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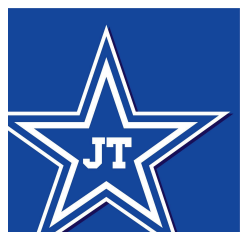
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Patrick Scorse makes  
the move to Randwick

(Photo: Hawkesbury Race Club)



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## Small Minds – The story behind the boss's first Group I win

John Thompson woke up on the morning March 20, 2010 thinking he had a genuine chance of winning his first Group I and the events of the day delivered that victory, but it wasn't the horse he expected.

Thompson was at the time running the three-state operation of Nathan Tinkler's Patinack Farm and he ventured to South Australia with two runners for the Group I Australasian Oaks (2000m).

He had Danny Nikolic on the stable's number 1 seed, No Evidence Needed, a \$7 chance and he stuck with another Group I maiden, Dean Holland aboard Small Minds, a \$26 chance in the set weights contest.

Small Minds was purchased by his Patinack Farm predecessor Jason Coyle on behalf of Tinkler at the Inglis Scone Yearling Sale in 2008. The daughter of Canny Lad cost well above the sale average bringing \$48,000.

No Evidence Needed on the other hand was a \$130,000 yearling purchased by another former Patinack trainer Anthony Cummings. The daughter of Shamardal had her time in the ring at the 2008 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

"There's no doubt I went into the race thinking No Evidence Needed was a good chance of giving me my first Group I race," Thompson said.

"She'd come through the autumn in Melbourne placing in the Group II Kewney and finishing fourth in the Angus Armanasco.

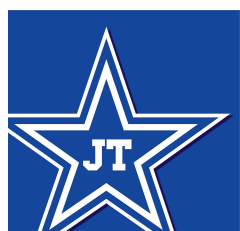
"Small Minds on the other hand ran ok first-up at Moonee Valley then didn't do much at her next run, her first in Adelaide. In her next run, she jumped out of the ground and won the Port Adelaide Guineas at big odds.

"She was one of those fillies that really blossomed when we sent her to Adelaide."

Thompson's two fillies didn't fare the best, No Evidence Needed draw the outside gate while Small Minds jumped from barrier 14 in the field of 16.

Small Minds was sent forward by Holland while Nikolic elected to drag No Evidence Needed back.

Both fillies had a good run with Small Minds charging to the front early in the straight while No Evidence Needed set about overhauling the stablemate, but the post arrived too soon.



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Small Minds have given Thompson his first Group I win while No Evidence Needed gave the trainer his first Group I quinella, coming up three-quarters of a length short.

"I remember I was at Rosehill that day. It was Coolmore Classic day and I had about five runners in Sydney," he said.

"I watched the race with Guy Walter, who I'd lived next door when growing up at Warwick Farm.

"Guy was someone I'd always looked up to so to share that moment with him is something I'll never forget.

"It was a right place, right time type of win.

"She really improved in Adelaide. She stole a break over No Evidence Needed and she just couldn't reel her in.

"Small Minds will always be my first Group I winner so she'll always hold a special place in my heart."

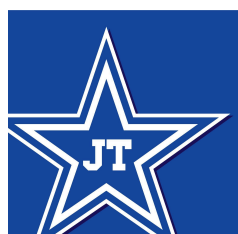


## Young Blood – Patrick Scorse Makes the Move to Randwick

Emerging apprentice jockey Patrick Scorse will be joining the stable for three months over the winter. Patrick has moved to Sydney with the aim of gaining valuable experience and to learn more about his craft as he develops his career. The son of former multiple Group I-winning jockey John Scorse made a striking impression riding Cuba to victory at Wyong in April. We wish him all the best in this opportunity and look forward to following his upcoming rides.



(Photo: Wyong Race Club)



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## 60 Seconds with... Stable Hand Blake Maynard

### How did you start working in racing?

I was at a mate's 18th birthday which was at the races and thought it looked fun to be a part of so I decided to get involved and do it as a job.

### Favourite horse in the stable? Zanbagh.

**Best part of your job?** Strapping winners and seeing horses progress.

**Best horse you've seen?** Dissident – first Group 1 winner I strapped.

**Favourite jockey?** Hugh Bowman.

**Favourite food after a day at the races?** Chicken Snitzel.

**Favourite Sports team?** Roosters.

**Dream holiday destination?** North Shore of Hawaii to see the Pipeline Masters.

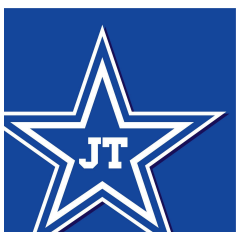
**If you weren't working in racing, what would you be doing?** Probably working behind the bar.

**Favourite quote?** "I am the greatest," Muhammad Ali.

**What would you do with your last \$10?** Buy some beers.



**Britannicus was an impressive winner at Newcastle**



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## Key Runners

**Dreamforce** scored most impressively first-up, flashing home from last to win in the last stride under the guidance of Brenton Avdulla. I am excited to see him return in such great order. This son of Fastnet Rock has now won four of his past five starts and is on target for the Civic Stakes and Winter stakes.

**Sweet Deal** made a welcome return to the winner's enclosure in her last start at Hawkesbury over 1400m. Tye Angland piloted the multiple stakes placed three-year-old back into winning form with a confident ride, which saw her dictate the race before running on strongly for a solid win. She has come on well and will be hard to beat next time.

**Nieta** is a luckless mare lately. She got too far back in a fast run race and hit the line well. Hopefully she can draw a barrier next start and be a lot closer. Would appreciate some rain.

**Maurus** enjoyed the deteriorating ground at Doomben Saturday, running a gallant second. He is the type of horse that improves by lengths with the sting out of the track so we are hopeful the wet weather continues in Brisbane.

**Special Missile** handed in a super effort under the guidance of Blake Shinn. I thought he had won and am still in shock he didn't. Runs again at Rosehill on Saturday and will be his usual consistent self and be hard to beat again.

**Britannicus** broke his drought impressively at Newcastle, winning by 1-1/2 lengths. Satisfying to see him put it together, hopefully building his confidence and continue on his winning way.

**Our Belisa** has improved well with a first up run under her belt. Looking forward to seeing her back to her best and will be fighting out the finish in her next few runs.

**Loveletter** ran well first up and will improve with the run. Look for him to be hard to beat next few starts.

**Cuba** steps up to 1400m next start. With a positive ride I'm hopeful we'll get an improved result and a return in form.

**Greenspan** will be getting up in distance in his next few runs where he'll really come into his own, as his breeding suggests.

**Reneged** come through his first run well. He's going quite well, though would appreciate a wet track.

**Bobbio** is one of my favorite horses, I think he'll turn into a bargain buy and am very excited to see what he can achieve this preparation.

**Kissing Game** is returning within the month. After last preparation we are of the opinion she performs at her best fresh and over sprint distances so we will structure her preparation accordingly.

**Fantastic Man** - Mr consistency is back and ready for another prep.

## Feature Horse



### Sebring X Lacara

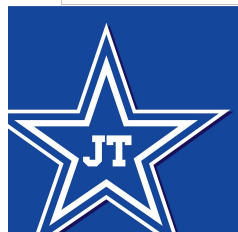
1 year old Brown Colt

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

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