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**GOLD TRAIL - Hussonet's 27th Individual G1 winner**

## MAGIC MILLIONS SALE: THOUGHTS FROM JM

"The 2010 Magic Millions Sale provided a stabilizing influence on the industry with its average virtually unchanged from last year. The middle market was especially strong, although there seemed to be a bit of a cap at the higher end of the market. Perhaps this is a function of the Global Financial Crisis and the effect it had on the high hitters.

Our trio of young stars, Charge Forward, Starcraft and Snitzel fared well, while our heavyweights Redoute's Choice, Flying Spur and Hussonet made heavier going of it – but that was the nature of the beast! Buyers were quite happy to forgo "proven" horses and direct their buying to the "prospective" younger brigade. I believe that this trend will balance out by Easter time, provided the economy stays sound.

The month of February will see the judgment on the wagering court case come down, and if it's in favour of Racing NSW, this will give the market a dose of optimism – as stakesmoney would see a significant uplift."

### MM SALE: HIGHLIGHTS

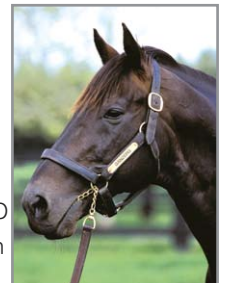
- Redoute's Choice supplied 3 of the top 10 lots including the sale topping lot – the colt out of They Say (consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud) and purchased by Mark Pilkington Bloodstock for \$925,000
- Off a 2007 service fee of \$24,750 Charge Forward averaged \$174,643 (top price \$500,000)
- He may be getting older but he consistently produces a solid return in the yearling ring – Danzero (off a fee of \$27,500) returning an average of \$103,333
- Flying Spur yearlings sold to \$400,000
- Hussonet yearlings (off a 2007 service fee of \$38,500) averaged \$105,714 and sold to \$330,000

- Snitzel yearlings averaged \$121,591 and sold to \$240,000 off a fee of \$33,000

- Starcraft yearlings sold to \$340,000 and averaged \$120,000 off a fee of \$33,000

## 35TH STAKESWINNER FOR DANZERO

**DANZYLUM** (ex Political Asylum, by Plush (NZ)) won Saturday's \$151,000 **Listed Chester Manifold Stakes** (1410m) at Flemington. The 6YO gelding has now won 10 races and been placed on 13 other occasions for prize money over \$380,000. Danzylum becomes the 35th stakeswinner for his sire.



Danzylum's Listed win follows the success of two other Danzero progeny on Magic Millions Race Day last weekend: 5YO mare and 2006 Bellerive Sales Graduate **HIDDEN WONDER** (ex Princess Shorna, by Last Tycoon) made it three successive wins with a 0.75-length victory in the \$250,000 Magic Millions Stayers Cup (1800m) whilst 4YO mare **ZERO ROCK** (ex Broc 'n' Roll, by Brocco) finished 2nd in the \$500,000 Magic Millions Cup (1400m).

Danzero was also in the news last week as the sire of two horses who appeared on the latest *International Federation Of Horse Authorities 2009 World Thoroughbred Rankings*. To merit inclusion, a horse must have been rated 115 or above & of the 333 horses listed, 50 were Australian-trained (a record in any World Thoroughbred Rankings over a 12-month period). **HAPPY ZERO** (ex Have Lad, by Canny Lad) rated 119 for his win in the **HK-2 Cathay Pacific International Sprint Trial** (1200m). Three-time G1 winner **NICONERO** (ex Nicola Lass, by Scenic (IRE)) received a rating of 116 for his G1 wins in the **Australian Cup** and the **Futurity Stakes**.

## HUSSONET WELCOMES 3RD AUSTRALASIAN G1 WINNER

Hussonet (USA) hit top form on the eve of the 2010 Magic Millions Yearling Sale with a new Group One winner in **GOLD TRAIL** (ex Trail Of Gold, by Danewin) and a 3YO filly destined for stakes company in smart Rosehill winner **GIRL HUSSLER** (ex Vecchia Signora, by Snippets).

Hussonet (USA) exited the 2009 Spring as the sire of two highly promising sprinters in Sydney and Melbourne in Gold Trail - winner of the **G2 AJC The Shorts**, and **EAGLE FALLS** (ex Desina, by Desert King (IRE)) winner of the **G2 VRC Salinger Stakes**.

