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NEWS:

Although Anthony and crew are now back working a respectable number of charges, there will naturally be a lag until those newly-in-work make it to the races, with the result that we sent out not one runner for all of October and in fact will not until well into November. So again, no winners (although our winners-to-runners ratio is right up there!)

Some race results around the country did catch the eye, however, including the win of Run For Wilson in the first (Listed) 2yo colt's race in Sydney. Anthony was close under-bidder on this colt at the Inglis Premier Sale in March, so but for a little financial backing at the sale this son of Shamardal could have been running in our colours....

The stable's big news is a potential global challenge for our top hurdler Gorge. With no three mile hurdles scheduled in Australia, and Gorge crying out for such a trip, plans are afoot to run the son of Thunder Gulch in Grade 1 novice hurdles at England's (and the world's) biggest jumps meetings at Cheltenham and Aintree in March/April 2010. No Australian-trained horse has ever attempted this feat before.



The greatest jumps meeting in the world awaits....

At this stage there remain logistic hurdles to overcome, but let's hope we can warm Gorge up to the task by clearing them! Cheltenham and Aintree are extremely excited at the prospect of Gorge coming so this could be very, very big. Watch this space!

HORSES IN TRAINING

MIZEN HEAD 3yof Secret Savings (USA) – Hultarani (USA): After coming so close to racing last time in, this strong little filly has leapt into her work this campaign as if determined to get on with things. Should be looking to make the races around the turn of the year.

STORMING NORTH 3yog Giants Causeway (USA) – Reem Albaraari (GB): Has returned from gelding and a break looking a much more complete article. Early days yet, but this lad is turning heads.



Storming North

MASTER WHO 6yog Masterclass (USA) – Prue's Gift: On the back of his markedly improved form for us, Master Who has now been sold to Darwin to continue his career on their ever-heavy sand surface. A nice profit for Better-Half Bloodstock!

BLARNEY (NZ) 5yog O'Reilly (NZ) – Tall Story (NZ): Has come to hand nicely, and shown a surprising turn of foot in his work at home. Will step out soon, initially over shorter trips.

LEICA VINO 5yog Nothin' Leica Dane – Sweet Madeleine: Thriving since joining us, muscling up a treat and gleaming in the coat. Should debut for the stable soon, but let us get in early and ask why, in a country willing to splash \$6 million prize-money at one 3200m race, we can't schedule a maiden of 2400m or more?

GORGE 7yog Thunder Gulch (USA) – Heed Zamelina: Thriving since returning from a spell; a good start to what may be an historic campaign.

GREAT MASTER 6yog Anabaa (USA) – Albanella (GER): Seems thrilled to be back in work after his extended break, hacking out miles every day and loving it. It will be a long steady road to the races with this lad as we try to return him to the blistering form he was showing in hurdle trials before his last campaign was cut short.



Great Master's stunning Moonee Valley hurdle trial display (Holdsworth)

Denon – Desert Mistral 2yo f/ Galileo – Reggae 2yo c: Primary school is out for these two youngsters, who have learnt plenty this campaign including working at speed in company, swimming, barriers etc. A well-earned break and time to mature is now in order.