



# PRIME DISPATCH

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**Rubisaki back in full swing with a return to racing on Cox Plate Day the aim!!!**

The Spring Carnivals in both Melbourne and Sydney are in full swing and we have had some wonderful moments already. AFL Grand Final weekend disappoints me with NSW persisting on having their big meeting at Rosehill on Grand Final day and then Caulfield hosting a great meeting on the Sunday. It makes a lot of sense to me to have both meetings on the Sunday. This is a clear day with the NRL semi finals completed on the Saturday night. In fact, why not have all the metropolitan meetings held on the Saturday transferred to the Sunday. It looks a winner to me.

There were some surprise results over the weekend. I'm convinced the NSW 3yo form is far better than that in Melbourne. Shadow Hero won the Gloaming Stakes at Rosehill on Saturday. He was a stunning yearling by a young sire doing the job out of a very good race filly. He will be very hard to beat in any staying race he contests over the remainder of the Spring.

I must say the weight for age ranks are a bit light on at present with the Turnbull Stakes at Flemington shaping as the most important race run this season for the older horses. This race will go a long way towards shaping the Cox Plate market. We have a warm, dry week ahead of us in Melbourne, so the Flemington track is likely to be quite firm by the time the race is run.

I mentioned Bivouac in my Friday update and he didn't disappoint winning the \$1 million Golden Rose on Saturday. He is the best 3yo sprinting colt in Australia at present. The media are pushing for him to run in The Everest. The Coolmore Stakes on Derby Day looks a great option for him. While the stakes money is important so is protecting him. He is a serious sire prospect and worth upwards of \$30 million.

### **BILL VLAHOS**

The Bill Vlahos affair seems to be coming to an end, although I find it difficult to understand why he has to answer to just two charges he pleaded guilty to in court on Monday. This whole affair has left many people out of pocket, destroyed families and friendships with more hardship appearing likely for the punters lucky enough to have been paid a dividend by Vlahos.

One of Vlahos's associates from the 'Punters Club' tried to infiltrate Prime Thoroughbreds in 2010 attending one of our functions. I didn't like him and told him he wasn't welcome. In my opinion when you get a bad feeling about someone it is best to act on it rather than allow the person to hang around. Thank god I got rid of him.

Over the next couple of years, I watched BC3 Thoroughbreds pay big prices for yearlings, it wasn't making much sense to me.

I got up for an early walk at the 2013 at the Perth Magic Millions. My uncle passed away a week earlier and this and the time difference in Perth made it difficult for me to sleep. As I walked through the lobby of the hotel where I was staying at, I saw Vlahos having a heated discussion with two other men. That night I was invited to drinks by an associate but when one of Vlahos's key men arrived, I excused myself from the night.

The whole affair started to become farcical when Black Caviar's ½ brother was sold for \$5million at a Sydney yearling sale to Vlahos. The vision of the sale resembled a poor 'B' grade movie.

I watched the Vlahos and BC3 Thoroughbreds charade from a distance with none of it making much sense to me. By the end of 2013 the game was up, and Vlahos was hit with over 300 charges relating to his 'punters club' and BC3 Thoroughbreds. This was a dark period for our industry. Hopefully it is now behind us. I wonder what happens to the other 298 odd charges. I'm certain the hundreds of people affected by his dishonesty are not too happy about this.

I see a man reported to have been a 'leader' in the Punters Club wandering around Beaumaris from time to time. He is a shattered man. He is now the face of the 'Punters Club', it is a tragedy.

### **VISIT TO SPENDTHRIFT FARM**

The visit to Spendthrift Farm was very successful. I'm confident the stud will have great success in the future. The owners have assembled a good staff and with Gary Cuddy's leadership and knowledge. They have the right property, a good broodmare band and an interesting selection of sires. I wish them well. It is a competitive business, but they have a lot going in their favour.

The Swear filly I purchased from Spendthrift has been very well received.

### **WEANLING SYNDICATIONS**

I purchased two yearlings at the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale. These colts by Rubick and Sizzling are growing out at Ascot Farm near Pitt Town. They are nice colts with the Rubick heading to Kris Lees and Sizzling going to Patrick Payne. I have had great success over the years purchasing weanlings and offering them to our clients. In my opinion we are purchasing them for less than half what they would have cost as yearlings at next year's sales. The best horse in our team at present purchased as a weanling is Invincible AI who cost \$50,000 and has won six races and \$389,590 in stakes earnings. Here is some information on these colts.



