

## RACING

THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** poly Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
r9 - (1) Big Chief (4/1)

**GREVILLE** night - mixed Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
r3 - (1) Sniper Shot (2/1)

**SCOTTSVILLE** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
r5 - (9) Awesome Angel (5/1)

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
r2 - (7) Code Writer (12/10)

**KENILWORTH** Sunday  
Best Roving Banker:  
r3 - (1) Pergola (10/1)

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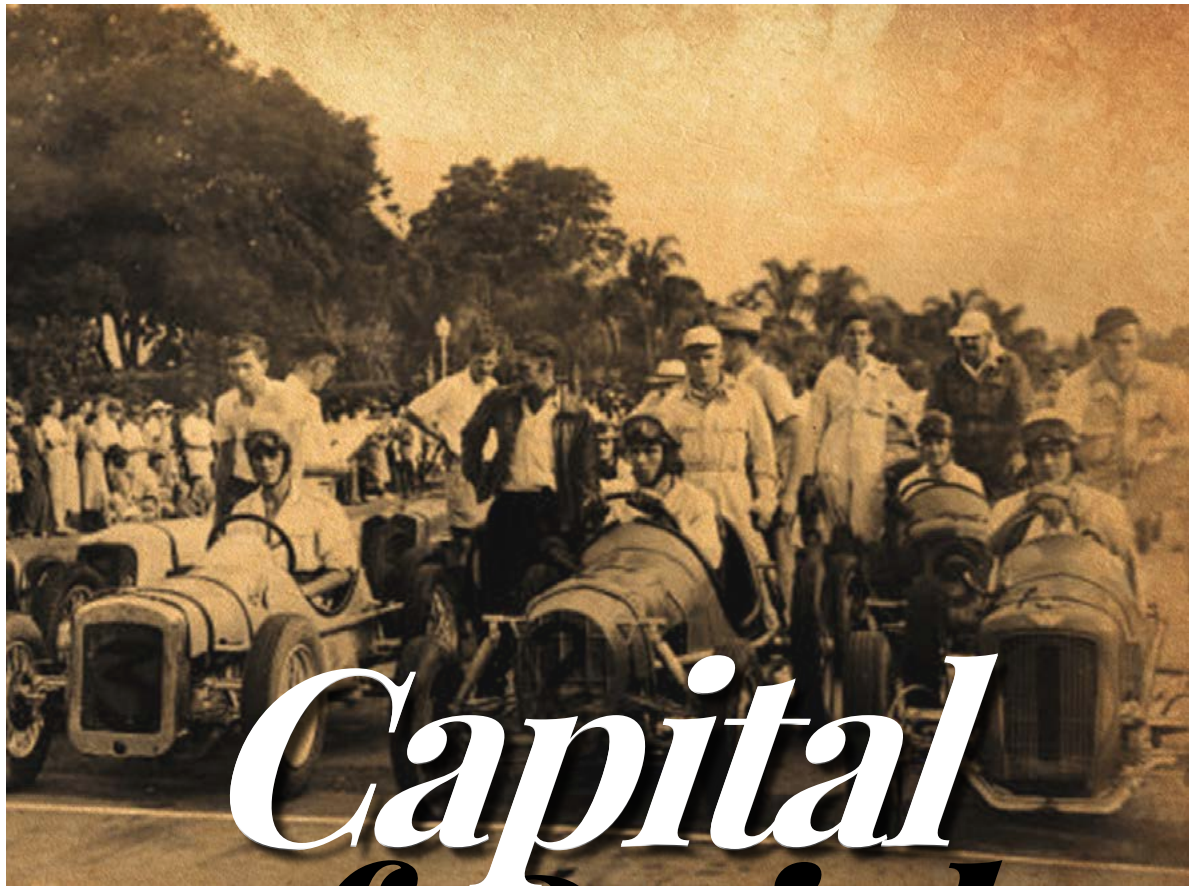
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# Capital of Quick

Scottsville Racecourse in the KwaZulu-Natal capital city of Pietermaritzburg celebrates 55 years of high quality speed racing with four action-packed Gr1 sprints on Saturday 27 May.

Africa's Mecca of sprint racing plays host to the Tsogo Sun Sprint raceday, a festival that attracts the cream of South Africa's equine fast set.

All four Gr1 contests boast a long and illustrious history.

The Tsogo Sun Sprint, which started life as the Gilbeys Stakes back in 1962, is the oldest of the four races. The first sponsored race in KZN, it was run at the outset for the princely sum of R7000.

The inaugural running of the Gilbeys was won by Mr Chris Saunders' Zealous after a rare tussle with Blithe in the final stages, prevailing by a head. Zealous was bred by the Birch Bros, trained by Fred Rickaby and ridden by Duncan Alexander. A report suggests that "the hero of the race was Inverthorn (9st 3lb) who was only beaten about a length and a half, trying to give the winner two stone."

The Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion had its inaugural running a year later in 1963, as the Smirnoff Plate, when it was won by Mr C.T. Tehini's Ptolemy, trained by L Coetzee and ridden to victory by Bennie Little. Ptolemy proved quite a versatile horse, winning

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both the SA and Cape Derby as a 3yo and finishing a close third in the 1964 Rothmans July.

A year later came the Allan Robertson, originally named The Breeders' Champion Fillies Stakes. It was won in the first year by Raymond & Graeme Ellis' Fantastic, trained by Joe Joseph and ridden by Charlie Barends. The stake was a generous R5000 and the SA Racehorse reports that "Certain prominent breeders kindly donated free services to their stallions to be selected by the owner of the winning filly."

Known at times as the City of Pietermaritzburg Fillies Sprint, the SA Fillies Sprint is the youngest of the four Gr1's.

First run as the Scott Bros Fillies Stakes, it was inaugurated in 1971 and won by owner/trainer JV Goss's Swan Song, ridden by Brian Passmore.

### Today

The 2017 renewal promises to be one of the greatest ever, with top-class campaigners like Trip To Heaven, Talktothestars, Always In Charge, Attenborough, Barbosa, Lord Balmoral and Moofeed among the 32 entries for the R1 million Tsogo Sun Sprint.

The grand dame of sprinting fillies, Captain Al's good daughter Carry On Alice, is likely to take her place in the final field for the R750 000 SA Fillies Sprint along with The Secret Is Out, Green Pepper, Vision To Kill, Live Life, Exquisite Touch, Real Princess, Joan Ranger and Jo's Bond.

Star fillies and mares Bela-Bela, Just Sensual, Dawn Calling and Sail using the race as part of their SA Champions Season preparation programme.

The 2yo contests are packed with potential future champions with runners like Woljayrine, Sir Frenchie and Varallo, the first three past the post in the Godolphin Barb Stakes matching strides in the R750 000 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion with Naafer- runner up to the sensational Mustaaqem in the Gauteng Nursery.

The first four past the post in the Strelitzia, Neptune's Rain, Made In Hollywood, Gold Image and Princess Peach, could renew their battle in the R750 000 Allan Robertson Championship and match their talents with the Pretty Polly Stakes and Gauteng Fillies Nursery winner Princess Peach and the Tony Ruffel Stakes winner Daring Diva.

Supplementary entries close at 11h00 on Friday 19 May.

Declarations close at 10h00 on Monday 22 May.

Watch this space for the race news and previews!

[See the entries – click here](#)



## Who Grabbed The 100-1?

**Finding a July winner at 50-1 is a Gr1 moment for any punter. It may well be long after the money was spent, but a decent ante-post strike will surely rank as a favourite punting memory for anybody who has been in this game for longer than five minutes.**

Ante-post betting is an untapped reservoir of marketing opportunities for the racing gods and while fashion may grab a sector of the market, what better way to create genuine interest from early on as horses progress and prices fluctuate?

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not run.

In the normal course of events, bets are placed after the field is confirmed and should your horse be a non-runner for any reason, a deduction is claimed from the winner to refund your bet.

With 47 entrants in the 2017 Gr1 Vodacom Durban July basket, there has been some support for Drill Hall Stakes winner Marinaresco to favourite at 6/1. The recent SA Derby winner Al Sahem has come in at 8/1 with a guaranteed place.

What about taking a position on Hat Puntano – he may be value at 20/1 even though expressly left out of the big-race log pending runs which show his well-being and stamina beyond 1600m.

The 3yo's Africa Rising and Copper Force come into the betting at 25/1 and there is some interest in Justin Snaith's Krambambul from 100/1 into 25/1.

The balance of the chief protagonists have all drifted out.

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## Rain Disrupts KZN Racing

**More than 200mm has fallen over Greyville since last Friday and with Wednesday being the first day of sunshine, a decision regarding the Betting World 1900 race meeting will be made closer to the time.**

The Greyville turf track will need ideal weather conditions for it to dry sufficiently.

The wet weather has disrupted the preparation of horses in the province and the race meeting scheduled for Scottsville on Wednesday 17 May was moved to Saturday 20 May 2017.

A track inspection was carried out on Tuesday morning by the Track Manager and a Trainer from Ashburton and it was agreed that there was no prospect of the race meeting going ahead as planned.

"Fortunately Turffontein is a standalone meeting on Saturday and hence, with the blessing of Phumelela, we have made the decision to postpone to this date," said Gold Circle Racing Executive Raf Sheik.

"For this reason we have kept Sunday as a Plan B option should the track require more time," added Sheik. "With our major race days on the horizon, we are very mindful that we need to avoid causing excessive damage to the racing surfaces while at the same keeping the disruption to the planned racing programmes to an absolute minimum.

FRIDAY AT GREYVILLE

# July Breakpoint

Gr2 Betting World 1900 Greyville

**It's a likely case of a Vodacom Durban July make or break for at least eleven of the fifteen runners in Friday evening's R500 000 Gr2 Betting World 1900.**



The consistent Silvano gelding Mr Winsome is not in the July line-up at this stage | Gold Circle

This event is one of the big race panel's 'winner gets preferred consideration status' pointers and with relatively little time left to the 1 July goal, the heat will be on.

Despite the important status of the race, it is ironically not a July winner platform in the ordinary course of history. We have to go all the way back to Bold Silvano in 2010 to find a horse that went on to achieve the double.

The 1900 is weighted according to merit rating bands, with the winner limited to a maximum 6

point penalty – unless otherwise requested. There will also be no rating increase for placed horses.

The July log was published last Tuesday and in this line-up, Elusive Silva and It's My Turn, both from the Justin Snaith stable, along with the Geoff Woodruff-trained Master Switch are in the top 20, with another Snaith runner, Prince Of Wales, on the outside looking in for a big race run.

So there is plenty to play for.

Bernard Fayd'herbe has been in a rich vein of form and he rides top-weighted It's My Turn.

The lightly raced 2016 Investec Cape Derby winner ran a good third in the Peninsula Handicap but had nothing to offer late in the Met where he ran 5,65 lengths off Whisky Baron.

He is in 18th place on the log and a decent showing here from this class galloper could go some way to cementing his claims after a good fourth in the July last year.

Mike de Kock and Callan Murray team up with Jubilee Line, a 4yo son of Dynasty who has been a touch disappointing recently. He did run a nice race last Thursday at the Vaal when conceding 5kgs and being beaten 1,40 lengths by Amsterdam in an MR 86 Handicap.

That may not be July winning credentials, but the run will have brought him on.

Ten Gun Salute was in desperate need of the run when finishing over 12 lengths behind Marinaresco in the Drill Hall Stakes a fortnight ago.

This will be more his game over the 500m further and vast improve-

ment can be expected from a gelding that was only a few lengths short on some big occasions last season.

Dean Kannemeyer's Mr Winsome won the Listed Michael Roberts Handicap and is one of the most consistent handicappers around.

He is interestingly not a July entry and trainer Kannemeyer told the Sporting Post that the intention was to aim him at the staying features in the season rather. He could be the dark horse and surprise this lot as he comes in fit.

Sean Tarry's Serissa is a hardknocking 7yo stayer who made the pace in this race last year, before fading out.

He could fulfil that role again but seems better over slightly further.

Anton Marcus takes the ride on Summer Cup third-placer Master Switch, who fills 20th position on the July log.

He ran a good race after a 4 month break when looming dangerously and only being run out of it late in the Drum Star Handicap. Expect a big run on Friday.

