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Golden Script was an eye catching 3rd on debut at Sandown!!!
Written Tycoon / Burnished 2017 \$100,000 Tasmanian Magic Millions Purchase!!!

I was very pleased with **Golden Script's** debut run at Sandown on Wednesday when she made up many lengths in the straight for a nice 3rd on debut in a strong two years old race. I purchased her from the Armidale Stud draft at the 2017 Tasmanian Magic Millions Yearling Sale. I also purchased the Tasmanian Magic Millions winner, Our Long Sali from the same draft.

Our two years old team are really starting to make their presence felt. I only purchased 11 yearlings last year with the five to have raced really doing our brand proud. When you consider some of the big stables get 100 yearlings or more and expensive ones at that our results pound for pound really stack up. Golden Script is likely to have her next start at Sandown on 11 April in a fillies 1200m race. This should be right up her alley.

She has furnished into a beautiful filly and has the pedigree to be very good with her 2nd dam being the Blue Diamond winner, Sleek Chassis. Golden Script's dam Burnished is by super sire More Than Ready. He will have a major effect on our breeding industry for decades to come.

Zizzis is set to have one start on 16 April at Mornington before heading back to Adelaide on 28 April for the Group 3 Breeders Stakes. The Adelaide Magic Millions winner has thrived since her win in the big race and the run at Mornington should top her off nicely before she heads back to Morphettville. The form around her is very strong.

Our Long Sali is set to resume on 15 April in Hobart and then head towards the Tasmanian Sire's Produce Stakes. She had a quiet couple of weeks off after the Gold Sovereign where everything went wrong.

Everard is back in pre-training at Ellalong Farm and did well during her break. She should head back to Newcastle in a couple of weeks' time. The time off helped her fill out and she showed plenty during her first preparation when she was placed at Randwick and Canterbury.

Five Star Gal heads back into pre-training this week. It is important to know when to back off two years old horses and give them a break. If you push them forward when they need a break you just create issues later in their careers.

We have a couple more not far off heading to the trials.

On The Track

We have three runners this week with Raido heading to Toowoomba for the Weetwood Handicap. It is Toowoomba's premier race and one I'd love to win. I remember going to the Weetwood meeting with my father as a very young boy and worked at Clifford Park as a barrier attendant and strapper after leaving school. Great memories. Unfortunately, I will be at Randwick on Saturday. Black And Tan is down to run at Morphettville in the Listed Laelia Stakes but we have jockey issues. Billy Egan was booked to ride but has been suspended. The riding ranks in Adelaide are very thin at present. Lord Elliott gets out to 2000m and is set to run in Canberra on Friday.

Sales

The Inglis Easter Yearling Sale kicks off on Monday. I expect it will be an expensive sale and likely to make the yearlings I have secured look very good value. At this stage I don't expect to be buying any yearlings at the sale but will have a look at what is on offer.

The yearlings I tend to like at this sale fetch more than I am prepared to pay. Also, I don't look at vet reports offered by the studs but use independent vets to assess the x-rays and check the yearlings for me. This has proved a strong point for us for many years but costs a lot of money and I could easily finish up with a \$10,000 vet bill and no yearling. If a yearling did catch my eye and I purchase it, I will advise you through Mistable.

While on the sales there has been quite a bit of discussion on the recent Premier Sale. It appears many vendors were not happy with the returns they received from the sale. There obviously need to be changes made with the makeup of the sale. It was impacted by the increase in numbers at the Inglis Classic Sale. Inglis haven't invested over \$120,000,000 in the new Riverside Complex at Warwick Farm not to fully utilize it. These are my thoughts on my the Premier failed to live up to expectations.

The increased numbers at the Classic Sale saw some of the prominent Hunter Valley studs that used to have quite big drafts at the Premier not needing to bring their yearlings south. This affected the

buying bench with less NSW based trainers attending the sale. Also, it effectively saw the Premier Sale having a long tail with yearlings that would normally been in Book 2 being elevated to the main sessions. This was a big issue.

Added to this, the Victorian trainers spent about \$21,000,000 in NZ earlier in the year and this certainly had a big impact. They were also very active at the Gold Coast Magic Millions and Classic sales. Perhaps the Victorian breeders need to ask themselves why this was the case.

Vendors can sell their yearlings where they like but many of the better Victorian yearlings have been sold at interstate yearling sales which again probably makes the Victorian Sale less attractive to the buying bench without these high-profile lots. One of the main attractions of the Perth, Adelaide and Tasmanian sales for example is that the breeders sell most of their yearlings at these sales.

The Super VOBIS Scheme in its current structure isn't helping the situation. I have had an issue with the Super VOBIS Scheme for some time. It is too restrictive. For example, the best bonuses are offered on Saturday Metropolitan meetings. In March we had five of these meetings. Only three Super VOBIS qualified yearlings won races at these five meetings. I believe two of these winners were home bred. One of these winners won a stakes race which sees a \$10,000 bonus paid to the breeder with nothing going to the owners. This hardly seems fair to me.

