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## STRONG HAND FOR WALLER IN VINERY STUD STAKES

### Foxplay And Dawn Wall Primed For Group One Test

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**What's On**

Stakes Races - Moonee Valley (VIC) - William Reid Stakes (Gr 1, 1200m), Sunline Stakes (Gr 2, 1600m), Alexandra Stakes (Gr 3, 1600m), St Albans Stakes (Listed, 1200m). Albury - Albury Gold Cup (Listed, 2000m).

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Premier Sydney trainer Chris Waller holds strong claims in his bid to land a sixth Group One, and the first not provided by champion mare Winx (Street Cry), of the season in tomorrow's Vinery Stud Stakes (registered as the Storm Queen Stakes) (Gr 1, 2000m) at Rosehill, courtesy of Foxplay (Foxwedge) and Dawn Wall (Fastnet Rock).

The three-year-old fillies head into the \$500,000 race with differing profiles, with the multiple Group Two winner Foxplay having won as a two-year-old, while Dawn Wall only made her debut in January but has made rapid progress in four career starts.

Foxplay, who is a \$160,000 graduate of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and is

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raced by a women's syndicate, currently heads the betting at \$3.50 with CrownBet off the back of her last start win in the Phar Lap Stakes (Gr 2, 1500m) at Rosehill on 11 March.

The filly also took out the Furious Stakes (Gr 2, 1200m) and the Tea Rose Stake (Gr 2, 1400m) last preparation, the former on a Heavy 8 track at Randwick, and Waller is confident the daughter of Foxwedge (Fastnet Rock) will handle the step up to 2000 metres for the first time.

"She's a multiple Group Two winner and has also been a winner on heavy tracks. She's back in good form with an eye-catching win at her last start against the boys," Waller told ANZ Bloodstock News.

"She reverts to her own sex on Saturday and this gives her a good chance to be performing at Group One level.

"She races over 2000 metres for the first time but the way she finishes her races off I doubt that will be a problem.

"There looked a good pace on up front (in the Phar Lap Stakes) and she certainly showed that the 1500 metres was no problem, and I don't think 2000 metres will be either.

"The negative about Foxplay in previous runs has been that she's been getting out of her ground, but I think over 2000 metres she'll be able to sit handier, which is a big plus.

"I think she's better on a soft track but can handle a heavy track. That will help her travel most of the way, and her determination is second to none, so she is going to be fighting out the finish."

Foxplay has drawn barrier 11 and will be reunited with Hugh Bowman this weekend, with the rider having guided her to back-to-back Group Two wins in September.

Bowman, who was also in the saddle when she was beaten a nose in the Light Fingers Stakes (Gr 2, 1200m) first up in February, said she is a straightforward filly to ride with a strong will to win.

"She's a lovely filly and she's a real winner," Bowman said.

"She's got such a good attitude. She relaxes so well and has an excellent turn of foot. And she will go in any conditions."

Meanwhile, the stable's progressive **Dawn Wall** is on the third line of the betting at \$5.50 with CrownBet following her last start victory in the Kembla Classic (registered as the Keith F Nolan Classic) (Gr 3, 1600m) at Kembla Grange on 10 March.

The filly was purchased for \$1,300,000 at the 2015 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale by BBA Ireland and is the first horse raced in Australia by the Niarchos family, who own the daughter of Fastnet Rock (Danehill) in a partnership with Coolmore.

She has won each of her last three starts, and though her trainer has slight doubts over the forecast testing ground, he does not expect the step up to 2000 metres to pose a problem.

"(She is a) very nice progressive filly, winning her last three starts, who is extremely well bred and now has a Group Three win to her name," Waller told ANZ Bloodstock News.

"She's got an opportunity now to run a Group One race at her home track. I doubt the distance will be a problem as she's related to some very well performed horses over 2400 metres.

"Track conditions are my only concern, she hasn't raced on a heavy track before and it's likely to be heavy on Saturday.

