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RACING

THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW turf

Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(2) Inviting Lily (2/1)

TURFFONTEIN

Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R8-(4) Well Connected (15/10)

KENILWORTH

Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(3) Sequined (1/1)

SCOTTSVILLE

Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R6-(5) Blackball (3/1)

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But in this age of commingling and international sharing of live racing action, the need to stay cozy with their global bed partners-in-dime, and ensure meetings are not postponed or lost, was obviously just one of a few serious considerations.

Stakeholders were consulted. In tough times and possibly after witnessing longstanding Capetonian Dean Kannemeyer's winning-races-made-easy approach on the Greyville polytrack, there were many prepared to support the all-weather. Some maybe even because their horses were already proven a touch slow on the grass.

But sanity prevailed and we got grass!

The Durbanville landscape looked magically beautiful on Monday, 25 years after Empress Club, the Galloping Goldmine, won the South Easter Stakes there – and just nine months after the first spade hit earth.

Six thoroughbreds were taken through their paces and with over a half century of experience between them, jockeys Bernard Fayd'herbe, Richard Fourie, Grant van Niekerk, Aldo Domeyer and Anthony Andrews gave the works the thumbs up. This includes an improved camber on the home turn, an increase of the far bend cross fall of the far bend and extending the pull up area.

The Listed Settler's Trophy meeting on 23 September becomes the Durbanville relaunch day.

The relaunch represents a great marketing opportunity to spread some good news and get a few of the marginalised real punters back to the track. The guys who grew up backing legends like Sandy, Izak, Benzol, Bambera and Going Places at the Cape Hunt meetings, and who had to jump on Dad's shoulders Vaalie 'soppie koppie' style to see the horses over those hedge rails.

Forget Racing It's A Rush. Let's organize a proper punter's party. A R2 million Pick 6 carryover, free entrance, a commemorative racecard, a Castle and a chop on a braai. And let's not forget our decent music from the 1970's.

With a bit of luck, they could win many of us back.

Proud History

Many good horses have graced the Durbanville turf since racing was first staged there around 1898. It officially became known as the Durbanville Gymkhana Club in 1922.

Races were held partly for fun and recreation but also to finance the accommodation of the hunting club's dogs and were open to all horses and riders. The last amateur Durbanville Gymkhana Club race meet was held in December 1955. It was then renamed the Durbanville Turf Club and finally the Cape Hunt and Polo Club. It amalgamated with the Milnerton Turf Club under the umbrella of the Cape Turf Club. It was used as a winter course and also staged around 20 Cape Hunt meetings there per year.

A nursery for the professional ranks, Cape Hunt racecards featured names like Jeff Steadman, Mike Sydow, Terrence Millard, Vere Allin, Ralph Rixon, Tommy Loftus, Mike Pomario, Geoff and Carol Woodruff, Greg Ennion, Mike Bass, Dean Kannemeyer, Greg Dabbs, Chris Snaith, Bill Prestage, Piet and Andries Steyn - and many more.

Spring In The Air

Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes Turffontein

The Sham yard has been in sparkling form down in the Eastern Cape and they travel their bargain buy Classify to Gauteng for Saturday's R250 000 Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes. The son of Sail From Seattle has the R750 000 Grand Heritage later this month as his main target.

Classify has won 5 of 9 starts in the Eastern Cape and based on his performances and the opinions of three different top-class jockeys that he could hold his own in Gauteng, the Sham team will travel the long road. They own New Turf Carriers so transport costs probably didn't really come into consideration.

"In terms of the Grand Heritage qualifying criteria Classify must have had at least one run from first entry up to final supplementary entries on 18 September. So based on some expert advice on acclimatisation from Mike and Matt de Kock, we thought we would take our chances in the Spring Spree. So it's either stay for the Grand Heritage or home James on Monday," she laughed.

Dorrie conceded that the Turffontein Inside Track 1200m was a touch tight for the big gelding, who takes his time to get going.

"They should be too quick for him, but Marco (Van Rensburg) knows him well and he deserves a chance to show us how good he is," she said.

Gary Alexander sent out 2016 winner Kangaroo Jack and he teams up with Mark Khan with 63kg topweight Champagne Haze. Pierre Jourdan's talented half-brother ran on well in the Mercury Sprint for a 2,40 length fifth last time and as a classy course-and-distance winner warrants serious respect- if overcoming his wide draw.

The 7yo Captain Aldo is another drawn wide but is overdue an eighth win after running four seconds at his last five starts.

The Azzmen conditioned Will Pays has been allotted top weight of 64.5kgs for the Grand Heritage and will also be looking to run his usual game race here. He has drawn against the rail and could get closer to Pure Blonde (drawn 15), who he meets on a kilo better terms for a 0.70 length beating last time.

The Alec Laird trained Pure Blonde is in prime form and goes for three in a row. He is also a kilo worse off with Captain Aldo on their last meeting and will need every ounce of Weichong Marwing's brilliance in the saddle to overcome the wide draw.

Course and distance winner Amazing Strike comes in fresh off a six week break and Francois Herholdt returns from a successful Saudi stint to ride him. He never runs a bad race and there is little to separate him and Will Pays.

START 3:50PM TURFFONTEIN	7	PA/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 GR3 SPRING SPREE STAKES - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(1-13)(2-9-11)(4-5-8)
Kahal	1	1 CHAMPAGNE HAZE (GM Alexander) M Khan. 14 63.0
Imperial Stride	2	2 WILL PAYS (MG & AA Azzie) C Zackey 1 60.5
Captain Al	3	3 CAPTAIN ALDO (SD Gray) S Khumalo 12 59.5
Ideal World	4	4 AMAZING STRIKE (AG Laird) F Herholdt 11 57.5
Querari	5	5 ROMI'S BOY (AG Laird) R Simons 5 57.5
Right Approach	6	6 FINCHATTON (SG Tarry) C Murray 10 57.0
Querari	7	7 MAXIMIZER (PA Peter) K De Melo 6 56.5
Kahal	8	8 PURE BLONDE (AG Laird) Wei Marwing 15 56.0
Miesque's Approval	9	9 ANGEL'S POWER (MG & AA Azzie) P Strydom.. 8 55.5
Sail From Seattle	10	10 CLASSIFY (DA Sham) M v Rensburg 4 55.5
Kahal	11	11 SPRING STEEL (MG & AA Azzie) JP vd Merwe.. 3 52.5
Rebel Kind	12	12 SPORTING MONARCH (B Warren) M Yeni 7 52.0
Admire Main	13	13 UNAGI (GM Alexander) - reserve 1..... 13 55.5
Just As Well	14	14 CHILI CON CARNE (M Houdalakis) - reserve 2 9 52.0
Century Stand	15	15 TANDAVA (GG Terzi) - reserve 3 2 52.0

Spring Steel is the third of the Azzie trio and must have a shout on his best form with a handy galloping weight of 52,5kgs.

Brett Warren's Sporting Monarch is an improving sort and could



Classify | Pauline Herman

TURFFONTEIN ON SATURDAY

reverse the placings with Pure Blonde with the benefit of his 3,5kg swing for a 2,70 length beating last time.

Romi's Boy is the third of the Alec Laird trio. His form is consistent but he comes off a 12 week break and may need it.

Paul Peter's Maximiser comes in off his impressive Listed Darley Arabian win on the polytrack on Gold Cup weekend and may find this on the short side. The son of Querari is very highly thought of and worth inclusion in quartets.

This race looks likely to be decided in the first 300m, with a good measure of the class drawn wide.

Dorrie Sham throws Classify into the deep end and the race will be on late, with the likes of Champagne Haze and Captain Aldo set to challenge Pure Blonde and Will Pays. Maximiser is no slouch either. Go wide.

Gr3 Spring Spree S.
past winner

2016	
1 Kangaroo Jack	61.0 (7) 1/1
2 Angel's Power	53.5 (8) 14/1
3 Moofeed	58.0 (4) 14/1

On The Surface...

The Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes has a short history – the reason our past winners honour roll on this page only reflects the inaugural running in 2016. It was won last year by Kangaroo Jack, a smart son of Querari trained by Gary Alexander.

The Spring Spree stakes was previously known as the Gr3 August Stakes, an event run annually over 1200m on the Vaal Sand- which closed for business in October 2015, ending fourteen eventful, even turbulent, years. An expert judge, champion jockey Pierre Strydom once said he could not imagine there was a worse track on earth than the Vaal sand.

Requiring masses of water, and with the top layer being replaced some years ago, it was hardly surprising that the track was generally thought to be unsustainable commercially and environmentally into the future.

Whoever was to blame, in the end, the Vaal sand simply failed to satisfy the need for an alternative racing surface to turf on the Highveld during winter – which was the very reason for its introduction in the first instance. Turf is the best racing surface in the summer but during the Highveld winter grass tracks become hard and divot repairs cause inconsistencies.

But there are now issues with the Vaal turf, too. Seven meetings scheduled for the Vaal in September have been switched to Turffontein. Has the plan failed and is the installation of a polytrack at Turffontein now inevitable?

Phumelela went on record saying that the replacement of the sand with a turf surface is 'strategically the first step towards the installation of a synthetic racing surface in Johannesburg'.

"An enormous amount of energy, money and time has gone into the Vaal sand track down the years, but the complaints are endless and it's unlikely that all stakeholders will ever be satisfied," said former Phumelela Horseracing Executive Patrick Davis on the announcement of the Vaal sand closure.

So where to next?

KZN RACING AWARDS

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Bull Valley This Time!

Dual Gr1 winning sprinter Bull Valley received some compensation for his Equus Champion Sprinter near miss when he was voted Horse of the Season at the annual KZN Racing Awards on Tuesday evening.



Bull Valley | Gold Circle

The newly introduced Ride Of The Season, which was open to a public vote, went to Cape heavyweight Bernard Fayd'herbe for his memorable moment on Marinaresco in the Vodacom Durban July.

[Watch the ride again](#)

AWARDS

BEST PERFORMANCE BY 2YO FILLY

Lady In Black

BEST PERFORMANCE BY 2YO COLT/GELDING

Sand And Sea

BEST PERFORMANCE BY 3YO FILLY

Sail

BEST PERFORMANCE BY 3YO COLT/GELDING

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Julie Wilson

RIDE OF THE SEASON

Bernard Fayd'Herbe – Marinaresco (Vodacom Durban July)

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Van Zyl Spreads Wings

Gareth van Zyl will complete his tenure as Brian Burnard's private trainer this week.

