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Almerheri wins again!!!

The Al Maher mare has won three times in Sydney in her past seven starts!!!

There are few dull moments when you run a syndication business. Yesterday was as busy a day as I can remember juggling several balls in the air at once. I woke at 6am as is the norm and headed to our local bakery for a cup of coffee and to read the Herald Sun.

I arrived in the office with a list of jobs to get through. First up I spoke with John Thompson and Patrick Payne to make sure all was right with their runners Almerheri and Japery at Canterbury and Flemington. We discussed the opposition and confirmed the riding tactics for the two races.

I then checked the social media to see all was ok and to put out a 'tweet' regarding our runners. Then it was off to the Inglis Digital site to see how Black And Tan and Casa De Lago were progressing. Things were going to plan with these two mares with the sale closing later in the day. I had received a couple of calls during the night from interested buyers and contacted them to answer their questions. There seemed to be good interest in both mares although you never can be sure until the bids are in.

I sent out reports to the owners of Almerheri and Japery wishing them well and giving the final scratchings and track conditions. I also updated the owners of the two mares being sold of their status.

I finalised the Product Disclosure Statement for the Swear filly out of Queens Plaza and headed home to get changed before driving to RVL for a meeting at 11am. All went well there. I arrived at Flemington at 1215pm and headed to the tie up stalls to inspect Japery who was quite settled and in great order.

It was an exciting day for the owners with Japery running in the first 2yo race of the season in Australia. Not everything went to plan as can happen with him being tightened for room and then having a horse losing its action and falling back on him. He did a good job to pick himself up and finished the race off nicely.

It was nice to see Alan and Trish Bell drive up from Koroit to watch their first runner in the city. They were very excited and had a good chat to Craig Williams prior to the meeting. They had a great day.

I had purchased Dunbrody Power and Samantha's Twist as yearlings for Walter Power and Dan Morton with these two horses running at Canterbury and Belmont. I was thrilled when they joined Almerheri winning their races. In the end it was nice to have three winners from four runners on the day. You'd take that any day.

Almerheri is going from strength to strength and won her third Sydney metropolitan race from her past seven starts. She is likely to be set for the Magic Millions 1800m race at the Gold Coast on 4 January 20. John Thompson has done a great job with her with his stable flying. He is a superb horseman and excellent conditioner. He is currently 3rd on the Sydney Trainers' Premiership with 11 wins from 41 runners. This is a terrific performance from a trainer with only 45 horses in work. Compare this with the leading trainer who has won 20 races from 194 runners with a huge number of horses in work.

After the races I headed back to the office to keep a check on the Inglis Digital Sale. Casa De Lago was going along very well and sold for \$40,000 with a stud purchasing her. Black And Tan didn't have the same interest and sold for \$20,000. The breeders hadn't warmed to her which didn't surprise me. I hope they both go on to have good futures. I'd be very keen to see the types of foals Casa De Lago throws. She is a beautiful type of a mare.

I only have an interest in one broodmare and got an email from the stud where she is living to say she was in foal. I headed to Healesville to have dinner with the family and got to bed about 10pm.

While the day had its moments, it finished up a pretty good one.

We have just the one runner this weekend with Miss Bossey Belle heading to Devonport. She was very good at her most recent start with inexperience beating her.

UPDATE ON THE STATISTICS

I have been keeping a close eye on the 'Black type' results in Melbourne and Sydney. We have now had 50 races with 150 'black type' placings on offer since the start of the new season. These are important placings, particularly for the fillies.

I Am Invincible and Not A Single Doubt lead the way with nine and eight placings. These are outstanding sires standing at Yarraman Park and Arrowfield Stud near Scone in the Hunter Valley.

Horses by NSW based horses at the time of conception provide 107 of the placings followed by Victoria and the internationally bred horses 14 each, NZ with nine, WA, SA and Tasmania have two each.

In total 74 different sires are represented in these 150 placings. This emphasises just how many sires standing in Australia can get a good horse.

The International horses are almost exclusively tried horses that have come here to compete in our big races. Some are purchased by Australian syndicates with quite a number representing the global superpowers like Godolphin. These are big ticket items.

A big number of young sires are popping up on the lists which is great for our industry. We are indeed the lucky country. As we head into the two carnivals it should be expected to see the international's numbers improving. The NZ horses are interesting. They had a resurgence last weekend which is positive.

VISIT TO SPENDTHRIFT FARM

I have arranged a visit to Spendthrift Farm which is a very well-appointed horse stud north of Melbourne. The visit will take place on Sunday ***29 September commencing at 1030am***. The stud will parade their sires at 1045am and then we will inspect some yearlings and have a look at the farm. It is an outstanding property owned by the American businessman B. Wayne Hughes with extensive racing interests in the USA where his studs produce about 10% of the foals bred in USA. This is the most serious breeding operation to set up in Victoria since Darley arrived.

