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All Too Hard defeats Pierro in the Caulfield Guineas

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President's Report

Just a week before Christmas the NSW and Australian thoroughbred industry gratefully received news that the Federal Court had dismissed the legal challenge brought by Mr. Bruce McHugh to allow the use of artificial insemination.

The verdict was a long time coming and seemed comprehensive in stating it was lawful to prohibit the entry to the Australian Stud Book of any horse conceived by AI and not permit such horses to be registered for racing.

In making the challenge Mr. McHugh cited Section 45 of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 relating to substantially lessening competition, the common law doctrine of restraint of trade and the anti-competitive stance of both the Australian Stud Book and the Australian Racing Board.

The case ran for six weeks in the Federal Court and heard evidence from some 30 witnesses from around the world with final submissions made in December, 2011.

Justice Alan Robertson then took 12 months to deliver his 375 page judgement but in the end the challenge was dismissed on all counts.

The case was a very costly one for both Mr. Mc Hugh and the six respondents, some of whom are to receive costs.

Judge Robertson pointed out that resolution of the case did not involve the Court deciding whether or not artificial insemination should be available or its merits or otherwise.

He was clearly mindful of the need for Australia to comply with international Stud Book rules in order to preserve our export markets and allow Australian thoroughbreds to race throughout the world.

Those rules define a thoroughbred as a horse conceived by natural covering.

Justice Robertson concluded that the applicant, Mr. Mc Hugh, had not established evidence "that a corporation has given effect to a provision of a contract, arrangement or understanding where that provision has the effect or is likely to have the effect of substantially lessening competition."

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In a summary of his judgement Justice Robertson stated that another reason to reject Mr. McHugh's attack on the Australian Stud Book's provisions was his acceptance of the proposition that he did not need the approval of the ASB's proprietors to independently establish a separate register for AI-bred horses.

The judge also stated that the restraint of trade action failed because the law requires an applicant to establish that the restraint was unreasonable at the time it was imposed and the applicant in this case was not able to do so, given his acceptance of the reasonableness of the alleged restraints when they were imposed many decades ago to prevent the attribution of incorrect paternity to a thoroughbred horse.

Preservation of the status quo in the thoroughbred industry is most important for the economic stability of the industry, confidence and certainty.

The battle over AI may not be entirely won as Mr. McHugh may still appeal the Federal Court decision and we understand he has until late January to decide on this.

CLASSIC CATCH UP FUNCTION

With the support of William Inglis we are again holding a function at Newmarket on January 18 to bring together Classic Yearling Sale vendors, agents and prospective buyers in a convivial atmosphere before the start of the sale with around 150 people likely to attend.

SPONSORS' RACEDAY, ROSEHILL GARDENS

Our sponsors' raceday, now held annually on a high profile Saturday in Sydney, was again a great showcase for our corporate sponsors when held at Rosehill Gardens on November 24.

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Our valued sponsors were able to entertain guests for lunch a month before Christmas and a pleasing feature of the afternoon was the success enjoyed by several of our members.

Darley horses had two wins and other winners were owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smyth-Kirk (with unbeaten filly Golden Sunshine) and Mr. Grant Briscoe with homebred mare Pentasia.

Mr. Briscoe is also the breeder of Golden Sunshine.

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Timeform review of 2012 Melbourne Spring Carnival

By Gary Crispe and Alex Steedman

With a host of Australia's leading gallopers to emerge from their Summer spells over the coming weeks, recapping their feats during the 2012 Melbourne Spring Carnival only seems fitting.



Green Moon (B.Prebble) strides clear to win the Emirates Melbourne Cup.

Some 18 Group 1 races were conducted throughout the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival headlined obviously by the running of the 2012 Melbourne Cup.

Pre race the 2012 Melbourne Cup renewal profiled as one of the strongest in the last 25 years.

Again the Cup had a significant international participation with eight of the 24 runner field prepared by overseas stables, 18 of the 24 bred in the northern hemisphere. The field for the 2011 renewal contained 11 overseas-trained runners and 16 northern hemisphere bred runners.

The strength of the 2012 renewal is best gauged as follows: the race contained 13 runners Timeform rated 120 and above while the 2011 renewal contained six runners; 2010 had 14, 2009 (6), 2008 (8), 2007 (3), 2006 (5), 2005 (4), 2004 (8), 2003 (1), 2002 (5), 2001 (6) and 2000 (6).

The 2012 renewal was the first time since 1995 the Cup field contained the previous two renewal winners, that year Vintage Crop (1993) and Jeune (1994) engaged. Both carried 59kgs and finished third and 15th respectively.

While in another piece of history for the 2012 renewal, it is probably the first time ever that

the last two Cup renewal quinella pairs (Dunaden/Red Cadeaux, 2011) and (Americain/Maluckyday, 2010) have contested the race.

Like the 1995 renewal, Dunaden (59kgs) and Americain (58kgs) were both beaten, finishing 14th and 11th respectively, thereby ending the French domination of the Cup, for the time being at least.

The first seven runners across the line were Irish bred stayers of course led in by the Lloyd Williams-owned Green Moon.

Under the guidance of Hong Kong-based jockey Brett Prebble, Green Moon was able to settle seventh in the run on the fence.

Prebble elected to keep Green Moon near the rail around the home turn with the son of Montjeu full of running as the field straightened.

The pair struck the front with around 250m remaining and held off a strong finishing Fiorente to claim the 152nd renewal of the 'Race that stops a nation'.

Green Moon's Melbourne Cup victory yielded the import a new peak Timeform figure of 124, two pounds superior to his prior master figure achieved when claiming the Group 1 Turnbull Stakes (2000m).

The ratings profiles of the runners going into the race under pinned a 124 value as did the historical race analysis that suggested exactly a 124 Timeform rating for the Cup, as did the five year average winning Timeform rating.

At that level, Green Moon is one of the highest Timeform rated Cup winners in the last 25 years, 2005 winner Makybe Diva still sitting atop all winners in the same period with a Timeform rating of 129.

Another interesting fact about the Cup is the race and sectional time. While the overall race time of 3.20:45 was not fast, the last 600m of 34.07 seconds was astonishing – the quickest for the Cup since sectional times were introduced in 1997.

That part of the race not only clearly illustrates Green Moon's superior turn of foot but also says much about some of the beaten runners, in the main the overseas challengers who could not cope with that speed after a very slow early tempo.

Under a cloud all week for a possible Cup start following his unplaced run as favourite in the Cox Plate ten days prior, Green Moon was much better suited under Cup handicap conditions.

Only lightly raced, Green Moon has now won four races from 12 Australian starts but has continued to thrive down under as his ratings profile shows.

Coming on top of some useful form in the UK that has since been franked, for example the defeat of 2012 World Cup winner Monterosso in a Newbury Handicap in 2010; last season Green Moon won the Group 3 Newcastle Gold Cup (2300m) in a tough front running performance then followed that up with an equally impressive second in the Group 1 Caulfield Cup (2400m) behind Southern Speed.

One run in the Autumn yielded a devastating fresh up victory in the Group 2 Blamey Stakes over 1600m at Flemington before being spelled for a Spring campaign focussing on the Cox Plate – Melbourne Cup double.



Ocean Park (G.Boss) was one of the stars of the 2012 Melbourne Spring Carnival.

Runner up Fiorente, a “parachute” horse for the Gai Waterhouse stable after a last minute purchase by stable clients to secure a Cup berth, was sensational.

Formerly trained by Sir Michael Stoute, Fiorente was purchased after his last appearance when fresh up in the Prix Foy (2400m) at Longchamp where he finished a distant fourth to classy Japanese galloper Orfevre, Meandre and Joshua Tree.

That is good raw form in itself but significantly this fellow normally takes the first start in each preparation before he reaches something like his best form. In his only two previous campaigns to date, his second up runs have yielded a win and a second placing but now we can add a second in the Melbourne Cup.

Two starts back, Fiorente scored an impressive win in the Group 2 Princess Of Wales’ Stakes (2414m) on slow ground at Newmarket defeating a strong field including Joshua Tree and last year’s Cup runner up Red Cadeaux, beaten almost five lengths at level weights.

Fiorente came to Australia with a Timeform rating of 123, but significantly he improved on that by a pound in the Cup, a clear sign this fellow can measure up to the best class over ground in Australia.

The Monsun entire carried blinkers for the first time in the Cup and also suffered interference during the race adding further merit to the effort.

Third placed Jakkalberry was strong at the end confirming the World Cup form line where he finished third to Monterosso.

Lexus Handicap winner Kelinni was again sound running to that form while the biggest “hard luck” story came from Mount Athos.

Trained by Luca Cumani who has come close to winning the Cup twice previously with narrow seconds (Purple Moon 2007 and Bauer 2008), Mount Athos possessing a master Timeform figure of 123+ was the highest rated runner Cumani had brought to Australia.

Prior to the 700m mark, Cumani must have been on good terms with himself. Champion UK rider Ryan Moore had avoided trouble on Mount Athos and given him a perfect run to that point.