"Brian will be leaving some of his string with me and diversifying and spreading the rest. The timing has worked out really well. I had a very good National 2YO Sale and am very blessed to have acquired 7 horses there, and still have shares available in a couple of them."

Van Zyl took the bold step of going out under his own name at the beginning of last season, striking out as private trainer to Brian Burnard.

He made his first day at the office one to remember when saddling Northern Storm, the first horse under his own name, who came home lonely under Anton Marcus on Friday, 28 October 2016. A little over an hour later, Celtic Captain made it a debut double, winning the Listed Jonsson Workwear Michaelmas Handicap under Warren Kennedy. As first days at the office go, he knocked it out of the park.

Gareth closed off a very satisfactory first season with 25 winners from 182 runners (a win strike rate of 13%, putting him alongside the likes of Justin Snaith, Joey Ramsden, Dean Kannemeyer, Charles Laird and Candice Dawson). His place percentage of 57% put him alongside Ormond Ferraris and Geoff Woodruff on the national table.

Big Day For Saleh

The R100 000 Al Rayyan Apprentice Cup popped up as the non-exotic tenth race on the Scottsville Sunday programme last weekend. Despite confusing some bettors and tote tellers, it went ahead as an entertaining show – with no whips being used by the greenhorns.



Abdulla Saleh drives Tropical's Son to a good win | Gold Circle

Ten of the Qatar apprentices, some with no winners to their name and even having their first race ride in certain instances, were put through their paces. And it was fascinating to watch, with a

variety of unorthodox seats and styles producing a relatively incident free race.

Abdulla Saleh, riding a kilo over weight, will remember the day forever after getting the Paul Lafferty-trained Tropical's Son home to by a length in a time of 70,01 secs to beat more fancied stablemate Freddie Flint and the Muis Roberts-trained longshot Dale House.

[Watch the replay](#), and see our thoughts on how these events should be utilised by the industry.

No Fiction From Katz

Dan Katz has made a flying start in his new trainer role for Hassen Adams' Milnerton string and he notched his third winner in as many weeks at Kenilworth on Wednesday with the Dynasty gelding Dex Dexter stamping himself a galloper with potential.

Dex Dexter was a fictional character in the soapie Dynasty, for those of us old enough to stay up to watch tv at 9pm in the 1980's.

Dexter was dropped out to last in the MR 80 Handicap by Jason Smitsdorff while his six opponents tugged at the reins. The mile race was a fun walk for the first 600m before Greg Cheyne decided enough is enough.

He took Commander Bond around his field and stepped on the gas.

350m from home his move looked to have paid off as he held off the attentions of Captain's Charm down the inside rail. But the up-in-confidence Jason Smitsdorff had other plans and he produced Dex Dexter with a flying late surge to win going away by 0,75 lengths in a time of 102,30 secs.

The Varsfontein bred Dex Dexter is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the UK bred Congestion Charge (Diktat). The latter was placed at 2300m from only four starts.

This was Dex Dexter's third start and his post-maiden win suggests he could be one to be with. On breeding he should go 2000m plus. He settles well and has a nice turn of foot.

Greg Cheyne received some compensation for his loss here when Our Emperor won his post-maiden start in the last, an MR 71 Handicap. Another son of Dynasty, he was bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein and also looks to be going the right way. Brett Crawford saddled the top two in the race, with Gimme One Night flying up for second under replacement rider, Richard Fourie.

Crawford also saddled Captain Al maiden winner Undercover Agent earlier on. An eyecatcher here was the improved effort of the Oratorio gelding Orakal, who ran third. Stronger handling and a little more ground will see Mike Robinson's charge go close next time.

Oratorio produced the goods in the fifth when Aurora Thoroughbreds' Cha Cha Chorizo (out of a Jet Master mare) won for owner Michael Leaf and the Snaiths. The Oratorio's clearly improve lengths over ground and she surprised some punters.

PE Farrier Honoured

The National Horseracing Authority has proudly confirmed that one of its race day employees, Mr Steven Kane, was recently honoured by his peers at the South African Association of Professional Farriers Interprovincial Competition, held in Johannesburg.

Steven, the NHA licenced Farrier in Port Elizabeth, who is on duty at most Fairview race meetings, represented Eastern Province and finished second in the Plating Class.

At every Farrier Championship, the most sought after recognition is to be the recipient of the Best Shod Foot Award. Steven exhibited his professionalism and expertise in winning this trophy.

SA Expert Calls For Rule Change

A South African horseracing legal expert has hailed a landmark finding by a Kentucky Court, saying that he hoped other racing jurisdictions would soon follow suit and adopt the judgment.

"We've been on about the 'strict liability' rule for years as well as the disclosure of quantitative analysis," said Attorney Robert Bloomberg when approached for a comment on the judgement.

Bloomberg was reacting to the findings in favour of trainer Graham Motion that the strict liability rule applied by the Kentucky Horse Racing commission is unconstitutional.

"It stands to reason that if you have no knowledge, played no part and can give a perfect valid explanation as to why a minuscule quantity of a prohibited substance showed up, whether through the environment or otherwise – or even if you can't, but can show that the quantity detected can have no pharmacological affect on a racehorse and further that the racing authority, apart from the lab result have no other direct evidence, then why should you be found 'guilty' due to an archaic, unfair and unjust rule?" said Bloomberg.

While South African trainers are united via their various regional associations, it would take fairly deep pockets to fund an Application to the Constitutional Court – notwithstanding the fact that a costs order would be granted, if successful. We live in hope that a benefactor may yet step forward to fund a move to have the rules amended.

[Read more here](#)



Robert Bloomberg I
Hamish Niven

Adapting To Challenges

The Singapore racing industry is on the cusp of a major paradigm shift as it moves into a bold new direction come the 2018 racing season.

The Singapore Turf Club has announced three main initiatives to keep the industry sustainable into the future and drive key changes to the local racing scene.

The cornerstone of the initiatives behind this major overhaul will be centred on quality over quantity, and hinged around three major endeavours:

- 1- Right-size the number of races
- 2- Adjust prize money to encourage quality
- 3- Reintroduce international races

[Read more](#)

- Cartier Latest - Enable Leads Pack

Enable (Nathaniel - Concentric by Sadler's Wells), trained by John Gosden for owner Khalid Abdullah, followed up an imperious display in the Gr1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot last month with a dominant five-length victory back against her own sex in the Gr1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks at York last Thursday.

She leads Winter with Ulysses moving into third, after York's Ebor Meeting in the race to be crowned Cartier Horse Of The Year at the 2017 Cartier Racing Awards.

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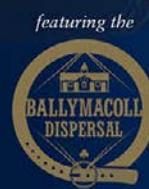
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I AM Because Of Them

Although women in racing are not that rare, young black women are. Smart, young, black women with megawatt smiles who are enthused about the racing industry are very rare indeed, but take all that, wrap it up in a broad smile, add wide brown eyes sparkling with warmth and good humour and you have Hazel Kayya.

Hazel is a major coup for the South African racing industry. Not only is she living, breathing affirmation that there is still a career path to be had, but a shining example of what can be achieved if you put your mind to it. And luckily for us, this dynamic young woman is only just getting started.

About Hazel

Hazel was born to a close knit family in the small Zimbabwean town of Kwekwe. Her parents are "my beacon, my cheering squad and above all, my sounding board". Hazel describes herself as the middle of the family's three 'free spirited girls'. Her elder sister is a registered nurse in London while her younger sister works in logistics in Canada. Hazel's studies brought her to South Africa in 2006, where she would graduate with Honours in Accounting from the University of KwaZulu Natal.

Hazel's horse racing journey began when she threw her hat into the ring for a Financial Audit Clerk position at Gold Circle in June 2011. "Having worked for Deloitte Zimbabwe for three years, I was drawn to risk management and internal control procedures," she explains. With the restructuring of the Internal Audit department in 2012, she found herself promoted to Risk Assurance Audit Manager.

In 2013 Gold Circle started an Executive Development Program (EDP) with the aim of training people from previously disadvantaged backgrounds for senior management positions in the company. "My mentor and superior at the time, Sylvia Powel-Rees, put my name forward for the program and I was very fortunate to get selected. I think it is very important to note that I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for Sylvia. The horseracing industry is very male dominated and we need more females like her creating and affording opportunities for women to be part of the c-suite level."

It was as part of the EDP that Hazel attended Summerhill's School of Management Excellence.

Why Stud management?

"Gold Circle saw it as a necessity to groom not only managers, but industry leaders and where better than to start right at the beginning where the magic happens?"

As a total neophyte, Hazel admits she found Summerhill's stud management course a challenge. Aside from the theory, there is plenty of practical work including grooming, basic farriery and foaling mares. However, Hazel most enjoyed her experience starting young horses. "I have a soft spot for Rich Girl (AUS) (Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)- Miss Moguls). I remember walking into her stable to take her to the paddock so

that I could muck out the stable. It was the first time I had to go into the stable by myself to get a horse. As I entered she moved around the box. I was afraid, so I just froze in my tracks and she came and put her head on my shoulder. I think that's the moment I fell in love with horses."

Although joking that she exchanged her Jimmy Choos and Gucci perfume for gum boots and the smell of horse manure, Hazel graduated one of the top students in her class as well as being voted Team Player. "Horse racing is a people business and being nominated as team player was a humbling moment for me," says Hazel thoughtfully. As recognition for being one of the top students of 2013, Hazel received a CATHSSETA International Internship to the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Spreading her wings

A stint at the HKJC is the envy of anyone looking to carve a career in racing and Hazel concurs. "Being in Hong Kong was a life changing experience which continues to shape me to dare to dream, to be better and do better." Her internship included three weeks working with the Asian Racing Conference team, getting a behind-the-scenes view into what makes the conference work as well as meeting some of the top minds in the industry. She did a one month stint with the Racing Development board and devoted the remainder of her time learning about the HKJC and gaining an understanding of their racing culture. Inbetween Hazel attended race meetings alternating between the Judges box and the Stipendiary Stewards team and also travelled to China to witness the beginning of the Conghua Training Facility, attend races at the Macau Jockey Club and tour their stables.

