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Joao 'Magic' Moreira set a new record for the most winners in a season at Sha Tin on Sunday. The Brazilian-born jockey notched his 169th winner of the season, bettering his previous mark of 168 set twelve months earlier. However, with Australian-bred Tommy Berry signing on as John Moore's stable rider next season, the 33 year-old Moreira believes his days of setting records are numbered.

# 2000

Ryan Moore notched his 2000th Flat winner in Britain with victory at Kempton last Wednesday night. The three-time champion jockey reached the landmark on 8-15 favourite Billesdon Brook. Frankie Dettori and Joe Fanning are the only Flat jockeys currently competing to have ridden more British winners. The all-time record is held by Sir Gordon Richards, a 26-time champion who recorded 4870 victories.

# Take Your Time

Mike de Kock is not the kind of man to make bold and brash statements about his horses. But he labelled his Turffontein Saturday winner Wheel Of Time 'one of the best-bred runners registered with the NHA in South Africa'. That despite the fact that he doesn't near resemble his sire Tapit or, in fact, his granddam, the champion Ipi Tombe. With blood like that flowing through his veins, however, Wheel Of Time is a colt worth following. Raised at Drakenstein, Wheel Of Time races for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's Al Adiyaat.



# PHILLIPI FLYERS

The Riaan van Reenen – Carl Burger training partnership saddled an impressive hat-trick at Kenilworth on Saturday. It was their first big strike and they have now trained a total of 14 winners since joining forces at the start of this term. Van Reenen attributed their two debut winners to the fact that they are now allowed grass gallops at Kenilworth. "You used to be only allowed to gallop feature horses at Kenilworth," Van Reenen explained to Michael Clower. "It was a bad system and people had to cheat it to survive. Now, though, the smaller trainers are given a chance because they allow you gallops in proportion to the number of runners you have." Their 3 winners on Saturday cost a combined R160 000.



# Penny Chocolate

The 25 year old Jarryd Penny rode a nice treble at Flamingo Park on Monday. Two of his winners were for Corrie Lensley, and his third for Duncan McKenzie, who saddled Fort Eagle. The last mentioned was the pressure ride with big-hitting owners Dean Bayley and Dave Mollett travelling all the way to Kimberley to lead in their winner.

# Sunny Skies

The Gr1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in November at Del Mar is the plan for Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom's first stakes winner, Sunny Skies. She is headed next for the 1700m Gr2 Pocahontas Stakes at Churchill in September – a Breeders' Cup Challenge 'Win and You're In' event. Sunny Skies broke the ice for her sire in the Debutante Stakes on 30 June.

# Competition IS HEALTHY

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has confirmed it will mount a legal challenge against the proposed merger between Tabcorp and Tatts Group, reports The Sydney Morning Herald. The \$11 billion merger of the two Australian gaming giants was granted regulatory approval by the Australian Competition Tribunal last month, after circumventing the usual direct approval process of the ACCC. The national competition watchdog has long voiced concerns about the partnership citing the potential for diminished competition for licences and broadcast rights.

# Rupee Returns

The world's former top-ranked sprinter, Redoute's Choice son Lankan Rupee, enjoyed a 700m grass gallop at Caulfield on Tuesday. The 2013/14 Aussie Horse Of The Year has been off the scene recovering from a leg injury since finishing fourth in the Gr1 Darley Classic which was his second race back from another lengthy lay-off. Trainer Mick Price is looking to kick off Lankan Rupee's campaign in the Gr3 Bletchingly (1200m) at Caulfield at the end of this month.

# Poor Perception

The British Horseracing Authority has said that it is 'aware that public perception is an issue' when horses are scratched from races on a vet's certificate but compete again soon afterwards, following the easy success of Royal Parks in a race at Haydock last Thursday afternoon less than 24 hours after the same horse was taken out of a race at Kempton Park as it was suffering from colic. Royal Parks, whose trainer James Tate is a qualified vet, romped to a three-and-a-half-length success in the Longines Irish Champions Weekend Novice Stakes, having been scratched from a less valuable novice event at Kempton last Wednesday evening. When a trainer takes a horse out of a race under the self-certification system, it is barred from running for the next six days. However, there is no similar restriction on horses taken out of a race on an official vet's certificate, though in these circumstances, a horse must be certified as fit to run by a racecourse vet before it can go to post.



# Still Smokin'

It was good to see Justin Snaith's 7yo Cigar Boy back in the winner's enclosure for the first time in over 2 years at Kenilworth on Saturday. The Casey Tibbs gelding scored his fourth win there off a 66 rating – having run close to top stayer Hot Ticket off a peak rating of 100 in October 2013.