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## COUNTDOWN TO THE GOLDEN SLIPPER

We Sydney siders are on the count down to another fabulous Sydney Autumn Carnival, which is right on our door step. This week sees the running of the richest two-year-old race in the world, the AAMI Golden Slipper.

Unlike other years, there has always been a stand out either with the fillies or the colts but this year is certainly an exception.

We have not seen such an even field for years, with current betting markets showing \$8.60 the field.

Leading trainer David Hayes certainly seems to hold the key in the event having the two favourites at the moment.

All American, a son of top sire, Red Ransom currently holds top pin.

A strong winner of the Skyline Stakes and runner up in the Blue Diamond Stakes, All American has the form on the board. Stable mate, Von Costa De Hero, who looks more of a miler, is currently at \$9.50.

This handsome son of Encosta De Lago is a winner of the prestigious VRC Sires Produce Stakes, but has not raced since then. Of Course, Von Costa De Lago is owned by the powerful Darley Group who of course have just bought Woodlands. Look out in the next couple of weeks as the NSWROA is doing a special story on this and getting views from leading “Racing Identities” on what impact this major change is going to have on Australian Racing.

Of the fillies the pride of South Australia, Augusta Proud (\$12.40) and the Victorian filly, Sugar Babe (\$11.50) look to hold the key for the fairer sex. Augusta Proud has certainly done no wrong and what a training performance it will be from Leon Macdonald if he can get the filly to the line. Six from six, not bad.

Whatever the result, we wish Alan Brown, Michael Kenny and all the directors of the STC the best of luck for their upcoming meetings and are quite sure it will be another huge success for them.

Just before we leave the Slipper, what an entrée it will be to the Slipper with the clash of

Victoria versus New South Wales with Weekend Hussler and Racing to Win in the Group One George Ryder Stakes, can't wait for that!!

## INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE - 2008

There will be no rest for the wicket the day after the Slipper, as all us keen racing enthusiasts will be off to Newmarket for the 2008 Easter Yearling Sales.

Arguably the best sale in the Southern Hemisphere, this year is certainly no exception.

Director for William Inglis, Mr Peter Heagney is most excited about this year, but of course a little cautious.

“We have an incredible line up of horse flesh for this year with the right mix of horses to produce some great results. Last years sale will be hard to beat as there were some phenomenal records and with E.I., we must be a little cautious.”

Peter has listed a few of the major lots for us that he thinks will be sale “toppers”.

**Lot 12 - Redoute's Choice x Bourgeois.** A full sister to Golden Slipper winner, Stratum  
**Lot 55 – Pins x Critic.** Critic is G1 winner in New Zealand. By the same sire as Cox Plate winner, El Segundo. Chesnut Colt.

**Lot 129 – Redoute's Choice x Good News.** Half brother to VRC Derby winner, Hit the Roof.



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**Lot 144 – Rock of Gibraltar x Hasna.** Bay Colt out of dual G1 winner, Hasna.

**Lot 169 – Redoute's Choice x Jade Tiara.** Half sister to champion HK sprinter, Silent Witness.

**Lot 232 – Flying Spur x Marrego.** A half sister to multiple G1 winner, Eremein.

**Lot 257 – Encosta De Lago x My Juliet.** A full sister to G1 winner, Mnemosyne.

**Lot 277 – Encosta De Lago x Oceanfast.** A full brother to champion sprinter, Alingi.

**Lot 427 – Redoute's Choice x Tugela.** A half sister to the champion, Makybe Diva.

**Lot 502 – Redoute's Choice x Attire.** A full brother to dual G1 winner, Fashions Afield.

### **SYDNEY CUP DAY – MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2008**

Thank you to all our members who have RSVP for the annual NSWROA Sydney Cup Day function at Royal Randwick. We can confidently say that the function is now booked out and we looked forward to another successful afternoon.

Richard Davey will be our MC once again; celebrity Maria Venuti will be judging best hat and tie and leading bookmaker, Henry Noonan will be supplying us with the best odds on track.

There will be plenty of raffles and prize giveaways plus a chance to win a trip for two flying business class via Emirates to New Zealand as our major auction item.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

### **RACING NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS**

Look out members its that time of year again for racings "Night of Nights".

The annual NSWROA Racing's Night of Champions Gala Dinner will be held once again at Royal Randwick on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Redkite will be the association's charity for the evening with TVN taking a much stronger hand this year with both coverage and also media exposure for all our sponsors. But I think the most exciting news for the night is for you groovers with the NSWROA securing Human Nature as the main entertainment for the night.

As we know Human Nature is one the hottest bands in Australia and they will make you dance the night away with all their "Motown" classics. To book your seats or for further information on the night please contact Brent Crawford on 9299 429.

### **WELL DONE BOARD MEMBERS**

Well done must go to a couple of our favourite board members in Michael Yates and John Vouris on their success at Albury on March 30. Michael and John, along with partners were the happy owners of the last race winner, Polynesianprincess. A great little money spinner for the boys, Polynesianprincess is by the successful stallion, Belong to Me and is trained by

one of racings great ladies in Barbara Joseph.

John Vouris also bred the mare, so well done John!

We hope there are many more wins in store for her and she certainly looks a nice broodmare in the making.

### **VALE DALE THOMPSON**

Dynamic young racing administrator Dale Thompson passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Lisa and two children Jacob and Zoe. Aged 37, Thompson began his career in racing administration with the Wyong Race Club in the early 1990's where he was tutored by the late John Varley. Thompson has been at the helm of the Clarence River Jockey Club at Grafton for almost ten years. Under his guidance the Club has won numerous awards as the leading TAB Club in NSW and for its famous July Racing Carnival.

On behalf of the President, Mr Stephen van Eyk, board members and all members of the NSWROA we would like to pass on our deepest sympathy to Lisa Thompson and family on the passing of Dale Thompson. Dale was a well know figure through the NSW Racing Industry and will be sadly missed by all.

Yours in Racing



**Stephen Van Eyk**  
**President**  
14th April 2008



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