



Miss Damita returning to scale after winning the Mortlake Cup with a very pleased Teo Nugent

From the Stable

As indicated in the first paragraph of September's newsletter, whilst there was not a lot of Winter racing to be had there was a lot of work that was going on behind the scenes that promised to be fruitful and in the months ahead. Those months have now indeed seen 5 wins, 1 second, 5 thirds and 2 fourths from 15 runners and included two at Metropolitan level - **BELLA AMORE** and **SCORPIUS**. **MISS DAMITA** got the ball rolling by scoring in a tough dogged performance at Kyneton on October 15 when ridden a treat by Zac Spain and followed up that win by scoring a devastating win in the Mortlake Cup when again ridden to perfection by leading apprentice Teo Nugent. That win was only 2 lengths off the long standing 1984 track record held by Better Chloe and one could argue that had Teo not throttled down at the 100 metre mark, that record could well have been in jeopardy. After an honest 3rd at Sandown earning a Metropolitan placing which is all important for her anticipated stud career ahead, **MISS DAMITA** heads to Moonee Valley this Friday where she would be expected to again be competitive given that finds a nice BM 70 race. Much improved Mare **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** also ventures to town at Caulfield Wednesday and finds a lovely BM 64. She kicked off this prep after enjoying a lovely spell at Warrnambool by running a slashing 3rd first up at Hamilton when running home exceptionally well after being ridden back from a wide gate indicating that a win was just around the corner. That win came at her next run where she hit the line hard to score well at Warrnambool over 1400 metres on November 11 and arguably ran out of her skin at Sandown 20th

November flashing home late to run 5th beaten less than 2 lengths. A much improved filly, **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** has shown excellent progression to date and is definitely a horse to be following for the future!

Our gorgeous homebred filly **BELLA AMORE** has done her Syndicate of owners a few favors this time in following on from a good 4th first up at Cranbourne, graduating to a Metropolitan placing when running 3rd at Sandown on the 20th November to **WINNING** a Metropolitan race at the same track recently on the 11th December. Given a super steer by leading jockey Michael Walker, **BELLA AMORE** always looked in control in the straight but faded late to hang on with her immaturity in races an issue that she is dealing with, however fortunately for her owners is racing well and winning whilst learning. Once she can put it all together which will most likely come next prep, she is a filly that will only continue to improve and should graduate to Saturday City class come Winter time! **SCORPIUS** continued the winning run on the same day as **BELLA AMORE** giving United Syndications our first winning Metropolitan double at the same venue when scoring in the BM 64 with ridiculous ease. Considered unlucky when running 2nd first up at Sandown 20th November behind the smart Neighbourhood, **SCORPIUS** made up for that loss by leading all the way to win pulling up on the line when ridden by Michael Dee and looks set for better racing ahead. This now 3YO colt has shown



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Bella Amore heading for victory at Sandown Dec 11

natural ability from the get go and is now starting to put it all together on the race track. His record currently stands at 4 starts for 2 wins, 1 second and \$60,050 in stakes. His next run is scheduled for Boxing Day at Caulfield and will run in a \$135,000 SUPER VOBIS 3YO BM 70 which looks a most suitable race for him. **SCORPIUS** is definitely a horse to follow and we believe better racing is in store for this smashing son of **DEEP FIELD!**

FRONT PAGE NEWS, recently transferred to progressive trainer Charlotte Littlefield at Pakenham, more for a change of environment and to try different training techniques that Charlotte is well known continues to remain consistent, however that ever elusive wins is still eluding this son of Written Tycoon. **FRONT PAGE NEWS** is a died in the wool stayer and we are desperate to secure that win for him and his ever loyal owners. His most recent run at Echuca December 12 was full of merit going under less than 2 lengths and a run that impressed Michael Walker who said that the horse tried very hard and could have run another lap such is his endurance. For the record **FRONT PAGE NEWS** has run 4 seconds and 2 thirds from 13 career starts and \$37,720 in stakes. Fingers crossed we can soon get that win!

A couple of horses that have just walked into Caulfield include **ZENDE** and **FROM THE STARS**. Both horses have come into Caulfield in outstanding order after pleasing with John Ledger at Wangaratta over the past few weeks. **ZENDE** and **FROM THE STARS** have both shown excellent ability and do appear future winners as what they have done on the race track is not indicative of what they have shown on the training track, so Mick and I feel there is plenty of upside and more importantly success ahead for both. One 2YO who has currently made his way to the trial stage is **IMMORTAL LOVE** (Snitzel/Loveyamadly colt) who has done very well in his

time at Caulfield. A sensible colt (so far), **IMMORTAL LOVE** has pleased us with what he has shown to date and is ready to now go and work out what it is like to face the trials for the very first time. He is a tough strong colt, and whilst time will tell as to just how far we do get this time around, he has shown ability and once he works it all out I am sure he will be a horse to follow for the future! Two other 2YO'S who are just behind **IMMORTAL LOVE** as far as education is concerned include **RUBRICA** and **JOURNALESE**. **RUBRICA** didn't get far at all last time around due to immaturity issues and not a lot is known about him as yet whilst **JOURNALESE** did please very much last time around and had it not been for shin soreness would have got to the trial stage. She is a lovely sensible filly with a great attitude and should (all going well) get well advanced this time around and build further on the ability that she has shown to date!

