

# **OTI GAZETTE**

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As 2021 comes to an end, we hope that your racing experiences have been a positive aspect of your life in an otherwise challenging year. Certainly, as an industry, racing has done well.

It didn't stop in Australia as a result of Covid, stake moneys increased, our breeders did well, and most importantly those working in the industry were able to continue to work and retain their livelihoods.

At OTI, we continue to be very thankful for the wonderful support from our owners. With more wins and stake race successes this year than ever before, hopefully you shared in that success. While attending the races was not possible for most of the year, the OTI team worked hard to maintain a high sense of ownership involvement.

We already know that 2022 will be challenging, but we also know that our horse quality has never been better. Our owners can look forward with confidence to many successful days, hopefully trackside, as we go through the major carnivals.

Finally the Team at OTI would like to wish all our owners a Happy Christmas and a safe 2022. We hope plenty of winners flow for you throughout the year and you continue to enjoy your involvement in our great sport.

# **OTI NEWS**

There are plenty of runners for OTI this Sunday:

#### Randwick

**ATTORNEY** runs in the 2000m Group 3 Summer Cup for Matthew Smith. Unlucky in running on return last start, we expect him to be closing off strongly.

### **Caulfield**

**DAQIANSWEET JUNIOR** runs in the 2000m Benchmark 84 for Phillip Stokes. An impressive winner last start at The Valley, we look forward to seeing him step up in grade again. It wouldn't surprise to see him make it three wins on the trot!

#### Doomben

**STUCK WITH YOU** runs over 2000m in the Benchmark 78 for Matthew Dunn. This is a suitable race for the horse, who is deep into a preparation that hasn't involved much luck in running.

### **Newcastle**

**AKATINO** runs in the 1350m Benchmark 64 for Matthew Smith, with the blinkers applied for his first run back this preparation. He should only improve for the outing and will be better suited over further.

#### Gold Coast

**TRENCH WARFARE** will have his second run for new trainer Matthew Dunn in the 1400m Class 1, where he's expected to be most competitive. The step up in distance looks suitable and he's trained on well for this event.

### On New Year's Day at Flemington

**FUTURE SCORE** will be targeted at the 2800m Listed Bagot Handicap for Matt Cumani after a return to form at Flemington last start. There, he will meet **SEAWHATYOUTHINK**, who also runs in the same race for Matthew Williams and has progressed impressively throughout the campaign.

On the same day, last start-winner **VARDANI** will look to continue his winning ways in Saturday grade!

### **OTI WINNERS**



DAQIANSWEET JUNIOR

The Valley, 2040m BM70 Trained by Phillip Stokes



### **SEAWHATYOUTHINK**

Flemington, 2500m BM78 *Trained by Matthew Williams* 



### **MILESTONE**

Moe, 2400m BM58 Trained by Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young

## **OTI QUIZ**

- 1. What was the winning margin when **I'M THUNDERSTRUCK** won the GR1 Toorak Handicap at Caulfield in October, and who was the winning jockey?
- 2. Who trained Sydney Cup winner **SELINO** in the U.K?
- 3. Who beat QUICK THINKER in the GR3 Newcastle Gold Cup in October?
- 4. Which stud-farm bred two time two-year-old winner **LADY LAGUNA**?
- 5. How many lengths did **AMADE** give away at the start of the Bendigo Cup and what distance was he beaten at the finish?
- 6. **VINA SENA**, the Dundalk maiden-winner is trained by which Grand National-winning trainer?
- 7. Which OTI horses name when translated means 'Walk Together'?
- 8. Which OTI filly in training won the Italian Oaks?
- 9. Group 2-placed **TIMOUR** is by which stallion?
- 10. At which racetrack has **CHAILLOT** won three times including at Group 3 level?
- 11. Who is this racehorse? *Hint Statia*



Send your winning answers to **hermione@oti.com.au** and be in the chance to win a bottle of champagne!

### **OTI SPORT**

**OTI SPORT** organised a tour last week for clients to visit Spendthrift Farm in Victoria.

The stallions were paraded before some of them boarded a plane to the USA, and we also had the opportunity to see some yearlings and foals that may run in the OTI silks in the future.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day which was finished off with a delicious lunch at a brewery.

Contact Hermione FitzGerald hermione@oti.com.au for more information on OTI Sport Tours in 2022 that will include:

- Hunter Valley March 2022
- Ireland June 2022
- New Zealand 2022











### **WICKLOW LASS TO TOM DABERNIG**

~Two-year-old filly by Belardo to be trained in Warrnambool ~



Purchased off the back of two impressive trials in New Zealand where she hit the line strongly, **WICKLOW LASS** has the pedigree as well as the attributes to stay middle-distances.

Boasting residual value, with her dam, Emerald Isle being the half-sister to GR1 winner Shillelagh, this filly will be an interesting breeding proposition in due course. Her sire, Belardo was a multiple GR1 winner in Europe, including the Dewhurst Stakes at two, and whilst relatively early in his stallion career his progeny are performing well on the track.

Trainer Tom Dabernig is known to excel with fillies of the calibre of **WICKLOW LASS**, and since his arrival as his new training base in Warrnambool he has a season strike rate of 26.67%.

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# **OTI GAZETTE RETURNS IN JANUARY**

The OTI Gazette will be returning on the 20th January 2022.

Suggestions for interviews, or topics to be discussed are always welcome, or indeed if you'd like to give your own personal point of view.

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