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Spring Is Here

With September only days away, it's not just the arrival of spring we celebrate. Be it Melbourne or Sydney, temperatures rise as we anticipate the return of our best horses vying for success in both city's Carnivals.

Nominations closed this week for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups. While locally and overseas entry numbers were on par with past years, this year will certainly be different. With higher costs, restrictive travel arrangements, no international Godolphin or Japanese horses, it will be surprising if we see more than 20 raiders come to Melbourne. None are currently expected in Sydney.

It's also likely that we will have to wait sometime before we know who and how many will be allowed to attend the feature meetings. While we may be presented with disappointing news, the last thing racing needs in Australia is a repeat of the Cheltenham meeting debacle earlier in the year in the UK.

Whatever the make up of final fields, our attendance or otherwise, or the dramas that surround feature race days, one thing is a certainty. Australian racing lovers will adapt to find new ways to embrace and celebrate the great races – with this year's 100th (Gold) Cox Plate possibly being the one we would want to win the most!

OTI NEWS

OTI runners this weekend:

Tomorrow Caulfield

YOUNG RASCAL didn't get to start last week, and debuts for Archie Alexander in R5 2000m Quality Handicap in barrier 3 with John Allen booked to ride. We look forward to seeing him at the races.

HAKY is one of three OTI runners in R8 Listed Heatherlie Stakes over 1700m. Drawn in barrier 9 for Archie Alexander and Declan Bates.

GALLIC CHIEFTAIN also runs in the Listed Heatherlie Stakes for Archie Alexander with Damian Lane in the saddle from barrier 12.

MANTASTIC is our third runner in the Listed Heatherlie Stakes for Chris Waller with Damien Thornton riding from barrier 16. He has the tricky outside barrier, but we know he will improve for the run.

Tomorrow at Rosehill

AZURO runs in R8 G3 Premier's Cup over 1900m for Ciaran Maher and David Eustace with Robbie Dolan in the saddle from barrier 1. He is in good form, and this is a good race to start his prep.

GREY LION also runs in R8 G3 Premiers Cup over 1900m from barrier 11 for Matt Smith and Regan Bayliss. He is in good order at home, and we look forward to seeing a strong performance on the track.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Terry gives the latest update on the Spring Carnival, and logistics for runners

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Tomorrow at Warracknabeal

BARADE runs in R6 Sheep Hills Cup over 2000m for Archie Alexander and Neil Farley riding from barrier 7.

At Sale on Sunday

DOROZA is declared to run in R6 1400m BM64 Handicap for Matt Cumani with Jaden Lloyd from barrier 11. He has been working very well at home.

At Deauville on Sunday

KLOSTER has a nomination to run over 1500m for Andrew Hollinshead.

MELBOURNE & CAULFIELD CUP NOMINATIONS

Attorney	Harbour Views
Azuro	Inverloch
Barade	Milestone
Benitoite	Quick Thinker
Future Score	San Huberto
Gallic Chieftain	True Self
Grey Lion	Vin De Dance
Haky	Young Rascal

MELBOURNE CUP NOMINATIONS

Rider In The Snow Sound of Cannons

WINNER



OUR INSIDER

Northam 1000m Class 3

A CONVERSATION WITH TERRY HENDERSON

Many of us know Terry Henderson well, but this week we find out a little more about the fascinating life of OTI's founder.

On his childhood and early memories at the races

Coming from Yallourn in the Latrobe Valley and then moving to Fairfield in Melbourne, any involvement with riding horses was seen as a luxury when I was young. I loved going to the Showgrounds for the trots. Being hooked on the punt, I'd often arrange work and study to get to the mid weeks at Cranbourne or Mornington. Football, cricket and athletics took up the weekends.

On his first ownership experience

My first horse was a trotter which I half owned with a golfing mate. He left his wife to run off with another woman, leaving me with his half of the horse. Like his wife, the trotter was quickly replaced with a better one. At about the same I joined a group of friends to buy five yearlings with Colin Hayes. Fortunately both the replacement trotter and a few of the ones with Colin were successful. I was hooked (again).

