



PRIME DISPATCH

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Chalmers runs in the Provincial Championship Heat at Newcastle on Thursday with Robert Thompson to ride!!!

I was thrilled to see Mystic Journey win the All Star Mile at Flemington on Saturday for Adam Trinder. She is an outstanding filly and perhaps the best 3yo racing in Australia at present. She has really put her sire Needs Further on the map and it may be difficult for the Wishaw Clan from Armidale Stud to keep him in Tasmania. A horse of the calibre of Mystic Journey can really go a long way to establishing a young trainer's career with Adam Trinder doing a superb job with the filly. I'm pleased to see Adam has put her aside to be give her time to mature before tackling an ambitious Spring campaign with her. Well done to everyone concerned with the filly. In every respect the management of her has been first class.

Needs Further has done a remarkable job and now sits 3rd on the Australian Third Season Sire's List behind Pierro and All Too Hard. He also sits 4th on the Three Years Old List. These are exceptional results with him having only a fraction of the runners of those above him on the lists. Well done to Armidale Stud for doing such a great job for the horse. It will be interesting to see where he stands for the coming season. I have purchased three fillies by the sire with Our Long Sali doing a sterling job for her owners and sire. Her three 2nd placings in Listed races over the Tasmanian Summer Carnival were excellent performances. She deserved to win one of them.

This weekend we see the running of Australia's premier 2yo race, the Golden Slipper on what is likely to be a very wet Rosehill track. We only run five Group 1 races for 2yo's in Australia. The Golden Slipper field is a crackerjack race with Godolphin providing almost half the field. This is a remarkable effort and a win would top off what has been an incredible run for the big international operation has had this season.

I like Cosmic Force. He is one of two runners bred at Ascot Park which is owned by the Hannon family. We sell most of our Sydney based horses at Ascot Park which is situated near Pitt Town. The farm only produces a dozen foals a year so their effort to have two runners in the big race is a great achievement.

Winx is most likely lining up for her 2nd last race in the Group 1 George Ryder Stakes. It is hard to see her being beaten on the soft surface she likes so much. She has been a great servant to our industry at a time when too many of our big trainers have been caught doing the wrong thing. I hope she wins and goes to Randwick on 13 April for her final appearance on the track. There is a chance we may have a runner or two at that meeting which would be very exciting for the owners involved in these horses. The most likely runner is Chalmers who is attempting to qualify for the Provincial Final run on the day. Everard is also in the mix.

RVL is to be congratulated on the way it supported and promoted the All Star Mile. To be honest I had some doubts about the concept and there are certain to be changes to the format going forward but it was a great success. We should never be critical of administrators when they are attempting to introduce new ways to promote our industry to wider public. The whole Victorian Autumn Carnival has been a success with some great racing, and unfortunately its share of controversy.

Finally, it has been a very difficult week with the terrible event that happened in Christchurch on Friday. It is impossible to understand the thinking behind the actions of the assassin involved. We seem to see too many of these types of atrocities across the world and I wonder where it will all end.

TAS RACING UPDATE

Tas Racing has brokered a deal with RVL which sees Tasmanian bred horses paid up for the Tas Bonus Scheme eligible to receive the equivalent to the VOBIS bonuses on offer for any race they compete in, in Victoria and be successful. This is a great initiative and another positive reason to buy in Tasmania. Mystic Journey certainly has done more than any other horse in history to promote the horses bred in the Apple Isle. Golden Script and Our Long Sali are the next best fillies purchased from the sale Mystic Journey came out of.

ON THE TRACK

Chalmers heads to Newcastle tomorrow to try and qualify for the rich Provincial Championship Final run on 13 April at Randwick. He will be ridden by Robert Thompson. Unfortunately, he has drawn in the carpark which isn't ideal.

Banachek is off to Donald where he looks well placed. Patrick Payne has done a great job with the horses he has inherited from the Darren Weir fiasco. The distribution of about 600 horses has put a lot of pressure on the stables which received a big influx of horses, many in work. I know RVL are looking into issues arising from Darren's demise and it will be interesting to see what changes eventually come out of these investigations. I'm right behind the RVL Integrity Unit. They have done a remarkable job in cleaning up our industry over the past few years. They have a difficult job with the honest participants the winners due to their diligence. Well done.

YEARLINGS

This week I am highlighting the Wordsmith filly out of One More Red, the Super One filly out of Embellishment and Al Maher filly out of Demon Queen. Each of these is a very nice filly. Take a look at these three fillies.



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.