One of the most additions to Mick's and Michael ability to train and keep horses fresh and sound has been the ability to set up a training base from Warrnambool under the management of top trainer Matthew Williams. Not only has **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** and **MISS DAMITA** found their way down to Warrnambool and from which we have seen, both horses have improved considerably from the shift but also **SATIN STOCKING**, **ZOUPURSTAR** and now **FIGHTING HARADA** have joined them. **FIGHTING HARADA** is resuming from a long term injury that we have pleasingly now received the tick of approval from Dr Ian Fulton after a recent MRI. **FIGHTING HARADA** has been in work without issue after 1 month and has settled into the beach environment perfectly. There has been no more work and planning gone into the rehabilitation and safe return of a horse than **FIGHTING HARADA** and we hope that we can have him back



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at the races in sound condition because if we can, he will make considerable headway on his already impressive race record of 8 starts for 2 wins, 2 seconds and a third for \$114,840 in stakes - a record that arguably could be much better if for a touch of luck! Our 3YO Zoustar gelding **ZOUPURSTAR** had a great last prep, the very first real prep due to past immaturity issues and trialed on 3 occasions, pleasing nicely in the first two before immaturity got in the way come trial 3. He will come back to Matthew Williams well educated and sound in action, and all going well should present at the races next time around. **SATIN STOCKING** has been a very immature Tavistock Mare who has now started to thrive for the very first time in her career and we will get to see the best of this time around. She is early into her Warrnambool prep and has some weeks to go before she is at the trial stage!



Undoubtedly So returning to scale with Jack Hill after winning at Warrnambool Nov 8

Sales 2020

The Sales season is almost upon us and as usual United Syndications will again be at all of the major Yearling Sales conducted throughout Australia and NZ. Our focus continues to be centered around nicely bred, well conformed yearlings from the most successful Stallions that we believe are still buyable and represent value. They include Deep Field, Rubick, Not A Single Doubt, Brazen Beau, Dundee, Exceed And Excel, Lonhro, Pierro, Sebring, So You Think, Written Tycoon, Zoustar etc. 2020 will also see the new generation of Stallions having their very crop of yearlings presented to the buying market and do include very exciting stallions of the caliber of Flying Artie, Extreme Choice, Maurice (Jpn), Winning Rupert, Capitalist and American Pharoah. The last two mentioned will offer completely different types of progeny but are equally as exciting as the other. Capitalist is another brilliant son of Written Tycoon who was the Champion Colt of 2015-16 winning the ATC Golden Slipper and Gold Coast Magic Millions as a 2YO whilst American Pharoah was just a horse of a lifetime having won 9 of only 11 career race starts with 8 of those being at **GROUP 1** level! He already has his first crop of horses racing in the Northern Hemisphere and is off to a flying start in America so we will be assessing his first Australian crop diligently and with great interest as a better credentialed horse coming to Australia for the first time you would struggle to find!



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Scorpius in full flight at Sandown Dec 11

Christmas Wishes

With Christmas now upon us I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members and respective families a very Merry Xmas and safe New Year and a big thanks for all of the support throughout the year. We cannot provide the service or gain the success without the support of people making up the numbers to form syndicates and Lauren and I truly value the support and the long time loyalty of our members who continue to support us. I am committed to working as hard as ever, as is Mick and now Michael Kent who has brought a great deal of youthful enthusiasm to the team, and have committed themselves, to continue the journey to winning future GROUP 1 races and Mick at having just turned 60 is as hungry as ever. A special thanks must be made to our cameraman in Rohan Goodwin from TCS who has been one of our loyal contributors all throughout the year providing all of the trackwork action for everyone to enjoy on Tuesday and Saturday mornings and has braved many a wet and cold mornings at Caulfield through Winter. I appreciate Rohan's contribution who is now very much part of our team and to his ongoing commitment moving forward into 2020 which is very much appreciated. Whilst some of the action will obviously stop whilst we are away at the sales, everyone will be pleased to know that Rohan's quality productions for us on Tuesday's and Saturday will be featuring again next year- so bring on 2020 and **MERRY CHRISTMAS** to all!

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