

# WALLER WEEKLY NEWS

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As cliché as it sounds Saturday really was a prime example of the highs and lows of the sport. Minutes after Reliable Man downed Triple Crown winner It's A Dundeel in the G1 Santos Australia Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Chris' smile quickly vanished mid-interview when it became evident that there was something amiss with the spectacular grey stallion. Barrier attendant and his work rider Ben was quickly on hand to help Hugh unsaddle him and hand him over to Bruno who was strapping his first Group 1 winner in 20 years of working with horses. Thankfully as the week has progressed, the prognosis doesn't look as dire as it did.

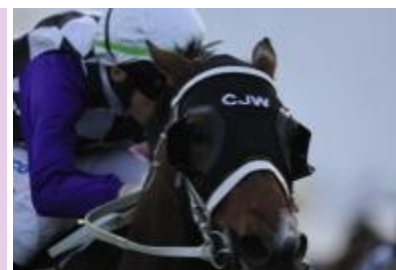
While we're on the subject of reliable greys, the Ingham Family's lovely filly Catkins put in another honest performance at Randwick in the Listed James Carr Stakes for second and now heads for a spell. This preparation she took the next step to record two stakes wins, adding valuable black-type to her pedigree and enhancing her race record which now reads 11-6:2:0.

Yesterday Bruno and Dave set off on a hit and run mission to Wagga in the CWR truck with Illo and Moriarty while on tomorrow the racing road show moves on to sunny Queensland with Studio, Danleigh, Foreteller and Stout Hearted set to run on the first day of the Winter Carnival. In Sydney we have 13 entered for Hawkesbury's stand alone meeting while in Melbourne the team will saddle Secessio, Thubiaan and Forever Crazy at Flemington. For a full list of runners, see the [homepage of the website](#).

This week we're without a video preview but will be back on track next week. Happy racing all!

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French Derby winner **Reliable Man** justified the big wraps the team here at Chris Waller Racing had on him, winning the Queen Elizabeth Stakes in what can only be described as a stellar performance. He also repaid the faith Hugh Bowman placed in him having turned down the ride on race favorite It's A Dundeel in favor of the 5yo entire.

“He’s clearly a very good horse, he’s showed that in Europe and he showed it today” said Hugh after the race.

While pulling him up after he posted his 2.5L victory it was evident he was not 100% and he was quickly whisked off to the vets where his shoe was removed after it had been misplaced and his leg scanned.

Everyone is crossing their fingers for a positive prognosis and speedy recovery for a return to racing this Spring for Reliable Man who would be a serious Cox Plate contender.



Reliable Man’s co-owner Carina Hanson accepts the QE II Trophy from Santos Australia representative, Jean Paul Avramides.



Having placed in his first three Australian starts **Mulaqen**, one from of our latest batch of imports from the Tattersall’s Horses in Training Sale, broke through to win at Warwick Farm on Wednesday. An out and out stayer, in the hands of Hugh Bowman he relished the 2400m distance and although initially ear-marked to go straight out for a spell after that run he may have one more start over 2200m in Scone depending on how he pulls up over the next week.





## G1 SUCCESS ROLLING IN FOR THE STABLE

The stable was able to prepare five Group 1 winners over the carnival with Shoot Out leading the charge in the Chipping Norton followed by Foreteller's Ranvet, Royal Descent's Oaks, Sacred Fall's Doncaster and Reliable Man's QE II Stakes wins.

These victories take us to six Group 1 wins this season and the stable's overall tally to 22 from 15 different horses. To see a full list of the stable's [Group 1 winners](#) visit the dedicated page on the website. Pictured right is Danleigh who has won the most at racing's top echelon for the stable with 4 Group 1s.



## ESPN ARTICLE STRIKES CORD

CWR work rider Jessica Mitchell unearthed a great article during the week by ESPN reporter Claire Novak. Titled 'Victory Starts on the Backside' it's been written in the lead up to the Kentucky Derby and struck a cord with the team here as it heralds the riders that clock up hours in the saddle to get horses to the races and build a connection with them along the way.

There is something quite noble about the riders and ground staff that work with our horses day in and day out. Getting to know their charges implicitly, they share a unique journey with each and every horse and come race day they are 100% involved in the emotional rollercoaster our owners experience.

Said Jess of her choice to work with horses "I didn't consider any other option, I love horses and working with them is not a job to me, it's my life. Although we may not be in the limelight when they win, we know the role we've played and it's privilege to be part of the team that's gotten them there. The most rewarding part is seeing the change in their attitudes when they win. Take Arinosa for example, she now has an air about her and doesn't get nervous before her races. She knows what she's there for and she's been racing accordingly." [Click here](#) to read the ESPN article.



Jess & More Rocco.

## PRE-TRAINING – DUKE WEEK 4

It was a bad week for toe clips with young Duke following Reliable Man's lead and standing on one of his, holding up his pre-training for a few days. After a visit from the farrier he is now back on track and had a gallop this morning at Boynton Park.



Duke giving his mate a scratch while waiting for the farrier.

## NEWS BITES

### Illo to Help Hugh Achieve Golden Dream

Leading Sydney jockey Hugh Bowman is more determined than ever to add Friday's \$140,000 Wagga Gold Cup (2000m) to his long list of achievements.

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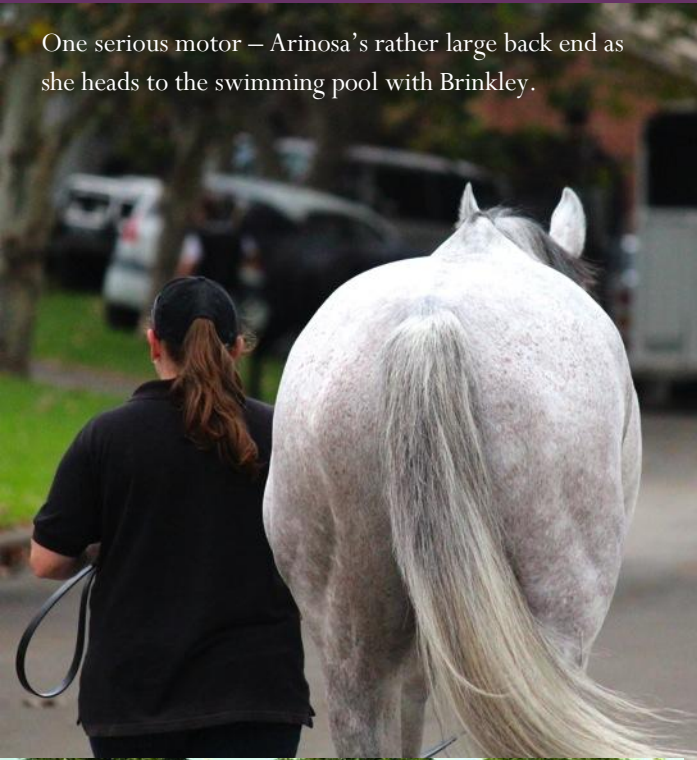
### Win and a Wait for Reliable Man

Reliable Man put an exclamation mark on his career after his comprehensive victory in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick on Saturday.

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One serious motor – Arinosa’s rather large back end as she heads to the swimming pool with Brinkley.



Studio and Danielle (NZ) getting to know the Gold Coast.



Thubiaan enjoying some Flemington grass.



Secessio enjoying some Flemington grass.



How’s the serenity Foreteller?



Heart Testa & Toni.



Winners - Mulaqen & David.