



PRIME DISPATCH

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Reneged with Tye Angland aboard
Retired after injuring himself during trackwork won 5 races and \$245,090

I must say it has been a roller coaster period since our last Dispatch. Michael Felgate invited me to be on the 'Racing Pulse' on the morning of the running of the Taj Rossi Stakes where we had Rubisaki running which was great. As I was about to walk into the studio at Flemington, I received a call from John Thompson saying Reneged had pulled up very lame and may have suffered a serious injury. This was devastating news as we had set him for the Grafton Cup and he had done everything John required of him and he was heading into the race spot on. It also looked like the race would be run on a soft track which would have been ideal. He ran 3rd in the 2018 Grafton Cup.

Tests have cleared him of a fracture in his pelvis with him having a tear high up where the hamstring attaches to the pelvis which is a serious injury. After discussions I had with Dr Tim Roberts, I recommended to the owners he be retired. Tim is one of the best racehorse vets in Australia and looked after Winx for her career.

This is disappointing news for the $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to champion sprinter Buffering. It is amazing how a horse so closely related to such a super sprinter was a stayer. There are no rules when it comes to horses. He will make someone a magnificent riding horse, but he will be missed by his owners. He was a terrific horse to do anything with. This picture is one of my very favourites. I am pleased to have purchased his $\frac{1}{2}$ sister named Sweet Anna at this year's Gold Coast Magic Millions Sale. She is a beautiful filly and is trained by John Thompson. I hope Reneged has a great life after racing.

Then the news of Tahlia Hope's case of viral meningitis came as a shock. Many of our owners have become very fond of Tahlia who has ridden for us since she started riding. Only recently she put on a master class getting Zizzis home at Sandown. She was a very sick young woman and has a way to go before she is back riding. She isn't able to take visitors and needs rest to get her back on her feet. I sent her flowers on behalf of Prime Thoroughbreds and will keep you in the loop if there is any further news.



Tahlia Hope winning on Invincible Al

Tye Angland celebrated his 30th birthday during the week. I am sure you are aware of the injuries Tye suffered in a terrible race fall in Hong Kong which ended his career as well as changing his life as he knew it. I've never met a more decent person than Tye and spoke with him yesterday. He is very positive about his future which is a sign of him as a person. He won some good races for us and was an excellent judge of where a horse was at in the run. He is pictured on Reneged at Canterbury on the previous page. He is a huge loss to our riding ranks.

Back to Rubisaki. She was terrific at Flemington running a close 2nd in the Taj Rossi Stakes for Jye McNeil who is a rising star in our industry. The filly was beaten by a big strong colt and has gone for a break with an imposing record of two wins and as many seconds from just four runs. A win and 2nd placing at stakes level at Flemington stamp her as a horse to follow. The plan is for her to return on Cox Plate day at Moonee Valley and then run her in the Twilight Glow Stakes. It wouldn't be fair on her not to give her a decent break. She is a valuable filly with a great future ahead of her and had a testing first preparation.

Rubisaki continues the great record we have supporting first season sires. Touch wood we are never far off the mark with our selections. The other first season sires we supported last year were Deep Field, Dissident, Shooting To Win and Wandjina. These five young horses are in the top 11 of the 40 new sires to have had runners this season.

I love first season sires. We have had success supporting them for the past 20 years. In recent years I syndicated the first progeny of I Am Invincible and Hinchinbrook as well as three Smart Missile fillies in his first year. These three sires went on to be Champion First Season Sire in Australia. We were able to purchase yearlings by these sires early for the right money before they got too expensive. For example, the I Am Invincible filly cost me just \$14,000. Once sires start to get success and the market warms to them the cost of their progeny goes through the roof with the ones I like being out of our reach.

Normally about 50 new sires stand in Australia each year, so it takes a bit of work to sort them out. About 30% of the mares bred each year in Australia go to the first season sires with some of the best credentialled producers in this group.

We have a quite weekend ahead with Addocarr being our only runner. He is at Eagle Farm on Saturday where he has his second crack at 1600m and is a sneaky chance in an open race. He is a consistent horse that is never far away with this race not being as strong as it may have been. Good luck to him and his loyal group of owners.

I intend doing a summary of the 2018/19 Season in one of our early 'Dispatches' in August. There is a lot to look back on. One thing about our industry is that it never lacks plenty to write about.

Finally, my thoughts are with the family and friends of Sergeant Dave Willis who passed away recently. He was a big character and fine soldier I was lucky enough to serve with at 5/7 RAR in my early days in the Army. He was an important cog in the battalion and one of the most capable people you would meet. We need characters in this country. Political correctness wasn't a strength of his but pure decency as a human being was.

