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Twelve months out from the emotions of the fire-ravaged 2020 Buchan Cup, its Buchan Cup weekend again.

For many of us, the Buchan meeting, amongst other picnic meetings, provides an insight into the grassroots and character of our great sport.

Role forward to the CF Orr meeting at Caulfield last Saturday (the first metro meeting this writer attended for nine months) and the same emotions were flowing as were experienced at Buchan last year.

Sure the horses were better, the media presence greater and the crowds bigger, but the people, both professionals and punters, were relishing the joy of simply being there, mingling (within Covid limits) and enjoying the racing.

How lucky are we in Australia to be able to share racing throughout our society? Yes, in many areas we do have to change to remain accepted by the broader community, however, racing still remains pervasive in the city and country. That can't be said for many jurisdictions in other parts of the world.

So be it Buchan or Caulfield, there's a place for every horse, every jockey and trainer, every punter and most of all, every emotion one can experience on a racetrack.

OTI NEWS

Runners for OTI this weekend, and further ahead.

At Flemington tomorrow

DOROZA runs in R4 BM84 over 2000m for Matt Cumani, with Fred Kersley riding from barrier 4. He continues to work well at home, and we look forward to seeing his next step in this preparation.

At Chantilly tomorrow

DEMETER runs in a Class 3 over 1300m for Edouard Monfort on a track she likes. We hope to see her in the finish in her final race before heading to the sales.

Looking ahead to next week.

On Monday, **I AM READY** will aim to repeat her winning performance at Stony Creek over 1000m in a BM58. We are likely to have three runners at Swan Hill, with **MILONIA** in the 1200m Maiden, **MISS CHANG'E** in the Maiden over 1300m, and **ZIPITSWEETIE** in the 2400m BM64.

At Warrnambool on Thursday, **ANDRESS** is nominated in the 1000m 3yo Maiden and on Friday, **DARVIN** may line up at The Valley over 3000m in a BM70. Next Saturday, **SELINO**, **YOUNG RASCAL**, **CHAILLOT**, **NIGHT'S WATCH** and **SAN HUBERTO** are all well placed to feature in a range of Group and Listed races at Rosehill and Caulfield.

VALE LORD VESTEY



It was very sad to hear of the death of Lord Vestey, great-grandson of Dame Nellie Melba, Past Chairman of Cheltenham in the U.K and Master of the Horse for HM The Queen for 20 years. Asked to be known as Sam, he was a part-owner of a number of OTI horses including Harbour Views.

Despite his Eton education and establishment background, Sam made it known that one of his favourite days at a racetrack was at Camperdown jump-outs where he mingled with great humour amongst the trainers, jockeys and strappers from south-west Victoria. He truly loved his horses and the people in racing who worked with them. We will miss him.

WINNERS



I AM READY

Lloyd Kennewell
1000m Maiden
Donald



DARVIN

Matt Williams
3000m BM70
Sandown



EAGLES CRAG

Archie Alexander
1600m Maiden
Pakenham



MELTDOWN

Phillip Stokes
1200m 3YO F Maiden
Sale

A CONVERSATION WITH LUKE NOLEN

Oh his childhood, and dreams

I was born in the Victorian rural town of Manangatang and at a young age moved up to Dalby. I later found my way back to Mansfield where I was an apprentice to Gerald Egan. I always loved horses and wanted to be a jockey from a very young age.

On his first ride

I had my first official ride in January of 1998, it was in March that year. It was called Price Hike at Albury for Adrian Osborne. It was great to get off the mark and taste some success early on. Gerald Egan was a huge mentor to me early in my career and taught me a lot about riding and other aspects of being a jockey.

On Black Caviar

After each win it was just me and her.....you have a few minutes to gather your thoughts and try and enjoy the ride she just gave. When you return to the winners stall you start to share those feelings with the other people around. There isn't one race that stands out for me, each and every one was special.

On riding at Royal Ascot

It was a great experience for everyone involved and I was fortunate enough to play a big part in it. It was relief that the team could get the job done and we won the race.

Looking back on Black Caviar's career

It's hard not to reflect on that period of time. As time goes on people still talk about her and replays continue to be played of her wins. I'm well aware of how lucky I was to be associated with her and for the journey she has taken me on.

On Peter Moody

Pete's a very hard but fair boss. We have experienced plenty of highs together. I appreciate the opportunities Pete has given me and hope that we can continue to have much more success together.



