

# Minervini Racing

## NEWSLETTER - MAY 2018

### Mark's Message



#### RESULTS (WINS & PLACINGS)

##### 5TH OF MAY @ MORPHETTVILLE (MAIN TRACK)

**MICA LIL** (pictured right) was given her chance in stakes-grade when we decided to throw her in the deep end in the 1200m Group 1 Robert Sangster Stakes (UBET Classic). We engaged the services of long-term stable rider and good friend Shayne Cahill to take the ride and the end result was something that we could have only dreamed of - if not for the fact that it happened right in front of our eyes.

From a middle gate, Shayne let Mica Lil drift back to the rail, and she travelled well in the run, before being held up slightly before the home turn. With 300m to go, Shayne pushed out to the middle of the track, found a gap and Mica Lil charged through to run a placing against some of the best sprinting mares in the country.

She charged home her last 600m in 33.81s on a soft track, and did us incredibly proud. Congratulations to all of her owners. We now have a stakes-placed mare, and the fact she is still a relatively lightly-raced four-year-old means that I am confident her best days are yet to come.

##### 19TH OF MAY @ MORPHETTVILLE (MAIN TRACK)

**MICA LIL** took her place in the Group 1 Goodwood, and whilst things didn't go to plan, we were none the less incredibly proud of her efforts. She was unfortunate enough to get a squeeze passing the 600m, and lost her position. From there, Damien Thornton had to get busy and niggler her along to hold her spot, when that should have been when she was building momentum and working into the race.

From there, the runs didn't present in the early part of the straight and the race was all over. Despite all of that, Mica finished just over six lengths from some seriously talented, top-class horses. She has come a long way since she walked into our stable earlier this year, and we can't wait to get her over to Melbourne for the Spring Carnival.

**CLICK ON THE NAMES ABOVE FOR RACE REPLAYS.**

#### NEW BLOOD

We have been lucky enough to purchase a speedy four-year-old mare by Star Witness from country NSW, named Musical Query. She is a four-time winner from only 13 starts and has placed a further three.

I want to wish all of her new owners the best of luck - I am sure we will have plenty of fun with her. There are still a few places remaining, should anyone be interested in investing in this lovely mare.

Our second purchase is a cracking two-year-old by hot Sire Written Tycoon. His name is Calipari and he comes to us in great order, having been well looked after by Peter and Paul Snowden at Randwick. The form around his placing at Newcastle is great, and I am confident that his best days are ahead of him. SEE PAGE FOUR AND FIVE FOR DETAILS.

#### TRIALS

Three triallers at Morphettville on Thursday the 24th, and I came away pretty happy. It was pleasing to see **AMERICAN STAR** go "back to the future" and rolling along in front with his ears pricked, leading all the way to win his trial. That's how he raced for us in his first preparation, way back in September of 2015, and he looks happy and back to his old self. It is amazing what a good spell can do!

Our well-bred Snitzel gelding **SUPER** settled in the second half of the field in his trial, before working to the line very nicely. He should debut in the first few days of June, and there are good things in store for him in the future.

That is all for now. I hope you enjoy the May edition of our newsletter.  
See you at the races.

Mark



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## OWNER OF THE MONTH

### *Mark Gosling*

- **Occupation(s).**

Retired. Previously was a Bus Driver.

- **Best horse you have seen.**

Gunsynd.

- **Favourite horse (past and present) and why.**

Winx. She adapts to any conditions.

Gunsynd. I was only a young lad, and remember listening to him on the radio. Fantastic horse.

- **Favourite jockey (past and present) and why.**

Roy Higgins. Champion jockey who was a great horse-man.

Brenton Avdulla. Gives his mounts the best chance of winning their respective races.

- **Horses involved with (past and present) at Minervini Racing.**

American Star, Mr Truman, Ramesses, and Military Forces.

- **Which AFL team do you follow?**

Port Adelaide Power.

