



RYAN BALFOUR RACING MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

'Not all dreamers are winners, but all winners are dreamers. Your dream is the key to your future' – Mark Gorman

Welcome to the RBR Monthly update to owners – March 2022

FROM RYAN

Welcome to the first edition of the Ryan Balfour Racing Owners newsletter for 2022.

I trust we all survived the celebrations over the New Year period, and for those that make resolutions, I hope you are on the way to achieving them.

The stable continues to deliver good consistent results, including when we finished 2021 with a **'double'** (aka Barney Rubble) at Strathalbyn on 29 December with **Magical Ride** and **Indy Magic**, followed by a metropolitan **'double'** at Gawler on 8 January with **Fighting McLaren** and **Kungka Maru**.

Aquilifer saluted at Oakbank on 12 January, and **Magical Ride** went back-to-back at Strathalbyn on 16 January. **Campbell Rawiller** rode his first winner for our stable when **Semyorka** won on 30 January, and he was quick to follow this up with a metropolitan win on 19 February when **Larkham** saluted at headquarters, as part of a stable **'treble'** (aka Brett Prebble) with **Buskers Ballad** and **Blah Blah Blah**.

Of course, the highlight of the year so far was when our 7-year-old stayer, **'Canford'** impressively won the **'Group 3 Lord Reims Stakes'** at Morphettville. A well-considered plan came to fruition, and it was great to share the victory with many of his owners. A wonderful ride by **'Will Price'** have him his first **'Group 3'** victory. **'Canford'** will now head to the **'Group 2 Adelaide Cup'** on 14th March 2022. [Canford brings home the Group 3 Lord Reims Stakes - Ryan Balfour Racing](#)



Winning trophy the Lord Reims Stakes



Ryan and Will embrace after the win



Will Price on Canford



'It's not the will to win that matters – everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters' – Paul Bryant

FROM RYAN continue

It is timely to again acknowledge the contributions of all RBR staff and the behind the scenes work of **Simon Price** and **Dylan Cabooche** who have all worked to see RBR currently sitting **third** on the SA Trainers premiership.

We continue to build our plans as we prepare for the upcoming sales in Melbourne and Adelaide and set out the respective preparations for our stable stars looking towards the 'Autumn Carnival'. If anyone has any interest in any yearlings at the upcoming sales, please email me at ryanbalfourracing@hotmail.com.

I have been busy working through the various catalogues and completing visits and inspections to make sure we go into the sales season well-armed to make the right purchases. My buying strategy will be similar to 2021, with an emphasis on quality over quantity and a particular focus on fillies. The indications from our 2021 purchases are that this approach will deliver positive results going forward for the RBR ownership group.

Having said that, I am always on the lookout for a bargain and if a colt or gelding catches my eye, I will seriously consider the purchase if the price is right. And we still have our NZ connection on the lookout for a reasonably priced staying type!!

Please let me know if there are any yearlings that you specifically want me to inspect.

SA Breeders Awards.

Many of you associated with the breeding side of the thoroughbred industry in SA would be aware that the annual Award evening has been postponed several times, with a future date to be determined. I and a few others have been keeping an eye out for this event because at the very least we would expect some form of acknowledgement of one of our stable stars, '**Outlaws Revenge**', bred by **Ralph Satchell** at **Willowgrove**.

He has won consecutive '**Listed**' races, holds the **1200m track record** at Morphettville, and has collected more SA Racing Rewards money than any other horse in the last year.

Racing Rewards saw fit to include his photo and achievements on page 4 of this years' Magic Million catalogue.



Outlaws Revenge



'Horses are mirrors. They'll show you back whatever you show them. Watch a man with a horse, and you'll see what's inside his own self' – anon.

RBR Personnel

The name **Rawiller** needs little introduction to anyone involved in thoroughbred racing in Australia. Nash has ridden 64 Group 1 winners, while Brother Brad is no slouch as a jock with 25 Group 1 victories.

When the dreaded COVID closed the borders in WA, the opportunity presented to engage Nash's 20-year-old son, Campbell, the 3-kilo claiming apprentice who had already ridden over 130 winners in the eastern states. After a couple of deep and meaningful conversations over the phone, I was very pleased to be able to get Campbell's services, initially on a 3-month placement with RBR. He has already shown an outstanding work ethic, a readiness to listen and learn and his efforts are being rewarded with success on the track. He is a lovely person as well!



Ryan, Campbell, Luke winning on Larkham

Almost as famous as the **Rawiller** name, the **Pannell** surname has long been associated with the Balfour stable. **Todd Pannell** and I go back too many years to remember, and so it is a real bonus for the stable to welcome back **Luke Pannell** following a stint in Victoria. Luke is a terrific person and a highly skilled horseman who adds value in many ways in the management and care of RBR horses.

