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### Gold Coast Sales And Races Now More Than a Global Destination Began In 1987!!

It was back in 1987 but former trainer Sally Keays still vividly remembers watching Snippets win the inaugural 1987 Magic Millions 2YO Classic, a race she admits she may have never lived to see. Sally Keays (nee Rogers) watched her colt ride track work on Thursday at the Bundall track but she was in emergency surgery 24 hours later due to an infection that had developed from complications with a collapsed lung. It was the night before the inaugural Magic Millions 2YO Classic in 1987, a race Snippets was fancied to win. "The doctors said I only had a 50-50 chance of surviving the surgery. I may never have seen Snippets again but I didn't think about that."The doctors wanted me to stay in the hospital but I discharged myself the next morning," Keays recalled. "There was no way I was going to miss the race." Keays arrived less than an hour before Snippets saluted for victory, Keays had no choice but to leave it to her family and staff to get



the horse ready in the morning. She arrived to the Gold Coast track with a tube still in her chest and an arm sling to keep it in place. Keays watched the race by herself while standing on the mounting yard fence, an experience she will never forget. "I watched his colours the whole way and knew he had it when they were coming down the straight and was the first person to greet (jockey) Phillip Smith when they returned to the mounting yard," Keays said.

One thing is for sure on the record 11 race card is that all the locals at the Hamilton Hotel near Eagle Farm racetrack will be cheering for the Will Hulbert trained The Hamo in race 3 at the Gold Coast tomorrow, Hulbert has pledged to shout the bar should the unraced The Hamo win \$305K 1st prize, understand a special delivery of XXXX beer may even happen as well but that's another story!! There was plenty of cheering from California when Smiling From Above saluted at Gawler last Saturday and became the first Saturday Metro winner for Trainer Merissa Moyle. Smiling From Above was bred by Alex Stra and was formerly trained by Alex's daughter Desi who is currently riding trackwork in California. Also understand the "Best Eyes of the Irish" have noticed the exceptional talent of a Victorian apprentice jockey and he will be heading to Ireland shortly for race riding—watch this space!!

Jimmy Olsen

BR 4 # 9 Boom Torque

MR 5 # 9 Girls Girls Girls

BR 11 # 11 Miss Hell Fire

The Mailman

MR 2 # 8 Golden Crusader

SR 2 # 11 I'm A Steel

MR 9 # 3 Miracle Spin

Tower Of Knowledge

AR 1 # 3 Aitch D'amico

AR 6 # 8 Solar Blast

AR 8 # 9 Bristler

## **Murray Bridge**

## **Crystal Clear**

R1:3,2,4,1

R2:1,9,15,2

R3:5,6,3,4

R4: 2, 3, 4, 5

R5: 4, 2, 12, 13

R6: 8, 6, 2, 3

R7: 5, 2, 10, 8

R8: 9, 14, 12, 8

R9:5,7,2,6

## **Flemington**

#### The Shark

1:9,5,4,3

2:8,7,1,4

3:8,3,2,1

4:7,8,9,11

5:6,1,2,9

6:9,5,3,4

7:5,13,7,3

8:2,6,4,1

9:3,7,8,6

10:12,1,6,8

## Rosehill

## **Harbour Harry**

1:2,6,3,8

2:7,11,5,2

3:1,5,2,9

4:11,10,9,2

5:9,3,7,4

6:8,12,2,3

7:9,12,1,5

8:8,9,3,6

9:8,11,5,2

10:9,10,2,1

# **Gold Coast**

**Jungle Jim** 

1:15,9,14,6

2:1,9,4,5

3:2,10,12,4

4:2,1,16,4

5:6,3,1,2

6:4,12,14,1

7:1,3,6,8

8:8,4,1,11

9:2,9,15,14

10:19,2,5,7

11:3,11,13,1

#### LOZ THE STATS MAN



By: Lawrie Colliver

The Adelaide Test starts on Wednesday with Australia taking on a very much new look West Indies team. While they have the experienced opener Kraigg Brathwaite as skipper, the only other player who is well known is paceman Kemar Roach, who is at the backend of his career. "Son of" Tagenarine Chanderpaul looks a good prospect, as does paceman Alzarri Joseph, but with little Aussie experience in the rest of the line up, it will take a massive performance for them to upset the Australians. For many fans it is also a welcome return to a day-time match, even though the 10am start seems way too early to start proceedings, when 10.30am would be much better.

I'm not too sure about Steve Smith opening at this point of his career. The Aussies obviously want to get Cameron Green into the team, which is understandable, but I'd have probably put Green at the top of the order and made as little change to the batting order as possible. After a quiet series v Pakistan, Travis Head needs to get going, I am sure playing on his home deck will be an extra motivation for the South Australian, who turned 30 during the Melbourne Test. He peeled off a magnificent 175 in the Adelaide Test last season, fingers crossed he can cash in next week.

The Strikers have turned it around in a big way to make it three on the trot after last night's win over the Hurricanes in Hobart. Changes have been made to the bowling attack which have worked and it was really pleasing to see Jake Weatherald peel off an explosive 80 not out, which carried the team over the line, moving into the top four. Their last game is against the Thunder in Canberra on Sunday, a win will give them a chance to make the finals, they just need the Stars to lose to either one of Renegades (Sat) or Hurricanes (MCG - Monday) to make it.

In T20 cricket a lot can happen, the turnaround started with a big win over the Scorchers last Friday and after two wins over the Hurricanes, their confidence will be high. With Chris Lynn done and Weatherald firing on his return, I reckon they can sneak into the top four.



Of course Trump will challenge the results. He will not take no for an answer.————- Just ask Ivana trump, Jill hearth, Jean Carrol, Summer Zervos, Alva Johnson, Jessica leeds, Kristen Anderson, Lisa boyne, Cathy heller, temple McDowell, Amy dorris, Karena Virginia, karen Iohnson mindy magiliwan I and the control of the cont ren Johnson, mindy mcgillivary, Jennifer Murphy, Rachael crooks, Natasha stoynoff, juillet huddy, Jessica drake, Ninni Laaksonen, Cassandra sear-

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