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## RACING RETURNS TO MOUNT BARKER



The Mount Barker Turf Club commence their 2008/09 season on Sunday and when racing kicks off in the Great Southern you can always count on trainer Paul Hunter to play a dominant role.

He has four runners nominated for the meeting: Colonel Ralph, She's A Saint, Denjiro and Marshall Jansen. Marshall Jansen returns to the stable after spending time with Bob McPherson and will go around in the Xabregas Wines Handicap (1200m). The 5-year-old goes into the race with two recent starts at Narrogin but has drawn wide in barrier nine.

"His last run at Narrogin when second to Miss Ducati was a reasonable effort," said Hunter.

"We just need to see some consistency from him because he does tend to go missing sometimes." Colonel Ralph meets a small field

of five in the opening race of the afternoon: the Rolling Acres Sprint (1100m).

He returns to racing after a lengthy absence but had a good trial win over stable mate Lizirum last week.

"It was a good trial effort after almost a year off the scene," said Hunter.

"He might need a few runs to reach his best but I've been happy with his work."

She's A Saint has drawn ideally in barrier two and will have the services of Daniel Staeck aboard in the Mount Barker Tyre & Exhaust Maiden (1000m). She also was a trial winner last weekend and her work during the week has impressed Hunter.

Denjiro is the last of Hunter's runners and will contest the Michelle Parson's Memorial Handicap (1100m).

"He's been going okay without setting the world on fire," said Hunter.

"But his last win was at Mount Barker with Daniel Staeck aboard so hopefully the same combination can do the trick again on Sunday."

One addition to the Hunter stable over the winter break is the former Neville Parnham-trained galloper Lizirum. The six-year-old mare displayed promise early in her career with a win over Marasco but has struggled to find form since.

"I don't know too much about her but she has settled in well to her new surroundings," said Hunter.

"She was placed second in a trial recently and I'm looking forward to seeing her race soon."

Sunday's opening meeting is Michelle Parson's Pink Ladies Day and there is free entry for all ladies.