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Frankel's SA FIRST

Juddmonte stallion Frankel galloped relentlessly on his global conquest as his beautifully bred daughter Miss Frankel produced a smart display of speed to win her second outing at a sun drenched Scottsville on Wednesday – in the process becoming her sire's first winner in this beautiful country.

South Africa now joins England, France, Ireland, Japan, USA, Argentina, Chile and Australia on the Frankel world map. And while Scottsville and the Knavesmire are very different worlds, Frankel stamped his name a few hours apart at

both venues. Five years after he had won the Juddmonte International, his son Cracksman took his rivals apart in devastating fashion in the Betway Gr2 Great Voltigeur Stakes on Day 1 of the York Ebor Festival.

But the big Frankel moment on the day for South African racing fans was the Maiden Plate in the sleepy KZN Capital City- the victory signifying an emotional milestone for all those connected with Miss Frankel.

The chestnut bullet made good in fine style in the experienced hands of Anton Marcus and showed that stage-fright had indeed been her undoing on her debut outing at Kenilworth.

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A relieved and visibly emotional trainer Dennis Drier seemed largely unfazed with the hype of the past ten months and said afterwards that he was pleased that the maiden victory was out of the way.

“She has shown us plenty at home and we have given her plenty of time. Her first run was all wrong – she was simply starstruck. She will join my Cape Summer Season team of 26 and her next run will be down there,” he confirmed.

The Drier emotion is easy to understand. Miss Frankel’s dam Val De Ra has been one of his best in the 21st century.

He was the man who guided the Equus champion to win 11 of her 13 starts, including four Gr1’s and a memorable defeat of the champion What A Winter in the Gr1 Computaform Sprint. Probably her greatest performance! Whether Miss Frankel will follow in her dam’s golden hoofprints remains to be seen.

For the Avontuur Stud team who bred and race her, the win on Wednesday was a plan come together and had its own emotions.

“Dennis Drier is the most patient trainer on earth. Miss Frankel was not rushed for her first start. She was overwhelmed and confirmed that with her win in good time on Wednesday. The victory means a lot to everybody involved. We are leaving her racing career in Dennis’ good hands,” said Avontuur GM Pippa Mickleburgh..

She described the incredible journey of the past few years.

“Miss Frankel’s Mom was a champion and it took a lot of courage – and believe me, cash – to send her to Oasis Dream and to Frankel. And after her star-studded track career, Val De Ra has not exactly enjoyed the best of luck in her stud career. But we have high hopes for the family, so watch this space,” said Pippa.

“Val De Ra travelled halfway round the world safely- and then in a twist of irony was almost killed in a float accident in her home province. She took time to recover from that and we have given her the chance to recover physically and emotionally. The wonderful thing about good horses is that they are true professionals. Val De Ra has a wonderful temperament and is quite aloof, without being difficult. Miss Frankel is much like Mum in that respect!”

After a long rest, Val De Ra is due to visit the top-class Drakenstein sire Trippi next month.

Her first foal Dream De Ra (by Oasis Dream), who was in training with Dennis Drier, broke down and has also been retired to the Avontuur paddocks. There are some exciting options as regards her possible first suitor, but Pippa says a final decision will be taken shortly.

In a shockingly sad and tragic twist to the Miss Frankel victory celebrations, jockey Alec Forbes, who rode a winner at Scottsville on Wednesday and had ridden Val De Ra to many of her wins, passed away this morning. Alec is survived by his wife Lezeanne and their son, as well as two children who live in Europe.

Gimme The Winner!

Jockey Club Stakes (L) Fairview

East Cape Champion jockey Greg Cheyne returns from a short holiday to partner the consistent Beataboutthebush for Alan Greeff in Friday’s Listed Jockey Club Stakes. The progressive daughter of Gimmethegreenlight should go close in a race populated by older gallopers in search of black type.

Beataboutthebush has won 5 of her 8 starts and tries the 2000m after going down to Fortissimus over the trip three runs back. She hardly raised a sweat when winning the Paddock Stakes at her last start and from a pole position draw, Greg Cheyne will get the best out of her.

Justin Snaith represents her major opposition with a quartet of challengers. Snaith saddled the top two in this race last year and takes the blinkers off the Dynasty mare Qing, who comes off a quiet KZN campaign. This lightly campaigned four-time winner could beat this bunch if running to her best rating and will be staying on late.

The seven-time winning Peach Delight beat Crackpot when winning her penultimate start over the course and distance but ran an inexplicably poor race in the Paddock Stakes last time. Her 13 draw won’t aid her cause but she is a solid big-hearted galloper and could bounce back to best.

Harvard Crimson ran a nice second in this race last year but has not won in ages and could be boxing for place money again. The daughter of Dynasty comes in here off two Cape feature starts where she never showed – but was not horribly disgraced on the other hand, either!

The very capable Nima is a course and distance winner and ran a cracker at her penultimate start in KZN when chasing Epona home in the East Coast Cup. The merit of that effort was further underlined as she lost a shoe in running. With Richard Fourie up (he won last year for the same yard), she must be a massive challenger.

The evergreen 6yo Crackpot is held by Beataboutthebush on her Paddock Stakes run – and in fact by Peach Delight too on earlier form. But the daughter of Judpot is always worth including in bets as she never runs a bad race.

Listed East Cape Oaks winner Fortissimus is effective over this course and distance and returns to the Eastern Cape after being outgunned in a visit to KZN for the tail end of Champions Season. She has a win (in the Oaks) over Beataboutthebush to her credit and could be the lurker – but needs to run lengths ahead of her official rating at these weights.

Work Ethic was comprehensively hammered in the Paddock Stakes and has not won in over a year. That said, she is likely to prove more competitive and comes in with a good draw.

Another Night looks to have a big task here and her recent form is

not inspiring.

Christmas Carol was purchased off a sale at Ke-nilworth recently and has her first run for the Dorrie Sham yard. She has won 4 races and proven a bit in and out at times. She will be more competitive

START 4:25PM FAIRVIEW	7	PAG/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4 JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (F&M)(LISTED) - 2000M SAME TRAINER:(1-9-13-14)(2-12)(3-5) (4-6-7-8)(10-11)
Gimmethegreenlight	1	BEATABOUTTHEBUSH (AC Greeff) G Cheyne . 1 60.0
Greys Inn	2	PEACH DELIGHT (Y Bremner) L Hewitson..... 13 60.0
Judpot	3	CRACKPOT (GD Smith) M v Rensburg..... 3 60.0
Dynasty	4	HARVARD CRIMSON (J Snaith) L Mxothwa 8 60.0
High Chpparral	5	PRINCESS VARUNYA (GD Smith) K Zechner. 14 60.0
Dynasty	6	QING (J Snaith) C Murray..... 12 60.0
Fort Wood	7	NIMA (J Snaith) R Fourie 7 60.0
Mogok	8	FORTISSIMUS (J Snaith) C Maujean 5 60.0
National Emblem	9	SANCTUARY (AC Greeff) N Patel!..... 6 60.0
Ideal World	10	WORK ETHIC (DA Sham) R Danielson 2 60.0
Western Winter	11	CHRISTMAS CAROL (DA Sham) C Zackey 10 60.0
Right Approach	12	CAPE MARIGOLD (Y Bremner) R Munger 9 60.0
Silvano	13	MONEY PENNY (AC Greeff) T Gould 4 60.0
Main Aim	14	ANOTHER NIGHT (AC Greeff) M Thackeray.... 11 59.0

in handicap company.

The Snaith pair of Qing and Nima look the most likely hurdles to Beataboutthebush making it a winning opener to her 4yo campaign.

Peach Delight and Crackpot could lift the quartet dividend at their best.



Gimmethelight's daughter Beataboutthebush has plenty in her favour | *Pauline Herman*

Quite A Challenge

Trainer Alan Greeff has won the first two legs of the Eastern Cape Fillies and Mares Challenge for 2017. But he won't be in line to bank the R250 000 Challenge Bonus for the winner of all three legs on Friday as he won the first two legs with two different horses.

Clear Sailing (Argonaut) won the first leg, the R150 000 Listed East Cape Breeders Stakes run over 1200m on 30 June.

