



PRIME DISPATCH

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Addocarr winning his maiden ridden by Blake Shinn
Trained by Tony Gollan

I was thrilled when Addocarr won at the Gold Coast on Wednesday. We have had a quiet run by our standards with poor barriers, unsuitable tracks, a couple of average rides and injuries slowing us down a bit. Hopefully that run is behind us. It should be remembered racing is a sport and there are many factors that can contribute to the final result.

Blake Shinn's ride on Addocarr was a cracker. The Gold Coast track was rated a heavy 10 but also the track needs a rest after having a lot of heavy traffic recently. Addocarr was another winner I purchased from the Adelaide Magic Millions Sales. It has been a great source of winners for us over the years with the likes of Husson Eagle, Hussy's Glow, Atalanta Miss, Rumeron, Rose Of Scotland, Garner, Sun Glazed, Tuquiri and Horrocks coming from this sale. I can only remember two horses I syndicated out of the Adelaide Magic Millions that didn't win a race. The most expensive horse in this group was Garner at just \$60,000. The Adelaide sale represents wonderful value with many very good horses sold through the ring at Morphettville over the years.

We had one of those days on Saturday although Hussy's Glow and Zelsignoret were good and look ready to return to the winners' circle soon. It was good to see Hussy's Glow being strong at the end of the 1950m trip. Zizzis was in the right position but fell out from the turn and returned having had an atrial fibrillation during the race. In most cases horses only have one of these and fully recover quickly from it. She is required to have an ECG and barrier trial before racing again. Chalmers needs a wet track but with Sydney heading into water restrictions we may have to look further afield for one.

The one good thing about a frustrating day is that it is behind us and we can look forward to better days in future. That is the nature of our game. I remember when I established Prime Thoroughbreds with Bill Mitchell in 1997 I received a note from John Tapp wishing me all the best but writing at the time 'you will have some great days at the track that unfortunately these will be punctuated by many disappointments'. How correct he was!!!

We have had more good news coming out of Melbourne with a \$300 million renovation at Caulfield. This is great news. When you add this to the \$2 billion redevelopment at Moonee Valley which has commenced and the renovations including the new Member's Stand at Flemington then Victoria is way ahead of the other states when it comes to facilities. I note the ATC has announced a new Public Stand will be built at Randwick which is needed.

Maree and I enjoyed a nice day at Flemington in the new Member's Stand where we spent the afternoon in the Byerley Restaurant. It is an excellent venue.

I can't wait for the Cricket World Cup to arrive. Australia look a great chance to add another World Cup trophy to the cabinet with the set up of the competition really suiting our side. We have some tremendous players with both the bat and ball. I think the final four sides will be Australia, India, England and New Zealand. Good luck to our players. They are certain to get few favours from the English crowds which will make victory taste even sweeter.

We are only one week out from the first of the State Of Origin matches between Queensland and NSW. These are great games and I was almost resigned to NSW winning the series but I'm not so sure now. I'll stick true to my home state in what should once again be an epic series. Go Queensland!!!

We have a Liberal / National Party Government leading us again in Canberra. I hope they do a good job. The world is very unstable at present and we need not only strong leadership but also solid policies to guide us through the next couple of years. Good luck to them.

I love following politics particularly at Federal level, but I was a bit put off with some of the tactics used during this election. It was 'gutter' stuff and we don't need it.

MAGIC MILLIONS NATIONAL SALE

I remember attending the Magic Millions June Sale back in 1998 where the sale comprised two days selling yearlings and few tried horses followed on. This sale has now grown to the biggest sale in the Southern Hemisphere with the sale starting on 22 May and concluding on 7 June. The overall quality of the Weanling Sale was good although it is important to get the weanlings thoroughly vetted out. I had about 50% of the weanlings I had vetted fail for one reason or another.

In the end I purchased two colts by Rubick and Sizzling. I gained a great insight into the type of progeny the new season sires have thrown. We really have some terrific young sires standing in Australia with a constant flow of new blood coming into our industry. The overseas interest in our product continues to grow which can make it difficult to purchase if the Chinese buyers or their agents are on the lots you are interested in. It will be interesting to see if this level of involvement continues.

