

## Wall Of Fire

Canford Cliffs, who is scheduled to stand at Highlands Stud next year, is the sire of Gr1 Melbourne Cup hopeful Wall Of Fire. The latter makes his Australian debut on Saturday when set to carry top-weight in the A\$400 000 Gr2 Ladbrokes Herbert Power Stakes over 2400m at Caulfield. Wall Of Fire is one of 15 stakes performers for the five time Gr1 winning sire this year.



## The Rose

The Juliet Rose carries the colours of Markus Jooste's Mayfair Speculators when lining up for the £600,000 Gr1 Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes on Saturday. While The Juliet Rose has only once finished out of the money in 10 starts, she is yet to win at Gr1 level. Her Prix de Royallieu victory over Arc weekend was a third success in Pattern company. Trainer Nicolas Clement believes The Juliet Rose could enjoy an edge in terms of freshness over some of her more campaign-weary rivals.



## Love is...



Two of the nicest people in racing will tie the knot at Mauritzfontein on Saturday. Jessica Slack and former Mike de Kock international manager Steven Jell will celebrate the first day of a long and bright future together in the presence of family, friends and a wide array of local and international racing personalities. We wish them well and a long and happy life together.

## GOOD WITH THE BAD

The Gold Circle first-timer initiative is a boon for punters. But sometimes it goes awry – as things do in this game. On Saturday Weiho Marwing said Flowersfromabrook 'will need the experience'. She was backed and duly flashed up under brother Weichong to win the Turffontein second race going away. The beautifully bred three-year-old was a R425 000 buy from the 2016 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale and she looks a smart sort in the making. We live to punt another day.

## Happy Together

"We had a drink, kissed and made up." It's not a line out of the Bold & The Beautiful, but rather out of the Turffontein Saturday second post-race interview. Piere Strydom had just ridden a terrific finish on AP's Lily for Tyrone Zackey to beat the favourite Dalley and Eversilver. "He is in the top five in the world. An outstanding jockey. One doesn't give instructions to a professional like him," said 'Uncle Ty'.

## Wild Thing

Former Assistant trainer to big names like Mike de Kock and Glen Kotzen, Frikkie Greyling is working outside of horseracing these days as Manager of St Etienne Game Estate near Ellisras. Frikkie is best known for his association with stars like Horse Chestnut, Ipi Tombe, Victory Moon and Princess Victoria. A switch to wildebeest, bush buck, sable antelope, buffalo, rhino, eland, gemsbok, giraffe, warthog, zebra, kudu and baboon presents a whole new challenge for the no-nonsense horseman. He sent his best wishes to all in the racing industry.

## Rising Star

Former SA Champion apprentice Callan Murray is ranked at 11 on the Thoroughbred Racing Commentary's (TRC) Global Rankings of the top riders who are 25 and under. The 21 year old is sponsored by Avontuur and rides mostly for the powerful Mike de Kock stable. The standings are based on performances in all Group and Graded races worldwide over a rolling three-year period.



## Pace Makes The Race

The Cape Town Stipes are to make more use of the seldom-employed Rule 62.2.7 in a bid to improve the pace at which races are run, particularly those at Kenilworth, reports Michael Clower. The Rule does not mention anything about pace but states: "The rider shall ensure that he does not cause interference, bunching, intimidation and/or constitute a source of interference or danger." Senior stipe Ernie Rodrigues told Clower: "We don't want the Cape crawl and so the Rule will be used more in future. We do talk to jockeys about it but the Rule is difficult to prove and the video evidence has to show it."



## RSVP

The KZN Breeders Awards will be held at the Fordoun Hotel & Spa on 2 December. Tickets are R350. Please RSVP by 20 November. Enquiries to Candiesemarnewick@gmail.com