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Kaarchi winning impressively at Mildura
Out of Shooting To Win's first crop of yearlings!!!

The final week of the 2018/19 Season was very satisfying highlighted with Husson Eagle winning the Mildura Cup again. He is a wonderful horse and is likely to head to Adelaide for the Penny Edition Stakes over 1400m. Patrick intends to keep him fresh and target races with him. He loves stable life and while he is happy, and sound will continue to race. Husson Eagle was a \$42,500 purchase from the Adelaide Magic Millions.

We were looking for a decent surface for Kaarchi's debut. The Shooting To Win filly went to Mildura where she trounced her older rivals winning her maiden in fine style. She will now head to Sandown on 14 August stepping up to 1300m which she should appreciate. Kaarchi was a \$120,000 purchase from the Gold Coast Magic Millions.

I'm a big fan of Shooting To Win with his last eight runners starting with Kaarchi's win has produced five winners and a 2nd in the Group 2 Waikato Guineas in NZ. This isn't a bad effort considering Kaarchi won on 26 July. The NZ 3yo placed in the Waikato Guineas was out of Fromage which I syndicated. Fromage was a stunning Flying Spur filly that sadly had little ability.

Our 3rd runner at Mildura was Sizzling Nymph which was strong late running home for a nice second placing. She has come back in great shape and may head to Wangaratta on 17 August for a 1170 3yo maiden. I'm thrilled with the progress our 2yo team is making. Sizzling Nymph was a \$60,000 purchase from the Adelaide Magic Millions.

On Saturday Zizzis was one of the runs of the day at Morphettville running home from the rear of the field for 4th in the Listed SAJC Lightning Stakes. She is likely to run in the Group 3 MRC Cockram Stakes before having a break to be set for the \$1 million Magic Millions Mare's race at the Gold Coast in January. Zizzis was a \$120,000 purchase from the Gold Coast Magic Millions.

Almerheri put in another good performance going down by just ½ length at Warwick Farm. She is developing nicely. It will be interesting to see what her best distance is as she continues to mature. Almerheri was a \$50,000 purchase from the Adelaide Magic Millions. She reminds me a lot of our outstanding staying mare Unchain My Heart who was also by Al Maher.



Tahlia Hope winning on Invincible Al

I am thrilled for Prime Thoroughbreds to be sponsoring Tahlia Hope in the 'Garryowen' on 25 September at the Melbourne Royal Show. It has been well documented that Tahlia had a serious health scare and competing in the equestrian event is an important part of her rehabilitation.

I was very sad to hear of the passing of Magic Albert on Friday. We had a lot of success with him and his sire Zeditave and of course Strategic who also by Zeditave. Some of the horses with Zeditave, Magic Albert and Strategic's blood running through their veins to wear our colours include Calming, Zelady, Too Many Reds, Zedatzi, Flying Jess, Invincible Al, Horrocks, Lord Monty and Zero Drama.

BROODMARE PROSPECT

Zelsignoret didn't fire and has been retired. She will be offered for sale on the next Inglis Digital Sale and as a Snitzel mare 1/2 sister to the Group 1 placed Stars Of Carrum should attract plenty of attention. Please contact me if you wish to discuss.

The Inglis Digital Sales are very popular with over 300 lots being offered at the most recent auction. This is a much better way of selling horses than the monthly sales that were held in Sydney and Melbourne by Inglis.



Reneged with Tye Angland aboard
Tye's accident was the biggest disappointment of the season – a tragedy!!!

THE SEASON THAT WAS

For some I have been thinking of what to write to wrap up the 2019/20 Season. I can't remember a season in which we had so many ups and downs. The biggest high for me was Winx winning her 4th Cox Plate. This is our most important Weight For Age race. I remember thinking when Kingston Town won his third Cox Plate that I wouldn't see that performance bettered in my life time. Well we did and Winx rightly deserves her position as one of the very elite horses to have raced in this

country. Well done to those associated with her. They did a great job managing her career. It is something that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

When I got word through that Tye Angland had suffered serious injuries in a fall in Hong Kong I went numb. The news I was getting on his condition pointed to the worst and this has proved correct with him now confined to a wheelchair. Tye has a wonderful young family and is highly regarded and a well-respected person. I spoke with him last week and his approach to his situation is amazing.

I'm certain we all wish him the very best as he goes through his rehabilitation. He was a very successful rider for us with his biggest win being the \$2 million Magic Millions Guineas on Flying Jess.