ON THE TRACK

Next week things really hot up with some very important runners through to the end of the season on 31 July. Our starters look like this but are subject to change and there may be others:

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Scone</i>	<i>- Not Surprising – needs to lift;</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Canterbury</i>	<i>- Black And Tan – going well and race should suit;</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Echuca</i>	<i>- Kaarchi – first starter by Shooting To Win, nice filly;</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Mildura</i>	<i>- Husson Eagle – defends his 2018 Mildura Cup victory;</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Morphettville</i>	<i>- Zizzis – Listed SAJC Lightning Stakes – great chance; - Casa De Lago – 1800m Restricted Handicap – good race for her; - Zelsignoret – 2000m Restricted Handicap – her chance to win a metropolitan class race;</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Mildura</i>	<i>- Sizzling Nymph - 1000 Maiden – nice 2yo;</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Warwick Farm</i>	<i>- Almerheri – our final runner for the season!!!</i>

I have been really pleased with the way our 2yo's are progressing with Kaarchi and Sizzling Nymph set to run before the end of the season. I have already started to prepare for next year's sales. We have been blessed in this country with a host of progressive young horses to choose from.

HONG KONG AND MORE

I heard an interesting interview with the CEO of the Hong Kong Jockey who was lamenting that turnover for the later part of the season in Hong Kong was down HK \$1.6 billion. This is a huge amount of money. Hong Kong is a closed shop when it comes to racing with the club having a monopoly. The reasons for the downturn may well be explained by the political turmoil we have seen here regularly on the news but also punters opting to bet with illegal operators. In any case it is a major issue for the authorities in an important market for our horses.

Barry O'Farrell the CEO of Racing Australia commented the two big states dominate the thoroughbred landscape in Australia in much the same way as Coles and Woolworths do. I have been raising my concerns for a couple of years that the industry needs to get together to ensure each of our jurisdictions remain viable. Each has a role to play. We have too many at present. I would like to see Victoria absorb SA and Tasmania with NSW taking in the ACT. These amalgamations would throw up big savings with the funds put in by the SA, Tasmanian and ACT Governments being better utilized with stakes money increased. The current situation in SA is almost unworkable.

The industry in the state is in freefall with too many of the best trainers relocating to Victoria. This is having a serious affect on field sizes which will quickly flow through to less returns through betting turnover. A strong breeding industry needs a strong racing industry to survive.



Zizzis winning the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions 2yo Classic!!!

WEANLING SYNDICATIONS

I purchased two yearlings at the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale. These colts by Rubick and Sizzling are growing out at Ascot Farm near Pitt Town. They are nice colts with the Rubick heading to Kris Lees and Sizzling going to Patrick Payne. I have had great success over the years purchasing weanlings and offering them to our clients. In my opinion we are purchasing them for less than half what they would have cost as yearlings at next year's sales. The best horse in our team at present purchased as a weanling is Invincible AI who cost \$50,000 and has won six races and \$389,590 in stakes earnings. Here is some information on the Rubick colt.

More Winners – More Often – More Fun



Rubick colt out of Ciavenna (Ire.) 20
Kris Lees to Train 10% shares \$11,500 (5% shares \$5,750)

I was thrilled to secure this colt at the Magic Millions National Sale. I have purchased just the one yearling by Rubick with her racing as Rubisaki and being one of the most exciting horses we have raced for some time. This colt was offered by Edinglassie Stud which is one of our very best nurseries with Michael Talty being a breeder who I have enormous respect for. Edinglassie has been a wonderful nursery producing outstanding horses including Shooting To Win, Deep Field, Nechita, Bentley Biscuit, God's Own, Wonderful World, Nadeem, Sharscay, Miss Margaret and Suntain.

I have had very good success buying horses from Edinglassie including the very good gallopers Savoureux, Eramor and Shine On Anna. **I purchased Eramor as a weanling and she went on to win the MRC Debutante Stakes.**

This colt really grabbed my attention. He has a great hindquarter, good shoulder but most importantly he is a great walking horse. I loved him from the moment I inspected him and was determined to purchase him.

Rubick

Rubick has started off his career at stud in wonderful fashion. He is currently 3rd on the First Season Sire's List for winners which is a great effort. Importantly, he is represented by some outstanding gallopers who look to have very bright futures. His best to date is the classy colt Yes Yes Yes. He is also represented by our outstanding filly Rubisaki which has won two of her four races and is stakes placed. A young sire couldn't do much more and he looks like having a very successful career at stud ahead of him. His yearlings this year sold up to \$900,000.

Ciavenna (Ire.)

Ciavenna is a very well related young mare that was purchased in Ireland and brought here to go to stud. Her first foal is a Foxwedge colt which is yet to be named. This is the 2nd foal and she is in foal to Hellbent. The matings done at Edinglassie are amongst the best of any of our studs with the mare certain to be well mated. She is the ½ sister to three stakes performers.

On the pedigree page is the Group 1 Hollywood Oaks winner Cambina. I love buying out of families with Oaks winners on the page.

I'm thrilled to have secured this colt and I look forward to his racing career. At \$11,500 for a 10% share he looks very well priced particularly when you consider the results his progeny could produce over the next six months before the 2020 Yearling Sales Series.



Rubisaki winning at Flemington