Beataboutthebush (Gimmethelight) won the R150 000 Listed East Cape Paddock Stakes run over 1600m on 21 July.

With the distance range from 1200m to 2000m, it is definitely not a walk-in-the-park 'Triple Crown' by any means. But the progressive Beataboutthebush (who interestingly has won twice over 1200m) has a big winning chance to make it a consolation two from three for herself and personal clean sweep for the Greeff team.

Friday's final leg is named in recognition of the fact that the Jockey Club- now the National Horseracing Authority of South Africa- was founded in Port Elizabeth almost 130 years ago.

Time For More Information!

Another case of an incorrect horse being presented for racing has emerged with Flamingo Park trainer Phillip Smith being fined R15 000 for bringing the wrong horse to the races. The consideration of mitigating factors saw R5 000 of the fine being suspended on condition he is not found guilty of a similar contravention of the rule within the next year.

The racing media and the public have not been informed of any of the circumstances surrounding any of the phantom runners- or ringers- in the spate of recent cases and it may be time for more information to restore public confidence.

Anybody who has ever spent a rand punting or paid keep for a horse deserves to be provided with more information. We can take heart from the fact that the horse identifiers are doing a good job. But whether they have ten horses or two hundred horses in their care, we need to know that trainers are doing their jobs properly and are in control.

[Read the latest case here](#)

Petty Politics... But Hollywood Will Support The Horse!

Despite being denied race naming rights in a disappointing move by the host operator, Hollywoodbets will join hands with other sponsors at Turffontein on Saturday in the name of one of the worthiest causes in the industry.

South Africa's leading bookmakers will join the fundraising efforts on the annual National Horse Trust Raceday programme.

Dubbed 'Paparazzi At The Ponies', the annual fundraiser for the wonderful cause is being held in association with MIXFM 93,8 and sponsors and guests will be treated to a top-class afternoon in the Aquanaut Room.

The National Horse Trust was established in 1989 as the racing industry's own charity to assist and take care of abused and neglected Thoroughbreds after their racing careers were over.

The Trust established three Horse Care Units around the country and these have over the years evolved to include all breeds of horses, as well as donkeys.

The National Horse Trust today is the fundraising body, raising funds nationally to support the Coastal, Eastern Cape and Highveld Horse Care Units.

Hollywood's move to support the horse is not new. South Africa's premier betting brand Hollywoodbets came out in support of the mainstay of the racing industry, the horse, via a cash donation and a pledge of ongoing support to the Coastal Horse Care Unit in 2016.

The Coastal Horse Care Unit (CHCU) is a Section 21 company, committed to the welfare of all horses and donkeys from all disciplines of equine involvement. The CHCU is based on a farm in the Cato Ridge area, and serves as a rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming centre for horses who are abused or neglected.

"We are disappointed that the platform of such a worthy cause is used to wage agendas, but we love the sport of horseracing and the game would cease to exist without these beautiful animals. This is really a great cause and we remain committed to ensuring its success in the best interests of the horse and the industry at large – it is definitely not about us promoting our business at the expense of the horse," said a Hollywood spokesman who confirmed that the show would proceed as planned.

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Khan Returns To Saddle Today

Former multiple SA champion jockey Mark Khan joins the recent forty-something comeback class of Piet Botha and Jannie Bekker when he rides at Turffontein today.

Piet Botha and Jannie Bekker made successful comebacks last season.

Khan, a powerful and aggressive rider, was South African Champion Jockey on 5 occasions and achieved 6 winners on the Vaal card on 1 May 2007.

He announced his retirement from the saddle in 2010 after sustaining injuries in a fall the previous season. He had undergone multiple treatments with various physicians, with the apparent consensus being that the various treatments had proven unsuccessful.

He has stayed close to the game, having played the role of a racing manager and also made moves towards acquiring his trainer's licence in 2014.

Khan rode his first winner on Mascara for the late Alan Higgins and went on to win many Gr1 races in the course of his association with top yards, including the likes of Mark Watters and Geoff Woodruff.

He was associated with top-class horses like Igreja, El Picha, Faralmond, Nhlavini, Timber Trader, Monet, Shepherds Moon, Hawaiian Wahoo and Stormy Appeal, as well as the stayer Aquanaut and also won the Cape Derby on Resfa.

The Mauritius champion jockey in 2000, he also rode in Malaysia, Singapore, Germany, Australia, and Macau, where he rode 63 winners in only five months!



Mark Khan

Sherman Touches The World

South African horseracing saluted another one of its jockeys carrying the flag on the world stage when Sherman Brown won the 1436 CECF North Dakota Classic at Yiqi racecourse on Sunday.

His mount Hales (Aus), a son of Haradasun who also produced Gauteng Guineas winner, Harry's Son, was ridden to an easy victory by Brown.

The bay gelding is no stranger to the CECF, as he won the Yitai Cup last year during the same event.

Themed "Touch the World," the China Equine Cultural Festival concluded its two-day run with racing at Yiqi Racecourse as well as the grand opening of the Ordos Horse Gallery and Manor on Sunday in Inner Mongolia.



Sherman Brown on Hales

[Read more here](#)

Ulysses Wins York's Richest

Veteran trainer Sir Michael Stoute registered a record sixth win in the Gr1 Juddmonte International Stakes on the opening day of the York Ebor Festival on Wednesday. The Juddmonte is Britain's highest rated race and with a stake of £1 million was the richest race ever run at York.

Champion jockey Jim Crowley steered Galileo's son Ulysses to his second Gr1 win of the season. The 4yo beat 5-2 favourite 2000 Guineas winner Churchill, trained by Aiden O'Brien in an impressive performance.

With record prize money of over £4.4 million, the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival has attracted the very best from Britain, Ireland, continental Europe and the USA to the Knavesmire for York's flagship meeting. The remaining three days is expected to deliver high-class racing.

The increase in prize money of £320,000 is spread over twenty-two of the twenty-five races; with the feature contest on each of the days receiving a boost, as well as the prize money threshold for all races rising again, to £70,000. It marks another step in York's support for the festival programme which has seen prize money increase by 50% over the last five years.

Today sees the running of the Darley Yorkshire Oaks, ranked last year as Europe's highest rated contest for fillies and mares. John Gosden's brilliant filly Enable will face five rivals and having already won the Oaks at Epsom and at the Curragh, not to mention her stunning display against the colts in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, Enable has laid claim to being the best 2400m horse in training.

The 1000m Gr1 Coolmore Nunthorpe is run on Friday and the American filly Lady Aurelia has been aimed at this race ever since she stormed home in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot in June.

Both the Nunthorpe and the Oaks see increases, to reach their richest ever renewals, at stakes of £350 000 apiece.

Completing the feature race action on Saturday is the £285 000 Betfred Ebor, Europe's richest flat handicap. York's oldest and most famous race is set to be as fiercely contested as ever with the winner often booking their flight to the Emirates Melbourne Cup in November. With no rain forecast, the prospects of the ante-post favourite Flymetothestars hangs in the balance – he may not run at all if it remains dry!

The Orange Star Shines

Drakenstein stallion Duke Of Marmalade's outstanding son Big Orange continues to top the staying rankings in the latest standings for the 2017 Cartier Racing Awards. These reflect points earned in Pattern races up to and including Sunday, August 20, 2017.

The 27th annual Cartier Racing Awards will be presented at a glittering ceremony before an invited audience of 300 at the Dorchester Hotel, London, England, on the evening of Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

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From The Heart

A bad workman blames his tools, but have you ever noticed that good workmen always have the best tools? It may take a village to get a horse first past the post, but it helps when they've been started right and what current champion trainer Sean Tarry – and a good number of other trainers have cottoned on to – is Sue Bingham's Fairway Pre-training Centre in Meyerton. As we're still celebrating Women's Month, we thought we'd get to know the publicity-shy Sue a little better.

Sue grew up in England and the horse bug was originally inherited from her grandmother and then passed down in tail female line to Sue's mother and sister and finally down to Sue, who got her first pony, a 'R100 jobbie' called Good Grief in 1972. Sue was a successful equitation rider and has her SANEF qualification, but these days focusses on dressage and recently won the Novice Pro-Am Dressage Championship on her young Warmblood. She devotes the rest of her time to spelling and pre-training some of the country's best Thoroughbreds.

