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R5-(3) Reef Of Fortune (5/2)

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R9-(1) Off Broadway (3/1)

GREVILLE MIXED Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(8) Chamber Maid (5/1)

TURFFONTEIN Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(11) Riding Shotgun (1/1)

GREVILLE MIXED Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(2) Neptune's Rain (4/1)

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Champions All

The South African horseracing season reaches a thrilling climax at Greyville this weekend with the Gold Cup Festival Of Racing marking the end of twelve bruising months of competition.

Gr1 Champions Cup what Sporting Post's Ratings & The Clock predict

It's the last Big One of the season, run at weight-for-age with penalties for previous Gr1 wins. Quite different, in other words, from a handicap. Careful scrutiny of the weights is necessary, as well as a good look at past form to see whether previous races were true run or false.

We look at the contenders in order of the Sporting Post race-ratings.

Sail South

Top rated with Sporting Post, Sail South put up perhaps his best performance of the Cape season when running on from the back to finish third to Legal Eagle in the Queen's Plate. His stable companion Captain America finished less than a length in front

of him that day and Sail South is 2kg better off here. He's been coming to hand nicely since arriving in KZN. Currently 25/1 in the betting, which makes him a nice each-way prospect.

Table Bay

Marginally second in the ratings is Table Bay. He looked a top sort in the making when winning the Gr3 Cape Classic in good time in October - five lengths behind him that day in receipt of 1kg was champion 3yo elect Edict Of Nantes. Table Bay didn't live up to expectations during the rest of the Cape season, but did show his potential again when trotting up after being gelded in a Pinnacle Stakes over 1400m at Scottsville last month. The



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WHAT SPORTING POST'S RATINGS & THE CLOCK PREDICT

times of those two 1400m races make him top on the clock here, but it could well be that 1400m is his best distance. His grandam was a sprinter, his dam (by Cape Cross) unraced, and he has three black type siblings (by different sires), all best up to 1400m. This race will tell. On offer at 12/1.

Captain America

As consistent as they come, Captain America ran to his rating in both the Queen's Plate and the Met during the Cape season, and another having his third run after the rest here, he has clearly been targeted at this race. At home racing up with the speed, Captain America is well suited by this sharp circuit as he showed when winning the Gr1 Gold Challenge last time out. Six of his nine wins have been gained over 1600m, but he is yet to find the winner's enclosure in his seven starts over further. Much will depend on the pace here. Currently second favourite at 7/2.



Captain America | JC Photos

Marinaresco

In command of a very powerful turn of foot on his day, Marinaresco caught the eye with his win in this year's Vodacom July when running on stoutly from off the pace in a true run race. He won this contest last year and has to be a serious runner again, provided the pace is an honest one. Priced up as pretty short favourite at 18/10.

Judicial

Usually one to run on stoutly from off the pace, Judicial finished strongly when just over a length behind 3yo Marinaresco in this race last year. His only run since then came after a five month break, when a fair sixth in the Gr2 Victory Moon Stakes in November. It remains to be seen if he can run up to his very best after another lengthy absence. He's 2kg better off at the weights with Marinaresco (taking into account last year's weight for age). Priced up at 25/1.

Bela-Bela

Bela-Bela won the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes in impressive style, but that was a slow run affair where her victory may have been flattered given her position and ability to quicken. She'd finished just under two lengths behind Captain America in the Gold Challenge in her previous start and meets that one on the same terms

over this 200m longer distance. She's currently third favourite, quoted at 9/2.

It's My Turn

It's My Turn has put in his best recent performances when racing up with or close to the speed. He usually finds one or two to take advantage of him at the business end of the race though. He hasn't won since January last year and has yet to win over the distance or course. He is 4.5kg worse off with Marinaresco on their July running earlier this month. He's 8/1 in the betting.

Brazuca

Brazuca accounted for Deo Juvente on less favourable terms when winning the Gr2 Colorado King Stakes over 2000m at Turffontein in March. The form of that race was reversed when they met again over the same course and distance in May. The picture fuzzes further, as he was well beaten in his two starts against runners in this race since arriving in KZN. Priced up at 20/1.

Black Arthur

Black Arthur was beaten just over a length in the Vodacom July earlier this month, when in receipt of 5.5kg from Marinaresco. Black Arthur is 3kg worse off at the weights with his conqueror this time. He's 12/1 in the betting.

Matador Man

A winner of three of his nine career starts to date, Matador Man has been his own worst enemy on several occasions by losing ground at the start. He's improved nicely throughout the course of the season, and interestingly his last two wins have come in fast run races. He faces his stiffest task to date here. Outsider in the betting at 25/1.

Ten Gun Salute

Ten Gun Salute won four of his nine starts at this circuit, including his only outing over today's distance. He was particularly impressive when winning in soft going here in his penultimate start. Ten Gun Salute was hampered twice when beaten just over three lengths by Marinaresco in the Vodacom July, and meets the winner on 2.5kg worse terms. He's 16/1 in the betting.

**Gr1 Champions Cup
BEST RATED - RACE 7**

No (dr)	horse	age/sx	MR	AR	RR	days	[C]	r-w	[CD]	r-w	comments
5 (7)	Sail South	6g	114	111	123*	49	[C]	6-1	[CD]	0-0	Dist▲
11 (5)	Table Bay	3c	109	108	121*	41	[C]	0-0	[CD]	0-0	MR+3; Dist▲ won last;
1 (10)	Captain America	6g	118	112	120*	49	[C]	5-1	[CD]	0-0	MR+2; Dist▲ won last;
2 (12)	MARINARESCO	4g	118	112	120@	28	[C]	5-3	[CD]	1-1	MR+3; Dist▼ won last;
3 (11)	Deo Juvente	5g	115	111	119?	84	[C]	0-0	[CD]	0-0	MR+11; Dist▼ won last; in frame last 4;
8 (6)	Judicial	6g	105	104	116?	258!	[C]	2-0	[CD]	1-0	
10 (8)	Bela-Bela	4f	112	103	116*	28	[C]	5-3	[CD]	0-0	MR+3; Dist▲ won last;
4 (4)	It's My Turn	4g	106	107	115?	28	[C]	5-0	[CD]	0-0	Dist▼
6 (9)	Brazuca	4c	107	103	115?	28	[C]	3-0	[CD]	0-0	MR-1; Dist▼ unplaced last 3;
9 (3)	Black Arthur	4g	104	102	114?	28	[C]	5-1	[CD]	1-0	Dist▼
12 (1)	Matador Man	3g	100	101	114*	34	[C]	2-1	[CD]	0-0	MR+6; Dist▲ won last;
7 (2)	Ten Gun Salute	4g	106	101	113?	28	[C]	9-4	[CD]	1-1	Dist▼

Hollywood bets
FINAL FIELD BETTING
CHAMPIONS CUP
SATURDAY 29 JULY - 16:10 - 1800M - GREYVILLE

33/10 Marinaresco
9/2 Captain America
6/1 Bela Bela
6/1 It's My Turn
7/1 Table Bay
25/2 Black Arthur

20/1 Deo Juvente
25/1 Sail South
25/1 Brazuca
25/1 Ten Gun Salute
25/1 Judicial
33/1 Matador Man

Festival Fireworks!

The South African horseracing season reaches a thrilling climax at Greyville this weekend with the Gold Cup Festival Of Racing marking the end of twelve bruising months of competition.

While many of the individual categories already have their champion allocated, there is enough in the melting pot to keep matters balanced on a knife edge for this weekend's inaugural festival of racing.

The champion stayer award is one of those. Gold Circle have sentimentally clung on to the premier marathon mantle that the Gold Cup has – deservedly, dare we say- earned over many decades of providing a gruelling spectacle of guts and glory thrills. Their innovative festival bears the name of the 3200m feature – despite the race having slumped to a Gr3 ranking, and with three other very high-class Gr1 races being hosted on the programme. With a stake of R1,25 million, it is the richest race over the two days.

It is a sad indictment of the industry's attitude to stayers that South Africa's sole remaining Gr1 staying race is the SA Derby – a race also restricted to 3yo's. The Equus judges will thus be forced to take a broader view of the Champion Stayer category as older horses and fillies and mares surely warrant consideration. The now exported SA Derby winner Al Sahem (Silvano) and subsequent runner-up in the Durban July, must be in the mix – but Gold Bowl and Gold Vase winner Hermoso Mundo (Ideal World) looks more likely – that is, if he wins on Sunday. It's all quite a change from the days when the Gold Cup winner was a near automatic choice for the title!

With Sunday's two Gr1 races being 2yo events, the juvenile individual sex titles are also still very much up for grabs – as is often the norm in this competitive sector. Sean Tarry's Gr2 Golden Horseshoe winner Desert Rhythm (Mambo In Seattle) is the only serious candidate running on Sunday and a win in the Thekwini could well seal the title. Failing that, Paul Matchett's Brave Mary (Brave Tin Soldier), winner of the Gr1 Allan Robertson, looks the real deal. The Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery winner Green Plains (Gimmethegreenlight) could also have an outside claim – but Gr'1s must always be the benchmark.

In the boy's category, Gr2 Golden Horseshoe top two Purple Diamond (Var) and Ancestry (Oratorio) renew rivalry in the Premiers Champions Stakes and victory will considerably boost their title hopes. On the 'nominees' list, the Equus judges will also be looking the way of impressive Gr1 SA Nursery winner Mustaaqem (Redoute's Choice), as well as eyecatching Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion winner, the unbeaten Sand And Sea (Twice Over).

Other categories that are far from done and dusted are Champion Older Male and Champion Middle Distance.

Reigning Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle, Met winner Whisky Baron, and July hero Marinaresco are the major players. Marinaresco is the only galloper still with a chance to impress the judges and if he achieves the double of the Gr1 Champions Cup, could also be a serious Horse Of The Year candidate.

The Champions Cup is a fascinating race as both Garden Province winner Bela-Bela and Gold Challenge winner Captain America can boost their prospects of an Equus award with a win.

What a weekend of racing to look forward to!

The Equus Awards will be held at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg on Tuesday evening, August 15.

GREYVILLE ON SATURDAY

Star's Final Bow

Gr1 Champions Cup Greyville

Brett Crawford has two runners in the race, including the SP top-rated Sail South, who has run two top-class races since his 3 length third to Legal Eagle in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate. He was under a half length behind Marinaresco in the Drill Hall Stakes and came on late for fourth and 2,50 lengths off stablemate Captain America in the Gold Challenge. Sail South meets the latter on 2kgs better terms but needs to prove that he is as effective at 1800m – a distance he tries for the first time on Saturday. Interestingly, his dam won up to 2400m.



Bela-Bela | Gold Circle

Joey Ramsden's Table Bay is the first of only two 3yo's in the race. The dual Gr3 winning son of champion sire Redoute's Choice won well at his Scottsville prep beating Winter Prince and on his best form – he ran third behind William Longsword in the Cape Guineas – must have serious claims of bidding for his first Gr1 win in the hands of Anton Marcus.

Gold Challenge winner Captain America has enjoyed a good SA Champions Season with a close up fifth in the Drill Hall Stakes preceding his outstanding Gr1 mile rout. The Captain Al 6yo, the joint officially top-rated runner, is a relentless galloper who could follow up here and register a deserved third Gr1 strike.

Vodacom Durban July winner Marinaresco has drawn widest of all at 12 as he returns to defend his title. The son of Silvano is in prime form after winning the Drill Hall Stakes three runs back, and if we ignore his tactical flop in the Gold Challenge where he ran below par, he must rank as a serious candidate to register the double – if not off the boil after a tough July.

Deo Juvente shocked the SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle with a stunning success in the Gr1 Premier's Champions Challenge at his last start and has his first run at Greyville off a 12 week break. The son of Trippi has pulled a wide draw but likes to run at them late and could be in the mix.

Tyrone Zackey's Judicial returns to action after a 36 week break and was runner-up in this race behind Marinaresco last year. He does not look to have the fitness or match readiness to be competitive.

The champion filly Bela-Bela makes her swansong appearance here and bids to make it a fourth career Gr1 success. The daughter of Dynasty

Gr1 Champions Cup past winners

2014	
1 Futura	55.0 (1) 17/10
2 King Of Pain	58.5 (6) 16/1
3 No Worries	57.5 (7) 15/1
2015	
1 Futura	60.0 (6) 1/1
2 Ice Machine	59.0 (9) 8/1
3 Legislate	60.0 (5) 33/10
2016	
1 Marinaresco	57.5 (12) 11/10
2 Judicial	59.0 (3) 22/1
3 No Worries	59.0 (9) 14/1

START
4:10PM
GREYVILLE

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
Gr1 CHAMPIONS CUP (TURF) - 1800M
SAME TRAINER: (1-5)(4-9-10)

Captain Al	1 CAPTAIN AMERICA (BJ Crawford) C Orffer... 10	60.0
Silvano	2 MARINARESCO (C Bass-Robinson) B Fayd'herbe. 12	60.0
Trippi	3 DEO JUVENTE (GV Woodruff) C Murray 11	60.0
Dynasty	4 IT'S MY TURN (J Snaith) P Strydom 4	60.0
Sail From Seattle	5 SAIL SOUTH (BJ Crawford) R Fourie 7	58.0
Teofilo	6 BRAZUCA (JJ v Vuuren) G Lerena 9	58.0
Henrythenavigator	7 TEN GUN SALUTE (DC Howells) Wei Marwing. 2	58.0
Miesque's Approval	8 JUDICIAL (T Zackey) C Zackey 6	58.0
Silvano	9 BLACK ARTHUR (J Snaith) G v Niekerk 3	58.0
Dynasty	10 BELA-BELA (J Snaith) A Delpech 8	57.5
Redoute's Choice	11 TABLE BAY (J Ramsden) A Marcus 5	56.5
Toreador	12 MATADOR MAN (SG Tarry) S Khumalo 1	56.5

GREYVILLE ON SUNDAY

put in her most eye-catching showing yet when storming to a 3,75 lengths victory in the Garden Province Stakes on July day. Anthony Delpech's war talk after that victory that she felt good enough to win the July itself can be confirmed with a massive run here. Include her in all bets.

It's My Turn found himself running very prominently in the July before fading out to eighth and 1,40 lengths off Marinaresco. The fact that Piere Strydom stays loyal to him and takes the ride again is a plus, but he is a kilo worse off with stablemate Black Arthur on the July run-ons.

The enigmatic Black Arthur gets another opportunity to resurrect a moderate season after running on for a not disgraced seventh behind Marinaresco in the July. His third in the Cup Trial behind stablemate Elusive Silva and subsequent July Consolation winner Crowd Pleaser at his penultimate jump was a decent effort, but it may not be enough to suggest he is capable of winning this.

Can Bela-Bela go out in a blaze of glory, or will it be Marinaresco engraving his name on another Equus trophy?

Future Stars

Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes Greyville

The return of the Golden Horseshoe top three could be the key to unravelling a fascinating contest, where a few less exposed bright prospects threaten to throw a spanner into the works.



Ancestry | Gold Circle

A magnificent long-striding specimen, Ancestry caught the attention as a maiden when he chased Trojan Harbour home in the Gatecrasher Stakes. He went on to an easy win at his maiden next time, before returning to the Gatecrasher Stakes course and distance in the Golden Horseshoe. Despite losing a shoe, Ancestry flew late there to be denied by a nose by Purple Diamond. The extra 200m gives him the edge on Sunday and from the same stall-gate (8), with Bernard Fayd'herbe again taking the reins, he could make history in this country for his internationally proven sire.

Piere Strydom takes the ride from Nooresh Juglall on the Var colt, Purple Diamond – such an impressive and gutsy winner of the Golden Horseshoe last time. He has a less favourable draw on Sunday and it remains to be seen how he handles the extra 200m. Sean Tarry's charge remains a serious contender.

SA Champion jockey elect Anthony Delpech partners the Querari colt Monks Hood. After a 7,50 length debut win, he failed to deliver on his massive reputation when running on too late for third in the Gatecrasher Stakes.

