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## **STABLE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009**

### **RESULTS:**

The stable was back in the frame this month, although a winner again eluded us - frustratingly, we have now racked up 13 placings since our last visit to the winners circle!

Lightly raced 6yo Gorge was immediately into good form for his new connections, running a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> over 2400m at Bendigo at just his second start for the stable (in fact, just his second start for 6 months). Gorge showed great fighting spirit to stave off a late challenge for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and ultimately hit the line harder than any of his rivals. There seems no doubt that the son of Thunder Gulch will soon want a trip of 2 miles – what a pity maidens of 2400m plus are so few and far between!

Also into the money this month was lackadaisical bay Pride of Pins. After jumping poorly at his seasonal hurdles debut at Warrnambool, the stocky gelding hurdled well and stayed on strongly for 3<sup>rd</sup> on soft going at Mornington after being set far too much to do in a slowly run race.

### **HORSES IN TRAINING:**



*Mizen Head*

MIZEN HEAD 2yof Secret Savings (USA) – Hultarani (USA): This lovely 2yo filly keeps showing a great attitude to her work, and remains on target to race this campaign.

ONAJET 6yog Super Jet (USA) - Our Ampulla: Easily outpaced over a mile on the flat, but then pulled his way to the front and stayed there when hurdle trialling impressively. The competitive flame certainly burns strong in this lad, especially once he sees something to jump, raising hopes we may again have a fruitful year with him.

PRIDE OF PINS 7yog Pins – Cipriani (NZ): Now placed 3 times from his 5 hurdle starts, Pride of Pins will next head over steeples (and hopefully some wet tracks).

THE TAUREAN 7yog Scenic (IRE) – Georgia: Looking better than ever and has hurdle trialled nicely this month. The secret to his future form though may well be in his head....



*The Taurean points his toe before hurdle trialling at Hamilton*

GORGE 6yog Thunder Gulch (USA) – Heed Zamelina: Racing in great heart already for the stable, and also giving plenty of cause for optimism about his upcoming jumping career.

GREAT MASTER 6yo Anabaa (USA) – Albanella (GER): Back on track after a slight setback, and should get a chance to live up to his hurdling promise in April/May.

KING RANGER 5yo King of Kings (IRE) – Tolstoy's Best: An emergency session of the UN was called to discuss how this grandson of Sadlers Wells could appear at the races before appearing in the stable newsletter. Seven months ago the large chestnut, unplaced

in four starts, came to us crippled lame. After months of TLC he turned the corner this month and, coming to hand extremely fast, has already peeled off a nice debut run at Ballarat. If we can keep his injury worries at bay, we expect to see some decent form from this lad over middle distance or further in the coming months.

**LEADING JOCKEYS:**

LEADING JOCKEYS 2008-2009	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	Fourths
Gavin Bedggood		2		
Reece Wheeler		1		
Dean Holland		1		
Kosuke Kawakami			4	1
Terry Barry			1	
Paul Hamblin			1	
Nikita Beriman			1	
Danny Brereton				1
Damien Holland				1
Craig Robertson				1
Dean Larsson				1

Reece Wheeler has stormed onto our leaders' board with his skilful display aboard Gorge at Bendigo. Reece of course played a part of one of last season's stable highlights when piloting Flying Cross to a gutsy win at Ballarat, first-up after a break of 3 years and three major tendon injuries. Since then Reece's career has been beset with weight issues, but he certainly rode this month with all of his old polish.



*Reece Wheeler on stable favourite Flying Cross (Slickpix)*

## **MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE:**

We now have just a handful of shares left in Anthony's last day Premier Sale purchase, the scopey filly by US champion Denon out of multiple Melbourne city winner and Listed-placed mare Desert Mistral. This filly has already developed and strengthened since the sale, and she is going to be some specimen.

Unfortunately space on Youtube is at a premium these days, what with all those rubber chicken videos, so there is no room on there for Denon's 4 Grade one wins and his close up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the French 2000 Guineas (three and a half lengths in front of Black Minnaloushe). There's no doubt though that Denon was a bona fide superstar (won or placed 9 times at Gr 1 level) with a fantastic pedigree, and we all very much look forward to seeing what his daughter can do.



*Denon*