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RACING THIS WEEKEND

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KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
r7 - (3) Dutch Philip (2/1)

SCOTTSVILLE Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
r7 - (1) Carry On Alice (2/1)

TURFFONTEIN Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(14) Zerodarkthirty (3/1)

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The admiration of raw speed is probably the single dominant appeal in our fascination with the thoroughbred.

The 'speed gene' is believed to have entered the graceful breed from a single founder, which was most likely a British mare about 300 years ago.

The sport has come a long way in that time and the Scottsville speed festival enters its 55th year on Saturday.

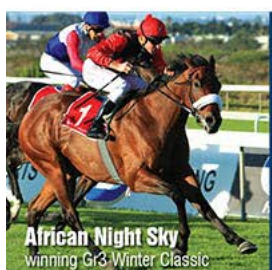
Ashburton trainer Duncan Howell's sobering success last weekend in the Gr2 Betting World 1900 has levelled the SA Champions Season pitch somewhat, after Summerveld resident Garth Puller predicted some months back that the local conditions may as well take a holiday while the visitors plunder the silverware.

Racing has a way of sorting the men from the boys and Saturday's four Gr1's over the Scottsville 1200m boast a mix of hometown talent, with out-of-province stars out to impress and confirm their boom reputations. But, homeground experience is a distinct advantage on this tricky track...

While runners from the powerful Joey Ramsden stable dominate the betting for the R1-million Tsogo Sun Sprint, Coenie De Beer travels from the North to defend his title with Talktothestars.

Last year's winning rider Piere Strydom has jumped ship from the De Beer star to ride Brutal Force for Ramsden. That just adds to the needle!

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GR1 SPEED JACKPOT AT SCOTTSVILLE

Speed Machine

Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint - Scottsville

The R1 million Tsogo Sun Sprint heads the Gr1 speed jackpot at Scottsville this Saturday.

Sentiment suggests we go for 2016 winner Talktothestars to pull off a rare double. On the flipside, logic points us in the direction of the Ramsden trio, headed by the progressive 3yo Attenborough.

Being a handicap, this is the widest open of the four Gr1's and with a capacity field lining up, a surprise result could well be on the cards – particularly if the draw bias comes into play.



Talktothestars | Gold Circle

De Beer celebrated a personal Gr1 first in this event last year with his barefoot bomber Talktothestars, and a year down the line the gelding may have reached form at just the right time. Fair enough, the barefeet have been replaced by alumites, and with just one modest Flamingo Park success in the ensuing 12 months, the son of Overlord looks to have it all to do. He ran a cracker at his last start, when chasing Rafeef late to run a courageous second in the Gr1 Computaform Sprint.

On the other end of the scale, Ramsden's 3yo Attenborough opened his local account in style with an impressive late burst to win the Listed In Full Flight Handicap. Ridden by Anton Marcus, his racing style suggests he won't be bothered by his widish draw and this R2 million purchase could go on to realise his potential now.

Big Ask

David versus Goliath is the mind's picture created by small-time trainer Coenie de Beer taking on a powerhouse yard with fifteen horses to every one of his, of the likes of Joey Ramsden and Sean Tarry, who have six runners between them.

Local course and distance specialist London Call has earned his stripes at this track and trip and he takes on his first Gr1 test as a 6yo.

The son of Kahal is perfectly drawn at 2 and has the gate speed and toe to go all the way.

Vaughan Marshall's at times in-and-out galloper Exelero meets Attenborough on 3kgs

better terms for his 1,25 length defeat at the course last time. He is a little unreliable.

The 4yo Search Party is one of five Captain Al progeny in the field.

He meets Attenborough on 3kgs better terms for a 1,50 length defeat in the In Full Flight Handicap at his second KZN start this season.

The son of Captain Al was well weighted to win the Gr2 Cape Merchants late last year and is not far off London Call on recent form.

Barbosa is 4kgs better off with Attenborough for a 4,20 length beating last time. The 7yo's form has been a little uninspiring but he has not been too far off.

Red Rag

The lightly raced Bull Valley is a quality 4yo and ran an eye-catching fourth behind Champagne Haze at his last start in the Gr2 Senor Santa Stakes.

This Gr3 winner has his first start at Scottsville, but may find the 17 draw an unwelcome opening present.

Joey Ramsden's dual Gr3 winner Table Bay gets the blinkers as he comes out of an unplaced effort in the Cape Derby 17 weeks ago.

This free striding son of Redoute's Choice may need this but was rated highly as a late 2yo into his 3yo term – and cannot be written off.

Piere Strydom won this race last year but switches allegiances in 2017 to Brutal Force, one of a trio of Joey Ramsden runners.

This class 5yo (aka 'Fatty') needs to prove he is as effective at Scottsville as he has been at Turffontein and finds himself fit and in good form after his Computaform Sprint running on fourth last time.

Top Rank

Justin Snaith's gutsy multiple stakes winner Sergeant Hardy improved nicely on his CTS Sprint unplaced run on Met day. He was beaten a length by London Call at a prep run in mid April and meets the Dixon star on 2kgs better terms for a 1,75 length beating. He is known to have his issues, but is capable of a big effort.

Tricky

It's a battle of the battle hardened proven brigade versus the emerging new generation racers.

Attenborough could give the Mayfair Speculators silks another victory and he is the marginal first selection to beat Bull Valley, with Talktothestars and Brutal Force picking up the pieces.

START 4:00PM SCOTTSVILLE	8	PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4 GR1 TSOGO SUN SPRINT - 1200M SAME TRAINER: (2-12-13)(4-5-11)(6-14)(7-9)(15-18)
Overlord	1	TALKTOTHESTARS (FC de Beer) C Maujean 5 60.0
Western Winter	2	BRUTAL FORCE (J Ramsden) P Strydom 3 59.5
Kahal	3	LONDON CALL (M Dixon) M v Rensburg 2 59.0
Toreador	4	BULL VALLEY (SG Tarry) S Khumalo 17 58.0
Western Winter	5	BULLETING HOME (SG Tarry) B Fayd'herbe 15 57.5
Captain Al	6	SERGEANT HARDY (J Snaith) G Cheyne 7 57.0
Sail From Seattle	7	GULF STORM (BJ Crawford) R Fourie 1 56.5
Victory Moon	8	MUSCATT (ML Roberts) C Habib 9 56.5
Captain Al	9	SEARCH PARTY (BJ Crawford) C Orffer 6 56.5
Captain Al	10	BARBOSA (DR Drier) A Forbes 12 55.5
Captain Al	11	CAPTAIN'S CAUSEWAY (SG Tarry) K De Melo 16 55.5
Western Winter	12	ATTENBOROUGH (J Ramsden) A Marcus 14 55.0
Redoute's Choice	13	TABLE BAY (J Ramsden) A Delpech 11 55.0
Captain Al	14	CAPTAIN SWAROVSKI (J Snaith) M Winnaar 10 55.0
Silvano	15	JANOobi (MF de Kock) C Zackey 18 53.5
Western Winter	16	EXELERO (VH Marshall) M Byleveld 8 52.5
Trippi	17	NIGHT TRIP (C Bass-Robinson) - reserve 1 4 54.5
Duke Of Marmalade	18	MOOFEEED (MF de Kock) - reserve 2 13 53.5

Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint past winners

2014	1 Normanz	53.0 (5) 16/1
	2 Red Ray	56.5 (15) 3/1
	3 Whiteline Fever	59.0 (8) 14/1
2015	1 Captain Of All	60.0 (9) 7/2
	2 Gulf Storm	56.5 (1) 11/1
	3 Sheik's Brashee	53.5 (4) 33/1
2016	1 Talktothestars	60.0 (4) 13/2
	2 African Ruler	53.0 (3) 16/1
	3 Exelero	53.5 (11) 8/1

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Alice And The Princess

Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint - Scottsville

The ten-time winner Carry On Alice has done her bit to put her trainer on the map and she makes her annual return to one of her favourite stomping grounds to set a few records straight.

Sean Tarry's SP top-rated runner, Carry On Alice bids for her fifth Gr1 win and won this event in 2015, beating the De Kock hotshot Alboran Sea.

Last year, when a forgettable fifth, she did not settle in behind horses and the gaps didn't open in time for her.



Carry On Alice / JC Photos

With the full width of the track being used this year and a marginally smaller field than average, Carry On Alice may enjoy the conditions as she has never been a horse who needs cover.

July entry Bela-Bela takes her first step in her big race prep and while she ranks high on the SP ratings, looks to have it all to do against the fast girls. Her two Gr 1 wins were over 2000m and 1800m, but she has won over shorter in the lower leagues.

Every Chance

Every Chance

Bernard Fayd'herbe will give her every chance, but Bela's Met jockey Anthony Delpech sticks with the proven speed product as Dean Kannemeyer brings last year's victress Real Princess back for her own bid at the double. Her and the Tarry galloper are thus 1 each in this race. The daughter of Trippi hasn't seen the winner's enclosure since that peak day, and she is likely to be making her swansong appearance. A Scottsville specialist, she flies under the powerful Kannemeyer-Delpech flag and could well go out with a bang – despite her scratchy form.

Just The One

Joey Ramsden's Cape Fillies Guineas winner Just Sensual gets the blinkers fitted and will be ridden by Anton Marcus. She has shown sufficient toe to be competitive over the 1200m and her Prix Du Cap victory over 1400m was impressive.

Candice Bass-Robinson's Live Life was receiving 1kg from

The Secret Is Out in the Poinsettia and was beaten 0,55 lengths.

She didn't have

cover the whole way and was forced to go for home early, as opposed to her win in the CTS Sprint over the Kenilworth 1200, where she came from off the pace and won full of running.

Earlier, Live Life had beaten Carry On Alice in the Gr2 Sceptre Stakes by 0,75 lengths on terms 2kg worse than weight for age- and on that occasion she came from last.

The Secret Is Out won last year's Gr1 Allan Robertson at this meeting, and is a Scottsville specialist who found her best form in the Poinsettia Stakes timeously last time.

At her best, she is lethal and capable of winning.

Killer

Bela-Bela stablemate Jo's Bond beat Carry On Alice in the Southern Cross Stakes over 1000m when receiving only 2kg and the latter duly reversed form at level weights in the Gr 1 Cape Flying Championships.

Jo's Bond is seen as a 1000m specialist, but this imposing daughter of Captain Al did turn it on impressively in the Listed Kwazulu-Natal Stakes over the Scottsville 1000m from just off the pace, and if not out of sorts after her recent Joburg raid, can challenge.

Generation Gap

The tussle between the proven Gr1 mares and the younger set should make for an interesting contest.

It may pay to go a touch wider in the exotics, but if things go Alice's way it could be no race.

Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint past winners

Year	Rank	Horse	Time	Weight	SP
2014	1	Via Africa	60.0	(1)	15/20
	2	Fly By Night	60.0	(4)	55/1
	3	Jet Aglow	60.0	(14)	16/1
2015	1	Carry On Alice	58.5	(3)	7/2
	2	Alboran Sea	58.5	(9)	16/10
	3	Fly By Night	60.0	(10)	13/2
2016	1	Real Princess	60.0	(8)	7/1
	2	Fly By Night	60.0	(10)	25/1
	3	Joan Ranger	59.0	(7)	25/1

Some Speed Trivia

How many jockeys have bred and ridden the winner of the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint?

Only one, according to our records.

That is current Summerveld conditioner Garth Puller, a multiple past SA Champion jockey and one of the men with the best powers of recall in the industry.

Puller bred the very smart nine-time winner Home Streaker, a daughter of Home And Dry (Joy 11), who he rode to victory in the 1983 SA Fillies Sprint, when the race carried a stake of R40 000.

A then much younger Piet Steyn brought the Colin Burroughs-trained flyer up from Cape Town for her only outing in KZN that season.

START
3:25PM
SCOTTVILLE

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
GR1 SOUTH AFRICAN FILLIES SPRINT - 1200M
SAME TRAINER: (2-3)(7-12)

Captain Al	1	CARRY ON ALICE (SG Tarry) S Khumalo	5	60.0
Dynasty	2	BELA-BELA (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	4	60.0
Captain Al	3	JO'S BOND (J Snaith) R Fourie	9	60.0
Trippi	4	REAL PRINCESS (D Kannemeyer) A Delpech	6	60.0
Elusive Fort	5	ELUSIVENCHANTMENT (DC Howells) K De Melo	11	60.0
Horse Chestnut	6	JOAN RANGER (M Houdalakis) P Strydom	10	60.0
Var	7	MISS VARLICIOUS (PM Gadsby) A Forbes	8	60.0
Dynasty	8	JUST SENSUAL (J Ramsden) A Marcus	12	58.5
Trippi	9	LIVE LIFE (C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne	7	58.5
Captain Al	10	THE SECRET IS OUT (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	3	58.5
Philanthropist	11	SAIL (DR Drier) S Veale	1	58.5
Kildonan	12	VISION TO KILL (PM Gadsby) M Yeni	2	58.5

Home Or Away?

Gr1 Gold Medallion Scottsville

This is a tricky affair with some national form interwoven with hometown course specialists, who don't appear to lack ability. In Saturday Dennis Drier and Vaughan Marshall bump heads again, with the former saddling Twice Over's debut winner, Sand And Sea.

Anton Marcus rides the Scottsville course-and distance winner who started a well supported 5 to 2 favourite in a strong looking winner's race on his debut three weeks ago. Interestingly, it is rare to find a feature race where Mayfair Speculators have only one runner and so Marcus rides this R1 million purchase without having had his usual host of choices. Up in the weights, the Drakenstein bred colt will be competitive if improving a length or two on that.

Vaughan Marshall saddles Woljayrine, the seemingly progressive Jay Peg colt who popped up after a quiet debut (where he was beaten 3,45 lengths by Sniper Shot) to win the Gr3 Godolphin Barb like a horse going places. If he repeats that run he must have a shout – but is 4kgs worse off with Varallo, who was beaten 2,25 lengths into third there.

Top Rated

The SP top-rated is Mike de Kock's Gr1 SA Nursery runner-up Naafer. The son of Lonhro made a respiratory noise when beaten 4 lengths by his boom stablemate, Mustaaqem. But his maiden win was walk in the park stuff and he certainly looks above average – his breathing issues aside.