However just then a shift came from the inside which caused Mount Athos to check and lose balance. Then no sooner had he recovered from that he was severely checked just on the point of the home turn and taken wide.

It may have been a different story for Team Cumani had Mount Athos avoided both incidents with their being a lot to suggest he would have come close to winning. As it was the Montjeu stallion ran to a Timeform rating of 120, just three pounds under his current master figure.

Previous Melbourne Cup winners Americain and Dunaden finished well back.

Americain was not the same horse that contested the Caulfield Cup with glue on shoes being a clear sign pre race that all was not well with the 2010 Cup victor.

Outstanding Caulfield Cup winner Dunaden was not able to get into the race with 59kgs the way it was run.

The task that confronted him in the final 800m was just too great plus history was proven correct again regarding horses who must carry 58kgs or more in the Cup.

Like Green Moon, another who showed promise during the 2011/12 season before breaking out last spring was the Gary Hennessy-trained Ocean Park.

The kiwi raider arrived in Australia after showing an exciting turn of foot first up in the Group 1 Makfi Challenge Stakes (1400m) at Hastings.

Group 1 accolades continued rolling in for the son of the late Thorn Park, bolstering his record at the highest level by claiming the Underwood Stakes (1800m) and also the Caulfield Stakes (2000m).

Ocean Park’s best was yet to come, showcasing his class when contesting the Group 1 Cox Plate (2040m) at Moonee Valley on October 27.

Regarded as the weight-for-age championship of Australasia, the reputation remained safely in tact after Ocean Park’s impressive victory.

Winning rider Glen Boss gave Ocean Park a peach of a ride, snagging the four-year-old over behind the field early and then producing him at the 800m, making a long, searching run around the field before tackling boom colt All Too Hard at the top of the straight.

Fast earning a reputation as a “chaser” with great acceleration, once Ocean Park caught sight of All Too Hard in the lead, he knuckled down to gather in his three-year-old rival winning by a neck.

Ocean Park also pulled a shoe during the race and was found to be slightly tender afterwards adding further merit to the performance.

Gary Hennessy’s stable star ran to a new peak figure of 128 during his career best victory which from a historical perspective rates as one of the stronger Cox Plates conducted over the past 25 years.

His winning performance sits only below the Cox Plate renewals claimed by champions such as So You Think (2010) Timeform rated 132, Might And Power [1998, 130], Northerly [2002, 129], Better Loosen Up [1990, 131] and Sunline [2000, 129].

A final rating of 128 matched exactly with the five year winning average for the race and fitted around the median of the possible values suggested by historical race analysis that ranged from 126 to 134.

While unable to defend his Melbourne Cup, Dunaden’s second trip to Australia will be remembered for his breathtaking victory in the Caulfield Cup (2400m).

Jumping from the extreme outside barrier 18, Dunaden gave the field a big start mid race but easily collared the leaders at the end after making a long searching run around the entire field approaching the turn and into the home straight.

Coming off what looked to be disappointing form in the UK and France since winning the 2011 Melbourne Cup and Hong Kong Vase, Dunaden showed yet again how superior European stayers are to the locals.

Considered as facing a sizeable winning task in the Caulfield Cup with 58kgs, Dunaden and to a lesser extent Americain were not amongst the more fancied runners.

After all since 1950 just five horses have carried 58kgs or more to victory, the last Northerly (58kg) in 2002.

Others include Gay Icarus (58kgs, 1971), Tobin Bronze (61.5kgs, 1967), Redcraze (63kgs, 1956) and Rising Fast (61.5kgs, 1955).

Just five horses in the last 20 years have been asked to carry 58kgs, Sydeston (11th - 1991), Subzero (12th - 1993), Doreimus (4th - 1996), Faithful Son (4th - 1998) and Northerly (Won - 2002).

In assessing the merit of Dunaden's winning performance, it is clear the effort warranted a new master figure.

Based on the pre race Timeform rating profiles of the Cup runners, Dunaden was found to have run to 130, making him the highest rated winner of the Caulfield Cup since the great Tobin Bronze who carried 61.5kgs to a narrow victory in 1967.

Dunaden's latest peak Timeform figure is six pounds up on his previous best yielded when winning the 2011 Group 1 Hong Kong International Vase (2400m) at Sha Tin.



Fiveandahalfstar (D.Oliver) scores a strong win in the AAMI Victoria Derby.

Other feature staying events during the 2012 Spring indicate European domination of the 2013 Cups is on the cards once again.

Australian bred gallopers Fiveandahalfstar and Dear Demi claimed the AAMI Victoria Derby and VRC Crown Oaks respectively.

Early indications suggest these Group 1 three-year-old staying features rated below the previous five year winning averages of the event.

Unless the Sydney autumn carnival produces a high rating Derby or Oaks winner, the talent pool of stayers in Australia does not appear up to defending a European invasion next season.

Whilst disappointing and unlucky in the Derby, It's A Dundee probably looks the best credentialed three-year-old stayer heading into next season at present.

Other locally bred stayers not seen in the Group 1 staying features last spring worth keeping an eye on could be the Peter Moody duo of Vatuvei and Brambles.

With the benefit of race experience, the lightly-raced Ethiopia may also be capable of throwing down the gauntlet in 2013 following his 2012 Cup tilt where the four-year-old ran a distant last and was found to be lame.

Imported stayer Puissance De Lune burst into 2013 Cup calculations with dominant wins in the Bendigo Cup (2400m) and Group 3 Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2600m).

An early market favourite for the 2013 Melbourne Cup, the Darren Weir-trained stayer spearheads a large contingent of imports now trained in Australia.

Fiorente, Brigantin, Gatewood, Prairie Star, Ibicenco, Voila Ici and My Quest For Peace will all remain in Australia for 2013

Cup assaults after their first preparations down under.

Exciting northern hemisphere three-year-old stayers Michelangelo, Hartani and Massiyn will make their Australian debuts during 2013 for Gai Waterhouse and prominent owner Lloyd Williams respectively.

Add Hartani and Massiyn to Williams' long list of imports aimed at the 2013 Cup arguably headlined by Seville, Team Williams appear a great chance of recording back to back Melbourne Cup successes.

Looking at the above mentioned imports, plus the large contingent who will venture over with European stables during spring 2013, one struggles to see how an Australian/New Zealand bred stayer will get a look in during next years 'Race that stops a nation'.



Dear Demi (J.Cassidy) gets her just reward in winning the VRC Crown Oaks.



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ROTATION OF WORMERS

Because horse worms have the ability to become resistant, horse owners are advised not to rely on any one class of wormer. That means to prolong their life you should rotate wormers. Here is an explanation:

CLASSES OF HORSE WORMERS

There are 6 classes of compounds:

Class	Activity
Macrocyclic Lactones (mectins): such as ivermectin, moxidectin & moxidectin	Broad spectrum of activity including the control of bots
Benzimidazoles (BZ's): including thiabendazole, oxfendazole, febendazole, mebendazole & fenbendazole	Broad spectrum wormer.
Tetrahydropyrimidines: include pyrantel & morantel	Broad spectrum wormer plus one species of tapeworm
Isouquinolones: praziquantel	Effective against the three tapeworm species.
Heterocyclic: piperazone	Strongyles and especially roundworms
Organophosphates: dichlorvos & trichlorfon	Bots and some worms

THE BIG ISSUES ARE

- The most important parasites are the small strongyles which are controlled by broad spectrum wormers.
- No one class of compounds is effective against all worms and that is the reason why wormers often contain more than one active e.g. mectin & praziquantel.
- Resistance to wormers is a fact of life. When a single class of compound is overused it loses its effectiveness. There is resistance to the BZ's and emerging resistance to "mectins" most particularly roundworms & pinworms. Mectin resistance to roundworms is proven overseas and cases have been found in Australia. Further there is evidence of ivermectin resistance to small strongyles developing overseas. There is reported resistance to pyrantel in the USA but no evidence in Australia, as yet.
- We should protect the "mectins", tetrahydropyrimidines and isouquinolones from overuse.
- Many horse owners continue to use the same wormers OR change their wormers by brand name, not actives.
- Some worm types are seasonal:
 - Tapeworms occur in spring and possibly autumn.
 - Bots occur in late summer and autumn
- Annual chemical rotation (using one class for a year then switching to another) has been advocated for years, but is not commonly adopted because annual rotation is at odds with seasonal worm activity. Further, there is new evidence indicating that this practice is assisting in the development of resistance.
- There is little likelihood of any new classes of wormers becoming available in the foreseeable future.
- Many horse owners "guess" the weight of their horses, leading to under dosing or over dosing.

A STRATEGY FOR WORM CONTROL

Weighing Horses:

- Scales are always the best option.
- It is easy to estimate the weight of any horse or pony by using a piece of string (baling twine etc), a tape measure and a calculator. First, using the string, measure around the girth and record the measurement then measure the body length from the front of the chest to the base of the tail. When you have both measurements, use the equation below to calculate the weight. Note: Remember girth squared.

