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Serriano (Dissident / Mafia Miss) is likely to make her debut this weekend
Trained by Kris Lees

It is always an exciting time of the season when we start to get our new crop of horses to the races. Rubisaki went so close to winning on debut at Warrnambool when beaten in the closest of finishes. She was very good and was denied victory when she copped some interference 100m from the finish post. She was only the second of our crop of juveniles to race.

Serriano will step out at either Kembla Grange on Saturday or Taree on Monday. She is by the first season sire Dissident out of a very good 2yo named Mafia Miss. We have quite a few of our youngsters in work and this should see us having a steady flow of juveniles stepping out from now until the end of the season.

In my opinion the Warrnambool Carnival was the best one I have attended. The weather was good which helped with the track racing very well for the three days. We were oh so close to having a memorable couple of days with Rubisaki just missing and Husson Eagle pitting in an amazing performance after being smashed at the start and almost going down. For him to balance up and

finish like he did was a tribute to his courage and Bill Egan's ability not to fall from the horse. He looks set for another fruitful campaign. Our only disappointment was Casa De Lago who for whatever reason simply didn't turn up on the day.

I was very pleased with Zizzis return to the track. She jumped cleanly but was going to be caught wide so Todd Pannell had no choice but to go back. The race was a slowly run affair in the middle stages and developed into a sprint home. Her closing sectionals would have been very good with her close to breaking 33 seconds for her final 600m. This race was run .61 seconds quicker for the final 600m than the Group 1 Sangster Stakes. Watch out for her when she draws a decent marble.

Nuzuri Mawali was placed at Kempsey in an improved performance. Hopefully Kris can place her to advantage shortly.

I was pleased with Addocarr's return. He was a bit slow away which saw him get into a tricky position coming to the turn but ran home strongly to be beaten less than a length by an Easter \$340,000 purchase by Snitzel. It may pay to follow the winner of the race. Addocarr will now step up to 1400m on 22 May at the Gold Coast. The progeny of Sizzling are getting over ground with him having quite a few winners beyond 2000m which is interesting. Sizzling won one of Australia's five 2yo Group 1 races when he defeated a good field to take the JJ Atkins Stakes. This was over 1600m and his toughness is starting to show in his progeny. He has one of the favourites in this week's SA Derby with Secret Blaze well fancied.

Warrnambool is a unique Carnival, unlike any other in Australia. The mix of flat and jumping races provide for plenty of variety. The standard of jumping across the three days was exceptionally high. I highly recommend the three days to anyone who loves racing but take a warm jacket and raincoat.

I was thrilled for Patrick Payne when Zed Em won the Grand Annual Steeplechase over 5,500m. Patrick and his staff have been under a lot of pressure since the closure of Darren Weir's stable. Patrick had to work through the 20 horses he received in the carve up and was determined to do the right thing by the horses and owners who were innocent participants in the whole mess. This came at the busiest time of the year for Patrick as he prepared his jumpers for the important carnivals at Oakbank and Warrnambool and juggled his busy schedule as we attended yearling sale after yearling sale. His whole team is to be highly commended on the job they have done. It has been exceptional with Patrick heading towards a record season. He is currently 13th on the Victorian Trainer's Premiership with no trainer placed above him having a better strike rate. Patrick has an 18.1% strike which is 5.5% better than the leading active trainer.

I was quite sad to get the news on Thursday that highly respected administrator John Fletcher had passed away. I have known few people who have enjoyed their racing as much as John who was an institution in racing circles in NSW. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. My thoughts are with his partner Joan and his family. I was lucky enough to meet up with him at Kembla Grange a few weeks ago. I have very fond memories of visiting Kembla on many a Saturday when started our business and John along with other members of the Illawarra Turf Club always encouraged and helped me where they could. I have always felt Kembla had one of the best cultures of the many clubs I have been associated over the years. Racing has lost not only a great servant but a man who was a true friend to many people in our industry. It won't quite be the same at Grafton this year with John wandering around the track saying hello to his many friends.

I wonder which Australian trainer and jockey are about to take up contracts with the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The rumours are rife at present, but you can be assured they will be very high-profile participants. The day to day grind of running big stables takes its toll on participants in our industry and the lifestyle and financial rewards offered in Hong Kong are very appealing to those offered the opportunity to train in the wealthy jurisdiction.

The effect the drought is having on our rural communities shouldn't be underestimated. I have never seen the country in such a bad state as it is in at present. I was shocked as I drove across to Warrnambool from Melbourne on Monday and things certainly didn't improve as I travelled across South Australia.

Runners

We only have a couple of runners over the next few days. Black and Tan resumes at Scone on Friday for Kris Lees. She has been trialling nicely and the big Scone track should suit her. Hussy's Glow is likely to run on Saturday at Caulfield but this is a lead in to her stepping out to 1950m in a couple of weeks. From the wide draw she may find it a bit of a task.

