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THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW poly Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R7-(2) It Is Written (3/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R8-(2) Trip To Rio (5/1)

KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(4) Excellent (7/1)

GREYVILLE poly Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(12) Zenzero (4/1)

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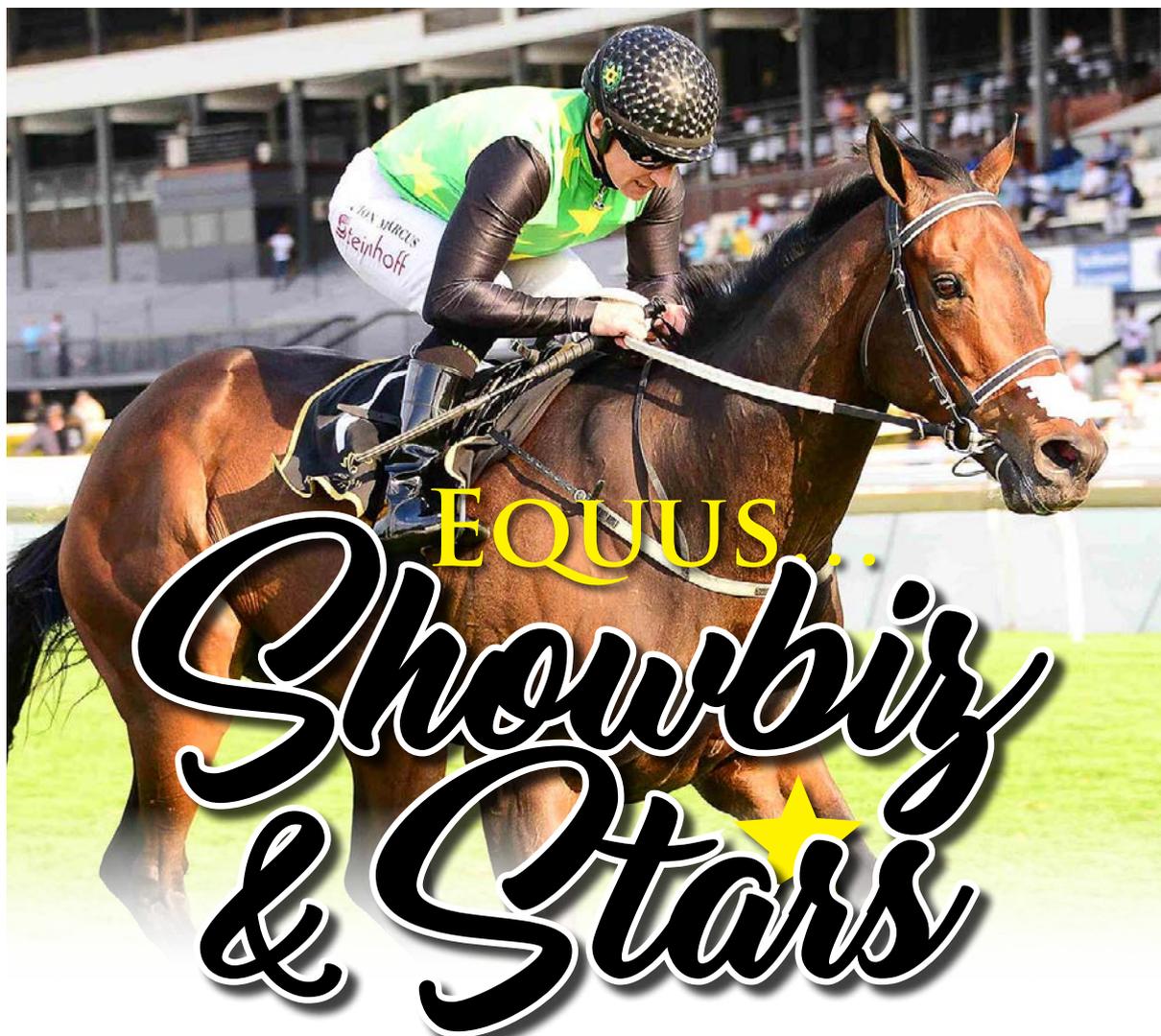
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EQUUS...

Showbiz & Stars

Awards evenings are a playground of hard – luck stories. That’s just the way it is. While panels get most things right most days, and champions engrave their own names on the silverware, any discipline acknowledging achievement is a potential sitting duck for the marginal calls – the ones they might have gotten wrong.

The marketing buffs – we have a few, believe it or not – label our national awards ‘horseracing’s Oscars’. By its very nature, Equus is a glitzy glamorous gathering of the stars- and a sometimes self-indulgent occasion where the power players tend to domi-

nate through sheer numbers. But what we can’t deny, the top horses do generally come out tops.

Somewhere over the rainbow, horseracing’s hardly alone for getting some of the decisions not always entirely right. It even happens in showbiz! The Wizard of Oz was a groundbreaking fantasy musical that got blown away in the Oscars Best Picture category way back in 1939.

But that’s history. Our ‘Oz’ moment of Equus 2017 has to be the likely disappointment felt by the connections of the Toreador gelding Bull Valley in the Champion Sprinter category. While absolutely not an entirely undeserving winner, was the panel swung by years of guilt for ignoring Captain Al’s star daughter Carry On Alice, when giving the mare the nod ahead of her stablemate?

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EQUUS - SHOWBIZ & STARS

The lightly raced Bull Valley ran five times in the season. He won two Gr1's, a Listed event and was placed second and fourth at Gr2 level.

Carry On Alice has become an institution of courage and reliability in the lives of an adoring racing fraternity. She ran six times – like the Bull she won two Gr1's – but here's the crunch- one was achieved against her own sex. Does that count for less? She also had a mixed Gr1 third and two own sex Gr2 seconds to her credit. That's damn close between the two Tarry charges. But we were told that Gr1 success is the yardstick – and Bull Valley may have had the marginal edge, surely?

Another category likely to attract some debate is the longhaulers division. Despite his prowess on the marathon track, Ideal World's newest staying star Hermoso Mundo no doubt won a few points thanks to his vocal and passionate owners, and he was another who beat the odds, and Gr1 SA Derby winner Al Sahem, to lift the stayers championship trophy. The rules were tweaked to allow a vote to usurp Gr1 performance. And it's really not something we can argue as the unique dynamics of the staying ranks is a longstanding mindset issue in our racing, and a debate for an entirely different platform.

The champagne corks were popping in the shadow of the Helderberg as Avontuur Stud celebrated a second – and undisputed- Horse Of The Year award for their star flagbearer, Legal Eagle.

Trained by a champion and owned by champions, the now 6yo repeated his feat of the 2015/16 season by winning the Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate at Kenilworth and the Gr1 HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes at Turffontein, He also finished second in the Gr1 Sun Met at Kenilworth and the President's Champions Challenge at Turffontein.

The magnificent son of Greys Inn also won two other awards – that of Champion Older Male and Champion Miler.

What's an Equus evening without Mike de Kock and the legend was acknowledged with a Special Achievement Award after reaching his 3000th winner as a trainer. The milestone was achieved when the now exported Janoobi won the Gr2 Gauteng Guineas in April.

Congratulations to all the winners – we are looking ahead to another long, hard season. We can't wait!

EQUUS

Who Won What

HORSE OF THE YEAR
LEGAL EAGLE

CHAMPION 2YO COLT
MUSTAAQEEM

CHAMPION 2YO FILLY
LADY IN BLACK

CHAMPION 3YO COLT
EDICT OF NANTES

CHAMPION 3YO FILLY
JUST SENSUAL

CHAMPION OLDER MALE
LEGAL EAGLE

CHAMPION OLDER FILLY/MARE
CARRY ON ALICE

CHAMPION SPRINTER
CARRY ON ALICE

CHAMPION MILER
LEGAL EAGLE

CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE
WHISKY BARON

CHAMPION STAYER
HERMOSO MUNDO

STALLION OF THE YEAR
SILVANO

OUTSTANDING STALLION
DYNASTY

BROODMARE OF THE YEAR
MYSTIC SPRING

BREEDER OF THE YEAR
KLAWERVLEI

OUTSTANDING BREEDER
VARSFONTEIN

CHAMPION APPRENTICE
LYLE HEWITSON

CHAMPION JOCKEY
ANTHONY DELPECH

CHAMPION OWNER (stakes earned)
MAYFAIR SPECULATORS

CHAMPION TRAINER (stakes earned)
SEAN TARRY

INDUSTRY MERIT AWARD
MIKE DE KOCK

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.

Highlighted horses: **EQUUS CHAMPIONS**

Full EXPLANATION

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TOP SCORERS for 2016/2017

(SEASON 2016/2017)

horse	age	sex	points	races
LEGAL EAGLE	5	c	334	5
Captain America	6	c	243	6
CARRY ON ALICE	5	f	222	5
Bull Valley	4	c	201	3
Marinaresco	4	c	198	5
EDICT OF NANTES	3	c	198	4
Bela-Bela	4	f	195	4
Search Party	4	c	175	4
Al Sahem	3	c	168	5
Rafeef	4	c	150	2
WHISKY BARON	4	c	150	2
Sail South	6	c	145	3
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
Eyes Wide Open	2	c	70	1
MUSTAAQEEM	2	c	70	1
William Longsword	3	c	70	1
Sand And Sea	2	c	70	1
LADY IN BLACK	2	f	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
HERMOSO MUNDO	4	c	50	2
Brazuca	4	c	50	1
Icy Trail	4	c	50	1
Bezanova	6	c	50	1
Ten Gun Salute	4	c	50	1
Green Plains	2	f	48	2
Red Ray	6	c	46	1
Desert Rhythm	2	f	45	2

A Switch To The Poly

Fairview on Friday

Following heavy overnight rain on Wednesday and the forecast of more rain, Friday's racemeeting at Fairview has been switched to the polytrack.

Dorrie Sham's talented 6yo Notting Hill, a course-and-distance winner, brings a run of consistent form to the party. The son of Horse Chestnut was slow off last time and run off his feet in a 1400m race. This 1800m will be more up his alley.

Justin Snaith has a strong hand in the race with the well-travelled 2015 Gr3 Christmas Handicap winner It Is Written ready to win again after a 15 month absence from the number 1 box. The son of Dynasty ran on well last time behind Laws Of Succession.

The 2015 Gr2 Betting World 1900 winner Dynastic Power has had five starts in the Eastern Cape without setting the world alight. The 7yo is nicely drawn and could be ready to box at his better weight again.

The 2013 East Cape Derby winner True Master is an 8yo but has maintained his enthusiasm and is currently trading just South of his best lifetime rating. The son of Jet Master carries a trainstopping 62kgs here but ran a nice third behind Our Icon last time.

The former KZN-based Stormy Eclipse is yet to win here in three starts but has shown enough to suggest a big effort is imminent. The track switch will suit him. He is much

better running at them late off a decent pace and may have run too handily last time when one-paced late for a 2 length fourth off Our Icon.

Story Of My Life enjoys a 4kg apprentice claim and is way overdue to register his fourth win. The son of Soar With Eagles seldom runs a poor race.

Gimme The Stars is a dual stakes winning 4yo and a very capable sort. He steps up 200m after running on too late in his recent starts over a bit shorter. He has won twice on the poly.

En Gee Oh is the second of the Gavin Smith duo. The son of Philanthropist is a consistent course-and-distance winner, but failed to impress at his last start. He compounded badly and dropped out over the final 200m to finish close on 14 lengths off Eternal Jet. That was just a week ago. He will enjoy the switch to poly.

Notting Hill will relish the step up in trip and he looks the one to beat, but with reservations for the class of the older brigade – with the likes of Stormy Eclipse, It Is Written and True Master serious players. Then Gimme The Stars is no slouch and is still improving – with the likelihood that he will definitely enjoy the step up in ground.

START
4:00PM
FAIRVIEW

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
PINNACLE STAKES (POLY) - 1800M
SAME TRAINER:(1-2)(3-4)(8-9)

Jet Master	1 TRUE MASTER(J Snaith) L Mxothwa	5	62.0
Dynasty	2 IT IS WRITTEN(J Snaith) C Zackey	1	61.0
Dynasty	3 STORMY ECLIPSE(T Laing) C Murray	6	61.0
Distorted Humour	4 ROAD TO INDY(T Laing) R Munger	9	59.5
Gimmethethegreenlight	5 GIMME THE STARS(Y Bremner) L Hewitson ..	8	58.0
Dynasty	6 DYNASTIC POWER(AC Greeff) A Domeyer	2	58.0
Horse Chestnut	7 NOTTING HILL(DA Sham) R Danielson	3	56.5
Soar With Eagles	8 STORY OF MY LIFE(GD Smith) L Tarentaal ...	4	56.5
Philanthropist	9 EN GEE OH(GD Smith) JP vd Merwe	7	55.0

Please note: In view of the switch to the polytrack, Race 2 will now be run over 2200m. Races 3, 8 and 9 will be run over 1300m.

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RACING WRITER OF THE YEAR

Hans Ebert, RacingB*tch to you, is the winner of the Drakenstein Stud Racing Writer Of The Year Award and the R20.000 prize.

Barry Irwin, who judged the submissions, picked Ebert's contribution on Douglas Whyte as the best entry.

"It is so unique and in depth, it won me over" said Irwin, who noted that it had been a close call with David Thistleton's piece about 'insiders' and Robyn Louw's story about 'integrity'.

This is the text of the winning entry:

**About That Old Whyte Magic. . .**

He's looking happier, he's riding winners with the devious ease that's been his trademark, and there's that steely determination expected of the jockey everyone agrees is the consummate professional.

Some say, Douglas Whyte is back, to which I ask, When did he leave? Last season had its ebbs and flows for this legendary- and legendary is a word often used too lightly- South African horseman who arrived in Hong Kong for the 1997-98 season a complete unknown, like a Rolling Stone, and ruled the Jockeys Premiership for thirteen consecutive years. But that's the past.

