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G3 Arrowfield Blue Diamond Prelude winner - BENETEAU

TIMEFORM ACKNOWLEDGES NEW REDOUTE'S STAR

The Paul Messara trained Redoute's Choice 2YO colt **BENETEAU** put in a spectacular performance to brilliantly win the **G3 Arrowfield Stud Blue Diamond Prelude** at Caulfield on Saturday. In the process Beneteau eclipsed the class record by more than a second, running the 1100m in a slick 1:02.45. Blocked for a run coming to the turn, Beneteau was able to find a gap and peel off the heels of the leaders and sprint away to defeat the hitherto unbeaten G3 winner General Truce by 2 ½ lengths with a further 2 ¼ lengths back to third.

Respected form analysts Timeform rated Beneteau's performance at a current 2YO season high of 120, with the previous best this season being 116. To put this into perspective, Beneteau's close relation Alinghi rated the same high mark of 120 in her devastating Blue Diamond victory of 2004 after rating 118 in her Prelude victory.

"He was very impressive and he's always shown us good ability but he's always been a bit raw," said jockey Daniel Ganderton after the race. "Today he was bit hesitant between horses but he's got such a great nature that even though he is unsure about doing it, when you point him into the gap he'll do it because you ask him to."

"It's exciting to see him do it like he did. It's very pleasing. I'm happy to go to the Blue Diamond providing he pulls up well enough," Paul Messara added.

Beneteau was bred by Arrowfield Stud in partnership with Oussama Aoughazale's Sumaya Stables and was sold at the 2009 Inglis Australian Yearling sale for \$1 million - one of five million dollar Redoute's Choice yearlings at that sale. Purchaser Julian Blaxland's Blue Sky Thoroughbreds syndicated the colt with both Arrowfield and Sumaya Stables retaining an interest.

Redoute's Choice is now the sire of 58 Stakeswinners and 16 G1 Winners and has been represented in Australia this season by **G1 Toorak Handicap** winner **ALLEZ WONDER**, **G2 Shannon Stakes** winner **DRUMBEATS**, **G2 Furious Stakes** winner (and **G1 Thousand Guineas** placegetter) **MELITO**, **G3 Naturalism Stakes** winner **RED LORD** and **G1 Flight Stakes** placegetter **SISTER MADLY**, etc.

Redoute's Choice, with nine stakeswinners to date this season is the leading Australian sire for 2009/2010 by individual stakeswinners. Last Thursday, the champion sire added an international star to his seasonal tally with the win in Dubai of the Australian born **MUSIR** (like Beneteau out of an Encosta de Lago mare) in the **UAE 2000 Guineas Trial** (1400m) at the impressive Meydan racecourse.

Already a G1 winner, Musir was crowned **Champion 2YO Colt** in South Africa last season and cruised home by half a length in the Guineas trial after a checkered run, with connections now aiming the colt for the UAE Triple Crown. Champion trainer Mike de Kock said post-race "He was a very good juvenile and we were hopeful of a big run, despite the hefty Group 1 weight penalty. He has a very high natural cruising speed and is a horse with a touch of class. The Guineas will be next on the agenda." Jockey Christophe Soumillon was very complimentary noting "it was an excellent performance after stumbling at the start and losing three lengths". Another Redoute's Choice colt **SOLID CHOICE** (ex Venetian Pride (USA), by Gone West) finished an excellent 4th in the same race. Both colts were bred and are raced by Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum. Notably, Sheikh Khalifa also won the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial in late January with Raihana, an Australian bred filly from the Sunday Silence mare Esubooh, who was bred by Arrowfield Stud.

At last week's Karaka Premier Sale, Redoute's Choice ended the sale as the leading sire by average (NZ\$454,286) with the sale's second highest priced yearling – the colt out of Grand Echezeaux (consigned by Pencarrow Stud) being purchased by David Ellis for NZ\$1,300,000. This followed the sale topping price of A\$925,000 for the Redoute's Choice colt out of They Say (consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud) at this year's Magic Millions Sale.

