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Taylor Made Farm has announced that California Chrome's stud fee for the 2018 breeding season will remain unchanged at US\$40,000. The two-time US Horse of the Year retired in January this year with a record of 16 wins from 27 starts and US\$14.5 million in prize money.



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SA born jockey Derreck David rode a great treble at Kranji on Sunday – the unique feature of his hat-trick being back-to-back dead-heats. He was aboard Lim's Pershing in the second, Makanani in the third and rounded off the treble with Flash One in the eighth.

NO SHOW

July winning jockey Bernard Fayd'Herbe was charged with a contravention of Rule 21.13 as he failed to fulfil his riding engagements at Durbanville On Saturday, which resulted in a change of riders in Races 1 to 8. He was fined R1500.

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Saturday's Woolavington Handicap winner Strathdon became Maine Chance's champion stallion Silvano's 74th individual stakes winner. Silvano is the sire of 20 Gr1 winners and seven Equus Champions and will be represented by the unbeaten KZN raider Billy Silver and Dennis Drier-trained Tower Of Wisdom in Saturday's Gr3 Cape Classic.



On the one hand we argue about the importance of horseracing creating more heroes, but after another cracking season, Aidan O'Brien and Coolmore's domination creates its own issues for a sport desperate to sell itself to a wider public. Predictability is boring and a bit more competition is obviously desirable. A nice problem to have.

Bloomin' Hot

Wilgerbosdrift's Flower Alley could be represented at the Breeders' Cup at Del Mar on 3rd & 4th November. His son Bullards Alley, a record breaking 10.75



length winner of the recent Gr1 Pattison Canadian International, is among the probable contenders for the Breeders' Cup Turf. Flower Alley ran second to Horse Of The Year Saint Liam in the 2005 Gr1 Breeders' Cup Classic.

Eye The Star

The Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes winner Eyes Wide Open turns out in a Pinnacle Stakes at Kenilworth on Saturday and thus gives the Cape Classic a miss. The son of Dynasty had one outing on 7 October when unplaced. Glen Kotzen told Michael Clower: "It's partly because of his wide draw but also he would have had to give 5kg to much of the field in the Classic – and it's only a prep race so why kill him? Also he would prefer a mile – seven furlongs is too short for him."



BACK 2 BEST

Arrogate, whose status as the world's top-rated horse has been threatened both by Enable and Cracksman in recent weeks, hinted at a return to the form of his exceptional win in the Dubai World Cup in a workout at Santa Anita on Monday, when he covered 1400m in 1min 25.40sec as part of the preparation for his final race in the Breeders' Cup Classic next Saturday.

Wheels Turn

Jockey Grant van Niekerk seems to have found his feet again. The much maligned 'Kamikaze Kid' rode six winners in two meetings last week and also came off on the right side of the Stipes after colleague Corne Orffer had lodged an objection against him in the Durbanville sixth on Saturday. So things may yet be turning for this talented rider.

Future Prospect

Classic Empire, the 2016 Eclipse Award-winning Two-Year-Old has retired from racing and will stand at Coolmore America's Ashford Stud. Classic Empire ended his juvenile campaign winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile for which he earned a 102 Beyer speed figure. A champion two-year-old, he also won a Gr1 at three. His brilliance on the track is reinforced with a pedigree full of black type that traces back to Harlan's Holiday. Leading SA owners Mayfair Speculators have an interest in the colt, who is by PioneerofTheNile out of Sambuca Classica by Cat Thief (Storm Cat).