Right now, he and Nash Rawiller are third on the premiership table, he's making more than the most of the rides that come his way, and seems out to prove that it ain't what you have, it's the way that you do it- not that he has anything to prove to anyone. He's done it all.

Sure, Douglas and I have had our ups and downs. Being too close to anyone makes one guarded. And so it's been with my long term friendship with Douglas Whyte. Long term relationships simply don't last in Hong Kong, especially in horse racing, but I would like to think that our's has survived because of being able to say something very simple: Sorry. Still friends?

All it took to get things back in track was a phone call asking to get together for a drink. And when we met at the Blue Bar of the Four Seasons, always our favourite watering hole, together with another very good mutual friend in Felix Coetzee, there were no apologies, just the usual friendly banter. Normal service had resumed.

Were we, as one jockey teased on social media after seeing a couple of tweets between us, "Besties again"? Despite almost a year of both sides needing to focus on personal priorities, nothing was going to erase almost twenty years of friendship. Often- too often- we tend to not put a premium on friendships that have stood the test of time despite the efforts of those who've tried to derail it for their own self-serving agendas. And Douglas Whyte has had his detractors along the way who have wanted to see him fall and fail. With great power and success comes responsibility and jealousy, Spider-Man. To his credit and great human resolve, he has risen above it all. Again, as current and former key executives at the HKJC and those overseas have

said, "Douglas Whyte is the consummate professional."

During the 2013-14 season, Zac Purton brought an end to Whyte's thirteen consecutive Hong Kong Jockey Premierships. It was Purton pulling off the almost impossible through sheer determination, talent and that burning hunger to win. It was a phenomenal effort by The Zac Attack and one which should be constantly applauded. It was a watershed moment for a tremendously gifted jockey at the top of his game.

Who knows, but Douglas Whyte might have even been relieved that the baton had been passed. Heavy is the head that wears the crown. And for thirteen years, the Durban Demon fended off all pretenders to the throne, and the usual backstabbers who wanted to see his downfall. His on and off-course rivalry with Brett Prebble- they're friends these days- added to the competitiveness. This was especially evident during the 2010-2011 season when the Melbourne Cup winning jockey was all but home to take out the premiership when leading by fifteen winners and only a handful of meetings to go. The maths were not in Whyte's favour. But he wasn't counting. We were.

When we would meet during that time, it was tough to ask the question, but it had to be: "No chance to catch up?" The reply was always the same: "No problem, bud. I'll beat him." And he did. Every time he did the seemingly impossible by cutting back Prebble's lead, the girl I was living with at the time- a Dane who knew nothing about racing- would whoop it up. She was a huge fan and was happy for him. And being creative, she was adamant that Douglas should have his own website, his own line of jewellery and become a brand. Smart girl. Douglas Whyte should be a brand. As for that season, Prebble blinked first. Sensing blood, Whyte went in for the kill and won the premiership by one winner.

And then along came the new, improved Zac Purton- a raw talent in Australia with enormous potential, who grew up fast in Hong Kong, and is today a great ambassador for the sport and the HKJC.

Did he learn and mature and improve his people and personal presentation skills by watching Whyte? In time, he might say he did. But during that particular season of the bitch, the constant slanging was tough to stomach. It was possibly all new to Zac. And egged on by an Aussie racing media wanting to hear more and more about the two riders well-known dislike for each other, Purton played into their hands with quotes not worthy of a Premiership winning jockey. Whyte, he said nothing. If anything, he said he was beaten fair and square and complimented Purton. And then out of left field- Singapore to be precise- came the arrival of Joao Moreira, who was to change the Hong Kong Jockey Premiership- and racing landscape- forever.

After South African jockeys having owned that premiership for twenty one consecutive years- the seven year reign of Basil Marcus, one strange year when Robbie Fradd won it, Whyte's thirteen years, and the one year that belonged to an Australian- the door opened for the mercurial Brazilian to walk in and make the most of everything handed to his enormous talent on a silver platter.

Among these changes saw the end of the longtime and hugely successful partnership between Whyte and trainer John Size. Neither have talked about the split. It just happened.

ABOUT THAT OLD WHYTE MAGIC. . .

The changing of the guard had taken place.

The rest, as they say, is history. It was like Yoko coming between John and Paul and the end of the Beatles.

What's next for Douglas Whyte, who'll be a fit, competitive and youthful 45 next month? Last season, those with short memories were calling him yesterday's man- someone who had made a great deal of money in Hong Kong whose time was up, and was simply going through the motions. Anyone who knows anything about Douglas Whyte knows that the day he stops giving his best, he'll move on. He certainly doesn't need the money, and he couldn't have taken the guttural booing from the peanut gallery well. Yet, he held his head high and got on with life by giving the best he could. That's what anyone can do: Give their best. And if the best still isn't good enough, well, that only shows up weak people.

One still cannot understand why Douglas Whyte's achievements are not in the Guinness Book Of World Records. Gawd knows they should be- the thirteen consecutive premierships, his win in 1997 for South Africa aboard London News in the Queen Elizabeth 11 Cup, and that memorable Hong Kong International Races day in 2013 when he won the Hong Kong Cup aboard Akeed Mofeed, and capped it off by taking out the Hong Kong Mile on the John Size-trained Glorious Days.

Could the Durban Demon have demanded and got more – not just money- during his magnificent thirteen year reign? Definitely. He certainly had the drawing power and marquee value name to change the face of racing. But like another record breaking jockey named Frankie Dettori, he didn't seize the day- and the oppor-

tunities he could have had as a brand. Dettori opened a chain of upmarket Italian restaurants he named "Frankie's" and which sounded like a chain of pizzerias in the Bronx. Whyte bought a vineyard in Tuscany, and for over ten years, some of us are still awaiting a bottle of Vin De Whyte. Trampling those grapes and the fermentation period seem to be an arduous task.

Being the complete horseman with all his experience, his annual pilgrimages to keep learning about the psychology of horses from Monty "The Horse Whisperer" Roberts, and his impressive curriculum vitae and roller deck, he could walk straight into being a highly successful trainer in Hong Kong.

Only the most naive would not think that he's already training many of the horses he's riding today by offering various advice- add blinkers, the horse needs a tongue tie, try racing it over a distance in Shatin etc. Just ask some of the local trainers how much they depend on, and respect, Whyte's experience and knowledge.

With family always coming first, Hong Kong has been good to the South African- and this great jockey has been good for Hong Kong racing. In return, he's played a huge role in making it come of age and should be recognised for this. One day, The Group 1 Douglas Whyte Cup? Why not?

The perfect next chapter to this success story would be to see Douglas Whyte and the HKJC continue their adventure together and take racing in their home even further. When Ben Semmens and I wrote the song "Home", it was only stood to reason that we dedicate it to Douglas Whyte.

**MAMBO IN SEATTLE** filly

#2 2 dam **LA DIABLESSE** is half sister to 7 winners from **Bonza Bay** family

SAIL FROM SEATTLE colt

#31 full brother to a winner & half brother to a winner; dam half sister to dam of Gr1 **SIREN'S CALL**, from Gr1 family of **NATIONAL CURRENCY**, **ENCHANTRESS**, **LAVERNA**, **HARRY'S CHARM**, etc

MARCHFIELD filly

#109 half sister to **Silvan Spirit**; dam (by **AI Mufti**) from Gr1 **SOHO SECRET** female line

MARCHFIELD colt

#149 2nd foal; dam **Saucy Savannah** is half sister to 6 winners incl Gr1 **PICK SIX**

PHILANTHROPIST colt

#174 1st foal; dam (won, by **Captain AI**) is full sister to Gr1 placed **CAPTAIN GAMBLER** and half sister to Gr1 placed **LIQUID MERCURY** & **Trip Poker**

TWICE OVER filly

#199 3rd foal; half sister to a winner; dam is full sister to **Atair** and half sister to **Rap Attack** out of **AQUILA RAPAX**; Gr1 family of **SET AFIRE**, **NANIA**, **RED RAY**, **RUDRA**, etc

BOLD SILVANO colt

#273 Irish dam is half sister to 9 winners incl **MADAME TROP VITE** (Gr2/SW at 2 in UK)

JUDPOT filly

#275 1st foal; dam is half sister to 2 multiple winners, from female line of champion **MIESQUE** (also dam of **Judpot**)

JACKSON filly

#352 half sister to a winner; dam is half sister to 4 winners, out of **Darishka** (won at 2 in France, SP)

SAIL FROM SEATTLE filly

#357 full sister to a winner & half sister to a winner; dam (4w) is half sister to dam of Gr3 **HONOUR AND GLORY** and Gr1 **NOBLE HEIR**, from **SWAN LAKE** family



Short Heads

On Track

Greyville will be closed for one month to allow for a minor spring treatment on the turf track and the extension of the Polytrack at the pull-up area by another 100 metres. Work will start on Monday, 21 August and is expected to be completed by Thursday, 21 September.

"Friday, 22 September kicks off the popular Friday Night Racing Series and the extension of the pull-up area will alleviate previous issues experienced during inclement weather," said Gold Circle Racing Executive Raf Sheik.

Ja Well, No Fine

The 'wrong horse' who won a race at Yarmouth on 27 July at odds of 50-1 has not unexpectedly been disqualified by the British Horseracing Authority and her trainer fined £1,500. Two-year-old Mandarin Princess, trained by Charlie McBride, was declared the winner on 27 July after beating Fyre Cay. But a scan afterwards identified the horse as three-year-old stablemate Millie's Kiss, who had been due to run in a later race at the same course. McBride said it was an "honest error" but has bizarrely reportedly said he will use £600 he won backing Mandarin Princess each way at Yarmouth towards the fine!

Stand In The Q!

The Maine Chance Farms bred Querari filly Pomona shed her maiden in good style at Scottsville on Sunday in a well-timed advert for her Silvano half-brother (#98) on this week's National 2yo Sale. She was the third winner on a good weekend for her sire. Querari's Listed Epol Dahlia Plate winner daughter Jok-ing was the first of the 'Q treble' when winning at Fairview on Friday. Stakes placed Spring Wonder, now in the care of trainer Paul Peter, beat Gr1 performer Myfunnyvalentine at Turffontein on Saturday to make it three winners.



Eye On The Prize

Jockey Gavin Lere-na will be back in the saddle on 24 August after having a growth removed from his left eye at the Johannesburg Eye Hospital last week. His Dad Tex told us on Tuesday that he is progressing well.

REDEMPTION TIME?

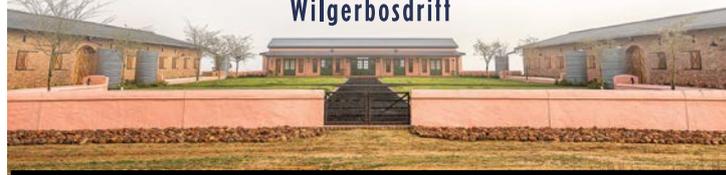
Arrogate, the world's best race-horse and North America's highest ever stakes earner, lost some of his lustre when suffering a shock defeat in last month's Gr2 San Diego Handicap over 1700m at Del Mar. The son of Unbridled's Song finished fourth and some 15 lengths behind the winner Accelerate, against whom he will line up again in Saturday's US\$1 million Gr1 TVG Pacific Classic. There will be plenty of interest in the race, given the champion's (temporary?) fall from grace.

Big Five

The Syndicate Manager of five Gr1 winning sire sons of champions will host a stallion parade at Wilgerbosdrift on Sunday 3 September, where a unique event will be held to introduce the illustrious quintet. More information (by 21 August) is available from Amanda Carey on mobile: 082 465 4020 or email to events@stallionday.co.za



Wilgerbosdrift



Welcome Back Muzi

Venice In May no doubt beats the breeches off Mauriti-us in July for Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeni! Jokes aside, Venice In May was the Northern Cape champion jockey's first ride back after his reluctant recent island holiday, but he bounced back like a true professional – winning on the Corrie Lensley trained gelding and scoring a double at Flamingo Park on Monday at his first local meet in two months.

FRANKELY RELIEVED!

Chris Waller, trainer of superstar Winx, was relieved after the yard's \$1.6m Frankel colt Merovee won his maiden at Newcastle's Beaumont track on Tuesday. Merovee, sent out favourite, fought off a strong challenge by Legendofoz to win at his second start to become the first winner for Frankel in Australia. Out of More Strawberries, Merovee was purchased for \$1.6m at the 2016 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

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WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Winning Words

Hans Ebert, author of Hong Kong's popular [RacingB*tch](#) blog, was judged the winner of the inaugural 2017 Drakenstein Stud Farm's Racing Writer of the Year Award for his excellent piece on Hong Kong's thirteen time Champion Jockey, Douglas Whyte. As always, Hans has thought outside the box and added a twist, repurposing the Award with a unique gesture.

Douglas Whyte, currently on a working holiday in Japan, commented, "Reading the blog Hans wrote about me was fulfilling to say the least. It brought back a sense of pride and a flashback of some fantastic memories and achievements that are so easily forgotten in racing! I can't thank him enough for the kind, yet honest words only a friend would mention."

"Hans is never afraid to write what he believes in, and that's on racing worldwide. He's so enthusiastic, passionate and committed to the sport and I believe that's very important in terms of publicising racing. He's one hell of a writer and we go back a long way and if anyone deserves this award it's Hans."

Friendship

Hans met Douglas through Felix Coetzee and the two hit it off straightaway. With regards to winning the Award Hans comments, "It was a nice surprise. It was a very personal piece. I know Douglas very well as a friend and I respect him as a professional, so that piece is really a combination of both. Of being objective enough to be personal, I guess. Because I know Douglas, I didn't interview him for that piece, but the original blog combines music, his background story, my personal views and an interview I did with him where he talks about London News, what Hong Kong has given him, and what he has given Hong Kong."

