



Winners! Zoustar and Jim Cassidy return victorious after the Group 1 Golden Rose.

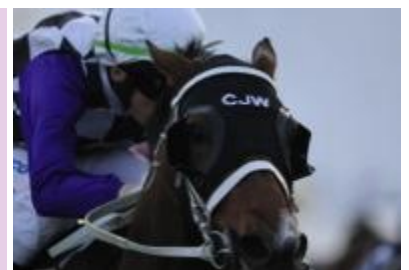
Proud doesn't even begin to describe how we felt after the Golden Rose on Saturday. The combined efforts of Zoustar, the team and Jim Cassidy to take out the million-dollar race, from barrier 16 at that, was truly something to behold. It's interesting hearing what winning, and winning a Group 1 means to people. Being a big syndicate put together by Iskander Racing, from high fives to full on hugs there were various reactions in the mounting yard. Similarly, what it meant to owners varied too from fulfilling a dream you've had since you were six to being able to buy that handbag after all. However life-changing such a win is, Zoustar came home as proud as punch, ate his dinner and has carried on his business this week like the professional he is, totally unaware of the magnitude of his deeds, something that all good horses seem to do.

Speaking of good fortune, ours was mildly stamped out later in the week with Kelinni and Beaten Up suffering set backs to their preparations. Both will miss racing this Saturday with more detail from Chris on this in the video preview. Despite these two special horses missing from the Hill Stales, we still have a strong hand to play tomorrow at Randwick as well as Catkins and Foreteller running at Caulfield. For Chris's thoughts on this weekend's runners, check out the [weekend video preview](#) and [click here](#) for the fields.

**Wishing you all a safe and successful weekend, the team at Chris Waller Racing.**

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## ZOUSTAR

In the Iskander Racing colours and from the ‘impossible’ barrier 16, Zoustar was piloted to victory in the Group 1 \$1 million De Bortoli Wines Golden Rose.

Having competed at the highest level in Queensland to narrowly miss out on a Group 1 scalp, it was a deserved, and very valuable win for the well-bred colt. By the ill-fated Northern Meteor and like the stable’s fellow Group 1 winning colt, Sacred Falls, Zoustar is out of a Redoute’s Choice mare making him an exciting stallion prospect for the future.

He will be ticked over until the Group 1 Coolmore Stud Stakes, a 3yo 1200m feature at Flemington on Derby Day.



## RIVA DE LAGO

A constant improver, Riva de Lago secured his first win at Group 2 level, winning the 1400m Sebring Sprint by a decisive 2.5 lengths.

Running before Zoustar, he gave the stable confidence that it was possible for back-markers to win on what looked like a relatively leader-biased track on the day.

The much-admired son of Encosta de Lago is now set for the Group 1 Epsom Handicap on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October at Randwick. He gets into the race with a featherweight 52.5kgs to carry in the \$500,000 mile.



## STABLE HERO THE PUMPER

After working his magic on Zoustar and Riva de Lago there were man-love moments aplenty for Jim Cassidy, pictured right with Michael Bellino who was there to represent part-owner Franco Ferrari on the day.

We hope it wasn’t a touch of senility that saw the 50yo master leave his helmet and gloves at Rosehill earlier this week after the trials. In racing’s version of Cinderella, CWR work rider and office helper Danielle hoped a touch of greatness would rub off on her however the crash hat didn’t fit.



One thing we can attest to still being sharp is Cassidy’s wit. Having been wished luck by Riva de Lago’s connections before the race, he quipped back “If I win we can have a photo, you boys will make me look good”

Poised to break the Group 1 century mark – something only 2 other jockeys have done in Australia – ‘The Pumper’s’ been bullish in that Hawkspur could be the one to take him there tomorrow in the George Main.



## 5 CWR GROUP 1 RUNNERS SATURDAY

Shoot Out, pictured after last year's Group 1 George Main win with owner Linda Huddy, will be looking to overcome a 59kg impost in the mile feature at Randwick. He will have to stave off challenges from stable-mates Sacred Falls, Hawkspur and Royal Descent in the 9 horse race. [Click here for the George Main field.](#)

Meanwhile in Melbourne, Foreteller is all set for the Group 1 Underwood Stakes and takes on more big names including the unbeaten super-mare, Atlantic Jewel. [Click here for the Underwood field.](#)



## OPINION TO JOIN CHRIS WALLER RACING FROM HIGHCLERE

High-profile English syndicators Highclere Racing have entrusted Chris Waller Racing with their up and coming galloper, Opinion.

He is the third horse Highclere have sent to Australia to race and being a stayer with the ability to quicken and run on top of the ground, he looks perfectly suited to adapting to our style of racing.

Trained by Sir Michael Stoute, to date, his career highlight is winning the Duke of Edinburgh Handicap (2400m) on the last day of the Royal Ascot meeting. His two subsequent runs in England were luckless and see his rating not quite high enough for a definite Melbourne Cup entry this Spring. The lightly raced 4yo son of Oasis Dream will arrive in quarantine at Werribee in early October while his Australian debut will be in the Geelong or Moonee Valley Cup before being tasked with the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes on the final day of the Carnival at Flemington.

Highclere's Australian representative Mark Player commented on the decision to send Opinion to Chris "Due to his outstanding record, in particular with the internationals, we had already discussed Chris as one of the options and an email from him after his win during Royal Ascot clinched the deal."

"We are firmly of the opinion that whatever we achieve this Spring with Opinion will only be a prelude to the future. Sir Michael Stoute will have Opinion in great shape to hand to Chris off the plane and we hope that this will be the start of a long association with Chris Waller Racing."

[Watch the replay](#) of Opinion's Duke of Edinburgh Handicap's win on YouTube. For more information on Highclere's operation in England, visit their very informative website- <http://www.highclereracing.co.uk>



## RELIABLE MAN TAKES NEXT STEP IN STALLION CAREER

Former CWR galloper Reliable Man (picture right courtesy of Lesley Warwick) took the next step in his career in the breeding barn with his first mare confirmed in foal at Westbury Stud on Wednesday. The Oak's Stud's Zabeel mare Marlena is the first lucky girl with a positive while NZ Oaks winner Artistic is due to be scanned today.

An announcement as to where the dual hemisphere Group 1 winner will be standing in Europe for their season is expected soon while the stable is eagerly awaiting the arrival of another import from Reliable Man's breeders Sven and Carina Hanson with the handsome stakes winning, son of Cape Cross in I'm Your Man arriving in October.





Jo on Amovatio & Lee on Imbosteria.

Red goes faster  
according to Johnny  
Kissick &  
Resourceful.



Kamahl & Chateau Lafaité.



Silk Pins enjoying her time in the sand roll.



Clint & Imbosteria.



For more news from the stable visit the website  
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Foreteller pretty happy with his efforts in his final gallop before the Underwood this weekend with Justine.



Arinosa having an afternoon pick of grass.



Rob & Scotty H on 'happy horses' Free Happy and Joy and Happy



Jarred & Specific Choice.



Brinkley & Boban.

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