THE CAULFIELD FESTIVAL OF RACING

The three-day Caulfield Festival of Racing commenced on Saturday with C.F Orr Stakes Day. Next on the calendar is the Arrowfield Stud Blue Diamond Stakes Day on 20 February then Futurity Stakes Day on 27 February, featuring the Rokk Ebony Futurity Stakes (1600m) which is the first leg of the 2010 Asian Mile Challenge.

The excitement and glamour of Melbourne Autumn racing is no better encapsulated than by the best juveniles in the country challenging for the \$1 million jewel – the Blue Diamond.

First run in 1971, the Group 1 Blue Diamond Stakes (1200m) is Victoria's Premier sprint race for 2YO's. The Listed Blue Diamond Previews over 1000m (colts and geldings; fillies) and G3 Blue Diamond Preludes over 1100m (colts and geldings; fillies) complete the series that is held each year at Caulfield Racecourse.

The Blue Diamond has been won by a number of brilliant racehorses including Manikato, Bounding Away, Courtza, Zeditave, Lady Jakeo, Redoute's Choice, and Alinghi. A number of the country's stallions also have the Blue Diamond on their curriculum vitae. These include Rancher, Nadeem, Zeditave, Hurricane Sky, Undoubtedly, Bel Esprit, Redoute's Choice, and Reaan.

It is fitting then that Arrowfield - a farm renowned for its stallion line-up and reputation for producing juvenile speed - should enjoy a productive relationship with the Melbourne Racing Club in sponsoring this famous race. Arrowfield stallion, Champion Sire Redoute's Choice (1999) has sired 2 winners of the race; in fact the farm's stallions are responsible for 4 recent winners: Undoubtedly (2005, Redoute's Choice), Nadeem (2006, Redoute's Choice), Sleek Chassis (2007, Flying Spur), and Reaan (2008, Hussonet). Champion mare Alinghi who is part-owned by Arrowfield and is resident at the stud also won the race in 2004. In 2010 the Arrowfield stallion band will be represented by a number of runners – early nominations seeing the progeny of Starcraft, Snitzel, Flying Spur, Redoute's Choice and Danzero represented.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

With thoughts turning to the G1 Blue Diamond in a fortnight's time, it seemed timely to analyse what some of the past winners have gone on to achieve:

- **Hurricane Sky** (1994). 2-time G1 winner. Now resident at Durham Lodge in WA. Sire of 15 stakes winners including 4-time G1 winner Desert Eagle, 2-time G1 winner Desert Sky, 4-time G1 winner Divine Madonna, G1 winner River Dove.
- **Bel Esprit** (2002). 2-time G1 winner. Prizemoney of \$2,073,600. Stands at Eliza Park in Victoria. Sire of 7 stakes winners including 2009 G1 SAJC Robert Sangster Stakes winner Bel Mer.
- **Undoubtedly** (2005). Stands at Three Bridges Thoroughbreds in Victoria. Oldest progeny are 2YO's of current season
- **Lady Jakeo** (1993) Dual G1 winner. Owned by Mr LM Nestadt, NSW. Dam of G3 winners Able Choice and Red Arrow, plus HK G1 placegetter Momentum,
- **Zeditave** (1988). 5-time G1 winner. Stands at Newhaven Park Stud. Sire of 34 stakeswinners including 3-time G1 winner Assertive Lad, 2-time G1 winners Assertive Lass, Sports and Typhoon Zed, G1 winner Chlorophyll, Ruffles and Strategic

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- **Alinghi** (2004). Champion filly. 4-time G1 winner. Prizemoney of \$3,470,325. Resides at Arrowfield Stud. Dam of 2 live foals.

- **Sleek Chassis** (2007). Owned by Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd, Vic. Retired to stud in 2009 (covered by More Than Ready)

- **Danelagh** (1998) owned by Darley Australia Pty Ltd Kelvinside, NSW. Dam of 6-time G1 winner and Champion HK galloper Vengeance of Rain, G1 winner Dizelle, Listed winner Bernicia

- **Nadeem** (2006). Stands at Darley Australia Pty Ltd Kelvinside. His oldest progeny are yearlings.

- **Redoute's Choice** (1999). 4-time G1 winner. Stands at Arrowfield. Champion Sire.