"Douglas has always been the consummate professional. He was an unknown jockey who was told 'why don't you try your luck in HK?' and he won thirteen consecutive championships. He's a great ambassador for Hong Kong when he rides internationally – and he's been a great ambassador for South Africa because when he was Hong Kong Champion, he was carrying the South African flag all that time. I think it will jolt people's memories about how Douglas crashed onto the Hong Kong scene by winning on London News and remind them of everything he has accomplished in his time here. Not even Joao Moreira is going to beat thirteen consecutive Hong Kong jockey premierships."

Thoughts on Writing

"Horse racing is still not considered part of that bigger world of sports entertainment. Equestrian sports are, but not horse racing because of the gambling albatross. If you say you're in racing, honestly a lot of other industries look down on you and unless you're Sheikh Mohammed or Gai Waterhouse or Frankie Dettori, you're shunned a bit."

"Similarly, if you call somebody a 'racing writer' I think you are pigeon-holing them. The moment you have that 'racing writer' label, people won't give you anything else to do because they think writing about racing is all you know. I'm a writer. I write about racing, music, advertising, food, restaurant reviews, stories,



film scripts – that's what I do. So I'm a writer that just happened to write about someone I found interesting in horse racing who had a great story to tell."

Why media is important

"There's racing media and there's mainstream media. The key for horse racing is that you can't only have the racing media, because your customer base isn't going to improve if you're just talking to a captive audience."

"I market horse racing by making it entertaining and to make it entertaining you've got to break out of that very small circle of being only about horse racing. You need to have something where the mainstream media will go, 'that's a great story. We should follow that'. To me it is key that we get mainstream media on our side, which could impact new sponsors and the overall image of racing and I've always said if we had one picture of say Victoria or David Beckham at the races, that would be front page news. It wouldn't be a racing story – the story would be that the Beckhams came to the races. So the more well-known people we can attract that have marquee value names, the more chance we have of generating a mainstream news story."

"My ex-wife is one of those people who always asked me 'why can't there be any racing stories that I would find interesting?' and that has always interested me. I think if you're writing about racing you've got to think how to have that story read by as many people as possible and not just racing people. It's best if this can happen organically."

"It's no secret that Douglas is going to have a book out and I think there should be a book on Douglas (and I would love to have a hand in writing that), just like I think there should be a movie on the life of Jeff Lloyd. But this may not come from the 'racing media'. It might not be commercial enough."

"I think you need people who might not know that much about the sport writing about racing to give it a different twist to the hard core racing guys. You still need the hard core guys – they are form analysts and they're professional at what they do, but I think there should be a new generation of 'racing writers' who are more than racing writers. It's no different to attracting a new breed of racing executive. But you first need to inspire those writers to be interested in horse racing and if they do, they might have a totally different view about how to write about it compared to someone who's been writing about the sport for 20 years."

New Take On An Old Subject

"It's like reading Hunter S Thompson at the Kentucky Derby. It's just a completely new way of writing about a very old subject and people who know who Hunter S Thompson is go wow and it blows your mind. It's not a horse racing story, it's like a Martin Scorsese movie. You've got to get to a point where someone like a Scorsese wants to do a movie about horse racing starring Leonardo di Caprio or Ray Liotta, although I'm sure he'll see the dark side. Or maybe a feel good movie like Joe Pytka did with Let It

WINNING WORDS

Ride. Joe was a commercials director and Let It Ride was the first firm he directed. It was a very good movie with horse racing as the background story and unlike a movie based on Seabiscuit or Phar Lap. Let it Ride was a very funny movie with Richard Dreyfuss, Teri Garr and David Johansen from the New York Dolls. Joe Pytka knew guys like Jerry Moss who owned Zenyatta. Jerry Moss was the 'M' in A&M records and Zenyatta was named after an album by Police, so if you were not a racing writer who wrote about Jerry Moss and Zenyatta and Mike Smith and the role Police played in the story and the music executive- Eric Kronfeld- who sold the yearling that became Zenyatta for around US\$60,000, it would end up as a mainstream feature story. By the way, Eric made it a point not to ever go watch Zenyatta race!"

"Burt Bacharach is a huge racing fan and he's owned a lot of horses, some with Jerry Moss. He wrote Alfie, What The World Needs Now Is Love – and he owns horses. I think some of the Stones have shares in horses. These celebrities being involved in the sport help elevate the image of horse racing into another sphere. But you need people who think along those lines and I think if you're a 'racing writer' you tend to talk to that same audience. I can feel it on Twitter. There are few people who get that horse racing cannot be one dimensional. You're coming up to 2018 and social media is everywhere – you've got to become multi-dimensional and I think that's the beauty of the HKJC. It's got Happy Wednesday, which I don't think anyone can replicate, and it's got the Charities Trust, so how it's worked things is very different to most other jurisdictions. The HKJC is in the mainstream news with its contributions to the city through its Charities Trust, whereas the racing product is in the racing pages. The whole thing now is how that racing product becomes mainstream news and reaches more people."

Winning The Award

"To me, it's an extremely international award. It's held in South Africa and judged by an American. The story is about a South African jockey, written by a Hong Kong-based writer who was born in Ceylon – which is probably one of the first places to have horse racing in Asia. It reinforces the strong bond that Hong Kong has had with South African riders especially, going back to the days of Bartie Leisher and spanning the likes of Jeff Lloyd, Basil Marcus, Robbie Fradd, Felix Coetzee, Dougie Whyte, Anthony Delpech, Anton Marcus, etc. right up to now where we've got Karis Teetan and have just had Callan Murray. The award brings the two racing jurisdictions together – and the message goes well beyond those two."

Leaving A Legacy

As part of taking the message further and creating something bigger than just the award itself, Hans has chosen to put the Award's prize money towards a worthy cause. As Douglas Whyte was the subject of the winning article and the competition was about fostering talent and furthering the South African racing industry, Hans he has chosen to create an award of his own for James Maree's work riding programme and name it in honour of Douglas Whyte.

BSA's Cash Relief For Breeders

South Africa's leading thoroughbred auction house have reinforced their longstanding commitment to the local racing and breeding industry by introducing a revamped 2018 sales programme, which incorporates a R2 million cash relief for breeders.

Unveiling the 2018 sales roster at the opening of the National 2yo Sale at the TBA Sales Complex in Germiston, Bloodstock South Africa CEO Michael Holmes drew applause when he called on all stakeholders to stand together in trying times, adding that innovation, forward thinking and flexibility were required to ride out the current tough economic climate.

"The TBA have been in existence for close on a century and South African breeders, besides their proven ability to produce world-class thoroughbreds, are known for their hardiness. We have endured a tough few years, but there is more than a glimmer of hope on the horizon on the export protocol front and our product remains a sought after one at home and on the world stage. We need to keep doing things right, even in the face of adversity, and we believe that a professional approach, and setting the right course for a tightly run ship will produce the required results in the medium term," he said.

Holmes went on to outline the newly introduced innovative financial relief measures applicable to the four major sales, which includes the dropping or reduction of entry fees, the reduction of sales commissions and sales costs on median priced horses being reduced by 30%.

The **CAPE YEARLING SALE** will be held on 24 February 2018 at Mistico in Paarl, with entries closing on 15 October 2017.

No entry fees would be charged, with acceptance fees at R2 500. Sales commissions have been reduced to 7%, while reserve commission will be set at 5%.

A two-session **NATIONAL YEARLING SALE**, with an exciting new look and feel, will be held on 24, 25 and 26 April 2018 at the TBA Sales Complex, with entries closing on 1 November 2017.

Entry fees of R3 500 for session one and R2 000 for session two, with acceptance fees at R2 500 and R2 000 respectively, will apply. Sales commissions are 8% for session one (7% over R500 000) and have been reduced to 7% (6% over R300 000) for session two. A reserve commission of 5% will apply to both sessions.

The ever popular **KZN YEARLING SALE** will be held at Sibaya on 5 & 6 July 2018, with entries closing on 1 May 2018.

Entry fees of just R1 400 will be charged, with acceptance fees pegged at R1 900. Sales commissions have been reduced to 7%, while reserve commission will be set at 5%.

The **NATIONAL 2YO SALE** will be held on 16 & 17 August 2018 at the TBA Sales Complex.

Entry fees of R1 750 will be charged, with acceptance fees at R2 000. Sales commissions have been reduced to 7%, while reserve commission will be at a reduced 5%.

MAINE CHANCE FARMS

NATIONAL 2-Y-O SALE 2017



Maine Chance bred **JANOobi** (Silvano) - winning the **2017 DAISY GUINEAS G2** over 1600m at Greyville.

LOT	SEX	SIRE	DAM	STABLE
1	F	QUERARI (GER)	LA CALIMA (GER)	D21
27	F	SILVANO (GER)	LYRICAL LINDA	D20
60	C	ELUSIVE FORT	MONOPOLY	C110
83	C	MAXIOS (GB)	OSSORA (GER)	C111
96	C	SILVANO (GER)	PAY THE PIPER	C112
98	C	SILVANO (GER)	PERU (SNL)	C113
178	C	SILVANO (GER)	SOMMERMARCHEN (GER)	C114
194	C	SILVANO (GER)	TACHINA (IRE)	C115
291	F	BLACK MINNALOUSHE (USA)	BLESS YOU (USA)	D19
307	C	QUERARI (GER)	CAT'S PAW	D27
309	C	VAR (USA)	CELINEY (USA)	D26
317	C	JACKSON	CHRISTINA	D25
363	F	QUERARI (GER)	ELUSIVE	D18
369	F	BLACK MINNALOUSHE (USA)	EVEN DRIFT	B114
389	C	QUERARI (GER)	FLEURET	D24
413	C	JUDPOT (USA)	GOLD REVIEW	D22
444	C	SILVANO (GER)	IMPERIAL GUEST	D23
471	F	GIMMETHGREENLIGHT (AUS)	KIMBERLEY COAST (AUS)	B115

MAINE CHANCE FARMS

A LEADING BREEDER 2016/17

BREEDER	EARNINGS
1. KLAWERVLEI STUD	R 25,978,423
2. SUMMERHILL STUD	R 18,504,450
3. MAINE CHANCE FARMS	R 14,941,425
4. HIGHLANDS STUD	R 12,996,075
5. VARSFONTEIN STUD	R 12,037,075

SILVANO (GER)

CHAMPION SA SIRE 2016/17

SIRE	EARNINGS
1. SILVANO (GER)	R 27,867,675
2. CAPTAIN AL	R 19,092,638
3. DYNASTY	R 15,354,612
4. TRIPPI (USA)	R 14,619,800
5. VAR (USA)	R 2,234,506

QUERARI (GER)

A LEADING SIRE OF 2YO'S 2016/17

(NHRA - 30 or more runners)

SIRE	AEPR
1. VAR (USA)	R 55,317
2. QUERARI (GER)	R 54,027
3. GIMMETHGREENLIGHT (AUS)	R 50,621
4. CAPTAIN AL	R 50,362
5. SAIL FROM SEATTLE (CAN)	R 38,942



MARINARESCO (Silvano) - winner of the **2017 VODACOM DURBAN JULY G1** over 2200m at Greyville.



MAINE CHANCE FARMS

PERSONALITY

SMALL BREEDER, *Big Dreams*

Judy Davies, perhaps better known to most under her maiden name of Judy Brannigan and often found pacing nervously at sales, is currently back in South Africa to see her charge through the ring at the BSA 2yo sale. We grabbed the opportunity to catch up with one of our local industry's biggest fans.

South African roots

Firstly, why South Africa? "I love Africa, I love the people. My heart's here, basically," she says simply. "My parents immigrated here when I was very young and I spent 20 years here. It's in my blood and I come back two or three times a year."

"I've followed racing since the days of horses like Persian Wonder, Gatecrasher and Elevation. In Full Flight was another that made a big impression on me. I had my favourites and used to cut things out of the newspaper and started keeping my own little records. I really enjoyed watching the sons and daughters come along from those horses."

Growing up in Somerset West, Judy became friendly with Hoog Eind Stud. "I knew all the managers in sequence, so I knew all their mares. I have a photo of me with Saturna (the dam of Harry Hotspur) on the day her son Rotterdam won the Drill Hall Stakes when he broke the world record. She was the most beautiful grey mare and the most gentle, kind soul you could possibly meet. She had daughters like Pax Romana who produced Magnolia King. There was Bluebell Girl, a chestnut mare, who eventually became the great granddam of Victory Moon; Patricia, Drum Melody..." The names roll off her tongue with easy familiarity and like the old friends they are.

Lucky

Judy has devoted her life to pedigree study and that little girl who started off collecting records from the Cape Times and Argus got to live her passion at Darley, initially as the assistant to the pedigree consultant, which evolved into the Pedigree Database manager, a position she held for nearly three decades.

In 2003, Judy embarked on a breeding operation of her own, and she has quietly been making a name for herself as both a knowledgeable and warmly enthusiastic member of our breeding ranks ever since. "My passion spilled over into the dreams I had as little girl of breeding myself. I've always wanted to breed, and my passion of choosing what bloodlines to use, which mares to buy, watching my foals grow up and go through sales, have all been realised here. I'm a very lucky lady."

It's a matter of trust

Judy boards her mares with Winterbach Stud, run by father and son team Hendrik Winterbach senior and junior. "I have to say, I wouldn't do it if I didn't have someone I trusted so implicitly with my horses, but they are so thorough with everything. They look after my horses so well and do an

amazing job with the prep. Whenever I go and visit, my horses always look fantastic and happy. I can't praise the Winterbachs highly enough."

