

THE OWNERS ROOM

MORE THAN OWNERSHIP

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A Word From Me

Welcome to the very first edition of The Owners' Room.

When I started DJR Racing, I always wanted it to be about more than simply owning racehorses. I wanted to build a community where people could enjoy the journey together, learn more about the sport we all love, and feel genuinely connected to every horse in our stable.

That's exactly why The Owners' Room was created.

Every fortnight, you'll receive honest updates on our horses, insights into the thoroughbred industry, educational articles to help you better understand racing, and a few personal thoughts from me along the way. Whether we're celebrating a winner, working through a setback or introducing our next exciting prospect, I hope this publication brings you a little closer to the stable of horse we have and the incredible team around us.

Most importantly, thank you. Your support allows us to do what we love every day, and we're excited to have you on the journey.

I hope you enjoy the very first edition of The Owners' Room.

— Daniel

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Stable Snapshot



CONVAAYA

I was pleased with Convaaya's effort in the \$200,000 Mahogany Challenge Final at Flemington. While he didn't feature in the finish, I thought there was plenty of merit in his run, and most importantly, he came through it in great order. He's pulled up well and our focus now shifts to a suitable race on the synthetic on 27 July, where I'm hoping he can continue to build on that performance.

Convaaya pictured left before the Mahogany Final at Flemington.

MALASTRANA

Malastrana stepped out in a jump-out on Thursday this week and I was really pleased with what she produced. While the result itself wasn't important, I thought she hit the line strongly and gave every indication that she'll appreciate getting over more ground. We'll see how she pulls up over the coming days, but if she's recovered well, there's every chance we'll look towards a 1200-metre race within the next two to three weeks.

ARABELLA STAR

Arabella Star has returned to work well and is now entering the important galloping phase of her preparation. Over the next month we'll gradually increase the intensity of her work as she continues to build fitness. If everything goes to plan, we're hoping to have her at the jump-outs within the next four to six weeks.

CHAPADOS

Chapados has returned to work in great order and has come back looking bigger and stronger than ever. She's always been an imposing filly, but physically she's taken another step forward this preparation and has been handling her work well. If everything continues to go to plan, we'll look to give her a jump-out in the next two to three weeks.

TAUNG

Taung has now completed his recovery phase following the injury he sustained earlier this year. After spending time recovering in a confined paddock before graduating to a larger paddock, he's continued to improve and is now ready to take the next step. Taung has been booked to return to Clifford Hill for pre-training on 28 July, with the plan to continue building fitness before returning to Cumani Racing.

TUBBS LEGACY

Tubbs Legacy made her race debut on the Ballarat Synthetic recently. While the result wasn't quite what we were hoping for, she's come through the run well and has since been receiving some treatment and support for a few minor niggles. The focus now is on getting her feeling her best before we look to head back to the races within the next couple of weeks.

DESERT ANTHEM

Desert Anthem has now completed his spell and has returned to pre-training as he begins building towards his next preparation. It's great to have him back in work, and the focus over the coming weeks will be on gradually building his fitness before he returns to full training. With a bit of luck, we're hoping he can put together a strong spring campaign.

ANGRY ALEXA

Angry Alexa is continuing her pre-training at Denistoun Park as she builds towards her first racing preparation. She did have a minor hoof issue recently, but thankfully it hasn't held her back and she's continued to progress well through her work. She's handling everything that's being asked of her, and I'm really looking forward to seeing her join Reece Goodwin in the coming weeks.

JACQUINOT FILLY

Our exciting Jacquinot x One More Try filly has recently completed her first educational preparation with Cumani Racing. Everyone involved has been delighted with her progress, particularly her outstanding attitude and willingness to learn. She's a filly with a fantastic temperament and has shown all the right signs. With a limited number of shares still available, there's still an opportunity to join us on this exciting journey.

In The Hot Seat

I figured if I'm going to ask everyone else to sit in the hot seat over the coming months, I'd better kick things off and lead by example! So here's a little bit about me and how DJR Racing came to be.



How did you first fall in love with horse racing?