Last, and by no means least, I think it timely to provide an update on our stable apprentice **Alana Livesey**. Alana has really appreciated the well wishes and 'get well soon' from the RBR Ownership group following a near tragic accident at track work in November. Recovery has been slow and steady and while testing Alana's patience, it is clear she is determined to return to pick up her promising career in the saddle. The moonboot has gone, and she has returned to 'light duties' as part of her recovery program. I know you will join me in wishing her a continuing successful recovery and we look forward to seeing her back in the saddle very soon.

RYAN BALFOUR RACING WEBSITE

You are invited to have a look at the recently updated Ryan Balfour Racing website. [About Us - Ryan Balfour Racing](#) It has a new look with new content, and we intend to invest in keeping it up to date and including any contributions from the RBR Ownership group, particularly photos for the Gallery.

I encourage you to regularly visit the website to keep up to date on stable news and developments, and if you want to see a great horse story, have a look at the NEWS on **Pharoahs Pride**. (PS I'm not crying). [Pharoahs Pride's amazing comeback - Ryan Balfour Racing](#)

All contacts to Graham Harvey on 0414875262.



HOW ABOUT THIS!

Stacy Metcalfe demonstrating her significant skills during the Strathalbyn Cup when Canford jumps the different coloured grass during the actual race. 31st January 2022.



MEET AN RBR IDENTITY - Matthew Player

Nickname: Matty, Player, Perchy, The Reason **Occupation:** Construction Manager

We asked Matt the following 10 questions:

Briefly describe your involvement with RBR?

- I've owned racehorses since approximately 2015.
- I currently have shares in Picargo, Deevine and an unnamed filly Dream Ahead x Negative Nelly

What do you enjoy most about this involvement?

- Attending race days, socialising with other owners, the thrill of winning and maintaining my dignity at all times

Can you describe your best ever day at the races?

- When my first horse Jet Express won on Cox Plate Day in Adelaide and while celebrating in the winner's bar with the owners and Ryan we watched the mighty mare Winx win her 3rd cox plate.
- The celebrating went long into the night/morning

Who is your hero?

- My Dad

Favourite horse?

- That's too hard!!! Jet Express (RBR ownership), Lohnro, Boban, Verry Elleegant

Favourite Jockey?

- Currently James McDonald. Growing up Shane Dye

What is your favourite thing to do outside of racing?

- Playing Golf

Have you ever won an award for anything?

- Too many to count 😊

What is your all-time favourite movie?

- Happy Gilmore

If you could invite three people, living or dead, over for dinner who would they be?

- Michael Jordan, Steven Gerrard and Batman



Jet Express running to the finishing post



Nothing is black and white, except for winning and losing, and maybe that's why people gravitate to that so much' – Steven Nash.

Racing SA COVID Update

A positive move! Racing SA has just announced that winning racehorse owners will be allowed back into the Mounting Yard from Thursday 17 February.

Not all restrictions have been lifted but at least they have eased to the extent that a maximum of ten owners are now permitted to enter the mounting yard with me to celebrate post-race. Pre-race restrictions still apply but are under review.

The Melbourne/Payne connection.

I am often asked what happens to our horses when they run in Melbourne.

To answer that I refer to the relationship between the Payne family in Melbourne and the Balfour family in Morphettville that goes back to include more than the current generation. **Patrick Payne** is one of the few close confidantes I have in the racing industry, and the support we give each other during the ups and downs of each racing season is something that I truly value. Having someone of Patrick's experience and expertise as a sounding board is a valuable asset to me as a horse trainer, and there may even be times when Patrick appreciates my thoughts and reflections on the scenarios we face as we try our best to get that next runner over the line first.

This relationship hits the ground generally whenever our horses travel interstate. We have a level of mutual trust to the extent that neither of us hesitate in sending runners to each other's stable, knowing that the utmost care and professionalism will be applied to our horses. This should provide great reassurance to the RBR owners whenever one of our horses travels to the rich rewards of Flemington or Caulfield or country Victoria.

Social Matters

Just a 'heads up' that we are looking to organise the next '**RBR Owners Function**' towards the end of March, when we can again share some fellowship and tell our stories about the highs and lows of racehorse ownership. We will also hopefully get the chance to run our eye over some of the purchases that we have completed at the upcoming sales.

Also, the AFL season approaches and again we will be running a tipping competition to see 'Who is the best football tipster in the RBR ownership group'.

A quick shout out to last year's winner **Michael Vlahiotis**, who is marrying the love of his life, Isobel, in about 8 weeks' time. All the best to the happy couple!





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RBR Merchandise

A number of you have contacted recently about purchasing some RBR merchandise. We will be looking to place an order for some merchandise in March, we will definitely keep you up to date about when and how we will do this. More information to come.



Ask me anything

Please remember if you have a question around your horse or RBR, please do not hesitate to give me a call to discuss further, or 'Ask Rhino' via email. - ryanbalfourracing@hotmail.com

Yours in Racing - Ryan Balfour