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G1 Emirates Stakes winner - ALL AMERICAN

ALL AMERICAN SECURES THIRD LEG OF ARROWFIELD TRIFECTA

Arrowfield notched a notable milestone on 7 November when **ALL AMERICAN** - the 4YO entire who races in the stud's colours - secured a dominant victory in the **G1 VRC Emirates Stakes** (1600m).



All American joins Charge Forward and Snitzel as a trifecta of colts purchased in racing by Arrowfield prior to winning at G1 level.

Charge Forward won the G1 The Galaxy before retiring to stud. Last year he was crowned Champion First Season Sire (by earnings) and he is already the sire of G1 winner Headway. Snitzel beat an exceptional field in his runaway victory in the G1 Oakleigh Plate, and like his barn mate, has also made a promising start to his sire career with his oldest progeny just 2YO's of the current season.

Whilst he is an exceptional looking horse, Messara said he was initially attracted to All American by his pedigree and a 50% managing share in the son of Red Ransom was purchased by the stud after the colt had won three of his four starts as a 2YO. This included a win in the **G3 Skyline Stakes** (1200m) at Randwick, and a long head second in the **G1 Blue Diamond Stakes** (1200m) at Caulfield.

"He's now a Group 1 winner after Group 1 placings as a 2YO and 3YO, he's by Red Ransom out of a Strawberry Road mare so is relatively free of Northern Dancer and his grand-dam was a Champion 2YO in France by Mr. Prospector," said Messara.

"There are outstanding performers in every generation of his pedigree and with the sire influences of Roberto and Mr Prospector close up, he is well served to make a stallion. Importantly, he has an active stallion close-up in his own pedigree in Rock Hard Ten (USA).

"**Hussonet** (USA) and **Charge Forward** have proven the success of

this farm's outcross strategy and All American will join Charge Forward as the second outstanding colt by Red Ransom on the Arrowfield stallion roster," Messara added.

Not surprisingly, trainer David Hayes was also delighted after All American's G1 victory. "That was fantastic! They ran brilliant time. If you can break 1-34 at Flemington you're a pretty smart horse - in that sort of company."

In fact, All American's time of 1:33.98 was the second fastest in the race's history.

All American has been set for this Saturday's **G1 WATC Railway Stakes**. He has also received an invitation from the Hong Kong Jockey Club to run in the **G1 Hong Kong International Mile** (1600m) at Sha Tin on December 13. The 4YO is expected to retire to Arrowfield Stud Scone next Spring.

MORE BLACK TYPE FOR STARCRAFT

World Champion Older Miler and 5-time G1 winner Starcraft has notched another blacktype performer in Europe.

His first European starter - **Don't Tell Mary** (ex Only in Dreams, by Polar Falcon) - was a stakeswinner, taking out the **Listed Hilary Needler Trophy** (5f). On 8 November in Germany 2YO colt Keep Cool (ex Kirov (GB), by Darshaan) placed 3rd in the **G3 Grosser Bombardier Vosslocha** (1710m) at Krefeld.

In Australia Starcraft has had just two starters (at Doomben and Eagle Farm) with both horses placing at their first outings.

Starstreamed (ex Gay Performance, by Bataan) finished very strongly for second in the 2009 Urban Events QTIS 600 2YO Handicap over 1010m at Doomben after racing greenly throughout. On 10 October, **Starlin** (ex Maid For Me, by Belong To Me (USA)) finished third in the 2009 Aergo Aviation Solutions QTIS 600 2YO Colts & Geldings Plate after winning a trial at Doomben.



WHO SHONE DURING THE SPRING?

