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r2 - (1) Rand Hedge (1/1)

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r1 - (5) Uncle JB (1/1)

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
r5-(3) Chevauchee (5/2)

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
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Selangor Cup winner Gold Standard has a point to prove | W Marks

# Table Bay: Storm Warning

Gr1 Cape Guineas - Kenilworth

Consider Table Bay's below-par Selangor Cup showing as a rare off-day and suddenly Joey Ramsden's top colt becomes a good thing for Saturday's R1 million Gr1 Cape Guineas.

The Redoute's Choice colt came of age with a sensational score in the Cape Classic, which had seasoned veterans labelling him 'The Next Big Thing'. But then came the Selangor Cup. Over 200m further he fluffed his lines, with a way-below-par third behind Gold Standard and Edict Of Nantes. What to think?

On Saturday he comes in rated head and shoulders above his fifteen rivals, with Marcus back aboard, and a midfield draw - it could be a stormy redemption!

If there is anything to beat Table Bay, it certainly

could be Selangor Cup winner Gold Standard. The son of Trippi hails from a hot jockey-trainer combo and was impressive when winning the Gr2 Selangor mile.

There are no less than five runners whose jockeys will sport the Mayfair Speculators silks. The best of them looks to be Edict Of Nantes who was less than a length off Gold Standard and two lengths ahead of Table Bay in the Selangor - and he certainly was running on strongly at the business end.

Mike de Kock has whittled down his 2016 Cape Guineas bid to just one, Australian-bred Heavenly Blue - an exciting son of Snitzel. The grey should relish the long run-in and comes here fighting fit after two good seconds in the Graham Beck Stakes (behind Doosra) and the Dingaans. The latter race was won by Singapore Sling, who is also having his first race round a left-hand turn here.

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KENILWORTH ON SATURDAY

KZN visitors Gunner and Hack Green are jointly rated nearest to Table Bay on Merit ratings. Both are well drawn, but will need to raise their game after quiet preps in the six-furlong Gr2 Cape Merchants.

Justin Snaith’s pair of Bishop’s Bounty and Zodiac Ruler will prove competitive on best form. They both ran in the Lanzerac Ready To Run Stakes where Bishop’s Bounty (with Strydom in the saddle) finished three lengths ahead of Zodiac Ruler. It is of some interest that Piere Strydom switches from the former to the latter.

William Longsword has always enjoyed something of a reputation and it was no surprise to see him supplemented after clocking up his fourth win from 6 starts last time.

The longstriding son of Captain Al has beaten little of note, though, and was well behind Gold Standard in the Selangor at his first try in this league. That said, he’s certainly an improver.

Sean Tarry saddles Africa Rising, who finally cracks a decent draw. He ran on steadily for a three length finish behind stablemate Safe Harbour in the Lanzerac Ready To Run Stakes, and looks set to improve over the extra 200m.

Dynasty colt Craven gives trainer Brett Crawford and jockey Bernard Fayd’herbe an opportunity to repeat their 2013 success with Elusive Gold.

Elevated represents a first Cape Guineas runner for the trainer-combo of Riaan Van Reenen and Carl Burger. He has run five seconds on the trot – including one to Table Bay in the Cape Classic.

Pacific Spirit is a PE raider and certainly warrants the travel costs outlay based on his good form in his five starts, winning three of them. There are different fish in this water, though.

Elusive Path was well beaten by Table Bay in the Cape Classic and looks held by the Ramsden star. But he’d subsequently caught the eye with a forward showing in the Lanzerac Ready To Run Stakes when prominent for a long way and beaten only a length by winner Safe Harbour.

Gr1 Cape Guineas past winners		
<b>2012</b>		
1	Capetown Noir	58.0 (4) 1/1
2	Chave De Oura	58.0 (7) 40/1
3	Black Toga	58.0 (3) 13/2
<b>2013</b>		
1	Elusive Gold	58.0 (7) 28/1
2	Captain America	58.0 (8) 2/1
3	Red Ray	58.0 (11) 5/1
<b>2014</b>		
1	Act Of War	58.0 (2) 13/20
2	Harry's Son	58.0 (5) 6/1
3	Kingvoldt	58.0 (7) 14/1
<b>2015</b>		
1	Noah From Goa	60.0 (3) 5/1
2	Brazuca	60.0 (9) 8/1
3	Nassa	60.0 (16) 11/1

START 3:50PM KENILWORTH	7	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 Gr1 CAPE GUINEAS - 1600M SAME TRAINER:(1-16-17)(5-9) (6-12-18)(7-15)	
		Redoute's Choice	1 TABLE BAY(J Ramsden) A Marcus ..... 8 60.0
		Gimmethgreenlight	2 GUNNER(PM Gadsby) B Lerena..... 1 60.0
		Gimmethgreenlight	3 HACK GREEN(DR Drier) S Veale ..... 6 60.0
		Snitzel	4 HEAVENLY BLUE(MF de Kock) Wei Marwing. 17 60.0
		Zoffany	5 ZODIAC RULER(J Snaith) P Strydom..... 13 60.0
		Count Dubois	6 EDICT OF NANTES(BJ Crawford) C Orffer..... 18 60.0
		Captain Al	7 WILLIAM LONGSWORD(VH Marshall) M Byleveld... 15 60.0
		Philanthropist	8 SINGAPORE SLING(GV Woodruff) G Lerena: 10 60.0
		Western Winter	9 BISHOP'S BOUNTY (J Snaith) A Domeyer..... 3 60.0
		Visionaire	10 AFRICA RISING(SG Tarry) S Khumalo..... 2 60.0
		Trippi	11 GOLD STANDARD(GS Kotzen) R Fourie..... 7 60.0
		Dynasty	12 CRAVEN(BJ Crawford) B Fayd'herbe..... 4 60.0
		Elusive Fort	13 ELEVATED(Burger/Ivan Reenen) G Cheyne..... 14 60.0
		Sail From Seattle	14 PACIFIC SPIRIT(Y Bremner) JP vd Merwe.... 11 60.0
		Pathfork	15 ELUSIVE PATH(VH Marshall) G v Niekerk..... 9 60.0
		New Approach	16 A NEW DAWN(J Ramsden) D Dillon..... 5 60.0
		Mambo In Seattle	17 I TRAVEL LIGHT(J Ramsden) - reserve 1..... 16 60.0
		Bold Silvano	18 BOLDLY RESPECTABLE(BJ Crawford) - reserve 2... 12 60.0

Bay as the anchor in exotics, or else it is anyone’s race. The latter group including Gold Standard, Heavenly Blue, and Singapore Sling – with more in the wings.

Rex Emperor

Gr2 Premier Trophy - Kenilworth

Mike de Kock side-steps the Cape Guineas with Bold Rex, opting rather to take on what looks to be a beatable bunch of older horses. This 1800m contest traditionally hosts mostly future Met entries, but the eight-horse field bucks the trend for the 2016 renewal, with only three among the current Met hopefuls of which Bold Rex is one.

The weight conditions of this race are close to weight-for-age (3yo’s to receive 7kg in December over 1800m), as 3yo’s carry a base 51kg, 4yo’s 57.5kg and 5yo’s and older 58kg. Penalties are 2kg for a Gr1 and 1kg for a Gr2 win.

A winner of four of his ten starts, Bold Rex has run two top-class feature places, including a third to Bezanova in an admittedly false-run Victory Moon Stakes. Bold Rex emerged from that with a 101 rating – the maximum 6 point penalty he could get in terms of the race conditions. It was a cracking effort and Bold Rex actually ran closer to a 108, according to the official handicapper. He didn’t quite confirm that at his next start in the fast-run Din-gaans, briefly looking to threaten before finishing 4 lengths third to Singapore Sling and Heavenly Blue who both run in the Cape Guineas.

St Tropez returns to his original home-base after a tough KZN and Joburg campaign that yielded little. Often fancied, he is a horse that has shown flashes of ability – but has yet to deliver. He was beaten almost ten lengths in the Summer Cup.

4yo Icy Trail won his last two starts, beating the talented Prince Of Wales on both occasions. Those were handicaps and the 4kg swing in favour of Prince Of Wales could be a bridge too far for Icy Trail. His stablemate Helderberg Blue has his third dip at winning this race, following a second to Dynamic in 2014 and third behind stablemate Paterfamilias last year. Last time out he was not per-severed with in the Green Point Stakes, finishing when tailed off behind Legal Eagle.

Justin Snaith saddles the rest – a whole 50% of the field with four runners. Khumalo takes the reins on the very consistent Prince Of Wales, who has come up through the handicaps with good credentials over the past six months. Topweight Ovidio will be ridden by Piere Strydom. He was scratched with an elevated temperature from his scheduled last start in the Kenilworth Cup, and this looks to be a prep for the Met day staying race. The now 7yo Dynamic beat Helderberg Blue to win this race in 2014 – and has not won a race since. Kram-bambuli has not won a race in over 14 months. He ran on well at his penultimate

Gr2 Premier Trophy  
past winners

<b>2012</b>		
1	Beach Beauty	57.0 (3) 3/1
2	Run For It	57.5 (2) 28/10
3	Master Plan	60.0 (5) 8/1
<b>2013</b>		
1	Master Of My Fate	56.5 (5) 7/2
2	Hill Fifty Four	59.0 (11) 20/1
3	Paterfamilias	56.5 (8) 11/1
<b>2014</b>		
1	Dynamic	59.5 (5) 12/1
2	Helderberg Blue	59.0 (3) 5/2
3	Power King	60.0 (2) 12/1
<b>2015</b>		
1	Paterfamilias	58.0 (2) 14/10
2	Gold Onyx	58.0 (3) 14/1
3	Helderberg Blue	58.0 (5) 9/1

START  
3:15PM  
KENILWORTH

6

PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2  
Gr2 PREMIER TROPHY - 1800M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-3-4-6)(2-7)

Danehill Dancer	1 OVIDIO(J Snaith) P Strydom..... 1 60.0
Jet Master	2 HELDERBERG BLUE(C Bass-Robinson) R Fourie.... 6 59.0
Dynasty	3 DYNAMIC(J Snaith) G Cheyne..... 8 59.0
Black Minnaloushe	4 KRAMBAMBULI(J Snaith) A Domeyer..... 7 59.0
Silvano	5 ST TROPEZ(J Ramsden) A Marcus..... 5 59.0
Dynasty	6 PRINCE OF WALES(J Snaith) S Khumalo..... 3 58.5
Go Deputy	7 ICY TRAIL(C Bass-Robinson) G v Niekerk..... 4 58.5
Bold Silvano	8 BOLD REX(MF de Kock) M Byleveld..... 2 52.0



## KENILWORTH ON SATURDAY

start for a two length fourth to Nebula in the Gr3 Algoa Cup, but last time out was nine lengths behind Whisky Baron.

The pace could play a role as it so often does down in Cape Town. But with two yards holding the ascendancy in numbers and preferring a pace, it should be a true-run affair in which Bold Rex can secure his Sun Met berth.

## Speed Is The Key

### Gr3 Cape Summer Stayers Handicap - Kenilworth

**At last. A staying race with a double digit entry. That's a rarity down Kenilworth way and should make for a most interesting contest.**

The honour roll shows that no trainer has dominated this race down the years, but Dean Kannemeyer is one man keen to reverse that trend. He saddled Blake and subsequent Gold Cup winner In Writing to win in 2011 and 2012 respectively, and it is no secret that he rates both of his runners here as being class stayers on their day.

KZN Derby winner Cape Speed has had one fair prep since finishing unplaced in the Gold Cup at the end of last term. He patiently needed the run when chasing the free striding Kilrain home in an MR 95 Handicap and he will have come on from that outing. His Lonsdale Stirrup Cup winning stablemate Balance Sheet has developed a bad habit at the starting stalls and was never in it last

time in a 1400m prep.

Mike de Kock's Smart Mart won a hard fought tussle in the Kenilworth Cup last time. He comes in with a handy galloping weight here and should go close again.

Geoff Woodruff's Gold Bowl winner Arch Rival has his first run in the Cape, after a below-par effort in the Java Handicap last month.

Justin Snaith, who won this last year with Current Event, has a trio

in the race.

Ultimate Dollar, who is drawn

wide, is a class sort who tries the 2500m for the first time. East Cape Derby winner Captain Splendid

failed to kick in the Kenilworth Cup and looks held by Smart Mart on that showing, but is drawn well and gets the services of Pieter Strydom. His year older stablemate Arezzo finished two lengths ahead of him in the Kenilworth Cup and they meet on the same weight terms.

Royal Badge is winless in just under a year, but ran a good race when less than two lengths behind Marinaresco in the Winter Classic last May. He tries serious ground and will be near peak fitness after two prep runs this term.

