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Onpicalo - heading for victory at Caulfield

## From the Stable

There has been plenty of action following on from our March Newsletter which I am pleased to report to everyone including some city success and some city frustrations! Our latest stable stars **ONPICALO** and **LE BONSIR** have been flying the flag in no uncertain matter for the team with both horses holding their form remarkably well in the Winter months.

**ONPICALO** has been an ever consistent galloper who started his prep back on the 16th April where he disappointed initially however he quickly made up for that run with a terrific win at Caulfield at his very next start scoring in an \$80,000 0-90 winning in emphatic style after a masterful ride by Dwayne Dunn. He has followed up in his next 3 runs with 2 seconds and a third and arguably has been unlucky in all three runs with various genuine reasons/excuses in all three! **ONPICALO** has been a very consistent horse and is much loved by his army of owners. His record currently stands at 15 starts for 5 wins, 2 seconds and 4 thirds for \$174,115.00 in stakes and ready to build on that at his next start which will be at Cranbourne on Thursday 3rd July.

Another horse worth his weight in gold is our favorite **LE BONSIR** who on Saturday at Moonee Valley by earning \$3,600.00 officially became United Syndications highest prize winning horse and has just taken over the mantle from his Mum in La Bella Dame who herself won \$396,150.00. **LE BONSIR** has had little luck this campaign running 3rd at Flemington 10th May and 2nd again at Flemington 24th May when only collared late. His run when 4th Saturday at the Valley was also full of merit and didn't have the best of luck in transit when things just didn't work out for young apprentice Jordan Childs. **LE BONSIR** runs now in either the \$135,000 GROUP 3 Sir John Monash at

Caulfield Saturday 5th July OR The final of the Vic Sprint Series (Listed) Saturday 12th July or in fact both of these races so **LE BONSIR** has plenty of options. Our Champ has now had 29 starts for 8 wins, 6 seconds and 4 thirds for total stakes earned to date of \$398,450.00!

An emerging star may have been unearthed at Donald last Thursday in **ROYAL SNITZEL** who is one of our homebreds. Bred and retained by the owners this filly is out of our very good mare of yesterday in **ROYAL CHARADES** - a winner of 8 from 18 including 4 in town and \$176,768.00 in stakes and was thought of as a Black Type horse had her bad knees not interfered with that. She was a brilliant winner at Donald leading all of the way to win running away by just on 3 lengths with plenty in hand on the line. It was indeed very satisfying to see that she took what she had showed at Caulfield to the races and looks set for a very bright future and fun times for all of the owners. Very important that we do not get carried away and very important that she faces City opposition at her next start (as we did with **LA BELLA DAME**) first before Spring plans are put into motion as there is such a big difference between Donald form and City form. If she can go to the next level she would then immediately be put away for a short spell before mapping out a Spring program but she does look quite an exciting prospect and is a horse that should be followed by everyone!

Other horses that are currently in work include **VIBRANCE** our Stratum filly who is currently fighting off an infection that has recently affected her and thereby delaying her race track debut. This is a filly that did show nice promise last prep however immaturity issues as she may be going



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Royal Snitzel - returning to scale after a win at Donald

through here has come into play and we just need to let nature play its role and let her tell us when she is ready to be produced.

The same also applies to **RAISE YOUR SPIRITS** who is currently in work with John Ledger at Wangaratta. She has been a very immature filly and after failing in 2 race starts she has been given quite a long spell in order to try and maximize her physical and mental development. She has been in work for about 3 weeks and should be at the races in the next couple of months and it is hoped that she can reward her very patient loyal group of owners.

Other horses that are currently in pre-training include **C'MON GET HAPPY** who has just entered Mick's Caulfield stables after coming back from a serious pelvic injury and our **NORTHERN METEOR/LIL ONASSIS** rising 2yo who has done a treat with John Ledger after a promising breaking in process. She is just a lovely filly with a beautiful nature and constitution and will soon have a break for about 6-8 weeks before commencing her next round of pre-training in early Spring.

