



Randwick Bloodstock's Fillies and Mares For Sale

At last, the sales are over! This was an often heard comment at the Inglis sale last week. In what has been a truly marathon six months for many of us, our lives shall now return to normal. By my calculations, from the 14th January until the 30th June (167 days total) around Australia and NZ, there have been 74 days of horse auctions. If you had allowed yourself one to two days of pre-sale inspections for most of the sales, you would have found yourself away from home nearly 130 of the 167 days. Once again, Henry, Freddie and Archie Howard have a chance to get to know their father.

To be honest, the strength in this year's yearling and broodmare market has taken me by surprise. In light of the EI catastrophe of 2007, I had expected these markets to take a bit of a dip this year, however, I was wrong. The real strength remained at the top end of the market and I would suggest to anyone reading this, that if you still want to make a dollar out of thoroughbred breeding, then you need to keep trying to upgrade your broodmare band. If you're not prepared to upgrade, then maybe you should consider getting out, as with the rising costs, I believe it is only going to get harder to make a dollar.

We haven't sent a newsletter out for some months, so today we'll include all our current listings. We have a couple of mares in foal to O'REILLY listed. If you do the stats on him, you would presently have O'REILLY in the top six sires in Australasia. If he were standing in Australia this year, I have no doubt his fee would be in excess of \$100,000, hence, at NZ\$60,000 (approximately A\$47,500), he's an absolute bargain. We also have listed mares in foal to other high profile stallions such as FASTNET ROCK (already fully booked this season at \$75,000+GST), MORE THAN READY (booked out at \$100,000+GST), RESET (has made a tremendous start to his stud career), STRATUM, TALE OF THE CAT and AL MAHER, plus many others such as AUSSIE RULES, BENICIO, GONSKI, DANE SHADOW, DANERICH, KEMPINSKY, LUCKY UNICORN, HIDDEN DRAGON, UNTOUCHABLE, etc.

As per usual, if you require any additional information on any horse we have listed, please do not hesitate to give us a call or send through an email, as we are more than happy to assist with any inquiry.

Until next time.

Best Regards

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