Fellow Aussie Sir Frenchie carries the dominant Snaith flag and this son of Choisir is bound to be stronger after his Scottsville baptism when a length

behind Woljayrine in the Godolphin Barb. With a swing of 4kgs in his favour, the two-time Kenilworth winner ticks a good few boxes in our book.

Varallo was just 1,25 lengths behind Sir Frenchie in the Barb and the son of Var could be an interesting prospect with the blinkers fitted first time and Piere Strydom up. A course and distance winner, he won his first two starts like a horse destined for better – and is another who holds Woljayrine on paper.

Cape visitor Al Mariachi has his second start here after going down a half length to Sand And Sea last time. The Crawford galloper enjoys a turnaround of 3kgs in his favour and comes into the focus on his best home form.

Autumn In Seattle won his first two starts and is a very quick son of Sail From Seattle. He enjoys a 4kg swing with Woljayrine on the Godolphin Barb where he went down 3,60 lengths and meets Arianos Bagofgold on 2kgs better for a half length beating in the Sentinel Stakes.

Sentinel Stakes winner Arianos Bagofgold has won his last two starts and steps up to the 1200m for the first time. The increase in trip should play into his hands and could negate his weight deficit.

Paul Lafferty's Sniper Shot is an interesting runner. The son of Judpot won his maiden on the Greyville poly and then followed up on soft going on the turf. He looks held by Varallo but meets Procal Harum on 3kgs better terms for a half length beating last time.

All said and done, Naafer looks to have his supporters and is a classy sort who can underline the strength of the Gauteng form.



Sand And Sea | JC Photo

Gr1 Gold Medallion past winners

2014	
1 Guinness	58.0 (6) 8/1
2 Carry On Alice	55.5 (3) 22/10
3 Harry's Son	58.0 (4) 40/1
2015	
1 Seventh Plain	60.0 (4) 22/10
2 Redcarpet Captain	60.0 (1) 7/2
3 Prospect Strike	60.0 (8) 4/1
2016	
1 Always In Charge	60.0 (10) 5/2
2 Seattle Singer	57.5 (2) 25/1
3 Rivarine	60.0 (7) 9/2

START
2:45PM
SCOTTVILLE

6

PA4/PICK SIX/JACKPOT2
GR1 TSOGO SUN GOLD MEDALLION (2YO'S) - 1200M
SAME TRAINER:(4-11)

Great Britain	1 AL MARIACHI(BJ Crawford) C Orffer	3	60.0
Oratorio	2 ARIANOS BAGOFGOLD(G v Zyl) W Kennedy	10	60.0
Sail From Seattle	3 AUTUMN IN SEATTLE(PL Lunn) G Cheyne	1	60.0
Seventh Rock	4 KEANAN'S ROCK(SG Tarry) S Khumalo	6	60.0
Lonhro	5 NAAFER(MF de Kock) A Delpech	5	60.0
Querari	6 PROCAL HARUM(DC Howells) K De Melo	7	60.0
Twice Over	7 SAND AND SEA(DR Drier) A Marcus	11	60.0
Choisir	8 SIR FRENCHIE(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	8	60.0
Judpot	9 SNIPER SHOT(PV Lafferty) D De Gouveia	4	60.0
Var	10 VARALLO(CS Laird) P Strydom	9	60.0
What A Winter	11 WARRIOR'S REST(SG Tarry) C Maujean	12	60.0
Jay Peg	12 WOLJAYRINE(VH Marshall) M Byleveld	2	60.0


Hollywood bets DUBAN JULY ANTE-POST BETTING

GREYVILLE SATURDAY 1 JULY 2017

5/1	Marinaresco	20/1	Horizon	33/1	Zodiac Ruler
13/2	Al Sahem	20/1	Ten Gun Salute	33/1	Master Switch
17/2	Elusive Silva	20/1	Nebula	33/1	Africa Rising
10/1	Edict Of Nantes	25/1	Saratoga Dancer	33/1	Copper Force
25/2	It's My Turn	25/1	Pagoda	40/1	French Navy
16/1	Black Arthur	33/1	Captain America	40/1	Master Sabina
20/1	Bela Bela	33/1	Krambambuli	40/1	Bar & Better

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Howells Again?

Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship Scottsville

History show that it takes a top-class filly to win the Allan Robertson Championship. After his superb feature success on Friday evening at Greyville, Duncan Howells may fancy his chances of grabbing some more silverware.

Howells, who is based ten minutes down the road at South Africa's most underrated training centre, saddles the Highlands bred Antonius Pius filly, Neptune's Rain. A winner of 2 of 3 starts, the SP top-rated pick showed good cruising speed in the Gr3 Strelitzia Stakes over 100m shorter at Scottsville and then displayed a fine turn of foot to win going away by 1,25 lengths.



Neptune's Rain | Gold Circle

Hollywood

The runner up Made In Hollywood had won her maiden by 6,25 lengths over 1200m at Kenilworth and subsequently finished just 1,25 lengths behind the Cape's best 2yo Dutch Phillip, over 1000m.

Third-placed Gold Image, who is one of two Glen Kotzen runners, was beaten 3,25 lengths by Neptune's Rain, and impressed when easily winning her debut over 800m. She then finished an outstanding third in the Kuda Sprint over 1200m on Sun Met day.

Her stablemate Princess Peach looks held by Neptune's Rain on her first start in KZN but Richard Fourie rides and she looks ready to improve – and the fact that she was running on over 100m shorter bodes well.

Paul Matchett makes a welcome return to Scottsville with the recent clear cut maiden winner, Brave Mary. The daughter of Brave Tin Soldier took four runs to win but really put it all together when winning.

Sean Tarry is always a factor in these races and the SA Fillies Nursery winner Green Plains gave Celestina 3kg and a

2,75 length beating over 1100m in the Pretty Polly Stakes and the latter was beaten 5,5 lengths at level weights over 1000m by Call To Account on Met day. On paper that points to Call To Account having the edge, but Green Plains has improved

with every run and looks to be a tough filly who will enjoy the Scottsville course and distance.

The Australian-bred Touch Of Magic is an impressive specimen and won her only start by 3,75 lengths on debut over 1000m at Scottsville with a 2,5kg claimer up. The form hasn't worked out well, but she must rate a place chance.

Accountable

Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes winner Call To Account has to be a big runner too as she beat the smart Dutch Philip on Met day, albeit over 1000m. In her only subsequent start against the boys over 1200m at Scottsville she set the fractions, but faded late to be beaten 3,65 lengths by Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion contender Sand And Sea.

Supplemented into this race, the Lezanne Forbes' trained Light On Her Toes is by Gimmethegreenlight out of Allan Robertson winner On Her Toes and three winners have come out of the race she won over 1200m at Greyville in her second career start.

It looks tough for the rest.

Neptune's Rain has the homeground advantage and shown enough ability to win this.

Gr1 Allan Robertson past winners

2014		
1	Alboran Sea	58.0 (2) 12/1
2	Rich Girl	58.0 (11) 5/1
3	One Fine Day	58.0 (1) 8/1
2015		
1	Entisaar	60.0 (7) 7/1
2	Princess Royal	60.0 (8) 5/1
3	Madame Dubois	60.0 (15) 14/1
2016		
1	The Secret Is Out	60.0 (4) 14/10
2	Fursa	60.0 (5) 13/2
3	Visuality	60.0 (6) 16/1

START
2:05PM
SCOTTVILLE

5

PA3/PICK SIX2/JACKPOT1
GR1 ALLAN ROBERTSON CHAMP(2YOF) - 1200M
SAME TRAINER: (3-11)(5-10)(13-15)

Brave Tin Soldier	1 BRAVE MARY (PF Matchett) G Wrogemann	14	60.0
Captain Al	2 CALL TO ACCOUNT (J Ramsden) P Strydom	7	60.0
Evasive Fort	3 CRYMEARIVER (PV Lafferty) A Delpech	13	60.0
King Of Kings	4 DARING DIVA (BD Botes) A Fortune	12	60.0
Horse Chestnut	5 GOLD IMAGE (GS Kotzen) C Zackey	2	60.0
Main Aim	6 GREAT AIM (S Moore) W Kennedy	4	60.0
Gimmethegreenlight	7 GREEN PLAINS (SG Tarry) S Khumalo	11	60.0
Gimmethegreenlight	8 LIGHT ON HER TOES (L Forbes) A Forbes	8	60.0
Antonius Pius	9 NEPTUNE'S RAIN (DC Howells) K De Melo	3	60.0
Captain Al	10 PRINCESS PEACH (GS Kotzen) R Fourie	10	60.0
Sepoy	11 TOUCH OF MAGIC (PV Lafferty) D De Gouveia	15	60.0
Pathfork	12 TWELVE OAKS (SD Gray) C Habib	1	60.0
Antonius Pius	13 UNDER THE STARS (F Robinson) M v Rensburg	6	60.0
Trippi	14 VICTORY TRIP (DS Bosch) ES Ngwane	5	60.0
Querari	15 ZARNITSA (F Robinson) M Yeni	9	60.0

Draw Is Key

Champion jockey Garth Puller has suggested that punters keep an eye on the Scottsville draw bias, that seems to favour those drawn down the inside.

The 65 year old Puller, who won the 1986 Gr1 Gold Medallion at this track on the champion Bush Telegraph, beating Main Man on an objection, said that the draw bias at Scottsville had been there for as long as he could remember.

"Look, every racecourse has its quirks – even the weather is a factor. Thinking jockeys take these into account and ride their races accordingly. It certainly also helps to have the horse under you," he said.

"Oddly enough at Scottsville last weekend they erected a false rail to preserve the going for the Gr1's this coming Saturday. But surely that only serves to exacerbate and protect the inside, making it more pronounced?" he questioned.

Puller, who rode for close on 35 years, celebrated his final winner at his very last race meeting on 27 December 2005. He also booted home 7 winners at Kenilworth on the afternoon of 27 September 1980.

Bush Telegraph went on to win the July in 1987. How many Gold Medallion winners have achieved that double? The answer will be published next week.

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KENILWORTH ON SATURDAY

Fill Up On Philip

Gr3 Cape Of Good Hope Nursery Kenilworth

Exciting What A Winter colt Dutch Philip can seal his Cape 2yo championship title when he takes on seven rivals in Saturday's Nursery at Kenilworth. The recent Listed Somerset 1200 winner has won 3 of his 4 starts and the Candice Bass-Robinson trained youngster looks to be the best we have seen in the Cape juvenile ranks.

Good Run

Beaten only once – that when running a decent enough third behind Call To Account in the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes on Met day – Dutch Philip produced his best at his last start over Saturday's course and distance.

Joey Ramsden's Speedpoint was baulked and gave some cheek when beaten a half length by Dutch Philip at his last start. The son of Var did not turn up for the Listed Somerset 1200 as he was suffering a viral infection. If sharp after his six week break, his renewed rivalry with the Bass-Robinson bomber could be interesting.

Held

Zodiac Jack has been beaten twice by Dutch Philip and had no extra to offer late when going down 4,25 lengths in the Somerset 1200. He is 2kgs worse off here and looks unlikely to improve enough to pull off a reversal.

Supreme Orator was beaten 3,20 lengths by Speedpoint on debut but bounced back at his next start with a good course and distance win.

He meets the Dean Kannemeyer-trained Badawee, who started at 14 to 1 on debut and whom he beat a half length. The son of Dynasty is bound to improve on that debut effort and is worth including in quartets.

Catch 22

Joey Ramsden's second-stringer Morning Catch won very easily beating Captain Ram on an unfancied course-and-distance debut.

Dollar Tractor is the second of the Crawford duo. The son of Captain Al followed up on his third place on debut when beating Weekend Warrior by 0,30 lengths three weeks ago.

START 3:05PM KENILWORTH	7	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 GR3 CAPE OF GOOD HOPE NURSERY (2YO'S) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(2-6)(3-7)(4-5)
Dynasty	1	BADAWEE (D Kannemeyer) G Behr 4 60.0
Captain Al	2	DOLLAR TRACTOR (BJ Crawford) S Cele..... 2 60.0
What A Winter	3	DUTCH PHILIP (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer 7 60.0
Await The Dawn	4	MORNING CATCH (J Ramsden) J Bekker 1 60.0
Var	5	SPEEDPOINT (J Ramsden) O Noach 8 60.0
Oratorio	6	SUPREME ORATOR (BJ Crawford) JP vd Merwe 6 60.0
Var	7	VIRTUE (C Bass-Robinson) G Wright..... 5 60.0
Just As Well	8	ZODIAC JACK (GW Ennion) K Zechner 3 60.0

The second of the Bass-Robinson runners, Var ' debut winning son Virtue gets thrown in the deep end at his

second start. He was slow off at his only start where he started at 14 to 1 but finished well to beat Henry Tudor a length. He is a difficult fellow to assess.

The SP top-rated Dutch Philip should have their measure here.

Winter Wonderland

Kenilworth Fillies Nursery (L)

The R200 000 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery has been downgraded to Listed status this term and has attracted a field of only six runners as a support feature for the colt's equivalent.

The recent Listed Perfect Promise Sprint winner and SP top-rated Magical Wonderland is unbeaten in two impressive starts and at face value looks a decent bet.

Top Choice

A daughter of What A Winter, Magical Wonderland turned the jets on late to beat Too Phat To Fly, Rose In Bloom and Nanna Anna last time. The unknown factor of the going looks unlikely to play a role with rain forecast for only Friday as we go to press.

Justin Snaith has won this race for the past two years running and he sends out recent course-and-distance runaway winner Oh Susanna. The Australian bred daughter of Street Cry was backed into the red at her second start and beat Capaill by over 5 lengths in a large field.

Blooming Good

Joey Ramsden is a trainer who knows how to get the 2yo's ready and he saddles course and winner, Rose In Bloom. The daughter of Gimmethegreenlight ran third beaten 2,25 lengths in the Perfect Promise after showing pace. Her rider Jannie Bekker will be keen to break the ice after making a comeback to the saddle.

The Bezrin filly Too Phat To Fly has run two decent course-and-distance races. She won her maiden at 75 to 1 and then chased Magical Wonderland home when beaten a length in the Perfect Promise Sprint.

