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Exflytations scoring at Geelong 17th August

## From the Stable

The last couple of months saw a terrific prep from a most consistent mare in EXFLYTATIONS and to date a frustrating prep from a talented colt in FIGHTING HARADA. EXFLYTATIONS has led the way over the previous few months having her best prep to date which netted 2 wins, 2 seconds and 1 third from 9 runs and from those 9 runs EXFLYTATIONS accumulated \$51,160 in prizemoney. The two wins were most deserved, the first of which was back in May at Pakenham and her second win for the prep was in August at Geelong. EXFLYTATIONS showed great durability throughout and remained consistent all the way through until her final run in Adelaide where she showed that she had enough of racing for the time being and looking for a well-deserved spell. She went off to the paddock in good order and will race again over the summer months next year before an anticipated stud career this time next year. For the record EXFLYTATIONS record now stands at 22 starts for 4 wins, 3 seconds and 4 thirds for \$101,250 in stakes! Our frustrating but highly talented FIGHTING HARADA has had plenty of luck over his past 3 runs but unfortunately it has been all bad. Arguably he should have won his past two starts at Sandown with unlucky defeats behind Smart Elissim and La Chambie and then travelled over to Adelaide Saturday 15th September where he was subsequently scratched at the barrier after striking himself when becoming agitated. It is very frustrating for everyone involved to see such a talented colt with Spring ambitions to have had such bad luck. To have realistic Spring ambitions everything has to go right which in FIGHTING HARADA'S case has not eventuated so no doubt Mick will reassess what is in the best interests of the horse and pray that at some stage lady luck will indeed shine on him! **FIGHTING HARADA'S** record to date (which should arguably be much better) currently stands at 7 starts for 2 wins,2 seconds,1 third and 2 fourths for \$114,840 in stakes.

Our two Written Tycoon three year olds TENNESSEE TYCOON and FRONT PAGE NEWS are both currently at Caulfield and have made progression from both their last respective preparations. They are two immature three year olds mentally, and have taken time to adjust to the rigors of Caulfield but there are signs that the penny may be starting to drop with them. Both horses have not missed a beat since arriving a few weeks ago and are now starting to have their workloads increased. TENNESSEE TYCOON has improved mentally and really clicked into her work this time around needing to improve physically which will come whilst FRONT PAGE NEWS is a lovely big strong gelding who looks suited to getting out in distance in time. He is still a little spooky around the stable however as his confidence increases on the track so does the quality of his work so whilst both are work in progress the signs are there that both horses are starting to make the transition as hoped, with time and a bit of patience being their ultimate friend. MISS DAMITA, our Ocean Park mare resumed at Wangaratta 17th September with an even run finishing mid field and is expected to improve as she gets out in trip. Has certainly doured out this time around as her pedigree would suggest she eventually would and hopefully Mick can get her out to

2000 meters and maybe plus this time around!

Another horse out of luck that was building up to a win after two promising runs this time before a bleeding mishap at his last start at Geelong early last month is **SEBEAT**. A staying son of Sebring, **SEBEAT** has shown that all he want do is stay and it was disappointing that a win was beckoning before his mishap. Sebeat has had some rehabilitation and given some time at Mick's beach facility at Lauriston Park and looks to have come back into Caulfield a different horse. His work has been very good and would think that a return to racing is not far away as he appears very fit and is such a lovely clean winded galloper!

Finally, two horses who are currently in pre-training with John Ledger at Wangaratta include SATIN STOCKING and MISS CHIERRO. SATIN STOCKING, a lovely Tavistock filly and a late November foal has been given time to mature up after a growth spurt put a halt to her last prep with John, however this time around has furnished into just a lovely filly. Is more relaxed and mentally tuned in at the early stages of her pre-training with John and it is hoped that she can transition on down to Caulfield in the coming weeks whilst MISS CHIERRO has only just returned with John from knee surgery in May. She has come back in wonderful order and will be taken along slowly ensuring that all is in order before her fitness program is increased!



Our Brazen Beau 2YO Zende

## **Two Year Olds**

Our two year olds of 2018 are all progressing well without incident and are currently in pre-training or about to resume pre-training according to where they are in their respective schedules.

**ZOUPURSTAR** (Zoustar/Katespur colt) is probably the most advanced of the group, as he has already had a quick look at Caulfield prior to spelling and is now back in pretraining with John Ledger at Wangaratta. He currently possesses an excellent attitude for a colt and is expected to be down again at Caulfield shortly where Mick will no doubt assess his abilities with a trial hopeful. He is a big strong colt however his attitude will take him a long way as it has been faultless to date and fingers crossed he can continue to make the necessary steps as hoped.

The same applies to **FROME THE STARS** (Zoustar/Frim And Frome filly) who we also hope can continue to take the necessary steps, as she like **ZOUPURSTAR** has an exemplary attitude and approach to her work and is just a lovely athletic filly and a pleasure to do anything with. Not a lot is known about her as yet however as we all know,

attitudes count for much and this filly hasn't missed a beat since resuming and very hopeful that she can head down to Caulfield in the coming weeks for assessment from Mick.

Our Melbourne Premier Brazen Beau/Graceful Devil colt **ZENDE** is another colt that possesses a great attitude and although physically still a bit immature looks to have all the attributes necessary given time. Wasn't pushed during his last pre-training prep due to immature knees and taken along at leisure but pleased in everything he did. A bit of patience is required here for him to fully furnish and physically develop, however he has shown enough in his early work to suggest that we would be hopeful of him heading on down to Caulfield for a look see later in the year!

SCORPIUS, our (Deep Field/ Scorpio Queen colt) is currently down at Caulfield after his pre-training stint with John Ledger and is being whipped into shape by Mick after coming down from Wangaratta very much full of himself. His time is very much an educational time for SCORPIUS who has at times been quite a handful, however Mick loves working with these types of colts and



Our Deep Field 2YO colt Scorpius

although early days, is winning the battle. His demeanor is slowly coming around and although green out on the track he is learning his craft and will obviously be better for the experience come next time around when he next ventures down, so although work in progress this colt is slowly learning what it is all about to be a race horse and improving at every gallop.

Our final two 2YO'S are our homebreds **UNDOUBTEDLY SO** (Not A Single Doubt/Royal Charades filly) and **BELLA AMORE** (Snitzel/Loveyamadly filly). Both fillies broke in well and are at their own individual stages regarding their physical development.

UNDOUBTEDLY SO is a later foal in age, so she has been

behind the eight ball from the start, however, she has done everything right and has come back into John Ledgers a much more mature and stronger filly this time around. She is going well in the early stages of her prep with John currently, and we will be watching with interest on her development as we will with BELLA AMORE who fell away and started laying down (obviously going through a growth spurt) towards the end of her previous prep with John last month. She is currently spelling and will resume work again next month after a nice break. BELLA AMORE is a lovely filly where time will be her friend and we feel that some of the signs that she has already shown John indicates that patience will be rewarded to her owners in due course!



Our Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Zoupurstar