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I'mlovin'ya winning the **LISTED** Talindert Stakes at Flemington in Feb

## From the Stable

Our Adelaide Magic Millions purchase of 2021 in **RUSSIAN MINT** made his racetrack debut last month at Sandown running a very respectable 5th beaten only 3.35 lengths and knowing that there is plenty of natural improvement left in the locker. You simply can't be running fast early sectionals wanting to run quicker with your head held high in the air when going to the races, particularly in town. This guy had shown excellent ability at the trials winning both easily, however was very raw and wanted to get his work and his trials over as soon as he could which was the issue and that approach simply won't cut the mustard. He was a candidate for gelding as far back as last prep however (as some horses quite often do) Mick and Michael wanted to give **RUSSIAN MINT** the benefit of the doubt given that he showed us good ability and to see as to whether he would learn what the racing caper was about all of his own accord. Sadly, the penny just didn't drop with him and we were forced to take matters into our own hands and have him gelded which should result in a more tractable racehorse next time around. Recent Morphettville Metropolitan winner The Guava, and in the Country Shambo and Nixie have ALL won since, indicating that it was a very good Metropolitan race in which to assess form moving forward so all being equal, one would expect that **RUSSIAN MINT** will be a coming winner for us. He is likely to be resuming pre-training towards the end of next month and fingers crossed that gelding does the trick as from what

we have seen he does appear a Metropolitan standard horse!

One horse that we are looking forward to seeing back out on the race track is our Stakes winning filly from the Autumn in **I'MLOVIN'YA** who won the **LISTED** Talindert Stakes at only her second start. Whilst it was hard to do at the time to then ignore backing up the following week in the **GROUP 1** Blue Diamond, Mick, Michael and I made the decision to immediately spell **I'MLOVIN'YA** who was quite immature physically in the best interests of the horse and to have a lovely fresh filly for the Spring. **I'MLOVIN'YA** had a great 10 week spell with the lady that we ask to do certain jobs in Sally Watkins of "Willaroo" and the trick worked with this filly spelling terrific and came back to the Ledgers in pre training a bigger and taller filly, which she needed to do if she wants to compete at the top level with the bigger and stronger 3YO fillies in the Spring. She has just arrived into Cranbourne last week and is well underway for her return to the track mid August, hopefully to contest the **GROUP 3** Quezette for fillies over 1100 metres at Caulfield. Normally and from past experience, the result of looking after your horse and not going to the well once too invariably sees your horse improve naturally and if that is the case, **I'MLOVIN'YA** should provide plenty of thrills for her owners in the Spring as there are quite a few fillies races that await her. Look out



Scorpius heading back to the races next month pictured here winning at Yarra Glen

for her in the Spring as she is a filly that has good natural ability, has a good long turn of foot which was evident in both of her first two runs and tries very hard-all good attributes that you need at the top level and she is a filly that you can back with confidence knowing that she will give you a great sight!

**SCORPIUS** is one horse that looks to have returned back in great order since his most recent break. Has trialled twice now (Wangaratta and Cranbourne) for two very good seconds and is close to returning to the races. The plan for **SCORPIUS** is for him to be trialling again at Cranbourne next week after which he will be heading to Geelong on Friday 15th July to contest a \$35,000 BM 64 over 1200 metres. **SCORPIUS** has an excellent first up record having won twice and running second on two further occasions from 5 first up runs so no doubt he is a horse to be watched particularly early on in his campaign. He raced very consistently last prep and the feeling is

that he can well improve on his current record of 24 starts for 3 wins, 4 seconds and 2 thirds and \$137,325 in stakes!

Two horses that are currently in pre training with John and Chris Ledger are **BRING ME FLOWERS** and our Sydney Classic purchase of this year in our **WRITTEN BY/PELTIER** filly. **BRING ME FLOWERS** is on the comeback trail after injury and had a lovely spell from late March through to the end of May. The break did her the world of good and really strengthened and developed over that time and hopefully in the process put pay to those niggles that stopped her trialling well back in March when there was an obvious issue. An impressive Maiden winner at Sale back in October last year, it is certainly hoped that this filly can get an uninterrupted run this time around and put pay to her niggles as she certainly has much to give out on the track before her stud plans are thought of! Our **WRITTEN BY** filly has certainly done well to date and never missed a



Our gorgeous City winning Snitzel Mare Bella Amore in foal to boom stallion Toronado!

beat during her breaking in recently. Given a lovely 6 week spell subsequent to that, this filly has literally bounced back into John and Chris Ledger's pre training program and is already back out on the track working in groups and learning now how to transition into being a racehorse. This filly has a wonderful temperament as we observed at the sales and has a great willingness to learn. She will be with the Ledgers for a further 5-6 weeks after which I would imagine that a further spell will then be on the agenda for her.

Two other horses that made good progression without venturing to the races this time around were **LUSCIOUS** and **SO DATABLE**. **LUSCIOUS** (Fighting Sun/Liberty Made filly) made significant improvement from her first prep at Micks and trialled on two occasions at Cranbourne. Her second trial was a marked improvement from her first however Michael Walker who rode **LUSCIOUS** in the second trial indicated to Mick and myself that she needed to strengthen and furnish further before being taken to the races, so we took that all on board and she has been spelling

since mid-May. She has always been a bit immature physically (as first foals often are) so time will be her friend and will be resuming work in the not too distant future. **SO DATABLE** on the other hand is quite a big raw type of **SO YOU THINK** where unlike **LUSCIOUS**, distance will be her friend. Is nice and educated and showed up early in her barrier trial at Cranbourne late May before spelling. Her rider Craig Newitt commented that she is lovely and educated but failed to handle the soft conditions so being Winter we took the opportunity of spelling now rather than trying to run her on surfaces that clearly she wouldn't appreciate. Not a lot is known of **SO DATABLE** to date as she has been galloping and trialling over unsuitable distances, however she is a lovely filly to have in the stable, is nice and educated and looks to us as though she is a filly who will appreciate ground when she gets to the races. The **SO YOU THINK** breed just improve as they are raced and get over a trip and being such a relaxed filly, it is a great trait to have when you know that distance will be your attribute when you indeed get to the races!

## Mares

**MISS DAMITA** - In foal to **KING'S LEGACY** (Due 25th August). Booked to **EXCEEDANCE**.

**UNDOUBTEDLY SO** - In foal to **RUSSIAN CAMELOT** (Due 15th September). Booked to **MAGNUS**.

**LIBERTY MADE** - In foal to **NICCONI** (Due 17th September). Booked to **DOUBTLAND**.

**BELLA AMORE** - In foal to **TORONADO** (Due 14th October). Booked to **CAPITALIST**.

**LOVEYAMADLY** - In foal to **KING'S LEGACY** (Due 15th October). Booked to **I AM INVINCIBLE**.



Miss Damita heavily in foal to exciting new Coolmore stallion King's Legacy