On Sale Now

As part of Winterbachs' draft for this week's BSA 2yo sale, Judy is offering lot 67, a colt named Avalon by Silvano out of the Badger Land mare, Mysterious Land. This colt is very close to Judy's heart and she explains, "I bought Mysterious Land straight off the track and she is our number one mare. She has given us three black type horses by three different stallions- Badger Land seems to work with most sire lines. I sent her to Silvano in 2008 and she produced Gothic, who finished second in the SA Derby and ran in the July. Then he came down to the Cape and was a pretty useful stayer, so I thought I would try it again."

"Avalon is probably the nicest specimen we've ever bred. He is a really special horse – lots of charisma, very good looking and he knows it – one of those! He has 'it' in bundles. I'm a huge fan of Silvano and this colt is very much like him. His half-brother, Tandragee (Bezrin), ran a very good 3rd in a top division feature race in Mauritius over the weekend. He has won 12 now and has a huge following on the island. Misty's other black type performer was her first foal, Lochlorien (Var)."

Avalon is having his second tour of the sales ring and Judy explains, "We took him to the CTS Premier Sale, but he was backward like Silvanos often are at that age. I was hoping people would see what he would grow into because he had a very good frame. I didn't get my reserve, so I thought I'd wait for the 2yo sale and hope that by that time he will really stand out and that's basically what happened."

Proudly South African

Despite South Africa's relative isolation, Judy feels that we punch well above our weight. "Few people have the means to afford the very best bloodstock, so you have to be careful what you bring in and it has to suit the country. There have been some very nice stallions brought into South Africa and they've done the job and we keep growing. I think we're doing extremely well and I love being part of it."

"I know South Africa has the capability of breeding top class horses. When they do manage to get on to the international stage, they show they can hold their own. It's just such a pity about the protocols. I know there's a lot to be done, but I know we're getting closer. Hopefully when we open the borders, people will come and buy – IF we hold on to our

Part 1 in the pattern book," she cautions.

"At the moment we can proudly say that our Black Type status holds its own



Hamish Niven

JUDY DAVIES

anywhere in the world. However, if we lose that, I believe it's game over for racing in South Africa because international buyers will be unlikely to come and buy here."

"I bring a lot of people to South Africa and everybody I've brought loves it, including my close friends Fran and Walter Cowe who are now permanently based here. I believe there are more people out there that might want to come and I want them to come and buy and race here. The ones we really want are the big ones with the big money to take the horses out once they've shown what they can do here, but I do believe we must keep our Part 1 status."

Being A Small Breeder

Judy tries not to get attached to her foals – "I know they're going to go" she says philosophically- but she adores her mares. "I do not sell mares on public auction. That's my mantra. They're part of the family. If I ever did home any of them, it would only be to someone I know and trust with the agreement they return to me if there are any problems. For what they've done for me, they will be looked after," she says firmly.

This season Judy is expecting foals by Master Of My Fate, Philanthropist and Futura and her matings for next year's foals include bookings to Rafeef, Red Ray and Quasillo. Why first season sires? "I work on gut and I like to go to first season sires if I can."

2018 Sales programme

Judy also has the pleasant headache of deciding how to allocate another very nice group of yearlings across next year's sales.

"I have a beautiful Dynasty colt out of Mysterious Land that I've called Monarchy, A Star For Maria has a Silvano colt called Ronaldo (named after my dad) and I have a Vercingetorix filly from Scent From Above called Just Judy. You're Amazing has a Var colt called Bergerac who is a lovely big, powerful chestnut and lastly I've got a Master Of My Fate filly out of Lizabella called Lorelei."

"I'll probably go with CTS next year because I don't like travelling all the way to Joburg. Now that CTS has changed their sales, there's something for everyone. There were too many before," she reflects. The new format makes complete sense to me and I think it's fabulous."

Support

Judy recently married her long-term partner, Glyn who she credits as the secret behind her success. "We've been together 20 years – some might say it's about time we got married! I couldn't have done this without Glyn backing and supporting me. He lets me make the decisions on what, where and when we buy and then he just supports me, but he enjoys having the horses and he loves South Africa. A week after we got together he came out here and fell in love with it. Our dream is to settle here eventually. We've bought a house in Robertson and will renovate it over time and hopefully settle in it one day."

"If we have luck and there is a regime change, I think this country could become the 'go to' country within five years and that would help the burgeoning bloodstock industry. Unfortunately it's tough right now and a lot of the small breeders have gone. I hope and pray I can hang on until things change and I believe they will. I do have faith in this country and in the people and most of all I believe in the horse."

The Clouds Clear For Brandon

It may be called the Land Of The Long White Cloud, but for former Cape heavyweight jockey Brandon Morgenrood, New Zealand has injected a bright ray of sunshine into his riding career.

The 39 year old SA Jockey Academy graduate has been granted his licence by the New Zealand Jockey Club and will ride in his first race on 23 August. With the departure of Jason Jago to Australia, he is now the only South African riding in that country.



In search of a fresh start and better opportunities for his young family, Brandon left South Africa in May 2016 and took up a workriding position in New Zealand. He applied for his race-riding licence roughly eight months ago and after a long wait had it granted on Friday 11 August.

In an exclusive interview with the Sporting Post, the talented and powerful heavyweight rider, known as 'Smorgs' in the racing industry and 'Tonto' to the baseball crowd, said that he was feeling 'super positive' about riding in his adoptive country and believes he can take on the top riders.

"My weight is really good and I will be riding 56.5kgs soon. I have my first ride on 23 August, which I believe is working extremely well and should win. What a start that would be!" he laughed.

"I'm riding freelance mainly but do most of my work for young trainers by the name of Brendan Hawtin and Janine Dalley. My first ride is for the latter."

Brandon lives with wife Mandy and his 5yo son Cruz in Cambridge, the 'horse capital' of New Zealand. Former SA jockey Denicious Smith lives in the same town and works on a stud farm.

"I live pretty close to the training centre. My family are doing amazingly well and really loving it. Cruz has started primary school and is absolutely thriving and is a really happy youngster. Mandy is working on a family owned establishment by the name of Monovale Stud. I had my folks up here for a visit and they spent three weeks with us – we had a great time," he said.

An avid surfer, Brandon doesn't have the luxury of beaches on his doorstep as he enjoyed in the Cape, but has taken to snowboarding as the nearest beach is over an hour away. "It's great fun," he says.

It has been 25 years since Brandon walked through the doors of the SA Jockey Academy at Summerveld with the likes of Barend Vorster, Deryl Daniels, Piet Botha and Donovan Yeo to embark on a rollercoaster adventure of a career that saw him compete against the best in South Africa and Mauritius. "I fondly remember home and the good times, the good people and the good horses like Bad Influence, Royal Wish and Ghostly Galleon, to name a few. This is my new challenge though and I'm taking my opportunities with both hands. I owe it to my family, my friends, myself – and all the people that ever believed in me."

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Life's A Journey

DRAKENSTEIN STUD FARM STALLION DAY

Apparently life's about the journey, rather than the destination. But sometimes it is both as Drakenstein Stud Farm's recent stallion day proved.

August is a magical time in the Western Cape. It's that funny, in between time which is neither still winter, nor quite yet spring. Below the soil, the rains have worked their magic and with the solstice behind us and the days starting to stretch ahead towards summer, new life is shooting tiny fingers up towards the sun, colouring the landscape every shade of green. It is a brief, sweet hiatus before the frenzy of the summer months and with August signalling the start of the breeding season, it is also alive with optimism and expectation. It is a wonderful time for a drive and when your destination is Drakenstein Stud Farm, the destination truly is even better than the journey.

Arriving at the farm entrance, we sign the register and are waved through. As the day is by strict invitation, the outside world is left firmly outside the gate and it is bliss to feel its weight fade into oblivion the further one travels up the driveway.

Although a little early for the trademark agapanthus that line the avenue, the snowdrops were out in full bloom and there was no need for the speed limit sign as one naturally adjusts your pace to Drakenstein's rhythm.

Under the gentle drizzle, liveried Motor Museum attendants deftly wrangled umbrellas to ensure we got to the tram in the dry and we chatted with our fellow travellers on the way to the stallion complex, catching up on news of new foals and the season to come. It's still early enough in the breeding season for most to be fresh and in good humour, buoyed by baby joy before the long, hard nights and inevitable disappointments over the ones who don't always finish the race.

While parched Cape residents gave thanks for the rain, it meant a bit more work for the Drakenstein staff. However, Bedouin tents were conjured up and erected outside the stallion barn and presto- we had an undercover viewing area.

Greeting us at the stallion barns was a welcome table with a choice of caps, both to ward off the cold as well as a keepsake and a vote for your favourite Drakenstein stallion. The coffee station did brisk business as people warmed their hands on the cups and chatted to friends between bites of the delicious baked sweets while we waited for the rest of the guests to arrive.

Parade of Champions

The inclement weather meant the stallions did not get their customary morning turnout before being brought out on parade and the stallion men did sterling work keeping their charges in hand. Futura was the first to be walked out and the 2015 Horse Of The Year has let down into a truly magnificent specimen. Perhaps more arresting than his physical proportions is his keen gaze, suggesting a lively and intelligent temperament. Futura has just celebrated the arrival at his first foal at Highlands Farms Stud and the son of Dynasty stands for a fee of R20k.

Kingsbarns

Kingsbarns, a Gr1 winning son of Galileo was up next and it was my first opportunity to appraise the Irish import at close quarters. He is a well-made horse, dense and compact and I liked him enormously. It is a well-advertised fact that Kingsbarns suffers fertility issues and Ross Fuller talked us through some of the initiatives in place to help matters along with refreshing candour. The efforts have been well rewarded. Kingsbarns produced a respectable first South African crop in 2016 and reports are that his foals are outstanding.

What A Winter

What A Winter improves year on year. His broad head and large jowls are topped off with large, beautiful eyes and his famous stolid temperament completes the package. Given his incredible sprinting speed, it was a puzzle that he retained the slightly lighter, lithe physique of a miler in training, but under the expert eye of Ross and the team, he has filled out into a magnificent specimen and becomes more powerful looking with every season. His first crop of 2yo's hit our tracks with enthusiasm and their sire's precocious speed, delivering three stakes winners from his first clutch of runners and landing him the title of South Africa's Leading First Crop sire for 2016/17. What A Winter progeny have been warmly received in the sales ring, making his shrewd R50k cover fee something of a bargain and he is already fully booked.



LIFE'S A JOURNEY

Legislate

Next out was Legislate. The 2014 Vodacom Durban July winner and Horse Of The Year looks a picture, but has also sadly suffered fertility issues. Again, these were openly discussed along with the initiatives to mitigate the worst of it and his first foals are anxiously awaited. His fee for 2017 is a very attractive R20k. His racing team of Justin and Jono Snaith as well as Richard Fourie were on hand for the occasion. Richard has always spoken very highly of Legislate and it was fun to reminisce about some of their career highlights later in the afternoon.

The Duke

Asked to describe Duke Of Marmalade, Aidan O'Brien once said, "If horses were made of concrete and stone, he would be made of something harder". He is another absolute standout. Instantly recognizable, 'The Duke' has a haughty, regal air about him and doesn't walk into view so much as arrive. One feels there should be some kind of musical flourish to accompany him. He is the only South African based sire to produce an English Classic winner (Simple Verse) and one need look no further than his Ascot Gold Cup winner, Big Orange, to see that toughness comes as standard. His expression indicates that he knows it. The Duke's fee for 2017 is R80k and his first South African runners will hit our tracks later this year.

Philanthropist

Leather head collars are usually generously cut and there are few horses that genuinely fill them. Philanthropist is one. The imposing chestnut son of Kris S is billed as measuring 16'3hh, but seems taller in the flesh. He stands over a lot of ground and with a 'leg at each corner' has an engine to go with each. He may not be the most classically beautiful horse, but as I am often reminded, 'this ain't no beauty contest' and his first crop include the likes of Singapore Sling, Sail and She's A Giver. Philanthropist commands a R30k cover fee.

Trippi

Saving the best for last, at 20 years old, 2015/16 Champion sire Trippi is the grand old man of Drakenstein Stud. Although he is now shod all round to help him stay sound and there is perhaps more purpose and less spring in his step than on previous visits, he nonetheless remains imperious and has a deep lustre to his coat, broadcasting his health and well-being. I notice that he is led out by Schedrick Oerson, who

also used to handle his great friend, Horse Chestnut. Trippi's feature 'haul' for last season includes the likes of Gold Standard, Trip To Heaven and Deo Juvente's courageous President's Champion's Challenge victory. Having recently lost Captain Al at the age of 20, it is a jolt to realise that Silvano and Trippi are of a similar generation. It's hard not to acknowledge that they are felling in that neck of the woods and that we should make the most of these wonderful horses while we still can.

Special treats

With the formal viewing over, we were all invited to inspect the horses in their stables before a short tram ride back to the main buildings for lunch in front of a roaring log fire.

For those with an appreciation of art, the garden and buildings are a collection of treasures. It's hard to pick a favourite favourite, but I always look forward to reacquainting myself with Bonheur's exquisite horse and jockey.

However, with apologies to everyone for the wonderful food and company, my favourite part of the day was lingering in the stable area and joining Rennie Price and Eugene Freeman for a tour of the stables by Ross Fuller, who gave us a private audience with every stallion and some insights into their quirks and character traits. The temptation to touch them was just too much to resist. After all, it's not often you get to pat two horses of the year on the same day, but at Drakenstein excellence comes as standard.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rupert, Ross Fuller, Kevin Somerville, Gavin Pickford, the stallion team and all the staff behind the scenes for yet another unforgettable visit.

Oak Bay Could Be An Investment Today

"He is a lovely flashy black colt and we are keen to see how the market responds to him."

Maine Chance Farms Stud Manager Tim Bootsma chatted to the Sporting Post earlier this week about an interesting German bred colt – Oak Bay- that they are offering today at the BSA National 2yo Sale at the TBA Sales Complex in Johannesburg.