Super One filly out of Embellished (USA)
John Thompson – Randwick - 5% shares \$6,950 each

The filly pictured above was as nice a type of filly as I inspected at the Inglis Classic Sale. I have been taken by the progeny of Super One I have inspected since I first saw them as foals up in the Hunter Valley. They are athletic imposing individuals. They are attractive looking horses with good girths and in the main good conformation.

I have written many times that it is a big mistake to overlook the progeny of the first season sires. About 40% of the mares in Australia go to the first season sires with some of these mares being amongst the very best. Super One is by I Am Invincible whose son Brazen Beau has hit the track running. There is no reason the same won't occur with Super One. He is an impressive individual. This filly is a cracking type of filly. She is the 4th Super One filly I have purchased and will go to John Thompson to train. I have distributed these four fillies amongst three of my trainers. I am keen to receive their feedback on the progress of the fillies. This information is important to me as I assess the sire as we go forward.

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. I spoke with Craig Newitt who rode him in his first three starts. Craig said he was one of the fastest horses he had ever ridden and he had an explosive turn of foot. This is a great asset for a potential sire.

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 stakes winners in Australia. I Am Invincible has sired 24 Stakes winners this season, 18 more than Snitzel and 13 more than his nearest rival.

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.

At the 2019 Magic Millions Sale his progeny were highly sought after averaging \$126,364 with all his progeny sold. The highest price paid for one of his yearlings was \$300,000.

Embellished (USA)

Embellished is well credentialled mare that won six of her 12 starts. She won four stakes races including two as a 2yo. This is her 2nd foal. Her first foal went amiss and didn't race.

Her sire Bellamy Road has done a very good job at stud with 348 winners and 59 stakes horses as I write this. He has also sired four Group 1 winners. The 2nd dam is by Belong To Me who was a very successful sire here.

The pedigree page is littered with Listed winners which is a great pointer to any family's prospects.



Al Maher filly out of Demon Queen – Patrick Payne to Train
5% shares \$3,450

It is amazing how some horses grab your attention when you attend a yearling sale and for whatever reason you can't really find a reason not to like the horse. That is the case with this filly. She has good presence about her and gets around like a good horse. I loved her colour. It is hard to go past a good looking bay horse. I inspected her five times which is the most I have inspected a yearling in a long time. She really grabbed my attention. I was amazed after I purchased her how many people came up to me to say they felt I had just purchased the best buy in the Perth Magic Millions Sale. Let's hope they are right because I had expected to go to at least \$60,000 to secure the filly.

I am a big fan of Al Maher. He was a very good racehorse and has a superb pedigree. He has been an outstanding sire with 56 stakes horses to his credit. Unchain My Heart was one of Prime Thoroughbreds best performers on the track and won 10 races and \$595,980 in stakes money. She won three stakes races at Flemington including the Andrew Ramsden Stakes twice and was one of only two Australian bred horses to contest the 2014 Melbourne Cup.

On 20 February an Al Maher filly named Amerheri which we syndicated won her maiden very impressively at Randwick. I purchased Almerheri to be a Classic 3yo with her having a stout female line like this filly. We haven't got many sires in Australia who can consistently get these types of fillies. Due to fertility issues Al Maher has only averaged 54 foals in his past three crops.

It appears we have another good class Al Maher filly wearing our colours.

Al Maher

Al Maher has done a remarkable job with him siring 387 individual winners. He has sired 56 stakes horses including the Group 1 winners Delicacy, Fat Al, Diamond Drille and Almalad as well as Majestic Music, Budriguez, Silverstream, Badawiya and of course Unchain My Heart. He is an incredibly versatile sire getting 2yo Classic winners through to 3200m winners.

Al Maher was a very good racehorse winning at Randwick as a 2yo. He went on to be one of the very best three years old of his generation winning the VRC Group 1 Australian Guineas as well as the VRC Carbine Club Stakes and STC Gloaming Stakes.

Demon Queen

Demon Queen was very lightly raced but won twice and was placed 2nd in the Listed Belmont Oaks. She has had just the one foal to race with it being a winner and metropolitan placed from just seven starts. Demon Queen is out of the great producing mare Narmada which threw 10 winners from 11 to race including the Perth Cup winner Black Tom and three other stakes horses.

This is a very good family with 'Black Type' winners across the page. I am on the lookout for an Oaks filly and this one fits the bill. She is by a sire that can get a superior staying female out of a superb staying family with the 2nd dam being by Blushing Groom one of the great broodmare sires of the world. His daughters have produced 311 stakes horses including 24 Group 1 winners.



Unchain My Heart winning the Andrew Ramsden Stakes
By Al Maher out of Fly By Night