



PRIME DISPATCH

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Rubisaki winning at Flemington – she's a very good filly!!!
6 starts – 4wins - \$269,800 stakes earned!!!
Next start \$1million Inglis Sprint!!!

At this time of the year it is important to keep your feet on the ground and make sure you are not swayed by the stories and propaganda from breeders pushing their yearlings as 'the best we have ever had on our farm'. It is relentless and to be fair it is their job is to promote the product they are selling.

I regularly look at the sires lists to see if any trends are developing. They provide a lot of information. A look at the latest Australian General Sires List tells me little has changed since last year. A quick look at the top 25 sires on the list sees NSW based sires dominating with 19 of the top 25 positions taken by sires who stood in that state. The other six positions are taken up by Victoria's Written Tycoon (13th), WA's Blackfriars (20th, deceased), Queensland's Spirit Of Boom (25th), NZ's Ocean Park (7th) and the international sires Galileo (21st) and Rulership (24th).

From an Australian perspective the statistics for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Season Sires tells me there won't be too many changes to the dominance by the NSW Sires in the foreseeable future.

I'll go into a bit more detail on the NZ and International sires on the Australian General List. I'm only looking at the top 100 sires. The results may surprise you but are there for anyone prepared to do their homework.

The NZ Bloodstock Sale at Karaka is well under way with their sires on the top 100 of the Australian Sires List being Ocean Park (7th), Savabeel (26th), Reliable Man (40th), Tavistock (50th deceased) and Shocking (70th). The sale appeared quite strong for the premier sessions. The Kiwis are having their best season in Australia for a few years which is encouraging for them but the results of most of their sires are way off the mark.

One of the interesting points to come out of my look at the current season's list is the poor results by the sires of the tried horses imported into Australia to mainly race in our staying races. It is estimated somewhere around \$70 million is spent each year by Australian owners chasing the dream of winning a major staying race here in purchasing mainly Northern Hemisphere staying horses. Only six sires make the top 100 list. Here they are.

The international sires with runners here in the top 100 are Galileo IRE (21st), Rulership JPN (24th), Heart's Cry JPN (31st), Deep Impact JPN (53rd), Frankel GB (66th) and Shirocco GER (73rd).

It is fair to write a majority of the better performed horses by these sires were brought here by their Northern Hemisphere trainers.

It should be noted Galileo's best performer is the Irish horse Magic Wand (IRE), trained by Joseph O'Brien with \$1,611,500 of the \$3,851,304 earned. His winners trained by Australians include Cape Of Good Hope, Southern France and Midterm.

Rulership's progeny had just the two runners with the Caulfield Cup winner Mer de Glace (JPN) accounting for \$3,161,000 of the \$3,608,080 earned. Mer de Glace was Japanese trained. The other was Hush Writer (JPN) trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

Heart's Cry had just the four runners with Champion mare Lys Gracieux (JPN) winning \$3,001,000 of the \$3,140,675 won by his progeny. Lys Gracieux was Japanese trained.

Deep Impact had 13 runners with \$1,531,900 won by Fierce Impact (JPN) trained by Matthew Smith at Warwick Farm of the \$1,781,900 won by his progeny. The other 12 runners picked up a combined \$250,000, hardly impressive.

Shirocco had two runners with the English trainer Charlie Appleby trained Prince Of Arran winning \$1,412,000 of the \$1,420,350 won here.

Frankel had had 15 runners with \$489,125 won by Finche (GB) trained by Chis Waller at Rosehill of the \$1,513,875 won by his progeny.

Frankel is an interesting one with five of his runners Australian bred for just one winner, the superbly bred Miss Fabulass out of Champion filly Samantha Miss.

The other 10 runners were imported horses which earned \$1,355,025 in stakes money here with four of them winning. Master Of Reality (IRE) trained by Joseph O'Brien earned \$350,000, Finche (GB) \$489,125 trained by Chris Waller, Mirage Dancer (GB) earned \$350,000 trained by Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young.

The Australian winners were San Remo (IRE) in a \$35k race at Ararat, Spanish Point won a \$35k race at Geelong, Finche won the Group 3 Kingston Town Stakes at Randwick and Frankel won two restricted races at Morphettville. Once again quite ordinary figures when you consider the cost of purchasing these horses and then getting them here.

Some of the high profile non winners by Frankel were the imported horses Nelson, Rostropovich and New Horizons. I hate to think what these three horses were purchased for!!!

The statistics above were pulled from Bloodhound.net.au as at 29/01/20. They certainly are a great advertisement for the colonially bred horses. What else do I need to write.

Prime Trainers doing a great job!!!

The Prime Thoroughbreds list of trainers are doing a great job. Let's look at their results this season.

Patrick Payne – Currently 4th on the Victorian Trainer's Premiership with 50 winners, just one behind Mick Price and Michael Kent (Jnr) partnership but with 131 less runners!!!. Patrick's strike rate of 22.6% is the best of the top trainers in Victoria. His metropolitan strike rate of 21.2% puts him clearly on top and a massive 12.2 percentage points ahead of the state's leading stable.

Kris Lees – Kris is leading the NSW Trainer's Premiership with 94 winners ahead of Chris Waller and Peter Snowden. He is having a very good season in the toughest school in the country.

John Thompson – John is on fire at present. He is currently 10th on the state premiership with his metropolitan results seeing him having a strike rate of 20.6% with the leading metropolitan trainer Chris Waller running at 11.04%. He sits in 6th place for city winners in Sydney. His metropolitan strike rate for Prime Thoroughbreds for the past 12 months sits at 33.3% which is exceptional.

Adam Trinder – Adam is sitting in third spot on the Tasmanian Trainer's Premiership with a better strike rate than those above him. He has had 29 second placings compared with his 20 winners which doesn't help.