Starting out

Sue's racing connection came by a roundabout route. "Tim Roberts was the vet in our area at the time, which turned out to be good for me. Tim got to know me and when he started a clinic at home with a small animal section, he asked me to work for him in the afternoons, and he was my mentor in veterinary work. He taught me everything from bandaging to fractures, to stabilising bandages, knee ops etc."

"Tim's wife had a small spelling farm where all the knee chips etc would go to rehab and when Cheryl got pregnant, Tim asked me to take over the yard. Eventually I moved to my parents' place and started with 2 horses from Tim. He would always try and send horses my way because he knew they would get the correct recuperation. I got all sorts and gained a heck of a lot of experience."

Sue's break came through Jean Heming. "I would send back hospital horses and she started sending me resting horses. I remember a horse called Talgarth who came for 3 weeks rest. I kept him trotting, sent him back in and he won his first start back, so she was happy and started sending me more resting horses. Then an owner sent me a young horse that was going to David Ferraris. I remember thinking I've really got to make sure this horse goes in properly. It turned out to be Sabina Park. She went in looking well and David was obviously happy and from there I got a lot of David's babies to pre-train, so that was good for me. He was a good trainer and we had a good relationship. It was a blow when he moved to Hong Kong," she says sadly.

All About Balance

Fairway Pre-training centre is situated on 25 acres in the Three Rivers area between Meyerton and Vereeniging. The colts are kept in single paddocks as they are more boisterous and prone to injury if turned out in company, while Sue feels the fillies tend to settle more if they

have a buddy.

"I believe a horse has to be balanced and they go in strong and fit. A lot of the youngsters, especially the fillies, come in all hyper. I believe in trying to get them relaxed so that they are confident and calm in what they're doing. Going into racing is a big change for them, but it's made easier if they've had a good basic education.

"I like to work them a certain way based on my knowledge and riding skills. I don't expect them to be dressage horses, but I feel the basics are very important and that horses need to be balanced before they go in."

Here Sue places a lot of emphasis on her work riders. "If a rider doesn't have an independent seat and good hands, what kind of mouth is the horse going to have? I do not let the grooms sit down on a baby's back and we fit riser pads under the saddles. I hammer my guys on diagonals, correct legs and getting the horse as straight as possible. If a horse knows how to canter on the right lead and knows it can balance on the left lead, and knows it can do it in a race, I believe it gives them a good basis to work from. I think if a horse is balanced, it should stay sounder too, so that's what we aim for."

"We follow the same programme, but each horse is different and one you can get on in a day and another might take 2 weeks. You can push anything in training, but if their mind's not there, that's when you lose everything. I think a horse has to be strong and relaxed in training, so I believe in getting them happy and settled in what they are doing and to me confidence is the key. Racing is demanding, particularly of the young horses, and if a horse isn't confident, they struggle to cope mentally. If in their mind they think they are capable, that's half the battle."

Memorable horses

Having pre-trained for the likes of Tony Millard, Dominic Zaki, Brett Warren, Geoff Woodruff and of course Sean Tarry, Sue has

had any number of good horses through her hands and has collected a few stories as well. "I pre-trained Badger's Drift. He had this beautiful trot and I remember saying jokingly to the owners, 'This is the



SUE BINGHAM

best moving Thoroughbred I've seen. I don't think he'll make a racehorse. Can I have him for dressage?' I haven't seen a horse move like that since. I'm so glad he's in a nice place now."

"Flirtation was here. Her owner, Mr Livanos said 'keep her as long as you think.' She didn't look like anything, then turned the corner and was a different horse. Surabi was another that I thought didn't look like anything who also turned into a nice horse. I think you learn as you go on. You start going 'I think that's going to be a racehorse'. As you go on, you know."

"Carry On Alice was here. She has such lovely owners. When she came from Klawervlei, she looked like this tiny little teddy bear, but she was always a nice filly to work with. A bit hot, but eventually settled and was just nice."

Other easily recognisable Fairway graduates include dual Horse of the Year, Legal Eagle, Perfect Promise, Rippling Ring, National Colour, Elusive Fort, Pierre Jourdan, Pomodoro, Heavy Metal, Master Of My Fate ("always such an easy horse"), Willow Magic, Shea Shea and recent successes, Bull Valley, Al Sahem and Purple Diamond.

Is it hard to say goodbye?

"In the beginning I used to get very attached. I got so attached to one horse that when he left, it put me in depression. I still get attached – one can't help it – while they're here, each one is like my own. It may sound stupid, but I know each horse like a person and I feel it's important because it helps you pick up faster if something is wrong. When they've come off the float like crazy things and load like stars when they leave, then I know I've done my job. It is hard when they go, but at least I can do my best for them while they're here. I have a feeling for horses and for what I'm doing. It comes from the heart."

Ups and Downs

Sue got divorced in 1988. Has it been challenging being a woman – and particularly a woman on her own – in a fairly male-dominated industry?

"I don't only do pre-training. I also do spelling and post-op recovery, but there seems to be less demand for it these days. With the economy being what it is, the last 2 years have been tough. Horses are a big expense and a lot of studs and even trainers do their own pre-training and even rehabbing now."

"I do find it hard sometimes, but I think you've just got to find the resources and get through it. You do sometimes get despondent when the horses leave, and if you find one here or there that doesn't do so well, you wonder whether you could have done something better, but then a good one comes along and that cheers you up."

"I think riding and competing my own horses also helps and keeps me sane. I do take it seriously and am competitive, I don't just do it for fun. I get to live out in the peace and quiet and am not stuck in town which is nice. When I ring Darren at Equine he says he always knows it's me because he can hear the birds. You forget about those things," she muses.

"For me, the good bits of the job are when the horses come in and you get one that you think there's some kind of problem, perhaps something that's really nervous or whatever, and as you go through the process, you produce a horse that does the job and often goes on to do well. The best bits are the horses."

SA Speed Star's Daughter Remains Unbeaten

A daughter of top-class SA sprinter Noble Heir (Kahal) maintained her unbeaten record from three starts when she beat Blue Diamond Stakes winner Catchy by a head in a thrilling finish to the Gr3 Quezette Stakes run over 1100m at Caulfield on Saturday.

An elated jockey Ben Melham said that Crown Witness had an easy run on the speed. "She did a real good job, she was real game to the line. At this distance today and with one to chase she settled nice but I'll leave it to the experts to decide if she'll stretch out over further."

A A\$50,000 Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Crown Witness made it three straight wins on Saturday to beat a filly hailed as champion material.

Crown Witness, by Star Witness, is trained by Stuart Webb and was bred by Golden Grove Stud Farm. She is the first winner produced by the former Dennis Bosch-trained grey flyer.

The Connington Stud-bred Noble Heir won or placed in 18 of her 26 outings, with her big moment coming in the 2010 Gr1 Computaform Sprint – a race in which she won away from home beating champion sprinter Mythical Flight (Jet Master) and the Gr1 winners Warm White Night (Western Winter) and Private Jet (Orpen).

Noble Heir is one of three winners produced by the Kilconnel mare Irish Honour.

In 2010 Noble Heir was bought by Australian multi-millionaire racehorse owner and Ultra Tune executive chairman Sean Buckley. He races and breeds under the Ultra Thoroughbreds banner.

Buckley earlier enjoyed group success with SA purchases in Perfect Promise, a Gr1 winner in both South Africa and Australia, Battle Maiden, who was Champion three-year-old filly, Dane Julia, another dual Gr1 winner in both South Africa and New Zealand, 2008 SA Oaks winner Happy Spirit and Emblem Of Liberty, who beat Dancer's Daughter and River Jetez to win the Gr1 Paddock Stakes.



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Listen, we told Harry that we are limiting his 2017 harem to only 100 'chicks', which, considering his excellent fertility and virility, he was not very happy about.

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Short Heads

Duke's Double



Drakenstein Stud sire Duke Of Marmalade enjoyed a notable stakes double on Sunday. His son Marmelo is surely headed for Europe's greatest race, the Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc De Triomphe on 1 October after he won the Gr2 Darley Prix Kergorlay. On the same day another of the Duke's sons Can'thelpbelieving, a potential starter in either the Gr1 Northern Dancer Stakes or Gr1 Pattison Canadian International later this year, won the Gr2 Sky Classic Stakes at Woodbine.

