

# WINES & WINNERS

WHAT A FESTIVAL!

# sportingpost

digest

Thursday 20 July 2017

to view Sporting Post website [click here](#)

## RACING

THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** turf Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R4-(1) Captain Alfredo (3/1)

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R9-(3) Dalaal (5/1)

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R6-(3) Cape Laddie (3/1)

**SCOTTSVILLE** Sunday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R2-(8) Continuum (4/1)

You may have missed...

Saturday 15 July  
Kenilworth – race 5  
Sporting Post  
Best Handicapped  
**Fire Walker**  
WON 16/1 ☺

# THE RACE That Clinched The Title



## Sporting Post

### RACECARDS

- full form
- ratings
- tips

for all SAF meetings - purchase on our website:

[click here](#)

The 3yo Marinaresco won last year's Champions Cup, which clinched the Champion 3yo title. Can the July-winner follow up, a year later, for another Champion's title?

The R1 million Gr1 Champions Cup is run on day one of the inaugural Gold Cup Festival of Racing, a four day celebration of music, lifestyle, fashion, food, family and high-class horseracing at Greyville Racecourse – aptly dubbed the Theatre Of Champions- from 27 to 30 July.

The festival culminates with the end of the SA Champions Season and the possible crowning glory of the season's best.

The sensational 2017 July winner, Marinaresco

has enjoyed something of a love-hate-admiration relationship with the racing public ever since departing his Cape home base last season for KZN, with the first two legs of the Cape Winter Series in the bank.

Beaten a quarter length by The Conglomerate in the 2016 July, he came out and sealed the sentimental victory of the season for his retiring trainer in the Mike & Carol Bass Champions Cup. He beat three solid handicappers in Judicial, No Worries and



## THE THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER

### RAFEEF (AUS)

REDOUTE'S CHOICE X NATIONAL COLOUR



**HIGHLANDS STUD**  
Part of Ridgmont

MIKE SHARKEY +27 82 372 2682 FORM BLOODSTOCK +27 83 252 8146

## FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Saratoga Dancer – names that probably underline the average standard of the season's final Gr1.

But the Equus judges saw it differently. And while hindsight is an exact science, and possibly swayed by a touch of emotion (they're human?), Marinaresco was crowned Champion 3yo Colt At our national awards a fortnight later – beating SA Triple Crown winner Abashiri, Cape Guineas winner Noah From Goa and Daily News 2000 winner Rabada.

After defeats as a 4yo in the Green Point Stakes, the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and the Sun Met, Marinaresco popped up from nowhere ten months later to grab a last gasp season icebreaker in the Drill Hall Stakes. Tactics were blamed for his dismal subsequent Gold Challenge showing, but he was king of the turf on July day when getting up in the dying strides to shade SA Derby winner Al Sahem.

Now for the Champions Cup on Saturday week – and another title?

Marinaresco (118) is a serious candidate in the Champion Middle Distance (1800-2200m) and Champion Older Male category, and a win on Saturday would clinch the first title. Without that, he shares a Gr1 and Gr2 success apiece with our absent highest rated galloper, the globetrotting Sun Met winner Whisky Baron (120).

Last Saturday's Mercury Sprint winner Bull Valley (116) has two Gr1 successes and a Gr3 to his credit, and holds the edge over both Marinaresco and Whisky Baron in the Older Male Category. But Bull Valley seems more apt as Champion Sprinter – not forgetting that his stablemate Carry On Alice (114) is also a dual Gr1 winner this term – and the more popular choice, we'd guess.

And if she doesn't get Champion Sprinter, then there's the Bela-Bela (112) factor to bump in the Champion older Filly/Mare category. Also a dual Gr1 winner this term, the flying daughter of Dynasty could cut them all down to size in her Champions Cup swansong, to change the complexion of the speculation and debate!

In the end, there are no laid-down set parameters for Equus – do two Gr1's and a Gr3 beat two Gr1's and a Gr1 runner-up berth, for instance?

Provincialism and emotion have got to play a role – they'd be lying if they said it didn't!

## Don't Miss The Festival!

Avontuur, the home of fine wines and fast horses, is the official wine to The Gold Cup Festival of Racing and the champion breeders will also sponsor two races at the inaugural Champions Season event.

End your season in style by joining in the four day celebration of a great season.

[Click here to read more about the event](#) and how to secure your passport to the Theatre Of Dreams.

## KENILWORTH SATURDAY

# Paddock Power

## Gr3 Final Fling Stakes Kenilworth

Another opportunity for much sought after black type is presented to some of our soon-to-be paddock princesses in the R250 000 Gr3 Final Fling Stakes to be run over the winter course 1800m at Kenilworth on Saturday.



The consistent Goodtime Gal enjoys the 1800m test | Wayne Marks

A field of 12 fillies and mares face each other at weight-for-age plus penalties in a race that looks to be evenly split down the middle with six classy girls – and six rather optimistic bidders.

The SP top-rated Goodtime Gal is the official joint top-rated runner in the event and the game course and distance winning daughter of Royal Air Force ran a very decent return race

in the Ladies Mile after a four month break last time. She has shown good form – including a win over the distance over Durban July fourth-placer Nightingale in the Victress Stakes in December – and from a good draw and with improved fitness must go close.

Justin Snaith has a dominant record in this event – having won it 3 of the last 4 runnings – and he saddles the Dynasty filly A Time To Dream as the elect of his duo. The 4yo also returned from a break last time and stayed on well for a 3 length third to Silvan Star in the Ladies Mile. On her Prix du Cap effort to high-class Just Sensual, she is no slouch and has the form jockey in the irons.

Silvan Star is one of the most progressive fillies around and was rewarded with a first stakes win last time in the Ladies Mile, where she had all of Ngaga (1,75 l), A Time To Dream (3 l), Harvard Crimson (3,05 l), Goodtime Gal (3,80 l) and Harlem Shake (4,20 l) behind her. Silvan Star definitely stays the trip and she meets Goodtime Gal and Harlem Shake on a kilo better terms. Ngaga, who got closest to her in the Ladies Mile, is a half kilo better off here.

Last year's winner Harlem Shake has been lightly raced this year

with only two runs on the board. She ran a decent enough race in the Ladies Mile and races from the 1 draw.

### Gr3 Final Fling Stakes past winners

2014		
1 Jet Supreme	60.0 (4)	13/10
2 Acrostar	59.0 (10)	4/1
3 Dynasty's Pride	59.0 (3)	16/1
2015		
1 Cat And The Moon	57.5 (6)	6/1
2 Jet Supreme	60.0 (5)	2/1
3 Alaskan Maiden	59.0 (4)	9/2
2016		
1 Harlem Shake	57.5 (14)	12/1
2 Icy Fire	57.5 (2)	16/1
3 Sublime Lady	57.5 (1)	7/1

START  
4:45PM  
KENILWORTH

7

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
GR3 FINAL FLING STAKES (F&M) - 1800M  
SAME TRAINER: (2-12)(3-5)(8-10)

Royal Air Force	1 GOODTIME GAL (M Robinson) G Cheyne	2	60.0
Warm White Night	2 HARLEM SHAKE (GR Puller) H vd Hoven	1	60.0
Dynasty	3 A TIME TO DREAM (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	7	59.0
Silvano	4 SILVAN STAR (GS Kotzen) R Fourie	4	59.0
Dynasty	5 HARVARD CRIMSON (J Snaith) C Orffer	3	59.0
Captain Al	6 SUBLIME LADY (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	10	59.0
Silvano	7 JETANO (J Ramsden) Wei Marwing	12	59.0
Captain Al	8 UPPER ECHELON (A Nel) A Andrews	11	59.0
Rebel King	9 HILARIA (M R Allie) A Balloo	6	59.0
Fastnet Rock	10 NGAGA (A Nel) G v Niekerk	8	57.5
Seventh Rock	11 ROCK ON WOOD (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	5	57.5
Oracy	12 MISS D' ARAY (GR Puller) P Botha	9	57.5

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)

## FAIRVIEW FRIDAY

Harvard Crimson is the second of the Snaith duo and will strip fitter after her nice fourth placed finish in the Ladies Mile. That came after a 5 month rest.

Champion Igugu's exciting half-sister Ngaga is the serious 3yo challenger in the race. This daughter of Fastnet Rock has arrived too late for second cheques at her last two stakes outings and the 1800m may be the tonic required to get her back into the winner's enclosure. She certainly looks a filly loaded with ability!

The balance look to be under pressure.

Goodtime Gal and Silvan Star look the right two to fight it out, with the upwardly mobile Ngaga the likely challenger when the chips are down in the latter stages.

Harlem Shake and A Time To Dream are worth including in bigger perms.

## Starting Gates Tested - Phumelela

Phumelela technical and electrical staff conducted extensive testing to establish why the starting stalls opened prematurely without the switch being activated at the Vaal last Thursday.

### [Our report on the afternoon's events](#)

This is according to a press release issued by Phumelela Gaming & Leisure earlier this week.

The Vaal starting stalls itself, cabling and batteries were tested and found to be in good working order. By a process of elimination, the switch control gear, which is a sealed unit was also replaced and upon subsequent testing, the starting stalls worked without any problems. It appears that this was the problem.

It is unfortunate that these problems with the starting stalls do occur infrequently, despite the fact that the gates are tested before each race, prior to loading of the field.

The activation of the false start warning siren in Race 9 proved a mystery to the technical staff.

The National Horseracing Authority are investigating how this alarm triggered in the absence of any human intervention by the starter.

# Pick A Peach

## Listed East Cape Paddock Stakes Fairview

**The Fairview Friday feature is run at weight-for-age plus penalties, and with a good few 'new arrivals' in the mix, the danger of an upset looks on the cards.**

The SP top-rated Supercilious won 5 of her 18 starts for Joey Ramsden at Milnerton but has not run for 8 weeks and has a tough draw first time at Fairview.

Justin Snaith's smart Var 4yo Cup Cake is yet to win over a mile but is a good sort and holds Star Burst Galaxy easily on her last win over 200m shorter.

The Greys Inn 5yo Peach Delight is a versatile seven-time winner and one of the gamest gallopers around. She beat Crackpot easily over 2000m last time and looks to be effective over any trip and any ground.

Star Burst Galaxy gets stepped up in ground after a quiet last try over 1200m in the East Cape Breeders Stakes. She ran a cracker over the course and distance in the East Cape Breeders Guineas.

The 6yo Petty Officer has her first run in PE on transfer from the Greg Ennion yard, where she won 5 of her 37 starts. The daughter of Royal Air Force has not won in ages.

There is little to choose between Peach Delight and the evergreen Crackpot. The 5yo daughter of Judpot seldom runs a poor race and is holding her form well.

Work Ethic is 4,5kgs worse off with Peach Delight for a 4 length beating over 400m further last time out. The former Gavin van Zyl trained galloper has run 3 fair races in this province and could be more comfortable over this trip.

The 3yo Beataboutthebush is the pick of the Greeff runners and will be much more comfortable over this trip after being outpaced in the East Cape Breeders Stakes last time out. The Listed Breeders Guineas winner has won 4 of her 7 starts and looks to have a bright future.