And first winner

Henry Craig was my first winner at the trots at Cranbourne, while Claws, with Colin Hayes was the first at Victoria Park in South Australia.

On the various interesting facets of the sport

Over the years I've grown to love and admire the animal, but it is the people that you come in contact with through racing that fascinates me most. It is truly a melting pot of mankind. I also relish the shared enjoyment with our owners at OTI. I've got to appreciate that whether you own 50% or 5%, enjoyment from winning is not divisible.

On his career

With a degree in transport economics, my business life was focused on transport and logistics, initially in accounting and later in management consulting. Fortunately the businesses went well and the management consultancy practice was sold to an international group in the mid 90s.

And being an author

After the sale of the business I published a book about jogging in my favourite cities around the world. Jogging has always been 'mobile meditation' for me, while writing is the purest form of escapism.



On taking part in the gruelling Marathon des Sables (251km ultra-marathon in the Sahara Desert) and what it taught him.

Being an optimist I tend to think that there is little one can't do until proven otherwise. The MdS was especially satisfying as I did it with my son, Ben. It also proved that I could survive 8 days without a wash! Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro with my wife, Susan, was equally special.

On the racetracks he has visited

I have no idea the number of tracks visited over the years but I've enjoyed most of them. Other than Antarctica, I've been racing on all continents. One of the most unique race days is Derby Day in Valparaiso, Chile. There are 28 races (14 dirt and 14 turf) between 9:30 am until 11 pm. The vino tinto kicked in at race 17! Patrons camp in the middle of the track.

On races he feels privileged to have witnessed

It would have to be Black Caviar's win at Royal Ascot. I was watching it with Susan and John Gosden and more nervous than having one of our own lining up in the Melbourne Cup.

The racing industry's challenges in years to come

Racing's biggest challenge is to move with the times. If the gap between social expectations and the practices of our industry widens, racing will struggle to survive as a mainstream sport. Great care must also be taken to ensure the gambling industry does not infiltrate racing to the point of them being synonymous with each other. The balance between the two industries is delicate, but to follow in the footsteps of the UK, as some administrators appear intent on doing, would lay the foundation for racing's demise.

And optimism for the future

While we have quality young people coming into racing, racing can prosper. The ability to travel and learn from the best, combined with the growing presence of female trainers, gives young people in racing in Australia the opportunity that many other racing jurisdictions lack. Racing has so much to offer if we conduct our affairs professionally and ethically while acknowledging, in tangible ways, the privileges our horses provide.

JOHN BERRY ON THE EBOR HANDICAP

Newmarket trainer John Berry recalls the history of the Ebor Handicap, and the importance of the big handicaps around the world.

Last week's British racing highlight, the Ebor Carnival at York, acts as a salutary reminder that no race can afford to rest on its laurels. Thankfully, the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups continue to appeal to owners, racegoers and punters alike, but Britain's equivalent, the Ebor Handicap, reminds us that one can take nothing for granted.

Horses have been racing on 'the Knavesmire' for centuries, but the racecourse's status made a great leap forward in 1843 when a valuable two-mile handicap was introduced – called the Ebor Handicap in recognition of the Roman name for the city 'Eboracum' – with the intention of attracting the country's best horses to a race which would be one of the betting highlights of the year. Eighteen years later, the Melbourne Cup, was inaugurated with a similar aim.



Isonomy

The plan succeeded magnificently. It was soon being won by some great horses, with none greater than the 1879 winner Isonomy, who was described by his trainer John Porter as the best he ever trained. This was a remarkable compliment considering that Porter trained three Triple Crown winners: Ormonde, Common and Flying Fox.

For all Isonomy's class, the Classics were never on his agenda. He was owned by Mr. Frederick Gretton, a brewer who liked a bet. At three, Porter eschewed the obvious option of aiming him at the Classics and instead targeted only one race: the Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarket in the autumn which, like the Ebor, was one of the biggest betting races of the year. That was the only race which he contested that season.



