



Opinion eases down to the line in the Listed Parramatta Cup on Saturday

All that was missing from Rosehill on Saturday was her majesty the Queen, such was the Royal twist on the time honoured Parramatta Cup. A thrilling finish to the Listed event saw the CWR “Autumn horse to follow” Opinion run down the Gai Waterhouse trained Carlton House to nab an exciting victory.

Opinion is raced by Highclere Thoroughbreds, headed up by The Honorable Harry Herbert. Harry Herbert is the son of the late Henry Herbert, 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Carnarvon and also the Queens former Racing Manager. In quite a fitting finish, Opinion was able to run down Carlton House who, as many of you probably know, is raced and owned by the Queen herself.

Red Tracer also returned in sparkling fashion on Saturday taking out her third straight Millie Fox Stakes. The gutsy daughter of Dane Shadow added to her incredible record which features; 33 starts, 15 wins including 12 in Stakes races, 12 placing’s including 10 in Stakes races and amassing \$2,176,010 in prize money. Although her career is far from over, her imposing record is a testament to the dedication and care of the whole team at CWR and the support of wonderful owners Geoff and Mary Grimish.

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## OPINION

Already well mentioned in the content of this newsletter, the son of Oasis Dream reveled in the conditions on Saturday with a peach of a Jim Cassidy ride. Opinion got back in the run and bided his time before Jimmy pushed the button on the turn, went back to the inside of the field and ran down a gallant Carlton House.

The “Pumper” was at his brilliant best riding out Opinion hands and heels before easing up on the line to record a dominant margin of 2.8L. Following on from a few hard luck stories in Melbourne, it was certainly a proud moment for Chris and the team to get the Royal Ascot winner back into the victory circle.

Opinion now heads to the Randwick City Stakes next Saturday over 2000m which is another step towards the Sydney Cup on Day 2 of the Championships.

## RED TRACER

With no disrespect to her opposition, Nash Rawiller was afforded what they call an “arm chair” ride on Red Tracer on Saturday.

After beginning well and settling off the leaders, Nash tracked into the race from the 500m before coming off their backs at the 300m to explode away and win by a convincing 1.8L.

The wet day didn’t dampen the spirits of Geoff and Mary Grimish and Red Tracer’s loyal supporters who celebrated well into the night at the western suburbs finest venue, Steeds Restaurant at Rydges Hotel.

Red Tracer will be targeted towards the Queen of the Turf Stakes, the Group 1 feature race for the Mares over the Sydney Carnival. This race will be the telling factor as to whether she continues on for a campaign in France during the winter months.

## CLEVER BOY

Soon to be called “Half Smart Boy”, the aptly named Clever Boy recorded an intelligent win on Wednesday at Canterbury. Following a nice warm up in the preliminary, whereby Jim Cassidy trotted circles in front of the barriers prior to the race, Clever Boy came out ready to do business and sat on the fence off the leaders and traveled sweetly throughout.

Turning for home he was without clear room before Jim Cassidy gave him a few reminders with the persuader and he looked likely to battle into a nice fourth position. As Jimmy put the stick away and adopted his trademark hands and heels action it was as if Clever Boy had been playing and all of a sudden exploded through a run and with a short sharp burst took the lead over the concluding stages to record the second win of his career.

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## STAR THOROUGHBREDS & CHRIS WALLER RACING YEARLING PARADE

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 12pm at the Inglis Newmarket Complex, Sydney.

Contact the team at Star to register your interest in attending the yearling parade:

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The quote of “a picture is worth a thousand words” refers to an image being able to describe a complex idea. Maryanne Lillecrape is one artist that can depict the saying.

Following the 100<sup>th</sup> Group 1 win for Jim Cassidy aboard super colt Zoustar, Maryanne went to work on a portrait as Jimmy celebrated passing the line. The sheer elation and relief captured in the artists’ impression is quite magnificent.

As a gift to Jimmy from part owner of Zoustar, Noel Bearman, we were also afforded the same gesture and have it proudly hanging in our office. It is a portrait well worth viewing so next time you are around the stables please pop in and have a look.

Jimmy was inducted into Australian Racing’s Hall of Fame in 2012, however his recent addition to the New Zealand Thoroughbred Industry’s Hall of Fame makes him one of the finest participant’s our industry has ever seen.