A full list of black type performers during Melbourne's Spring Carnival for the Arrowfield stallion band*:

- **HEADWAY** (br. f. 3 by Charge Forward ex Chatelaine, by Flying Spur) **1st G1 VRC Ascot Vale S.** (1200m)

- **ALLEZ WONDER** (b. m. 4 by Redoute's Choice ex Luna Tudor, by Military Plume (NZ)) **1st G1 MRC Toorak H.** (1600m)



G1 Toorak Hcp winner - Allez Wonder

- **EAGLE FALLS** (br. h. 4 by Hussonet ex Desina by Desert King (IRE)) **1st G2 VRC Salinger S.** (1200m)

- **RED LORD** (b. h. 6 by Redoute's Choice ex Dame Cath (NZ), by Zabeel) **1st G3 MRC Naturalism S.** (2000m)

- **TICKETS** (b. c. 3 by Redoute's Choice ex Staging, by Success Express (USA)) **1st VRC Poseidon S. LR** (1400m)

- **ZUPACOO** (b. h. 4 by Redoute's Choice ex Be Cool (NZ), by Grosvenor) **1st Bendigo JC Bendigo Cup LR** (2200m)

- **Extra Zero** (b. c. 3 by Danzero ex Extra Bubbly, by Bellotto (USA)) **2nd G1 VRC Victoria Derby** (2500m)



2nd G1 VRC Derby - Extra Zero

- **Melito** (b. f. 3 by Redoute's Choice ex Cloister, by Marauding (NZ)) **2nd G1 MRC 1000 Guineas** (1600m)

- **Masked Assassin** (b. or br. h. 5 by Danzero ex Duk Duk, by Claudius (IRE)) **2nd MRC The Heath 1100 LR** (1100m)

- **Extra Zero** (b. c. 3 by Danzero ex Extra Bubbly, by Bellotto (USA)), **2nd G2 MVRC Moonee Valley S.** (1600m)

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- **Headway** (br. f. 3 by Charge Forward ex Chatelaine, by Flying Spur) **2nd G3 MRC Thoroughbred Club S.** (1200m)

- **Headway** (br. f. 3 by Charge Forward ex Chatelaine, by Flying Spur) **2nd MRC Quezette S. LR** (1100m)

- **Governance** (b. c. 3 by Flying Spur ex Nahayan (NZ), by Zabeel) **2nd G3 MVRC Red Anchor S.** (1200m)

- **Silver Spur** (b. c. 3 by Flying Spur ex Spectroscope, by Geiger Counter (USA)) **2nd VRC Springtime S. LR** (1400m)

- **Miss Darcey** (ch. m. 4 by Hussonet (USA) ex Miss Bussell, by Danzero) **2nd VRC The Bart Cummings LR** (2500m)

- **Bawaardi** (b. or br. c. 3 by Redoute's Choice ex Stella Artois, by Geiger Counter (USA)) **2nd VRC Poseidon S. LR** (1400m)

- **Shaaheq** (b. f. 2 by Redoute's Choice ex Damaschino, by Last Tycoon (IRE)) **2nd VRC Ottawa S. LR** (1000m)

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- **Melito** (b. f. 3 by Redoute's Choice ex Cloister, by Marauding (NZ)) **3rd G2 VRC Wakeful S.** (2000m)

- **Stoneblack** (br. or bl. c. 3 by Danzero ex Shiny, by Forest Glow (USA)) **3rd VRC Exford H. LR** (1400m)

- **Come Hither** (b. f. 3 by Redoute's Choice ex Hanky Panky, by Anabaa (USA)) **3rd MRC Quezette S. LR** (1100m)

- **Governance** (b. c. 3 by Flying Spur ex Nahayan (NZ), by Zabeel) **3rd VRC Springtime S. LR** (1400m)

- **My Girl Helen** (b. f. 3 by Not A Single Doubt ex Capricious, by Whiskey Road (USA)) **3rd G3 MVRC Champagne S.** (1200m)

- **Dr Doute's** (br. h. 4 by Redoute's Choice ex No Limit, by Dr Grace (NZ)) **3rd VRC Paris Lane S. LR** (1400m)

- **Bawaardi** (b. or br. c. 3 by Redoute's Choice ex Stella Artois, by Geiger Counter (USA)) **3rd MRC Gothic S. LR** (1400m)

