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Not Surprising as a yearling!!!

We have had a great start to the New Season with three winners from our first 10 runners. Everard kicked things off storming home at Scone for a very strong win and looks to have a nice future. She is part of an exciting crop of three years old horses that include Zizzis, Our Long Sali and Golden Scept.

Our other winners were Not Surprising and One Invincible Cat. These two mares are by Yarraman Park's outstanding sire I Am Invincible who could well be Australia's Champion Sire this season.

These horses were purchased from the Magic Millions January Sale which starts in 147 days. I have plenty of work to do between now and 9 January 2019. This has been a great sale for us for 20 years with Calming, Flying Jess, Hidden Wonder, Unabated, Hijack Hussy, Greenmount Belle and Huiskes being some of the nice mares we have purchased from the sale over the years.

We have quite a few runners over the next few days starting with Annaman kicking off proceedings today at Sandown. He steps out to 2400m for the first time and with the prospect of a soft track gets conditions to suit.

On Thursday we are likely to have two runners in Newcastle with Kissing Game and Almerheri heading up the Pacific Highway for John Thompson. Barrier draws are important with the rail out 6 metres. Five Star Gal is also set to run at Sale on Thursday over 1400m.

Reneged is nominated for Randwick on Saturday but we really need some rain to see him perform at his best. He handles the dry tracks ok but is much better in soft going. Raido may run at the Gold Coast depending on his barrier draw. Zelsignoret is down to run at Tatura on Saturday with Eiffel Star likely to head to Swan Hill on Monday.

It was disappointing to see the meetings at Wodonga and Goulburn abandoned due to the state of the track after heavy rain fell in Wodonga and an issue with an irrigation pump caused sections of the Goulburn track to be under water. Zelsignoret and Kissing Game were short priced favourites in races at these meetings.



One Invincible Cat as a yearling – beautiful filly – now a winner!!!

Drought

The footage we are seeing each day on our televisions of the drought that is ravaging all of NSW, a big part of Queensland and parts of Victoria and South Australia is set to have big effects on the racing industry. The most obvious issue will be the firmer than normal tracks our horses must compete on.

There isn't much the track curators and their staffs can do to improve the surfaces we are racing on with no decent rain forecast in the foreseeable future.

These firm tracks probably affect two years old more than older horses although some horses need soft tracks to perform at their best. Our trainers are under no pressure to get our babies to the track before they are ready and will send them out for a break at the first sign of soreness. If you push on and continue to train young horses with leg or joint soreness you are asking for trouble. The welfare of our horses is our top priority as we head towards summer. Hopefully we will get Spring rain that will alleviate the issue although the long-term forecast isn't good.

Should these conditions continue we will see smaller than normal numbers of two years old racing before Christmas. Already we seem to be seeing smaller field sizes across the board which affects betting turnover.

A big issue is most of the studs situated in NSW are in the areas worst affected by the drought. We are fortunate the staff running these studs have dealt with drought conditions before and are aware of the steps that need to be taken to ensure they produce the high-quality yearlings we have been used to seeing at the major sales.

In any case I will be instructing our vets to look more closely at the x-rays available to us at the sales to try and avoid any minefields that may be present and to ensure we continue to purchase sound horses. If the x-rays are available for inspection, you are crazy not to use them.

It will be interesting to see if we get a drop off in the number of International horses coming for the Spring Carnival. Some European trainers have been quite critical of our firm tracks in the past and I'm certain word has filtered through of the effects of the drought in our country.

The conditions we are currently encountering really do highlight the great job our colonially bred horses do for us. They are bred to race in our harsh environment and I'm pleased the sixteen 2yo we have on our books are all by Australian bred sires out of Australian bred mares.

While the new season is only a couple of weeks in we see 20 of the top 25 spots taken up by locally bred sires with none of the five making up the top 25 returning to Australia this season.

Weanlings

The reaction to our three weanling purchases has been terrific and they are an important addition to our racing team. Over the years we have had tremendous success syndicating horses before Christmas. Most of these have been purchased as weanlings. Invincible AI was such a promotion. In my opinion these horses are offered at about \$30,000 below what they would have been had they been offered as yearlings next year. This has allowed our clients to become involved at a reasonable introductory rate.