EQUATION

$$\text{Bodyweight(kg)} = \frac{\text{Girth}^2(\text{cm}) \times \text{Body length(cm)}}{\text{Divided by 11,877}}$$

Source: Cornell & Huntington 1988

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

This is an EXAMPLE ONLY and depends on stocking rates, grazing pressure, location etc (also see Other Strategies). It gives two suggested worming programs, assuming 2 x wormings per season:
 + Tapeworms occur in Spring and possibly Autumn
 * Bots become active late summer & autumn depending on the season and your location.

Season	Target parasites	Option 1	Option 2
Spring	Strongyles and Tapes*	Mectin/Morantel	MecWorm & Tape
		Mectin	MecWorm & Bot
Summer	Strongyles & Bots*	BZ	Worms Drench
		Mectin	MecWorm & Bot
Autumn	Strongyles, Bots* and possibly Tapes*	Mectin/Praziquantel	Mectin/Praziquantel
		Mectin	MecWorm & Bot
Winter	Strongyles	BZ/Piperazine	Worms paste
		Mectin	MecWorm & Bot

OTHER STRATEGIES

- Remove manure from stables, yards or paddocks weekly.
- Spell paddocks especially in summer.
- Cross graze using e.g. cattle/sheep for 6 month periods.
- Dose and contain animals for 48 hours prior to introduction to the herd.
- Do not rely exclusively on any one class of compounds.

WORM TESTS

- Faecal egg counts (FECs) can be performed in the laboratory.
- Treat only when levels are high enough:
 FOR INDIVIDUALS → 400epg (eggs per gram) HERD (min,10) → 200epg
- Check for anthelmintic resistance - Ensure the treatments you use are effective (consult your veterinarian).
- Identify & selectively treat "wormy" horses. These horses tend to be "carrier animals" and routinely may have high FECs that contaminate your paddocks and so infect other horses.

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Darley's Mental (K.McEvoy) lands a Group 1 before venturing overseas.

Fortunately our sprinters continue to do us proud and Mental will now showcase his talents on the world stage after an impressive win in the Group 1 Patinack Farm Classic (1200m).

Racegoers were witness to an eye catching display from the lightly raced four-year-old however the win was made bittersweet by the fact he will not race on Australian shores again.

Mental has since been removed from the care of Peter Snowden and will now ply his trade for Godolphin in both Dubai and the UK.

Snowden believes Mental is the best horse he has sent to Sheikh Mohammed's Dubai base which in the last 12 months has seen the addition of Sepoy and Helmet among others.

While that pair did not recapture their best Australian form overseas, hopes are high for Mental.

With a Patinack Farm Classic win assessed at 127, Mental should be a force to be reckoned with against the weaker sprinting ranks on offer in Europe.

Runner up on that occasion was the John O'Shea-trained Sea Siren who enjoyed her moment in the sun when claiming the Manikato Stakes at Moonee Valley the run prior.

First up since a successful raid of Queensland Winter Carnival riches, Sea Siren sat behind Buffering who was hassled for the lead early by Satin Shoes.

Peeling out from behind them rounding the

home turn, Sea Siren held off a fast finishing Mental to claim the Group 1 Manikato Stakes (1200m).

Her Manikato Stakes winning figure of 120 was below the five year winning average of the event which during that time has been claimed by Sepoy [2011, 128] and Hay List [2010, 126].

The Fastnet Rock mare is the seventh member of the fairer sex to salute in the Manikato Stakes since 2000. Champion mare Sunline won it on that occasion with a performance assessed at 123.

Aside from Sunline, Sea Siren possesses the highest winning figure a mare has recorded in the Manikato during the past two decades.

Another notable Group 1 sprint performance was that of Nechita when taking out the Coolmore Stud Stakes (1200m).

The win also provided in form jockey Christian Reith with his first Group 1 success.

Nechita has now won three of her four career starts with the latest a return to form for the Fastnet Rock filly who the run prior disappointed in the Golden Rose (1400m) behind Epaulette.

Freshened following the outing, Nechita was too classy in the Coolmore Stud Stakes where she recorded a new master figure of 116, three pounds superior to her previous best posted when claiming the Silver Shadow Stakes (1200m) back in August.

The John Thompson-trained filly had a bone chip removed from her knee following the Coolmore Stud Stakes meaning the earliest she

will return to racing is late in the Sydney autumn carnival.

There is every possibility Nechita will embark on a similar autumn/winter campaign to Melito during 2010. She won the TJ Smith Stakes (1200m) before stringing together four Group 1 placings prior to claiming the Winter Stakes (1400m) at Eagle Farm.

Patinack Farm following the spring could arguably lay claim to possessing the best three-year-old colt and filly in the country after the feats of All Too Hard.

Black Caviar's half - brother following a slow start to his spring preparation, sprouted wings upon his arrival to Melbourne, upstaging clear short priced favourite Pierro in the Group 1 Caulfield Guineas.

An analysis of how the race was run shows a faster than optimum early speed that clearly put some runners under pressure and out of their comfort zone, about three lengths faster than optimum or around 0.1m/s faster.

That may not sound much but it was sufficient to change the dynamics of the race and in particular the previous relative racing patterns of Pierro and All Too Hard compared to the last times they met.

While Pierro did travel sweetly he was on a hot pace using vital energy reserves as main rivals All Too Hard and Epaulette were biding their time.

For a stride or two when Pierro surged clear turning for home it looked as if his unbeaten record would be maintained, however the early effort told leaving him no answer for All Too Hard's strong late finish.

The final sectional (36.44 seconds) for the race was the second slowest for the day, only French stayer Shahwardi running slower in the Group 2 Herbert Power (2400m).

In assessing the merit of the Caulfield Guineas, a Timeform rating of 125 was easily justified for All Too Hard making the race right on the five year winning average.

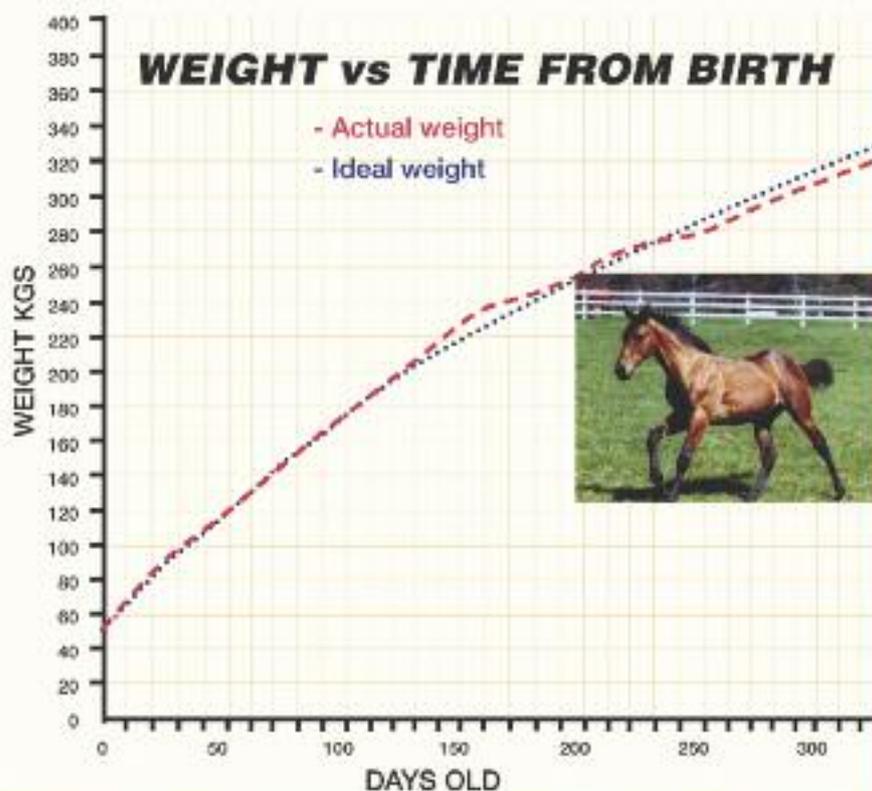
Historical analysis suggested a range of values between 124 and 130 with 125 being the mid-point of possible values.

At that level, the 2012 renewal rates slightly below some of the better past winners of the Guineas such as Weekend Hussler (126), Redoute's Choice (126) and Whobegotyou (126).

The Cox Plate then followed for the colt where his effort in the feature event was enormous.

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older horses, All Too Hard swept aside those concerns reaching a new career master rating of 127, making him the highest rated three-year-old performer in a Cox Plate since Red Anchor who won the race in 1984 also running to 127.

As is quite often the case, the tempo of the Cox Plate was solid from the start, All Too Hard initially settling just off the pace until the 1600m where he began to make headway reeling off best sectionals from that point to the 600m.

For him to then take the lead just after turning for home and then tough it out with the more seasoned, older Ocean Park was a most commendable effort indeed.

Coming on the back of a Caulfield Guineas win it was confirmation All Too Hard has now started to realise the potential he displayed as a raw juvenile.

