



GO - YOU GOOD THING

What next? Punters in Australia can bet on where Pokémon will be found in Sydney. Hyde Park is favourite, the Opera House second.

Australian online bookmaker Sportbets have opened betting markets on a variety of Pokémon Go-related topics.

On the question of whether Pokémon Go will have more users than Twitter in 2016, the company is offering A\$1.05 for "Yes" and A\$8.50 for "No."

On the question of whether it will surpass Facebook's users, it's offering A\$1.08 for "No" and A\$7.00 for "Yes".

Globetrotters



Courtesy of Mike de Kock Racing, the news from Abington Place in Newmarket is that Noah From Goah, Megnaas and Light The Lights are doing well, along with Alec Laird's Met winner Smart Call. The De Kock trio will spend another 2-3 months at Newmarket before departing for Dubai, while Smart Call will be going on to the United States.

Call Of The Paddock

Star filly Siren's Call will retire to Drakenstein Stud this season. Trained by Sean Tarry and ridden by Piere Strydom in almost all of her races, Siren's Call retires having amassed over R2.5m in prize money. She won 5 of her 10 starts, including the first two legs of the Wilgerbosdrift Triple Tiara- the Gr2 Fillies Guineas, and the Gr1 Fillies Classic. She was narrowly denied in the final leg, finishing second by the proverbial whisker in the Gr1 Oaks. Siren's Call injured a ligament whilst prepping for the 2016 Maine Chance Gr1 Paddock Stakes, and while she has made a significant recovery, the connections have made the decision to retire her to stud on veterinary advice. Trainer Sean Tarry said: "I don't think that anyone realises just how good a racehorse this filly was". One of the best of a stellar generation of fillies, Siren's Call beat top fillies Smart Call, Same Jurisdiction and Trophy Wife each time they met at Turffontein in the 2015 season. Siren's Call is by Elusive Fort out of the West Man mare, Siren's Cove.

Double Century

National Champion trainer Sean Tarry battered Justin Snaith's record of 198 wins and registered a career milestone when reaching a record of 200 winners for the season on Saturday at Greyville. Lady Of Kildare marked the occasion with a great win in the Listed Off To Stud Stakes. Tarry saddled another 3 winners at Turffontein on Sunday and is in an unassailable position at the top of the National Trainer log. Last season his stakes tally of R25.9m looked a hard act to follow - but that has already been beaten.

Pat On The Hat



Jockey Andrew Fortune is worth his weight in entertainment gold - probably because he knows how to push the envelope. His sheer brilliance in the saddle was shown to great effect in the third race at Turffontein on Sunday when he outgunned the opposition to win on the 9-1 shot Perfect Order. But he was charged with a contravention of Rule 62.2.2 in that he rode the horse in an unprofessional manner by patting Jockey M van Rensburg on Takamaka on his skull cap in the closing stages.

Fortune signed an Admission of Guilt and was fined R2500.

UNDER THE COSH

Racing Australia has invited written submissions as part of its review into the controversial whip rules. Last month, RA announced a sub committee chaired by former Victorian chief steward Des Gleeson to look into the latest version of the rule introduced in December. Under this rule, a jockey is limited to five non consecutive strikes before the 100 metres with no distinction between forehand and backhand.

On The Mend



Faugheen may start his preparations for the new jumps season as early as next week after recovering from the injury he sustained in February. The 2015 Champion Hurdle winner was a red-hot favourite to retain his crown last season before he damaged a suspensory ligament in the lead-up to the defence of his title at Cheltenham. Patrick Mullins, assistant trainer to his father Willie, reported the eight-year-old in good form. Great news for jumps fans!

Skyler's A Winner

It was a great week for Milnerton trainer, 'Oupa' Paul Reeves. Granddaughter Skyler was born on 12 July to his daughter Stacey and her hubby, jockey Devin Ashby. The bundle of joy weighed in at 3.2kg. On Saturday Oupa saddled the winning exacta in the Kenilworth first race with Newsman waltzing away to beat Bird's Eye View - it doesn't get better than that in four days!

Congrats to all



Make Your Cross

Due to the Municipal Elections, Wednesday, 3 August 2016, has been declared a public holiday.

As a result, Gold Circle have advised that the racemeeting scheduled for Greyville has been changed to a Day / Night meeting, first race due off at 16:10 and last race at 20:00.