Sean Tarry's Captain And Master made up many lengths in a luckless passage to grab third and 1,30 lengths behind stablemate Purple Diamond in the Golden Horseshoe. Crying out for this trip, he is definitely worth another chance and looks to be the major

opponent to Ancestry.

Runaway recent 1200m maiden winner Chantyman is the second of the Oratorio progeny and Dennis Bosch's colt should relish the step up in trip but has a wide draw to overcome. He nevertheless looks a promising sort and could be lengths ahead of what he has shown in his two runs to date.

Mike de Kock and the Redoute's Choice progeny have had a season to remember and the grey Mujallad, another nice looking graduate of the Inglis Easter Sale, steps up to the mile after registering his second win from six starts last time out.

Eyes Wide Open looks the Kotzen stable elect on jockey choice and the son of Dynasty could not have been more impressive than when shedding his maiden certificate at his second start three weeks ago. He has his first run at Greyville and could be the unexposed value dark horse if maintaining his improvement.

Ancestry and Captain And

Master both impressed last time and look the right pair to slog it out. Eyes Wide Open and Chantyman could be best of the rest.

Gr1 Premiers Champion S. past winners

2014	
1 Harry's Son	58.0 (3) 6/1
2 Jayyed	58.0 (11) 11/1
3 Anjaal	58.0 (7) 8/1
3 MLjet	58.0 (12) 7/2
2015	
1 Rabada	60.0 (4) 9/10
2 Prospect Strike	60.0 (14) 15/2
3 Abashiri	60.0 (2) 15/2
2016	
1 Gunner	60.0 (7) 25/1
2 Zodiac Ruler	60.0 (1) 17/20
3 Misty Birnam	60.0 (6) 14/1

START
3:40PM
GREYVILLE

6

PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2
Gr1 PREMIER CHAMPIONS STAKES (2YO'S) - 1600M
SAME TRAINER: (3-12-14)(6-11-13)

Oratorio	1 ANCESTRY (J Ramsden) B Fayd'herbe	8	60.0
Indigo Magic	2 BORYA (G v Zyl) W Kennedy	13	60.0
Captain Al	3 CAPTAIN AND MASTER (SG Tarry) S Khumalo	9	60.0
Gimmethgreenlight	4 CAT'S LEGACY (AJ Wright) G Wrogemann	10	60.0
Oratorio	5 CHANTYMAN (DS Bosch) G Lerena	11	60.0
Dynasty	6 EYES WIDE OPEN (GS Kotzen) R Fourie	7	60.0
Warm White Night	7 LEFTRIGHTGOODNIGHT (JA Soma) Wei Marwing	3	60.0
Main Aim	8 LESLIE SHADOWLINER (R Hill) I Sturgeon	5	60.0
Querara	9 MONKS HOOD (AD Gordon) A Delpech	14	60.0
Redoute's Choice	10 MUJALLAD (MF de Kock) C Murray	6	60.0
Philanthropist	11 PACK LEADER (GS Kotzen) C Zackey	1	60.0
Var	12 PURPLE DIAMOND (SG Tarry) P Strydom	12	60.0
Judpot	13 SEA KING (GS Kotzen) S Randolph	2	60.0
What A Winter	14 WARRIOR'S REST (SG Tarry) L Hewitson	4	60.0

Weekend Of Winners

Saturday's Greyville Pick 6 pool kicks off with a R1-million carryover and a pool of R3.5-million has been guaranteed with the expectation that it will reach R4-million plus.

On Sunday the pool will start with a R1.75-million carryover and a pool of R5-million is guaranteed, which is expected to reach at least R6-million.

The tote has also introduced a new bet for the weekend called the 'Festival Cup Double' which will start with an injection of R100 000. Punters have to select the winner of the Champions Cup on Saturday and the winner of the eLan Gold Cup on Sunday, and 70% of the eventual pool will be shared by those that get it right.

Some insurance is offered by way of a consolation double where 30% of the pool will go to punters whose selections finish 1st and 2nd or 2nd and 1st in the respective Cup races. Betting on this double opened on Tuesday 25 July and will close at 16h10 on Saturday. A minimum bet of R10 is required.

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GREYVILLE ON SUNDAY

Rhythm – Or Blues?

Gr1 Thekwini Stakes Greyville

The Nutfield Stud-bred Desert Rhythm registered her third victory in seven starts when beating Let It Flow to win the Gr2 Golden Slipper last time out. With the latter not pitching for this race, her closest rival from that encounter, stable companion Rockin Russian, has to make up two lengths to turn the tables.

Rockin Russian is better drawn than she was in the Golden Slipper and has run three decent races in her short career – although held on paper by Dean Kannemeyer's Meryl on her Devon Air Stakes 3 length fourth.

Meryl gets the services of Anthony Delpuch again and caught the eye when winning the Devon Air going away. She gave Sequined 2kgs and a half length beating and the latter maintained her form when beaten 1,75 lengths by Lady In Black (who gave her 3kgs) at Greyville two weeks ago. That throws Lady In Black into the mix.

A Dennis Drier-trained daughter of Dynasty, Lady In Black is unbeaten in two starts and all the talk has been about her being something special and a filly with a bright future. Her seasoned trainer said she was 'all class' and 'very good' when she skated home last time on the poly from an unfavourable draw – a dilemma she faces again.

Anton Marcus rides the unbeaten Folk Dance for Paul Peter. The daughter of Tiger Ridge has won her three starts with authority and jumps into the deep end from a wide gate at her first Greyville start.

The interestingly named Too Phat To Fly gave Rose In Bloom a major fright in the Listed Iridescence Stakes over the Kenilworth 1500m last time out. Richard

Fourie gets aboard the Bezrin R20 000 buy for the first time at her Greyville opener and what a story it would be were she to win this!

It looks tough beyond the top six but Holly's Vision showed up nicely when running third and 2,75 lengths behind

Meryl in the Listed Devon Air Stakes. She is well drawn and might have a place chance if she stays the mile.

Meryl's stablemate Mara shed her maiden certificate on the polytrack at her penultimate start and ran on steadily when beaten out of the money in the Golden Slipper. The daughter of Var has some stout blood on her dam side and while poorly drawn, could be another quarter kicker at best.

Piere Strydom rides recent dual winner Frederico's Dream for Mike Azzie. The grey daughter of Gimmethegreenlight has done little wrong and on a line through her debut collateral to Golden Slipper runner-up Let It Flow, she could be some value from a reasonable draw.

If Desert Rhythm fluffs her lines, the floodgates could be thrown wide open. Lady In Black is on the up and highly regarded by her connections – she ranks a serious danger, with Frederico's Dream and Meryl snapping at their heels. Go wide in the exotic play.



Desert Rhythm | Gold Circle

Gr1 Thekwini S. past winners

2014

1 Same Jurisdiction	58.0 (3) 11/2
2 Carry On Alice	58.0 (12) 7/1
3 Bilateral	58.0 (4) 6/1

2015

1 Lauderdale	60.0 (8) 12/1
2 Melliflora	60.0 (2) 10/1
3 Persian Rug	60.0 (10) 9/2

2016

1 Querari Falcon	60.0 (8) 11/2
2 Dawn Calling	60.0 (1) 16/10
3 Sail	60.0 (10) 7/1

START
3:00PM
GREYVILLE

5

PA3/PICK SIX2/JACKPOT1
Gr1 THEKWINI STAKES (2YO)(TURF) - 1600M
SAME TRAINER: (1-12)(7-16)(10-11)(13-17)
(14-15)

Mambo In Seattle	1 DESERT RHYTHM(SG Tarry) S Khumalo	60.0
Go Deputy	2 FLICHTY BY FARR(AJ Wright) G Lerena	8 60.0
Tiger Ridge	3 FOLK DANCE(PA Peter) A Marcus	15 60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	4 FREDERICO'S DREAM(MG Azzie) P Strydom	5 60.0
Pathfork	5 HOLLY'S VISION(Gareth Van Zyl) W Kennedy	3 60.0
Sail From Seattle	6 ILLEGAL(C Dawson) G Wrogemann	12 60.0
Irish Flame	7 JUST MY STYLE(G v Zyl) B Fayd/herbe	11 60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	8 LA BELLA MIA(WH Marwing) Wei Marwing	1 60.0
Dynasty	9 LADY IN BLACK(DR Drier) S Veale	13 60.0
Var	10 MARA(D Kannemeyer) S Randolph	17 60.0
Tiger Ridge	11 MERYL(D Kannemeyer) A Delpuch	14 60.0
Seventh Rock	12 ROCKIN RUSSIAN(SG Tarry) L Hewitson	4 60.0
Antonius Pius	13 SORCERESS(DC Howells) K De Melo	7 60.0
Bezrin	14 TOO PHAT TO FLY(GS Kotzen) R Fourie	9 60.0
Ideal World	15 LUNA CHILD(GS Kotzen) - reserve 1	10 60.0
Kahal	16 PERFDIA(G v Zyl) - reserve 2	2 60.0
Kahal	17 MIZIARA(DC Howells) - reserve 3	16 60.0

Sailing To Success

Ascot Stud's Gone West stallion Sail From Seattle has the natively named Illegal carrying his flag in Sunday's Gr1 Thekwini Stakes. And if Candice Dawson's recent impressive maiden winner were to follow up here, what a season she would crown for her star sire, who is no longer with us.

With the debutante Astisia clocking up her Dad's 21st individual 2yo winner of the season at Fairview last Friday, Sail From Seattle has left huge hoofprints for his successors to fill. But Ascot Stud's Dr Ashley Parker says that he is confident that Bold Silvano and their new man, Global View, would do the job.

A son of world champion sire Galileo, Global View got a great book of mares in his first season. A graded stakes winner on turf in his home country, Global View won twice from 3 starts as a juvenile, including the Gr3 Generous Stakes, over a mile. That effort earned him the second highest turf rating for 2yo colts in the US Experimental Handicap.

ASCOT BRED

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GREYVILLE ON SATURDAY

Bird Of Paradise

Gr2 Gold Bracelet Greyville

Vodacom Durban July fourth-placer Nightingale is one of five Silvano fillies lining up in Saturday's R400 000 Gr2 Gold Bracelet.

The Candice Bass-Robinson trained Majorca Stakes winner ran second in this race last year but looks a more serious racehorse this time round. If her July exertions have not taken too much out of her, she must be a strong selection to win this 2000m event. The race is run at weight-for-age plus penalties for Gr1 and Gr2 wins and she is the highest rated galloper in the eleven horse field.

Her major opposition lies in the shape of another daughter of Silvano. Bella Sonata ran a decent third 4,25 lengths off Bela-Bela in the Garden Province Stakes and has some impressive collateral to Nother Russia from the Highveld Season. Gavin Van Zyl's 4yo is game, consistent and very fit and strikes us as a potential serious threat to Nightingale, if things go her way.

The classy 4yo Witchcraft seldom runs a bad race and has been close up at her last two 2400m starts – in the Queen Palm Stakes and Track and Ball Oaks. Well drawn here and with S'manga Khumalo in the irons, she must go close to a top three finish.

Star Express showed up well in the Tibouchina Stakes but then came up unsighted in the Garden Province Stakes on July day. She did take Nightingale right down to the wire in the Majorca Stakes at level weights in January so has the ability, if at her best, to challenge.

Fort Ember has failed to match her early season promise where she looked to be a filly going places. In fairness, her last four starts have names like Legal Eagle, Nother Russia, Just Sensual and Bela-Bela at the head of affairs and this represents a step down in class.

Intergalactic was slow away and well beaten behind stablemate

Matador Man in the KZN Breeders Million Mile. She has been off form for some time and her stablemate is preferred here.

The highly regarded Epona failed to kick on in the Track & Ball Oaks when beaten 3,25 lengths by Zante. She was also well beaten in the Woolavington 2000 prior to that. Anton Marcus stays with the daughter of Silvano and she is capable of

upping her game on her best past showings.

The well-related Premier Dance has won three of her six starts and looks a 3yo



Nightingale | Wayne Marks

with a very bright future. This half-sister to champion Capetown Noir has won from 1200m to 2000m and steps into feature company for the first time. She looks a decent inclusion with her scope.

Captain Gambler gets the blinkers removed and she is proving a frustrating filly after showing good early promise. Anton Marcus

takes her stablemate Epona above her.

The race looks tailor-made for the classy Nightingale to end her Champions Season campaign on a high and she is the selection to hold Premier Dance and Bella Sonata. – a Silvano trifecta!

Eyes On Gold

Gr3 eLan Gold Cup Greyville on Sunday

The seasoned veteran Mike de Kock and the fresh-faced rising star Callan Murray team up with the Australian-bred Kinaan in South Africa's premier test of stamina, the R1,25 million Gr3 eLan Gold Cup. A recent third placed finisher in the SABC Gold Vase, Kinaan comes in with a handy galloping weight of 52,5kgs and carried a half kilo more when finishing third to stablemate Enaad in this race last year. A year later, the now mature son of Galileo will find the weight counting in his favour over the 3200m – when it really matters.

The top three finishers in the Gold Vase look the trio most likely to fight this out.

The good stayer Captain Splendid beat Hermoso Mundo by a head only to be denied victory in the steward's boardroom after an objection in the Gold Vase. Pieter Strydom retains the ride on Captain Splendid and the Captain Al gelding will be 2kg better off in the weights with the Marwing runner.

Hermoso Mundo received a six-point penalty for his win in the Gold Vase and can confirm his status as the country's champion

Gr2 Gold Bracelet past winners	
2014	
1 Jet Belle	60.0 (9) 9/2
2 Jet Aglow	60.0 (10) 5/2
3 Shingwedzi	58.5 (4) 10/1
2015	
1 Gallica Rose	58.5 (13) 5/1
2 Estidraaj	56.5 (6) 10/1
3 Acrostar	58.0 (12) 33/1
2016	
1 Flying Ice	58.5 (4) 9/1
2 Nightingale	58.5 (11) 22/10
3 Deputy Ryder	60.0 (7) 12/1

START 4:50PM GREYVILLE	8	PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4 Gr2 GOLD BRACELET (F&M)(TURF) - 2000M SAME TRAINER: (2-5)(9-11)
Silvano	1 NIGHTINGALE (C Bass-Robinson) A Delpech	8 60.0
Kahal	2 INTERGALACTIC (SG Tarry) L Hewitson	9 59.0
Silvano	3 BELLA SONATA (G v Zyl) W Kennedy	10 58.0
Silvano	4 STAR EXPRESS (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	2 58.0
Kahal	5 WITCHCRAFT (SG Tarry) S Khumalo	4 58.0
Elusive Fort	6 FORT EMBER (PA Peter) G Lerena	7 58.0
Ideal World	7 PERSIAN RUG (N Kotzen) Wei Marwing	6 58.0
Mogok	8 PENNINGTON SANDS (T Zackey) C Zackey	1 58.0
Silvano	9 EPONA (J Ramsden) A Marcus	11 56.5
Silvano	10 PREMIER DANCE (DR Drier) S Veale	5 56.5
Captain Al	11 CAPTAIN GAMBLER (J Ramsden) G v Niekirk	3 56.5

GRADE 3 eLAN
GOLD CUP
SUNDAY 30 JULY - 16:20 - 3200M - GREYVILLE

33/10 Kinaan	25/2 Banner Hill	25/1 My World
9/2 Hermoso Mundo	16/1 Trophy Wife	33/1 Cool Chardonnay
6/1 Krambambuli	20/1 Fortissima	33/1 Let It Rain
6/1 Captain Splendid	25/1 Zante	40/1 Francia
7/1 Royal Badge	25/1 Royal Honour	
25/2 Mr Winsome	25/1 The Elmo Effect	



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GOLD CUP ON SUNDAY

Gr3 Gold Cup
past winners**2014**

1 Wavin' Flag	53.0 (7) 7/1
2 Wild One	53.5 (16) 10/1
3 Gold Onyx	57.0 (13) 22/1

2015

1 Wild One	55.0 (5) 3/1
2 Balance Sheet	52.0 (9) 28/1
3 Savage Wind	52.0 (13) 50/1

2016

1 Enaad	53.5 (12) 5/1
2 Helderberg Blue	59.5 (4) 9/1
3 Kinaan	53.0 (14) 33/1

stayer if he can lift the Gold Cup on the final day of the season. Weichong Marwing takes over the reins from Karl Zechner. He will be fit and stays every inch of the test.

