



Exceedance/Miss Damita colt

From the Stable

It is indeed exciting to start to see the Class of 2023 (now 2YO'S) start to make their appearances down at Cranbourne and commence the next generation of our hopeful stars of the future.

Our Magnus/Liberty Made colt **FLAVIUS** is the first of those to appear and whilst now may not be his friend, being a son of Magnus, whose progeny do need some time to mature as a rule, this guy ticks all the boxes on type. Seeing him in the flesh, this guy is an absolute cracking type with short cannons and a lovely forearm and has a great shape about him and very correct in front. **FLAVIUS** has been perfect all along in his pre training education up at Wangaratta but didn't know what quite hit him when he first arrived into the bright lights of Cranbourne last week. He was literally like a young kid having his first day at school and was very wary in his new surroundings. He was not nasty at all but was seeing things for the first time and was a bit overwhelmed at the new experiences he was facing. This is not uncommon, as Cranbourne is a very busy environment with the volume of horses, bright lights, a busy stabling area and different sand, grass, poly and sand hill tracks to become familiar with. **FLAVIUS** is slowly becoming accustomed to his new environment and one thing in his favour is his ability to enjoy his food indicating that whilst being a bit overwhelmed, he is certainly not stressed. An added bonus is that he is a very kind horse with a keen ability to want to learn and please so it will be just a matter of time until the penny drops, and he completely relaxes and starts to

enjoy his new home. **FLAVIUS** will stay at Cranbourne as long as possible to continue on with his prep as each day is valuable for the next time he arrives down at Cranbourne.

Our stayer of the future **ZINOVATION** is the next in line for a look see into Cranbourne and is anticipated to be doing so in the weeks ahead. Commencing pre training at Wangaratta with the Ledgers mid-November, Mick and Michael want him to have a nice solid fitness base before transitioning down to Cranbourne and that process is currently well underway. Whilst obviously he is not expected to get to the races this prep, it is important that he comes down to also experience the bright lights of Cranbourne for all of the reasons above and get the feel of the place. So important for him to also be able to come down and relax into this environment which is all important for stayers. He has certainly been an intelligent colt to date and has shown that he is nice and relaxed in his work at Wangaratta and is fully educated, however he needs to take that asset to Cranbourne which is a challenge that all horses face. **ZINOVATION** has displayed an excellent attitude and willingness to learn ever since he first stepped of the plane from NZ and is a typical tough NZ type of stayer. We hope that what we have seen at Wangaratta continues at Cranbourne as he is out of a Mare who has thrown two Stakes winners from only three foals to race so one would assume, that given time, **ZINOVATION** would also have his fair share of ability!



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Our gorgeous So You Think/Loveyamadly filly **THINK YA LOVE ME** has just commenced pre training at Wangaratta and will also be heading down to Cranbourne in the coming weeks. Quite a big filly with immature knees, **THINK YA LOVE ME** went down to Cranbourne early October for a look see however due to those immature knees was quickly turned out again as Mick and Michael were not able to give her any substantial work due to that immaturity. She has had a lovely 8-week spell again out at Adrian Park in order to mature up and I am sure this time around her work load will be lifted and the team at Price Racing will be able to make some sort of assessment about her next time around. She is just a lovely big So You Think filly who you would think, will appreciate getting out over distance when she starts to get into her racing career which is something that her half sisters and brothers were not bred to do!

Our NOT forgotten gorgeous Written By filly **WRITTEN FOR US** is well on the way to recovery after her recent knee operation. This

filly has not had any luck at all, however we believe that the worst is now behind her and we can finally getting a crack at her next time around. Throat pharyngitis issues plagued this filly as a younger horse and on top of that, has had recent knee surgery to remove a spur at the back of her knee which had been rubbing against her tendon causing inflammation. That now removed, I went to see her recently at Kingshaven agistment Monomeith and I am pleased to report that she looks in outstanding order. Speaking with Michael Kent out at Kingshaven he indicated that she is about 1 month away from resuming work and which I would assume will occur after the Magic Millions Sale on the Gold Coast concludes 13th January!

Written By, as a stallion is doing an outstanding job at stud, particularly with his three-year-olds (which is surprising that he himself was such a brilliant two-year-old) and is currently sitting equal 3rd by winners on the second season sire's tables with brilliant dual Stakes winning 3YO WA galloper Ripcord currently being his showcase performer!



