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Chalmers heads to the Provincial Championships Final at Randwick on Saturday!!!
James McDonald to ride!!!

We only have the one runner this week but what a runner with Chalmers heading to the \$500,000 Provincial Championship Final at Randwick on Saturday. He is a live hope after storming into to 3rd place in the Newcastle heat after having a chequered run in the straight. He will be ridden by James McDonald who is pictured winning on him at Warwick Farm. Good luck to him and his owners.

When Our Hot Date won at Pakenham on Thursday, she became the 8th winner from nine yearlings I purchased Patrick Payne now aged from three to seven years of age. Patrick has had a remarkable run recently with his winning strike rate from his last 50 runners being 26% which is exceptional. It is well documented only 50% of any foal crop gets to the races with about 20% actually winning a race. The Prime Thoroughbreds figures are much better than these figures with Patrick's being quite remarkable.

Patrick Payne's statistics for us sees 100% of the yearlings I purchased him from 2013 through to 2017 getting to the races with 88.9% winning. The nine yearlings cost \$499,500 (Average \$55,500). These horses have won \$2,276,790 (Average \$252,976) with 29 wins (3.2 wins each). Six of these horses are still in our racing team with plenty of upside to the group. The most expensive yearling was Zizzis at \$120,000 with Hussy's Glow costing just \$17,000. The yearlings were purchased from the Gold Coast Magic Millions (two), Adelaide Magic Millions (three), Inglis Classic sale (one), Inglis Premier sale (one) and direct from a stud (two).

Compare these figures with a major Australian sale in 2015 where 605 horses were catalogued with 402 winners (66.4%) coming from these. The sale grossed \$112,477,000 (Average \$185,912). The total winnings from the sale has been \$61,215,858 (Average \$101,183). The 605 yearlings catalogued have won 1,101 races (1.81 wins each). I pulled these figures from bloodhound.net.au which is an excellent source of information.

Spending a small fortune purchasing racehorses does not guarantee success. In fact, the racetrack performances over the years of the highest priced yearlings has been disappointing.

The Inglis Easter Sale was a huge success for the Inglis Company and most of the vendors who sold at the sale. It is a different sale featuring some of the very best pedigreed yearlings in the country and due to Australia's great success in breeding many outstanding horses over the years attracts a very strong international bench.

The Easter Sale hasn't been a great source of horses for Prime Thoroughbreds. I have only ever purchased two yearlings from the main sessions. At this sale I had five fillies vetted. Each of these had a lot going for her. Three failed the vet and sold accordingly. On day one I had two beautiful fillies with nice pedigrees on my list. I was the under bidder on the first with the second filly selling for \$525,000 which was way over my budget. It isn't much use bringing yearlings to a sale with serious x-ray issues. I don't know why vendors do it.

Royal Saturday Randwick

Saturday will see the biggest crowd at Randwick since the rebuild. It will be chaotic and I recommend to any of you that are heading out to get there early and find a spot to take in the day's activities. There will be a lot of emotion as the great mare arrives at the track and prepares for her final race.

She has been the champion we needed to promote our industry for the right reasons. It will be a privilege to be at the track to watch her run. It is great she is having her final run in her home town. I was always a bit disappointed Kingston Town had his final race in Perth.

Winx like Kingston Town is a one in fifty year horse. I hope she bows out a winner. I can't imagine her being beaten.

I know the owners of Chalmers are over the moon to have a runner at the meeting. Good luck to anyone with a runner at the great track on Saturday. It will be very special.

I remember being very emotional when Greg Chappell and Dennis Lillie retired at the Sydney Test against Pakistan in 1984. They had given our game so much and were champion players. Their performances were the best of any players in the game with Greg making 182 and Dennis taking 8 wickets. I watched the game with English cricketer Andy Lloyd sitting next to the site screen in the Member's area. I remember Andy saying after watching Alan Border bat in that game that he would be Australia's next champion bat. I wonder if we will see a new superstar of the turf emerge at Randwick on Saturday. Let's hope so.



Super One filly out of Embellished (USA)
John Thompson – Randwick - 5% shares \$6,950 each

The filly pictured above was as nice a type of filly as I inspected at the Inglis Classic Sale. I have been taken by the progeny of Super One I have inspected since I first saw them as foals up in the Hunter Valley. They are athletic imposing individuals. They are attractive looking horses with good girths and in the main good conformation.

I have written many times that it is a big mistake to overlook the progeny of the first season sires. About 40% of the mares in Australia go to the first season sires with some of these mares being amongst the very best. Super One is by I Am Invincible whose son Brazen Beau has hit the track running. There is no reason the same won't occur with Super One. He is an impressive individual. This filly is a cracking type of filly. She is the 4th Super One filly I have purchased and will go to John Thompson to train. I have distributed these four fillies amongst three of my trainers. I am keen to receive their feedback on the progress of the fillies. This information is important to me as I assess the sire as we go forward.