Sailing

The Sail From Seattle 2yo's have been firing and well supported debut winner Lanark could be anything. With Grant van Niekerk away at Scottsville, Gareth Wright steps in and gets a golden rare chance to ride a feature winner.

The Andre Nel-trained grey beat fellow debutante Bendy Bullet quite convincingly and is the major unknown in the small field.

Nanna Anna is the most experienced filly in the race but looks held by more than half this field.

Magical

Lanark is the dark horse but Magical Wonderland gets a top chance to score a stakes

double. Oh Susanna and Too Phat To Fly could round off the quartet.

START 2:20PM KENILWORTH	6	PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2 KENILWORTH FILLIES NURSERY (2YO'S)(L) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(-)
Sail From Seattle	1	LANARK (A Nel) G Wright 1 60.0
What A Winter	2	MAGICAL WONDERLAND (C Bass-Robinson)A Domeyer... 3 60.0
What A Winter	3	NANNA ANNA (PD Reeves) G Behr 6 60.0
Street Cry	4	OH SUSANNA (J Snaith) JP vd Merwe 2 60.0
Gimmethegreenlight	5	ROSE IN BLOOM (J Ramsden) J Bekker..... 4 60.0
Bezrin	6	TOO PHAT TO FLY (GS Kotzen) K Zechner 5 60.0

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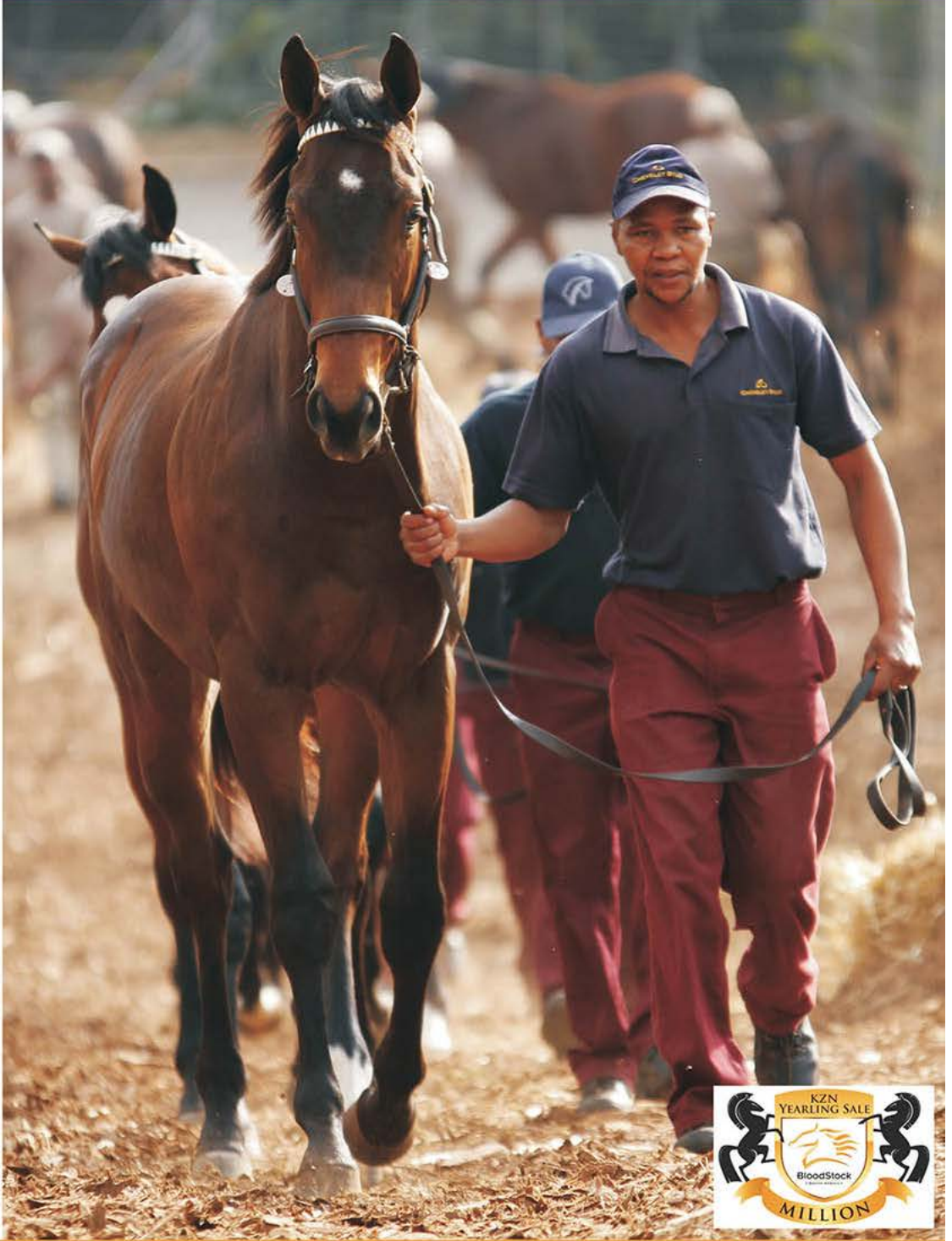
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Gri Gold Cup Winner



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PERSONALITY

On The Way Up

Diego de Gouveia hasn't taken the conventional route to becoming a jockey.

Apart from the odd ride on a hack during holidays in the Drakensberg, the Academy was the first time he rode a horse. He grew up in Edenvale in Johannesburg and went to school with Callan Murray. In fact, the two boys applied to the Academy together. "We both applied and never looked back since."

Their paths split after their first year, when Diego decided to leave at the end of 2012. "I was really unhappy, but I was very young and rebellious at the time and didn't enjoy the discipline, so I went back to Joburg. I carried on riding though, because I have an immense passion for horses and racing and was determined to be a jockey. Mr James Maree said he could help get me into the work riders programme. He told me to just keep riding work and do his courses in the meantime. Mr Gary Waterston also helped me a lot in the mornings and gave me lots of pointers. When I rode in work riders' races, him and Mr Maree used to give me advice afterwards. They both played a major role in teaching me the basics and I owe them a lot."

Along with Serino Moodley, Diego arranged to spend a year riding in Zimbabwe, staying with a few other apprentices at the Zim Academy. "It took a few months for my license to be approved, but Zim gave me an opportunity to work with different horses. Although things are difficult up there, it was a lovely experience to ride somewhere different and Borrowdale is one of the most beautiful courses I have ridden on. I was freelancing, which was pretty tough because there are a lot of South African guys coming up and taking most of the top rides, but we were getting full cards, and getting great race riding experience."

Second time lucky

Diego came home in October 2015 and spent the next few months riding work before rejoining the Academy in January 2016. Has it been a smoother ride this time round? "So much better," he enthuses. "Being a bit older than I was and having my mind set on a goal and wanting to make it, all makes it a lot easier. Lots of other things have changed as well and I'm enjoying it a lot more this time."

What does he enjoy about it most? "The early mornings. No really!" he laughs. "My thinking is if you enjoy what you're doing, you never work a day in your life. I love being with the horses. If could be there every day I would. I love going to stables in the morning and I love the build up to races, trying to get the best rides and trying to improve and do better than last time."

Is he quite competitive? "I've got a very competitive personality. I always want to win, which can sometimes be bad. I can't stand losing. If I have to run second, let it be a few lengths, not a heads up, heads down!"

Successful association

Diego has struck up a good relationship with Paul Lafferty, thanks to a chance booking.

"It was an apprentice race. I didn't have a ride and Mr Laff put me on a horse. I rode a dirty 6th or 7th and he was happy with the ride and I thought 'that's alright!'"

"I also ride a lot of work for Mr Drier and have had quite a few winners for him. I was lucky that my first few rides for him were winners. It's not often that Mr Drier gives apprentices opportunities, but he's an incredible teacher. You can win a race and he'll ask 'why did you go so early?' He's a lovely man to be associated with and I help where I can. Another person who has helped get me on track is Anthony Delpech. I used to do his kit and I learnt a lot from him. Now that I have more rides, I don't have time to do kit anymore, but he's an exceptional rider and someone I really look up to."

Apprentice Abroad

Along with Colin Ncobo, Diego was selected to attend the British Racing School as well as gaining valuable experience working for the William Haggas yard which he thoroughly enjoyed. "It was a lovely experience. The way they do things there is very different and as a rider you do a lot more of the work yourself. It made me respect our grooms a lot more. In South Africa, we're very fortunate to have the grooms we have. The work they do is incredible."

Mr Haggas' yard is extremely professional and has all the equipment you can think of – treadmills, spas – the horses get the best of everything. Everything is very organised. There's an electronic notice board, so when you get there in the morning, you know whether you're doing 3 or 4 horses, it tells you which horses you are riding and what work to do. If you're riding X, you go to that horse's stable and each stable has a box outside with that horse's kit. Some use French saddles, some use Australian saddles – it's all on the board outside the stable door – the type of girth, everything. While you're ringing in the yard, Mr Haggas will check your instructions with you and then he'll normally let you ring a few more times and send you out."

Two weeks at the Haggas yard was followed by an intensive one week international apprentice course at the British Racing School. "They taught us different ways to use a whip, how to judge pace and how to do times. Then you'd actually go and do a practical. You would take a horse and they would drive next to you in a car and you'd have to try and



DIEGO DE GOUVEIA

estimate how many furlongs a minute you were doing. We also did a lot of Equiciser work. It was a really nice all round experience.”

Back to work

Does he have designs on an apprenticeship title? “I’m currently tied for second with Eric Ngwane. Lyle is out in front by a ridiculous margin, but such is life. We don’t get to race ride every day like he does yet. It’s difficult to do much travelling at this stage. Lyle helped me get into PE and I rode for Yvette Bremner and rode a winner there. I went a few more times, but the travel is quite expensive and being an apprentice, we don’t make as much as the jockeys do, so we end up losing money. It’s all about being able to get rides. People might know you, but to get the good rides and make it work is tougher. Lyle has already made a name for himself, we are still getting there.”

“I’m quite a people person and am quite outspoken, which sometimes gets me in trouble. I don’t find it difficult to ask for rides, but you’ve got to go about it in the right way. If you get shot down, that’s the game. You’re not going to get every ride,” he says pragmatically. “You try and get on the best horse and then the second best horse and so on until you crack one. Some days it’s hard, but then you get those days where you get the good ones and you get 2 or 3 winners on the card, which is good.”

Diego already has a few doubles under his belt, but is still chasing his first feature success. He is hoping Tsogo Sun Sprint day might change that.

Lyle Doing Well

It has been close on a fortnight since current South African Apprentice log leader, Lyle Hewitson took a bad fall from the Renate du Plessis-trained Gitano Giant at Fairview.

He underwent surgery for his broken collar-bone in Johannesburg the Sunday after the racemeeting and was discharged the very next day. On medical advice it was suggested he get medical hyperbaric oxygen treatments and was referred to Revitalair by Biobarica at the Rivonia Therapy and Sports Centre. Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment (HBOT) is a medical treatment which exposes the patient to pure Oxygen, at greater than normal atmospheric pressure, to create a state of hyperoxia

The minimum recommended course is 10 treatments and Lyle had his first session on Wednesday, 17 May. He says he could be racing in in 5 – 6 weeks.



Lyle and HBO treatment

Professor Joey

It’s unheard of that a horse keeps defying the handicapper winning handicaps!

Joey Ramsden’s Encosta De Lago gelding Professor Brian is surely the most improved horse in training.

The 4yo scored his sixth win from 13 starts (he doesn’t run places) at Greyville on Wednesday in an MR 101 Handicap.

That means in the space of 5 runs since 21 January he has gone from a 58 to a 64 to a 72 to a 78 to an 85- he won here by 2 lengths which suggests 4lbs.

But he may get 8 in view of the ease of the win and the fact he has won 5 in a row. That’s 35lbs in 5 runs.



VODACOM DURBAN JULY COUNTDOWN

Guns Are Drawn

Duncan Howells’ Australian-bred Ten Gun Salute was the big newsmaker in the Vodacom Durban July countdown this past week, after his impressive victory in Friday evening’s Gr2 Betting World 1900.

The son of Henrythenavigator won a race considered a ‘preferred inclusion’ ticket by the July selection and after not being in the big race top 25 published in early May, he is bound to be thereabouts when the next log is published after the Daily News 2000 on 3 June.

The 3yo Tilbury Fort chased Ten Gun Salute home and while he will need to do more, it was a nicely improved effort from the Sean Tarry charge.

The underdone 2016 Cape Derby winner It’s My Turn hung on to dead-heat for third with non-entry, Mr Winsome. It’s My Turn ran fourth in the July last year and looks the ‘dark horse’ of the Justin Snaith contingent as he builds fitness.

His stablemate Elusive Silva, ranked 16 on the log before Friday evening, produced little spark late and ran just out of the money. That would not have done the Sledgehammer winner’s bid any favours as he hovers in the danger zone.

Another Snaith entrant in the star filly Bela-Bela (9 on the log) runs in this Saturday’s Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint. Her connections are keeping their options fluid and there is no certainty that she will make the final field.

Master Sabina, now with the Snaith yard, and winner of the last two runnings of the Sansui Summer Cup for Geoff Woodruff, will run in the Vodacom Durban July for only the second time.

Michael de Broglio’s seven-year-old was a 20-1 chance when ninth in last year’s race and this time he will be prepared by Justin Snaith who took over the gelding last week.

Jonathan Snaith said: “He may run first in the Rising Sun Gold Challenge on June 10 for a gallop or go straight to the July.”

After all the hype surrounding his entry, the Argentinian bred Hat Puntano has been scratched by trainer Mike Azzie. Another scratching is Mike de Kock’s SA Classic winner Heavenly Blue.

The next key date is the second declarations closure at 11h00 on Monday 29 May.