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I'm missing the Scone Carnival this year. I am heading to Hobart for a friend's 50th wedding anniversary.

I hope you have a good weekend and good punting.



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Yearlings On Offer

My main goal over the next four weeks is to tidy up the yearlings I have purchased. I'm happy where I am at this stage compared to recent years.



Wordsmith filly out of One More Red 2017 - Adam Trinder to train

5% shares \$3,450 each

This picture tells the story. The filly is as athletic a yearling as I have purchased for some time. I know this family very well. One More Red is a ½ sister to our very good sprinter Too Many Reds. He was a star winning 10 races and being placed in the ATC Lightning Stakes where he was beaten a lip in course record time. He was also placed in the Listed Tasmanian Stakes, TTC Premium Stakes and Murray Bridge Gold Cup.

A group of Prime Thoroughbreds owners raced One More Red who was by the highly credentialled son of Hussonet Trotamondo. She was an impressive 2yo winner but had a few issues which never saw her really reach her full potential. She was sold on with this being her first foal.

Unfortunately, Trotamondo had fertility issues which severely hampered his stud career. As a broodmare sire Trotamondo has had just the three runners with two winners which is quite encouraging.

One More Red was out of the outstanding producing mare Red Centre. She has had nine to race for as many winners. I purchased her as a yearling for Con Retsas. She was by Rubiton and had a lot of ability. She ran 2nd to Cos Snip in a VRC meeting transferred to Werribee and broke down in her second start when a short-priced favourite at Moonee Valley. As a type I rated this filly as the best in the Tasmanian Magic Millions Sale. She is by Wordsmith who has done a great job at stud with 76 individual winners including 13 stakes horses. These are exceptional figures when you consider Wordsmith's stud career has been restricted due to his owner almost using him exclusively for his private broodmare band.



Too Many Reds
42 starts 10 wins 11 placings \$298,655 in stakes earnings

Over the years many of the fillies we have raced have gone on to be very successful broodmares. These include the likes of **Maha Chakri**, the dam of Whittington, **Calming**, the dam of Calming Influence, **Zelady**, the dam of I Am Zelady and Excites Zelady, **Red Centre**, the dam of Too Many Reds, Graphite Lass, the dam of Powerline and Aggie Grey, **Mal De Mer**, the dam of Believe 'n Achieve and **Unabated**, the dam of Supara and Zac Kasa.



Good Journey filly out of Joyful Glow – Patrick Payne to Train
5% shares \$3,450

At the 2015 Adelaide Magic Millions I inspected a filly by Hussonet out of Joyful Glow. She was a beautiful filly and a great walker. She races under the name Hussy's Glow and has done a great job for her loyal group of owners'. Each year since I purchased her I have made sure I inspected the foals out of Joyful Glow. The following year the filly was by Al Maher but wasn't a very good type and was sold for just \$3,000. The breeder decided to keep the next foal to race and as a breeding proposition. She is a full sister to Hussy's Glow and has come back into work and is expected to race in May. The reports on her are good.

The mare missed getting into foal the next year and had a break. It greatly enhances a mare's chance of getting a stakes horse when they have a year off and I am always on the lookout for this when selecting my yearlings, particularly fillies. I am very comfortable having purchased this filly and I have been pleased with her development since I inspected her in May of last year at Cornerstone Stud. She has more scope than Hussy's Glow and is by a very successful sire whose stud career was interrupted due to an ownership dispute. Despite this he has done a remarkable job considering he is represented by an average of 26 runners from each of his 12 Australian crops to race. He has sired 28 stakes horses including the Group 1 winning fillies Griante and Grand Journey which raced in Australia. Griante won the Group 1 Galaxy at Randwick over 1100m with Grand Journey winning the Group 1 WA Derby over 2400m. His progeny has displayed wonderful versatility with him siring 63% winners to runners in Australia which is very good. Compare this with our leading sire Snitzel whose conversion rate is 69.7%. He is also the sire of the outstanding galloper Happy Trails which was one of the very best horses to race in Australia in his generation.

The filly will be paid up for the Adelaide and Tasmanian Magic Millions as well as the SABIS Bonus Scheme.

In conclusion, I'm thrilled to have this filly in our team and look forward to her racing. I have had good success purchasing yearlings from Cornerstone Stud with Pitt Street, The Hornet and of course Hussy's Glow having been bred at this successful stud farm.

Other good horses reared at Cornerstone Stud include Gregers, Lord Aspen, Ocean Embers, Super Cash, Kushadasi, Karlovasi and Sensible Lover.

The filly goes to Patrick Payne who has done a great job for us and has guided Hussy's Glow's career very well. This filly would be a valuable breeding proposition if she won the right race as she is completely free of Danzig blood which is sought after by breeders in Australia.



Hussy's Glow as a yearling!!!

More Winners – More Often – More Fun