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John Thompson Racing Newsletter

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HAPPY RETIREMENT ZANBAGH!

This week John Thompson Racing Stables fondly farewell stable favourite, Zanbagh after she was retired following her run in last Saturday's Coolmore Legacy at Randwick.

The 7 year old daughter of Bernardini raced at a top level season after season and John can't remember her having a day off at any stage, a testament to her great type and soundness. She was owned and raced by the Tait family, and carried their famous red and white colours made notable by champion stayer Tie The Knot. She was also one of the last horses racing that was trained by the late Guy Walter.



Photo: Steve Heart

She boasts a racing career that illustrates both her longevity and great versatility. As a three year old Zanbagh was runner up in both the Group 1 VRC Oaks (2500m) and Group 1 Australian Oaks (2400m), and won the Group 3 Keith Nolan Classic (1600m) showing just how talented she was. As an older mare, she trained on to win the Group 3 Tibbie Stakes (1400m), back to back editions of the Group 2 Emancipation Stakes (1500m) and notched up a third Group 1 placing when she finished second in the 2017 Coolmore Legacy (1600m).

John described Zanbagh as "a trainer's dream; a great type of mare that was extremely clean winded and sound, and probably the quietest horse to handle and ride that has ever stepped foot in the yard. She is a great mare that has been a pleasure to train for wonderful owners. Although it's a shame she suffered from a very dry Spring and Autumn to finish her career, she retires having done the stable proud."

A special mention must go to Blake Maynard, who did an outstanding job as Zanbagh's strapper and did shed a tear when he found out that she was retired.

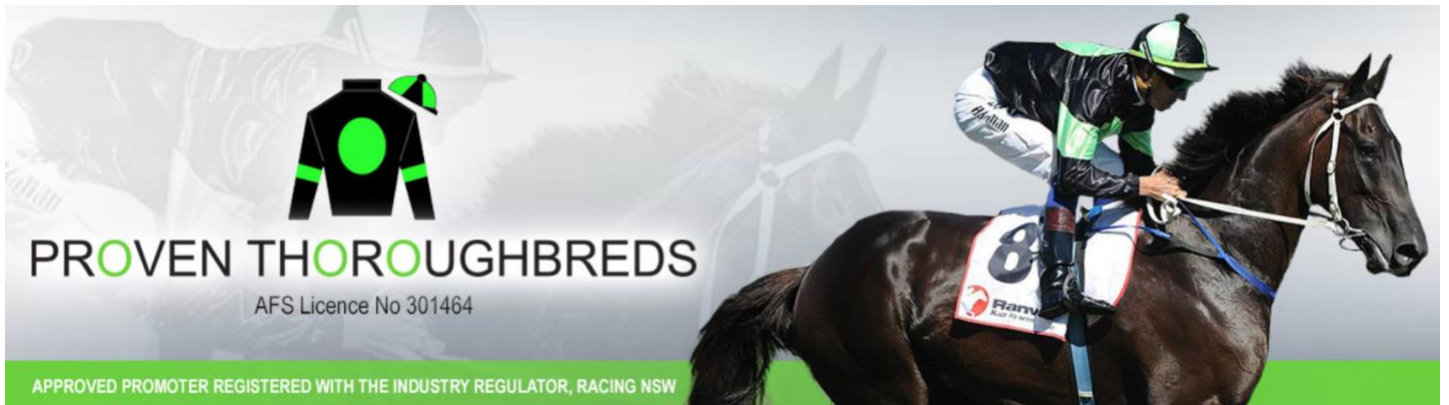


(Above: Stapper Blake Maynard with Zanbagh)

Zanbagh will enjoy retirement at the Tait Family's Farm and we look forward to seeing her offspring race in the future.



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Proven Thoroughbreds Open Day

Join us for breakfast and introduce yourself to our new yearlings by TAVISTOCK, FOXWEDGE, CHARM SPIRIT and EL ROCA. As well as current race horses ZEDFORCE, DISCREET CHARM, GREENSPAN, BRING ME SHOWERS, WATERLINE and CHOUXTORIAL.



Sunday April 29 9.30 am John Thompson Randwick Stables. Gate 12, Randwick Racecourse High Street Sydney.

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Stable Runners Review and Preview



Wrap up of the stables recent runners:

ONE MORE HONEY

Race 5: The Hong Kong Jockey Club JHB Carr Stakes (1400m) J: Mark Zahra

We had hoped she would be ridden closer than she was and just gave too much start away.

SWEET DEAL

Race 5: The Hong Kong Jockey Club JHB Carr Stakes (1400m) J: Andrew Adkins

She missed the jump and was behind the eight ball straight off the bat before she ran into traffic in the straight. Although frustrating, a change of gear and drop in grade will see her win again!



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SPECIAL MISSILE

Race 9: Nathan's Famous Hotdogs Handicap (1400m) J: Damien Oliver

He ran his usual honest race and is close to a win. Damien Oliver recommended running him in Melbourne – perhaps so he can ride him again!

MAURUS

Race 8: Sharp Japan Racing Association Plate (2000m) J: Corey Brown

Unfortunately, the track was just too firm for him on Saturday. He travelled well but wouldn't stretch out late. We will be doing our rain dance for him and looking for a soft track.

PRIMATIVO

Race 4: IGA Liquor Frank Packer Plate (2000m) J: Blake Shinn

Dear oh dear....I think Blake may have thought they were going 2 laps! He was way too casual early and by the time he woke up the pressure was on. The horse's sectionals were outstanding and clearly fastest of the race but way too far out of his ground. We will add blinkers at his next start.