(*Only Victorian based black-type races that fell within the designated 2009 Spring Carnival period included)



G1 Ascot Vale Stakes winner - Headway

HOME GROWN

A number of staff become bitten by the thoroughbred ownership bug at some stage during their racing careers. Some become involved on the broodmare side whilst others choose the thrills and spills of racing. Nick Columb's name can often be spotted on a race card, Bidy Oquist has a small share in a Hussonet gelding, and closer to home there have been many a weekend when a convoy of vehicles (and the all essential esky) is spotted heading off to a country track to watch a horse that has been plucked out of a yearling sale by a staff syndicate ("THIS ONE is destined to be a champion!").

Last week Operations Manager Sam Fairgray and resident vet Dr. Mark Wylie were on hand to watch their home bred filly Bouzy Rouge (2YO by Snitzel ex Blurrta) run a good first up second at Scone. Sam's brother Peter is also involved with the filly as is Arrowfield CFO Martin Story.

"Boozy Rouge was passed in at the 2009 Melbourne Sale after she failed to meet her reserve so we made a decision to retain and race her," explains Sam. "She is sound, tough and full of energy and our trainer wanted to get a few runs under her belt before the Slipper ... or the boot – that's the Wellington Boot," he quickly adds.

The filly has accepted for a 900m Kembla maiden on Saturday with the same jockey that partnered her in the 2YO Country Plate in Scone on 9 November - Grant Buckley - booked to ride.

"My son and I will make the trip down from Scone to watch her and I expect Martin will turn up as well. We expect her to be competitive but if not, well, there's always the starter's subsidy to look forward to!"

Behind the name: Bouzy Rouge carries the same name as a Melbourne restaurant that is well frequented by her group of owners at sales time.

Snitzel has had a promising start to his sire career – from just three runners he has produced three runners including dual city winner Intertidal (ex Miss Rainmaker by Hurricane Sky) and the placegetter Bouzy Rouge.



Bouzy Rouge



Mark and Camilla Wylie look on as the horses head out to the start (is that the correct end of the binoculars you are looking through Doc??)



... apparently not



Spotted amongst the crowd are Sam's children Holly & Ethan



Assistant trainer Barry Wintle chats with Mark and Sam post race

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CLIENT NEWS

- Pedigree consultant and Principal of Pedigree Dynamics **Jane Henning** sent in this photo of her 3 weeks old Charge Filly ex Caradon filly. Jane comments that the filly should probably be named "Beyonce's Booty"!
- Congratulations to **Andrew** and **Margaret Reichard** on the birth of their first grandchild – a boy, Liam to David and Emma Reichard - on Wednesday 18 November.



Charge Forward-Caradon

YEARLING PREP

The Magic Millions Drafts have commenced their preparation for the January 2010 Sale and the Windermere barn at Arrowfield and stables at Bellerive have quickly assumed their typical busy pre-sales routines as the lives of young thoroughbreds enter their next phase. Perhaps the yearlings will be appreciating the cool interior of their daily stables? Scone is currently wilting under a heat wave that has seen daily temperatures already crest the 40 degree Celsius mark on two occasions this week.

PEDIGREE MUSINGS - DANCING SHOW'S THE WAY TO GO

Snitzel has leapt to the top of the First Season Sire ranks this season thanks to the very smart Gerald Ryan-trained **INTERTIDAL** who recorded back-to-back city juvenile successes at Rosehill last month to make him the country's leading early season two-year-old.

His pedigree holds special fascination for pedigree buffs being another successful example of linebreeding back into the outstanding Best In Show family. In Intertidal's case it is Best In Show's dual Group 1-producing granddaughter Dancing Show who is duplicated at 4 x 3 in his pedigree. Dancing Show is the granddam of Snitzel's sire and studmate Redoute's Choice while Intertidal's damsire is the Blue Diamond Stakes (Gr1) victor Hurricane Sky, a son of Dancing Show.

