



PRIME DISPATCH

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Fituese smashed her opposition at Canterbury – she is a star!!!
Cost \$55,000 2018 Perth Magic Millions

Our strong form continued this week with **Fituese** scoring a dominant win at Canterbury on Friday night. She is very good and should be four from four. John Thompson has done a great job with her. She has improved with each run and wins with ease and comes back as if she hasn't had a run. She looks to have a big future ahead of her. She is a ripper and very strong. The strength comes from her 3rd dam, the great Mannerism.

Fituese was our only winner for the week but is not the only horse to indicate better times are ahead. **Vivilici** a 2yo filly by Tasmanian Champion Sire Needs Further was very unlucky not to score on debut in the Alexandra Plate in Launceston on Wednesday. She had the race in her keeping until the final couple of strides. She is a very promising filly and should be a force in the big Tasmanian 2yo races over the summer. Could she give us our 4th Tasmanian Magic Millions winner?

I must say I was shocked when **Our Hot Date** was run down after looking home for all money at Echuca. She is a work in progress and has the makings of a nice staying mare. She heads to Benalla next Saturday where she should be the one to beat. **Kogi Lass** hasn't had much luck with barrier draws and the bad gate cost her again. On a positive note she beat all but the winner which was a good effort given from where she was in the running.

Invincible Al was good on resumption running a nice 4th in the Listed Bribie Handicap. He will run again on 21 December at Eagle Farm in a restricted race. He should be too good for his opponents.

Almerheri got badly squeezed at about the 200m mark at Rosehill and did a sterling job to finish 3.4 lengths from the winner. She heads back to the races on 21 December at Warwick Farm over the more suitable 1600m trip.

Zizzis is set to run at Flemington next Saturday which will be her final run before the Magic Millions. Patrick reports she is in great shape.

Last start winner **Illecebrous** heads to Wyong on Thursday. She is one of three fillies I purchased at the 2018 Inglis Classic Sale. The Classic has been a great sale for us over the years. Rubisaki also came from this sale with the third filly Bottoms Up Babe set to barrier trial in a couple of weeks. To date the Illecebrous and Rubisaki have seven starts for four wins with \$212,915 in stakes money. The combined purchase price was \$175,000 and are worth much more than that now.

Our Long Sali and **Sali's Sister** are set to resume at Launceston on Wednesday night. The full sisters have been impressing in barrier trials. Our Long Sali is yet to win a stakes race but was placed 2nd in the Tasmanian Oaks, Tasmanian Guineas, Tasmanian Strutt Stakes and Tasmanian 1000 Guineas last season. She was a bit stiff with Mystic Journey and The Inevitable being in her age group.

Our two disappointments were **Everard** and **Golden Script**. Sadly, Everard bled for the second time and has retired. This is very disappointing. She had good ability.

Golden Script is our worry child at present. She doesn't seem to have any issues but won't let down when asked.

We will continue to have a steady flow of runners in the coming weeks. Our 2yos are starting to come to the party with **Mr Cashman** and **Gaga's Belle** set to debut before the end of the month.

Rubisaki will have her next run on 11 January at Flemington and then be prepared for the \$1,000,000 Inglis Sprint at Warwick Farm on 8 February. It will take a good 3yo to beat her.

MAGIC MILLIONS 2020

I will be heading to the Gold Coast on 4 January with inspections and vet work taking up my time before the sale which starts on 8 January. This is a big sale, often conducted in very difficult conditions. I have had great success buying out of the sale and the work I did this week in the Hunter Valley is invaluable. The catalogue is outstanding, the best Magic Millions one I've seen.

At this stage I have decided to purchase six yearlings, two each for John Thompson, Kris Lees and Patrick Payne. My take on the market is that it won't be any stronger than last year and may be a bit off. This is good for us.

I'll probably try and buy one colt and five fillies. I'm hopeful of having a fair representation of runners over the two-day carnival which is set down to run on 4 and 11 January.

If any of our owners are planning to go to the main day on 11 January, I recommend you contact the Gold Coast Turf and book your tickets. It can be a very hot day and not comfortable unless you are in the right spot.

DROUGHT

I was shocked when I visited the Hunter Valley this week to see the devastation caused by the drought. I was looking for the right word to use to describe the way the country looks and devastation is the only way to describe it.

This is a picture I snapped on my way back to Scone from Kitchwin Hills Stud. This is the worst drought in the past 100 years with a friend of mine who runs a medium size stud outlaying \$6,000 a week for hay to feed his horses. He said ever couple of days he spreads \$2,000 worth of hay in his paddocks.

The horses are in great condition. They thrive in hot weather. **A word of advice is I wouldn't buy into any yearling without x-rays from the drought affected areas.**





Our Long Sali resumes on Wednesday night with Craig Newitt to ride
She won the 2018 Tasmanian Magic Millions Classic



Zizzis is Magic Millions bound
Here she is winning the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions Classic!!!