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Another Never Ending Story !!!

This is could well be an another never ending horse racing story but when the Shane and Cassie Oxlade trained Sghirripa demolished the opposition in last Saturday's Group 3 Standish Handicap many experts quickly pencilled in the steely grey as a coming Oakleigh Plate and Newmarket Handicap main contender. Jockey Craig Newitt who has previously won the Oakleigh Plate twice (Snitzel 2006 ,Lankan Rupee 2014) was quick to quote "He can win an Oakleigh Plate. Without a doubt," Newitt said. "He's shown a good liking for Caulfield and he'd get in on the minimum in an Oakleigh Plate." That's good news for the connections of the Lonhro gelding but spare a thought for jockey Kayla Crowther who had been the geldings regular rider up until she elected to stay home when Sghirripa won the Christmas Stakes at Caulfield on Boxing Day 2023. Anyway the good news is that Kayla finally bought up her 600th winner on Wednesday aboard the promising David jolly trained mare Skinder that is part owned by David's parents Peter and Helen Jolly , Peter also announced that he has finally decided to retire the evergreen galloper Morvada. There is bound to be more of the Sghirripa story in due course but not many will know that regular track rider Lauren Stojakovic will have a better guide than most as she won the Group 1 2013 Blue Diamond Stakes aboard Miracles Of Life. While talking about Blue Diamonds there will be plenty of eyes on the unraced Kuroyanagi in the first at the Gawler on the Gawler Bung Fritz Cup Day tomorrow. Kuroyanagi is reported to be on track for the 2024 Blue Diamond and is named after the famous Japanese actress Tetsuko Kuroyanagi . The filly has a strong female pedigree that goes right back to Social Soldier 1999 Ngawyni Stakes , Pre Catelan 1985 Silver Slipper, Breeders Plate , Skyline Stakes , Final Bid 1969 Widden stakes , Water Lady 1952 VRC Oaks ,Forest Beau 1951 Queensland Derby. Plenty of St Johns and Jetty Road rumours including did "The Cleaner " who won 19 races make a a comeback at Morphettville last Tuesday morning ? Also a last start Morphettville winner likely to be sold to Hong Kong for over \$ 1 Million !!



Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
BR 3 # 5 Jukebox In Siberia	BR 4 # 3 Blue Spinel	AR 4 # 17 Astrodean
MR 7 # 2 Maximius	BR 6 # 12 Substantial	AR 5 # 6 Rockstar Meggsy
SR 10 # 10 Bootscooter	MR 10 # 5 Johnny Rocker	AR 7 # 2 Zabella

Gawler	Flemington	Rosehill	Eagle Farm
Crystal Clear	The Shark	Harbour Harry	Jungle Jim
R1 : 5 , 1 , 4 , 2	1: 1 , 2 , 6 , 5	1 : 1 , 16 , 2 , 6	1: 7 , 1 , 4 , 6
R2 : 3 , 7 , 1 , 5	2: 8 , 9 , 11 , 5	2 : 3 , 6 , 9 , 22	2: 2 , 1 , 9 , 4
R3 : 2 , 3 , 1 , 6	3: 10 , 5 , 4 , 9	3 : 6 , 5 , 3 , 7	3: 5 , 1 , 4 , 7
R4: 8 , 7 , 11 , 17	4: 7 , 3 , 1 , 5	4 : 4 , 3 , 8 , 7	4 : 3 , 5 , 11 , 13
R5: 6 , 1 , 2 , 5	5: 4 , 2 , 1 , 7	5 : 1 , 5 , 2 , 4	5: 11 , 14 , 10 , 6
R6: 3 , 4 , 8 , 7	6: 10 , 11 , 5 , 1	6 : 5 , 2 , 8 , 7	6: 12 , 9 , 2 , 1
R7: 4 , 2 , 1 , 11	7: 3 , 1 , 4 , 2	7 : 2 , 5 , 4 , 7	7: 9 , 5 , 3 , 6
R8: 3 , 11 , 2 , 1	8 : 14 , 7 , 9 , 10	8 : 6 , 7 , 5 , 4	8: 12 , 10 , 7 , 15
R9 : 14 , 12 , 2 , 10	9 : 8 , 10 , 12 , 17	9 : 3 , 6 , 5 , 7	9: 10 , 14 , 4 , 3
	10: 5 , 6 , 8 , 2	10 : 11 , 4 , 3 , 1	10 : 9 , 11 , 3 , 6

LOZ THE STATS MAN



By: *Lawrie Colliver*

Just when it was needed, Travis Head rode to the occasion and peeled off a fine hundred to steer Australia into a winning position after two days of the West Indies Test at Adelaide Oval. After averaging just 16 in the series against Pakistan, his 119 off 134 was a dominant affair and saw him return to the form we know he is capable of. Trav started very scratchily but pushed

through some edgy moments to take control a delight the home fans. The World Cup winning innings hangover has gone and the SA lad is back on track. Australia has dominated the first two days, while the West Indies bowling has been very good, their batting clearly isn't up to Test standard. Shemar Joseph (5-94) to give their fans something to cheer about, but sadly there hasn't been a lot else to get excited about.

The Strikers take on the Scorchers in the Knockout Final at Perth Stadium on Saturday night. It's going to be a tough task, given how good the Scorchers have been at home in recent seasons. With no Chris Lynn and Jamie Overton, the Strikers are going to need a big lift to get over the line and keep their Big Bash title hopes alive.

One final thing, David Hookes died 20 years ago today, may his legacy to cricket in SA never be forgotten.



The Official advice on sex education for all teenagers world wide these days is to keep them in the dark as long as possible !!

Fritz the winemaker has been 15 years writing a book. He's hoping it will be a best cellar , it will be released at the Gawler Bung Fritz Cup !!