Joey Ramsden's Macduff has his first run since finishing second last in the Sun Met.

Nicely drawn at 2, he is likely to need the run and looks outgunned here.

Glen Kotzen's Gr3 Chairman's Cup winner Banner Hill won a cracker after a three month break last time over a distance thought to be short of his best.

The son of Tiger Hill stays well and faces his biggest test to date here – but it may be a twisted benefit that his wide draw will add to his test his stamina and he could run on into the place money, if the second-run-after-a-rest syndrome doesn't grab him.

The second of the Woodruff runners, Go Direct is a low-profile progressive 4yo, who shows signs of heading in the right direction.

He meets his stablemate Master Switch on a kg worse terms after getting up late to beat him by a head last time. He also has a wide draw to contend with, but is familiar with Greyville.

The Judpot gelding Rocketball has done very little since his nerve wracking second to Abashiri in the final leg of the SA Triple Crown over a year ago. He looks like an optimistic July entry at this stage.

Prince Of Wales had his first start in KZN when a 2 length third behind stablemate Elusive Silva in the Sledgehammer last time.

He showed up well in the Cape summer and looks a scopy sort who will be out to produce a forward showing and break into the top 20 on the log.

His exciting stablemate Elusive Silva came out after a ten month break following his success in the Winter Derby to

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win the Sledgehammer in good style at this track over 100m shorter.

The son of Silvano is highly regarded and well drawn with the services of Anthony Delpech, he must be a serious contender.

Tilbury Fort pulled up lame and making respiratory noises after the SA Classic.

The son of Horse Chestnut managed a decent enough fourth behind Janoobi in the SA Guineas, but worryingly was also reported lame there.

He enjoys the best of the draw here and the services of S'manga Khumalo, but will need to be at best to challenge.

Hyaku looks well held by Elusive Silva on his 3,20 length seventh placed finish in the Sledgehammer last time out. (Carded to run at Greyville on Sunday 14 May\*\*)

Copper Pot is the fourth member of the Tarry quartet.

While he is a winner of four races, he does not have the profile of a likely July candidate and has his first run in KZN from a tough draw. His best was a fourth-placed

finish in the Listed Secretariat Stakes.

Tight Call

In what is always a hard fought contest, we are leaning towards Master Switch and the Snaith pair of It's My Turn and Elusive Silva as the likely top trio.

Mr Winsome and Prince Of Wales could be the dangers.

### Gr2 Betting World 1900 past winners

<b>2014</b>	
1 Espumanti	55.5 (6) 9/2
2 Punta Arenas	58.0 (1) 4/1
3 Halve The Deficit	56.0 (2) 8/1
<b>2015</b>	
1 Dynastic Power	54.0 (12) 66/1
2 Power King	58.0 (11) 6/1
3 Punta Arenas	58.0 (16) 66/1
<b>2016</b>	
1 Solid Speed	58.0 (9) 5/1
2 St Tropez	56.0 (5) 12/1
3 Dynamic	56.0 (14) 12/1

### START 8:10PM GREYVILLE

# 7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
GR2 BETTING WORLD 1900 (TURF) - 1900M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-4-7)(3-8)(9-12-13-14)

Dynasty	<b>1 IT'S MY TURN</b> (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe.....	10	<b>60.0</b>
Silvano	<b>2 MR WINSOME</b> (D Kannemeyer) M Winnaar.....	12	<b>58.0</b>
Jet Master	<b>3 MASTER SWITCH</b> (GV Woodruff) A Marcus.....	9	<b>58.0</b>
Dynasty	<b>4 PRINCE OF WALES</b> (J Snaith) G Cheyne.....	3	<b>58.0</b>
Henrythenavigator	<b>5 TEN GUN SALUTE</b> (DC Howells) M Yeni.....	8	<b>58.0</b>
Tiger Hill	<b>6 BANNER HILL</b> (GS Kozen) R Fourie.....	15	<b>56.0</b>
Silvano	<b>7 ELUSIVE SILVA</b> (J Snaith) A Delpech.....	4	<b>56.0</b>
Go Deputy	<b>8 GO DIRECT</b> (GV Woodruff) M v Rensburg.....	13	<b>56.0</b>
Black Mimmeloushe	<b>9 SERISSA</b> (SG Tarry) K De Melo.....	6	<b>56.0</b>
Judpot	<b>10 ROCKETBALL</b> (G v Zyl) W Kennedy.....	7	<b>56.0</b>
Street Cry	<b>11 MACDUFF</b> (J Ramsden) M Byleveld.....	2	<b>54.0</b>
Horse Chestnut	<b>12 TILBURY FORT</b> (SG Tarry) S Khumalo.....	1	<b>54.0</b>
Visionaire	<b>13 COPPER POT</b> (SG Tarry) C Orfer.....	14	<b>54.0</b>
Admirer Main	<b>14 HYAKU</b> (SG Tarry) C Maujean.....	5	<b>54.0</b>
Dynasty	<b>15 JUBILEE LINE</b> (MF de Kock) C Murray.....	11	<b>54.0</b>

## A July Route Map

Friday evening's Betting World 1900 is one of the key races on the road to a berth in the Gr1 Vodacom Durban July final field.

The winners of the following Grade 1 races in the current season will qualify automatically save that, where appropriate, Gold Circle reserves the right to request a public gallop to determine the well-being / fitness in the event that any of these winners have not raced within three months of the date of final declaration (given the timing of these races, this would practically speaking only apply to winners of the Queen's Plate, Met and Cape Derby):

The L'Ormarins Queens Plate, Sun Met, Investec Cape Derby, SA Classic, SA Fillies Classic, SA Derby Premier's Champions Challenge, Daily News 2000, Woolavington 2000 and the Rising Sun Gold Challenge.

The winners of the following races in the current season will enjoy preferential consideration for inclusion in the final field:-

Gr1 Sansui Summer, Gr2 Betting World 1900, Gr3 Cup Trial and the Gr3 Jubilee Handicap.

## SATURDAY AT KENILWORTH

# Beautiful Winter Sky

Gr3 Winter Classic Kenilworth

**A disappointingly small field of seven face the starter for the second leg of the Cape Winter Series at Kenilworth on Sunday. Justin Snaith and owner Fred Crabbia will be rubbing their hands in glee as African Night Sky takes his next step to Winter Triple Crown glory.**

The Highlands, Part Of Ridgemont, sponsored R250 000 Gr3 Winter Classic looks to be tailor-made for the Dynasty gelding African Night Sky who trotted up in the first leg over 200m shorter last month.

Carrying a 1kg penalty for that victory, Bernard Fayd'herbe will be given a similar opportunity to ride a confident waiting race, in a race where pace – or a lack of it – could well play a role.

Being out of a Cozzene mare who won to 2450m, African Night Sky should have no issues with the extra and goes for his fourth career win.

Candice Bass-Robinson's yard has been in a rich vein of feature form and Our Mate Art is the first of their duo.

The son of Artie Schiller tried his heart out but had no answer to African Night Sky's powerful finishing burst in the Winter Guineas and came up 1,25 lengths short.

On paper, his 1kg swing at the weights will certainly level the playing field slightly – but Aldo Domeyer is unlikely to be fit to take the ride.

Elevated has failed to build on his excellent Cape Guineas fourth and has not yet recovered from his possibly ill-conceived tilt at the Investec Cape Derby.

At the time his trainer Riaan van Reenen said that he would be given time to mature and develop.

His two return runs – including a weak effort in the Winter Guineas – suggest that he will struggle to assert himself here.

The Australian-bred

### Gr3 Winter Classic past winners

<b>2014</b>	
1 Power King	58.0 (4) 11/20
2 Dynastic Power	58.0 (9) 8/1
3 Helderberg Blue	58.0 (7) 11/2
<b>2015</b>	
1 Royal Dreamer	60.0 (9) 8/1
2 Sail For Gold	60.0 (4) 6/1
3 Liquid Mercury	60.0 (5) 18/10
<b>2016</b>	
1 Marinaresco	60.0 (6) 17/20
2 Whisky Baron	59.0 (8) 7/2
3 Royal Badge	59.0 (12) 50/1

START 4:25PM  
KENILWORTH

# 8

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
GR3 WINTER CLASSIC (3Y0'S) - 1800M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-4)(2-6)

Dynasty	<b>1 AFRICAN NIGHT SKY</b> (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	6	<b>60.0</b>
Artie Schiller	<b>2 OUR MATE ART</b> (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	5	<b>59.0</b>
Elusive Fort	<b>3 ELEVATED</b> (Burger/van Reenen) C Orfer.....	3	<b>59.0</b>
So You Think	<b>4 TURBULENT AIR</b> (J Snaith) G Cheyne.....	1	<b>59.0</b>
Gimmethelight	<b>5 LOADSHEDDER</b> (A Nel) G v Niekerk.....	4	<b>59.0</b>
Silvano	<b>6 OLLIVANDER</b> (C Bass-Robinson) M Byleveld.....	2	<b>59.0</b>
Var	<b>7 VERDIER</b> (AN Marcus) R Fourie.....	7	<b>59.0</b>

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Turbulent Air is stablemate to the favourite and tries the 1800m for the first time.



The Dynasty gelding African Night Sky takes his next step in the Cape Winter Series on Sunday | Wayne Marks

He was reported not striding out when a modest fifth and 4,35 lengths behind African Night Sky and is surely better than that effort.

## Power Combo

Andre Nel's Loadshedder has won twice in eight starts and steps up in ground.

The son of Gimmethegreenlight stayed on well for a 3 length third in the Winter Guineas and his 1kg pull will certainly bring him closer to African Night Sky.

This R900 000 sale graduate is yet

to run a bad race in 8 starts and is worth including.

Ollivander has lost form since his nice third behind Horizon in the Gr3 Politician Stakes on L'Ormarins Queen's Plate day.

Well back in his last three starts, he was 9,40 lengths behind African Night Sky in the Guineas and even with a 1kg pull cannot be fancied to reverse the standings.

The Var gelding Verdier never showed in the Winter Guineas when running 5,60 lengths behind African Night Sky.

Being out of a good mare who won up to 2850m, it is possible that he will enjoy the step up in trip but will need to improve many lengths to feature.

It looks to be African Night Sky's race to lose.

Our Mate Art could challenge with the weight advantage and if he enjoys the step-up to the 1800m.

It looks tough for the rest.

## Artie Who?

Our Mate Art looks to be the only likely threat to African Night Sky in Sunday's Gr3 Winter Classic.

He is by Artie Schiller, the only Breeders' Cup Champion by sire-of-sires El Prado.

Artie Schiller has already sired Gr1 horses on every surface, along with contenders in four different Breeders' Cup races, and the Kentucky Derby.

A turf specialist himself, Artie Schiller was purchased and raced by William Entenmann of Timber Bay Farm and his daughter Denise Walsh. He was trained by Jimmy Jerkens.

At 2 the colt won two of his five starts and at 3 won five of eight outings, including the Jamaica Handicap in which he set a new Belmont Park course record for 1800m.

At Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, he was sent off as the favourite for the 2004 Breeders' Cup Mile but finished twelfth in the fourteen-horse field.

Artie Schiller had his best earnings year at 4 and his most important career win. After winning the 2005 Maker's Mark Mile Stakes and the Bernard Baruch Handicap, he travelled to Belmont Park where under jockey Garrett Gomez he won the Breeders' Cup Mile.

Artie Schiller was retired from racing in August 2006 and entered stud for the 2007 season at Hurricane Hall in Lexington, Kentucky.

He has produced 34 black-type winners, 63 black-type horses and 14 Graded stakes winners, who have earned \$36 million in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere combined.

He currently stands at WinStar Farm in Versailles, KY, for a fee of \$15 000.

# SA Features Downgraded

**While breeders use it as their benchmark of excellence, does race grading really make a difference to owners, trainers and punters?**

It is understandable that sponsors may aspire to be associated with Gr1 status. By their nature they attract more hype, adspend and attention from the operators, media and uninformed general public.

Who really cares if the Vodacom Durban July is a Gr2 and why should the Sansui Summer Cup, in essence a well-heeled local handicap, be a Gr1 race?