**Sizzling colt out of Distant Symphony 2018**  
**Patrick Payne To Train 10% shares \$7,500 (5% \$3,750)**

I have been very bullish about Sizzling since day one and my opinion of him continues to strengthen as his progeny mature and get older. This colt is a ripper and a full brother to Miss Divine Em which I syndicated last year. The reports on this filly are very positive and the pedigree has taken a big step



up since I purchased her with **Anaheed** coming out and winning the Group 2 Sweet Embrace Stakes and Group 2 Percy Sykes Stakes and \$954,200. These are two very good races. She was also placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Golden Slipper. She is out of Distant Symphony's half-sister. This family has a lot of upside.

I was very active at the 2017 sales series and purchased two yearlings and was the under bidder on a third one by Sizzling. These horses have displayed great potential already with Zizzis winning three races and \$234,490 already. She won the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic where she trounced a very good field and then won again at Caulfield on Cup day which was a big thrill for her owners.

The other yearling that I purchased was Addocarr who was an impressive winner recently. Like many of the progeny of Sizzling he looks like he is looking for a middle-distance trip and he is being aimed at the Grafton Guineas over 1600m.

I was the under bidder on a 3<sup>rd</sup> yearling which races under the name Sizzling Belle. She is a beautiful filly, is a Sydney winner and was placed in the Listed Black Opal Stakes. She was the one that got away.

I jumped in and supported him again last year and this year have three rising 2yo by the sire. I have also purchased a breeding interest in Sizzling.



**Anaheed**

### **Sizzling**

I really liked what I saw in many of the progeny of Sizzling from the start. To me it is a no brainer that he will be a success at stud. He was a terrific racehorse and precocious two years old from the

most dominant sire line in Australia for the past 20 years out of a 'black type' mare by one of the greatest sprinters of the modern generation in General Nediym. Sizzling also won one of the five 2yo Group One races run in Australia winning the JJ Atkins Stakes.

Sizzling's pedigree page is very strong with a host of very good horses down the page. In fact, it couldn't be any stronger with both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dams being superior producers.

I love the General Nediym (1<sup>st</sup> dam), Alzao stakes winner (2<sup>nd</sup> Dam) and Without Fear stakes producer (3<sup>rd</sup> dam) down the page. Estate Label, the 3<sup>rd</sup> dam was a very high-class producer also throwing the outstanding two years old filly Loving Cup.

I must say I had a bit to do with both sides of this pedigree with Sizzling's sire Snitzel being out of Snippet's Lass. Both General Nediym and Snippet's Lass were trained by Bill Mitchell when I was his Racing Manager. They were both high class racehorses with Snippet's Lass being one of the toughest mares I have had anything to do with.

Sizzling has started out his stud career in great fashion finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Australian First Season Sires List for both Stakes earnings and winners and is currently 4th on the Second Season List for winners. He is in a very strong crop of young sires that includes Zoustar, Spirit Of Boom, Dundee, Fiorente and Akheed Mofeed and Epaulette. There are 52 sires represented with runners on this List which is a big number.

### **Distant Symphony**

Distant Symphony has done a good job with four winners to her credit including the stakes winner Mystic Master. Her results are better than they look because she really hasn't been too a top sire with this mating being the best she has had in my opinion.

Distant Symphony has a nice record being a ½ sister to the Group 1 winner Rostova. She is by Distant Music who has done a remarkable job at stud with seven stakes winners from limited chances. His best is Bella Martini by Stratum with two stakes wins to her credit. This reads very well to me. Other well-known horses out of Distant Music mares to race here include Miss Promiscuity, Upbeat, Meteoroid and Volcanic General.

All in all, this colt represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer who has done a remarkable job for us.



**Zizzis winning the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic**  
**Out of Sizzlings first crop of yearlings!!!**  
**Highest stakes earner for Sizzling!!!**



**A couple of stars here Patrick Payne and Husson Eagle!!!**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> highest stakes winner for Sizzling!!!**