The successes of Nechita and All Too Hard came as a timely distraction for the problems arising throughout mining magnate Nathan Tinkler's Patinack Farm operation.

It was a short lived distraction, though, as Nechita succumbed to bone chips and All Too Hard was sold.

A Group 1 winning half brother to champion sprinter Black Caviar and by Patinack Farm foundation sire Casino Prince, All Too Hard looked destined to become a flagship horse for the emerging breeding operation.

Tinkler's continued cash flow issues resulted in the exciting stallion prospect being purchased by Vinery Stud in a deal worth approximately \$30 million.

Patinack Farm's story during the past few months typifies the potential peaks and pitfalls of the racing industry.

The 2012 spring also illustrated how dreams can be made when looking at the spring preparations of popular gallopers Happy Trails and Alcopop.

Happy Trails provided connections with the ride of their lives as the Paul Beshara-trained five-year-old delivered a breakout spring campaign.

After wins in Morphetville's Group 3 Spring Stakes (1200m) and the Group 2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes (1600m), the Group 1 Emirates Stakes (1600m) at Flemington became the new jewel in Happy Trails' crown who eclipsed his previous master Timeform rating by one pound.

Settling worse than midfield behind a solid tempo, the race was run to suit Happy Trails

who chased hard and struck the front over the concluding stages.

A narrow top level victory ensued for Happy Trails with Fawknor second and perennial Group 1 placegetter Secret Admirer third.

Happy Trails now possesses a peak figure of 122 which sits marginally above the previous five-year-winning average for the Emirates Stakes.

The Good Journey five-year-old this upcoming preparation will be aimed at April's Group 1 Doncaster Mile at Randwick.

An Emirates Stakes/Doncaster Mile double is a rare one with the last horse to achieve the feat being Catalan Opening during the 1997/98 season.

Costing just \$11,000 as a yearling, Happy Trails is a model example of how diamonds in the rough do exist at the lower end of the price scale with the honest galloper having amassed prizemoney earnings now nearing \$1.2million.

Alcopop returned to racing this spring 10 months after suffering a slab fracture to his knee and also succumbing to a lung infection.

The eight-year-old son of Jeune took time in coming to hand, however, was well and truly warmed up as he posted gallant seconds behind both Ocean Park and Dunaden when contesting the Caulfield Stakes (2000m) and Caulfield Cup (2400m) respectively.

Dropping back in trip, Alcopop looked poised to claim another Group 1 placing as he took on Ocean Park once again in the Mackinnon Stakes (2000m). With Craig Williams on board for the first time, Alcopop settled back and was kept close to the fence throughout.

While all eyes were no doubt watching odds on favourite Ocean Park seven days after his Cox Plate victory, Alcopop quietly worked himself into calculations just outside the 200m before grabbing early leader Glass Harmonium late for a deserved maiden Group 1 victory.

The South Australian-based galloper ran to 121 during his Mackinnon Stakes success, four pounds shy of a master rating achieved when chasing So You Think home in vain during the 2010 Caulfield Stakes (2000m).

A short priced favourite in the Mackinnon Stakes, Ocean Park raced like a flat horse on the quick back up from his Cox Plate win.

Although he did disappoint as favourite, Ocean Park lost no admirers still sticking to his task well enough for third.



Nechita

The Alcopop fairytale continued for trainer Jake Stephens and fellow connections next month as the lightly raced eight-year-old claimed third late in the lucrative HK\$22 million Hong Kong International Cup (2000m) at Sha Tin on December 9.

One to watch during the upcoming Sydney autumn carnival is promising filly Commanding Jewel.

A five start maiden career yielded three wins and two minor placings.

Following two stakes placings in the Group 3 Thousand Guineas Prelude (1400m) and the Group 2 Edward Manifold Stakes (1610m), the three-quarter sister to the unbeaten Atlantic Jewel wrapped up her preparation with a Group 1 Thousand Guineas victory.

Although nowhere near the lofty Timeform heights scaled by the likes of Ocean Park, Dunaden, All Too Hard and Mental amongst others this spring, honourable mentions must go to the likes of Moment Of Change, Solzhenitsyn and Appearance who each opened their Group 1 accounts with Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes (1400m), Toorak Handicap (1600m) and Myer Classic (1600m) wins respectively.

After 18 Group 1 races last Spring, top level racing in Melbourne is only weeks away from a return as is our unbeaten champion mare Black Caviar.

We can't wait.



Australian Timeform ratings 2012/13 season as at January 8, 2013

Timeform Ratings – 2 year old

Rank	Horse	PR	TFE
1	Clovedude	2G Bel Esprit (AUS)-Jezeera (AUS) [Jettball (AUS)] RICK HORELACY	\$57,000 109+
	Safeguard	2C Exceed And Excel (AUS)-Presence (AUS) [Danny Lad (AUS)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$48,000 109+
	Vila Verde	2F Not A Single Doubt (AUS)-Young And Free (AUS) [Konnors (FR)] SHAUN DwyER	\$144,500 109p
4	Bounding	2F Lanbro (AUS)-Believe/Insuccess (AUS) [Exceed And Excel (AUS)] KEN & BEV KELSO	\$36,900 108
	Brilliant Bisc	2F Rivroom (AUS)-Bella Colette (AUS) [Centaine (AUS)] PETER MOODY	\$60,000 108
	Kuroshio	2C Exceed And Excel (AUS)-Arctic Drift (USA) [Gene West (USA)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$63,800 108
	Ruud Awakening	2F Bernardini (USA)-Dawn Almighty (AUS) [Daneshill (USA)] STEPHEN MARSH	\$34,500 108
8	Assal	2F Charge Forward (AUS)-Steady (AUS) [Redoubt's Choice (AUS)] CLARRY CONNERS	\$170,700 107p
	Rockford	2C Flying Spur (AUS)-Ready Magic (AUS) [More Than Ready (USA)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$23,700 107
10	Montsegur	2F New Approach (IRE)-Chalyant (AUS) [Flying Spur (AUS)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$48,000 106
11	Bububu	2F Shamandal (USA)-Teameer (NZ) [General Noddy (AUS)] DAVID RAYNE	\$72,000 105
	Crack A Roadie	2C Charge Forward (AUS)-Road To Damascus (AUS) [Flying Spur (AUS)] STEPHEN THODORRE	\$177,000 105
	Direct Charge	2C Charge Forward (AUS)-Lady Of Choice (AUS) [Redoubt's Choice (AUS)] ROBBIE LANE	\$105,500 105
	Miracles Of Life	2F Not A Single Doubt (AUS)-Dazzling Gazelle (AUS) [More Than Ready (USA)] DANIEL CLARKEN	\$42,800 105
	Sir Luminar	2C Chelini (AUS)-Luminar (AUS) [Last Tycoon (IRE)] MICHAEL NOLAN	\$64,000 105
16	Charlie Boy	2C Myobacharie (IRE)-Maritime (AUS) [Falcon (AUS)] GERALD RYAN	\$48,700 104
	Excitable Boy	2C More Than Ready (USA)-Sequential (AUS) [Jon Hunter (AUS)] DANNY O'BRIEN	\$10,800 104
	Missy Longstoking	2F Sequoia (AUS)-Loyant (AUS) [Thunder Gulch (USA)] L W BIRCHLEY	\$198,500 104
	Whittington	2C Tale Of The Cat (USA)-Maha Chakra (AUS) [Beautiful Crown (USA)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$60,000 104
20	Gaulph	2F Exceed And Excel (AUS)-Comella (AUS) [Buave Quality (USA)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$20,000 103
	Regimental Pride	2C More Than Ready (USA)-Regimental Gal (AUS) [General Noddy (AUS)] DAVID RAYNE	\$69,500 103
	Trent's Quest	2C Snippon (AUS)-Sally Dawn (AUS) [Denise (USA)] GARY FORTELLI	\$20,700 103
	Whiskey Around	2G All Bar One (AUS)-Admiral's Affair (AUS) [Admiral] (USA) TONY O'LLYAN	\$112,000 103