Gold Trail has since gone one further, the chestnut 5YO from Hussonet's first Australian crop securing the **G1 Railway Stakes** (1200m) with a brilliant barrier to post victory in the Ellerslie (NZ) event.

Gold Trail became the 27th individual G1 winner for Hussonet – a stallion responsible for more G1 winners than any other stallion at stud in Australia today. In Australasia the stallion is responsible, in addition to Gold Trail, for the G1 winners **Weekend Hussler** and **Reaan**.

## FLYING SPUR BROODMARE SIRE OF NOTE

In 2008 Flying Spur was responsible, as broodmare sire, for Golden Slipper winner **Sebring** (More Than Ready (USA) ex Purespeed, by Flying Spur) and in 2009 the **G1 Coolmore Stakes** winner, **Headway** (Charge Forward ex Chatelaine). In 2010 he added the Magic Millions 2YO winner **Military Rose** (General Nediym ex Bella Maddelena, by Flying Spur) who has now won all four of her starts – two of them at Listed level – and after her Magic Millions 2YO success her earnings total \$1,332,000 - a fine return on the \$155,000 she cost as a yearling.

There is a strong Arrowfield connection to this filly's family - Military Rose's granddam Zest (Arrowfield mare – currently in foal to Not A Single Doubt) is a half-sister to five stakeswinners, notably G1 winner Zeditave, while winners descended from Summoned, the third-dam of Military Rose, include South African G1 winner Grey's Inn, G2 winning sprinter **Jet Spur (Flying Spur)**, high-class New Zealand filly Shikoba and the G2 Silver Slipper Stakes winner **Melito (Redoute's Choice)**.

As broodmare sire Flying Spur is responsible for three G1 winners, three individual earners of more than \$1m in prizemoney, and in terms of juvenile speed, the winners of the 2009 Golden Slipper and the 2010 Magic Millions.



**Zest - Granddam of MM 2YO winner, Military Rose**

◆ CHARGE FORWARD ◆ DANZERO ◆ FLYING SPUR ◆ HUSSONET ◆ NOT A SINGLE DOUBT ◆ REDOUTE'S CHOICE ◆ SNITZEL ◆ STARCRAFT

## AUTUMN AWAITS CLASS REDOUTE'S OFFSRING

**SISTER MADLY** (Redoute's Choice ex Jade Tiara, by Bureaucracy) is well primed for her autumn campaign after upstaging some big names in a barrier trial at Randwick on Friday.

The G1 Flight Stakes placegetter was among a strong line-up of carnival heavyweights in the opening heat of the day where she competed against Manhattan Rain, Rock Kingdom, Theseo and Swift Alliance over 800m.

The Waterhouse quartet was upstaged by Sister Madly with the Anthony Cummings-trained filly beating Epsom Handicap winner Rock Kingdom by three quarters of a length with Swift Alliance a neck away third in the smart time of 47.11 seconds. Cox Plate runner-up Manhattan Rain led before running fourth.

Sister Madly, a half-sister to world champion sprinter Silent Witness, could take her place in the G1 Lightning Stakes at Flemington on January 30.

Trainer Paul Messara produced two impressive 2YO trial winners **Hiatus** and **Beneteau**.

The unraced Exceed And Excel colt Hiatus defeated the Waterhouse-trained End Of Time by 5-1/4 lengths in a 740 metre trial in 42.40 and the unraced Redoute's Choice colt **BENETEAU** blasted his nearest rival My Man Of War by 4-1/4 lengths in 42.80 over the same distance. To place Beneteau's win in context – the 2YO he beat at his first trial on 4 January by 1.8 lengths – **Needs Further** - also won its heat on Friday by 5 & 3/4 lengths.

Beneteau is raced by a group of owners including Arrowfield Stud and the Blue Sky Stallion Fund No 2 Syndicate. Beneteau was a \$1million Inglis Easter purchase from the 2009 AEYS Arrowfield draft and is from stakes-placed Slice of Paradise, a full sister to champion filly Alinghi (by Encosta de Lago).

The 2YO colt will be aimed at either the 2010 Blue Diamond Series or may prusue a Golden Slipper campaign.



