

CHRIS WALLER RACING



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Spring Stars Ready To Rumble



Clockwise for top left: Altius, Foreteller, Red Tracer, Startreusse, Stand to Gain and My Kingdom of Fife.

The seasons have changed and Spring is now upon us and CWR is ready to roll out it's stars which it can only be hoped will figure in spoils over the upcoming Carnival.

CWR has runners pressing towards the big three in Melbourne with numerous nominations in the Cox Plate, Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup as well as the two feature Sydney races being the Epsom and Metropolitan Handicaps. Recent winter finds, Altius and Foreteller, as well as star filly Red Tracer will all head towards the Epsom Handicap over 1600m at Randwick whilst stayers Stand To Gain, Hawk Island and Illustrious Blue have already commenced preparations for the Group 1 Metropolitan Handicap over 2400m at Randwick on the same day.

Plans for English sensation My Kingdom Of Fife are still up in the air with the Cox Plate and Caulfield Cup the main races on his agenda. Following a super run first up in the Chelmsford one can only expect he will be following on from his brilliance in the Autumn and Winter Carnivals.

Up and comer Startreusse is yet to race in Stakes grade but has shown promise in his two starts to date. With two wins the son of Starcraft is likely to resume this Saturday over 1200m in restricted grade.

Warhorse Danleigh has returned to the trial tracks and is likely to aim up in The Shorts for his first run of the preparation before heading to the Premiere Stakes on October 1. From there it is anyone's guess but given his record at Moonee Valley a race like the Crystal Mile could be in his program. New stable acquisition Albert The Fat will also head first up into The Shorts and from there may stick to a sprinting campaign or head on a path towards some longer races.

Pressday resumed in the Starlight Stakes last month and is on target for the Theo Marks this Saturday. He holds a nomination for the Epsom Handicap and will more than likely take this path following this weekend's run. Little Surfer Girl capped off a terrific winter campaign by adding some more black type to her name and it is likely the product of Encosta De Lago will target the Myer Classic on VRC Derby Day at Flemington.

Other notable Spring contenders include UK import Marden, who holds a nomination for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups after finishing in the placings at Canterbury in his Australian racing debut.



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CWR Takes Out Trainers Premiership

The NSW Metropolitan Trainer's premiership was abolished of the Waterhouse/Crown lodge domination this year when Chris Waller broke the stranglehold which has been held by both stables for years. The rise of Waller from a Kiwi farmer from Palmerston North to dominate trainings elite has been well documented over the past few seasons but it comes as no surprise to those who have been there for the long haul after Waller set up a small stable back in 2001 at the then STC headquarters of Rosehill. Recently Waller thanked those close to him who assisted with his rise to the top, including TVN presenter Richard Callander, Vet Tim Roberts, close friend and long time client Tony Muollo and most importantly his wife Stephanie. "All have been a vital part of my climb up the ladder in the training ranks and I am forever grateful for their help" said Waller. We can only admire and respect the fine job that Waller has done in creating an empire from scratch and we are sure it will continue with the former Kiwi's passion and fervor of the sport.

The Verminator Salutes In Wyong Cup

Staying sensation The Verminator displayed true endurance ability when taking out last weeks Wyong Gold Cup. The Verminator, raced by the "Smith" family, continues to take the steps towards Group success through consistent performances and again raised the bench mark when taking out the Listed event. The Verminator was racing on a quick back up after finishing third in the Premiers Cup six days earlier but showed no signs of fatigue when dominating the Central Coast's feature event. Piloted by Glyn Schofield, The Verminator began well before taking up a lovely position in the first half a dozen and relaxed beautifully in running. Schofield elected to start his run from the 600m and this payed dividends as he stalked the leading pair turning for home before showing a cracking turn of foot to sprint away and win convincingly. Waller praised Schofield's ride as being "10 out of 10" and Schofield reciprocated when speaking after the race "There is no doubting Waller's ability to train stayers and as a rider your confidence grows knowing you are riding one trained by him in these types of events". It is now likely the son of Jeune will head towards the Newcastle Cup with a tilt at the Group 1 Metropolitan Handicap also a real possibility.