Mayfair's Super Saturday

The names of Champion SA owners Mayfair Speculators, world leading sire Galileo and Ecurie des Monceaux were all over the score sheet on the opening day of the ARQANA August Yearling Sale on Saturday, as a trio of youngsters by the perennial champion sire and offered by the famed Normandy nursery registered the three highest prices of the evening when selling to the South African operation. The trio were bought for a cool €2 050 000 but the purchases didn't end there with Peter Doyle and Derek Brugman adding more. "You just can't have enough Galileo fillies to breed from," said Brugman. Full sale report on www.sportingpost.co.za.

Bit On The Side

Trainer Adam Azzie's criticism of workrider Francis Semela's 'poor ride' on failed odds-on favourite Tapensee at the Vaal last Thursday has elicited plenty of reaction. Historically the horse appears to be a difficult ride with mouth and bit issues. Was it an error of judgement to run him in a workrider's race in the first place? Watch the video interview and replay [here](#)

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When the mighty Frankel enjoyed a Group race double last Wednesday- his son Eminent won the Gr2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and daughter Lady Frankel the Gr3 Prix de Lieurey - the latter became a remarkable 11th first crop group winner for the champion. The son of

Galileo, who stands at Banstead Manor in Newmarket for a 2017 stud fee of £125 000, has made a remarkable impact with his first crop, who are now three.

Flag Flying High

Galileo's son Flying The Flag has his first foals arriving this season and there was plenty of celebrations at Bush Hill Stud this weekend when his younger full sister, Magical followed in her older Gr1 winning full sister's footsteps by winning the Gr2 Debutante in Ireland. Rhododendron won the race in 2016 and was crowned Irish Champion 2YO Filly after an exceptional Gr1 winning season.

On The Surface...

With the Breeders' Cup hosted at Del Mar this year, the world's best horse's connections have some decisions to make. Arrogate was beaten on Sunday by stablemate Collected in the Gr1 TVG Pacific Classic Stakes run over 2012m at Del Mar. Back-to-back defeats at this track – he was beaten into fourth last month in the San Diego Handicap- have suggested he just doesn't enjoy the venue.

DON'T SLEEP IN THE SUBWAY...

Like many racecourses around the world, Southwell has banned punters from bringing their own alcohol through the gates. The ban hasn't stopped racegoers from giving it a crack though, with one lady going to innovative lengths on Sunday to smuggle in a bottle of vodka. The 'Southwell Smuggler' stashed her bottle in a Subway-style sandwich filled with tomato and salami. The ingenious plan, on paper at least, was foiled when an official, who was performing routine searches at the gate, became suspicious about the weight of the lady's lunchbox.



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Highlands Equus Outstanding Stallion Dynasty has commenced the new season on a winning note, with three winners this past weekend – including two first-timers at Turffontein on Saturday. Cheveley Stud-bred 3yo Sir David Baird won for Mike de Kock. He was a R1.3 million buy from the 2016 National Yearling Sale. The John and Liz Slade bred Greek Fire also scored an emphatic win – this time for the Azz Men. The half-brother to Gold Cup winner Wavin' Flag was a R3 million buy from the 2016 Cape Premier Yearling Sale. Dynasty's third winner was Russet Roses who maintained her unbeaten record on the Greyville polytrack on Sunday. The Dennis Drier-trained filly was a R250 000 purchase from the 2015 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale.

LOUW FLYER

Any Given SUNDAY

A Chat with David Nieuwenhuizen

In racing, there's big magic – like Triple Crown winners, or Winx's 18 race win streak – and there's little magic. The stuff that can happen on any given day and often when you least expect it. It doesn't make itself easily available to the casual day trippers on the once a year, flagship days. It's reserved for the truly dedicated as a reward for being there. Every day, from the first race to the last. The special, everyday magic reserved for the special, everyday people. Which is perhaps why I like it so much.

The final race on the Turffontein card on Sunday, 6 August 2017 was a 1600m FM64 Handicap. While few people can find a reason to stay to the last, nevermind raise their pulse rate for an FM64 handicap, it is hats of exactly such ordinary seeming things that magic – and racing magic in particular – likes to jump out from. And so it was that Turffontein trainer, David Nieuwenhuizen, trained – and owned – the first four horses past the post. I thought that deserved a bit of fuss.

Meeting David

The first time I met David in person (so much gets done by phone or social media these days) was when I more or less accosted him across the rail of the picnic area at Kenilworth towards the end of Met day 2016. One doesn't often get the chance to chat to up-country trainers and opportunities must be seized! We chatted about Virgo's Babe and her success as well as the all-important question as to what was coming next. David was pragmatic and explained that they were a small yard and had to pick their opportunities, but was optimistic about their forthcoming young stock and hopeful that another good one would find him. He was thoroughly kind and sincere and I've followed the stable's fortunes ever since, so 6 August gave me a lot of pleasure as well as an excuse to continue our conversation.

We picked up almost exactly where we left off and for all intents and purposes, might as well still have been chatting over that Kenilworth railing. "Look, it's only a 64 Fillies and Mares race. Most of the horses I've got at the moment seem to be in that category," says David pragmatically. "There were 8 events on the card and I thought they would probably end up splitting the field, so I put in five nominations. Two got decent draws (Flowing Gown drew 3 and Green Crest drew 4) and I thought those two would definitely run. Weichong Marwing asked for the ride on Golddust Woman, who was drawn in the middle (11) and I thought

they all had decent chances."

"I thought I could possibly try for a double and that the NRB might split the race if the other trainers kept their horses in. Of course it didn't and when I looked again, I had 5 in the race. I didn't want to scratch and face a suspension, so I decided we'd run and then had to find jockeys for all of them!" In the end the riding engagements were allocated as follows: Flowing Gown (Ryan Munger), Golddust Woman (Weichong Marwing), Monarch Air (S'manga Khumalo), Green Crest (JP van der Merwe) and Cinnamon Slew (Craig Zackey).

Having managed to secure 5 jockeys, David found himself one short on race day, after S'manga took a tumble in race one and was stood down. "I asked Chase Maujean and he said sure."

Owner-trainer

The feat is doubly significant because not only did David train the first four, he owned them too. "I don't want to run owners' horses against each other, because if one finishes ahead, the other might think I'm favouring them, so I generally don't like running too many of my horses in the same race. However, in this case I happened to own or have shares in all five of them, which makes it a bit more special. I'd just taken over Golddust Woman and Monarch Air and put them into my name that week, I was in partnerships in all the rest and I thought they all had a chance, so I thought I'll just leave them in and see what happens."

"I think this was the most runners I've had in a race and they actually all did very well. And I have to say the jockeys all rode really good races. When they jumped, Cinnamon Slew was caught in no man's land and couldn't get to the front. Craig Zackey had to try and commit and she ran herself out of it and compounded. At that stage, my other horses weren't being called and you tend to focus on the horse that isn't doing so well," he explains. "As things turned out, coming into the last 300m, Cinnamon Slew was out, but all the others were coming through. I was looking for Weichong and could see Golddust Woman coming through and then Flowing Gown managed to quicken. Then the other two came from the back of the field".

"I was extremely excited. Watching Weichong on Golddust Woman, I thought she'd possibly get up and win, but Ryan rode an extremely confident race on Flowing Gown." The



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horses crossed the line within 1.5 lengths of one another and when the result went into the frame, it was Flowing Gown in first, Golddust Woman second, Monarch Air third and Green Crest fourth.

"I'm thankful to all the guys," says David. "The jockeys rode for their lives. Each thought they could win. Chase said he was unlucky and that if he'd had a better draw, he would have won, but the way it turns out is the way it turns out. The stable has been a little on the off side and to come back like this was phenomenal, particularly being the owner of all of them as well."

"Even though four came through, my other runner finished last, so you must always reflect on that and see that life isn't easy. It could always be the other way round and they could all have been on the opposite side of the winning line, but thank goodness they weren't. This game has great ups and downs and you can always expect the unexpected. It may be a low division race, but I'll take it."