Cape Marigold has drawn very wide. She ran a fair race over the course-and-

distance at her penultimate start and could be a longshot quartet kicker.

Peach Delight, Star Burst Galaxy and Beataboutthebush could be the pick of the bunch, with Cup Cake the danger if she goes the mile.

There is plenty of talent simmering just below the surface and it is best to go as wide as the budget allows in the Pick 6.



Peach Delight | Gold Circle

START  
3:30PM  
FAIRVIEW

6

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
EAST CAPE PADDOCK STAKES (F&M)(L) - 1600M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-9-16)(3-8-14)  
(4-6-12-17)(5-7-10-13-15)

Visionaire	1	SUPERCILIOUS(T Laing) C Zackey	15	60.0
Var	2	CUP CAKE(J Snaith) G v Niekerk	6	60.0
Grey's Inn	3	PEACH DELIGHT(Y Bremner) L Hewitson	14	60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	4	BEATABOUTTHEBUSH(AC Greeff) G Cheyne	11	60.0
Judpot	5	CRACKPOT(GD Smith) JP vd Merwe	2	60.0
Silvano	6	KANARA(AC Greeff) X Ndlovu	7	60.0
Lateral	7	TRINI'S COLATERAL(GD Smith) C Maujean	13	60.0
Royal Air Force	8	PETTY OFFICER(Y Bremner) L Mxothwa	5	60.0
Captain Al	9	SPAN DIE SEILE(T Laing) J Penny	1	60.0
Captain Al	10	VALEDICTION(GD Smith) S Naidoo	8	60.0
Ideal World	11	WORK ETHIC(DA Sham) M v Rensburg	3	60.0
Black Minnalouse	12	FLASH MCQUEEN(AC Greeff) N Patel	12	60.0
Dupont	13	TRICIA DUPONT(GD Smith) R Munger	10	60.0
Right Approach	14	CAPE MARIGOLD(Y Bremner) K Zechner	16	60.0
Rock Of Rochelle	15	PEONIE ROCK(GD Smith) M Thackeray	9	60.0
Var	16	STAR BURST GALAXY(T Laing) T Gould	4	59.0
Jet Master	17	KISSIMMEE(AC Greeff) - reserve 1	17	60.0

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)



**THE APACHE**

R80 000 National 2YO Sales Graduate  
Multiple Group Winner Local  
and International  
Earned R17 Million in stakes



**TALKTOTHESTARS**

Unsold - National 2YO Sales Graduate  
Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint Winner  
Equus Champion Sprinter 2015/2016  
Earned R1,920,825 in stakes



**JJ THE JET PLANE**

R70 000 National 2YO Sales Graduate  
International Gr1 winner  
Earned R2,570,250 and £1,272,906



**BELA-BELA**

R1,400 000 National 2YO Sales Graduate  
Dual Gr1 Winner  
Equus Champion 3Yo Filly 2015/2016  
Earned R2,580,625 in stakes



**BULL VALLEY**

*R180 000 National Yearling Sales Graduate  
Gr1 winner MERCURY SPRINT  
Earned R1,611,125 in stakes*

LOUW FLYER

# The JACOBS FACTOR

## Dr Andreas Jacobs' SA Stud Book Influence

**One of my favourite things is my annual Durban July debrief with Charles Faull, historian and form analyst extraordinaire, who always comes up with some firm and interesting views on what we can learn from the outcome of the race. As always, Charles' comments were insightful and thought-provoking.**

"There were two standout achievements from the running of this year's July," says Charles, "and they are firstly that it is the sixth July winner to be produced by Mauritzfontein Stud and secondly 'The Jacobs Factor' as evidenced by the photo finish of this year's race."

## The Jacobs Factor

"Fans of racing and breeding in South Africa will be eternally grateful for the contribution of Dr Andreas Jacobs to our stud-book. Silvano has produced four July winners to date (Bold Silvano, Heavy Metal, Power King and Marinaresco) and just look at the result of this year's July. It was won by a Silvano, from a Silvano. Dead-heating for 4th was a Silvano and a Black Minnalouche and behind them was a Dynasty out of a full sister to Silvano. As we know, Silvano finished 1-2-3 in the 2015 Vodacom Durban July and now he's produced this result. What an achievement by Andreas Jacobs and I've not seen it mentioned anywhere!"

"The contribution made to the local industry by Dr Andreas Jacobs and international industrialists of his kind cannot be overestimated or overstated. The South African Thoroughbred breeding industry evolved as an adjunct to farming. Godfrey Gird once said you could take a third of your wool crop and buy a decent stallion prospect. Then American involvement and Arab petro-dollars sent bloodstock prices soaring (leaving SA Breeders and the weak Rand struggling to compete for worthwhile breeding stock). When international industrialists weighed in, they invested in bloodstock in a whole new way and raised the bar to a new level."

"We are seeing this in Maine Chance with Dr Jacobs, Highlands Farms Stud, first via Graham Beck and now the Kieswetter family, La Plaisance Stud via Sabine Plattner, Varsfontein Stud via the Kalmansons, Mauritzfontein and Wilgerbosdrift via the Oppenheimer family, Lammerskraal via Mike Rattray and now Pieter Graaff, Summerhill via Mick Goss, Klawervlei via the Kusters and now Mayfair Speculators, Khaya Stables via Lady Laidlaw, Arc-en-Ciel via Shirley Pfeiffer, Drakenstein via the Ruperts, the Scott Bros, Avontuur via the Taberer family and Moutonshoek via Chris Gerber."

"We owe a great debt of thanks to these people who have added enormous value to our stud book by investing in top quality stallions and mares through their love of racing. With regard to Dr Jacobs in particular, it is incredible that this great equestrian and racing family has chosen to invest in South African racing and I would like to say thank you, sir. Well done, and please continue."

"Perhaps the greatest compliment and testament to Silvano is that he manages to dominate the sires list the way he does given our racing programme."

"The fact that South African racing regards the Durban July as a staying race is a misnomer. In terms of the global breed this perception is totally incorrect. Students of breeding that have taken the time to study Franco Varola, whose work upgraded the dosage principle of Lt Col. J J Vullier, adviser to the Aga Khan, will know that Varola defines the aptitudes of the Thoroughbred into four main categories: Brilliant (1000-1400m), Intermediate (1200-2200m), Classic (2000-2600m) and Stout (2400-4200m). The great mistake made by SA racing is to treat the Intermediate range as being the all-important type for testing success in the breed. This is simply not true, because as Tesio taught us, the Thoroughbred exists because of a piece of wood at the end of a mile and a half race at Epsom."

## Why our Classics are not Classics

"A mile and a half is the most important classic distance," continues Charles. "Consider such great stallions as Sadler's Wells (King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes), Galileo (Epsom Derby), Hyperion (Epsom Derby, St Leger), Nearco (Italian Derby), Buckpasser (Lawrence Realisation Stakes, Jockey Club Gold Cup) and A.P. Indy (Belmont Stakes) – the list is endless. Varola rightly teaches us that an overconcentration of speed on speed results in cheap speed. He also teaches us that Classic ability is no less than speed extended in time and we know the Classic racehorse only reaches full power towards the end of their 4yo season."

"Now," he says, warming to his story, "consider Silvano, Dr Jacobs' greatest contribution to our stud book so far. This is a stallion created and developed by the Jacobs family at Fahrhof Stud and what strikes one when studying Silvano's pedigree is it is pure German Classicity. They bred Silvano (winner of the Grosser Preis Der Wirtschaft, the Singapore Cup, the Audemars Piguet QEII Cup and the Arlington Million). They bred his sire Lomitas who was a 2400m specialist (winner of Grosser Preis von Baden (2400m), Preis von Europa (2400m), Preis der Berliner Bank (2400m), German champion 2yo and 3yo, 1991 Horse of the Year and Champion Freshman sire). They bred Lomitas' dam, La Colorada (a German champion race filly) and the family all the way back to the mighty Surumu (winner of the German Derby, Union Rennen, and six times Champion Sire and Champion Broodmare Sire)."

They say a stallion's pedigree tells you what they could



HAMISH NIVEN

## THE JACOBS FACTOR

be, their performance tells you what they should be and their progeny tells you what they are, so let's take a look at Silvano's record at stud. "A perusal of his detailed foal report as published by ARO leaves absolutely no doubt that Silvano is a predominantly Classic / Stout stallion. In his very first SA crop, he produced SA Oaks winner, Happy Spirit as well as SA Derby winner, Kings Gambit," continues Charles.

"What does that tell us about Marinaresco? He's by Silvano out of a Fort Wood mare (also a predominantly Classic influence) so was surely bred to be typical of the Classic (2000-2600m) type."

"Prior to this year's July, he had had 1 start beyond 2000m which was last year's July when he was the equivalent of a teenager. He came back as a 4yo with one or two eye catching speed performances in the Green Point and Drill Hall Stakes, however, it must be apparent to all form analysts that his 'disappointing' runs in the Queen's Plate, Met and Gold Challenge can be ascribed to the fact here is a pure Classic horse being kept to Intermediate distances because of our totally deficient provision for true Classic and stout racehorses. Marinaresco's run in this year's July was his first test as a fully muscularly mature racehorse and as a Classic type, 2200m would have been at the very bottom of his ideal range."

## Rating

"In my opinion, his performance level in this year's race reflected an improvement of 14lbs over his performance when 2nd to The Conglomerate last year. How often haven't we seen top 3yo's improve by 14lbs or more from three to four years of age, e.g. Sea Cottage, Yataghan, Politician, London News, Futura, etc. Just where the official WFA scale gets its figure of 4lbs WFA progression for 3yo's in the July, is a mystery. We will see just how much Al Sahem, Edict of Nantes and Horizon improve vis a vis Marinaresco in the future."

"There is little doubt in my mind this horse will go 2 miles with the best and in the future it would be great to see him race at WFA over the true classic distance of 2400m. Unfortunately, unlike every other turf country in the world, there isn't a single major WFA race over a mile and a half in SA. It simply doesn't exist!"

"In drawing attention here to the lack of top class properly endowed one and a half mile races in the country, like Maine Chance Farms, we find another great breeding establishment in Drakenstein Stud facing a future in which their Ascot Gold Cup producer, Duke of Marmalade, also faces seeing his progeny shoe-horned into an intermediate mould."

"This absence of races in respect of Classic distances in our programme is a major problem. Who wants to watch 1400m – 1600m races time and again? All we are seeing is extended sprints. It's boring! Races like the Epsom Derby, the Irish Derby, the King George, the Arc – these are races which not only produce great horses, but great tactical riding, which you only see at a mile and a half – not dashes. What happened to scheduling a proportion of longer races on every card?"

"The Bloodhorse published an article titled, 'Real Men Don't Eat Quiche and Real Horses Stay A Mile and A Half.' Don't we need a R5 million mile and a half WFA race to establish just who is the best horse in the country? Rest assured Legal Eagle (SA Derby winner) will turn up for that one!"



