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## **MYER LADIES' DAY – SYDNEY AUTUMN CARNIVAL 2010**

Master trainer Bart Cummings will be looking to turn back the clock when he chases a Group One double in the \$400,000, Ranvet Stakes and \$600,000 Coolmore Classic on Myer Ladies' Day at Rosehill on Saturday, the first day of the Sydney Autumn Carnival 2010.

Cummings last made a clean sweep of both races in 1989 when the outstanding Beau Zam won the Ranvet Stakes (2000m) and Red Express - who was also the dam of his 1997 Cox Plate winner Dane Ripper - took out the Coolmore Classic (1500m).

Saturday looks to be his best chance yet to repeat that feat with AJC Derby winner Roman Emperor (NZ) and last week's Australian Cup placegetter Moatize to represent him in the Ranvet and Allez Wonder and Faint Perfume in the Coolmore.

Cummings has been in sparkling form over the last 12 months and celebrated the 258th Group One win of his career when Rock Classic claimed last Saturday's Australian Guineas at Flemington.

But among those trying to halt Cummings' momentum at Rosehill will be his trainer son Anthony.



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The pair enjoy a friendly rivalry and Anthony Cummings will start Road To Rock in the Ranvet and smart mares Prima Nova and Messenger in the Coolmore.

While Allez Wonder and Faint Perfume both have to overcome wide draws with barriers 15 and 16 respectively, Prima Nove and Messenger have ideal alleys in two and six.

Cummings junior knows how hard it is to topple his famous father in big races and he is banking on the barrier draw giving him the advantage in the Coolmore Classic.

"It's very important. It's very much a race dictated to by barriers," Cummings said.

"The fields are generally fairly even and a good barrier really counts for a lot.

"I'm pleased to come up with two good ones."

Filly Faint Perfume is favourite with TAB Sportsbet, as at Friday morning, at \$6.50 with Allez Wonder at \$41 while Prima Nova is the more highly-rated of Anthony Cummings' pair at \$13 ahead of Messenger at \$31.

Despite the difference in price, Anthony Cummings cannot split his duo. Prima Nova put the writing on the wall with an eye-catching last start fourth to Ranvet hopeful Theseo in the Chipping Norton Stakes while Messenger was placed behind Dane Julia in the Wiggle Quality, both at Warwick Farm.

He also has plenty of respect for Crown Oaks winner Faint Perfume who scored a resounding first-up win in Melbourne, and proven Group One performer Allez Wonder, who has to concede weight to all her rivals.

"Allez Wonder won the Toorak and won the Keith Nolan last year, she's a quality filly but she's got the weight to mirror that performance so maybe that will give us some hope," he said.

The Ranvet Stakes and Coolmore Classic are just two of the highlights on a bumper program of racing at Rosehill.

Solar Charged, the early favourite for the \$3.5 million Group One, AAMI Golden Slipper (1200m) on Easter Saturday, will clash with unbeaten filly and Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Military Rose in the \$300,000, Group Two, McGrath Foundation Reisling Stakes (1200m).

Also on the two-year-old front, Blue Diamond Stakes winner Star Witness will stake his claims for a Golden Slipper start in the \$300,000, Group Two, Jacob's Creek Sparkling Moscato Todman Stakes (1200m).



The return of popular Les Bridge-trained mare Hot Danish in the \$150,000, Group Two, Myer Canterbury Stakes (1300m) will also be a highlight.

### **Rosehill Track Conditions**

Sydney Turf Club's General Manager Lindsay Murphy reports that after 1.5mm of rain on Saturday night, and watering on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night's of 5mm each night that the Rosehill track is just into the Dead (4) range.

"I expect to keep the track in this range with a bit of give in it for the start of the Carnival," said Murphy.

Murphy expects the track to be a Dead (4) verging on the top end of a Good (3) to commence racing on Saturday.

The track is in the True position for the entire circuit.

Sydney's weather forecast for Saturday is for fine autumn conditions, with a maximum temperature of 32c.

### **Facts and Figures**

Coolmore Classic – 18 fillies have won the race, first run in 1973, with Typhoon Tracy the last in 2009. Notable winners include Shamekha (2004); Sunline (2000, 2002); Assertive Lass (1997); Skating (1993); Bounding Away (1987); Emancipation (1984).

Ranvet Stakes – Gai Waterhouse, trainer of Theseo, has won the race six times with Theseo last year; Tuesday Joy (2008); Desert War (2007); Grand Armee (2005), Electronic (1996); Stony Bay (1995).

Reisling Slipper Trial – Winners who won the Golden Slipper are Polar Success (2003); Belle Du Jour (2000); Merlene (1996); Burst (1992); Hartshill (1974).

Todman Stakes – Winners who won the Golden Slipper are Tierce (1991); Marauding (1987); Luskin Star (1977).

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