The Epaulette colt is fully subscribed with the Sizzling filly and Super One filly filling up quickly.

These are nice horses and are being grown out at Ascot Farm near Pitt Town. This is an excellent property on the Hawkesbury River with plenty of water available for irrigation. Shamus Award was reared on the property.

My plan is for these three horses to go to Lewis Page in February to be broken. This is before the big influx of yearlings from the early sales start to descend on the breakers. Kevin Thomas and Shane Stockdale will continue to do our breaking in Queensland and Victoria. They have done a great job for us for the past 20 and 15 years. The horse breakers are a very important part of our system and give us a very good insight into the personalities of our yearlings with this information helping the trainers when they head to them.



**Sizzling filly Zizzis winning the Adelaide Magic Millions this year
South Australia's richest race!!!**



**Invincible AI was a weanling syndication
Cost \$55,000 Won 6 races from 26 starts and \$302,840**

More Winners – More Often – More Fun



Sizzling filly out of Distant Symphony 201
Patrick Payne To Train 10% shares \$8,500 (5% \$4,250)

If there is a young sire in Australia that has grabbed my attention it is Sizzling. I was very active at last year's sales series and purchased two yearlings and was the under bidder on a third. These horses have displayed great potential already with Zizzis winning twice from three starts including a big win in the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic where she trounced a very good field.

The other yearling that I purchased was Addocarr who has been placed at one of his two starts. Unfortunately, he pulled up with mucus in his throat when scoped after a below expectation run at his second start. Interestingly another colt by Sizzling named The Fire Trap won the Bruce McLachlan Classic at the Sunshine Coast recently won his maiden the day Addocarr had his first start. The Fire Trap's winning time that day was slower than Addocarr's heat. Addocarr has been gelded and has displayed great promise. The Fire Trap has since won in Sydney.

I was the under bidder on a 3rd yearling which races under the name Sizzling Belle. She is a beautiful filly, is a city winner and was placed in the Listed Black Opal Stakes. The one that got away.

Sizzling

I really liked what I saw in many of the progeny of Sizzling at last year's sales. 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'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 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 and is currently 3rd on the Australian First Season List.

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 filly represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer who has done a remarkable job for us.

Correct as at 23 July 2018



Super One filly out of Manhattan Angel – 2017
Darren Weir – Ballarat 10% shares \$7,500 (5% shares \$3,750)

I doubt if we have a more exciting sire hit our breeding scene in recent years than I Am Invincible. He has done a remarkable job at stud and while his oldest progeny is only six, he already has three sons at stud in Brazen Beau, Hellbent and Super One. This is a big achievement with these young sires standing at Darley, Yarraman Park and Newgate Farm, three of our highest profile studs.

I went to Cranbourne to inspect Super One when he had his first start in Australia and was very impressed with him. He was a strong athletic horse. I have been very impressed by his progeny and was thrilled when I found this filly at the Magic Millions National Sale. It has been interesting just how many people commented to me after I purchased her on what a good type she was.

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.

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 winners in Australia.

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. This is a very good sign.

Manhattan Angel

This is only Manhattan Angel's fourth foal. She has had two to race with both being winners and importantly both were metropolitan placed as 2yo. The 3rd foal was a cracking colt by The Factor which had to be put down after an accident.

Manhattan Angel comes from a good family that includes Pleasuring which won the SAJC Group 3 SA Fillies Classic and the Listed double of the TRC Strutt Stakes and TTC Tasmanian Oaks during her last preparation. She was also a closing 4th in the Group 1 SAJC Australasian Oaks.

I love buying out of winning families and this one has seen the first four dams have 32 to race for 26 individual winners including the Group or Listed performers Northern Drake, Seattle Ice, Profit Report and Triumphant Feeling.

Northern Drake was an outstanding galloper winning the VATC Group 1 Yalumba Stakes and was placed 2nd in the MVRC WS Cox Plate and Group 1 Mackinnon Stakes.

All in all, this filly represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer. I'll be very surprised if she doesn't run at two and expect Super One to make it as a sire given the high-quality foals I have inspected.

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