About David

David was mentored by Jan Breedts and went out under his own name in 2004. He currently trains from Turffontein and enjoys being there. "It's the main racecourse up here, I've got nice stables and I'm very happy."

"My team is small. I've got the wife in the stable and my daughter Nicole is my assistant. She really does work hard and runs around and gets everything organised. We've got some nice work riders and everyone helps in the yard."

"We have a strong support team, a good farrier, a good vet – it's not just a one man show. And obviously our owners are a big part of the team. The South African climate is making it hugely tough for the small and medium-sized owner and guys are cutting back drastically, so we're grateful to our clients."

"It's been tough, but hopefully the wheel's turned. You have your glory day and then it disappears and you have to fight to get back there. It's not easy, and not on any given Sunday," he says matter-of-factly.

"The small guys are really taking a hiding at the moment, but you've put yourself in this boat, so you just have to sail it. We all love the game, but it's sad to see how hard things are at the moment. People are under a lot of pressure. It's a tough game and nothing is a given, but I think it's the competitiveness and toughness that I enjoy. If it was easy, I'd probably go and

do something else," he reflects.

"I find the bigger you get and the more horses you have, the more competitive you can be, but I've got a small string now and I'm quite happy with that. Sometimes, even in a small yard, one will pop up and that's what you live for. That one champ, that one decent horse." Or those one-offs when it all comes together on the day.

Unique Achievement

"I'm extremely proud. I think the whole stable is proud. When you look at it on paper, it's actually very difficult to achieve. Even if you've got 4 or 5 horses, you're still running against another 9 that can quite easily finish between those, so I think it's a helluva achievement. Terrance Millard ran 1-2-3 in the July twice (1986 and 1990) and Geoff Woodruff trained the first three past the post in the 2013 Sansui Summer Cup (Yorker, Master Sabina and Tellina), but training and owning the first four past the post has got to be fairly unique."

"It's an accomplishment that I think I'll enjoy," he admits. "And it turned out in a fun way and as a result of something I wouldn't normally do. I believe if you always try and live in a positive way, a bit of good comes out of it. Even if it doesn't look like it, it's there. You can't give up. You have to keep going through the tough times."

"It's been tough over winter. I thought we would finish the season really well and it didn't happen. But then this season started on a nice note, so hard work eventually pays off."

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TOP SCORERS for 2016/2017

(SEASON 2016/2017)

horse	age	sex	points	aces
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
Mustaaqem	2	c	70	1
William Longsword	3	c	70	1

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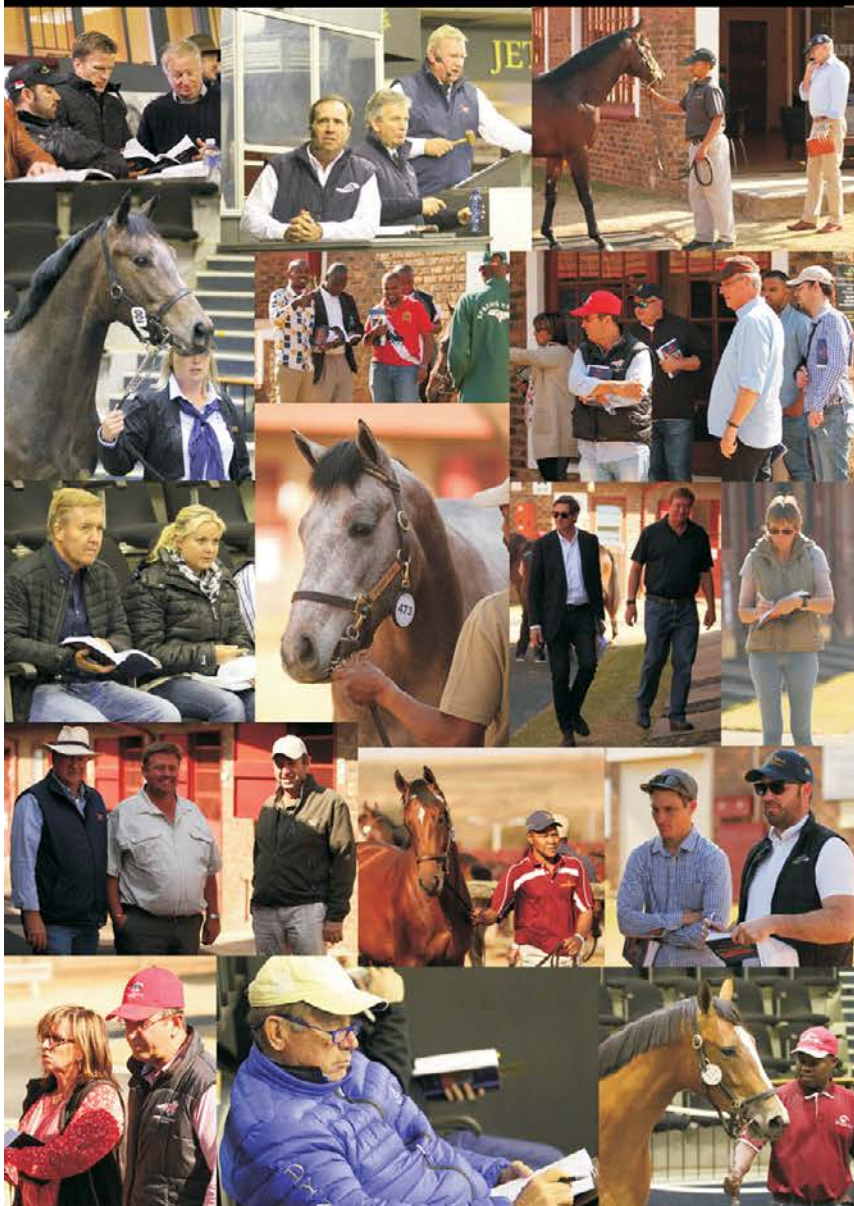
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17Aug	1925	1925	1813	11,606
16Aug	1900	1900	1875	652
15Aug	1949	1949	1949	0
14Aug	1949	1949	1949	0
11Aug	1949	1949	1949	0
10Aug	1949	1949	1910	6,485
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celebrate for breeders.

Surprising perhaps was that not more trainers took advantage, with the sales company offering a R40k incentive to all 2yo winners coming off this sale – the median price at the sale was R40k, meaning that half of the lots sold went for this amount and less. Opportunities missed!

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Summerhill Sires Greet Market Head On

We all know things are tight, tighter than they've been in a very long time. And if it weren't for the expectation of the normalisation of our export protocols in the reasonably near future, the breeding landscape would be a bleak place indeed, writes Mick Goss.



Mick Goss

With that in mind, we've spent a good deal of time pleading the case of broodmare owners across the board with our stallion principals, and they're not only sympathetic but they're as determined as we are to play their part in contributing towards the future viability of our customers' operations.

While it's true that the outcomes of our breeding decisions this season will only greet the auctioneers in 2020, by which time we'll not only have a new president, but we have to believe that the local economy will be steaming along at a merrier pace than it is right now.

It remains a fact though, that too many horses are not making their production costs in the sales ring, and while the future may hold brighter prospects, the reality is that stallion fees are a material cost of every horseman's budget, and we want to play a role in mitigating deficits in the meantime.

With this in mind, the Summerhill stallions are greeting the market head-on, gauged against their equivalent counterparts in other regions of the land, and we invite you, without blushing, to talk to us about your needs so that we can see what we can do to accommodate them.

As usual, we'd like to think we have the capacity to surprise, so don't be shy to pick up the phone: published stallion fees are one thing, reality is another.

[Check the fees here](#)

Nel's Winning Start

Summerveld trainer John Nel made a no nonsense start to his training career at Scottsville on Wednesday.

The 4yo Right Approach gelding On Your Life went from gun to tape in the 1000m Qualified Maiden Plate under Athandiwe Mgudlwa to win at his sixth start. On Your Life, who bucked the draw trend of the day by winning down the inside, was Nel's first runner.

The former Luiz Cunha Assistant boasts a proud record as a workrider from days gone by.

He rode 11 winners in 2007/8, won his only race ride in 2008/9, rode 16 winners in the 2009/10 season and was then forced to give up riding due to weight issues.