I'm also certain there is a lot of money is being spent by Victorians purchasing overseas staying horses. While Victoria continues to promote itself as the state for the stayers and offer big stakes money for staying events it will continue to encourage owners to look overseas for staying horses. These imported horses are expensive, and the owner pool only has so much money to invest in their horseflesh. Sadly, most are or finish up geldings which offer nothing to our breeding industry once retired even if they suited our breeding scene.

In recent years high class imported stayers Americain, Fiorente, Puissance De Lune and Lucas Cranach have stood in Victoria with just one yearling by these four sires making Book 1 of the Premier Sale!!! I'm not saying these four horses won't make it at stud but just how commercial are they at present? They had over 200 yearlings between them that could have been eligible for the sale.

The other big impact on this sale is the compression in the sales series which sees the Premier Sale coming hot on the heels of the Classic, Tasmanian and Perth sales with Adelaide Magic Millions the week after.

I've always regarded the Premier as being an expensive sale and to be honest after getting home from Perth on 24 February I needed a break and time to get my yearlings on the market. There is a lot of work involved getting the paperwork for each yearling compiled.

I couldn't see the point in running the Inglis Premier race on 3 February. It needs to be run on the day before the sale to generate interest and give the Premier graduates a bit more time to get to the races. Having a field of seven with it being the first race on an average Caulfield meeting was hardly the advertisement the sale needed and to be honest the Premier race was lost amongst other things that was going on at the time.

In conclusion, there do need to be changes with the sale requiring a lift in its profile to make it an exciting part of a great week's racing. It is held between two very good Flemington meetings but lacked spark.

John Messara has done a remarkable job in Sydney with the Australian Easter Yearling Sale held between the two days of the Championships at Royal Randwick. Everyone wants to be in town for

the races and the sale sells itself. Racing takes centre stage for all the right reasons starting this Saturday at headquarters.

I had a quick look at the Australian General Sire's List this morning with just four of the top 50 sires highlighted being based in Victoria. This is an issue but not new with the Hunter Valley completely dominating Australian breeding at present. I don't see this trend changing.

I'm sure some of our leaders won't agree with my comments on the Premier Sale but it does need to be reinvented and quickly if the breeding industry in the state is going to be sustainable. The buying bench is now narrow but very sophisticated and gimmicks won't attract them to the sale. Good yearlings do. Perhaps it is time to ditch the "Melbourne Premier Sale" and replace it with the 'Victorian Premier Sale'. I don't see too many farms in Collins Street!!!

Sire Statistics

It is always interesting to check the Sire tables. They tell you a lot particularly if you dig a bit deeper into them. It is interesting to note only two sires in the top 20 on the Australian General Sire List have better than 50% winners to runners this season. These are the Yarraman Park's I Am Invincible and Hinchinbrook.

Hinchinbrook has been quietly moving up the list and now sits in 14th spot. He has moved from 131 to 31 to 19 to 14 in the past four years which is remarkable given the relatively small books of mares he has covered. He had another stellar day on Saturday with two metropolitan winners including Spright's win in the Group 3 Star Kingdom Stakes in Sydney.

I'm pleased I purchased two nice fillies earlier in the Sales series. Details of both these are highlighted later in this dispatch.



Raido runs in the Toowoomba Weetwood on Saturday in Toowoomba
Good luck to him!!!

I have been astounded at the response to the yearlings by Spirit Of Boom at the recent sales. No doubt his progeny has exceeded expectations but his results at the sales have been a bit silly with his two good horses out of nice mares. It will be interesting to see where we rate him come Magic Millions January Sale next year.

Victoria

More Winners – More Often – More Fun



Hinchinbrook filly out of Hidden Charge
Darren Weir – Ballarat – 10% shares \$6,900 (5% shares available)

I was really taken by this filly when I inspected her. She is very strong behind and has good scope to grow. I have had quite a bit to do with the progeny of Hinchinbrook having purchased Flying Jess, his highest earning filly. The best Hinchinbrook fillies seem to be the ones with good size, scope and strength. This filly certainly has both these attributes. Another of our good Hinchinbrook fillies is Kissing Game which also is a strong athletic filly.

Dr Brett Warren who did my vet inspections at the Adelaide yearling sale was also very taken with this filly and as surprised as I was when I secured her for such a reasonable price.

Hinchinbrook

Hinchinbrook was destined to be a sire from the moment he was born at Yarraman Park. He was a strong impressive looking foal and has developed into a magnificent looking sire. He is a $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to Champion Australian Sire Snitzel but his deeds at stud have seen him come out of Snitzel's shadow to be a very highly regarded young horse in his own right.

