

Sally's Got Style

A graded stakes winning filly out of the smart SA-bred racemare Sally Bowles (London News) sold for \$700 000 at Monday's Fasig Tipton November Sale in Kentucky. A daughter of More Than Ready, Consumer Credit is out of the Team Valor raced National Yearling Sale graduate Sally Bowles, a winner of the 2007 Gr2 KRA Fillies Guineas. Trained by Saudi-based Neil Bruss in her SA track career, Sally Bowles defeated subsequent J&B Met winner River Jetez, champion Sun Classique, as well as Gr1 winners Ethereal Lady, Outcome and Royal Fantasy in her biggest victory. She was also placed in North America and the USA. She is also the dam of the stakes placed Proud Citizen colt London Citizen and winning Curlin colt Larrymoeandcurlin. Consumer Credit was originally purchased for \$185 000 at the 2013 Keeneland September sale.

Ice Hot

Treble Gr1 winner Frosted retires to Darley's Jonabell Farm as Tapit's highest-earning USA based runner with \$3,972,800 in earnings and a 6-6-2 record out of 19 starts for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. He will stand for a fee of \$50,000. With an outstanding pedigree and



movie star good looks, Frosted, who raced in Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin silks, has been labelled a sire for the future.

NICO'S BACK

Alistair Cohen's USA holiday was a bit awkwardly timed, it seems! Gauteng based commentator Nico Kritsiotis emerged from five days missing in action and made a welcome return back to the commentary box at the Vaal on Tuesday. He was admitted to hospital last Wednesday evening after contracting a viral infection following what he termed 'the most enjoyable Algoa Cup raceday ever' at Fairview the previous weekend. He paid tribute to his colleagues Craig Peters and Rouvaun Smit, who stood in for him so professionally at Turffontein and Flamingo Park.

Losing Ways

The scrapping of this past Monday evening's popular Winning Ways show without any advance warning is a reflection of the lack of customer empathy by some of those that run the sport. We care less why they did it, as to why they simply blundered forward without even a token communication. If nobody gave a thought to telling the customer, then all the talk, promises and appointments of 'key' personnel are just wafts of dirty smoke.

Justified

There will be some smiles after the Breeders' Cup two day extravaganza. Classic Empire's win in the Breeders Cup Juvenile and his emergence as likely champion 2-year-old colt, plus the good run by Midnight Storm to finish third in the Mile, must have provided some welcome reassurance to the breeders who supported Pioneerof the Nile this year at his elevated fee of \$125,000. TDN report that making Pioneerof the Nile a six-figure stallion brought him into close competition in 2016 not only with his son American Pharoah (at \$200,000) but also with his repatriated sire Empire Maker (at \$100,000). Whereas American Pharoah was asked to cover 208 mares and Empire Maker 130, Pioneerof The Nile covered a book of 120 mares, compared to the 137 he had received at \$60,000 in 2015. His fee has been adjusted to \$110,000 for next year.

Sobering Name

The Lucky Houdalakis-trained Philanthropist gelding Joyphillypist made his debut at the Vaal on Tuesday. The Gary Player Stud-bred 3yo shares the last four letters of his sire's name but has a moniker designed to make racecallers feel slightly awkward. We are sure the connections won't be drinking tea when he registers his first win!



Charity Day

The 15th Annual St Laurence's Children's Haven Race Day will be held at Turffontein this Saturday. The dress code is 'support the Springboks' and the function will go from 12h00 to late in the Aquanaut Room. Graeme Hawkins will be the Master Of Ceremonies. We hear from veteran trainer Brian Wiid - who fancies Bankable Teddy in the feature, by the way - that his longstanding patron Geoff Hodges, owner of Lee's Pick in the fourth on the day, does an outstanding job with this excellent cause and caring haven for abused children. Please support this worthy day - email garypat@absamail.co.za

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On the subject of names, Varsfontein Stud had the honour of breeding the outstanding Captain Al's 73rd individual stakes winner when the never-say-die Doosra won the Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes on Saturday. Raced by the Wernars family, who had such a memorable day on Saturday, Doosra is bred on the same Captain Al/Caesour cross as the ill-fated Gr1 Paddock Stakes winner Emerald Cove. For those wondering about the name, it is in keeping with Carl de Vos' love of cricketing terms and means 'a leg break bowled with an apparent off-break action'.

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Silvano's smashing daughter Girl On The Run, owned by Maine Chance Farms, was her champion sire's 64th individual stakes winner when skating home to win the Gr3

Yellowwood Handicap on Saturday. She is out of the Badger Land mare Girl From Granada and looks a decent stayer in the making - the mating having also produced former Gr2 SA Oaks winner Happy Spirit, Listed Winter Oaks winner We Three and Gr3 Winter Derby winner Gifted For Glory.

Saftote Issues



The Tab website www.tabonline.co.za has been running smoothly for quite a while but has hit a wet patch in recent weeks. We have even detected frustration on the part of the Tellytrack presenters. We have been regularly contacted by punters and always pass the fault reports on to the relevant persons for action - who coincidentally are always immediately responsive at all times of the day. In this day and age it does seem ludicrous though that a multi-million rand business just can't seem to sort out a website.