Horse racing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. Both Mum's and Dad's sides of the family have always been heavily involved in the industry, so I was lucky enough to grow up around it. From an early age I loved everything about racing. As I got older, I was incredibly fortunate to meet some wonderful people who helped shape my journey, particularly Rick and Phil Wells. They gave me opportunities to learn, build my knowledge and ultimately gave me the confidence to start DJR Racing.

What inspired you to start DJR Racing?

Watching other syndication companies showed me what was possible, but I wanted to create something that felt a little different. I wanted to give friends and family the opportunity to experience the same excitement I'd been lucky enough to enjoy through horses like Kalkarni Royale. Racing has given me so many incredible memories, and I wanted to build a community where other people could experience those same thrills together.

What do you enjoy most about sharing ownership?

Without a doubt - race day. There aren't many better feelings than standing alongside a group of owners, whether they're lifelong mates or people you've only met through racing, and cheering your horse down the straight. When one of your horses hits the line first and you get to celebrate that moment together, it's something truly special.

What's been your favourite racing moment?

Watching Olly's Fortune win in the green and black DJR Racing colours for the very first time. I'll never forget standing at Red Lancer with so many emotions running through me. It wasn't just about winning a race - it was seeing a dream become reality and then celebrating it with close friends, family and our owners. It's a memory I'll always treasure.

Is there a horse that's had the biggest influence on your journey?

For me, that horse is Kalkarni Royale. She gave me some incredible experiences during a challenging time through COVID and, more importantly, gave me the confidence to believe I could build something special through DJR Racing. Sharing that journey with mates made me realise just how rewarding syndication could be.

Favourite racehorse?

Growing up, it was impossible to go past Might And Power. He was my hero. Not far behind him would be Buffering, a horse I absolutely loved watching race. If I had to pick a current favourite outside of our own stable, it'd probably surprise a few people - I'd say Basilinna. There's just something about the way that horse races that I really enjoy watching.

In The Hot Seat (*continued*)

Favourite race?

The Cox Plate. Weight-for-age racing at its absolute best, with so many champions creating unforgettable moments around Moonee Valley.

If you could own one horse from history, who would it be?

Black Caviar. It's probably the obvious answer, but everything about her journey was remarkable. Her unbeaten record, travelling to England and capturing the imagination of racing fans everywhere - she was simply one of a kind.

What do you enjoy outside racing?

I used to love playing football and cricket, but these days life revolves around my family. Spending time with my wife, Rachael, our beautiful daughter Ella, and our wider family is what I enjoy most when I'm away from the stable.

To me, ownership is...

...about so much more than winning races. Of course everyone dreams of success on the track, but for me the real reward is the friendships, the connections and the experiences you share along the way. Standing with a group of owners on race day, celebrating the highs and supporting each other through the challenges - that's what ownership is all about.



Who will be next in the hot seat?

DJR Racing Bloodstock Watch

Following the trends shaping tomorrow's winners

One of the things I enjoy most about racing is following the breeding side of the industry. Every fortnight I'll share some of the trends, stallions and pedigree insights that have caught my eye and why they matter - not just across Australian racing, but here at DJR Racing as well.

The latest Australian sire tables continue to tell an interesting story.

Established Sires

The established sire table is once again headed by Snitzel, who continues to set the benchmark with more than \$25 million in prizemoney this season. Close behind are Zoustar and The Autumn Sun, both continuing to produce high-quality performers at the elite level.

One result that caught my eye was Hellbent sitting comfortably inside the top 10. Considering we've got Chapados in the stable, it's pleasing to see him continuing to produce winners and remain among Australia's leading stallions.

First Season Sires

The first-season sire table is beginning to take shape, with Home Affairs opening up a handy lead after an outstanding start to his stud career.

What interests me most, though, isn't necessarily who's leading today - it's how quickly these tables can change over the next few months. A single stakes winner or Group 1 performer can dramatically reshape perceptions of a young stallion, which is why these rankings are always worth keeping an eye on.

