

CHRIS WALLER RACING



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The Monthly Rap - Issue 6 Weekend Preview

Despite being winter time racing heats up again on Saturday for CWR with runners in both Brisbane and Sydney. Red Tracer will tackle the final Group 1 of the season in the half a million dollar Tattersall's Tiara whilst Wazn takes his spot in the Group 3 Tattersall's Cup. Others to test themselves on the final day of the Brisbane winter carnival include Firebolt who has been a model of consistency since heading north and Tromso who will head to the Healy Stakes over 1200m following an impressive first up win at Rosehill.

In Sydney racing heads to Warwick Farm when we line up a solid team of horses. Altered Boy steps to a mile following a mixed bags of runs this preparation. Coup Ay Tee steps up to 1400m for his second up run and looks well placed from a nice draw. Sour Mash runs over 2200m after a narrow defeat at Rosehill a fortnight ago and on paper looks hard to beat. Madam Nash races second up over 1400m against the mares and after deriving plenty of fitness out of her first up run could show sharp improvement on Saturday. Up and coming filly Berrimilla is also entered to race on Saturday in a tough 3YO event over 1200m. Despite racing against the colts she is a filly who has displayed a lot of potential in her only two starts to date. Finally 2YO filly Forever Crazy was scratched from Newcastle on Wednesday to opt for this race, she was eye catching first up when finishing off strongly at Canterbury on a wet track and despite the rise in class is again expected to be very competitive.

There is a likely team for the provincial circuit and with recent results at these tracks be sure to keep an eye on all runners.

TVN Wins Broadcast Rights

Racing in NSW will undergo a monumental revamp with TVN winning the broadcasting rights of thoroughbred racing throughout NSW until 2028. Racing NSW and TVN agreed to terms on June 14 when it was instated as the broadcaster replacing Sky for all thoroughbred racing in NSW from 2013.

Racing NSW will now side with Racing Victoria as the two major racing states fall under the one banner that is TVN. Both Racing Victoria CEO Robert Hines and Racing NSW CEO Peter V'Landys were unified when the decision was made and both released statements outlining the positive outcome it will have for both racing and wagering in both states. "This agreement provides the entire New South Wales thoroughbred industry with a vital opportunity to improve wagering outcomes in the future. It must not be forgotten that wagering is the prime source of revenue for racing and this agreement will assist to maximize this return" said Peter V'Landys following the press conference.

This announcement will keep money in racing with TVN owned by the Australian Turf Club and the three Victorian racing clubs and by aggregating both states TVN will be better positioned to compete with rival wagering options such as sports betting.



What's On Next Week

WEDNESDAY -

Metro Racing @ Canterbury

THURSDAY -

Provincial racing @ Wyong

FRIDAY -

Barrier trials @ Warwick Farm

SATURDAY -

Metro racing from Rosehill and Eagle Farm, Provincial racing from Kembla Grange.



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The Bearer of Bad News

Written by Chris Waller

The worst part of my job is ringing and informing owners of bad news. I take it personally when a horse goes sore, fails to run up to expectations or simply lacks ability. They are three very hard phone calls to make and it is a very difficult part of the role I play as a horse trainer. I am sure you all know the feeling of delivering bad news but in this game it is never easy.

Although I don't like to dwell on the past a perfect example of this is a young group of guys who bought into a horse called the Henchman. The Henchman fractured a sesamoid and never got to the races. They then recently invested in a horse called I'm Imposing which has now sustained a tendon strain which will require a period of time in the paddock. Fortunately he will get back to the races but this is an example of the lows in this game and the downfall on the investment they have made into what is supposed to be a fun and enjoyable experience.

In the early days I had only a few horses to train and quickly learnt you need to do your best with what you have. From this I have developed a training method which was not too hard on my horses and got the best out of them. I am proud to say we do get more out of our horses than other trainers in Sydney and around Australia. We do keep them racing longer as we keep them sound and preserve their bodies to ensure we get longevity out of their racing career.

This method does affect our achievements with two year olds but I am sure everyone appreciates the fact that a lot of money is spent on horses and they need to be well looked after. Two year olds do need to be pushed but it is important to find a happy medium. We do not have many horses that go by the wayside but we do get the odd comment from new owners about the number of horses they have had breakdown elsewhere.

I am confident our break down rate will remain low but I do want everyone to know we respect your investment and treat it as if it were our own.

Muscutt Conquering Around the Globe

Chris Waller Racing celebrated a win of a different kind recently in the UK with Assistant Trainer Peter Muscutt's son Daniel taking out his first winner as an apprentice jockey.

Daniel, only 16, booted home a winner in only his second ride when winning on Resplendent Light at Newbury on May 18. Daniel displayed a style and instinct well beyond his years and experience in the saddle and was strong in the finish when lifting the seven year old gelding to victory. Interest from UK trainers is gradually building with Daniel receiving offers from various trainers as his rides start to increase over the coming weeks. Daniel has now strung together two wins and four minor placings from his past 10 rides taking his career total to 15 rides.