Magnus/Undoubtedly So colt

Broodmares

It has been a successful year regarding our mares/foals for 2023 and I am pleased to say that 3 foals were born this season without issue this year which is always pleased to report. **MISS DAMITA** foaled a lovely **EXCEEDANCE** Colt for her Syndicate and pleased to say that he came into the world with a minimum of fuss. **EXCEEDANCE** has kicked off his stud career in very promising fashion with Dublin Down scoring in the **GROUP 3** Maribyrnong Plate at Flemington on Melbourne Cup Day and was followed up with her Daughter Simply Tina winning impressively at Cairns earlier this month. Two winners from only three runners is an impressive



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start for a stallion, who himself didn't make his racetrack debut until May of his 2YO career winning so impressively at Wyong so his progeny look set to improve as they get older and looks to be a stallion in the making. **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** presented us with a lovely **MAGNUS** colt mid-October and has also had a great start to life. Whilst early days, he appears to have everything in the right spot from a physical aspect and just looks set to enjoy life and mature out over the coming months whilst **LIBERTY MADE** foaled down a lovely leggy **DOUBLAND** filly early October who has plenty of scope and size about her. Initially born a bit weak in the hocks, a bit of TLC and confinement by Royston Murphy and his team at Sledmere Stud who always do such a great job, has seen them strengthen nicely over the past 6 weeks and she is now out and about in a big paddock without a care in the world looking to have a lovely future ahead of her!

LOVEYAMADLY- KING'S LEGACY filly heading to the Sydney Classic sales Feb 12 and in foal to **I AM INVINCIBLE**.

BELLA AMORE- TORONADO filly on the ground (Heading to the breakers early 2024) and in foal to **CAPITALIST**.

LIBERTY MADE- NICCONI colt heading to the Melbourne Premier sales March 5, and in foal to **IN THE CONGO**.

UNDOUBTEDLY SO- RUSSIAN CAMELOT heading to the Melbourne Premier sales March 3, and in foal to **ZOUSAIN**.

MISS DAMITA- KING'S LEGACY filly heading to the Sydney Classic sales Feb 12, and in foal to **IN THE CONGO**.



Doubtland/Liberty Made filly

2024 Sales

I must say that 2024 offers one of the best year's ever for first crop stallions and established sires alike and I am very keen to take part in the sales next year, in particularly to purchase a likely 2YO type on the back of our staying **TARZINO** Syndicate from earlier this year over in NZ. Personally, I believe the quality of next month's first crop stallions presents outstanding buying opportunities as

buyers in general will be spread far and wide on different proven stallions throughout the sales next year and probably not focussing as much on the first crop stallions which then creates buying opportunities. Not sure which stallion that Mick will ultimately choose, however he has requested that given the quality of these first crop stallions we don't



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want to lock into one particular stallion which makes sense.

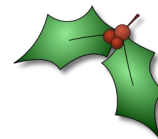
If we are not successful at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Jan 9-13, opportunities then open up at the Sydney Classic Sales Feb 11-13, Melbourne Premier Sales March 3-5 and the Adelaide Magic Millions March 18-19.

First crop stallions like **FARNAN, BIVOUAC, KING'S LEGACY, TAGALOA, OLE KIRK, EARTHLIGHT, DOUBTLAND, HANSEATIC, PELTEZER, ANDERS, PRAGUE, NORTH PACIFIC, COOL AZA BEEL** and **WOOTON BASSETT**, **ALL** offer the credentials necessary to meet that criteria of producing an early **2YO type!!** This group were **ALL** outstanding gallopers in their own right and

from the catalogues that I have already perused coming up at Gold Coast, Sydney Classic and Melbourne Premier, their drafts are of the highest quality and present great buying opportunities, so we are keen to get involved. Obviously if Mick or Jnr cannot find the right type or are simply not impressed with what they see from the first crop stallions below we will then select a Yearling from an established stallion eg Capitalist, Trapeze Artist, Alabama Express, Brazen Beau, Cosmic Force, Deep Field, Exceedance, Grunt, Harry Angel, Russian Revolution, Spirit Of Boom, Tassort, Toronado, Written By etc as our specific aim for this next Syndicate first and foremost is to be buying buy a lovely **2YO type** for everyone!



Merry Christmas



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 achieve the results without the support of the people who form our syndicates and Lauren and I truly value this 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 Michael Kent who continues to bring a great deal of youthful enthusiasm to the team, and both remain committed having achieved outstanding results this year with GROUP 1 victories throughout 2023 via Jacquinot who won both the Golden Rose at Rosehill and the C.F.Orr Stakes at Sandown. Mick and Michael trained 41 Metropolitan winners for the 2022/23 season and 80 Country winners placing them in the top 3 trainers in the state where they have been for many years! Cranbourne is fast becoming a training centre of excellence and I certainly look forward in continuing on this journey with them over the course of my involvement with Mick and Michael Kent (Jnr) which now stretches to over 23 years!!

*Merry Christmas
to All*



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