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Rubisaki winning at Flemington
By Rubick who has come out flying leading the 2nd Season Sire's List!!!

Over the next few weeks we have some important runners. Tomorrow we have **Almerheri** running at Warwick Farm for John Thompson with Nash Rawiller riding. She is a progressive mare with the conditions of the race suiting her. She is by Al Maher who is a sire we have had very good success with. He is a highly under-rated sire.

Kaarchi who produced such a good impression with her impressive first up win heads to Sandown tomorrow for Patrick Payne and will be ridden by Billy Egan. Kaarchi comes from the first crop of Shooting To Win. He is another sire doing a great job and is currently the leading 2nd Season Sire by winners in Australia. The relationship between Prime Thoroughbreds/ Patrick Payne/ Billy Egan goes

back to our first winner together at Mildura on 1 September 2013. This was also Patrick's first winner for Prime Thoroughbreds. It is fair to say we have become a deadly combination over the years.

Husson Eagle is likely to have his next start in the Listed Penny Edition Stakes at Morphettville on 31 August with **Zizzis** lining up in the Listed Cockram Stakes the same day at Caulfield. Her form is very strong.

Rubisaki is heading into pre-training at Washpool Lodge in Queensland where she spelled. She will head back to Patrick in about four weeks.

Our new crop of youngsters, now 2yo are coming along nicely. These are always exciting times with yearlings by First Season sire **Super One**. I rate the son of I Am Invincible a huge chance. I am sticking to my plan to purchase 15 yearlings per year. This gives us a nice group of youngsters coming through each year with something there to suit most of our owners. It also allows me to be very choosy about the yearlings I purchase.

I've written it before, but we have a wonderful group of young sires on offer in Australia at present. Most of these are colonially bred which is a credit to our breeders. 35 of the top 50 sires on the Australian General Sires List were bred in Australia with 47 of them standing here at stud. Nine of the top ten First Season Sires were colonially bred with seven of the top ten Second Season sires being local products.

The progeny of the top sires such as I Am Invincible, Snitzel and Fastnet Rock are out of our reach due to the incredibly high prices they are fetching. This still leaves plenty of yearlings by sires who are proven winner producers. I love the first season sires and again we have had good success with Rubisaki and Kaarchi by these new horses. So many buyers go to the sales with blinkers on. I estimate 30% of mares, some of our very best are mated each year with First Season Sires.

I am on the lookout for a staying type of filly. I think I may have found her. I head to NZ on Friday and will be sniffing around although in recent years the NZ gallopers only really seem to fire when our tracks are rated in the heavy range.

VICTORIA A POWERHOUSE

The news that Champion South African trainer Mike De Kock is establishing a stable at Cranbourne is the latest in a long list of top trainers relocating to Victoria. This had me looking back at the move Bill Mitchell made 18 years ago when he moved to Caulfield. Bill was at the top of his game when he moved sitting in the top five on the Australian Trainer's Premiership and having recently trained the top horses in Dignity Dancer, Kenwood Melody and General Nediym. These were amongst the best horses in Australia.

The reason Bill made the decision, which wasn't an easy one to relocate his business was simply at the time the industry in Victoria was clearly the leading jurisdiction in Australia and a long way in front of the next major player NSW. At the time most of his horses were based at Randwick with a strong satellite stable at Eagle Farm. He had started to test the water in Victoria leasing boxes at Flemington and was comfortable he could make the move to Melbourne work.

I was right behind his move and on 1 July 2001 we packed up our house in Sydney and moved south. The next few years were very challenging with the stable complex we were to move into at Caulfield not fully available to us from 1 July as promised. This was annoying but eventually we overcame the inconvenience and the winners flowed. How does the industry look now?

The Spring Carnival. The industry in Victoria has changed in many ways in those eighteen years with us on the verge of starting a Spring Carnival with \$100 million in stakes money on offer. Even with the big purses for the marquee races, the Melbourne Cup, Caulfield Cup and Cox Plate there remains \$82 million to be distributed which is a big number.