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BREEDING

Narrate Does The Talking

With the impact of the great mare, Urban Sea (Miswaki), being well felt at the recent Glorious Goodwood meeting in the UK, another hugely influential matron of years gone by made her own presence felt in two major US Gr1 races this last weekend.

Collected (City Zip) provided stable mate, Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), with a second straight defeat when accounting for the champion by half a length in Saturday's Gr1 TVG Pacific Classic at Del Mar. Collected, who was picking up the first Gr1 win of his career, is out of a mare by former champion, Johannesburg (Hennessy), a great grandson of the mare, Narrate (Honest Pleasure). The latter is also to be found in the pedigree of champion US sire, Tapit, whose daughter, Dream Dancing, won the Gr1 Del Mar Oaks this past Saturday. Dream Dancing, whose granddam, Beautiful Pleasure, won the Gr1 Breeders' Cup Distaff and earned more than \$2.7 million in prize money, is one of 23 Gr1 winners sired by Tapit, champion sire in the US for the past three years running. The Narrate connection here comes through Tapit's sire, Pulpit, the latter being produced by Gr1 Frizette Stakes winner, Preach (Mr Prospector).

Sire of Tapit apart, Pulpit has made his mark at stud through such Gr1 winners as Ice Box, Rutherienne, Stroll, Mr Speaker, and Lord Nelson, as well as the top class sire, Sky Mesa (who is responsible for more than 50 stakes winners). Another Pulpit son to make his mark is now deceased stallion, Lucky Pulpit, whose offspring include dual US Horse Of The Year and seven time Gr1 winner, California Chrome.

Johannesburg, unbeaten in seven starts as a 2yo back in 2001, is enjoying increasing success as a broodmare sire, with his daughters having produced the likes of Irish classic winners, Jet Setting and Seventh Heaven, as well as Gr1 Middle Park Stakes winner and KZN sire, Crusade. Coat Of Arms, a full-brother to Seventh Heaven and half to Crusade, ran second in Sunday's Gr2 Futurity Stakes and looks capable of picking up a decent race this season. However, it is through the deeds of his brilliant son, Scat Daddy, that Johannesburg seems most likely to ensure his lasting legacy. Scat Daddy made his mark in an all too short stud career, with his plethora of Gr1 winners, including such European stars as Lady Aurelia, Caravaggio and current 2yo, Sioux Nation. Scat Daddy, whose daughter, Dacita, recently captured the Gr1 Beverly D Stakes, has an impressive tally of 21 Gr1 winners to his name, as opposed to the seven sired by Johannesburg.

Another Johannesburg son to make his mark was Teuflesberg, who is responsible for Gr1 Breeders' Cup Sprint winner, Trinitberg, while Johannesburg son, Red Jazz, currently ranks among the ten top first crop sires in Britain.



Copper Parade - Gr1 winning son of Lecture | JC Photos

Narrate, granddam of champion racehorse but stud failure, Minardi (Boundary), is also the second dam of the top class racehorse and sire, Tale Of The Cat, whose offspring include more than 100 stakes winners to date. Winner of the then Gr2 King's Bishop Stakes, Tale Of The Cat was champion 2yo sire in the US back in 2003 and has since consistently been responsible for a string of stakes winners. Covering large books of mares, Tale Of The Cat does not have the greatest percentage of stakes winners to foals but does have 10 individual Gr1 winners in both hemispheres to his credit. Tale Of The Cat's tally of stakes winners also includes the Breeders' Cup winner, Stopchargingmaria (Distaff).

His sons, Gio Ponti (sire of champion sprinter and Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Drefong), Lion Heart (sire of Gr1 winners Line Of David, Bradester and Dangerous Midge) and Tale Of Ekati (sire of this year's Gr1 Haskell Invitational winner, Girvin), have all been responsible for at least one Gr1 winner.

Tale Of The Cat's grandson, Kantharos (Lion Heart), went unbeaten, from three outings, as a two-year-old and, from relatively limited opportunities, has also made his presence felt at stud. To date, the Leading First Crop Sire in Florida back in 2014, Kantharos, who now stands at Hill 'N Dale in Kentucky, has 12 stakes winners to his name (5% stakes winners to foals) and also upgrades his mares.

A daughter of Champion US 2yo and Kentucky Derby runner up, Honest Pleasure, Narrate was herself a top-class racemare, whose eight victories included the then Gr3 Falls City Handicap. All six of her foals to race won, with the best being Preach.

Narrate also has a South African connection, with her son, Lecture (Seeking The Gold) having spent his stud career at the Ascot Stud in the Eastern Cape. His best 'get' included champion filly, Rock Opera and multiple Gr1 winner, Copper Parade, with Lecture also damsire of Gr2 Richmond Stakes winner, Heavy Metal (Exceed And Excel) and recent Gr3 Final Fling Stakes winner, Silvan Star (Silvano).



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

Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr%	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	Janooibi 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%	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 Broglie	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	37%	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

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
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

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

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr%	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%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES on Polytrack

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

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr%	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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BIG Bucks!

A Dubawi colt who sold for the equivalent of R24 million was the sales-topper when the curtain came down on the three-day Arqana August Yearling Sale on Monday.

Purchased by Kerri Radcliffe Bloodstock, who got the better of an extended bidding duel with Shadwell's Angus Gold, the handsome specimen was offered by Haras de la Pérelle, and is the second foal of the Dansili mare, Giofra- whose four wins included the Gr1 Falmouth Stakes and Gr2 Prix d'Har-court.

Describing her purchase, who will be trained by 24 times French champion Andre Fabre, as 'a gorgeous individual', the determined Radcliffe said that she 'wasn't leaving Deauville without him'.

Dalham Park stallion Dubawi was one of the only crop of foals sired by Dubai Millennium, an outstanding racehorse who died in 2001. Dubawi already has his son Poet's Voice standing alongside him and he is to be joined by four-time Gr1 star Postponed for the 2018 breeding season.

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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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Adam, a Pretoria Boys High graduate, has a twin brother, Dexter, and three other siblings. So he is used to coping with pressure- and looks set to make a major impact in his new role.



Louis Mxothwa showed great promise at Fairview on Friday

Luyola 'Louis' Mxothwa rode a terrific hat-trick at Fairview last Friday to set himself up for a flying start to his biggest season yet. His Friday treble came courtesy of Grant Paddock, Justin Snaith and Yvette Bremner. The 24 year old son of a Groom who was employed by leading international owner Fred Crabbia, the late-starting apprentice rode his first winner – African Alliance- at Fairview on 24 August 2012 for Justin Snaith.

Diamond Duo

Northern Cape champion jockey Muzi Yeni has made a great comeback from his Mauritius travails and teamed up with Corrie Lensley for a double at Flamingo Park on



Corrie Lensley and Muzi Yeni are the real movers on a Monday – and must be included in all bets!



Monday. Lensley saddled three winners in total. The pair, who started out with something of a self-admitted 'love-hate' relationship, have blossomed into the strongest combo in Kimberley. Lensley has 78 horses and the Winning Form sponsored Muzi somehow finds an extra length on most of his mounts in the 'diamond dustbowl'. Be with them on a Monday.

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2nd season sires - 3yo's

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[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(25/08\)](#)

CRUSADE (Johannesburg)

Joking Dice 3f (Slew per Jet by Jet Master)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(25/08\)](#)

Data Link 3f (Maxine by Mogok)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(26/08\)](#)

Weekend Warrior 3c (Love Leah by Restructure)

[Kenilworth 7 MR 80 Handicap 1000m \(26/08\)](#)

ORATORIO (Danehill)

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

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(25/08\)](#)

Sacred Touch 3c (Red Growler by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(26/08\)](#)

Symphony 3f (Mysterious Land by Badger Land)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(26/08\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

What A Player 3f (Shaan Madary by Darshaan)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1200m \(25/08\)](#)

Siberian Husky 3c (Isle Of Dogs by Strike Smartly)

[Kenilworth 5 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1600m \(26/08\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

DYNASTY

Rated **AR 90 GREEK FIRE** (3c Garland by Capture Him)

Maiden Plate Turffontein (inner) (1450m) (19/8)

Initially priced up as the favourite, Greek Fire drifted to joint-third favourite. He was soon up handy and only had to be pushed out in order to take up the running 400m out. With jockey Strydom looking around for challenges from the 200m marker, he cruised in by five and a half with plenty in hand. His rating suggests he'll be one to follow. His dam (MR 94) won 5 times from 1400m to 1800m including the Gr3 Yellowwood Hcp, so Greek Fire is bound to stay at least a mile.