Diarise these dates:

Final Supplementary Entries: Close 11h00 Monday, 12 June

Weights Published: Tuesday, 13 June

Final Declaration: Close 11h00 Monday, 19 June

Announcement of Final Field & Barrier Draws: Tuesday, 20 June

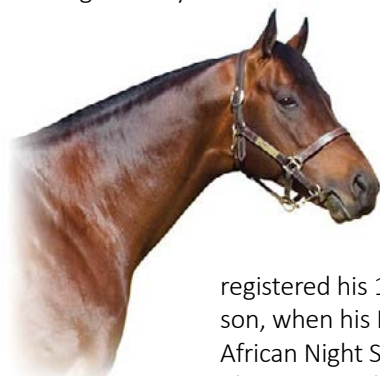
Public Gallops: 07h00 at Greyville Racecourse, Thursday, 22 June

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Short Heads

Spot On

Despite perceptions to the contrary, the handicappers often get it right. Last Winter was rated 83 after winning his only start, a polytrack maiden which he won as a 2yo eleven months ago. The Great One has won twice and is stakes placed. He is rated 83 too. They took each other on in the MR 78 Handicap at Scottsville on Saturday. Last Winter won by a short head with the four-time winning 4yo Gyre (79) over 5 lengths away in third.



LATE

We raised the late start time (21h50) of Friday evening's Listed East Coast Cup at Greyville- and also why 10 races were carded - with Gold Circle. Racing Executive Raf Sheik agreed that it was not ideal to race after 21h00 and especially a feature race. "This was done to accommodate the race sponsors who were expected to land in SA just after 20h00 on Friday. Unfortunately due to flight delays the delegation could not make it," explained Raf, who said that due to the loss of 6 races at Scottsville the previous Sunday, they were catching up – thus the heavy ten-race card.

twelve

Highlands kingpin Dynasty registered his 12th black type win of the season, when his Highlands Farms Stud bred son African Night Sky won Sunday's Gr3 Winter Classic at Kenilworth.

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Avontuur's speed king Var dominated matter in Sunday's Listed Olympic Duel Stakes, where his one-eyed daughter Hanabi became his 37th individual stakes winner. His daughters Miss Marker and China Pearl ran third and fifth respectively. Var was also represented by his 13th juvenile winner this season when Purple Diamond won for Sean Tarry at Turffontein on Saturday.



Off The Mark

South African champion apprentice of last season Callan Murray broke the ice early in his Hong Kong stint when he rode a winner on Wednesday at his first ever ride at Happy Valley. Murray, who only flew out of South

Africa a week earlier, was aboard the New Zealand-bred Master Viking for former SA trainer Tony Millard and got the better of Karis Teetan on the David Ferraris galloper Confucius Spirit by a neck and Dougie Whyte further downfield.

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Mauritzfontein sire Ideal World's Met winning daughter Smart Call made a smart return to action when third in the Gr2 Betfred Middleton Stakes at York last Thursday. Ideal World produced recent feature race winners Hermoso Mundo (Gr3 Gold Bowl) and Louisiana (The Scarlet Lady) and the son of Kingmambo produced a total of five winners this weekend - in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

No Repeat
No Repeat

The Frankel first crop fairytale failed to repeat itself when the first runner from his much anticipated second crop stepped out at Newbury last Friday. John Gosden saddled the Juddmonte homebred Westerland in a 1200m maiden- a fitting starting point as Frankel's very first foal, runner and winner Cunco grabbed the headlines with a successful debut in a division of this very race last year. Westerland ran a cracker – but was no match for the 25 to 1 shot, Nebo.

Split

Saturday's Champ de Mars meeting was the last one for the partnership of SA jockey Wesley Marwing and the Chitranjan Ramdin stable. A mutually agreed split sees Marwing winging his way back home.

Here's One

Melbourne Cup winner Americain sired his first Australian winner with Geegee Blackprince's success in the 1400m Tasmanian Sires' Produce Stakes for 2yo's on Sunday at Launceston. A son of Dynaformer, Americain stands the Southern Hemisphere season at Victoria's Swettenham Stud and has a filly out of a daughter of champion sire and emerging broodmare sire Exceed And Excel (Lot 22) on the Klawervlei Farm Sale next month.

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Maine Chance's champion sire Silvano's great season continued at Greyville on Friday night when the Klawervlei Stud bred Epona won the Listed KRA East Coast Cup. This was Silvano's 15th stakes win of the season. Jay Peg's half-sister Epona was one of two winners on the night for Silvano.



Save The Date

The day after the Vodacom Durban July... so not easy to miss! The first son of Unbridled's Song to stand in South Africa, Noble Tune, will be the centre of attraction at his stallion day at Rathmor Stud on Sunday 2 July.

LOUW FLYER

The Air We Breathe

Oscar Foulkes along with mum Veronica is part owner of Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint runner, Sergeant Hardy and the two share a special connection.

Sergeant Hardy was bred by Veronica Foulkes' Normandy Stud and led through the ring of the 2015 CTS Cape Premier Yearling Sale. "My younger brother bought him, then he was found to have a paralysed right vocal chord, which is fairly unusual – it's usually the left one. They don't know for certain what causes the vocal chord paralysis, possibly an IV nicks the nerve that runs in the same place. Then we sent him to a Ready To Run sale. We had him scoped – we didn't want people to find out afterwards that there was a problem – and put a notice on the door. We ended up buying him back at R70k."

Oscar has been battling throat cancer on and off for a number of years. He has his first op in 2006 after steadily losing his voice over the preceding years.

"The cancer that I have. Had," he corrects himself, "is not something that was ever going to kill me. The worst was that I could end up with a hole in my throat." However, the treatments have taken their toll, leaving Oscar with a soft, high-pitched voice. "I don't have an issue with it. I'm quite used to being called 'M'am' on the phone," he says good-naturedly. "For me it's just fantastic to be able to make a phone call. There were long periods over the last ten years when I haven't been able to make phone calls for months on end or when people have rung and I've picked up and they didn't know I had answered. Worse was going to someone's house and ringing the doorbell and not being able to announce who you are on the intercom. Having a high pitched voice is the least of my worries."

It has been a long journey, but it is one he is winning. And in celebration and affirmation, Oscar decided to enter for this year's ABSA Cape Epic mountain bike race. But that was all the way back in 2015.

ABSA Cape Epic

Why the Epic? "It's something I've always been curious about," he muses. "You see these things and know it's a completely different level of commitment. Something like Wines2Whales you can do if you're relatively fit, but Epic takes 6 months to a year to prepare for. We are running the Val de Vie hospitality and when I found out that the race

finished at Val de Vie this year, I decided it was a sign. When I said I would like an entry back in 2015, I didn't even know what treatment was awaiting me, so I'd already committed before I knew what was coming my way."

"I've had multiple surgeries to remove tumors, but they've kept coming back." Eventually he was forced to have a course of radiation therapy, which finished a little over a year ago. "I didn't eat solid food until last April. I had a diet of soup and morphine – it was the most incredible pain I've ever experienced. My weight dropped to 66kgs. To start from that and then get exercising again was a challenge."

The Cape Epic mountain bike race is aptly named, taking place over – and largely up – 691 km of Western Cape countryside. Their website states the accumulated vertical gain over the eight days is 15,400m. For someone recovering from cancer treatment it seems particularly ambitious, particularly as the repeated surgeries had left him with impaired breathing due to scar tissue that had built up on his vocal chords. "It was great to have a goal like that. I literally could hardly ride around the block – that's how depleted my body was."

Oscar met his riding partner, Piet Viljoen, thanks to a blog post titled 'Will you be my Epic Valentine?' in February 2016. "Friends connected us. Piet is a value investor and it took a big stretch to look at me in my state and say in a year's time we'll be riding Epic together, but his commitment is more on the level of 'I do' than 'yes'. Even though he's a lot stronger, he's been a support for me as well and helped me get through, building my strength. We're an odd combination, but it works."

Hoarse Power

The two competed as team 'Sergeant Hardy', with their racing kit made up in Veronica's racing colours and sporting the moniker 'Hoarse Power' on their cycling shorts.

Competing in the Grand Masters division, they finished the course in 47:00.31,3 placing 27th in their category. "Many people take on big physical endurance challenges –

I'm by no means the first person to do it, or the first person to do it with difficulty.

A few years ago a team completed and between them they had 3 arms and 3 legs. I actually spent quite a lot of Epic riding in close proximity to Reuben van Niekerk (the one-legged rider) who has now completed 4 Epics. What

I'm overcoming is minimal compared with that.

It's one of the most magnificent things about the Epic. Apart from some male madness, there's just this dogged determination that come hell or high



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water, nothing is going to stop you finishing what you started out to do.”

There is an interesting postscript to Oscar’s Epic. His surgeon, Professor Fagan, suggested a procedure to repair the obstruction caused by the scar tissue, but due to the recovery time, Oscar elected to postpone until after the Epic. However, the day after he finished, he rang for an appointment and surgery was scheduled for that Thursday. The before and after photos and the results were arresting. “I’d ridden Epic on something like 50% breathing capacity. It’s not the same as breathing through a straw, but you get the picture. Even while lying in the hospital bed, my breathing felt easier.”

“In my head, I had lost 10% to 20% breathing capacity. Sometimes it’s better not to know – if I’d known that the impediment was more like 50%, perhaps I wouldn’t even have started the Epic process.”

Last year, in a letter of fatherly guidance, he wrote to his son: ‘We have powers of endurance that are far in excess of what we might imagine.’ “Little did I know the circumstances under which I would experience that for myself.”

“Having experienced what it’s like to try and do these things without being able to breathe properly, I am totally in awe of what Sergeant Hardy does. We schlepped along towards the middle / back of the field. He’s lost 30% of his breathing capacity and is one of the top-rated sprinters in the country.”

And so back to the (horse) racing

“Sergeant Hardy was a November foal, so we ran him as an early 2yo just to see how he would respond,” explains Oscar. He won first time out, over 800m at Kenilworth on 27 December 2015. By 4,75 lengths. “We knew it was worth persevering with him and the rest is history,” shrugs Oscar.

“There’s just something about him,” says Oscar. “He is a big, magnificent beast. We were obviously very disappointed about his CTS run, because his form leading up to it had been sensational.”

Shared experience

Sharing the experience with his mother has also made it special, particularly as Sergeant Hardy is a Normandy homebred. “I worked out some stats recently that you get roughly one Gr1 winner for every 500 foals. On this basis, if you look at the number of foals my mother breeds every year, she has outperformed the breed average by a factor of 9 or 10. She doesn’t breed from expensive bloodstock and most are homebreds, but she has produced the likes of Winter Solstice, Tatler, Bravura and Mother Russia. That’s a pretty impressive track record.”

“I grew up with it, but then spent 10-15 years more involved with wine than racing. I’ve had the opportunity of rekindling that over the last 5 years and I’ve loved it.”

“A lot happens at the stud and even though it’s her operation, we share a lot of the planning and strategising, so it’s great to have the opportunity to race a horse together. With my brother passing away in 2015 and my on-going brushes with cancer, it’s been a very emotional time for her and I’ve just treasured the time and opportunity to share these things with her.”

Off The Track

Kenilworth Racing have apologised for a communication breakdown around the switch of tracks at the Southern Suburbs racecourse on Sunday.

Punters and other stakeholders contacted the Sporting Post after the meeting, including two Winter Series features, were run on the summer course.

The official racecard indicated that the meeting was being held on the winter course.

In a press release issued by Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Limited on Monday 22 May 2017, it was stated that Due to the catastrophic drought currently being experienced in the Western Cape, the Winter course was unable to be adequately prepared for the race meeting at Kenilworth on Sunday 21 May 2017, resulting in the Summer course being utilised.

The Operators and National Horseracing Authority were ap- prised of developments, as were the National Racing Bureau who duly advertised same, certain sectors of the general public were regrettably uninformed due to an unacceptable breakdown in communication.

Kenilworth Racing advised that they deeply regretted and profusely apologised for this unfortunate oversight and advises that disciplinary action will be taken against those responsible.

The Winter Course will be used this Saturday, 27 May .

Seeing Stars!

Maine Chance Farms proprietor Andreas Jacobs is behind the move to stand the first son of champion Sea The Stars to be based in this country.

Klipdrif Stud are set to stand Quasillo, a half-brother to Maine Chance Farms’ top-class Querari (Oasis Dream) and a group winning son of sensational sire Sea The Stars.

Despite injuring his hip as a foal he won by 2 lengths on debut and then won the Derby Trial to become favourite for Germany’s best classic.

Thoroughbred Daily News reported:

Made a clear favourite on the basis of his untapped potential in this Gr1 Deutsches Derby trial, Quasillo delivered with a deal of authority to place himself center stage as the run-up to the July 5 Hamburg Classic continues. Detached with one behind early as Eduardo Pedroza allowed the duel for the lead to take place up ahead, the homebred who had created a stir on his winning debut over 11 furlongs at Munich Apr. 19 made smooth progress on the outside turning for home. Ending up near the stand’s rail, the chestnut swamped Ajalo with a furlong remaining and bounded clear for an emphatic score. “He did that really easily today, but he is still quite green,” Andreas Wohler commented. “We have seen his potential for the Derby today”.

John Freeman reports that it is our good fortune that his unfortunate injury has led him to South Africa.

Gestut Fährhof have successfully test-bred him in Germany to pre- pare him for a stud career – he is virile and fertile and is presently in the process of shipment to South Africa.

Already fully syndicated, he will stand at a fee of R12000.

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BREEDING

Humor's Funny Cide

Leading US sire, Distorted Humor, continues to make his mark in the world's greatest races.

He is broodmare sire of the world's current top rated runner Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), and his son, Maclean's Music, produced a first crop classic winner when Cloud Computing scored a in Saturday's Gr1 Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the US Triple Crown.

Cloud Computing, is bred on a similar cross to Gr1 Haskell Invitational winner, Any Given Saturday. While Cloud Computing is by a son of Distorted Humor out of a mare by A P Indy, Any Given Saturday is by Distorted Humor out of an A P Indy daughter.

Distorted Humor has long enjoyed success with Seattle Slew line mares, with other notable performers sired by him carrying the 1977 Triple Crown winner in their pedigrees including champion, Funny Cide, and Gr1 winners Drosselmeyer, Joking and millionaire, Alternation.

Maclean's Music is bred on the reverse cross to Arrogate, being by Distorted Humor out of a mare by Unbridled's Song.