Hinchinbrook, like many of the sprinters that raced in his era suffered at the hands of Black Caviar. Nevertheless, his racetrack achievements were very good. He won his first won starts before being the first colt home in the Golden Slipper. He won the Skyline Stakes and Canonbury Stakes. He was placed in the Group 1 ATC Sire's Produce Stakes and the Group 1 ATC All Aged Stakes. He proved his versatility when being placed in Melbourne in the Group 1 MVRC William Reid Stakes and the Group 1 MRC Oakleigh.

At stud he has excelled. He was the leading Champion First Season Sire in Australia in 2013/14 Season producing a Group 1 winner in his first crop. His performances at stud are better than they look when you consider he has only ever served reasonably small books of mares. The most foals he had in his first three seasons at stud was just 92. This is about half the number some of the other sires in the Hunter Valley have representing them.

Hidden Charges

Hidden Charges is a daughter of the very good race mare and producer Ain't Seen Nothin'. I love buying out of the daughters of high class race mares. In this case Hidden Charges which won three races and is by Charge Forward who is quickly establishing himself as a very high, class broodmare sire.

He has risen from 164 on the Australian Brood Mare List two years ago to 26th as I write this. After Estijaab won the Golden Slipper he stormed into 6th which would be an extraordinary performance for such a young horse. Runners out of Charge Forward's daughters include She Will Reign, Sunlight, Estijaab and Traces.

Also, Estijaab and Traces are by Snitzel who is a $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to Hinchinbrook. Everything indicates this filly should have a good future.

In my opinion this is easily the best mating Hidden Charges has had with her first three foals being by Equiano who has hardly set the world on fire at stud and the fourth foal had to be put down.

This filly represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer in Darren Weir.

West Australia



Sizzling / Belle D'Amour filly – Dan Morton to train
10% \$8,500 per share

I really liked the progeny of Sizzling at last year's sales and purchased two yearlings by him. The first was Zizzis who won on debut and backed this up by winning the Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic. The second was a colt from the Adelaide Magic Millions Sale named Addocarr. He is trained by Tony Gollan and is back in work being prepared for the Brisbane Winter Carnival. He ran 2nd in his first barrier trial and looks to have plenty of ability.

I was the under bidder on a 3rd filly by Sizzling at the Magic Millions National Sale named Sizzling Belle out of Greenmount Belle, a mare we raced. She has won her first three starts and ran 2nd in Black Opal Stakes. Sizzling has started off well and looks to have a good future at stud.

The photo does do this filly justice. She is very athletic and a very attractive filly. She is a nice size and looks a runner to my eye. She is eligible for the Westspeed bonuses which is a great advantage when racing horses in WA.

The filly vetted out without any issues and has a great hindquarter and a good strong shoulder and deep girth. Her legs are very good. In fact, you couldn't fault her conformation.

I really liked what I saw in several the progeny of Sizzling at last year's sales. 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'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 2nd and 3rd dams being superior producers.

I love the General Nediym (1st dam), Alzao stakes winner (2nd Dam) and Without Fear stakes producer (3rd dam) down the page. Estate Label, the 3rd 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 and is currently 3rd on the Australian First Season List.

Belle D'Amour is by the good sprinter Jet Spur. He has had a good start as a broodmare sire with 15 of his 26 runners winning. This is more than acceptable.

Belle D'Amour was a very good race filly and won the BRC Lancaster Stakes at two years old. This is only her 2nd foal with the first being a winner of one of his only two starts. There are also plenty of winners down the page including several 'black type' performers. Belle D'Amour's dam is by Military Plume which adds a lot to the page.



Zizzis winning the Adelaide Magic Millions

New South Wales



More than Ready (USA) / Riva del Mar filly 2016 **\$13,000 per 10% share (5% shares available)**

I was taken by this filly when I inspected her. She is very athletic and by a sire who just keeps getting stakes winners. More Than Ready is one of the world's great sires with an amazing 179 individual stakes winners to his credit. Compare this with Fastnet Rock's 129 stakes winners and you get an idea of just how good he is.

The filly

This filly is very much in the mould of many of the good More Than Ready fillies I have inspected. He stamps his progeny and right from his first crop in Australia from which I purchased Readymore he has consistently done a remarkable job.

I haven't been able to purchase many fillies by More Than Ready mainly because the ones I have liked to have been too expensive. It didn't take long for his progeny to escalate in price after they started racing.

This filly has excellent conformation and I must say is a very well-balanced athlete. Dr Tim Roberts who does most of my vet work at the sales really liked her and gave her a good rating.

I wouldn't be surprised to see her get up and going early and she will be paid up for the \$8 million Inglis Series of races as well as the BOBS Scheme.