Vaughan Marshall's pair of Gothic and Dynastic Power will have their supporters. The now 7yo Gothic is a decent stayer whose mental block in the finish has cost him a few first cheques. He has to be better than a three-time winner and will get every inch of the 2500m.

Dynastic Power has battled to find his form since a sensational victory over Power King in the 2015 Betting World 1900.

Three Balloons finished just ahead of his stablemate My World in the Kenilworth Cup, less than a length off winner Smart Mart. There should again be little between them.

Roman Discent comes in at the base of the handicap.

Staying handicaps are never simple to dissect, with the pace a big unknown- speed is the key. Cape Speed represents the class and could regain his winning ways if he can get past handily weighted Smart Mart, Royal Badge and Captain Splendid.

### Gr3 Summer Stayers past winners

#### 2012

1 In Writing	60.5 (3) 14/1
2 Jeppe's Reef	53.5 (10) 8/1
3 Putney Flyer	53.5 (8) 7/1

#### 2013

1 Tippuana Moon	52.0 (6) 10/1
2 Posh Boy	52.5 (9) 16/1
3 Paddy O'Reilly	58.0 (2) 14/1

#### 2014

1 Coltrane	57.0 (7) 25/1
2 Gothic	56.5 (9) 5/1
3 Current Event	52.0 (5) 8/1

#### 2015

1 Current Event	54.5 (6) 20/1
2 Kingston Mines	59.5 (5) 7/1
3 Coltrane	60.5 (3) 11/2

START  
5:00PM  
KENILWORTH

9

PA7/PICK SIX6

Gr3 CAPE SUMMER STAYERS - 2500M  
SAME TRAINER: (1-2)(3-7-8)(5-6)(9-12)

Silvano  
Ideal World  
Jet Master  
A P Arrow  
Silvano  
Dynasty  
Captain Al  
Go Deputy  
Ideal World  
Go Deputy  
Mambo In Seattle  
Judpot  
Dynasty

1	BALANCE SHEET (D Kannemeyer) D Dillon	3	60.0
2	CAPE SPEED (D Kannemeyer) G Behr	10	58.5
3	ULTIMATE DOLLAR (J Snaith) S Khumalo	13	58.5
4	ARCH RIVAL (G Woodruff) G Lerena	7	58.0
5	GOTHIC (VH Marshall) L Africa	11	58.0
6	DYNASTIC POWER (VH Marshall) A Domeyer	6	57.5
7	CAPTAIN SPLENDID (J Snaith) P Strydom	1	55.5
8	AREZZO (J Snaith) G Cheyne	9	55.0
9	MY WORLD (C Bass-Robinson) R Fourie	5	53.5
10	ROYAL BADGE (AN Marcus) C Orfler	4	53.0
11	SMART MART (MF de Kock) M Byleveld	12	53.0
12	THREE BALLOONS (C Bass-Robinson) G v Niekerk	2	52.5
13	ROMAN DISCENT (GW Ennon) O Noach	8	52.0

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## KENILWORTH ON SATURDAY

# Tarry vs. The Locals

## Gr3 Victress Stakes - Kenilworth

The inclusion of Sean Tarry's Fillies Mile runner-up Tambalang in this line-up could give the locals something to think about. She is the only visitor and lone 3yo in a competitive field for this 1800m contest, where historically short-priced favourites have bit the dust a few times. Last year the first three home had SP's of 20/1, 18/1 and 50/1.

The base-weights are 57kg for 4yo and up and 50.5kg for 3yo's, with penalties for the older group: 3kg for Gr1 win, 2kg for Gr2 and 1kg for Gr3.

Team Tarry aren't scared to travel and the move to take on the older established locals with lightly raced Tambalang is a vote of confidence and also a test of her



Nightingale has the ability to win | Gold Circle

she is rated MR 89- and still on the up.

Last year's runner-up Harlem Shake has her second run of the season. The Final Fling Stakes winner is a gutsy and aggressive racer who is perfectly distance suited and will strip fitter after her end November prep over 1400m.

Nightingale also has had one prep. She previously acquitted herself well when placed in the Gr1 Woolavington 2000 and Gr2 Gold Bracelet. The course and distance winner looks set for a big effort.

Goodtime Gal, drawn in pole position, is a consistent placer who will not lack in the fitness department with four excellent lead-up runs, including a second in the Gr3 Diana Stakes.

Justin Snaith has a strong hand with his trio. Fear Not ran a cracking second to Icy Fire last time and now enjoys a 1.5kg pull for a neck beating.

Settlers Trophy winner Francia has done well in decent male company and has maintained consistent form. She has Marcus up, while Strydom takes the ride on Qing, who won four on the trot in her 3yo term but has not quite been as effective recently.

Icy Fire won her last two starts, after chasing home Harlem Shake in the Final Fling Stakes and now meets that opponent on a kilo better terms for a length and

three-quarter beating. Quine has won 4 of her 6 starts to date, and steps up to 1800m for her first big test. The stable were victorious last year with 20/1 shot Ma Choix.

Anglet, lightly raced this year, is slowly regaining her best form.

The Marshall pair of Tonya and Adoradodo are both fit and well drawn, with on ratings Tonya the more competitive of the two.

In the absence of a real top filly (as in the years of Dancer's Daughter and River Jetez) anything looks to be possible, although Nightingale and Goodtime Gal stand out somewhat, not discounting Tarry's 3yo Tambalang.

## Gr3 Victress Stakes past winners

### 2012

1 Razzle Dazzle Rose	58.5 (1) 8/1
2 Beloved Betty	58.5 (4) 10/1
3 Dubai Gina	59.5 (10) 75/20

### 2013

1 Jet Aglow	58.5 (6) 19/20
2 Hammie's Hooker	60.0 (2) 5/1
3 Dubai Gina	58.5 (8) 20/1

### 2014

1 Jet Supreme	60.0 (9) 8/1
2 Acrostar	59.5 (8) 12/10
3 Indaba	52.0 (4) 11/2

### 2015

1 Ma Choix	58.0 (15) 20/1
2 Harlem Shake	51.5 (11) 18/1
3 Can Cope	58.0 (3) 50/1

START  
4:25PM  
KENILWORTH

8

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
Gr3 VICTRESS STAKES (F&M) - 1800M  
SAME TRAINER: (4-5-7) (10-11)

Warm White Night  
Silvano  
Royal Air Force  
Ideal World  
Dynasty  
Western Winter  
Dynasty  
Querari  
Biarritz  
Dynasty  
Alado  
Go Deputy

1 HARLEM SHAKE (GR Puller) H vd Hoven	9	60.0
2 NIGHTINGALE (C Bass-Robinson) G v Niekerk	6	59.0
3 GOODTIME GAL (M Robinson) R Fourie	1	59.0
4 FEAR NOT (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	4	59.0
5 FRANCIA (J Snaith) A Marcus	3	59.0
6 ICY FIRE (BJ Crawford) G Cheyne	5	59.0
7 QING (J Snaith) P Strydom	12	59.0
8 QUINE (A Nel) A Domeyer	8	59.0
9 ANGLET (PP Kruger) G Lerena	11	59.0
10 TONYA (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	7	59.0
11 ADORADA (VH Marshall) L Africa	2	59.0
12 TAMBALANG (SG Tarry) S Khumalo	10	52.5

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14Dec	2300	2425	2300	59,188
13Dec	2347	2347	2325	13,030
12Dec	2347	2349	2275	934
9Dec	2250	2250	2205	4,400
8Dec	2373	2387	2100	10,540
7Dec	2400	2400	2300	2,200
6Dec	2400	2425	2200	5,534
5Dec	2478	2478	2350	91,093
2Dec	2350	2350	2150	548
1Dec	2390	2390	2350	5,271
30Nov	2396	2396	2396	0
29Nov	2396	2396	2396	1,074
28Nov	2396	2400	2300	41,467
25Nov	2400	2400	2400	0
24Nov	2400	2430	2350	10,056
23Nov	2400	2400	2400	10,000
22Nov	2524	2523	5076	41
21Nov	2425	2478	2300	9,245
18Nov	2478	2478	2425	2,100
17Nov	2424	2425	2300	6,464
16Nov	2425	2429	2400	2,420
15Nov	2430	2430	2430	0
14Nov	2430	2430	2430	0
11Nov	2430	2440	2430	24,464
10Nov	2440	2440	2440	11,450
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**Winners of the Cape Guineas have traditionally gone on to remarkable successes. Not just in South Africa, but also abroad, despite the major hurdles put in front of those wanting to travel to far-away shores. Variety Club and Jay Peg have put South Africa firmly on the international map. Added to success on the track, a high proportion of Cape Guineas winners went on to become stallions - some, like Captain Al, spectacularly so. And let's not forget their dams, a group with a high proportion of Broodmare Of The Year winners.**

Memory is short. So just for fun, here's a brief history of a decade of Cape Guineas hero's. They are shown with date, weight, draw, and odds – the latter suggesting that finding winners for the famous mile is quite predictable, most of the time.

## Jan 2005 - RABIYA 57.0 (2) 5/1

*Bred by Fieldspring Racing's John Newsome, the grey Rabiya was by Jallad and the first foal of Royal Academy-mare Mystic Spring, subsequently voted Broodmare of the Year, and later also dam of Bela-Bela and Secret Of Victoria.*

Trained by Dean Kannemeyer, Rabiya came into the Guineas as the winner of two races from six starts.

He followed up a month later in the Gr2 Cape Derby, then reappeared 3 months later to win the Daily News 2000, which made him favourite at 28/10 for the Rothmans July. He tragically broke down during that race and did not survive.

## Jan 2006 - EXPRESS WAY 57.0 (8) 18/10

*Bred in Argentina, Express Way was by Royal Academy out of the Roi Normand mare Night-Fall, who was already represented in SA by stakes placed Australlis, and later would have Cape Guineas third Galaxy.*

Trained by Dean Kannemeyer, Express Way came into the Guineas as unbeaten winner of 4 starts. The remainder of his 3yo career was an anti-climax, with one fourth place from four starts. He raced in Dubai as a 4yo, finishing third in the Shadwell Trophy over a mile and earning a 108 Timeform rating. Express Way returned to South Africa to take up stud duties at Rosedene Stud, but did not produce anything of note.

## Jan 2007 - JAY PEG 57.0 (2) 22/10



*Bred by High Season Stud, Jay Peg was from the first crop of AP Indy stallion Camden Park, out of Al Mufti mare Laptop Lady. He was closely inbred, as AP Indy's dam is half sister to Al Mufti.*

Trained by Basil Marcus, Jay Peg came into the Guineas as a winner of six races from eight starts. He followed up with a win in the Cape Derby three weeks later. Taken to Durban for the winter features, he did not win in three starts. Voted the Champion 3yo Colt for the season, he then travelled to Dubai where he won the Gr1 Dubai Duty Free. This was followed by a victory in the Singapore Cup, bringing his earnings to the equivalent of some R40 million. Jay Peg had a

second season in Dubai, finishing 2nd in the Gr2 Jebel Hatta, then returned to South Africa to take up stud duties at Klawervlei. He has been moderately successful, with 2016 SA Fillies Classic third She's A Dragon his only Gr1 performer.

## Jan 2008 - POINTING NORTH 57.0 (8) 5/2

*Bred by Northwood Stud, Pointing North was by Joshua Dancer out of Model Man mare Compass Point.*

Trained by Robbie Sage, Pointing North came into the Guineas as the unbeaten winner of three races. He did not race in South Africa again after that, and appeared one year later in Dubai. He was unsuccessful there in 2 starts. Taken to the UK, he raced there twice in August 2009 in Listed company, without getting on the board.

## Dec 2008 - LE DRAKKAR 57.0 (14) 5/1

*Le Drakkar was bred in Australia, by Danzig-stallion Anabaa out of NZ-mare My Mo Rally.*

Trained by Dean Kannemeyer, he came into the Guineas as the winner of 2 races from four starts. His Guineas win was followed by a third in the Cape Derby. He did not race again in SA, and reappeared a year later in Dubai. His best performance there came in 2011, when third in the Gr2 Al Fahidi.

## Dec 2009 - NOORDHOEK FLYER 57.0 (6) 9/2

*Bred by Wilgerbosdrift, Noordhoek Flyer was imported in utero, and is by Pivotal out of English mare Serra Negra by Kris.*

Trained by Dean Kannemeyer, Noordhoek Flyer came into the Guineas as the winner of one race from five starts. He came out again three weeks later for the Cape Derby, a rough race where he was second by a neck. He ran four more times after that, winning two including the SA Guineas. He entered stud a year later in 2011, at Gary Player Stud. Stakes placed filly Felicity Flyer is his only black type earner to date, and the stallion is no longer in active duty.