RECORD BREAKER

The Bart Cummings trained **Griffon** (4 g Flying Spur ex Jeune Girl, by Jeune) established a new record time for 1100m on Randwick's Kensington track when he won the Festival Of Sydney Benchmark 70 Handicap on 20 January. Griffon clocked 1.02.34 - more than half a second quicker than the previous best for 1100m. Griffon was having just his 2nd race start – the gelding returning from a 15-month break.

Griffon backed this up with another win over 1100m (this time on a heavy Rosehill track) on 6 February.



Griffon (Flying Spur)

ARROWFIELD SPONSORSHIP UPDATE: NMIT

The Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE ['NMIT'] recently awarded two Arrowfield Stud Study Grants for outstanding achievement in the Bachelor of Equine Studies program. The recipients were Sally Rowe and Jessica Peterson (shown accepting their awards).

Sally plans to use her Arrowfield Stud study grant to further her knowledge of horse breeding and reproduction by visiting horse studs in the United States. Whilst there, she is hoping to learn more about the techniques and methods they use so that she can compare them to what she has already learnt in Australia. She is looking forward to applying that knowledge when she graduates at the end of this year.

Jessica Petterson is currently in the UK. When contacted about the Arrowfield grant she said: "I applied for the Arrowfield study grant last year and was very shocked to hear that I had won! I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do with the money but I was sure that I wanted to use it to learn more about the way horse studs operate, particularly overseas.

I recently participated in some work experience at the National Stud in England which was amazing! I am very fortunate that Arrowfield Stud gave me this opportunity to further my skills and to increase my knowledge. It was definitely an invaluable experience!"

AROUND THE FARM

- **Heath Nichols** (son of Michelle) qualified for January's Australian Bushmen & Campdraft Rodeo Association National Finals in Tamworth. Heath not only came away from the event as the Australian Junior Champion (Roping) but he became the youngest ever qualifier for the National Finals (Rodeo) where he placed in both the steer wrestling and calf roping events.

- Speaking of Heath, we were delighted to learn last week that he has been secured by McCallum Inglis as a junior auctioneer. Once he has learnt the trade we can perhaps look forward to him taking the auctioneers rostrum at the Inglis complex in Sydney in future years!

- Congratulations to **JM** and **Kris** who are set to become grandparents again with Lucy and Michael expecting a little sister or brother for Joe.

CLIENT NEWS

- Congratulations to **Michael Pitt** – the breeder of recent winner **Absolute Faith** (Not A Single Doubt ex Tender Saint (USA), by St. Jovite). Absolute Faith has run third in the **G3 VRC The Vanity**.

- We offer our condolences to **Kevin Moroney** and his sons **Dion**, **Shaun** and **Bevan**. Kevin's wife Kate recently lost her battle with cancer and passed away on Monday 18 January in Adelaide. Kevin was a regular guest at the farm – visiting with his son Dion and Shaun in March 2009 then again in September with David Bridgland.



MELBOURNE PREMIER: WHAT'S ON OFFER

The Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale kicks off on 1st March for 4 days of selling. The Arrowfield & Bellerive Hospitality Marquee will operate at the Oaklands complex from Friday 26 Feb to Wed 3 March inclusive. We look forward to welcoming you.

This year's catalogue features a number of well bred youngsters including:

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- **Lot 3 b.f Snitzel – Banishing (by Red Ransom):** bred on a 4fx4m cross of Storm Bird, she is a daughter of the Leading First Season Sire 2009/10 and is the first foal of an unraced mare from the family of current star Heart Of Dreams, the Goodwood Handicap-G1 winner French Clock and the stakes winners Dream About It, Rightfully Yours, Ladybird Blue and Fast Future.
- **Lot 35 b.c Deep Impact – Caerless (by Caerleon):** bred in Japan by a horse with legendary status in that country, he is a half brother to the Caulfield Cup-G1/Metropolitan Handicap-Gr.1 winner Tawqet out of a daughter of the G3 mare Barger. Also dam of the Group winners Narrative and Baya (dam of the G3 winner Birthstone and grandam of the Japanese Gr1 winner Furioso), she is a full sister to the champion Triptych.
- **Lot 41 b.c Snitzel – Castellina (by Zabeel):** carrying five crosses of Northern Dancer, he is a $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to the city winner Sunday's Choice out of a half sister to the Oakleigh Plate-G1 winner Dantelah, dam of the stakes placed Bryannbo's Gift.
- **Lot 51 b/br.f Starcraft – City Model (by Red Ransom):** her globe-trotting sire has made an encouraging start to his stud career and this filly is the first foal of an unraced daughter of the Listed mare Be My Princess – also dam of the South African stakes winner Flying Princess. Line-bred to the wonderful mare All Moonshine, she can also count amongst her relations the G1 mare St. Clemens Belle.
- **Lot 76 b.f Starcraft – Danbourne (by Danzero):** bred on a 3mx3m cross of Nureyev, she is the second foal for a winning $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to the Brisbane Cup-G1 winner Danestorm. Closely related to the G1 winners Danendri and Faint Perfume, as well as the stakes winners Shanzero, What's The Mail, Zingam, Chickens and Banc de Fortune, she has as her third dam the 1000 Guineas-G1 heroine Copperama.
- **Lot 107 b.c Hussonet – Don't Stop Talking (by Ahonoora):** by a proven stallion, he is a half brother to five winners including the G3 winner Yammer and the Listed winner Blab. His dam is a half sister to the champion Bounding Away (dam of the G2 winner In A Bound) and the G1 stayer Glastonbury.
- **Lot 147 b.c Charge Forward – Gazebo Moon (by Zafonic):** his sire's progeny were in demand at the Magic Millions and this fellow is a half brother to the five times winning Japanese galloper Flat Of Light. His dam is a lightly raced full sister to the northern hemisphere G2 winners Dupont, Zachariah and Pacino.
- **Lot 148 ch.f Not A Single Doubt – Gee Sharp (by Elusive Quality):** her well related sire is getting his share of early winners and this lass is the first foal of a granddaughter of the UK stakes winner Arsaan – dam of the Chilean G2 winner Rock Star. From the family of the G1 winners Desert Wine and Fasliyev, she carries five crosses of Northern Dancer as well as duplications of the fine mares Natalma and Flower Bowl.
- **Lot 208 ch.c Hussonet – Lady Danette (by Danehill):** a descendant of the acclaimed matriarch Chelandry, he is a half brother to eight winners including the stakes winners Just A Kiseki and Mr Trickster, the stakes placed Brazen Hussey and the city winners Unrestrained, Lady Kiseki and Musashi. His dam is a placed $\frac{3}{4}$ sister to the speedy stakes winner Marechal.
- **Lot 216 b.f Snitzel – Last Blaze (by Narita Brian):** dam is a Japanese bred daughter of the Edward Manifold Stakes-G2 winner Rubidium, half sister to the Listed winner Salivate and to the dam of the multiple G1 winner Dash For Cash. Boasts five crosses of Northern Dancer and duplications of the excellent mares Natalma and Flower Bowl.
- **Lot 300 b.c Redoute's Choice – Oceanette (Pancho Villa):** by Arrowfield's flagship stallion – the sire of 58 stakes winners – he is out of an imported two times winning half sister to the Japanese G3 winner Biwa Shinseiki. His dam's sisters and their daughters have produced the stakes winners Lindsay Jean, Honour Colony, Crozet, Drayton, Indian Ocean and Megan's Halo and this is also the family of the champion stallion Storm Bird. Line-bred to Northern Dancer and his dam Natalma, he also boasts a 7mx4m cross of the famed matriarch Somethingroyal.
- **Lot 320 b.f Snitzel – Patronella (by Mister C):** bred on a 4mx3m cross of Danzig, she is out of a terrific broodmare whose seven winners include the speedy stakes winners Smytzer's Trish (dam of the Listed winner Swish Trish) and Stella Artois (dam of the G2 winner Freestyle). Her dam is a half sister to the dual Group winner Ginzano.
- **Lot 376 b/br.f Charge Forward – Run to The Moon (by Arch):** bred on a 3mx4m cross of Roberto, she is the second living foal of an imported half sister to the two times G1 winning American filly Jostle (Coaching Club American Oaks, Alabama Stakes).
- **Lot 392 b.c Hussonet – Seniorita Lucy (by Senior Pete):** bred on a 2mx4m cross of Mr Prospector, he is a full brother to the metropolitan winner Hussenor out of a multiple city winner from the family of the NZ G1 winner Pompeii Pearl (dam of the Listed winner Josalie).
- **Lot 428 b.c Flying Spur – Special Sweep (by End Sweep):** boasting duplications of Northern Dancer and Mr Prospector, this half brother to the stakes placed Distinctive Lass is out of an unraced daughter of the great sprinting mare Special. What a broodmare she has proven – her eight winners including the stakes winners Stavka and Specialize whilst her daughters have produced the durable triple G1 winner Bomber Bill, the Group winners Camargue and Demographic and the Listed winner Special Song.
- **Lot 444 b.c Charge Forward – Storytime (by Quest For Fame):** second foal of a half sister to the Emancipation Stakes-G2 winner Fantasia from the family of the black type winners Prankster, Hermod, Orsay, Hire, Lease and Enzedex Eagle.