The gallant Tiger Ridge mare Trophy Wife booked her berth here with a good win in the 2400m Queen Palm Stakes last time out. If she stays the trip,

she must have a chance of earning.

Track and Ball Derby winner Mr Winsome had no luck in the July and after taking a few bumps, had nothing to come when it counted – finishing 19 lengths back. That came just a fortnight after his Derby win and Dean Kannemeyer indicated that he would be freshening him up for what was his originally intended Champions Season target.

Topweighted Krambambuli ran a cracking fourth in the July after two smart wins and this versatile son of Black Minnaloushe forms part of a powerful Snaith trio. If not off the boil after his herculean July effort, he should be in the mix.

Richard Fourie partners Consolation July runner-up Royal Badge, who looks to have had the perfect prep for a big effort on Saturday. Decently drawn, the versatile son of Go Deputy should go close at best.

The Elmo Effect enjoys a 4kg swing with Fortissima for a 0,30 length beating last time and is a capable longhauler at best.

The Track and Ball Oaks winner Zante steps into mixed company as she is asked to go the 3200m. Drawn very wide, she could have a tough task and looks to have it all to do.

The 2016 Gr3 Racing Association Handicap winner Fortissima has drawn very wide but suddenly struck form last time and gets the services of Anthony Delpesch – who would have had the choice of a few other rides in the race.

Banner Hill stays well and was beaten 2,80 lengths by Hermoso Mundo in the Gold Vase. He was made a lot of use of that day and could be better if ridden quietly – given the added value of his 2kg turnaround with the Marwing runner.

The Gold Cup is not an easy race to analyse with a host of factors at play. It may be best to

side with the class and the well-weighted De Kock runner. Kinaan could have the edge over Krambambuli and Hermoso Mundo, with serious chances to Royal Badge and Captain Splendid.

START
4:20PM
GREYVILLE

7

PA5/PICK SIX/JACKPOT3
Gr3 ELAN GOLD CUP (TURF) - 3200M
SAME TRAINER:(1-9-10)(2-8-12)(3-18)
(4-17-19)

Black Minnaloushe	1 KRAMBAMBULI (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe.....	10	60.0
Antonius Plus	2 COOL CHARDONNAY (WH Marwing) K Zechner ...	1	59.0
Silvano	3 MR WINSOME (D Kannemeyer) W Kennedy ...	16	58.0
Tiger Ridge	4 TROPHY WIFE (SG Tarry) S Khumalo	13	57.5
Tiger Hill	5 BANNER HILL (GS Kotzen) S Randolph.....	5	57.0
Ideal World	6 ZANTE (GV Woodruff) G Lerena.....	17	57.0
Go Deputy	7 ROYAL BADGE (AN Marcus) R Fourie	8	56.5
Ideal World	8 HERMOSO MUNDO (WH Marwing) Wei Marwing ..	6	56.0
Captain Al	9 CAPTAIN SPLENDID (J Snaith) P Strydom	4	55.5
Dynasty	10 FRANCIA (J Snaith) G Cheyne.....	9	55.5
Fort Wood	11 FORTISSIMA (JA Soma) A Delpesch	19	55.0
Dynasty	12 LET IT RAIN (WH Marwing) M v Rensburg	18	54.5
Archipanko	13 ROYAL HONOUR (PF Matchett) R Simons.....	2	54.5
Admire Main	14 THE ELMO EFFECT (GM Alexander) C Zackey...14		54.5
Ideal World	15 MY WORLD (C Bass-Robinson) G v Niekerk....	11	54.0
Galileo	16 KINAAN (MF de Kock) C Murray	7	52.5
Black Minnaloushe	17 SERISSA (SG Tarry) - reserve 1	12	56.0
Ideal World	18 CAPE SPEED (D Kannemeyer) - reserve 2	3	56.0
Admire Main	19 HYAKU (SG Tarry) - reserve 3	15	53.5

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GREYVILLE ON SUNDAY

Speed Is Key

Gr3 Umkhomazi Stakes Greyville

Al Mariachi (rated 94 by us) has the best form in the race and impressed when backed to win the KZN Yearling Sale Million. He did that from a wide draw and taking his two decent efforts behind Sand And Sea into account, he must rate as the horse to beat from the pole position draw over 100m shorter.

Laurent Du Var was outgunned in the Gr1 SA Nursery when 12 lengths behind runaway winner Mustaaqem. His form prior to that – including a second in the Gr3 Protea Stakes behind the solid Barrack Street and a beating of So Var (whom he bumps here), suggest that he is worth including if stripping fit after his 12 week break.

Justin Snaith slaps the blinkers on for the disappointing Sir Frenchie, after two unplaced efforts in features. The Australian-bred is drawn widest of all and needs to improve to feature.

Sniper Shot was well beaten in the Gold Medallion but his general form is very decent. He ran Al Mariachi to a half length in the KZN Yearling Sale Million and has the added advantage of being a course and distance winner.

Procal Harum has his first run as a gelding after being bumped and beaten six lengths by the star prospect Sand And Sea in the Gold Medallion. He jumps from a wide draw but could be worth including.

Joint topweight Quinlan is stakes placed and one of only two three-time winners in the race. The son of Sail From Seattle is very quick and won his last start going away.

The strikingly handsome So Var has won his last three starts in good style and travels from his Johannesburg home base with smart credentials. He beat subsequent winner Alfolk last time out and looks a very decent sort.

The Australian-bred Roy's Regis has won his last two on the bounce on the Greyville poly and needs to show he is capable of reproducing those paces on the turf.

Concealed Secret is S'manga Khumalo's pick of the Tarry pair and the son of A P Answer won well at his third start after two good places. He was only two lengths behind subsequent Gatecrasher Stakes winner Trojan Harbour at his second outing – so may be worth following in an open race.

Zerodarkthirty is the second of the Tarry duo and shed his maiden at his fifth start after four straight seconds. The son of Black Minnaloushe shows good speed and has his first run at Greyville.

We are suggesting that Al Mariachi may hold the edge, with the impressive So Var and the Spies pair of Quinlan and Laurent Du Var the likely challengers. There is scope to go wider

START 5:00PM GREYVILLE	8	PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4 Gr3 UMKHOMAZI STAKES (2YO'S)(TURF) - 1200M SAME TRAINER: (1-8)(4-9)(7-10)	
Sail From Seattle	1	QUINLAN(C Spies) C Zackey.....	4 60.0
Var	2	SO VAR(G v Zyl) A Delpach.....	3 60.0
Great Britain	3	AL MARIACHI(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	1 58.0
Choisir	4	ROY'S REGIS(DC Howells) C Murray.....	5 58.0
Choisir	5	SIR FRENCHIE(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe.....	10 58.0
Judpot	6	SNIPER SHOT(PV Lafferty) D De Gouveia.....	6 58.0
A P Answer	7	CONCEALED SECRET(SG Tarry) S Khumalo.....	8 56.0
Antonius Pius	8	LAURENT DU VAR(C Spies) G Lerena.....	2 56.0
Querari	9	PROCAL HARUM(DC Howells) K De Melo.....	9 56.0
Black Minnaloushe	10	ZERODARKTHIRTY(SG Tarry) L Hewitson.....	7 56.0

if the budget permits.

Paddock Power

Gr3 The Debutante Greyville on Sunday

Neptune's Rain has the Gr1 form and the daughter of Antonius Pius must go close after running on well just off the money in the Golden Slipper last time out. A two-time winner, she carries the flag of the KZN champion trainer elect Duncan Howells and is very highly regarded. But she is no good thing!

Howells' closest opponent Dennis Drier saddles Tsessebe, who caught the eye when storming through late for third and only 1,25 lengths off Desert Rhythm in the Golden Slipper last time. The daughter of Philanthropist shed her maiden in good style on the poly second time up after going down narrowly on a 100-1 debut.

Princess Peach finished a decent fourth in the Allan Robertson and ran very handy before fading to 4 lengths off Meryl in the Devon Air last time. The daughter of Captain Al may prefer the 1200m here and is certainly worth another chance from a good draw with Richard Fourie up.

Spring Breeze has run two reasonable feature race fifths at her last two starts and was only two lengths behind Desert Rhythm in the Golden Slipper. Piere Strydom knows her well and the combination deserves consideration over the 200m shorter.

Light On Her Toes has failed in three feature outings since winning her maiden at her second start over the course and distance. She could be ready to find her form again and is well drawn at 3.

Roy Magner's Winter Watch has won twice in six starts and showed good resolve and nice toe when winning in a small field at the Vaal three weeks ago. Her sole blank effort was at feature level but this could be within her scope.

Red Enchantment has pulled the pole position draw and comes in here fresh off her impressive second start maiden win. The daughter of Trippi must be included as an unknown quantity.

Anton Marcus is an interesting jockey booking for the Johan Janse van Vuuren trained Virga. He was aboard when the daughter of Gimmethegreenlight won going away on the Greyville poly at her third start. She was beaten by Gr1 winner Brave Mary at her penultimate start and looks a filly on the up.

Celestina has won twice in seven starts and was shown the course (on the poly) when following up on her Vaal 1000m turf maiden win. She won well supported both times and looks a filly with a big reputation. Include her in all bets.

Louis Goosen's Fancifilly beat Moggie Brown with a good show of pace at her second outing. She was blowing after her first run, which indicates a lack of race readiness and she improved well to win in the follow-up outing. She looks talented and has a shout if overcoming her wide gate.

The Gr1 form of Neptune's Rain is the drawcard but there is plenty to consider amongst Celestina, Fancifilly, Princess Peach, Spring Breeze, Virga and Tsessebe – that's no short list!

START 2:25PM GREYVILLE	4	PA2/PICK SIX1 Gr3 THE DEBUTANTE (2YO FILLIES)(TURF) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(-)	
Kahal	1	CELESTINA(SG Tarry) S Khumalo.....	5 60.0
Antonius Pius	2	NEPTUNE'S RAIN(DC Howells) K De Melo.....	9 60.0
Philanthropist	3	OUTLANDER(C Spies) C Zackey.....	11 60.0
Ashaawes	4	WINTER WATCH(RR Magner) not declared.....	6 60.0
What A Winter	5	FANCIFILLY(LW Goosen) G Wrogemann.....	12 58.0
Gimmethegreenlight	6	LIGHT ON HER TOES(L Forbes) A Forbes.....	3 58.0
Gimmethegreenlight	7	MARSALA(ML Roberts) S Randolph.....	2 58.0
Captain Al	8	PRINCESS PEACH(GS Kotzen) R Fourie.....	4 58.0
Trippi	9	RED ENCHANTMENT(DS Bosch) not declared..	1 58.0
Querari	10	SPRING BREEZE(MG Azzie) P Strydom.....	7 58.0
Philanthropist	11	TSESSEBE(DR Drier) S Veale.....	10 58.0
Gimmethegreenlight	12	VIRGA(JJ v Vuuren) A Marcus.....	8 58.0

KENILWORTH ON SATURDAY

Another Year

Gr3 Champagne Stakes Kenilworth

The weights are set at weight-for-age plus penalties and the honour roll shows that this is no run-of-the-mill winter bash.

The classy Dynasty filly A Time To Dream drops in trip and runs a week after her good second behind Silvan Star in the Final Fling Stakes. A course and distance winner, she stands out amongst the older fillies and looks a serious runner if recovering from her recent 1800m run.

South Side is a fast and effective daughter of Pathfork and she is out for her first stakes success after maintaining her form well – winning 4 of her last 5 starts. Karl Zechner rides her in the absence of Richard Fourie. The yard is in good form.

Felicity Flyer is effective over this course and distance and ruined her chances last time when slow out and staying on for fourth behind South Side. She is a kilo worse for that close on 6 length beating and needs to improve to feature.

Come Fly With Me ran second in this race last year behind Beach Goddess and saw a welcome form return last time when ridden from the front to beat Spending Spree over 1400m. Her interim form was quite ordinary, but this is likely to be her swansong and she could go out with a bang.

Second of the Glen Kotzen runners is the gutsy 3yo Anneline, who scored a course and distance win over Scandola last time out. She won't find this as forgiving as the handicap but is worth including in the quartets.

Love To Boogie is a course and distance specialist who has run four class races. She has the edge on her stablemate Ahoy Me Matey on their last meeting and looks a real scopy sort with serious upward potential.

The one-eyed galloper Hanabi is very fast and draws the 1 gate. She won three on the trot in handicap company before her last quiet effort and has a tough task.

Nordic Breeze enjoys a 7kgs weight swing with Ahoy Me Matey for a 3 length course and distance third last time out. She has a lot of weight to shoulder for a 3yo, but must have a place chance.

Captain Al mare Captain's Dove. Her form is very average and she has a massive task on these weight terms.

The lightly raced 3yo Ahoy Me Matey has won two of her starts over the course and distance and while out on the official ratings, she could be much better than her exposed form.

Sails Set won a good race to score her fourth career win last time out and is a course and distance winner. She does look to have plenty to do at these weights though.

We are going with A Time To Dream to beat Love To Boogie and the value topweight, Nordic Breeze. Watch the going and go wider if the rains arrive.

Champagne & Hope On The Horizon

The Gr3 Champagne Stakes closes a season of mixed fortunes for local racing at Kenilworth on Saturday.

A course switch mishap in May and some public flak over proposed developments to Kenilworth Racecourse have not deterred Kenilworth Racing from continuing in their efforts to turn racing around in the Western Cape.

Besides repeat prospects of the hugely successful inaugural Sun Met and the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Festival held over two days for the first time, the excitement in the new season centres around the development and redesign of Durbanville Racecourse.

The country course, which closed in October 2016, should still be ready to reopen for its 10-fixture spring season on 9 September, in spite of a huge storm that buffeted Cape Town in June and washed away some of the shoulders of the new track.

The track has been rebuilt because it was very undulating and there were areas that became waterlogged. They have also lengthened and widened the home straight and built cross-falls, 3.5% on the bend and 2% on the straight. This is expected to negate the draw bias.

A dogleg for the 1000m start, which used to start right on the start of the turn has been installed and the realignment of the winning post now provides a longer pull-up area.

Subsurface drainage and a fixed irrigation system have been installed in line with best international practise.

With talk of a bumper summer season and some major yards relocating to the Cape with satellite operations, there are exciting times ahead.

Varumba puts in the odd good run but cannot be recommended with any confidence in this line-up and on these conditions.

Brett Crawford trained last year's winner and he saddles a coupling headed by the

START
3:45PM
KENILWORTH

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PA5/PICK SIX/JACKPOT3
Gr3 CHAMPAGNE STAKES (F&M) - 1200M
SAME TRAINER: (1-2)(3-9)(6-7)(8-10)(11-12)

Windrush	1 NORDIC BREEZE (J Snaith) B May	2	60.0
Dynasty	2 A TIME TO DREAM (J Snaith) L Mxothwa	4	59.5
Jet Master	3 COME FLY WITH ME (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	6	59.5
Var	4 HANABI (AE Sands) P Botha	1	59.5
Var	5 VARUMBA (VH Marshall) C Bantam	3	59.5
Captain Al	6 SAILS SET (BJ Crawford) S Cele	9	59.5
Captain Al	7 CAPTAIN'S DOVE (BJ Crawford) G Behr	12	59.5
Pathfork	8 SOUTH SIDE (GS Kotzen) K Zechner	8	59.0
Noordhoek Flyer	9 FELICITY FLYER (C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne	10	59.0
Black Minnaloushe	10 ANNELINE (GS Kotzen) L Govender	7	59.0
Trippi	11 LOVE TO BOOGIE (A Nel) G Wright	11	59.0
Fanatic Dane	12 AHOY ME MATEY (A Nel) A Andrews	5	59.0



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Trainer: Glen Kotzen



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R300 000
National Yearling Sales Graduate
East Cape Paddock Stakes LISTED Winner
Five-time winner
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PERSONALITY

Portrait Of A Lady

Normandy Stud has been enjoying a great run of form, celebrating a Cape Nursery double in 2016 and from a draft of six at the 2015 CTS Ready To Run Sale, three are graded stakes winners. We catch up with Veronica Foulkes.