## Dec 2010 - SOLO TRAVELLER 58.0 (3) 7/2

*Bred by Lammerskraal Stud, Solo Traveller is by Western Winter out of Jallad mare Strawberry Lane.*

Trained by Justin Snaith, Solo Traveller came into the Guineas with three wins from six starts. He subsequently won the SA Guineas, and was twice Gr1 placed as a 4yo when trained by Mike de Kock. Solo Traveller raced in Mauritius in 2013, for one win from two starts.

## Dec 2011 - VARIETY CLUB 58.0 (5) 9/2

*Bred by Beaumont Stud, Variety Club is by Var out of Secret Prospector-mare La Massine.*

Trained by Joey Ramsden, Variety Club came into the Guineas as winner of 5 races from nine starts. He followed with two second places, in the Queen's Plate and Cape Derby, then won the Winter Derby, SA Guineas and Gold Challenge. As a 4yo Variety Club took the Green Point Stakes, Queen's Plate and Gold Challenge. Voted South Africa's Horse of the Year in 2012 and 2013, he travelled to Dubai early at five. He won the Godolphin Mile there, and a sensational Hong Kong Champions Mile, which earned him a 131 Timeform rating. Retired to stud at Klawervlei in 2015, Variety Club proved infertile and did not sire any offspring.

## A DECADE OF CAPE GUINEAS

**Dec 2012 - CAPETOWN NOIR** 58.0 ( 4 ) 1/1

Bred by Lammerskraal Stud, Capetown Noir is by Western Winter out of Fort Wood-mare Akinfeet. A daughter of Cape Fillies Guineas winner Dance Every Dance and stakes placed in Dubai, Akinfeet was voted Equus Broodmare of the Year.

Trained by Dean Kan-nemeyer, Capetown Noir came into the Guineas as winner of three races from five starts. He followed up with a win in the Cape Derby, and as a 4yo annexed the Queens Plate. Capetown Noir retired to stud in 2015 at Summerhill, where his first crop are foals in 2016.

**Dec 2013 - ELUSIVE GOLD** 58.0 ( 7 ) 28/1

The longest priced winner by far in the last decade, Elusive Gold was bred by Ascot Stud, by Gone West-stallion Sail From Seattle out of Circle Of Gold, by Al Mufti.

Trained by Brett Crawford, Elusive Gold came into the Guineas as winner of two races from four starts. He was exported to Hong Kong following his Guineas win. Renamed Golden Sleep, and trained by Tony Millard, he has won once there from two dozen starts, for earnings of HK\$1.1 million.

**Dec 2014 - ACT OF WAR** 58.0 ( 2 ) 13/20

Bred by Arc-en-Ciel, Act of War is by Dynasty out of Cordoba-mare Si Senorita, who was voted Equus Champion Broodmare in 2015.

Trained by Joey Ramsden, Act of War came into the Guineas with 5 wins and a nose second from six starts. He followed up with a second in the Cape Derby, and a first place in the Winter Derby. Lightly raced as a 4yo, he won the Matchem Stakes before finishing his racing career with a 6th place in the Queen's Plate. Taken to stud, Act Of War served his first mares at Summerhill in 2016. He is the fifth son of Dynasty to make a stallion.

**Dec 2015 - NOAH FROM GOA** 60.0 ( 3 ) 5/1

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift, Noah From Goa is by Storm Cat-stallion Tiger Ridge out of Fort Wood-mare Limerick.

Trained by Mike de Kock, Noah came into the Guineas as winner of four races from five starts. His next start was in the Queen's Plate, where he finished less than two lengths third to Legal Eagle and Legislate. He was not seen out again in SA, and went on the long road to Dubai, where he is set to make his debut early in 2017.

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## Mansour's Mauritius Magic

Newly crowned Mauritius champion jockey Donovan Mansour is a relieved man. His wife Roxy was in labour with their second child when he showed her the air-tickets that would take the young family on an unforgettable journey in 2016.

The 32 year old had reached something of a crossroads in his career when he left Johannesburg after an offer from Mayfair Speculators' Derek Brugman to ride the Jooste horses in the Cape.

But the new dream was shattered after a fall which saw him tear

his quad, groin and lower abdominal muscles. The unlikely jockey – he claimed 4kgs at the age of 24 after a late start to his career – thought back to that trying first year of his training in New Zealand and decided he had to reinvent himself again.

"That was the toughest year of my life. I missed my family terribly but I had to do what I needed to do. New Zealand, when I look back, was a great experience. The Kiwi people are true horsemen and I could not have bought that experience. I lived in the rural Matamata. Blink and you miss it! So you found yourself spending more time with the horses because it was a bit boring. But I learnt a lot." With Dad's biggest fan, 3yo Moskow, and his newborn brother Mikhail in tow, Don and Roxy boarded the Air Mauritius flight ten months ago and headed for Port Louis and an opportunity to ride for the Rameshwar Gujadhur string.

They moved into a self-catering hotel.

"It is very modern and beautiful but next year we will stay in a villa as the kids are driving us mad in the apartment," laughs Roxy as she proudly reflects back.

"We love the island lifestyle. Don finishes work at 07h30 and then it's family time. His job was surprisingly a very good one. The stable normally has 18-20 winners a season but this year they manged 50 plus winners. His trainer is a lovely man and they worked well together. His goal this year was to win the championship. Even though it was going to be very hard, he made it clear to the press and everyone that it was his goal. He also managed a strike rate of over 30%." The championship achievement is put into perspective by Donovan's never-say-die approach to life.

He was off for over 2 years with health issues and Doctors had told him he wouldn't ride again.

"I owe this all to Dr Mathew Leisher. He helped me back to work. I had developed a number of allergies due to my immune system crashing- and would you believe it, horses was one of them!" The family are taking a holiday on their favourite island and are due back in SA next month. "I am going to have a look at Australia sometime in February as a possible move in the future," says Don.

And his best moment of the season?

"Every winner is great. The atmosphere at the Champ de Mars is electric. I was proud to represent South Africa in the jockey international meeting at the last meet and rode 2 winners from 8 rides. That was a highlight!"



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## SUN MET



## Marinaresco Tops The Boards

The Met is in every way the Wimbledon of horse racing in South Africa. The 2017 iteration of this race is just one step away from being a pure WFA championship event with rules which makes it a 'WFA plus a single Gr1 penalty' - and most runners with a real chance would normally have won a Gr1.

The last 3yo to run in the Met was King of Pain in 2013, and the scarcity of 3yo runners must be affected by the proximity of the Cape Derby on the same day. Nominations included four 3yo colts.

Bela-Bela is the only filly nominated, and receiving 2.5kg gives females a fighting chance. In the seven post-Pocket Power Mets only ten fillies have run. Three of ten fillies have won vs four of 100 colts. Within that, Mother Russia ran 2nd twice, and Beach Beauty 5th and 3rd.

As the nominations came out, reigning Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle looked the likely favourite. The Green Point Stakes turned the Met on its head from a betting point of view, as Marinaresco's fantastic turn of speed threw a shadow over Legal Eagle's professional win. Anyone who watched had to wonder whether the half a length deficit could see the tables being turned over an extra 400m and half a kilo advantage. The question was no longer if it was possible, but whether it was probable.

The Met opening betting reflected the Green Point result, bookmakers offering Legal Eagle and Marinaresco at 2/1, and in some quarters as low as 16/10 the pair.

Next in the betting were last season's highly regarded 3yo's It's My Turn, Bela-Bela and Black Arthur. But the market quickly noted that the days of 4yo's with 53kg and 54 kg have come and gone. The drift set in immediately as the task of carrying 57kg to 59.5kg became apparent, making the task of tackling Legal Eagle and the hot challenger more than daunting.

Of the 3yo's only Heavenly Blue has attracted some early ante-post bets from those prepared to forfeit if the horse does not run.

Money talks. Significant wagers on Marinaresco have now flipped him to outright favourite, Legal Eagle slipping out a point out. There is some respect for July winner The Conglomerate, but shopping around can get big odds on the rest.

If you can pick either Marinaresco or Legal Eagle, you are actually being offered odds which could make for a nice bet come Saturday 28th January 2017, and certainly something to double onto.

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## The Forbes List

In what could be something of a record for a husband and wife jockey-trainer combination, Alec and Lezeanne Forbes celebrated a hat-trick of winners at Greyville on Wednesday 14 December. Their winners were Toonani, Jay Jay's Girl and Tanami.

The 40 year old Alec is one of the most underrated senior riders around, while his wife, who cut her teeth with Anthony Cummings in Australia, produces regular winners from her Summerveld yard. She has built a nice string since taking out her licence in September 2013.

## Rock Around The Clock

South Africa now has live racing accompanied by live TV coverage on Tellytrack from 4am every morning until 12.30am the following morning.

Australian racing starts the day, followed by the normal mix of local and international racing through the day. Races from the USA fill the late-night slots. All this subject to availability of international content.

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# Third Seat to El Clasico Taken!

## Ga-Mphahlele, Limpopo resident looks forward to first international trip thanks to Hollywoodbets

**M**atshidiso Maja from Limpopo has an extra reason to be excited this festive season after learning that he will be jetting off to Spain in 2017 to see the El Clasico live. This world-famous soccer derby takes place on the 23rd of April and features two of the top ranked teams in the world: Real Madrid and Barcelona.

The 30-year-old father of two and local policeman was thrilled to hear that he won this grand prize during a fun celebration on Friday the 9th of December at Hollywoodbets' Polokwane branch. "Wow, I am excited to hear that I won! It felt like I was in heaven and the word happy doesn't even describe what I feel. I have never been overseas before and I am looking forward to having fun in Spain and to enjoying the El Clasico with the people there. I have been betting with Hollywoodbets for a long time and I just want to say thank you for this prize. Thank you Hollywoodbets for empowering us!" he said.

Morgan Shandu, National Operations Manager from Hollywoodbets is overjoyed to be able to give their loyal customer this once-in-a-lifetime experience. "Congratulations to Matshidiso! We know he will have a wonderful experience seeing these soccer greats face off in Spain. We give him this grand prize with pleasure, because at Hollywoodbets we strive to give our customers the best service as well as fantastic prizes," said Shandu.

Maja was awarded this prize after being entered into a lucky draw courtesy of using his Hollywoodbets cellphone betting account to place soccer bets. The competition closes on the 31st of December 2016 and Hollywoodbets has just one more seat to Spain up for grabs. The final winner will be announced in January 2017.

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# WHEN TO PLANT A TREE

IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST TIMER RULE

**Hong Kong is the racing model that most look up to and regard as the 'template' for a successful racing jurisdiction. It has been a slow process, but they have had visionary leaders with a commitment to change and have been prepared to take long-term view. The HKJC has always been admired for its turnover and the fact that they can make racing work as a business model, and their International racing festival and large purses have served to put them on the map and attract the world's best - be it horses, jockeys or trainers. With their recent inclusion in Part 1 of the International Pattern or 'Blue Book' as one scribe aptly put it, they have truly arrived.**

With many of our horses, jockeys and trainers lured over there and all returning speaking glowingly of the experience, I have become increasingly interested in Hong Kong and how and why they do things- and more specifically, how they do it so successfully. One of the most interesting things is that despite their perceived success, Hong Kong is constantly striving to improve.

**"I don't want you to think like me, I just want you to think" - Ayn Rand**

This brings me neatly to Charles Faull's philosophy of 'know the game, love the game.' Steve Haskin recently wrote a fantastic piece for the Bloodhorse on how he thinks women are the future of racing. This is because while most male racing fans get introduced to racing via a family member, most women get involved in the sport because they like and know and are passionate about horses and I thought that was pretty interesting.

As I've written before, horse people tend to be fairly well

versed on their subject, so it's hard to fob them off with vague or poor service. When all is said and done, goods aren't sold, they are bought, which implies that you need your customers to WANT to buy them. Therefore you need your customer to trust you and feel comfortable with you. There is a fantastic piece of marketing theory called Raving Fans by Ken Blanchard. In it, he states that generally speaking, customers are only satisfied because their expectations are so low and because no-one else is doing better. And as long as the service is no less mediocre than anything else on offer, you

muddle along just fine. However, if you really want a thriving business, you have to provide such excellent service that you don't simply have satisfied customers, you end up with raving fans.

## Why I think this is possible for racing

There is lots of doom and gloom about how the sport is becoming irrelevant, and we don't appeal to the current generation, etc and I say hogwash. Two recent incidents lead me to this conclusion. The first was a rather fun blog posted by a (female) writer on an equestrian website called The Chronicle Of The Horse, in which she describes taking a racehorse for a gallop. If you mention galloping a racehorse to any red-blooded horse person, the majority will respond with a wistful sigh and the words 'bucket list'. It is something most people seem to put on a pedestal as one of the most wonderful things in the universe. Isn't that interesting?

