

WALLER WEEKLY NEWS

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A photo, determines a photo, a winners photo that is. This week's racing saw a few heart stopping moments from our horses and thankfully for our connections the racing gods smiled on team Waller. Just 0.1 lengths separated 3 of our horses from being winners, or the fastest losers and in Shoot Out's case that a blink of an eye equated to a difference in prize-money of \$140,000. It's a tough game we play in!

What an almighty effort Shoot Out put in and what a training performance by Chris and the rest of the team getting him to win, again, first up at Group 1 level.

In the up-and-coming ranks, Triple Fortune, a \$65,000 purchase by CWR at the Inglis Classic Sale, foretold just that for the team at Canterbury on Wednesday with he, Coup Acclaim and Radiator combining to create a trio of winners. Regally bred filly Wind Bender also put in an eye-catching performance for third when resuming. She is on the way to bigger things this preparation.

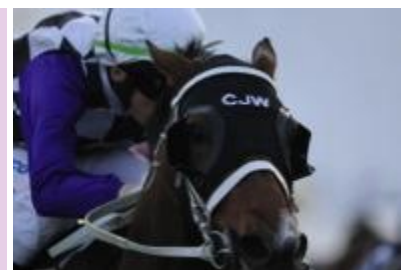
Tomorrow two classy 3YOs from the stable will be looking to enhance their stud value by putting a valuable Australian Group 1 win beside their name in the Randwick Guineas. Sacred Falls, a son of O'Reilly owned by Raffles Racing and Waikato Stud is looking to show the Aussies what he's really made of while Tougher Than Ever has already given them a good run for their money at WFA level recently.

Also vying for black type to enhance her eventual breeding value is Stratheden Stud's delightful filly Calming Influence, see page 3 for more on Chris's take on our 2YOs. Although it sounds a bit gushy, delightful really does sum up this beautiful, talented and professional youngster.

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Shoot Out (High Chaparral – Pentamerous by Pentire)**Owners:** Mr G & Mrs L Huddy **Jockey:** Hugh Bowman**Race:** Group 1 Chipping Norton Stakes (1600m) **Margin:** 0.1L

Review: Shoot Out jumped well from his good barrier but settled in the second half of the field as things took shape around him. Though a fair way from the pace-making Havana Rey, Shoot Out had cover, was relaxed and poised to unleash a powerful final sprint. From the 600m mark, Hugh Bowman positioned Shoot Out for the dash home by angling out and on to the back of his stable-mate Kellini, who had done it tough after travelling wide throughout. When Monton claimed Havana Rey halfway up the straight, we watched anxiously as Danleigh and Shoot Out hurtled late to try and snatch victory. Gallant as Danleigh was in defeat, it was Shoot Out, with his booming late surge out wide, who arrived just in time to claim his second win in the time-honored Group 1 race.

Next Stop: Group 1 George Ryder Stakes (1500m)**Lunayir** (Sinndarr – Luna Caerla by Caerleon)**Owners:** Oti Racing, T Boland, P Quirk, N Werrett, A Leighton-Daly, J Higgins, P Aherne, S Guelfi, J Sunderland, Oz Racing, Harrat Synd & Uthmeyer Racing.**Jockey:** Hugh Bowman**Race:** Pro Ride Handicap (1600m) **Margin:** 1.5L

Review: After jumping fairly Hugh Bowman let Lunayir find his feet in the early stages, and upon settling, the former French galloper held a rails position at the tail of the field. The tempo eased mid-race and the nine horse field became compact approaching the home bend. Bowman bided his time on the inside then asked Lunayir to sprint after balancing up for the run home. A potential hard luck story was averted when Bowman angled Lunayir out from behind a wall of horses, before bullocking his way between runners and powering to the line for an impressive win. Lunayir had trialed well before failing to handle the very heavy conditions in his first Australian start a fortnight earlier, so this was an encouraging sign that the classy entire is well on track for his future assignments.

Next Stop: TBC**Triple Fortune** (Snowland – In A Tiz by Volksraad)**Owners:** Mr P & Mrs E Ng **Jockey:** Hugh Bowman**Race:** Telstra Handicap (1250m) **Margin:** 0.1L

Review: Triple Fortune jumped just fairly before settling one off the fence in the second half of the field. The pressure was on up in front with a three-way tussle for the lead. Hugh Bowman kept Triple Fortune well clear of the fireworks leaving plenty in the tank for a strong final burst. Bowman patiently held his line turning for home as the other contenders got mobile. He then presented Triple Fortune in the centre of the track and the talented gelding let down strongly to secure his maiden victory in the final stride.

Next Stop: The Paddock**Coup Acclaim** (Acclamation – Stratospheric by Slip Anchor)**Owners:** R Coupland, J Coupland, K Hunt, I Bruce, F Cook, Mrs C Cook, C Deeb, K Pryke & Werrett Bloodstock Pty Ltd Syndicate.**Race:** Ladies in Racing Magazine Handicap (2400m) **Jockey:** Corey Brown

Review: He jumped quite well from his good draw and was encouraged forward by Corey Brown to eventually settle fifth, on the fence and having done little work to get there. The field ran along solidly and several runners were under pressure before the turn. Rounding the bend Brown momentarily tracked the favorite, Vadashan, before angling out further to make his own run. Even accounting for the wayward Kingdoms taking Coup Acclaim wide into the straight, this was a smart move by Brown as Vadashan compounded soon after straightening. Coup Acclaim cornered well, even if a little wide, and sprinted home impressively to record his first win for this current preparation.