**Beneteau - Redoute's Choice ex Slice Of Paradise**

## FRESHMEN SIRES UNSTOPPABLE

There's a reason **SNITZEL** holds the title of Leading First Season Sire 2009/2010:

- Two Snitzel 2YO's quinnellaed the STC Golden Slipper Festival on Sale Handicap (1100m) on the first Saturday of the New Year: **ONE MORE GRAND** (ex Lambada Lady (USA), by Seattle Slew) came into Saturday's race a 5.5 length winner of his previous start. Like his sire - who won the G1 Oakleigh Plate in similar conditions - he demonstrated no difficulty in transferring his form to a rainswept Rosehill track and won by an easy 3.8 lengths. **ROCK MY HEART** (ex Helisseous, by Helissio (Fr)) made up considerable ground to run second after badly missing the start, a performance prompting commentators to remark that the colt's first win will not be far off.

- Prior to this duo's performance, **INTERTIDAL** (ex Miss Rainmaker, by Hurricane Sky) had already accrued dual metropolitan wins, joining fellow city winner **CHANCE BYE** (ex Rouge Femme, by Red Ransom) who trounced her rivals by 3.5 lengths in the \$250,000 Inglis Nursery Handicap.

- **BOUZY ROUGE** (ex Blurrrta, by Bahhare (USA)) has a win and two placings from four starts.

- On 9 January **THIRD MAN** (ex Missing Sheets, by Western Symphony (USA)) won the 1000m 2YO Handicap at Randwick but was relegated on protest.

- On 16 January in a 2YO Handicap at Randwick the Gerald Ryan-trained **TOP DROP** (Fine Red, by Red Ransom (USA)) was never closer than four wide for the entire trip of the Spring Valley Smart Energy Handicap (1100m) but found enough to repel the challenge of Testarhythm by a short neck with 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ -lengths back to Much Much More in third place. Ryan was effusive in his praise for Snitzel after Top Drop's brave win and made a startling comment about a few Snitzel progeny we have yet to see "I've got five of them [by Snitzel] in the stable and this bloke is probably the worst one out of the lot of them. I've got Intertidal, Rock My Heart and a couple of unraced ones I rate above him. Having said that, he's done a terrific job today."

- On Sunday **TOUGH DIAMOND** (ex Sound Reason, by One Pound Sterling) ran 3rd in the TRC Food Lovers on Albert 2YO H.

They are impressive statistics for any sire let alone a first season stallion: five winners and three placegetters from 11 starters for \$481,510 in prizemoney some \$170,410 ahead of his nearest rival in the Freshman Sires List. He is also currently ranked second on the Leading 2YO Sire List. The early precocity of the Snitzel stock have prompted comparisons with the stallion's own racetrack performance – a record-breaking 2YO who won his first start in the Listed Breeders Plate (1000m) by three lengths, who trained on at three to claim G1 glory against the older sprinters including Takeover Target and Virage de Fortune.

**STARCRAFT** has also produced exceptional results for a first season sire – each of his five runners to date finishing in the first three past the post.

- In Australia he has two metropolitan winners: **STARSTREAMED** (ex Gay Performance, by Bataan) and **STAR WITNESS** (ex Lion Hunter, by Last Tycoon) plus two metropolitan placegetters from four starters, and in New Zealand a placegetter from one starter.



TOP DROP



ONE MORE GRAND



INTERTIDAL

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## INGLIS PREMIER SALE GRADUATES SALUTE

In 2006 Arrowfield consigned a plain bay colt by Hussonet (USA) at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale for \$80,000. That colt – named **WEEKEND HUSSLER** – went on to claim seven G1 wins, more than \$3m, and Australian Racehorse of the Year honours.

On Sunday **EXCUSE MY FRENCH** (French Deputy ex Trois Couleurs, by Carnegie (IRE)) further underlined the quality of the horses consigned by Arrowfield at the Melbourne Sale when the 3YO gelding won the **Listed Hobart Guineas** (following a win in the **Listed TTC Tasmanian Guineas** two weeks earlier) and took his earnings to \$190,875. A day earlier two other 2008 Premier graduates provided a metropolitan double: **ABSOLUTE FAITH** (Not A Single Doubt ex Tender Saint (USA), by St Jovite) winning a 3YO Fillies Handicap at Flemington (taking her prizemoney past \$108,000) and **SWEEPSTAKING** (Not A Single Doubt-Tennessee Sunrise, by End Sweep (USA)) collecting her 4th career win – her two-length victory in the 1200m 3YO Handicap at Eagle Farm taking her prizemoney to \$116,880. Given the collective price of these three yearlings was \$185,000 – their prizemoney pool of \$416,355 to date is eye catching!