A lot of work has gone on in the background to build the Carnival up to where it stands today. The cooperation between the Racing Industry and Victorian State Government is a major reason for the success but not the only one. The State Government has put together an impressive list of major sporting events which attract large numbers of interstate and international visitors to the state with the racing industry being one of the biggest attractions not only through the Spring Carnival but right through the year. The amount of income generated for Victoria by the AFL is staggering with a State Of Origin size AFL match being run almost on a weekly basis in Melbourne. It is amazing how many of the visitors for the AFL matches and other events combine their visit with a day at the races.

It should be noted that for normal Saturday 2 and 3yo races the winner's stakes money is \$74,250 in Melbourne compared with \$58,000 in Sydney. I'm certain this is often overlooked when we read the propaganda war between the two states.

Infrastructure. Over the past 15 years we have seen a big investment in infrastructure around the state with every track in Victoria providing excellent facilities for members and the public. This has been quietly done with us also having very good consistent tracks to race on.

The decision to build the synthetic tracks at Ballarat and Pakenham ensure very few meetings are lost due to wet weather. This is very important with the industry having a responsibility of providing product for Racing.com, Sky Racing and importantly the betting agencies whose distributions back to the industry fund our excellent stakes money.

When a race meeting is lost the meeting is rarely rescheduled with the stakes money on offer not distributed to the industry. This can run into hundreds of thousands of dollars and can have a big impact on the bottom line for some stables which rely on these distributions to help run their businesses.

Relocation of training centres. RVL has worked closely with Country Racing Victoria and the race clubs in the bigger regional cities and towns with most of horses trained in Victoria now based outside the metropolitan area. This is a big step forward and gives the young people who decide to make a career in the industry being in a better position to purchase homes and secure their futures.

Metropolitan Clubs. Our three metropolitan clubs in Melbourne offer excellent facilities for their patrons with these set to improve even more that the \$2billion redevelopment of Moonee Valley has commenced. The new member's stand at Flemington is without peer in Australia. It is a superb

facility and a must see for anyone associated with racing. The Melbourne Racing Club is also moving forward with major developments in the pipeline once the training complex at Caulfield closes in four years.

Accessibility. Victoria has a big advantage over the other big racing states with the relatively small size of the state seeing every meeting run in the state available to horses trained around Melbourne. For example, over the past 12 months we have had runners at Bairnsdale, the most easterly track in the state, Mildura in the North and Warrnambool in the west of the state. This is a great advantage for our owners and helps trainers place their horses. Patrick Payne and I were discussing this a couple of days ago when looking at future races for some of our horses.

Integrity. The beefing up of the Integrity Department of Racing Victoria has been one of the most important improvements we have seen. The past couple of years have provided a lot of pain for the industry as the cheats were weeded out. Today, I believe racing in Victoria is the most honest in Australia and I see this as another reason for the relocation of trainers such as Tony McEvoy, Phillip Stokes, Lloyd Kennewell, Grahame Begg, Lindsey Smith and now Mike De Kock.

The arrival of these trainers who have big stables boost field sizes which in turn increases turnover. We are also seeing Tasmanian and South Australian trainers competing on almost a weekly basis at our meetings with Adam Trinder investigating having a permanent stable in Victoria.

Racing.com. I was sceptical of the decision made a few years ago to expand Racing.com and to broadcast the channel into every home in Australia that has a television. This has been a huge winner for racing in Victoria with the audience growing daily. The quality of the product has certainly improved with today's Racing.com a far cry from TVN which is where it all started.

Finally, overall the state of the industry couldn't be better in Victoria and along with improvements in NSW we have a great story to tell.

A word of warning. The biggest issue facing the industry nationally is ensuring the smaller jurisdictions remain viable. This is very important as they fill in the gaps providing meetings to our broadcasters and betting agencies.

I was thrilled to see the announcement in South Australia where there will be an increase in stakes money. This was vital and couldn't have come at a better time. I have a feeling more is to come in SA. The new track at Murray Bridge is being hailed as one of the best in Australia which is a big positive.

Tas Racing should be congratulated on securing a major sponsorship deal with Ladbrokes. The redevelopment of the new track in Hobart is ahead of schedule with reports the track should be one of the best in Australia.

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 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!!!



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 winning filly by Hinchinbrook!!!