Timeform Ratings – 3 year old

Rank	Horse	PR	TFE
1	All Too Hard	3C Casino Prince (AUS)-Helanga (AUS) [Desert Sun (GB)] MICHAEL & WAYNE & JOHN HAWES	\$1,080,500 127
2	Piero	3C Lanbro (AUS)-Miss Right Note (IRE) [Daylam (IRE)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$608,800 123
3	It's A Dandoo	3C High Chaparral (IRE)-Barcel (NZ) [Zabeel (NZ)] M BAKER	\$475,100 122
4	Epoufette	3C Commands (AUS)-Accessories (GB) [Sagapit (IRE)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$628,600 121
	Proisir	3C Chorus (AUS)-Prophet Jewel (AUS) [Encosta De Lago (AUS)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$389,800 121
6	Albrecht	3C Redoubt's Choice (AUS)-Opisella (AUS) [Obogona (NZ)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$334,100 120p
7	Commanding Jewel	3F Commands (AUS)-Regard (AUS) [Zabeel (NZ)] LEON CORSTENS	\$403,800 118p
	Dear Demi	3F Dohere (USA)-Shirley (AUS) [Zabeel (NZ)] CLARRY CONNERS	\$871,400 118
	Nechita	3F Fastnet Rock (AUS)-Artistic (AUS) [Pietro Celeste (USA)] JOHN P THOMPSON	\$385,800 118+
10	Norrita	3F Thom Park (AUS)-Mucos (AUS) [Quest For Fame (GB)] BART CUMMINGS	\$293,700 117
	Switzerland	3F Sirebi (AUS)-Morris Ross (AUS) [Fleur (USA)] GERALD RYAN	\$483,300 117p
	Super Cool	3G Fastnet Rock (AUS)-Queen Mother (USA) [Kagambro (USA)] MARK KWANACH	\$447,300 117
13	Kabayari	3G Hordatan (AUS)-Terapagos (NZ) [Don Standa (NZ)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$202,400 116
	Shamal Wind	3F Dubai (IRE)-Reneale (USA) [Masthead (USA)] ROBERT SWERDON	\$100,500 116p
	Shameexpress	3C Chelvi (NZ)-Volvoke (NZ) [Volkanad (GB)] DANNY O'BRIEN	\$62,800 116?
	Zydeco	3F Zabeel (NZ)-All Time High (AUS) [Flying Spur (AUS)] ANTHONY FREEMAN	\$421,300 116p
17	Fiveandahalfstar	3G Hord Grand (AUS)-Cryptic Miss (AUS) [Snippets (AUS)] ANTHONY CUMMINGS	\$675,000 115
	Knight Exemplar	3C Exceed And Excel (AUS)-Charmview (AUS) [Royal Academy (USA)] JOHN O'SHEA	\$64,400 115?
	Lucky Double Eight	3C Strike (AUS)-Duchess Caro (AUS) [Quest For Fame (GB)] MARK RILEY	\$39,600 115?
20	Honorius	3C Holy Roman Emperor (IRE)-Zarina (IRE) [Tribute (USA)] DAVID RAYNE	\$147,000 114p
	Hwasalan	3C Fastnet Rock (AUS)-Snow Hero (AUS) [True Hero (USA)] PETER OGDONIS	\$244,900 114
	Lunar Rise	3G Starcraft (NZ)-Spiked Dancer (AUS) [Soder's Walls (USA)] BART CUMMINGS	\$277,900 114
	Proverb	3G Commands (AUS)-More Male (AUS) [Brief Truce (USA)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$151,500 114
	Tatro	3C Huzarri (USA)-Sioukka (USA) [Daneg (USA)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$327,500 114

Timeform Ratings – 4 year old

Rank	Horse	PR	TFE
1	Ocean Park	4H Thom Park (AUS)-Sayida (NZ) [Zabeel (NZ)] G HENNESSY	\$2,518,600 128
2	Mental	4G Lanbro (AUS)-Inbiquas (AUS) [High Shot (USA)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$735,000 127+
3	Florens	4H Maresca (GER)-Dovec Boom (IRE) [Riudak (IRE)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$911,900 124
4	Puissance De Lune	4H Shamandal (USA)-Priciosa Serena (USA) [Unbridled's Song (USA)] DARREN WER	\$335,000 123+
5	Ambidexter	4H Commands (AUS)-Dorhou (AUS) [Quest For Fame (GB)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$247,200 121
	Fat Al	4G A Misher (AUS)-Falcon (AUS) [Shades (USA)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$362,500 121
7	Sea Siren	4M Fastnet Rock (AUS)-Express A Smile (AUS) [Success Express (USA)] JOHN O'SHEA	\$645,000 120
8	Ethiopia	4G Helena (AUS)-Shana (AUS) [Spookum (IRE)] P G CAREY	\$146,000 119
	Glencadam Gold	4G Refuse To Bend (IRE)-Sandella (IRE) [Darnhaan (GB)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$675,500 119
	Hot Snitzel	4G Sirebi (AUS)-Flames Of Paris (USA) [Blushing Green (FR)] GERALD RYAN	\$28,300 119
	Moment Of Change	4G Rarely A Moment (AUS)-European (AUS) [Metal Storm (FR)] PETER MOODY	\$312,500 119
12	Pampelonne	4G Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)-Jestajewel (AUS) [Rory's Jester (AUS)] T R MARTIN	\$131,600 118p
	Unpretentious	4G Sirebi (AUS)-Alsa Free (AUS) [Favorite Trick (USA)] MS N M BURKE	\$118,800 118
14	Howmuchdoyouloveme	4C Written Tycoon (AUS)-Bokla Bolla (AUS) [Celtic Being (GB)] CON KARAKATZAKIS	\$164,000 117
	My Quest For Peace	4H Galileo (IRE)-Ray Miley Far Me (IRE) [Daneshill Dancer (IRE)] LUCA CUMANI	\$303,500 117
	Prinke Star	4H Pietro Celeste (USA)-Prairie Runner (IRE) [Acol (USA)] DANNY O'BRIEN	\$51,700 117
	Zabeelkensire	4H Zabeel (NZ)-Kouru (AUS) [Carnegie (IRE)] LEON CORSTENS	\$108,000 117
18	Adamantium	4G Buave City (USA)-Bella Minosa (NZ) [Geneous (IRE)] DANNY O'BRIEN	\$154,700 116
	Golden Archer	4H Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)-Vassetta (NZ) [Riv (AUS)] PETER MOODY	\$180,300 116
20	Isencro	4H Sirebi (GB)-Ben (GB) [Rainbow Quest (USA)] LUCA CUMANI	\$106,200 115
	Kelmi	4G Refuse To Bend (IRE)-Orinoco (IRE) [Darnhaan (GB)] CHRIS WALLER	\$680,800 115
	Bath Shoes	4M Flying Spur (AUS)-Star Sire (NZ) [Volkanad (GB)] CLARRY CONNERS	\$107,500 115
	Stout Hearted	4G Dynabomber (USA)-Seabe (USA) [Daneg (USA)] CHRIS WALLER	\$213,300 115
	Xanadu	4M Buave City (USA)-Forest Dream (AUS) [Forest Glow (USA)] KEN & BEV KELSO	\$65,700 115

Timeform Ratings – 5+ year old

Rank	Horse	PR	TFE
1	Dunaden	6H Noobar (GB)-La Maria (FR) [Kaldounessa (FR)] M DELANGELES	\$1,717,100 130
2	American	7H Dynabomber (USA)-America (IRE) [Acol (USA)] A DE ROYER DU FRE	\$110,000 127
3	Marigold	6G Linnax (FR)-Misty Fresh (USA) [Rubisco (USA)] PETER MOODY	\$62,000 126p
	Shoot Out	6G High Chaparral (IRE)-Pentomenus (NZ) [Pentino (GB)] CHRIS WALLER	\$330,000 126
5	Jakkaberry	6H Sporting Home (GB)-Clara Di San Jose (IRE) [Barthes (IRE)] M ROTTI	\$527,400 125
	Rangiangaroo	6G Pentino (GB)-She Wishes (NZ) [Rantler (NZ)] CHRIS WALLER	\$115,800 125
	Sincro	5G Unoelle (NZ)-Years As Always (AUS) [Frags (IRE)] STEPHEN FARLEY	\$179,000 125
8	Buffering	5G Mezzan (AUS)-Action Annie (AUS) [Anaba (USA)] ROBERT HEATHCOTE	\$350,300 124
	Green Moon	5H Marjua (IRE)-Green Room (FR) [Green Tune (USA)] ROBERT HICKMOTT	\$4,062,000 124
10	Alopop	6G Jeune (GB)-Old Luck (AUS) [Boris (AUS)] JAKE STEPHENS	\$1,376,400 123?
	Danleigh	6G Moushd (USA)-Gravelly Lily (AUS) [Dr Grace (NZ)] CHRIS WALLER	\$127,700 123
	December Draw	7G Medeos (GB)-New York (IRE) [Denzoo (AUS)] MARK KWANACH	\$107,000 123
	More Joyous	6M More Than Ready (USA)-Suday Joy (AUS) [Sunday Silence (USA)] MS GA WATERHOUSE	\$230,800 123
	Vois Ici	7H Daylam (IRE)-Far Hope (GB) [Barthes (IRE)] PETER MOODY	\$60,900 123
15	Happy Trails	5C Good Journey (USA)-Madame Flurry (AUS) [Peragus (USA)] PAUL BESHARA	\$010,500 122
	Luckygray	5G Redoubt's Luck (AUS)-Darah Lady (AUS) [Mukaddanah (USA)] G PROLETTI	\$639,900 122
17	Borskey	5G Ray Business (AUS)-Dance Hi (AUS) [Ray Dancer (NZ)] JM P TWL GR	\$413,700 121p
	Mufusa	6G Pentino (GB)-Shila Chow (NZ) [Mi Perleto (USA)] STEPHEN WICKES	\$184,800 121
	Pinwheel	7G Lanbro (AUS)-Quill (AUS) [Daneshill (USA)] PETER SNOWDEN	\$210,500 121
	Southern Speed	5M Southern Image (USA)-Golden Eagle (NZ) [Zabeel (NZ)] LEON MACDONALD & ANDREW GLUYAS	\$363,400 121
	Voyron	7G Thom Park (AUS)-Over The Limit (NZ) [Denbo (NZ)] LINDALANG	\$157,900 121



Pedigree features that most attract yearling buyers

In the previous edition of Update, Caroline Searcy questioned four prominent buyers of yearlings on the physical features of horses. She continues that theme in this issue by asking the same group – leading trainers Anthony Cummings and Gerald Ryan and agents James Bester and James Harron – about the pedigree aspects of buying. Their answers are thought provoking for breeders and sales companies.