The logo for the Drakenstein Stud Farm Racing Writer of the Year Award. It features a blue background with the 'dsf' logo in white script at the top. Below it, 'DRAKENSTEIN STUD FARM' is written in white capital letters. The main text 'RACING WRITER OF THE YEAR' is in large, bold, white capital letters, and 'Award' is written in a white script font below it.

A contest open to all writers with original material relating to South African horse racing & breeding, published in print or digitally during the 2016/17 season (1 Aug 2016 to 31 July 2017).

The aim is to showcase the efforts of a cross section of writers to a wide audience, and to stimulate quality writing in the future.

**AND COMING SOON**  
**L'ORMARINS QUEENS PLATE**  
**WRITERS AWARD**

For the best original story relating to the L'Ormarins Queens Plate festival in 2018  
 Details to be announced.

- Two entries may be submitted for the Writer Of The Year Award, not later than **3 August 2017**. Email to [writersaward@sportingpost.co.za](mailto:writersaward@sportingpost.co.za), with reference to where and when the work was published.
- All entries will be collectively displayed on the Sporting Post website following the 3 August closing date.
- Entries are **judged by Barry Irwin**, who will determine a winner in his sole discretion.
- The result will be published on 15 August 2017.

**NATIONAL**  
**TWO-YEAR-OLD SALE**

**17-18 AUGUST**  
 TBA Complex • Germiston



## Short Heads



### 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.

### 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 Delpuch 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.

### 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.

### 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?

# DYNASTY

LIKE FATHER

“HIGHLANDS  
HAVE STOOD  
A NUMBER OF  
CHAMPION  
SIREs OVER  
THE YEARS,  
DYNASTY  
RATES AS THE  
BEST.”

- MIKE SHARKEY

# JACKSON

LIKE SON

“THE ONLY  
REGRET YOU  
WILL HAVE IS  
THAT YOU  
DIDN'T SEND  
ENOUGH  
MARES TO  
JACKSON.”

- CRAIG CAREY



## HIGHLANDS STUD

Part of Ridgemont

MIKE SHARKEY +27 82 372 2682

JOHN FREEMAN +27 21 418 0556



## PERSONALITY

# Focussing Forward

Mathew Thackeray

**Mathew Thackeray graduated from the SA Jockey Academy as part of the same class as Callan Murray, Tristan Godden, Brandon May and Shadlee Fortune. For young riders finding their feet as fully fledged jockeys, it can be tough out there, but Mathew is tackling the bull by the horns and putting in the hours – and the air miles – to improve month on month, scoring 7 wins, including two nice doubles, in the last two weeks. A genuine light weight at 50kgs, likeable and hard-working, he is quietly getting on with the job of honing his craft.**

## About Mathew

The quietly spoken young man who is still a few months shy of his 21st birthday, hails from Henley-on-Klip. His father actually applied to be a jockey in his time, but was unable to meet the weight requirements. Mathew explains that he was always a sporty type at school and being small, when his parents asked whether he would like to apply to the Academy, he said yes. “We’ve always been into racing, so it was always something I would end up doing. I got through all the interviews and they accepted me and that’s basically how I got into it,” he says matter-of-factly.

His first ride under rules was aboard Nitro Nori for Alyson Wright at Clairwood on 15 September 2013 and he notched his first win on 1 February 2014 at the Vaal for Erico Verdonese on Fun City. Asked to describe his progression through the ranks so far, he says, “Losing your claim does make a difference, but your experience improves with it and the more you lose your claim, the more you have to improve. When you’ve lost your claim, you just need to crack a winner to show trainers that you don’t need the claim anymore and that’s really the main thing.”

## Future Racing Star

Mathew was selected by SAJA to represent South Africa in the Longines Future Racing Stars in 2015 which is something he considers one of his career highlights so far. “A week or two later I went to Poland to compete again. It was nice to see how they race in France and to ride Arabs in Poland. It broadens your perspective on things.” Is riding abroad something that’s on his agenda for the future? “You can’t put all your eggs in one basket,” he says thoughtfully. “If a good offer comes along, you can’t turn it down, but at the moment I’m focussing on trying to keep things going well here.”

Having completed his time at the Academy in January, Mathew is living at home again. Is it hard being back? “My family have always been really supportive of my riding. They know if you’ve had a bad day that you’re going to be a little grouchy and it never really gets them down. Being my agent, my mom knows what I go through. She does all my flights, my bookings, rides and so on. She’s like my admin. I’m lucky to have good family support. It gives you that little boost you need.”

Asked if he has a girlfriend, he is characteristically serious.

“I’m too busy right now, so will keep it for later in life. I spent five years in the Academy and just need to get myself established for now.” While one has to work pretty hard as an apprentice, you need to work twice as hard once you’re fully qualified as you’re up against established riders with many years more experience. “If you enjoy what you do, it’s worth it, particularly when you can look back and see what you’ve accomplished,” he says.

South Africa currently has a very likeable group of young riders progressing through the ranks and they all seem particularly supportive of one another. Is it all as friendly as it looks on social media? “Everyone jokes and there’s always fun going on. These are people you see every day of your life at the Academy and then when you leave, you’re still seeing them every day. You’re on the plane together, at races together. On the track, no-one is friends, obviously, but in the jockey room, it’s family.”

## Carving a niche

How is his first season going so far? “So far so good. I’ve employed my mom as my agent and she’s the one doing all the hard work phoning for rides.” Riding is almost as much a matter of confidence as it is a matter of skill and having an agent gives one the all-important distance you need from the ups and understandable downs of asking for and being rejected for rides, which can be difficult to deal with. He agrees. “Confidence is definitely the biggest player. When you’re riding with confidence, you’re not shy to do what you need to in a race, but if you’re riding horses with little chance of winning, your confidence does run low. The only thing for me when coming out of my time was getting started again. I did hit a slow patch, but recently my form is starting to come back



Pauline Herman

## MATHEW THACKERAY

again. The thing is you have to keep working every day and show that you're there to do your job and want to ride." Is he still enjoying it? "I love it. I wouldn't give it up for anything," he says sincerely.

Life as a jockey is notoriously trying on the nerves and the resolve. Asked how he pulled himself through the slow patch, he is pragmatic. "I started travelling to get more rides. With more rides, will come more experience and more winners, so that was the main thing I did. I've always ridden in Kimberley, but now I've added in PE on Fridays and Mondays, which adds to the racing, so I'm racing almost five times a week. I don't really go to Durban at this stage, so my only day off is Wednesday and Sunday if I don't go to Zimbabwe." It's a punishing schedule and he admits that days off are spent trying to recuperate and re-group for the week ahead. "If you don't travel, you're not going to get the rides or the experience you need to keep the winners and rides coming." The strategy seems to be paying off. While his overall statistics are still fairly conservative, closer inspection reflects a steady month by month improvement.

Mathew is currently freelancing and primarily focussing on Kimberley, Joburg and Port Elizabeth as well as riding in Zimbabwe and is lucky enough to receive support from a variety of yards in each centre. While travel is expensive, he is philosophical. "If you can get 5 or 6 rides on a day, it's no problem. That will cover your airfare and anything else is profit. Since my mom has become my agent, it's opened up a few doors for me in PE with Tara Laing and Dorrie Sham and I'm getting more opportunities in Joburg as well."

Does he have a favourite track? "At the moment, Turffontein would be my best because things seem to be clicking for me there, but I don't really have a favourite. It depends on the horses and how they run and which course they enjoy. Horses suit courses, for example a horse that can't go to the front and stay a mile at Turffontein because of the uphill, will be able to do it at the Vaal, so it all depends on what horse you're riding."

### Focussing forward

Is he happy with his first season? "Looking back I'm happy with what I've achieved. Obviously going forward I'll be looking for a better season next year, so I'll push on and be looking for more winners and try and keep it rolling. It all comes down to your support, basically. You need to be in owners' and trainers' good books. If you don't, they will look for someone else. Obviously things don't always go to plan, so you have to have a Plan B, but if you know your horse and all its ins and outs, you just have to use that to help it run its best race. It all comes down to relationships. As long as I can keep my trainers and owners happy, they shouldn't have a problem giving me rides and putting me back on horses and that's the main thing I'm trying to work on for now."

Mathew is fortunate to walk around at 50kgs and is easily able to ride at bottom weight. "I'm really lucky and don't have a problem with what I eat and so on. I just hope it stays that way!"

What gets him up in the morning? "Winning," he says without hesitation. "If you have a winner, you wake up at 3am and wait at track for the horses to come. That's what drives you and builds confidence. That's what makes you wake up in the morning."

## Cartier Awards In The Clutches Of Winter

The magnificent grey Galileo filly Winter (116) continues to head both the Cartier Horse Of The Year and Cartier Three-Year-Old Filly standings on Pattern race points following an outstanding first half of the season.

The Galileo filly, trained by Aidan O'Brien for a Coolmore partnership, has gained decisive Gr1 victories in the QIPCO 1000 Guineas, the Tattersalls Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes, all at a mile, and is on target for the 10-furlong Gr1 Qatar Nassau Stakes at the Qatar Goodwood Festival on Thursday, August 3.



The Galileo filly, Winter

Impressive Gr1 victories by Enable and Harry Angel, plus a tremendous run in defeat from Barney Roy, have seen the three-year-old generation strengthen their claims for Cartier Horse Of The Year honours at this year's Cartier Racing Awards in November.

[Read more](#)

## No Seconds For Roy!

KZN owner Roy Moodley enjoyed a red letter day at Greyville on Wednesday when horses carrying his familiar orange, green and white silks won five of the eight races on the programme.

A commentator's nightmare, as there are often three or more 'Roy horses' in a race, the Moodley silks enjoy a popular following by many of the local punting fraternity.

Anthony Delpech extended his lead at the top of the SA championship title log by riding four of the five Roys. Trainer Duncan Howells, who is on his own champion title mission, saddled three of the five winners, while Alyson Wright sent out the balance. Keagan De Melo rode one of the Howells winners.

Moodley had his first Gr 1 winner when the West Man gelding Roaring Sands, trained by the late Cyril Naidoo, won the Gold Medallion at Scottsville, in May 1999.

After doing his indentures as assistant to Herman Brown, his son Selvan took out his own license in 2003/2004 and trained all of his father's horses. He now runs a successful advertising business.

When Selvan left the training game in 2006, Roy sent his horses to Tony Rivalland and Selvan's former assistant, Kumaran Naidoo, who took out his own license.

Roy decided to spread his horses between a wider range of trainers, and there is hardly a yard in KZN today which does not have a Roy Moodley-owned horse in the ranks.

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)

## Horse Identifiers Doing A Great Job

**The National Horseracing Authority have opened an investigation into the circumstances that led to the incorrect horse being presented to race at Fairview on Friday.**

The Sharon Kotzen-trained Trini's Oratorio, who was carded to race in the Fairview opening event, a mixed 1200m polytrack maiden, could not be identified as Trini's Oratorio and was thus withdrawn by the Stipendiary Stewards.

The 2yo daughter of Oratorio had one previous run for Kumaran Naidoo, where she had finished 15 lengths back at Scottsville.

