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Our Hot Date set to run at Caulfield on Saturday
Trained by Patrick Payne

It has been some week. Congratulations to Winx on her remarkable career. She will go down as one of the greats of our sport. Racing NSW and the ATC did a wonderful job promoting the mare's final day at the track and I felt lucky to be at the track to watch her final race. Well done to all concerned. She will be missed.

Greg Inglis's decision to hang up his boots is a big story. Greg is as devastating runner in broken play as I have watched in Rugby League with no better player ever pulling on the boots. He was a sensation to watch and is a very decent person. I'm certain Greg's future will be good and his departure from the game and management of life after his glorious playing career is in capable hands. Congratulations to him on achieving just about every honour there was to in his time as a player.

This week may well see the end of the career of Israel Folau. Israel was an amazing athlete that played at the highest level in Rugby League, AFL and Rugby. He was a super star from the moment he burst on the scene as an 18yo with the Melbourne Storm. If his career as a player in this country is over it will be a sad departure from the big stage. I certainly don't condone Israel's actions but hope he is remembered for the impact he had as a player in Rugby League and Rugby in particular. He

recently broke the record for the number of tries scored in the Super Rugby competition. Rugby in this country has many issues to contend with the loss of possibly its best player won't help the game as we head towards a World Cup. Good luck to him in the future.

The integrity issues facing Queensland racing took another turn this week with a major breeding and racing group deciding not to race their horses in Queensland until the issues are sorted. This was followed up with the head trainer of one of our biggest stables making in similar statement.

There have been many issues with racing in our third biggest jurisdiction for some time, but I don't see what these two organisations hope to achieve by grandstanding as they have. Do they think they are bigger than the game?

I don't personally know the trainer involved but his legal team have successfully gone through the processes available to allow him to continue training while the charges are sorted out.

To me it looks a very complicated set of circumstances. I may not agree completely with the system set up in Queensland, but I do believe due process should be followed to come up with the correct outcome.

It will be very interesting to see how this plays out. If the trainer has in fact been found to have no case to answer, then some serious questions need to be asked of the leadership of the industry in the state and the way integrity issues are handled. It appears to me that no one seems to take responsibility for a litany of disasters north of the Tweed in recent years. The Eagle Farm fiasco and the ongoing integrity issues haven't helped the participants or reputation of the industry.

Finally, the fire destroying much of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is sad news. It is an iconic building housing many treasures and artefacts. As I wrote it has been some week with I suggest plenty more to come!!!

On The Track

I was thrilled with Chalmers 3rd placing at Randwick in the Provincial Final on Saturday. He was perfectly prepared by Kris Lees and very well ridden by James McDonald. James is a superb rider and Kris has gone from strength to strength in recent years. With Darren Weir out of the way it is a given Chris Waller will be Australia's leading trainer for this season.

Could Kris Lees finish 2nd to him? He is currently 28.5 wins behind Lindsay Park having saddled up an extraordinary 564 less runners than that stable for the season. With 15 weeks of the season remaining and Lindsay Park announcing they won't have runners during the rich Queensland Carnival the door is open for Kris to make a charge at 2nd place. No doubt Godolphin could also move up as well. It will be interesting to watch but is refreshing to have Kris and James snapping at the heels of the bigger stables.

Our only runner over the Easter break will be Our Hot Date at Caulfield. She comes off a strong maiden win and while she is stepping up in class is a progressive type. Patrick has decided to claim with Nathan Punch taking the ride. This sees her come in 3kg under the limit.

Over the years we have won some nice races on Anzac Day and hopefully this tradition will continue with Hussy's Glow and Invincible Al running at Flemington. Both these horses are in great shape.

Other horses not far off commencing their preparations include Husson Eagle, Black And Tan, Zizzis, Nzuri Mwali, Casa De Lago, Serriano, Rubisaki, Addocarr and Zelsignoret. There are some nice horses listed in this group. We do need rain in Victoria badly. We have a bush fire alert today.

Yearlings On Offer



Shooting to Win colt out of Captivity – Michelle Payne to Train
5% shares \$4,875

This colt was reared at one of the very best studs in Australia. Edinglassie Stud has built a reputation for producing superior racehorses and I always take particular attention to the yearlings the farm has to offer.

I have had good success purchasing from Edinglassie Stud with our very good fillies Savoureux, Eramor and Shine On Anna coming from the farm. I would like to have purchased more but often their yearlings are out of my reach.

Some of the horses reared on the farm include Shooting to Win, Deep Field, Nechita, Bently Biscuit, God's Own, Nadeem, Miss Margaret and Sharscay. This is quite a list for such a small farm., all outstanding Group 1 winners.

Shooting to Win

Shooting to Win has all the ingredients to make a successful sire. Firstly, he comes from an outstanding family and is out of one of the very best mares at stud in Australia. His sire Northern

Meteor looked like being a super star but died prematurely which was a massive loss to the Australian breeding industry.

Secondly, he is an outstanding looking horse. He has terrific conformation and is as good a type as you are likely to see.

Thirdly, he was a very good racehorse with his time in winning the Caulfield Guineas being quicker than Redoute's Choice and Lonhro. He is one of only three horses to win the Stan Fox Stakes / Caulfield Guineas double, the other two being Kenwood Melody and Lonhro.

Finally, he has started to get horses to the track with his daughter Intrepidacious being outstanding winning on debut. Recently, Mick Price stepped out an outstanding colt named Shotmaker in the Group 3 Blue Diamond Prelude with him running a very impressive 2nd after travelling wide throughout. I have very strong mail about quite a few of Shooting To Win's progeny from some very good sources.

On 8 January Godolphin stepped out an unraced 2yo at the Warwick Farm Barrier Trials and she looked very impressive. Her name is Tailleur. She bolted in.

It should be noted Shooting To Win didn't have his first start until the end of May in his two year old year. He went on to win the Caulfield Guineas four months later.

Captivity

The colt has an outstanding female line with this being the first foal of a ½ sister to the Group 1 performed mare Angel Of Mercy. This is the immediate family of the great mare Divine Madonna. She won four Group 1 races.

One of the things I like about this family is that it is current with plenty happening including French Girl's recent win at Sandown.

Good families tend to continue to throw winners and given this colt's conformation and physical attributes I'd be very disappointed if he didn't make it as a racehorse.

I can't wait for him to get to the races and he looks the right horse to kick off our training relationship with Michelle Payne.



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.