Next Stop: 1900m at Canterbury on the 27th of March.**Radiator** (Mossman – Secret Sister by Secret Savings)**Owners:** F E Ferrari & Mrs R E Ferrari **Jockey:** Jim Cassidy**Race:** Ranvet Sprint Handicap (1250m) **Margin:** 1L

Review: Radiator jumped brilliantly and showed great speed to push on and settle in second spot behind the tear-away Arrowette. Having carted the field to the home bend, Radiator was pressured on her outside and needed to really dig deep a fair way from home. She did just that, and in a determined display the petite mare claimed Arrowette with 100m to go and held off all challengers for a tough win.

Next Stop: 1200m at Canterbury on the 27th of March.

LONGEVITY THE FOCUS IN WALLER STABLE

Tomorrow we will saddle up the stable's top Slipper hope, Calming Influence (pictured), in the Group 3 Sweet Embrace Stakes (1200m) at Warwick Farm. With Chris's training philosophy not geared towards winding up and punishing youngsters on the training track before they're ready, again we don't have numbers set for the 2YO feature this year.

The daughter of Commands has speed in abundance and a great attitude, which has helped get her this far. Chris mused about the stables state of play in the 2YO ranks telling the Daily Telegraph this week "It's not intentional, I just think it all comes down to how hard you push your horse. As soon as I sense a problem I pull up stumps.

"We've had a lot of good three-year-olds win races, but I've never thought to myself 'I wish I pushed them harder as a two-year-old'. The Slipper is a race I'd definitely love to win. But I love a mature miler. If they're good enough, they'll win at two.

"Calming Influence is a horse who has done it all herself, and we haven't pushed her. I don't need to push her to get there, and that's my mentality. If she gets there she'll do it naturally and be peaking for her grand final."

Disappointed when Champagne Cath, a winner at Rosehill before Christmas, went amiss after being named an early Slipper pick, Chris is happy to be over-protective of our younger horses as it reaps rewards later on - such as nine-year-old Danleigh running a place in the Chipping Norton stakes last weekend.



Happy staff equals happy horses! From left to right, Jess and More Rocco, Lucy and Pentometer, Jo and Sweet Little Lies.



Rugged Cross lends a hand at the Melbourne stable, Shoot Out checking out his dressage saddle, Ben on More Beautiful and Nathan on Specific Choice.

UPCOMING RUNNERS

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Heart Testa

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Calming Influence

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Good luck to all - catch you next week!



SMARTER THAN YOUR AVERAGE

In our quest to share with everyone some stories from our stable, there's one very special horse who has more stories than any other. With more starts at stakes-level than Rangi and Shoot Out put together, Danleigh has seen Chris go 'through his grades' to be the gun, fully fledged, Group 1 winning, trainers premiership winning, king of the castle he is today...

From swimming to eating he does everything at speed and is the energizer bunny of the stable – Danleigh picks up the story “When I came to the stable, that season the boss only trained 38 winners and the season before that, he didn't even feature in the top 15 in NSW. He'd only just invested in a real leather wallet. I was going back through my diary the other week and one of the first things he said about me to my owners Keith and Ruth back in 2007 was that I'm a nice, happy, bouncy horse who can get a bit above himself but he could certainly put up with it – lucky he did or he'd be short 4 Group 1s and \$205,680.

I live opposite that cocky 3YO Tougher Than Ever, I'm pretty sure I'm his idol. They had to change his name when he arrived because Ben, who has ridden me for the last 6 years, said this place wasn't big enough for two Warhorses* and I'm the original. Ben would know because he's ridden some good tough horses like Juggler and Exceed and Excel.

I always have my head over the stable door, luring people in to play my favorite game with them. I know they created the wheel, which then meant they could make us pull carts back in the days before they made horse trucks to take me places but sometimes humans are sooo dumb! They call it my lollypop, lollypop, lollypop, chewing gum game where I lick them heaps and then they get a bit comfortable and then I put in a cheeky nip and watch them jump.

I'm all about defying the odds, I've come back from injuries, found a new lease of life after a wind operation and when the boss said to Keith and Ruth that I probably won't go any good on the bog track in the Apollo, and that I've lost a bit of my dash in my old age, when I thought I had a chance of winning I told that other old bugger Jimmy Cassidy to hold on tight and I ran on for third.

I've tried to toughen the boss up over the years but he did it again after Shoot Out won on Saturday, he gets a bit emotional when we win for him. He mentioned me in the interview too and got choked up even more. Instead of bringing in ham rolls for him when I go well, Keith should bring some tissues next time. It's nice though, I guess it shows he cares.

I go out to Tim Boland's for my holidays and he likes me so much, he wants me to go there and be an eventer with Grand Armee when I'm finished. Shoot Out and Rangi always go on about how Limitless Lodge is like going to an all you can eat buffet but I feel like it's fat camp, I'm a pretty good converter and Tim said I'd be 550kg in no time left to my own devices! The George Ryder and the Doncaster are my next targets this preparation and I'm still keeping my work riders on their toes so while I'm sound and still doing that, the boss has said that I'll have a box at Rosehill as long as I want and the paddock at Limitless Lodge can wait for me...

