

All In Good Time

Nadeson Park's Redoute's Choice stallion Time Thief is in the news again, just a fortnight after In Her Time became his first Graded stakes winner when grabbing honours in the Gr2 Breeders Classic at Randwick. The 4yo filly followed up last week, winning the Gr2 Millie Fox Stakes at Rosehill making it 5 wins and a second from 10 starts, with earnings of A\$365.225. The Gr1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill in three weeks' time could be her next target. Time Thief started his stud career in Australia and transferred to Nadeson Park in Hermanus in 2015.



CEO Hunt in Mauritius

The restructured Mauritius Turf Club are looking for a new CEO after long-serving GM Benoit Halbwachs requested that his responsibility be limited to the organisation of horse racing. The 59-year-old, with 40 year's service, has been appointed a Director Of Racing, and will continue with broader responsibilities until a new CEO is appointed.

Short Very Short

Bookmakers are taking no chances with 5yo superstar Winx, who has been priced up at 1/10 to win her 10th Gr1 race and second \$600,000 Chipping Norton Stakes at Royal Randwick on Saturday. Winx, who equalled Phar Lap's 14 unbeaten runs sequence last time, is set to start as the shortest-priced favourite in the mile race's history.

TOP Of The Class

It's early days yet, but Vaughan Marshall's Kenilworth debut winner Valedictorian looks bound for the Gr1 Gold Medallion at Scottsville on 27 May after a cracking victory on Saturday, earning a promising AR 84 rating.

The handsome Var colt stood out head and shoulders above his six opponents in the parade ring, and came home under a wet sail to win with ease. Valedictorian was a R500k Book One purchase by Mayfair Speculators. Avontuur offer a full-brother on the National Yearling Sale in May.

Eyes Right

SA champion trainer Sean Tarry demonstrated the power of a good eye again at Turffontein on Saturday. He saddled the Silvano debutante Simply Royal to a smart opening win. The Ascot Stud bred bay is out of Gr1 winner Royal Fantasy (Al Mufti) and was Tarry's pick of the 2015 National Yearling Sale, where she was bought for R2.7 million by Form Bloodstock for Al Adiyaat South Africa.



Hill 'N' Dale-based stallion Curlin (Smart Strike) enjoyed a stakes double on Saturday to take his tally to 32 individual stakes winners. Twice US Horse Of The Year, winner of the 2007 Gr1 Breeders' Cup Classic and the 2008 Gr1 Dubai World Cup, Curlin retired as the all-time North American money winner with earnings of over \$10.5 million before entering stud at Lane's End originally. He stands at a fee of \$150,000.

Green For Go



Justin Vermaak's Green Street Stable got off the mark in style at Kranji on Sunday when Deadline Day won a S\$75,000 Maiden race over 1200m on debut. The 3yo is by Rip Van Winkle out of New Zealand mare Scarlet Runner. The winner is trained by James Peters and trialled twice for two fair thirds at Kranji. An elated Garteh Pepper, Asian representative for Green Street Stable, said: "NZ Bloodstock director Mike Kneebone approached us about a half-brother to juvenile champion Onceuponatime they wanted to place in Singapore." So far, so good.

Equinomics

A total of 771 yearlings from 109 stallions have been catalogued for sale between February 26 and March 1 at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale.

An interesting read by Bruce Clark on www.gfx.com.au attributes the ongoing bucking trend of the Australian thoroughbred trading market and its snub of the broader economics of the world to the brute strength of the racing industry underpinned by top prizemoney and great incentive schemes. One bloodstock consultant commented: "We tend to be in a very unique industry. The general economy might be tough but there is a good reason people are paying money for horses, our prizemoney depth is incredible."

Rays Of Hope

Word has it that Gr1 sprinter Red Ray is on his way to Klawervlei where he will be syndicated for stallion duties. An R800,000 purchase for Mayfair Speculators at the CTS Ready To Run Sale in 2012, the son of Western Winter was trained by Joey Ramsden. The Lammerskraal Stud-bred

brought the curtain down on a track career spanning five seasons with a cracking third in the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship last month.

Cape Guineas and CTS Mile winner William Longsword, a son of Captain Al, is also set to prepare for a second career in the breeding shed at the Bonnievale farm.



Thumbs Up

Internationally renowned Veterinarian Dr Jonathan F. Pycroft received a massive thumbs up from local breeders after hosting and presenting a Reproduction Seminar in Rawsonville. Dr Pycroft operates Equine Reproductive Services, a first opinion and referral private equine practice based in Yorkshire, England.