As for Maryanne Lillecrape, if there was a Hall of Fame for Equine Artists she would be one of the first inductees.



### CHIPPING NORTON STAKES PREVIEW 2014

Racing heads to Warwick Farm on Saturday for the first Group 1 of the Sydney Autumn and if this weekend is anything to go by the racing is set to be top notch over the upcoming six weeks.

The Chipping Norton Stakes, into its 89<sup>th</sup> year (providing my counting is correct) is one of the best weight for age mile contests in Australasia. This year, CWR heads into it looking to win it for the fourth consecutive year and is well represented with Boban, Moriarty and Hawkspur.

Shoot Out (pictured) has won the past two runnings and will again feature this year, however not as a runner but a spectator. The Australian Turf Club will leave him in charge to lead the field out for this year’s event and it has certainly been wonderful having the “old boy” back in the stables this week.

Boban heads to the Chipping Norton on the back of the natural lead up to the race in the Expressway and Apollo Stakes. Although a lot has been made of him not reaching the dizzy heights he established for himself in the Spring, there is no doubting his quality and only a fool would dismiss his chances on Saturday. He has only raced twice over a mile since his 2YO season and has won both races at Group 1 level.

Hawkspur was another revelation last year and has only returned with one run this prep in the CF Orr Stakes over the unsuitable 1400m distance. In the Spring he finished in a similar position first up over 1400m before winning the WFA Chelmsford Stakes over a mile 2<sup>nd</sup> up. This preparation follows the same pattern.

Moriarty has been known for his middle distance traits but has returned in slashing fashion this preparation with a beauty of a run first up in the Expressway Stakes and a fast finishing placing in the Apollo. Although set for the Ranvet there is no denying the fact he has returned better than ever and provides plenty of value in this field.

Although it marks the return of the well fancied “It’s a Dundee”, Ill be sticking solid with Boban for Saturday with Hawkspur and Moriarty putting in late challenges for the minors.



#### **Chris Waller runs the rule over his Doncaster Mile candidates after release of weights**

THE handicapper didn’t miss Sacred Falls, gritty miler Boban is unlikely to run, but Catkins is a live lightweight chance, and Zoustar is the best-weighted horse in the race.

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#### **Chris Waller reveals plan to race Red Tracer in France**

Punters’ pal Red Tracer returned to take out her third straight Millie Fox Stakes for Chris Waller at Rosehill on Saturday - but the top trainer wasn’t done there, as he masterminded Opinion’s win in the Parramatta Cup two races later.

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#### **Opinion matters as Waller’s mudlark brings down gallant Carlton House**

THE Queen’s horse Carlton House was beaten by a fellow Englishman on Saturday as Opinion revelled in the Rosehill bog.

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## GETTING TO KNOW THE TEAM

### DAVID SMITH

An employee of CWR for the past 20 months, it's taken the Rosehill local boy a few years to join his passion of horse racing. After working in retail for ten years and then a few years as a dental technician, David opted to follow his dream of working with racehorses. Following the game for his entire life, David proudly boasts of having attended the Golden Slipper for the past 18 years. A former AIS swimmer in his teenage years, David is a positive and happy person who is quite the larrikin. Passionate about his job and his wife Alicia, 2014 beckons as a big year with his first child due in April (Girl to be named Luna).

Favourite Quote?

You can only play the cards you are dealt.

Favourite part of the job?

There are so many. Meeting owners and sharing in the excitement would be one.

Working alongside some of the very best horses and people drives me to improve every day.

Favourite horses?

Casual Choice and Brazen Beau

Best horse ever seen?

Octagonal, Makybe Diva, Black Caviar.

Favourite food?

Pizza

Favourite jockey?

Darren Beadman

If you weren't in racing, what would you have done?

I would have studied to be a coroner.

If you could invite three people for dinner, who would you invite?

Vincent O'Brien, Eddie Vedder and Steve Irwin

Role model?

It would have to be Chris Waller but there are also so many great people that I work with that are so willing to share their knowledge of the industry.

Event in the world that you would most like to attend?

The birth of my daughter in 5 weeks' time.

What would you do with your last \$5?

I'm married, I never had \$5 to start with!

Tip for the weekend?

Don't yell at your kids. Lean in real close and whisper, it's much scarier.



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