Integrity issues have plagued our industry for too long with the situation Darren Weir found himself begging belief. As the news broke of the stable raids on Darren's stables filtered through it was becoming increasingly obvious that a very serious situation was unfolding. I still can't get my head around why he so blatantly broke the rules. I'm not sure if more is to come from the VRC Integrity Department, AFP and State Police investigations regarding his case.

Darren's issues along with Ben Curry and Barry Campbell's disqualifications haven't been easy reading but the best thing about 1 August is that we no longer will read their names on the various trainer's premierships.

I think we are all over these participants indiscretions along with those of the Aquinita Eight as well. Personally, I feel it will be very difficult for them to have a viable role in our industry in future. Only time will tell.

The drought is having a very serious impact in many parts of NSW and Queensland in particular. The short-term impact is rising feed prices but the long term effects are sure to be significant. A couple of examples of the hardship facing some of our clients include one having paid \$170,000 for hay for his cattle and a stud in the Hunter Valley having to drill down 300m to get water for their property. The stress being caused on our farmers and those living in the rural communities most affected is having a big impact with many facing ongoing mental health issues.

I was interested to read in this morning's Herald Sun that Victoria was heading for a drier than normal spring. Most of Victoria and South Australia look in great condition at present with enough rain falling at the right time to get the crops in.

In my opinion the biggest impact on the industry will be at the 2022 Yearling Sales where the Sales Companies will have less yearlings to choose from for their sales. I'm certain the number of mares being bred this year is down in most states.

The record stakes money we see being distributed in Victoria, NSW and to a lesser extent WA are a great incentive for owners to get involved in racing.

VISIT TO NZ STUDS

Maree and I are heading to NZ on 16 August to visit their best studs. I have been closely monitoring the situation in NZ and see some green shoots starting to appear over there. I won't be purchasing any yearlings while I'm in NZ but just getting a feel for the lay of the land. My main focus will always be on our studs with me planning to syndicate 15 yearlings again this season. I have already purchased two colts which are highlighted below. If I found the right staying type of horse I may purchase it for our team but it would have to be a nice horse that has the right conformation for our tough racing conditions.

More Winners – More Often – More Fun

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.



Rubick colt out of Ciavenna (Ire.) 20
Kris Lees to Train 10% shares \$11,500 (5% shares \$5,750)

I was thrilled to secure this colt at the Magic Millions National Sale. I have purchased just the one yearling by Rubick with her racing as Rubisaki and being one of the most exciting horses we have raced for some time. This colt was offered by Edinglassie Stud which is one of our very best nurseries with Michael Talty being a breeder who I have enormous respect for. Edinglassie has been a wonderful nursery producing outstanding horses including Shooting To Win, Deep Field, Nechita, Bentley Biscuit, God's Own, Wonderful World, Nadeem, Sharscay, Miss Margaret and Suntain.

I have had very good success buying horses from Edinglassie including the very good gallopers Savoureux, Eramor and Shine On Anna. **I purchased Eramor as a weanling and she went on to win the MRC Debutante Stakes.**

This colt really grabbed my attention. He has a great hindquarter, good shoulder but most importantly he is a great walking horse. I loved him from the moment I inspected him and was determined to purchase him.

Rubick

Rubick has started off his career at stud in wonderful fashion. He is currently 3rd on the First Season Sire's List for winners which is a great effort. Importantly, he is represented by some outstanding gallopers who look to have very bright futures. His best to date is the classy colt Yes Yes Yes. He is also represented by our outstanding filly Rubisaki which has won two of her four races and is stakes placed. A young sire couldn't do much more and he looks like having a very successful career at stud ahead of him. His yearlings this year sold up to \$900,000.

Ciavenna (Ire.)

Ciavenna is a very well related young mare that was purchased in Ireland and brought here to go to stud. Her first foal is a Foxwedge colt which is yet to be named. This is the 2nd foal and she is in foal to Hellbent. The matings done at Edinglassie are amongst the best of any of our studs with the mare certain to be well mated. She is the ½ sister to three stakes performers.

On the pedigree page is the Group 1 Hollywood Oaks winner Cambina. I love buying out of families with Oaks winners on the page.

I'm thrilled to have secured this colt and I look forward to his racing career. At \$11,500 for a 10% share he looks very well priced particularly when you consider the results his progeny could produce over the next six months before the 2020 Yearling Sales Series.



Rubisaki winning at Flemington
3rd highest stakes winner for Rubick
Out of Rubick's first crop of yearlings!!!



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 6th 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 at his most recent start. 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 3rd 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 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 finishing 3rd 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!!!
3rd highest stakes winner for Husson!!!



Tye England winning the \$2million Magic Millions Gold Coast Guineas on Flying Jess
Highest earning stakes winner filly by Hinchinbrook!!!