Hazel returned to South Africa, being promoted to Gold Circle's Corporate Services Executive and then received an offer from Hong Kong and joined the HKJC in September 2016. She currently works under the HKJC's Executive Director, Andrew Harding and her responsibilities include coordinating and supporting the HKJC engagement with the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) Executive Council and Technical Committees, managing strategic relationships and promoting the participation of racing by Asian Racing Federation (ARF) member countries. She also compiles annual returns of statistics on wagering and prize money. "Being part of the HKJC and the ARF has provided me with significant exposure in the key trends in not only the betting industry but also the racing administration aspect of the industry," she observes.

Has it been challenging being a female in racing?

"The horse racing industry is still very traditional and still is an old boys club. Certainly, it has been progressive in giving more opportunities to females, but I think more can still be done."

"My journey in horseracing has been very different to most. Being a millennial and female, you sometimes feel as though the deck is stacked against you and it can be intimidating at times. I was very lucky to have Heather Morkel



HAZEL KAYIYA

and Sylvia Powel-Rees as role models to look up to and learn from, who have always told me that I am capable and I deserve a seat at the table. I have a strong respect for woman in the horse racing industry. I am because of them."

"Perhaps where I have found difficulty is that there are no opportunities for growth in the industry and what young people can bring and offer to the table. I think promotion should be based on competence and not years of service, or because so and so has been in the industry for x number of years longer than you. Industry leaders need to surround themselves with people who think differently to them who bring in a fresh perspective. Hire and promote the right people. I believe that's how we will be able to effect change. Invest in skills development for the youth in the industry as they are the next generation of leaders."

Has your South African grounding stood you in good stead abroad?

"Being part of the HKJC I am working with some of the smartest people in the industry and I'm learning a lot, but my educational background, including my schooling at Summerhill, have provided me with a good steady work ethic platform, more so the Gold Circle EDP. This exposed me to understanding the fundamentals of horse racing- how do you streamline operations to reduce costs? How do you negotiate in the board room and communicate with employees at various levels in the organization? Project management and critical thinking skills. I believe that foundation has been instrumental in my growth here in Hong Kong and I have to give credit to Gold Circle, especially my three mentors Michel Nairac, Michael Smith and Mick Goss."

"However, there are some things that I have learnt here that perhaps should have been part of my learning curve in South Africa. For example, we had our end of season function at a restaurant not owned by the HKJC and as one of the directors was giving a speech the microphone stopped working. People collectively agreed "this would never happen at the Jockey Club." I learnt two things that evening- your employees are at the core of your business; they are by far your best advocates. Horseracing needs to create an engaged work culture that makes its employees take pride in the quality of their work, be it in any position you are at. More importantly, we need to take pride in the small things. If you can't get the small things right, how can you get the big things to work?"

Any lessons from Hong Kong that we could apply here?

"The horseracing industry in South Africa needs to listen to its customers, listen to its staff. Your customers are the lifeblood of the industry, and the staff is the heart. As an industry, we need to learn to listen effectively and efficiently and solve problems as they arise. Too much money is wasted and opportunities are missed because of recurring problems that should have been fixed if they were done right the first time."

Horse racing needs to be bold and try new things. We are constantly coming up with variations of what's already there and that formula ceased to work a decade ago. We should stop settling for 'this is how we have always done it' and just getting by to the next season. We need to strive for excellence, from our customer service, to wagering offerings, to how we manage our employees. Hopefully in my lifetime the South African horse racing industry will be brave enough to acknowledge that the status quo is not working and will be bold enough to effect change."



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Ballydoyle Defend Staff Hours

Since February 2016, racehorse training yards in Ireland no longer qualify for working hours exemptions that are allowed in agricultural workplaces, as defined by industrial relations law.



Aidan O'Brien

days without a day off.

Ballydoyle Racing, run by Aidan O'Brien, have been issued with a compliance notice by the Workplace Relations Commission under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 following an inspection that found some staff had worked 19-hour days and had worked 28

In what is being perceived as a test case by the broader racing industry in Ireland, Ballydoyle is not challenging the WRC findings but basing its appeal on the belief racehorse training yards qualify as being exempt under the criteria for agriculture workplaces.

The ratio of two separate grooms per horse, to allow for adequate time off for all staff under legislation that covers working hours, has been mooted.

O'Brien told the hearing: "Our thing is dealing with animals, it's an everyday thing, and it's a very precise, complicated thing, training them. We used to be in agriculture and we were moved out of agriculture, and where we are now is unsuitable".

He spent a large part of his near two-hour stint giving evidence explaining how relationships between highly strung and sensitive thoroughbreds and their grooms and work-riders is of critical importance to optimising their performance on the track.

"It's all about knowing your partner," he explained. "If you have two working together over a period of time, it becomes telepathic – a horse doesn't have to be told and the person doesn't have to ask. The horse becomes that person's best friend."

"It becomes so much a part of these people's lives; to stop them coming in on their Sunday off, it's offensive."

Harry Hall B.H

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Short Heads

Uniformity?

In some provinces, horses can be loaded without a jockey – in others not. Surely a starting brief should be uniform nationally under one NHA? Who, after all, dictates the policy?

CLOSE!

After being pipped by Marsha in the Gr1 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes at York last Friday, champion Lady Aurelia returns to Keeneland this week. The recent Gr1 King's Stand Stakes winner was full of beans after her narrow loss and trainer Wesley Ward said that he felt that Lady Aurelia – much like her blushing jockey Frankie Dettori – thought she had won the Nunthorpe. Scat Daddy's daughter has her final race of the year in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint on 4 November at Del Mar.

Following a nerve wracking loss of ground at her last start, Aussie superstar Winx will wear ear muffs in the Gr2 Chelmsford Stakes to be run over a mile at Randwick on Saturday as she chases her 19th consecutive win. Winx is aiming to create history this spring by joining the legendary Kingston Town as the only horse to win three Cox Plates.



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Goose Flies KZN Flag

Longstanding Vaal trainer Louis Goosen has relocated to Ashburton in KZN in a strategic business move. He attributed the move to his last poor season and the loss of the Vaal sand, amongst other factors. His interview with James Goodman on Monday evening's Winning Ways Show (Dstv 239) is well worth a watch.
[View it here](#)



NO EXCUSES

The US\$2 million Breeders' Cup Distaff is the likely next start for dual Eclipse Award winner Songbird after her shock loss in Saturday's Gr1 Personal Ensign Stakes at Saratoga. In only the second defeat of her career, she was nabbed late by the highly regarded 5YO mare Forever Unbridled. Nice to hear no excuses being tendered!

Who Khan Complain?

Multiple SA champion jockey Mark Khan made a winning comeback to the saddle after a seven year absence last Thursday with a win on the aptly named, Effortless for Gary Alexander. He followed up for the same yard on Saturday on Zest And Zeal. In an interview with Andrew Bon, Khan answered the doubting lobby in regard to his insurance payout and subsequent return. There are some who have suggested that the 'comeback jocks' are doing a disservice to their colleagues, taking jobs in tough times and increasing insurance premiums.
[Watch the interview here](#)

VOICE OF AFRICA

It is great news that South African racecaller Trevor Denman, currently in his 34th season at Del Mar, will be inducted into the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame in January.

[Read more here](#)

Quick On the Draws

SA Champion jockey Anthony Delpach called on the authorities after a close call on a fancied runner recently to revisit the start loading procedures that are being done in order of barrier gate position. "It's not fair on the horse. It's not fair on the connections. It's not fair on the punters," he warned. Is anybody going to listen?

LOUW FLYER

THE QUEENSBERRY RULES

They say the 'status quo' is Latin for 'the mess we're in'. Looking back over the last few weeks in racing, the picture is rather a depressing one.

This week's column is a little higgledy-piggedly, but with a bit of luck, hopefully all the threads will make sense at the end.

I am not a big boxing fan, but like most of the electronically enabled world out there, it was impossible to avoid the hype and sensation of this weekend's Floyd Mayweather and Conor McGregor match. Whether one had an interest in either party or not, it was impossible not to be curious about the outcome on Sunday morning. But what intrigued me most was the post fight interviews in which both men, who an hour or two before had been trying to beat one another to a pulp (or not, depending on your point of view), were happy to sit at a press conference and be complimentary towards one another.

This brings me to the Queensberry Rules. For those who have not met the term, it is the original formal code rules for boxing. The Queensberry Rules were written by Welshman John Graham Chambers and published in 1867 and received their name courtesy of John Douglas, the 9th Marquess of Queensberry, who publicly endorsed them. These are the rules on which modern boxing is based and the Queensberry Rules were the first to mandate boxing gloves in fights. The term is also frequently used to refer to sportsmanship and fair play.

Publications Ban

Now to jump back a bit. A few weeks ago we saw the decision by Phumelela not to allow Racing Distribution's publications to be sold at TAB outlets across the country and recently extended to include the Western Cape, based on the fact that these publications advertise Hollywood Bets, which Phumelela is wrangling with over TV rights issues.

I acknowledge that I have a so-called 'dog in the fight', as I write for one of the affected publications, but one has to wonder whether this is good business practice. While I see that Phumelela may not be positively disposed towards Hollywood, one would think their primary commitment would be to the customer, the punter. Let's be honest, the local industry is small and the racing public is not exactly spoilt for choice when it comes to transparency and available information, so choosing to withhold information seems dangerously like cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. In fact, worse yet, cutting noses off customers (and



if you think this is not so, go and have a look at the quality of the industry produced material such as the free TAB sheets), which in turn affects all our faces- as declining results are showing across the industry as a whole.

NHT vs THT

For the next bit, I need to set out a few details. It's the usual who's who in the zoo and the sort of detail I set so much store by. It's a little dry, but necessary. There

are a number of confusing sounding TLA's and similar sounding organisations in racing and for the sake of clarity, I need to distinguish between the National Horse Trust and the Thoroughbred Horseracing Trust (generally referred to as the Racing Trust, which confusingly – or perhaps not – leads to confusion with the Racing Association). According to their website, 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. To this end, they have to date established three Horse Care Units around South Africa (Highveld Horse Care Unit, Coastal Horse Care Unit and the Eastern Cape Horse Care Unit). The National Horse Trust today is the fundraising body, helping raise funds to help keep the Units going. The NHT is currently raising funds for the establishment of a much-needed fourth unit in Kimberley. The NHT's annual race day is one of their flagship fundraisers and this year's event was held at Turffontein last Saturday, 26 August 2017.