Super One

Super One was a very good looking yearling and precocious two years old being unbeaten in four starts in Singapore. One of the greatest assets a sire can have is speed and Super One possessed that in abundance. I spoke with Craig Newitt who rode him in his first three starts. Craig said he was one of the fastest horses he had ever ridden and he had an explosive turn of foot. This is a great asset for a potential sire.

He is by the hottest sire in Australia at present in I Am Invincible who is currently ranked second on the Australian Sire's List and the Leading Sire of 2yo stakes winners in Australia. I Am Invincible has sired 24 Stakes winners this season, 18 more than Snitzel and 13 more than his nearest rival.

Super One has a good pedigree on his dam's side and is out of a Tale Of The Cat mare. Tale Of The Cat has been a wonderful broodmare sire with 158 stakes horses coming from his daughters. While most of those are overseas his best-known performers here are Snitty Kitty, Felines, Stampede, Adrift, Atomic and of course Super One.

Super One came back to Australia and won the Group DC McKay Stakes before going to stud. He wasn't over raced which I prefer and is a strong, attractive horse. **It is important to note some of our very best studs took up shares in the horse when he was syndicated for stud.**

Super One has 108 foals on the ground in his first crop and was again busy in his second season where he served a good book of mares.

At the 2019 Magic Millions Sale his progeny were highly sought after averaging \$126,364 with all his progeny sold. The highest price paid for one of his yearlings was \$300,000.

Embellished (USA)

Embellished is well credentialled mare that won six of her 12 starts. She won four stakes races including two as a 2yo. This is her 2nd foal. Her first foal went amiss and didn't race.

Her sire Bellamy Road has done a very good job at stud with 348 winners and 59 stakes horses as I write this. He has also sired four Group 1 winners. The 2nd dam is by Belong To Me who was a very successful sire here.

The pedigree page is littered with Listed winners which is a great pointer to any family's prospects.

Super One Update – Yearling Sales

I have been monitoring the results produced by the progeny of Super One and it is quite noticeable that they are being well found at each of the recent sales. This is a very positive sign. Kevin Thomas who broke our Super One / Wild Soiree filly in was full of praise for her. I have the highest regard for Kevin's opinion.

At the Magic Millions Gold Coast March Yearling Sale he achieved the 2nd highest average for a sire with more than one yearling on offer behind Deep Field and ahead of Spirit Of Boom and Better Than Ready.

At the Adelaide Magic Millions Yearling Sale he was 2nd highest average of the 1st season sires selling all five yearlings.

These figures suggest to me that the trainers like the progeny of the sire and are chasing them.



Shooting to win colt out of Captivity – Michelle Payne to Train
5% shares \$4,875

This colt was reared at one of the very best studs in Australia. Edinglassie Stud has built a reputation for producing superior racehorses and I always take particular attention to the yearlings the farm has to offer.

I have had good success purchasing from Edinglassie Stud with our very good fillies Savoureux, Eramor and Shine On Anna coming from the farm. I would like to have purchased more but often their yearlings are out of my reach.

Some of the horses reared on the farm include Shooting To Win, Deep Field, Nechita, Bently Biscuit, God's Own, Nadeem, Miss Margaret and Sharscay. This is quite a list for such a small farm., all outstanding Group 1 winners.

Shooting To Win

Shooting to Win has all the ingredients to make a successful sire. Firstly, he comes from an outstanding family and is out of one of the very best mares at stud in Australia. His sire Northern Meteor looked like being a super star but died prematurely which was a massive loss to the Australian breeding industry.

Secondly, he is an outstanding looking horse. He has terrific conformation and is as good a type as you are likely to see.

Thirdly, he was a very good racehorse with his time in winning the Caulfield Guineas being quicker than Redoute's Choice and Lonhro. He is one of only three horses to win the Stan Fox Stakes / Caulfield Guineas double, the other two being Kenwood Melody and Lonhro.

Finally, he has started to get horses to the track with his daughter Intrepidacious being outstanding winning on debut. Recently, Mick Price stepped out an outstanding colt named Shotmaker in the Group 3 Blue Diamond Prelude with him running a very impressive 2nd after travelling wide throughout. I have very strong mail about quite a few of Shooting To Win's progeny from some very good sources.

On 8 January Godolphin stepped out an unraced 2yo at the Warwick Farm Barrier Trials and she looked very impressive. Her name is Tailleur. She bolted in.

It should be noted Shooting To Win didn't have his first start until the end of May in his two year old year. He went on to win the Caulfield Guineas four months later.

Captivity

The colt has an outstanding female line with this being the first foal of a ½ sister to the Group 1 performed mare Angel Of Mercy. This is the immediate family of the great mare Divine Madonna. She won four Group 1 races.

One of the things I like about this family is that it is current with plenty happening including French Girl's recent win at Sandown.

Good families tend to continue to throw winners and given this colt's conformation and physical attributes I'd be very disappointed if he didn't make it as a racehorse.

I can't wait for him to get to the races and he looks the right horse to kick off our training relationship with Michelle Payne.