

THE PATRIOT MAIL

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The Statistics Corner:

Patriot Bloodstock is running at over **75% runners to winners** for our tried horse purchases.

Our past 4 tried horse purchases (*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 Five of the Patriot Mail Newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Years with friends and family.

This edition of the Patriot Mail will include the Horse of the Month, a Q&A with owner Peter Kelly, a look towards the Inglis Classic Sale, Wilbury's retirement, plus more!

Please send through any feedback as normal.

Enjoy Volume 5 of The Patriot Mail!



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HORSE OF THE MONTH



Darn Deadly wins Horse of the Month in January following her great victory at Taree on the 12th of January. It marked her first start for new trainer Paul Snowden, she is seeming to love her new Port Macquarie home, soaking up the country lifestyle. Starting as the \$3 favourite, Darn Deadly settled towards the rear of the field before unleashing a strong late run. Despite the short straight, she powered home to claim the win by a narrow margin of 0.07 lengths. This 4 year old mare was purchased via Inglis Digital off a trial for just \$22,500, the mare has now recorded two wins from only eight starts in just over a year, already returning \$36,500 in prize money for her owners! Congratulations to all her owners!

GETTING TO KNOW THE PATRIOTS

Behind the Scenes: Q&A with Patriot Bloodstock Owner Peter Kelly



How did you get into racing?

It was back in 1988 and a good mate of ours dad owned “Research” with Clarry Conners. We were all advised as young fellas to follow it and put some of our paper run money on. She went on a great run (Furious, Flight, Wakeful and VRC oaks). Then the following year she took out the AJC Derby & Oaks double. We were all hooked from then on!

What aspect of racing attracts you the most?

It’s the day out at the track with good friends, lunch, drinks and of course the punt. Nothing better than backing a winner or 2 with your mates.

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

I took a share on a leased horse called Bio Ace back in 1994. I could barely afford rent but wanted to get into horse ownership. The horse was slow and that was on a good day and I had zero success. I sold my share and sure enough, it wins next start!

What is your best punting/ownership story?

For the last 25 years me and some mates head down to the Cox Plate. Throw in some cash and have a punting syndicate for the day. It was 2009 and we arrived by Train at Moonee Ponds in the morning and took the walk down to the Valley. Everything we touched turned to gold, our TAB tickets lit up like a Christmas tree every race. So You Think goes on and wins the plate and we left the track via Helicopter back to Southbank and the Casino at days end. Pretty sure I won’t see another day like it!



What do you enjoy doing outside of racing?

Watching and playing sports. Cheering on the mighty Manly Sea Eagles and Sydney Swans would have to be my favourites.

How do you celebrate a Patriot Bloodstock horse winning?

Long lunch/Dinner with friends and a bottle or 2 of the fizzy stuff.

What is your favourite Patriot Bloodstock horse?

It's been a good ride to date, and we are very lucky to have been in the winner's stall with the majority of our patriot horses, but I would have to say GEEMES. She is the horse of the moment for us , having won 3 on the trot culminating with the Rosehill midway victory in good style. Looking forward to seeing just how far she can progress.

Do you have any race-day superstitions?

Its all in the socks. I try to pick the ones that are in form and a decent strike rate.

What race would you most like to win?

Cox Plate



IN OTHER NEWS

Magic Millions 2026

ZOUSAIN X TURTLENECK FILLY

The first Patriot Bloodstock foal, Turtleneck x Zousain filly sold for \$80,000 at Magics which was a great result! The dam, Turtleneck was bought back after her racing career for only \$1,250. An extremely successful result for all owners. We look forward to seeing how she develops in her career as a racehorse with her trainer Chris Munce and her all ladies syndicate!

We are excited for the upcoming breeding season with Turtleneck.

MAGIC MILLIONS PURCHASE: MAURICE X NANCY GRACE FULLY RESERVED!!

We struck gold on Day 3 securing lot 600 for \$80,000 which was well below the reserve. The colt is very well bred with the full sibling selling for \$300,000 the year before and we think ours is a better type. He is already being broken in and will be sent to Paul Snowden later in the year who is excited to train him up at Port Macquarie.

Experience the week on the Gold Coast with us by watching this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYilqcocgm4>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Inglis Classic Sale 8th-10th of February

For those who missed out on our Magic Millions purchase not to worry as we are looking to go again at the Inglis Classic Yearling sales in early February. Our Magic Millions purchase was fully reserved within 24 hours, so you won't want to miss out this time.

For anyone interesting in potentially reserving a share, please complete this expression of interest form:

<https://forms.gle/SMZJqogK7G3GdREGA>

By completing the form you will be added to an exclusive WhatsApp group that will not only grant you first access to any purchases, but will provide you with sale day updates. We got good feedback from Magic Millions regarding this group, and we look to do it again.

If anyone is planning on coming to the sales feel free to let us know if you would like to join us for yearling inspections.



IN OTHER NEWS

Wilbury Retires

After almost three years with Patriot Bloodstock, Wilbury has now been retired. Wilbury has been one of the most successful Patriot horses, winning six races out of nineteen starts for us. He was troublesome at the start but with a change of scenery at Dubbo with Brett Robb he started firing, winning three starts consecutively including a Highway at Rosehill. He then went on to win another Highway at Wyong as well as a BM74 at Dubbo and a BM82 at Orange.

For being purchased for only \$32,500 he won well over \$200,000 in prize money making him the highest earning Patriot Bloodstock horse. This was a terrific return on investment for owners.

We wish him all the best at his new home!!



MERCHANDISE

Check out our wide range of Patriot Bloodstock merchandise.

You can even customise your item with your horses name!

<https://www.fanfave.com.au/collections/patriot-bloodstock>

