



# OTI GAZETTE

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### NSW Rule on Victorian Horse Movement Defies Logic

While Racing NSW's move to restrict the movement of stable staff and trainers into New South Wales from Victoria is responsible, it defies logic that horses are restricted from moving.

For the last three months, South Australian, Queensland and Western Australian jurisdictions have safely coped with the movement of horses in and out of their state. This is despite the fact that staff and trainers had to quarantine for two weeks should they wish to relocate.

Quite simply, why couldn't New South Wales have followed these same procedures that had worked so well elsewhere?

Some have been quick to blame Peter V'landys, as another of his aggressive strategies towards Victoria. The reality is that the impact from this latest move falls as much on New South Wales trainers and owners as it does on their Victorian counterparts. The Godolphin, Waller, Lees and Matt Smith stables will now have to think twice before travelling south as their horses will be unable to return.

The questionable logic behind the edict is exacerbated by the fact that we can freely move our breeding horses between the two states, naturally with the appropriate restrictions on personnel. It makes no sense to restrict a portion of the thoroughbred population when different rules apply to another.

Hopefully the powers within Racing NSW will act quickly to reassess their rule and revert to the logic that's been so well applied throughout the rest of the country.

This weekend will once again see racing action for OTI on two continents.

## Overnight in Europe

**MIRANN** runs in the Ebor Trial Handicap at the Curragh over 2800m for Johnny Murtagh and with Ben Coen in the saddle claiming 3lbs. An impressive win in his debut for OTI, we looking forward to seeing him step up in distance.

## Tomorrow at Caulfield

**NEVER NO MORE** races in R4 1400m Handicap for Simon Morrish and Jye McNeil. Drawn barrier 8, he is running after a couple of pleasing trial performances.

**TRENCH WARFARE** runs in R6 3yo Handicap over 2000m for Matt Cumani and Fred Kersley. Drawn in barrier 4, he should run well after just being touched off in his last start.

## Tomorrow at Rosehill

**MY SWASHBUCKLER** runs in R2 BM78 Handicap over 2000m for Kris Lees and with Glen Boss in the saddle. Drawn in barrier 9, he was an eye catching third in his last start at Randwick.

## On Sunday in Ireland

**EAGLEMONT** is nominated in the 3YO+ maiden at Cork over 2000m for Joseph O'Brien.

## Next week in Europe

**SAN HUBERTO** returns to the track after his recent GR2 success in the GR2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil over 2800m at Longchamp.

## THREE MINUTES WITH MATT STEWART

What do you make of the recent decision to prevent Victorian horses from travelling to race in New South Wales?

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## WINNERS



### AUYANTEPUI

GR2 ITALIAN OAKS



### TIGRE ROYALE

BM78 RANDWICK

Racing NSW announce the banning of the movement of racehorses from licenced premises in Victoria to NSW.

Racing Queensland announce the return of prize money to the levels pre-COVID19 from August 1st.

Jockey Craig Newitt announces his return to Melbourne, after a three year stint riding back home in Tasmania.

The Inglis Melbourne Gold Sale inspections due to be held at Oaklands will no longer take place on site, but will be moved to individual on-farm parades.

Annabel Neasham, assistant trainer to Ciaran Maher in Sydney will start training in her own right in August.

David Hayes has relinquished his training licence in Australia as he returns to training in Hong Kong, with Tom Dabernig and Ben Hayes remaining at the Lindsay Park operation.

# Q&A BRYAN MARTIN OAM

## **What do you remember of your first experience of horse racing?**

I grew up in a small place called West Ivanhoe. My family were not hugely into horse racing, but each year we would take part in Melbourne Cup sweep, and I vividly remember listening to the 1956 Cup on the radio and hearing my pick Evening Peal cross the line first. It was at that moment that I became hooked!

## **Did you always want to be a race caller, and why?**

Yes, I was fascinated by racing. At college, I'd get friends to run around the oval during lunch, and I'd change their names to the great horses of the time, and I'd call it. I got a chance to first work for a radio station when I was 17, and it went from there.

