

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## Future Champions!

Dear valued clients and friends,

It's that time of year again when future champions are born. The cycle of new life springs eternal hope. This little fellow pictured with his first time mum, Ausbred Gold has had a head start. He went over the winning post first, at Gosford 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012, while being carried by his talented mum, a very rare experience. Well done to both of them.



*AUSBRED GOLD and DANE SHADOW colt.  
Very few foals have won a race before being born!*

We had a lovely day Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, when David and Robyn Brydson came all weary eyed to Hawkesbury track work, to see their SNIPAROSE work along very nicely with her stable mate TOO CHIC. Ray and Rhonda Goodwin joined us for a trek to see their brood mare Walenore, (sister to Billet) and inspect yearlings at Fairview.

Sassafras Creek restaurant at Kurrajong, was our luncheon venue and then on to Princess Farm (owned by Bart Cummings) to see Roman Emperor, the chosen mating for Walenore.

However, I think the highlight of the day was having a cuddle and a pat with Saintly-Melbourne Cup winner, to mention only one group one race. He's twenty years old now and seems to love any attention he can get.



*Rhonda Goodwin reminiscing with SAINTLY.*

Our racing month began with disappointment and heart break, but then our luck changed and we had two delightful little fillies WIN and cheer us up no end. And so, as my mother always said "it's not how you begin something its how you end it."

The 7<sup>th</sup> of October saw us with four, (what we thought were good chances) runners at Hawkesbury. SMART AUSBRED ran a commendable 3<sup>rd</sup>, seeing he had to lug 6kgs more than the twice his size, odds on winner.

SACRED JOURNEY'S up and down ride by Grant Buckley was put to question by all owners. We decided to move on and forgive horse and rider on the day.

We thought it best to take a forward position



back at Hawkesbury on the 18th and stay there. Wrong, he stopped after sharing the lead and so back to the drawing board, along with vets and chiropractors checking him over, all to reveal "nothing wrong."

He has been freshened and we will begin again on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at Goulbourn over 1400. Patrick Murphy will ride him, as he has always had an opinion of SACRED after winning two trials on him.

HAMBERG simply bolted on our elected Apprentice and folded at the end. FOOTY FAN, was very unlucky not to have won or at least ran second, she ran a close 4<sup>th</sup> on the 5/10.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, Josh and I drove to Orange. Beautiful sunshine and a cool south easterly breeze, made sure the day was perfect for a win. All things had gone well with SMART AUSBRED. He'd been scoped only five days before his race with all things intact and A, OK. Apprentice Claire Nutman, claiming 4kgs, rode him a treat. She sat patiently on the fence while the three horses in front of her went like scolded cats. She then pushed through an opening on the turn and he went on to take the lead at the final two hundred.

Soon after he seemed to stagger, upon returning to scale blood was pouring out of both nostrils. This really knocked me about; it was most upsetting as he is one of my all time favourite horses, a real little Aussie Trier. If anything good came out of it, he didn't collapse, as some do when they haemorrhage like that. I will take this opportunity once again to thank all the owners for their patience after waiting for his wind operation, only to be looking forward to his first win after many placings and then this tragedy. He will go to a good home, this is guaranteed.



*Olivier Inglis has no problems when jumping Toga. Toga has competed successfully ever since he was retired into Olivier's care. They make a great team!*

HAMBERG kept SACRED JOURNEY company on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Hawkesbury and was EXTREMELY unlucky not to have won.

We were off to Rosehill last Saturday with HAMBERG, but unfortunately he quartered his heel whilst frolicking in his paddock. He will definitely be back on track next Thursday the 8/11 at Hawkesbury (Ladies day, where yours truly will be judging the fashions of the field, what fun!) Hamberg won a feature race there last year; we hope he can emulate the same.

Our luck then turned for the better, on the 21/10, when we chose to take the easier option with SHADES OF GREEN'S--- first start back, by going to Gosford, against starting her at Canterbury. She proved our judgment right by WINNING like a good thing. Ridden kindly by Apprentice Anthony Allan, helped her pull up like she hadn't been around.

Rosehill Melbourne Cup day will be her next racing venue; it should be a cracker of a day, so please come and help cheer her home. A winner on M.C. day anywhere--- always seems even more exciting. If you need tickets just let me know.

Our dear friend and client Tom Sewell became ill last week and was admitted to Hawkesbury Hospital by our daughter Lisa (being the num in AE). Lisa was fortunately off duty last Tuesday, when Tom came to the Farm for his usual afternoon visit. I took one look at him and called Lisa, who now lives with her family in the cottage at Windermere. Lisa drove him immediately to



Hospital. Tom is still there undergoing tests, but is a lot more comfortable. Maybe it was a good thing he was in Hospital, as the excitement of watching his little filly, FOOTY FAN, WIN convincingly at Hawkesbury last Thursday, may have been too much excitement under the circumstances.

FOOTY FAN made the 1500mt journey look easy, especially after noting the time she ran, breaking the race record. She's out for a spell for 8 weeks and will be welcomed back as a serious race horse.



Wade and Tony swimming HAMBERG

Four horses will return to work on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. Lord Row, Ausbred Benz, Trotamondo (gelding now) and a very nice 2yr old Danzero filly.

All horses are well, including babies and yearlings. SNIPAROSE and her stable mate 2 yr old TOO CHIC, will be heading for barrier trials on the 16/11.

