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STABLE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY (to March 4th) 2009

RESULTS:

There are no doubt times when life can be a trial, and that pretty much sums up this month for the stable, with most of our “runners” actually hurdle trialling to qualify over the new, more substantial obstacles. And our horses certainly gave them a thumbs-up, with Pride of Pins in particular showing a lot more zest than he has on the flat. Meanwhile Great Master, dreadfully luckless on the flat of late, gave a clear message that the jumps are for him, unbeaten in two hurdle trials, including the sound thrashing he handed out to his rivals at Moonee Valley.



Great Master at Moonee Valley – hurdle trialled impressively

HORSES IN TRAINING:

THE TAUREAN 7yog Scenic (IRE) – Georgia: Will resume for the stable in March, and then also join the ranks of hurdle triallers (and with RV’s gratuitous \$100 fee per trialler, let’s see if we can all help buy some gold toilet seats for the RV board’s bathroom!)

ONAJET 6yog Super Jet (USA) - Our Ampulla: The normally indestructible son of Super Jet has had a few minor niggles this month, delaying his racecourse reappearance. Hopefully the weather gods will use this time to send some rain!

PRIDE OF PINS 7yog Pins – Cipriani (NZ): Will be our first jumps runner this year, having hurdle -trialled nicely – it was nice to see the old boy show some interest after his previous runs this year.

CLOUD BASE 6yog Scenic (IRE) – War Cloud: Pulled up very sore after his year's debut on rock-hard ground (officially a Good 3 of course – nice to have Enid Blyton doing the track ratings....) Is now under pressure to perform, but will hopefully improve with some give in the ground.

GORGE 6yog Thunder Gulch (USA) – Heed Zamelina: Remains in fine fettle, although like many of his sire's progeny he can be a handful at times, and has given his riders plenty of arm-work in grass gallops this month. Set to resume racing within the next month.

GREAT MASTER 6yo Anabaa (USA) – Albanella (GER): Equalled The Taurean's previous stable record for most number of mentions in a steward's report after he was pummelled over 2400m at Warnambool. However, flat racing looks to be an irrelevance for him now after the way he has hurdle trialled this month.

RULING DUBAI 3yof Dubai Destination (USA) – Bylaw (USA): Currently undergoing an intensive barrier re-education course. If the big filly can overcome this particular gremlin she should be in line to make her debut soon.

SNAKE ON ME 3yog Golden Snake (USA) – Hit the Point: Up to serious galloping after a lot of muscle-building work early in his campaign.

MIZEN HEAD 2yof Secret Savings (USA) – Hultarani (USA): With her sire on fire this month (bagging the Group 1 Oakleigh Plate and more), Mizen Head continues to please at home.

MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE:

As promised, Anthony was hard at work at the recent Melbourne Premier Yearling sale, and managed to snare 3 exciting prospects, two of which have shares still available – contact us ASAP!:

Lot 15: Colt, Galileo – Reggae (by Danehill): One of the most exciting pedigrees of the sale, one you just couldn't buy in the northern hemisphere, picked up for a song thanks to a lot of homework. All shares in this nicely balanced colt are now sold.

Lot 124: Filly, Elvstroem – Target Figure (by Diesis): By one of Australia's top performers of the modern era, out of a mare who has already thrown a 6-time winner on the strong HK circuit, this ultra-impressive filly was probably the pick of the sale on type. One share remains for someone who is quick (and smart!)



Elvstroem – Target Figure: you won't see a more athletic looking filly than this!

Lot 711: Filly, Denon – Desert Mistral (by Radjhasi): Out of a listed-placed multiple metropolitan winner who was half sister to multiple Group 1 winner Desert Sky, this scopey filly is by the superbly bred multiple US Grade 1 winner Denon, 2nd on the first season sire's list in Italy this year. Fantastic value, snared by Anthony late in the sale when most of the big buyers were busy examining Jack Daniels in the bar.



Denon – Desert Mistral: Loads of scope and a superb pedigree.