

IVAN THE GREAT

Yellow Star Stud-based trainer Ivan Wyk celebrated his first winner as a fully-fledged trainer at Scottsville on Sunday when the Ashley De Klerk owned Bezrin gelding Putchini scored his sixth win from 58 starts. Billy Jacobson rode a strong race to get the game 6yo home. Ivan took his licence out in May 2017. The 320ha Yellow Star Stud is situated approximately 12 km outside the village of Mooi River and boasts quality grass and sand training tracks.



Goose Is Flying

Louis Goosen's Ideal World gelding Zen Arcade followed up on his BSA August Million debut runner-up spot last month with a smooth win for owner Mario Ferreira at Scottsville on Sunday to shed his maiden at his second outing. The R550k National 2yo Sale buy took his earnings to R253 125 and he looks very progressive.

VIP

It is wonderful news that direct exports from South Africa to the European Union could well be back on track as early as December next year. According to the Tabnews website, that was the word from a recent workshop attended by the 'most important decision-makers in the South African horseracing industry'. Be interesting to hear who invited who...

Diamond Diggers

Trainer Stef Miller has made an interesting move employing PE jockeys Wayne Agrella, Donald Bogaleboile, Eldin Webber and Nic Patel as work-riders at her Kimberley yard. That's a real luxury in the Northern Cape and her yard can be watched closely.

2300

Justin Snaith is a motivated man this season and he notched a hat-trick of winners at Kenilworth on Saturday, which included his 2300th career winner. Grant van Niekerk got the Highlands bred Sassy Lady out of trouble to win the seventh race. But Snaith's most impressive scorer on the afternoon has to be the Twice Over gelding Do It Again, who lived up to his name to win the last.

Point Of Order

Runaway Irish St Leger winner Order of St George has shortened dramatically for the Melbourne Cup but a decision on whether the Irish stayer travels to Australia won't be made until next Monday. Trainer Aidan O'Brien told reporters after the impressive win, which was Order of St George's second success in the race, that a decision would be made whether to target the Prix de l'arc de Triomphe or the Melbourne Cup. Order Of St George was third in the Arc last year.

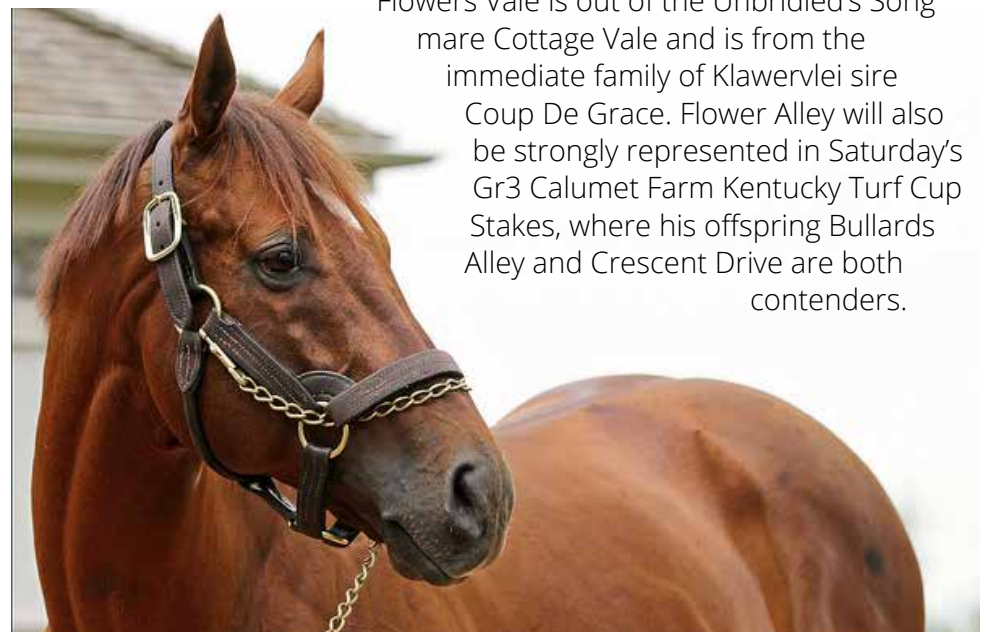
MAGIC

The 27 year old 'Mauritian Magician' Karis Teetan has come a long way since his island pony club days where he was one of only two candidates selected from 102 hopefuls for training at the SA Jockey Academy. Karis rode his first winner on Step With Style for trainer Paul Lafferty at Scottsville in 2005 and has made a terrific start to the new Hong Kong season, where he is in second position behind Joao Moreira.

Up The Alley

Wilgerbosdrift stallion Flower Alley sired a smart looking 2yo winner in North America on Monday. His daughter Flowers Vale won first time out at Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort when scoring by an impressive seven and a half lengths over 900m.

Flowers Vale is out of the Unbridled's Song mare Cottage Vale and is from the immediate family of Klawervlei sire Coup De Grace. Flower Alley will also be strongly represented in Saturday's Gr3 Calumet Farm Kentucky Turf Cup Stakes, where his offspring Bullards Alley and Crescent Drive are both contenders.



Way Less

South African jockeys have to try training or even Tellytrack presenting when the weight bogey threatens. But in the UK, the jumps are a great alternative to the flat code. Former dual Irish champion apprentice Connor King is hoping to establish himself as a jumps jockey in Britain this winter after joining Brian Ellison's yard in North Yorkshire. The 21 year old King is six foot tall. He partnered 125 winners on the Flat in Ireland. He has signed up with agent Richard Hales.