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Husson Eagle heads to Moonee Valley on Saturday!!!

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the great impact the 2017/18 First Season Sires had made. The results they had achieved were the best we had seen for many years. On Saturday we saw five three years old metropolitan races run in NSW, Victoria and Queensland. Fillies by two of these young sires Zoustar and Sizzling won two of these with others being won by the progeny of the well-established sires I Am Invincible, Sebring and Nicconi.

Added to these wins we saw progeny of the young sires Epaulette, Spirit Of Boom, The Factor, Dundeel, Shamus Award and Dawn Approach contest these races.

In my opinion we will see more and more good mares going to the young sires with horses like Snitzel, I Am Invincible, Fastnet Rock and Written Tycoon out of the reach of many breeders due to the high service fees. This year I purchased yearlings by first season sires Deep Field, Dissident, Rubick, Shooting To Win and Wandjina. Each of these yearlings is out of a mare who could quite easily have gone to an established sire with the yearling by that sire likely to cost a lot more than I paid for ours. Each of these five young sires had good racing careers and profile well as sires of the future.

I'm heading up to the Hunter Valley tomorrow to have a look around and start to crystalize my thoughts on which sires could be the ones to chase in the 2019 sales. I have already shown my hand a little purchasing a filly by Super One. It is a no brainer to me that he should be a success at stud.

Patrick Payne

We were able to once again view Patrick Payne's talent as a trainer when he won the Grand National Steeplechase with the 12yo gelding Sea King at Ballarat on Sunday.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of Patrick's success as a trainer. He rode for us as a jockey and his well-considered comments when he came back after a race always gave us a good idea of where our horse was at and perhaps going to get to.

I remember being at the Adelaide Magic Millions in 2013 and asking him how he felt about training two years old horses. He had been put into the 'jumps trainer' box and he said that he felt he could do a good job with the younger horses. I purchased him Husson Eagle at the sale and must say he was the hardest horse I have ever had to syndicate.

I have purchased Patrick nine yearlings of racing age. Eight of these have raced with seven winning. This weekend sees Husson Eagle, the first yearling I purchased Patrick heads to Moonee Valley to run over 1500m for the first time. If he wins the earnings by these eight yearlings will pass \$2million. Currently we are \$20,825 short of that milestone. These eight horses cost \$459,500 or \$57,437.50 each with the most expensive being Zizzis at \$120,000 and least expensive being Hussy's Glow at \$17,000.

The question about Patrick training juveniles has been well and truly answered. In the four years after I purchased Husson Eagle I purchased Patrick one yearling each year from Magic Million's Sales. Look at Patrick's results with Magic Millions purchases:

2013 - Husson Eagle Won 2016 \$1million Magic Millions Sprint

2014 - Atlanta Miss Won 2015 Magic Millions Adelaide 2YO Classic

2015 - Hussy's Glow five-time winner 4th in 2016 Magic Millions Adelaide 2YO Classic

2016 - Kaera Jaani – legless!!!

2017 - Zizzis Won 2018 Magic Millions 2YO Classic

The other four yearlings of racing age I purchased Patrick are Invincible AI (private purchase), Casa De Lago (Inglis Classic Sale), Honolulu Lass (Inglis Premier Sale) and Our Hot Date (private purchase), the only one not to race but she should get to the races this preparation.

Good luck to Patrick and Husson Eagle on Saturday. It is pleasing to have six of the nine still in our racing team with Honolulu Lass recently retired after her last run. She will head to stud with a mating to Hellbent on the cards.

Patrick's Magic Millions results for are quite amazing given some trainers get 50 or more Magic Million's yearlings each year with them being purchased for much higher prices than our five yearlings.

And by the way the Magic Million's yearlings I purchased Patrick this year are:

2018 - Kogi Lass and Sizzling Nymph??

Drought

While it certainly wasn't intentional I am pleased many of the horses we purchased over the past 12 months were from some of the districts most affected by the terrible drought which is crippling so much of our country. It is ironic but pleasing that most of the money we have spent has gone back to studs in the drought affected areas.

I have only purchased two horses that were not Australian bred in the 21 years we have been syndicating horses. I'm proud of this statistic and I have always had great faith in the 'local product'.

During the past year I have purchased yearlings from studs in NSW, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and West Australia.

In our formative years we received great support from many of the studs we do business with today.

The relationships we have developed with these farms goes a long way to us buying the 'right' yearlings from them. I hope the drought breaks soon. The pictures out of NSW and Queensland of terrible bush fires this early in the year are most disturbing.

On The Track

Our runners this week include Makeadane and Everard at Warwick Farm and Not Surprising at the Gold Coast on Wednesday with Husson Eagle heading to Moonee Valley and Raido the Sunshine Coast on Saturday. I'll put out an update with our runners on Friday.



Zizzis heads to the barrier trials tomorrow at Cranbourne!!
Adelaide Magic Millions winner!!!

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.



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

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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.

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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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