Prominent performers with linebreeding to Dancing Show's granddam Best In Show include last year's AJC Oaks winner Heavenly Glow and the pair of Redoute's Choice Group 1 performers Redoute's Dancer and Estee. Intertidal is showing the way for a more modern variation on this proven pattern.

If your broodmare carries a line or lines of the following stallions – Hurricane Sky, Umatilla, Last Tycoon, Al Maher, Spinning World, Masterclass or El Gran Senor – then you should give Snitzel every consideration as a stallion both genetically suitable for your mare AND a sire on the rise.

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AROUND THE FARM

- Congratulations to **Heath Nichols** (son of Michelle) who successfully completed his Higher School Certificate Exams earlier this month.
- Also congratulations to **Abbey Nichols** (daughter of Michelle) who prepared the winner of the Middleweight Steer for the 2009 Beef Bonanza held at Scone 2-8 November. 275 steers were exhibited overall. Abbey is pictured here in the Final of the Beef Cattle Parader's Class.
- **Kris Messara** celebrated her birthday at the Arrowfield Guest House with a number of the Messara Clan on the weekend of 7/8 November; **Katrina Partridge** (birthday 7 November) also attended the dinner on the 7th. Spotted during the evening was one guest (pictured below) who seemed quite pleased with his new hat!



Abbey Nichols



THE JM FILE: THE ISSUE OF AI

In his first public comment on the AI litigation, Arrowfield Stud Chief John Messara stated that the consequences of the introduction of AI would be different to those which are contemplated by its proponent, Bruce McHugh. Rather than creating more competition it would concentrate stallion power in the hands of the few farms who control the proven stallions at the top of the list.

"To date, conception by natural means has placed a lid on the number of mares each stallion can serve but if that lid is lifted through AI the consequences could be dire for the industry. With breeders flocking to proven horses, huge numbers of mares would be inseminated by a small number of the most commercially desirable stallions and in this way there would be less competition rather than more competition amongst stallion owners. So while the stallion fees might reduce to accommodate the much larger books, the revenue of the big farms would increase substantially and that would lead to bigger profits, increased concentration of industry power and reduction of competition," said Messara.

"Then you have the impact on the gene pool. The few thousand mares that comprise the active band in Australia will be served by a handful of stallions; logic dictates that AI would be harmful to the diversity of the breed," added Messara.

"Of course, if AI were ever to be introduced into Thoroughbreds in Australia, horses produced by means of AI and their progeny would not be regarded as thoroughbreds in other parts of the world and would not be able to compete internationally and would therefore be useless for breeding purposes internationally as well. This has the capacity to destroy the commercial viability of the thoroughbred industry in our country."

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THE JM FILE 2: SAVING AUSTRALIA'S HORSE CAPITAL

Australia is home to the second largest thoroughbred breeding nursery in the world. This area of the picturesque Upper Hunter Valley is termed, fittingly perhaps, 'Australia's Horse Capital'. In terms of its size the Upper Hunter provides

- 30% of all Australian thoroughbred foals born each year
- 71.6% of yearlings sold at Australian yearling sales,
- 75% of Australian stallion service fees, and
- Significant employment in the region.

The Bickham Coal Company proposes to develop an open cut thermal coal mine in the Upper Hunter Shire – approximately 12 kilometres south-east of Murrurundi in direct proximity to the Pages River and Kingdon Ponds. The mine will produce a maximum of 2 million tonnes a year from 2 adjacent open cut pits over a 25-year period. Total production will be 36 million tonnes. Coal will be extracted by open cut methods, transported by rail and exported through the Port of Newcastle.

Whilst the Lower Hunter is home to a number of coal mining operations, the Upper Hunter is primarily an agricultural region that currently has no open cut coal mining operations and only one (currently suspended) underground coal mine. The Bickham Coal Project would change this and result in potentially significant adverse impacts on surrounding groundwater systems and on the connected Pages River and Kingdon Ponds. Australia's 'Horse Capital' is now under threat.