With little worthwhile (and no recent) form to his name, Isonomy started at 40/1 and won "very easily" by two lengths. Mr. Gretton collected the winner's prize of £2,187, but that paled into insignificance beside the £40,000 which he won from his bets. This sum was more than double what Isonomy would have earned in prize money had he won the 2,000 Guineas, Derby and St Leger.

The following season Isonomy won Britain's three biggest weight-for-age races, the Ascot Gold Cup, the Goodwood Cup and the Doncaster Cup. At Ascot he strolled home "in a canter" – and that was despite having raced two days previously, when he had won the Gold Vaseo. Isonomy then won the Goodwood Cup "eased down" and in the autumn completed the stayer's Triple Crown by taking the Doncaster Cup and proving himself, in the words of the Duke of Portland "one of the best and gamest horses that ever ran". It would be another 70 years before the stayer's Triple Crown was won again (by Alycidon)

As a five-year-old Isonomy ran only twice, before he went on to make an even greater contribution to turf history as the sire of two Triple Crown winners (Isinglass and Common) as well as the outstanding filly Seabreeze and Pretty Polly's sire Gallinule.

His renown spread far beyond the racing world. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had Sherlock Holmes refer to him in the novel Silver Blaze, stating that the kidnapped racehorse of that name "... is from Isonomy stock, and holds as brilliant a record as his famous ancestor".

Nowadays, the race from which the Ebor Meeting takes its name is but a side-show. The Group One contests, the Juddmonte International, the Darley Yorkshire Oaks and the Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes, are run at weight-for-age and their winners, Ghaiyyath, Love and Battaash, are in a different league to the horses who contested the Ebor Handicap. It is hard to see the big handicap races ever regaining their former eminence in Great Britain, which makes us appreciate how lucky we are that the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups still retain (most of) their former lustre. Long may they continue to do so.

PANKHURST JOINS MATTHEW WILLIAMS



OTI purchased 2-year-old Pankhurst after an eye catching trial at Te Rapa, New Zealand.

By Power out of the Zabeel mare, All By Myself who is herself from a well renowned European family including multiple group winners, she is bred on the same cross as the most successful Power progeny. Identified by our NZ agent Phill Cataldo after an impressive trial

"I really liked the way that she got her head down in the straight ... travelled like a stayer.. A real quality filly."

Pankhurst will enter the Matt Williams yard at Warrnambool in mid-September, and is expected to be racing over the spring carnival, with a longer-term eye on the autumn carnival of 2021.

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For more information email oti@oti.com.au

FUN & GAMES

WHO IS THIS?



- By Danroad out of Lassy Fox
- 1st Listed Kilmore Cup
- Winner of \$392,952

NAME THE RACECOURSE



Hint

Largest training and racing centre in Southern NSW

- 1.Scobie was his nickname, but what was Scobie Breasley's real name?
- 2.Who won the first GR1 of the season?
- 3.Who was the last horse to win two Caulfield Cups?

SOMETHING TO WATCH, LISTEN OR READ

FROM REFUGEE TO MEETING THE QUEEN: A REMARKABLE STORY OF SURVIVAL



In this article from The Times, learn about the life of Abdul Musa Adams, a refugee from Darfur who at the age of seven saw both of his parents shot in front of him.

As a brutal war swept across Sudan, Abdul and his 3-year-old brother were forced to flee. Their gruelling journey across the Sahara to a refugee camp in Chad was fraught with danger, and every day a struggle against hunger and disease.

One day Abdul is offered a chance to escape, but forcing him to make the most heartbreaking decision of his life. Abdul's death-defying flight leaves deep scars. But his affinity with animals provides a lifeline, when he is offered the chance to work for Andrew Balding and elite racehorses, including one owned by the Queen.

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QUIZ RESULTS

WHO IS THIS?

Danny The Fox

QUIZ RESULT

1. Athur Edward Breasley
2. Verry Elleegant
3. Ming Dynasty, 1977 and 1980

THE RACECOURSE

Murrumbidgee, Wagga Wagga.

The racecourse was originally established in 1849, with the feature meeting of the season being the Wagga Gold Cup held on the first weekend of May.

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