

EDMONDS RACING NEWSLETTER

A really busy month for the team at Edmonds Racing with the weather causing interruptions to many of the stables runners.

On behalf of all of us at Edmonds Racing we would like to sincerely thank all our owners who have been so patient over recent weeks. The continual cancellation of barrier trials and race meetings has resulted in many of the stable runners programmes being put back and in an effort to ensure programmes are kept up to date it has meant conducting private trials at our alternate base at Aquis Farm. A huge thanks to all our staff who have been so accommodating in ensuring trackwork is still completed and horses are transported to ensure they can still get their work done. We are really proud that so many of our stable staff have been with us for so long and that familiarity with each other and the horses makes it easier, even on the most challenging of days.

Even with the wet month the stable still produced 8 winners from only 30 starters (17 runners of 30 were in the placings) which again highlights the challenges of the weather. Thus far looks like April will be a wet also but we can't control the elements so no point worrying about it too much. With the Brisbane Winter Carnival approaching we have many of the stable representatives looking to kick off race preparations soon with over 20 horses set to barrier trial over the next week including a good number off the stables two year old's and lightly raced 3 year old's. Most have already been in once for a preparation and this is now their second campaign and hopefully the time and patience they have received will be repaid when they get to the races.

As always thanks for your support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries at all in relation to your horse or if you are looking at buying a share in some of our recently purchased yearlings from either the Magic Million sales or the Inglis classic sale. What we have purchased is easily the best credentialed and best pedigree of yearlings we have ever bought and look forward to sharing in their success with you in the coming months.

Regards,

Toby and all team at Edmonds Racing.



STOP PRESS // HOUTZEN

Houtzen headed to Sydney to race on both days of the Championships at Royal Randwick on April 7 and April 14. She did the stable and her owners extremely proud the way she won the group 3 P J Bell Stakes on day one of the championships. She jumped, sat off the pace and then hit the lead as they topped the rise over the arduous Randwick straight and held off all comers to courageously win by a long neck. Unfortunately on day 2 the racing conditions were not kind to us. With a near gale blowing being on pace and on the fence certainly wasn't the place to be and the winner swooped down the middle of the track as was the pattern of the day. Houtzen was courageous as always. She will now head home for a freshen before tackling the Brisbane Winter racing carnival.

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MARCH WINNERS

Inspired Estelle

(Manhattan Rain x Estelle Collection)

Doomben Saturday 10 March one metro win 1200m – Revelled in the conditions to win easily and will now be aimed at stakes races over the Winter Carnival.



Lulu Express

(Snitzel x Acqua De Parma)

Sunshine Coast Friday 16 March Fillies and mares class 1 1200m – Lulu won her second race in succession, settled off the speed and worked home very nicely at the spacious sunny coast track.



Plucky Girl

(Pluck x Logans Choice)

Gold Coast Saturday 17 March class 6 1400m – so consistent and courageous this mare, from a sticky gate was 3 wide the journey but was still far too good for them in the straight.



Miss Severina

(Foxwedge x Brave Choice)

Miss Severina (Foxwedge x Brave Choice) – Sunshine Coast 18 March class 1 1600m – luckless her previous start she showed a really good turn of foot in the straight and won well.



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Givem Hell

(Commands x Triple six)

Grafton 20 March class 1 1006m – jumped, sat on pace and was too good for them in the straight.



Locus

(Beneteau x Sassy Peg)

Sunshine Coast 23 March class 4 1600m – very courageous, got headed in the straight and fought back to win in a tight finish.



Te Amo

(Not a single doubt x Je T'aime)

Ipswich 28 March Fillies and mares maiden 1200m – had a couple of false starts with this new stable acquisition given poor barriers and tracks but she was really strong at the line and won her maiden well.



Dauphin De France

(Zabeel x Our Joan of Arc)

Gold Coast 31 March Class 3 1800m – after a luckless run the week before off a 42 day break this son of Zabeel loved the 1800m and won nicely. He will step up to longer journeys, a very lightly raced 5 year old whose best racing is still to come.



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GETTING TO KNOW THE TEAM

BEN McCARTNEY // STABLE FOREMAN

Q: How long have you been working with Team Edmonds?
Started working with Edmonds Racing at the end of January and re-located my family up to the Gold Coast from Melbourne.

Q: Where were you working previously?
Worked for metropolitan stables in Melbourne

Q: How are you enjoying working on the Gold Coast?
My wife and I and our young son moved up here early in the new year and we are really enjoying the lifestyle of the Gold coast. I especially won't miss the cold Winter mornings in the rain you get in Melbourne

Q: What's the main difference you've noticed between Edmonds Racing and other stables you've worked at?
This is a really close knit operation, the longevity of staff and how everyone works together is something that is unique compared to other stables I've seen.

Q: How did you get involved with the racing industry?
Fell in love with the industry going to the races as a young child with my Pop.

Q: What time does the alarm clock go off in the mornings?
The alarm goes off at 1.50 AM, on my off days I get to "sleep in" till about 5AM when my son will normally wake me.

Q: If you weren't involved in horse racing what would you be doing?
I enjoy the outdoors so I imagine I'd be a tradie in the building industry.

Q: Favourite horse in the stable and why?
Plucky Girl, she is so honest each time she races.

Q: Most annoying staff member in the team and why?
Haven been here long enough to be certain but suspect it would be Trent. He spends too much time on social media.



Ben with son William and Houtzen.

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