



## All Revved Up

Maine Chance Farms' Oasis Dream stallion Querari has produced stakes winners in all of his first 3 crops to race and he enjoyed another profitable weekend on the track. His daughter Joking won the Listed Dahlia Plate at Fairview on Friday and he celebrated a double on the Kenilworth Sunday programme with La Favourari and Wedgewood both winning.

## Missing

Small fields remain a vexing issue in the Cape. Despite an extension to the closing date for entries for the Cape Of Good Hope Nursery and the Kenilworth Fillies Nursery to be run on May 27, only 19 entries were received. Supplementary entries close on Friday 19 May.

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## Bucking The Trend

Secretariat's 1973 record of 1:53s still stands in the \$1.5 million Gr1 Preakness Stakes, which will be run at Pimlico Racecourse for the 142nd time this Saturday. The race has produced 20 Horses Of The Year and Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming powered through his training on Monday as he continues his preparation for the next step to Triple Crown glory.

The HTBA Scone Yearling Sale ended on Monday capping a remarkable year of Inglis Select Yearling Sales and confirming 2017 as the strongest in the company's 150-year history. Inglis sold a total of 1877 yearlings in 2017 at a clearance rate of 88%, average of \$116,000, and gross of \$219,410,250. The gross figure sees Inglis beat its own record from 2008 (\$212,290,086) for an Australasian Yearling Sale season. The Scone Yearling Sale ended with a year-on-year growth of 30.3%, becoming the sixth Inglis Select Yearling Sale to achieve a growth in 2017.



## Back Up

An old back injury cost Aldo Domeyer a feature winning ride in the Derby at Fairview on Saturday and he was also forced to get off his rides at Kenilworth on Sunday. He saw a specialist on Monday.

## Deluxe Model

The former Charles Laird-trained Newhaven Park-based first season stallion Delago Deluxe (Encosta De Lago) sired his second winner courtesy of Massagi's (2 f ex Stubborn by Lonhro) victory over 1400 metres at Ascot last Wednesday. The Gr1-winning champion two year-old sprinter raced in the Mayfair Speculators silks. They paid a hefty Aus \$550 000 to acquire the colt at the 2010 Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale. Delago Deluxe will stand for a fee of \$11 000 this season.

## Sporting

East Cape Derby winning substitute jockey Craig Zackey showed a rare glimpse of sportsmanship in this tough game at Fairview on Saturday. He handed the trophy to his injured colleague Lyle Hewitson who was carded to ride Dorset Noble – after Aldo Domeyer cried off with back pain.

## Snitzel Sizzling

Four stakes winners over the past weekend have boosted Australia's leading sire Snitzel's prize money to a new Australian premiership record total of \$13.8 million, surpassing the previous record of \$12.9 million set last season by Street Cry. He now boasts 62 Group & Listed stakes winners (27 this season), 11 Gr1 winners (5 this season) and 27 2yo stakes winners (9 this season).

## On The UP

Brandon Bailey only turns 24 this month and the trainee racecaller has come on leaps and bounds since his tentative first live race in February at Turffontein. Listening to him calling Mauritius from the Rivonia studio on Saturday afternoon was a pleasure. It proves again that commentating is not a Varsity subject. You either have it or you don't.



## No Nonsense

The Australian authorities take no nonsense. Grafton-based trainer Daniel Want has been disqualified for 15 months by Racing NSW stewards for presenting a horse in his care to race with cobalt in its system.

## Save The Dates

The CTS Select Mares, Weanlings and Fillies For Stud Sale will be held at Highlands on Friday 16 June at 17h30. The Klawervlei Farm Sale will be held in Bonnievale the next day at 19h00.