

Power Of NONE

Are the National Horseracing Authority taking their motto of the 'Power Of One' a touch too literally?



Take the Scottsville first race on 19 April. Gold Circle reported that following a race review called by a Stipendiary Steward, jockey Anton Marcus, the rider of the beaten Valcar, was forced to object as with only 3 Stipendiary Stewards on duty, an objection by 1 of the Stipendiary board would have left only 2 to deliberate the objection when the rule requires 3. Valcar had been hampered by the winner, Flamboyant. After a lengthy deliberation, the objection was upheld.

At the last two KZN meetings, there were yet again only 3 Stipes on duty. There were 6 on duty at Turffontein on Saturday, but only 3 at Kenilworth. Is this what they call progress?

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Avontuur stallion Var was represented by his 9th individual juvenile winner at Kenilworth on Saturday when his son Virtue (2g ex Hunter's Glen by Complete Warrior) finished well for a smart debut win. Virtue beat his paternal half-brothers Henry Tudor and Forest Prince into second and third respectively to seal the Var trifecta. Forest Prince looks one to watch next time out after he made up lengths inside the final 200m. There are 28 Var progeny on the National Yearling Sale next week.



The Martyn Meade-trained Eminent (3c ex You'll be Mine by Kingmambo) maintained his unbeaten record when running out an impressive winner of the Gr3 Craven Stakes over a mile at Newmarket on Thursday, in the process providing Frankel (Galileo) with his seventh stakes winner.

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There are 13 Gr1 races to be run in the SA Champions Season which officially gets underway with the Independent on Saturday Raceday at the Theatre Of Champions on Sunday, 7 May. The festival runs through to the end of July with about R30-million in feature race stakes on offer for the 54 races, that includes 31 graded events.



Arrowfield Stud stallion Snitzel (Redoute's Choice) is the sire of current July favourite Heavenly Blue. At home, the son of Redoute's Choice remains on track to break the record for the most 2yo winners sired in a season after Snitzepeg (2c ex Pegasus Queen by Fusaichi Pegasus) won at Ballarat on Monday. He was Snitzel's 28th individual 2yo winner so far this season. Snitzel sired 30 2yo winners last season, equalling Without Fear (Baldrick), and looks poised to set a new benchmark in 2016/17.



Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeni may have felt that April had him fooled after a winner drought in recent weeks. But he turned that around at Flamingo Park on Monday with a double, that included his 100th winner of the season on Elysian Fields.



Silvano's daughter Silver Stripe (4f ex Badger's Gift by Badger Land) became her sire's 69th stakes winner when scoring in the Listed Spook Express Handicap at Turffontein on Saturday. The Maine Chance based son of Lomitas has been represented by 9 individual stakes winner this season so far. His son Elusive Silva (4g ex Esprit by Fort Wood) signalled his Durban July claims with a good win in the Listed The Sledgehammer at Greyville on Sunday. There are 20 Silvano progeny on the National Yearling Sale next week.

Seeing The Light

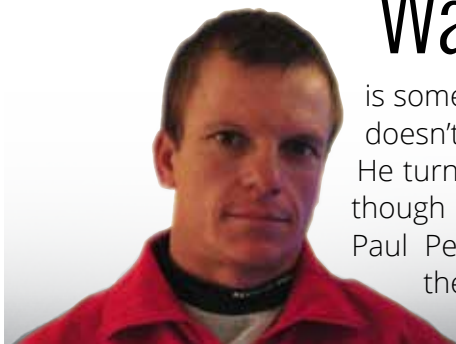
Husband-and-wife team Alec and Lezanne Forbes teamed up to win the second at Greyville on Sunday with the smart looking Gimmethgreenlight filly, Light On Her Toes (2f ex On Her Toes by Western Winter). The dam won 5 races, including the Gr1 Allan Robertson and Gr2 KRA Guineas racing in a partnership of Team Valor and the Singhs. Lezanne found Light On Her Toes for just R70 000 on the National Yearling Sale and says modestly, 'I got lucky before the Gimmethgreenlights started firing'. The man with the biggest smile is owner Alesh Naidoo.



Bok Jock

Mauritzfontein - Wilgerbosdrift sponsored Anthony Delpech has been selected as a member of the Rest Of The World Team who will be out to defend their Shergar Cup title at Ascot on Saturday 12 August. Delpech follows in the footsteps of Gavin Lerena, who was part of the winning team last year. Frankie Dettori, Jamie Spencer, Kerrin McEvoy and Emma-Jayne Wilson have been confirmed as team captains for the 2017 Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup; the world's premier international jockeys' competition.

Wayne's World



Jockey Wayne Agrella is something of a restless talent who we feel doesn't ride as many winners as he should. He turned his luck around the past few days though with a good win on Maximizer for Paul Peter at Turffontein on Saturday and then rode a double at Flamingo Park on Monday. Keep an eye on Wayne!

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Cape apprentice Craig Bantam had his claim cut to 2.5kg after he went gun to tape on State Ballet at Kenilworth on Saturday to reach the 20-winner mark.