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**SCORPIUS** - Heading for victory at Moe in June

## From the Stable

Whilst there has not been much racing action over the Winter months which is usual for the way that Mick structures his team at Caulfield, there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes laying the seed for the months ahead. One galloper who continues to remain consistent without winning has been **FRONT PAGE NEWS** who kicked off his campaign by running yet another second at Ballarat in August, a 5<sup>th</sup> at Pakenham when not having much luck and a 4<sup>th</sup> at Ballarat subsequent to that. On recommendation from Mick, **FRONT PAGE NEWS** has been transferred to Charlotte Littlefield in an effort to vary his training routine (via the beach and Bunyip State forest) and to try new training techniques in an effort to reinvigorate the 4YO and to get that elusive win. **FRONT PAGE NEWS** has been a lovely sound gelding and Charlotte has isolated a few areas that could see improvement, and if she can extract a length or two from him that will be sufficient for a win for a terrific group of loyal Syndicate owners. **FRONT PAGE NEWS** who is still lightly raced for a 4YO has had 10 starts for 4 seconds and a third and \$33,355 in stakes so a win would more than likely see him tip over the \$50,000 mark!

A few gallopers that had raced when either not quite right or not quite ready but ran for experience included **FROM THE STARS**, **SATIN STOCKING** and **ZENDE**. **FROM THE STARS** was excellent first up at Moe on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August running on very well to run 4<sup>th</sup> on a very heavy track however that run must have taken its toll as she pulled up very tired after failing at Seymour in what looked a suitable

race for her and was immediately spelled. This filly is well thought of within the stable and will be expected to resume pre-training late October/early November and ready to resume racing early in the new year. The same could be said about **SATIN STOCKING** who disappointed in her debut run at Ballarat early in the month, however was not ready to perform and this run was used for experience. This mare fell away physically and was simply not able to handle the hustle and bustle of Caulfield and has been subsequently transferred down to Mick's Warrnambool base under the care of Matthew Williams where she is currently much more settled and doing well. A good Spring spell is what this mare requires, which will give her the opportunity to improve and perform next time around which she will need to do but having said that and in fairness to the horse, she has not been ready to do so in previous preps and her run at Ballarat should be ignored. **ZENDE**, who is our Brazen Beau 3YO and a breed that seems to appreciate a little time, is a lovely horse of the future however bad barrier draws and a run at Wodonga when not 100% right saw him disappoint to the ability that we have seen, via a stunning Cranbourne barrier trial win and excellent trackwork at home. Rather than try and work through his issues Mick thought it best to pull up stumps and just let him fully recover on a Spring spell out at Cloverdale where I am pleased to report that he is currently literally jumping out of his skin and full of beans. I think we will see a completely different horse next time around and **ZENDE** is a horse to follow and his owners should enjoy some successful racing with him in the New Year!



**MISS DAMITA** - Looks set for a great prep from Mick's Warrnambool base

A number of horses are down at Caulfield OR at Warrnambool in full work and as mentioned previously will be gracing the tracks in the not too distant future. At Caulfield **EXFLYTATIONS**, **BELLA AMORE**, **SCORPIUS**, **JOURNALESE** and **RUBRICA** have made a presence and all are at differing stages of where they currently sit in their respective preparations. The gorgeous **EXFLYTATIONS** will be having her final prep with Mick before she heads towards what possibly will be the most successful stage in her career as a broodmare next year. This consistent mare is looking more and more like a broodmare every day and is just a big strong brute of a horse. This daughter of Exceed And Excel loves the dry tracks and has been lined up over the Summer months in an effort to have

her improve her race record of 4 wins, 4 seconds and 4 thirds from 29 runs and \$110,550 in stakes. Being a daughter of Exceed And Excel out of a Lonhro mare this girl ticks every box on pedigree and type for her to be a commercial proposition and I am sure the next stage of her career will see a great deal of fun for her Syndicate being able to race AND sell her pedigree of the future!

Our home bred filly **BELLA AMORE** is a filly to follow this time around after two previous preps where she was very new to it all and did what she did on raw ability alone. She has come back into Caulfield in excellent order and whilst she is currently recovering from a mild virus she will be one filly who I believe will be putting her hand up over



**EXFLYTATIONS** - Back for the Summer months racing!

the coming months and is one horse to be followed! Another horse to follow is **SCORPIUS** who was a very impressive first up winner in June and who then failed subsequently at his next run at Caulfield in a very good form race when seemingly over the top. This guy spelled super and has come back in outstanding order as all of his owners would have seen via the pre-training video updates from John Ledger and has come into Caulfield full of beans. **SCORPIUS** has come back at the right time of the year where there will be some lovely SUPER VOBIS races for him to run in and should he improve and progress to Black type level as is possible, Autumn is just around the corner! Two 2YO's who have made their way down from Wangaratta and are now having their first looks at Caulfield include **JOURNALESE** and **RUBRICA**. **JOURNALESE** is just a lovely daughter of Written Tycoon who looks a ready-made running type and full of maturity whilst **RUBRICA** looks to me to be still a prep away physically as he hasn't had that next growth spurt as yet and is quite woolly in the coat which is a clear indication of immaturity. Never the less **RUBRICA** has done all that has been asked of him to date in pre-training, has an excellent nature and willingness to learn and has pleased with what he has done to date settling in well at Caulfield!

Our Warrnambool team has indeed increased and is just a magnificent add on facility for Mick and Michael Kent to work with those horses that either have physical issues OR don't really handle or flourish in a city stable environment. **MISS DAMITA** is one horse who has just loved Warrnambool and saw her flourish last prep. She has done a treat and ready to run Monday at Geelong in what will be her first up run this prep. She has trialed very well at Warrnambool and Ararat recently and looks set for a consistent campaign where Matthew Williams has her in excellent order. This mare is flying and can followed with confidence over the coming weeks and months ahead. **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** is in the same mold as **MISS DAMITA** showing a clear distain for Caulfield and has also

been transferred to the beach and whilst this may not be her prep as it is very difficult to build condition whilst horses are in full work has settled in well and showing improvement in her condition. She trialed softly at Ararat recently and heads to the trails again next Monday and not far off her first run this time in. As I mentioned she will improve next prep on whatever she does now as she will be able to have full spell at Warrnambool where she will no doubt flourish and Matthew is taking her nice and slow and we are hopeful of at least seeing improvement on her debut run at Pakenham in May when shin sore! Finally, our team at Warrnambool rounds out with our big strong 3YO **ZOUPURSTAR** who Mick and I thought given his size, would benefit from a conservative approach at the beach which will be able to have him fit without the need to sustain the concussion elements of Caulfield. To date, this horse who is big in size but great in nature has thrived and has done everything right and with some barrier education will not be far off the trial stage!

Special mention must also be made of our seemingly long forgotten now 4YO in **FIGHTING HARADA** who has missed recent newsletters but is now starting to very much return to the fold. This guy sustained a long term concussion type injury back in January which is a very tricky type to conclude just when it is time to go and when it is time to still remain conservative on. The proof in the pudding will be when **FIGHTING HARADA** has his next scheduled MRI at the end of October/early November which will indicate just what improvement we have realized since the time that he has been given to spell and now. To look at him you wouldn't think there is a thing wrong with him as he is in outstanding order at Cloverdale and credit to Kaz Morphett and the team that they have been able to have him looking as well as he does over the time that he has been with them. Fingers crossed for positive news in the coming weeks as this is a horse that is clearly Black Type and Mick and the team would dearly love to see him back at Caulfield!



**FIGHTING HARADA** - Desperate to overcome injury and return to racing!