## **What do you remember of the first raced you called?**

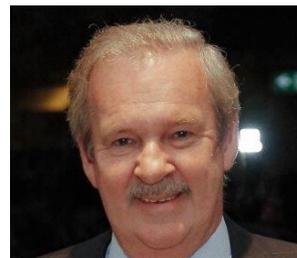
I started working as apprentice caller in Adelaide, and it was the second last race during mid-week meeting in Murray Bridge in 1970.

## **What is it that you love most about the sport of horse racing?**

I love the horse, they are wonderful animals. The people you meet and the places you can visit through the sport are also special. I've been so involved for a long time, and have lucky to own horses like Fields of Omagh.

## **You were instrumental in the founding of Living Legends. How did that come about?**

I became involved after the retirement of Fields of Omagh and our desire to have somewhere to home him that was close to the majority of owners in Melbourne. We found the beautiful property with the old homestead and started from there, building and painting fences. We started with nine horses and it was an incredibly fulfilling experience.



## **You called 29 Melbourne Cups in your career, and have seen a significant increase in international participation. Do you think it needs to be limited?**

Vintage Crop winning the Melbourne Cup in 1993 was a changing point for the Melbourne Cup, and I believe for the better. Before then the race was a big handicap, but the international aspect brought it to a whole new level, in terms of quality in the race and also the worldwide audience for Australian Racing. In my opinion, international participation in the race should never be restricted. It is an expensive exercise for the internationals, and most of them fail but what it does bring is a worldwide audience to Flemington on the first Tuesday in November.

## **What race meeting would you recommend people attend?**

I've raced around the world, and I believe Royal Ascot is a bucket list trip. I've been going for years, and each year is fabulous with the people and the pageantry, but also the spectacular racing. When in England, you must visit Newmarket and see the town, and the gallops in the mornings where the horses exercise. I never tire of it.

## **Congratulations on your ownership of Tigre Royale who won last Saturday at Randwick, how did you celebrate the win?**

What a great win that was, he showed real guts. I was at home, and celebrated by opening a nice bottle of champagne! I'm really enjoying ownership with OTI. Terry and I went to the same school, but I'm sure he is a lot older than me!

# JOHN HAMMOND ON THE DERBY AND AIDAN O'BRIEN

This year's Derby was like no other, not least the date. No crowds meant pre race worries about horses 'failing to handle the occasion' due to a mass of people were largely superfluous but curiously a few horses did appear to be boiling over behind the starting stalls, not least one of the favourites English King.

The date, it being run in early July as opposed to early June had the biggest effect on the result largely due to the fact that the winner Serpentine only broke his maiden on the 27th of June, so had the race been run at its normal time he would not have taken part. The race itself was an odd contest that left many scratching their heads. Having only run seven days earlier, Serpentine was driven away from the stalls with the confirmed intention to make the running. From the top of the hill the jockey eased back to let him take a little air then let him roll on the downhill stretch to Tattenham Corner by which time he had built up a ten length lead. Still well clear at the two furlong pole it soon became obvious that he wouldn't be caught and effectively the fight was on for the places which ended up being filled by two long shots who had been lying second and third turning for home, Khalifa Sat (50/1) and Amran Na Bhfiann (66/1).

What do we make of it? The winning jockey Emmet McNamara admitted he been handed a freebie in the lead. True, but maybe he's a good horse too. He has a pedigree, a son of Galileo out of a mare who's a sister to an Arc winner and when he won his maiden a week earlier by nine lengths the jockey struggled to pull him up. A good but late maturing horse? What was surprising for me was that none of the 'fancied' horses managed to run down the two long shots for the places. Maybe Kameko didn't stay and English King didn't run his race but only 1.5 lengths between 2nd and 6th suggests that they are not a vintage bunch.

Unlike the change of date and the absence of crowds the two constants were the sire of the winner and the name of the winning trainer. Galileo has sired five Epsom Derby winners and Aidan O'Brien has won the race a staggering eight times though it is true that each year he throws a fair number of darts at the board, considerably more than any other trainer. This year he had six runners and by his own admission he had no idea as to which order they would finish in, saying that he found it difficult advising stable jockey Ryan Moore as to which one he should ride. However as most of his runners were owned in the same partnership of John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith that was slightly irrelevant as long as one of them won as far as he was concerned.