The Racing Trust does not have a website, or publish much in the way of information about what it does. However, it was established at the time of corporatisation and according to the 2016 Phumelela annual report, the principal objective of the Trust is to "promote the interest of all persons interested in, and affected by, the sport of thoroughbred horseracing in South Africa with a view to the long-term viability of the sport", with additional objectives relating to B-BBEE and affirmative action schemes. It is manned by a board of seven Trustees who preside over 35.26% of Phumelela shares and the Racing Trust is administered by the Racing Association. In other words, quite separate to the National Horse Trust.

The Art of War

The next bit of my story goes all the way back to the start of the First World War. It may not seem to have a great deal of relevance, but bear with me.

During the first Battle of the Marne, which took place in September 1914, French and British troops halted the German advance into France. The German troops retreated to the Aisne

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THE QUEENSBURY RULES

River, digging in there and establishing the origins of a static Western Front, which eventually ran from the North Sea to the Swiss Frontier with France and would remain in place for three years.

It would also be the scene of one of the most remarkable moments of the war when an estimated 100,000 troops joined in the so-called Christmas Truce of 1914 and ceased hostilities on Christmas eve 1914.

Reports of the event differ, but it seems it started with German troops placing candles on their trenches and Christmas trees and sang Christmas carols. The British responded with carols of their own and the good will produced forays from both sides into No Man's Land where troops exchanged gifts, food and souvenirs.

The events, recorded in troops letters home, chronicled men and officers of opposing sides shaking hands and exchanging cigarettes and cigars. Some reports indicate that there may even have been friendly games of football played. The brief cessation of hostilities also allowed both parties to collect and bury their dead. In many sectors, the truce lasted through to Christmas night and even longer in others.

One account, penned by Henry Williamson, then a nineteen-year-old private in the London Rifle Brigade, to his mother on Boxing Day reads: "Dear Mother, I am writing from the trenches. It is 11 o'clock in the morning. Beside me is a coke fire, opposite me a 'dug-out' (wet) with straw in it. The ground is sloppy in the actual trench, but frozen elsewhere. In my mouth is a pipe presented by the Princess Mary. In the pipe is tobacco. Of course, you say. But wait. In the pipe is German tobacco. Haha, you say, from a prisoner or found in a captured trench. Oh dear, no! From a German soldier. Yes a live German soldier from his own trench. Yesterday the British & Germans met & shook hands in the Ground between the trenches, & exchanged souvenirs, & shook hands. Yes, all day Xmas day, & as I write. Marvellous, isn't it?"

In another, Bruce Bairnsfather, who served throughout the war, mused "I wouldn't have missed that unique and weird Christmas Day for anything...."

Back to the NHT

In order to raise funds, the NHT appealed to various sponsors to assist on this year's charity race day in a number of ways. Bookmaking firm Hollywood agreed to participate on the day and to pay for naming rights for a race, which was, rather ungraciously, turned down by Phumelela last Tuesday – the day the programmes were to go to print.

To continue my 'war' theme, I'm borrowing a quote from Winston Churchill who once said, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life." While I do not wish to make enemies, I do feel it's important to state that we all make our living off our horses. The industry may be populated by wildly differing people, but it stands to reason that the single commonality that binds us all together is the horse.

If two pugilists can sit amicably around a press table and trade compliments with one another hours after trying to beat each other to a pulp and warring troops locked in deadly combat in the 'war to end all wars' can cease hostilities for a day for the sake of a greater cause, it is deeply disappointing that one of our National Operators cannot find it within itself to allow an industry charity to accept support from a well-meaning benefactor.

If the greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated, what then of an industry that makes its living off them?

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Master Of My Fate x Miss October colt - 18/08/17 (Avontuur)



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So Many Choices

Snitzel's history-making 2013/14 Australian Sires Premiership quinella with his champion Dad Redoute's Choice was the prelude to soaring success over the following three seasons.

Three years later, at the end of the 2016/17 season, he has not only claimed all three major Australian Sires' earnings premierships (General, 3YO & 2YO), but also leads them by Winners, Stakes winners & Stakes Wins.

Snitzel's status as Australia's hottest sire has been cemented in 2017 by 29 winners of 36 worldwide Group & Listed Races, featuring a stunning sequence of four new Group 1 winners within 17 days during the Autumn, and by 111 yearlings sold for an average price of A\$375,732.

Snitzel has also made history with five very special achievements in 2017:

He equalled Danehill's single-season record of 26 Australian stakes winners.

He set a new Australian record for stallion earnings in a season with \$16.1 million.

He sired the first Australian Gr1 2YO trifecta by the same stallion since 1982.

He claimed the Australian-sired 2YO winners record, with a season tally of 35- including three in New Zealand.

He completed an unprecedented three-generation sequence of Champion Australian Sires: Danehill (9 titles), Redoute's Choice (2006, 2010, 2014) – and himself in 2017.

Canford's Big Days Lie Ahead

Highlands Stud's exciting sire for 2018, Canford Cliffs, could be represented by a runner in the Gr1 Emirates Melbourne Cup later this year.

The five time Gr1 winner's son Wall Of Fire is one of 140 horses nominated for the \$6.25 million showpiece race, which will be run at Flemington on 7 November.

Trained by Hugo Palmer, the progressive Wall Of Fire ran a close second, beaten three parts of a length, to leading St Leger hope Defoe in the recent G3 Betfred Geoffrey Freer Stakes on his most recent outing.

The four-year-old colt, who accounted for Gr1 Investec Coronation Cup second Frontiersman by 3.5 lengths on that occasion, had been touched off by a nose, earlier in the year, when second in the Listed totepool Barry Hills Further Flight Stakes and has four wins to his name.

Wall Of Fire is not the only progeny of Canford Cliffs with big race aspirations. Last year's Gr1 Investec Oaks third Harlequeen holds an entry in the Gr1 Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes on 21 October, while Al Jazi, a dual winner of the Gr3 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Oak Tree Stakes, has been touted a potential runner in the Gr1 Qatar Prix de la Foret.

Also responsible for group winners Most Beautiful, Painted Cliffs and Princess Asta (as well as local Derby winner Dorset Noble), Canford Cliffs has been represented by more winners in Britain this year than such successful stallions as Sea The Stars, New Approach, Dansili and Rock of Gibraltar.

On Sunday...

An exciting son of Redoute's Choice is on the big five agenda at this Sunday's Stallion Parade at Wilgerbosdrift Stud.

Highlands, Part of Ridgemont, exciting newbie Rafeef joins locals Flower Alley and Soft Falling Rain, together with Moutonshoek duo The United States and Admiral Kitten, on an illustrious billing. All five are Gr1 winning sons of champions.

Spokeswoman for the organisers, Amanda Carey, said that it was all systems go and a big turnout was expected at the champion farm.

A sizzling 33 degrees is forecast with plenty of sunshine.

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The Duke Looks To Rule The World

A total of 140 horses have been entered for the richest two mile handicap on earth which will be run at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne.



Duke Of Marmalade

The AUS\$6.25 million Gr1 Emirates Melbourne Cup is the race that stops a nation, but Australia is not the only country to feel the fever.

Interest comes from England, France, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland and Japan , with World champion trainer Aidan O'Brien having entered 2015 Irish St Leger winner Order Of St George for the Melbourne Cup and Johannes Vermeer and US Army Ranger for the 3200m contest and the Caulfield Cup.

But South African racing fans will be hoping that two potential starters with strong connections to Drakenstein Stud's Duke Of Marmalade take their place in the final line-up.

Duke Of Marmalade is the sire of Melbourne Cup entrant Marmelo, and his talented half-brother Annus Mirabilis also holds an entry ticket.

Marmelo, one of Europe's best stayers, has been in great form in 2017, winning both the Gr2 Darley Prix Kerorlay and Gr3 Prix de Barbeville, and also running second in the Gr2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil.

The four-year-old colt is also a possibility for Europe's greatest race, the Gr1 Qatar Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe, on 1 October. Trained by Hughie Morrison, Marmelo also holds an entry in both the Gr1 BMW Caulfield Cup and Gr1 Corner Group International Irish St Leger.

Duke Of Marmalade, whose notable siblings include Gr1 Investec Derby winner and Coolmore sire Ruler Of The World, is also a half-brother to Cup entrant, and Gr2 SAJC Adelaide Cup winner, Annus Mirabilis.

BREEDING



JESSIE HOLMES

Leading US stallion, Distorted Humor, represented in South Africa by the Gr1 winners, Flower Alley and Pathfork, is a sire whose influence continues to grow.

The Forty Niner son, who began his stud career at a fee of \$12 500, is enjoying a purple patch as a broodmare sire.

Distorted Humor was Champion US Sire in 2011 and is currently North America's Leading Broodmare Sire by money earned, thanks primarily to the deeds of his maternal grandson, Arrogate (Unbridled's Song).

Plenty To Pick From

However, the chestnut is by no means a one hit wonder as a broodmare sire, with Distorted Humor mares having produced nine individual stakes winners in 2017. This total includes Saturday's Gr1 H. Allen Jenkins Stakes winner, Practical Joke (Into Mischief), who also won the Gr1 Champagne and G1 Hopeful Stakes last year, while other notable performers produced by daughters of Distorted Humor are 2017 G1 winning fillies, Elate (Alabama Stakes) and New Money Honey (Belmont Oaks), both of whom were sired by Medaglia D'Oro.

Distorted Humor is damsire of in excess of 50 stakes winners and as a relatively young broodmare sire with numerous daughters yet to be represented on the racecourse, looks likely to feature prominently as a damsire for years to come.

Distorted Humor is also North America's 9th leading sire by Average Earnings Index, with the sire currently sporting an AEI of 2.03. (Put into perspective, three time leading US sire, Tapit, has an Average Earnings Index of 2.36 while current sire star, Medaglia D'Oro, sports an AEI of 2.04).

Sire Of Sires

The impeccably bred Mr Prospector grandson is also making a mark as a sire of sires, with Distorted Humor's son, Jimmy Creed, making an eye catching impression with his first crop in 2017. To date, the Gr1 Malibu Stakes winning Jimmy Creed has been represented by nine first crop juvenile winners (from 20 runners) with his best runner to date being unbeaten Sorrento Stakes winner, Spectator.