DYNASTY

Rated **AR 78 SIR DAVID BAIRD** (3g Oceana by Elliodor)

Maiden Plate Turffontein (inner) (1200m) (19/8)

Not the quickest into stride in this his first racecourse appearance, Mike De Kock's charge very quickly found himself in the rear at this tight circuit. He quickened in good style coming off the strip though, and won going away by two and a quarter after striking the front 200m from home. He seems likely to greatly improve on his rating over more ground – his dam (rated MR 100) is half sister to Wave Spray, Finest View and Simply Salon, who all won over a mile. This gelding should stay at least that far.

Winners Bred Abroad

Nicklaus (BRZ) 7 ch g Point Given- Crystal Lady(BRZ) (Ghadeer) Greyville 2000m (20/08)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Yess (AUS) 3 b f Casino Prince- Aver(AUS) (Bubble Gum Fellow) Greyville 2000m (20/08)

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.

Just Say Yess

Joey Ramsden's Australian-bred 3yo filly Yess won her maiden in good style over 2000m on the polytrack at Greyville on Sunday (see above) and looks one for the notebook.



Casino Prince

The daughter of Casino Prince impressed SA champion jockey Anthony Delpuch with a good win at only her fourth start.

Bred by Bridesan Bloodstock, Yess is out of the Bubble Gum Fellow (Jpn) mare, Aver. By champion sire Flying Spur and out of the Last Tycoon mare Lady Capel, Casino Prince was Australian Cham-

pion first-season sire of his year and has already sired Group 1 Champion All Too Hard in his first crop and his latest Group 1 winner arrived in April when export Lim's Cruiser claimed the Lion City Cup in Singapore.

An all-round proven producer with over 70% winners to runners from his first two crops, Casino Prince is fast becoming one of the country's most prolific stallions.

In 2015/16 he was the best value stallion to sire over 100 winners for the season, which included 6 individual stakes winners. Vinery stands him for an \$11,000 (inc gst) service fee and he topped the NZB Select Yearling Sale at Karaka in February with a colt that made \$180,000.

He enjoyed his best season yet this year.

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No Luck For Smart Call

South Africa's globetrotting 2016 Met winner Smart Call is still winless in her overseas campaign and finished a close-up fourth behind the Roger Varian trained Ajman Princess in the \$250 000 Gr1 Darley Prix Jean Romanet run over 2000m at Deauville on Sunday.



Smart Call | Wayne Marks

The Mauritzfontein bred and owned Ideal World mare has now run 3 places for Sir Michael Stoute in her 4 overseas starts and has not benefitted from the best of luck generally.

Jim Crowley made his move from near the rear as the field spun for home and Smart Call was sideswiped by another runner – almost slipping in the process.

It was always going to be tough to make up the ground after that, and she was not disgraced, grabbing fourth in a tightly fought affair.

Andrea Atzeni maintained his great form when steering the Teofilo 4yo Ajman Princess from pillar to post to survive a steward's enquiry and make it a five wins for British runners in the last six runnings.

The winner is entered for the Prix de l'Opera and in the Breeders' Cup at Del Mar.

Man Of The Century

2017 marks the centenary of the birth of one of the greatest racehorses of all time, Man O' War.

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, New York, into which Man O' War was inducted in 1957, opened a special exhibit in his honour, entitled Man O' War at 100, on his 100th birthday, on 29 March.

The 1920s are considered a golden age for sports heroes in America.

No athlete in the land was more revered than horse racing's greatest marvel, the mighty Man O' War. Babe Ruth had charisma. Jack Dempsey had power, Red Grange had speed and was known as the 'Gallop Ghost'.

Man O' War had all of those attributes. But instead of being a galloping ghost, Man O' War was an equine freight train. In 1920, Man O' War won all eleven of his starts to conclude a two-year run in which he won 20 of 21 starts and compiled an all-time earnings record of \$249,645. When all was said and done, Man O' War had established three world records, two American records, seven track records and equalled another track standard.

In his only loss he was standing sideways when the tape was released and lost many lengths. He was then hampered in the closing stages. Fittingly the winner's name was Upset, and legend has it that the race popularised the sporting term 'upset'.

SPORTS AND BETTING

Cracking Encounter

English Premier League | Sunday 27 August | Anfield | 17:00



Liverpool's record against England's biggest clubs will be put to the test once again when they host Arsenal this Sunday. The Reds dominated this fixture last season, winning at both the Emirates Stadium and at Anfield – a feat they hadn't achieved since the 1999/2000

campaign. Both clubs' top player have made headlines in recent weeks, with Philippe Coutinho submitting a transfer request, while Alexis Sanchez has been linked with a move to some of the biggest names in Europe. From the top six sides, these two clubs have arguably the weakest defences, but at the same time, are a joy to watch going forward. If recent results are anything to go by, then we should be in for a cracking encounter!

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LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, who are undefeated in their opening two matches, will look to continue their impressive run against the big guns, after going undefeated against their surrounding title rivals last season. Jurgen Klopp's men have an UEFA Champions League tie in midweek against Hoffenheim, after completing half the job in Germany, winning 2-1.

Fatigue could play a huge role in their match against Arsenal, and with Philippe Coutinho out with a "back injury", Adam Lallana sidelined with a thigh injury and Nathaniel Clyne also out with a muscular problem, the Reds are a bit short for numbers.

ARSENAL

Arsenal have been off to their usual mediocre start to the season as they suffered their first defeat in just their second league game, losing 1-0 to Stoke City. Take nothing away from the Potters, they were brilliant, but it's these sort of games that the Gunners need to be winning if they are to mount a title challenge.

Arsene Wenger will be glad to welcome back Alexis Sanchez for this clash, while Laurent Koscielny also returns after serving his ban. Speaking on Sanchez, Wenger said: "He's not played now for six weeks and it's difficult to be at your best in the first game straight away."

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

LIVERPOOL: 4-3-3

Mignolet; Gomez, Matip, Klavan, Robertson; Milner, Henderson, Wijnaldum; Salah, Firmino, Mane.

ARSENAL: 3-4-2-1

Cech; Mustafi, Koscielny, Monreal; Oxlade-Chamberlain, Ramsey, Xhaka, Kolasinac; Ozil, Sanchez; Lacazette.

Prediction: Liverpool Double Chance & Both Teams Score (1/1)

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Way Down In Class

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Thrilling Trip

Scottsville 13 August

The faster of the two August Million races for juveniles in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday was the boy's affair in which we saw an impressive performance from BROADWAY TRIP. An eye catching winner when running on late from the rear on debut, Alec Laird's charge was drawn wide here, and again had to do it the hard way. Positioned second last coming off the bend, Broadway Trip cut through the field like a knife, and won going away by two and a quarter.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1200m and marginally the quickest home in these was the lightly raced KU DU TU when opening his account in the maiden plate for 3yo's. Easy to back at 17/2 in this only his second career start, the son of Jay Peg made all. He was always in command and won comfortably by a length and three quarters.

The faster of the two qualified maiden plates over 1600m was also the boy's affair and here victory went to the well-trying QUEEN'S BRIDGE. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, the son of Dupont raced in the rear early on. Once in the straight though he ran on stoutly and after a thrilling tussle with the uneasy favourite PRINCE PONTI (raced in the rear – led 300m) over the final 300m, he got the verdict by a neck.

Titbits *Third last entering the straight, FULLFILLYOURDREAM ran on best of all when getting up 50m from home to win the girl's division of the August Million going away.*

Silent Progression

Kenilworth 15 August

They raced in Cape Town on Tuesday where the faster of the two 1000m races was the lucky last won by the favourite MA FORTE. She got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. She put her head in front as they approached the 200m marker and kept on strongly late to beat the running on CHILL BABY CHILL by three quarters.

