

The tradition DAVID HAYES continues

David Hayes returned to Australia in 2005 in splendid style having spent 10 years training in undoubtedly one of the most competitive training environments in the world, Hong Kong.



All class: Hayes with Sheikh Hamdan's Caulfield Cup winner Tawqeet

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Since his return, Hayes continues to break Australian training records, following in the footsteps of his late father Colin Hayes AM, O.B.E, and in doing so maintains the glory days of his family's famed Lindsay Park.

Colin Hayes was a visionary amongst men. In 1965 he established Lindsay Park; a world-class training complex and an ideal environment for breeding, set amongst the magnificent rolling hills of the Barossa Valley in South Australia. Colin was motivated by wanting to take his horses away from the traditional Australian training circuits of the city tracks and in doing so he created the ideal equine training environment in Lindsay Park. Today, Lindsay Park draws accolades from industry experts the world over; it was the foundations of Colin Hayes' success and is now the home of his son David.

In an illustrious career spanning 43 years, Colin Hayes won 40 metropolitan trainer's premierships in Australia, training 5333 winners and an amazing 524 stakes winners. Colin had great success training for international owners including Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum and the late Robert Sangster, training a Melbourne Cup winner for both (At Talaq 1986 and Beldale Ball 1980).

Colin's successful training career established Lindsay Park and the Hayes family as a dominant force in Australian racing and breeding. The breeding arm of the operation Lindsay Park Stud has been the home to some of Australia's most influential stallions including; Without Fear, At Talaq, Jeune and Rory's Jester. With Robert Sangster, Colin also initiated the shuttling of stallions to Australia.

Following in his father's footsteps, David Hayes began training in 1990 and became an instant success. At the helm he moved Lindsay Park into yet another era of domination of Australian racing. Between 1990 and 1995 David dominated both domestically and abroad. He won every trainer's premiership in Adelaide and Melbourne, set a world record when winning six Group races on Derby Day at Flemington, set the Commonwealth record to become the first trainer to win 300 races in a season and trained 31 Group 1 winners.

If all of this was not enough he also became the first, and still the only Australian trainer to win the Japan Cup (Gr 1) with Better Loosen Up. Other notable winners during that period included the Melbourne Cup victory for Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum with Jeune.

In 1995 David took up the Hong Kong Jockey

Club's invitation to train in Hong Kong allowing David's late brother Peter to take over as the trainer at Lindsay Park. During the 10 years which David spent in Hong Kong, he won two Hong Kong premierships, finishing in the top four of the trainers premierships each season; winning a phenomenal HK\$436,269,137 in prize money.



State of the art: Part of the Lindsay Park gallops

In a stellar return to Australian racing in 2005, David dominated once again. In the 2005/06 season he was the leading trainer by stakes winners; with 28 individual winners of 36 races. He was the leading two-year-old trainer; with 46 individuals winners of 61 races and 15 stakes wins. This included success in the world's richest two-year-old race, the Golden Slipper Stakes (Gr 1) with Miss Finland and the Blue Diamond Stakes (Gr 1) with Nadeem.

The Hayes family has enjoyed unrivalled success with horses imported from Europe to race in Australia. Including the Melbourne Cup winners Beldale Ball (1980), At Talaq (1986) and Jeune (1994); Fraar winner of the 1993 Caulfield Cup (Gr 1); Almaarad winner of the 1989 Cox Plate (Gr 1); Azaam winner of the 1993 Sydney Cup (Gr 1) and Istidaad winner of the 1999 Australian Cup (Gr 1). The current International flag bearer is Tawqeet who is the winner to date of the 2006 Caulfield Cup (Gr 1) and Metropolitan Handicap (Gr 1).

There is no doubt that the backbone of the Hayes family racing success is Lindsay Park. It was Colin Hayes' vision to be close to his horses, have them physically, mentally and emotionally fit and the country environment of Lindsay Park was pivotal in achieving this. Today, Lindsay Park is self-sufficient with its own administration office, saddlers, farrier workshop, electronically-timed grass and all-weather gallops, a veterinary clinic complete with laboratory and operating theatre. The magnificence of the Lindsay Park training establishment enables

Hayes to adapt his training methods to suit individual horses. Coupled with stables at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne and at Randwick Racecourse in Sydney; Lindsay Park trained horses are offered the best of both worlds.

Already in this season (August 06 – Feb 07), Hayes leads the Australian trainers list having trained 7 Group 1 winners and a total of 22 individual stakes winners of 30 races, including 9 individual two-year-old stakes winners.

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Group 1 success: Tawqeet winning the 2006 Caulfield Cup