Owned by Miss Trinisha Pillay, who also owns the now PE-based three-time winner Trini's Colateral amongst other horses, Trini's Oratorio was backed from 12-1 into 2-1 for her second start on Friday. Apparently the connections travelled to Port Elizabeth from Durban to watch their runner.

The Sporting Post has learnt that Trini's Oratorio was one of three horses that left KZN allegedly tagged with the wrong names.

The case will raise serious questions of a lack of care on the part of both trainers involved and the betting activity will also no doubt be closely scrutinized.

The NHA investigation is ongoing.

## Then At Flamingo Park On Monday

**An incorrect horse was again presented to race – this time at Flamingo Park just four days.**

The former Roy Magner-trained 2yo filly Emperor's Fantasy was scratched from the first race at Flamingo Park on Monday 17 July with reason, 'incorrect horse presented'. According to the Stipes Report, an investigation will be opened into the reason for this scratching.

The filly that was carded to race has 1 place in 6 runs to her credit. She opened at 5-2 and drifted to 5-1 in the betting before being withdrawn by officials.

That's two in four days!

## Beware Impersonators

The National Horseracing Authority has confirmed that it is aware of a number of advances and communications made to various people in the Industry by certain persons purporting to be Jockeys or persons connected to Jockeys.

These persons offer tips and inside information under the guise of being in the know and well informed. They request that payments be made directly into their banking accounts in return for the information.

It has been established that the Riders, whose names are being used are not aware of these communications.

If anyone is approached by a person stating that they are a Jockey or that they represent a Jockey and wish to enter into these types of relationships, or if anyone is aware of these incidents, please contact our Special Investigations Officer, Mr Riaan Janse van Rensburg on 011 683 9283 or email: [riaan@nhra.co.za](mailto:riaan@nhra.co.za)

## On The Island SA Pair – Decision Reserved

**While an MTC Appeal Board reserved its decision on Tuesday afternoon on appeals lodged by Raymond Danielson and Brandon Lerena against their suspensions, the plight of their colleague Muzi Yeni hung in the balance.**

Following a now well publicised outing on a catamaran in the company of Champ de Mars on-course bookmaker Ashley Singh Jankee, Lerena and Danielson were suspended from riding in races for 3 months each under MTC Rule 11(d).

[Read more](#)

## Let's Talk First!

**The Mauritius Turf Club has condemned proposed changes to the Gambling Regulatory Authority and called for a halt to any changes until all parties have been consulted.**

Owners, trainer and grooms have launched a public appeal for the Government to postpone making any changes before meaningful dialogue with all stakeholders can be held.

[Read more](#)

## Draw Switch - Jockeys Not To Blame

The National Horseracing Authority has confirmed that an investigation was conducted into the circumstances that led to Pumeza and Miss Crusade being loaded and starting from the incorrect drawn positions at Kenilworth in the first race on 8 July 2017.

After carefully considering the patrol film evidence and interviewing various parties, the following was ascertained:

Pumeza was loaded in stall gate 11, instead of stall gate 10.

Miss Crusade was loaded in stall gate 10, instead of stall gate 11.

The error occurred as a result of these two horses' race numbers being mistakenly attached to the incorrect barrier positions, behind the stalls. The riders of these horses were not aware of the error as the entire field had not been loaded and they assumed that they had been loaded in the correct stalls. As a consequence, no action will be taken against the riders involved in this incident.

Neither, Pumeza nor Miss Crusade had gained a material advantage, or were denied a fair start in any way as a result of starting the race from the incorrect drawn position.

Disciplinary action will be taken against the staff members involved in this incident.

## Thunder & Snow Highlands Welcomes The Champ

With the surrounding mountains covered in snow, Mike de Kock's star racer Rafeef arrived to a warm Robertson welcome at Highlands, Part Of Ridgemont, on Tuesday morning.

Accompanied on the road trip from Johannesburg by his 'boss', Ninja Ndabezindi, Redoute's Choice's champion son looked a million dollars as he is due to commence the next phase of his star-studded career.

Labelled by racing fans as 'The Thunder From Down Under', Rafeef is a champion by a champion out of a champion. The handsome athlete is the newest addition to one of South Africa's most powerful stallion rosters and has fired the imagination of local breeders.

Sheikh Hamdan has retained the majority share in Rafeef through his local breeding arm, Shadwell South Africa, with the balance of the shares held by Highlands and four other leading breeding establishments. The Gr1 winner's placement at the iconic Highlands Stud is a further demonstration of Sheikh Hamdan's commitment to and support of the South African racing and breeding industry.

The multiple award winning Rafeef will cover a limited book of mares in his first season, and stallion manager Jehan Malherbe of Form Bloodstock confirmed this



Rafeef is welcomed by Mike Sharkey at Highlands Stud, Part of Ridgemont

week that there were still services available at R50 000 a live foal.

The lightly raced son of sire-of-sires Redoute's Choice won 6 of his 10 starts (achieving a rating of 116) from 1000m to 1400m in the care of Mike de Kock. He grabbed the limelight at the recent Highveld Feature Awards, where he swept the boards, being crowned Horse Of The Season, and also acknowledged as Champion Sprinter and Champion Older Horse.

Rafeef is out of the former SA Horse Of The Year National Colour, who won 8 races from 1000m to 1200m in SA, UAE & UK.

Redoute's Choice's Gr1 winner roll has surpassed every other active sire in Australia, and is behind only Galileo and Giant's Causeway among the world's current leading stallions.

The breeding season opens on 1 September and with spring in the air, Rafeef would have settled into the magnificent surroundings of his new home by then. Inquiries: Mike Sharkey +27 82 372 2682 or Jehan Malherbe +27 83 252 8146

## What A Choice!

With his son Rafeef having just arrived to take up stud duties in the Western Cape, Redoute's Choice has gripped the attention of South African fans.

Arrowfield Stud's flagship sire turns 21 this year and while the farm has also achieved outstanding success with his sire sons Snitzel and Not a Single Doubt, it would seem you can never have too much of a good thing.

Arrowfield secured a half share in exciting Redoute's Choice colt Pariah at the end of his last campaign and the youngster gave notice of a good spring preparation to come when returning at gallops recently.

The Peter and Paul Snowden trained colt won the Gr3 ATC Canonbury Stakes on debut before finishing second to Property in the Gr3 MRC Blue Diamond Prelude and second to Catchy in the Gr1 MRC Blue Diamond Stakes.

He failed to handle the heavy conditions when finishing down the track behind She Will Reign in the Golden Slipper and was immediately sent to the paddock.

Reappearing in the gallop, Pariah was always under a hard hold by Kerrin McEvoy and surged to the line to score a narrow win in a blanket finish.

It was a nice easy pipe opener for bigger things to come. A \$700,000 Inglis Easter purchase from the Arrowfield Stud draft for James Harron Bloodstock, Pariah is a three-quarter brother-in-blood to dual Gr1 winner Melito.

His full brother fetched \$2.5 million at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale this year.

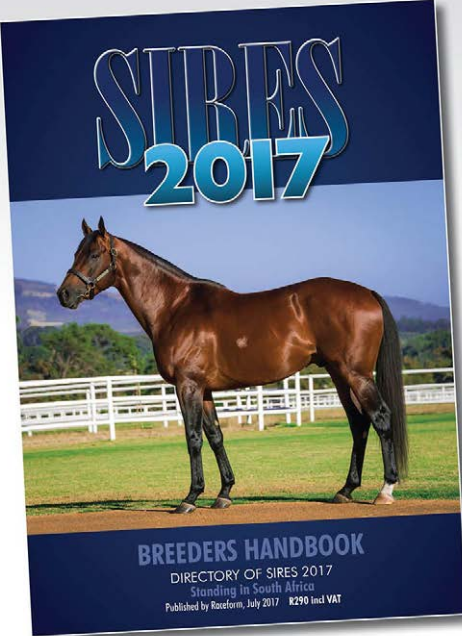
## National 2yo Sale Catalogue Online

One of South Africa's most successful, and best value for money, thoroughbred auctions is set to take place at the TBA complex in Germiston next month.

The 2017 National Two Year Old Sale will be held on 17 and 18 August.

Both days trading are due to commence at 11h00 with lots 1-250 selling on Thursday, and the remainder of the catalogue the following day.

[Read more](#)



### Planning Your Matings for this Year?

Interested in sires at stud in South Africa?

## Sires 2017

**The ONLY Directory of Sires standing in South Africa**

*packed with information incl.*

- extended pedigrees
- pedigree evaluations
- conformation photographs
- statistics

**To order your copy contact:**  
RACEFORM  
PO Box 580, Constantia 7848  
Tel: 021 797 8678  
Cell: 082 878 2231  
email: kiki@sportingpost.co.za

**NOW AVAILABLE R290** incl VAT & postage in RSA

# Our Captain Of The Heart

**Captain Al, the only significant stallion on his female page for generations, also provided South Africa with a link to the hugely influential sire, Roberto, his grandsire.**

Safe to say that Bramalea (Roberto's Coaching Club Oaks winning dam) made a major contribution to the South African stud book – she is found in the pedigrees of both Captain Al and Jet Master and inbreeding to Bramalea featured in such Captain Al sired stakes horses as Al Danza, Eros's Girl, Kiss Me Hardy and Moonlight 'N Roses, as well as the 2yo, Captain And Master. Bramalea inbreeding has also produced the local Gr1 winners, Little Miss Magic and Yorker.

## Versatility

While Captain Al built up a formidable record when mated to daughters of Fort Wood- at the time of writing, at least seven graded winners are bred on this cross- including the Gr1 winners Captain America and William Longsword, he achieved success across the board with a variety of broodmare sires.

Of his 14 Gr1 winners, two are out of Fort Wood mares, two (Pine Princess, Captain's Lover) are out of Badger Land mares, one (Captain's Gal) is out of a Centenary mare, one is out of a Caesour mare (Emerald Cove), one (Hill Fifty Four) a Sportsworld mare, one a Fusaichi Pegasus mare (Cloth Of Cloud), one a Polar Falcon mare (Always In Charge), one (Carry On Alice) out of a Western Winter mare. Champion sprinter, Captain Of All, is out of a Fard mare, while Gr1 winning 2yo, Exhilaration, is out of a mare by Elliodor. His Gr1 winning daughters, All Is Secret and The Secret Is Out, are both out of the Goldkeeper mare, Secret Of Victoria.

Captain Al's strongest crops (by number of stakes winners produced) emerged in 2006 and 2012, with both crops producing 11 black type winners. Interestingly, however, neither crop were his strongest in terms of Gr1 winners, with Captain Al's 2013 foal crop producing four Gr1 winners, highlighted by champions, Always In Charge and Cloth Of Cloud, as well as new sire, William Longsword.

His most prolific Gr1 winner, to date, is Carry On Alice (five Gr1's), who was one of five stakes winners in Captain Al's 2011 foal crop.

## New Benchmarks

With eight consecutive two-year-old sires titles to his credit, Captain Al was by far and away the most dominant sire of 2yo winners and stakes winners of his generation. He regularly set new benchmarks for 2yo sire dominance, in that his son, Always In Charge, and daughter, Cloth Of Cloud, were Equus Champion 2YO Colt and Filly, in 2015-2016- a double, rarely, if ever completed by another sire in this country, certainly in living memory.