The downgrading of certain South African feature races has followed a recommendation from the National Horseracing Authority's Graded Races Committee.

The Graded Races Committee received a letter in late 2015 from the Asian Pattern Committee expressing concern that the number of Grade 1 races in South Africa was excessive compared to other countries.

The Asian Pattern Committee suggested that ideally South Africa should have no more than 25 Gr1 races and it was against this background that the Graded Races Committee agreed to aggressively review all of South Africa's Gr1 races over the next few years.

In 2011 South Africa agreed to comply with the Ground Rules of the Asian Pattern Committee. In terms of the Ground Rules all races must justify their grading by the quality of its runners. The quality of the field is assessed primarily by the annual race ratings of the first four placed horses over a three year period.

**The following races were downgraded to Gr3 status this season:**

The Debutante, Gold Bowl, Gold Cup, Umkhomazi Stakes and the Victory Moon Stakes.

**The following races were downgraded to Listed status this season:**

Algoa Cup, Champion Juvenile Cup, Christmas Handicap, Eastern Cape Derby, Jacaranda Handicap, Kenilworth Fillies Nursery, The Langerman, Racing Association Handicap and the Acacia Handicap.

*For the record, the present Graded Races Committee under the Chairmanship of Ken Truter, comprises Lyndon Barends, Arnold Hyde, Roger Smith, Vidrik Thurling, Clyde Basel, Jay Harrielall, Graeme Hawkins, Raf Sheik, Larry Wainstein and Kevin Sommerville .*



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## Robin Scott At 82

# Old School Scholar

**After a half century in the game, one of the icons and great stalwarts of South African horseracing and breeding turns 82 on Saturday.**

Champion breeder Robin Scott told the Sporting Post earlier this week that he had 'nothing much planned' for the day.

Asked what his secret to a long and good life was, he said that 'smoking was bad' but that 'if you don't drink you will never get there!'

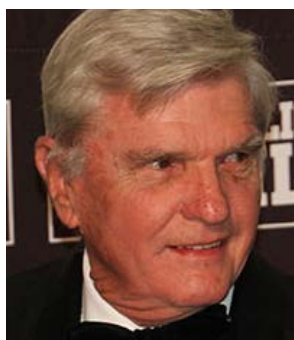
"I still work and keeping the brain and mind active is very important I believe. I have had my time of celebrating – the 30's,40's, 50's,60's and 70's. Now we just enjoy reaching the next one," he laughed.

In 1967, the dairy farm across from Ivanhoe Stud came up for sale and Robin, along with his brothers Des and Neville established Highdown Stud.

After having boxed at the highest level for 50 long years, he once suggested that breeding racehorses was 'like a pendulum'.

"You do well for a bit and then you don't and then of course, the thing swings back".

The Scott Bros are from Irish stock, with their father hailing from Belfast and their mother also from Northern Ireland.



Robin Scott

### Sands Of Time

Their story has its roots in the sands of Isipingo beach, where Robin and boyhood friend George Rowles galloped George's father's racehorses across the beach and took part at the local gymkhanas.

At the age of 22, with some financial assistance from his mother, Robin opened the first Scotts Shoe Store at the bottom of Berea Road in Durban.

Brother Des joined in running the retail business which flourished into a national chain comprising 120 shoe and clothing stores, four shoe factories and three clothing factories. Brother Neville was a farmer, who worked for the Oppenheimer's dairy in White River.

Robin and Des had a number of horses in training and the distinctive Scott livery of black, white maltese cross, red sleeves and white cap became a firm fixture in winner's enclosures across the country.

"Devon Air was my favourite horse to race," remembers Robin. "We bought her in the UK, brought her over here and she won three Grade 1 races – the Greyville 1900, the July and the Gold Cup – in three months. The best horses I raced were Jungle Class and Bold West; both were multiple Grade 1 winners trained by Herman Brown."

Another to carry their silks with distinction was Spanish Pool and they had a particularly close and successful association with Terrance Millard, to whom they entrusted the likes of Sunera, Prontissimo and July winning, Devon Air and Ilustrador.

### Quality First

The first stallions to stand at Highdown were Kimberly Kid and the imported Ambiopoise.

With a policy of only breeding from high quality mares, the original broodmare band consisted of 30 mares, most of which are still active in the stud book and include the likes of Lenore, purchased from Archie Dell. She produced Leta (grandam of Steiger) and several generations on, The Apache.

### Politics

While there have been numerous breeding highlights over the years, Politician was an early and obvious standout who came along after only 6 years in business.

Politician may have put the Scott Bros on the map, but with the help of champions sires Jungle Cove and Foveros among others, there have been many subsequent successes. They were also responsible for breeding Arctic Cove and Jungle Rock and more recent stars Eton Square, Orbison, Meadow Magic, The Apache and recent Gold Cup winner, Wild One.

Have a great one Robin !



Three months on . . . . . the Ascot Stallions continue to lead

## Bold Silvano

LEADING SIRE of 2yo's by stakes

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# Sail From Seattle

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Lanark makes it the 13th individual winner - won at Kenilworth 10 May



# Murray For Hong Kong

**SA's Champion's Day treble Gr1 hero Callan Murray flew out of South Africa on Wednesday for a stint in Hong Kong and could have his first rides at Sha Tin as soon as this coming Sunday.**

The initial approach from the Hong Kong Jockey Club to Murray was made just a week ago.

After consultation with the Mike de Kock yard, from whom he gets most of his rides, and also with some of his other supporting trainers, Callan said the invitation was just too good to pass up.

The Avontuur-sponsored rider gets the best of both worlds as he will have a taste of riding on one of the most competitive stages of world racing, while still being able to fulfil his commitments for the SA Champions Season back home.

"It's a short-term contract and I will fly back for the Daily News 2000 and the Vodacom Durban July," he said.

Murray had the racing world buzzing after his extraordinary Gr1 treble for the Mike de Kock yard on Gauteng's richest raceday recently.

Speaking on behalf of his sponsors, Avontuur GM Pippa Mickleburgh said that they were extremely proud of him and wished the 20 year old well.

Murray's absence will be felt, particularly after it was reported that his good friend and colleague Lyle Hewitson will be out of action for an extended period after breaking a collar bone in a horror fall at Fairview last Saturday.

Another top man in former Champion Jockey Gavin Lerena flew out for a stint in the UK last Friday and had his first ride at Bath on Wednesday.



Callan Murray | JC PHOTOS

Season Ends For Hewitson

## The Ugly Side Of Racing

**A shocking fatal fall by a 2yo first-timer ended the season for our champion apprentice in-waiting and cast a dark cloud on East Cape Derby day on Saturday.**

The Renate du Plessis-trained Gitano Giant was making his debut under Lyle Hewitson in the Fairview third race.

According to the Stipes Report, Gitano Giant broke down, fell and dislodged Hewitson at the 450m marker.

A Stipendiary Steward, the Course Veterinary Surgeon and the Course Manager inspected the surrounding area where Gitano Giant broke down on the racecourse and nothing untoward was observed.

The 2yo was euthanized after apparently having broken both forelegs.

Hewitson caught an early flight to Johannesburg on Sunday morning and had a plate and screws inserted into his fractured left collarbone the same day.

He was discharged on Monday and was expected to commence physiotherapy in about six weeks time.

With only about ten weeks left of the current season, Hewitson is unlikely to see further action but has the championship title in the bag as he is on 103 winners and a country mile ahead of his nearest rival.

He also occupies a top ten position on the senior log, but is likely to tumble down that ladder.

In an ironic twist, Hewitson fell when Samish Bay stumbled badly near the 200m on the same track on 28 April.

That incident ended on a happier note for horse and rider.

## Never Forget Mother's Day!



**One thing we've learnt about staging a horse sale, as we did on Sunday, is that you should consult not only the stars but the social calendar before you nominate a date. Most farmers know that if there's going to be rain, it will be around the full moon, and every man worth his salt should remember Mother's Day, writes Mick Goss.**

It was a tough day for us, not only for the challenges of the era, but more so for the sentiment involved in selling the families that have brought local and international recognition to Summerhill, that have taken my wife and I and many of our staff to most parts of the Thoroughbred world, and that delivered up our championships of the past decade and a bit.

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# Lerena Settles In

**SA log leading jockey Gavin Lerena came through his opening ride in the UK in gloomy conditions at Bath Racecourse on Wednesday.**

The scenic track is situated on Lansdown Hill, northeast of Bath, Somerset.

The 31 year old Lerena was aboard Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Mudajaj for the Charlie Hills string in the 2300m Class 4 British Stallion Studs EBF Maiden Stakes.

Mudajaj had opened his career over 1800m at Leicester on 29 April and finished 4th. While he was expected to improve over the extra ground with the experience under his belt, he failed to quicken and finished back of midfield.

Lerena, who left for the UK last weekend, is being sponsored by Chelsea Thoroughbreds and is based with trainer Charlie Hills at Faringdon Place Stables in Lambourn.

A one-time SA Champion jockey, this was not Lerena's first ride in the UK as he was a member of the victorious Rest Of The World Team at last year's Shergar Cup.

Hills' training complex at Faringdon Place centres around three large American Barns which house 150 horses between them.

He has saddled 12 winners so far in the UK flat season, that runs from April to November.

Gavin is also carded to ride Chelsea Thoroughbreds' Dr Goodhead, also for the Hills stable, at Newmarket today.

Lerena, who sacrificed a possible second SA Jockey title to take up the contract, indicated on his departure from South Africa that he would be keen to break the ice early.

It is believed that his family will be joining him once he has settled in.

# Ruling The World

**South Africa's leading owners Mayfair Speculators lead their nearest rivals by over R19 million on the official stakes earning logs published by the National Horseracing Authority and the Markus Jooste world conquering machine kicked into another gear with a smart debut winner in Australia on Tuesday.**



Markus Jooste

Fastnet Rock's daughter Sia, an \$AUS1.1-million purchase off the 2016 Inglis Easter Sale was saddled by David and Ben Hayes, and Tom Dabernig, to a promising win at Geelong over 1100m.

Jooste's Nordic Racing and Breeding race the filly in partnership.

In the last fortnight Jooste has enjoyed partnership winners under the Mayfair Speculators banner in Ireland (Douglas Macarthur), England (Soulful) and France (Straight Shooter)

Jooste, who also owns SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle, is set for a major Investec Derby Festival in the first week of June at Epsom, and bids for a double with the Australian – bred The Conglomerate in the Vodacom Durban July four weeks later.

# Dream Team Set For Preakness

**The Kentucky Derby winner, Always Dreaming, will break from the 4 gate in the ten horse field for Saturday's \$1 500 000 Gr1 Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore.**

Thirteen winners have started from that post, most recently Curlin in 2007.

Classic Empire, the early second choice at 3-1 to win the second leg of the Triple Crown, will be next to Always Dreaming in post No. 5. Lookin at Lee, the Derby runner-up and the 10-1 third choice, drew the No. 9 post.

Always Dreaming, who has won four races in a row, including the Florida Derby and the Kentucky Derby, is an early 4-5 favourite for the Preakness.

He has been winning impressively, but conditions will be different in Baltimore on Saturday. The field will be smaller, the weather warmer and the track drier.

He will also be racing on only two weeks' rest, having typically gotten a month between races.

"I think it's fun," Classic Empire's trainer, Mark Casse, said at Wednesday's post-position draw. "I think if they both break running, they may go at each other from the beginning. ... We're going at it, so we're not going to sit back and wait."

But the Derby champion's trainer, Todd Pletcher, cautioned that the Preakness will not be a two-horse match race. "It's never that easy," he said. "It's a 10-horse race."

[Click here to see the final field](#)

## A Million Reminders!

Horses not registered with CTS on or before 10 June 2017 will not be eligible for the \$1 Million Bonus and transfers of ownership after 10 June 2017 will exclude the owner from eligibility for the \$1 Million Bonus.

If you have purchased yearlings at any of the following yearling sales during 2016 and you intend to run 2 or more of your purchases in both CTS Million Dollar races in 2018, then to qualify for the \$1 Million Bonus, all yearlings purchased at the 2016 CTS Cape Premier Yearling Sale, the 2016 CTS March Yearling Sale and the 2016 CTS Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale must be registered for the bonus with CTS by no later than 10 June 2017.