Another promising sire son of Distorted Humor is unbeaten Maclean's Music (bred on the reverse cross to Arrogate), who won his only racecourse outing. Maclean's Music, currently North America's 3rd leading second crop sire, made an immediate impression with his first 3yo's this season including the classic Gr1 Preakness Stakes winner, Cloud Computing. Maclean's Music boasts some impressive stats, with the Hill 'N Dale based sire represented by six black type

winners (from 64 runners in total) in 2017.

Wilgerbosdrift based, Flower Alley enjoyed further US success this past weekend and had a number of winners, highlighted by daughter, Beach Flower, landing a stakes race over a mile. Her Gr1 Travers Stakes winning sire is best known as a stallion for siring US champion and Kentucky Derby winner, I'll Have Another, himself standing at stud in Japan, and fellow US Gr1 winners, Lilacs And Lace and Lukes Alley.

Top Level

Any Given Saturday is another son of Distorted Humor to have both won at the highest level on the track and to sire Gr1 winners. The 2007 Haskell Invitational winner is responsible for \$4 million plus earner, Hoppertunity and Mongolian Saturday – the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner.

A smart performer, without being successful at the highest level, Distorted Humor is one of a handful of sires to become a champion without having that all important Gr1 win to his name.

Rajsaman (Linamix), currently the leading sire in France, is another potentially belonging to this club, as are the likes of Danzig (Northern Dancer), Nureyev (Northern Dancer), and Elusive Quality (Gone West).

In South Africa, there have been plenty of examples of leading sires who never won at the highest level, including, in recent times triple champion sire, Western Winter (Gone West), Al Mufti (Roberto), Northern Guest (Northern Dancer) and Jallad (Blushing Groom).

Rose Leaves

Another interesting factor in the pedigree of Distorted Humor is that he traces back directly in female line to the great broodmare, Rose Leaves, whose stakes winning offspring included Calumet legend and five time champion US sire, Bull Lea (Bull Dog). This is also the same family as former South African champion 2yo, Scented Royal (Royal Prerogative) and last season's dual local Guineas winner, Janoobi (Silvano), while Saturday's GR1 Travers Stakes winner, West Coast (whose dam is Breeders' Cup winning champion, Caressing) is another from this celebrated family.

While Distorted Humor, whose fee at one stage reached \$300 000, (equal to A P Indy), is only 24th on the US sires list this year - he has been represented by five black type winners in 2017- he looks sure to yet make further impact on major international races through the legacy of his sons and daughters.

Ed – Flower Alley goes on show at Wilgerbosdrift this Sunday.

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

FAIRVIEW (poly)**Friday, 25 August**

Course Variant: 2.52s slow (straight)

Just 14mm of rain fell during the seven days leading up to this meeting, but with rain having fallen before that the going was posted as Good to Soft off a penetrometer reading of 26. The times suggest that the going was actually soft here. The wind was a 34km/h south westerly cross, and there was no false rail.

Speedsters Stakes (NBT) R110 000**Doris' Day!**

Trainer Dorrie Sham has made a flying start to the new season and saddled a hat-trick of winners at Fairview on Friday to maintain the yard's good form.

Dorrie – known as Doris to some – enjoyed the distinction of having bred the R110 000 Speedsters Stakes winner Rock Deejay in her winning treble. With Justin Snaith saddling the Jockey Club Stakes winner Harvard Crimson, it completed a unique feature double for trainer-breeders on the day. The non black-type Speedsters Stakes hosted a small field of seven and the well-weighted Vous Et Var was a popular banker for many.

But replacement rider Muzi Yeni had other ideas and declaring a half kilo over Rock Deejay's carded weight, the Winning Form-sponsored jockey allowed the son of Seventh Rock to stride out front. Registering a personal hat-trick, Rock Deejay kept on strongly to win in a time of 58.98 secs. Bred by Dorrie Sham, the 4yo gelded son of Seventh Rock (Rock Of Gibraltar) is out of the six-time winning Julia's World (Sportsworld) and has won 5 races with 3 places from 11 starts and stakes of R267 700.

Speedsters Stakes (NBT) 1000m

Winner Rock Deejay lifted a shoe before the start which was refitted by the course farrier; jockey Yeni rode 0.5kg overweight; set the pace; kept on strongly

Runner up Vous Et Var was slow away and lost one length; raced at the back 4 lengths off the pace; ran on and was gaining at the finish

Third Zevanastic was slow into stride; raced 6th of the seven 3.5 lengths off the pace; ran on steadily; beaten 3.75 lengths

Time: This was by far the fastest of the four sprint races

We gave the runner up (prev

79/57/75/85/94) 87 which makes the winner (prev 71/65/51/77/76) 85 and the third (prev 86/77/78/95/72) 78

85	1	1.00	ROCK DEEJAY	(1)	52.5	M Yeni	37/10
4 b g	Seventh Rock - Julia's World (Sportsworld)						
87	2	0.50	VOUS ET VAR	(3)	54.5	G Cheyne	17/10
5 b g Var - Candy Vouz (ARG) (Candy Stripes)							
78	3	3.75	ZEVANASTIC	(2)	56.0	T Gould	10/1
4 ch g Rebel King - Seven Veils (Rich Man's Gold)							
81	4	7.25	Villa Del Largo	(4)	64.0	R Fourie	61/10
41	5	11.00	Zip Line	(5)	52.5	R Munger	61/10
38	6	11.50	Kingotheworld	(6)	52.0	J Penny	44/1
36	7	17.00	Tar Heel	(7)	61.0	C Murray	8/1

Time: 58.98s (58.98s avg/1000m, or 61km/h)

SP Total %: 109%

1st T:DA Sham O:Mrs D A Sham & Mr M D Sham B:DA Sham

Jockey Club Stakes (F&M) (L) R150 000**Snaith Dominates**

Justin Snaith repeated his exacta feat of 2016 in the R150 000 Listed Jockey Club Stakes at Fairview on Friday. The former SA champion saddled the first, second – and fourth for good measure – to finish in the fillies and mares 2000m contest.

Snaith had saddled the Australian-bred Acrostar to win the 2016 renewal of this feature and after Harvard Crimson had run a game second last year, the daughter of Dynasty made amends in fine style this time round. Mxothwa deserves plenty of credit. He rode a beautifully judged race, after the mare had found herself caught wide early on. As Money Penny led Peach Delight and Qing into the straight, Mxothwa angled Harvard Crimson towards the centre inside, but found his way blocked and had to switch out for a clear passage.

With stablemate Nima shadowing her, Harvard Crimson asserted her superiority late and drew away. She finished best of the lot under the in-form rider to win by 2.75 lengths in a time of 127.32 secs.

The Snaith Racing-bred Harvard Crimson is a 6yo daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the four-time winner Badger Express (Badger Land). Highlands stallion Dynasty has made a cracking start to the season – and the Highveld feature season only gets under way next Saturday!

A R60 000 CTS 2013 Cape Ready To Run Sale bargain, she was registering her first stakes success and her 6th win from 28 starts for 7 places – and stakes of R428 425.

Jockey Club Stakes (F&M) (L) 2000m

Winner Harvard Crimson raced 10th of the fourteen; ran on well to lead 150m; won going away

Runner up Nima raced 7th; led 250m; beaten 2.75 lengths

Third Crackpot (Musi Yeni replaced Marco Van Rensburg) was slow away and lost one length; raced 7th; held every chance; stayed on; hanging outward over the final 400m; beaten 7 lengths

Time: Although the pace was noticeably steady early on and the time was not a fast one, this was by far the fastest of the four races around the turn

We gave the winner (prev 90/84/60/88/85) 90 which makes the runner up (prev 77/80/78/80/88) 85 and the third (prev 77/85/87/85/87) 77

90	1	1.00	HARVARD CRIMSON	(8)	60.0	L Mxothwa	8/1
6 b m	Dynasty - Badger Express (Badger Land)						
85	2	7.25	NIMA	(7)	60.0	R Fourie	4/1
5 b m	Fort Wood - Firth Of Tay (Rich Man's Gold)						
77	3	7.25	CRACKPOT	(3)	60.0	M Yeni	8/1
6 b m	Judpot - Nzaca (National Emblem)						
76	4	7.75	Qing	(12)	60.0	C Murray	8/1
72	5	9.50	Work Ethic	(2)	60.0	R Danielson	30/1
69	6	12.25	Beataboutthebush	(1)	60.0	G Cheyne	26/10
65	7	13.50	Christmas Carol	(10)	60.0	C Zickey	12/1
65	8	13.55	Peach Delight	(13)	60.0	L Hewitson	10/1
59	9	16.80	Sanctuary	(6)	60.0	N Patel	44/1
57	10	17.55	Another Night	(11)	59.0	M Thackeray	66/1
56	11	18.30	Money Penny	(4)	60.0	T Gould	66/1
31	12	31.55	Cape Marigold	(9)	60.0	R Munger	66/1
32	13	31.80	Fortissimus	(5)	60.0	C Maujean	14/1
8	14	43.30	Princess Varunya	(14)	60.0	K Zechner	44/1

Time: 127.32s (63.66s avg/1000m, or 57km/h)

SP Total %: 117%

1st T:J Snaith O:Mr J & Mrs C Erasmus B:Snaith Racing

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How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

Full EXPLANATION

of the point system and list of point earners is on the Sporting Post website

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
Edit 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

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date	close	high	low	volume
28Aug	1950	1965	1905	2,150
25Aug	1904	1970	1895	26,712
24Aug	1899	1899	1895	1,053
23Aug	1899	1899	1875	2,102
22Aug	1899	1916	1830	55,842
21Aug	1920	1920	1920	100

LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW/wnrs	SW/wns	SW/wnr%	pics	pic/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,271,600	Summerhill Stud	129	9,857	172	15	17	12%	0	0	0%	45	26%	0	Pure Blonde 146,250 12%
1,214,050	Klawervlei Stud	138	8,797	168	13	13	9%	0	0	0%	49	29%	0	Jameson Girl 62,500 5%
1,028,200	Maine Chance	52	19,773	62	10	10	19%	0	0	0%	20	32%	0	Mind Your Business 200,000 19%
842,300	Moutonshoek	46	18,311	55	4	4	9%	0	0	0%	8	15%	0	Broadway Trip 625,000 74%
780,100	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	51	15,296	56	7	7	14%	0	0	0%	19	34%	0	Zen Arcade 200,000 26%
750,325	Oldlands Stud	17	44,137	18	3	3	18%	0	0	0%	1	6%	0	Fulfillyourdream 625,000 83%
658,900	Highlands	66	9,983	81	10	10	15%	0	0	0%	15	19%	0	Grey Light 61,250 9%
657,800	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	51	12,898	64	7	7	14%	0	0	0%	23	36%	0	Dodgy Itie 125,000 19%
450,025	The Alchemy	32	14,063	43	7	7	22%	0	0	0%	9	21%	0	Tendre 65,625 15%
419,425	Scott Bros	57	7,358	79	4	4	7%	0	0	0%	23	29%	0	Lady Starlett 74,375 18%
397,150	Varsfontein Stud	34	11,681	43	5	5	15%	0	0	0%	10	23%	0	Surcharge 62,500 16%
378,350	Drakenstein Stud	33	11,465	38	5	5	15%	0	0	0%	14	37%	0	Cuban Emerald 77,200 20%
355,850	Graystone Stud	21	16,945	26	5	5	24%	0	0	0%	6	23%	0	Dawn Assault 65,625 18%
303,200	IR Heyns	18	16,844	28	2	3	11%	0	0	0%	7	25%	0	Cloud Atlas 113,200 37%
302,300	Avontuur Farm	24	12,596	30	3	3	13%	0	0	0%	11	37%	0	Tevez 61,875 20%
269,575	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	12	22,465	14	2	2	17%	0	0	0%	6	43%	0	Silva's Bullet 153,125 57%
260,550	Mauritzfontein Stud	19	13,713	25	2	2	11%	0	0	0%	10	40%	0	Wild Horizon 70,000 27%



The legacy of Avontuur's Forest Wildcat stallion Var has grown exponentially since the superstar stood his first season at the champion farm way back in 2005, and last term's Champion 2yo Sire maintained his great start to the new season with 4 winners last weekend.

The Tara Laing-trained looker Arctic Blast proved too quick for his rivals when getting the Var victory quartet rolling over 1200m on Friday. On Saturday at Kenilworth, the 3yo flyer Casual Diamond stamped herself a smart prospect when winning her third race on the trot for Justin Snaith. Geoff Woodruff saddled Polar Ice to win over a mile at Turffontein on the same afternoon.

Var's stakes winning son Isca completed the four-timer at Scottsville on Sunday over 1000m.

Champion Freshman Sire of 2009, sire of a dual SA Horse Of The Year and seven individual Gr1 winners, Var has produced on the track and in the sales ring – his daughter Goddess Var selling for R5 million at the 2017 National Yearling Sale. He stands for a fee of R200 000.

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW/wnrs	SW/wns	SW/wnr%	pics	pic/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,019,175	Trippi	47	21,685	53	6	6	13%	0	0	0%	14	26%	0	Broadway Trip 625,000 61%
816,200	Silvano	56	14,575	66	9	9	16%	0	0	0%	21	32%	0	Silva's Bullet 153,125 19%
810,375	Var	71	11,414	89	7	8	10%	0	0	0%	35	39%	0	Arctic Blast 82,500 10%
747,000	*Kahal	55	13,582	68	8	9	15%	0	0	0%	23	34%	0	Pure Blonde 146,250 20%
717,700	Dynasty	45	15,949	49	11	11	24%	1	1	9%	9	18%	0	Harvard Crimson 93,750 13%
655,325	*Captain Al	55	11,915	60	7	7	13%	0	0	0%	23	38%	0	Yankee Captain 62,500 10%
647,575	Querari	37	17,502	41	5	5	14%	0	0	0%	13	32%	0	Mind Your Business 200,000 31%
627,200	Indigo Magic	7	89,600	7	1	1	14%	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	Fulfillyourdream 625,000 100%
574,050	Jay Peg	48	11,959	55	7	7	15%	0	0	0%	19	35%	0	She's A Dragon 70,000 12%
507,050	Ideal World	28	18,109	34	3	3	11%	0	0	0%	11	32%	0	Zen Arcade 200,000 39%
431,400	*Antonius Pius	32	13,481	43	6	6	19%	0	0	0%	14	33%	0	Effortless 59,375 14%
422,525	*Tiger Ridge	27	15,649	38	6	6	22%	0	0	0%	12	32%	0	Isphan 62,500 15%
421,100	*Sail From Seattle	39	10,797	44	8	8	21%	0	0	0%	10	23%	0	Know The Ropes 58,000 14%
411,850	*Rebel King	48	8,580	68	4	4	8%	0	0	0%	23	34%	0	Leia Organa 56,325 14%
395,975	Visionaire	41	9,658	51	6	6	15%	0	0	0%	17	33%	0	Emmeline 59,375 15%
394,800	Gimmethegreenlight	40	9,870	45	5	5	13%	0	0	0%	12	27%	0	Surcharge 62,500 16%
372,050	Philanthropist	35	10,630	41	6	6	17%	0	0	0%	9	22%	0	Melinda's Garden 59,375 16%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW/wnrs	SW/wns	SW/wnr%	pics	pic/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
639,350	Trippi	8	79,919	8	1	1	13%	0	0	0%	3	38%	0	Broadway Trip 625,000 98%
625,000	Indigo Magic	2	312,500	2	1	1	50%	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	Fulfillyourdream 625,000 100%
402,000	Querari	15	26,800	15	2	2	13%	0	0	0%	6	40%	0	Mind Your Business 200,000 50%
384,625	Silvano	13	29,587	14	5	5	38%	0	0	0%	3	21%	0	Silva's Bullet 153,125 40%
305,250	Ideal World	4	76,313	4	1	1	25%	0	0	0%	2	50%	0	Zen Arcade 200,000 66%
304,575	*Antonius Pius	24	12,691	32	4	4	17%	0	0	0%	10	31%	0	Effortless 59,375 19%
279,250	Dynasty	12	23,271	12	5	5	42%	0	0	0%	1	8%	0	Greek Fire 59,375 21%
256,800	Var	20	12,840	22	3	3	15%	0	0	0%	9	41%	0	Polar Ice 59,375 23%
234,625	Jay Peg	21	11,173	23	3	3	14%	0	0	0%	7	30%	0	Ku Du Tu 53,125 23%
228,375	Judpot	21	10,875	28	2	2	10%	0	0	0%	7	25%	0	Tamarina 59,375 26%
221,200	Gimmethegreenlight	17	13,012	19	3	3	18%	0	0	0%	5	26%	0	Surcharge 62,500 28%
215,475	*Sail From Seattle	21	10,261	22	4	4	19%	0	0	0%	4	18%	0	Copper Trail 45,000 21%
197,025	*Captain Al	17	11,590	18	2	2	12%	0	0	0%	8	44%	0	Like A Panther 59,375 30%
195,375	Twice Over	13	15,029	14	3	3	23%	0	0	0%	3	21%	0	Think Twice 59,375 30%
186,500	Phianthropist	15	12,433	19	3	3	20%	0	0	0%	3	16%	0	Melinda's Garden 59,375 32%

LEADING SIRES by AEPR

with 10 or more rns SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 27 August 2017

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW/wnrs	SW/wns	SW/wnr%	pics	pic/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
351,525	*Jet Master	16	21,970	20	6	6	38%	0	0	0%	6	30%	0	True Master 61,875 18%
1,019,175	Trippi	47	21,685	53	6	6	13%	0	0	0%	14	26%	0	Broadway Trip 625,000 61%
507,050	Ideal World	28	18,109	34	3	3	11%	0	0	0%	11	32%	0	Zen Arcade 200,000 39%
647,575	Querari	37	17,502	41	5	5	14%	0	0	0%	13	32%	0	Mind Your Business 200,000 31%
717,700	Dynasty	45	15,949	49	11	11	24%	1	1	9%	9	18%	0	Harvard Crimson 93,750 13%
422,525	*Tiger Ridge	27	15,649	38	6	6	22%	0	0	0%	12	32%	0	Isphan 62,500 15%
273,675	*Fort Wood	18	15,204	19	3	3	17%	0	0	0%	6	32%	1	Wild Horizon 70,000 26%
195,375	Twice Over	13	15,029	14	3	3	23%	0	0	0%	3	21%	0	Think Twice 59,375 30%
206,125	*Royal Air Force	14	14,723	18	1	1	7%	0	0	0%	8	44%	0	Cloud Atlas 113,200 55%
816,200	Silvano	56	14,575	66	9	9	16%	0	0	0%	21	32%	0	Silva's Bullet 153,125 19%
227,625	Gitanio Hernando	16	14,227	21	3	4	19%	0	0	0%	5	24%	0	September Bloom 91,250 40%
212,250	Kildonan	15	14,150	17	3	3	20%	0	0	0%	5	29%	0	Vision To Kill 61,250 29%
747,000	*Kahal	55	13,582	68	8	9	15%	0	0	0%	23	34%	0	Pure Blonde 146,250 20%
257,825	*Windrush	19	13,570	23	5	5	26%	0	0	0%	3	13%	0	In The Game 59,375 23%
229,675	A P Arrow	17	13,510	29	3	3	18%	0	0	0%	12	41%	0	A P's Lily 55,000 24%

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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st	1st %	four	four%	stakes	stks/rides
AG Laird	28	7	25%	6	21%	83%	2	7%	14	50%	1,062,050	37,930		
J Snaith	84	12	14%	21	25%	33%	13	15%	43	51%	1,012,025	12,048		
DC Howells	53	6	11%	7	13%	29%	7	13%	27	51%	741,875	13,998		
R Hill	12	1	8%	0	0%	0%	1	8%	4	33%	650,625	54,219		
DR Drier	47	9	19%	9	19%	56%	4	9%	20	43%	615,750	13,101		
GD Smith	82	5	6%	7	9%	29%	11	13%	27	33%	550,375	6,712		
MG & AA Azzie	40	5	13%	12	30%	8%	7	18%	20	50%	525,575	13,139		
DA Sham	51	8	16%	3	6%	67%	7	14%	19	37%	498,700	9,778		
KG Naidoo	50	6	12%	6	12%	33%	7	14%	19	38%	477,900	9,558		
SD Gray	31	6	19%	4	13%	25%	2	6%	16	52%	458,000	14,774		
PA Peter	46	6	13%	7	15%	14%	2	4%	18	39%	455,025	9,892		
C Lensley	64	7	11%	10	16%	20%	8	13%	33	52%	437,300	6,833		
AC Greeff	70	5	7%	10	14%	30%	5	7%	26	37%	429,650	6,138		
Y Bremmer	53	7	13%	6	11%	17%	3	6%	21	40%	414,800	7,826		
C Bass-Robinson	35	5	14%	8	23%	50%	6	17%	15	43%	381,800	10,909		
GM Alexander	32	4	13%	2	6%	100%	4	13%	12	38%	336,825	10,526		
J Ramsden	23	5	22%	3	13%	67%	2	9%	11	48%	335,625	14,592		
LW Goosen	17	1	6%	3	18%	0%	4	24%	7	41%	335,325	19,725		
LJ Erasmus	67	3	4%	6	9%	17%	5	7%	18	27%	333,625	4,979		
T Laing	35	4	11%	5	14%	20%	4	11%	18	51%	314,400	8,983		
CS Laird	34	4	12%	9	26%	22%	3	9%	16	47%	311,500	9,162		
G v Zyl	17	5	29%	4	24%	25%	3	18%	9	53%	304,250	17,897		
MF de Kock	32	3	9%	9	28%	11%	4	13%	12	38%	303,150	9,473		
GV Woodruff	20	4	20%	5	25%	40%	3	15%	9	45%	293,375	14,669		
C Spies	62	3	5%	4	6%	25%	6	10%	18	29%	288,250	4,649		
M Dixon	18	4	22%	3	17%	67%	0	0%	10	56%	284,450	15,803		