Q When you receive a sale catalogue, do you spend a lot of time looking at the pedigrees and the families behind the yearling?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: Yes.

GERALD RYAN: No, I only glance through it when I find the time.

JAMES BESTER: No, none at all. The first time I open a yearling catalogue is when I do so to write down comments on physique. Then I'll study the "page" to help me with distance capacity, likely price, etc. Mares and weanlings are different – with them page determines whether I inspect or not.

JAMES HARRON: Yes, massively. It's very busy at the sales and there is no time to run in and out of business centres to research something. It also has huge relevance to the horse that is in front of you.

Q Is the sire important to you because it is in form, a first season horse, or is easy to sell to prospective owners from the point of view of value?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: All of the above. We all have views about particular sires, some from personal experience, some from observation, others from "gut feel".

GERALD RYAN: It makes it easier to sell if a yearling is by a very commercial sire. First season sires can be difficult but I like looking at their progeny. You should look at the progeny of first season horses to find out the type they are getting.

JAMES BESTER: Proven sires and first crop stallions attract a premium. I prefer proven. Unfashionable sires I'll still consider for the value aspect as long as they have had success. Stock by bad sires I'll avoid unless out of a star racemare or producer.



Anthony Cummings

JAMES HARRON: I love buying yearlings by proven sires but a lot of investors love to get into something by a new sire which baffles me.

Q Do you look at other stallions in the pedigree – dam's sire being a good broodmare sire or a champions stallion such as Sir Tristram or Danehill being a few generations back?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: Yes, but more important to recognise "anchors" that can bring a good pedigree to a halt!

GERALD RYAN: I definitely look at the dam's line. Bloodlines that click (such as the Danehill/Danzig and Star Kingdom mix) are usually hugely successful. In one season of two-year-old racing you had Hurricane Sky, Danzero, Brave Warrior, St. Covet and Blevic. That year on the Free Handicap of the top eight colts the only two not bred on this cross were Racer's Edge and Mr. Vitality.



Hurricane Sky



JAMES BESTER: Yes, especially the damsire and the “cross”- drill where oil has been found- but I pay less attention beyond the first and second generation. As noted U.S. breeder John Gaines once said “If his daddy didn’t have it and his mama didn’t have it, where in hell is he gonna get it?”

JAMES HARRON: Yes, to a point. Broodmare sires have a very influential role to play. I am not huge into digging back too far but I am a big believer in good families regenerating themselves even if they have been quiet for a generation.

The female line of the pedigree – do you pay much attention to that as a priority over the sire?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: Yes.



Gerald Ryan

GERALD RYAN: Yes, I do.

JAMES BESTER: No, I pay most attention to the individual then give equal attention to both the sire and the dam and their male and female lines. Scientifically, the sire’s dam is as important as the dam’s dam but I think very few people appreciate that so most, in my opinion, pay undue attention to the yearling’s second dam.

JAMES HARRON: A very smart man once told me that the stallion information takes up a tenth of the pedigree page and the female line the rest. I think that is the easiest way to put it but really I do believe it all has to work together.

What is most important to you – the fact the dam has produced winners or that the second dam may be a Group 1 winner?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: Both are preferable. The family has to give you enough confidence, given the animal that stands in front of you, that you will be buying a racehorse of Group potential.

GERALD RYAN: I like the dam to have produced winners and I will buy the first foals of a mare but there must be winners on the page. I need a push to buy a yearling whose page has more than four dams shown.

JAMES BESTER: Dam has produced a Group 1 winner!

JAMES HARRON: Bird in the hand! Dam producing winners.

Is there anything you would like to see changed in the way most catalogues are presented such as extra information?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: Currently they are written as selling tools for breeders. There should be more information to assist purchasers.

GERALD RYAN: The only thing I would like to see changed is a feature they have in the Keeneland catalogues mentioning that daughters of the dam’s sire have produced stakeswinners which are named.



James Bester

JAMES BESTER: Yes, change the whole schematic presentation to a more scientifically true presentation which gives equal information on both parents, all four grandparents, etc. But that won’t happen! How about sale prices of all horses under the first two dams that were sold at auction? On the whole, though, I can live with what we have.

JAMES HARRON: I think the format in Australia is the best in the world.

Tell us the best story you have about buying either an expensive or inexpensive horse based on pedigree.



Danewin takes the 1995 STC Rosehill Guineas.



Snitzerland (C.Brown) scores a feature win in Melbourne for trainer Gerald Ryan.

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: I went to the Magic Millions sale after the syndicate collapse in 1989 with a firm view about buying a particular Sir Tristram filly who was a full sister to a colt in dad's (Bart Cummings) stable at the time. He had plenty of ability but was not genuine. When I got there I found she was a nice enough filly, moved well but was badly offset.

I had a client who wanted a Sir Tristram filly so I bought her (for I think \$130,000) only to find my client had already bought another Sir Tristram filly offered a few lots earlier! He missed something as the one knocked down to me went on to great deeds as Romanee Conti.



James Harron

GERALD RYAN: Melito is my best story. She was a type, had faults which I accepted but I know a few other big buyers refused to overlook and she had the pedigree in her first three dams. In my opinion she was the best filly in that Magic Millions sale. I bought her for a syndicate but they pulled out after I had signed for her for \$600,000. Fortunately the vendor was very patient in waiting to be paid and when I gave her a try I told him not to sell as she was a Group 1 horse! She had everything I liked.

Another story concerns Snitzerland. After I bought her for \$125,000 for a client he pulled out when he got her home as she was a bit offset, so I went back to the underbidder, Mick Malone, and he agreed to take her for me to train for Neil Werrett and Steve Perry.

JAMES BESTER: "Bought" Danewin as a yearling from Sunny Yam at a \$15,000 profit to him about an hour after he had gone through the ring, subject to vet (which he passed although the vet hated his type and action!) But when I got back to Mr. Yam he went back on our deal as he had heard I worked for the vendor and smelled a rat. Danewin, of course, won more than \$2 million on the track, was sold for a big price as a potential stallion and became a very good sire.

Fastnet Rock's dam Piccadilly Circus was another sad story for me – I bought her as a yearling, owned 20% of her for an hour before being told that others associated with

Coolmore wanted various shares which would cut back my interest substantially. Eventually I decided to opt out altogether – not a smart move as it turned out!

JAMES HARRON: I really focus on type first and pedigree second. I've seen too many disasters where people have bought expensive colts based on pedigree.

Do you think it represents value to buy at the top end of the market if you have the owners?

ANTHONY CUMMINGS: Unless you buy value at any end of the market you won't have owners.

GERALD RYAN: Yes, I do if the right criteria are there.

JAMES BESTER: I'd have to look at the stats – the right horse is always value at whichever end of the market, the wrong horse is always a disaster whatever the price! Jokes aside, fillies and mares at the high end generally represent value, colts not so much. But if it is stallion prospects you're after, you have to pay what the market dictates.

JAMES HARRON: Yes, massively as long as you are buying the right ones!



Melito



Fighting for our future

2012 proved to be a challenging and eventful year for the HTBA.

The 21st anniversary of the HTBA Annual Awards Night, held on 23 May 2012, celebrated the achievements of Australian thoroughbred breeders and their champions; recognised the Life Long Achievements of Mr Arthur Mitchell and Dr Paul Adams; and honoured the work of the outgoing HTBA President Mr Wayne Bedggood.

In 2012 we strengthened our campaign presence and launched our Don't UnderMINE Us campaign slogan. We continued to participate in Government, industry and community consultative committees; maintained pressure on the Government to deliver on their election promises to protect our industry; increased awareness more broadly of the challenges that confront our industry; participated, and organized and executed major events to draw attention to our plight and our campaign and the needs of our industry. The challenges affecting our industries and our efforts to protect our future remain unabated.

In 2012 the HTBA participated in the Scone Cup day that attracted over 10,000 visitors to Scone. The Stallion Day Parades held in August attracted 5,000 visitors, clients and potential investors to the region. The HTBA was proud to be part of these and other community events, such as the Scone Horse Festival, which highlight our commitment to our community and our place as the Horse Capital of Australia.