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It has no bearing on the eligibility of participants in either of the races.

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## Short Heads

# 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 Friday 19 May.



HAMISH NYVEN

# 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.

# 142

Secretariat's 1973 record of 1:53s still stands in the \$1.5 million Gr1 Preakness Stakes, which will be run at Pimlico 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.

# Bucking The Trend

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.

# 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.

## PERSONALITY

# Big Five

Grant Van Niekerk

**Grant van Niekerk has earned his way to the top of our rider rankings with a well-deserved reputation for always doing his very best on every ride. With a new stable and a new sponsor, he celebrated Mother's Day with 5 wins on the Kenilworth card.**

The Capetonian joined the SA Jockey Academy in January 2007, alongside Gareth Wright, JP Van Der Merwe, Tshwaro Appie, Athandiwe Mgudlwa and Aldo Domeyer. His first ride came aboard the Glen Kotzen-trained Combat Leader at Clairwood on 11 June 2008 where he finished second. Two meetings later, he got the ride again and rode his first winner at Clairwood Park on 25 June 2008. It was his fourth ride under rules.

After his initial training, Grant was placed at the Cape Town academy, a move which suited him down to the ground, being his home town. However, Cape Town is also very competitive and it can be difficult for young riders to make an impression. The senior rank and file of our training ranks have seen more jockeys come and go than most of us have had hot dinners and are generally fairly good judges when the new drafts roll into town, so it was interesting that the late Alan Higgins singled Grant out as a future star, right from day one. For someone who mentored the likes of Spike Lerena, Glen Hatt, Mark Khan and Greg Cheyne, that is high praise indeed. When I ask why, the answer is simple, 'Honest jock.'

## A Little Luck

While being good certainly helps, as the old expression goes, sometimes it's better to be lucky than good and in Grant's case, luck smiled down on him during the 2011 Jockey 'International'. Randall Simons was stood down from his ride on Smanjemanje in the Victory Moon Stakes and Grant stepped into the breach, bringing him home an easy 3.75 length winner for trainer Tyrone Zackey. Mr Zackey kept Grant on the horse and,

newly out of his time, he was the youngest rider in the 2012 J&B Met and the two were the narrowest of losers in the 2012 Vodacom Durban July, going down a short head to Pomodoro.

"My first job was with Mr van Reenen. I worked for him for a few months and then Glen Kotzen offered me a job. I was really over the moon. I did very well for Mr Kotzen and then Mr Bass approached me. Obviously it's a stable you can't pass by, so I took the opportunity and I have to say, Mr Bass put me on the map." That was in July 2013 and brought with it a sponsorship from Kuda Insurance. The appointment, which raised eyebrows in some quarters, was a winning one and on 7 December 2013, Grant rode a career best 5 winners on the Kenilworth card, of which 4 were for the Bass yard. He also brought home 6 winners on the Kenilworth card on 12 July 2014, which included two for the Bass team. "I rode a lot of good horses for them," he reflects.

## Big horses

Inara gave Grant his first career Gr1 win in the Maine Chance Farms Paddock Stakes on 10 January 2015 and followed up with a second Gr1 in the 31 January Klawervlei Majorca Stakes. "I won five Gr1's on her and she won in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town. For a filly to do that is phenomenal and she's a horse that is really close to my heart."

Grant also partnered Marinaresco, who gave him a second heart-stopping July second, as well as a very emotional Gr1 Mike & Carol Bass Champions Cup on Mike's last official day in the office on 31 July 2016. "Marinaresco is special. I know how good he is, but obviously things didn't pan out in the Queen's Plate and Met for me. I would have loved to keep the ride, but I am grateful to the Bases for everything they taught me and all the opportunities that came my way."

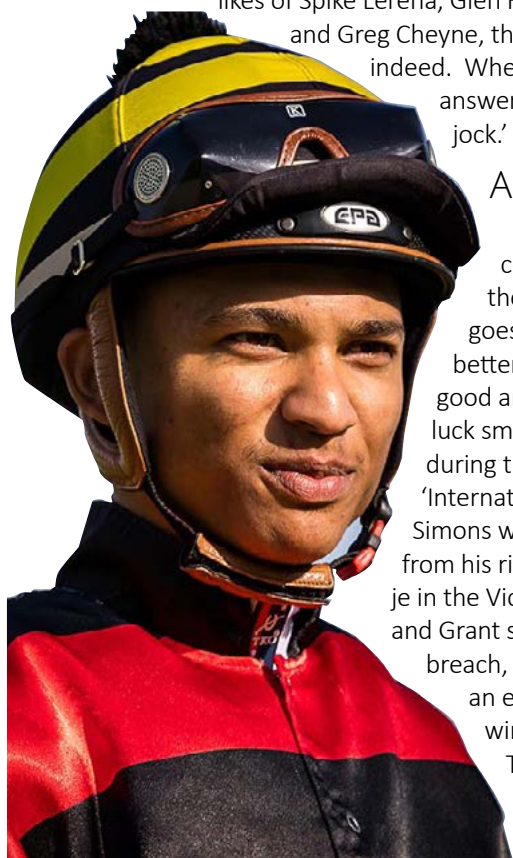
## New association

Grant and the Bass yard parted company in February 2017, with both parties choosing to freelance. In March 2017, Grant was snapped up by the Plattner yard, while Aldo Domeyer stepped into the vacant stable jockey position for Candice Bass-Robinson. Grant also picked up a new sponsor in Drakenstein Stud Farm.

"Working for the Plattner yard is great. Andre Nel is really easy to ride for and he's very very good with his horses. I get along with him and Mrs Plattner very well. It's a great team to work for, there's no unnecessary pressure on you, they're very understanding when a horse gets beaten and I am really loving riding for them. We're doing very well together and I hope it continues. Andre is a great guy and a great trainer and I think he'll go straight to the top."

## Big Five

On Sunday, 14 May 2017, from 9 carded rides at Kenilworth, Grant brought home 5 winners, two seconds and a fifth and his 9th ride was scratched. He brought home two winners for the Plattner yard, two for the Woodruff string and one for Candice Bass-Robinson. "I've had six on a day before and it's always nice to have multiple winners on a day. If you get past the 4th winner, it's a great feeling. I thought I was a little unlucky not to have 6



Hamish Niven

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## GRANT VAN NIEKERK

today," he says, referring to the first race in which he lodged an objection. "But it was still a great day."

"I haven't had the best of seasons. I was off for six weeks, so I'm grateful to have five wins again – I am feeling very good about today." Asked whether he was expecting a good day at the office, he says, "It just kind of happened. Sometimes you can have good rides and think you're going to have a good day and end up with none. The first one came and I thought 'thank God!', then the next one and the next. Once you've had a winner or two, it pushes your confidence up and you may end up winning even on horses that may not be favourite."

## Ups and Downs

"The best part of being a jockey is riding winners – that's what makes it sweet, you know? I love being around horses. I love riding. For me the best part of the job is being around horses and riding winners. That makes everything worthwhile."

What does he find challenging? "Pressure when it comes to betting and critics afterwards. Like any sportsman, one can go through a bad patch and there are always people who will talk. If that gets in your way, that can affect you when you're riding. I try and block it out and carry on with life. I think as long as you know you've done your best, no-one's opinion really matters."

## Champions Season

Does he have any designs on the Durban season? "The Plattner yard are my first priority and we are working hard for that Graded win. But, they don't have that many horses, so I am available for quite a few races. Andre is very understanding and if I am offered a good ride, he is happy for me to take it – he is very good like that."

Is there perhaps a July prospect on the horizon? "Nothing has been confirmed yet, but I feel I've been unlucky on two occasions now. I really want to win the July and feel like my time has come to win it." His other big race goals are the Queen's Plate for his sponsor and the Met.

Asked if there has been a special mentor or support from anyone in particular during his career, Grant answers, "There are a few people, but mainly my family. They have been supportive right throughout. So I'd have to say my family and my little daughter. They are the reason I carry on and always try and do my best."

## A Bright Light

**The Armitage family's faithful Mr Prospector stallion Goldkeeper has died at the age of 27 at Sandown Stud.**

Beset by fertility issues throughout his career, he started out in Zimbabwe in 1994 and was transferred to Wilfred Koster at Cheveley Stud in 2001.

He moved back to James Armitage at Sandown in 2006 and produced his last foal, Shine Bright, a 4yo currently in training with Sean Tarry.

Shine Bright, who has won two races to date, was bred by Sandown, and is out of the three time winning Lizard Island mare Bright Thing.

Goldkeeper only sired 380 foals for an extraordinary lifetime winning strike rate of 80% winners to foals.

While he developed into a decent broodmare sire, producing the likes of multiple Gr1 winner All Is Secret, and the stakes winners Stay Alert and Reflective Image, he had a decent list of versatile Gr1 winners, including Gold Tax, Battle Maiden, Tiza, Kushka and Disco Queen.

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

- Fri 26 May **(L) Glenlair Trophy**  
3200m Fair (T)
- Sat 27 May **Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint** (3yo's)  
1200m Scottsville
- Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint** (F&M)  
1200m Scottsville
- Gr1 Gold Medallion** (2yo's)  
1200m Scottsville
- Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship** (2yoF)  
1200m Scottsville
- Gr3 Cape Of Good Hope Nursery** (2yo's)  
1200m Kenilworth
- (L) Kenilworth Fillies Nursery**  
1200m Kenilworth
- Sat 3 June **Gr1 Daily News 2000** (3yo's)  
2000m Greyville (P/T)
- Gr1 Woolavington 2000** (3yoF)  
2000m Greyville (P/T)
- Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup**  
2400m Greyville (P/T)
- Fri 9 June **(L) Lady Slipper S.** (2yoF)  
1400m Fairview (T)
- Sat 10 June **Gr1 Rising Sun Gold Chall.**  
1600m Grey (P/T)
- Gr2 Tibouchina Stakes** (F&M)  
1400m Grey (P/T)
- Gr3 Cup Trial**  
1800m Grey (P/T)
- (L) Gatecrasher Stakes** (2yo's)  
1400m Grey (P/T)
- (L) Devon Air Stakes** (2yoF)  
1400m Grey (P/T)
- KZN Winter Challenge 1200**  
1200m Grey (P/T)
- KZN Winter Challenge 1600**  
1600m Grey (P/T)
- KZN Winter Challenge 2000**  
2000m Grey (P/T)
- Sun 11 June **Gr3 BW Jubilee Handicap**  
1800m Turffontein (S)
- Fri 16 June **Gr2 Post Merchants**  
1200m Grey (P/T)
- Sun 18 June **Gr3 Track And Ball Derby**  
2400m Scottsville
- Gr3 Track And Ball Oaks** (F&M)  
2400m Scottsville

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# A Hat For The July?

## A bit of racing whimsy

**Supplementary entries for the 2017 Vodacom Durban July closed on Tuesday, 9 May 2017, but not before the entry of a 'mystery' horse from the Michael Azzie yard, a big, black 3yo Argentinian colt named Hat Puntana.**

It is shades of my favourite film, Francis Ford Coppola's *The Black Stallion* and given that the July is something of a crazy race in which anything can, and usually does happen, it feels strangely appropriate.

### Hat In The Ring

Unlike *The Black Stallion*, our 'mystery horse' doesn't come out of nowhere and he does have a documented history. Quite an exciting one as it happens.

Hat Puntano (Arg) is a dual Gr1 winner in Argentina. Bred by Haras La Biznaga, he is by Hat Trick out of the Bernstein mare, Stormy Pursuer. Hat Puntana has had four career starts to date, racing in the interests of Las Monjitas. He was trained by Carlos D Etchechoury for his first two starts and then transferred to Juan J Etchechoury for the last two of his starts in Argentina.

