

THE PATRIOT MAIL

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The Statistics Corner:

Patriot Bloodstock is running at over **76% runners to winners** for our tried horse purchases.

Our past 5 tried horse purchases (*Xtreme, Geemes, Denial, Navy Buoy and Blackfish*) all won for their new connections within their first 3 starts! With two of these winning in Saturday Sydney Metro Grade!

WELCOME TO THE PATRIOT MAIL

Welcome back to Volume Seven of the Patriot Mail Newsletter!

This edition of the Patriot Mail will include the Horse of the Month, a look at Inglis Premier sale, a Q&A with Patriot owner Cliff McGrath, half season stats plus more!

Please send through any feedback as normal.

Enjoy Volume 7 of The Patriot Mail!



HORSE OF THE MONTH



Geemes has been named Horse of the Month for the second time, following an outstanding start to her preparation. She continues to be a fantastic performer for Patriot Bloodstock, with three wins and one placing from only seven starts. First-up, she produced a strong run to finish fifth, just 2.5 lengths from the winner, hitting the line with plenty of purpose. She then stepped up to the Canberra Cup, where she endured a tough run in traffic. Not seeing clear running until the final 150 metres, she flew home in the fastest 200m sectional of the meeting. She was beaten in the end by only 0.27 lengths and past the post she was well and truly in front. She arguably should have won if she got out sooner. Most recently, in the Albury Cup, she again had little luck in running, struggling to find clear room in the straight. Despite this, she still finished only three lengths from the winner in sixth place.

WINNERS THIS MONTH



March was shaping up to be a month of placings, but on the 30th we struck gold with two winners in fifteen minutes.

Xtreme put in a strong performance in a Class 1 at Grafton, winning by 0.35L in a reasonably comfortable fashion. This win marked two wins and two placings from his five starts with Patriot Bloodstock and Paul Snowden. He has proven to be a great purchase, secured for only \$20,000 on Inglis Digital, having earned almost \$50,000 in prizemoney.

Harry the Thief also impressed, taking out a Class 1 on the Sapphire Coast by 0.71L to remain unbeaten, two from two. He's proving to be a fantastic purchase for Patriot Bloodstock and has been well prepared by Mitch Beer and George Carpenter. This has put his prizemoney earnings at \$45,000 which is terrific as he was only bought for \$15,000. He looks smart!

Congratulations to all the owners of both horses!

INGLIS PREMIER SALE PURCHASE

Brave Smash x Bonvicini colt

The Inglis Premier Sale was highly successful and we were able to secure some quality colts. Among them is a standout Brave Smash x Bonvicini colt, purchased at outstanding value. He's an athletic, well-balanced type with a strong shoulder and powerful hindquarter. His pedigree speaks for itself. Brave Smash is a proven sire, finishing leading first-season sire by winners in 2022/23 with 11 individual winners from limited early runners, and has since continued that momentum with 30 more winners, including Group 1 winner Kimochi. This is the first foal for Bonvicini, she was a great mare winning 5 races including a Group 3 and a Listed race.

He shapes as a versatile prospect, offering owners longevity and eligibility for the lucrative Inglis Race Series as a two year old with scope to progress into races such as TAB Highways, The Kosciuszko and potentially the Country Championships. He will be trained by Group 1-winning trainer Paul Snowden at Port Macquarie. Paul has been a brilliant trainer for Patriot Bloodstock to date, with almost a 50% winning strike rate with 5 winners from 11 runners.



LOT 526: Brave Smash x

Bonvicini Colt

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GETTING TO KNOW THE PATRIOTS

Behind the Scenes: Q&A with Patriot Bloodstock Owner Cliff McGrath



How did you get into racing?

I fell in love with racing in the early 2000's as soon as I was in the pubs and watching it consistently and listening to it on the radio at work. I love all aspects of trying to find a winner and listening to the build up of races.

What aspect of racing attracts you the most?

The horses, doing the form, the theatre, the differing of opinions on a race. The theatre, the punt, I love it all.

When did you get into horse ownership and what was your first horse?

In the early 2000s I bought into a horse called Shetora, 2 starts for 2 lasts. Wasn't a great start into ownership and I thought I may be the kiss of death.

What is your best punting/ownership story?

Favourite story has to be my bucks day down at Flemington a few years back. 11 of my best mates with me as my horse ran late in the day at Hawkesbury. We had already had a fill up on the punt and plenty of beers by the time my horse was to run. We gathered around the monitors screaming at the tv as the horse looped the field. Anthony Manton was calling and roared as my horse came out of the pack, mowed them down and won by 2 lengths paying \$12. The celebrations were long and hard and still talked about as an iconic moment with the boys.

What do you enjoy doing outside of racing?

Times pretty much taken up with work and the family, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

How do you celebrate a Patriot Bloodstock horse winning?

I'm always thrilled to see a Patriot Horse salute, wherever it may be. A cold beer is always the best way to celebrate.

What is your favourite Patriot Bloodstock horse?

I'm really loving our time with Geemes at the moment and fingers crossed it can continue. You think you know was also a great horse for us and I often think what might have been.

Do you have any race-day superstitions?

Not really, but I've learnt to stick with my first thoughts on a race and see what happens

What race would you most like to win?

The Cox Plate, but I'll take any win I can get.

HALF SEASON STATS

The 2025/26 racing season has been extremely successful thus far. We have had 53 starters for 13 wins and 11 placings which has put our strike rate at 25% for a win and 45% for a place. This is an excellent outcome, and we're confident this momentum will continue throughout the remainder of the season.

Our winners to date include Geemes, Xtreme, Darn Deadly, Denial, Navy Buoy, Harry the Thief and Blackfish. Among these runners, both Navy Buoy and Geemes have recorded three wins each, with Navy Buoy's victories including a Highway success and Geemes securing a Midway win.



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**MID-SEASON
CHECK IN**

53 STARTERS

13 WINS | **7** SECONDS | **4** THIRDS

25% S/R WIN | **45%** S/R TOP 3

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