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From the Stable

An update on the United Syndications horses reveals that a lot of the groundwork that had gone on over the last couple of months is starting to see some of our horses grace the track, and will continue to do so over the ensuing months.

Sir Ready made an impressive debut at Geelong recently beaten two and a half lengths running fourth in what looks to be a potentially good form race given that the winners time was not far off the track record. This homebred (Choisir/Ready Made Family) has shown good ability and will hopefully have his next run at Cranbourne over 1400 m on Sunday, May 29. A win would be an excellent result for the syndicate who is scheduled to be selling an Oratorio colt next year at the sales and Ready Made Family is currently in foal to Arrowfield stallion All American.

Commandantree made a less spectacular debut at Echuca recently running eighth beaten just over five lengths however is a touch green at this point in her career and needs racing. This filly again has displayed ability back at home and it is thought that with racing and the addition of blinkers improvement will follow.

Comic Composer (now in South Australia under the care of Leon Macdonald) has really pleased and is ready to debut at Morphettville on Saturday, May 28. This consistent galloper has been moved over to South Australia in an effort to continue to place him to advantage and will definitely be adding to his already excellent record of 12 starts for four wins, three seconds and a third for \$81,313 in stakes. He joins our old warrior **Bella's Bro** who is a rising 10-year-old and currently is in pretraining with Leon. He is some way off racing just yet but everything is progressing well after a small bone chip was removed late last year. It is hoped that he can crack the magical \$200,000 in prize money (currently at \$198,620) this prep.

The recently gelded **Le Bonsir** has also just arrived in to Mick's Caulfield stables after his most recent spell and it is hoped that he may be able to fulfil the potential that he has shown us. Unlucky not to win at his first appearance at Wangaratta, a spell and being gelded seems to have him switched on no end and has really changed his attitude for the better so far this time in. He is still a little way off but will be expected to return to the races towards the end



of June. Two other horses that have come into pretraining recently included **Our Gold Bullion** who has been off the scene via an enforced suspensory injury and our lovely Bel Esprit filly **Loveyamadly**. Our Gold Bullion has been enjoying his time with Matthew Feiss on the water walker for the last five weeks and all going well will be with Mick in the next 2 to 3 weeks while Loveyamadly is a few weeks away having only just resumed with John Ledger. She has also shown us good ability and it is hoped that the little immaturity niggles that she has had are gone and that we can see her at the races this time in.

Our O'Reilly gelding that was purchased in New Zealand last year has recently flown over to Australia all safe and sound and is currently in pretraining with John Ledger. He has had a lovely grounding in New Zealand and has come over in excellent condition. Whilst still probably one prep away he will be taken as far as practical this time in and is expected to go down to Caulfield for looksee in approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

The 2011 yearling purchases have all done extremely well and all have been broken in with excellent reports particularly the Hussonet/Olympic Halo colt and the Fastnet Rock/Coco Sovelda filly. Both of these horses



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are also currently in with John Ledger and whilst they will probably not get to Caulfield this time in John will be taking them a long way which will include barrier work and complete their respective educations ready for Caulfield next time in. Our lovely High Chaparral colt has shown plenty of character over in New Zealand and has been broken in basically to quieten him down which has succeeded for the time being. A fortuitous purchase this year this outstanding High Chaparral looks a typical New Zealand tough staying type of the future, however he will be given a long slow grounding which is typical for this type of horse.



Mick Price — Continues Keeping On!

Our syndicate trainer Mick Price continues on in fine style and is again heading for another most successful year. Questions were being asked of Mick late last year by some sections of the media and others who seemed to have little understanding behind-the-scenes however you can never keep a good man down and after Nathan Tinkler and his team of approximately 50 horses exited Mick's stables (a number that would cripple most trainers) during the middle part of last year Mick has a team that currently has him second on the trainers premiership with 30 1/2 winners, interestingly only four winners off where he was at the same stage last year. Mick's successes this year include the Group 1 Coolmore Classic winner Aloha who also won the Group 3 PFD Food Services, Nakaaya who won the Group 2 Sunline Stakes, Heart of Dreams, winner of the Group 2 St George Stakes and only recently had a stakes double in Adelaide courtesy of Vivid Vixen and Dupleanny on May 8.



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