Robin Bruss of Northfields Bloodstock was responsible for brokering the purchase and furnished the details of the colt's career. Hat Puntano broke his maiden by 16 lengths on debut, beating a 13 horse field over 7 furlongs on the San Isidro turf on 30 April 2016. His second start was in the Gran Premio Gran Critterium, a G1 contest for 3yo colts and geldings over a mile, where he exhibited an impressive turn of foot to come from last to win by 2 lengths in a time of 1 min 34.66. After changing stables to Juan Etchechoury, he ran in the Gran Premio Estrellas, a mile G1 contest on dirt at Palermo on 25 June 2016. Unfortunately he didn't seem to act on the surface, and finished 6th. His final start in Argentina was on 30 July 2016, in the G1 Gran Premio Clasico Dos Mil Guineas (Argentine 2000 Guineas) on turf in which he disposed of the 8 horse field by 5 lengths. It was an impressive performance and good enough to prompt his purchase as a possible 2017 Triple Crown candidate.

Robin commented, "His style of racing is very exciting. His sire, Hat Trick, is a champion miler by the legendary Sunday Silence and a horse I happen to know very well. Hat Trick is a dual G1 winner and broke the track record for a mile when he won the 2005 G1 Kyoto Mile Championship of Japan in a time of 1:32.10. The record still stands."

Asked whether there was any significance to the name, Robin explains that Hat Trick shuttles between Gainesway and Argentina and the Argentinians have a naming convention whereby the Hat Trick colts are named 'Hat-something' and the fillies are called 'something-Trick', "so there are an army of Hats and an army of Tricks," he laughs.

### July ghosts

The coal black colt is in the care of Randjesfontein trainer

Michael Azzie, who has had a year which could best be described as 'challenging'. But Mike is also one of our most colourful turf characters and again, it feels somewhat appropriate that the colt should be trained by him. Clearly quietly excited about his charge, Mr Azzie said, "He has a real stallion's pedigree and the idea is for him to hopefully do well here and then go to stud." The horse was imported last November and has been registered to Drakenstein Stud (Nom. Mrs G. Rupert) and Mr Jaime and Mrs Mariza Vilela.

The colt has not raced since leaving Argentina, which has added an additional air of intrigue to the July entry. There is also debate about the assigned MR of 113 which, in echoes of the furore over Abashiri in 2016, means Azzie's 3yo faces the prospect of being lumped with a massive weight. Mr Azzie has expressed doubts as to whether they will go through to final acceptances with that rating or choose discretion over valour and opt for the Gold Challenge and Champions Cup before a tilt at the Cape Summer Season.

"As far as the July is concerned, we are chasing the eight ball as he hasn't raced since last July. The handicappers have whacked him a bit, so we're in a similar position to last year where Abashiri was giving away weight to the rest of the field, so we'll have to have a serious think." Azzie has indicated that Hat Puntano would be aimed at a Progress Plate on the Highveld at the end of May.

### Shared ownership

There is an old joke that a racehorse is the strongest horse in the world because it can take so many people for a ride at the same time and that is probably true. However, it doesn't only extend to people with a betting ticket on its nose. Anyone who has ever worked with a horse or in some way helped or contributed to it's career or well-being automatically starts to feel a little proprietorial over it, with everyone from the feed merchant to the farrier claiming a little of the reflected glory when it does well. We've all been there. I was drafted in as an emergency driver to chauffeur Heavenly Blue and a buddy back from a beach outing last year and when he won the SA Classic, you can rest assured there was a tiny bit of me that felt just a little responsible for the entire thing. Because one doesn't have to own a horse to feel as though you do.

Simply becoming a fan will get you a long way there. And when they canter down to the start, they take a little piece of you with them. We've all heard punters referring to the horses they've bet on as 'my horse'. It's the same thing. I read a lovely piece on this recently that says, "For many, many people, the racehorse does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He flies when our bodies are broken; he defies his own odds; he rises above class and politics; sometimes, he achieves fame by sheer force of will. And you



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don't forget a horse that gives you wings."

Of course those wings do come at a price. They require that you lay your emotions on the line and genuinely invest in a horse, which means taking the downs with the ups and sticking with it regardless. However, when that investment pays off, well, as Jane Smiley once said, it feels as though Heaven has reached down and touched us personally.

At the end of the day, we're all gamblers. Whether we're breeding, buying or standing at the betting window. And it's perhaps what makes racing folk such a special breed.

## July dreams

The 12 scratchings leave a total of 47 horses still in contention and the second declaration stage closes at 11:00 on Monday, 29 May.

There is a lovely quote that reads, "Fishing is worth any amount of effort and any amount of expense to people who love it, because in the end you get such a large number of dreams per fish". Maybe he'll run, maybe he won't. But in the meantime, it's nice to dream. What price a 'Hat' for the July?

## BREEDING

New Sire Off The Mark: Marchfield

## Poetry In Motion

**Moutonshoek's proven former Canadian-based sire Marchfield sired his first SA-bred winner when the Lucky Houdalakis-trained Spring Poetry shed her maiden at her third start over the Vaal 1400m straight last Thursday.**

"They take time and they are classic horses. We are thrilled that the pattern shown by the Marchfield progeny in Canada looks to repeat itself here," said an elated Dr Bennie van der Merwe after the news of their smashing son of A.P. Indy's first local winner had filtered through.

"He enjoyed a virtual explosion of winners six weeks before the end of the Canadian season and missed becoming Champion Freshman sire by a matter of \$2000. He sired 73% winners from his first crop, with 8% stakes horses from runners and then went on to become Champion Second Season sire there," he added.

The knowledgeable stud master said that the Marchfield progeny took time to mature and looked to be horses who would stay on. He was particularly pleased with the manner in which his partner's filly had asserted herself.

Spring Poetry was appropriately bred by Moutonshoek and races in the familiar blue and yellow of one of leading owner, Chris Gerber.

Having her third run after two decent placed efforts – she had



Marchfield

## BREEDING

run an excellent third to recent Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery fourth-placed Desert Rhythm- she won easily by 1,50 lengths in a time of 84,68 secs.

She was passed unsold at a top bid of R75k out of the ring at the 2106 Val De Vie Yearling Sale but was then sold for R180 000 at the National 2yo Sale.

Marchfield is by AP Indy, the emperor of sires in North America, and is out of Red Ransom's well-performed daughter, Pico Teneriffe, a triple Gr3 winner and 2009 Canadian Broodmare of the Year.

Racing sound until the age of 7, Marchfield was a Classic winner at 3, a graded stakes winner on turf and polytrack and Canada's Champion Older Horse at 4 and 5, winning races such as the 2008 Gr2 Autumn Stakes and the 2009 Gr2 Sky Classic Stakes, as well as the Gr3 Dominion Day Handicap.

Marchfield attained a top price of R180 000 from his 6 lots sold at the recent BSA National Yearling Sale.

He stood for a fee of R25 000 in 2016.

New Sire Off The Mark: Byword

## Doing The Talking

**Mauritzfontein's well performed young sire Byword, whose half-brother Finche made a stunning, winning debut at Deauville on Sunday, broke the ice at Flamingo Park on Monday when his first crop son Talk Wrench won over 1000m.**

Bred by Rob and Michele Pickering, Talk Wrench became his sire's first winner and has now won or placed in four of his six outings.

The colt was a R220 000 purchase from last year's National Yearling Sale.

He is from the first crop of outstanding racehorse Byword, who was France's Champion Older Horse in 2010.

Byword's seven wins included the Gr1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes (where he beat seven individual Gr1 winners), Gr2 Prix du Muguet and Gr2 Prix du Dollar (where Byword accounted for seven time Gr1 winner Cirrus Des Aigles). The chestnut also ran second to triple Gr1 Breeders' Cup Mile winner Goldikova in the 2010 Gr1 Prix d'Ispahan.

He is one of 12 G1 winners sired by French champion Peintre Celebre (by Nureyev), and is out of former Broodmare Of The Year Binche, dam also of four time Gr1 winner Proviso.

This is the same family as 2015 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint winner Peniaphobia and US champion racemare Wandesta among others.

Byword, whose yearlings have made up to R2 000 000, is the covering sire of several lots on Thursday's Cape Mare Sale.

He stood for a fee of R30 000 in 2016.



Byword

## BREEDING

# Rocking All Over The World

**Fastnet Rock was represented by stakes winners on three different continents this past weekend.**

His daughter, Zhukova, became her sire's 28th Gr1 winner when victorious in the Man O'War Stakes in the US, daughters, Turret Rocks and Laganore ran 1-2 in Ireland's Gr3 Blue Wind Stakes, and yet another Fastnet Rock filly, Miss Debutante, captured the Listed Denise's Joy Stakes in Australia.



Fastnet Rock

## World Over

Few sires have enjoyed more cross hemisphere success and Fastnet Rock is emulating his sire, Danehill, whose stock found favour the world over. Danehill left behind 89 Gr1 winners in at least 11 different countries and was a champion sire in both hemispheres.

A perennial leader on the Australian Sires List, Fastnet Rock is enjoying another fine year in 2017. He has already been represented by 15 stakes winners this year. His 2017 black type winners have scored in all of Australia, France, Ireland, Japan and South Africa.

This weekend, Zhukova, the first female since Waya in 1978 to capture the Man O'War Stakes, is also the first Fastnet Rock to win at the highest level in North America.

She is also the fifth Gr1 winner for her sire produced by a daughter of Galileo, with that cross also producing Gr1 Investec Oaks winner, Qualify.

## Classics

Fastnet Rock is likely to be represented in this year's major European classics by the likes of Rivet and Intricately, both of

whom won Gr 1 races as two-year-olds last year. A dual Champion Sire in Australia (he headed the list in both 2011-2012 and 2014-2015), Fastnet Rock has 115 stakes winners to his credit and his offspring have earned more than AUS\$118 million.

In terms of Gr1 winners, Fastnet Rock has sired more individual top flight Gr1 winners than other major Danehill sire sons.

## Early

His stock have often shown precocity and he has been represented by four stakes winning 2yos this year (his 2yo daughters Shoals and Formality recently ran 1-2 in a GR2 contest at Randwick).

Fastnet Rock has also sired his share of horses who stay a mile and a half plus. This category includes the above mentioned Qualify, French Gr2 winner, One Foot In Heaven, Gr3 Vintage Crop Stakes (over2800m) winner, Torecedor, as well as Ilitshe, winner of the Gr3 Caradoc Gold Cup over 2850m. Fastnet Rock looks to have inherited his remarkable versatility as a sire from Danehill, with the latter having sired Gr1 winners from 1000 to 4000 metres.

He is also enjoying increasing success as a sire of sires. For the past two seasons, a son of Fastnet Rock (Hinchinbrook and Smart Missile) has been Champion First Crop Sire in Australia. Currently, Fastnet Rock's G1 winning son, Your Song, is Australia's second Leading First Crop Sire by prize money. His sons, Hinchinbrook, Foxwedge and Stryker have all sired G1 winners, and Foxwedge and Smart Missile are Australia's second and third leading second crop sires respectively.

Foxwedge is also sire of smart local runner, Quick Brown Fox, who won her first two outings before taking on Gr1 company in the Cape Fillies Guineas.

## Broodmares

The ever growing influence of Fastnet Rock is also felt through his broodmare daughters.

He is damsire of Gr1 Schweppes All Aged Stakes winner, Tivaci, while daughter, Head Over Heels, is responsible for South African millionaire and Gr2 Charity Mile winner, New Predator.

It is notable that both Tivaci and New Predator are by Sadler's Wells line stallions (High Chaparral and New Approach). Fastnet Rock, like many others from this sire line, has enjoyed phenomenal success when mated to Sadler's Wells line mares, with no fewer than six of his Gr1 winners to date out of mares from the Sadler's Wells line.