More Than Ready

More than Ready is one of the greatest shuttle stallions to have visited our country. His progeny has won 1962 races in Australia and \$74,766,148 in stakes money. These are incredible figures. Worldwide he has won 4680 races with over \$190,000,000 in stakes earnings. Compare that with Fastnet Rock who has 2622 wins and just over \$140,000,000 in stakes earnings.

Some of his best to have raced in Australia include Sebring, Samaready, More Joyous, Carry on Cutie, Phelan Ready and Perfectly Ready just to name a few. More Than Ready has consistently been a top 20 sire in Australia for the past 15 years.

The biggest impact More Than Ready may have on our industry is as a great broodmare sire. He is currently 9th on the broodmare list and is the youngest sire represented which is a great pointer to the future.

Riva Del Mar

Riva Del Mar is by the champion sire Shamardal out of the highly credentialed Zabeel mare More Chickens. This is a great female line with two Oaks winners on the page. One of these is Faint Perfume by Shamardal which shows just how well the cross works with this family.

I love buying yearlings out of families where an Oaks winner is up on the page. It is interesting that our latest Stakes Horse Casa De Lago also has two Oaks winners on her page.

Make no bones about it, the Oaks winners are the very best fillies of their year and the families they come from almost always go forward and produce very good gallopers.

This is her first foal which I also really like. Once again many of the better gallopers I have been associated with over the years are first foals.



Deep Field filly out of Cattalo 10% shares \$8,500 (5% shares available)
John Thompson - Randwick

I have been inspecting the progeny of Deep Field at this year's sales but the ones I have liked were bringing more than I was prepared to spend. I found this filly is the Perth Magic Millions Sale and valued her at \$80,000. I managed to secure her for \$50,000 which was a bargain.

She is a very attractive filly. She is well grown and has a great hindquarter. She is also BOBS qualified which is a great advantage and as a result I will send her to John Thompson to train.

The progeny of Deep Field averaged \$219,231 at this year's Gold Coast Magic Millions Sale only behind I Am Invincible, Snitzel and Fastnet Rock on averages which gives you an idea of just how well his progeny were received.

I have had very good success buying out of the Perth Magic Millions. I have only purchased four yearlings with the three to race all being winners. Raido is the best of these and won the Listed Goldmarket Handicap at the Gold Coast recently breaking the race record. This followed on from his December win when he broke the Class record for 900m at the same track.

The other two winners I purchased were Invincible Me which has won five races and Maldicion who won just the one race but had good ability running in the Tasmanian Oaks. Unfortunately, she injured a tendon which finished her career. These three horses collectively cost \$150,000 to purchase and have won 13 races and \$385,233 with two still racing.

The 4th is a Husson filly, now two years old named Lady Husson trained by Dan Morton that should get to the races in late April.

Deep Field

Deep Field was a very fast horse five races including two at Group 2 level, a Listed race and he was placed 3rd in the VRC Lightning Stakes. He has a superb pedigree being by the ill-fated Northern Meteor who looked like being a super star but died prematurely leaving three sire sons including Australia's Leading 2YO Sire this season in Zoustar as well as the highly credentialed Shooting To Win and Eurozone who looks like making a name for himself at stud.

Most good sires have a strong female line and that is certainly the case here with Deep Field being out of the very good race mare Listen Here. She is also the dam of the Caulfield Guineas winner, Shooting To Win.

Cattalo

Cattalo is by the Danehill line horse Tiger Hill who has been a great success as a broodmare sire. Most of his best results are overseas with his best performed runner here being Almandin, the 2016 Melbourne Cup winner.

This is only her third foal. The 2nd foal is a Sizzling colt trained by Lee Curtis who has a very good opinion of her.

The 2nd dam is by Marsday and was a 2yo Sydney winner. She has had six to race for five winners including the stakes placed Toquique which was also placed 4th in the AJC Randwick Guineas.

The 3rd dam is the Champion mare Mannerism the dam of the Moonee Valley Oaks and the Group 3 winner and sire Manner Hill.

I was thrilled to purchase this filly and look forward to her wearing our colours.

Correct as at 20/03/18



**Hinchinbrook filly out of Rock Bottom \$8,500 10% (5% shares available
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Rock Bottom

Rock Bottom is by Not A Single Doubt who has established himself as a sire that produces fast uncomplicated sprinters. I'm certain he will be a big success at stud as a broodmare sire. It is very early days for him but his daughters have already produced a Group 1 winner in Season's In Bloom.

Rock Bottom comes from a nice running family where the 23 horses to race out of the first four mares are all winners. Rock Bottom herself was unraced but she is a ½ sister to six winners including the stakes pair of Foxstar and The Astronomer.

The second dam is Foxy by Canny Lad. I love Canny Lad in a pedigree. He is the dam sire of Redoute's Choice and I Am Invincible.

This filly represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer.



The filly looks terrific, spelling at Ascot Farm!!!