

CALIFORNIA Dreaming

Superstar California Chrome made it 14 wins in 23 starts when he slammed his field to stroll home in the \$1 million TVG Gr1 Pacific Classic at Del Mar on Saturday. In one of the most anticipated matchups outside of Breeders' Cup in recent memory, the 2014 Horse of the Year broke like a champ, took command immediately from his rail post under jockey Victor Espinoza, and was never threatened in his five-length, geared-down victory. California Chrome was scoring his fifth straight win in 2016 and looks an odds-on shot for Hall Of Fame status. Next start- Breeders Cup in November!

Fallon About

How time flies! It has been 22 years since recently retired – and now riding work again - Kieren Fallon pulled his colleague Stuart Webster from his mount after winning a race at Beverley. Fallon was furious at an incident that took place during the race. He was banned for six months, a suspension considered substantial at the time, for what was deemed "violent and improper conduct". It was also to turn out the best-publicised of a long list of clashes with racing's authorities over the years.

Cheers Charles

Wilgerbosdrift bred Charles Lytton, the former Justin Snaith-trained son of teaser Thomas Crown, opened his Mauritius account on Saturday when winning the Hinterland Cup to give trainer Gilbert Rousset a great hat-trick at the Champ de Mars. Jockey Rakesh Bhaugerothee rode a cracker.



Good Bowling

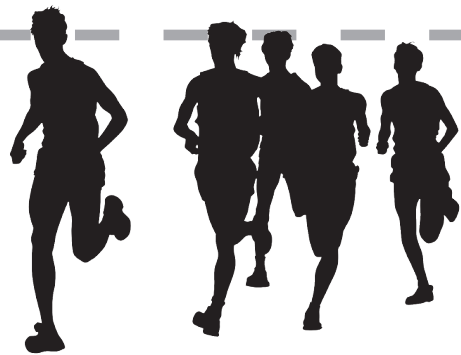
It was good to see the Varsfontein bred Yorker run on well after an 800 day break for second behind Scottish in the Gr3 Strensall Stakes at York on Saturday. Now trained by William Haggas, the big lad – he stands at 17 hands - was bought for R1,8 million on the Cape Premier Yearling Book 1. By Jet Master, he was bred by Varsfontein's Carl and Amanda De Vos, and is out of the four time winning Al Mufti mare Little Indian. He a three-time Gr1 winner in his last season here.



HONEST JOCKEY

"Hang on and ride him to lose" were the instructions to jockey Andrew Fortune by Bill Human assistant Zietsman Oosthuizen at Flamingo Park on Monday. The guidance obviously worked as Heavenly Express won the second well.

"The problem is that Andrew is such an honest jockey," joked Oosthuizen. Fortune said earlier: "I appreciate the rides, but hell these long stories and instructions are tiring, hey!"



On The Move

Former champion jockey Mark Khan is no longer employed as a Racing Manager by Mr Lawrence Wernars. Assistant Trainer Miss Monique Mansour is no longer employed by Paul Peter and is now with the Sean Tarry team. Assistant Trainer Steve Benton has left Doug Campbell and is now with Muis Roberts.

Who'll Stop The Rain?

Multiple international stakes winner Soft Falling Rain, who stands at Mary Slack's Wilgerbosdrift Stud, produced his first colt

foal last Saturday night at Jessica Slack's Mauritzfontein Stud . He is out of the Jet Master mare, E-Ticket. As yet unnamed – Jessica is still considering her options – he's the first foal of E-Ticket, herself a daughter of multiple stakes winning mare, Escoleta Fitz. The first Soft Falling Rain filly was born at Lammerskraal Stud on 29 July, a good-looking chestnut from the Western Winter-mare Rockaberry Lane, a full-sister to Gr1 winner Solo Traveller.

Stallion Cup Raceday

There is plenty of excitement amongst Cape breeders and owners as the first R4 million Cape Stallion Cup Race day takes shape. The idea behind the day is to give back to owners and buyers and create a positive for Cape Breeders and for Cape Racing - and also to increase prize monies. Ultimately the aim is to achieve growth and improvement in the Winter Series in the Western Cape and to support the industry. Watch this space!



Dream Start

SA champion freshman sire Gimmethegreenlight has continued his phenomenal churn of winners with another three victories this past weekend. Owner Ken Truter summed it up well, saying: "It is almost unbelievable. I haven't seen anything on this scale since Captain Al came out firing!" Another proud Dad is Frankel, who has made a terrific start to his stud career with 15 winners already on the board and 9 individual winners from just 13 of his offspring who have hit the racecourse. And we hear there are some big guns waiting to be unholstered!

Roadshow

The National Horseracing Authority are holding information roadshows which will prove of great value to trainers and veterinarians. The KZN show is on Friday 26 August, they are in Kimberley on Monday 29 August and then to the Western Cape on Friday 2 September. They round off in the Eastern Cape on Tuesday, 6 September 2016. Contact Cindy Areias at 011 683 9283 / cindy@nhra.co.za