Currently **TURF PRINCE** (who has had a setback), **LADY BLAKENEY** and **SHOT OF COURAGE** are all spelling. **LADY BLAKENEY** showed a good deal of promise at her first up run at Geelong before swallowing her tongue at Cranbourne and falling away physically at Sale. She is definitely a horse to follow and will be resuming pre-training next month while **SHOT OF COURAGE** did very well at his initial look at Caulfield before shin soreness took its toll and he will now have 2 months off recovering. He is considered a lovely horse and will improve big time next prep as he improved every time he was shown something at Caulfield. A lovely natured gelding he is a horse that will make the grade and I look forward to seeing him in the Spring!

A final homebred our **NOT A SINGLE DOUBT/READY MADE FAMILY** filly broke in recently to glowing reports from John Ledger and whilst very immature physically handled her breaking process terrific and is considered a mentally tough filly who showed a lot. We will be kind to this filly and give her a nice break now before we do anything further with her but we like her and look forward to her future racing career!

## NZ - ALL HAPPENING!

NZ is a place where plenty of action is happening at the moment and the first horse that is making the flight over surprisingly is one of our weanling purchases of last year in our **RIP VAN WINKLE/TAHEYA** Colt. This guy broke in exceptionally well in Feb earlier in the year and has followed on from that so much so that I received the call from our NZ trainer Paul Shailer to say that he is ready to come over and try and be a 2YO. Scheduled to come over Sunday this guy has pleased very much and is considered a natural 2YO type so he will be given a nice spell over here for about 6 weeks at Cloverdale before being asked to show us just how much he has learned with Paul.

Our other **RIP VAN WINKLE/CALL THE CAT**

Filly has also pleased Paul but is not considered forward enough to come over just yet. She has done everything asked but is showing immaturity signs in that she is starting to lie down obviously either feeling the pinch from the work or indeed is growing or a combination of both.

Our **MASTERCRAFTSMAN/COZ I'M FREE** rising 3yo is also close to be jumping on the plane as he is expected to be trialing near Matamata in approx. 3-4 weeks. This guy has done nothing but grow every time he gets to Paul's however this is the first time that he has shown that he may now be over his growing stages. Has come back a different horse this time and Paul has found that the **MASTERCRAFTSMAN'S** appreciate time



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and our guy is a cracking type that looks a miler plus and is typical of the progeny that you would hope to get and race which all look as though they will get a trip!

Our almost forgotten **HIGH CHAPARRAL/LA QUINTA GOLD** filly is very similar to our **MASTERCRAFTSMAN** in that she has appreciated basically being left alone and not pushed and Paul has respected that only giving her what she has been able to take. Again seems a different filly this time around and has grown and has become more athletic. Will be interesting to see where she gets to this time around as my thoughts continue to be that she is a filly not to be pushed and let her tell us when she is ready to cop the work however I will assess her more when I go over and assess her myself in a few weeks' time.

## NZ WEANLING SALES

It would be remiss if I did not share with everyone re our success at the latest NZ Weanling sales via our 2 outstanding **POUR MOI** purchases. This sale would have to be the best value sale on the calendar and I will be making it my business to go over every year to be purchasing at this sale so please do not hang the phone up in the future when I ask as to whether I can spend approx \$4,000.00 of your hard earned money to buy a quality weanling at ridiculous prices. This sale is void of any worthwhile competition in the sales ring and this year I was the leading Australian buyer which



Pour Moi/Connie Be Good filly at Kilmore Farm Matamata



Pour Moi/Ferazzure colt

goes to show just how weak the competition is and the quality of horse that is at this sale is outstanding. Both of these **POUR MOI'S** were outstanding individuals and purchased for well under their current market value and personally in relation to what weanlings are selling for over here in Australia represent just outstanding value and I am just so excited that I am able to purchase such types for the prices I have for everyone who have been very loyal to me and United Syndications in general - very rewarding!



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