Captain Al juveniles regularly filled the first few positions in 2yo features. His daughters, Flower's Angel, Possible Dream and Sleek 'N Sassy ran 1-3-4 in the 2009 Gr3 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery. Remarkably, Captain Al went one better in the 2013 Fillies Nursery, when his daughters, Wheredowego, Pure Power and Alaskan Maiden ran first, second and third.

This trend has continued this season, where Captain Al was responsible for the first two home in the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes on Met day. Townsend, won the 2010 Gr3 Diana Stakes from her paternal half-sisters, Play Nice, Possible Dream and Tick Tock.



## Broodmare Sire

With large numbers of daughters at stud, it has come as no surprise to see Captain Al make a positive impact as a broodmare sire. Currently tenth on the broodmare sires list, Captain Al is responsible for mares that have been represented by 47 winners this season thus far, and while they don't include a stakes winner, he is damsire of Gr1 2yo and KZN Yearling Sale Million winner, Al Mariachi.

With his top class sons Captain Of All- rated by Longines as one of the world's top sprinters in 2015- and William Longsword both now at stud, and with numerous high-class daughters representing him as a broodmare sire, Captain Al's legacy should live on for years to come.

## The Wright Stuff

A terrific ride by Gareth Wright saw the well-related R2 million National Yearling Sale purchase Winter Marchen escape the maiden ranks at his 12th start at Greyville on Wednesday.

The Andre Nel-trained 4yo son of Western Winter is out of the 2011 Equus Champion broodmare Sunshine Lover (Badger Land). He was badly drawn over the polytrack mile and encountered a rough passage before bulldozing his way through late in the race to win going away.

Bred by Team Valor International, the Sabine Plattner owned gelding is related to the likes of star performers Ebony Flyer (Jet Master) and Captain's Lover (Captain Al), but is yet to show anything near his blood potential on the track.

"He has been disappointing and has not brought his homework to track," said KZN assistant Byron Foster, who complimented Gareth Wright on his great ride and said it was amazing what a few opportunities did for a jockey's confidence.

Wright, who has had something of a tough climb up the ladder in the riding ranks, said that his mount has woken up in his last few starts. "I actually think he enjoyed running through them and also the drop in distance. He really won very well," he said.

The winner's half sister Ebony Flyer was a multiple Gr1 winner and was described by her part- owner, Barry Irwin of Team Valor as 'the most talented female to carry our colours at Team Valor'. His other half-sister Captain's Lover was Equus Champion 3yo in 2008, and also won the Gr3 Prix du Pin in France and Matchmaker Stakes in the USA.

## Breeders Seminar

A seminar for all KZN TBA members will be presented by Veterinary reproduction specialist, Dr Martin Schulman on 2 August at Rawdons hotel. Apart from some topical breeding issues, Dr Schulman will also be updating delegates on the proposed revised Stud Health Scheme and Code of Practise. [Read more](#)



**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 16 July 2017

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	1371	211	15%	286	21%	34%	162	12%	650	47%	35,438,075	25,848
J Snaith	1238	163	13%	256	21%	27%	155	13%	580	47%	19,927,975	16,097
BJ Crawford	716	106	15%	112	16%	43%	86	12%	343	48%	18,080,638	25,252
C Bass-Robinson	831	86	10%	110	13%	25%	87	10%	358	43%	16,955,563	20,404
MF de Kock	640	102	16%	158	25%	32%	82	13%	336	53%	16,636,150	25,994
GV Woodruff	454	73	16%	94	21%	37%	47	10%	219	48%	12,331,538	27,162
VH Marshall	584	55	9%	58	10%	33%	45	8%	208	36%	10,394,788	17,799
AC Greeff	999	142	14%	177	18%	28%	95	10%	437	44%	9,275,550	9,285
J Ramsden	449	62	14%	91	20%	35%	63	14%	226	50%	8,578,725	19,106
GS Kotzen	721	82	11%	94	13%	38%	81	11%	310	43%	7,879,075	10,928
DC Howells	658	68	10%	101	15%	39%	64	10%	274	42%	7,579,438	11,519
M Houdalakis	522	66	13%	56	11%	32%	54	10%	231	44%	7,326,425	14,035
JJ v Vuuren	356	53	15%	63	18%	38%	31	9%	155	44%	7,248,475	20,361
DR Drier	527	75	14%	99	19%	36%	51	10%	219	42%	7,007,838	13,298
G v Zyl	644	70	11%	67	10%	27%	70	11%	295	46%	6,988,588	10,852
MG Azzie	521	67	13%	80	15%	29%	71	14%	241	46%	6,938,625	13,318

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 16 July 2017

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
A Delpech	844	185	22%	359	43%	31%	143	17%	514	61%	23,602,850	27,965
G Lerena	689	147	21%	230	33%	34%	105	15%	416	60%	17,523,088	25,433
G Cheyne	886	145	16%	205	23%	29%	115	13%	490	55%	13,716,800	15,482
A Marcus	552	145	26%	285	52%	35%	83	15%	370	67%	23,919,450	43,332
S Khumalo	822	138	17%	198	24%	35%	107	13%	411	50%	18,043,400	21,951
C Zackey	1337	132	10%	105	8%	28%	129	10%	532	40%	13,346,388	9,982
M Yeni	1300	120	9%	142	11%	27%	157	12%	545	42%	10,873,200	8,364
R Fourie	632	117	19%	160	25%	34%	106	17%	356	56%	11,122,075	17,598
L Hewitson	1201	117	10%	118	10%	19%	108	9%	465	39%	10,971,564	9,135
P Strydom	532	115	22%	163	31%	35%	76	14%	298	56%	14,542,975	27,336
A Fortune	674	106	16%	157	23%	26%	82	12%	343	51%	8,700,401	12,909
M v Rensburg	1062	104	10%	82	8%	28%	104	10%	422	40%	9,122,277	8,590
JP vd Merwe	1137	99	9%	81	7%	28%	94	8%	408	36%	8,793,701	7,734
A Domeyer	492	95	19%	105	21%	45%	67	14%	273	55%	8,597,213	17,474
K De Melo	744	94	13%	93	13%	39%	80	11%	345	46%	8,730,738	11,735
W Kennedy	674	84	12%	52	8%	37%	75	11%	315	47%	7,214,419	10,704

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 16 July 2017

trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
DR Drier/A Marcus	37	16	43%	19	51%	53%	5	14%	1,382,925	37,376
MG Azzie/P Strydom	50	17	34%	16	32%	56%	10	20%	1,342,800	26,856
A Nel/A Domeyer	79	25	32%	31	39%	58%	14	18%	1,650,150	20,888
J Ramsden/A Marcus	54	16	30%	28	52%	39%	8	15%	2,671,025	49,463
M Robinson/R Fourie	50	15	30%	18	36%	39%	8	16%	1,097,825	21,957
PA Peter/G Lerena	56	16	29%	14	25%	21%	11	20%	1,356,650	24,226
MF de Kock/A Delpech	106	30	28%	48	45%	40%	13	12%	3,297,225	31,106
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	160	43	27%	72	45%	35%	31	19%	3,325,950	20,787
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	61	16	26%	30	49%	43%	6	10%	2,840,675	46,568
J Snaith/A Domeyer	53	14	26%	15	28%	47%	6	11%	1,577,675	29,767
DS Bosch/A Delpech	39	10	26%	16	41%	38%	6	15%	725,975	18,615
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	95	24	25%	23	24%	57%	7	7%	4,583,200	48,244
AC Greeff/A Fortune	63	16	25%	21	33%	29%	6	10%	894,650	14,201
JJ v Vuuren/G Lerena	70	17	24%	20	29%	50%	9	13%	3,257,300	46,533
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	373	84	23%	128	34%	28%	50	13%	5,125,425	13,741
SG Tarry/P Strydom	56	13	23%	21	38%	38%	7	13%	1,117,300	19,952

**RACING TO WIN**

DISCOVER GREATNESS

Now at Milnerton & Summerveld  
www.dkannemeyerracing.com

Dennis Drier – another great season

**40 Years On**

The defending KZN Champion Trainer Dennis Drier's terrific treble at Greyville last Saturday boosted his chances of catching his Ashburton rival Duncan Howells. The title is decided by number of wins in the province and Howells leads by 7 wins with four meetings left. The great Syd Laird's nephew, Drier has held his licence for 40 years and is one of our most experienced trainers.



Keagan De Melo – new generation talent

**Mr Mellow**

Recently rated by one of our top senior jockeys as the most underrated young rider in the country, the 23 year old Keagan 'Marshmallow' De Melo booted home a double for Duncan Howells at Greyville last Saturday. The soccer fan, who rates top hoop Kevin Shea as his inspiration, rode his first career winner at just his fourth ride when steering Western Gem home for Bart Rice at Scottsville on 9 August 2010. De Melo has ridden 94 winners this season.

**Zee 'N Tee**

Hot property Craig Zackey has stepped into the opening created by Hong Kong-bound Callan Murray at the Fairview yard of Tara Laing with aplomb. The pair enjoyed a 40-1 double last Friday afternoon. Off To Gaul and the consistent Inviting Lily won on a day where all their runners earned. Zackey is the youngest

Tara Laing and Craig Zackey have formed a formidable combination



highest ranking rider at 6th position on the national log, while Ms Laing has enjoyed another outstanding season for Mayfair Speculators in the Eastern Cape.

**EXTENDED LISTS OF ALL STATS**are just a **click away** on the **Sporting Post website**

Sporting Post statistics reflect all earnings, incl restricted races &amp; handicaps

FOLLOW US



# SCORE CARD

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

## Full EXPLANATION

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

## TOP SCORERS for 2016/2017 (to 16 July 2017)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Legal Eagle	5	c	334	5
Carry On Alice	5	f	222	5
Captain America	6	c	206	5
Bull Valley	4	c	201	3
Marinaresco	4	c	198	5
Edict Of Nantes	3	c	198	4
Search Party	4	c	175	4
Bela-Bela	4	f	172	3
Al Sahem	3	c	168	5
Rafeef	4	c	150	2
Whisky Baron	4	c	150	2
New Predator	4	c	145	6
Nightingale	4	f	140	4
Trip To Heaven	5	c	132	3
Just Sensual	3	f	125	3
Deo Juvente	5	c	117	2
Safe Harbour	3	f	114	4
Master Sabina	7	c	112	2
Kangaroo Jack	4	c	82	3
Gold Standard	3	c	82	3
Orchid Island	3	f	82	2
Heavenly Blue	3	c	82	3
Jo's Bond	4	f	76	3
Champagne Haze	4	c	76	2
Nother Russia	4	f	73	2
Mustaaqem	2	c	70	1
Sand And Sea	2	c	70	1
Brave Mary	2	f	70	1
Lady Of the House	3	f	70	1
William Longsword	3	c	70	1
Krambambuli	5	c	68	2
Bulleting Home	5	c	67	3
Gimme Six	3	f	64	2
Janoobi	3	c	60	2
Talktohestars	5	c	60	2
Wrecking Ball	3	f	55	3
Icy Trail	4	c	50	1
Bezanova	6	c	50	1
Brazuca	4	c	50	1
Ten Gun Salute	4	c	50	1
Green Plains	2	f	48	2
Red Ray	6	c	46	1
Sail South	6	c	45	2
French Navy	5	c	44	2
Star Express	4	f	44	3
Saratoga Dancer	5	c	43	2
Polyphonic	4	f	41	2
Wind Chill	3	f	40	2
The Conglomerate	5	c	37	1
Joan Ranger	4	f	37	2
Silver Mountain	4	f	34	2

## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

### GREYVILLE (MIXED)

Saturday, 15 July

Course Variant: 0.41s fast (turf) – 0.45s fast (poly)

With no rain during the previous seven days and just 10mm of irrigation, the penetrometer read 21 and the going was posted as good on the turf course.