The farm is quite unique with only Spendthrift's horses on the property. Garry Cuddy who I first came across when he worked for Vin Cox is the manager of the stud which has assembled a nice band of broodmares. Currently they have about 65 mares on the property. ***This visit is open to all our owners as well as any friends that may wish to attend. I will get numbers from you as we get closer to the visit.*** This is a private farm.

I purchased a filly by a son of Redoute's Choice named Swear which won the ATC Ming Dynasty Stakes at Randwick and was placed 2nd in the ATC Group 1 Champion Stakes. Swear only had five starts for two wins including one as a 2yo in a high rating race where he beat the stakes performer Flow. He also beat home the VRV Derby winner Prized Icon in the Champion Stakes.

I have spoken to bloodstock agents from Inglis and Magic Millions with both these companies being keen to sell this filly through their yearling sales next year. Spendthrift is keen to get some of their nicer yearlings into good stables with Patrick Payne one of their preferred choices.

The address for Spendthrift Farm is: ***Spendthrift Australia, 451 Mt Eliza Rd, Kerrie Vic 3434***

The filly I purchased is a cracker and has the pedigree to be a nice staying filly. The filly is an Oaks type and I have included her pedigree page. I have had a lot of success purchasing weanlings and yearlings out of the paddock over the years with it being a great way for our owners to continue to race nice horses without spending a fortune. I'm certain the yearling sales next year will be expensive. The prices being fetched this week in the USA are quite extraordinary. I haven't had the promotion approved by RVL but will have it done by the time we do the visit.

The pedigree is as good as you will get with an interesting feature being the 3rd dam Stormy Exchange being by Storm Bird. Storm Bird is the dam sire of Snippet's Lass the dam of Snitzel and Hinchinbrook. Snippet's Lass's mating with Redoute's Choice produced Australia's Champion Sire in Snitzel.

CHESTNUT FILLY (Foaled 23rd September 2018)

(SIRE)

SWEAR

Redoute's Choice **Dane hill (USA)** by D anzig
 Shantha's Choice by Ca nny Lad
 Crossyourheart (NZ) Show a Heart by Br ave Warrior
 Red Century by Ce ntaine

(DAM)

QUEENS PLAZA2008

Elusive Quality (USA) .. Gone West by M r. Prospector
 Touch of Greatness by H ero's Honor
 Danendri **Dane hill (USA)** by D anzig
 Stormy Exchange (USA) by St orm Bird.....

SWEAR (AUS) (Bay 2013-Stud 2017). 2 wins-1 at 2-at 1300m, 1400m, A\$309,100, NSW Tatt's RC Ming Dynasty H., Gr.3, Hawkesbury RC Claret 2YO S., 2d ATC Spring Champion S Gr.1. Out of SW Crossyourheart (CountiesChallengeS L), a sister to SW Gotta Have Heart (MRC Victoria H Gr3). Related to SW All Thrills Too (Hong Kong SprintGr1), SW SilkyRedBoxer, SW Black Sun, etc. His oldest progeny are yearlings. 1st Dam

QUEENS PLAZA, by Elusive Quality (USA) . Unraced. Half-sister to **ZINGAM, BANC DE FORTUNE** (dam of **EAGLE ISLAND**), Zona (dam of **FAINT PERFUME**). This is her fifth living foal. Her fourth foal is a 2YO. Dam of 2 foals to race, inc: -
ROY HAD ENOUGH (c by Pierro) **6 wins**-2 at 2-from 1600m to 2400m, R840,344, to 2018-19, Scottsville Track & Ball Derby, **Gr.3**, Greyville Christmas H., **L**, Darley Arabian H., **L**, Silverline Panel Beating and Spray Painting S.,
 Winningedgepresentations.co.au Juvenile P., 2d Greyville Michaelmas H., **L**,
 Sledgehammer H., **L**, Itsarush.co.za H., 3d Greyville Gold Circle Racing You Tube Channel Playlist H., 4th Greyville Christmas H., **L**.

2nd Dam

DANENDRI, by Danehill (USA) . Top filly on The 1996-97 Australasian 3YO Classification. **5 wins**-1 at 2-from 1000m to 2400m, A\$1,109,540, AJC Australian Oaks, **Gr.1**, STC Ansett Australia S., **Gr.1**, VRC Wakeful S., **Gr.2**, AJC Commissioner H., City Tatt's RC George Negus 2YO H., 2d Australian Derby, **Gr.1**, VRC Oaks, **Gr.1**, VRC AV Kewney S., **Gr.2**, AJC Fernhill H., **L**, Geelong RC Oaks Trial S., **L**, 3d AJC Wiggle H., **L**, 4th AJC Flight S., **Gr.1**, VATC Underwood S., **Gr.1**, STC Tea Rose S., **Gr.2**. Threequarter-sister to **DANESTORM, CHICKENS** (dam of **DO YOU THINK**), **Danesty**,

half-sister to Steal My Love (dam of **HATTORI HANZO - LET US WIN (H.K.)**, **AMORINO**). Dam of 13 foals, 9 to race, **8 winners**, inc:-