He got off to a smart start last year with his first 2yos including 20 winners (from 40 starters) and ended 2016 as North America's eighth leading first crop sire by prize money. To date he has been represented by five individual stakes winners, with Cloud Computing his first graded stakes winner.

The Hill 'N Dale based sire, who won his only racetrack appearance and stood his first season at stud for \$6,500, is the second son of Distorted Humor to have sired a Preakness Stakes winner, with Wilgerbosdrift based, Flower Alley (Distorted Humor) having sired 2012 Preakness victor I'll Have Another.

Two Here

Distorted Humor is represented in South Africa by two Gr1 winning sons, the aforementioned Flower Alley as well as former National Stakes winner and Irish champion, Pathfork. It's worth noting that both Pathfork and Flower Alley have Sadler's Wells in their pedigrees.

A consistently top class sire, (he headed North America's sires list in 2011), Distorted Humor has 136 stakes winners to his credit, with 18 of his stakes winners having scored at Gr1 level.

Distorted Humor got off to a flying start at stud, with his first 2yos boasting five stakes winners, including G1 Spinaway Stakes winner Awesome Humor, and he was Leading First Crop Sire of 2002. Distorted Humor's first crop included champion and dual classic winner, Funny Cide, and graded winners, Go Rockin' Robin and Sensibly Chic.

Mr P

Cloud Computing's win confirmed the stranglehold that the Mr Prospector male line has maintained on the Preakness Stakes. The 2017 winner is one of no fewer than 16 Preakness winners descended from Mr P to date.

While his male line has indeed exerted a remarkable influence over North America's championship races, it is also worth noting that Cloud Computing traces back in female line to one of the truly great tap root mares in Alcibiades (Supremus).

Other notables descended from Alcibiades include Kentucky Oaks runner up, Pillow Talk (Mr Trouble), Gr1 winning 2yo, Secret Hello (Private Account), and former South African sire, Raise A Man (Raise A Native).

United They Stand!

County Kildare is a world away from the rustic rural setting of Piketberg but Bennie van der Merwe and his Moutonshoek team will have their eyes firmly focussed on the Curragh on Sunday where a full sister to their new sire is set to line up in the Gr1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas.



Bennie van der Merwe /
Hamish Niven

The United States, one of more than 60 Gr1 winners sired by Galileo, will stand his first season at Moutonshoek this year.

His full sister Hydrangea, is one of 13 potential runners for the Gr1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas.

One of the better 2yo's of last year, when second in both the Gr1 Moyglare Stud Stakes and Gr1 Dubai Fillies' Mile, Hydrangea defeated QIPCO 1000 Guineas winner Winter when successful in the Gr3 Ballylinch 1000 Guineas Trial two starts back.

Hydrangea has won or placed in six of her nine outings to date, and has already amassed more than £220 000 in prize money.

Her sire, responsible for both the English 2000 and 1000 Guineas winners this year, could be represented by four runners in Sunday's classic, with Galileo's likely starters including the above-mentioned Winter.

The United States, was a top class racehorse, who banked more than £1 million in stakes. His victories included the Gr1 Ranvet Stakes, Gr2 Crystal Mile and Gr3 KPMG Enterprise Stakes, with The United States also having won first time out, over 1400m, as a 2yo.

The United States and Hydrangea are out of G3 Prix d'Arenberg winner Beauty Is Truth, a daughter of outstanding sire and broodmare sire Pivotal. Beauty Is Truth is also the dam of Gr3 Anglesey Stakes winner Fire Lily who ran second to multiple Gr1 winner Elusive Kate in the 2011 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac.

Ready To Be My Valentine?

South African-bred Gr1 winner Happy Valentine will be on offer from Team Valor International as part of Arrowfield Stud's consignment to the Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale on June 1 in Queensland, Australia.

The 6-year-old daughter of Silvano should garner considerable international interest and of special interest to South African breeders will be that she has been covered by More Than Ready- the sire of young stallion Gimmethegreenlight, the Gr1 Queen's Plate winner.

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The Gr2 Betting World 1900 winner Ten Gun Salute's sire, **Henrythenavigator**

was a champion son of Kingmambo on the track. He couldn't match that at stud.

He won the 2000 Guineas, the Irish 2,000 Guineas, the St. James's Palace Stakes and the Sussex Stakes in 2008. He was retired to Ashford Stud in Kentucky after the 2008 Breeders' Cup Classic, where he ran second to Raven's Pass – with the favourite Curlin, considered the world's best dirt horse, well beaten.

In the 2010 season, Henrythenavigator shuttled between Ashford Stud and Coolmore's Australian farm, and was later shuttled between Coolmore's Ireland and Australia farms. He sired three Gr1 winners in total.

An A\$10 000 buy at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in January 2014, Ten Gun Salute (a half-brother to 10 winners) was sold for R1,150 million at the Lanzerac Ready To Run Sale later that year.



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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	1149	175	15%	232	20%	35%	138	12%	539	47%	27,545,950	23,974
J Snaith	1041	137	13%	226	22%	26%	133	13%	485	47%	16,002,700	15,372
MF de Kock	561	87	16%	139	25%	30%	74	13%	294	52%	15,287,275	27,250
C Bass-Robinson	702	74	11%	93	13%	25%	73	10%	304	43%	12,692,813	18,081
BJ Crawford	603	86	14%	87	14%	41%	74	12%	289	48%	12,577,888	20,859
GV Woodruff	397	67	17%	85	21%	38%	41	10%	200	50%	11,664,088	29,381
VH Marshall	490	49	10%	54	11%	33%	35	7%	169	34%	9,543,263	19,476
AC Greeff	857	118	14%	145	17%	27%	80	9%	371	43%	7,553,300	8,814
J Ramsden	372	50	13%	71	19%	35%	48	13%	191	51%	6,979,575	18,762
GS Kotzen	599	69	12%	75	13%	39%	65	11%	256	43%	6,532,950	10,906
M Houdalakis	465	57	12%	46	10%	28%	50	11%	201	43%	6,475,475	13,926
JJ v Vuuren	289	48	17%	53	18%	43%	24	8%	129	45%	6,141,800	21,252
DC Howells	541	53	10%	89	16%	36%	54	10%	225	42%	5,936,788	10,974
G v Zyl	549	54	10%	56	10%	21%	60	11%	250	46%	5,503,350	10,024
GM Alexander	408	50	12%	46	11%	28%	42	10%	166	41%	5,452,050	13,363
MG Azzie	426	46	11%	60	14%	18%	60	14%	192	45%	5,226,750	12,269

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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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	628	132	21%	266	42%	29%	111	18%	378	60%	17,515,000	27,890
G Cheyne	728	122	17%	165	23%	30%	96	13%	414	57%	12,058,750	16,564
A Marcus	457	120	26%	244	53%	34%	70	15%	312	68%	19,673,350	43,049
C Zackey	1115	114	10%	85	8%	28%	105	9%	439	39%	11,461,288	10,279
S Khumalo	676	111	16%	161	24%	35%	89	13%	330	49%	12,991,450	19,218
R Fourie	552	110	20%	150	27%	35%	98	18%	321	58%	9,807,775	17,768
M Yeni	1189	108	9%	129	11%	26%	149	13%	503	42%	9,733,575	8,186
A Fortune	664	105	16%	154	23%	27%	80	12%	339	51%	8,584,751	12,929
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	841	87	10%	63	7%	29%	84	10%	339	40%	7,575,626	9,008
JP vd Merwe	881	81	9%	60	7%	25%	72	8%	319	36%	6,856,863	7,783
A Murray	417	76	18%	82	20%	40%	57	14%	229	55%	6,745,963	16,177
C Munday	777	76	10%	85	11%	28%	74	10%	305	39%	12,210,100	15,714
G v Niekerk	511	75	15%	94	18%	28%	83	16%	272	53%	10,968,075	21,464

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
DR Drier/A Marcus	27	11	41%	15	56%	47%	4	15%	677,175	25,081
A Nel/A Domeyer	78	25	32%	31	40%	58%	13	17%	1,634,150	20,951
J Ramsden/A Marcus	34	11	32%	18	53%	39%	5	15%	1,936,625	56,960
M Robinson/R Fourie	49	15	31%	17	35%	41%	8	16%	1,097,825	22,405
PA Peter/G Lerena	51	15	29%	13	25%	23%	9	18%	1,247,900	24,469
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	78	22	28%	19	24%	63%	7	9%	4,442,700	56,958
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	130	35	27%	60	46%	35%	29	22%	2,641,175	20,317
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	60	16	27%	30	50%	43%	6	10%	2,828,175	47,136
JJ v Vuuren/G Lerena	55	15	27%	18	33%	56%	8	15%	2,831,050	51,474
MF de Kock/A Delpech	82	21	26%	33	40%	36%	11	13%	2,630,550	32,080
CS Laird/A Marcus	114	28	25%	43	38%	40%	9	8%	2,058,575	18,058
AC Greeff/A Fortune	63	16	25%	21	33%	29%	6	10%	894,650	14,201
SG Tarry/P Strydom	55	13	24%	20	36%	40%	7	13%	1,117,300	20,315
A Nel/G v Niekerk	51	12	24%	18	35%	39%	7	14%	897,125	17,591
GS Kotzen/R Fourie	146	34	23%	44	30%	41%	31	21%	3,379,450	23,147
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	301	65	22%	98	33%	28%	37	12%	3,931,150	13,060

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Classic Kannemeyer – Dean knows how to win the July

Three-time Vodacom Durban July winning trainer Dean Kannemeyer commenced his 2017 SA Champions Season without an obvious candidate for Africa's Greatest. After Mr Win-some's big show for a shared third in last Friday evening's Gr2 Betting World 1900, he may be forced to rethink his 1 July plans. "I was looking

at the Gold Vase and then planned on going through to the Gold Cup with him. But like most Silvano's he is getting better as he matures– and raised his hand on Friday," said Kannemeyer. The DKR Team's most recent July success, Power King, was also by Silvano.



Magic Muzi – Can he win the July for the first time?

Dynamite

There was a touch of irony in 30 year old lightweight Muzi Yeni's Gr2 Betting World 1900 victory for the Duncan Howells yard on Friday evening. Muzi, who hasn't enjoyed the best season of his life, was once the Howells stable rider and the scenes of elation after Ten Gun

Salute's terrific win would have buried any hatchets that may have existed. The Winning Form-sponsored jockey has an obvious affinity with the Australian-bred galloper and produced a gem of a well-judged ride to probably book his July berth. Australian bred horses have won the July twice this century – The Conglomerate (2015) and Igugu (2011).



Medallion Men – Dennis Drier and Anton Marcus have a superb record on the big Scottsville sprint day

Double Twice Over

The combination of Summerveld trainer Dennis Drier and jockey Anton Marcus are bidding for their third success in four years in Saturday's Gr1

Gold Medallion. Individually they are red hot, too. Drier, long known as the 'Medallion Man', was bidding for a fifth straight win in the prestigious 2yo feature last

year – but the race was won by Anton Marcus for Vaughan Marshall. Marcus thus goes for his personal fourth straight success as he throws a leg over Drier's Twice Over colt Sand And Sea on Saturday. Drier won it in 2012 (Potent Power – Kevin Shea), 2013 (Captain Of All – Sean Cormack), 2014 (Guinness – Marcus) and 2015 (Seventh Plain – Marcus)

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

GREYVILLE (night - turf/poly)**Friday, 19 May****Course Variant: 2.05s slow (turf) 1.17s slow (poly)**

Four races were originally scheduled to take place on the turf at this meeting. However, with the official going being soft, and heavy in places (penetrometer 29.3), all except the Gr2 Betting World 1900 were switched to the poly. There had been 205mm of rain in the previous seven days, and the false rail on the turf track was out 6m. There was a moderate 13km/h north, north easterly headwind. The going on the poly track was standard

Gr2 Betting World 1900 R500,000**A Howeller!**

The Betting World 1900 is one of the 'preferred inclusion' events on the July selection panel's calendar and there will be little arguing that the 4yo Ten Gun Salute, who was not in the big race top 25 up to the feature jump, has now booked his berth with a quite convincing post-injury display.



Ten Gun Salute | Gold Circle

As fellow July hopeful Tilbury Fort stayed on well, and Silvano sons Mr Winsome and Elusive Silva were catching their strides, Yeni had made his move at just the right moment and with the 33-1 Ten Gun Salute in full flight they had no chance as the Howells charge ran on too well to win by 1,50 lengths in a time of 118,87 secs.

Ashburton-based trainer Duncan Howells attributed Ten Gun Salute's dismal effort in the Drill Hall Stakes at his previous outing to a back muscle issue and paid generous tribute to physio Beth Shaw and his own team.

Originally bought – some would argue stolen – at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in January 2014 by Heritage Bloodstock for A\$10 000, Ten Gun Salute was offered at the Lanzerac Ready To Run Sale in October 2014.

David Allan of Allan Bloodlines outlayed R1 150 000 there for the half-brother to ten winners.

The winner is by former Coolmore shuttler Henrythenavigator (USA) out of Ladybird Blue (Bluebird), who was placed in the Gr1 South Australia Oaks and is a dual Stakes winner who traces in female line to Noble Lassie, the dam of Vaguely Noble.

Ten Gun Salute, whose previous biggest score was in the Listed Michael Roberts Handicap in January 2016, has now won 4 races with 5 places from 16 starts for stakes of R702 400.