His sire Maxios is a dual Gr1 winning son of Champion sire Monsun and a half-brother to Arc winner Bago, and the colt (#83) is out of a half-sister to Gr2 performer Orsello. His Silvano sired second dam is a half-sister to champion and Gr1 Italian Derby winner Osorio. That's blood to get anybody standing up and taking notice!

"We imported him with a group of our mares and the idea was to send him to the National Yearling Sale, but the timing didn't work out as he arrived only a few weeks before that. So we have him on this sale. Dr Andreas Jacobs stands his sire Maxios and is keen to see how the market responds to a youngster of his quality and breeding," said Tim Bootsma.

The Niarchos Family's Maxios stood his first season in 2014 at Gestut Fahrhof for a fee of €10,000.

A dual Gr1 winner of 8 races in France from a mile to 2000m, his progeny have been in demand achieving an average of 6 times his nomination fee. He has his first 2yo's running this year.

Maxios' dam Moonlight's Box is an unraced daughter of Nureyev and French filly Coup de Genie, who won the Gr1 Prix Morny and Gr1 Prix de Salamandre against colts. Moonlight's Box is also the dam of Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Bago (by Nashwan), a sire in Japan; and Listed stakes winner Beta (by Selkirk).

A talented racehorse, Maxios won at 2 but achieved his peak performance at 5. The BSA National 2yo Sale will be held today from 11h00 and the second session starts at 11h00 on Friday 18 August.

[Read our preview - there's still time to get involved!](#)

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Delpech Ascot Gold

SA Champion jockey Anthony Delpech made a memorable debut in the UK on Saturday when he rode a beautifully judged race to get Glenys The Menace home to win the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Classic for the Rest Of The World Team in the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup.

Delpech, who broke all records to get back to ride at Scottsville less than 24 hours later, said he had thoroughly enjoyed the unique experience of riding in the world's premier international jockey challenge.

The 48 year old showed his skills and magical balance on Glenys The Menace as he steered the filly through on the wide outside to get up and beat the previously unbeaten favourite, the gelding Contango, by a neck.

While Delpech celebrated a moment he will never forget, the day belonged to Great Britain and Ireland Captain Jamie Spencer, who rode his 2000th British winner on the flat as his team won the Shergar Cup.

Fran Berry's triumph aboard the Tim Easterby-trained Golden Apollo in the six-furlong sprint clinched victory.

They won with 86 points, ahead of the Rest of the World side on 67.

Berry also won aboard Great Hall for trainer Mick Quinn, and the double secured him the Alistair Haggis Silver Saddle award for top jockey.

The Shergar Cup is contested by three-strong teams from Great Britain and Ireland, the Rest of the World, Europe and an all-female team, The Girls.

Australian jockey Michelle Payne pulled out of the event earlier on Saturday because of illness. The only woman to ride a Melbourne Cup winner was replaced in The Girls team by Hollie Doyle.

Doyle was a narrow runner-up aboard Sir Robert Cheval in the opening Shergar Cup Dash, won by Spencer on the Dean Ivory-trained favourite Stake Acclaim.

The win by a neck gave Spencer the 2,000th British Flat racing success of his career and the 37-year-old said: "It's only a figure, but it's good to get there."

Final team points

Great Britain and Ireland 86; Rest of the World 67;

Europe 64; The Girls 23

Brown Heads To China

Gauteng jockey Sherman Brown is jetting off to China to participate in the China Equine Cultural Festival in Ordos.

The 2017 event will be the sixth instalment of a festival that has quickly proven its worth as a promoter of grassroots racing in China.

Brown will be joined by three other international jockeys in Daniel Moor (Australia), Alexander Ivanskoy (Russia) and Sheldon Rodrigo (Trinidad and Tobago) and they will compete against some of China's best young riders on Sunday in four races.

"I received a call from Deon Visser, who used to train in South Africa, who told me there was going to be an international meeting in China and asked whether I was interested in riding at the event," said Brown this week.

"I told him that I was and he got the ball rolling."

Brown has ridden overseas before, in Mauritius, where he was champion jockey, Dubai and Macau.

"It's a two-day event but the actual races are on Sunday. On Saturday, we have to do press conferences and things like that. They are doing it to boost their racing. The whole event is a cultural thing to boost their racing and get people interested.

"We race on a sand track but they have redone the whole course and it looks amazing."

While the money is quite decent for the visiting jockeys, Brown made it clear that financial gain was not the reason for his decision to go.

"It's not just for the money, it's also for the experience. It will give me a chance to meet new people and I can also be an ambassador for South African racing. I'm very excited about the opportunity to travel to China."

Ordos is famed for its equine culture and close proximity to Inner Mongolia's grasslands.

"Bringing the world to China and China to the world remains embedded in the DNA of this event and the 2017 festival is no different," said Teo Ah Khing, chairman of the event and organiser of the Inner Mongolia Desert Star Horse Industries.



Sherman Brown

All Eyes On Winx

On a relatively quiet weekend on the South African racing front, race fans keen for a bit of high-class action may want to monitor the action from Randwick this weekend as Australia's most famous horse bids for her 18th win on the trot.

Last year, Winx beat six rivals in the Warwick Stakes- including Hartnell- when she started a red hot favourite. She is around 1-10 in the odds market and one eager punter already placed a bet of A\$15,000 on Tuesday! The money is expected to start flowing on the star from today.

She will face 7 horses in Saturday's Warwick Stakes. Naturally, the presence of Winx aiming for her 18th-straight win has deterred a few!

Winx at 132 aside, eight-year-old Ecuador and four-year-old mare Foxplay (the champion's stablemate) are the top-raters at 110. Godolphin trainer James Cummings is set to take on Winx, but not with Hartnell this time- six-year-old Allergic, a last-start winner of the McKell Cup in May, is running.

Mixed Fortunes

Cape jockey Grant van Niekerk had a day of mixed fortunes at Kenilworth on Tuesday, where he rode three winners.

The undoubtedly talented 26 year old has the ability to ride great finishes – as shown when he outpointed Richard Fourie in the penultimate event of the afternoon when getting the Piet Steyn trained Waitingfortonight home by a whisker – but he has also displayed a glaring lack of concentration, for want of a better word, at times.

Take his poor performance on Waterbaby in the second race. Van Niekerk appeared to make no effort to straighten his mount, who was hanging out at the 150m. The pair gave Richard Fourie on the first-timer Muscari some nervous moments as Waterbaby came out of the blue like a dodgem car and bumped them violently sideways – causing Muscari to become unbalanced and fall back. Van Niekerk got ten days holiday for the offence.

But one winner who would have put a smile on young Grant's face was Vaughan Marshall's Palo Alto, who was a runaway maiden winner. Van Niekerk rode his popular full brother Punta Arenas into third behind Hill Fifty Four in the 2014 J&B Met.



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NOMINEES

CHAMPION 2YO FILLY

Joking – Precious Pansy – Queen Forever

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Fort Winter – Kimberley Star – Sacred Oration

CHAMPION 3YO FILLY

Beataboutthebush – Bonnie Vie – Star Burst Galaxy

CHAMPION 3YO COLT/GELDING

En Gee Oh – Gimme The Stars – Green Lantern

CHAMPION OLDER FILLY/MARE

Clear Sailing – Easy Street – Peach Delight

CHAMPION OLDER COLT/GELDING

Laws Of Succession – Normanz – Readytorigrightnow

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HORSE OF THE YEAR

KZN CHAMPIONS

The KZN Racing Awards will take place at the Elangeni Hotel in Durban on the evening of Tuesday 29 August.

NOMINEES

CHAMPION 2YO FILLY

Lady In Black - Neptune's Rain

CHAMPION 2YO COLT/GELDING

Sand And Sea - Trojan Harbour - Varallo

CHAMPION 3YO FILLY

Sail - Dawn Calling

CHAMPION 3YO COLT/GELDING

Secret Captain - My Pal Al

CHAMPION OLDER HORSE

Mr Winsome - Ten Gun Salute - Barbosa - Saratoga Dancer

CHAMPION SPRINTER

Sand And Sea - Barbosa - My Pal Al - London Call - Saratoga Dancer

CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE

Ten Gun Salute - Lady In Black - Celtic Captain

CHAMPION STAYER

Mr Winsome - Sun On Africa

HORSE OF THE SEASON

Bull Valley - Hermoso Mundo - Marinaresco

CHAMPION KZN OWNER by stakes

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Roy Moodley

KZN CHAMPION JOCKEY (Most wins in KZN)

Anthony Delpech

KZN CHAMPION APPRENTICE (Most wins in KZN)

Eric Ngwane

KZN CHAMPION BREEDER (Most stakes won in KZN)

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KZN CHAMPION TRAINER (No. of wins trained in KZN)

Duncan Howells

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KZN RACING PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

The judges have selected what they thought were five of the best rides during Champions Season and have asked the public to vote for the jockey who they think deserves the award.

Anton Marcus – Head Honcho (Middle Stakes July day)

Bernard Fayd'Herbe – Marinaresco (Vodacom Durban July)

Weichong Marwing – Hermoso Mundo (eLAN Gold Cup)

Eric Ngwane – Matador Man (KZN Breeders Million Mile)

Sean Veale – Lady In Black (Thekwini Stakes)

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BREEDING

Picks Of The Nicks – What Really Works?

There have been a number of stallions who have done well when mated to daughters of another particular sire. The Nasrullah/Princequillo is one famed 'nick', while in more recent times, Galileo and Danehill, and AP Indy and Mr Prospector, have also proved a particularly potent combination in the pedigrees of top-flight performers.

Further back in time, the cross of Phalaris on Chaucer mares proved deadly, with that cross producing champion sires Pharos and Fairway, top class sire Pharamond II, Eclipse Stakes winner Caerleon, and classic winner, Colorado (2000 Guineas).

Below are a few South African examples of some of the more successful sire 'nicks':

Western Winter/Dancing Champ

One of the most successful crosses in this country has been the cross of Western Winter and Dancing Champ. When mated to Dancing Champ mares, Western Winter produced Horse of The Year, Yard-Arm, Derby winner, Winter Weather, Gold Cup winner, Reveille Boy, November Handicap hero, Swartland, and Gr1 (now Gr2) Golden Horseshoe winner, Weston Blaze. In total, the mating was done 15 times for the impressive return of six stakes winners, including, in Yard-Arm, one of Western Winter's very best sons.

Jet Master/Northern Guest

Close inbreeding to the great Northern Dancer is found in the pedigrees of many top racehorses. This is also found in the pedigree of the top class racehorses In The Fast Lane (Equus Champion), J J The Jet Plane (world leading sprinter) and Pomodoro (July winning sire)-all by Jet Master (a grandson of Northern Dancer) out of mares by Northern Guest (Northern Dancer). Jet Master also produced Listed Syringa Handicap winner, Start Me Up, stakes placed winner, Majestic Jet and Gr3 Kings Cup winner, Jet Legend. While the strike rate of Jet Master on Northern Guest mares is not as high percentage wise as some of the other matings, it is perhaps worth noting that two of the sire's best sons, and a champion filly, are all bred on the cross.

Captain Al/Fort Wood

Captain Al, built up a tremendous record with daughters of champion sire Fort Wood. Two of Captain Al's best runners, Captain America (dual Gr1 winner) and William Longsword (Cape Guineas, now at stud), are out of daughters of Fort Wood, with the latter also broodmare sire of the stallion's graded winners, Captain's Flame, Captain Splendid, Eighth Wonder, Fragrant Al, and Wheredowego, and Listed East Cape Nursery winner, Captain Swarovski. Gr1 placed mare, Possible Dream, is another bred on

this cross as are feature race performers, Copiapo, Sublime Lady and Acaciawood. The cross has produced more than 40 performers (with horses of racing age). The results could improve, with Captain Al yet to be represented on the racetrack by some exceptionally well related progeny out of Fort Wood mares. Fort Wood also did well when mated to Al Mufti (sire of Captain Al) mares, with that mating producing the likes of Gr1 SA Guineas hero, Heir Apparent, and Gr3 winner, Quickwood, (dam of Gr1 winner, Nightingale). Al Mufti sired the top class fillies, Royal Approval and Royal Fantasy when mated to the Fort Wood mare, Davidia. Fort Wood is also sire of Captain Al's dual Gr1 winning half-sister, Shadow Dancing. Fort Wood's great son, Dynasty, has also enjoyed success when mated to daughters of Al Mufti, with this mating producing the graded winners, De Kock (Selangor Cup) and Barrack Street (Protea Stakes).

Silvano/Al Mufti

Dual SA champion sire, Silvano, who has enjoyed success when mated to mares from the Blushing Groom male line, has also been successful with daughters of former champion sire and outstanding broodmare sire, Al Mufti. The cross has produced Gr1 winners, Al Sahem, Bold Silvano and Kings Gambit, as well as such stakes winners as Balance Sheet, Epona, Mr Winsome, Gallica Rose and Zimbabwean champion, Equina. Millionaire, Galanthus, is another bred on the Silvano/Al Mufti cross. Silvano's Gr1 Majorca Stakes winning daughter, Nightingale has a dam out of the Al Mufti mare, Quick Success.

Trippi/Complete Warrior

Former champion sire, Trippi (End Sweep), has done well when mated to daughters of various stallions—remarkably all of his South African Gr1 winners are produced by mares by different stallions. From a handful of representatives, Trippi has enjoyed success when mated to Complete Warrior daughters, with this mating producing two of his best runners to date in Gr1 Premier's Champions Challenge winner, Deo Juvente, and sprint star, Trip Tease. Complete Warrior is also broodmare sire of Captain Al, himself damsire of Trippi sired stakes winners, Flying Myth and Sir Duke.