We arrange to meet at her flat in Cape Town, mid-morning, after her walk in the mountain. Veronica greets me at the security gate, elegantly, but comfortably attired in black with pearls at her ears and throat. With an energy and athletic physique that belie her years, she greets me with her trademark warm smile and then shows me briskly upstairs.

Despite being just above the busy main road, the beautifully appointed flat is quiet and peaceful, even with the sliding door open onto the little balcony. Trophies, awards and equestrian art adorn the surfaces, a testament to a lifetime's contribution to racing.

A little background

The De Wet family settled in Robertson as far back as 1859 and Veronica grew up as one of four children. Her parents, Oscar and Margaret de Wet, farmed and her father ran the finest twice a day milking herd of Friesian cattle in the country from their Excelsior farm. Oscar and Zandvliet's Paulie de Wet were cousins. "My mother did the Thoroughbreds and she loved it," explains Veronica. "When my father died, she carried on with the horses. My brother Stephen finished school, studied viticulture in Germany and then came home and also took an interest in the farm." Did Veronica pursue any studies? "Nothing useful," she smiles mischievously. Excelsior enjoyed success, producing the likes of Country Cousin, San Louis, Gondolier, Ethno Centric and Bushmanland, although Stephen later focused on breeding Arabians instead.

Veronica married veterinarian Tommy Foulkes. Being from the Karoo, Tommy knew all the old families and bought three mares from Alec Robertson, including Tramore and Entre Nous, from which the farm has produced a number of good horses. Entres Nous produced Cape Fillies Guineas winner, In Camera in partnership with the Jaffees. Tramore's first foal was a colt named Tribesman by New South Wales, who went on to win the 1977 SA Derby. She also produced a Drum Beat filly named Terpsichore, who was a 4-time winner, but more importantly produced French Muse (dam of Horse of the Year, Winter Solstice), and Russian Muse (dam of Mother Russia) with other branches of the family producing the likes of Bravura and Cap Alright.

Winter Solstice

Normandy has produced a number of top horses including the likes of

Aquanaut and Enforce, but Veronica is most readily associated with dual Queen's Plate winner and Horse of the Year, Winter Solstice. "Actually, between myself and my cousin Dan de Wet, we won the Queen's Plate 7 years in a row – Winter Solstice won it twice, Pocket Power four times and then I won it again with Mother Russia," she says with pride.

Sentiment

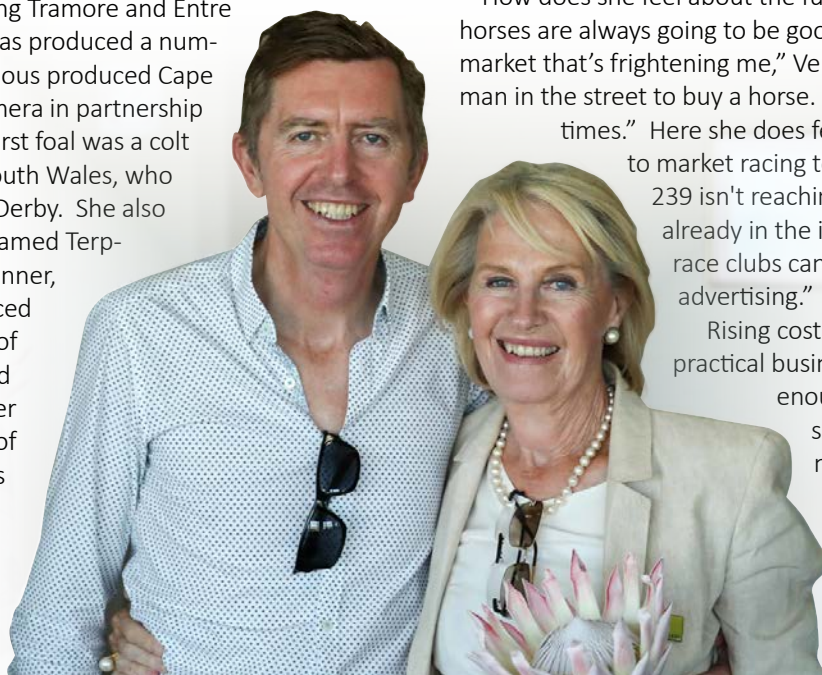
The stud has found success from a number of economical broodmare purchases. "Luck comes into it too," says Veronica, "but I've had a lot of success from sentiment. I bought Princess Daisy (the dam of Joshua's Princess and granddam of Grand Jete) for R2000 because I'd stood a family member for Bev Rodseth." Through an association with the owners, she acquired Helenita, who has the distinction of producing Little Ballerina (one of the few fillies ever to win the Cape Guineas), and Trojan Belle (Majorca Stakes) and she purchased Nordic Vine because she was from a female line that her ex partner Jan de Clercq had had. Happy Jean was another she purchased in partnership with Etienne Braun, later buying Etienne out. When mated to Captain Al, she produced the very promising Crowd Pleaser.

Veronica designs matings by 'the Charles Faull' method. "I print out a 7 generation black and white pedigree and then get to work with my highlighters. If it looks like a fruit salad, I know I'm on the right track!" She prides herself in producing sound horses with good feet. "When you hear the colts running outside at night, your heart stops, but it strengthens the bones and tendons. Their feet are good because they're outside all the time."

State of the industry

How does she feel about the future of the industry? "Top horses are always going to be good sellers, it's the middle market that's frightening me," Veronica muses. "It's hard for the man in the street to buy a horse. We're all going through tough times." Here she does feel the industry could do more to market racing to the general public. "Channel 239 isn't reaching anyone other than people already in the industry. There's no way the race clubs can't afford some additional advertising."

Rising costs have prompted some practical business decisions. "I don't breed enough horses to split across two sales companies, so I've nailed my colours to the mast and sell through CTS. You know you get your money," she says simply. "Also CTS, Markus Jooste, Chris van Niekerk and Bernard Kantor have been fabulous to me."



Wayne Marks

VERONICA FOULKES

They support me, but more than that, they've been kind to me." She is unconcerned about the Premier sale coming relatively early in the year. "It's easier than trying to prep horses for early sales than going into winter with blanketing and lights and so on. I feed a lot of lucern, so my horses are always in good condition. All I've got to do is keep them out of the sun so that their coats don't get bleached. They want them straight off the paddock for the farm sale and the Ready To Run is a piece of cake, because I don't have to do the preparation." It's worth noting that Veronica has a particularly strong draft lined up for this year's Ready To Run sale including a Captain Al, two Dynasty's, a Trippi and a What A Winter filly.

Buying In

Veronica is not afraid to put her money where her mouth is and will often either buy into a horse she really likes, or race them herself if they do not reach her reserve. Proving her theory that sentiment pays off, having sold Entre Nous' Fillies Guineas winner, In Camera, Veronica bought back a daughter named Private Lives, who produced 2001 Equus Champion Female Sprinter, Tatler who raced in Veronica's colours. She was a 5 time winner, including the Odessa Fillies Championship, a race Veronica has claimed three times to date and Veronica has recently managed to acquire one of Tatler's daughters, Taomina. "She's easy to get in foal, but hard to keep in foal. But we'll keep persevering," she says determinedly.

Markus Jooste permitted her to keep a quarter of the wonderful Bravura, as well as a share of Cap Alright with Etienne Braun and Paul Loomes. "Nobody who's not in racing can understand the high of winning and leading in a horse. It's a lot of fun. A lot of heartbreak too," she reflects. "We've been second in the Met five times now – at one stage it was three years in a row!" How does she cope with the disappointments? "As they say, 'Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone.' You've got to accept things happen," she shrugs. "You just need a good horse every now and then and it makes it all worthwhile."

Heavy Responsibility

Interestingly, Bravura is retired at Normandy. "He paid his way and more and I wanted to make sure he had a good home." Homing of horses off the track is becoming a big conversation and what to do with uncommercial, old or unwanted breeding stock is also a challenge breeders routinely grapple with. "It's a big problem," agrees Veronica. "I don't sell on broodmare sales. If a horse has no use, it's better to put it to sleep. If horses are given away to good homes, I feel it's the duty of the initial owner to check up on them annually, but trying to keep track is difficult."

Having devoted a lifetime to breeding, what gets her out of bed in the morning? "I have to – I'm unemployable!" she jokes. "Tommy once said it ages you, because you're always looking ahead to the next horse, the next race, the next season. I remember once teasing 100 mares and then spending 6 hours on the road. But I couldn't be a trainer, the routine would kill me. I find sales prep boring, but I love the breeding season. You have to be on your toes all the time. And I must make a point of saying how helpful the various stud managers are. I can't think of one I hesitate to phone. I do come here," she gestures around the flat, "but I can't stay more than a few days before I've had enough. I love what I do. It's my comfort zone."



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Short Heads

SHOCK DEFEAT

Arrogate, the world's top rated racehorse, entered the starting gate on Saturday at Del Mar in the San Diego Handicap so ridiculously favoured that the 1-20 odds produced too many digits to show on the track's big board. He was so regally regarded that the trumpet belted out the theme from 'Superman' before the call to the post. But his glorious streak of seven wins ended in minutes. Arrogate, astonishingly, lumbered to the line a staggering 15 lengths off the pace. "He just laid an egg," said astonished trainer Bob Baffert.

Time Flies

Nadeson Park's Redoute's Choice stallion Time Thief looks to have another good one in the 3yo filly, Memes. The flying filly won her 5th race in 15 starts in an 1100m Handicap at Royal Randwick on Saturday. Time Thief is a multiple Gr1 placed Australian sprinter/miler, rated Timeform 120. His three-part sister Laisserfaire will be fondly remembered by Cape racegoers. She was twice voted Champion Sprinter here, winning both the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship and Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint in consecutive years. Imported to South Africa in 2015, Time Thief's first crop here are foals. He stands at Nadeson Park Stud in Hermanus at a fee of R15 000.

Gone

Some good ones have just departed our shores.

Multiple Gr1 winner Carry On Alice, her stablemate Gr1 SA Nursery winner Cloth Of Cloud and former Mike Azzie-trained Western Winter filly Winterinthewoods are off to Australia.

Vodacom Durban July runner-up and SA Derby winner Al Sahem, joins Belle Rose, dual Guineas winner Janoobi and Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas winner Smiling Blue Eyes on the Dubai bus.

The Team Valor raced Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes winner Anna Pavlova, Gr2 Gold Bracelet winner Flying Ice and Dynasty's dual Gr3 winner Olma are travelling to France.

The Gr2 Choice Carriers Championship winner Ektifaa and Turaathy, a maiden full-sister to champion Rafeef, are off to the UK.

The 2017 National Yearling Sale graduate Bastide is off to Hong Kong. The Varsfontein bred son of Judpot (ex Requista) was purchased by Michael Lee for R1,2 million.

We will be following their progress.

EMPEROR HEADS EAST

A rare SA bred was offered at the recently concluded Tattersalls July Sale. Welsh Emperor, the 91 rated 5 year old gelded son of Go Deputy and runner-up in the Gr3 East Cape Derby, was bought for 78 000 Guineas by agent Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock for Saudi Arabian interests and is expected to depart for the Middle East at the end of July. Consigned by Jane Chapple-Hyam Racing as agent for Hartley SA (Pty) Ltd, Welsh Emperor, a half brother to the dam of Edict Of Nantes, the Equus Champion 3yo elect, was trained by Alan Greeff, who produced the Ascot Stud bred to win 4 races and 7 places from just 14 starts. He follows other high class racehorses to have emerged from the Eastern Cape, such as Dubai World Cup placed horses, Lizard's Desire and Paris Perfect and Gr2 Al Mak-toum Challenge winner and now sire, Bold Silvano.

So Close

Maine Chance Farms sire Querari's half-sister Quidura was beaten a head into second place in Saturday's G1 Diana Stakes at Saratoga. Quidura (also a half-sister to Quasillo, who will stand his first season at Klipdrif this year) was beaten by the best mare racing in the USA, with Twice Over's relative Antonoe close up in third. The winner Lady Eli is now a winner of 5 Gr1 races. Querari has been represented by 14 individual juvenile winners in 2016-2017, with his 2yo winners including Listed Dahlia Plate winner Joking, Gr1 SA Nursery third Wonderwall and stakes performers Made In Hollywood and Monks Hood – who runs in Sunday's Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes, while another promising juvenile by Querari, Spring Breeze, lines up on the same after in the Gr3 The Debutante over 1200m.



Cat Out The Bag

Punters may have been caught unawares in the last race at Fairview on Friday when The Cat ridden by Chase Maujean, ran a place but was missing in the final results. The gelding apparently rushed the front gate and broke through momentarily before the starter effected the start and gained an unfair advantage over the other runners. The Starter did not call a false start and the Stipendiary Board called a race review into the start. The Board after reviewing the patrol films of the start, and hearing evidence from the Starter, the rider of The Cat and other riders, decided to act in terms of rule 61.6.11 and declared him to be a non-starter.

Comeback Kid

Since his reign as the world's best sprinter, Lankan Rupee has had his share of problems but trainer Mick Price and his owners have patiently restored him to race fitness more than once. The rising eight-year-old has lost his mantle to Chautauqua who has won the past three TJ Smith Stakes, the race that stamped Lankan Rupee as the world leader in 2014. He makes his latest comeback in Saturday's Bletchingly Stakes (1200m) at Caulfield and hasn't raced since his fourth in the Darley Classic in November.

LOUW FLYER

THE MEANING OF *Mauritzfontein*

FROM A FISHERMAN'S PRAYER TO A SAILOR'S TRIUMPH



While current fans will associate the Kimberley nursery with Fort Wood and the mighty Horse Chestnut, their legacy runs far deeper. Charles Faull helped me uncover the meaning of Mauritzfontein.

Harry Oppenheimer started a small Thoroughbred stud on the famous De Beers remount depot outside Kimberley in 1946 and its impact has been profound. In assembling his broodmare band, Mr Oppenheimer selected daughters of such breed-shapers as Hyperion, Ribot and Princequillo. The original complement of eighteen matrons consisted of nine SA-breds and nine imports, including the blue blooded Lorelei in foal to Scottish Union. The resultant foal, Ossian, was given to Sir Ernest for whom he romped home in the 1950 Summer Handicap.

Incredibly, from those nine imported mares came two blue hens, both of which became the founders of dynasties. Their names- Fisherman's Prayer (GB) and Sword Dance (GB).

Blue Hens

Fisherman's Prayer created a great family, herself producing champions such as Red Roman and Mauritzfontein's first July winner, Tiger Fish, and flourished through her daughters, Electric Eel (dam of SA Oaks winner Murena), and Rising Trout, dam of Troutbeck, Truite Au Bleu (7 time winner and dam of SA Oaks winner, Free Style) and champions Hengist and King Willow, winner of the Oppenheimers' second July title in 1969.

Harry and Bridget also imported two of the fastest fillies ever to race in SA in Polybius, an American bred daughter of Mr Busher from a great Lord Derby family, and Nalatale. Polybius won the Garden Province, and defeated champion Jerez in the Chairman's Plate and Nalatale was champion sprinting filly of SA. Nalatale gave us Bodrum and of course London Wall, dam of the unforgettable Horse Chestnut.

Oaks Legacy

The farm has an extraordinary record in the SA Oaks. They first won it in 1962 with Dame de Coeur (from two other Mauritzfontein-breds, Pafuri and The Widow); did it again in 1963 with Baccarat, a full sister to Dame de Coeur, and have won it a total of 14 times to date.