- **Favourite food? Schnitzel.**

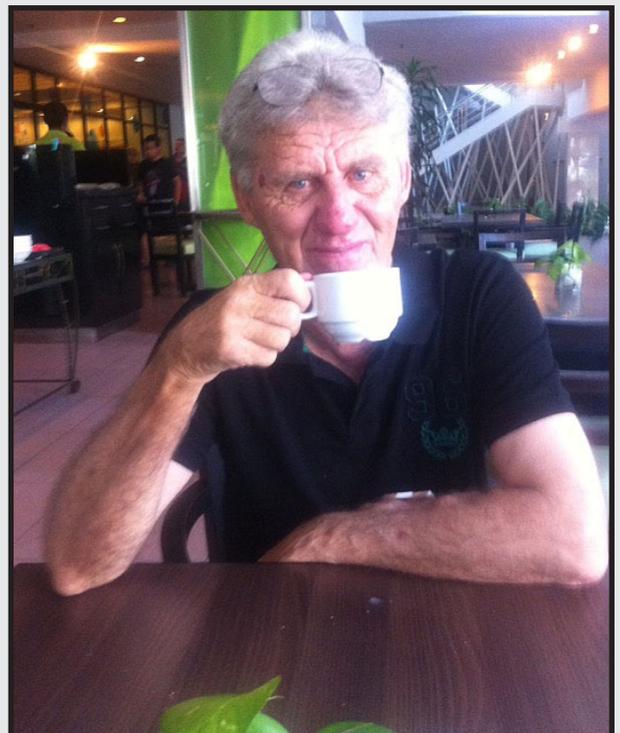
- **Favourite drink? Beer.**

- **Favourite movie? A Bridge Too Far (1977).**

- **Cat person, dog person, or neither. Dog.**

- **One word to describe yourself. Reliable.**

- **One word to describe Mark. Humble.**

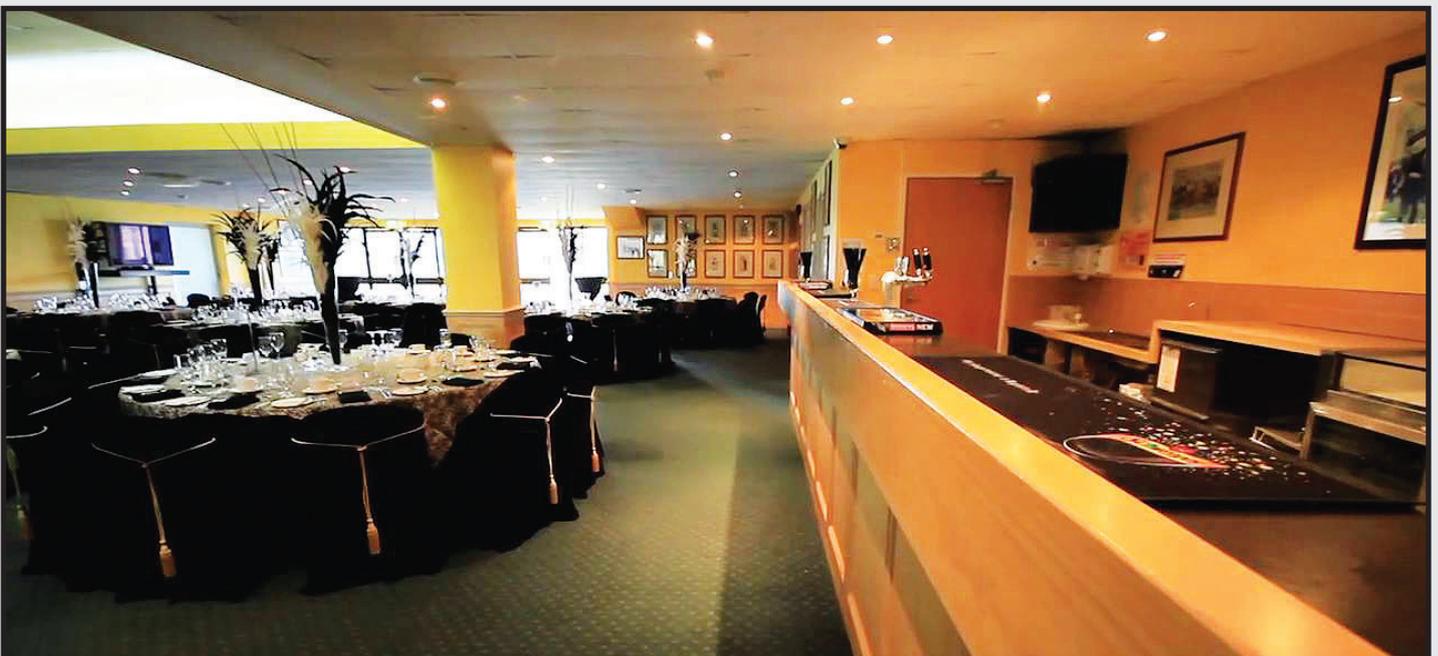


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## MINERVINI RACING RACE-DAY FUNCTION

Following on from the successes of our race-day functions in years prior, Minervini Racing are pleased to extend an invitation to yourselves, your family and friends on July the 14th from 11.30am to 4.30pm in the beautiful Leilani Room at Morphettville Racecourse. Apart from the wonderful racing action, there will be a three-course buffet lunch for \$75, with a cash bar also available.

Please RSVP to [admin@minerviniracing.com.au](mailto:admin@minerviniracing.com.au) by Friday the 29th of June.



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## **CALIPARI**

**2YO Bay Gelding by Written Tycoon - Peppie**



**We are delighted to offer shares in this lovely two-year-old gelding by leading Sire Written Tycoon. Calipari was originally purchased by the China Horse Club at the 2017 Magic Millions Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast, for \$270,000. He is a half-brother to the stakes-placed FULL OF JOY and the multiple-stakes winner SEA BATTLE. Calipari has had three starts in NSW for leading trainers Paul and Peter Snowden, and comes to us well-grown, and in great condition. It goes without saying that the racing in NSW is very strong and that was evident when Calipari ran 2nd on the 8th of May, in a maiden at Newcastle behind stablemate King, who has won again since and was less than five lengths from the winner on debut in the Maribyrnong Plate at Flemington last November. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Calipari is yet to turn three and his best days are ahead of him. He is currently spelling, and will return to our Morphetville stables after a nice break. Contact Mark for further information.**

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## **MUSICAL QUERY**

**4YO Chestnut Mare by Star Witness - Choiggietto**



Following great success with mares of similar sprinting form-lines, Mica Lil and Military Forces, Minervini Racing is excited to offer you the opportunity to join us in the ownership of our latest acquisition Musical Query. Musical Query is lightly-raced, having had 13 career starts for four wins, two seconds and one third-placing, earning \$74,280 in stakes thus far. All wins have come over 1,000 metres on the strong New South Wales provincial circuit. Musical Query has an international black-type pedigree which gives her residual value as a broodmare. She has arrived at our Morphetville stables and is currently in work.

