



PRIME DISPATCH

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Unfortunately Rubisaki has a runny nose and won't be running at Flemington on Oaks Day!!!

This year's Melbourne Carnival has been quite exquisite with some amazing results. I particularly enjoyed the win with Vow And Declare being only one of two Australian bred horses in the big race. This is a trend we have become used to. When Unchain My Heart ran in the 2014 Melbourne Cup she was one of just two Australian bred horses to run in the Melbourne Cup that year.

I had purchased Unchain My Heart for \$45,000 out of the paddock and she went on to be one of the best staying mares of her generation.

There have been some wonderful results throughout the Spring Carnival for modestly priced horses. Vow And Declare was passed in for \$45,000 at the Adelaide Magic Millions Sale and of course Mystic

Journey was a \$13,000 purchase from the Tasmanian Magic Millions with the Derby Winner costing just \$65,000 from Adelaide as well.

I was thrilled for Craig Williams riding the winner. He has ridden for us many times over the years including a win on Unabated at Flemington a few years ago on Cup Day.

He is a great ambassador for our sport. A few weeks ago, I had a runner in the first race at Flemington with some new owners with me in the enclosure waiting for the horses to come in. Craig wasn't riding for us but came across and made everyone feel very welcome. This is the mark of him as a person. He has certainly had his critics over the years but is the ultimate professional and deserves the success he is getting.

It will be interesting to see if Coolmore bring Vow And Declare's sire Declaration Of War back to Australia. He has done a great job but wasn't well received here and has had just the 80 runners from his two crops to race in Australia. These are now three and four year olds.

In the Northern Hemisphere he had just 54 foals in 2018.

My intention is to purchase one or two yearlings a year with staying pedigrees for Patrick Payne and John Thompson to train. Hopefully, we can get another Cup runner before I decide to hang up the boots.

There is a push around for more local runners in the Cup. I'm not sure how this could be achieved but I'm certain we will hear more about this in the coming months. Breeders are entitled to get the best return they can breeding their horses. In Australia this is almost exclusively geared to the sprinter/milers.

I was disappointed to get a call from Patrick Payne this morning with the news Rubisaki had a runny nose and would need to be treated and won't be running at Flemington tomorrow. She has been going really well leading into tomorrow's race. As they say 'that's racing'.

MELBOURNE CUP WEEK DRINKS

We are having our Cup week drinks on tonight at Proper and Son at the South Melbourne Markets. This function is open to our owners and their partners and gives you the opportunity to meet in a relaxed environment.

There is no need to reply. Just turn up on the night and enjoy the occasion.

The address of Proper and Son is 14/322 Coventry Street South Melbourne which is part of the South Melbourne Market. The function will commence at 6pm and conclude at 9pm.

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

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 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 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!!!