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Invincible Amici scoring a strong win at Werribee for Patrick Payne
Excellent ride from Alana Kelly

I was thrilled with the win by Invincible Amici on Sunday at Werribee. She was unlucky resuming and then was caught up in the Darren Weir situation and hadn't run for five weeks. This was her first run for Patrick Payne and I was very pleased to see her settle back in the field and be strong late. This was her 2nd win. She has only had seven starts and Patrick feels she has a nice future.

Patrick will line up his second Weir trained horse on Thursday with Banachek resuming at Warrnambool. Good luck to him and his owners. Patrick also stepped out Hussy's Glow on Saturday at Flemington with the tough little mare putting in a career best run finishing strongly for second place. She took her earnings past \$200,000 which is a nice return on the \$17,000 I paid for her at the Adelaide Magic Millions. I was very pleased with Everard's return to the track. She was strong in the straight to finish 4th. She has an ambitious program ahead of her.

Our only disappointment was Reneged who jarred up on the firm track at Randwick. He can have a break and come back for the winter. The sooner we get decent rain the better.

Perth Magic Millions

The Perth Magic Millions Sale has been a great success. The new complex has been welcomed by everyone associated with the sale. There was a great buzz at the complex heading into yesterday's sale and the results were very good. I thought the yearlings on offer across the board were quite good. After I did my final inspections and discussed my choices with our vet, Brett Warren. I finished up with seven on my list.

I was lucky enough to purchase the first lot on my list which was Lot 37. She is a stunning filly by Al Maher out of the stakes placed mare Demon Queen. This is a very good running family with Demon Queen being a ½ sister to the Perth Cup winner Black Tom and two other stakes horses. I have been looking for a filly which may have the strength of pedigree to go on to be a Classic 3yo and this filly fits the bill both as a type but also on pedigree.



Al Maher / Demon Queen filly – Patrick Payne to train

The second yearling I purchased was a Stratum filly out of a ½ sister to Pure Energy. This is an interesting filly. I was all over Mossman in his early days but he only had very small crops of yearlings. I travelled from Melbourne to Oakwood Farm near Haigslea, west of Ipswich in late 2004 where from memory 12 of the 20 yearlings Mossman had to his credit that year were being prepared for sales.

One filly really caught my attention. She was a small filly out of the Bletchingly mare Madam Curie. As it turned out she was sold for \$110,000 at the Magic Millions in 2005 and went on to run 2nd in the Golden Slipper. This was Pure Energy. She was out of my reach at the time but I always felt I should have purchased her. She was as good a filly as I have ever inspected.

This Stratum filly is very similar to Pure Energy at the same stage of her development. She is very strong and athletic. Nothing worries her. She looks every bit a 2yo runner to me and I was amazed when I secured her for \$38,500. She is Westspeed qualified and will stay in Perth to be trained by Dan Morton.

She vetted out without any issues and the picture tells a great story.



Stratum / Madam Archer filly – Dan Morton to train

On The Track

We have plenty on the go at present. Almerheri steps out at Randwick tomorrow where finally she has drawn a decent gate. Her last two runs have been very good. I must say I have been a bit frustrated over the past couple of months with our horses having a shocking run of bad barrier draws. Hopefully we can even it up a bit and get some more decent gates. Barriers are so important.

On Thursday we have Banachek set to resume at Warrnambool for Patrick Payne. Our most high profile runner this week is Our Long Sali who is set to run in the Tasmanian Oaks on Sunday for Adam Trinder. Hopefully she can join Maha Chakri as the winner of the Tasmanian Oaks. She certainly deserves a change of luck having run 2nd at her last three starts. She does look to have a great future. Adam Trinder is having a stellar run at present and I wish him well with Mystic Journey in the Australian Guineas. She looks a real chance in the important race. Our clients who have horses with Adam have been very impressed with his communications. Simply outstanding.

We are likely to have our first 2yo runners next week with Kaarchi and Sizzling Nymph heading to Moonee Valley and Bendigo. These fillies are on trial for the rich Adelaide Magic Millions 2yo Classic to be run March.

I head to Tasmania on Friday for the Tasmanian Magic Millions Sale. It is a very busy time of the year.



Our Long Sali winning in Hobart