On the highs and lows of being a jockey

Most jockeys would say the same thing, and that is that wasting and constant travelling are the two biggest hurdles to overcome. Some days you can be starting the day at trackwork at 4am and still riding in races at 9pm the same night. Riding winners makes things better, and that is the thing I love most. Nothing beats that feeling when you win a race.

On riding around the world

I have been fortunate enough to ride in international jockeys series in both Hong Kong and Japan where I represented Australia. I was also invited to Mauritius for a weekend which was a nice experience, but with two kids growing up I can't see myself heading elsewhere to ride at the moment.

On dream races to win

Every jockey's dream is to win the Melbourne Cup. The closest I have come was 2nd on Maluckyday in 2010. It is a race I would really love to win.

On free time and the future

I've never had a desire to train horses, so will not do that when I retire. When I have spare time away from racing I love taking the boat out on the river. Plenty of my fellow riders enjoy joining me.

STUART BOMAN - AUSTRALIA THE LUCKY COUNTRY

Bloodstock agent Stuart Boman reflects on the global bloodstock market.

Sitting in Newmarket watching the record-breaking Inglis Classic Sale, as the Australian Open in Melbourne commences with a live crowd, you cannot doubt that Australia is most definitely the lucky country in so many ways.

The extraordinary levels of domestic demand seen at both the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and the Classic Sale proves beyond doubt that the Australian market is the envy of all racing nations - rising prize money levels, mainstream popularity, a diverse and growing ownership base as well as a thriving syndication market - things that Europe can only dream about.

Domestic buyers drove the growth seen at both sales, with market share dropping from all foreign countries, with a notable absence of investment from Mainland China. Such domestic support and involvement prove the sustainability of the Australian racing and breeding industry which can only lead to further investment, confidence and growth in the market.

In stark contrast prize money levels are at record low levels in the UK and its most famous race, The Derby, is still without a sponsor for this year after long-term sponsor Investec pulled out last year. The long-term sustainability of the industry has to be in question with reliance on foreign investment, ageing patrons, diminishing numbers of breeders and owners.

One of the most significant things to occur in the racing and bloodstock industry is undoubtedly the death of Prince Khalid Abdullah in January. Over the last 40 years, he has developed one of the world's most successful breeding and racing empires in Juddmonte that in recent years has bred and raced Frankel, Kingman and Enable. His family has committed to continuing Juddmonte but Prince Khalid's sad passing has highlighted the reliance on foreign investment and patrons in Europe.



To compound things further the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated underlying issues in the industry in particular prize money levels and fundamental issues with how the industry is financed.

Such market dynamics in Europe will undoubtedly see increased opportunities in the market, in particular in the horses in training market where Australia's importance has grown exponentially over the last ten to 15 years with OTI and Chris Waller being the pioneers.

A lot of yearling buyers in Europe are specifically purchasing middle distance horses with the view of reselling to export markets, while the economics of racing horses in Europe today will mean owners will be in a position where they have to sell to realise a return on their investment. Not all owners are open to selling, but an increasing number are receptive to the idea or to the idea of selling half of a horse and transferring them to Australia to continue their racing careers - a strategy OTI has employed successfully.

Europe is still the source of the best bloodlines - it produces the best horses and is the best place to develop a young horse. It is a resilient vibrant market, and one has to remain hopeful that we can attract new investment and address the underlying issues to secure its future.

In the meantime, Australians are well-placed to take advantage of the opportunities that will present themselves in the coming months and years. The results are clear on the track in Australia and with local breeders focusing on breeding for precocity and speed, Europe will continue to be the primary source of top-class middle-distance horses and stayers.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW OTI OWNERS - TIM HOLLAND

Tim Holland grew up in Kew and Clifton Hill and whilst not from a racing family, he recently learnt that a great uncle was a professional punter. Punting has never been an interest, but rather the theatre of the races. As a youngster, he remembered watching the drama of Mel Schumacher losing the AJC Derby on protest on Blue Era after he pulled the leg of the jockey on Summer Fair.



Who was your first winner and where? The first horse I put my toe in the water with was a filly from Elvstroem's first crop, whose form was so underwhelming that I didn't think she would even get to the races - she finished 12th in a field of 10 in her trial! My shock and pleasure when she placed at her first start in a field of 14, then won as favourite at race two hooked me.

Most successful horses you've owned? The beautifully bred colt Burnstone romped home in the BD Prelude at his only start (sigh!); Selenia won the G3 Champagne Stakes and a Listed Flemington sprint, and Future Score is the only black-type winner in open age races - fingers crossed he builds on that.

Race you would most like to win? Cox Plate or Melbourne Cup would be the pie in the sky, but any G1 would make me very happy!

