



PRIME DISPATCH

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**Super One / Wild Soiree (USA) filly purchased for \$220,000 at the Magic Millions
Patrick Payne to train in Victoria**

The Magic Millions Sale is the one that sets the scene for the upcoming yearling sales and once again this sale set a very high standard. Gerry Harvey, Katie Page-Harvey and the staff at the Magic Millions have worked hard to create an environment where both the vendors and buyers feel comfortable attending the first yearling sale of the year. I must say it has been remarkable to watch the growth of this iconic sale over the past decade with Vin Cox putting together an excellent group of bloodstock agents and auctioneers during his time at the helm and Barry Bowditch carrying on this good work.

The Magic Millions Carnival is an event almost unrivalled in our industry. Lasting over a week there are many activities that add to the fabric of it. Whether it be the polo, sale, race day or other activities that occur during the 10 days it is well done, generally exceeding the expectations of the thousands

who attend the wide variety of activities. Many of our clients have embraced Magic Millions with almost 100 attending some of the activities this year.

For me, the sale is the reason I attend, and it is a high pressure few days. A successful sale sets the year up for us and I went to the sale to purchase four fillies. I was a little shell shocked on the first day when I only had two yearlings on my list pass the vet. If there are any issues with the yearlings on our list, I won't purchase them.

I had to wait until lot 292 before I struck a blow securing the Super One / Wild Soiree (USA) filly with Patrick Payne to train for us. She is a magnificent athlete and as nice a filly as I inspected in the sale. She was offered by Newgate Farm.

Our next purchase was Lot 437, a strong athletic filly by Shooting To Win from the well related mare Calpe. I purchased her from Edinglassie Stud, one of our very best studs. In the past I purchased Savoureux, Eramor and Shine On Anna from Edinglassie. Few studs in Australia can boast an honour roll to match that of this farm. Ironically, Shooting To Win was reared and sold as a yearling by Edinglassie.



Shooting To Win / Calpe filly purchased for \$66,000 at the Magic Millions
Kris Lees to train in NSW

As we headed into the Friday session, I was happy with where I was at. I still had some nice fillies on our list and secured Lot 668 from Baramul Stud. She is by the good young sire All Too Hard from the Hussonet mare Hussyanna. In many ways she reminded me of Hijack Hussy. She is a ½ sister to Reneged with Hussyanna being a ½ sister to Champion galloper Buffering. Hussyanna has had three to race with all being stakes winners. Not many mares can boast a record like that. This filly is just her 4th foal. It is amazing how good families continue to produce and I have had good success over the years with yearlings purchased from Baramul. Lord Monty was probably the best horse I purchased

from this famous farm. For obvious reasons Gerry Harvey only sells at Magic Millions Sales with this being his main one.



**All Too Hard / Hussyanna filly purchased for \$132,000 at the Magic Millions
John Thompson to train in NSW**

The fourth and final filly I purchased was Lot 673. She is a beautiful filly by Sizzling out of the Anabaa mare Idriess, a ½ sister to the Magic millions winner Karuta Queen. This is a great filly family and I like Sizzling. He had three of the 16 runners in the Magic Millions Guineas on Saturday which was a good effort. Our good filly Zizzis is by Sizzling. Unfortunately, she was galloped on in the Magic Millions Guineas but sustained only a few scratches. Her effort to finish 6th was very good under the circumstances.

This filly bred at Bowness Stud heads to Darren Weir. Bowness is a professional farm that bred some very good horses including Trapeze Artist and Youngstar.

I am hoping to have these four promotions approved by Monday and hope to forward out information packs on Tuesday.

I have been very encouraged by the level of interest already displayed to these four yearlings with many of the shares already committed. I appreciate the support we have received from our owners as well as the high level of interest from new people.

I would like to emphasise if you are looking at purchasing a yearling from any sale this year you make sure it is vetted prior to purchase and check the x-rays if they are available. I have noticed a higher rate of issues than I have previously encountered which I'm certain is due to the drought. In the main the vendors deserve a lot of credit for the way the yearlings were presented.

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**Sizzling / Idress filly purchased for \$77,000 at the Magic Millions
Darren Weir to train in Victoria**

On The Track

We started the weekend off well with Our Long Sali running a good 2nd in the Listed Tasmanian Guineas. This was a very good effort and she gained valuable 'black type'. She will head to the Tasmanian 1000 Guineas and on to the Listed Strutt Stakes and Tasmanian Oaks all being well. We look like having two runners in the 1000 Guineas with Five Star Gal joining her.

I was pleased with Invincible Amici's return after to racing after a throat operation. She probably had to do a bit too much up the hill at Cranbourne but ran a good second with her being grabbed on the line.

Invincible Al is the most consistent sprinter in Melbourne and ran his 7th good race since his last win at Flemington. He has been beaten by two very good horses at his past two outings at Flemington. He is at Fulmen Park for a short break. Hussy's Glow was nice late and heads to Morphettville on Australia Day although we have other options available to her.

The track at the Gold Coast was very firm which didn't help our cause. I can't understand why course managers don't put more water on the tracks when the weather is like it is at present. When the track was served up as a Good 3 for race one where the race was run in 1:8.68 the warning signs should have been flashing. In any case Dunbrody Power did a great job running 4th. The tempo the race was run at put her out of her comfort zone but she stuck to her guns and will be better when ridden more conservatively. It was a similar story with Addocarr.

Zizzis effort was very good. She was galloped on in the run but presented herself in the straight and was strong through the line. She is having a break at Washpool Lodge. She has had a long preparation which produced a good win at Caulfield.

Husson Eagle pulled a shoe off in the run and after that wanted to over race. The track was very firm by the last race and he did a good job to beat a few home. He is also at Washpool Lodge where he will freshen up.

Both Husson Eagle and Zizzis have recovered from their tough runs.

The firm tracks being dished up are making life difficult for everyone in the industry, but we are experiencing the worst drought I can remember with any irrigation being put on the tracks evaporating quickly.

Hopefully the current hot spell won't last too long.

I hope you back a winner in the coming week.



Our Long Sali bolting in at Hobart as a 2yo with Craig Newitt up!!!
Craig has been booked for the filly's next three runs!!!

Sales

I will be attending the Inglis Classic Sale commencing inspections on 7 February and then heading to Perth on 15 February and to Launceston on 24 February.

I intend buying at these three sales. If you have any yearlings you are interested in please send their lot numbers through to me.

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