10% shares are priced at \$2,750 inc GST. 5% shares are available. This price includes transport from NSW and pre-purchase veterinary examination. Contact Mark for further information.

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## GET INVOLVED

Minervini Racing have made a number of magnificent yearling purchases in the first few months of 2018. Shares are now being offered for sale in these three lovely types.

To express your interest, contact Mark on +61 417 811 641 or click on the photo below.

### **BROWN COLT** by

**GOOD JOURNEY (USA) ex ASHLYN**

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 09/09/2016

**SALE:** 2018 Melbourne Inglis Premier

**SIRE:** GOOD JOURNEY. Sire of 300+ winners inc SWs Happy Trails, Griante, Sound Journey, Lord Aspen, Jim's Journey, and our winner Freedom Road.

**DAM:** ASHLYN. Four time winner (1000m - 1200m) at Flemington, Caulfield and Moonee Valley.

**MARK'S NOTES:** Blessed with a deep girth, powerful hindquarter, cracking head, strong forearms and gaskins. All attributes I look for when making a new purchase.

**10% SHARE: \$3,850 INC GST. COVERS ALL COSTS TO JULY 31, 2018. 5% SHARES AVAILABLE**

Click [HERE](#) to view the colt's pedigree.



### **BAY / BROWN FILLY** by

**TESTA ROSSA ex RED CHILLI PEPPERS**

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 23/08/2016

**SALE:** 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions

**SIRE:** TESTA ROSSA. Outstanding race-horse. Sire of SWs Ortensia, Rostova, Sistine Angel, Unencumbered, and our very own stars **VORMISTA** and **MICA LIL**.

**DAM:** RED CHILLI PEPPERS. Hussonet mare that hails from the family of champion juvenile Encounter.

**MARK'S NOTES:** Size, scope, strong hing and a deep girth. Good head and eye. Looks mature, relaxed and intelligent.

**10% SHARE: \$3,850 INC GST. COVERS ALL COSTS TO JULY 31, 2018. 5% SHARES AVAILABLE**

Click [HERE](#) to view the filly's pedigree



### **BAY COLT** by

**ALL TOO HARD ex SENORITA DE LAGO**

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 22/11/2016

**SALE:** 2018 Adelaide Magic Millions

**SIRE:** ALL TOO HARD. Group 1 winner and half-brother to Black Caviar. Sire of Sandown Guineas winner VILLERMONT, and three other stakes-winners to date.

**DAM:** SENORITA DE LAGO. Stakes-placed. City winner. Dam of Geodude (2 starts, 2 wins - sold overseas).

**MARK'S NOTES:** Athletic, deep girth, strong shoulder, good head, correct conformation, and great temperament.

**10% SHARE: \$11,000 INC GST. COVERS ALL COSTS TO JULY 31, 2018. 5% SHARES AVAILABLE**

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## MEMORY LANE

### *Umaquest*

Bay or brown mare by Umatilla (NZ) ex Carmenesque

Owners: Mr E J Tarca, Mr T D Tarca, Miss R T Tarca, Mr D E Tarca, Mr R D Tarca, Mrs C Thewlis, Mr M Powell, Mr I S Tarbotton, Mr F Zupancic, Mrs T A Zupancic

Race Record: 28 starts - 4 wins - 1 second - 4 thirds

Prizemoney: \$185,530



Making her debut in mid-June of 2004, Umaquest showed early on that she was a filly with a good deal of ability, and that was enough for Mark to send her across to Victoria, where she won her maiden at Ballart at start number four.

She improved at each run in her first preparation, and it culminated in a super effort when finishing just under four lengths behind Hollow Bullet in the 2004 VRC Oaks at Flemington. Umaquest mixed her results for much of 2005 before hitting her straps later in the year, winning at Morphettville and Cheltenham. Excellent efforts in the Listed Christmas Handicap and Listed Classic Mile were enough for Mark to again send the mare across to Melbourne for the Listed Chester Manifold Stakes, on the 28th of January in 2006. Sent around at 40/1 and on a rain-affected Flemington track, she powered away from her rivals to win easily (above). Perhaps her best effort came at her start following where she settled at the rear in the

Group 1 C.F Orr Stakes, before passing half the field and finishing less than four lengths from the winner, Perfect Promise. Umaquest entered the breeding barn in 2008, and has had five of her offspring make it to the track - all winners, with the best of those, the stakes-placed Fromparis Withlove.

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