

"Celebrate Success with the Baroness"

Emotional Win Caps Successful February

When **Logan's Choice** won at Canterbury Park on 4 February it provided Barbara with a very special moment. Logan's Choice was suggested as the name for the filly by the owners to honour Bob Logan who sadly passed away after collapsing at the broodmare sales nearly two years ago.

Bob was a long-term friend and breeding adviser to Barbara and Peter. Bob had nominated the Redoute's Choice/De Souba filly as one that Barbara should consider buying at the Inglis Sales. Barbara took Bob's advice and purchased the filly.

Barbara and the owners have been patient in bringing Logan's Choice along and she had her first start at Moruya on 19 January where she finished a creditable 2nd. The pre-post betting at Canterbury suggested that she had no chance but that did not take into account her fighting spirit and the Joseph polish. Logan's Choice fought on like a tigress and won by 1.3 lengths.

There are much better races for her in this preparation and she is proof that Bob sure knew his horseflesh!



Logan's Choice wins at Canterbury Park

Other winners in February were:

Spirit Soul who won the Maiden Plate at the Sapphire Coast. She fought on courageously to win by a narrow margin.

Fab Cat, which is owned by the Joseph Racing No.4 Syndicate, put up a very good performance to win a Rating 67 Handicap at Canberra. He now has had two wins and a placing from his 5 starts and is likely to start in the Canberra Guineas

The Pope's Choice (by Rhythm out of Verdict Declared), cheekily named by Bly Miers (who is one of the part-owners), finally lived up to his potential by storming down the outside to win the Maiden Plate at Moruya. Barbara has had great success with offspring of Verdict Declared (whom she raced) and The Pope's Choice looks like continuing the success.

Fullafibz finished very solidly to win a Rating 67 Handicap over 1000m at Canberra. This was his 2nd win and justly rewards a group of loyal and patient owners.



The Pope's Choice maiden win at Moruya

Belong to Many deserves a special mention for her wonderful half-length 2nd to the champion mare **Hot Danish** in the Group 2 Breeders' Classic at Randwick. She then backed up with a solid third in the Group 3 Millie Fox Stakes at Rosehill.

Generous Owners, Inspirational Grandson

Neville and Judy Young are owners in the Fab Cat syndicate but most will know Judy better as the lady who provides the yummy cakes and desserts for the Wagga Carnival and Joseph Racing Day (even when Neville is in hospital and they cannot attend the functions).

However, this story is about one of their grandsons, Joshua. It is an inspiring story about overcoming adversity with a wonderful will to succeed.

Joshua is 11 and has Cerebral Palsy, which affects his ability to move freely. After struggling to keep up with his mates playing soccer, two years ago his parents suggested he try go-karting. From the moment he sat in a kart, he has been hooked and has been successful beyond anyone's wildest dreams. So far he has won the WA and NT State Titles, finished 2nd in the Victorian Title, 5th in the Queensland Title and won numerous races along the way.

What makes these achievements so special is that both of Joshua's hips are shattered and require replacing, which cannot be done until he is an adult. He only has full strength in one leg and he constantly battles fatigue and severe pain. His kart has been modified

so that he can use the foot pedals easier but otherwise he competes on an equal footing. As an example of his courage and determination occurred when he was involved in a major accident at Oran Park, breaking three bones in a foot. He was informed by the specialist that he could not race for eight weeks. Joshua said that he would give it three weeks and that's exactly what he did. He was back racing three weeks later.

Racing involves long days and travel for up to 15 hours to get the racetrack is not unusual. But Joshua is happy to endure the travel and to give up social activities, such as going to his mates' birthday parties, in order to pursue his passion.

He is now ranked No. 2 in Victoria and is in the top five karters for his age in Australia. In fact at the end of 2008, Joshua was ranked 19th in Australia out of 7520 karters which includes all age groups. He also received the 2008 Kart Magazine Courage Award.

Joshua is proof of what can be achieved with lots of love from family, great support from friends and a steely determination.

Neville and Judy, you have every right to be very proud of your grandson.



Joshua (on left) and karting friends



Joshua crossing the line for victory in Darwin



Joshua on the podium in Darwin

On the Mend

Thank you to all of the Joseph Racing extended family for the wonderful support given to Jenny and me during my stay in hospital. I am now home and recuperating and, like Turf Music and Back To Zero, I am hoping to make an appearance at the Wagga Carnival. A special note of thanks to the 'two Franks' for drafting the January/February Newsletter at very short notice.

Kevin Casey