Mauritzfontein's classic stallion Free Ride (Timeform 129) bred five SA Oaks winners – Angelina, Free Style (SA and Natal Oaks), Murena (winner of the 1972 SA Oaks beating Switched On and Hula Queen, all Mauritzfontein-bred and all by Free Ride), Vicereine, Grease Paint (out of SA Oaks winner Julie Andrews); and Free Ride also bred Natal Oaks winner With Pleasure as well as Bodrum and Principal Boy.

The Sensational Wilwyn

Mauritzfontein imported Wilwyn (TFR 129) in 1959 and his success in SA was profound. An abbreviated list of his Mauritzfontein Gr1 winners include full brothers Kimberley Kid, Willett and Stalwart, July winner King Willow, Rarin To Go and Gold Cup winner Smash And Grab. His 1965 crop delivered four Gr1 winners- Anchorage (Summer Handicap), Salaman (Hawaii Stakes), Stalwart (Hawaii Stakes) and Uncle Ben, champion sprinter of SA. Wilwyn's last Gr1 winner was Hawaii Stakes winner, Col. Pickering. From 230 SA-bred foals, Wilwyn produced 32 stakes winners, a staggering ratio of 14%. This is just a fraction of what Mauritzfontein accomplished for Harry & Bridget.

July Triumphs

Tiger Fish (Janus – Fisherman's Prayer) was their first July winner in 1959. He was champion 2yo, unbeaten in 4 starts and champion 3yo with 5 wins and 3 seconds from 8 starts, including the Benoni Guineas, SA Derby, 2nd to the great 5yo Java in

THE MEANING OF MAURITZFONTEIN

the Summer Handicap and touched off a short head by 4yo Excise in the Durban July Handicap of 1968. At 4, he won the Durban July under 124lbs by 2 ¼ lengths and finished 4th in the Durban Merchants a week later under 122 lbs. At 5 (a month after the July) he defeated a star studded field including Panjandrum, Riza and Black Pirate in the WFA 1400m Chairman's Plate. He was a great horse.

King Willow (by Wilwyn out of Fisher-man's Prayer's daughter Rising Trout), won four of five starts at 2, including the 1400m Champion Nursery Stakes, defeating Ajax and the Oppenheimer-bred Rarin To Go (also by Wilwyn) by nearly 3 lengths. At 3 he opened with a crushing victory in the 1400m Durban Free Handicap, was third in a top division 1000m at Germiston, won the 1964 WFA SA Invitation Stakes from Panakush, Numeral and Ptolemy (on the same day that Julie Andrews won the SA Oaks), won the SA Derby by 3.5 lengths, was 2nd in a 1000m sprint at Germiston touched off a head by a 4yo, ran second to Fire Eyes in the Cape Derby, finished third to William Penn in the SA Guineas and then won the 1965 Durban July under 106lbs by a head from the 4yo Fair Mountain (who went on to win the Queen's Plate). From five starts at 4, he placed three times including running second to Sea Cottage in the Clairwood Winter Handicap by half a length in receipt of 7lbs and interestingly, four lengths fourth to Wilwyn's son Smash And Grab under top weight of 126lbs in the Gold Cup. At 5, he sensationally defeated Java Head, Sea Cottage and Smash And Grab in the 1966 Champion Stakes. Like Tiger Fish, he was a serious racehorse, from 1000 – 3000m.

Principal Boy was a true Mauritzfontein product by Free Ride out of SA Oaks winner Julie Andrews (SNL) (who also produced Col Pickering, and SA Oaks winner, Grease Paint). Principal Boy won the 1975 July on the disqualification of Gatecrasher. As a 5yo gelding he carried 49kgs to 3yo Gatecrasher's 49.5kgs, meaning he met Gatecrasher on 8lbs better terms than WFA and finished a head behind him. It was a top class run against an all-time great. He went on as a 6yo to win the 3200m Transvaal Handicap and the 1600m Charles Marx Memorial.

July winner number four comes in the form of Greys Inn. Bridget Oppenheimer purchased his dam, Great Verdict (AUS) in foal to NZ sire Zabeel and sent her to the USA to be covered by Horse Chestnut. Thus Greys Inn was born in Kentucky, earning him a (USA) suffix. Great Verdict arrived in SA with Greys Inn at foot and carrying Good Judgement (who was unraced, but went on to breed the champion Smart Call). Unraced at 2, Greys Inn went into the July as a winner of four of seven starts, including the SA Classic and the SA Derby, and was well handicapped with 50kgs as a dual Gr1 winning 3yo. He duly romped home by almost 3 lengths. Greys Inn was subsequently shipped abroad, winning the 2400m Dubai City of Gold in Dubai and finishing eight lengths behind the great Makybe Diva in the Cox Plate, conceding her the 5lbs sex allowance- no mean feat. At stud he's given us 2 good horses in King of Pain and Legal Eagle.

The 4yo Hunting Tower by Fort Wood won his eighth race when winning the 2007 July. As a 3yo, he showed top class potential by winning the Dingaans, the Gauteng Guineas and the SA Classic and was beaten less than a length by Elusive Fort in the Daily News. In the July he carried 55kgs and had such as Pocket Power (58kgs) nearly half a length behind him in 4th place. From nine starts at 5 in SA, he confirmed his superior merit when two lengths third to Pocket Power at level weights in the J&B Met. He went on to a strenuous Dubai campaign, racing until he was 10.

July winner number six for Mauritzfontein, Marinaresco (Silvano – Gay Fortuna (Fort Wood)) with 132 lbs, carried the highest weight to victory in the July since it was converted to a 2000m race in 1915. Using the same tactics as Grant van Niek-erk in 2016, Bernard Fayd'herbe produced him late, all aside with his spectacular late acceleration. Like Nightingale (also out of a Fort Wood mare) he is a perfect example of the Silvano Classic / Stout type discussed under the Jacobs article last week and, like Nightingale, was having his first start at an appropriate distance since reaching maturity in about March this year. While these Classic / Stout horses are capable of showing 'fresh speed', once fully mature and fully fit, simply need more than 2000m to deliver the brilliance that we saw in the Queen's Plate, Met and

Gold Challenge.

Our anti-classic racing programme certainly does nothing to advance the cause of the classic horse or the punter, who can only make value judgements on horses over their right distances. SA's woefully inadequate provision for the Classic/Stout pedigree in its racing programme needs to be addressed by those with the future interests of our stud book at heart.

Continuing Legacy

Harry and Bridget's stated goal was to breed the Classic horse- a sentiment echoed by their daughter, Mary Slack at her Wilgerbosdrift nursery- and our history books stand testament to their towering achievements. Mauritzfontein goes into the future with Harry and Bridget's granddaughter, with the help of a highly skilled team including Guy Murdoch, Nigel Page, et al. How lucky we are to have Jessica's infectious enthusiasm for 'the greatest game in town.'

Save The Date

Stallion Day

A collection of five Gr1 winning sire sons of champions, the likes of which haven't been seen in one place on African soil, is set for Wilgerbosdrift on Sunday 3 September, where a unique stallion day will be held to introduce the illustrious quintet.

With three visitors joining the big-hitting residents Flower Alley and Soft Falling Rain, 3 September will be a date to diarise for any serious breeder.

Highlands, Part Of Ridgemont, travel to the party with their recently arrived Redoute's Choice champion, Rafeef. The handsome sprinter-miler is one of the most talked about new arrivals at stud in recent times.

Moutonshoek bring Galileo's Gr1 winning son The United States and fellow Gr1 star Admiral Kitten, the latter the first son of US champion sire Kitten's Joy to retire to stud here.

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With five days of thrilling action set against the magnificent backdrop of the rolling Sussex countryside, the Qatar Goodwood Festival – popularly known as 'Glorious Goodwood' – is one of the highlights of the flat-racing season in the UK and will be held next Tuesday 1 August to Saturday 5 August.

South African racing fans will be glued to their Tellytrack screens from the start with added interest in the fact that Drakenstein's resident stallion Duke Of Marmalade is the sire of the likely favourite for the opening day feature.



Glorious Goodwood's newest Group 1, the £500 000 Qatar Good-

wood Cup is a race that Duke Of Marmalade's son Big Orange bids to win for the third year running.

The 3200m race has been moved from Thursday to Tuesday, and sees the Michael Bell-trained Big Orange poised for a rematch with Order Of St George, who he beat a short head in a memorable finish to the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot last month.

Only Double Trigger has won the big race three times- but his wins were split between 1995, 1997 and 1998.

A confident sounding trainer Bell said that Big Orange may just have a short 'blow' on Saturday.

"At six, he is a young horse and he has only run 24 times. He is not exactly over-raced. There is no reason why he won't be as good for the next couple of years as a stayer. He has just filled his frame now."

While a return trip to Australia for a third shot at the Melbourne Cup is off the cards, Bell said: "He could go to the Irish St Leger afterwards. We will pray for a dry autumn and there is the two-mile race at Ascot and the race on Arc weekend, the Cadran. There will be some ground somewhere, but he is not going to Australia. He will almost certainly go back to Meydan next year, we just hope for no cloud seeding."

Royal Moment

The L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Festival, which enjoyed its inaugural two day event in January this year, will enjoy some early publicity at Glorious Goodwood as one lady will win the trip-of-a-lifetime to South Africa, as winner of the L'Ormarins Best Dressed competition.

The winner will be announced next Friday 4 August at the Qatar Goodwood Festival.

The prize is a trip for two to Cape Town to the Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate fixture at Kenilworth. This is held on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 January 2018. As well as flights, airport and raceday transfers and hospitality at the races, the winner will enjoy five night's luxury accommodation, a tour of the world-famous L'Ormarins vineyard and dinner at the Grand Café and Beach Hotel.

Memories Of The Flyer

The beautifully-bred 2yo colt Cot Campbell stormed home at Kenilworth on Tuesday, a red hot odds-on shot to shed his maiden at his third start.

His win crowned a profitable day at a wet office for Justin Snaith, who saddled four winners on the programme – two for Bernard Fayd'herbe and the other two for Brandon May.

A R3.3 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, Cot Campbell was bred in partnership by Team Valor and Drakenstein Stud and is by Trippi and a first foal of the triple Gr1 winning Jet Master daughter Ebony Flyer.

Ebony Flyer won the Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas, Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint and Gr1 Majorca Stakes for Justin Snaith and owner's Drakenstein Stud, Team Valor International, Mrs Vanashree & Mr Anant Singh.

Cot Campbell, who races for the same power partnership as his illustrious Mom, lost many lengths on a well backed debut in April and then reappeared in June.

Needing the outing, he ran a commendable third there and after the two good runs looked a good bet on Tuesday. He duly won easing up by two lengths.

He is one for the black book!

No Sweat!

The Silvano 2yo Billy Silver, who races in the famous silks of champion Secretariat, translated his homework and all the talk into a winning debut at Scottsville on Wednesday. Backed to the exclusion of everything else, he hacked up under Anthony Delpech to score an eye-catching win.

Trainer Dennis Bosch said he was 'nervous' when he saw the Scottsville track. But the former jock needn't have worried.

Named after the Appaloosa marked pony that accompanied Secretariat, the colt was found by Bosch when unsold following a highest bid of R450k at the 2016 Cape Premier Yearling Sale. He was bred by Northfields from the six-time winner, Evening Attire (Kahal).

"Billy was tiny and he turned out. But hell, he can run," said an elated Bosch of the half-brother to the smart Eddie Sweat (Imperial Stride).

SA Jockeys In Mauritius – Latest

The ongoing saga of SA jockeys Raymond Danielson, Brandon Lerena and Muzi Yeni is dragging on with little news of finalisation.

The SP Digest spoke to Mauritius Turf Club Director Of Racing Benoit Halbwachs on Wednesday for an update.

Mr Halbwachs said that the MTC Appeal Board had reserved their judgement on the Danielson and Lerena appeals against their 90 day suspensions for contravening MTC Rule 11(d). This followed the duo's association with a registered bookmaker on a boating trip.

Police investigations into Muzi Yeni's whatsapp message activity continues with the Northern Cape Champion jockey prevented from leaving the island. We believe he is being accommodated by fellow jockey Robert Khathi.

Mr Halbwachs indicated that the MTC was keen that the outstanding issues be resolved but that the process of law had to be respected.

BREEDING

South to North- It Works!

While shuttle sires of the likes of Danehill, More Than Ready, Street Cry and High Chaparral, have long enjoyed success when sent from the Northern to Southern Hemispheres, the reverse trend of sending Australian bred shuttle stallions to cover mares in the Northern Hemisphere has enjoyed increasing success over recent seasons.

Fastnet Rock and Exceed And Excel are both consistently successful in the Northern Hemisphere, while champion Australian sires, Lonhro and Redoute's Choice, have both enjoyed notable pattern race success in the Northern Hemisphere this year. Multiple Gr1 winner, Helmet (Exceed And Excel), has also made his presence felt with his first three-year-olds in the Northern Hemisphere this season, while Helmet's ¾ brother and fellow Gr1 winner, Epaulette (Commands), is one of the top ten first crop sires in Great Britain this year.

Danehill

The Australian bred Choisir is another to have enjoyed consistent success in group/graded races in both hemispheres. His son, Starspanglebanner, has also made his mark in Europe through, for example, Gr1 Prix Morny winner, The Wow Signal, and recent Gr3 Betway Criterion Stakes winner, Home Of The Brave. The omnipresent Danehill factor is a distinct force in the reverse shuttlers, with Danehill the sire of all of Exceed And Excel, Fastnet Rock and Redoute's Choice, and grandsire of Choisir.

One early example of an Australian shuttle stallion perceived to have failed (but whose Northern Hemisphere stats suggest otherwise) was champion Encosta De Lago (the best sire son of Fairy King). Encosta De Lago's Northern Hemisphere representatives included short-lived Gr1 Dubai Duty Free runner up, Mutahadee, Gr3 winner, Empowering, North American stakes winner, Qushchi, and Gr1 Prix Royal-Oak runner up, Miss Lago.

Exceed And Excel is already responsible for top level NH winners, Outstrip, Margot Did and Excelebration, but his sons, Helmet (Thunder Snow) and Excelebration (Barney Roy) have both been represented by Gr1 winners in their first Northern Hemisphere crops of foals, while Exceed And Excel's Breeders' Cup winner, Outstrip, is yet to be represented by his first runners.

Rock Solid

Dual Australian champion sire, Fastnet Rock, is also busy compiling a solidly successful stud record in the Northern Hemisphere. To date, the Danehill son, who has fared particularly well when mated to daughters of Galileo, has been represented by six individual Gr1 winners in the Northern Hemisphere, including Zhukova, an impressive six length winner of the Gr1 Man O'War Stakes in 2017.

Fastnet Rock's dual Gr1 winning son, Fascinating Rock, stood his first season at Ballylinch Stud this year.

Triple Champion Australian sire, Redoute's Choice was represented by his first Northern Hemisphere crop of 3yos in 2017. The four time Gr1 winner, who covered exceptional mares during his shuttle stint, including the dam of champion Goldikova (Blushing Groom) and the unbeaten Arc winner, Zarkava (Zamin-dar), is the second leading second crop sire in France to date. He is only behind Rajasman, the sire of dual French classic winner, Brame-tot, and he has been represented by nine winners (from 19 runners) and two group winners (Gold Luck and Ibizia).

July Success

Darley's Lonhro is an exception to the majority of sires mentioned above, in that he sports a pedigree free of the ubiquitous Danehill blood. A former reverse shuttle sire, the 11 time Gr1 winning Lonhro is well established as one of Australia's elite sires, having topped the General Sires List in 2010-2011 and Two Year Old Sires List in 2011-2012. Well known in South Africa as the sire of July winner, The Conglomerate, as well as promising two-year-olds, Alfolk and Naafer, Lonhro (whose champion son, Pierro, will top the Leading First Crop Sires List in Australia this season) has been represented by 135 runners in the Northern Hemisphere, of which 67 have won, and five of which are stakes winners. This tally includes the very promising 2yo, Cardsharp, a good winner of the recent Gr2 July Stakes and a potential Gr1 contender, and graded stakes winners, Isotherm (Gr2 San Marcos Stakes) and Holding Gold (Gr2 Shaker-town Stakes). Lonhro's Southern Hemisphere's winners to runners stats are 742 winners from 1040 starters.