General Sires by Earnings

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Money
Snitzel	289	144 (17)	\$25,756,442
Zoustar	349	163 (12)	\$21,415,319
The Autumn Sun	183	82 (5)	\$18,593,003
I Am Invincible	312	153 (11)	\$17,871,574
Street Boss	144	65 (7)	\$15,226,109
Per Incanto	94	52 (4)	\$14,853,549
So You Think	335	159 (8)	\$14,134,339
Hellbent	250	109 (4)	\$13,115,732
Written Tycoon	302	148 (8)	\$12,767,420
Toronado	341	163 (7)	\$12,482,232

First Season Sires by Earnings

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Money
Home Affairs	43	16 (2)	\$4,928,925
Stay Inside	29	8 (3)	\$942,733
Pinatubo	26	4 (1)	\$941,115
Tiger of Malay	27	6	\$917,080
Wild Ruler	33	9 (2)	\$868,200
St Mark's Basilica	21	5 (1)	\$645,960
Sword of State	8	3 (2)	\$564,075
Captivant	12	3 (1)	\$485,405
Splintex	27	3	\$385,615
Profiteer	17	4	\$342,460

Owners Academy

Understanding Benchmark Ratings

One of the most common terms you'll hear around any racing stable is "benchmark rating". But what does it actually mean?

Every horse in Australia is given an official handicap rating by Racing Australia. Think of it as the horse's report card. The better a horse performs, particularly against quality opposition, the higher its rating becomes. If a horse wins impressively or runs well in stronger company, its rating may increase. Likewise, if its form drops away, its rating can come back.

These ratings help create competitive racing by matching horses of similar ability against one another.

How Do Benchmark Races Work?

Benchmark races are named after a rating. For example:

Benchmark 58 - generally open to horses rated around 58
Benchmark 64 - generally suited to horses rated around 64
Benchmark 70 - a stronger grade again

The aim is simple: give every horse a fair opportunity to be competitive against rivals of similar ability.

How Are The Weights Worked Out?

Every race has a benchmark rating and an allocated benchmark weight. A horse rated exactly on the benchmark receives that weight. For every rating point above or below, the weight generally changes by 0.5kg (apprentice claims and sex allowances also apply).

Horse A - Rating 64 - 60kg

Horse B - Rating 62 - 59kg

Horse C - Rating 66 - 61kg

Why Do Fillies & Mares Often Carry Less Weight?

Fillies and mares typically carry around 2kg less than males in mixed-sex races. This sex allowance recognises physiological differences and helps ensure they can compete on more equal terms.

Why Do We Talk About Ratings So Much?

When you hear us say "He's probably a Benchmark 64 horse" or "We'd like to get her rating up a couple of points" - we're trying to place each horse where it has the best opportunity to be competitive.

Sometimes a horse is better suited to staying in its current grade to build confidence. Other times, a rating increase opens the door to stronger races with higher prizemoney.

Finding the right race at the right time is one of the biggest parts of successful race planning, and a horse's benchmark rating plays a major role in those decisions.





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GREEN LIGHTS

MY FAVOURITE PLAYS FOR THIS WEEKEND.



RACING

SELECTION	RACE	TRACK	ODDS	UNITS
Hard Kick	Race 2	Flemington	\$1.70	2 UNITS



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MULTI	SELECTIONS	ODDS	UNITS
Multi #1	Finn Callaghan 26+ Lachie Ash 26+ Archie Roberts 24+	\$1.75	2 UNITS
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RACING	-	-	-	0.0
SPORTS	-	-	-	0.0
OVERALL	-	-	-	0.0



WHAT IS A UNIT?

A unit is simply a way of measuring confidence rather than betting a fixed dollar amount.

IF 1 UNIT =	0.5 UNITS	2 UNITS
\$10	\$5	\$20
\$20	\$10	\$40
\$50	\$25	\$100
\$100	\$50	\$200

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Racing has an incredible way of bringing people together.

Whether we're celebrating a winner, watching a young horse take its first steps or simply enjoying a day at the track, it's the people around us that make the journey worthwhile.

Thank you for your continued support of DJR Racing. I hope you've enjoyed the very first edition of The Owners' Room and I look forward to bringing you plenty more stories, updates and insights over the months ahead.

See you at the races.

— Daniel



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