



True Colours

The famous maroon and white silks synonymous with so many turf champions, including Oh So Sharp, Pebbles and Singspiel, are back on Britain's racecourses thanks to Sheikh Mohammed. The sport's biggest owner will continue to front the global Godolphin operation – in whose blue silks Harry Angel won the Darley July Cup on Saturday on the Sheikh's 68th birthday – but a partnership linked to his daughter, Sheikha Al Jalila, now has a string of horses in training at Newmarket with John Gosden. The colours of maroon, white sleeves and maroon cap with white star were listed in the latest edition of the Racing Calendar as registered to Sheikha Al Jalila Racing.

Tarry Ho

Sean Tarry smashed his past season winner record of 208 with Trophy Wife, Wukkin' Up and Bull Valley winning the feature treble at Greyville on Saturday to take him to 211 winners. Tarry probably wouldn't want to end on a double Nelson of 222 – but the unstoppable champion looks to finish in that zone.

Brave Move!

After starting off with just six horses four seasons ago, 28 year old Adam Marcus celebrated the landmark of his 100th winner when the Sandown Stud-bred Brave Move won her maiden at Kenilworth on Saturday. The Horse Chestnut filly was ridden by Weichong Marwing for the legend Basil Marcus' son.

Running Of The Bulls

Bull Valley registered a third Gr1 success for Bush Hill Stud's Danehill stallion, Toreador, when winning the Mercury Sprint on Saturday. Toreador stood for R20 000 last season, and has produced Gr1 winner Link Man, the brilliantly fast seven-time winner Lazer Star, Jackodore, Deliver The Power, She's A Stunner, Rikitikitana and Hong Kong-based Misty Birnam, amongst others. Toreador is the most successful son of Danehill to have stood his stud career in South Africa.



Different Folks Different Strokes?

A young jockey was banned for 425 days this week for testing positive for banned substances. A press release was despatched by the National Horseracing Authority to the world at large – even listing the drugs of choice. An investigation by the same regulatory body into the comedy of errors and seeming dereliction of duty on the part of the Vaal Racecourse track management that followed the first meeting back on the classic track in March was concluded – but was hushed up and no press release issued. Is that transparency and fairness?

Ginger Snap

The granddaughter of Donald 'Ginger' McCain, who trained Red Rum to three Grand National victories, has ridden her first winner days after her Grade 10 exams. Ella McCain, from Cholmondeley in Cheshire, was riding in her debut race on Friday night at Carlisle racecourse. The 16-year-old won a 1400m flat race on 7-1 shot Dark Confidant.

Sweet Child O'Trippi

Drakenstein Stud's champion sire Trippi looks to have a smart sort on his hands in the form of the Klawervlei Stud bred filly Guns And Roses. Trained by Geoff Woodruff, Guns And Roses made it four wins on the trot – from 5 outings - with a last minute surge over stablemate Alexa over 1800m at Turffontein on Sunday. Bred on the same Trippi/Gone West cross as Gr2 Swale Stakes winner Travelin Man, the 3yo Guns And Roses looks destined for better.



RAD

Brad Pengelly is the latest Australian jockey to take up a contract to ride in Mauritius for four months. Steven Arnold has spent the winter there and Pengelly will be on his way as soon as the paperwork is completed. Pengelly is one of the most experienced riders in Brisbane but has had to fight weight problems throughout his career.

OLD MILESTONE

High Seas Beauty with Anthony Delpech up posted Mike de Kock's 100th winner of the season when she won an MR84 Handicap over 1400m for Mayfair Speculators at the Vaal on Tuesday. It's a milestone for Magic Mike – one the champion has racked up 17 times in the last 20 years.