Other recent Melbourne Premier graduates include stakes placed **BRAZEN HUSSEY** (Hussonet (USA) ex Lady Danette, by Danehill) - six wins and \$211,231.

Arrowfield has 16 yearlings catalogued for the 2010 Melbourne Premier Sale including:

Lot 35 – a colt by 6-time G1 winner **DEEP IMPACT** (JPN) out of the dam of 2-time G1 winner **TAWQEET**

Lot 107 – A Hussonet (USA) half brother to **YAMMER** and **BLAB**

Lot 208 - a full brother to **Brazen Hussey**

Lot 320 – a Snitzel half-brother to seven winners including **SMYTZER'S TRISH** (dam of **SWISH TRISH**) and **STELLA ARTOIS** (dam of **FREESTYLE** and **Bawaardi**).

Lot 428 – A Flying Spur half brother to **Distinctive Lass** from the immediate family of 3-time G1 winner **SPECIAL**

Bellerive will consign 15 yearlings including:

Lot 46 – The Snitzel half-brother to **FIBBER**

Lot 254 – A filly by Redoute's Choice out of G2 winner **MAZE**

Lot 305 – A granddaughter of the G1 winner **SILVER CHALICE**



Excuse My French as a foal

## STARCRAFT YOUNGSTERS HAVE "NEVER SAY DIE" ATTITUDE

**Starcraft** colt **Starstreamed** showed tremendous fight last Saturday to hold on and deadheat with **Flying Spur's** grandson **D'Jet** in the 1000m juvenile event at Eagle Farm. This bold effort came on the back of a runner-up performance on debut back in the Spring to subsequent Magic Millions winner **Military Rose**.

Starstream's pedigree reveals a less than common duplication of Epsom Derby winner Never Say Die, a son of the great Aga Khan-bred sire Nasrullah. Starcraft's granddam Lucky Heiress, was by the very good NZ-based sire Battle-Waggon, a modestly performed son of Never Say Die. Gay Performance, the dam of Starstreamed, is a granddaughter of the Mellay mare Melodeon. Mellay, who also stood in New Zealand, was an unraced Champion Sire son of Never Say Die.

Starcraft's other Australian first crop winner – **Star Witness** – has a very similar pedigree pattern in that in his case it is Battle-Waggon himself which is duplicated at 4 x 5.

Starcraft's pedigree features a 6 x 5 x 5 duplication of Nasrullah with one of these lines significantly being a daughter named Nas-Mahal, the dam of Pompeii Court's sire Tell. In addition Pompeii Court also features a line of Nasrullah's three-quarter blood-brother Royal Charger while Starcraft's sire Soviet Star features female linebreeding to Mah Mahal, a half-sister to Mumtaz Begum, Nasrullah's dam.

It's no surprise then that more lines of Nasrullah or duplications of the conduit lines within Starcraft's pedigree might show up in his successful progeny.

Starstreamed happens to boast 3 additional lines of Nasrullah other than Never Say Die including her own duplication of Nasrullah's son Grey Sovereign at 4 x 4. Starcraft's UK Stakeswinner Don't Tell Mary also features a line of Grey Sovereign through her dam while the dam of Star Witness carries no less than 5 different sons of Nasrullah.

It's early days yet but it would appear that Starcraft's female lines of Nasrullah and Royal Charger, not to mention his sire's Mah Mahal female linebreeding may provide a strong pointer to getting the best results when breeding to Starcraft.

## COUNTRY RACING UPDATE

Scone Race Club has finalised the program for the Emirates Park – Inglis Million Dollar Race Day to be conducted on Friday May 14. With over \$1.2million on offer, the meeting includes four six-figure events, two of them at Listed level. The money is more than double that on offer at the Scone meeting in 2009, given a huge boost through the launching of Australia's richest country race, the Inglis 3YO Guineas – a 1600m event open only to graduates of the Inglis Sydney, Melbourne and Scone yearling sales. Derived from bonuses which have jackpotted during the year, the Guineas will carry \$770,000 for 2010, with a first prize of \$500,000 and money down to 16th place. The other \$100,000 plus events on the program are the Emirates Park Scone Cup (\$120,000), Yarraman Park – Hunter Breeders Dark Jewel Classic (\$110,000) for fillies and mares and the Inglis 2YO Challenge (\$100,000) for graduates of the Hunter Valley Breeders' Yearling sale. In addition the program is to have a Quality Open Sprint valued at \$60,000 and three \$20,000 events.