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SCORPIUS winning impressively at Moe 3rd June

From the Stable

A promising racetrack debut by one of our debutants in **SCORPIUS** certainly highlighted what is normally a quiet time for United Syndication owners over the Winter months, however this guy has certainly warmed the cockles of his owners with further excitement ahead. It was only shin soreness that was responsible for **SCORPIUS** not getting to the race track earlier, having gone shin sore twice before, however a faultless prep this time around saw **SCORPIUS** head to Moe on Monday 3rd June to debut on a Heavy 10 rated track. Missing the start and out the back usually means disaster at Moe, however race rider Zac Spain never panicked and slowly worked his way through the field before extricating to the outside in the straight and **SCORPIUS** pinned his ears back and picked up EM EM D'AR on the line to win impressively with **EQUALETTA** filling 3rd. A \$140,000 Sydney Classic graduate of 2018, **SCORPIUS** has only ever impressed with his work and trials at Caulfield at each of his last 2 preparations and really just took what he had showed to the races which was very pleasing to see. He is a lovely product of the boom stallion **DEEP FIELD** and has the breeding to suggest that he can go on with it, with his dam **Scorpio Queen** training on herself to win Stakes races in her 3 and 5 year old years. **Scorpio Queen** was a very durable galloper having won 5 races from 31 career runs and over \$360,000 in stakes. **SCORPIUS** is anticipated to be making his Metropolitan debut at Caulfield this coming Saturday June 29 and we look forward to testing him out in tougher competition!

Two other two year olds who raced recently include **BELLA AMORE** and **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** who are currently spelling and not far away from resuming work. **BELLA AMORE** is a very nice Snitzel filly who improved off her first up third last time around with a very good 4th in the Donald Classic in May beaten less than 2 lengths and followed that up with an even better run in town finishing 7th beaten 2.5 lengths at Sandown on May 26. Her latest run was full of merit as she got back to last at the 600 metre mark before running off at the turn yet hit the line very well. **BELLA AMORE** should clearly have finished closer and is a horse to follow as she is still very mentally immature yet still improved at each run that she has had to date. **BELLA AMORE** pulled up terrific afterwards physically but there was not much condition left to push forward so Mick has done the right thing in

giving her time to develop. She is considered a Metropolitan galloper in the making who will get her chance again next time over the Summer months! **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** appeared disappointing on face value at her first run at Pakenham Synthetic on May 9 finishing 7th however pulled up quite shin sore from that run and immediately spelled. She was a late immature foal who has worked and trialed well at Caulfield and will be a big improver when she is next produced and when she has fully matured physically. She has a good brain on her and when her body catches up we feel that she will make a horse and be not too long out of the winners circle!

Our most consistent galloper **EXFLYTATIONS** had a visit to Sydney in May/June in an endeavor to search out drier tracks given the limited opportunities of any suitable BM Synthetic racing and the softer tracks that presented here in Victoria. She was well handled by Warwick Farm trainer Gabby Englebrecht during her time with her and Gabby was very unlucky not to have secured a win with the daughter of Exceed And Excel at Muswellbrook late last month when she was beaten a short head in a driving finish over 2300 metres when well ridden. Luck deserted her at her most recent run at Gosford and was immediately brought home to Caulfield to prepare for her next run, which pleasingly will be back at Pakenham Synthetic on Sunday 7th July to run in a BM 70 over 2200 metres. This mare is going very well and ideally suited to the Synthetic so I wouldn't be dropping off her as yet as this is the surface that she does excel on, and we look for her to be competitive at this next run. **EXFLYTATIONS** has currently had 29 starts for 4 wins, 4 seconds and 4 thirds and \$ 110,550 in stakes and is a nice consistent horse for her owners and usually highly competitive when ridden appropriately and when on a nice dry surface.