The Verminator in action winning at Randwick earlier in the preparation.

Hoylonny Does It In Style

Blue blooded colt Hoylonny delivered on the promise shown on debut to come away with a convincing win in only his second race start. The son of Lonhro was unlucky not to have won on debut when struggling in the wet conditions before flashing home late to be beaten a neck behind the now Stakes placed "Sangster". With the relocation of the meeting to Canterbury there was some doubt about whether he would handle the tight turning circumference and after missing the start it did look unlikely for a few brief moments, however, Hugh Bowman was able to rail up and with some luck was camped on the leaders back at the 600m mark. On straightening Bowman was able to guide Hoylonny into a gap but it was the horse that took himself through it and after some buffeting came out the other side clear of his rivals under the urgings of hands and heels riding. After hitting the front Bowman gave him a quick two reminders and it was then that in a matter of bounds he was able to lengthen his stride and win with his stamp of authority. Following the race Waller said that Hoylonny would be spelled now, before indicating that it is likely he would be aimed for a tilt at the Randwick Guineas in the Autumn. Bowman said following the race "The lights are on, but no-one is home" before adding "He has done that on raw ability, when this horse matures I have no doubt he will be a Group 1 contender". Hoylonny was purchased out of the draft of Edinburgh Park at the 2010 Magic Millions Yearling Sale at the Gold Coast for \$380,000, and the colt races for members of the Ingham family who also bred and raced the sire Lonhro under their Woodlands Stud banner.

Babies Start To Step Out

In racing terms we know that spring means the time when the best of the best step out to race for some of the biggest prizes in Australian racing, however, for some owners the trials in early September can bring about its own level of excitement and anticipation. It is at these trials in September that 2YO's are able to step out for the first time.

The 2YO's for the 2011/2012 season were foaled in 2009 so for many the journey to here has been a big one with a lot of unknown factors.

Unfortunately stepping out in these trials will not be able to solve any problems and answer all of the questions however there will be a great sense of satisfaction when the owners get to see their horse step out.

For those owners with 2YO's in the stable you would be aware that Chris is slightly changing the way that he approaches training younger horses this year. Younger horses are trained in a different way to ensure that they are not pushed too far but are given every opportunity to show if they are suitable for early 2YO racing. As they are still physically growing and mentally they are maturing some horses are able to handle this time in the career with ease and they will be able to make it through to early trials and early races. The horses who aren't able to make it at this early stage certainly does not mean they won't be a 2YO. It is a time when the horse dictates how far they go and you have to listen to them to ensure that they are set up for a career in racing.

We wish all of the owners with 2YO's the best of luck in the coming season.

Waller Dominates Bart Cummings Medal

The rise of Chris Waller continued at the NSW Racehorse Owners Association awards night last month when he was inducted as the first Trainer to win the prestigious Bart Cummings medal. This award is shared between Jockeys and Trainers based on performances on the track and with a stellar season including 117 metropolitan winners and the NSW State and Metropolitan Trainers premiership it came as no shock that Waller would take home the award. Waller, the first to thank his staff and family again shared the limelight with his team in what has become a remarkable story.

Final standings for the Bart Cummings Medal (top 10)

- 86 - Chris WALLER
- 57 - Peter SNOWDEN
- 47 - Corey BROWN
- 47 - Jim CASSIDY
- 41 - Tim CLARK
- 41 - Gai WATERHOUSE
- 34 - Nash RAWILLER
- 27 - Brenton AVDULLA
- 25 - Hugh BOWMAN
- 25 - Glyn SCHOFIELD

60 Seconds with

GLYN SCHOFIELD



Age:

44

Favourite Food/Drink?

Ribs, chips and a Roquefort salad from Hurricanes

Hobbies outside of racing?

I enjoy playing Golf and spending time with my family.

When was your first race ride?

1985

Best racing moment?

Riding my first ever winner

Best race horse seen?

Black Caviar

Best race horse ridden?

So You Think

If you were down to your last \$10 what would you spend it on?

I am very careful with my money so this would never happen!