Tony Gollan – Tony is Queensland's leading trainer in every respect and looks to have the State's Trainer's Premiership in his keeping even though we have half the season left to run.



Prime Thoroughbreds biggest trainer Patrick Trainer!!!

Yearlings



Hinchinbrook / Positive Charge filly 2018

Kris Lees to Train 5% \$9,000 – 10% \$18,000

Picture taken 18/01/20

When Hinchinbrook had to be put down after an accident it robbed the Australian breeding industry of one of its best young sires. He was a very good racehorse, had a great pedigree and was siring some terrific racehorses. We were reminded of just how good a sire he was when Beat The Clock won the Group 1 Centenary Cup in Hong Kong late last year.

Hinchinbrook only ever served average sized books of mares but has sired 247 winners with four Group 1 winners. I'm proud of the fact I purchased and syndicated Flying Jess who is Hinchinbrook's highest earning filly with \$1,421,680. Overall, she is his 3rd highest earner behind Beat The Clock and Press Statement.

Positive Charge is by Charge Forward, one of our very best young broodmare sires. He has moved from 164th position on the Broodmare Sires List 5 years ago to 22nd at present. He is represented by Sunlight, She Will Reign, Estijaab and Limestone. It should be noted these are all fillies.

Positive Charge was a good race filly winning twice and being placed in the Listed Denise's Joy Stakes. Her best effort was running 2nd to the outstanding mare Egyptian Symbol, beaten only .5 of a length. She was only lightly raced which I like and this is her second foal. She has a filly by Russian Revolution at foot.

Positive Charge is a full sister to the very good race mare Slightly Sweet. She won twice at Group 3 level with \$502,585 stakes to her name. She didn't go to stud.

Down the page this is a nice family with a number of 'Black type' performers listed including the Group 1 horse Stay Tuned.

This is a lovely filly, typical of Hinchinbrook's best ones. She is strong behind and is very athletic. She certainly looks like a runner. I'm thrilled to have her in my team.

I have paid her up for the Magic Millions race series. Sadly, this filly is a part of Hinchinbrook's final crop of yearlings with a colt selling for \$1.15 million to Coolmore Australia.

NEWS UPDATE

Hinchinbrook filly Cellsabeel won by 6 lengths recently and is now favourite for the Golden Slipper!!!



The same filly pictured six weeks ago!!!
She has thrived during the sales preparation!!!



Sebring / Brandish 2018 - Patrick Payne To Train
\$7,750 for 5% - \$15,500 for 10%

I was thrilled to secure this athletic filly by one of Australia's best sires Sebring out of the very well related and successful mare Brandish. The filly was bred by David Kobritz who has been associated with some of Australia's best gallopers in Subzero, Danzero and Pierro.

It is hard to fault Sebring as a sire. His statistics are superb with 539 individual winners and 56 stakes winners. Only the very best sires have better than 10% stakes winners to winners.

He was an excellent racehorse winning the Golden Slipper Stakes, Australia's premier juvenile race. He has proven to be an incredibly versatile sire with Group 1 winners from 1200m to 2400m. He gets superior colts and fillies.

Brandish is by Elusive Quality, a great broodmare sire. The best horse out of an Elusive quality mare was by Sebring's sire More Than Ready. Only five horses have raced with the Sebring / Elusive Quality mix with four winning including the stakes winner Vinland.

Brandish has had two to race including the good filly Aeecce Tong De which won in Sydney, Melbourne and Sydney and was placed in the Group 3 Summoned Stakes. She has been retired and in foal to Zoustar.

I know Aeecce Tong De well. She beat one of our fillies at Canterbury that we had a good opinion of at the time.



Winning Rupert / Mowgli filly - Patrick Payne To Train
\$6,500 for \$5% - \$13,000 for 10%

One of the secrets to giving yourself a chance of ownership success is to purchase yearlings by very fast horses. Winning Rupert was certainly that. He won five of his six starts breaking two course records in the process and going to within .1 second of Takeover Target's Doomben record for 1200m. He was beaten as an odds-on favourite in the \$2million Magic Millions Guineas which was won by our good filly Flying Jess. After this race he was found to be lame and then retired to stud.

Leading Australian form analyst Dominic Beirne wrote this about the horse: in January 2017:

"I match-raced him at weight-for-age against Chautauqua, Astern, Star Turn, Flying Artie and Extreme Choice and based on the projected ratings for those horses at their next start, Winning Rupert was the marginal favourite"

Winning Rupert is by Written Tycoon out of a fast Show A Heart mare and comes from a running family. I was quite impressed by the overall quality of his yearlings and expect him to be a success at stud.

Mowgli had good ability but was only lightly raced. She was placed in Sydney and ran 4th in the Group 2 Sweet Embrace Stakes. She is by the speed sire Not A Single Doubt. The second dam is Flion Fenena by Lion Hunter. She was very fast winning at two and being placed in the Group 3 Sweet Embrace Stakes. I love Lion Hunter mares. His daughters have thrown Chautauqua, Star Witness, Dark Dream, Nostradamus and the sister to Mowgli in Beat The Clock.

Mowgli is a ½ sister to Champion Hong Kong sprinter Beat The Clock. Beat The Clock is a very good sprinter by Hinchinbrook which has won A\$8,159,209 in Hong Kong. He is currently the best

sprinter in Hong Kong. He beat Santa Ana Lane in the Hong Kong Chairman's Sprint Cup by 2.25 lengths.

This filly looks like a 2yo and was bred at Yarraman Park. She is an exciting prospect with Patrick Payne to train.



Hinchinbrook's Beat The Clock winning in Hong Kong



Hinchinbrook filly Flying Jess winning the \$2 million Magic Millions Guineas