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st	1st %	four	four%	stakes	stks/rides
C Zackey	102	16	16%	14	14%	21%	10	10%	50	49%	1,080,750	10,596		
A Domeyer	59	15	25%	20	34%	50%	8	14%	36	61%	929,550	15,755		
L Hewitson	98	11	11%	20	20%	30%	9	9%	38	39%	820,400	8,371		
C Murray	93	10	11%	19	20%	21%	14	15%	37	40%	830,750	8,933		
M Yeni	57	9	16%	10	18%	30%	9	16%	29	51%	614,650	10,783		
K De Melo	87	9	10%	14	16%	21%	14	16%	44	51%	1,071,750	12,319		
G Wrogemann	53	8	15%	3	6%	33%	5	9%	28	53%	757,450	14,292		
A Marcus	32	7	22%	15	47%	27%	5	16%	21	66%	558,850	17,464		
R Fourie	43	7	16%	10	23%	20%	5	12%	23	53%	547,675	12,737		
M v Rensburg	78	7	9%	9	12%	22%	12	15%	35	45%	707,900	9,076		
G v Niekerk	30	7	23%	8	27%	25%	6	20%	23	77%	502,300	16,743		
W Kennedy	56	6	11%	11	20%	9%	9	16%	26	46%	537,975	9,607		
R Simons	25	6	24%	6	24%	67%	3	12%	15	60%	1,032,200	41,288		
S Veale	48	6	13%	4	8%	25%	2	4%	22	46%	1,047,500	21,823		
K Zechner	62	6	10%	7	11%	14%	7	11%	26	42%	539,700	8,705		
L Mxothwa	25	6	24%	0	0%	0%	0	0%	13	52%	382,200	15,288		
R Munger	105	6	6%	1	1%	100%	7	7%	31	30%	523,700	4,988		
S Moodley	42	6	14%	2	5%	50%	2	5%	16	38%	390,925	9,308		
A Arries	32	6	19%	3	9%	67%	0	0%	15	47%	380,000	11,875		
G Lerena	23	5	22%	12	52%	33%	4	17%	13	57%	379,450	16,498		
A Delpach	36	5	14%	13	36%	38%	7	19%	20	56%	591,150	16,421		
C Maujean	76	5	7%	1	1%	0%	5	7%	18	24%	430,975	5,671		
Wei Marwing	45	5	11%	6	13%	0%	7	16%	26	58%	568,700	12,638		
I Sturgeon	51	4	8%	2	4%	0%	4	8%	19	37%	343,100	6,727		
S Khumalo	26	4	15%	5	19%	40%	5	19%	13	50%	347,950	13,383		
M Thackeray	77	4	5%	2	3%	0%	5	6%	26	34%	301,175	3,911		

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Cracklin' Rosie

Her Dad was a jockey in Zambia, so the Vereeniging-born Dorrie Sham was always destined to a life amongst horses. The passionate Neil Diamond fan went on her own with just 12 horses in 2012, seventeen years after establishing equine transport success story New Turf Carriers with her husband, Mark. Her yard is bang in form and on Saturday she takes on the big guns with her smart Sail From Seattle gelding Classify at Turffontein.



Eye On The Prize

Former SA Champion jockey Gavin Lerena has bounced back well from his recent eye surgery and rode a smart double at the Vaal on Tuesday. With a win strike-rate of 25% (7 winners) after the first month of the season, he will be putting his head down this term. He rode 220 winners when lifting the national title in 2013/14 and finished third last season. The 32 year old has a powerful racing pedigree to match his natural ability.



Old Friends

Joey Ramsden has always been something of a father figure and had a soft spot for the talented lightweight rider, Morne Winnaar. With the latter back in his hometown after a successful stint in KZN, it can't be long before the combination land back in the winner's box. At the age of 36 Morne has matured

from the naughty lad who was kicked out of the SA Jockey Academy. He was taken under Joey's wing as a special apprentice and had to ride 40 winners in ten months to hang on to his licence. Joey gave him the break, and he succeeded.



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2nd season sires - 3yo's

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Await The Day 3f (Full Term by Lecture)

Fairview 8 MR 59 Handicap (F&M) (Polytrack) 1300m (01/09)

Big Bear 3c (Gamalakhe by Northern Guest)

Turffontein 8 Novice Handicap 1450m (02/09)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Silver Raisin 3f (Bay Leaf by Strike Smartly)

Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (03/09)

Taranaki 3c (Urabamba by Fort Wood)

Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m (03/09)

Scrabble 3c (Cupid's Daughter by Ad Valorem)

Scottsville 5 Maiden Plate 1200m (03/09)

CRUSADE freshman sire

Scott Bros.

CRUSADE (Johannesburg)

Romantic Crusade 3f (Romantic Drama by Model Man)

Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m (02/09)

Exquisite Eight 3f (Bejewelled Beauty by Rambo Dancer)

Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (03/09)

Spring Lightning 3f (Spring Time by Counter Action)

Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (03/09)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

The Manwalk 3c (Protea Parade by National Emblem)

Scottsville 5 Maiden Plate 1200m (03/09)

MARCHFIELD - Moutonshoek stallion

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

That's All 3c (Iberia by Cordoba)

Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate 1000m (02/09)

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ORATORIO (Danehill)

Tally-Ho 3f (State Coach by Jet Master)

Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (02/09)

Sequined 3f (Scintilla by Silvano)

Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m (02/09)

Hadarat 3c (Muhtaram by Al Mufti)

Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate 1600m (02/09)

Ensemble 3f (Esoteric by Mogok)

Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m (02/09)

Love Theme 3f (Lewinsky's Lover by Jallad)

Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (03/09)

Chantyman 3c (Sea Of Calm by Quiet American)

Scottsville 4 Novice Plate 1200m (03/09)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Lady Sutton 3f (Monroe by Model Man)

Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (02/09)

Steffi's Graft 3f (Sublime Surge by Ellidor)

Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m (02/09)

Twice As Smart 3f (Smart Empress by Strike Smartly)

Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (03/09)

Sweet Vittoria 3f (Sweet Allegra by National Assembly)

Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m (03/09)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Inertia 3c (Veronica by Fort Wood)

Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate 1000m (02/09)

Eskimo Nell 3f (Nella Fantasia by Giant's Causeway)

Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m (02/09)

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

Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate 1600m (02/09)

Cape Xtreme 3c (Cape Floral by Fort Wood)

Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate 1600m (02/09)

Notable Maiden Winners

TIGER RIDGE

Rated AR 76 **Christofle** (3g Malmaison by French Deputy)

Maiden Plate (3yo's) Turffontein (stand side) (1400m) (24/8)

After having shown little in four starts as a 2yo last season, Robbie Sage's charge showed considerable improvement in his first outing as a 3yo here. Content to sit eighth of the ten early on, Christofle ran on best of all and won going away by two and a half after striking the front 100m from home.

CAPTAIN AL

Rated AR 80 **Like A Panther** (3c Della Scala by Galileo)

Maiden Plate (3yo's) Turffontein (stand side) (1600m) (24/8)

Given a four month break after showing promise in his two starts as a juvenile last season, Like A Panther made good improvement here. Soon up handy despite being a little slow into stride, Mike De Kock's charge was ridden to lead 130m out and cruised clear below the distance to score by six and a half.

FORT WOOD

Rated AR 84 **Cashel Prince** (3f Ireland by Mark Of Esteem)

Maiden Plate (3yo fillies) Turffontein (stand side) (1600m) (24/8)

After running on stoutly to finish third on debut and that despite being disadvantaged by a slipped saddle, it was not surprising to see Alec Laird's charge in the red here. Confidently ridden by Randall Simons this daughter of Fort Wood sat third for most of the journey. She put her head in front 400m out and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by eight.

Is Your Horse One To Follow?

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

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Great(AUS) (Choisir)

Scottsville 1000m (27/08)

SPORTS AND BETTING

2018 FIFA World Cup Qualifier

Cape Verde vs SA | Fri 1 September | Estadio Nacional de Cabo Verde | 20:30



Both South Africa and Cape Verde still have a chance of booking themselves a spot in the 2018 FIFA World Cup as they go head-to-head this Friday. After one victory and a draw, South Africa lie second in Group D with the same amount of points as table-top-

ping Burkina Faso. Cape Verde anchor the table as they've lost both their matches so far. Can they turn the tables in the remaining four fixtures, starting with the upcoming match against Bafana Bafana? Let's paint a picture.

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CAPE VERDE

Cape Verde have had a shambolic start to their World Cup qualification quest, losing both their opening two matches. They have conceded four goals without finding the back of the net. If they're to top the standings come the end of the qualifiers, the Blue Sharks need nothing less than a victory at home against one of the qualification favourites.

The downward spiralling has seen the country's football federation sack its president, Victor Osorio. Lucio Antunes who was reappointed last year as the team's head coach is hoping to spark new life into the team by calling up French-based experienced defender, who can also operate in midfield, Danilson. The highly-rated 31-year old plies his trade in Ligue 2 for Stade Reims.