With young shuttle sires such as Brazen Beau, Exosphere, Hallowed Crown, Pride Of Dubai, and Vancouver still to be represented on the racetrack, portents appear to be good for Australian bred sires to continue to make their presence felt in Europe and North America.

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 23 July 2017)

horse	age	sex	points	aces
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
Nother Russia	4	f	143	3
Nightingale	4	f	140	4
Trip To Heaven	5	c	132	3
Just Sensual	3	f	125	3
Safe Harbour	3	f	119	5
Deo Juvente	5	c	117	2
Master Sabina	7	c	112	2
Heavenly Blue	3	c	82	3
Kangaroo Jack	4	c	82	3
Gold Standard	3	c	82	3
Orchid Island	3	f	82	2
Jo's Bond	4	f	76	3
Champagne Haze	4	c	76	2
Lady Of the House	3	f	70	1
Mustaaqem	2	c	70	1
William Longsword	3	c	70	1
Sand And Sea	2	c	70	1
Brave Mary	2	f	70	1
Krambambuli	5	c	68	2
Bulleting Home	5	c	67	3
Gimme Six	3	f	64	2
Talktothestars	5	c	60	2
Janoobi	3	c	60	2
Wrecking Ball	3	f	55	3
Ten Gun Salute	4	c	50	1
Brazuca	4	c	50	1
Icy Trail	4	c	50	1
Bezanova	6	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
Joan Ranger	4	f	37	2
The Conglomerate	5	c	37	1

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date	close	high	low	volume
25Jul	2024	2050	1977	196,562
24Jul	2070	2101	2020	89,292
21Jul	2098	2111	2050	9,364
20Jul	2112	2113	2111	414
19Jul	2194	2194	2194	0

LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
30,637,426	Klawervlei Stud	427	71,750	2530	171	250	40%	9	16	5%	677	27%	15	William Longsword 4,065,000 13%
19,855,041	Summerhill Stud	361	55,001	2558	127	197	35%	8	9	6%	680	27%	6	Africa Rising 840,750 4%
15,436,863	Maine Chance	186	82,994	1156	82	130	44%	7	9	9%	383	33%	14	Janooi 1,791,250 12%
12,220,950	Varsfontein Stud	113	108,150	725	63	94	56%	9	13	14%	220	30%	13	Captain America 1,633,750 13%
12,181,075	Highlands	174	70,006	1061	72	123	41%	5	9	7%	282	27%	9	Trip To Heaven 1,009,375 8%
10,761,738	Avontuur Farm	64	168,152	386	25	38	39%	5	7	20%	113	29%	6	Live Life 3,701,875 34%
9,398,750	Ascot Stud	102	92,145	696	55	91	54%	6	8	11%	218	31%	7	Search Party 980,000 10%
8,397,050	Drakenstein Stud	107	78,477	628	53	71	50%	4	4	8%	225	36%	9	Singapore Sling 1,383,750 16%
8,182,700	Scott Bros	169	48,418	1159	57	78	34%	1	1	2%	279	24%	6	Matador Man 870,200 11%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
28,566,975	Silvano	216	132,255	1361	119	205	55%	13	20	11%	456	34%	23	Al Sahem 3,172,500 11%
23,856,013	*Captain Al	185	128,951	1144	100	148	54%	13	17	13%	366	32%	20	William Longsword 4,065,000 17%
18,198,575	Trippi	176	103,401	1068	82	118	47%	5	7	6%	359	34%	14	Live Life 3,701,875 20%
14,111,738	Dynasty	154	91,635	879	73	125	47%	9	16	12%	251	29%	14	Bela-Bela 1,453,750 10%
12,159,863	Var	206	59,028	1256	93	130	45%	5	6	5%	391	31%	8	Purple Diamond 451,375 4%
11,148,288	*Kahal	156	71,463	1147	75	133	48%	3	3	4%	315	27%	3	Champagne Haze 426,900 4%
9,476,175	Gimmethgreenlight	108	87,742	641	53	86	49%	7	12	13%	211	33%	9	Gimme Six 877,100 9%
8,310,038	Elusive Fort	87	95,518	692	47	73	54%	1	1	2%	201	29%	6	Safe Harbour 2,326,000 28%
8,114,951	*Western Winter	120	67,625	741	58	82	48%	2	2	3%	204	28%	5	Attenborough 1,186,025 15%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
12,590,125	Silvano	82	153,538	458	48	80	59%	5	8	10%	166	36%	9	Al Sahem 3,172,500 25%
11,507,513	*Captain Al	51	225,638	383	38	59	75%	4	4	11%	113	30%	7	William Longsword 4,065,000 35%
8,603,825	Trippi	53	162,336	364	35	57	66%	2	3	6%	115	32%	4	Live Life 3,701,875 43%
7,431,700	Gimmethgreenlight	69	107,706	540	38	66	55%	4	8	11%	182	34%	6	Gimme Six 877,100 12%
7,035,150	Dynasty	58	121,296	347	35	62	60%	5	10	14%	101	29%	3	Just Sensual 1,276,250 18%
5,126,513	Var	81	63,290	529	39	57	48%	2	3	5%	169	32%	2	Rivarine 325,000 6%
4,732,625	Elusive Fort	45	105,169	375	23	29	51%	0	0	0%	94	25%	3	Safe Harbour 2,326,000 49%
4,568,650	Philanthropist	60	76,144	361	23	33	38%	2	2	9%	110	30%	5	Singapore Sling 1,383,750 30%
4,423,325	*Western Winter	49	90,272	329	30	40	61%	1	1	3%	98	30%	2	Attenborough 1,186,025 27%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by AEPRSEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017 *with 10 or more rns*

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
11,507,513	*Captain Al	51	225,638	383	38	59	75%	4	4	11%	113	30%	7	William Longsword 4,065,000 35%
8,603,825	Trippi	53	162,336	364	35	57	66%	2	3	6%	115	32%	4	Live Life 3,701,875 43%
3,659,600	Count Dubois	23	159,113	173	10	17	43%	1	2	10%	47	27%	1	Edict Of Nantes 2,565,625 70%
12,590,125	Silvano	82	153,538	458	48	80	59%	5	8	10%	166	36%	9	Al Sahem 3,172,500 25%
7,035,150	Dynasty	58	121,296	347	35	62	60%	5	10	14%	101	29%	3	Just Sensual 1,276,250 18%
7,431,700	Gimmethgreenlight	69	107,706	540	38	66	55%	4	8	11%	182	34%	6	Gimme Six 877,100 12%
4,732,625	Elusive Fort	45	105,169	375	23	29	51%	0	0	0%	94	25%	3	Safe Harbour 2,326,000 49%
4,275,375	Visionaire	46	92,943	372	29	44	63%	1	1	3%	95	26%	2	Africa Rising 840,750 20%
3,121,476	Querari	34	91,808	247	23	37	68%	0	0	0%	83	34%	1	Romi's Boy 356,275 11%

LEADING SIRES of 2YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,567,700	Var	46	55,820	136	21	26	46%	1	1	5%	53	39%	2	Purple Diamond 451,375 18%
2,044,475	Gimmethgreenlight	39	52,422	101	15	20	38%	3	4	20%	29	29%	3	Green Plains 602,250 29%
1,905,063	*Sail From Seattle	51	37,354	176	21	27	41%	0	0	0%	59	34%	4	Quinlan 233,425 12%
1,742,500	Querari	32	54,453	102	14	15	44%	1	1	7%	49	48%	3	Wonderwall 374,375 21%
1,609,500	*Captain Al	36	44,708	110	14	16	39%	2	2	14%	49	45%	2	Tap O' Noth 175,000 11%
1,599,375	Judpot	45	35,542	125	14	16	31%	0	0	0%	38	30%	1	Sniper Shot 322,125 20%
1,368,325	Great Britain	20	68,416	88	5	8	25%	0	0	0%	26	30%	1	Al Mariachi 770,000 56%
1,319,825	*Antonius Pius	52	25,381	182	10	12	19%	1	1	10%	49	27%	2	Neptune's Rain 271,125 21%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES on Polytrack

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,459,925	Silvano	75	32,799	214	27	35	36%	1	1	4%	59	28%	2	Prince Myshkin 198,875 8%
2,131,225	Var	89	23,946	294	19	25	21%	0	0	0%	89	30%	0	Varonella 149,850 7%
2,016,900	*Western Winter	59	34,185	183	23	29	39%	1	1	4%	45	25%	0	Icy Spirit 192,500 10%
2,012,125	*Captain Al	71	28,340	202	21	28	30%	1	1	5%	52	26%	0	My Pal Al 181,500 9%
1,960,013	*Kahal	72	27,222	247	16	23	22%	0	0	0%	64	26%	1	Top Form 198,650 10%
1,744,175	Visionaire	53	32,909	167	18	25	34%	0	0	0%	37	22%	0	Breakfast Club 130,500 7%
1,692,650	Dynasty	54	31,345	157	17	26	31%	0	0	0%	41	26%	0	Inviting Lily 239,175 14%
1,590,050	Misque's Approval	63	25,239	288	15	17	24%	0	0	0%	82	28%	0	Sounds Positive 128,100 8%

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 **Breeding operations not based in RSA - Statistics for Breeders & Sires reflect ALL earnings, incl. restricted races & handicap races

Salute Silvano



Win, lose or draw at the Gold Cup Festival of Racing this weekend, Maine Chance Farms stallion Silvano (Lomitas) will be crowned SA Champion sire for the second time, as the sun sets on Greyville on Sunday evening.

Having produced the Gold Cup winner twice in the past five years – Aslan (2011) and Wavin' Flag (2014) – the outstanding Silvano, who won his 7 races from 1400m to 2200m, has a shout with just one representative in the 3200m event in the shape of the 4yo Mr Winsome this year.

Champion SA sire in 2013, the former German Horse Of The Year and Champion Freshman Sire is just under R5 million clear on the general sires list for the season, with his runners having won more than 20 black type races.



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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st	1st %	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	1383	214	15%	288	21%	35%	164	12%	657	48%	35,659,475	25,784
J Snaith	1260	168	13%	261	21%	28%	160	13%	593	47%	20,339,300	16,142
BJ Crawford	725	106	15%	113	16%	42%	87	12%	345	48%	18,111,838	24,982
C Bass-Robinson	841	87	10%	112	13%	26%	87	10%	364	43%	17,041,863	20,264
MF de Kock	643	103	16%	159	25%	32%	82	13%	337	52%	16,698,150	25,969
GV Woodruff	460	73	16%	94	20%	37%	47	10%	221	48%	12,348,738	26,845
VH Marshall	589	55	9%	58	10%	33%	45	8%	208	35%	10,394,788	17,648
AC Greeff	1010	143	14%	179	18%	28%	98	10%	446	44%	9,435,300	9,342
J Ramsden	454	62	14%	91	20%	35%	63	14%	226	50%	8,578,725	18,896
GS Kotzen	737	85	12%	97	13%	37%	82	11%	317	43%	8,174,700	11,092
DC Howells	678	73	11%	109	16%	39%	65	10%	284	42%	7,879,038	11,621
M Houdalakis	532	68	13%	60	11%	32%	54	10%	235	44%	7,473,625	14,048
JJ v Vuuren	357	53	15%	63	18%	38%	31	9%	155	43%	7,248,475	20,304
G v Zyl	655	72	11%	68	10%	28%	70	11%	302	46%	7,137,888	10,898
MG Azzie	530	69	13%	84	16%	27%	74	14%	246	46%	7,127,000	13,447
DR Drier	542	75	14%	99	18%	36%	56	10%	225	42%	7,095,738	13,092

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st	1st %	stakes	stks/ rides
A Delpech	865	193	22%	369	43%	31%	146	17%	527	61%	24,119,025	27,883
G Lerena	689	147	21%	230	33%	34%	105	15%	416	60%	17,523,088	25,433
A Marcus	563	147	26%	289	51%	36%	83	15%	377	67%	24,056,200	42,729
G Cheyne	905	146	16%	208	23%	29%	120	13%	502	55%	13,935,200	15,398
S Khumalo	843	143	17%	203	24%	36%	109	13%	423	50%	18,387,263	21,812
C Zackey	1365	135	10%	109	8%	28%	132	10%	544	40%	13,644,163	9,996
L Hewitson	1227	122	10%	120	10%	19%	111	9%	474	39%	11,310,314	9,218
M Yeni	1300	120	9%	142	11%	27%	157	12%	545	42%	10,873,200	8,364
R Fourie	639	119	19%	161	25%	34%	107	17%	359	56%	11,348,675	17,760
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	1064	104	10%	82	8%	28%	104	10%	422	40%	9,123,602	8,575
JP vd Merwe	1164	102	9%	84	7%	27%	98	8%	421	36%	9,105,839	7,823
K De Melo	769	102	13%	101	13%	39%	81	11%	361	47%	9,240,263	12,016
A Domeyer	499	96	19%	107	21%	45%	67	13%	277	56%	8,673,713	17,382
R Munger	1321	85	6%	46	3%	15%	108	8%	413	31%	7,584,475	5,741

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

SEASON 2016/2017 • 1 August - 23 July 2017

trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
DR Drier/A Marcus	38	16	42%	19	50%	53%	5	13%	1,382,925	36,393
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
PA Peter/G Lerena	56	16	29%	14	25%	21%	11	20%	1,356,650	24,226
M Robinson/R Fourie	51	15	29%	18	35%	39%	8	16%	1,097,825	21,526
MF de Kock/A Delpech	106	30	28%	48	45%	40%	13	12%	3,297,225	31,106
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	165	45	27%	75	45%	36%	31	19%	3,454,575	20,937
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
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	96	24	25%	23	24%	57%	8	8%	4,604,000	47,958
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
DS Bosch/A Delpech	41	10	24%	16	39%	38%	6	15%	727,525	17,745
SG Tarry/P Strydom	56	13	23%	21	38%	38%	7	13%	1,117,300	19,952
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	379	85	22%	130	34%	28%	53	14%	5,274,775	13,918

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Mike de Kock knows how to get them fit to win the Gr3 Gold Cup

Mike de Kock bids for his 5th Gold Cup win on Sunday when he sends out the Australian-bred Kinaan. The son of Galileo only races off an MR of 85 but stays well and ran third in the race last year. After being pipped a short head with Badger's Coast in 2002, multiple champion De Kock subsequently saddled Thundering Star (2007), Ancestral Fore (2010), Wild One (2015) and the High Chaparral gelding, Enaad last year. Callan Murray, who recently returned from a stint in Hong Kong, will partner Kinaan.



S'manga 'Bling' Khumalo is looking for a golden double

The 31 year old SA Champion jockey S'manga Khumalo broke the Gold Cup ice last year when winning on Enaad and will be relying on Sean Tarry's Tiger Ridge mare Trophy Wife to stay the distance on Sunday. The Wilgerbosdrift-bred galloper goes the 3200m for the first time. Khumalo, who was put on the map by the top racer Dancewiththediabol on whom he won two Gr1's and thus started being 'noticed' by trainers, will relinquish his national title to Anthony Delpech on Sunday.



Justin Snaith has never won the Gold Cup – while Piere Strydom has spent 12 years in the wilderness

Splendid Captains

Justin Snaith and Piere Strydom will still be smarting from their Gold Vase boardroom 'demotion' in favour of Hermoso Mundo and team up again with Captain Splendid in the Gold



Cup on Sunday. Strydom last won the premier staying event on Reveille Boy in 2005 for Brett Crawford - in the latter's private training days

with Sabine Plattner. Snaith has never won the Gold Cup – true story! The top Cape yard also saddle Krumbambuli and Francia. History suggests they are overdue.