Lot 208 is a half brother to 8 winners including Mr Trickster

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• **Lot 46 ch.c Snitzel – Chilkat (by Miswaki)**: bred on two successful crosses – those of Northern Dancer/Mr Prospector and Danehill/Kaoru Star, he is a half brother to seven winners including the Hong Kong G3 winner Fibber. His dam is a five times winning daughter of the Listed winner Autumn Splendour from the family of the stakes winners Safe Home, Nosy Be, Touch Paper and Che Sara Sara.

• **Lot 90 b.f Starcraft – Debutante Robe (by Admire Vega)**: bred on a 3fx3f cross of Pompeii Court, she is out of a Japanese bred daughter of the SA Oaks-G1 winner Derobe. Also twice successful at Listed level, she has produced the stakes placed Short Robes whilst her sister West With Night is the dam of the dual G1 winner Pompeii Ruler. G1 miler Ready To Explode also hails from this family.

• **Lot 125 b.f Charge Forward – Excellent Song (by Suave Dancer)**: a descendant of the influential mare Frizette (also ancestress of Mr Prospector and Seattle Slew), she is a half sister to the northern hemisphere winners Excellent Sun and Dantsu S S T out of a winning half sister to the Irish G3 winner Witness Box. This family produced the superstar Dahlia – multiple G1 winning dam of the G1 winners Rivlia, Dahar, Delagant and Dahlia's Dreamer.

• **Lot 137 ch.c Snitzel – Flames Of Paris (by Blushing Groom)**: bred on the successful Danzig/Blushing Groom cross, this descendant of the great mare Sister Sarah is a half brother to three Japanese winners out of a half sister to the G1 mares Park Appeal (dam of the G1 winning successful sire Cape Cross), Desirable (dam of the 1000 Guineas-G1 winner Shadayid) and Alydaress. This is a prolific European family whose members also include the big race winners Diktat and Russian Rhythm.

• **Lot 139 ch.c Flying Spur – Fleur de Belle (by Zabeel)**: bred on a 5fx5f cross of his own fifth dam Sequence – also grandam of Mr Prospector, she is the second foal of a lightly raced daughter of the US stakes winner Motee. That mare is a half sister to the dual Listed winner Claxton's Slew, in turn dam of the multiple G1 winner Escena.

• **Lot 254 b/br.f Redoute's Choice – Maze (by Housebuster)**: another youngster line-bred to her own female line (Sir Ivor's third dam Salamina), she is out of a G2 winning half sister to the Listed winners Penitentiary and Barlinnie.

• **Lot 272 b/br.c Fastnet Rock – Miss Shakira (by Snippets)**: bred on the successful Danehill/Snippets cross, this son of a hot young stallion hails from a strong black type family whose members include the dual Derby-G1 winner Rebel Raider, the outstanding G3 winning three-year-old Shamoline Warrior, the Flight Stakes-G1 winner A Little Kiss and the HK Champions Mile-G1 victor Able One.

