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VALUE... THE KIWIS HAVE IT!

As the thoroughbred world becomes increasingly smaller, it's a challenge for OTI to seek out the best value when buying bloodstock. That task becomes all the more difficult when trying to assess if we should continue our focus on tried (older) horses or should be buying more yearlings – and for each group, from where?

Australian breeders have dominated the short distance races for many years, be they horses racing locally, in Asia or, when they travel, the UK. European-breds on the other hand, have outperformed their Australian and New Zealand counterparts in 4yo plus races at distances above 1800m. However be it Australian sprinters or European stayers, the price of acquisition is high.

New Zealand breeds around 3500 thoroughbreds each year. Around 10% of those will go to Karaka Book 1 in January, New Zealand's top sale. The high majority, however, will be either sold locally or retained by the breeder in the hope that they can command a good price once broken in and trialled. Agents and Australian and Hong Kong trainers watch these trials like hawks in the hope they can spot the next I'm Thunderstruck, Verry Elleegant or Humidor.

While the better Kiwi sprinters are more likely to be snapped up by the Asian markets, horses with the propensity to run 1600m plus are more likely to be sold to Australia. Given currency exchange rates and the simplicity of travel from New Zealand, European horses need to have demonstrated better credentials to justify their acquisition – which they often do.

The NZ system has proved to be a tried and true way of acquiring quality stock at far more attractive prices than competitive markets. At OTI, we have enjoyed a 20-year relationship with NZ agent Phill Cataldo. That relationship has produced over 60 stakes winners, three derby winners and G1 stars like I'm Thunderstruck and Aloisia.

In recent years in Australia, the rise of online sales has effectively given Australian buyers the equivalent of a 'claiming system', so popular in France. These sales are now a direct competitor for 'going horses' to the NZ market and, as they grow, will give buyers a much greater choice.

The European market for 'going horses' is centred on the 'Horse in Training' sales. Like the 'online sales' in Australia, they can be dangerous as buyers have limited time to do their due diligence before purchase.

While many who have been in the industry for decades lament the drop in the quality of New Zealand mares, the fact remains that the Kiwi's outperform their competitors on a mix of success and price. Importantly, especially if horses are purchased from trials, buyers can fully investigate the proposed acquisition before committing. That together with quality and price, provides real value.

OTI RUNNERS AND WINNERS

A very quiet weekend ahead for OTI owners, with many runners preparing to contest the upcoming spring races.

At The Valley on Saturday.

Miss Subtly is deserving of her place in the 1200m 3yo Fillies Plate following encouraging efforts at her first two career starts. Grahame Begg has been very pleased with how the filly has progressed, and with a favourable draw and Jordan Childs engaged to ride, a forward showing is expected. Despite the jump to city class, a winning performance would not shock!

Romancer may take his place in the 1500m 4yo+ Handicap, a distance that should suit the ever consistent son of Redwood. He looks as well as ever and is a winner at this track and trip, but a heavy track would likely see him saved for Caulfield the following week.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be represented by **I'm Thunderstruck** in the first Group 1 (Memsie Stakes) of the Victorian racing season at Caulfield on Saturday. It will be very exciting to see our Golden Eagle winner resume, as well as **Daqiansweet Junior**, who will make his return in the Listed Heatherlie Stakes. He has trialled up in impressive fashion as he works towards a tilt at the Melbourne Cup, likely via the Bart Cummings Stakes.

Likely starters next week include **Lorne** in the 2900m Fillies Maiden at Fontainebleau (FR), and **Darci's Debut** and **Prospettiva** at Warrnambool.

WINNERS



NIGHT 'N' VEGAS

1400m BM58, Pakenham
Trained by Phillip Stokes



HARMYSIAN

1800m BM70, Sandown
Trained by Clayton Douglas



COPPLESON

1500m MDN, Newcastle
Trained by Chris Waller



BIG STORY

1400m 3yo MDN, Ballarat-Synthetic
Trained by M. Price and M. Kent Jnr



BARADE

2200m BM90, Eagle Farm
Trained by Jack Bruce

AN INTERVIEW WITH JAYNE IVIL

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a rural setting, a small town called Levin in the lower North Island of New Zealand. It's not a place you would brag about but I had a great childhood.

Where did your passion for racing come from?

My family were involved in racing from as far back as I remember, my Grandfather and Father were both horse trainers so I was immersed from an early age. My passion was first for the horse, and secondly for racing. I have an enormous respect for the thoroughbred as an athlete and as an animal. Any passion I have for the sport of racing comes solely from my love of the horse. I don't think I stood any chance though, once it's bred into you it's hard to escape.

What is your earliest memory of racing?

Probably riding Dad and Poppa's racehorses around the tie up stalls at the Foxton Racetrack before they used to go out and work. I think the only reason we got out of bed in the morning was because we always got to stop at the dairy (milk bars over here) on the way home for treats. But I have lots of memories like that, we spent a lot of time at the races as young kids and hours down at the stables, probably just getting in everyone's way.

When choosing horses in the mounting yard, what are the things you look for?

I like a horse who is content and relaxed on race day, one that handles the pressure of competition and I also love horses who are great walkers who cover ground effortlessly. I think that gives you a really good indication of how they cover the ground in a race and how they might feel to ride.

How much do you factor in breeding when picking horses out of the yard?

I have a keen interest in the breeding industry, probably more so when I was working in New Zealand because it was part of my role with Trackside. It's taken a backseat since I've been in Australia but I like to see how a stallion stamps their offspring, whether you can find traits in the mounting yard. I like to compare siblings and breeding can also give you one small piece of the puzzle when trying to assess how much speed or stamina a horse might have. I wouldn't say it has a huge weighting on how I select my picks of the yard but it's definitely an extra tool to use.