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Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
31,041,576	Klawervlei Stud	429	72,358	2592	175	255	41%	9	16	5%	690	27%	15	William Longsword 4,065,000 13%
20,056,901	Summerhill Stud	367	54,651	2598	128	199	35%	8	9	6%	688	26%	7	Africa Rising 840,750 4%
15,816,713	Maine Chance	188	84,131	1185	84	134	45%	8	10	10%	389	33%	15	Janoobi 1,791,250 11%
13,070,375	Highlands	175	74,688	1088	74	126	42%	7	11	9%	290	27%	11	Trip To Heaven 1,009,375 8%
12,791,350	Varsfontein Stud	115	111,229	742	65	98	57%	10	14	15%	224	30%	13	Captain America 1,833,750 14%
10,943,013	Avontuur Farm	64	170,985	397	25	38	39%	5	7	20%	117	29%	6	Live Life 3,701,875 34%
9,490,200	Ascot Stud	102	93,041	709	55	92	54%	6	8	11%	220	31%	7	Search Party 980,000 10%
8,975,350	Mauritzfontein Stud	51	175,987	413	27	52	53%	3	6	11%	126	31%	3	Marinaresco 3,129,100 35%
8,501,875	Drakenstein Stud	110	77,290	646	54	72	49%	4	4	7%	231	36%	9	Singapore Sling 1,383,750 16%
8,459,850	Scott Bros	171	49,473	1184	60	81	35%	1	1	2%	284	24%	6	Matador Man 970,200 11%
7,901,338	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	134	58,965	713	57	83	43%	3	4	5%	217	30%	6	Orchid Island 925,950 12%
6,289,550	Wilgerbosdrift	72	87,355	484	32	51	44%	3	4	9%	143	30%	4	Nother Russia 1,278,125 20%
6,227,613	GJ Armitage	92	67,691	655	42	69	46%	2	3	5%	191	29%	3	French Navy 540,000 9%
6,013,650	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	133	45,215	777	52	73	39%	0	0	0%	219	28%	2	Rockin Russian 246,875 4%
5,914,988	Lammerskraal Stud	86	68,779	517	40	64	47%	2	2	5%	121	23%	8	Icy Trail 400,325 7%

LEADING BREEDERS by AEPRSEASON 2016/2017 * 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017 ^{with 10 or more rnr}

Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
3,481,675	Northfields Stud	11	316,516	63	7	10	64%	1	1	14%	17	27%	2	Deo Juvente 2,751,500 79%
8,975,350	Mauritzfontein Stud	51	175,987	413	27	52	53%	3	6	11%	126	31%	3	Marinaresco 3,129,100 35%
10,943,013	Avontuur Farm	64	170,985	397	25	38	39%	5	7	20%	117	29%	6	Live Life 3,701,875 34%
4,245,875	Al Adiyaat	27	157,255	148	11	17	41%	1	1	9%	35	24%	2	Al Sahem 3,172,500 75%
1,697,525	M De Broglia	11	154,320	63	4	4	36%	1	1	25%	17	27%	1	Master Sabina 1,325,000 78%
1,710,500	Worldwide Breeding	12	142,542	121	7	17	58%	1	1	14%	38	31%	2	Wrecking Ball 484,325 28%
12,791,350	Varsfontein Stud	115	111,229	742	65	98	57%	10	14	15%	224	30%	13	Captain America 1,833,750 14%
4,368,113	IR Heyns	43	101,584	258	22	32	51%	1	1	5%	95	30%	5	Copper Force 1,674,375 38%
9,490,200	Ascot Stud	102	93,041	709	55	92	54%	6	8	11%	220	31%	7	Search Party 980,000 10%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 * 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017

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28,898,200	Silvano	221	130,761	1397	120	207	54%	13	20	11%	468	34%	24	Al Sahem 3,172,500 11%
24,527,563	*Captain Al	187	131,163	1174	102	153	55%	14	18	14%	373	32%	21	William Longsword 4,065,000 17%
18,434,475	Trippi	181	101,848	1100	84	121	46%	5	7	6%	366	33%	14	Live Life 3,701,875 20%
15,464,513	Dynasty	155	99,771	896	76	130	49%	11	18	14%	256	29%	14	Bela-Bela 1,503,750 10%
12,316,438	Var	207	59,500	1289	93	130	45%	5	6	5%	401	31%	9	Purple Diamond 451,375 4%
11,288,813	*Kahal	158	71,448	1172	75	134	47%	3	3	4%	326	28%	4	Champagne Haze 426,900 4%
9,512,975	Gimmethgreenlight	108	88,083	656	53	86	49%	7	12	13%	213	32%	10	Gimme Six 877,100 9%
8,764,588	Elusive Fort	88	99,598	709	48	77	55%	1	2	2%	205	29%	6	Safe Harbour 2,326,000 27%
8,735,275	Ideal World	85	102,768	624	48	79	56%	5	7	10%	187	30%	7	Hermoso Mundo 1,475,275 17%
8,240,826	*Western Winter	120	68,674	748	60	84	50%	2	2	3%	205	27%	5	Attenborough 1,186,025 14%
7,639,351	*Sail From Seattle	130	58,764	764	59	85	45%	3	3	5%	220	29%	5	Sail South 923,750 12%
7,044,238	Mambo In Seattle	130	54,186	915	48	71	37%	2	2	4%	242	26%	5	Extradite 754,375 11%
7,041,376	Querari	88	80,016	532	48	74	55%	3	4	6%	178	33%	5	Kangaroo Jack 521,800 7%
6,718,450	Greys Inn	73	92,034	456	26	40	36%	1	3	4%	115	25%	2	Legal Eagle 3,625,000 54%
6,461,850	*Tiger Ridge	91	71,009	593	41	66	45%	2	3	5%	171	29%	5	Nother Russia 1,278,125 20%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
12,682,175	Silvano	82	154,661	469	48	81	59%	5	8	10%	168	36%	9	Al Sahem 3,172,500 25%
11,610,913	*Captain Al	51	227,665	390	38	60	75%	4	4	11%	116	30%	8	William Longsword 4,065,000 35%
8,636,400	Trippi	53	162,951	372	35	57	66%	2	3	6%	118	32%	4	Live Life 3,701,875 43%
7,434,250	Gimmethgreenlight	69	107,743	547	38	66	55%	4	8	11%	182	33%	6	Gimme Six 877,100 12%
7,087,150	Dynasty	58	122,192	350	36	63	62%	5	10	14%	101	29%	3	Just Sensual 1,276,250 18%
5,178,463	Var	81	63,932	542	39	57	48%	2	3	5%	174	32%	2	Rivarine 325,000 6%
4,838,725	Elusive Fort	45	107,527	383	23	30	51%	0	0	0%	97	25%	3	Safe Harbour 2,326,000 48%
4,588,650	Philanthropist	60	76,478	366	23	33	38%	2	2	9%	111	30%	5	Singapore Sling 1,383,750 30%
4,473,325	*Western Winter	49	91,292	333	31	41	63%	1	1	3%	98	29%	2	Attenborough 1,186,025 27%
4,275,375	Visionaire	46	92,943	373	29	44	63%	1	1	3%	95	25%	2	Africa Rising 840,750 20%

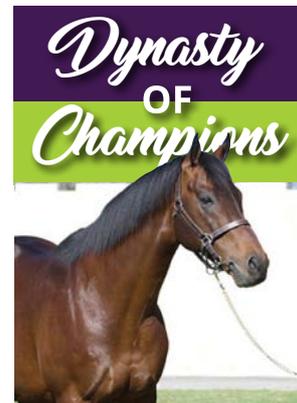
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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,483,225	Silvano	76	32,674	220	27	35	36%	1	1	4%	61	28%	2	Prince Myshkin 198,875 8%
2,161,375	Var	92	23,493	302	19	25	21%	0	0	0%	91	30%	0	Varonella 149,850 7%
2,085,900	*Western Winter	59	35,354	187	24	30	41%	1	1	4%	46	25%	0	Icy Spirit 211,500 10%
2,057,775	*Captain Al	71	28,983	208	21	28	30%	1	1	5%	54	26%	1	My Pal Al 211,500 10%
1,994,738	*Kahal	73	27,325	251	16	24	22%	0	0	0%	65	26%	1	Top Form 198,650 10%
1,744,175	Visionaire	53	32,909	169	18	25	34%	0	0	0%	37	22%	0	Breakfast Club 130,500 7%
1,696,400	Dynasty	55	30,844	158	17	26	31%	0	0	0%	41	26%	0	Inviting Lily 239,175 14%
1,631,300	Miesque's Approval	63	25,894	291	16	18	25%	0	0	0%	82	28%	0	Sounds Positive 128,100 8%
1,531,250	*Sail From Seattle	53	28,892	187	19	24	36%	0	0	0%	51	27%	0	Wavebreaker 156,500 10%

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Highlands superstar sire Dynasty (Fort Wood – Blakes Affair) was named Equus Outstanding Stallion for the fourth season at our national awards on Wednesday. His exciting daughters Lady In Black and Just Sensual were also crowned champions at the same time.

An Equus Horse of the Year and Equus Champion 3yo Male in his own right, Dynasty won 9 races, including 4 Gr1's and attained an MR of 114 in a distinguished track career for Dean Kannemeyer and Fieldspring Racing.

The past Horse Of The Year is the sire of present day sires Jackson and Act Of War, as well as past Horses Of The Year Futura, Irish Flame and Legislate – all three of whom are also sires! His four colts on the National 2yo Sale which commences today, will command plenty of attention. His progeny have fetched up to R5,75 million at sale this year.

Dynasty's progeny won eight Gr1 races during the 2016-2017 season, including the Woolavington 2000, Cape Fillies Guineas, Maine Chance Farms Paddock Stakes, Garden Province Stakes, Thekwini Stakes and Premiers Champion Stakes.

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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

SEASON 2016/2017 * 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	1410	215	15%	295	21%	34%	166	12%	667	47%	36,150,150	25,638
J Snaith	1307	175	13%	269	21%	29%	166	13%	610	47%	21,046,650	16,103
BJ Crawford	747	112	15%	118	16%	43%	88	12%	360	48%	19,404,713	25,977
C Bass-Robinson	866	88	10%	114	13%	25%	91	11%	373	43%	17,317,313	19,997
MF de Kock	654	105	16%	161	25%	33%	85	13%	342	52%	16,904,550	25,848
GV Woodruff	465	73	16%	94	20%	37%	48	10%	223	48%	12,609,738	27,118
VH Marshall	601	56	9%	60	10%	32%	47	8%	215	36%	10,507,988	17,484
AC Greeff	1034	146	14%	185	18%	28%	102	10%	459	44%	9,697,300	9,378
GS Kotzen	764	92	12%	101	13%	38%	84	11%	328	43%	9,174,000	12,008
J Ramsden	469	62	13%	92	20%	35%	65	14%	232	49%	8,778,875	18,718
DC Howells	698	75	11%	110	16%	39%	68	10%	293	42%	8,159,313	11,690
DR Drier	559	80	14%	106	19%	37%	58	10%	233	42%	7,827,838	14,003
M Houdalakis	537	68	13%	60	11%	32%	54	10%	236	44%	7,482,600	13,934
JJ v Vuuren	365	53	15%	63	17%	38%	32	9%	158	43%	7,282,675	19,953
G v Zyl	672	73	11%	70	10%	29%	71	11%	304	45%	7,265,563	10,812
MG Azzie	534	69	13%	85	16%	27%	74	14%	247	46%	7,142,000	13,375

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2016/2017 * 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
A Delpech	886	195	22%	374	42%	31%	149	17%	540	61%	24,588,450	27,752
G Cheyne	937	152	16%	216	23%	29%	124	13%	520	55%	14,372,050	15,338
G Lerena	705	150	21%	232	33%	34%	109	15%	425	60%	18,213,238	25,834
A Marcus	581	148	25%	298	51%	35%	85	15%	384	66%	24,244,575	41,729
S Khumalo	860	144	17%	207	24%	36%	109	13%	428	50%	18,629,038	21,662
C Zackey	1401	138	10%	112	8%	28%	137	10%	559	40%	13,889,713	9,914
L Hewitson	1258	125	10%	124	10%	20%	114	9%	485	39%	11,743,364	9,335
R Fourie	658	124	19%	163	25%	34%	109	17%	367	56%	12,793,300	19,443
M Yeni	1300	120	9%	142	11%	27%	157	12%	545	42%	10,873,200	8,364
P Strydom	541	115	21%	165	30%	35%	76	14%	301	56%	14,571,475	26,934
M v Rensburg	1095	107	10%	85	8%	28%	106	10%	436	40%	9,423,652	8,606
K De Melo	792	107	14%	104	13%	38%	83	10%	372	47%	9,678,513	12,220
A Fortune	674	106	16%	157	23%	26%	82	12%	343	51%	8,700,401	12,909
JP vd Merwe	1183	104	9%	88	7%	26%	100	8%	427	36%	9,262,239	7,829
A Domeyer	522	99	19%	115	22%	44%	76	15%	293	56%	9,049,413	17,336
R Munger	1351	89	7%	48	4%	17%	109	8%	423	31%	7,836,350	5,800

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

SEASON 2016/2017 * 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017

trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
DR Drier/A Marcus	42	16	38%	22	52%	45%	7	17%	1,416,925	33,736
MG Azzie/P Strydom	52	17	33%	16	31%	56%	10	19%	1,357,800	26,112
A Nel/A Domeyer	80	25	31%	31	39%	58%	14	18%	1,650,150	20,627
PA Peter/G Lerena	57	17	30%	14	25%	21%	11	19%	1,606,650	28,187
J Snaith/A Domeyer	56	16	29%	17	30%	53%	6	11%	1,698,300	30,327
M Robinson/R Fourie	52	15	29%	18	35%	39%	8	15%	1,097,825	21,112
MF de Kock/A Delpech	106	30	28%	48	45%	40%	13	12%	3,297,225	31,106
J Ramsden/A Marcus	58	16	28%	29	50%	38%	8	14%	2,677,725	46,168
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	171	45	26%	77	45%	35%	32	19%	3,494,575	20,436
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	103	27	26%	25	24%	60%	8	8%	4,799,200	46,594
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	62	16	26%	30	48%	43%	7	11%	3,090,675	49,850
AC Greeff/A Fortune	63	16	25%	21	33%	29%	6	10%	894,650	14,201
DS Bosch/A Delpech	45	11	24%	17	38%	41%	6	13%	789,150	17,537
GS Kotzen/R Fourie	190	43	23%	55	29%	38%	37	19%	4,860,725	25,583
JJ v Vuuren/G Lerena	73	17	23%	20	27%	50%	10	14%	3,282,800	44,970
SG Tarry/P Strydom	57	13	23%	21	37%	38%	7	12%	1,117,300	19,602

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Plan come together – Robbie Hill had a million reasons to smile on Sunday!

