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Husson Eagle winning the 2018 Mildura Cup ridden by Bill Egan
Trained by Patrick Payne

I imagine most of you have just about had enough of the election by now. It will be interesting to see how it pans out but my feeling is that the result will go down to the wire.

We have had some very good racing over the past couple of weeks with the important Warrnambool, Wagga Wagga and Scone Carnivals behind us. These big country Carnivals are vitally important to our industry. They give the people in their region the opportunity to enjoy top class racing while delivering great economic benefits to the host regions.

These big meetings have been complimented with some excellent racing in Queensland and South Australia as well as competitive metropolitan meetings in NSW and Victoria. This week sees Group 1 racing at Doomben and Morphettville. Kris Lees has put together a very strong stable and I'm keen on Gem Song's chances in the Doomben Cup. He is a very progressive 3yo putting together an impressive record. I don't think they will go hard in this race and see him sitting just off the speed.

Over in Adelaide the Group 1 Goodwood Handicap takes centre stage. As you would expect the race has attracted a very good field. This is a very tough race to sort out. Spright was brilliant winning the Sangster but has her work cut out from the wide gate. The Morphettville track is in very good shape and raced very well again last Saturday. Good luck to any of our owners with runners in the big races over the weekend.

I was thrilled for John Thompson when his progressive 3yo Purple Sector won the Rough Habit Plate at Doomben last Saturday. He was dominant and looks the one to beat in the Queensland Derby. John is a great trainer of all horses but has a special knack when it comes to preparing staying horses. John did his apprenticeship as a trainer under some of the very best trainers in Australia and I learned a lot from him when he was foreman to Bill Mitchell. Bart Cummings spoke to me about John when he was his foreman in glowing terms. He was very fond of John and held him in very high regard. Bart wasn't a person to say much but when he did it was worth noting.

Runners

I must say I am getting a bit sick of our horses racing well but failing to get the big end of the prize, but that is the nature of our sport which can be a bit frustrating. On Saturday we have two of our stalwarts running at Flemington. Husson Eagle and Invincible Al line up in races where they look to be very competitive. These horses are in good form with Husson Eagle's run in the Wangoom being a cracker. He will then head to the Swan Hill Cup on his way to the Winter Championship Final on 6 July. The horse is in great shape.

Patrick intends backing Invincible Al up after he runs over 1000m on Saturday. He is likely to then run in the Straight Six on 25 May. He is an honest sprinter who deserves to win a nice race. Husson Eagle and Invincible Al cost just \$92,500 combined and have won 12 races and \$1,493,733 in stakes money. They have been great horses for their owners.

Casa De Lago heads to Cranbourne on Friday night. She was a bit plain at Warrnambool, but Patrick and the vets could find nothing wrong with her after the run. The 1400m first up on the testing Warrnambool track may have contributed to her poor performance. We are all entitled to have an 'off' day.

Our other runner over the next few days is Nzuri Mwali who heads to Port Macquarie on Monday. She was placed 3rd on resuming with the meeting abandoned after her race was run. She should appreciate the step up to 1200m. Good luck to each of these runners.

We have been preparing our team for the winter and have a shed full of horses heading to the trials on Monday. We have Zizzis, Golden Script, Sali's Sister, Rubisaki, Who Doubted Me, Zelsignoret and Hussy's Glow heading to Werribee for Patrick Payne with Reneged at Warwick Farm this Friday. Bottoms Up Babe and Fiteuse are scheduled to trial at Hawkesbury on Monday for John Thompson.

I visited Patrick's training complex at Plumpton yesterday and left feeling very satisfied with the condition the horses were in. The weather is still quite warm for this time of the year with many of the horses having summer coats. Over the next four weeks we have a further seven horses heading to Patrick which will see us having about 20 horses in work with him. This is the greatest number I have had in work with the one trainer since Bill Mitchell retired at the end of 2005.

There is no doubt we need rain badly across most of the country. Only last weekend about 30ml fell at Patrick's stable but you wouldn't have known it had rained when I visited yesterday. The ground is dry with any moisture being absorbed as quickly as it falls. This drought is the biggest issue facing us at present. I'm pleased I'm not a farmer, it's a tough existence at present. Chalmers was scratched from Rosehill. He needs give in the ground to give his best.

I was very pleased with Black And Tan's return to the track. She has really furnished and was the pick of the yard according to Sky Racing's Lizzy Jelfs, who is a good judge of a horse. I have had a fair bit to do with Lizzy over the years. She is very knowledgeable and a great asset to Sky.



Black And Tan was good at Scone!!!



Golden Script to trial on Monday

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