During World War 1 the Australian Light Horse at Beersheba (Egypt) also faced the critical question of securing water. Their very survival depended on it. On 31 October, 1917, and against all odds, the Australians performed the last great successful cavalry charge in history. The wells were secured. It proved a turning point in the war and a pivotal moment in history.

With Bickham Coal the towns of the Upper Hunter face a similar major challenge - albeit in peacetime. Should Bickham's mining application succeed, the Upper Hunter may well risk its water supply as well as its title of Australia's Horse Capital.

We have invited 1000 riders to mobilise to save the precious water in the Pages River and the Kingdon Ponds and say no to a company that threatens resources and existing industries in this vital agricultural region.

Saturday 28 November, 2009. 12 midday – 1pm Kelly St, Scone

A number of high profile speakers and riders will be in attendance from Sydney and surrounding areas and the event is attracting significant media attention. Even if you don't live in the Upper Hunter but you'd enjoy the day out, and would like to walk or ride – please do so. We'd love for you to be part of the event. Contact Katrina@arrowfield.com.au (or 0419 439 429) for further details.

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FOAL GALLERY

As quickly as it comes around, it's over for another year and the final foal has been safely delivered at Arrowfield for the 2009 season; one mare is keeping Brian from any hope of taking a tiny window of annual leave across at Bellerive!



Bay filly by Charge Forward ex Anapine foaled 13 September (photo 12 November). 2nd foal of the G3 placed **Anapine** who is a sister to **TALL TIMBERS**, half-sister to **TAKEN**



Bay filly by Flying Spur ex Anigma foaled 10 September (photo 6 November). Anigma was a winner in France and is the daughter of the stakeswinning **ANGELINA BALLERINA**



Bay filly by Snitzel ex Aztec Hill foaled 10 October (photo 6 November). The filly is out of the multiple G2 winner **AZTEC HILL** and a half sister to the multiple Japanese stakeswinner **ANCIENT HILL**



Bay filly by Not A Single Doubt ex De Souba foaled 17 September (photo 12 November). De Souba is the winning half-sister to 3-time G1 winner **NATURALISM** and G1 winner **CRYSTAL PALACE**, plus **IMPRESSIONISM - OLYMPIC BOY** (Mal.)

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FOAL GALLERY



Bay colt by Charge Forward ex Barsha foaled 22 Sept (photo 12 November). **Barsha** is a stakesplaced daughter of Apparel who is a half-sister to **SYDNEY'S DREAM**. **SYDNEY'S DREAM** (dam of G1 winner and sire **CHARGE FORWARD**)



Bay colt by Redoute's Choice ex Clean Sweep foaled 14 September (photo 12 November). The second foal of the G1 winner **CLEAN SWEEP**



Bay/brown filly by Redoute's Choice ex Icy Reception foaled 16 October (photo 4 November). A descendant of the famous **SNOWTOP** family



Bay colt by Snitzel ex Dulcina foaled 17 October (photo 6 November). Dulcina is a 3-time winning half-sister to G1 winner **ABSOLUT GLAM**

FOAL GALLERY



Brown filly by Redoute's Choice ex Estatuilla foaled 26 August (photo 6 November). **ESTATUILLA** was a 4-time G3 winner (also G1 placed) in Argentina. She is a half-sister to Champion Argentinian sprinter **ESTAMBUL**



Brown filly by Hussonet (USA) ex Galroof foaled 12 September (photo 12 November). This filly is a half sister to stakeswinner - **PINNACLES** and full sister to stakesplaced **Husonic**.



Bay colt by Charge Forward ex Danetana foaled 16 September (photo 12 November). Danetana is a $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to the multiple G1 winner and sire **FASTNET ROCK**.



Bay filly by Snitzel ex Meet My Sis foaled 18 September (photo 5 November). This filly is a half-sister to the G2 winner **SCHILLING**.

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**12 midday – 1pm,
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