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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	1116	167	15%	224	20%	34%	135	12%	523	47%	26,883,475	24,089
J Snaith	1027	136	13%	222	22%	26%	130	13%	478	47%	15,705,000	15,292
MF de Kock	547	85	16%	137	25%	30%	70	13%	287	52%	15,054,875	27,523
C Bass-Robinson	687	72	10%	90	13%	23%	71	10%	295	43%	12,473,163	18,156
BJ Crawford	590	83	14%	87	15%	41%	72	12%	283	48%	12,308,988	20,863
GV Woodruff	382	66	17%	83	22%	39%	41	11%	193	51%	11,518,313	30,153
VH Marshall	485	49	10%	54	11%	33%	34	7%	166	34%	9,508,263	19,605
AC Greeff	843	117	14%	141	17%	27%	78	9%	364	43%	7,465,050	8,855
J Ramsden	367	49	13%	70	19%	36%	48	13%	190	52%	6,885,825	18,762
M Houdalakis	454	56	12%	45	10%	29%	49	11%	198	44%	6,388,225	14,071
GS Kotzen	582	67	12%	70	12%	40%	61	10%	246	42%	6,336,700	10,888
JJ v Vuuren	282	47	17%	53	19%	43%	24	9%	126	45%	6,054,850	21,471
DC Howells	528	52	10%	88	17%	36%	52	10%	218	41%	5,572,688	10,554
GM Alexander	397	50	13%	45	11%	29%	42	11%	164	41%	5,436,000	13,693
G v Zyl	536	52	10%	54	10%	20%	59	11%	246	46%	5,367,650	10,014
DR Drier	414	61	15%	84	20%	37%	35	8%	170	41%	5,160,138	12,464

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 14 May 2017

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
G Lerena	623	133	21%	212	34%	34%	98	16%	381	61%	16,120,838	25,876
A Delpech	599	122	20%	255	43%	27%	106	18%	360	60%	16,821,600	28,083
G Cheyne	720	121	17%	165	23%	30%	96	13%	411	57%	11,939,750	16,583
A Marcus	446	116	26%	239	54%	33%	66	15%	303	68%	19,339,575	43,362
C Zackey	1087	111	10%	82	8%	28%	102	9%	428	39%	11,229,263	10,331
R Fourie	531	108	20%	145	27%	36%	92	17%	305	57%	9,558,875	18,002
M Yeni	1154	105	9%	121	10%	27%	140	12%	480	42%	9,129,450	7,911
A Fortune	653	104	16%	150	23%	27%	78	12%	334	51%	8,505,551	13,025
S Khumalo	651	104	16%	154	24%	35%	84	13%	313	48%	12,358,525	18,984
L Hewitson	1080	104	10%	104	10%	17%	100	9%	421	39%	9,678,464	8,962
P Strydom	456	92	20%	133	29%	32%	65	14%	254	56%	11,873,050	26,037
M v Rensburg	812	84	10%	56	7%	30%	79	10%	325	40%	7,292,551	8,981
JP vd Merwe	859	79	9%	56	7%	25%	71	8%	313	36%	6,687,813	7,786
C Murray	772	75	10%	85	11%	28%	74	10%	303	39%	12,133,323	15,717
A Domeyer	410	74	18%	79	19%	39%	56	14%	225	55%	6,585,965	16,063
G v Niekerk	502	74	15%	90	18%	28%	80	16%	265	53%	10,801,075	21,516

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 14 May 2017

trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
DR Drier/A Marcus	26	11	42%	15	58%	47%	3	12%	660,175	25,391
A Nel/A Domeyer	78	25	32%	31	40%	58%	13	17%	1,634,150	20,951
M Robinson/R Fourie	49	15	31%	17	35%	41%	8	16%	1,097,825	22,405
J Ramsden/A Marcus	32	10	31%	17	53%	41%	5	16%	1,842,875	57,590
PA Peter/G Lerena	51	15	29%	13	25%	23%	9	18%	1,247,900	24,469
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	76	21	28%	19	25%	63%	7	9%	4,348,950	57,223
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	60	16	27%	30	50%	43%	6	10%	2,828,175	47,136
AC Greeff/A Fortune	55	15	27%	17	31%	29%	4	7%	818,750	14,886
JJ v Vuuren/G Lerena	55	15	27%	18	33%	56%	8	15%	2,831,050	51,474
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	125	33	26%	59	47%	34%	28	22%	2,517,300	20,138
MF de Kock/A Delpech	80	20	25%	32	40%	34%	11	14%	2,564,925	32,062
A Nel/G v Niekerk	44	11	25%	14	32%	43%	4	9%	746,125	16,957
GS Kotzen/R Fourie	135	33	24%	40	30%	45%	27	20%	3,240,450	24,003
CS Laird/A Marcus	112	27	24%	42	38%	38%	8	7%	1,988,450	17,754
SG Tarry/P Strydom	55	13	24%	20	36%	40%	7	13%	1,117,300	20,315
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	301	65	22%	98	33%	28%	37	12%	3,931,150	13,060

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Joey Ramsden won't want to let go of the Vodacom Durban July silverware

**Title Defence**

The 2016 July winning trainer, and a man sometimes called the Milnerton Magician, Joey Ramsden saddles the Street Cry gelding Macduff for Bernard Kantor in Friday's Gr2 Betting World 1900. One of two Goodhope Racing entries – 2016 winner The Conglomerate is the other – in the 1 July spectacular, Macduff may appear to lack the form on paper. But Joey has already forgotten what many are yet to learn, and underestimate him at your peril.



The Seychelles-born Anthony Delpech is on track for his 3rd SA championship

**July In Focus**

Anthony Delpech partners July hopeful Elusive Silva in Friday evening's Gr2 Betting World 1900. Delpech won his first July in 1998 on Classic Flag for David Ferraris and was also aboard Greys Inn in 2004, and then in consecutive years in 2010/11 on Mike de Kock's Bold Silvano and Igugu. He has a few smart options in this year's renewal for Justin Snaith – and with Gavin Lerena's departure for the UK, looks a favourite to lift the SA Championship title.



Justin Snaith and Bernard Fayd'herbe can make it two-from-two in the Cape Winter Series on Sunday

**Justin Eyes Winter Crown**

After spending a year with David Hayes in Australia, Justin Snaith started training with 22 horses at the age of 25 and with an SA Championship and many great seasons in the bag, partners with jockey Bernard Fayd'herbe and African Night Sky in the second leg of the Highlands, Part Of Ridgement,

Winter Series on Sunday. Fayd'herbe has been riding for the family operation since a young apprentice and is the only jockey in history to have won the Winter Series – back in 2006 with Pocket Power. It is an unticked item on the Snaith bucket list though – who is betting against African Night Sky going all the way!

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**FAIRVIEW (turf)  
Saturday, 13 May****Course Variant: 1,01s fast (straight) 0,34s fast (bend)**

With no irrigation and just 15mm of rain falling during the previous seven days it was surprising to see the official going given as good to soft off a penetrometer reading of 24. This would undoubtedly have been negated by the 20k easterly tail wind to some degree, but even so in our book the track was running fast. The false rail was out 2m from the 1200m-800m.

**Dahlia Plate (2yo's)(Listed) R150,000****No Jokes!**

With the race weight scale affording Gavin Smith's maiden filly a 7,5kg advantage over the smart twice winning Oratorio gelding Sacred Oration, there was always going to be hope and jockey Juan Paul van der Merwe rode a finely judged race.

The lead changed hands at various stages of the 1200m 2yo race, with the favourite Seattle Flame, Sacred Oration and Itsgonnarain exchanging opportunities up front.

Joking, who seems best when ridden from off the pace, was six lengths back down the outside early on.

At the 300m, van der Merwe got to work on the 10-1 Joking and she started making ground and putting it all together.

At the 100m marker she snared Seattle Flame and powered home to withstand an eye-catching late challenge from Coyote Creek by 1,50 lengths in a time of 68,57 secs.

Coyote Creek came from lengths back under replacement Matthew Thackeray, and what price the son of Sail From Seattle in a maiden next time?

Joking has won 1 race with 3 places from 5 starts for stakes of R133 350.

Bred by Maine Chance Farms, she is a daughter of Querari out of the Silvano mare, Jambalaya.

Trainer Gavin Smith enjoyed a good afternoon, saddling three winners.

**Dahlia Plate (2yo's)(Listed) 1200m**

Winner Joking (2nd best handicapped - carried 0,6kg over-weight) raced 6th just two lengths off the pace; led 150m; won well Runner up Coyote Creek (Matthew Thackeray replaced Lyle Hewitson) raced 10th two lengths behind the winner; ran on strongly; beaten 1,5 lengths

Third Seattle Flame was always handy and held every chance

**Time:** Run 1,02 seconds slower than the pinnacle stakes won by Captain Alfredo, this race was comparatively slowly run.

We gave the third horse (prev 76/80) 80 which makes the winner (prev 69/67/67/67) 73 and the runner up (prev 71/60) 73

73	1	0.00	<b>JOKING</b>	(11)	53.0	JP vd Merwe	10/1
2 b f	Querari - Jambalaya (Silvano)						
73	2	1.50	<b>COYOTE CREEK</b>	(7)	55.0	M Thackeray	30/1
2 b g	Sail From Seattle - Cotillion (Silvano)						
80	3	1.55	<b>SEATTLE FLAME</b>	(2)	58.0	G Cheyne	22/10
2 b c	Sail From Seattle - Forsythia (Strike Smartly)						
79	4	1.80	Fort Winter	(12)	58.0	C Murray	37/10
83	5	1.85	Sacred Oration	(1)	60.0	L Mxothwa	41/10
71	6	4.35	Via Seattle	(5)	57.5	K Zechner	16/1
72	7	4.40	Bright Flame	(8)	58.0	M v Rensburg	36/1
67	8	6.15	Itsgonnarain	(4)	58.0	C Zackey	30/1
39	9	11.90	Miss Aphrodite	(6)	52.5	T Gould	66/1
41	10	15.65	Gone Not Forgotten	(10)	58.0	X Ndlovu	36/1
34	11	15.90	Green Field	(3)	55.0	N Patel	30/1
14	12	25.40	Desert Chief	(9)	58.0	P Strydom	61/10

**Time:** 68.57s (57.14s avg/1000m, or 63km/h)  
**SP Total %:** 118%  
1st T:GD Smith O:Messrs S Poriazis, L G Adams, Raymond Davies & T J Dodgen, Dr H Nhlapo & Mr D M & Mrs L J Johnson B:Maine Chance

**East Cape Derby (3yo's)(Listed) R350,000****Noble Vintage**

The Canford Cliffs gelding Dorset Noble produced the goods and categorically outstayed his nine opponents to register an eighth straight victory in the race for the Cape visitors - in the process becoming the first Australian sourced winner since Snaith's Vetriciano in 2005.

Nothing was going better than Dorset Noble and full of running inside the distance, he burst through under sub Craig Zackey and confirmed the betting support as he won going away by an easy 4,25

lengths in a decent time of 151,19 secs.

The well-bred winner races in a partnership of Marsh Shirliff and Bernard Kantor and looks like an astute buy at A\$ 60 000 by Worldwide Bloodstock off the 2015 Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale.

Bred by Austramore, NSW and consigned by Erinvale Thoroughbreds, he is by five time Gr1 winner and World Champion Miler, Canford Cliffs (Tagula).

The winner is out of the stakes winning and Gr1 SAJC Australasian Oaks runner-up Tingirana (Generous). This versatile and well performed eight time winner scored from 1200m to 2800m.

Dorset Noble made it 2 wins with 2 places from 4 starts and stakes of R300 750.

He could be a Cape Winter Derby contender on 24 June on this showing.