**It is clear that there is interest from the layman in who we are and what we do from the horse / beauty / sporting perspective, but unless we come out and make ourselves visible, people don't seem to know how to go about it**

Exhibit 2 is from when a local racing yard recently took a load of horses for a splash on Melkbos beach. A local photographer was on hand to shoot some pics and posted them on the Melkbos residents' Facebook page. The photo went viral and given racing's supposed terrible reputation, I followed the ensuing discussion with interest to see what would transpire. My first surprise was that all the commentary was positive- people were genuinely interested and excited to see racehorses on their local beach. Secondly, they were mostly entirely unaware that most of our jockeys are part of their local community and that there are something approaching 1000 horses right under their noses at Milnerton training centre. However, therein lies opportunity. It is clear that there is interest from the layman in who we are and what we do from the horse / beauty / sporting perspective, but unless we come out and make ourselves visible, people don't seem to know how to go about it. If you Google horse racing and South Africa, or even Cape Town, while you do get a choice of results, there are not many that tell you a little bit of the how and why and more importantly, how you can join in.





## WHEN TO PLANT A TREE

Going back to Hong Kong for a second- they have- amongst other things- one of the most advanced systems of providing comprehensive, up to date information on their horses, trainers, jockeys and all other relevant aspects of their racing. They have a great website, they are massively media friendly and they have got the hang of turning their stars- be it human or equine- into stars down to a fine art by providing information.

**Without the element of knowledge, we reduce our wonderful, interesting, colourful, intellectually challenging sport into the equivalent of throwing money into a capricious slot machine**

Masses of it. Meaning that people know (or know how to access) any bit of pertinent information they feel they want to know. Nothing is hidden. And based on providing that information, their customers feel secure and confident enough to wager their money.

### How can we do this?

Racing turnover comes from betting / wagering. I will repeat that – wagering, not gambling. The phrase ‘I bet you’ or ‘I’ll wager’ implies ‘I think’ and I think this is key. Racing is supposed to be ‘the brain game’. It is supposed to be an intellectual challenge whereby you study form and then make an informed decision as to what you think the outcome of the race might be and back up your opinion- if you so choose- by putting your money where your mouth is. I feel that this crucial element sometimes gets missed as we seem to sell / market racing to paraphrase Meghan Trainor as ‘all about that bet’.

There is no problem with promoting the bet, but without relevant, pertinent information, correctly interpreted and timeously disseminated, wagering is reduced to gambling. Without the element of knowledge, we reduce our wonderful, interesting, colourful, intellectually challenging sport into the equivalent of throwing money into a capricious slot machine.

The SP is a dedicated racing newspaper, so the likelihood is that our readers are already racing fans / converts. It is unlikely that ‘Joe Normal’ members of the public will pick one up out of curiosity or accident and have a leaf through. However, in terms of the mainstream newspapers - which the industry pays to have space in- your chances increase exponentially. It is also highly likely that racing fans might make use of the racing information and tips in publications such as the Racegoer and the free TAB sheet handed out at your friendly (?) tote. As the folks in charge of the sport are supposed to be the experts, our customers naturally depend on them for sound, reliable information. I’ll say it again- information – not tips. People want to be provided with information and then left to make their own decisions. If we do not provide it, or- as has happens fairly often- we provide incomplete or poor information, well, is it any wonder the public gets frustrated with us?

### Getting better

I think the first timer initiative is a good start. Of course, it is not a silver bullet, we are talking small steps in the right direction, but the important thing is that we are heading the right way. One of my constant frustrations is the traditional brain freeze that results from criticism. Of course no-one enjoys being criticized, but if we all sat around patting each other on the back all day, we’d never get anywhere. The point, which seems to get missed, is that criticism does not mean ‘you’re rubbish and should immediately cease what you’re doing (unless you really are truly awful)’. Criticism usually implies some sort of positive interest (or the critic wouldn’t have been there in the first place) and then suggestions or comments on things they don’t like. That doesn’t mean they don’t like the rest (although admittedly this vital point often gets missed), it simply means there are things they think would improve matters if they were changed.

The best explanation I saw for this recently was a report on a recent clinic by the riding guru George Morris in which he explains to the audience that if you are having a problem with your horse, stopping the exercise generally does not solve the problem. You have to keep riding and fix it as you go along. Very similar to that criticism thing. Don’t stop, but do try and fix the bits that can be improved.

Martin Locke recently wrote about the Tellytrack offering and it was interesting that he picked up on a lack of pertinent, live pre-race information as well as parade ring and canter down footage. This is vital information for people sitting at home or in the Tote. Also, post race interviews – so often left until the replays late at night- are crucial as they often contain vital information and discussion about a specific horse that is available no-where else.

Unfortunately our post race interviews are usually flighted sometime between midnight and six, when most sensible people are tucked up in bed. So the best source of information is unavailable to our customers who probably have a 9-5 job and need some shut-eye.

As I said earlier, when all is said and done, goods aren’t sold, they are bought. If we want people to give us their money, we need to give them a good reason. And if we want to create raving fans, we NEED to keep collecting and disseminating information and we need to do it well – not just to the same level of mediocrity as the competition. Shoot for the stars and all that.

We don’t necessarily need pedigree analysis, but the real, meaningful stuff- equipment changes, feed changes, working well at home, recovering from a virus, etc. But we need to provide this stuff in sufficient time for people to factor it into their equations. And we need the same level of info on ALL the runners otherwise the rest is meaningless.

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## PERSONALITY

# From 'The Guv' to 'The GOAT'

**Jeff Lloyd was born in the UK on 1 September 1961. He and his family settled in South Africa in 1973 and Jeff joined the SA Jockey Academy a few years later. The rest, as they say, is history, with big race wins and SA Championship titles aplenty. After suffering a stroke in 2013, Jeff has clawed his way back to the top. With an Aussie title and another 7-card whitewash, at 55 years young, he is riding better than ever. We catch up with 'The Guv'.**

The horse gene seems to have come from Jeff's father, who was keen on racing and had aspirations to be a jockey as a young man, but didn't have the necessary connections to follow it through. He settled for electronic engineering and the family found their way to South Africa when he was offered a job here.

## SA Career

Jeff joined the Academy in 1975 under the tutelage of Cyril Buckham, David

Cave and the evergreen Vince Curtis and seniors included the likes of Stephen Jupp, Paul Gadsby and Felix Coetzee, who is a still close friend. Apprenticed to Brian de Villiers, Jeff had his first ride under rules over 1600m at Greyville finishing 8th. His first win came courtesy of a grey filly named Panache in a 1200m C Div sprint at the Vaal in January 1978. He remembers, "It was my 38th ride after riding for 7 months. She won by 5 lengths."

Jeff was Transvaal Champion Apprentice in 1977, 78 and 79, leaving De Villiers to join the up and coming Ricky Maingard stable. Jeff comments, "I still think this was one of the best decisions I ever made, he taught me to be a true professional and conduct myself well." It also afforded the opportunity to ride horses such as Bodrum, Rotterdam, Fairy Ring and of course, the mighty Wolf Power, who Jeff counts as one of the best he's ridden alongside the Gary Alexander speedster, Tommy Hotspur.

## Championships

Jeff was SA Champion jockey 6 times (finishing on 313 wins for the 1991/92 season to break Muis Roberts' long-standing record),

Mauritian champion 5 times and now has an Aussie title to add to the list. The hard work, travel and commitment it takes to win a title are not for everyone- what is the key to his success?

"I would have to say my hunger to always be the best and always keep improving myself was thanks to my father who always made me work for everything I was given and taught me to never give up, something that has stayed with me forever. However I do think my laid back attitude, and separating my professional life from my home life has helped."

It wasn't all smooth sailing though. "Most young sportsman don't know how

**My kids are the reason I'm still going and striving to break all the odds**

to deal with the lows when things go wrong. I was no different when my hot, inexperienced

head got the better of me in the Cape Guineas riding Wolf Power when I brought down 2 horses and received a 6 month ban. Thankfully Ricky Maingard stuck by me and kept me focused. He put me back on Wolf Power in a Group 1 my 1st meeting back, despite the owners wanting Michael Roberts. Of course the Wolf won by 5 lengths."

## Support

Aside from Maingard, Jeff was associated with many of SA's top trainers, including the likes of Jean Heming, David Payne, Mike Bass and Tony Millard. "I've always loved working with a stable rather than freelance as you get more attached to the horse.

They all train their own way, but one thing they all had was work ethic, there are no short cuts to being a great trainer. I still regard Mike Bass as one of the best conditioners I have ever ridden for and he holds a special place in my heart. Since relocating I have ridden for David Payne with great success in Australia. I have been lucky throughout my career to be associated to many top yards and still believe Philippe Henry to be





## PERSONALITY JEFF LLOYD

one of the best trainers I have ridden for.” Some of Jeff’s SA highlights include 5 Met wins, 3 Queen’s Plates and a Summer Cup and although Pocket Power is most easily associated with Bernard Fayd’herbe, it was Jeff rode him to his first Queen’s Plate and Met wins.

In fact, Met day 2007 was particularly memorable as Jeff rode 6 winners on the day’s card including the Met on Pocket Power, the Cape Derby on Jay Peg and the Fillies Classic on Sun Classique.

### Moving Downunder

Jeff moved to Australia in 2007. “It was quite a rushed decision but we felt we were doing the right thing by our children. I had no idea how difficult it would be and just how tough racing is here in Australia. Giving up everything I had back home, coming off a season where I had just ridden 12 Group ones and having to start from scratch was not easy. No one cared what I had achieved before it was all about what I could do here.”

“We initially immigrated to Sydney where I rode successfully winning for my old boss David Payne on my 1st meeting. It snowballed from there and after a very successful first season I was invited to ride in Hong Kong on a 3 month contract. I stayed for 3 and a half years before deciding it was time for my children to return to Australia.” This time they settled in Queensland. “We have so many friends here and it has been very easy to settle. We love the life style here on the Gold Coast and couldn’t be happier.”

### My father taught me to never give up

### Aussie racing

“In Australia there are three levels in racing, Metropolitan, Provincial and Country. Metropolitan meetings are held twice a week, where the bigger stake money, top jockeys and better horses race. Unlike SA, the premiership is won on how many winners you have at Metropolitan meetings only. Racing in Australia is like a cult. It receives so much following, there are 4 racing channels on TV and a whole section in every newspaper everyday. Children from a young age love horse racing and everyone, young and old get dressed up for every meeting.”

Jeff won his first Australian Gr1 aboard

Nom Du Jeu in the 2008 AJC Derby for the Murray Baker yard. “It was a big moment and definitely cemented my place amongst the metropolitan jockeys. I am currently riding a horse for Bjorn Baker (the son of Murray Baker), called Winning Rupert who has won 3 from 3 and is very special.”

### Stroke

In March 2013, Jeff suffered a serious setback. He suffered a fall at a mid-week Doomben meeting and despite breaking a finger and getting whiplash, fulfilled his engagements for the rest of the day. He took some medication for what he thought was a headache overnight and headed to work as normal the following day. “As we were told to get on our mounts in the 1st race, I got a very bad dizzy spell which never passed, so had to get off the remainder of the day. Not knowing I had suffered a stroke, I still drove 2 hours home.” Upon seeking medical advice, it was discovered that he had suffered an ischemic stroke (a tear in the main artery to the brain).

“I was taken straight to ICU and remained in hospital for 2 1/2 weeks. I was told I would never ride again, which at the time I accepted quite easily, just being relieved to have got out of it without any permanent damage.”

Ten months later he considered getting back in the saddle and after getting the all clear from his neurosurgeon, he went back to the track and started riding work on 5 March 2014. “It honestly felt like I had never been away. In some ways I think it helped me because having a forced 14 months on the sidelines gave my body that had never had a break time to rest. My back feels better now than it has for the last ten years!”

### Australian title

Jeff’s recovery has been nothing short of miraculous. Almost a year after his stroke, he was back at the races and on 22 April 2014 he was back in the winner’s enclosure on the David Payne trained Paederos.

Not content with merely making a comeback, Jeff became the oldest jockey to win this year’s Brisbane Metropolitan title in Australia – with a little help from an old friend. “I was quite a long way off the first 2 jockeys lying 3rd on the log and content thinking how well I’ve done, when Felix Coetzee phoned me to catch up and say

well done. When he heard I was content finishing third with 2 months to go he wouldn’t have it and in his way of saying things, by the time we finished talking I knew I had to push harder and try and achieve the impossible. It was a fight till the last week, but I went into the last meeting 5 ahead and when I won my 3rd ride on the day I had secured the title. My family and friends had all come up to Doomben to surprise me so it was so special arriving at the winners box and seeing them all cheering. My sons were crying. I finished the day with two winners, winning the title by 7 and I have Felix to thank for it.”

