

Classic Silvano



Maine Chance Farms' sire Silvano dominated proceedings this past week, with his progeny shining both on the racetrack and in the sales ring. A Silvano colt was knocked down to Form Bloodstock for R4 000 000 on the opening day of the 2017 National Yearling Sale. Consigned by Lammerskraal Stud, the beautifully bred colt was the top colt sold on the National Sale and the second top lot overall. His daughters Wind Chill and Oriental Oak ran 1-2 in the Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks, while Al Sahem became Silvano's 20th individual Gr1 winner when winning the SA Derby. Silvano's son Janoobi won the Gr2 Daisy Guineas on Sunday to become a dual Guineas winner. To crown it all, Marinaresco became Silvano's fourth graded winner on the weekend when winning Sunday's Gr2 Drill Hall Stakes.

Scott Class!

It was a great weekend for KZN based Scott Bros. A half sister to their Mr Greeley stallion Crusade won a Gr2 on QIPCO Guineas day at Newmarket on Saturday. Seventh Heaven drew off to take the Gr2 Dunaden Jockey Club Stakes by 5 lengths from One Foot In Heaven. Seventh Heaven, a 4-year-old by Galileo, racing for Coolmore, finished fourth in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf last year and followed that with a runner-up showing in the Gr1 Dubai Sheema Classic on World Cup night. On Champions Day, the Scott Bros bred Talktothestars ran a storming second to Rafeef in the Gr1 Computaform Sprint. Earlier their top stallion Mogok's progressive son Pagoda ran a cracking second in the Gr1 SA Derby.

SNOW IDEA

Godolphin admit they may never know the reason why Thunder Snow put on a buckjumping display at the start of Saturday's Kentucky Derby which caused him to take no part in the race, reports Racing Post. The Saeed bin Suroor-trained colt, who is a son of Australian-bred three-time Gr1-winning shuttler Helmet, was lauded as Godolphin's best-ever Derby candidate following victories in the Gr3 UAE 2000 and Gr2 UAE Derby in Dubai. But in what Chief Executive John Ferguson described as "one of the most extraordinary things any of us have ever seen", the 3yo put in a mini-bucking bronco routine in the first 100 metres before being pulled up by jockey Christophe Soumillon.



Easy Job

Godolphin's stand-in Australian trainer Darren Beadman said he wanted the position on a full-time basis after officially replacing John O'Shea on Sunday. "This is the dream job," Beadman told Sky Sports. "The thing about it is that it's not like going out and training 40 or 60 horses. You've got plenty of staff and good staff and that makes the job a lot easier and you've just got to be on top of it."

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There are just under 100 jockeys licenced in South Africa. Only 24 of them use 17 Agents in total

Brothers In The News

Champions Day marked a Gr1 double for full brothers, Mustaaqem and Rafeef. They were not the only pair. Al Sahem (Silvano - Alderry) won the Gr1 SA Derby and his 4yo full-brother Barbarian won an MR 70 Handicap North of the Limpopo on the same afternoon. It was Barbarian's third win in a row at Borrowdale for owner Tim Wilkes, trainer Penny Fisher and jockey Hennie Greyling .

Under The Whip

At Turffontein on 6 May, Andrew Fortune was charged with a contravention of Rule 58.10.2 in that he struck the horse Crystal Glamour more than three times on consecutive strides. Jockey Fortune signed an Admission of Guilt and was fined R2000. When assessing the penalty, the Board took into consideration that Jockey Fortune used his crop in the back hand position, however he struck this filly nine times on consecutive strides.

At Turffontein on 27 April, S'manga Khumalo was charged with a contravention of Rule 58.10.2 in that he used his crop with excessive frequency whilst riding the horse Purple Diamond. He was fined R4000.

At Turffontein on 1 May, Anton Marcus was charged with a contravention of Rule 58.10.2 in that he struck Walker on its head in the concluding stages of the race. Jockey Marcus signed an Admission of Guilt and was fined R5000. When deciding on this penalty, the Board took into consideration that this was accidental and that there was no intent involved.

Captain's Pick

New Turf Carriers will sponsor the 2017 Rider Cup Interprovincial jockeys' challenge which takes place at Scottsville Racecourse on Saturday, 9 July. Based on the National Jockeys and Apprentice logs as at the end of May, invitations will be sent to riders from each of the provinces with the leading jockey being appointed the Captain of his team. The top three from each province will qualify with the fourth member being chosen by the team captain.

Janoobi For Dubai



Gr2 Daisy Guineas winner Janoobi (Silvano - Shasta Daisy) has booked his ticket to Dubai, according to trainer Mike de Kock. The dual Guineas winner could be lengths better if he just learns to settle.

Rafeef For Stud



4yo Gr1 Computaform Sprint winner Rafeef (Redoute's Choice - National Colour) will stay in South Africa to take up stud duties. "He's a man, he's becoming coltish and I don't think it will be long before he goes to stud," predicted Mike de Kock after Champions Day.

Mustaaqem Waiting The Call

The news that Saturday's impressive Gr1 SA Nursery winner Mustaaqem (Redoute's Choice - National Colour) could be winging his way overseas, will be a disappointment for local fans. "It would be great to have Mustaaqem as a stallion here one day, we need National Colour's speed, for one, but I have a feeling I will get a call to ship this one out in due course," Mike de Kock said.

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Galileo (Sadler's Wells) sired a stakes double on Sunday, taking his total number of stakes winners to 237 after the Aidan O'Brien-trained Winter (3 f ex Laddies Poker Two by Choisir) won the Gr1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket. The result also provided Galileo with his 64th Gr1 winner. Earlier in the afternoon, Mayfair Speculators' Douglas Macarthur (3 c ex Alluring Park by Green Desert) won the Gr3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Stakes at Leopardstown, becoming his sire's 236th stakes winner. Galileo was also responsible for Saturday's Gr1 2000 Guineas winner Churchill.