For good measure his horses took first and second place in the Oaks too. The winner, Love with her stunning action, won by 9 lengths lowering the track record. No one was questioning where she came from or the value of her victory. Indeed her rating of 122 was only a pound less than that given to the mighty Enable when she won the Oaks. Aidan's training record is nothing short of phenomenal.

He has totally dominated Irish racing in recent times in addition to winning the Epsom Derby on eight occasions and bagging a total of 140 Group 1 races in the UK alone since he started training in 1993. There have also been 45 Group 1 wins in France and 25 in the US. It's a head turning number of major races won. One can roll out all the usual eulogies of his amazing attention to detail, total dedication and work ethic. All are justified and maybe his teetotalism is a help too!

He is also aided however by being a salaried trainer at one of the most amazing training centres in the world. Fantastic gallops, indoor rides, swimming pool etc and most importantly a big number of highly paid staff. This is a five star deal. Most trainers are under constant financial pressure to try and keep training fees (expensive at the best of times) to a competitive level. Rumour has it that the monthly training bill at Ballydoyle needs to be read sitting down with a large drink at hand! Aidan also benefits from an annual influx of the best bred bluebloods around many of whom have been by the extraordinarily prepotent Galileo. Indeed Aidan still shakes his head in wonder at the sheer talent and remarkable toughness of the horse's offspring, many hundreds of who have passed through his hands.

Aidan 'did his time' at the toughest of trainer schools, the stable of Jim Bolger. An unforgiving boss, Jim has always said that of all his proteges, even as a young man Aidan, was always above the rest and destined for the top. Great trainer, great set up and great horses inevitably leads to great and enduring success.

# OTI SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

## QUICK THINKER

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman



So You Think colt, Quick Thinker, had an amazing 3-year-old year. Three Group wins, all in New South Wales, ensured both his Australian & New Zealand based connections enjoyed a special journey with their horse.

A win in the G3 Ming Dynasty in August was followed by the G2 Tulloch Stakes in March, a week prior to his crowning moment in the G1 Australian Derby at Randwick.

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## FUN & GAMES

### WHO IS THIS?



- Third in the GR1 BMW Stakes
- Trained by Michael Moroney
- By Tendulkar out of Ronni Pancake

### NAME THE RACECOURSE



*Hint -  
The grandstand spans 1.5km and can hold  
8,600 cars in the car park.*

1. In which GR1 race did Russian Revolution beat Redzel?
2. In which year did David Hayes first start training in Hong Kong?
3. How old was Fields of Omagh when he won the Cox Plate in 2006?

# JOHN O'SHEA TO TRAIN LA RECONQUISTA

Impeccably bred 3yo filly La Reconquista arrived in Sydney this week to be trained by John O'Shea at Randwick.

By Dark Angel, sire of Champion sprinter Battaash, and out of a half sister to Irish Champion and five time GR1 winner Alexander Goldrun, she appears set to debut in a maiden early in the spring.

John O'Shea has trained 28 GR1 winners in his career and has had significant success with fillies, as well as European imports.

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO...

As a part of our commitment to equine welfare, we continue to document the lives of all of our past racehorses.

### MASTER ZEPHYR

After completing an illustrious career on the track, Master Zephyr has since begun his new role as a weaning and agistment partner at Luke Stapleton's Maldon property.

True to the 9- year-olds gentle nature, he has already shown a great attitude in his new role and has also been great in teaching Luke's children how to ride.



For more information on the OTI Equine Welfare Program follow the [link](#).

### WHO IS THIS?

Drunken Sailor

### QUIZ RESULT

1. Galaxy Stakes
2. 1996
3. Nine Years Old

### THE RACECOURSE

Meydan, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.  
Racing in Dubai started in the 1980's. The first running of The Dubai World Cup was in 1996 at Nad Al Sheba, and won by Cigar. The new track and grandstand of Meydan was completed in 2010.

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