INVINCIBLE KNIGHT

Race 8 - Ray White Ascot Tails Stakes (1600m) J: Michael Cahill

The big horse likes it soft but Doomben turned into a bog track that wasn't too his liking. He didn't have a smooth run in transit and likes clear running in the straight but was dipping and diving in the heavy ground.

Saturday 21 April – Kembla Grange

ALL DAY

Race 4: Figtree RSL Bowling Club CG&E Class 1 Handicap (1500m) J: Blaike McDougall

He didn't really like being asked for an early effort in the race and was disappointing late. He heads to a country trainer to tackle easier opposition.



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Sunday 22 April - Goulburn

AALTO

Race 5: Swiftwood Tiles and Bathrooms Maiden Plate (110m) J: Qin Yong

She made a nice return racing but it was bit short for her. It was good to see the young apprentice get a bit excited when she was fighting out the finish.

JOYOUS TIMES

Race 2: Electel F&M Maiden Handicap (1300m) J: Blaike McDougall

This was a nice first start for her. She didn't appreciate the leader crossing her and slowing the speed mid race but she will improve with the run and experience.

HIERO

Race 1: Light Horse Brigade Plate (1400m) J: Jason Collett

Race was run in record time, more similar to that of a sprint. Blinkers will be put on to increase focus and will be stepped up to a mile.

COMMANDER

Race 2: Armistice Plate (1200m) J: Jason Collett

Nice first run. Looking forward to getting him over a mile as he will improve over more ground. Has a very good action.

BRING ME SHOWERS

Race 3: Unconquered Plate (1200m) J: Jason Collett

She was sharp from her wide gate but unfortunately encountered a gear issue early in the run when the bit pulled through her mouth. We will change her into a ring bit and only run if she draws well at her next start.



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Wednesday 25 April – Gosford

Kuiper Belt

Race 4: Central Coast Isuzu Ute Maiden (1600m) J: Blake Spriggs

Nice breakthrough win, he will keep improving with race fitness and distance.

Brunetta

Had to scratch with a temperature.

UPCOMING RUNNERS PREVIEW

Thursday, 26 April

CUBA

Race 7: Wollamai Point Class 2 Handicap (1400m) J:Patrick Scorse

He is a lovely horse with plenty of ability. He has come through his last win well and should go close again here. Hopefully young Patrick Scorse can navigate like he did at Wyong. It was touching to be there and see him get his first Sydney winner with his father, John, a former jockey himself who was very emotional and proud.

Saturday 28 April – Newcastle

DISCREET CHARM

Race 8: John Whitmore Memorial F&M Benchmark 72 Handicap (1400m) J: Grant Buckley

We will be aiming for a more positive ride on Saturday which will see a more positive result for this filly!

CHOUXTORIAL

Race 2: Varley Group CG&E Maiden Plate (1400m) J: Koby Jennings

He has been gelded but you would swear blind he's still a colt! He needed a few quick back-ups to sort him out and he has improved with each run. The blinker going on Saturday should continue to yield improve.



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Saturday 28 April – Hawkesbury

THY KINGDOM COME

Race 8: Group 3 Blacktown Workers Group Hawkesbury Guineas (1400m) J: Tye England

He is a nice horse with ability. He has been gelded but I think he is one that will still take a preparation to adjust. He still does little things wrong in a race like over racing that will improve with time and racing. In his runs where he gets things right, he wins and wins well.

Sunday 29 April - Nowra

PELLEGRINA

Race 7: Variety, The Children's Charity Class 2 Handicap J: Blake Spriggs

She didn't see out the mile at her last start and comes back to 1400m here. With the blinkers going on as well she can bounce back.

Best of luck to all connections involved!



Group 2 Winner – One More Honey



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Sebring X Lacara

1 year old Brown Colt

Sire: Sebring **Dam:** Lacara

Purchased by John Thompson at the recent Inglis Easter yearling sale, here is a lovely colt with scope and a unique European pedigree, closely related to numerous listed and group performers. Dam Sire is Medicean, the Sire of Stakes winner and 5x Group placed Maurus. This son of Sebring will only get better with time. Buyers have been keen to get involved, with 40% sold already. Make sure you don't miss out on this exciting colt



View Pedigree:

<https://inglis.com.au/sales/info/2018+Australian+E>



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Tavistock X Crimson

Proven Thoroughbreds

1 year old Bay Colt



Sire: Tavistock **Dam:** Crimson

A lot to like about this colt by TAVISTOCK out of a G2-winning Zabeel mare purchased by John Thompson and Proven Thoroughbreds at Karaka! Click on the link below for more on this exciting colt from John Thompson and Jamie Walter.

<https://youtu.be/kJYtsYnTdgU>

View Pedigree:

<http://johnthompsonracing.com.au/horseAvailable/viewPedigree/id/2628>



Hinchinbrook X Rock Bottom

Prime Thoroughbreds

1 year old Bay Filly



Sire: Hinchinbrook **Dam:** Rock Bottom

Inglis Classic Yearling Sale - Lot 16 \$50,000 plus GST!

JUST 25% LEFT!

From Joe of Prime Thoroughbreds

"I was really taken by this filly when I inspected her. She is very strong behind and has good scope to grow. I have had quite a bit to do with the progeny of Hinchinbrook having purchased Flying Jess, his highest earning filly. The best Hinchinbrook fillies seem to be the ones with good size, scope and strength. This filly certainly has both these attributes. Another of our good Hinchinbrook fillies is Kissing Game which also is a strong athletic filly.

Dr Tim Roberts who does my vet inspections at the yearling sales was also very taken with this filly and as surprised as I was when I secured her for such a reasonable price."



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