A Word from the Trainer

Congratulations on your recent Sydney Trainers Premiership win, it must have been a great thrill?

It sure was and it was something we worked hard for over the entire season after getting a taste in 2009/2010 when beaten by the powerful Darley team by four winners. This gave me the confidence needed to realize we had the right backing of owners, the right horses and the right systems in place to make it achievable. A consistent season saw us hold the lead all of the way and although it looked as though it would come down to the wire with a couple of months remaining we managed to extend our lead which probably took some of the gloss away from a title fight but nonetheless it was a huge achievement and one only made possible by a supportive team of owners, staff, family and friends.



The Spring Racing Carnival has just kicked off, what are the likely targets for horses heading towards the back end of the Sydney Carnival and the Melbourne Carnival?

We will basically be trying to do the best we can with what we have got. All horses will be taken along carefully and put in the normal lead ups to the classics. Most need to improve to get to the next step but we will be doing our best to get them to improve so that we have chances in the big three being the Cox Plate and the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups.

You would now be at a stage where you have managed to cast your eye over many of your new 2YO's as they spend time in the stables, have many caught your eye so far?

It is still too early to tell but we are doing things differently this year by allowing them to improve naturally rather than making them improve. What I mean by this is the fact we are keeping them in for longer but making progress in smaller steps. We did have four horses trial the other day and I was very happy with each and every one of them. We have plenty of babies in work so hopefully we will have runners in the Pre Christmas events. We must also keep in mind that there is not a lot of 2YO events around we do not want to be jeopardizing horses for the sake of running them. We certainly want to be competitive and providing we have runners that are fit and well we should be winning some races.

What are your goals moving forward for this season?

I am not one to set goals and we have done well in the past by not setting them. All we want to do now is maintain the level we have set and whilst I can see areas where there is room for improvement. If we can improve in these little areas I am sure we can build on what we have done. We obviously want to win as many Listed and Group races as we can so this is something we will be trying to achieve.

Funding Boost for Rosehill

Article courtesy of ANZ Bloodstock News - <http://www.anzbloodstocknews.com/> (Tuesday 6th September 2011)

The NSW Government has confirmed \$17 million in funding to upgrade Rosehill Racecourse as well as country racetracks.

Racing Minister George Souris on Tuesday said the second instalment of \$12 million for the \$24 million upgrade of Rosehill Racecourse has already been paid to Racing NSW as part of the 2011-12 Budget.

"A \$174 million funding package was announced last year to underpin the merger of the Australian Jockey Club and Sydney Turf Club to fund major upgrades to Royal Randwick and Rosehill Gardens racecourses. While Tabcorp is providing \$150 million to Royal Randwick, the former NSW Government committed \$24 million for Rosehill Gardens.

"The first instalment of \$12 million was paid to Racing NSW, which is managing the project, in March.

"As part of this Budget, I am pleased to confirm that the NSW Government has honoured the funding commitment for this worthwhile project and paid the second instalment in July.

"The proposed works will improve vehicle and pedestrian access to the racecourse and provide new and upgraded spectator and entertainment facilities.

"The project also includes a vehicular access bridge and tunnel link to the infield carpark, a new main entry and pedestrian railway bridge from James Ruse Drive and a new pedestrian bridge over James Ruse Drive."

Souris said the State Budget also includes \$5 million over two years to help secure the future of country racetracks. "The \$5 million injection will fund capital improvements such as new safety railings at individual country thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing clubs. Modern and practical facilities are essential to maximise race day crowds – the lifeblood of any racecourse."

Horse of the Month—Foreteller



Congratulations to Mr Peterson, Mr Bruce, Mr Ackery, Mr Mathieson, Mr Smith, Mr Cook, Mr Hunt, Mr Bradley, Mr Wright and Mr Werrett on the outstanding achievement of their fine galloper.

Recent Performances:

28th May 2011—1st of 10 runners winning by 2.8L over 1600m

30th July 2011—1st of 12 runners winning by 2.8L over 1500m

13th August 2011—1st of 7 runners winning by 0.1L over 1800m

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