SOUTH AFRICA

Bafana Bafana are a side plagued by injuries, resulting in players pulling out of the side for various reasons. Goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune has suffered a chest infection while the other shot-stopper who was called up, Darren Keet, also sustained an injury. They have been replaced by Wayne Sandilands and Reyaad Pieterse.

Clayton Daniels will replace the injured Rivaldo Coetzee in central defensive positions, however, that should not be too much of a setback since Stuart Baxter seems to prefer the centre-back pairing of Eric Mathoho and Thulani Hlatshwayo. Playmaker, Thulani Serero, might sit out the match due to a hamstring injury but the likes of Themba Zwane, Percy Tau and Lebogang Manyama are more than ready to step up to the plate.

PREDICTION: **South Africa (18/10)**

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Straight Down The Middle

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Still Going Strong

Greyville 20 August

Sunday's action took place on the poly track where the fastest of the afternoon's four 2000m races was the MR60 Handicap won by the top weight PEGGY'S DREAM. Sent off a joint second favourite at 5/1, the daughter of Jay Peg was always handy. She was ridden to lead as they approached the 400m marker and although the pacemaker EINA kept on doggedly after being headed, she got the verdict by a half.

Quickest home in the three 1400m events was ROCKET MASTER when winning the MR66 Handicap. The son of Jet Master got away well when the gates opened and led throughout. He raced a length and a quarter clear for most of the journey and that proved to be just enough to beat the much faster finishing FANTASY ART (came from the backend of midfield).

The remaining races were both staged over 1600m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was the veteran NICKLAUS in the bill topping pinnacle stakes. At the top of the boards on leaving the stalls, the 7yo was always handy. He ran on strongly in the straight and with the rest well beaten he got the better of the 4yo WILD WICKET by three quarters.

Titbits Easy to back JUST RAP (9/2 out to 7/1) was balked for a run en-route from the rear before getting up in the very last stride to win the MR70 Handicap over 1400m.

Afternoon Assault

Vaal 22 August

They raced on the inside track on Tuesday where victory in the fastest of the three 1400m races, a MR94 Handicap, went to the bottom weight TRADING PROFIT. Soon up handy, the 4/1 second favourite raced prominent throughout. He put his head in front going through the 200m and with the rest some three lengths adrift, he kept on strongly late to beat ARTICA by three quarters.

The MR68 Handicap was the faster of the two 1200m races and here CLARET CUP registered her second career victory. Nibbled at on course into 17/2 from 12's, Paul Peter's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She ran on strongly at the business end of the race, and with the benefit of first run, she comfortably

accounted for the four-timer seeking LAST GIRL STANDING by a length and a half.

By far the easiest victory on the card was that of DAWN ASSAULT in the graduation plate over 1800m. Taken straight to the front by S'manga Khumalo, the Call To Combat gelding led throughout. He raced just a length and a quarter clear for most of the journey before cruising clear over the final 300m to score by eight and a quarter.

Titbits The 7/10 favourite TAMMANY HALL had the remainder eleven and a half lengths adrift when getting the better of the newcomer PENNY FROM HEAVEN (2/1 second favourite) by three quarters.

Be With The Boys

Scottsville 23 August

Four of the eight races in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday were staged over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest time here was BLACKBALL in the MR71 Handicap. Easy to back at 17/2 on the off the 3yo son of Black Minnaloushe raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He quickened well at the top of the straight and won going away after striking the front 150m from home.

The faster of the two maiden plates over 1000m was the boy's affair in which the 4/10 favourite DIAMONDS FOREVER got rolled. Always well positioned to strike, Diamonds Forever could find no extra when the front running ON YOUR LIFE stepped on the gas 300m out. Indeed, On Your Life won going away by four.

They also ran two maiden events over 1000m and again the boys were the quickest. Allowed to drift right out to 13/1 from 6's, the winner BAD ATTITUDE was soon positioned close up in second. He took up the running 100m out and comfortably accounted for the newcomer UNBELIEVABLE LAD by a length and a quarter.

Titbits Drawn wide and slow into stride to boot, he newcomer QUEEN'S PLAIN impressed when running on from the rear to win the maiden plate over 1400m going away.

Allowed to drift right out to 20/1 from 8's, MASTER OF MISCHIEF ran on well from the rear when getting up late to win the MR83 Handicap over 1400m.

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Master Of Mischief	won 20/1
Claret Cup	won 17/2
Casual Diamond	won 13/10
Like A Panther	won 1/1
Rocket Countdown	won 1/1
Hemingway	won 17/20
Tammany Hall	won 7/10
Riding Shotgun	won 1/5

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (8) Nimble 10
Race 2: (10) Caitlin's Answer 27
Race 3: (1) Big Three 2
Race 4: (8) Imperial Velvet 76
Race 5: (4) Off To Gaul 44
Race 6: (5) Miracle Bureau 85 (NAP*)
Race 7: (5) Winter Trade 48
Race 8: (14) Mock Mambo 41

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (2) Rendezvous 5
Race 2: (6) National Key 78
Race 3: (3) Runalong 66
Race 4: (2) La Girona 8
Race 5: (5) Tendre 74
Race 6: (1) Secret Star 77
Race 7: (8) Pure Blonde 89
Race 8: (2) Manitoba 39
Race 9: (10) Penny From Heaven 31

KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (8) Photocopy 17
Race 2: (1) Eternal Night 19
Race 3: (3) Sequined 34
Race 4: (5) Spectra Force 22
Race 5: (4) One Direction 65
Race 6: (1) Silicone Valley 90 (NAP*)
Race 7: (2) Seven Wood 42
Race 8: (9) Call Me Darling 37

SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (3) Connect Me 3
Race 2: (3) Champenois 19
Race 3: (3) Lucky Veil 23
Race 4: (3) Chantyman 50
Race 5: (13) Scrabble 12 (NAP*)
Race 6: (7) Yankeedoodledandy 52
Race 7: (7) Saint Marco 67
Race 8: (11) Haddington 32
Race 9: (13) Willowgrange 30

Nap bets

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



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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

All Maiden Events**Turffontein 24 August**

The best bet on the card for most on the inner track on Thursday was RIDING SHOTGUN in the opening maiden event for 3yo's over 1000m. Always deep in the red, the son of Brave Tin Soldier was soon positioned up with the speed. He began to assert his authority going through the 400m and went on to score very comfortably by three.

Two of the afternoon's eight races were maiden plates for 3yo's over 1160m and running out an easy winner in the quicker of these was MANITOBA in the boy's affair. Soon up handy, St John Gray's charge took up the running shortly before halfway. He quickly went clear and won very easily by three.

Marginally the faster of the two maiden plates over 1600m was the girl's division in which the 7/10 favourite CASHEL PRINCE came home smoking. Always well positioned to strike, Alec Laird's charge put her head in front 400m out and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by eight and a quarter.

Titbits Aptly named EFFORTLESS easily accounted for her seven rivals when getting off the mark in the girl's division of the maiden plate over 1400m.

The 3yo LIKE A PANTHER cruised clear to score by six and a half after taking up the running 130m from home in the maiden plate over 1600m.

Sparkling Diamond**Kenilworth 26 August**

The going was good to soft on the old course on Saturday where the fastest of the three 1000m races was the MR84 Handicap won by CASUAL DIAMOND. Just six went to post and with the exception of EXTRADITE who raced detached at the rear they were very tightly bunched. Justin Snaith's charge put her head in front going through the 100m and went on to score with authority by three and a quarter.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1400m where APOLLO STAR was quickest home. Always handy in this MR72 Handicap over 1400m, the son of Alado was ridden to lead 150m out and kept on strongly late to beat the staying on pacemaker ROCKSTEER by three quarters.

A workrider's maiden plate over 1000m had opened up proceedings and here we saw a very easy victory for the uneasy favourite I AM CAPTAIN. Allowed to drift right out to 2/1 from even money, the Captain Al filly was soon prominent. She assumed command 400m out and drew clear easily from there onwards to score by seven and a quarter.

Titbits The 14/1 shot MASTER'S SPIRIT came from the back when getting up very late to win the MR80 Handicap over 1000m.

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

CASHEL PRINCE (A Laird, Gauteng)
QUEEN'S PLAIN (D Howells, KZN)

FASTEST TIMES

(Number of races run in each category shown in brackets)

* Times taken by Clockwatcher

GREYVILLE (POLY) 20TH AUGUST

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,8s slow	
1400m (3) Rocket Master	83,95
1600m (2) Nicklaus	95,70
2000m (4) Peggy's Dream	124,10

VAAL (INSIDE) 22ND AUGUST

Penetrometer 22 Good	
Course Variant: 2,81s slow	
1000m (1) Jameson Girl	59,99
1200m (2) Claret Cup	72,72
1400m (3) Trading Profit	85,14
1800m (1) Dawn Assault	114,20
2400m (1) Dromedaris	156,60

SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 23RD AUGUST

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,07s slow	
1000m (2) On Your Life	56,91
1200m (2) Bad Attitude	69,14
1400m (4) Blackball	82,66

TURFFONTEIN (STAND SIDE) 24TH AUGUST

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,43s slow	
1000m (2) Riding Shotgun	57,66
1160m (2) Manitoba	67,91
1400m (2) Christofle	86,58
1600m (2) Cashel Palace	100,17

KENILWORTH (OLD) 26TH AUGUST

Penetrometer 24 – Going G/Soft	
Course Variant: 2,09s slow	
1000m (3) Casual Diamond	60,91
1200m (1) Hemmingway	75,21
1400m (2) Apollo Star	88,03
1600m (1) League Game	101,91
1800m (1) Rocket Countdown	115,12

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Race 6	1,3,10
Race 7	2,5
Race 8	4,6
Combinations	576
Times	0.34722
Stake	R200



Lady Luck smiles on customer again

56-year-old pensioner Mr André Claassen won big over the weekend off a Pick 6 horse racing bet. This regular Hollywoodbets Newton Park customer received a R 244 378.53 cash injection after all his horses came in. He chose his winning bet by studying the horses' performances leading up to the event. Mr Claassen, who has been betting with Hollywoodbets since 2006, was confident about his bet and felt fabulous when he found out he won! Earlier this year the lucky winner also won a fantastic R304 740 on a Place Accumulator bet, so he clearly knows how to choose a winning horse. Mr Claassen enjoys visiting the Newton Park branch because he appreciates the atmosphere and good customer service. He plans to invest his winnings.