### Better than ever

Jeff followed that up with a fantastic 5 winners on the Eagle Farm card in September and a record-breaking 7 wins at the Sunshine Coast on 30 November. “I have had 7 wins on 3 occasions in South Africa, but this time I rode 7 winners at a Metro meeting and am the first jockey in history to do this in Australia. It was really special to me as my kids, who follow my career very closely, were able to witness it.”

Jeff’s wife Nicola and their three children are his biggest supporters. His sons have

taken to calling him the ‘GOAT’ – Greatest Of All Time – and there may be a book in the pipeline with the same name. “My kids are the reason I’m still going and

striving to break all the odds, it just gives me so much satisfaction seeing their faces after days like that. It always worried me that the majority of my career had taken place before they truly understood it and it is so rewarding to have them be part of my journey.”

“I am so lucky to have my wife Nicola and the kids to share this with and am very fortunate to have had more ups than downs throughout my career. Nicola is by far my biggest supporter and motivates me all the time.”

Jeff is currently associated with the Toby Edmonds yard and enjoying a strike rate of nearly 30 percent. Although it’s hard to imagine there are too many goals left for the internationally acclaimed rider, he is as focused as ever. “I will be trying to keep surprising myself and setting more goals while I’m still riding. After riding I’ll go where the sport takes me, hopefully keeping myself busy.”

### I was told I would never ride again



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## LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rnrs	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
9,171,538	Klawervlei Stud	298	30,777	974	83	106	28%	4	4	5%	253	26%	6	Just Sensual	720,000 8%
8,256,425	Summerhill Stud	291	28,373	1032	64	86	22%	2	2	3%	262	25%	0	Africa Rising	669,500 8%
4,683,450	Varsfontein Stud	88	53,221	262	35	42	40%	3	4	9%	71	27%	5	Hack Green	625,000 13%
3,835,750	Maine Chance	135	28,413	398	37	42	27%	1	1	3%	121	30%	4	Liege	251,750 7%
3,792,850	Highlands	126	30,102	380	33	43	26%	2	2	6%	99	26%	3	Trip To Heaven	359,375 9%
2,979,850	Ascot Stud	69	43,186	243	22	29	32%	1	1	5%	77	32%	3	Search Party	322,500 11%
2,755,825	Drakenstein Stud	74	37,241	229	23	27	31%	1	1	4%	89	39%	3	Singapore Sling	393,750 14%
2,580,300	Scott Bros	120	21,503	434	23	25	19%	1	2	4%	111	26%	2	Front Rank	247,100 10%
2,329,600	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	91	25,600	311	25	33	27%	0	0	0%	74	24%	0	Magical Bet	187,250 8%
2,144,388	Lammerskraal Stud	64	33,506	194	20	25	31%	0	0	0%	52	27%	1	Tambalang	203,700 9%
1,935,050	Wilgerbosdrift	68	28,457	221	16	24	24%	1	1	6%	59	27%	0	Nebula	233,750 12%
1,889,625	Mauritzfontein Stud	48	39,367	163	11	18	23%	0	0	0%	50	31%	1	Irish Pride	522,500 28%
1,862,938	GJ Armitage	63	29,570	233	20	25	32%	0	0	0%	72	31%	1	Tilbury Fort	149,750 8%
1,844,425	Moutonshoek	80	23,055	264	23	26	29%	1	1	4%	61	23%	0	Refuge	176,750 10%
1,626,925	RJ Antrobus	4	406,731	19	2	2	50%	0	0	0%	9	47%	1	Safe Harbour	1,512,000 93%
1,551,400	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	75	20,885	204	17	19	23%	0	0	0%	59	29%	0	Babbling Brooke	147,000 9%
1,454,075	Gary Player Stud	57	25,510	203	14	18	25%	0	0	0%	42	21%	2	Saratoga Dancer	227,725 16%
1,446,575	Favour Stud	52	27,819	223	14	17	27%	0	0	0%	67	30%	1	Ice Ridge	124,375 9%
1,358,325	Normandy Stud	39	34,829	132	9	9	23%	0	0	0%	41	31%	0	Sergeant Hardy	576,250 42%

## LEADING SIREs by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnrs	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
6,728,513	Captain Al	137	49,113	417	56	70	41%	6	6	11%	124	30%	5	Sergeant Hardy	576,250 9%
5,843,375	Silvano	159	36,751	466	55	69	35%	2	2	4%	152	33%	5	Nebula	233,750 4%
4,956,225	Trippi	144	34,418	437	40	51	28%	2	3	5%	140	32%	4	Gold Standard	409,375 8%
4,439,513	Dynasty	114	38,943	317	38	49	33%	3	3	8%	84	26%	5	Just Sensual	720,000 16%
4,256,675	*Kahal	127	33,517	469	40	54	31%	1	1	3%	135	29%	0	Intergalactic	326,250 8%
3,891,088	Elusive Fort	69	56,393	264	24	28	35%	0	0	0%	87	33%	2	Safe Harbour	1,512,000 39%
3,516,100	Gimmethgreenlight	60	58,602	197	24	29	40%	1	2	4%	67	34%	0	Hack Green	625,000 18%
2,949,025	*Jet Master	53	55,642	193	14	16	26%	1	1	7%	61	32%	3	Master Sabina	1,225,000 42%
2,742,000	Var	141	19,447	402	27	30	19%	0	0	0%	128	32%	2	Life Is Good	119,375 4%
2,666,288	*Western Winter	95	28,066	279	30	35	32%	0	0	0%	75	27%	0	Bishop's Bounty	196,875 7%
2,467,450	Visionaire	71	34,753	229	20	23	28%	0	0	0%	62	27%	1	Africa Rising	669,500 27%
2,314,575	*Horse Chestnut	71	32,600	262	25	32	35%	0	0	0%	65	25%	1	Seal My Fate	158,750 7%
2,226,400	Mambo In Seattle	99	22,489	324	24	25	24%	1	1	4%	75	23%	3	Saratoga Dancer	227,725 10%
2,115,550	*Tiger Ridge	68	31,111	243	19	29	28%	0	0	0%	65	27%	0	Jo Malone	173,800 8%
2,075,838	*Sail From Seattle	71	29,237	238	19	22	27%	0	0	0%	66	28%	0	Last Outlaw	202,300 10%
2,020,925	Ideal World	62	32,596	201	14	19	23%	0	0	0%	63	31%	2	Irish Pride	522,500 26%
1,941,113	Seventh Rock	85	22,837	291	22	26	26%	0	0	0%	74	25%	1	Rock A Bye Baby	147,550 8%
1,934,900	Querari	43	44,998	131	14	19	33%	1	2	7%	39	30%	1	Kangaroo Jack	417,500 22%
1,913,875	Just As Well	30	63,796	88	7	9	23%	0	0	0%	25	28%	0	Chili Con Carne	1,260,125 66%

## LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnrs	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
3,516,100	Gimmethgreenlight	60	58,602	197	24	29	40%	1	2	4%	67	34%	0	Hack Green	625,000 18%
2,854,088	Captain Al	46	62,045	146	26	30	57%	1	1	4%	41	28%	1	Sergeant Hardy	576,250 20%
2,423,775	Elusive Fort	38	63,784	134	11	11	29%	0	0	0%	33	25%	2	Safe Harbour	1,512,000 62%
2,198,300	Dynasty	45	48,851	111	15	23	33%	2	2	13%	28	25%	0	Just Sensual	720,000 33%
1,837,450	Trippi	43	42,731	117	19	25	44%	1	2	5%	27	23%	0	Gold Standard	409,375 22%
1,782,850	Visionaire	38	46,917	120	12	14	32%	0	0	0%	30	25%	1	Africa Rising	669,500 38%
1,690,225	Just As Well	16	105,639	44	5	7	31%	0	0	0%	11	25%	0	Chili Con Carne	1,260,125 75%
1,685,925	Silvano	53	31,810	133	19	20	36%	0	0	0%	51	38%	0	Palladium	135,800 8%
1,412,550	Philanthropist	45	31,390	126	9	12	20%	2	2	22%	31	25%	2	Singapore Sling	393,750 28%
1,291,763	*Sail From Seattle	45	28,706	152	11	12	24%	0	0	0%	40	26%	0	Last Outlaw	202,300 16%
1,231,175	*Western Winter	37	33,275	104	13	15	35%	0	0	0%	30	29%	0	Bishop's Bounty	196,875 16%
1,211,375	Pathfork	34	35,629	100	11	15	32%	0	0	0%	27	27%	0	Elusive Path	371,250 31%
1,191,225	Var	64	18,613	176	12	14	19%	0	0	0%	53	30%	0	Life Is Good	119,375 10%
1,094,150	Mambo In Seattle	54	20,262	132	15	15	28%	0	0	0%	26	20%	1	Seatops	93,750 9%
1,077,588	Seventh Rock	40	26,940	123	11	15	28%	0	0	0%	36	29%	0	Rock A Bye Baby	147,550 14%
973,600	Great Britain	33	29,503	105	8	10	24%	0	0	0%	32	30%	1	British Royale	190,625 20%

## LEADING SIREs by STAKES on Polytrack

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Stakes	Sire	rnrs	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
1,142,275	Captain Al	44	25,961	94	16	18	36%	1	1	6%	22	23%	0	Celtic Captain	115,550 10%
1,104,300	Silvano	47	23,496	101	15	17	32%	0	0	0%	27	27%	0	Scent	149,200 14%
870,325	*Western Winter	40	21,758	83	14	15	35%	0	0	0%	17	20%	0	Soldier's Code	95,625 11%
863,125	Dynasty	31	27,843	69	11	14	35%	0	0	0%	19	28%	0	The Stones	106,600 12%
717,225	Black Minnaloushe	32	22,413	81	7	7	22%	0	0	0%	33	41%	0	Lucky Luciano	72,800 10%
680,375	*Kahal	49	13,885	117	7	8	14%	0	0	0%	31	26%	0	Aramouse	98,675 15%
663,375	Miesque's Approval	51	13,007	140	7	7	14%	0	0	0%	34	24%	0	She Done Good	86,500 13%
590,000	Trippi	39	15,128	64	7	7	18%	0	0	0%	19	30%	0	Cardinal	62,700 11%
587,900	*Horse Chestnut	31	18,965	67	8	9	26%	0	0	0%	17	25%	0	Roy's Rakara	98,725 17%
567,400	Visionaire	34	16,688	65	9	9	26%	0	0	0%	15	23%	0	Minds Eye	70,125 12%
559,975	A P Answer	36	15,555	86	8	8	22%	0	0	0%	15	17%	0	Tyron's Jet	72,825 13%

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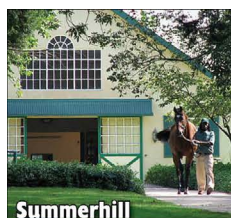


Table Bay | W Marks

Le Drakkar, by Danzig's son Anabaa, was the last Australian-bred galloper to win the Gr1 Cape Guineas, in 2008. There are 4 Australian-breds vying for glory in Saturday's classic.

Chief hope is three-times champion sire Redoute's Choice star Table Bay. Danehill's champion son is the king of Australian Sires and in 2015 was joined for the first time in the top ten on the Australian General Sires' Premiership by his sons Not A Single Doubt and Snitzel – the latter is sire of Mike de Kock's Heavenly Blue, a serious threat to Table Bay on Saturday.

A New Dawn (New Approach) and Zodiac Ruler (Zoffany) round off the quartet.