TOO CHIC is ahead of SNIPAROSE, by some four weeks in educating, so we will make the final decision for Rose before the 16<sup>th</sup>. We never push, we let them learn and accept at their pace.

Sending rainbows,  
Dor & Wade



SNIPAROSE (on the inside) and TOO CHIC (on the outside) at Hawkesbury track.

## story takes more than the best laid plans

PARIS

Some Arc contenders have had their perfect preparations thwarted

BY GINA RARICK

To win a race like the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, everything has to go right. The training in the months leading up to the big day has to be flawless, the preparatory races chosen carefully and executed to perfection. A horse has to be eating well, healthy and happy. The weather has to be perfect — sunny if your horse needs good ground, rain if you need more give in the turf.

And even then, when everything has gone according to plan, disaster can strike. Such is the case of Danedream, who won last year and was primed for a repeat performance on Sunday.

But instead of racing in Paris, Danedream will be standing in her box in Cologne, fit, healthy and ready to run but unable to travel because another horse is sick. German authorities placed the Cologne training center under quarantine because a horse stabled there tested positive for equine infectious anemia, or swamp fever. The sick horse was not trained by Danedream's trainer, Peter Schiergen, or even stabled nearby, but the quarantine applies nonetheless.

Another horse staying home because of illness — his own, this time, a fever — is Nathaniel, trained by John Gosden. The double Group 1 winner also would have been among the favorites Sunday.

It was injury that ruled out Snow Fairy, the 5-year-old mare who was coming off a victory in the Group 1 Irish



Champion stakes. Her trainer, Ed Dunlop, said the mare had heat in one of her front legs after her final work before the Arc, and so he decided to end her season now.

Valyra, the Aga Khan's undefeated winner of the Prix de Diane, or French Oaks, in June, had to be put down after breaking a leg when exercising on the beach in Deauville in August. The Arc had been Valyra's primary objective.

There had been hopes a few weeks ago that Sir Henry Cecil would send over Frankel, the unbeaten superstar that he trains, for the Arc. But those hopes were short-lived when the trainer

Danedream, winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe last year, was primed for a repeat on Sunday but was not allowed to leave her training center, which is under quarantine because another horse there is sick.

said he would instead keep his undefeated colt at home and target the Champion Stakes at Ascot on Oct. 20. It seems that traveling long distances just does not agree with the horse.

For other contenders, though, all the pieces have fallen into place. Orfevre is odds-on favorite to be the first Japanese horse to win the Arc. Winner of the Japanese Triple Crown, the big 4-year-old chestnut colt got acquainted with Longchamp when winning the Group 2 Prix Foy on Sept. 16. He will be ridden by Christophe Soumillon, who knows what it takes to win the race, having done so twice.

The Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien has decided to send Camelot, the winner of the English and Irish derbies this year, despite a hitch over who would be in the drivers' seat. Camelot is usually ridden by O'Brien's son Joseph, but he is too heavy to ride the 56 kilograms, or 123 pounds, required for the Arc. So O'Brien called on Frankie Dettori, who normally rides for his archrival, Godolphin. Joseph O'Brien will instead ride St. Nicholas Abbey, who carries 59.5 kilograms.

The trainer Sir Michael Stoute must have been doing a rain dance this week,

Orfevre is odds-on favorite to be the Japanese horse to win the Arc.

because his horse, Sea Moon, needs soft ground to be at his best and it looks like he is going to get it. The 4-year-old colt was only fifth behind Danedream in the Group 1 King George and Queen Elizabeth stakes at Ascot this summer, but has been rumored to be in top form.

While the Aga Khan won't have Valyra, he will have Shareta, a 4-year-old filly who won the preparatory Group 1 Prix Vermeille in September at a faster time than that posted over the same course and distance by the colts. Unlike Sea Moon, however, Shareta's connections are hoping for the rain to stop.

And no one should overlook what André Fabre might pull out of his black bag. The master trainer, who leads the trainers' ranks in France so often that it's hard to keep count, will send Méandre, a 4-year-old triple Group 1 winner, and Masterstroke, a 3-year-old with slightly less illustrious credentials, out to play on Sunday. Fabre holds the record for Arc victories with seven, so it is unwise to underestimate anything he sends out.

A friend of ours has recently returned from overseas and gave me this article which depicts the racehorse story all over the world. The heart break and elation whether it be a maiden at Orange or the grandeur of winning the de L' Arc De Triomphe, all well laid out plans can go easily amuck.

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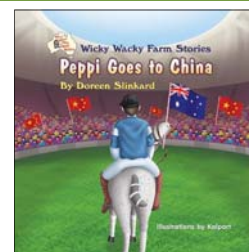
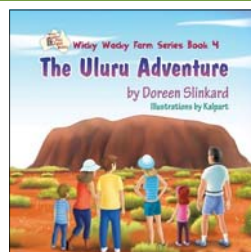
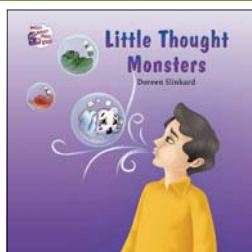
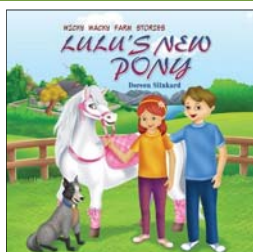
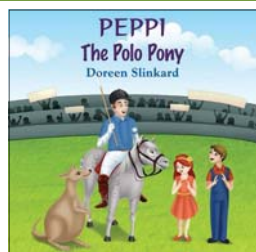
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