**East Cape Derby (3yo's)(Listed) 2400m**

Winner Dorset Noble (Craig Zackey replaced Aldo Domeyer) raced 4th; led 450m; won going away

Runner up Story Of My Life (2nd best handicapped) raced 8th; moved up; no chance with winner; beaten 4,25

Third En Gee Oh set the pace; beaten 5,5 lengths

**Time:** Run at a fair pace for the distance, this was marginally the second fastest of the five races around the turn.

We gave the runner up (prev 83/73/71/74/74) 74 which makes the winner (prev 71/73/79) 81 and the third (prev 75/70/70/75/75) 72

81	1	0.00	<b>DORSET NOBLE</b>	(3)	60.0	C Zackey	16/10
3 b g	Canford Cliffs - Tingirana(NZ) (Generous)						
74	2	4.25	<b>STORY OF MY LIFE</b>	(6)	60.0	C Maujean	25/1
3 b g	Soar With Eagles - Festive Fantasy (Special Preview)						
72	3	5.50	<b>EN GEE OH</b>	(9)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	12/1
3 b c	Philanthropist - Aces Wild (Trippi)						
71	4	6.00	Strathdon	(8)	60.0	C Orffer	7/2
63	5	11.00	Arabian Dynasty	(7)	60.0	G Cheyne	9/2
59	6	13.50	Give It Away	(2)	60.0	L Mxothwa	66/1
56	7	15.00	Sabre Charge	(5)	60.0	K De Melo	72/10
50	8	15.50	Another Night	(1)	57.5	T Gould	66/1
47	9	16.75	Gimme Now	(10)	57.5	C Murray	66/1
39	10	25.00	Off The Bit	(4)	60.0	P Strydom	72/10

**Time:** 151.19s (63s avg/1000m, or 57km/h)  
**SP Total %:** 119%  
1st T:C Bass-Robinson O:Messrs N M Shirliff & B Kantor B:bred in Australia

Check the race results on this page

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Cape Thoroughbred Sales have announced a star studded catalogue for their 2017 Mares, Weanlings & Fillies For Stud Select sale. The one day sale takes place at Highlands Stud part of Ridgemoor on

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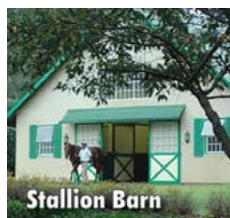
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## 1st & 2nd season sires - 2yo's

### ASCOT STUD STALLION

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

Brenda 2f (Abarrat by Cape Cross)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(19/05\)](#)

Albertina 2f (Quarter Moon by Mullins Bay)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(19/05\)](#)

Pepper Dust 2f (Pepper Belle by National Assembly)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(19/05\)](#)

#### **BYWORD** (Peintre Celebre)

Bypass 2c (Japrodisco by Royal Academy)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

### **CRUSADE** freshman sire **Scott Bros.**

#### **CRUSADE** (Johannesburg)

Exquisite Eight 2f (Bejewelled Beauty by Rambo Dancer)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

Miss Millionaire 2f (Really Rich by Only a Pound)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Poly\) 1000m \(19/05\)](#)

Colombina 2f (Hard To Get by Fard)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Poly\) 1000m \(19/05\)](#)

First Crusade 2c (Pacific Blue by Model Man)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

The Byzantine 2c (Patchouli Moon by Al Mufti)

[Scottsville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(20/05\)](#)

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

On The Bounce 2f (Ribbons For Thee by Captain Al)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

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

Why Wouldn't Yew 2c (Yew Wood by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Poly\) 1000m \(19/05\)](#)

### **EIGHTFOLD PATH** **Scott Bros.**

#### **EIGHTFOLD PATH** (Giant's Causeway)

Awesome Angel One 2c (Awesome Beauty by Cataloochee)

[Scottsville 5 Maiden Plate 1000m \(20/05\)](#)

Noble Duke 2c (Reigning Queen by King of Kings)

[Scottsville 5 Maiden Plate 1000m \(20/05\)](#)

#### **GIMMETHGREENLIGHT** (More Than Ready)

Gimmeaginandtonic 2c (Spirit Ofthe Dance by Goldmark)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Poly\) 1000m \(19/05\)](#)

Gimmeaginandtonic 2c (Spirit Ofthe Dance by Goldmark)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Cat's Legacy 2c (Lanari Legacy by Al Mufti)

[Scottsville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(20/05\)](#)

Friday On My Mind 2c (Fireinthewoods by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

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

Babuska Story 2f (Skyblade by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(20/05\)](#)

#### **IRISH FLAME** (Dynasty)

Ghost Flame 2f (Invisible Arrow by Hussonet)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(19/05\)](#)

Cork 2f (Galway Bay by Western Winter)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

Magic Flame 2f (Star Magic by Russian Revival)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

Red Invader 2c (Ridge Shiraz by West Man)

[Scottsville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(20/05\)](#)

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

Forward Lad 2c (Private Affair by Captain Al)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Secret Aim 2f (Secret Space by Spaceship)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

### **MARCHFIELD** - Moutonshoek stallion

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

Barking Irons 2c (Tropical Dance by Luhuk)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Endofmarch 2c (Mon Dieu by Saumarez)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

Hopeful 2f (All Hope by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

### **ORATORIO** Sire of international Gr1 winners • **AVONTUUR**

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

Vittorio 2c (Tiger Strike by Tiger Ridge)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Opera Royal 2c (Fakazi by Albarahin)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Storm Racer 2c (Stormy Coast by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(20/05\)](#)

Oratio 2c (Halfmoonrising by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

### **HIGHLANDS** Stallion • **PATHFORK** (Distorted Humor)

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Pathway To Glory 2c (Studio Five by Fine Edge)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Poly\) 1000m \(19/05\)](#)

#### **PHILANTHROPIST** (Kris S)

Olive May 2f (Central Theme by Mistral Dancer)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

Tom Collins 2c (Trip Poker by Trippi)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Texas Sky 2c (To Go West by Greys Inn)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Pack Leader 2c (First Arrival by Northern Guest)

[Scottsville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1400m \(20/05\)](#)

Colour Your Dreams 2f (Painted House by Victory Moon)

[Scottsville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(20/05\)](#)

#### **TWICE OVER** (Observatory)

Madam Al 2f (Traviata by Elliodor)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

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

Regent Seven 2c (Pacific Princess by Sportsworld)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

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## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### ASCOT STUD STALLION

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

Kungfoofighting 3f (Olympic Special by Special Preview)

[Fairview 7 MR 64 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

Bon Bon 3f (Spring Clover by Kahal)

[Greyville 10 East Coast Cup \(F&M\)\(Listed\)\(Turf\) 2000m \(19/05\)](#)

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

Third Dan 3f (Going On Thirty by Toreador)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(20/05\)](#)

Couldyoube 3f (Nouveaux Riche by Rich Man's Gold)

[Turffontein 9 MR 71 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

#### **GIMMETHGREENLIGHT** (More Than Ready)

Under The Rose 3f (Moonlite 'n Roses by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 6 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 2000m \(19/05\)](#)

Gunner 3c (Play Nice by Captain Al)

[Greyville 9 Pinnacle Stakes \(Turf\) 1600m \(19/05\)](#)

Hither Green 3f (Rubirosa by Rakeen)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(21/05\)](#)

Dark Sienna 3f (Purple Orchid by Dr Fong)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(21/05\)](#)

Loadshedder 3c (Orange Dancer by Danehill Dancer)

[Kenilworth 8 Gr3 Winter Classic \(3yo's\) 1800m \(21/05\)](#)

Cream Soda Green 3c (Winning Archer by Arch)

[Kenilworth 9 MR 67 Handicap 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

Greenflashsunset 3c (Champers by Restructure)

[Kenilworth 9 MR 67 Handicap 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

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

Magic Mist 3f (Maritime Mist by Parade Leader)

[Greyville 6 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 2000m \(19/05\)](#)

Tanami 3f (Hermana by Qui Danzig)

[Greyville 10 East Coast Cup \(F&M\)\(Listed\)\(Turf\) 2000m \(19/05\)](#)

Whose That Girl 3f (Casual Gal by All Fired Up)

[Kenilworth 7 Stormsvlei Mile \(3yo Fillies\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(21/05\)](#)

### SUMMERHILL stallion • from the Champion Breeders

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

Oasis Queen 3f (Golden Song by National Assembly)

[Fairview 5 MR 63 Handicap \(Poly\) 1600m \(19/05\)](#)

Musette 3f (Angora by Tamburlaine)

[Turffontein 5 Middle Stakes \(F&M\) 2600m \(20/05\)](#)

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

Main Player 3c (Bella's Babe by Best By Test)

[Greyville 8 Allowance Plate \(3yo's\)\(Turf\) 1800m \(19/05\)](#)

### HIGHLANDS Stallion • **PATHFORK** (Distorted Humor)

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

My Friend Lee 3f (Sister Sheila by West Man)

[Turffontein 7 Syringa Handicap \(F&M\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(20/05\)](#)

#### **PHILANTHROPIST** (Kris S)

No Doubt 3f (Trinity House by Captain Al)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1900m \(19/05\)](#)

Party Crasher 3f (First Arrival by Northern Guest)

[Greyville 10 East Coast Cup \(F&M\)\(Listed\)\(Turf\) 2000m \(19/05\)](#)

Tipping Point 3f (Counter Foil by Elliodor)

[Turffontein 9 MR 71 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(20/05\)](#)

Wish To Land 3c (Wishing Chair by Giant's Causeway)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

Manhattan Ice 3c (Summer Ice by Spectrum)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(21/05\)](#)

### SUMMERHILL stallion • from the Champion Breeders

#### **TRAFFIC GUARD** (More Than Ready)

Dom Seguidor 3c (Guesstimate by Northern Guest)

[Greyville 5 Maiden Plate \(Poly\) 2000m \(19/05\)](#)

Time Tripper 3f (Champs Elysees by Victory Moon)

[Fairview 8 MR 64 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(19/05\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### **IMPERIAL STRIDE**

Rated **AR81 PERA PALACE** (2c Perfect Guest by Northern Guest)

*Maiden Plate (work riders) Turffontein stand side (1000m) (13/5)*

Allowed to ease out to 26/10 from an opening call of 14/10 joint favourite, Paul Peter's newcomer raced up with the speed throughout. He began to assert his authority going through the 400m and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by ten and a quarter.

### **DYNASTY**

Rated **AR77 LAINSBERG BLUE** (3c Helleborus Blue by Cee's

Tizzy)

*Maiden Plate (work riders) Turffontein stand side (1400m) (13/5)*

Always top of the boards in this only his second start, Sean Tarry's charge was soon prominent. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 400m marker and cruised clear from there onwards to win by ten and a half.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Seventh Of June** (AUS) 3g Starcraft- Fernande(AUS) (Galileo)

*Vaal 1700m (11/05)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Effortless Reward** (AUS) 3f Reward For Effort - Sharna Cabarna

(AUS) (Dolphin Street) *Vaal 1000m (11/05)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Dorset Noble** (AUS) 3g Canford Cliffs - Tingirana (NZ)(Generous)

*East Cape Derby (3yo's)(Listed) - Fairview 2400m (13/05)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Leaves Of Grass** (AUS) 3f Poet's Voice- Promotional (AUS)

(Al Maher) *Kenilworth 2000m (14/05)*

## 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.

## SPORTS AND BETTING

# English Premier League

Liverpool v Middlesbrough | Sun 21 May | Anfield | 16:00



Liverpool will be looking to secure three points against already-relegated Middlesbrough at Anfield on Sunday, which will see Jurgen Klopp's side secure a top-four spot and return to the Champions League for the first time in three seasons.

To catch up with Chadley Nagel's previews [CLICK HERE](#)

## LIVERPOOL

Jurgen Klopp's side come into this matchup off a resounding 4-0 victory at West Ham last Sunday. Philippe Coutinho gave a stunning performance in that game, grabbing two goals and an assist. That was Liverpool's 21st league win of the season and victory over already-relegated Middlesbrough will secure Champions League football next term. Although they are overwhelming favourites to win that tie, Klopp has warned his players not to assume Champions League football is theirs.

## MIDDLESBROUGH

Already-relegated Middlesbrough suffered their 19th loss of the season as their final home game against Southampton ended in a 2-1 defeat last Saturday.

Steve Agnew said after the match: "It was a game where we wanted to finish strongly for our supporters and obviously going a goal behind in a first half performance where we didn't show any real threat, that was disappointing going into half time.

## PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

**Liverpool: 4-4-2**

**Mignolet; Clyne, Lovren, Matip, Milner; Lallana, Can, Wijnaldum, Coutinho; Origi, Sturridge.**

**Middlesbrough: 4-3-3**

**Guzan; Fabio, Chambers, Gibson, Friend; Clayton, Forshaw, De Roon; Downing, Bamford, Negredo.**

## PREDICTION: Coutinho to Score Anytime (1/1)

This is a must-win game for Liverpool and I'm confident they'll get the victory they need to secure a top-four spot. Coutinho was at his majestic best last weekend and I fancy him to get on the scoresheet. I'm going for Coutinho to Score Anytime.

## TO WIN

**Liverpool 1/6****Draw 6/1****Middlesbrough 15/1**

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# Speeding Bullet

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEED RATINGS

## Mary's Quick

Vaal 9 May

They raced on the outside track on Tuesday where three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1000m. By far the quickest home in these was BRAVE MARY when getting off the mark in the girls' division of the maiden juvenile plate. Always top of the boards, Paul Matchett's charge was soon prominent. She put her head in front passing the halfway mark, and only having to be pushed out from there onwards won going away by six and a half.