How will you celebrate winning that special race? After being resuscitated, I might be looking for a Bex and a lie-down...

Favourite racetrack? Flemington, and also enjoy The Valley.

What racetrack/meeting/carnival do you enjoy attending? Derby Day at Flemington, and Cox Plate Day; Caulfield Guineas Day is also a fave.

Black Caviar, Winx or Makybe Diva? All great, but a huge soft spot for Black Caviar. I saw her first start at Flemington and was wowed by her power; I ended up seeing 19 of her 25 starts, including Royal Ascot.

What international races have you attended and enjoyed? I was there for Black Caviar (and Frankel) at Royal Ascot, and the Arc in 2016 when it was run at Chantilly. Both magical!

Which international carnivals would you like to attend? The Arc at Longchamp.

What do you enjoy about racehorse ownership? I enjoy the social aspect, and the expectation through the week after acceptances if you feel you are in with a chance. Wins are intoxicating, especially significant ones (see answer above about winning "that special race"!). Seeing the development of a horse is also a very enjoyable aspect of ownership.

Favourite jockey? Would like to have Jamie Kah on retainer, especially for distance races, middle-distance races and also sprints. She's a talent.

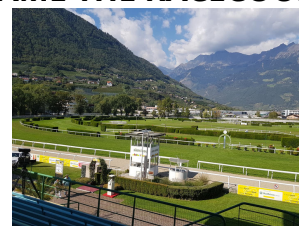
Favourite racing memory? I was banged up with some broken bones after a bike crash when Burnstone won the BD Prelude - it was like going to Lourdes or a visit to the Miracle Worker as I threw away my crutches and danced!

OTI horse you're looking forward to seeing run in 2021? Hoping that Gambu can live up to his looks and his pedigree; looking forward to seeing how Eaglemont adapts to Aussie racing and really looking forward to seeing whether Future Score can continue his progression - I love him as a racehorse!

QUIZ

1. In which state is the Black Caviar Lightning Stakes runner Elite Street trained?
2. Who is the sire of Black Caviar?
3. Black Caviar's fifth foal is due for a jump out soon. What is she called and who trains her?

NAME THE RACECOURSE



Hint - located in South Tyrol

SHARES AVAILABLE IN HELLBENT YEARLING



Magic Millions qualified Hellbent colt out of Galileo mare Colourmegal

This fluent moving, athletic colt will be trained by Mick Price & Michael Kent Jnr and is considered an excellent two-year-old prospect. Reared at Twin Hills Stud, Cootamundra and from a group performing family, this colt has had an excellent grounding to continue his career on the track under the tutelage of Victoria's leading trainers.

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With all costs, including insurance paid up to July 31, 2021, at \$5,900 plus GST for a 5% interest, this colt is exceptional value.

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QUIZ RESULTS

1. Western Australia
2. Bel Esprit
3. Invincible Caviar trained by Peter Moody

Racecourse: Merano

Racing first took place over Easter weekend in 1886.

The feature race of the season is the Gran Premio Merano.

The race, 5,000 meters long, includes twenty-four obstacles and is run over a twisting, figure-of-eight course.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Warrnambool - Dunkeld - Ballarat *23rd - 26th March 2021*

Join me for a three night tour visiting the training stables of some of Victoria's leading and emerging trainers, all of which are in very different environments. Each evening we will stay in luxurious hotels and enjoy the finest hospitality amongst friends and trainers.

Kind Regards, Hermione FitzGerald

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Tuesday 23rd March

Depart Melbourne in the afternoon for Warrnambool where we will stay at the beachside Lady Bay Resort. Dinner in Warrnambool with local trainers.

Wednesday 24th March

Morning on the beach watching horses exercise with Warrnambool trainers. Breakfast at the beach before visiting Matt Williams' rehab stable and Symon Wilde's property. Travel to Dunkeld via Port Fairy, where we will have lunch. Stay at the award-winning Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld with dinner in its Parker Street Project restaurant.

Thursday 25th March

Morning at Grampians Racing, sand training stables of trainer Andrew Bobbin (ex Matt Cumani). Travel to Ballarat where we stay at Victoria's Best boutique-style hotel, The Provincial. Dinner at the award-winning restaurant, Lola's, with local trainers.

Friday 26th March

Morning at the Ballarat Training Centre visiting the new state of the art training stables of Tony McEvoy as well as the Cumani and Alexander stables. Lunch at Tuki's Trout Farm before returning to Melbourne.

Price guide based on 12 guests

\$1950 pp sharing

\$450 single supplement

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