The wind was a 17km/h south south westerly, and on the turf the false rail was out 5m. The amount of necessary watering on the poly track is not disclosed.

### Gr1 Mercury Sprint R800,000



Bull Valley | Gold Circle

## VBull's Eye!

The Toreador gelding Bull Valley played himself into serious contention for the Equus Champion Sprinter title with a smooth victory in the R800 000 Gr1 Mercury Sprint at Greyville on Saturday.

Zechner had Bull Valley relaxed just off the leaders London Call, Search Party and Rivarine, and produced the smart gelding at the 300m with an electrifying burst that carried him past London Call. The game Post Merchants winner Search Party raised his game and chased the leader, but the writing was on the wall 150m from home.

Bull Valley charged home to beat Search Party by a length in a time of 69,22 secs, with the well supported New Predator coming on strongly a short head back in third.

With local boy London Call narrowly (even Eagle Eye Craig Peters called it wrong) getting the better of the low-flying Champagne Haze to bank the R40 000 fourth cheque, the slow-starting Trip To Heaven, who bobbed and weaved his way from his hopeless position, caught the eye in sixth and only 2,65 lengths off the winner – sterling stuff in the end!

Bull Valley was bred by Ambiance Stud and is a 4yo gelded son of Toreador (Danehill) out of the two-time winning Star Of Liberty (Saumarez).

Bull Valley cost R180 000 on the BSA National Yearling Sale and took his earnings to R1 611 125 with his 6th win and 3 places from just 10 starts.

### Gr1 Mercury Sprint 1200m (turf)

Winner Bull Valley raced 5th; led 150m; won going away

Runner up Search Party was drawn wide; raced 2nd; led 350m; outpaced late by winner

Third New Predator raced 3rd; challenged strongly in straight

**Time:** The pace was honest, and the time was a good one. We gave the winner (prev 102/107/107/101/112) 112 which makes the runner up (prev 103/96/106/103/107) 109 and the third (prev 98/105/103/102/102) 108.

112	1	0.00	<b>BULL VALLEY</b>	(2)	60.0	K Zechner	9/2
<i>4 b g Toreador - Star Of Liberty (Saumarez)</i>							
109	2	1.00	<b>SEARCH PARTY</b>	(13)	60.0	C Orffer	20/1
<i>4 b g Captain Al - Princess Magdalena(GB) (Pennekamp)</i>							
108	3	1.10	<b>NEW PREDATOR</b>	(6)	60.0	G Lerena	61/10
<i>4 b c New Approach - Head Over Heels(AUS) (Fastnet Rock)</i>							
104	4	2.35	<i>London Call</i>	(4)	60.0	K De Melo	16/1
104	5	2.40	<i>Champagne Haze</i>	(14)	60.0	L Hewitson	25/1
103	6	2.65	<i>Trip To Heaven</i>	(7)	60.0	S Khumalo	5/2
100	7	3.40	<i>Brutal Force</i>	(11)	60.0	A Marcus	12/1
99	8	3.45	<i>Rivarine</i>	(5)	59.5	A Delpech	16/1
96	9	4.20	<i>Attenborough</i>	(9)	59.5	S Randolph	30/1
96	10	4.45	<i>Captain's Causeway</i>	(1)	60.0	ES Ngwane	50/1
95	11	4.95	<i>Kangaroo Jack</i>	(10)	60.0	C Zackey	20/1
88	12	6.45	<i>Sergeant Hardy</i>	(3)	59.5	R Fourie	14/1
89	13	6.50	<i>Gulf Storm</i>	(8)	60.0	S Veale	66/1
79	14	9.25	<i>Talktohestars</i>	(12)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	14/1

**Time:** 69.22s (57.68s avg/1000m, or 62km/h)

**SP Total %:** 114%

1st T:SG Tarry O:PCS (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr P Botha) & Messrs G L Blank, Z L Nassif & J Sarkis B:Ambiance Stud

[Watch Gr1 Mercury Sprint HERE](#)

### Off To Stud Stakes (F&M)(L) R150,000

## Wukkin' Up!

Sean Tarry raised the bar from last term and set a new record for winners in a season when the Mullins Bay mare Wukkin' Up enjoyed a beautifully judged ride from the front to win the Listed Off To Stud Stakes.

Tarry trained 208 winners for his championship title last year and Wukkin' Up's first stakes win clocked the magical 210 up after Trophy Wife had won the Queen Palm Stakes earlier in the day.

A strong galloping chestnut mare, Wukkin' Up kept going all the way to the line under the top-class Anton Marcus to beat her lesser fancied stablemate In Other Words by a half length in a time of 96,20 secs.

Garth Puller will be thrilled with the gutsy showing by his Silvano filly Flying Silver,

**Pathfork** (USA)  
Distorted Humor – Visions of Clarity (Sadler's Wells)

Pathfork winner in the past 5 weeks

**SOUTH SIDE** 5 wins from 9 runs  
**TWEED VALLEY** won at Scottsville  
**JET START** won at Turffontein  
**SECRET STAR** 5 wins  
**FELLOW TRAVELLER** 3 wins  
**BONNIE PRINCE** 3 wins  
**QUEEN OF ALAMO** won at Kenilworth

... and also in the money

Twelve Oaks, Corker,  
 Choir Of Angels  
 Chit Chat, Holly's Vision,  
 Lucky Lulu,  
 Mighty Mercury,  
 Precious Pansy,

**HIGHLANDS**  
Part of Ridgemoor  
Mike Sharkey 082 372 2682



## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

who was finishing well for third, a further 0,75 lengths back.

The lightly raced Summerhill Stud-bred Wukkin' Up is a daughter of Mullins Bay (Machiavellian) out of Mazisi (Albarahin).

She notched her 6th win here with 3 places from 12 starts for stakes of R515 250.

The winner's sire Mullins Bay was the best racing son of sire of sires Machiavellian in the world in 2006, and earned a Timeform Rating of 121. A resident stallion at Summerhill, he died in 2015.

**Off To Stud Stakes (F&M) (L) 1600m (poly)**

Winner Wukkin' Up set the pace; kept on strongly

Runner up In Other Words raced 7th early on; took closer order rounding the turn, and was 2nd entering the straight; held by winner

Third Flying Silver lost two lengths at the start; was at the back 6 lengths off the pace entering the straight; ran on

**Time:** The pace was steady throughout in a slow run race, and with a very tightly bunched field entering the straight the race developed into a sprint. A false run race, where ratings may not be reliable.

We gave the winner prev (96/70/84/86/94)

94 which makes the runner up (prev

91/94/93/88 – has done 98) 96 and the third (64/69/70/81/78) 85.

94	<b>1</b>	0.00	<b>WUKKIN' UP</b>	(1)	58.5	A Marcus	37/10
5 ch m Mullins Bay - Mazisi (Albarahin)							
96	<b>2</b>	0.50	<b>IN OTHER WORDS</b>	(4)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	14/1
5 b m Trippi - See Me Fly (Caesour)							
85	<b>3</b>	1.25	<b>FLYING SILVER</b>	(10)	55.5	S Brown	20/1
4 b f Silvano - Flymetothestars (Jet Master)							
87	<b>4</b>	1.75	<b>Silver Class</b>	(9)	57.0	G Lereña	59/10
84	<b>5</b>	3.25	<b>Qing</b>	(5)	57.0	R Fourie	10/1
86	<b>6</b>	3.50	<b>Strategic Move</b>	(2)	58.5	S Khumalo	12/1
86	<b>7</b>	3.75	<b>Heaps of Fun</b>	(6)	58.5	L Hewitson	7/2
79	<b>8</b>	3.80	<b>Fantasy Lady</b>	(8)	55.5	K De Melo	20/1
86	<b>9</b>	5.05	<b>Frosty Friday</b>	(3)	60.0	W Kennedy	7/1
75	<b>10</b>	5.55	<b>Grey Light</b>	(7)	55.5	M Winnaar	12/1

**Time:** 96.2s (60.13s avg/1000m, or 60km/h)

**SP Total %:** 111%

1st T:SG Tarry O:Messrs J Shill, M Finlay, L M Nestadt & M Trakman & Sean Tarry Racing C.C. (Nom: S G Tarry) B:Summerhill Stud

[Watch Off To Stud Stakes HERE](#)

## Var Reaches For Title

**The Gavin van Zyl-trained first-timer Vicomte became the 21st juvenile winner of the 2016-2017 season for Avontuur super sire, Var, when he won at the Vaal on Tuesday.**

The son of Forest Wildcat is well on track to record his first 2yo sires title this season.

Ridden by the Avontuur sponsored Lyle Hewitson, Vicomte was green in running but found a powerful turn of foot to explode late and win by three parts of a length.

Tuesday's winner, out of the Noverre mare A Star For Maria, was a R325 000 purchase from last year's Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

Much to the joy of his legion of supporters, headed by Avontuur GM Pippa Mickleburgh, Var has had a superb season with his 2yos, and, to date, his juveniles have banked over R2.4 million—and with four major juvenile feature races yet to be decided, this tally could increase.

Top 2yos representing Var in 2016-2017 include Gr2 Golden Horseshoe winner Purple Diamond, as well as Varallo and Speedpoint, runners up in the Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion and G3 Cape Of Good Hope Nursery respectively.

Var will be represented by seven lots at next month's National Two Year Old Sale, including a half-sister to Gr1 winner Nightingale (Lot 124), a colt out of Captain Al's well bred stakes winning daughter Victorian Secret (Lot 233), a colt out of a Gr3 winning half sister to champion Cherry On The Top (Lot 314), and a half-brother to Equus Champion Hammie's Hooker (Lot 404).

## Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
18Jul	2194	2194	2053	62,151
17Jul	2101	2101	2101	90
14Jul	2150	2150	2150	457
13Jul	2150	2151	2150	3,460
12Jul	2150	2179	2130	5,164
11Jul	2110	2184	2050	484,209
10Jul	2075	2100	2050	26,620
7Jul	2001	2020	2001	1,000
6Jul	2020	2090	2020	12,306
5Jul	2055	2091	2055	57,788
4Jul	2050	2050	2050	13,596

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Fri 28 July **PE Gold Cup (L)**

Sat 29 July **Gr1 Champions Cup**  
1800m Greyville (P/T)

**Gr2 Gold Bracelet (F&M)**  
2000m Greyville (P/T)

**(L) Umgeni Handicap**  
1000m Greyville (P/T)

**(L) The Darley Arabian (3yo's)**  
1600m Greyville (P/T)

**Gr3 Champagne S. (F&M)**  
1200m Kenilworth (W)

Sun 30 July **Gr1 Premiers Champ S. (2yo's)**  
1600m Greyville (P/T)

**Gr1 Thekwini Stakes (2yoF)**  
1600m Greyville (P/T)

**Gr3 Umkhomazi S. (2yo's)**  
1200m Greyville (P/T)

**Gr3 The Debutante (2yoF)**  
1200m Greyville (P/T)

**Gr3 eLan Gold Cup**  
3200m Greyville (P/T)

## Share In The Action

Qualifying members of the Racing Association have been given an opportunity to purchase Phumelela shares.

The Racing Association has subscribed for listed securities in Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Limited for allocation to its members which it is making available to 'all members in good standing at 31 May 2017', at the 'discounted price' of R17.39 per share.

Interested parties can contact Natalie Turner by email at natalie@racingassociation.co.za by no later than 17h00 on Thursday 20 July.

The RA held a series of information sessions this week.

[Check the race results on this page](#)

Sporting Post  
**ABILITY RATINGS (AR)**  
puts every horse in its place

### TO ADVERTISE

contact Kiki 082 878 2231

kiki@sportingpost.co.za

# SIGNPOSTS

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

### **AWAIT THE DAWN** (Giant's Causeway)

Quakeshake 2f (Jet Park by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

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

Silver Palm 2c (Ivory Palm by Imperial Stride)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(21/07\)](#)

Pepper Dust 2f (Pepper Belle by National Assembly)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(21/07\)](#)

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

Taranaki 2c (Urabamba by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Curved Light 2f (Southern Lights by Captain Al)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(21/07\)](#)

That's My Boy 2c (Ladbroke Lass by Silvano)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Eight Cities 2c (Blue Eyed Queen by Thunder Gulch)

[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate 1600m \(22/07\)](#)

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

Klawerkate 2f (Eradikate by Parade Leader)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(21/07\)](#)

Girl In Gold 2f (I Love Her by Sadler's Wells)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Steel Rose 2c (Single Rose by Joshua Dancer)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/07\)](#)

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

Irish Brave 2c (Case Stated by London News)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(21/07\)](#)

Romano 2c (Ever Peron by Silvano)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(21/07\)](#)

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

Nimble 2f (Kunye by Muhtafal)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(21/07\)](#)

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

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1450m \(22/07\)](#)

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

Kinrara 2f (My Squeeza by Goldmark)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

### **ORATORIO** (Danehill)

Sing And Dance 2f (Boogie With Cher by Singspiel)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(21/07\)](#)

Symphony 2f (Mysterious Land by Badger Land)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

Chica Musica 2f (Chiquita by Western Winter)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(23/07\)](#)

Emma's Oracle 2f (Destination Mars by Coronado's Quest)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Queen Of Alamo 2f (Fiesta Queen by Parade Leader)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

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

Mellon 2c (Treaj Pots by Rich Man's Gold)

[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate 1600m \(22/07\)](#)

Edge Of The Sun 2c (Scarlet Sky by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Barouche 2f (Etoile Royale by Sahn)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1450m \(22/07\)](#)

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

Twofold 2c (Ice Bouquet by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/07\)](#)

Lady Sutton 2f (Monroe by Model Man)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

Draugluin 2c (Werewolf by Wolfhound)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Fort Winter 2c (Fort Fox by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 4 Pinnacle Stakes \(Turf\) 1000m \(21/07\)](#)

Nanna Anna 2f (La Special by Special Preview)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

Royal Frost 2f (Princess Elli by Elliodor)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

Snow Crystal 2f (Cork Bush by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

Desert Phantom 2f (Desert Rouge by Slew The Red)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

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

Angel Landing 3c (Angel At My Table by Count Dubois)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Light House Lady 3f (Jua by Silvano)

[Scottsville 8 MR 62 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(23/07\)](#)

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

Dan The Lad 3c (Ashbrook by Doowaley)

[Turffontein 7 Novice Handicap 1600m \(22/07\)](#)

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

No Green Stars 3f (Flymetothestars by Jet Master)

[Fairview 1 Workriders Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(21/07\)](#)

Beataboutthebush 3f (Bushra by Badger Land)

[Fairview 6 East Cape Paddock S.\(F&M\)\(Listed\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(21/07\)](#)

Green Lantern 3c (Over The Anvil by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 7 MR 92 Handicap \(Turf\) 1400m \(21/07\)](#)

China Express 3c (Glowing Amber by Deputy Minister)

[Fairview 8 MR 72 Handicap \(Turf\) 1400m \(21/07\)](#)

Gimme A Miracle 3f (Ibelieveinmiracles by Saumarez)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(22/07\)](#)

Light Chaser 3f (Comet Chaser by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 5 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(22/07\)](#)

Gimme one Night 3c (Fiesta Queen by Parade Leader)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 80 Handicap 2000m \(22/07\)](#)

Whispering Light 3f (Fading Light by Bel Byou)

[Kenilworth 8 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(22/07\)](#)

Carbon Offset 3c (Albizia by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 6 MR 94 Handicap 1600m \(23/07\)](#)

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

September Bloom 3f (April Showers by Western Winter)

[Turffontein 5 MR 65 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(22/07\)](#)

# SIGNPOSTS

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

Island Legend 3f (Shoe Dance by Shoe Danzig)

*Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 2600m (22/07)*

Gold Medal Girl 3f (Prize Flower by Muhtafal)

*Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate (F&M) 2000m (22/07)*

Musette 3f (Angora by Tamburlaine)

*Turffontein 5 MR 65 Handicap (F&M) 2000m (22/07)*

Lily And Spice 3f (Lady Mia by Captain Al)

*Scottsville 9 MR 62 Handicap (F&M) 1600m (23/07)*

## **HARRY HALL** (Pivotal)

Favour's Pride 3f (Sacred Sister by Manshood)

*Fairview 4 Pinnacle Stakes (Turf) 1000m (21/07)*

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

Young Eagle 3c (Rachel's Princess by Sapieha)

*Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 2600m (22/07)*

## **PATHFORK** (Distorted Humor)

Silken Summer 3f (Dancing Summer by Mr Greeley)

*Fairview 1 Workriders Maiden Plate (F&M)(Turf) 1200m (21/07)*

The Right Road 3c (Elda Ribetti by Jallad)

*Kenilworth 4 MR 86 Handicap 1600m (22/07)*

St Joseph 3c (Arabian Lily by Al Mufti)

*Turffontein 7 Novice Handicap 1600m (22/07)*

Lindleys Lane 3f (My Lady Bluff by Indigo Magic)

*Kenilworth 8 MR 76 Handicap (F&M) 1600m (22/07)*

Choir Of Angels 3c (Super Singer by A P Indy)

*Scottsville 7 MR 74 Handicap 1600m (23/07)*

## **PHILANTHROPIST** (Kris S)

Rendezvous 3f (Candy Vous by Candy Stripes)

*Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate (F&M) 2000m (22/07)*

Barak Lavan 3c (Countess Corlia by Count Dubois)

*Kenilworth 4 MR 86 Handicap 1600m (22/07)*

Tipping Point 3f (Counter Foil by Elliodor)

*Turffontein 8 MR 87 Handicap (F&M) 1600m (22/07)*

Miss Carrera 3f (Madame Carrera by Danehill)

*Kenilworth 8 MR 76 Handicap (F&M) 1600m (22/07)*

Infinite Love 3c (Love Unlimited by Hawk Wing)

*Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m (23/07)*

Party Crasher 3f (First Arrival by Northern Guest)

*Scottsville 5 MR 78 Handicap (F&M) 2000m (23/07)*

## Is Your Horse One To Follow?

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners**  
& **Horses for the Notebook** on this page

- see how promising the Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** say they are.

## Notable Maiden Winners

### **MODUS VIVENDI**

Rated **AR 75 DEVIL'S PEAK** (2c Emperor's Dance by Caesour)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Vaal outside (1400m) (13/7)*

Having only his second career outing here, this full brother to the multiple Gr1 winner Dancewiththediabol was soon up handy. He won well after taking up the running close home and can only improve when put over further.

## Horses To Follow

### **TOREADOR**

Rated **AR 112 BULL VALLEY** (4g Star Of Liberty by Saumarez)

*Gr1 Mercury Sprint Greyville turf (1200m) (15/7)*

Sparingly raced after winning his first two starts in impressive fashion as a 2yo, this son of Toreador has now won six of his ten outings. He's won two from three since returning from his latest lay-off in April and both have those have been in Gr1 events. He won going away here and can still improve further.

### **DYNASTY**

Rated **AR 83 LADY IN BLACK** (2f Mystery Dame by Jet Master)

*Juvenile Plate (fillies) Greyville poly (1400m) (15/7)*

After getting up late to win over 1200m on debut last time out, Dennis Drier's charge showed considerable improvement here in what looked to be a pretty useful field. Always handy, Lady In Black quickened nicely at the business end of the race and won going away by a length and three quarters after striking the front 100m from home.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**High Seas Beauty** 3 b f High Chaparral- Attesa(USA)  
(Belong to Me) *Vaal 1400m (11/07)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Roy Had Enough** 2 b c Pierro- Queens Plaza(AUS) (Elusive Quality)  
Greyville 1900m (12/07)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Alfolk** 2 b g Lonhro- Alteza Real(AUS) (Exceed And Excel)  
Turffontein 1160m (16/07)

ASCOT BRED  
**Search Party**

4yo g Captain Al - Princess Magdalena

**Gr1 MERCURY SPRINT**  
RUNNER UP

Sail From Seattle

Joint **LEADING SIRE** of 2yo's **20**  
by **INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

Latest: **ODAIBI** won at Fairview 14 July



ASCOT STUD

Contact: Mrs Rose Parker & Dr Ashley Parker • Tel: (041) 366 1181 • Fax: (041) 366 1185 • Cell: 082 446 5287

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# All Guns Blazing

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEED RATINGS

## Sound Proposition

**Scottsville 9 July**

The fastest of the four 1200m races in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday was the MR82 Handicap won by the easy to back SONAR ACTIVE. Always available at around 10/1, the Royal Air Force gelding was a little slow into stride and as a result he raced in the rear early on. Once given rein though he quickened best of all and under a well-judged ride from Gavin Lerena, he got up late to deny the friendless BENGAL BOY.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1600m where the faster of the two events was not surprisingly the MR82 Handicap in which the favourite THE GREAT ONE did the business. He got away well when the gates opened and soon a length clear, led throughout. He ran on strongly in the home straight and with the rest well beaten he held off the running on GYRE by a half.

A Maiden Juvenile Plate over 1200m had gotten proceedings underway and here victory went to the heavily supported MIND YOUR BUSINESS. Backed into favouritism at the track (10/1 into 3/1), the daughter of Querari was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead approaching the 100m marker and won going away from the staying on pacemaker DAME COMMANDER by a length and a half.