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

FAIRVIEW (turf)**Friday, 21 July****Course Variant: 2.14s slow**

With 14mm of rain and 8mm of irrigation declared, the going was posted as good off a penetrometer reading of 22. The forecasted wind was a 22km/h south westerly and there was no false rail.

Amazingly, given these statistics, the course was running slow.

East Cape Paddock Stakes R150,000**Ambushed**

Gimmethgreenlight 3yo Beataboutthebush handed her rivals a galloping lesson in Friday's East Cape Paddock Stakes.

The only 3yo in a line-up that included some hard-knocking out-of-province seniors, the Listed Breeders Guineas winner was produced at the 400m by the Highlands sponsored Greg Cheyne and drew off to beat Span Die Seile, putting in a solid first PE run, by 1,50 lengths in a time of 99,05 secs.

Crackpot ran her usual game race a quarter length back in third, with Trini's Colateral in fourth. Cup Cake looked dangerous late but failed to go through with her run and finished just out of the money – showing that the mile is just beyond her best.

Beataboutthebush, a half sister to former Gr3 East Cape Derby winner True Master, was a R300 000 buy from the 2015 National Two Year Old Sale.

Bred by Varsfontein, she is a first crop daughter of Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the seven-time winner Bushra (Badger Land).

Beataboutthebush has won 5 races with 3 places from 8 starts for stakes of R365 200.

East Cape Paddock Stakes (F&M) (L) 1600m

Winner Beataboutthebush raced 5th; led 150m; won well

Runner-up Span Die Seile raced 2nd; led 350m; outpaced by winner

Third Crackpot raced 6th; ran on

We gave the third (prev 86/87/77/85/87)

85 which makes the winner (prev

80/81/87/79/85) 89 and the runner up (prev

74/77/76/72/72) 85

89	1	0.00	BEATABOUTTHEBUSH	(10)	60.0
G Cheyne 7/2 3 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Bushra (Badger Land)					
85	2	1.50	SPAN DIE SEILE	(1)	60.0
4 b f Captain Al - Start Me Up (Jet Master)					
85	3	1.75	CRACKPOT	(2)	60.0
5 b m Judpot - Nazca (National Emblem)					
84	4	1.85	Trini's Colateral	(12)	60.0
84	5	2.10	Cup Cake	(5)	60.0
81	6	3.35	Peonie Rock	(8)	60.0
78	7	4.60	Supercilious	(14)	60.0
77	8	5.10	Petty Officer	(4)	60.0
76	9	5.60	Tricia Dupont	(9)	60.0
69	10	8.85	Peach Delight	(13)	60.0
68	11	9.10	Flash Mcqueen	(11)	60.0
68	12	9.20	Valediction	(7)	60.0
64	13	10.95	Cape Marigold	(15)	60.0
64	14	11.20	Work Ethic	(3)	60.0
34	15	24.70	Kanara	(6)	60.0

Time: 99.05s (61.91s avg/1000m, or 58km/h)

SP Total %: 114%

1st T:AC Greeff O:Mr & Mrs A C Greeff, Messrs C G & L F Scribante

B:Varsfontein Stud

KENILWORTH (old course)**Saturday, 22 July****Course Variant: 0.37s slow (bend)**

38mm of rain fell in the seven days leading up to this meeting. The penetrometer read 23, the going good. The rail was in its original position and the wind was southerly with a strength of around 18km/h.

Gr3 Final Fling Stakes R250,000**Star Of The Show**

Rising 5 and having only her fourteenth start on Saturday, Silvan Star is showing the typical Silvano trait of just getting better with every run. She is racing full of enthusiasm and has enjoyed a terrific season, winning 5 of her 10 starts, with two second cheques, a third and a fourth.

The recent Listed Ladies Mile winner also won over 1800m for the first time on Saturday, which gives owners Georgina Jaffee and Peter De Beyer some added options for next term – if she stays in training.

Into the short winter home run, Fourie gave Silvan Star the nod early and she streaked into the lead with A Time To Dream and Ngaga looking to go with her.

But they had no answers for the Kotzen star, and with her hindlegs bandaged, Silvan Star charged away from her field to beat A Time To Dream by 2,50 lengths in a time of 110,44 secs.

Silvan Star has now won 6 races with 5 places from 14 starts and stakes of R524 775.

Ascot Stud bred her from champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of the one-time winner, Bold Choice (Lecture).

Purchased for R200 000 on the National Yearling Sale, she may not be the prettiest girl in the class but is certainly one of the cleverest – and looks an exciting broodmare prospect – whenever she goes that route.

Gr3 Final Fling Stakes (F&M) (L) 1800m

Winner Silvan Star raced 5th; led 400m

Runner-up A Time To Dream jumped awkwardly outwards making contact with Ngaga; raced midfield; was two lengths behind the winner at 400m and the same at the finish

Third Ngaga was bumped at the start; raced 4th; beaten 3 lengths

We gave the runner up (prev

75/93/93/91/88) 95 which makes the winner

(prev 84/84/87/85/94) 100 and the third

(prev 74/77/81/88/88) 93

100	1	0.00	SILVAN STAR	(4)	59.0	R Fourie	37/10
4 b f Silvano - Bold Choice (Lecture)							
95	2	2.50	A TIME TO DREAM	(7)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	37/10
4 b f Dynasty - Aqueduct(AUS) (Giant's Causeway)							
93	3	3.00	NGAGA	(8)	57.5	G v Niekerk	13/10
3 b f Fastnet Rock - Zarinia(IRE) (Intikhab)							
93	4	4.50	Goodtime Gal	(2)	60.0	G Cheyne	8/1
85	5	7.50	Harvard Crimson	(3)	59.0	C Orffer	20/1
82	6	10.00	Harlem Shake	(1)	60.0	H vd Hoven	17/1
75	7	12.00	Rock On Wood	(5)	57.5	L Africa	50/1
74	8	12.40	Miss D'Aray	(9)	57.5	P Botha	66/1
71	9	14.65	Sublime Lady	(10)	59.0	A Domeyer	30/1
56	10	21.90	Hilaria	(6)	59.0	A Balloo	100/1
0	11	99.99	Jetano	(11)	59.0	Wei Marwing	44/1

Time: 110.44s (61.36s avg/1000m, or 59km/h)

SP Total %: 117%

1st T:GS Kotzen O:Mr P G de Beyer & Ms G A Jaffee B:Ascot Stud

How Good Is Your Horse?

75% of all 2yo Gr1 winners have **ability ratings (AR)** of more than 95

97% of all Gr1 winners age 3yo & up have **ability ratings (AR)** of more than 95

Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** put every horse in its place

Check the race results on this page

Doing The Splits**Splits for Kenilworth, 22 July**

	<i>stbend</i>	<i>spur</i>	<i>finish</i>	<i>bend</i>	<i>400-fin</i>
1600m					
MR86	28.49	70.24	98.03	41.75	27.79
MR76	28.38	69.86	98.93	41.48	29.07
1800m					
Final Fling S.	40.41	82.52	110.35	42.11	27.83
2000m					
MR80	55.05	96.09	125.16	41.04	29.07

Interesting to note - the 2000m race was fastest on the bend and joint fastest in the straight. The Final Fling Stakes was slowest on the bend and not particularly fast in the straight.

SIGNPOSTS

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

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Darkest Hour 2c (Hezekiah by Kitalpha)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 1000m \(30/07\)](#)

ASCOT STUD STALLION

BOLD SILVANO (Silvano)

Princess Aarohi 2f (You Belong To Me by End Sweep)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Bypass 2c (Japrodisco by Royal Academy)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

Fly By Skye 2c (Wings Over Skye by Jet Master)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1900m \(30/07\)](#)

CRUSADE freshman sire **Scott Bros.**

CRUSADE (Johannesburg)

Joking Dice 2f (Slew per Jet by Jet Master)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(28/07\)](#)

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

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(28/07\)](#)

The Byzantine 2c (Patchouli Moon by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

First Crusade 2c (Pacific Blue by Model Man)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

Subtropical 2c (Sahara by Mogok)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

DAN DE LAGO (Encosta de Lago)

Lolita Delago 2f (Carolita by London News)

[Greyville 3 MR 70 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(29/07\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Brigtnumberten 2c (Summer Dew by Joshua Dancer)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 1000m \(30/07\)](#)

GIMMETHGREENLIGHT (More Than Ready)

Sweet Afton 2f (Inner Temple by Greys Inn)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(29/07\)](#)

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

[Kenilworth 4 Juvenile Plate 1400m \(29/07\)](#)

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

[Greyville 4 Gr3 The Debutante \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(30/07\)](#)

Marsala 2f (Vermilion by Western Winter)

[Greyville 4 Gr3 The Debutante \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(30/07\)](#)

Virga 2f (Predictable by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 4 Gr3 The Debutante \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(30/07\)](#)

La Bella Mia 2f (Mysterious Jet by Jet Master)

[Greyville 5 Gr1 Thekwini Stakes \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

Frederico's Dream 2f (Verdala by Linamix)

[Greyville 5 Gr1 Thekwini Stakes \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

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

[Greyville 6 Gr1 Premier Champions S \(2yo's\)\(T\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

GITANO HERNANDO (Hernando)

Gitango Tonight 2f (Pale Night by Western Winter)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(28/07\)](#)

GOLDEN SWORD (High Chaparral)

Valyrian Steel 2f (Florette by Dynasty)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(29/07\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Priority 2c (Trendy Babe by Lion Heart)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(28/07\)](#)

Ira 2f (My Vow by National Assembly)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(29/07\)](#)

Just My Style 2f (Onawingandaprayer by Jet Master)

[Greyville 5 Gr1 Thekwini S \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

MAIN AIM (Oasis Dream)

The Gown 2f (Opera Cloak by Labeeb)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(28/07\)](#)

Ballymaine 2c (Ballykissangel by Count Dubois)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

Leslie Shadowliner 2c (Daisy Delux by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 6 Gr1 Premier Champions Stakes \(2yo's\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

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

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Love Talk 2f (Lovey Dovey by Model Man)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(28/07\)](#)

Vittorio 2c (Tiger Strike by Tiger Ridge)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

Cha Cha Chorizo 2f (Jet Trail by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(29/07\)](#)

Supreme Orator 2c (Supreme Lecture by Lecture)

[Kenilworth 4 Juvenile Plate 1400m \(29/07\)](#)

Storm Racer 2c (Stormy Coast by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 9 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1800m \(29/07\)](#)

Nordic Chant 2c (Nordic Spring by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(29/07\)](#)

Opera Royal 2c (Fakazi by Albarahin)

[Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1900m \(30/07\)](#)

Escamillo 2c (Sangria Girl by Wolfhound)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1800m \(30/07\)](#)

Ancestry 2c (A Daughters Legacy by Windrush)

[Greyville 6 Gr1 Premier Champions S \(2yo's\)\(T\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

Chantyman 2c (Sea Of Calm by Quiet American)

[Greyville 6 Gr1 Premier Champions S \(2yo's\)\(T\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

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

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Tweed Valley 2f (Brora by Right Approach)

[Greyville 3 MR 70 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(29/07\)](#)

Grizabell 2f (Dance With Tigers by Tiger Ridge)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(29/07\)](#)

Township Melody 2f (Sovereign Beat by National Emblem)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(29/07\)](#)

Holly's Vision 2f (Holly Wood by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 5 Gr1 Thekwini Stakes \(2yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(30/07\)](#)

SIGNPOSTS

PHILANTHROPIST (Kris S)

- Belonje 2c (Love Unlimited by Hawk Wing)
Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Turf) 1000m (28/07)
- Vanilla Rose 2f (Show And Tell by Spectrum)
Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Turf) 1000m (28/07)
- Colour Your Dreams 2f (Painted House by Victory Moon)
Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Fillies)(Turf) 1600m (29/07)
- Imperadora 2f (Young Sensation by National Emblem)
Kenilworth 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m (29/07)
- Hometown Hero 2c (Miss Moneybags by West Man)
Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Turf) 1600m (29/07)
- Sir Cliff 2c (European Treasure by National Emblem)
Kenilworth 4 Juvenile Plate 1400m (29/07)
- Outlander 2f (Zili by Parade Leader)
Greyville 4 Gr3 The Debutante (2yo Fillies)(T) 1200m (30/07)
- Tsessebe 2f (Encora de Lago by Encosta de Lago)
Greyville 4 Gr3 The Debutante (2yo Fillies)(T) 1200m (30/07)
- Pack Leader 2c (First Arrival by Northern Guest)
Greyville 6 Gr1 Premier Champions S (2yo's)(T) 1600m (30/07)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

- Lovemetwotimesgirl 2f (Magical Cove by National Assembly)
Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Fillies)(Turf) 1600m (29/07)
- Second Chance 2f (Late Summer by Gone West)
Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Fillies) 1200m (29/07)
- Flash Twice 2c (Bellotto Flash by Bellotto)
Kenilworth 4 Juvenile Plate 1400m (29/07)
- Rock My Soul 2c (Rockie Bright by Rock of Gibraltar)
Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate (Turf) 1900m (30/07)
- Twice A Dancer 2c (Majestic Dancer by Joshua Dancer)
Greyville 3 Juvenile Plate (Turf) 1900m (30/07)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

- Whatyoudon'tknow 2f (Heyouneverknow by Unknown)
Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Fillies)(Turf) 1200m (28/07)
- Cousin Ed 2c (Rhinestone by Elliodor)
Kenilworth 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m (29/07)
- Eskimo Nell 2f (Nella Fantasia by Giant's Causeway)
Kenilworth 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m (29/07)
- Regent Seven 2c (Pacific Princess by Sportsworld)
Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate (Turf) 1600m (29/07)
- Edith's Rose 2f (Rose Reserve by Lake Coniston)
Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1000m (30/07)
- Fancifilly 2f (Sublimity by Fort Wood)
Greyville 4 Gr3 The Debutante (2yo Fillies)(T) 1200m (30/07)
- Warrior's Rest 2c (Bardot by Badger Land)
Greyville 6 Gr1 Premier Champions S (2yo's)(T) 1600m (30/07)

2nd season sires - 3yo's

BOLD SILVANO (Silvano)

- Bold Coast 3c (Kwacha by Tiger Ridge)
Turffontein 6 MR 76 Handicap 1450m (30/07)

DAN DE LAGO (Encosta de Lago)

- Yourmyworld 3f (Cozy Corner by Rambo Dancer)
Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Turf) 1000m (28/07)
- Peach Valley 3f (Just Peachy by Muhtafal)
Fairview 8 MR 60 Handicap (Turf) 1400m (28/07)
- Dash 3c (Karayib by Danzig)
Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1450m (30/07)

GIMMETHEGREENLIGHT (More Than Ready)

- Primrose Lane 3f (Chariya by Cape Cross)
Kenilworth 8 MR 88 Handicap (F&M) 1400m (29/07)
- Daisey's Dock 3c (Badger Express by Badger Land)
Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m (29/07)
- Gimmeakiss 3f (Silent Kiss by Maroof)
Greyville 9 Maiden Plate (Turf) 1800m (29/07)
- Show Me The Light 3f (Avalanching by Western Winter)
Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1000m (30/07)
- Uncle JB 3c (English Willow by Rich Man's Gold)
Greyville 10 MR 77 Handicap (Polytrack) 1900m (30/07)

GITANO HERNANDO (Hernando)

- Gypsy Jazz 3f (Waltzing Wallaby by Kenmare)
Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Turf) 1000m (28/07)
- Megabucks 3c (Ka-Ching by Houston Connection)
Fairview 6 Port Elizabeth Gold Cup (Listed)(T) 3600m (28/07)

GOLDEN SWORD (High Chaparral)

- Perfect Parry 3f (Perfect Lady by Muhtafal)
Fairview 4 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Turf) 1600m (28/07)

MAIN AIM (Oasis Dream)

- Madiba Dance 3c (Sovereign Beat by National Emblem)
Fairview 7 MR 65 Handicap (Turf) 1000m (28/07)
- Brighton Belle 3f (Canterbury Belle by Wolfhound)
Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (30/07)
- Kitty Coo 3f (Good Ol Days by Pole Position)
Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (30/07)

HIGHLANDS Stallion • PATHFORK (Distorted Humor)

PATHFORK (Distorted Humor)

- South Side 3f (Street Cred by Jallad)
Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Champagne Stakes (F&M) 1200m (29/07)
- Fellow Traveller 3c (Arch Mistress by Arch)
Greyville 9 MR 94 Handicap (Polytrack) 1900m (30/07)

PHILANTHROPIST (Kris S)

- Hour Glass 3f (Time Piece by Elliodor)
Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Turf) 1000m (28/07)
- No Doubt 3f (Trinity House by Captain Al)
Fairview 8 MR 60 Handicap (Turf) 1400m (28/07)
- Infinite Love 3c (Love Unlimited by Hawk Wing)
Greyville 9 Maiden Plate (Turf) 1800m (29/07)
- Lee's Pick 3c (Boreal Applause by Royal Applause)
Turffontein 5 MR 75 Handicap 2000m (30/07)

TRAFFIC GUARD (More Than Ready)

- Zeal And Zest 3c (Zodwa by Windrush)
Turffontein 5 MR 75 Handicap 2000m (30/07)
- Speed Monitor 3c (Sightseer by Kahal)
Turffontein 5 MR 75 Handicap 2000m (30/07)

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SIGNPOSTS

Notable Maiden Winners

DYNASTY

Rated **AR 81 NOBLE SECRET** (2c Arabian Secret by Al Mufti)
Maiden Juvenile Plate Vaal outside (1200m) (20/7)
 Always in the red in the betting market, Mike De Kock's new-comer was quickly positioned close the speed. Without ever really being asked to race he took up the running 400m out, and in what comparatively proved to be the fastest race on the card, he drew clear in impressive fashion to win by nine and a quarter.

