



Randwick Bloodstock's Fillies and Mares For Sale

Contact details

In any normal year, many of us right now would be sunning ourselves on the Gold Coast. However, courtesy of something called EI, we are stuck at home base, at least for another week before we can get our teeth into the first Australasian yearling sale of 2008, NZB's Karaka Series. Based on a super Spring for the NZ breeders (Melbourne Cup, Caulfield Cup, Cox Plate, VRC Derby), being EI free, plus having first bite of the yearling dollar pie, my gut feel is the NZ vendors can expect a prosperous seven days of selling. Time will tell.

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I've noticed in the past few months, quite a few Australians trekking overseas to broodmare auctions in search of suitable broodmare prospects to bring back home. The prices for broodmares in Australia last year were at record levels and if you were trying to buy at the upper end of the market, perhaps there was not a lot of perceived value. I commend those people prepared to look "outside the square", however, at the same time send a warning that in my opinion you need to be extremely careful with what is purchased overseas. Remember, the majority of the yearling buyers in our market are still made up of Australian trainers and owners. Many of them do not fully appreciate international pedigrees. With so much more international information arriving on our computers each day, they are getting better, but still have some way to go. I honestly believe there is some excellent value to be had overseas relative to our Australian market and we will continue to scour the globe in search of these "gems" for you to buy, but given the choice of tipping someone into a super international pedigreed non-performed mare versus picking up a stakeswinning Australian mare off the track for the same money, I would lean towards the latter. In time the former might prove to leave a greater legacy, eg, an EIGHT CARAT, however, if you want to make money (I think this is what most commercial breeders want?), then the safer bet would be to buy the Australian mare.

This newsletter we have quite a few new attractive listings on offer and as per usual, a mix of local and overseas mares. On the local front, we have mares in foal to BENICIO, NIELLO, ORATORIO (IRE), NOT A SINGLE DOUBT, DUBAI DESTINATION, CANNY LAD, HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR, MAGIC ALBERT, COMMANDS, PRIMUS, FALVELON, BRADBURY'S LUCK, DANE SHADOW, HIDDEN DRAGON, FUSAICHI PEGASUS, JET SPUR, AUSSIE RULES, BEL DANORO and ELVSTROEM. Some of these mares have foals at foot by UNTOUCHABLE, LION HEART, LUCKY OWNERS, RACER'S EDGE, JET SPUR, BRADBURY'S LUCK, STARCRAFT, DESERT KING, FUSAICHI PEGASUS, MUJAHID, INVINCIBLE SPIRIT and MAGIC ALBERT. On the overseas front, we have two very nice mares around the \$500,000 mark. I know this isn't everyone's price bracket, however, if you are looking to purchase in this price range, they are well worth checking out.

Until next time.

Best Regards

Brett Howard

P.S. To improve the service we presently offer both buyers and sellers alike, we have recently struck a deal with ANZ Bloodstock News. From next Monday onwards, each time we receive a new listing, a link to it's pedigree is to appear in the following day's issue of this highly valuable publication. For those of you who do not already subscribe to ANZ Bloodstock News (subscription is free!), I emphatically recommend to all and sundry to visit their web site (www.anzbloodstocknews.com) and sign up today.