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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	457	69	15%	86	19%	37%	55	12%	216	47%	9,229,525	20,196
J Snaith	520	84	16%	124	24%	31%	68	13%	252	48%	7,073,275	13,602
BJ Crawford	302	46	15%	50	17%	48%	37	12%	142	47%	4,035,213	13,362
MF de Kock	262	33	13%	62	24%	24%	33	13%	130	50%	3,860,975	14,737
GV Woodruff	149	27	18%	29	19%	31%	15	10%	66	44%	3,817,888	25,623
JJ v Vuuren	123	26	21%	21	17%	52%	6	5%	53	43%	3,572,500	29,045
M Houdalakis	230	22	10%	20	9%	35%	23	10%	92	40%	3,292,250	14,314
DR Drier	201	36	18%	51	25%	45%	14	7%	87	43%	3,123,150	15,538
AC Greeff	361	53	15%	68	19%	31%	35	10%	155	43%	3,086,850	8,551
GS Kotzen	284	36	13%	34	12%	47%	29	10%	121	43%	2,885,125	10,159
J Ramsden	159	21	13%	32	20%	28%	23	14%	85	53%	2,874,550	18,079
GM Alexander	196	25	13%	23	12%	17%	23	12%	78	40%	2,646,250	13,501
DC Howells	243	21	9%	41	17%	34%	21	9%	90	37%	2,625,575	10,805
MG Azzie	217	23	11%	30	14%	20%	25	12%	90	41%	2,598,775	11,976
G v Zyl	267	23	9%	20	7%	20%	30	11%	111	42%	2,434,250	9,117
C Bass-Robinson	311	25	8%	44	14%	20%	33	11%	125	40%	2,428,563	7,809

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
G Cheyne	364	63	17%	83	23%	30%	52	14%	214	59%	4,409,075	12,113
A Fortune	354	62	18%	99	28%	27%	45	13%	191	54%	4,610,163	13,023
A Delpech	307	59	19%	116	38%	32%	50	16%	185	60%	6,101,400	19,874
C Zackey	485	59	12%	38	8%	29%	43	9%	183	38%	4,588,163	9,460
R Fourie	249	57	23%	74	30%	41%	47	19%	157	63%	4,332,050	17,398
A Marcus	196	53	27%	104	53%	35%	27	14%	136	69%	5,170,800	26,382
G Larena	230	52	23%	88	38%	31%	32	14%	150	65%	7,871,988	34,226
M Yeni	567	49	9%	63	11%	22%	55	10%	218	38%	4,151,900	7,323
R Simons	358	43	12%	44	12%	36%	34	9%	139	39%	3,760,700	10,505
JP vd Merwe	410	42	10%	25	6%	28%	31	8%	155	38%	3,259,638	7,950
L Hewitson	390	36	9%	38	10%	18%	28	7%	124	32%	2,886,851	7,402
P Strydom	191	35	18%	57	30%	26%	34	18%	109	57%	3,764,750	19,711
M v Rensburg	392	34	9%	27	7%	30%	42	11%	142	36%	3,025,463	7,718
R Munger	511	34	7%	21	4%	19%	42	8%	153	30%	2,600,675	5,089
S Khumalo	244	32	13%	46	19%	30%	34	14%	111	45%	4,157,150	17,038
C Orffer	188	30	16%	34	18%	41%	23	12%	84	45%	2,570,288	13,672
G v Niekerk	271	30	11%	49	18%	22%	35	13%	125	46%	2,844,800	10,497

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
GS Kotzen/R Fourie	29	14	48%	12	41%	83%	8	28%	985,625	33,987
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	67	18	27%	24	36%	38%	14	21%	1,324,300	19,766
J Snaith/R Fourie	124	30	24%	49	40%	35%	26	21%	2,137,850	17,241
CS Laird/A Marcus	54	13	24%	21	39%	43%	2	4%	1,003,400	18,581
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	143	32	22%	43	30%	33%	16	11%	1,760,450	12,311
JJ v Vuuren/R Simons	64	14	22%	10	16%	60%	3	5%	1,482,350	23,162
DR Drier/S Veale	87	17	20%	29	33%	38%	5	6%	1,748,450	20,097
SG Tarry/L Hewitson	59	11	19%	6	10%	50%	4	7%	860,975	14,593
C Lensley/M Yeni	85	15	18%	20	24%	25%	13	15%	715,975	8,423
BJ Crawford/C Orffer	146	25	17%	28	19%	43%	19	13%	2,151,600	14,737
SG Tarry/S Khumalo	116	20	17%	31	27%	32%	15	13%	2,965,000	25,560
S Miller/G Wrogemann	73	12	16%	16	22%	38%	6	8%	509,225	6,976
J Ramsden/D Dillon	96	12	13%	19	20%	32%	13	14%	1,034,425	10,775
VH Marshall/M Byleveld	93	12	13%	17	18%	35%	8	9%	907,050	9,753
G Paddock/L Mxothwa	87	11	13%	11	13%	18%	10	11%	754,050	8,667

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**TRAINER**

Ruling SA champion Sean Tarry has set the pace R2,2 million ahead of Justin Snaith at the top of the national table. With his stars Legal Eagle and French Navy serious candidates in the R5 million Sun Met, and Tarry's lethal younger firepower in the two \$500 000 CTS races



Muzi Yeni has an affinity with the Kimberley track

**JOCKEY**

Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeni was in rampant form at Flamingo Park on Monday, riding 4 winners on the card. The reigning Northern Cape champion's work-rate is amazing. He has ridden 53 winners in over 570 races this term – 60 rides more than nearest workaholic Ryan Munger and double that of most of his colleagues. Muzi must

be odds-on to win the local championship again.

**JOCKEY-TRAINER COMBO'S**

Hot Cape combination Glen Kotzen and Richard Fourie are firing at an extraordinary 48% win strike-rate, having



Glen Kotzen and Richard Fourie have formed a powerful unit and could win Saturday's Gr1 Cape Guineas

hit a purple patch over the past few weeks. Kotzen sent out 7 winners at 4 different racecourses this past weekend and is hunting a Gr1 success with Selangor Cup winner Gold Standard in Saturday's Cape Guineas. Fourie parted company with the powerful Snaith Racing team at the end of October and has



never looked back. He rode 2 winners at Kenilworth on Saturday and another 2 Tuesday – including the 20-1 formless Mambo Star for Mike Stewart.

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**The previous performance of top-rated Guineas contender**

**Table Bay is puzzling.** A nose defeat in the Langerman, a career-best performance in the Cape Classic, a shockingly disappointing one in the Selangor Cup. What happened?

A look at the split times of those races (the pace, in other words) may give insight. The Langerman was run at a doddle early on, resulting in a sprint up the short Kenilworth old course. The Cape Classic was a true run race, with a solid pace throughout. The early pace in the Selangor Cup was too fast, a real disadvantage to horses racing handy – of which Table Bay was one.

So, his best rating came from a true run race, and should be reliable. The ratings from the other two races are suspect. If the Cape Guineas is run at a normal pace (not too slow early, and not too fast) Table Bay will sail home, to give Ramsden and Marcus a 2016 colts & fillies Guineas double.

## Numbers Game

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**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, Whyte was handed the heavy sanction on Friday, 6 days after the race was won narrowly by Stratum Star.

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**Winners over 4 days of racing**

for Paarl-based trainer Glen Kotzen at 4 different racecourses in 3 different provinces. 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!

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.

## 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). Frankel has four yearlings at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale in January.

## Signs of the Zodiac

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 Stefano Botti trained 2yo Opinion Maker won the Listed Criterium Di Pisa at Pisa, Italy, on Sunday.

Zoffany shuttled to Coolmore Australia for 4 seasons between 2012 and 2015.

## NUDGE NUDGE

WINK, WINK

**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 at Randwick in April. Winx has not been beaten since her second in the ATC Australian Oaks in April last year, winning 13 times. Winx won her second Cox Plate last month by a record eight lengths.

## Hillbilly

**Serious articles about breeding often use phrases like "inbred 4x4 to so-and-so".** This reference is not to a type of four-wheel drive vehicle, but to the inbreeding in a horse.

**Inbreeding is the duplication of specific ancestors close up in a pedigree.** The numbering method relates to the generations in which the ancestor is duplicated. The two parents (sire and dam) make up the first generation, four grandparents the second, eight great-grandparents the third, and so on. So "3x3 to Northern Dancer" means Northern Dancer appears twice as a great-grandfather in the pedigree.

Very close inbreeding is often used in plants and animals to "fix" certain desirable traits- milk or beef in cows, yield in grain or maize crops. Yet many horse breeders have an aversion to inbreed closely, like father to granddaughter, or son to grandmother – the way racing pigeons are bred. This may stem from the social taboos and religious prohibitions that have been erected around inbreeding in the human field. But it is difficult to see why, in a supposedly enlightened age, close inbreeding should be contemplated with revulsion. Even the Old Testament writers turned a blind eye to violations of the taboo when desperate remedies were expedient, and but for the timely initiative of Lot's daughters there would have been no Moabites or Ammonites. The descendants of the Bounty mutineers provide another example that conflicts with the theories of dangers of inbreeding.

**Can inbreeding produce good horses?** Statistical analysis shows that horses inbred closer than 4x4 have a significantly higher proportion of top performers than horses less inbred. Famous horses inbred closer than 4x4 include Hyperion, Owen Tudor, Turn To, Daneshill.

**Guineas hope Table Bay is 3x4 Danzig, Singapore Sling 3x4 Mr Prospector. Take note.**



## BREEDING

# Roberto Rules

**Roberto (Hail To Reason), who died in 1988, can still be found in the pedigrees of the world's top racehorses of 2016.**

## North America

Arch (Kris S, by Roberto) is broodmare sire of one of North America's hottest young sires Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie). The sire of three Gr1 winners in his first crop (including champion 2yo and Gr1 Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist), Uncle Mo looks to have another potential star for 2017 with Gr2 Remsen Stakes winner Mo Town. Uncle Mo stands at \$150,000 next year.

Arch's sire Kris S is broodmare sire of 2016 G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner Time And Motion (Tapit). Past notables produced from Kris S mares include US Horse Of The Year Zenyatta (Street Cry), and Breeder's Cup winners Sweet Catomine (Storm Cat), Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), and War Chant (Danzig).

Another exceptional sire son of Roberto was Dynaformer, whose top runners include Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro. While the latter died before ever covering a mare, Dynaformer does look to have a successful sire son in Temple City. The latter recently enjoyed a Gr1 double when his son Annals Of Time and daughter Miss Temple City won the Gr1 Hollywood Derby and Gr1 Matriarch Stakes.

Roberto's son Lear Fan is broodmare sire of champion turf sire Kitten's Joy, who this year got G1 Coral Eclipse winner Hawkbill and Breeders' Cup winner Oscar Performance.

Then there's Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway), a multiple G1 winner at 2 and at 3, who'll stand his first season in 2017. His two grandams are both out of Roberto mares. Other highclass performers inbred to Roberto are US champion Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), classic winner Danish Dynaformer (Dynaformer), the Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy), Gr1 Prix Ganay winner Planteur (Danehill Dancer), Investec Oaks winner Snow Fairy (Intikhab) and Gold Cup winner Rite Of Passage (Giant's Causeway).

## France

Red Ransom (Roberto) is the sire of Intikhab whose maternal granddaughter Found (Galileo) lifted the 2016 Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Found won Gr1 races at two, three and four. Intikhab is also broodmare sire of South African champion Igugu (Galileo), whose half sister Ngaga (Fastnet Rock) is unbeaten in two starts to date.

## Australia

All American (a son of Roberto's outstanding sire Red Ransom) is responsible for the filly Yankee Rose. The latter, who famously cost just A\$10,000 as a yearling, made history in 2016 when she became the first filly to win the Gr1 Spring Champion Stakes (incidentally, the filly's dam is inbred to Best In Show, and is half sister to NZ Gr1 Derby winner Redoute's Dancer, by Redoute's Choice – also from Best In Show).

## South Africa

Champion sire Captain Al (by the Roberto's son Al Mufti) continues to feature as one of the country's elite sires this year. The eight times champion sire of 2yos, and sire of last season's Equus Champions Always In Charge and Cloth Of Cloud, has made a terrific start to the 2016-2017 season, his runners dominating all-over. His daughters Jo's Bond and Carry On Alice ran 1-2 in

Saturday's Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes.

Another one from this sire line at stud in South Africa is Philanthropist (Kris S). He has caught the eye with his first SA-bred crop (now 3yo's) which include Graded winners She's A Giver and Singapore Sling. Ill-fated Summerhill sire Await The Dawn (Giant's Causeway) has

produced just one crop (now 2yo's); he was inbred to Roberto.

Other stallions with a first SA crop of 2yo's are Marchfield (AP Indy), whose dam is by Red Ransom, and Twice Over, whose sire Observatory is out of a Roberto mare. One of Marchfield's 2yo daughters is out of Kitty Cat, a mare inbred to Roberto.

## Japan

Winner of Sunday's Gr1 Longines Hong Kong Cup is Japanese superstar Maurice is another outstanding runner descended in male line from Roberto. Now retired to stud, his win on Sunday was Maurice's sixth at Gr1 level. The Horse Of The Year is by Gr1 Japan Cup winner Screen Hero – a grandson of Roberto stallion Silver Hawk. Roberto's sire sons Brian's Time and Real Shadai both made their mark in Japan decades ago.

- Sarah Whitelaw



Roberto can still be found in the pedigrees of the world's top racehorses

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**KENILWORTH (new course)****Saturday, 10 December****Course Variant: 0,95s slow**

Due to a south-easterly headwind of around 28km/h, times for the straight course were negatively affected

**Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes R400 000**

Donovan Dillon keeps Jo's Bond going to hold Carry On Alice and Scandal | W Marks

**It's In The Stars**

Just a week after Search Party had gone end to end to win the Gr2 Cape Merchants, Captain Al celebrated a repeat performance when his daughter Jo's Bond did all the donkey work up the 1000m straight into the teeth of the South Easter.

