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From the Stable

There has never been so much action in the Mick Price stables from United Syndications horses up to now with no fewer than six horses in full work, two of which are currently racing.

Last Saturday December 8 saw our Magic Millions purchase of this year **Distinctive Flyer** (Flying Spur x Distinctive) make her debut and finished a most creditable fourth. Whilst small in stature this filly lacks nothing in heart almost defying the race pattern of day where all leaders compounded due to the strong wind that prevailed. Dwelling at the start, Distinctive Flyer had to work hard early to drive through to lead. No sooner had she got there, she was immediately attacked by the eventual winner Change of Honour who got past our filly half way down the straight and looking beaten she then raised another effort and was coming again running out of room on the line to almost certainly miss third. It was a very good debut and the thought is that she will run again (after pulling up well) towards the end of the month either on Boxing Day at Caulfield or at Moonee Valley a couple of days later.



Snitzel/Royal Charades filly

Le Bonsir also raced on the same day in the last and ran out of his skin to finish second collared late by the Peter Moody trained Infinite Energy in a driving finish. He was ridden exceptionally well by Dale Smith who was instructed to ride off the pace. Unfortunately he tracked outsider Johnny Fiasco who just couldn't quite bring him forward enough into the race and was a beaten horse at the turn. Dale had no option



Hussonet/Damsely colt

but to then go and was left in front a touch soon after dashing clear only to be picked up but rallied late to go under a head. Excellent run and Le Bonsir has pulled up well. He will now go to Moonee Valley on Saturday 28th December where he will run in an \$80,000 0-78 ratings race over 1200 metres. Le Bonsir earned \$14,400 for his efforts to run second and overall prize money of \$74,300.

Onpicalo is in full work at Caulfield as is **Zeno Lad**. Onpicalo has come into Mick's looking outstanding and has a good prep ahead of him. The 3YO has really furnished during his most recent spell and has grown and thickened. He has been nominated for the \$1,000,000 Magic Millions 3YO Guineas over 1400 metres on the Gold Coast on the off chance that he comes up quick but will not be rushed just to make up the numbers. He is considered a lovely 1600 - 2000 metre horse this time in and will most likely have a nice short sharp prep to be saved for the winter where he is expected to excel on the wet tracks having already won on a heavy track at Sandown defeating the extremely promising Hvasstan fairly and squarely. Another horse that has just arrived into the stables is our Bel Esprit/Raising High filly **Raise Your Spirits**. Far too early to be giving any idea on her at the moment, however being a Bel Esprit they nearly always need a little bit of time. Having said that it was a bonus for Distinctive Flyer to be at the races so soon and Mick will take Raise Your Spirits through a similar program and let her tell Mick whether she is mature enough to follow a similar path to that of Distinctive Flyer.

Loveyamadly is the final horse that is



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Newly born Not a Single Doubt/Ready Made Family filly

currently in full work and has also come into Caulfield looking great. Having untapped ability but a few soundness issues this mare has never come into Caulfield looking so well and is another that is likely to resume towards the end of the month looking to improve on her already impressive record of four starts for 2 wins, 1 second and a third for \$66,388 in stakes.

Rococco and **Turf Prince** are the next ready to resume pre-training this month. Both staying types they look outstanding in the paddock and have thrived. Whilst Turf Prince frustrated his owners with the absence of a win last prep he still raced well whilst still being light in condition but looks to have matured and carries excellent condition this time around. Rococco is a most

promising staying filly and has been given a nice spell after an excellent first prep where she recorded a win only to fall away at Kyneton due to immaturity on the way to the VRC Oaks. It is hoped that she will measure up to metropolitan class this time around where 2000 metres looks to be her ideal distance.

Our homebreds of last year have all developed particularly well as the photos show and are in the final stages of preparation prior to being broken in at Wangaratta next month. They are all well developed and correct individuals different in their own subtle ways but are expected to show up as 2YOs at approximately this time next year!



Our Sebring/Damsely filly at 5 weeks

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New Zealand 2013

Our 2013 New Zealand Staying Syndication/tour is in full motion with final details and arrangements now coming to a conclusion. The final touring numbers of 22, again represents a terrific touring party who will be enjoying the outstanding New Zealand hospitality, race day excitement at Eilerslie and the stud tour at Rich Hill Stud as well as checking in on our New Zealand purchases of this year. Our **Sir Percy/Deebee Donna** filly has progressed well and is at the jump out stage, whilst out **High Chaparral/Chile** filly has had a slight

set back but will be resuming pre-training next month. Our **Mastercraftsman/Coz I'm Free** colt has also grown out well and is due to be broken in next month. This colt was purchased as a weanling in May and has an extremely important boost to his pedigree since the purchase via the Blue Diamond Stakes favourite Villa Verde who has been most impressive in two Listed wins over the recent carnival. Sharing the same grandmother our colt is now a three quarter brother to Villa Verde!

2013 Sales

The catalogues are out and heavy scrutiny is now being focused on what is on offer next year. I must say that having already gone through what is on offer at all of the majors I feel as though it is probably the best catalogues that particularly Magic Millions and New Zealand have put together. United Syndications will be as active as ever looking for value at what I still feel will be a tough market place and seek expressions of interest from members who are interested in getting involved in either a sprinter/stayer next year. Any emails advising of a potential interest and the type of yearling that you are interested in prior to the sales are always most appreciated as it assists myself in my preliminary yearling selection work.

Win a Share Promotion 2013

Our "Win a Share Promotion" will again run in 2013 and all members are advised that this promotion is now up and operational on our website. All members are encouraged to enter the competition with the potential to win a complimentary share in an outstandingly bred yearling purchased by United Syndications at the sales next year - good luck to all who enter the competition!

Merry Christmas

As this is the last newsletter for 2012 both Lauren and myself would like to take the opportunity of wishing all our valued members a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year. We would like to thank everyone for the support and loyalty shown throughout 2012 which is truly appreciated and advise that our commitment will be as strong as ever to secure future winners at the sales next year!



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