ZINGAM (g Zabeel) **7 wins** from 2000m to 2400m, A\$278,500, BTC Chairman's H., **Gr.3**, AJC Services' Memorial Cup, **L**, STC Lord Mayor's Cup, **L**, AJC Sinnjar H., 2d STC Parramatta Leagues Club H., NSW Tatt's RC Club H.

BANC DE FORTUNE (f Galileo) **3 wins** A\$189,365, AJC Aspiration H., **L**, McGrath Estate Agents Revenue H., 2d STC Arrowfield Stud S., **Gr.1**, AHA Blacktown Near West & Blue Mountains H., 3d MRC BTB Australia Directional Drilling P. Dam of- **EAGLE ISLAND** (c Fastnet Rock) **Winner** at 2, SAJC Oaklands P., **L**, 2d MRC Golden Fleece & Court Jester 2YO P.

Rare Fragrance. **3 wins** at 1400m, 1500m, A\$90,980, BRC Samsung Electronics Australia H., 2d BRC Snowdonia Airconditioning H., Gallopers \$1 Membership H., MRC (Mornington) Knight FM H., 3d ATC City Tattersalls Club H.

Zona. Unplaced. Dam of 4 winners-

FAINT PERFUME (f Shamardal) Champion 3YO Filly in Australia in 2009-10. **5 wins**- 1 at 2-from 1400m to 2500m, A\$1,456,290, VRC Oaks, **Gr.1**, STC Vinery Stud S., **Gr.1**, VRC AV Kewney S., **Gr.2**, Wakeful S., **Gr.2**, AJC Randwick Betting Auditorium 2YO H., 2d AJC Australian Oaks, **Gr.1**, 3d MRC Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**. Producer.

3rd Dam

Stormy Exchange (USA), by Storm Bird. **2 wins** at 7f, 1m, 3d Curragh Round Tower S., **L**. Three-quarter-sister to C'Yaontheotherside (dam of **CHICKENS**)



Casa De Lago winning one of her five races
It will be interesting to see which sire she goes to!!!

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 these colts.



Sizzling colt out of Distant Symphony 2018
Patrick Payne To Train 10% shares \$7,500 (5% \$3,750)

I have been very bullish about Sizzling since day one and my opinion of him continues to strengthen as his progeny mature and get older. This colt is a ripper and a full brother to Miss Divine Em which I syndicated last year. The reports on this filly are very positive and the pedigree has taken a big step up since I purchased her with **Anaheed** coming out and winning the Group 2 Sweet Embrace Stakes and Group 2 Percy Sykes Stakes and \$954,200. These are two very good races. She was also placed

6th in the Golden Slipper. She is out of Distant Symphony's half-sister. This family has a lot of upside.

I was very active at the 2017 sales series and purchased two yearlings and was the under bidder on a third one by Sizzling. These horses have displayed great potential already with Zizzis winning three races and \$234,490 already. She won the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic where she trounced a very good field and then won again at Caulfield on Cup day which was a big thrill for her owners.

The other yearling that I purchased was Addocarr who was an impressive winner recently. Like many of the progeny of Sizzling he looks like he is looking for a middle-distance trip and he is being aimed at the Grafton Guineas over 1600m.

I was the under bidder on a 3rd yearling which races under the name Sizzling Belle. She is a beautiful filly, is a Sydney winner and was placed in the Listed Black Opal Stakes. She was the one that got away.

I jumped in and supported him again last year and this year have three rising 2yo by the sire. I have also purchased a breeding interest in Sizzling.



Anaheed

Sizzling

I really liked what I saw in many of the progeny of Sizzling from the start. 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 also won one of the five 2yo Group One races run in Australia winning the JJ Atkins Stakes.

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 the 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 finishing 3rd on the Australian First Season Sires List for both Stakes earnings and winners and is currently 4th on the Second Season List for winners. He is in a very strong crop of young sires that includes Zoustar, Spirit Of Boom, Dundee, Fiorente and Akheed Mofeed and Epaulette. There are 52 sires represented with runners on this List which is a big number.

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 colt represents great value and heads to an outstanding trainer who has done a remarkable job for us.



Zizzis winning the 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions 2YO Classic
Out of Sizzlings first crop of yearlings!!!
Highest stakes earner for Sizzling!!!



A couple of stars here Patrick Payne and Husson Eagle!!!
3rd highest stakes winner for Husson!!!