. Indications are he could have been exceptional if he were fertile.

The next few months will be important, and things can change rapidly. At this stage I am leaning towards Night Of Thunder being the Champion Second Season Sire for the new season. He is only represented by 37 named foals in Australia but his progeny ooze class which will carry him along way.

WEANLING SYNDICATIONS

It looks like the weanlings I purchased at the Magic Millions National Sale are fully subscribed. I have purchased a filly by exciting young sire Hellbent and will forward out details in about 10 days.