In 2012 the HTBA also progressed our commitment to education and research recognizing its importance to our industry and our future. Throughout 2012 we continued to widen opportunities for the young members of our industry and to be proactive in attracting and assisting school leavers into the horse industry. In May 2012 we launched the HTBA careers DVD and an accompanying information brochure that has been distributed to all the secondary schools throughout the Hunter and beyond. In 2012 we also met with the Upper Hunter TAFE to explore joint initiatives to attract more students to

undertake equine courses and our local industry.

Our work throughout 2012 could not have been undertaken without the help of our supporters and sponsors. HTBA thanks its Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors (listed on our website htba.com.au). We recognise that our future is your future and encourage all to support those sponsors who have generously supported us.

2012 DEFINING ISSUES

There were a number of defining issues for our industry in 2012. In 2012 the HTBA called for a Special Commission of Inquiry as the Ferndale and Doyles Creek Exploration Licences were referred to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) for investigation. In our view the public deserves to know how these licences were issued, who stands to gain and at what cost to landholders, industries, our community. In May 2012 ICAC announced its decision to hold public inquiries. The public ICAC inquiry into the Ferndale (Yarrawa) and Mount Penny Exploration Licences commenced in November 2012. The ICAC inquiry into the Doyles Creek Exploration Licence will commence in March 2013. The evidence that has been presented by ICAC to date reveals seriously concerning insights into the decision making process of these licences.

The Bickham Coal Company announced its decision to explore underground mining at the Bickham site. This announcement has again fuelled community concern and reignited the decade of uncertainty that was put to bed by the 2010 Government decision to reject open cut mining at the site. In November 2012 NuCoal sought an extension to its Doyles Creek Exploration Licence. In November 2012 AngloAmerican lodged its Environmental Assessment for the Drayton South open cut coal mine proposal.

The Drayton South open cut coal mine proposal is directly opposite two of the Hunter Valley's international scale thoroughbred breeding operations – Darley Australia and



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Coolmore Australia. It is the kind of mining proposal that the 2010 Bickham PAC concluded was an incompatible land use. Yet the NSW Government's new policies introduced in 2012 that are intended to protect state and nationally significant industries like ours and the Hunter Valley's wine industries will not apply to the Drayton South open cut coal mine.

The most long awaited, and seminal decision for our industry in 2012 was the Federal Court decision ruling out artificial insemination in thoroughbred breeding programs. The HTBA concurs with the sentiments expressed by Chauncey Morris, CEO of Thoroughbred Breeders Australia that "It would have been catastrophic to the national racing industry if this ruling went the other way. We are grateful for today's decision" and congratulates all involved.

2013 A SEMINAL YEAR

2013 is shaping up to be another seminal year for our industry.

Throughout 2013 we will continue our commitment to research, education and training and to supporting our community. We will progress our joint initiatives with the Upper Hunter TAFE to train and attract students to our industry and continue our fight to Protect Our Industries TBA and our future.

The ICAC inquiries into Mt Penny, Ferndale and Doyles Creek will continue. The key consideration will be what will the Government do in response to the ICAC findings?

The Government's decisions on Drayton South, Bickham, Doyles Creek and Ferndale (Yarrawa) will determine our future. The Government's new land use policies will be tested for the first time as will the Government's promise to protect our industry. The threat to our future cannot be underestimated. The question is can we rely on the NSW Government's word to protect us?



Left: A big team to sash Darley's mare Classics after the International Animal Health Handicap.

Below: Les Young (left) with trainer Marc Quinn and owner/breeder Grant Briscoe after Pentasia's win.



Below: Mario Avellino (centre) with guests on the Ascend Sales table.



Right: Golden Sunshine sashing with Bloodstock.com.au's Brett Gilding, trainer Rick Worthington and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smyth-Kirk.



Above: Adelaide Moses, Kate Anker and Sebastian Hutch.



Above: Conor Phelan with Wayne and Pauline Alchin.



Above: Goldners guests at lunch.



Black Type Honour Roll

Congratulations to the NSW breeders of Australian stakeswinners from 8 October 2012 to 6 January 2013

Mr J Abrahams, Judy Somers

Nechita	Coolmore Stud Stakes	1	Fastnet Rock-Artistique (Peintre Celebre)
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Mr B T Agnew, Mr Peter Hawks

Nocturnelle	Angst Stakes	Listed	Elusive Quality-Dama de Noche (Snippets)
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Anton Koolman Bloodstock

Hidden Warrior	Red Anchor Stakes	3	Hidden Dragon-Marcovette (St Covet)
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Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd

Lunar Rise	Carbine Club Stakes	3	Starcraft-Spirited Dancer (Sadler's Wells)
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Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred, Belford Productions

Crack A Roadie	Inglis Banner Stakes	RL	Charge Forward-Road to Damascus (Flying Spur)
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Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbreds

Assail	Wyong Magic Millions 2YO	RL	Charge Forward-Emanday (Redoute's Choice)
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Mr D G Bay

Power Princess	Prince of Wales Stakes	3	Marwina-All Electric (Canonise)
Power Princess	A J Scahill Stakes	3	Marwina-All Electric (Canonise)

Mr G Briscoe

Cavalry Rose	Thoroughbred Club Stakes	3	Charge Forward-Alberton Road (Danske)
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Brook Pastoral Pty Ltd

Streama	Tristarc Stakes	2	Stratum-Pensiamo (Sovereign Red)
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Burst Pty Ltd, E J Smith, K S McConnell

Lightinthenite	David Jones Cup	3	Galileo-Tiffin (Grand Lodge)
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Caradale Pty Ltd, Cobra Bloodstock Australia Pty Ltd, Austramore Pty Ltd

Vatuvei	Moonee Valley Gold Cup	2	Reset-Boisterous Lady (Rivotious)
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Mr R Caruso

Miss Solis	Belgravia Stakes	Listed	Oratorio-Longoria (Lujain)
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Central Pastoral Group

Alma's Fury	Bernborough Handicap	Listed	Refuse to Bend-Dance Attendance (What A Guest)
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Mr A Cummings

Fiveandahalfstar	Victoria Derby	1	Hotel Grand-Cryptic Miss (Snippets)
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Darley

Free Wheeling	1000 Guineas Day Open Hcp	Listed	Ad Valorem-Miss Carefree (Last Tycoon)
Solemn	Geelong Classic	Listed	Bernardini-Mead (Galileo)
Kazanluk	Moonee Valley Fillies Classic	2	Red Ransom-Rose of Danehill (Danehill)
Appearance	Myer Classic	1	Commands-Disguise (Grand Lodge)
Zydeco	Wakeful Stakes	2	Zabeel-All Time High (Flying Spur)
Mental	Patinack Farm Classic	1	Lonhro-Intrigues (Night Shift)
Tatra	Sandown Guineas	2	Hussonet-Slovakia (Danzig)
Meidung	Twilight Glow Stakes	Listed	Bernardini-Amish (Canny Lad)
Academus	W.A. Guineas	2	Lonhro-Youthful Presence (Dehere)

Emirates Park Pty Ltd

Alzora	Ethereal Stakes	Listed	Redoute's Choice-Bryce Canyon (Gulch)
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Mr D R Fleming

Maschino	R J Peters Stakes	3	Encosta de Lago-Tahni Girl (Redoute's Choice)
Jester's Girl	Travel Associates Classic	Listed	Commands-How Funny (Rory's Jester)

**Forgotten Valley Stud**

Hioctdane	Hill Smith Stakes	Listed	Strada-Autobahn (Octagonal)
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Galletta Construction Co Pty Ltd

Malavio	Festival Stakes	Listed	Snitzel-Win Here Win There (Dehere)
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Mr G Harvey

Fontelina	Yellowglen Stakes	2	Testa Rosse-Decipher (Timber Country)
Mrs Onassis	Alinghi Stakes	Listed	General Nediym-Miss Jakeo (Unbridled's Song)
Cantonese	Christmas Cup	Listed	Redoute's Choice-Kylikwong (Red Ransom)

Huntworth Stud, Mr P Steward, Mr A Burt, Ms B Woodford-Smith

Direct Charge	Maribyrnong Plate	3	Charge Forward-Lady of Choice (Redoute's Choice)
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Kia Ora Stud

Mahisara	Sandown Stakes	3	More Than Ready-Darsini (Danehill)
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Lomar Park Stud

Shanghai Warrior	Aurie's Star Handicap	3	Elvstroem-Emily Blue (Rory's Jester)
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Milburn Creek Thoroughbred Stud

Sizzling	Gold Edition Plate	Listed	Snitzel-Admirelle (General Nediym)
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Orpendale, Chelsaus (Ireland)

It's Crunch Time	Tasmanian Newmarket Hcp	Listed	Fusaichi Pegasus-Gypsy Princess (Sadler's Wells)
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Mr G J Perry

Commanding Jewel	Thousand Guineas	1	Commands-Regard (Zabeel)
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Ramsey Pastoral Company Pty Ltd

Undeniably	Christmas Stakes	Listed	Fastnet Rock-Suggestive (Al Hareb)n
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SF Bloodstock L L C