**Titbits** *Freely available at 25/1 at the off, Sporting Post's best handicapped runner SEA KING ran on well from the rear when getting up late to win the maiden juvenile plate over 1600m.*

## All At Sea

**Vaal 11 July**

They raced on the inside track on Tuesday where quickest home in the four 1400m races was HIGH SEAS BEAUTY in the bill topping MR84 Handicap. Sent off a well-supported favourite at 16/10, Mike De Kock's charge was always handy. She put her head in front 200m out and although the always handy KIRK-CONNEL LASS challenged strongly below the distance, she won well by a half.

The faster of the two 1200m races was the MR76 affair in which SHIVERING SEA registered her third career victory. Taken straight to the front by Craig Zackey, the daughter of Captain Al led throughout. She led by a length

and a quarter for most of the journey before cruising clear over the final 400m to score by three and three quarters.

They also ran two races over 2400m and by far the quickest of these was the Middle Stakes won by B TWENTY ONE. In a time more than 4,5 seconds faster than the maiden plate, B Twenty One was content to sit in midfield during the early part of the race. She cut through the field like a knife when the race began in earnest and won going away by a length and a half after striking the front 200m from home.

**Titbits** *Sean Tarry's lightly raced runner O'LUCKY MAN won the opening maiden plate going away by five and a quarter.*

## Cutting It Fine

**Greyville 12 July**

Favourite backers got off to a nice start at Wednesday's poly track meeting when BO-RYA did the business in the opening maiden juvenile plate over 1400m. Backed into the red before the off, the Indigo Magic colt was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 300m marker and comfortably accounted for the running on RED EIGHT by two.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1400m and the fastest of these was the bill topping MR94 Handicap won by DOOSRA. Soon positioned close to the speed, Doosra ran on stoutly below the distance and after a thrilling tussle with MACDUFF (came from the backend of mid-field), he only got the verdict by the narrowest of margins.

They also ran three races over 1900m and quickest home here was CUDUIARI in the MR65 Handicap. Drawn widest of the twelve, Andre Nel's charge raced in the rear for most of the journey. He was baulked for a run when looking to excellerate early in the straight. Once seeing daylight though, he quickened nicely, and in another classic finish he got up by a neck. The runner up COURAGEOUS KING also came from the rear and didn't find a clear passage in the straight.

**Titbits** *The heavily supported favourite ROY HAD ENOUGH only had to be pushed out when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1900m.*

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

Sea King .....	won 25/1
Tendre .....	won 5/1
Well Dressed .....	won 3/1
Mr Mcsteamy .....	won 26/10
Alfolk .....	won 5/2
High Seas Beauty .....	won 16/10
Borya .....	won 8/10
Roy Had Enough .....	won 5/10

## Notebook

*Horses worth following at their next few starts...*
**DEVIL'S PEAK** (St John Gray, Gauteng)

**MIRACLE BUREAU** (T Laing, E-Cape)

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

**FAIRVIEW (FRI)**

Race 1: (13) Tiger Star 12

Race 2: (6) Seattle Dragon 9

Race 3: (7) Nimble 1

**Race 4: (1) Captain Alfredo 79 (NAP\*)**

Race 5: (6) Let Her Fly 45

Race 6: (1) Supercilious 71

**Race 7: (6) Green Lantern 73 (nb)**

Race 8: (16) Taku Wind 52

**TURFFONTEIN (SAT)**

Race 1: (4) Mambo Symphony 13

Race 2: (1) Queen Anne 11

Race 3: (13) Island Legend 17

Race 4: (1) Kings Creek 7

Race 5: (6) Watch My Dust 33

**Race 6: (5) Magic 52 (EW)**

Race 7: (4) Econium Love 49

Race 8: (11) Sim-Alley Bank 61

Race 9: (11) Silvery Dream 37

**KENILWORTH (SAT)**
**Race 1: (5) Kasimir 39 (NAP\*\*)**

Race 2: (1) Angel's Trumpet 44

Race 3: (2) Daring Miss 18

Race 4: (7) Silver Master 63

Race 5: (14) Boomtown Belter 45

Race 6: (10) Moonrise Sensation 57

Race 7: (1) Goodtime Gal 71

Race 8: (12) Lovely Rita 54

**SCOTTVILLE (SUN)**

Race 1: (1) Al's Bells 15

Race 2: (4) Khetiwe 22

Race 3: (16) Vision Of Trust 23

**Race 4: (2) Elusivenchantment 77 (NAP\*)**

Race 5: (10) Ideal Winter 56

Race 6: (4) Sylvester The Cat 80

Race 7: (11) Storm Faerie 58

Race 8: (3) Wonder Worker 26

Race 9: (14) Esperanza Fire 46

## Nap bets

\* Fancied \*\* Strongly fancied

\*\*\* Very strongly fancied


**PAYOUT! R205 134.00 SATURDAY 15 JULY PICK 6**

HOLLYWOOD SPORTSBOK IS A LICENSED BETTING OPERATOR. HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTS RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING. GAMBLING ONLY FOR PERSONS 18 YEARS AND OLDER. WINNERS KNOW WHEN TO STOP. NATIONAL GAMBLING TOLL-FREE COUNSELLING LINE 0800 006 008.

## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

## Down 17 In 3 Months!

Vaal 13 July

Thursday's action took place on the outside track. Three of the nine races were staged over 1000m and by far the fastest of these was the MR72 Handicap won by the very well weighted, MANX PARK. Racing off a mark some 17 points below that of where he stood less than three months ago, the 25/1 shot broke well and was soon up handy. He took up the running approaching the 200m pole and despite being reported as coughing and making a respiratory noise, he won going away by three and a quarter.

They also ran three races over 1600m and here another well handicapped runner on previous form, TRADING PROFIT was first past the post. Rated 96 by the official handicapper just 13 months ago (racing off 73 here), the son of Toraador led throughout. He was always in command and won without any anxious moments by a length.

Two of the three remaining races were for maidens over 1400m, the faster of which was that for the juveniles won by DEVIL'S PEAK. A full brother to the very talented DANCEWITHTHEDEVIL, St John Gray's charge was always handy. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race and did well to get the better of the gutsy frontrunner RED INDY late on.

**Titbits** Looking to make all, FREDERICO'S DREAM found another gear after being headed 200m out and won going away by a length and a quarter.

## Inviting Hat-Trick

Fairview 14 July

A MR85 Handicap over 1800m topped the bill on the poly track on Friday and completing a smart hat-trick here was INVITING LILY. Freely available at 5/1 on the off, the son of Dynasty raced in the backend of midfield for most of the journey. Once in the short home straight though he ran on best of all, and won going away from the useful SCENT (handy – led 220m).

Three of the afternoon's nine races were run over 1200m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was ROCK ME VAR in the MR80 Handicap. Soon up handy, Rock Me Var ran on stoutly over the final 400m and it was only on the nod that he got the verdict over the gutsy front runner ZIP LINE. One to look out for next time from this race is third placed MIRACLE BUREAU. The former Gauteng campaigner was flying at the finish and did well to get within a length and a quarter at the wire.

They also ran three races over 1600m and marginally the fastest of these was the second division of the MR63 Handicap in which STONE TOWN caused a major upset. Sent off as the rank outsider of the fourteen horse party at 66/1, the in under sufferance Stronghold mare was content to sit in midfield early on. She ran on best of all when the strung out field began to concertina in the straight and got up nicely late to score by three quarters.

**Titbits** The always handy ELUSIVE ROSE won the first division of the MR63 Handicap over 1600m very comfortably, with some in hand.

## FASTEST TIMES

(Number of races run in each category shown in brackets)

\* Times taken by Clockwatcher

## SCOTTSVILLE (STAND SIDE) 9 JULY

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good

Course Variant: 0,16s slow

1000m (1) Freddie Flint 57,79

1200m (4) Sonar Active 68,89

1400m (1) Sorceress 83,50

1600m (2) Eyes Wide Open 94,73

## VAAL (INSIDE) 11 JULY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good

Course Variant: 0,48s slow

1200m (2) Shivering Sea 70,18

1400m (4) High Seas Beauty 83,50

1700m (1) Altitude 107,29

2400m (2) B Twenty One 150,62

## GREYVILLE (POLY) 12 JULY

Going Standard

Course Variant: 0,75s slow

1000m (1) Virga 58,66

1200m (1) Honorary 71,66

1400m (3) Doosra 82,11\*

1900m (3) Cuduiari 115,78

## VAAL (OUTSIDE) 13 JULY

Penetrometer 22 – Good

Course Variant: 0,93s slow

1000m (3) Manx Park 57,84

1200m (1) Frederico's Dream 71,65

1400m (2) Devil's Peak 84,31

1600m (3) Trading Profit 96,16

## FAIRVIEW (POLY) 14 JULY

Going Standard

Course Variant:

1200m (3) Rock Me Var 69,33

1600m (3) Stone Town 97,57

1800m (1) Inviting Lily 108,98

2200m (2) Off To Gaul 134,68

# HUGE SOCCER PAYOUT

# R359 596

# WON for only R5

## Thursday 13 July



# R229 026

## HORSE RACING PAYOUT!

Sunday 16 July, Pick 6, Raisethorpe



Hollywoodbets

KB-Raisethorpe  
2 Balfour Road  
Allandale  
Pietermaritzburg  
3201

Tel: 087 350 4709

Horse Racing  
Kenilworth  
2017-07-15 14:00:00  
Starting Race 3

Pick 6  
Race 3 1-4,9,15,20  
Race 4 1,2,4,8  
Race 5 1-3,5,6,9  
Race 6 1-3,6,7,11  
Race 7 1,3-5,7,8,11,12  
Race 8 2,8,12,15  
Combinations 32 256  
Times 0.46503  
Stake R15 000

Donovan Payout  
10.3.3.3  
15 July 20

Refer to H

Ticket(s)  
12086000392624 36 200.00  
Curr(36 200.00/333.33)  
Orig(0.00/3 000.00)

12086000392621 192 826.61  
Curr(192 826.61/0.47)  
Orig(0.00/15 000.00)

Grand Total **229 026.61**

Hollywoodbets

KB-Raisethorpe  
2 Balfour Road  
Allandale  
Pietermaritzburg  
3201

Tel: 087 350 4709

Horse Racing  
Kenilworth  
2017-07-15 13:25:00  
Starting Race 2

Place Accumulator

Race 2 1,4,6  
Race 3 4,9,20  
Race 4 2  
Race 5 2,6  
Race 6 6  
Race 7 5  
Race 8 2,8,12  
Combinations 54  
Times 55.55556  
Stake R3 000

HOLLYWOOD SPORTSBOOK IS A LICENSED BETTING OPERATOR. HOLLYWOODBETS SUPPORTS RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING. NO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS ARE PERMITTED TO GAMBLE. WINNERS KNOW WHEN TO STOP. NATIONAL GAMBLING TOLL-FREE COUNSELLING LINE 0800 006 008.