

1 Month holiday. That's how long thirteen time Hong Kong champion jockey Dougie Whyte got for failing to ride out Scales Of Justice to the line in the Gr1 Kingston Town Classic. Despite the support of the horse's trainer Lindsey Smith and managing owner Chris Wells, the 45yo superstar was handed the heavy sanction on Friday, six days after the race was won narrowly by Stratum Star.

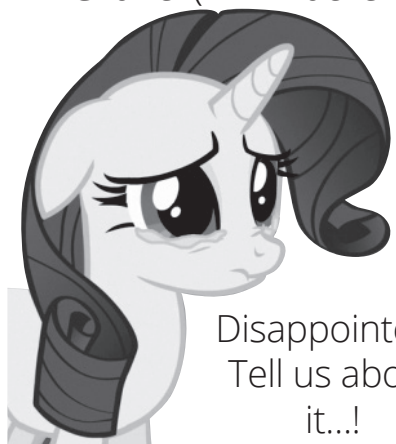
35 Years – the length of patience with the expensive hobby of owning required to celebrate a first feature winner for Racing Association CEO Larry Wainstein. The popular Racing Executive's moment in the sun came courtesy of the Joey Soma trained Fortissima who won – you guessed it – the Gr3 Racing Association Handicap on Summer Cup day. The

CEO was thrilled to be acknowledged with an owner of the week award by – you guessed it – the Racing Association. Well done Larry.



Emotional Rescue?

Owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms and punters feel it. So do horses it seems. The Vaal Stipes Report from Saturday tells the whole story: 'At approximately the 500m Silver Stripe (P Strydom) which was hard ridden, was disappointed when attempting to make his run between Inga (M Yeni) and A P Chanel (*M Thackeray)'.



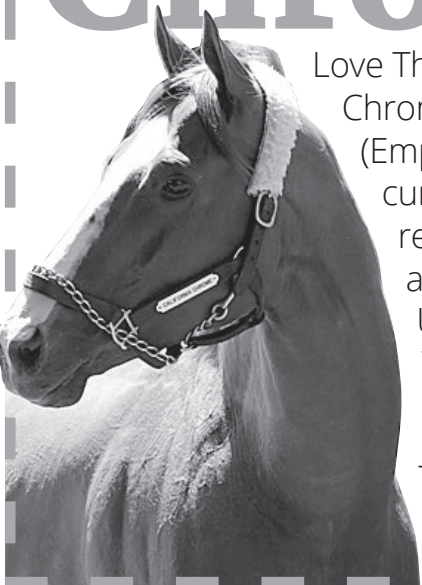
Disappointed? Tell us about it...!



Frankel First

The 2yo filly Soul Stirring was an impressive winner of the Gr1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies over a mile at Hanshin, Japan, on Sunday. In the process she became the first Group One and sixth stakes winner worldwide for first season sire Frankel (Galileo). Soul Stirring, is the second foal of six-time Gr1 winner Stacelita (Monsun). Frankel is third in the leading first season sires table in Great Britain by earnings behind Sir Prancealot (Tamayuz) and Sepoy (Elusive Quality).

Chrome Gold



Love The Chase (Not For Love), the dam of California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), will visit Pioneer of The Nile (Empire Maker) in 2017. Love The Chase, who is currently in foal to leading sire Tapit (Pulpit), was recently purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock at the FasigTipton November Mixed Sale for US\$1,950,000. Pioneer of The Nile is the sire of the Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, Classic Empire, winner of this year's Gr1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile and the Gr1 winner Midnight Storm. Pioneer of The Nile stands at WinStar Farm in Kentucky where his fee for 2017 is US\$110 000.

Nudge, Nudge

Australia's reigning Horse of the Year Winx has been installed odds-on favourite to win Sydney's richest race in the autumn – the A\$4 million weight-for-age Queen Elizabeth Stakes, which is run at Randwick in April. Winx has not been beaten since her second in the ATC Australian Oaks in April last year, winning her past 13 starts including the 2015 and 2016 Cox Plates at Moonee Valley. Winx won her second Cox Plate last month by a record eight lengths before she was sent for a spell. She is also the early favourite to join Kingston Town as the winner of three Cox Plates.

20 000

That's the Racing Association bonus cheque handed to Snaith assistant trainer Choppies McLachlan at Fairview on Friday after owner Fred Crabbia's Casino King had shed his maiden. The former trainer's chirp on the lines of 'thanks but I don't know if it makes much of a difference' was brutal honesty at its' most refreshing. Crabbia is one of our biggest owners.

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Winners over 4 days of racing for Paarl-based trainer Glen Kotzen at 4 different racecourses in 3 different provinces must surely be something of a record. That's what the bang in-form Woodhill Racing team achieved from last Friday at Fairview, to the same evening at Greyville, then Kenilworth on Saturday, to a wet Scottsville on Sunday – and finally back to a sunny Kenilworth on Tuesday!

ZOFFANY RULES

Justin Snaith's Gr2 Golden Horseshoe winner Zodiac Ruler lines up in Saturday's Gr1 Cape Guineas with a big shout to give Zoffany another credit. The son of Dansili sired his 11th stakes winner when the Stefano Botti trained 2yo Opinion Maker (ex Bella Estella by Sternkoenig) ran out a narrow winner of the Listed Criterium Di Pisa at Pisa, Italy, on Sunday. Zoffany shuttled to Coolmore Australia for four seasons between 2012 and 2015.