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Zende driving to the line at Geelong to win impressively

## From the Stable

There are clearly interesting times ahead for our great industry over the coming weeks but the last couple of months have at least been fruitful for our owners, and provided racing continues I am sure there are further successes ahead. As mentioned in our December newsletter, two horses that I identified as being future winners in **ZENDE** and **FROME THE STARS** did in fact greet the winners stall as anticipated and both have lovely futures ahead. **ZENDE** was a very impressive winner at Geelong in January and followed up that win with a super run at Flemington on the 9th February only going down by a short half head to a very good galloper in Chassis, who then herself ran 5th beaten less than two lengths in the GROUP 2 Angus Armanasco Stakes at her next run. **ZENDE** pulled up slightly sore after that run and Mick decided that we would play conservative with this promising 3YO and is due to return to pre-training in the coming weeks. **FROME THE STARS** who is far from the finished product continues to learn on the job however was able to break her Maiden status at Werribee last month when an impressive all of the way winner. Her subsequent runs when finishing third and fourth respectfully at Ballarat recently were both full of merit and the recent addition of blinkers have helped her

tractability in her races. Both of these horses are to be followed and are lovely horses still developing!

One 3YO that has taken his time to develop but has never the less continued his steady progress is **ZOUPURSTAR** who is anticipated to be heading to his second trial next week. A big immature Zoustar gelding, **ZOUPURSTAR** is slowly learning his craft and the recent addition of blinkers has, (like **FROME THE STARS**) improved his tractability and switched him on nicely. A horse that appears as though he will be suited to 1400-1600 metres, he is still a work in progress however is holding together well as we await his race track debut. Another immature and now gelded 3YO **IMMORTAL LOVE** has recently come in the Caulfield stables of Mick Price & Michael Kent and pleased in his pre-training with David Feek. This guy is only at the early stages with Mick and Michael and it is hoped that gelding this smashing son of Snitzel, who is a terrific physical specimen will have his mind in a better state than what we learned from his last prep which did leave a bit to be desired as his concentration levels when he did get to the trials were virtually non-existent!



Zende returning to scale at Geelong after his Maiden win

Other horses that have just entered pre-training over the last few weeks and still have some way to go to get to the races include **MISS DAMITA**, **SCORPIUS**, **JOURNALESE** and **FRONT PAGE NEWS**. **MISS DAMITA** has been a really consistent mare for her owners as her record of 19 starts for 4 wins, 1 seconds, 5 thirds and \$82,110 in stakes would indicate. This mare graduated to City class last time around running third at Sandown, fourth at Caulfield on Boxing Day and fifth at Moonee Valley when extending out in distance and tried hard in all three of those runs running well. She has been in work for

about 3 weeks with Matthew Williams at Warnambool and will relish the soft conditions of Winter should racing get that far. **SCORPIUS** is another 3YO that will also relish the soft conditions of Winter and having now been gelded, which significantly affected his last two runs at Caulfield and Flemington prior to spelling, this guy is a really nice horse and if the gelding achieves the desired effect, he will be giving his owners some real fun over the coming months at Metropolitan level. **JOURNALESE**, a slightly immature daughter of Written Tycoon has shown really nice ability but was on the downward spiral when she



Frome The Stars gets the job done at Werribee

got to the trial stage last prep. This girl has always shown good ability and whilst bungling the start at both of her trials last time in, showed excellent speed to be prominent when she had no right to do so. A subsequent spell has seen **JOURNALESE** progress the right way physically and whilst she still has further improvement ahead, it will be interesting to see if she can get to the trials on an up this time, as if she can, significant trial improvement will be seen. **FRONT PAGE NEWS** who is closing in a trial next week for Charlotte Littlefield has come back in super order after a terrific little spell at Cloverdale and looks fantastic. An honest galloper but frustrating that for whatever reason we just can't secure a win, **FRONT PAGE NEWS** will be stepped out further in trip this prep which will suit and a win must come this time around to justify his spot with all owners moving forward. He is a sound tough galloper that just needs to find a win!

Another couple of really nice progressive 3YO's who are currently spelling after jarring up at their last runs include **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** and **BELLA AMORE**. Both of these horses improved out of sight

last prep with wins to both of them and impressive wins to boot. **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** was most impressive winner her Maiden at Warrnambool back in November and followed that win up with two excellent runs in town at Sandown and Caulfield respectively. Both of those runs were full of merit running on strongly on both occasions and she thrives on Soft tracks. **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** pulled up a bit sore after Caulfield and has been given a nice spell but will be resuming work in the coming weeks. She is a filly capable of winning in town over the Winter months up to 2000 metres and can be followed with confidence once she steps up in trip and finds a nice Soft surface. It is basically ditto the same for **BELLA AMORE** who herself is a Metropolitan winner and was desperately unlucky not to have won at her subsequent run at Flemington when she was swamped last after racing three and four wide the trip. She was another filly who improved out of sight with racing and will improve further after a nice spell and the Winter months are seen as being ideal for her. All going well she will resume work in the coming weeks and is destined for success as she heads into Winter!



Happy owners enjoying Frome The Stars win at Werribee

## Magic Millions Sebring/Padma filly

Our stunning Magic Millions Sebring filly has been fully syndicated and I thank and welcome our new owners for their participation and our older loyal owners for their continued support which Lauren and I are forever grateful for. This girl is currently being broken in with John Ledger and the team with good reports coming out of Wangaratta. She is displaying a

great willingness to learn and her temperament has been exemplary to date which we hope continues as temperament is all important when the pressure starts being applied in the upcoming months. She will continue her breaking for the next couple of weeks after which a nice well deserved break will ensue.

# Coronavirus Thoughts

It is indeed tough and challenging times in our industry right now, however I must say that our Industry has indeed excelled when needed via protocols and the separation of jockeys and at the writing of this newsletter racing continues in its current format. It is frustrating that owners and participants have been banned (which includes myself) race day and from attending trackwork, which obviously restricts my ability to be able to give first hand reports from the track and on race day with jockey comments post-race, however if that is all that is required to keep racing going, which is vital to maintain thousands of jobs then it is a small price to pay. A lot of uncertainty also surrounds the sales, how they will operate and the future scheduling thereof and for now I am going to allow that to all play out. The sales have been extremely expensive this year and to be honest, in my opinion do not reflect the current economic environment that we live in.

The Melbourne Premier Sale was a classic example where Coronavirus had begun in the world, was

obviously being carried into countries by air travel and last time I looked Australia was a place where planes landed. The obvious conclusion was that Australia was going to be affected and ongoing uncertainty was guaranteed which played heavily on my mind at that sale, and as such I walked out after only a few hours. It is genuinely hard to explain the eerie feeling of walking into a sale where the environment seemed so buoyant and without a care in the world, yet for me, the exact moment I walked out of the sale I felt just the opposite! My own conclusion to all of this is that everything will return to normal in time, but the uncertainty of just when that will be is still unknown and currently being worked on. I do urge everyone however to remain as calm as they possibly can and be confident that our government and our Industry leaders are doing all they possibly can to get on top of this virus and minimize its impact! I wish everyone well, to stay safe and hopefully we can all remain healthy and just wait and support each other until life returns to normal as we know it!



Sebring/Padma filly purchased at the recent Gold Coast Magic Millions Sales