• **Lot 293 ch.c Hussonet – Northern Sophia (by Northern Taste)**: half brother to two Japanese winners who between them have won 14 races. Descendant of the great mare La Troienne out of a half sister to the US G3 winner Tresoriere, dam of the Listed winner Treasure. His grandam is a half sister to the stakes winners Gallant Special and gallant Sister from the immediate family of the highly successful stallions Woodman and Private Account.

• **Lot 305 b.f Snitzel – Olivia de Belle (by Generous)**: third foal of a dual city winning daughter of the terrific NZ mare Silver Chalice, winner of eight races including the Thorndon Mile-G1. Line-bred to Northern Dancer and his great son Nijinsky II.

• **Lot 367 b.f Hussonet – Rose O'War (by Danehill)**: her dam, a classy race mare who won seven races – two at Group level and two at Listed level – has done a good job so far, all three of her first foals being winners including the city filly Shackled Rose. Grandam is the wonderful mare Savana City, G1 winning dam of the feature races winners Mr Vitality, Gunnamatta and Danehill Express – and grandam of King Of Danes and Citirecruit.

• **Lot 384 b/br.c Flying Spur – Sarah de Belle (by Pins)**: another youngster bred on the very good Danehill/Snippets cross, he is out of a half sister to the NZ Listed winner River Chant. This is a strong black type family whose members include the G1 winners Dandy Andy and Ballroom Babe and the Group winners Balmeressa, Outlaws, Just Dancing, Hidden Dragon and Tahni Girl.

• **Lot 388 b.f Not A Single Doubt – Sea Line Express (by Green Line Express)**: dam is a half sister to the G1 mare Ike's Dream and the stakes placed Miss Hurry Kahn. Third dam is the G3 winner Beans, grandam of the speedy Listed winner Opportunity from the family of the G1 winners Catbird and Half Hennessy. A descendant of the excellent mare Delleana, her pedigree features the full brothers His Majesty and Graustark.

• **Lot 409 b.f Snitzel – Simply Blue (by Zabeel)**: first foal of a half sister to the three times winner Bannett from a strong international family whose members include the champion Dancing Brave, the G1 winners Sand Springs and Jolypha and the Group winners Navajo Princess, Soldier Boy and Chip N Charge. Carries five crosses of Northern Dancer.

• **Lot 429 ch.f Snitzel – Speedy Topaze (by Woodman)**: bred on the same Redoute's Choice/Woodman cross as super filly Miss Finland, she is a half sister to six winners including the Singapore Listed winner In Bloom. Her lightly raced dam is a half sister to the French two times G1 winner Fast Topaze.

• **Lot 542 b/br.f Hussonet – Amourous (by Covetous)**: half sister to the handy Macau galloper Elegance Classic out of a city winning half sister to the local stakes winner Love And Money and the stakes placed Secret Gift. Grandam is a daughter of the G3 mare Sovereign Chick, dam of the Listed winner The Cloisters – in turn dam of the stakes winner My Middy and grandam of the Listed winner Kiss Me Katy.



Lot 367 is a daughter of the dual G2 winner Rose O'War

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THE CAMERA BEHIND THE CAMERAS

On 20 January a film crew attended Arrowfield to secure footage for 3 features:

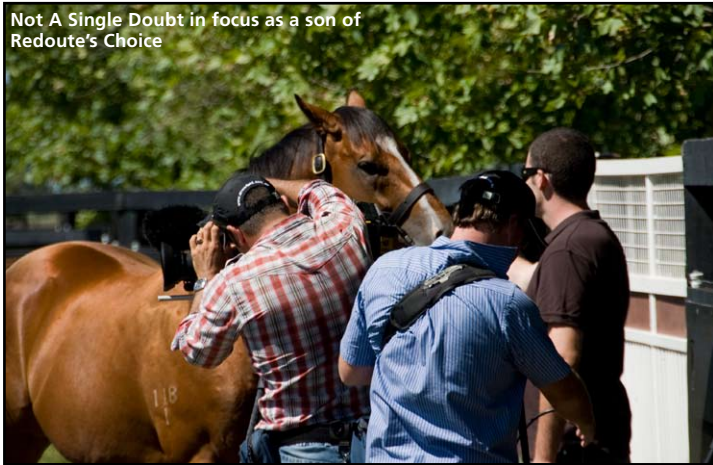
- A general segment focusing on the broader operations of the Stud (this was telecast on Channel 9 on C F Orr Stakes Day);
- A second piece that will air on Blue Diamond Day which will focus on Redoute's Choice and his relationship with the Blue Diamond; and
- A final, extended presentation of all of the above that will air on *This Racing Life* – program dates to be confirmed – with an extended interview with JM and additional footage of Redoute's Choice.

