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Sales News

Our Classic yearlings are heading down to Sydney on Wednesday morning for the Classic Sales which begin on the 8th of February. All had their final shoeing on Monday and are looking good and ready to go. Photos of them can be viewed at www.inglis.com.au via the online catalogue section. They will also be on our website sometime during this week. Easter yearlings have begun their prep in earnest. The Wood Nook yearlings arrive early next week to join in the fun.

One of the yearlings featured in the Amarina draft is the Rock Of Gibraltar colt out of American bred mare **Categorical** (x Hennessey). This is her 3rd foal, she has an Exceed and Excel filly at foot and is in foal to Encosta De Lago. This colt is a half to the promising 3 year-old Flying Spur colt **Krupt**. He was sold at the 2007 Easter sales by Amarina for \$450,000 to Matthew Smith who has gone on to train him to win the Group 2 Todman Stakes, and two other placings including a second in the Group 3 Kindergarten Stakes. With three placings from three starts Krupt will hopefully continue his consistent form when he steps out again this season. Categorical is owned by Perrin Legal.

Over the Tasman at Karaka a few yearlings went through the ring that deserve a mention due to their Amarina Links. The first lot was 53, Reset x **It's You** was sold for \$140,000. This colt was sold by Amarina at the 2008 Magic Millions Weanling Sale for \$44,000 to Paul Beamish. It's You currently has a Snitzel filly at foot and is in foal to Snitzel again this year. Lot 306 was a General Nediym x **Tristachine** colt sold for \$160,000 by Amarina clients Windsor Park. Tristachine is now owned by Bloodstock Resources, she has a Pins colt at foot and is in foal to Fastnet Rock. Tristachine was top joint Juvenile Australasian filly in 1998-99. A Commands x **Chowder Bay** filly went through as lot 410. This was the first foal for Chowder Bay and sold for \$140,000 by Westbury Stud. Chowder Bay is owned by Westbury Stud and is foal to Rock Of Gibraltar this year. Lot 456 a Cape Cross x **Doduo** filly went for \$130,000. Doduo has an Elusive Quality colt at foot and is in foal to Lohnro.

Amarina Runners

Thursday 22/1

In the 3yo Maiden Plate at Seymour **Chosen Verdict** (Choisir x True Verdict) had his first start to post an impressive third. After missing the jump by a mile he battled on to finish in the money, paying \$2.80. The dam **True Verdict** spends her time as a nanny on Amarina these days bossing around the weanlings, she has also produced the Group 3 winning horse Verocative (x

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Bletchingly). Verocative then went on to produce Jet Spur (x Flying Spur), who won at both Group 2 and 3 level in 2005. Chosen Verdict are both owned by Peleus Pty.

In Hawkesbury **Starry Light** (Danehill Dancer x Starry Strike) won the C2 Handicap over 1400m. **Starry Strike** is owned by Bloodstock Resources for Gary Plowman and won one race out of six starts. At Townsville **Xaar on Absinth** (Xaar x **Cyn 'n' Rose**) won over 1630m. Cyn 'n' Rose (Semipalatinsk x Vow) is owned by Denis Ryan and is in foal to Ad Valeorem this year. She is a half to champion front-runner Vo Rogue who dominated in the late 1980's/early 1990's. Cyn 'n' Rose, who won three out of 15 starts, is also the dam of un-placed **Tickettodeauville** who is in foal to Tiger Hill.

Moonee Valley 23/1

In the first race on the Friday night **Cardinal Virtue** (Elusive Quality x **Valourina**) ran a good second in the rating 82 1000m sprint. This was following a four month spell since his last start. Valourina currently has Redoutes Choice colt at foot.

Race five was won by **Arondight** (Anabaa x **Tonicity**) who was sold at Easter 2007 for \$110,000. Brought and trained by Peter Moody the three-year-old gelding has won his last two starts.

The much anticipated highlight for the night was the return of **Light Fantastic** (Danehill Dancer x **Leica or Not**) after his four month spell. He put in a great first up run to finish second to the Tony Vasil trained Lucky Secret. Light Fantastic is a half to Just Leica and Lectrice. Both regular residents at Amarina. The Royal Academy x Just Leica filly was recently sold at the Magic Millions sale for \$120,000. Light Fantastic was retained and is raced by Wood Nook farm.

Saturday 24/1

There were a number of Amarina related runners on the Saturday, but unfortunately we had to settle for a few placings rather than being first past the post. **Barranco** (Thunder Gulch x **Ernestina**) was the only winner, taking the 2600m race at Kings Island. Ernestina is owned by Glentree Downs and has an Elvstroen colt at foot and went to Flying Spur this season.