Gr2 Betting World 1900 1900m

Winner Ten Gun Salute raced in midfield; cut through the field quickly in the straight; led 300m; won well; trainer Howells was questioned with regard to the improved performance against his effort in the Drill Hall Stakes

Runner up Tilbury Fort raced 4th; led 350m; hanging; beaten 1,5 lengths; Jockey Khumalo was spoken to with regard to his use of the crop over the final 300m

There was a dead-heat for Third. It's My Turn (best handicapped) raced 5th and held every chance; beaten two lengths. Mr Winsome was drawn wide and lost two lengths at the start; raced in the rear; didn't find the clearest of passages in the straight; ran on very well final 300m; beaten two lengths

Time: The only race on turf, the pace appeared to be a fair one given the conditions. We gave the winner (prev 101/100/86/84/89/64) 101 which makes the runner up (prev 82/87/92/89/0) 96, joint third It's My Turn (prev 101/102/91/102/107) 102 and Mr Winsome (prev 88/88/89/96/100) 97

101	1	0.00	TEN GUN SALUTE	(8)	58.0	M Yeni	36/1
4 b g			Henrythenavigator - Ladybird Blue(AUS) (Bluebird)				
96	2	1.50	TILBURY FORT	(1)	54.0	S Khumalo	25/1
3 b c			Horse Chestnut - Colleen (Restructure)				
102	3	2.00	IT'S MY TURN	(10)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	72/10
4 b g			Dynasty - Jallad's Queen (Jallad)				
97	3	2.00	Mr Winsome	(11)	58.0	M Winnaar	16/1
4 b g			Silvano - Al Shama (Al Mufti)				
90	5	3.25	Elusive Silva	(4)	56.0	A Delpach	18/10
84	6	4.25	Hyaku	(5)	54.0	C Maujean	100/1
88	7	4.35	Banner Hill	(14)	56.0	R Fourie	72/10
93	8	4.40	Prince Of Wales	(3)	58.0	G Cheyne	10/1
82	9	5.40	Macduff	(2)	54.0	M Byleveld	21/2
85	10	6.15	Go Direct	(12)	56.0	M v Rensburg	30/1
82	11	10.15	Master Switch	(9)	58.0	A Marcus	9/2
77	12	11.65	Copper Pot	(13)	54.0	C Orffer	100/1
73	13	12.40	Serissa	(6)	56.0	K De Melo	55/1
60	14	19.40	Rocketball	(7)	56.0	W Kennedy	55/1

Time: 118.87s (62.56s avg/1000m, or 58km/h)

SP Total %: 117%

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East Coast Cup (F&M)(Listed) R150,000**Bright Future**

While obviously not ideal, the race, originally programmed for the turf, was switched to the polytrack after an inspection earlier in the day had revealed that the track had not dried out sufficiently following the past week's down-pours that saw over 200 mm of rain on the course.

The average penetrometer reading was 29 but the area near the finishing post, that does not receive as much sunlight as the rest of the course because of the shadow cast by the grandstand, read 34.

With the field reduced to 12 with 4 scratchings, the race was run at a good pace throughout with Anton Marcus producing Epona from her wide draw after a 15 week break to score a gutsy half length win in a time of 122,85 secs.

The Klawervlei Stud-bred Epona is a daughter of Silvano out of the Al Mufti mare, Laptop Lady.

She is thus a half-sister to Camden Park stallion Jay Peg, who stands at the same farm.

Epona was registering her second stakes success after winning the Jamaica Handicap at her penultimate start.

A R1,8 million Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale graduate, she has won 4 races with 3 places from 9 starts for stakes of R295 200.

East Coast Cup (F&M)(Listed) 2000m

Winner Epona raced 6th; led 100m; won going away

Runner up Nima raced 4th; kept on strongly; lost a shoe at some point; beaten half a length

Third Silver Stripe dwelt start; raced 7th; led 300m; Jockey Maujean accidentally had his crop struck from his hand by the rider of Party Crasher at the 100m; beaten one length

Time: This race was run over two and a quarter seconds faster than either of the other two 2000m races on the card. However, those were both maiden plates and comparatively, this could have been run a little faster.

We gave the runner up (prev 79/80/77/80/78) 80 which makes the winner (prev 75/82/84/91/82) 96 and the third (prev 65/77/69/81/78) 79

96	1	0.00	EPONA	(11)	58.5	A Marcus	41/10
3 b f			Silvano - Laptop Lady (Al Mufti)				
80	2	0.50	NIMA	(5)	55.5	A Delpach	5/1
4 b f			Fort Wood - Firth Of Tay (Rich Man's Gold)				
79	3	1.00	SILVER STRIPE	(8)	55.5	C Maujean	21/2
4 ch f			Silvano - Badger's Gift (Badger Land)				
88	4	1.25	The Centenary	(2)	60.0	D Dillon	14/1
85	4	1.25	Party Crasher	(1)	54.5	R Fourie	7/2
82	6	2.25	Onesie	(7)	54.0	W Kennedy	16/1
79	7	2.50	Louisiana	(12)	57.0	C Orffer	72/10
82	8	2.55	Persian Rug	(10)	58.5	M v Rensburg	14/1
81	9	4.30	Tambalang	(4)	55.5	S Khumalo	17/2
74	10	5.05	Little Chapel	(3)	57.0	M Winnaar	20/1
73	11	5.55	Skip A Beat	(9)	57.0	G Cheyne	14/1
61	12	12.05	Inaninstant	(6)	57.0	A Mgudlwa	30/1

Time: 122.85s (61.43s avg/1000m, or 59km/h)

SP Total %: 124%

1st T:J Ramsden O:Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman) B:Klawervlei Stud

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

TURFFONTEIN (inner)**Saturday, 20 May****Course Variant: 0,86s slow**

After the going had been posted as soft at the midweek meeting, it was a little surprising to see the going here posted as good off a penetrometer reading of 22. The false rail was out 2m on the back straight to 5m on the bend, and there was a moderate tail wind of around 11km/h. The net effect was that the course was only running marginally faster than it had been in midweek.

Syringa Hcp (F&M)(Listed) R150,000**Family Fun**

Astute acquisition of the best of blood and the fostering of equine dynasties has served Varsfontein Stud admirably over the years.

Their beautifully bred Caesour filly Alexa returns to her home paddocks in Paarl at the end of this season but not before grabbing her first stakes win.

In yet another confident feature show, underrated rider Chase Maujean got the Woodruff runner up to win by a short head in a time of 97,35 secs.

The 2016 Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas winner Heaps Of Fun, under replacement rider Deon Sampson, had looked dangerous down the inside rail, and ran an improved race to get third.

The Varsfontein white and scarlet is synonymous with top fillies and like many before her, the winner is by the champion farm's stalwart stallion Caesour, who died in 2013.

A son of Nureyev, Caesour made history when his daughters Perfect Promise and Dane Julia became the first South African bred horses to win Gr1 races in Australia and New Zealand respectively.

Alexa is a sixth stakes performer for the Irish bred Darshaan mare Alexandra Bi, a two-time winner in Italy. Alexandra Bi was acquired by the Kalmanson family at Newmarket and has produced a host of outstanding performers.

On the same afternoon, the five-time winner Hostwin Galaxy (Redoute's Choice) a son of Alexandra Bi's Gr1 winning daughter Alexandra Rose, ran a cracking third behind Huka Eagle in the 1200m Gr1 Chairman's Challenge Cup in Macau.

Varsfontein offered two lots (#275 and #276) from this family on the BSA National Yearling Sale earlier this month.

A daughter of Captain Al out of a full-sister to Saturday's winner was withdrawn. A Judpot colt out of Albizia (Fort Wood-Alexandra Bi) was snapped up for R400 000 by Tawny Syndicate.

Syringa Handicap (F&M)(Listed) 1600m

Winner Alexa (best handicapped – 10/1) raced 9th; ran on strongly; got up on the line Runner up Kilauea set the pace 2,5 lengths clear; skipped over five lengths clear coming off the strip; piped last stride Third Heaps Of Fun raced 6th; ran on strongly; beaten 0,4

Time: By far the fastest of the three 1600m races, this was comparatively the fastest race on the card.

We gave the runner up (prev 68/91/91/92/90) 93 which makes the winner (prev 89/90/81/81/79) 79 and the third (prev 88/86/81/94/86) 91

79	1	0.00	ALEXA	(5)	53.5	C Maujean	10/1
4 b f	Caesour - Alexandra Bi(IRE) (Darshaan)						
93	2	0.10	KILAUEA	(7)	60.0	G Wrogemann	16/1
4 b f	Trippi - Kyllachy (Fort Wood)						
91	3	0.40	HEAPS OF FUN	(3)	59.5	J Sampson	17/2
4 ch f	Visionaire - Dream Starling (Northern Guest)						
79	4	1.20	Shatoosh	(8)	54.5	K Zechner	12/1
72	5	1.60	Span Die Seile	(6)	52.0	M Thackeray	20/1
76	6	2.00	My Friend Lee	(1)	52.5	R Munger	20/1
78	7	2.20	Simply Royal	(4)	53.5	S Khumalo	29/20
70	8	6.30	Banking April	(2)	55.5	M v Rensburg	17/2
67	9	7.00	Off The Mark	(9)	55.0	C Habib	36/1
67	10	7.30	Pennington Sands	(10)	55.5	M Yeni	20/1
58	11	8.30	Leopard Lily	(12)	52.0	M Mjoka	20/1
71	12	9.30	Al Hawraa	(13)	57.5	C Zackey	14/1
55	13	16.60	Fortissima	(11)	59.0	Wei Marwing	36/1

Time: 97.35s (60.84s avg/1000m, or 59km/h)**SP Total %:** 116%

1st T:GV Woodruff O:Varsfontein Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr J S Kalmanson) B:Varsfontein Stud

KENILWORTH (new)**Sunday, 21 May****Course Variant: 0,97s slow (straight)
1,33s slow (bend)**

This meeting took place on the new course, and not the old course as scheduled. With no rain yet again in Cape Town, there was 25mm of irrigation during the previous seven days. The official going was good off a penetrometer reading of 21, and the false rail was out 1m from the 1700m mark. There was a south easterly head wind.

Gr3 Winter Classic (3yo's) R250,000**Winter Winner**

On a dream afternoon for new sponsors, Highlands, Part Of Ridgmont, a horse they bred by their flagbearer stallion stormed to victory at Kenilworth on Sunday to set up a date with history on 24 June.

Richard Fourie took Verdier to lead early with African Night Sky settled at one from last in the seven horse field.

Into the run for home, Bernard Fayd'herbe started angling towards his favourite strip up the outside and with only Our Mate Art and Loadshedder threatening, African Night Sky looked a winner a long way out.

With his head slightly turned, African Night Sky powered home up the outside under a hands and heels ride to beat his chief adversary Our Mate Art by 0,75 lengths in a time 113,45 secs.



African Night Sky | Wayne Marks

Our Mate Art, who had every chance and raced in receipt of 1kg from the winner, was conclusively beaten and had to play bridemaids again.

Bred by Highlands, Part Of Ridgmont, African Night Sky, an R850 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, has won 4 races with 1 place from 7 starts for stakes of R425 650 in the Fred Crabbia silks.

The versatile and progressive African Night Sky has won at 1200m but the son of Dynasty is out of the six-time winning Cozzene mare, Starzene, who won from 1800m to 2450m.

Gr3 Winter Classic (3yo's) 1800m

Winner African Night Sky positioned 4th entering the straight; led 150m; won going away

Runner up Our Mate Art raced second; ran on; couldn't go with winner latter stages; beaten 0,75 lengths

Third Loadshedder raced 6th of the seven; 2,25 lengths behind winner entering the straight; ran on; beaten 2,5 lengths

Time: The pace was a fair one, but as can be seen by the time of the maiden plate won by Riverboat Queen, this might have been run a little faster.

We gave the winner (prev 83/88/93/89/93) 95 which makes the runner up (prev 82/74/78/90/91) 92 and the third (prev 71/73/74/76/87/88)

95	1	0.00	AFRICAN NIGHT SKY	(6)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	
21/203 b g	Dynasty - Starzene(USA) (Cozzene)						
92	2	0.75	OUR MATE ART	(5)	59.0	A Domeyer	26/10
3 b g	Artie Schiller - Laureldean Dream(USA) (Stravinsky)						
88	3	2.50	LOADSHEDDER	(4)	59.0	G v Niekerk	17/2
3 b g	Gimmethgreenlight - Orange Dancer(IRE) (Danehill Dancer)						
88	4	2.80	Ollivander	(2)	59.0	M Byleveld	20/1
86	5	3.55	Turbulent Air	(1)	59.0	G Cheyne	17/2
85	6	4.30	Verdier	(7)	59.0	R Fourie	30/1
55	7	19.30	Elevated	(3)	59.0	C Orffer	25/1

Time: 113.45s (63.03s avg/1000m, or 57km/h)**SP Total %:** 109%

1st T:J Snaith O:Mr A L A Crabbia B:Highlands

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Olympic Duel S. (F&M)(L) R150,000**So Gutsy!**

Var's one-eyed daughter Hanabi opened her stakes account when she went all the way up the 1200m outside rail to win.

The Oldlands Stud-bred daughter of Var lost her left eye in an accident with the branch of a tree as a youngster but her impaired vision has not been an obstacle in her ability to run.

Lucian Africa had Hanabi out quickly and despite the attentions of Scandola and China Pearl in the inside group, she galloped on resolutely.

The year younger unbeaten Trippi filly Love To Boogie came out to challenge at the 200m and looked a winner, but a determined Hanabi and jockey Africa weren't going down without a fight and they held on to win at 25 to 1 by 0,30 lengths in a time of 72,06 secs.

Hanabi registered a hat-trick of wins and took her tally to 5 wins with 6 places from 16 starts for stakes of R355 125.

Bred by Oldlands, she is raced by a partnership that includes the Sands Grooms Racing Trust.

Hanabi is a 4yo daughter of Var out of the four-time winning Modern Day mare, Cyber Toy.

The mare, who gets her progeny to run, has a yearling colt at foot by Ashaawes and he is likely to be offered at the National 2yo Sale, according to Mrs Sanne.

Olympic Duel Stakes (F&M)(Listed) 1200m

Winner Hanabi was soon prominent; led 400m; ran on strongly

Runner up Love To Boogie raced in the back line early on, but only 3 lengths behind the winner Hanabi; switched in 300m; ran on strongly; beaten 0,3

Third Miss Marker (2nd best handicapped) also raced in the back line 3 lengths behind Hanabi; ran on; beaten 2,3

Time: This was the only sprint race on the card. The time was a fair one on the day, but with the field very tightly bunched throughout, one got the impression that it could have been run faster.