The production crew from Chief Entertainment and staff from the MRC spent a full day filming and Scone could not have put on a more exquisite day for them – mid 20's, aqua skies, and the farm a luminous green courtesy of almost a month of rain.

We have seen the first feature and it was fabulous so can't wait to see the next 2! All three will also be streamed on the new Arrowfield website that will go live in the coming weeks.



Redoute's Choice seems oblivious to the attention as the camera hones in for a close-up



Not A Single Doubt in focus as a son of Redoute's Choice



"and..ACTION"



Redoute's Choice stretches out for the cameras



...as does Snitzel



Denis Griffin (left), John Ryan (right) and Johnnie Atkins (kneeling) prepare a mare for the feature's test mating



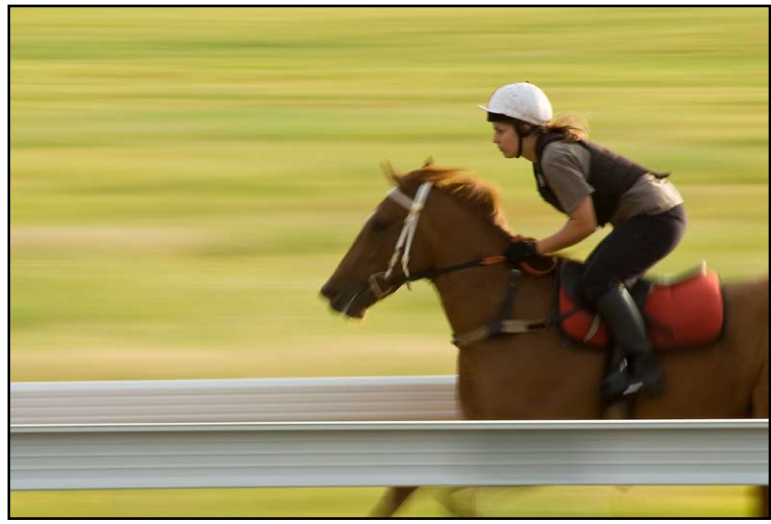
Crew take their positions on a plateau high above the farm in preparation for Anthony Mithen's introductory segment

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MORNING TRACKWORK

The Arrowfield Training Centre welcomed one of the world's finest jockeys - **Michael (Mick) Kinane** - on Saturday morning as part of his Australian visit to Darley Stud. A prolific winner of the Irish, English and French Classic races over two decades, Kinane has ridden the winners of the 2,000 Guineas four times, the Epsom Derby 3 times, the Melbourne Cup, and the Belmont Stakes in the US. He also has 4 wins in the Breeders' Cup races. He was champion jockey of Ireland on 13 occasions. Kinane enjoyed a 34-year career in the saddle, retiring on 8 December 2009. Whilst Mick rode all number of champion gallopers over the years he will probably be best remembered for partnering the incomparable Sea The Stars. Widely considered the greatest flat racehorse of all time, Sea The Stars won 6 Group 1 races - the 2000 Guineas, Epsom Derby and the Eclipse Stakes (the first horse since Nashwan in 1989 to secure this treble, and the only horse to win the 3 races in the same year), the International Stakes, the Irish Champion Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Rated the Leading Horse in the World by the IFHA rankings, Sea the Stars also swept the major awards across Europe in 2009, including Champion 3 Year Old and Horse of the Year at the Cartier Racing Awards, Champion 3 Year Old and Horse of the Year at the Racehorse Owners Association Awards and Horse of the Year at the Irish Horse Racing Awards.



Barry Wintle (ATC Assistant Trainer) & Michael Kinane



Golden Dive @ the Scone trials



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