They also ran three races over 1400m and quickest home here was SAIL FOR JOY in the not so lucky last, a MR71 Handicap. Nibbled at on course into 12/1 from 16's, the 3yo Argonaut gelding was content to sit in midfield for most of the journey. She quickened well going through the 400m and got up nicely late to beat the rejuvenated INTANDOKAZI by 0,6 lengths.

A MR88 Handicap over 1400m topped the bill and in a time just 5/100th of a second slower than that of Sail For Joy, the 4yo COUNT TASSILO registered his fourth career victory. In the rear when the race began in earnest, Sean Tarry's charge ran on best of all, and in what proved to be a real thriller, he got up late to deny the 6yo MORPHEUS.

**Titbits** Sent off a well-supported favourite, the newcomer LIKE ASTAIR won the opening maiden juvenile plate over 1000m going away. However, the Veterinary surgeon did report that he was not striding out on the off fore.

## Powerful Front Runners

Kenilworth 10 May

As with the previous meeting where the wind had changed direction, the course was again running fast on Wednesday. Three of the eight races were run over 1200m and surprisingly the fastest of these was the only maiden plate amongst them won by GADGET MAN. Sent off joint second in the betting market, Dean Kannemeyer's charge raced in midfield early on. He quickened well when asked for his effort and won going away by three and a quarter after striking the front 250m out.

Quickest home in the three 1400m events

was BLACK CAT BACK in the MR75 Handicap. In a time over 2,5 seconds faster than the best of the other two 1400m races, Brett Crawford's charge led throughout. He was always in command and with the rest some five lengths adrift, he comfortably accounted for THE RIGHT ROAD by two.

Another to win well from the front on this card was Black Cat Back's stable companion SAVUTI when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1600m. Two lengths clear throughout, the Argonaut gelding kept on strongly at the business end of the race and went on to score with authority by two and a half.

**Titbits** After not finding the clearest of passages, the favourite SPENDING SPREE was running on stoutly at the finish when beaten less than half a length in the MR73 Handicap over 1200m.

## A Fist Full Of Dollars

Vaal 11 May

Two maiden juvenile plates over 1400m got proceedings underway on the inside track on Thursday and in the faster of these we saw a smart performance from the friendless FORAFEWDOLLARSMORE. Allowed to drift right out to 16/1 from 8's at the track, Sean Tarry's newcomer raced in midfield for most of the journey. He ran on best of all over the final 400m and with the rest well beaten, did well to reel in IDEAL SECRET close home.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1700m where SEVENTH OF JUNE was by far the quickest home. Freely available at 6/1 to win this MR66 Handicap, Paul Peter's charge made all. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and won well by a length.

In terms of distance the easiest victory on the eight race program was that of NORDIC REBEL in the maiden plate over 1200m. Another to make all, the son of Rebel King was always clear and cruised in by three and three quarters.

**Titbits** Ridden with a little more restraint early on, EFFORTLESS REWARD ran out a very easy winner of the MR76 Handicap over 1000m.

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

Savuti .....	won 72/10
Rock Of Africa .....	won 61/10
Amsterdam .....	won 5/1
Gadget Man .....	won 41/10
Nordic Rebel .....	won 3/1
Captain Alfredo .....	won 2/1
Bono .....	won 21/20
Miss Katalin .....	won 6/10

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

**Race 1: (4) Leia Organa 8 (NAP\*)**

Race 2: (1) Julie Orly 16  
Race 3: (1) Elusive Mist 4  
Race 4: (1) Mambo Tango 5  
Race 5: (13) Lotus Elan 54  
Race 6: (10) Golden Crisp 58  
Race 7: (13) Lady Marshall 34  
Race 8: (12) Mock Mambo 41  
Race 9: (11) Truly 40

### GREYVILLE (FRI)

**Race 1: (5) Luna Child 8 (nb)**

Race 2: (9) On The Bounce 3  
**Race 3: (1) Sniper Shot 13 (NAP\*)**  
Race 4: (15) Sister Cosmos 52  
Race 5: (11) Winter Marchen 11  
Race 6: (5) Palace Mystery 15  
Race 7: (15) Jubilee Line 91  
Race 8: (6) Secret Captain 92  
Race 9: (12) Overlap 84  
Race 10: (1) The Centenary 71

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Lauren Du Var 36  
Race 2: (1) Free The Wind 13  
Race 3: (8) Purple Diamond 30  
Race 4: (2) Kings Creek 3  
Race 5: (8) The Right answer 36  
Race 6: (4) Witchcraft 84  
Race 7: (7) Off The Mark 77  
Race 8: (6) Favour's Pride 67  
Race 9: (4) Shwanky 39

### KENILWORTH (SUN)

Race 1: (6) Klopp 5  
Race 2: (1) Above Eleven 4  
Race 3: (6) Mini Loushe 13  
Race 4: (2) Dark Sienna 13  
Race 5: (6) Mambo Star 40  
Race 6: (3) Superlicious 77  
Race 7: (1) Whose That Girl 56  
Race 8: (1) African Night Sky 62  
Race 9: (9) Chestnut Wild 60

### Nap bets

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## Making Their Mark

### Fairview 12 May

They raced on the poly track on Friday where the highlight was the non-black type East Cape Poly Challenge over 1600m. The Alan Greeff trained OUR ICON was sent off favourite and he did indeed land the spoils. On leaving the stalls it was SIR DUKE who elected to make the running whilst the son of Dynasty was content to race ninth of the twelve. He ran on best of all in the short home straight and got up in the very last stride to deny NOTTING HILL. This was by far the faster of the two races over the distance.

The faster of the two 1000m races on the card was the MR78 Handicap won by Our Icon's stable companion VARSITY CUP. Soon up handy, the son of Var raced prominent throughout. He put his head in front approaching the 200m marker and won well by two and three quarters from the running on KINGOFTHEWORLD.

They also ran two races over 1200m and quickest home here was SWEETCHILD O MINE. Another to race handy, the Greys Inn filly quickened authoritatively in the straight, and cruised in by four.

**Titbits** *Ridden with just hands and heels, LATENITEFEVER won the maiden plate over 1900m with a ton in hand.*

*Positioned second last turning for home, JEREMY was flying at the finish when dead-heating for second, beaten a neck, in the MR66 Handicap over 2200m.*

## 8 Work Rider Maidens

### Turffontein 13 May

There were some huge winning margins in soft going on the old stand side track on Saturday, and none more so than that recorded by LAINSBURG BLUE when getting off the mark at just the second attempt in the maiden plate over 1400m. Sent off a strong favourite at 18/10, Sean Tarry's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead going through the 400m and only having to be pushed out from there onwards, he cruised in by ten and a half.

Another to win in double figures on this card was the newcomer PERA PALACE in the opening maiden plate over 1000m. Initially priced up as a joint favourite at 14/10 (out to 26/10), Paul Peter's charge made virtually all. He began to assert his authority at the 400m pole and won going away by ten and a quarter.

At the other end of the scale the small-

est winning margin was the 0,3 lengths recorded by the Paul Peter trained FICTICIOUS. Soon at the head of affairs along with her stable companion PLAYING GAMES, the pair raced together throughout. They fought out a thrilling battle over the final 300m and had the rest some nine lengths adrift at the wire.

**Titbits** *In touch throughout in a race where it rained, HOUSTON ROCKET won the maiden plate over 2000m going away by four and a quarter.*

*Easily nine lengths off the pace going through the 400m, JAUNITA was flying at the finish when beaten less than a length in the maiden plate over 1000m.*

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### VAAL (OUTSIDE) 9TH MAY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good

Course Variant: 0,12s fast

1000m (3) Brave Mary	56,79
1200m (1) Burundi Bush	70,52
1400m (3) Sail For Joy	82,81
1600m (1) Samar	96,49

### KENILWORTH (NEW) 10TH MAY

Penetrometer 20 – Going Good

Course Variant: 1,00s fast

1000m (1) Lanark	59,04
1200m (3) Gadget Man	70,93
1400m (3) Black Cat Back	84,90
1600m (1) Savuti	98,89

### VAAL (INSIDE) 11TH MAY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good

Course Variant: 0,12s fast

1000m (1) Effortless Reward	56,76
1200m (1) Nordic Rebel	71,17
1400m (2) Forafewdollarsmore	83,80
1600m (1) Always A Lady	96,41
1700m (2) Seventh Of June	103,89
2000m (1) Amsterdam	123,13

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 12TH MAY

Going Standard

Course Variant:

1000m (2) Varsity Cup	57,13
1200m (2) Sweetchild O Mine	69,60
1600m (2) Our Icon	95,94
1900m (1) Latenitefever	118,13
2200m (1) King Of The Castle	134,92

### TURFFONTEIN (OLD) 13TH MAY

Penetrometer 26 – Going G/Soft

1000m (2) Pera Palace	57,51
1160m (2) Bono	68,10
1400m (2) Lainsberg Blue	88,06
2000m (2) Houston Rocket	129,81

**Notebook** *Horses worth following at their next few starts...*

**BRAVE MARY** (P Matchett, Gauteng)  
**OUR ICON** (A Greeff, E-Cape)

## SCORE CARD

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.

### Full EXPLANATION

of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the Sporting Post website

### TOP SCORERS for 2016/2017

(to 14 May 2017)

horse	age sex	points	races
Legal Eagle	5 c	334	5
Carry On Alice	5 f	152	4
Rafeef	4 c	150	2
Whisky Baron	4 c	150	2
Deo Juventa	5 c	117	2
Master Sabina	7 c	112	2
New Predator	4 c	106	5
Captain America	6 c	106	4
Marinaresco	4 c	98	4
Trip To Heaven	5 c	97	2
Safe Harbour	3 f	96	3
Al Sahem	3 c	89	3
Nightingale	4 f	84	2
Heavenly Blue	3 c	82	3
Kangaroo Jack	4 c	82	3
Gold Standard	3 c	82	3
Edict Of Nantes	3 c	81	2
Nother Russia	4 f	73	2
Orchid Island	3 f	70	1
Just Sensual	3 f	70	1
Bela-Bela	4 f	70	1
William Longsword	3 c	70	1
Mustaaqem	2 c	70	1
Jo's Bond	4 f	68	2
Janoobi	3 c	60	2
Wrecking Ball	3 f	55	3
Bezanova	6 c	50	1
Champagne Haze	4 c	50	1
Brazuca	4 c	50	1
Search Party	4 c	50	1
Icy Trail	4 c	50	1
Red Ray	6 c	46	1
French Navy	5 c	44	2
Saratoga Dancer	5 c	43	2
Star Express	4 f	42	2
Polyphonic	4 f	41	2
Talktothestars	5 c	37	1
The Conglomerate	5 c	37	1
Silver Mountain	4 f	34	2
Master Switch	5 c	34	1

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15May	2100	2145	2050	7,260
12May	2050	2051	2050	5,145
11May	2050	2100	2001	150,011
10May	2050	2100	2050	46,901
9May	2052	2095	2052	6,510
8May	2050	2120	2050	6,097
5May	2125	2125	2125	15
4May	2150	2150	2150	0
3May	2150	2150	2000	608



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1. GODOY CRUZ + Draw	0.30	43.93
1. SANTOS + Draw	0.07	43.93
3. Draw + CLUB GUARANI	0.20	43.93
1. ALIANZA PETROLERA + Draw	0.10	43.93
1. GAMBA OSAKA + Draw	0.20	43.93
1. KAWASAKI FRONTALE + Draw	0.20	43.93
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1. DAEJEON HYDRO NUCLEAR POWER FC + Draw	0.20	43.93
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1. CHANGWON CITY FC + Draw	0.30	43.93
1. PS TNI + Draw	0.14	43.93
3. Draw + South Melbourne U20	0.01	43.93
3. Draw + Ha Noi T&T II	0.30	43.93
1. West Adelaide (W) or Draw	0.11	43.93
1. Adelaide City (W) or Draw	0.25	43.93
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