The first day of the mare's sale saw some extraordinary prices paid for the nice well performed mares. I must say the \$2.3 million Missrock fetched was an amazing result. Hopefully she throws some good foals for her new owners. I understand she was purchased by British interests. The market loves the mares by Fastnet Rock and I Am Invincible. It will be interesting to see how the remainder of the sale progresses. It looks stronger than last year.

I won't be attending the National Yearling Sale. I have filled my book of yearlings for the year and I am very happy with my purchases. It will be strong enough for the right horses with this being the final yearling sale for the year. The sales series this year has been challenging. Each year I look at the results and predict a drop off in prices, but it doesn't seem to happen. The record levels of stakes money on offer in NSW and Victoria added to the overseas activity continue to make for a bullish market.

AT THE TRACK

I was a bit annoyed when RVL moved Sunday's Ballarat meeting from the course proper to the synthetic track. We had planned to run Casa De Lago and Rubisaki at Ballarat on Sunday but neither will run on the synthetic. They will be nominated for Sandown next Wednesday. Addocarr is also set to run at Doomben with hopefully Blake Shinn retaining the ride. This will depend on the weight he is allocated.

Bottoms Up Babe is set to debut for John Thompson next Wednesday at Canterbury. This could be a busy day with metropolitan runners in three states.

I purchased Bottoms Up Babe and Rubisaki at the 2018 Inglis Classic Sale. They are very nice fillies. Black and Tan is heading to Scone tomorrow where she will run over 1300m. This run should bring her to her top and she can then step out to a more suitable trip. I'm thrilled to have Sam Clenton back riding for us. Sam did a great job for us before her accident and is a very competent rider riding some of our best horses.



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Samanthan Clenton on Awasita at Rosehill

END OF SEASON NOT FAR OFF

With just two months of the 2018/19 Season remaining we have some interesting results being delivered with the Sire's Lists. I closely watch the First and Second Season Sire's tables to try and establish any trends that may be occurring.

I tend to give more credence to the Winners List rather than the Stakes Earned list. One horse can really distort the Stakes Earned List. This is how the First Season List looks:

First Season Sires by Winners

Runners	Winners	Wins	%	Stakes Money	Named foals
Better Than Ready (by More Than Ready)					
39	18 (3)	27 (3)	46.2%	\$1,649,525	64
Deep Field (by Northern Meteor)					
40	16 (2)	21 (2)	40%	\$1,189,885	111
Rubick (by Encosta de Lago)					
40	11 (1)	14 (1)	27.5%	\$1,100,220	84
Shooting to Win (by Northern Meteor)					
19	6	7	31.6%	\$334,425	68
Wandjina (by Snitzel)					
23	6	7	26.1%	\$350,220	65
Whittington (by Tale of the Cat)					
17	5	5	29.4%	\$214,975	39
Sidestep (by Exceed and Excel)					
16	4 (1)	7 (2)	25%	\$2,477,420	40
Brazen Beau (by I Am Invincible)					
26	4 (1)	5 (1)	15.4%	\$1,288,630	56
Time for War (by Snitzel)					
11	3 (1)	6 (1)	27.3%	\$516,030	28
Toronado (by High Chaparral)					
15	3	5	20%	\$791,400	58

Toronado is the only imported horse on the list with Better Than Ready and Whittington standing in Queensland when this crop of foals was born. Brazen Beau and Toronado stood in Victoria with the remaining standing in NSW. I'm pleased to see a spread of the sires across the three states rather than the NSW Studs dominating which has often been the case in recent years.

It will be very interesting to see what transpires over the next 8 weeks with just the one Group 1 race remaining for the 2yo. It is also important to look closely where the wins came from. Wins at Flemington or Randwick for example are much more highly regarded than provincial or country wins. Also wins in restricted races tend to distort the figures. It makes interesting reading and gives good food for thought. I purchased one yearling by Deep Field, Rubick, Shooting to Win and Wandjina last year. 39 sires are represented on this list.

I like when the progeny of new sires continues to improve into the season. This is a good sign. The first season sires listed above with runners still in the Group 1 JJ Atkins to be run on 8 June at Eagle Farm are Brazen Beau, Shooting to Win, and Wandjina. Twenty-three 2yos and still in the race.

I will look at the Second Season Sires next week. This will also make for very interesting reading.

I hope you have a great week and good luck if you have a runner.