FRONT PAGE NEWS and **FROM THE STARS** are two horses who are currently at Caulfield and starting to tune up for their upcoming campaigns particularly **FRONT PAGE NEWS** who is now at the trial stage. Unlucky not to have won by now having run 3 seconds and a third from 6 runs last time, this guy was most consistent before falling away at Sale at his final run for that respective prep and it was felt that mental immaturity cost him



SCORPIUS standing proudly after his effort at Moe

dearly. He looked the likely winner on a couple of occasions (particularly at Wangaratta) however mental immaturity looked to come to the fore and he was just not able to finish and get that well deserved win. He looks to be a consistent galloper in the making and as stayers take time **FRONT PAGE NEWS** will be given that luxury and to see how he develops. He is a very sound, clean winded on pace galloper who makes his own luck when he gets past 1600 metres and may also be well suited to Synthetic racing at this time of year given he does show a liking for the harder tracks. He is a definite horse to follow past 1600 metres! **FROM THE STARS** on the other hand appears a lovely sprinting Daughter of Zoustar who performed very well in her debut run at Seymour back in March running 5th beaten under 2 lengths when considered very close to being over the top. This has proven to be quite a strong form race with the winner Maqsad placing at Stakes level in Adelaide at her next run, whilst both Mr Deadline and Barcali were both subsequent winners. **FROM THE STARS** has come back in excellent order and is expected to be big improver this time around-look out for her!

Other horses that are away and going in pre-training include our Brazen Beau 2YO gelding **ZENDE** and our NZ Tavistock 3YO Filly **SATIN STOCKING**. **ZENDE** showed very good ability last time at Caulfield in both his trackwork and trials however physically got a bit heavy and in the horses best interest his preparation was halted and was subsequently gelded. Back better than ever now, he is in the early stages of work but looks great

physically and he will not take long to get down to Caulfield and to re commence some serious work. **ZENDE** is a lovely natured horse and should go very close to racing this time around whilst his stablemate **SATIN STOCKING**, a late developer has done nothing but improve at each prep. Frustratingly this has not translated to racing, however she will get very close this time. Only shin soreness stopped her last time and given another nice break she has arrived back at the Ledgers in outstanding order having grown taller during her most recent spell. She too has a great nature and an excellent willingness to learn, so for a horse who has been fully educated and trialed well in her only trial there is plenty of optimism that **SATIN STOCKING** can go very close to racing this time around and from what we have witnessed is very close to the most improved of the United Syndication gallopers as she progressed through her physical development and time at Caulfield.

One final horse that had a very good last prep (which included a well-deserved win at Donald) and close to resuming pre-training with Matthew Williams is **MISS DAMITA** who raced well at her last prep. She was most consistent last time around and it is hoped that we can give her an opportunity in town this time around after a couple of initial runs. Looks a very nice staying mare of the future where we haven't got to her optimum distance level as yet, however being a lovely sound clean winded mare, **MISS DAMITA** will no doubt be given that opportunity this time around and looks set to improve on her \$41,450 that she has earned for her connections to date!



MISS DAMITA heading for victory at Donald



Our Sydney Classic **RUBICK/FEDERICA** colt

2019 Yearling Purchases

Our 2 Yearling purchases of this year in our **RUBICK/FEDERICA** colt and our **WRITTEN TYCOON/JUST MEILLE** filly both broke in without incident and to nice reports as did our Homebred **SNITZEL/LOVEYAMADLY** colt. All three horses were a breeze to break in according to team Ledger and all had great attitudes to boot which is always nice to hear. The **RUBICK** colt and **WRITTEN TYCOON** filly are both currently spelling whilst our **SNITZEL/LOVEYAMADLY** colt has just resumed pre-training with John Ledger after an initial nice early

breaking. They are all 3 nice horses from stallions who have already, or currently making names for themselves so fingers crossed one of the three can emerge and make a name for himself OR herself in the months ahead on the race track! All owners will be advised as to when each horse resumes their respective pre-training routines with video updates to be emailed out accordingly!



Our gorgeous Melbourne Premier **WRITTEN TYCOON/JUST MEILLE** filly