We gave the fourth horse (prev 82/70/68/63/85) 81 which makes the winner (prev 23/61/72/76/77) 86, the runner up (prev 78/83) 86 and the third (prev 73/74/87/83/86) 86

86	1	0.00	HANABI	(9)	52.0	L Africa	25/1
4 b f Var - Cyber Toy (Modern Day)							
86	2	0.30	LOVE TO BOOGIE	(7)	52.0	G v Niekerk	7/2
3 b f Trippi - Jalberry (Jallad)							
86	3	2.30	MISS MARKER	(12)	56.0	G Cheyne	16/1
4 b f Var - Kwaito (Fort Wood)							
81	4	2.50	Twinkle Toes	(8)	54.0	R Fourie	7/1
76	5	3.00	China Pearl	(2)	52.0	C Orffer	9/2
87	6	4.50	Impala Lily	(4)	60.0	G Behr	16/1
70	7	4.70	Scandola	(10)	52.0	A Andrews	66/1
80	8	5.95	Supercilious	(6)	59.0	D Dillon	17/2
72	9	6.05	Come Fly With Me	(3)	55.5	S Cele	20/1
72	10	7.30	Felicity Flyer	(5)	57.0	A Domeyer	5/1
72	11	8.55	Harlem Shake	(11)	59.5	P Botha	66/1
57	12	11.80	Champery	(1)	58.0	B Fayd'herbe	8/1

Time: 72.06s (60.05s avg/1000m, or 60km/h)
SP Total %: 115%
 1st T:AE Sands O:Messrs G J Kucera, D H Pretorius & M Richardson & Sands Grooms Racing Trust (Nom: Eric Sands) B:Oldlands Stud

Stormsvlei Mile (3yF)(Listed) R150,000**Pure Gold**

The second leg of the Highlands, Part Of Ridgmont, Cape Winter Series for the girls produced a grandstand finish with the sponsor's jockey Greg Cheyne taking the fight to his opposition on a full sister to a past Cape Guineas winner.

Seattle Gold obviously enjoys the mile – both her previous wins were achieved over the trip – and starting at a generous 25 to 1, she hung on by the proverbial whisker to deny the promising Ngaga.

Cheyne had her out from the jump and overcoming her wide draw, she galloped resolutely all the way to the wire, holding on to score by a head in a time of 99, 32 secs.

Seattle Gold, who races in the familiar blue and white silks of Ascot Stud boss Dr Ashley Parker, was one of three Brett Crawford runners in the field.

The Ascot Stud-bred Seattle Gold is by Sail From Seattle out of the three time winning Al Mufti mare, Circle Of Gold.

She is thus a full sister to 2013 Gr1 Cape Guineas winner Elusive Gold, who races for Tony Millard in Hong Kong these days under the name of Golden Sleep. He won as recently as three weeks ago.

Seattle Gold has won 3 races from 10 starts with 5 places for stakes of R229 975.

Stormsvlei Mile (3yo Fillies)(Listed) 1600m

Winner Seattle Gold made the running; kept on strongly

Runner up Ngaga raced 3rd; was very, very, steadily gaining at the finish; beaten 0,2
 Third Whose That Girl (best handicapped) raced midfield; ran on strongly, and was gaining on both the first two in the closing stages; beaten 1,7

Time: There was no pace early until Seattle Gold came over from a widish draw to take up the running going into the bend. The time was a fair one, but it could clearly have been run faster.

We gave the third horse (prev 82/87/90/80/87) 87 which makes the winner (prev 74/78/80/80/80) 88 and the runner up (prev 74/77/81) 88

8	1	0.00	SEATTLE GOLD	(10)	59.0	G Cheyne	25/1
3 b f Sail From Seattle - Circle Of Gold (Al Mufti)							
88	2	0.20	NGAGA	(1)	59.0	G v Niekerk	2/1
3 b f Fastnet Rock - Zarinia (IRE) (Intikhab)							
87	3	1.70	WHOSE THAT GIRL	(6)	60.0	A Domeyer	41/10
3 b f Gitano Hernandez - Casual Gal (All Fired Up)							
80	4	3.95	Sylvanite	(2)	59.0	R Fourie	41/10
76	5	5.45	Extradite	(4)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	61/10
76	6	5.75	White Rose	(7)	59.0	G Behr	44/1
75	7	6.15	Big Bang Theory	(12)	59.0	C Orffer	12/1
73	8	6.90	Ameline	(5)	59.0	H vd Hoven	36/1
73	9	6.95	Rock On Wood	(8)	59.0	M Byleveld	25/1
72	10	7.25	Cavalleria	(11)	59.0	D Dillon	25/1
72	11	7.30	Prancing	(3)	59.0	A Andrews	25/1
68	12	9.05	Baroness Mary	(9)	59.0	S Cele	30/1

Time: 99.32s (62.08s avg/1000m, or 58km/h)

SP Total %: 118%

1st T:BJ Crawford O:Dr A H Parker B:Ascot Stud

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

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TOP SCORERS for 2016/2017

(to 21 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 Juvente	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
Bela-Bela	4 f	70	1
William Longsword	3 c	70	1
Mustaaqem	2 c	70	1
Orchid Island	3 f	70	1
Just Sensual	3 f	70	1
Jo's Bond	4 f	68	2
Janoobi	3 c	60	2
Wrecking Ball	3 f	55	3
Brazuca	4 c	50	1
Search Party	4 c	50	1
Ten Gun Salute	4 c	50	1
Icy Trail	4 c	50	1
Bezanova	6 c	50	1
Champagne Haze	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
The Conglomerate	5 c	37	1
Talktothestars	5 c	37	1
Master Switch	5 c	34	1
Silver Mountain	4 f	34	2
Brutal Force	5 c	33	1
Tevez	7 c	31	1
Smiling Blue Eyes	3 f	30	1
Green Plains	2 f	30	1
Bi Pot	3 f	30	1
Mella Maria	4 f	30	1
Wind Chill	3 f	30	1
Singapore Sling	3 c	30	1
Ektifaa	3 f	30	1
Gimme Six	3 f	30	1
Joan Ranger	4 f	30	1
Intergalactic	4 f	30	1
Live Life	3 f	30	1
Oriental Oak	3 f	28	1
Goodtime Gal	4 f	28	1
Bold Rex	3 c	28	2
Belle Rose	3 f	28	1

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

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Morning Catch 2c (Catch The Wind by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Cape Nursery \(2yo's\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

Before Noon 2c (Maritime Mist by Parade Leader)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

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BOLD SILVANO (Silvano)

Silver Palm 2c (Ivory Palm by Imperial Stride)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(26/05\)](#)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Regal Lady 2f (Hargreaves by Allied Flag)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

Missquoted 2f (Desert Fling by Kahal)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

No More Words 2f (Adella by Toreador)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

CRUSADE freshman sire **Scott Bros.**

CRUSADE (Johannesburg)

Mr Fire Eyes 2c (True Lily by Joshua Dancer)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(26/05\)](#)

Weekend Warrior 2c (Love Leah by Restructure)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(27/05\)](#)

The Byzantine 2c (Patchouli Moon by Al Mufti)

[Scottville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)

CURVED BALL (Fastnet Rock)

Hit And Run 2c (Elation by Badger Land)

[Scottville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)

DAN DE LAGO (Encosta de Lago)

Run For Your Life 2c (Thecatcanrun by Tale of the Cat)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(26/05\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH **Scott Bros.**

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Eight Summers 2c (Cool Summer by Shaamit)

[Scottville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)

GIMMETHGREENLIGHT (More Than Ready)

Green Comet 2c (Comet Chaser by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(27/05\)](#)

Light On Her Toes 2f (On Her Toes by Western Winter)

[Scottville 5 Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship \(2yo Fillies\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

Green Plains 2f (Savannah Leigh by Jet Master)

[Scottville 5 Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship \(2yo Fillies\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

Rose In Bloom 2f (Raise The Bar by Goldkeeper)

[Kenilworth 6 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery \(2yo's\)\(Listed\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

London Secret 2f (London Niece by Northern Guest)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

GOLDEN SWORD (High Chaparral)

Sussex 2f (Angora by Tamburlaine)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1600m \(28/05\)](#)

MAIN AIM (Oasis Dream)

Mainly Me 2c (Merlene by Shalford)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(26/05\)](#)

Great Aim 2f (Sacramento by Waldboro)

[Scottville 5 Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship \(2yo Fillies\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

Ashdown 2f (Neck Of The Woods by Al Mufti)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Man From Seattle 2c (Western Revival by Zafonic)

[Scottville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)

Tundra Taita 2f (Falconry by West Man)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1600m \(28/05\)](#)

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Arianos Bagofgold 2c (Heritage Wood by Var)

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Supreme Orator 2c (Supreme Lecture by Lecture)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Cape Nursery \(2yo's\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

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PATHFORK (Distorted Humor)

Twelve Oaks 2f (Land Of Wilkes by Diesis)

[Scottville 5 Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship \(2yo Fillies\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

So Long Spring 2c (Dancing Summer by Mr Greeley)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1600m \(28/05\)](#)

PHILANTHROPIST (Kris S)

Cool At Heart 2c (Supercool by Counter Action)

[Scottville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)

Melinda's Garden 2f (Silver Olive Grove by Dixieland Band)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

TRAFFIC GUARD (More Than Ready)

Pondicherri 2c (Insasa by Galileo)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(26/05\)](#)

Pick Again 2c (Four Ladies Wild by Western Winter)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(26/05\)](#)

Barouche 2f (Etoile Royale by Sahn)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(28/05\)](#)

American Indian 2c (New Wave by Black Minnaloushe)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1600m \(28/05\)](#)

Red Cheque 2c (Jamaican Summer by Harry Hotspur)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1600m \(28/05\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Sand And Sea 2c (Sea Point by Spectrum)

[Scottville 6 Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion \(2yo's\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

Double Tap 2c (Orange Dancer by Danehill Dancer)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1600m \(28/05\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Red Eight 2c (Colour Fast by Spectrum)

[Scottville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)

Warrior's Rest 2c (Bardot by Badger Land)

[Scottville 6 Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion \(2yo's\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

SIGNPOSTS

Magical Wonderland 2f (Magical Miss by Al Mufti)
[Kenilworth 6 Ken. Fillies Nursery \(2yo's\)\(L\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)
 Nanna Anna 2f (La Special by Special Preview)
[Kenilworth 6 Ken. Fillies Nursery \(2yo's\)\(L\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)
 Dutch Philip 2c (Upity Ann by Dominion Royale)
[Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Cape Nursery \(2yo's\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)

2nd season sires - 3yo's

DAN DE LAGO (Encosta de Lago)
 Miss Stake 3f (Festival Fire by Magic Albert)
[Kenilworth 10 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)
 Dash 3c (Karayib by Danzig)
[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1160m \(28/05\)](#)
 Dan The Lad 3c (Ashbrook by Doowaley)
[Turffontein 8 Progress Plate 1400m \(28/05\)](#)
GIMMETHGREENLIGHT (More Than Ready)
 Gimme one Night 3c (Fiesta Queen by Parade Leader)
[Kenilworth 8 MR 78 Handicap 1800m \(27/05\)](#)
 Aunt Polly 3f (Perfect Polly by Model Man)
[Kenilworth 9 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1800m \(27/05\)](#)
 Carbon Offset 3c (Albizia by Fort Wood)
[Scottsville 9 MR 82 Handicap \(Inside\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)
 The Joy Of It 3f (Tango In The Forum by Caesour)
[Kenilworth 10 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)
 Ready Set Go 3f (Los Kop Doll by Joshua Dancer)
[Kenilworth 10 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)
GITANO HERNANDO (Hernando)
 Desert Lark 3c (Musical Lark by Goldkeeper)
[Kenilworth 2 Workriders Maiden Plate 1200m \(27/05\)](#)
 Tanami 3f (Hermana by Qui Danzig)
[Scottsville 4 MR 82 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)
 Angel Of Athens 3f (Lady Perez by West Man)
[Kenilworth 9 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1800m \(27/05\)](#)
 Brave Nomad 3c (Caroline Cherie by Jallad)
[Turffontein 9 MR 80 Handicap 1400m \(28/05\)](#)

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PATHFORK (Distorted Humor)
 Danish Cross 3f (Queens Prerogative by National Assembly)
[Scottsville 4 MR 82 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Inside\) 1600m \(27/05\)](#)
 Choir Of Angels 3c (Super Singer by A P Indy)
[Scottsville 9 MR 82 Handicap \(Inside\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)

Gunpowder Plot 3c (Love Affair by Jallad)
[Scottsville 9 MR 82 Handicap \(Inside\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)
 Lindleys Lane 3f (My Lady Bluff by Indigo Magic)
[Kenilworth 10 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/05\)](#)
 Arlington 3c (Queen Star by King of Kings)
[Turffontein 9 MR 80 Handicap 1400m \(28/05\)](#)

PHILANTHROPIST (Kris S)

Hour Glass 3f (Time Piece by Elliodor)
[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(26/05\)](#)
 Time To Think 3f (Tick Tock by Captain Al)
[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(27/05\)](#)
 Sail 3f (Cutty Sark by Fort Wood)
[Scottsville 7 Gr1 South African Fillies Sprint 1200m \(27/05\)](#)
 Miss Carrera 3f (Madame Carrera by Danehill)
[Kenilworth 9 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1800m \(27/05\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

CAPTAIN AL

Rated **AR89 CAPTAIN AND MASTER** (2c Scorched by Jet Master)
Maiden Juvenile Plate (C&G) Scottsville (1200m) (20/5)
 A close up third in soft going on debut, Sean Tarry's charge was backed into the red before the off here. He was soon at the head of affairs, and eased right down late, won as he liked by three.

QUERARI

Rated **AR93 MONKS HOOD** (2c Amber Bouquet by Camden Park)
Maiden Juvenile Plate (C&G) Scottsville (1200m) (20/5)
 Making his debut here, Alistair Gordon's charge found good support into 5/2 second favourite from 5/1. He broke well when the gates opened, and taken straight to the front by Anthony Delpech, led throughout. He was always clear and won with a ton in hand by seven and a half.

WESTERN WINTER

Rated **AR75 ORPHEUS** (2c Stratos by Jet Master)
Maiden Juvenile Plate (C&G) Vaal outside (1400m) (23/5)
 Backed into the red before the off, Michael Azzie's charge was taken straight to the front by Anthony Delpech and led throughout. He ran on strongly when the race developed into a sprint 400m out, and comfortably accounted for the Mike De Kock trained newcomer Hakeem (8/10 out to 5/2). When interviewed after the race it was clear that trainer Michael Azzie rates this colt very highly.