Prince Of Dreams

“A hungry man is an angry man.” A quote that suggests Sunday’s BSA August Million winning trainer Robbie Hill doesn’t miss his riding days too much. The man they call ‘Prince’ stopped riding after major back surgery in 2010. Raised in Brakpan, he joined the SA Jockeys Academy in 1970 and now trains a string of just 25 horses. He selected Sunday’s big winner Fullfillyourdream for just R25 000 and has big plans for the daughter of Indigo Magic.



Making Dad proud – Aldo Domeyer has developed into a top jockey

All Grown Up

A lifetime away from the mean streets of his youth in Elsie River, the 30 year old Aldo Domeyer has started his season with purpose and a win strike-rate of close on 25% will attest to that. No longer just the son of a legend, Andrew Fortune’s protégé has the best job in Cape Town with the Candice Bass-Robinson team and his services are in demand in Port Elizabeth too. Watch him and Craig Zackey as the jockey title dark horses this term!



The wise and the willing – Dennis Drier and Sean Veale are a combo to watch

Men In Black

Here is a combination to watch this term! Veteran KZN trainer Dennis Drier and his energetic jockey Sean Veale ended last season with a Gr1 win by Equus champion Lady



In Black in the last 48 hours of the 2016/17 game. Veale rode 4 winners at Scottsville on Sunday – including the big money

feature – and he is travelling to Cape Town to ride there this weekend. Drier has a powerful summer season attack this year – they look likely to reverse the fortunes of a forgettable last summer.

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SCOTTSVILLE (STAND SIDE)**Sunday, 13 August****Course Variant: 2.19s slow (bend)**

About 10mm of rain fell in the seven days leading up to this meeting and with no irrigation the going was posted as good off a penetrometer reading of 21. The wind was a light east north easterly of around 5km/h, and the false rail was out from 4.5m on the bend to 3m in the straight.

BSA August Million (3yo c&g) R1-Million**Easy For Broadway Trip**

The race was confined to graduates of the 2016 BSA National 2yo Sale and weights were allocated in bands according to the individual runner's sales prices. The top three price tags filled the trifecta!

The first-timer What A World was reshod and delayed the start in the thirteen runner field. Once despatched it was the grey Eyeforthegirls who led War Demon and Zen Arcade, with the keen Silva's Bullet fighting early before settling in fourth.

The leader faded in the dash for home, and with the going cutting up badly down the inside, it was not surprising to see the action down the middle and outside. Fresh off his Ascot Saturday success, Anthony Delpech brought Silva's Bullet with a good looking challenge down the middle at the 350m. But the staying sort lacked the toe to match the speedier brigade and he was outrun late.

The complexion of the race changed late, and running from a wide draw under Randall Simons, Broadway Trip made up eight lengths from near last and drew clear to win like a good horse by 2,25 lengths in a time of 84,52 secs.

Trainer Louis Goosen will be thrilled with the sparkling debut of his Ideal World gelding Zen Arcade, who conceded 2kgs to the winner and banked R200 000 on debut to finish well for second.

Broadway Trip was a R300 000 BSA National 2yo Sale purchase. Bred by Moutonshoek, he is a son of champion producer Trippi (End Sweep) out of the five time winner Alinga (Rock Of Gibraltar). The latter won from a mile to 2000m, which augurs well for the prospects of the winner.

A winner of both his starts, Broadway Trip took his earnings to R684 375 for owners Chris Gerber and Peter White.

BSA August Million (3yo c&g) 1400m

Winner Broadway Trip was drawn wide; raced second last; green; ran on strongly to lead 150m; won going away

Runner-up Zen Arcade (Goosen newcomer at 20/1) raced in the backend of midfield;

ran on strongly
Third Silva's Bullet raced 4th; ducked and was bumped 1100m; led 350m; outpaced by first two

Time: Although not a particularly fast run race, this was comparatively the fastest of the five races around the turn. The other races around the turn were two maiden plates, and a 2400m handicap. In a race that is not easy to rate (and could be much higher) because of a lack of previous form for the runners, we gave the third (prev 72) 78, the runner up 81 and the winner (prev 73) 83

83	1	0.00	BROADWAY TRIP	(12)	58.0	R Simons	37/10
<i>3 b c Trippi - Alinga(AUS) (Rock of Gibraltar)</i>							
81	2	2.25	ZEN ARCADE	(8)	60.0	G Wrogemann	20/1
<i>3 b g Ideal World - Variety (Var)</i>							
78	3	3.25	SILVA'S BULLET	(3)	60.0	A Delpech	32/10
<i>3 b c Silvano - Boston Tea Party (Jallad)</i>							
57	4	7.25	Kimberley Star	(5)	56.0	A Marcus	22/10
50	5	8.00	Two Stroke	(7)	54.0	K De Melo	55/1
50	6	8.10	Alex The Great	(1)	54.0	C Murray	14/1
47	7	9.10	Top Classman	(4)	54.0	C Zackey	66/1
47	8	9.15	Green Field	(10)	54.0	L Hewitson	100/1
39	9	11.90	War Demon	(9)	54.0	S Moodley	17/1
41	10	12.65	Oligarch	(6)	56.0	S Randolph	30/1
44	11	12.90	Leslies legacy	(2)	58.0	W Kennedy	21/2
33	12	13.90	What A World	(1)	54.0	JP vd Merwe	66/1
36	13	15.65	Eyeforthegirls	(13)	58.0	S Veale	36/1

Time: 84.52s (60.37s avg/1000m, or 60km/h)**SP Total %:** 114%**1st T:AG Laird O:Messrs P E White & M C Gerber B:Moutonshoek****Watch BSA August Million (c&g) HERE****Check the race results on this page**

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BSA August Million (3yo f) R1-Million**Owning Horses - Made Easy!**

After the colts and geldings race provided a relatively favourable result, the fillies were less kind to punters, with a R25 000 once raced maiden daughter of Indigo Magic bulleting through late to win at any price.

Into the straight Spring Breeze and Cloud Atlas continued to trade blows, with Veale bringing Fullfilyourdream up the wide outside. Cloud Atlas showed no signs of the after effects of her long road trip from Port Elizabeth and she plugged on gamely as Fullfilyourdream was switched in for a run up the centre.

At the 200m Fullfilyourdream was in charge and she swept into the lead as Keagan De Melo got Mind Your Business to fly late.

At the 50m it was clear that Fullfilyourdream was finishing best and she ran on gamely to hold off Mind Your Business by a half length in a time of 84,86 secs.

The bang in-form Sean Veale, who rode four winners on the afternoon, said that

trainer Robbie Hill wanted him to have his mount closer to the pace. "But there was so much scrimmaging in front of me I left her alone. She kicked well. I'm grateful for these good days," said the enthusiastic, and mostly underrated, rider.

The winner has 1 win and 1 place from her 2 starts and banked stakes of R629 250.

A R25 000 BSA National 2yo Sale buy, the winner was bred by Oldlands Stud and is a daughter of Indigo Magic (Gone West) out of one-time winner Milesanmore (Jet Master). The dam won at 2400m.

Owners Gerald and Karen Kalil are smiling all the way to the bank with a super quick and massive return on investment. "We bought her on Robbie's judgement. We only saw her for the first time about two months ago," said Gerald.

BSA August Million (3yo fillies) 1400m

Winner Fullfilyourdream raced third last; ran on best of all; led 50m; won going away
Runner-up Mind Your Business raced 5th and held every chance

Third Cloud Atlas was drawn wide; set the pace; outrun latter stages

Time: The 3rd fastest of the three races around the turn, the time was a fair one. We gave the always handy 4th horse (best handicapped - prev 73/75/66/84/80) 80 which makes the winner (prev 66) 84, the runner-up (prev 58/68) 83 and the third (prev 50/59/64/70) 81

84	1	0.00	FULLFILLYOURDREAM	(6)	54.0	S Veale	36/1
<i>3 b f Indigo Magic - Milesanmore (Jet Master)</i>							
83	2	0.50	MIND YOUR BUSINESS	(10)	54.0	K De Melo	
<i>41/103 b f Querari - Monopoly (National Assembly)</i>							
81	3	1.00	CLOUD ATLAS	(12)	54.0	JP vd Merwe	17/1
<i>3 b f Royal Air Force - Festive Fantasy (Special Preview)</i>							
80	4	2.75	Spring Breeze	(9)	56.0	Wei Marwing	28/10
87	5	3.50	Pearl Glow	(1)	60.0	A Delpech	9/2
76	6	4.25	Candy Kisses	(2)	56.0	A Marcus	10/1
80	7	4.30	Make Me Happy	(7)	58.0	C Murray	17/2
71	8	4.55	Airaune	(8)	54.0	W Kennedy	55/1
73	9	5.30	Spring Poetry	(11)	56.0	M v Rensburg	25/1
62	10	7.30	City Of Stars	(4)	54.0	A Forbes	45/1
58	11	11.55	Banjo Buzz	(3)	58.0	L Hewitson	16/1
47	12	12.55	Edith's Rose	(5)	54.0	C Zackey	13/1

Time: 84.86s (60.61s avg/1000m, or 59km/h)**SP Total %:** 113%**1st T:R Hill O:Mr G C Kalil B:Oldlands Stud****Watch BSA August Million (f) HERE****Phumelela Shareprice**

date	close	high	low	volume
15Aug	1949	1949	1949	0
14Aug	1949	1949	1949	0
11Aug	1949	1949	1949	0
10Aug	1949	1949	1910	6,485
8Aug	1950	1950	1950	1,500
7Aug	1950	1950	1876	982
4Aug	1981	1981	1981	0
3Aug	1981	1981	1981	0
2Aug	1981	1981	1981	2,595,170
1Aug	1994	1994	1993	1,603

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2nd season sires - 3yo's

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Gold Dawn 3f (Goldrun by Rich Man's Gold)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1000m \(18/08\)](#)

Await The Day 3f (Full Term by Lecture)

[Fairview 5 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(18/08\)](#)

Kariba Sunrise 3f (Julia's Pride by Muhtafal)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2200m \(19/08\)](#)

Darkest Hour 3c (Hezekiah by Kitalpha)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Kentucky Boy 3c (Glorious Mamba by Parade Leader)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

Bypass 3c (Japrodisco by Royal Academy)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(20/08\)](#)

Zenzero 3c (Falana by Announce)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(20/08\)](#)

CRUSADE freshman sire **Scott Bros.**

CRUSADE (Johannesburg)

Romantic Crusade 3f (Romantic Drama by Model Man)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

Tommy The Builder 3c (Linda Grandeza by Grand Lodge)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

Gonnafly 3c (Ruby Eaglechild by Manshood)

[Turffontein 8 MR 72 Handicap 1800m \(19/08\)](#)

Epic Sword 3c (Silver Moon by Model Man)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(20/08\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Brave 3c (Case Stated by London News)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Poly\) 2400m \(18/08\)](#)

Romano 3c (Ever Peron by Silvano)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\)\(Poly\) 1300m \(18/08\)](#)

Gizmo 3c (Border Baby by National Assembly)

[Fairview 4 Graduation Plate \(Poly\) 1200m \(18/08\)](#)

MARCHFIELD - Moutonshoek stallion

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

March Affair 3f (Wild Liasion by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(19/08\)](#)

Red Indy 3c (Cinnamon Lady by Hawk Wing)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

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Sing And Dance 3f (Boogie With Cher by Singspiel)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1000m \(18/08\)](#)

Hadarat 3c (Muhtaram by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(19/08\)](#)

Tubular Bell 3c (Goose Valley by Right Approach)

[Kenilworth 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(19/08\)](#)

Vittorio 3c (Tiger Strike by Tiger Ridge)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(20/08\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Thermocline 3f (Julie' D by Qui Danzig)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

Two Times A Lady 3f (Satin Silver by Commands)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

Think Twice 3f (Ember Dream by Flaming Rock)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(19/08\)](#)

Flash Twice 3c (Bellotto Flash by Bellotto)

[Kenilworth 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(19/08\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Arctic Rush 3f (Miss Micky by Jet Master)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\)\(Poly\) 1300m \(18/08\)](#)

Fort Winter 3c (Fort Fox by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 4 Graduation Plate \(Poly\) 1200m \(18/08\)](#)

Snow Crystal 3f (Cork Bush by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(19/08\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

JUDPOT

Rated **AR 78 TAMARINA** (3f Albizia by Fort Wood)

Maiden Plate Vaal (outside) (1200m) (10/8)

Expected to be in need of the run, Alec Laird's charge was allowed to drift considerably in the betting market. She wasn't the quickest into stride when the gates opened and positioned in the rear had plenty to do. Once given rein though she quickened well, and despite racing very green won going away by three and a half.

PATHFORK

Rated **AR 74 VIA SACRA** (3f Via Cosa Coma by Al Mufti)

Maiden Plate (3yo fillies) Scottsville (1200m) (13/8)

Backed through all rates into 12/10 from 12/1, Dennis Drier's newcomer dwelt at the start and very quickly found herself positioned in the rear. She made up the ground quickly under a confident ride from Sean Veale, and looking to do no more than was absolutely necessary late on, she got the better of the second favourite Meet The Logans by a quarter of a length. Seems likely to be much better than rated.