"Foxplay deserves a Group One and Dawn Wall is getting her first



# BEST OF LUCK

TO THE MAGIC MILLIONS GRADUATES RUNNING IN THIS WEEKEND'S GROUP RACES

## FRIDAY – MOONEE VALLEY

### WILLIAM REID STKS GR1

Hooked.....Patinack Farm  
Illustrious Lad....Yarraman Park Stud  
Kaepernick.....Broadwater T'breeds  
Silent Sedition.....Korilya Stud  
Star Turn.....Widden Stud

### SUNLINE STKS GR2

Turbo Miss.....Vinery Stud

### ALEXANDRA STKS GR3

Ellicazoom.....Altunga Stud  
Peninsula Links.....Eliza Park International  
Toffee Nose.....Rosemont Stud  
Just Victoria.....Yarraman Park Stud

## SATURDAY – ROSEHILL

### THE BMW GR1

Lasqueti Spirit.....Robyn Wise

### VINERY STUD STKS GR1

Foxplay.....Newgate Farm  
Smart As You Think...Coolmore Stud  
Moqueen.....Coolmore Stud

### TULLOCH STKS GR2

Acatour.....Widden Stud  
Hollywood Mo.....Coolmore Stud  
Noble Truth.....Gervase Park Stud

### EMANCIPATION STKS GR2

Rocket Commander .Oakbank Estate Stud  
Pindan Pearl.....Broadwater T'breeds

### SCHWEPPERVEESCENCE STKS GR3

All Too Huiying.....Mill Park  
The Mission.....Edinglassie Stud  
Smooth Landing..Middlebrook Valley Lodge

### STAR KINGDOM STKS GR3

Sort After.....Newgate Farm  
Wouldnt it Be Nice...Southern Cross Breeders

### NEVILLE SELLWOOD STKS GR3

Single Gaze.....Redbank North

### DONCASTER PRELUDE GR3

Kenjorwood.....Grenville Stud

## RICCARTON (NZ)

### SOUTH ISLAND BREEDERS STKS GR3

Montoya Star.....Coolmore Stud



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chance in a Group One. Dawn Wall is the up-and-comer and we haven't really worked out what her right distance is yet or what level she's going to get to."

Elsewhere, Lindsay Park's Tom Dabernig is confident of a big run from Group One placegetter **Harlow Gold** (Tavistock) in the Vinery Stud Stakes.

The filly ran second to Lasqueti Spirit (Beneteau) in the VRC Oaks (Gr 1, 2500m) in November and has returned this preparation in similarly good form, beaten just over a length and a half into fourth by Hey Doc (Duporth) in the Australian Guineas (Gr 1, 1600m) last time.

Like several of his counterparts, co-trainer Dabernig harbours slight concerns over the racing surface, which is currently rated a Heavy 10, while he is also mindful that Harlow Gold has only raced left-handed so far.

However, he said the daughter of Tavistock (Montjeu) arrives in Sydney in peak condition and is ready to do herself justice.

"She's in great form. I think 2000 metres is ideal and she's drawn to get a good run," Dabernig, who trains in partnership with David and Ben Hayes, said.

"The reservation is it being her first race that way of going (right-handed) and the (heavy) ground. But if she handles the conditions she's going like she's ready to win."

Harlow Gold has drawn barrier five for Regan Bayliss in the 12 runner field and is currently rated a \$6.50 chance with CrownBet.

The initial field of 13 runners was reduced yesterday when the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained Cassadee (Redoute's Choice), a winner of her last two starts, was scratched, though Waterhouse said the



La Bella Diosa

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filly will still be aimed towards the ATC Australian Oaks (Gr 1, 2400m) at Randwick on 8 April.

The Matt and Mandy Brown-trained New Zealand 1,000 Guineas (Gr 1, 1600m) winner La Bella Diosa (So You Think) was drawn in the outside barrier 13 and is currently on the second line of the betting with CrownBet at \$5, while the Bjorn Baker-trained Lubiton (Snitzel), who was second to Dawn Wall at her last start, was drawn in barrier one and is a \$6.50 chance.

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