

Moore Milestone

Winter's win in the Qatar Nassau Sussex Stakes at Glorious Goodwood last week made it 100 Group/Grade 1 career victories for Ryan Moon. The 33 year old rider's top-flight wins include the biggest races in Australia, Hong Kong and Japan.

Please Call Me

It was good to hear Philip Sarembock back in the commentary box at Kenilworth on Sunday. Hailing from a family who race horses in the region, the former trainee part-time racecaller – an Accountant by profession – was sidelined some years ago, we believe, for answering his mobile phone during a race. He is lengths better than any other budding callers we have heard down in the Cape recently.

SA HORSE OF THE YEAR



Who will be crowned SA Horse Of The Year next week? Well, it looks wide open according to the polls. The reigning title holder Legal Eagle (24%) leads Bela-Bela (23%) and Sun Met winner Whisky Baron (21%) in the SP reader poll – always a strong indicator of what the smart money is thinking. Go to www.sportingpost.co.za and cast your vote today.

More Caviar!

The David Hayes-trained Oscietra, the first foal of world champion sprinter Black Caviar, is likely to kick off her 3yo season at Geelong this Friday. The Exceed And Excel filly, who is named after one of the world's most prized and expensive types of caviar, continues to impress in her lead-up work winning her second 800m jump-out at Flemington last Friday. Oscietra has had one start when finishing third over 1000m at Flemington on New Year's Day.



SINKING FEELINGS

Raymond Danielson and Brandon Lerena's appeals against their 3 month bans by the Mauritius Turf Club for socialising with a registered Bookmaker have been upheld and the duo are able to start riding again. The position of Muzi Yeni who was on the same cruise is not as positive. He has been barred from leaving the country. Representations to the Prime Minister, the Commissioner of Police, the Gambling Regulatory Authority, Home Affairs and the Public Prosecutor have hit a blank. Yeni's Attorney has petitioned the Mauritius Supreme Court – but that was adjourned to Friday 18 August.

TV1

The communication between our racecourses and Tellytrack remains an issue ten years after we raised it for the first time. Viewers were left in limbo for at least fifteen minutes before the Kenilworth third race on Sunday with the jockeys looking for something in the grass. Who is responsible for this buck?

three For Karis

Former SA-based Mauritius born jockey Karis Teetan enjoyed a memorable Sunday, booting home three winners in Japan. He was victorious on Fast Approach, Electronical and Swift Raid. Karis has ridden 5 winners in his short stint there.

A Blackbooker

Callan Murray and Mike de Kock teamed up with the very smart looking New Zealand-bred colt Alwahsh to win the first on debut at Turffontein on Sunday. Raced by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, the winner is by Darley's former champion juvenile Sepoy, out of the NZ mare Irish Blues, a full-sister to Gr1 Australian Guineas & Australian Derby winner Shamrock, Gr2 The Roses winner Bohemian Lily, and a half-sister to Gr1 Auckland Cup winner Rock Diva. The colt was purchased by Shadwell Stud Australasia for \$520,000 at the 2016 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

Some Four!

Trainer David Nieuwenhuizen achieved a rare feat at Turffontein on Sunday. He saddled the quartet in the eighth race – which paid a healthy R30939! The 36-1 Flowing Gown (Ryan Munger) beat Golddust Woman (Weichong Marwing), with Monarch Air (Chase Maujean) in third and Green Crest (JP van der Merwe) running fourth. A 52 year old Graphic Designer by profession, David is a graduate of James Maree's workriders programme and says he hasn't had a holiday since

he went on his own in 2004. Tough game this!



CLIFFHANGER!

Highlands new shuttle stallion Canford Cliffs produced the action at Glorious Goodwood on Friday when his daughter Al Jazi won the Gr3 L'Ormarins Queens Plate Oak Tree Fillies Stakes for the second year in succession. Canford Cliffs (IRE) was a 5 time Gr1 winner and a top two year old of his year. Winning jockey Frankie Dettori dedicated the win to Sheikh Joaan. Al Jazi's next run may be at Longchamps in October in the Gr1 Prix de la Forêt.