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People's Choice



On Wednesday afternoon Mark put out a message to the staff that read as follows:
"There is so much fun and excitement around I Wish I Win that we've made two opportunities available to enjoy the atmosphere at the Toorak. If this goes well, we will continue throughout his career. The receivers will be your choice... Those you think are best suited!"

Conditions: Write two names of your preference on a piece of paper, place in the secret ballot box at the White Horse between 7:30-8:30am Thursday. The names and numbers will be counted under scrutiny by Pip. Those with the most votes will receive flights, accommodation and race tickets to be with I Wish I Win if he starts in the Toorak, departing 8th Oct and back on the Monday.'

So, the votes were tallied and the stallion manager Ryan Figgins and his partner Jess Greenfield (foaling unit and vet assistant) are set to take flight across the ditch.

Congratulations Ryan and Jess, and good luck I Wish I Win!

Foal Gallery





It's all go at the foaling units and we already have over 125 foals on the ground!

"These Banquo foals, are really really good foals. He is stamping them, good size, strong are muscular and correct." - Mark Chittick



The King's Tips

**WHAT'S HOT THIS
WEEK FROM
MICHAEL COLEMAN**

The **winner of 2131** races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

WS BRED: ICEBATH

Icebath (2016 Sacred Falls x Fabulist filly)

Jockey: James McDonald

Trainer: Brad Widdup

Recent: 2nd Last start in the George Main Group 1, consistent mare often in the top three

Upcoming Race: Saturday 1st October, Randwick, G1 TAB Epsom, 1600m, Race 8

OUTSIDER: CASCADIAN

Cascadian (2015 New Approach x Falls of Lora gelding)

Jockey: James McDonald

Trainer: James Cummings

Recent: Winner of the All Age Stakes Group 1, has been top 4 in last two G1 starts

Upcoming Race: Saturday 1st October, Randwick, Hill Stakes, 2000m, Race 4

THE
CORNER
with Garry Chittick



This week on Garry's Corner

As you can imagine, making sense of a subject weekly to satisfy you, my five readers and harsh critics, is not that easy. Most racing news has been well covered by professional journos and is out of date by tomorrow. Under this duress I decided to retire defeated. Enough of me, you can make up your own stories.

Then along came one of you, a couple of years older and still focused, loving his involvement asking who was to be critiqued this week. No one I told him, well his agitated response was enough to make up another story.

Really, I don't make them up and our wonderful game always presents an angle that piques my curiosity.

Let's start with Amarelinha. It was great to see her retained to breed in NZ. We would have dearly loved to add her to our broodmare band but when mares are selling for \$1.1m you need to have, in my view, a proven sire to start them on their way. Regretfully NZ only has one elite sire at the moment

who happens to be her father. We did support the auction up to \$1m allowing sentiment to outweigh our judgement. We did of course breed her, she is out of a daughter of one of my favourite purchases.

Daughters of the sire Bluebird were beautiful thoroughbreds so the opportunity to purchase Jacqwin was a no brainer. We mated her to Zabeel selling the resulting filly, who was stakes placed, for \$440k.

We retained the next filly, a full sister who won three for Peter Moody. Metal Bender, by Danasinga became NSW Horse of the year, so Jacqwin's daughters were like gold. We have had all the issues that years of breeding challenge you with but are proud to say we have eight daughters or granddaughters in our band of broodmares. Mary and I breed one of them annually selling a colt this year for \$800k. The yearling filly retained is a ripper. See what I mean? There's always something to look forward to. Mark is awaiting Hopscotch foaling to Super Seth – let's hope it's a filly to add to Amarelihna's full sisters he has retained.

You can understand why dishing out over a million when you can breed your own makes missing out a little easier.

If you are up with and excited like we are about the possible opportunities for I Wish I Win, you will be amazed to read he is in the market at \$10 for the Cox Plate. Dreamers I can hear you saying, of course we are. We have an unsalable horse with a still deviated leg that may run for \$5m. Lower your sights you fools, send him to Sydney where he can run over 1500 metres against lesser quality for a mere \$10m. Who knows, anything can and does wrong with horses but he would have the same issues here running for \$40k. Here's hoping!

Now I am guessing but the sale of Amarelihna tempted me to assess the remarkable success of Te Akau with the progeny of our favourite sire Savabeel; Of his 27 Group Ones to date, the stable has been responsible for nine, 33%. Sure, they pay for them but you can see why. That's why it's great to see a result at the end of their racing career. Sire sons are rare, Zabeel arguably has one only, Savabeel has a half a dozen at this stage given the opportunity, three of them came from one stable. Embellish is off to a flyer, Cool Aza Beel has served great numbers at Newhaven, who incidentally have gone back to the well with Mo'unga, and the handsome Noverre will serve 130+.

There you are, something for you five to chew over. Chew carefully, teeth are expensive to replace.

Cheers

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Missed it?

Cox Plate hero, eight-time Champion Sire, the sire of 27 G1 winners and most importantly, a huge part of the WS family. Last week we celebrated Savabeel's 21st birthday.

Watch the full documentary of Savabeel's amazing story above.

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