With Jo's Bond easy to back after her lacklustre performance in the Laisserfaire Stakes (L) last time, and looking to have plenty to find at the weights, all the focus was on the top rated duo Carry On Alice (favourite at 15/10, despite coming off a six-month break) and Real Princess.

Donovan Dillon had Jo's Bond out quickly as she led Rock On Baby, Varumba and Victoria Lavelle, with S'manga Khumalo sheltering Carry On Alice from the wind a few lengths off down the outside. Jo's Bond hung on to her lead but looked dead and buried at the 350m as Carry On Alice stormed up the outside, with Scandal cutting a launch-pad down the middle.

But with Dillon keeping her beautifully balanced, Jo's Bond kept on resolutely to score her biggest success to date, holding off Carry On Alice by half length. Recent SA 1000m record holder Scandal confounded her critics to finish less than a length back in third.

A R325.000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Jo's Bond was bred by Klawervlei Stud, by Captain Al out of the unraced Muhtafal mare Itlaaq. The winner is a genuine 1000m specialist – all her 7 wins achieved over the minimum trip. She also has 2 places from her 16 starts and took her stakes tally to R542.525.

**Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes (F&M) 1600m**

Winner Jo's Bond was taken straight to the front and led throughout; kept on strongly Runner-up Carry On Alice (best handicapped) raced 5th in a very tightly bunched field, just behind the winner; ran on, but could not get past winner

Third placed Scandal raced in the back of a bunched field, some 4 lengths off the pace; ran on strongly

Time: The times of the three 1000m races compared well with each other in terms of their ratings, this feature race being the fastest.

We gave the 4th horse (prev84/91/84/86/95) 95 which makes the winner (prev 70/87/82/97/84) 102, the runner up (prev 99/102/103/109/98) 104 and the 3rd (prev 77/87/77/90/101) 98.

102	1	0.00	<b>JO'S BOND</b>	(7)	58.0	D Dillon	22/1
4 b f	Captain Al - Itlaaq (Muhtafal)						
104	2	0.50	<b>CARRY ON ALICE</b>	(9)	60.0	S Khumalo	15/10
5 b m	Captain Al - Carry On Katie (Western Winter)						
98	3	0.90	<b>SCANDAL</b>	(10)	58.0	G v Niekerk	8/1
4 ch f	Muhtafal - Lewinsky's Lover (Jallad)						

BLOODSTOCK SA Not - 375k							
95	4	1.65	Beach Goddess	(1)	58.0	C Orffier	13/1
92	5	3.65	Real Princess	(5)	60.0	G Behr	18/10
86	6	4.05	Victoria Lavelle	(2)	58.0	A Dommeyer	15/1
84	7	4.45	Varumba	(8)	58.0	M Byleveld	35/1
80	8	5.45	Champerty	(3)	58.0	G Cheyne	18/1
67	9	7.95	Anime	(6)	54.0	S Veale	13/1
33	10	17.20	Rock On Baby	(4)	58.0	R Fourie	50/1
Time: 59s (59s avg/1000m, or 61km/h)							
SP Total %: 122%							
1st T: J Snaith O: Messrs Anthony Attieh, J Chowles, M P van Tonder, N C Cooper, M A Govender, Graham Hurlestons-Jones, C S Shapiro & J B Zulch, M P Foulkes & Countess B: Klawervlei Stud							

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How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

**TOP EARNERS for the 2016/2017 season**

(to 11 December)

horse	age sex	points	races
Master Sabina	7 c	100	1
Kangaroo Jack	4 c	75	2
Just Sensual	3 f	70	1
New Predator	4 c	53	2
Search Party	4 c	50	1
Legal Eagle	5 c	50	1
Bezanova	6 c	50	1
The Conglomerate	5 c	37	1
Master Switch	5 c	34	1
Safe Harbour	3 f	32	1
Jo's Bond	4 f	30	1
Mella Maria	4 f	30	1
Singapore Sling	3 c	30	1
Gold Standard	3 c	30	1
Ektifaa	3 f	30	1
Intergalactic	4 f	30	1
Captain America	6 c	25	1
Nebula	4 c	25	1
Captain's Flame	4 f	25	1
Fortissima	4 f	25	1
Green Pepper	3 f	25	1
Marinaresco	4 c	21	1
Liege	4 c	21	2
Silicone Valley	6 c	20	1
Saratoga Dancer	5 c	19	1
Deo Juvente	5 c	17	1
Bella Sonata	4 f	13	1
Edict Of Nantes	3 c	11	1
Polyphonic	4 f	11	1
Carry On Alice	5 f	10	1
Tahini	4 f	10	1
Sail	3 f	8	1
Visuality	3 f	8	1
Bold Rex	3 c	8	1
Scandal	4 f	6	1
Will Pays	5 c	5	1
Heavenly Blue	3 c	4	1
Final Judgement	3 f	4	1



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# SIGNPOSTS

## 1st & 2nd season sires - 2yo's

### ASCOT STUD STALLION

#### **BOLD SILVANO** (Silvano)

Brenda 2f (Abarrat by Cape Cross)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 800m \(16/12\)](#)

Lawdy Miss Clawdy 2f (Olympic Special by Special Preview)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 800m \(16/12\)](#)

Pure Fiction 2f (Irish Tale by Lecture)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 800m \(16/12\)](#)

#### **MAIN AIM** (Oasis Dream)

Breezy 2f (Pure Silver by Silvano)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 800m \(16/12\)](#)

Nimble 2f (Kunye by Muhtafal)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 800m \(16/12\)](#)

### MARCHFIELD - Moutonshoek stallion

#### **MARCHFIELD** (A P Indy)

Close To My Heart 2f (Roxie Heart by Dynasty)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 800m \(16/12\)](#)

### ORATORIO Sire of international Gr1 winners • AVONTUUR

#### **ORATORIO** (Danehill)

Oratio 2c (Halfmoonrising by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(17/12\)](#)

### HIGHLANDS Stallion • PATHFORK (Distorted Humor)

#### **PATHFORK** (Distorted Humor)

Vortex Star 2c (Star Of Fairfield by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(17/12\)](#)

#### **WHAT A WINTER** (Western Winter)

Warrior's Rest 2c (Bardot by Badger Land)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(17/12\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### ASCOT STUD STALLION

#### **BOLD SILVANO** (Silvano)

Some Say 3c (Laura's Gift by Manshood)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(16/12\)](#)

Vegas Lights 3f (Yvelines by Western Winter)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

Bold Rex 3c (Rexana by National Assembly)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr2 Premier Trophy 1800m \(17/12\)](#)

Bold Coast 3c (Kwacha by Tiger Ridge)

[Turffontein 6 MR 80 Handicap 1160m \(17/12\)](#)

Boldly Respectable 3c (Respectable Lady by Kabool)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Guineas 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

Scriptwriter 3c (Irish Tale by Lecture)

[Kenilworth 10 Maiden Plate 1400m \(17/12\)](#)

Angel Landing 3c (Angel At My Table by Count Dubois)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(18/12\)](#)

#### **CURVED BALL** (Fastnet Rock)

Light House Lady 3f (Jua by Silvano)

[Turffontein 2 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

#### **DAN DE LAGO** (Encosta de Lago)

De Lago's Future 3c (Miss Delish by Jallad)

[Kenilworth 10 Maiden Plate 1400m \(17/12\)](#)

Star Of Joseph 3c (Star Factor by National Emblem)

[Scottsville 9 MR 72 Handicap 1200m \(18/12\)](#)

#### **GIMMETHEGREENLIGHT** (More Than Ready)

Uncle JB 3c (English Willow by Rich Man's Gold)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(16/12\)](#)

Pepe Le Pew 3c (San Remo by Dynasty)

[Fairview 8 Novice Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(16/12\)](#)

Gunner 3c (Play Nice by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Guineas 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

Hack Green 3c (Secret Mission by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Guineas 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

Checkthegreenlight 3c (Check It by Almushtarak)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(18/12\)](#)

#### **GITANO HERNANDO** (Hernando)

Desert Lark 3c (Musical Lark by Goldkeeper)

[Kenilworth 10 Maiden Plate 1400m \(17/12\)](#)

### SUMMERHILL stallion • from the Champion Breeders

#### **GOLDEN SWORD** (High Chaparral)

Lyricist 3f (Alkhansaa by Peintre Celebre)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

Damascus Steel 3c (Catch Me by Argosy)

[Turffontein 1 Work Riders Maiden Plate 1800m \(17/12\)](#)

Seeking Gold 3f (Ransom by Rambo Dancer)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

Gold Medal Girl 3f (Prize Flower by Muhtafal)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

#### **MAIN AIM** (Oasis Dream)

Madiba Dance 3c (Sovereign Beat by National Emblem)

[Fairview 8 Novice Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(16/12\)](#)

Kitty Coo 3f (Good Ol Days by Pole Position)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(17/12\)](#)

Main Flyer 3c (Lady Ladina by Aristis)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(18/12\)](#)

### HIGHLANDS Stallion • PATHFORK (Distorted Humor)

#### **PATHFORK** (Distorted Humor)

Colonia 3c (Cuir De Russie by Strike Smartly)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(16/12\)](#)

Kenack 3f (Rosa Celeste by Badger Land)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

Stanley's Last 3f (Ladora by Jallad)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

Path To Glory 3f (Autumn Splendour by Silvano)

[Greyville 6 MR 64 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

Elusive Path 3c (Escondida by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Guineas 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

Secret Star 3f (Flowing Stars by Western Winter)

[Turffontein 7 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1160m \(17/12\)](#)

Choir Of Angels 3c (Super Singer by A P Indy)

[Kenilworth 10 Maiden Plate 1400m \(17/12\)](#)

Jungle Path 3c (Jungle Assembly by National Assembly)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(18/12\)](#)

# SIGNPOSTS

## PHILANTHROPIST (Kris S)

Infinite Love 3c (Love Unlimited by Hawk Wing)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(16/12\)](#)

Singapore Sling 3c (Sing Dixie Sing by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Guineas 1600m \(17/12\)](#)

Regal Empress 3f (Helena by Camden Park)

[Scottsville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Inside\) 1600m \(18/12\)](#)

**SUMMERHILL** stallion • from the Champion Breeders

## TRAFFIC GUARD (More Than Ready)

Guardsman 3c (Western Glow by West Man)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(16/12\)](#)

Hurry Home 3f (Rainbow Lady by Modern Day)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

Time Tripper 3f (Champs Elysees by Victory Moon)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(16/12\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### HIGH CHAPARRAL

Rated **AR67 High Seas Beauty** (3f Attesa by Belong To Me)

*Maiden Plate (F&M) Vaal inside (1200m) (10/12)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Kerry Jack Bloodstock** WEANLING PURCHASE (AT MM)

Thought not to be fully tuned up, and looking for further, Mike De Kock's charge was allowed to drift right out to 13/1 from 5/1. Positioned in midfield for most of the journey, High Seas Beauty fairly flew after switching out for a run 300m from home, and after making up many lengths in the closing stages of the race, she got up in the very last stride. She bound to improve on her rating.

### GO DEPUTY

Rated **AR75 Viking Red** (3g Vermillion by Western Winter)

*Maiden Plate Greyville poly track (1600m) (9/12)*

**BLOODSTOCK SA** NATIONAL YEARLING SALE - 220k

After four mediocre runs with not much to show in the line of excuses, Frank Robinson's charge improved out of all proportion when only having to be pushed out when winning going away by five and a half. Not one to blow up his charges unnecessarily, Frank said after the race that this is a top horse. Let's see.

### TRIPPI

Rated **AR 87 Punta Cana** (2c Remembrance by Fort Wood)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate (F&M) Turff stand side (1000m) (13/12)*

**BLOODSTOCK SA** NATIONAL YEARLING SALE - R1.4m

Wilgerbosdrift & MAURITZFONTEIN bred

Said to be not fully tuned up, this R1.4m yearling purchase was soon at the head of affairs. He ran on strongly over the final 400m, and won going away by three and three quarters. The racetime was good enough to warrant his current high rating.

## Is Your Horse One To Follow?

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners**  
& **Horses for the Notebook** on this page

- see how promising the Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** say they are.