Super Cool	The MV Vase	2	Fastnet Rock-Queen Mother (Kingmambo)
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Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd

Bulbula	Merson Cooper Stakes	Listed	Shamardal-Taameer (General Nediym)
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Mr I K Smith

Better Than Ready	Brian Crowley Stakes	Listed	More Than Ready-Sally's World (Agnes World)
Eximius	Hilton Hotel Stakes	Listed	Exceed and Excel-Allegra (Dehere)

Strawberry Hill Stud

Dear Demi	VRC Oaks	1	Dehere-Shirley (Zabeel)
No Looking Back	Carrington Stakes	Listed	Redoute's Choice-Mirror Mirror (Dehere)

Mr R B Thomas

Cabernet	Summoned Stakes	Listed	Al Maher-Golden Weekend (Nine Carat)
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Torryburn Stud

Sir Luminar	Phelan Ready Stakes	Listed	Choisir-Illuminar (Last Tycoon)
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Mr G Watson

Upon This Rock	Starstruck Classic	Listed	Fastnet Rock-Joleur (Bite the Bullet)
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Westbury Stud Ltd

Crafty Irna	City Tatt's Club Cup	Listed	Starcraft-Zirna (Deputy Governor)
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Widden Stud Australia Pty Ltd, Mr M Edwards

Shamal Wind	Gucci Icons of Heritage Stakes	Listed	Dubawi-Firemaid (Machiavellian)
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Woodlands Stud

Quidnunc	The Nivison	Listed	Lonhro-Dorky (Grand Lodge)
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Cantonese (Jenny Duggan) scores at Rosehill before his Christmas Cup success.



Golden Slipper contender Assail, impressive winner of the Wyong Magic Millions.



Sizzling (C.Munce), recent winner of the Gold Edition Plate in Brisbane.



Better Than Ready finishes powerfully to win the ATC Brian Crowley Stakes.

Thoroughbred Racing & Industry Tour Programs

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USA Breeding & Racing Tour

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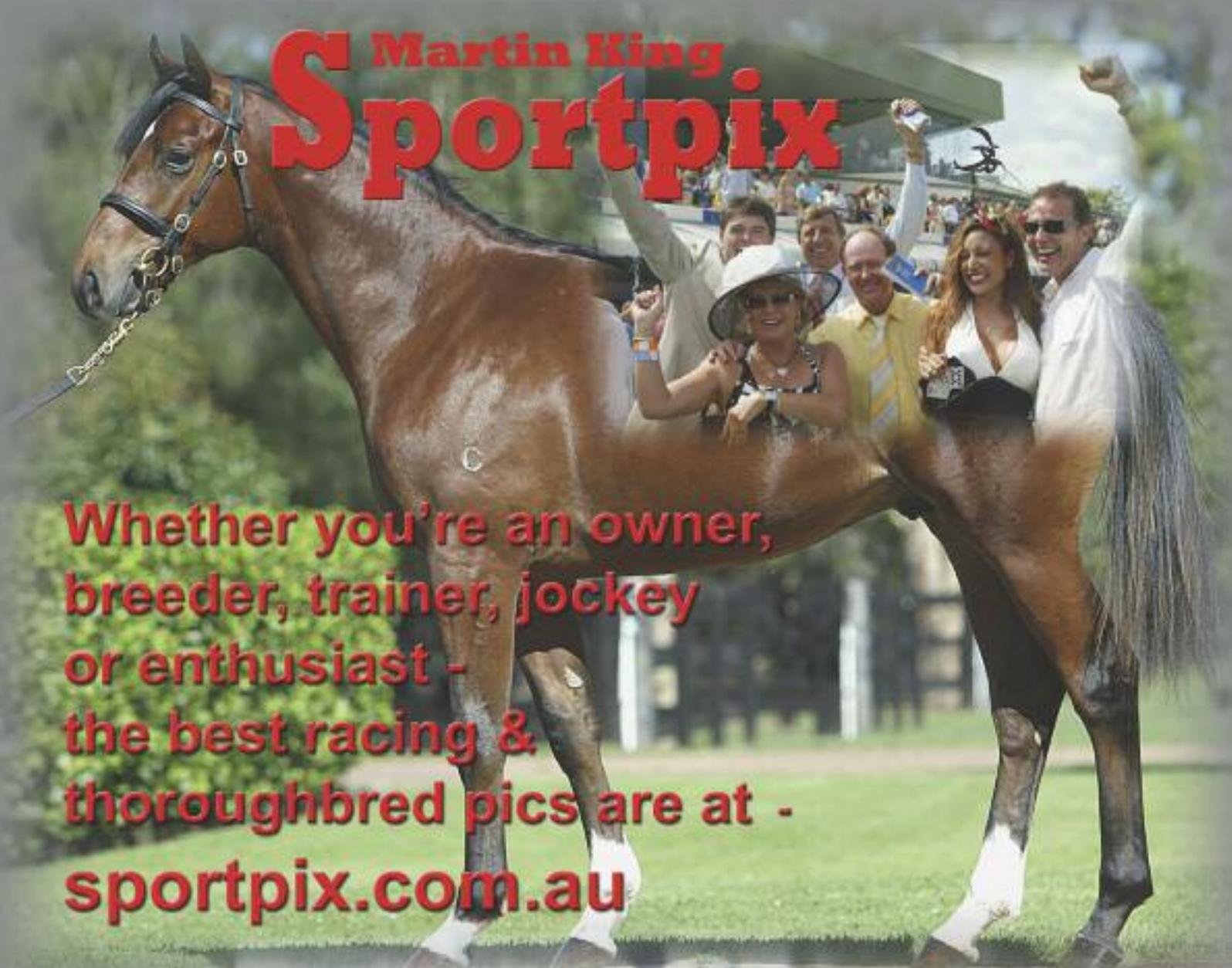
Kentucky Derby, and racing/breeding establishments in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Texas and California. Join Virginia Harvey, on this tour, where you will have the opportunity to gain an overview of key areas of the US racing industry, with visits to major organisations, and places linked to the breeding and training of thoroughbreds, as well as attending the famed Kentucky Derby.

France, UK & Ireland Breeding & Racing Tour

29 Day Escorted Tour 5th June - 3rd July 2013

Now in its third year, Virginia Harvey will again lead this popular program, visiting France, the UK and Ireland and taking in major studs and thoroughbred training facilities that are steeped in racing tradition. The tour includes visits to France's famous Chantilly Racecourse and Training Centre, attendance at the King Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Irish Derby at the Curragh.





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NSW-bred Stakeswinners overseas

Congratulations to the breeders of these international winners between 8 October 2012 and 6 January 2013

		Grp/L *ICSC	Grp/L **Local	
Attunga Stud				
Royal Zulu Warrior	Turffontein Lebelo Sprint (South Africa)	3	3	Mossman-Dark Blue (Wallenda)
Bylong Park Thoroughbreds				
Gobi Ranger	ARC Eclipse Stakes (New Zealand)	3	3	Tale of The Cat-Big Step (Honour and Glory)
Mr J Cameron				
Rollout The Carpet	New Zealand One Thousand Guineas)	1	1	Holy Roman Emperor-Out of Egypt (Red Ransom)
Mr G Harvey				
Dr Sweet	Macau Winter Trophy	L	Mac-2	King Cugat-Retro Chic (Canny Lad)
T J and J A Hughes Racing, R Dufficy				
Speed Baby	Perak Turf Club Coronation Cup (Malaysia)	L	Mal-1	Fastnet Rock-Twisted Heart (Distorted Humor)
Jananth Pty Ltd				
Better Life	Singapore Gold Cup	L	Sgp-1	Smarty Jones-Quiet Life (Sunday Silence)
Legacy Lands Ltd				
Luen Yat Everwin	Macau Autumn Trophy	L	Mac-2	Encosta de Lago-Snowdonia (Peintre Celebre)
Ramsey Pastoral Company Pty Ltd				
Hint	Penang TC Yan di Pertua Negeri Gold Cup (Malaysia)	L	Mal-1	Reset-Suggestive (Al Hareb)
Dr M Santangelo				
Sunshine Rock	Kenilworth Laisserfaire Stakes (South Africa)	L	L	Rock of Gibraltar-Summer Angel (Desert Sun)
Shadwell Stud Australasia				
Mujaarib	Turffontein Emperors Palace Charity Mile (S Africa)	2	2	Nadeem-Mihnah (Lahib)
Mr Big	Penang TC Malaysian Magic Millions Classic	L	Mal-3	Elusive Quality-Basamaat (Danehill)
Mr R Warwick				
Ruud Awakening	WRC Wellesley Stakes (New Zealand)	L	L	Bernardini-Dawn Almighty (Danehill)
Mr P Yip				
The Hombre	PARC Newmarket Handicap (New Zealand)	L	L	Lucky Owners-Atlanta Belle (Defensive Play)

*International Cataloguing Standards Committee designation

** Local designation



Coolmore's champion sire Encosta de Lago had recent stakeswinner Luen Yat Everwin in Macau.



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