What is your favourite race meeting to attend?

The Valley is easily my favourite racetrack so Cox Plate day is the ultimate for me. I love Derby Day at Flemington because of the quality of racing, and Warrambool's May Carnival is always good fun.

What do you like to do in your free time?

With two children now (Pippa 2 ½ & Luca 10mths) I don't have a lot of free time! Outside of work, my focus is my family and I love spending time with the kids. Our social calendar has certainly changed a lot over the last few years, but when I do get to indulge I love a facial and massage, I like to read and I don't mind a long lunch on a Sunday with my partner and friends.

What horse are you most looking forward to this Spring?

Picking one horse is so difficult – I was really taken by Illation during the South Australian Carnival. I'm keen to see how he stacks up in the spring when he faces some tougher competition. OTI have a couple of smart ones with I'm Thunderstruck and Cadazio, he is an exciting staying proposition.

MEET YOUR RACING PARTNERS - SHANE DYCKER

Where did you grow up?

Yahl, just outside Mount Gambier, SA.

When did you first get interested in racing?

My family bought a couple of horses to race when I was about 13, and for my 18th Birthday I was given a share of one. I've been hooked since!

Race you would most like to win?

Cox Plate.

What racetrack/meeting/carnival do you enjoy attending?

Flemington Carnival, and Ascot (UK) Carnival.

Who introduced you to OTI/how did you get involved with OTI?

My wife Cath is Terry's cousin, that family connection started the racing association unintentionally and we raced our first horse with OTI 15 years ago.



Ottoman Emperor.

What do you enjoy about racehorse ownership?

It doesn't matter if its Mount Gambier or Flemington, the thrill of a winner is such a rush. The people we have been so lucky to meet and race with is also a real highlight along the way.

Favourite jockey?

Hugh Bowman (Sydney) Johnny Allen (Melbourne).

Favourite Racing memory?

Star Scream winning a 3yo race at Moonee Valley, our family bred him and OTI purchased half of him and it was a special win for so many reasons, we have had some really great horses and moments like Melbourne Cups etc but this one sits on top.

OTI horse you are most looking forward to seeing run in 2022/2023? Ottoman Emperor returning from injury in the UK.

CATCHING UP WITH RENEW AND DUSK FALLS

OTI Racing are pleased to see that our ex gallopers Renew and Dusk Falls are enjoying retirement with their new owner Hayley.

They are currently enjoying a laid back lifestyle in Nullawarre, a relaxed locality in South West Victoria.

It is always uplifting to see our horses flourish in their post-racing lives, and we extend our thanks to Hayley for taking great care of the two geldings.



Renew

Dusk Falls

LOPE DE VEGA X BAILEYA '20

Beautifully Bred, Lope De Vega 2yo Colt



OTI Racing is delighted to present an exciting 2yo son of Lope De Vega, the first foal out of Fiorente's half-sister, Baileya.

OTI has had considerable success with this family. The inimitable Tom Melbourne and stakes-winning Araaja are within the first and second dams of Baileya. Fiorente, who was in a class of his own as a racehorse and is now standing at stud, franks the female breeding line. The colt's sire, Lope De Vega's top progeny include star sprinters and multiple G1 winners Santa Ana Lane, Gytrash, and Vega Magic as well as numerous Group 1 winners internationally.

Now in full training with Matt Dunn at Warwick Farm, the 2yo is developing superbly and is expected to race late in the season. OTI Racing has had a successful relationship with Matt Dunn in the past, with city winners Holstein and Southern Rock.

This colt represents quality of the highest order.

For more information, please contact **shayne@oti.com.au** or **gus@oti.com.au**. You can also view him parading via the Inglis website [HERE](#).

THIS TIME LAST YEAR

On the 22nd of August 2021, Inverell broke his maiden in his first race start at Sale.

The Clayton Douglas-trained son of Shocking has since gone on to win a metropolitan race and has contested Group-class events. We look forward to his return in the coming months!



OTI QUIZ

1. Who won the 2007 VIC Derby?
2. What was the first racecourse established in Australia?
3. At the time of her conception, Verry Elegant's sire Zed stood at a fee of how much?



NAME THE RACECOURSE

Hint: Rogan Josh

DEAUVILLE SALES

From Friday August 12 to Monday August 15, OTI Racing's Shayne Driscoll and Gus Boyd were in Deauville, France.

The famous Arqana August Yearling Sale wrapped up earlier this week, where over the three days turnover stood at €51,070,000, a new record for the sale. The top lot of the sale, a full-brother to Arc winner Sottsass, fetched €2,100,000 to new Japanese connections.

The sale was complemented by two terrific days of racing at Deauville, where OTI was fortunate enough to be represented by Athabaskan in the Listed Prix Nureyev. The 3yo son of Almanzor impressed, staying on strongly into 3rd. A Group 3 test now awaits over 2400m in September.



Over the course of many years, OTI Racing has had much success sourcing quality horses from overseas, France in particular. A large number of our most successful horses, including multiple G1 winner Gailo Chop, G2 winner San Huberto, and Listed winner Harbour Views were sourced from France.

It is always a pleasure to view the picturesque grounds from where these horses originate. OTI Racing takes great pride in our successful relationship with France.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Kibbutz

2. Hyde Park, Sydney. It was established in October 1810.

3. 500NZD

NAME THE RACECOURSE: Pinjarra.
Rogan Josh is the most successful winner of the Pinjarra Cup.



PICTURED: Kibbutz wins the 2007 VIC Derby

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