Upstream (Redoutes Choice x **Ride the Rapids**) ran a creditable 4th at Sandown. The three year-old filly was sold by Amarina at the 2007 Easter sale for \$900,000 to Lee Freedman. **Swift Jeune** (Jeune x **Swift Scarlet**) ran third at Tamworth. Swift Scarlet is owned by Scarlet Thoroughbreds, and is in foal to Coolmore stallion Oratorio. **Karenina** (Fasliyev x **Just Leica**) ran third at Yarra Valley. This was the Wood Nook bred filly's second race after finishing at the end of the field in her last start. Hopefully she has learnt what end of the field to finish at and continues her improvement!

Ellerslie 25/1



The Amarina brand was first past the post in the Karaka 2yo Million's race on Sunday night. **The Heckler** (Lucky Owners x Comedy Café) posted his second win from three starts beating a strong field in New Zealand's richest juvenile race. The Heckler was sold as a weanling by Amarina at the 2007 Select Weanling sale for \$26,000 on behalf of Rolling Fields Bloodstock. He was purchased by A Tait who then went on to make a profit by selling him as a yearling for \$70,000 at Karaka in 2008. He is the first stakes winner for Lucky Owners who stands at Widden Stud, and is out of Comedy Café who won six races herself. The Heckler is co-trained by Murray and Bjorn Baker and was ridden by Michael Rodd. Though gelded so will never see the inside of a serving barn, hopefully The Heckler will continue to race well and add further success to Amarina's résumé.

Monday 26/1

Australia day had mixed results for Amarina at Caulfield. Two runners went out in the Blue Diamond Preview, **Orinoco** (Exceed and Excel x **Ride the Rapids**) finished 5th behind **Reward for Effort** (Exceed and Excel x Miss Prospect). Both were bred by Contract Racing and were born at Amarina Farm. Orinoco was sold for \$300,000 at the 2008 Easter sale to Dean Hawthorne.

Wednesday 28/1

SF Bloodstock racked up a win at Riccarton in New Zealand with their well bred filly **Liatris** (Rock of Gibraltar x Subterfuge). Liatris is trained by leading NZ trainer Mark Walker and posted her third win from thirteen starts. Subterfuge is a highly rated mare having already produced the group winning mare Shania Dane. Liatris was sold at the 2006 Easter sales by Coolmore stud for \$1.3 million to David Ellis. There is a half sister by Encosta De Lago going through this year's sale. Liatris is definitely one horse to keep and eye on.

Saturday 31/1

There were four Amarina bred/sold runners on the weekend. None were particularly good for the punters amongst us. There were two runners in the Group 3 Vanity at Flemington, **Gallica** (Redoute's Choice x Swing Queen, sold for \$250,000 at 2007 Magic Millions), and **Ginera Grand** (Grandera x **Smidgin**). Gallica went out as one of the preferred runners and lightened a few Amarina staff member's wallets when finishing midfield. The Glentree Downs bred Ginera Grand is probably best forgotten after it finished at the tail of the field.

Sunday 1/2

Sunday proved to be more profitable with three runners coming in the money out of five. At the Sapphire Coast **Famous Cry** (Street Cry x **Make Her Famous**) was second in the third Race. Make Her Famous is owned by Denis Ryan and out of his other Amarina located mare Twenty One Carat. **The Catwalk Star** (Catbird x **Fasting**) finished third in Race eight. Fasting won three

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out of 18 starts and is out of Amarina matriarch **Lockley's Dance** (x Bletchingly). Lockley's Dance failed to get in foal to produce for the staff this year but she is the dam of several handy gallopers including Ollie Vollie (x Belong to Me) and Little Shrek (x Quest for Fame). She is now enjoying a well earned retirement as a nanny. Fasting has King of Roses colt at foot which was foaled down at Amarina.

In the second at Kyneton **Firsaan** (Elusive Quality x **River Express**) finished second. Firsaan was sold for \$475,000 at the 2007 Easter sales. River Express is in foal to Commands this year and comes from the Contract Racing's family of Ride the Rapids, River Crossing, and River Woman to name a few.

General Farm News

Foals were all branded last week in what was surely a record time for 73 horses. Farm staff are continuing to handle them for the beginning of weaning which will start in the next two weeks. We have had positive feed back from the yearlings at the breakers. Some will be returning home for a spell and others will be welcomed to the real world as they head into training stables.

The paddocks are under maintenance at the moment in preparation for new pasture. This project is being headed by new farmers in charge Pete and Phill, as we said goodbye to former head farmer Mark Anderson. Mark was a major player in getting Amarina Farm up and running and developing it in to the productive and efficient property it is today. We wish him all the best and he will be missed by all.

That is Amarina's news for another fortnight!

All the best,

Staff at Amarina Farm.



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