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Miss Damita heading for victory at Echuca March 11

## From the Stable

It certainly is action a plenty for all owners with a number of arrivals into Caulfield and other horses either resuming pre-training or indeed being broken in. Our gorgeous Ocean Park chestnut filly **MISS DAMITA** went to the races for her debut at Echuca on the 11th March and duly saluted in impressive style. She was ridden a treat by top hoop Michael Walker who gave her a great run in transit and after settling in the box seat pushed out into the clear on straightening and went to the line strongly to salute by just over 2 lengths. This filly has impressed all the way through her education, both over in NZ and at Caulfield and her win was no surprise. All she had to do was to take her trackwork to the races and that she did. She is a lovely filly going somewhere and will improve again after another spell under her belt where I am sure she will put on lovely condition and mature further. Watch out for her as she does indeed have a nice future ahead!

Our Fighting Son 2YO Colt **FIGHTING HARADA** is back in at Caulfield after a

recent blood infection which he contracted after his most recent Ballarat run on the 25th Feb. He has done a super job to date running 2nd on Boxing Day to the Metropolitan winning AND GROUP 3 placed Colt Native Soldier and followed up that run with an excellent 3rd at Ballarat in what has proved to be another strong form race behind Tin Hat (5th in the GROUP 2 Sires Produce) and Cristal Eyes (3rd in the Thoroughbred Breeders-GROUP 3). The 4th horse Akkadian indeed ran 3rd in the Sires Produce at GROUP 2 level so one could say that the form has been strong all along and **FIGHTING HARADA** does look a coming winner. He has bounced back into Caulfield and is definitely a horse to follow particularly when he steps over 1400 metres or further. He does have a couple of tricks still being a colt, however Mick is persevering with him for the time being and will assess him again at the end of this prep as to whether he is a candidate for gelding. Let's hope he can salute for us shortly as he deserves



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Michael Walker retuning to scale on Miss Damita after her win

to greet the judge with such a strong form line around him!

Other horses that have just arrived and in the early stages with Mick at Caulfield include **EXFLYTATIONS**, **LIBERTY MADE**, **ONPICALO** and **TENNESSEE TYCOON**. **ONPICALO** is the most advanced of this quartet and is just starting to pick up the pace now after his normal lengthy spell and a stint with David Feek at Mornington. A wonderful horse to race for connections, **ONPICALO** is closing in on \$500,000 in stakes and is in outstanding order for an 8YO. A galloper who just loves soft tracks, it is hoped that he can get one of those tracks that deserted him last prep as if he can he may just bring up win number 10 for a great Syndicate of owners! Our unraced Statue Of Liberty homebred **LIBERTY MADE** has been hampered with issues in previous preps but given a nice 3 month spell at Arundel Farm in an attempt to correct those, she is currently working the track down and in lovely order. This filly has shown good ability in previous preps and if she can remain sound and train on with Mick, she could well and truly reward her loyal Syndicate! **EXFLYTATIONS** has returned to Caulfield in outstanding order and looks

bigger and stronger than ever. **EXFLYTATIONS** raced well without a whole lot of luck last prep and fell away at her last run at Mornington when then over the top. She is a consistent mare having had 13 runs for 2 wins, 1 second and 3 thirds for \$50,090 in Stakes and I feel is best placed now to have a really nice prep ahead, particularly when she gets past 1400 metres. She is lovely and sound and just judging by her appearance at Caulfield has really matured into a lovely 4YO. Whilst **EXFLYTATIONS** has matured into a lovely 4YO, our **WRITTEN TYCOON** 2YO **TENNESSEE TYCOON** is far from mature and has come down from Wangaratta for what will only be an educational visit with Mick. She seems to have plenty of upside regarding her mental maturity AND physical maturity but the time with Mick now will be of great benefit to her when she next comes down to Caulfield. She has come a long way since her last prep with John Ledger however as we have said a couple of times-time will be her friend and we just need to be a little bit patient with her!

Three horses that have just gone off to John Ledger at Wangaratta recently for pre-training include **MISS CHERRO**,



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**SEBEAT** and **FRONT PAGE NEWS**. **SEBEAT** and **MISS CHIERRO** had interruptions to their respective preps last time around, however both now look in outstanding order. **SEBEAT** injured a shoulder at Seymour after a nice Maiden win at Pakenham and left Cloverdale in outstanding order. **SEBEAT** was given a nice spell and given plenty of time to get over that injury and was nice and fresh when he left last week. A son of **SEBRING**, all that **SEBEAT** wants to do is stay and staying sound will see him race past 2000 metres this time around. He has been typical of the **SEBRING** breed in that they tend to need a bit of time but always improve as they get older. That all goes well for **SEBEAT** and he should be down at Mick's in approx 4-6 weeks' time. The same applies to **MISS CHIERRO** who has also just arrived with **SEBEAT** at John's. A daughter of **Pierro** **MISS CHIERRO** has certainly shown much more than what was on display at

her inglorious debut at Pakenham in January where the occasion seemed to get the better of her. She is a lovely staying filly and we hope this time around that she can take the ability that she has shown at trackwork to the races! Our **WRITTEN TYCOON** colt **FRONT PAGE NEWS** is another that did have a slight injury setback 6 weeks ago however he has fully recovered from that and left Cloverdale big and strong. **FRONT PAGE NEWS** only had limited time at Caulfield where he only did a couple of even time gallops before his mishap so we are certainly looking forward to see what he can do this time around. A lovely big strong sensible colt, **FRONT PAGE NEWS** will no doubt fall into **SEBEAT'S** and **MISS CHIERRO'S** pre-training program and would be expected to come down to Caulfield also within the next 4-6 weeks!



Gold Coast Magic Millions Zoustar/Katespur colt

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Sydney Classic Deep Field/Scorpio Queen colt

### 2018 Yearlings

It is great to report that our 2018 yearlings and our homebreds are up and about and have done some pre breaking education OR indeed are currently being broken in. Our Gold Coast Magic Millions **ZOUSTAR/KATESPUR** colt is the first of these currently with John and is doing everything right. He is a lovely athletic colt with a great attitude with a penchant to learn which is terrific. He is currently giving John an easy time of it and not far away at all from being ridden. He does look a forward type and fingers crossed his progression continues. Another forward type that we purchased this year was our **DEEP FIELD/SCORPIO QUEEN** colt from the Sydney Classic Sales who has just arrived with John fresh from a lovely break at Cloverdale. He was purchased with a 2YO program in mind and his progress will be closely monitored as he just a cracking type which John has already confirmed to me on his arrival just what an outstanding type he is. Fingers crossed that translates to race track success! Two outstanding homebreds that we have or will have with John shortly include our **SNITZEL/LOVEYAMADLY** filly who is in the early stages with John however has already taken John's eye and our **NOT A SINGLE DOUBT/ROYAL CHARADES** filly. Being a later foal she has been held back a touch however pleased very much with Monica Croston whilst under taking some preliminary education when I went down to check on her progress a few weeks ago. She was very natural in the round yard, responded well to her handler and was very athletic and keen to please. Given that Royal Charades has already produced 2 foals to race for 2 winners (ROYAL SNITZEL and CHAR CHAR) it does suggest that the odds are in our favour for the mare to make it three for three with our **NOT A SINGLE DOUBT** filly!



Melbourne Premier Brazen Beau/Graceful Devil colt