



Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds Newsletter



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TWO NEW BOYS JOIN THE STABLE

The new year has added two new Magic Millions additions to the Lucky Clover stable. We have a Better Than Ready x Freezethemillions yearling who was purchased in conjunction with Edmonds Racing and Bruce Slade from Kestrel Thoroughbreds. The other yearling into the stable is an Al Maher x Witches Lips boy affectionately known as Bolt. Bolt was bred by Lucky Clover's Chris Casey. Both colts offer up exciting opportunities with shares available in both. For more information head to the website www.luckyclovethoroughbreds.com.au and check out their respective pages or get in touch with one of the team.



LOSS OF JEWELS BRINGS ON SOME STRESS

Inglis Sales purchase Epplause has returned back to training after his gelding procedure which was performed at the end of last year. He returned in great order although a little lighter, even more so than the two stone many were predicting. After some track gallops in the recent hot and humid weather, Epplause has suffered from some heat stress and has taken a while to recover from his exercise. Although this is a normal reaction for some horses every precaution has been made to ensure his health which is the priority with all the horses at the Edmonds Stable.



Magic Millions purchase
Better Than Ready x Freezethemillions

HEAT STRESS IN A HORSE

High temperatures and humidity are significant components of heat-related conditions in horses, both when they are working and not working. The muscles that horses use when exercising create a large amount of heat and their bodies are not able to quickly disperse that heat when humidity and temperatures are high. Symptoms include

A high temperature (over 41 °C),
Heart rate of over 60 beats per minute

High respiratory rate

Dehydration

Fatigue

The mucous membranes may feel dry and tacky when touched

Time for capillary refill is lengthened

Typically, skin is dripping wet from extra sweat, but can be dry and warm

Thumping or jerking of the diaphragm and flanks

A stiff, odd gait

Muscle soreness

If heat stress is not treated, neurologic signs like seizures can occur and the horse can experience serious damage to his heart, muscles, and kidneys.



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SILKS DEBUT ON A SATURDAY IN TOWN

Amore Danza has provided Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds with their first Saturday Metropolitan runner after her effort at Eagle Farm late last year. Although the race didn't go quite as planned, she was far from disgraced with her effort. The big mare backed up her performance with a strong 2nd at Doomben a few weeks later. Her latest outing was back at Eagle Farm on a Saturday where once again she didn't get the win but was by no means outclassed. Perhaps Eagle Farm is not her track? Time will tell



SCONE GUINEAS ON THE RADAR FOR ANDRE

Sepoy gelding Indian Dreamer has had his target set clear and early as he makes his way back to the track after his successful first preparation. The three-year-old is being aimed at the lucrative Inglis Scone Guineas in the middle of May. The gentle giant has returned bigger and better this time round and all fingers are crossed for connections that he gets his chance at the \$200000 race.

DALBERGIA TAKES IT ALL IN HIS STRIDE

Choir colt Dalbergia has returned the Edmonds stables without a worry in the world. Reports from staff and trackwork riders is that nothing much fazes the big guy as he gets through his daily routine. The jury is out at his stage whether he will get to the track this time in but be assured he's doing everything that is asked of him to get there.

Dalbergia leaving Pre-Training at Fenwick farm



A man and his pet horse walk into a bar. It's about 5pm, but they're ready for a good night of drinking.

They start off slowly, watching TV, drinking beer, eating peanuts. As the night goes on, they move to mixed drinks, and then shooters, one after the other. Finally, the bartender says: "Last call." So, the man says, "One more for me... and one more for my horse." The bartender sets them up and they shoot them back. Suddenly, the horse falls over dead. The man throws some money on the bar, puts on his coat and starts to leave. The bartender, yells: "Hey buddy, you can't just leave that lyin' there." To which the man replies: "That's not a lion, that's a horse."



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INTERROGATED BY HARGS

This edition's interrogatee is Edmonds Racing's Strapper and Stablehand Emily Ridler.

1. **What's your role with Edmonds Racing?** My role consists of working in the stable, everything from feeding, treating, taking horses to the track and maintaining them afterwards. Making sure they are comfortable. Also taking horses to the track, preparing them to race and looking after them post race.
2. **What's your favourite movie or book?** Anything with a bit of suspense and crime are my go to genre. I'm drawn to a good doco, the nerd in me comes out.
3. **How long have you been with Edmonds Racing?** 18 months.
4. **Is it true that female strappers are better at keeping the horses calm than blokes?** Haha, I'd like to say yes but in reality different horses respond to different people, male or female. I think it comes down to patience and working out what the horse is getting upset about.
5. **Who's the best male jockey you've seen?** There are so many top metro names I could list. I love to watch Willie Pike in the saddle. My heart has always been with country racing. My first memorable performances would be Glen Boss with the Diva. As a kid the rider I idolised was my Dad. (Emily's Dad is Stephen Ridler)
6. **Who's the best female jockey?** Linda Meech and Jamie Kah would be my best.



Emily Ridler doing what she loves.

7. **Have you had any scary moments as a strapper?** Many that get the heart racing. Anyone that says that a horse has never scared them isn't telling the truth. They are unpredictable and you always need to be aware around them but also controlled when dealing with the hairy situations.
8. **What do you do to relax away from horse racing?** Haha, catch up on sleep. I love the water, so the beach is my place or fishing. You'll find me eating all over the coast or cooking, I love food.
9. **What's your favourite racetrack in Australia?** Broome, Dunkeld, Kununurra and the Valley.
10. **Who's the best racehorse you've seen?** I'm going to say Winx, how can you not when I had a tear in my eye every time she raced.
11. **Lucky Clover silks, like or not like?** They are fantastic, look great.



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INTERROGATED BY HARGS Cont'd

- 12. What do you know about the Lucky Clover group?** Are we sought of cool? So cool!! I know Lucky Clover are passionate about their horses. I don't think there's been a raceday I've been to where someone wasn't there cheering their horses on. It's what racing is all about.
- 13. Any comments about the big Boss, Toby?** Toby is a fantastic trainer, I'm honoured to be a part of his team. He knows the horses and their welfare is always his priority. Wouldn't want to work for anyone else.
- 14. What's been your best day at the races?** Best day would have to be when my dad rode Activation to win the Darwin Cup and strapping 9 out of 12 winners over the Kimberly Cup meeting.
- 15. Who's your favourite horse across the Edmonds stable?** Haha I was told no favourites growing up but you can't help it. I'd have to say equally Scout, Dream Master and Betaima.
- 16. What do you love most about your job?** I love to learn. You never stop learning in this job. I get excited watching the horses and how they progress.
- 17. Finally, would you recommend people get themselves involved with the Lucky Clover team?** Absolutely, Lucky Clover are a fantastic bunch who love their racing and are passionate about their horses.



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