With his current apprenticeship conditions in place don't be surprised to see young Muscutt take up a loan position at the Rosehill headquarters in the coming year or two.

Last Chance for Next Season 2YO

With the racing season nearing an end Chris Waller Racing still has opportunities for those wishing to get involved with an available yearling purchased at Easter. As addressed previously in our Newsletters we have three yearlings available with shares in three colts being by Encosta De Lago, Testa Rossa and Sebring. Share purchases include insurance, Inglis race series nomination and all are BOBS eligible. If you do already deal with a syndicator please direct your interest through them as they will also have some good opportunities.

For those who may be interested in a share please do not hesitate to contact liam@cwalleracing.com or call Liam on 0420446747.



Enjoyable times at the Races



Daniel returning to scale aboard Resplendent



2010 Sebring x Devils Marble Colt

What is IRAP?

CWR has been receiving questions recently regarding the treatment of IRAP and what it does for horses. We have been able to compile some information for those who are interested in the treatment with an article below written by trackvet.com.au.

Joint damage and lameness is one of the biggest causes of retirement and loss of performance in the equine athlete. Unfortunately the signs of osteo-arthritis can present in young horses or older horses. There has been a vast amount of research performed on the pathology of equine joint disease. For many years now we have had the same products available for the treatment of joint disease. These include: ice therapy, oral bute, Cartrophen/Pentosan, Hyaluronic acid injections and intra-articular corticosteroids. These therapies have been used with success in the management of equine joint disease. In some cases though these therapies do not have the desired response and your horse may not return to normal athletic function.

Joint disease/osteoarthritis is characterized by inflammation within the joint that leads to an inflammatory cascade with the production of a large amount of inflammatory enzymes that cause further joint damage. Often the process of joint disease is characterized by inflammation of the joint capsule followed by progressive destruction of the articular cartilage. These pro-inflammatory enzymes actually delay the body's own natural healing response within the joint. Interleukin-1 is the main enzyme that is involved in the inflammatory cascade. Production of this enzyme leads to progressive destruction of the joint cartilage.

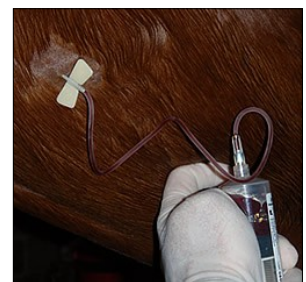
IRAP is a system that has been developed to stimulate white blood cells to produce anti-inflammatory mediators and enzymes to reduce the inflammatory phase of joint disease. Blood is taken from the jugular vein and incubated for 24 hours in special syringes which induce the blood cells to produce and secrete therapeutic proteins during the incubation period. After 24 hours the blood is centrifuged and all blood cells are removed. This leaves a protein rich serum which is then split into 3ml doses ready for injection into the diseased joint. Typically each collection produces enough serum for between 6-7 injections. The samples not used on the day of treatment can be frozen and used later.

The main anti-inflammatory protein produced is **Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist Protein (IRAP)**. This has a direct action on the action of Interleukin-1 which other therapies are unable to do. There are a number of other anti-inflammatory proteins produced during the incubation process which work synergistically with the Interleukin-1 antagonist to reduce the inflammation within the joint and stimulate a regenerative response by the cartilage cells. IRAP is different to other treatments available as it has an anti-inflammatory component which other products have but it also induces a regenerative response unseen in other therapies. This regenerative response is a new addition to our therapeutic ability to manage joint disease.

What does the treatment involve? The therapy consists of a series of three joint injections at 7 day intervals. Most positive effects are seen after the second and the third treatment. The remaining doses of cytokine rich protein serum are kept frozen and used as follow up treatments at a later date when required.

What cases warrant the use of IRAP? The cases that generally respond the best are those that have mild to moderate degenerative joint disease visible on radiography (x-rays) and the associated lameness is abolished by the use of intra-articular anaesthesia. Joints which have fragments of bone visible on the radiographs are usually better to have arthroscopic surgery to remove chip fragments prior to commencing therapy. In these cases the anti-inflammatory cytokines and proteins will reduce inflammation within the joint and encourage a regenerative response by the damaged cartilage.

Why use IRAP? This product is 100% autologous (from the horse's own body) with the process stimulating the body's cells to produce an increased number of the cytokines and associated proteins. IRAP is different from other products as it treats the cause of joint disease at the site of action and is aimed at restoring joint lining and cartilage function. Studies performed at Colorado State University show that treated horses have reduced lameness, improved joint histology (cellular make up) and a tendency for cartilage preservation. The product also targets the proteins that are involved in arthritis within the joint.



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