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GIMMETHGREENLIGHT

Rated **AR 89 SURCHARGE** (3c Congestion Charge by Diktat)

Novice Handicap Vaal (outside) (1400m) (10/8)

Highly regarded by his trainer Stuart Pettigrew, this son of Gimmethgreenlight was very confidently ridden by Keagan De Melo. Always handy, Surcharge only had to be pushed out at the business end of the race, and doing no more than was necessary won very comfortably by a length and a half. This 2-time winner should improve on his rating.

TRIPPI

Rated **AR 83 BROADWAY TRIP** (3c Alinga by Rock Of Gibraltar)

BSA August Million (3yo c&g) Scottsville (1400m) (13/8)

Highlighted as a Notable Maiden Winner in the Sporting Post Digest after running on impressively from the rear to win on debut last time out, Alec Laird's charge repeated the dose here in no uncertain terms. Drawn wide and then positioned second last, this son of Trippi cut through the field like a knife in the home straight and won going away by two and a quarter after striking the front 150m from home.

INDIGO MAGIC

Rated **AR 84 FULLFILLYOURDREAM** (3f Milesanmore by Jet Master)

BSA August Million (3yo F) Scottsville (1400m) (13/8)

Hampered 200m out when fourth in her only previous race-course appearance, Robbie Hill's easy to back runner raced third from last during the early part of the race. She ran on best of all in the straight and under a well-judged ride from Sean Veale she got up late to beat Mind Your Business going away.

Winners Bred Abroad

Embrasiatic (ARG) 6 ch m Asiatic - Embrasable(ARG) (Equalize)

Vaal 1200m (10/08)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Tamashi (AUS) 4 b f Fastnet Rock - Unusual Choice(AUS) (Red-

oute's Choice) Fairview 1900m (07/08)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Morethanthat (AUS) 5 b m More Than Ready - Olivine(USA)

(Royal Academy) Fairview 1900m (07/08)

Is Your Horse One To Follow?

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

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

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Tottenham v Chelsea | Sunday 20 August | Wembley Stadium | 17:00

The first big match of the new campaign will see defending champions Chelsea against last season's runners-up Tottenham at Wembley Stadium on Sunday. The Blues will be delighted with not playing at White Hart Lane. They failed to win there in their last four visits, while Mauricio Pochettino's side went unbeaten on their patch last season, winning 17 of their 19 matches. Wembley has provided little joy for Spurs over the years with their competitive record at the stadium standing at seven defeats in 10 matches, including a 4-2 FA Cup loss against Antonio Conte's men in April.

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TOTTENHAM

Tottenham will be looking to make it back-to-back victories and go six points clear of Chelsea. Despite their struggles at Wembley, Spurs are strong favourites to claim maximum points. In fact, given the predicament Conte's side are in, anything less than three points will be a huge disappointment.

Spurs have been criticized for their lack of transfer activity, even by their left-back Danny Rose. However, all the money spent in the Premier League cannot buy the telepathic understanding between Harry Kane, Christian Eriksen and Dele Alli. Having played two full seasons together, the dangerous trio barely even need to look at one another to realise what is required. They will look to wreak havoc on Conte's depleted side.

CHELSEA

The Premier League champions are in a major crisis with captain Gary Cahill and Cesc Fabregas suspended for this tie, Tiemoue Bakayoko and Eden Hazard out injured and Pedro doubtful with an ankle injury, while Nemanja Matic and Nathaniel Chalobah have been sold. It's no secret that Conte has been frustrated by the lack of signings, but while the board work on bringing new players, the Italian needs to find a solution with what he has against Spurs.

In Conte's 3-4-3 formation, Andreas Christensen and Antonio Rudiger are expected to play alongside Cesar Azpilicueta, who will captain the side. Christensen is likely to play in the middle with Rudiger on the left and with Conte's options limited in midfield, David Luiz is expected to partner N'Golo Kante in the centre of the pitch.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

TOTTENHAM: 3-4-2-1

Lloris (c); Vertonghen, Alderweireld, Dier; Walker-Peters, Wanyama, Dembele, Davies; Eriksen, Alli; Kane.

CHELSEA: 3-4-3

Courtois; Azpilicueta (c), Christensen, Rudiger; Moses, Kante, Luiz, Alonso; Willian, Morata, Pedro.

PREDICTION: Kane and Morata to score anytime (5/1)



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In At The Weights

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

More To Come

Fairview 7 August

Three of the eight races on Monday's poly track card were run over 1900m and the fastest of these was the MR65 Handicap won by the top weight OLYMPIC POWER. Having only his second outing since relocating from KZN, the 5yo son of Trippi raced in midfield for most of the journey. He quickened well in the short home straight and with the benefit of first run he got the better of the running on TITUS (came from the rear) by three quarters.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1600m and quickest home in these was DUTCH HARBOR in the MR66 Handicap. Soon at the head of affairs, the Windrush gelding kept up a healthy gallop throughout. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and won comfortably by a length from the always handy DIVAR.

In terms of distance the easiest victory on the card was recorded by MORE THAN THAT in the MR66 Handicap over 1900m. Confidently ridden by J P Van Der Merwe, Gavin Smith's charge sat in midfield during the early part of the race. He made up the ground quickly in the home straight and won going away by two and a quarter after striking the front just 50m from home.

Titbits *The heavily supported favourite PEP-PER OAK won with some in hand when comfortably accounting for her eleven rivals in the novice plate over 1000m.*

Comfortable For Diana

Kenilworth 8 August

The best bet on the card for most in Cape Town on Tuesday was DYNAMIC DIANA in the maiden plate for the girls over 1200m and she didn't let down her supporters. Allowed to flirt with 1/5 at one stage, the daughter of Dynasty was soon up handy. She was just asked to do the necessary after taking up the running 250m out, and with the rest well beaten she won comfortably from the determined ETERNAL NIGHT.

The faster of the two 1600m races on the card was the MR74 Handicap in which EVOKE EMOTION registered her fourth career victory. Sent off joint third in the betting market the Dynasty mare was soon positioned close to the speed. She ran on stoutly over the final 400m and in a race where just a length and three quarters

covered the first six home, she got the verdict by a half over the running on CAN COPE.

They also ran two races over 1000m and stopping the clock in the fastest time here was the friendless NORTHERN CORNER. Allowed to drift right out to 16/1 from 7's at the track, the son of Noordhoek Flyer raced 8th of the ten for most of the journey. Once given rein though he ran on strongly and won comfortably from the running on CUBAN EMERALD by a length and a quarter.

Titbits *Detached at the rear early on, IMPERIAL CHESTNUT was flying at the finish when only failing by the narrowest of margins to land the maiden plate for the girls over 1600m.*

Bets Go West

Greyville 9 August

Four of the eight races on the poly track on Wednesday were run over 1600m and by far the fastest of these was the bill topping MR85 Handicap won by GREY LIGHT. Easy to back at 7/1 on the off, Joey Ramsden's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She put her head in front at the top of the home straight and after quickly going clear she won comfortably from the running on ONESIE (came from the rear) by a length and a quarter.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1400m where the faster of the two was the maiden plate won by one of the outsiders INTERCEPT. Freely available at 44/1 on the off, Garth Puller's charge raced in the rear during the early part of the race. She ran on best of all in the straight and despite losing a shoe somewhere along the line, she won going away by a length and three quarters.

Another major upset was to be had when the 25/1 shot LET'S GO WEST landed the MR66 Handicap. Soon up handy despite being a little slow into stride, the Western Winter gelding was already at the front 600m out. He kept on strongly in the straight and although the much more fancied STORM OUTGOING chased hard, he won comfortably by a length and a half.

Titbits *The veteran grey MOGOKITY ran on well from the rear when winning the MR62 Handicap over 1400m with authority by two and a half.*

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

A-Rod	won 72/10
Vul Indlela	won 7/2
Ali Bon Dubai	won 26/10
Widow's Lamp	won 2/1
Pomona	won 18/10
Pepper Oak	won 1/1
River Garden	won 5/10
Dynamic Diana	won 4/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (7) Tiger Star 12
- Race 2: (3) Mamba Mania 20
- Race 3: (1) Run For Your Life 2
- Race 4: (1) Omega Onslaught 54
- Race 5: (9) Kungfoofighting 35
- Race 6: (2) Captain Marooned 58
- Race 7: (6) Dynastic Power 68
- Race 8: (7) Peonie Rock 62
- Race 9: (15) Kashmir 37

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (2) Discoveror 3
- Race 2: (3) Kings Creek 7
- Race 3: (1) Imperial Ounce 12
- Race 4: (3) Red Indy 20
- Race 5: (1) Greasepaint 73
- Race 6: (3) Cumberland 41
- Race 7: (7) High Seas Beauty 68
- Race 8: (11) Urban Myth 46
- Race 9: (13) Beautiful Shay 40

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (16) Steel Rose 24
- Race 2: (5) Bendy Bullet 23
- Race 3: (3) Amarillo Rose 50
- Race 4: (4) Queen Moira 16
- Race 5: (6) New Caledonia 59
- Race 6: (8) Power Grid 85
- Race 7: (9) Call Me Darling 36
- Race 8: (9) Flash Twice 22

GREYVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (7) Bypass 16
- Race 2: (2) Shine Up 18
- Race 3: (6) Pharoah's Charm 16
- Race 4: (10) Star Of Caesour 38
- Race 5: (9) Roy's Dollar 25
- Race 6: (8) Mark My Card 80
- Race 7: (13) Burfi 44
- Race 8: (12) Bella Miesque 47
- Race 9: (6) Keep Your Light On 46

Nap bets

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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

Expect Extra

Vaal 10 August

Thursday's action took place on the outside track where we saw a smart performance in the faster of the two 1400m events from the progressive 3yo SURCHARGE. Sent off a strong favourite to win this novice handicap, Stuart Pettigrew's charge was soon up handy. He only had to be pushed out in order to get his head in front and asked to do no more than was absolutely necessary by Keagan De Melo, he won going away with plenty in hand.

They also ran two races over 1000m and quickest home here was Surcharge's stable companion MOSHAV in the MR72 Handicap. Sent off a co-favourite of three at 59/10, the son of Kahal raced in the backend of midfield early on. He was ridden to lead going through the 200m and kept on strongly late to beat LE TIGRE by three quarters.

A MR72 Handicap was the faster of the two 1600m races and here it was nice to see the 7yo BIZJET register his fourth career victory. Freely available at 36/1 on the off, the former KZN campaigner raced in midfield early on. The field was always very tightly bunched though and when asked for his effort he made up the ground quickly. He struck the front 300m out and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to beat the running on SUPER STRATEM by just over a half.

Titbits The favourite ROYAL STANDARD ran on well from midfield when winning the opening work rider's maiden plate over 1000m going away.

The newcomer TAMARINA came from the rear when impressively winning the 1200m maiden plate for the girls going away.

Always And Forever

Fairview 11 August

A MR95 Handicap topped the bill at Friday's turf meeting and in what not surprisingly proved to be the faster of the two 1600m events the 7yo ETERNAL JET registered his fifth career victory. Nibbled at on course into 7/1 from 10's, Yvette Bremner's charge raced in the rear during the early part of the race, He quickened well down the long home straight and under a well-judged ride from Karl Zechner, he got up 100m out to beat STORY OF MY LIFE going away.

The faster of the two 1000m races was the MR85 Handicap won by the 3yo JOKING. Soon up handy, the daughter of Queriari took up the running at the halfway mark and comfortably accounted for the always handy SINGING IN SEATTLE by a length and three quarters.

They also ran two races over 1400m and quickest home here was TRULY in the novice plate. Allowed to drift as if a win was out of the question (8/1 to 20/1), Dorrie Sham's charge made all. He was a length and a half clear at half way and in what proved to be a real thriller, he only held on by the narrowest of margins.

Titbits CHINA EXPRESS completed a smart hat-trick when winning the MR78 Handicap over 1600m going away.

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

DYNAMIC DIANA (J Snaith, W-Cape)
SURCHARGE (S Pettigrew, Gauteng)
TAMARINA (A Laird, Gauteng)

FASTEST TIMES

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

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 7TH AUGUST

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,15s slow	
1000m (1) Pepper Oak	57,96
1200m (1) For Luck Sake	70,43
1400m (1) Miracle Bureau	82,76
1600m (2) Dutch Harbor	97,70
1900m (3) Olympic Power	116,18

KENILWORTH (OLD) 8TH AUGUST

Penetrometer 24 – Going G/Soft	
Course Variant: 1,77s slow	
1000m (2) Northern Corner	60,15
1200m (1) Dynamic Diana	71,63
1400m (1) Free Agent	87,61
1600m (2) Evoke Emotion	101,94
1800m (1) Flash Fire	114,47
2400m (1) Desert Lark	159,04

GREYVILLE (POLY) 9TH AUGUST

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 2,20s slow	
1000m (1) A-Rod	60,60
1200m (1) Let's Go West	71,96
1400m (2) Intercept	85,41
1600m (4) Grey Light	96,99

VAAL (OUTSIDE) 10TH AUGUST

Penetrometer 22 – Good	
Course Variant: 1,77s slow	
1000m (2) Moshav	58,92
1200m (2) Embrasiatic	71,66
1400m (2) Surcharge	83,89
1600m (2) Bizjet	96,75

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 11TH AUGUST

Penetrometer 27 – Going Soft	
Course Variant:	
1000m (2) Joking	58,99
1200m (1) Widow's Lamp	72,94
1400m (2) Truly	87,53
1600m (2) Eternal Jet	99,62
1800m (1) Rush In	114,75

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