## For The Notebook

### CAPTAIN AL

Rated **AR 99 Captain's Causeway** (4c Giant's Bounty by Giant's Causeway)

*Pinnacle Stakes Turffontein stand side (1160m) (13/12)*

Returning from a six month break here, and out at the weights with a few, Sean Tarry's charge couldn't have made a more pleasing return to action. Despite being a little slow into stride, he was soon up handy and won well after striking the front 120m from home. Clearly one to keep on the right side of.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Furiosa** (AUS) 3c Fastnet Rock- Suitely(AUS) (Woodman)

*Turffontein 1400m (06/12)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Al Hawraa** (AUS) 3f New Approach- Ijaaza(AUS) (Redoute's Choice)

*Turffontein 1400m (06/12)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Casino King** (AUS) 3g Casino Prince- Tomescu(AUS) (Galileo)

*Fairview 1600m (09/12)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**High Seas Beauty** (AUS) 3f High Chaparral- Attesa(USA)

*(Belong to Me) Vaal 1200m (10/12)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Lute Society** (AUS) 3 c New Approach- Lute(NZ) (Stravinsky)

*Vaal 1200m (10/12)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Samurai Blade** (AUS) 4g Where's That Tiger- Shao Shao(AUS)

*(Shinko Forest) Vaal 1800m (10/12)*

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# #146

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**VAR colt**

2<sup>nd</sup> foal of Irish **Danehill Dancer** mare



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# Night Time Is The Right Time

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Five From Sixteen

Scottsville 4th December

Four of the eight races in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday were staged over 1600m. The fastest of these was the conditions plate won by LITTLE CHAPEL. Sent off as the rank outsider of the eight horse party at 22/1, Dean Kannemeyer's charge raced in the rear for most of the journey. Once in the home straight though, she quickened best of all and in what proved to be a thrilling finish, she got up in the very last stride to beat WAITY KATIE.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1200m where the faster of the two was the MR93 Handicap in which SEA FEVER registered his fifth career victory. Soon into stride, the Argonaut gelding raced up with the pace throughout. He kept on strongly at the business end of the race and just held on by the narrowest of margins from SPANISH CAPTAIN. The runner up came from the rear and had to switch 300m out.

Much easier a winner from the front was CAPTAIN AT SEA when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1600m. Always a couple clear, Gareth Van Zyl's charge won without any anxious moments.

**Titbits** Beaten just a neck the runner up MISS VARLICIOUS hit a bird in the closing stages of the allowance plate over 1000m.

## Outside Support

Kenilworth 6th December

A MR88 Handicap topped the bill in Cape Town on Saturday and in what proved to be the faster of the two 1600m races, we saw a smart performance from the 3yo WILLIAM LONG-SWORD. Always top of the boards, Vaughan Marshall's charge raced second for most of the journey. He was asked to take up the running at the 400m marker and after quickly going clear he comfortably accounted for the running on LINEKER by a length and a half.

The faster of the two 1400m events on the card was the MR70 Handicap in which SHALL BE FREE registered his second career victory. Supported throughout the afternoon into 6/1 from 14's, the son of Elusive Fort raced in the backend of midfield during the early part of the race. He ran on best of all over the final 400m and under a well-judged ride from apprentice Balloo, he got up late to deny the more fancied

COPPER FORCE (raced handy – led 180m).

In terms of distance the easiest victory on the card was that of BEAU when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1400m. Another to find good outside support, Dean Kannemeyer's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front going through the 300m and although the best bet on the card for most BORDER CONTROL (1/3) chased hard, he went on to score with authority by three and a quarter.

**Titbits** Lightly raced KAPTEINSPANDISEILE ran on well from the backend of midfield and despite shifting right across the track, only went down by a neck in the opening maiden plate over 1200m.

## Sealed With A Kiss

Turffontein 6th December

Due to an electrical storm they were only able to run the first five races on the old stand side track on Tuesday evening. Three of these were staged over 1400m and quickest against the clock in these was the 3yo daughter of New Approach, AL HAWRAA n the MR88 Handicap. Allowed to drift right out to 13/1 from 7's at the track, Mike De Kock's charge raced in midfield early on. She ran on strongly down the long home straight and won with some in hand after striking the front 100m out.

A maiden juvenile plate for the girls over 800m had opened up proceedings and here we saw a very easy victory for the well-supported joint second favourite KISSABLE. Taken straight to the front by Randal Simons, the daughter of Antonius Pius led throughout. She held just a slender lead passing the 400m pole, but once given rein she quickly went clear, and won easing down by almost six and a half.

FURIOSA in the maiden plate over 1400m was the best bet on the card for most and he did indeed do the business. Deep in the red at 4/10 at the off, Sean Tarry's charge was always handy. There were anxious moments going through the 400m, but the penny did eventually drop and once getting into top gear he went on to score comfortably by just over a length.

**Titbits** Adopting a change of tactics here, the 66/1 shot IRRIDIUM SILVER was always clear when causing an upset in the maiden plate for the girls over 1400m.

Last Week's Top Rated  
**SPEED RATINGS** winners incl.

Comtessa Antonia .....	won 9/1
Indigo Storm .....	won 9/2
Respect At Bay .....	won 7/2
Captain At Sea .....	won 12/10
Racethegreenlight .....	won 1/1
Step Out .....	won 8/10
Joan Ranger .....	won 7/10
Furiosa .....	won 4/10

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been  
adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (5) Heart And Soul 1  
**Race 2: (1) Rand Hedge 33 (NAP\*)**  
Race 3: (3) Cat And The Moon 74  
Race 4: (1) Auntie Carol 15  
Race 5: (10) Stir It Up 53  
Race 6: (1) Crown Of Gold 69  
Race 7: (2) Jet Explorer 88  
Race 8: (8) Trees Of Green 43  
Race 9: (3) Storm Ridge 49

### GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (3) Courageous King 15  
Race 2: (2) Raw Courage 19  
**Race 3: (4) Momo 18 (NAP\*\*)**  
Race 4: (3) Savannah Cat 2  
Race 5: (10) Destined For Dawn 51  
Race 6: (5) Astroman 41  
Race 7: (8) Chennai Babe 73  
**Race 8: (2) Just Vogue 52 (EW)**

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (4) Inn A Million 21  
Race 2: (8) Comtessa Antonia 44  
Race 3: (11) Hallucination 4  
**Race 4: (1) Sha-Boom Sha-Boom 23 (NAP\*)**  
Race 5: (3) Odd Rob 58  
Race 6: (8) Rambo 58  
**Race 7: (2) Inyanga 49(EW)**  
Race 8: (13) Racing Socks 48  
Race 9: (5) Pennington Sands 72  
Race 10: (16) Like A Master 41

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: No Qualifiers  
Race 2: (7) Cardinal Call 42  
Race 3: (2) Seven Woda 56  
Race 4: (2) Bela-Bela 84  
Race 5: (6) Fifty Cents 98  
Race 6: (8) Bold Rex 97  
Race 7: (1) Table Bay 74  
Race 8: (2) Nightingale 79  
Race 9: (11) Smart Mart 84  
Race 10: (3) Icon King 27

### SCOTTSDALE (SUN)

Race 1: (3) Up And Under 19  
**Race 2: (13) Tropical Blow 23 (NAP\*)**  
Race 3: (5) Piano Man 90  
Race 4: (5) Queen Diva 12  
Race 5: (8) Son Of Orimandes 51  
Race 6: (8) Trinity Hall 40  
Race 7: (8) Charisma 36  
Race 8: (16) Academy Princess 50  
Race 9: (7) Son Of Silver 54

### Nap bets

\* Fancied \*\* Strongly fancied  
\*\*\* Very strongly fancied

CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

In Full Swing

Greyville 7th December

The action took place on both surfaces on Wednesday afternoon. Two maiden plates over 2000m were first up and quickest home in these was NIGHT CIRCUS in the boy's affair. Sent off a clear favourite at 2/1, Dean Kannemeyer's charge raced handy in what soon became a strung out field. He ran on strongly in the short home straight and comfortably accounted for the always handy BOLD REIGN by a length and a quarter.

A MR80 Handicap over 1000m on the turf topped the bill, and here favourite backers were again on the mark when SWAKOP-MUND did the business. Taken straight to the front by Anton Marcus, the top weighted son of Imperial Stride led throughout. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and went on to score comfortably from the running on PANZA by a length and a quarter.

The faster of the two 1400m maiden races on the turf was the boy's division won by the well-supported BLING SWING. Backed into even money from 18/10 at the track, Paul Lafferty's charge was always handy. He put his head in front as they approached the 300m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to beat his stable companion CUPKING by five.

**Titbits** SAN JULIAN BAY and THE MONEY MAN both ran on well from off the pace when 3rd & 4th respectively in the MR64 Handicap over 1600m.

Master Stroke

Vaal 8th December

Three of the nine races on the outside track on Thursday were staged over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was COUNTERSTROKE in the MR72 Apprentice Handicap. Positioned at the back for most of the journey, the 5yo Count Dubois gelding cut through the field like a knife at the business end of the race and won going away by a length and a quarter.

They also ran three races over 1600m and quickest home here was MAN'S INN in the MR80 Handicap. He led throughout in what was always a very tightly bunched field and just got the verdict by a neck over the more fancied CHEROKEE GREY.

The faster of the two 1000m races was the MR68 Apprentice Handicap won by the 3yo Noordhoek Flyer filly CAPTAIN'S GIRL.

### FASTEST TIMES

(Number of races run in each category shown in brackets)  
\* Times taken by Clockwatcher

**SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 4TH DECEMBER**  
Penetrometer 24 – Going Good  
Course Variant: 0,06s fast

1000m (1) Just Vogue	56,46
1200m (2) Sea Fever	68,32
1500m (1) Budapest	89,03
1600m (4) Little Chapel	94,82

**KENILWORTH (NEW) 6TH DECEMBER**  
Penetrometer 22 – Going Good  
Course Variant 0,63s slow

1000m (1) Indigo Storm	59,52
1200m (1) Chosen Path	73,71
1400m (2) Shall Be Free	85,94
1600m (2) William Longsword	100,27
1800m (1) The High Life	112,58
2000m (1) Major Jay	125,76

**TURFFONTEIN (OLD) 6TH DECEMBER**  
Penetrometer 22 – Good  
Course Variant: 0,31s slow

800m (1) Kissable	45,25
1400m (3) Al Hawraa	84,73
1600m (1) Iridium Silver	101,10

**GREYVILLE (MIXED) 7TH DECEMBER**  
Turf Good/Poly Standard  
Course Variant: 0,14f (poly) – 0,23s fast (turf)

1000m (1) Swakopmund	58,11T
1200m (1) Lunar Rush	70,96T
1400m (2) Bling Swing	84,33T
1600m (1) Ice Ridge	95,13P
2000m (2) Night Circus	123,08P
3000m (1) Dunham	191,94T

**VAAI (OUTSIDE) 8TH DECEMBER**  
Penetrometer 23 – Going Good  
Course Variant: 0,59s slow

1000m (2) Captain's Girl	57,39
1200m (1) My Friend Lee	70,93
1400m (3) Counterstroke	82,68
1600m (3) Man's Inn	95,03

Soon up with the speed, Louis Goosen's charge was four lengths clear going through the 200m and it looked as if she would go on to score as she liked. She did start to shift around in the latter stages of the race though, and that allowed the pack to close in to a length and three quarters before the wire.

**Titbits** The always handy TEENAGE DREAM comfortably accounted for her stable companion SEPTEMBER BLOOM (the favourite) when getting off the mark in the maiden plate for the girls over 1400m.

### Notebook

Horses worth following at their next few starts...

**BLING SWING** (P Lafferty, KZN)  
**KISSABLE** (P Matchett, Gauteng)

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Sun 18 Dec | Etihad Stadium | 18:15



Manchester City will look to get their season back on track when they host Arsenal at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday. Pep Guardiola's side take on Watford on Wednesday before a meeting with the Gunners who travel to Everton on Tuesday, at the time of writing. Following back-to-back league defeats, the Citizens will be desperate for three points, but they face a difficult task as Arsene Wenger's side are unbeaten since the opening day of the season. Manchester City are fourth in the Premier League table on 30 points, seven adrift of leaders Chelsea and four behind second-place Arsenal. Being two managers who are all about possession-based fluid football, entertainment is guaranteed when Pep and Wenger meet.

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Probable line-ups:

**Man City: 4-2-3-1**  
**Bravo; Stones, Otamendi, Kolarov; Fernando, Gundogan, Navas, Sane; Silva, Iheanacho, De Bruyne.**

**Arsenal: 4-2-3-1**  
**Cech; Bellerin, Gabriel, Koscielny, Monreal; Coquelin, Xhaka; Walcott, Ozil, Oxlade-Chamberlain; Sanchez.**

**Prediction: Arsenal Win & Both Teams to Score (31/10)**  
I think we'll be in for an open game as both sides thrive on attacking football. Both teams are dangerous in attack and have issues in defence. However, City have looked dismal in recent weeks and will struggle without Aguero and Fernandinho. I'm backing Arsenal to Win & Both Teams to Score at 31/10.

**To Win**  
**Man City 23/20**  
**Draw 49/20**  
**Arsenal 9/4**



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