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SILVANO

Rated **AR96 EPONA** (3f Laptop Lady by Al Mufti)

East Coast Cup (F&M) (L) Greyville poly (2000m) (19/5)

Now a winner of four from nine in total, Brett Crawford's charge has been silently progressing very nicely since shedding her maiden tag at the third attempt last June. She won going away here in this her first outing since January, and interestingly, she is unbeaten in three starts over 2000m.

A P ARROW

Rated **AR96 JIFFY** (3g Riley's Star by Muhtafal)

Pinnacle Stakes Turffontein inner (1600m) (20/5)

Unbeaten in three starts as a juvenile last season, Jiffy boasted a win over the subsequent non-black type Ready To Run Stakes winner Safe Harbour. After running below par in his first three starts this season, he's come to hand nicely, and has now won his last two outings with authority.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Silent Starship (AUS) 4g Starspangledbanner - Glad You're Mine (AUS) (Redoute's Choice) Flamingo Park 1000m (15/05)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Knysna Rose (AUS) 3f Pluck- Attunga Rose (AUS) (Springsteen) Turffontein 1450m (15/05)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Intriguing Lady (AUS) 3f New Approach - Pleats (FR) (Green Desert) Turffontein 1800m (15/05)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Star Of Caesour (AUS) 3f Star Witness- Caesour's Promise (AUS) (Rock of Gibraltar) Turffontein 1800m (16/05)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Starcraft Prince (AUS) 5g Starcraft - Truly Kissed (AUS) (Carnegie) Turffontein 1000m (16/05)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Ten Gun Salute (AUS) 4g Henrythenavigator- Ladybird Blue (AUS) (Bluebird) Gr2 Betting World - Greyville 1900m (19/05)

Suprise Move (NZL) 3f New Approach- Cloneen(AUS) (Fasliyev) Turffontein 1600m (20/05)

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FA Cup Final 2017

Arsenal vs Chelsea | Saturday 27 May | Wembley Stadium | 18:30



London's two biggest clubs meet with the chance to lift what is perhaps the most historic of domestic trophies as Arsenal and Chelsea renew a bitter rivalry in the FA Cup final on Saturday. Arsene Wenger has the chance to make English football history

by claiming a seventh FA Cup, but to do so he will need to stop an irresistible Chelsea side in sight of a domestic double. London's own Wembley Stadium will host what is certain to be a fearsome contest in the capital.

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ARSENAL

With the Gunners having failed to make the Champions League for the first time in 20 years, Arsene Wenger simply must win the FA Cup to add some sort of gloss to what has been a largely gloomy season at the Emirates. Despite winning their final five matches and coming into this fixture in decent shape, Arsenal left themselves too much to do to overhaul either Liverpool or Manchester City. 75 points is four more than last season's haul that saw Arsenal claim second in the league, however that only goes to prove how much more difficult it has become to find a place in the top four. Fifth is simply not good enough at the Emirates and it could be a very different Arsenal outfit next season, with the difficult prospect of Europa League football to contend with.

CHELSEA

Antonio Conte waltzed to the Premier League title in his first year in charge and will now be intent on securing the double to cap off what can only be described as a magical season. Think back to when Chelsea were 3-0 down at half-time to none other than Arsenal in September, when it seemed as though last season's troubles were ingrained and Conte's experiment of three-at-the-back was doomed for failure.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

Arsenal: 3-4-2-1

Cech; Holding, Mustafi, Monreal; Bellerin, Ramsey, Xhaka, Gibbs; Ozil, Sanchez; Welbeck.

Chelsea: 3-4-3

Courtois; Azpilicueta, David Luiz, Cahill; Moses, Kante, Fabregas, Alonso; Pedro, Diego Costa, Hazard.

PREDICTION: Chelsea to Win and Both Teams to Score (9/4)

TO WIN: Arsenal 7/2 Draw 11/4 Chelsea 7/10

TO LIFT THE CUP: Arsenal 33/20 Chelsea 9/20

... the Ascot Stallions continue to lead

Sail From Seattle

LEADING SIRE of 2yo's by INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Stakes	Sire	mrs	AEPR	runs	wins	wins/rn%
1,173,613	Sail From Seattle	40	29,340	101	14	17 35%
1,168,450	Var	36	32,457	85	13	14 36%
1,207,400	Querani	23	52,496	59	10	10 43%
996,475	Captain Al	32	31,140	76	10	10 31%

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Living Next Door To Alice

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Day Light Robbery

Kenilworth 14 May

Three of the nine races in Cape Town on Sunday were maiden events over 1200m, and the fastest of these was the girl's affair for the juveniles. MISS KATALIN was sent off a heavily supported favourite (evens into 6/10) and she comfortably did the business. Soon up handy, Justin Snaith's charge was ridden to lead approaching the 200m marker and although the pacemaker HEART OF A LEGEND kept on strongly after being headed, she won comfortably by two and a quarter.

The only other distance to stage more than one event on the eight race program was 1000m where surprisingly the quickest of these was the maiden plate won by WIND RIVER. In a time 0,26 seconds faster than that of the four runner pinnacle stakes won by LA FAVOURARI, Greg Ennion's charge led throughout. He was always in command and came home lonely by three and three quarters.

Just five runners went to post for the pinnacle stakes over 1800m and here the confirmed front runner MILTON was allowed to steal the race. Seven lengths clear coming off the bend, Bill Prestage's charge was rapidly being reeled in by SILVAN STAR late, but he still had 0,4 of a length to spare at the wire.

Titbits Sent off second favourite at 7/2, the 3yo LEAVES OF GRASS won the MR81 Handicap over 2000m going away by a length and a quarter.

Just The Two

Greyville 14 May

Following consistent rain and a heavy down-



Black Ball | (Gold Circle)

pour shortly before the 1st Race, the harrows were put on the track to disperse the surface

water and disperse water which had pooled at the 1200 metre mark. More heavy downpours followed and as a result the meeting was abandoned after race two.

The two events that did take place were both maiden plates over 1600m and by far the quickest of these was the opening boy's affair won by the favourite BLACKBALL. He got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. He put his head in front shortly after passing the 300m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by four.

Run in a time over two seconds slower on my clock, the girl's affair was won by the easy to back CELESTIAL GOLD. Allowed to drift right out to 14/1 from 7's at the track, the daughter of Kildonan made all. She was always clear and won without any anxious moments by two.

Titbits A little slow into stride when the gates opened, the 12/10 favourite FLICHTY BY FARR ran on well in the latter stages of the girl's division, but it was all too late to be any kind of a threat to the winner.

One Ride, One Winner

Turffontein 16 May

They raced on the inner track on Tuesday where the going was soft. A MR81 Handicap topped the bill and in what proved to be a slowly run affair (albeit the faster of the two races over the distance) victory here went to the Mike De Kock trained INTRIGUING LADY. Racing off a mark some eleven points lower than her previous best here, the 3yo daughter of New Approach wasn't the quickest into stride, but despite that was soon up handy. She put her head in front going through the 200m and kept on strongly below the distance to beat the ultra-consistent DAWN FLIGHT by three quarters.

Anton Marcus travelled to the course for just one ride (Knysna Rose) and so it was no surprise to see her win the maiden plate over 1450m. Always top of the boards, Joey Soma's charge raced prominent throughout. She was ridden to lead passing the 300m pole and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by seven and a

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Intriguing Lady won 12/1
Quinlan won 72/10
Favour's Pride won 7/1
Shwanky won 9/2
Blackball won 22/10
Twelve Oaks won 18/10
Miss Katalin won 6/10
Purple Diamond won 4/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (3) Copper Trail 30
- Race 2: (6) Coyote Creek 30
- Race 3: (3) In Tandem 8
- Race 4: (1) Thayer 71
- Race 5: (2) Kingvoldt 72
- Race 6: (6) Arezzo 81
- Race 7: (7) Rahvar 80
- Race 8: (8) Without Permission 54

SCOTTSVILLE (SAT)

- Race 1: (6) Perfect Jay 8
- Race 2: (2) Royal Agree 34
- Race 3: (2) Roy's Taxi 41
- Race 4: (4) Leisure Trip 55
- Race 5: (9) Neptune's Rain 48
- Race 6: (5) Naafer 43
- Race 7: (1) Carry On Alice 95 (NAP**)**
- Race 8: (4) Bull Valley 99
- Race 9: (6) Royalsecuritypower 67

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (8) Weekend Warrior 19
- Race 2: (2) Lauren Of Rochelle 14
- Race 3: (1) Time To Think 20
- Race 4: (1) Fire Master 61
- Race 5: (3) Northern Corner 50
- Race 6: (2) Magical Wonderland 36
- Race 7: (3) Dutch Philip 53
- Race 8: (7) Hammie's Game 56
- Race 9: (11) Jingle Belle 50
- Race 10: (13) Wicked Kiss 38

TURFFONTEIN (SUN)

- Race 1: (2) Azkur 18
- Race 2: (5) Effortless 10
- Race 3: (1) Alssakhra 20
- Race 4: (13) So Var 22
- Race 5: (6) Isphan 66
- Race 6: (6) Elusive Flyer 64
- Race 7: (16) Star Of Caesur 47
- Race 8: (4) Belle Sonata 79 (NAP*)**
- Race 9: (4) Henry Higgins 57

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied
*** Very strongly fancied

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

BLIZZARD KING (Y Bremner, E-Cape)
KEANAN'S ROCK (S Tarry, Gauteng)
PERFECT TALE (A Greeff, E-Cape)



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quarter. This race was won in a time marginally quicker than the only other race over the distance, a MR73 Handicap.

The faster of the two maiden juvenile plates over 1200m was the boy's affair won by PLAY THE NIGHT. Making only his second racecourse appearance here, Sean Tarry's charge raced fourth for most of the journey. He quickened well coming off the strip and comfortably accounted for the uneasy favourite PILLAROFTHEEARTH by three and a quarter.

Titbits *The lucky last was a MR66 Handicap over 1000m and doing the business for favourite backers here, was STARCRAFT PRINCE. Taken straight to the front by Craig Zackey, the market leader led throughout. He only had to be pushed out over the final 300m and won cosily by a length and a half.*

Progressing Very Nicely

Vaal 18 May

Thursday's action took place on the inside track where topping the bill was the MR92 Handicap won by ROMI'S BOY (over-reached on the near fore). Always in the red, the 3yo son of Querari led throughout. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race and comfortably accounted for ANGEL'S POWER by almost two.

There were four races run over 1200m in total and surprisingly the quickest of these was the MR73 affair won by the Kahl gelding DON CHRISTO. Now a winner of five from fifteen, Scott Kenny's charge led throughout. He was always in command and with the rest well beaten he had 0,9 of a length to spare over the running on TIMEOFTHEVIKINGS. The runner up came from midfield and finished well.

Another to bring their tally of wins to five on this card was B TWENTY ONE when completing a hat-trick in the middle stakes. Confidently ridden by Anthony Delpech, the daughter of Silvano sat eighth of the thirteen early on. She quickly made headway when given rein and after striking the front 250m from home, she won with some in hand by two and a half.

Titbits *The newcomers KEANAN'S ROCK (Tarry) and FLEXIBLE FUGITIVE (De Kock) both ran on well from the rear when 1st & 2nd respectively in the maiden plate over 1200m.*

Gaining quickly at the finish, BLUE DIAMOND ROAD was only beaten a neck when runner up in the MR72 Handicap over 1400m.

FASTEST TIMES

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

KENILWORTH (NEW) 14 MAY

Penetrometer 20 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,23s fast	
1000m (2) Wind River	58,17
1200m (3) Miss Katalin	71,78
1400m (1) Wedgwood	86,56
1800m (1) Milton	110,46
2000m (1) Leaves Of Grass	125,50

GREYVILLE (POLY) 14 MAY

Going Standard	
1600m (2) Celestial Gold	98,70

TURFFONTEIN (INNER) 16 MAY

Penetrometer 27 – Going Soft	
Course Variant: 0,90s slow	
1000m (1) Starcraft Prince	58,65
1200m (2) Play The Night	73,25
1450m (2) Knysna Rose	89,81
1600m (1) Sputnik Plain	101,43
1800m (2) Intriguing Lady	113,68

VAAL (INSIDE) 18 MAY

Penetrometer 23- Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,26s slow	
1000m (1) Twelve Oaks	58,57
1200m (4) Don Christo	69,99
1400m (1) Vulcan	83,58
1700m (1) Wild Brier	104,56
2400m (1) B Twenty One	153,46

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 19 MAY

Going Standard	
1200m (2) Blizzard King	69,82
1300m (1) Perfect Tale	76,01
1400m (3) Bonne Vie	82,60
1600m (2) Dutch Harbor	95,78
1900m (1) Elusive Mist	117,76

Fresh As A Daisy

Fairview 19 May

Three of the nine races on Friday's poly track card were run over 1400m and surprisingly the fastest of these was the MR64 Handicap won by the favourite BONNE VIE. Soon up handy, Corne Spies' charge took up the running as they approached the 200m marker and comfortably accounted for the steadily gaining LADY AWAY (came from midfield) by a length and a quarter.

The faster of the two 1200m races was the MR 62 Handicap and here it was nice to see the useful 3yo BLIZZARD KING return from a break in fine fettle. Allowed to drift as if a win was out of the question, (16/1 out to 36/1) Yvette Bremner's charge raced in the backend of midfield for most of the journey. Once in the short home straight though he quickened well and got up nicely late to deny the grey 6yo BAH. Third placed TRULY also ran on well

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

- 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
- Fri 23 June **(L) Port Elizabeth Gold Cup**
3600m Fairview (T)

from midfield in this race.

They also ran two races over 1600m and stopping the clock in the fastest time here was DUTCH HARBOR. Nicely positioned in second coming off the bend, the son of Windrush took up the running 300m out, and just held on by the narrowest of margins from the always handy TRACK-KING.

Titbits *Having her third run after a rest here PERFECT TALE couldn't have been more impressive when winning the maiden plate over 1300m with a ton in hand by four and three quarters.*

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