Horses To Follow

CHOISIR

Rated **AR 85 ROY'S REGIS** (2c Little Wonder Why by Kala Dancer)
MR62 Handicap Greyville (poly) (1400m) (19/7)
 Pitched in against winners, this son of Choisir bumped exceptionally strong juvenile fields in his first two outings. He won with authority when shedding his maiden tag next time out, and moving into handicap company for the first time here, he cruised clear over the final 400m to score by four and three quarters.

WESTERN WINTER

Rated **AR 95 LAST WINTER** (3c Field Flower by Silvano)
MR94 Handicap Scottsville (stand side) (1600m) (23/7)
 Unbeaten coming into the race, Dean Kannemeyer's charge was facing by far his stiffest task to date here. The confidence was there though, as he was sent off a well-supported favourite at 13/10. He got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. He went on to score with authority by two and three quarters.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Roy's Zara (USA) 2bf Big Brown- Eyelean(AUS) (Galileo)
 Greyville 2000m (19/07)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Roy's Regis 2bc Choisir- Little Wonder Why(AUS) (Kala Dancer)
 Greyville 1400m (19/07)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Roy Royale 7bh Holy Roman Emperor-Quinsigimond(GB) (Formidable)
 Greyville 1000m (19/07)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Roy's Hollyhock 3ch f Hussan- Lady Atire(NZ) (Pentire)Greyville
 1600m (19/07)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Turbulent Air 3bg So You Think- Express Air(AUS) (Piccolo)Kenilworth
 1600m (22/07)

SPORTS AND BETTING

CBL Champion Cup

Kaizer Chiefs vs Orlando Pirates | Sat, 29 July | FNB Stadium | 15:00



The International Champions Cup gets underway this week which will be music to football fans ears as they will finally witness some moderately competitive action. The tournament is being played at three different countries, namely China, the United States and Singapore. Seventeen teams will contest the tournament, although not every team will play each other due to them being situated in different countries. It's a rather star studded event with the likes of Lionel Messi, Neymar, Dani Alves, Mesut Ozil and Paul Pogba all set to make appearances. We'll take a look at a few of this weekend's headline clashes below.

To catch up with Benedict Ngwenya previews [CLICK HERE](#)

KAIZER CHIEFS

Most voted for players as of Monday: Bruce Bvuma, Sibusiso Khumalo, Eric Mathoho, Lorenzo Gordinho, Daniel Cardoso, Willard Katsande, Pule Ekstein, Keagan Buchanan, Edmore Chirambadare, Emmanuel Letlotlo, Gustavo Paez.

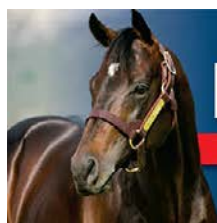
After enduring yet another trophyless season, AmaKhosi will be looking to gain a psychological boost ahead of the new campaign and nothing can provide that better than beating their bitter rivals. Chiefs have had a good pre-season, winning the Maize Cup which is a one-day tournament by beating Free State Stars 1-0 in the final with George Lebeso scoring the winner in the 83rd minute.

ORLANDO PIRATES

Most voted for players as of Monday: Brighton Mhlongo, Nkosinathi Mthiyane, Justice Chabalala, Happy Jele, Ayanda Gcaba, Gift Motupa, Bernard Morrison, Abubaker Mobara, Dove Wome, Sello Japhta, Ayanda Nkosi.

The mighty Buccaneers have a very interesting story because they have parted ways with three of the most voted for players, namely Brighton Mhlongo, Gift Motupa and Dove Wome. I expect Siyabonga Mpontshane, Mpho Makola or Thamsanqa Sangweni and Tendai Ndoro to replace them respectively.

PREDICTION: Orlando Pirates (22/10)



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A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Pays Well

Turffontein 16 July

Four of the eight races on the old stand side track on Sunday were staged over 1400m and comfortably the fastest of these was the bill topping pinnacle stakes won by WILL PAYS. Sent off as one of the outsiders of the ten horse party at 30/1, the 5yo son of Imperial Stride wasn't the quickest into stride when the gates opened, but despite that was soon up handy. He ran on stoutly over the final 400m and did well to reel in the free striding pace-maker CAPTAIN ALDO close home.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1800m where the faster of the two, surprisingly, was the MR72 Handicap in which the well-supported TENDRE registered his second career victory. Backed into 5/1 from 12's during the afternoon, Joey Soma's charge was always in touch with the leaders. He put his head in front 100m out and comfortably accounted for the easy to back JACKMAN by a length.

In terms of distance, the easiest victory on the card was recorded by ALFOLK in the Juvenile Plate over 1160m. Taken straight to the front by Anthony Delpech, the uneasy favourite led throughout. He raced two lengths clear during the early part of the race and doubled his advantage over the final 400m.

Titbits *The poorly drawn veteran RAMBO ran on well from the backend of midfield when getting up late to win the MR72 Handicap over 1400m.*

Easy For Dalley

Vaal 18 July

They raced on the inside track on Tuesday where once again a half of the races were run over the same distance. This time it was 1200m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was LAST GIRL STANDING in the MR69 Handicap. Always one to run on stoutly from off the pace, St John Gray's charge raced a bit closer to the leaders here in sixth. She ran on well under a typically strong ride from S'manga Khumalo and got the verdict by a neck over the marginally faster finishing QUATTRO.

The faster of the two 1000m events was the MR68 Handicap in which CLAREMORRIS followed up on her recent maiden win. Allowed to drift in the betting market as if a win was out of the question (14/1 out to 25/1), Roy Magner's charge raced in the rear

for most of the journey. The field was always tightly bunched though and when the race began in earnest she was only five lengths off them. She ran on best of all over the final 400m and comfortably accounted for the front running CATALUGA by a length and a quarter.

The 4yo DALLEY was the best bet on the card for most and she didn't let down her supporters. Backed into the red during the morning, Lucky Houdalakis' charge was content to race 7th of the nine for most of the journey. She took a bump 500m out, and didn't find the clearest of passages when starting her run. Once seeing daylight though she cut through the field like a knife, and went on to score by two and a quarter with plenty in handy.

Titbits *Sent off a well-supported favourite at even money, the newcomer VICOMTE ran on well from midfield when winning the opening maiden juvenile plate going away.*

Roy's Everywhere

Greyville 19 July

Favourite backers got off to a nice start on the poly at Greyville on Wednesday afternoon when NORTHERN REBEL did the business in the opening maiden plate over 1000m. Racing in open company in what proved to be the fastest race on the card comparatively, the 2yo son of Rebel King was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 400m marker and won going away by three and a quarter. Also worthy of note in this race was the newcomer RIVER OF JANUARY who finished third. Not the quickest into stride, Dennis Drier's charge ran on well from the backend of midfield and didn't find the clearest of passages.

Another 2yo to win with authority on this card was ROY'S REGIS in the MR62 Handicap over 1400m. In what proved to be the fastest of the three events over the distance, the son of Choisir was soon positioned close to the speed. He took up the running as they came off the bend and drew clear easily over the final 400m to score by four and three quarters. Roy's Regis was the fourth of five winners on the card for owner Roy Moodley.

The faster of the two maiden events over 1600m was the boy's affair in which the well exposed WINTER MARCHEN got off the mark. Drawn widest of the eleven, Andre

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

Surf's Up	won 16/1
Tendre	won 5/1
Just An Affair	won 4/1
Roy Royale	won 26/10
Alfolk	won 5/2
Roy's Zara	won 22/10
Roy's Hollyhock	won 2/1
Northern Rebel	won 19/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (1) An Air Of Success 14
 Race 2: (7) Mr Fire Eyes 7
 Race 3: (14) Vanilla Rose 4
 Race 4: (11) Gitango Tonight 23
 Race 5: (3) Reef Of Fortune 44
 Race 6: (2) Kingston Mines 63
 Race 7: (14) Bold Aspen 36
Race 8: (10) Invisible Juice 33 (EW)

GREYVILLE (SAT)

- Race 1: (2) Colour Your Dreams 4
 Race 2: (5) First Crusade 11
 Race 3: (9) Online 36
 Race 4: (5) Varbration 65
 Race 5: (6) Isca 94
 Race 6: (5) Night Trip 84
 Race 7: (11) Table Bay 104
Race 8: (1) Nightingale 86 (NAP*)
 Race 9: (10) Roy's Kaitrina 22

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (10) Herodus 25
 Race 2: (10) Ostinato 14
Race 3: (4) Bendy Bullet 19 (NAP*)
 Race 4: (4) Supreme Orator 25
 Race 5: (4) Merysagos 21
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GREYVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (1) Diamonds Forever 16
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 Race 4: (2) Neptune's Rain 40
 Race 5: (3) Folk Dance 37
 Race 6: (12) Purple Diamond 47
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TURFFONTEIN (SUN)

- Race 1: (11) Riding Shotgun 22 (NAP**)**
 Race 2: (8) Effortless 16
 Race 3: (1) Singaswewin 15
 Race 4: (9) Hello 12
 Race 5: (7) Speed Monitor 44
 Race 6: (7) Bold Coast 51
Race 7: (3) Hunting Owl 42 (EW)
 Race 8: (1) Queen's Jet 31
 Race 9: (18) Cape Speed 88

Nap bets

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

CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

Nel's charge raced in the rear early on. Once in the straight though he ran on best of all and in what proved to be a real thriller he got up in the very last stride to deny another well tried individual in TURF CONQUEROR.

Titbits Backed into favouritism, ROY'S HOLLYHOCK ran on well from midfield when winning the girl's maiden plate over 1600m going away.

The Secret's Out

Vaal 20 July

Thursday's action took place on the outside track where surprisingly the fastest of the five 1400m events was the MR69 Handicap won by PACHUCO. Sent off the lessor fancied of Sean Tarry's two runners at 8/1, Pachuco raced in the rear for most of the journey. He ran on best of all over the final 400m, and with the rest well beaten he comfortably accounted for the 17/20 favourite BOLD COAST by a length and a half.

By far the faster of the two 1000m races was the MR77 Handicap in which SURF'S UP caused a bit of an upset. Freely available at 16/1 on the off, the top weighted son of Kahal was always handy. He ran on strongly from halfway and with the rest well beaten he comfortably accounted for the front running favourite PILLAROFTHEEARTH.

The easiest victory on the card was undoubtedly that of the newcomer NOBLE SECRET in the maiden juvenile plate over 1200m. Soon up handy. Mike De Kock's charge took up the running 400m out and never really asked to race throughout, won as he liked by nine and a quarter.

Titbits The 4yo LAST GIRL STANDING

made it two wins in three days under determined rides from S'manga Khumalo (replacement rider here), when winning the MR62 Handicap over 1400m on the nod.

Nobeatingaboutthebush

Fairview 21 July

The listed East Cape Paddock Stakes topped the bill in Port Elizabeth on Friday and in what not surprisingly proved to be the faster of the afternoon's two 1600m events, we saw a smart performance from the uneasy favourite BEATABOUTTHEBUSH. Soon up handy, Alan Greeff's charge was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 200m pole and won well by a length and a half from the former Gauteng campaigner SPAN DIE SEILE.

The faster of the two 1000m events on the card was the pinnacle stakes in which EASY STREET registered her eighth career victory. Nibbled at on course into 4/1 from 5's, the Brave Tin Soldier mare raced in midfield early on. She ran on strongly from halfway and won well by a length and a quarter from the easy to back ZEVENASTIC.

They also ran two races over 1400m and quickest home here was CLASSIFY in the MR92 Handicap. Sent off a strong favourite at 21/20 (op 2/1), the improving Sail From Seattle gelding was always handy. He was asked to take up the running shortly after passing the 200m marker and won with authority from the running on grey, KISS ME HARDY.

Titbits The newcomer ASTISIA was always handy when winning the maiden juvenile plate over 1000m quite comfortably.

FASTEST TIMES

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

TURFFONTEIN (OLD) 16 JULY

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,37s slow	
1160m (1) Alfolk	68,07
1400m (4) Will Pays	84,97
1800m (2) Tendre	111,09
2000m (1) Polar Vortex	128,75

VAAL (INSIDE) 18 JULY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,33 slow	
1000m (2) Claremorris	58,15
1200m (4) Last Girl Standing	70,21
1700m (1) Tiger Jet	106,86
2400m (1) Dalley	150,21

GREYVILLE (POLY) 19 JULY

Going Standard	
1000m (2) Northern Rebel	58,63
1400m (3) Roy's Regis	83,72
1600m (2) Winter Marchen	96,60
2000m (1) Roy's Zara	124,40

VAAL (OUTSIDE) 20 JULY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,00s slow	
1000m (2) Surf's Up	57,94
1200m (1) Noble Secret	70,40
1400m (5) Pachuco	82,46
1600m (1) Chapati	98,16

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 21 JULY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 2,14s slow	
1000m (2) Easy Street	58,75
1200m (2) Let Her Fly	72,22
1400m (2) Classify	85,21
1600m (2) Beataboutthebush	99,05

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

BEATABOUTTHEBUSH (A Greeff, E-Cape)
NOBLE SECRET (M De Kock, Gauteng)
RIVER OF JANUARY (D Drier, KZN)
ROY'S REGIS (D Howells, KZN)

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|-------|-----------------|------|----------------|
| 18/10 | Marinaresco | 16/1 | Deo Juvente |
| 33/10 | Captain America | 16/1 | Brazuca |
| 5/1 | Bela Bela | 16/1 | Ten Gun Salute |
| 13/2 | Black Arthur | 20/1 | Sail South |
| 15/2 | It's My Turn | 25/1 | Judicial |
| 10/1 | Table Bay | 33/1 | Matador Man |

GRADE 3 eLAN GOLD CUP

SUNDAY 30 JULY - 16:20 - 3200M - GREYVILLE

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| 33/10 | Kinaan | 20/1 | Fortissima |
| 9/2 | Hermoso Mundo | 25/1 | Zante |
| 6/1 | Krambambuli | 25/1 | Royal Honour |
| 6/1 | Captain Splendid | 25/1 | The Elmo Effect |
| 7/1 | Royal Badge | 25/1 | My World |
| 25/2 | Mr Winsome | 33/1 | Cool Chardonnay |
| 25/2 | Banner Hill | 33/1 | Let It Rain |
| 16/1 | Trophy Wife | 40/1 | Francia |



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