The faster of the two 1200m events was the MR72 Handicap in which the well-supported WAITINGFORTONIGHT registered his second career victory. Backed into 59/10 from 12/1, the son of Rebel King ran on best of all when the race developed into a sprint 400m out, and

in a thrilling finish he got the verdict by the narrowest of margins.

They also ran two races over 1400m and quickest home in these was the recent maiden winner SAMARA in the MR72 Handicap. Easy to back at 10/1 on the off, Samsara was always handy. She quickened well at the top of the short old course straight and won well by a length from the useful HOIST THE MAST.

Titbits *Positioned in the rear early on, the newcomer BID BEFORE SUNSET ran on stoutly over the final 400m when runner up in the maiden plate for the girls over 1000m.*

Scent Of Victory

Greyville 16 August

Comfortably the fastest of the five races over 1200m at the poly track on Wednesday was the bill topping MR94 Handicap in which the progressive SCENT OF THE TIGER gained his fourth win from just eleven starts. Sent off second in the betting market at 9/2, Mark Dixon's charge made all. He raced a length clear throughout and although the always second placed GREAT VALUE tried his best to make a race of it over the final 400m, he barely relinquished an inch of his advantage. The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1000m where the faster of the two handicaps was the MR91 affair won by VISION TO KILL. Easy to back at 21/2 at the off, the top weighted daughter of Kildonan raced seventh of the eight early on. She ran on best of all in the straight and under a well-judged ride from apprentice Moodley, she got up late to deny the apprentice ridden HASHTAG STRAT.

The one remaining race was a MR61 Handicap over 2000m and here a major upset was to be had when the column's top rated runner PRICELESS GEM registered his eighth career victory. Freely available at 55/1 on the off, James Goodman's charge raced fifth for the first half of the race. He took up the running 700m out and quickly went three lengths clear. The second favourite VIKING RED ran on stoutly in the short home straight, but despite making good headway late on, the outsider still had a length to spare at the wire.

Titbits *Poorly drawn and slow into stride to boot, LUPO ran on well from the rear when*

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

Priceless Gem	won 55/1
Steel Rose	won 7/1
Call Me Darling	won 9/2
It Is What It Is	won 9/2
Tiger Star	won 7/2
Danger Rock	won 4/1
Queen Moira	won 13/10
River Garden	won 5/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (1) Seattle Spell 14
 Race 2: (1) Seattle Lily 12
Race 3: (1) Le Harve 45 (NAP)**
 Race 4: (8) Gitango Tonight 19
 Race 5: (1) Lord Marshal 55
Race 6: (4) Vous Et Var 88 (nb)
 Race 7: (2) Peach Delight 68
 Race 8: (10) Kashmira 29

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (6) Prosperity 14
 Race 2: (9) Artax 41
 Race 3: (1) Noceur 15
 Race 4: (7) Emmeline 19
 Race 5: (7) Elusive Flyer 58
 Race 6: (5) Magic 51
 Race 7: (8) Ladies Club 30
 Race 8: (7) Western Warrior 34
 Race 9: (9) Apple Crumble 46

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (2) Runaway Rebel 10
 Race 2: (3) Casual Diamond 50
 Race 3: (5) Hemmingway 11
 Race 4: (10) First Swallow 17
 Race 5: (1) Bernie 1
 Race 6: (11) Rocket Countdown 19
 Race 7: (9) Fire Walker 58
 Race 8: (7) Mr Jay 49

SCOTTVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (2) Air Salute 21
 Race 2: (5) Silent Obsession 35
 Race 3: (9) Gasoline 70
 Race 4: (10) Haddington 29
 Race 5: (6) Mind Your Business 30
Race 6: (1) London Call 90 (NAP*)
 Race 7: (4) Isca 89
 Race 8: (1) Aussie Austin 48
 Race 10: (6) Astroman 39

Nap bets

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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

winning the maiden plate over 1200m going away.

Also a little slow into stride, the recent maiden winner **HARD TO PLAY** ran on well from the rear when winning the MR77 Handicap over 1200m going away.

Winning Chips

Vaal 17 August

Stopping the clock in the fastest time in the three 1000m races at the Vaal's inside track meeting on Thursday was **ROMAN EVENING** when winning the MR66 Handicap. Gaining his third career victory here, Leon Erasmus' charge led throughout. He kept on strongly at the business end of the race and comfortably accounted for the running on **HUNTING OWL** by a length and a quarter.

They also ran three races over 1400m and quickest home here was **CAPTAIN CHIPS** in the MR66 Handicap. Confidently ridden by Randal Simons, the 26/10 favourite raced in the rear for most of the journey. Once given rein though he quickened well, and won going away with some in hand after striking the front 150m from home.

The two remaining races were both run over 1700m and by far the faster of these was the MR80 Handicap in which **SILVER PEG** gained his fifth career win. Usually one to race handy, Gary Alexander's charge adopted a change of tactics here and raced from the front. The running on **DAN THE LAD** challenged strongly below the distance, but he did have that one held by just under a half-length at the wire.

Titbits Easy to back **AIMEE SWEET** ran on well from midfield when following up on her maiden success after a break in the MR62 Handicap over 1000m.

Captain In Command

Fairview 18 August

This meeting was originally scheduled to take place on the turf. The 2400m race was changed to 2200m and the three 1400m events were changed to 1300m.

Lightly raced **THE COLOUR PURPLE** found good early support to win the maiden plate over 2200m and the 3yo son of Antonius Pius didn't let down his supporters. Content to race fifth of the seven for most of the trip, Grant Paddock's charge had moved up to second as they entered the home straight. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and comfortably accounted for the favourite **CHAPPAQUIDDICK** after striking the front 200m from home.

Three of the afternoon's nine races were run over 1300m and the quickest home in these was **FIRSTIMESACHARM** when winning the MR84 Handicap. Soon up handy, Yvette Bremner's charge put her head in front at the top of the straight and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to beat the running on **VALEDICTION** by a length.

The faster of the two 1000m races was the MR72 Handicap and here the 4yo son of Captain Al, **FLIGHT CAPTAIN** registered his fourth career victory. On leaving the stalls it was **DICKENSIAN** who somewhat predictably elected to make the running, whilst Flight Captain sat close up in fifth. He quickened well at the top of the straight and with the rest comfortably beaten he got up in the very last stride to deny the easy to back **TRAP LORD** (raced 2nd – led 300m).

Titbits Lightly raced **TIGER STAR** couldn't have been more impressive when making all to win the opening maiden plate over 1000m.

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

BROADWAY TRIP (A Laird, Gauteng)
FULLFILLYOURDREAM (R Hill, KZN)
HARD TO PLAY (W Whitehead, KZN)
TIGER STAR (Y Bremner, E-Cape)

FASTEST TIMES

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

SCOTTSVILLE (STAND SIDE) 13 AUGUST

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good
 Course Variant: 0,81s slow
 1200m (3) Ku Du Tu 69,93
 1400m (2) Broadway Trip 84,52
 1600m (2) Queen's Bridge 97,80
 2400m (1) Techno Captain 151,65

KENILWORTH (OLD) 15 AUGUST

Penetrometer 25 – Going Soft
 Course Variant: 3,29s slow
 1000m (2) Ma Forte 62,06
 1200m (2) Waitingfortonight 75,19
 1400m (2) Samsara 88,11
 1600m (1) Palo Alto 101,77
 1800m (1) Waiting For Rain 113,42

GREYVILLE (POLY) 16 AUGUST

Going Standard
 Course Variant: 0,51s fast
 1000m (2) Vision To Kill 57,15*
 1200m (5) Scent Of The Tiger 68,56*
 2000m (1) Priceless Gem 125,12

Vaal (INSIDE) 17 AUGUST

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good
 Course Variant: 1,73s slow
 1000m (3) Roman Evening 58,94
 1400m (3) Captain Chips 84,93
 1600m (2) Silver Peg 105,44

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 18 AUGUST

Going Standard
 Course Variant: 0,75s slow
 1000m (2) Flight Captain 57,67
 1200m (2) Leia Organa 70,31
 1300m (3) Firsttimesacharm 75,44
 1800m (1) True Master 108,86
 2200m (1) The Colour Purple 138,23

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