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FAIRVIEW turf Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(5)Henry Tudor(5/2)

GREYVILLE Poly Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R9-(1) Neala (14/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R7-(5) Best Kept Secret (3/1)

KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(1)Table Bay(12/10)

FAIRVIEW turf Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(1)Hitimagainchuck(15/10)

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Superstar!

Only eight sets of connections have been brave, or cheeky enough, to take on the mighty Winx in her bid to win the weight-for-age championship of Australia at Moonee Valley on Saturday for the third straight year.

The Gr1 Ladbrokes Cox Plate has been run for a stake of A\$3 million (about R33 million) for the past 17 years, but such is the drawing power of champions, Moonee Valley officials are already lobbying Racing Victoria to up the bank to A\$4 million in 2018- should Winx win and return for a possible four-timer.

Plans are also already afoot to celebrate the Cox's centenary in 2020 by boosting the stake to A\$5 million and inviting the winners of the best 10 or 12 races in the world to race for a massive bonus.

Run at weight-for-age, the Cox Plate is seen as a

vehicle for the best middle-distance horses in Australia and New Zealand and run over 2040m. The Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup are the big handicaps in Melbourne, run over 2400m at Caulfield and 3200m at Flemington.

In the last 40 years, 17 favourites have won the Cox Plate, compared to 10 favourites taking out the Caulfield Cup and nine passing the post first in the Melbourne Cup in the same period.

On Saturday a crowd of about 32 000 is expected — beating the 25 804 who watched Kingston Town become the first horse in history to win three successive Cox Plates in 1982.

But the focal point is Winx.

If she registers her 22nd consecutive win on the trot, she will equal or break a string of records including matching Kingston Town's three Cox wins,



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A SUPERSTAR

Black Caviar's 15 Gr1's and overtake Makybe Diva's stakes of A\$14.5 million.

And after Saturday, it is the world next, with a possible Japan Cup tilt in November and plans to contest races in Dubai, England and France next year.

HISTORY SAYS...

In the case of multiple winners, recent Cox Plate history seems to suggest the first time is the toughest. On the flipside of the coin, the degree of difficulty appears to increase when a Cox Plate hat-trick is in the offing.

If the winner makes it back after scoring for the first time, that horse usually wins again.

Since 2000, there have been five occasions when a first-time Cox Plate winner has returned to defend his/her title the following year. Four of those five defending champions won again. The other, Fields Of Omagh in 2004, ran second to the 3yo Savabeel.

Of the four defending champions who won, three increased their winning margins.

Sunline increased her margin from one-and-a-half lengths in 1999 to a record-equalling seven lengths in 2000.

Northerly, whose winning margins were rarely huge, won by three-quarters of a length in 2001 and a length a year later.

So You Think won by two-and-a-half lengths in 2009, a margin that was halved but still convincing the following year.

Winx won by four-and-three-quarter lengths in 2015 and a ridiculous eight lengths last year. Interestingly, she is at short odds in the novelty markets to match or increase that margin on Saturday.

Of ten back-to-back winners, only Kingston Town has achieved the hat-trick. That said, only four of the ten actually attempted the feat.

Of the three that attempted the hat-trick and got beaten- Young Idea in 1938, Beau Vite in 1954 and Sunline in 2001- it's worth noting that none started favourite and all got beaten by superstars in Ajax, Rising Fast and Northerly respectively.

- Tune in to Tellytrack (Dstv 239) at 08h00 on Saturday morning to watch the big race

SATURDAY RACING

Cup Final Time!

Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship - Kenilworth

The clash of two top-class unbeaten 3yo fillies promises an early highlight on the Kenilworth winter course.

The weights are framed off a base of 58kgs, with penalties of 2kgs and 1kg respectively for Gr1 and Gr2 wins.

As the only Gr1 victress in the sixteen strong line-up, Dennis Drier visitor and Equus champion Lady In Black carries top weight as she brings the KZN Champions Season form into the equation and bids to make it a perfect four-from-four. This smashing daughter of super-sire Dynasty won't find it easy from her 16 draw – and also has to face her first start on a left-handed turn. She has been nothing but impressive though, and if firing after a 12 week break presents the first serious threat to the local star, Magical Wonderland.

The daughter of What A Winter will be the fitter of the unconquered duo after an excellent first run as a 3yo three weeks back. She carried top weight in a decent strength Progress Plate and cruised to victory. The dual stakes winner has her first run above 1200m but should relish the extra.

These two look to dominate the race but Devon Air Stakes winner Meryl must have a shout. The in-form combo of Dean Kannemeyer and Anthony Delpech have been on fire and although Meryl is held by Lady In Black on the Thekwini - when running on powerfully- she cannot be discounted.

Sean Tarry's Gr2 Golden Slipper winner Desert Rhythm is the first of six Drakenstein owned runners in a commentator's nightmare of a race. The daughter of Mambo In Seattle finished just in front of Meryl in the Thekwini and looks a good sort in the making, from a powerful stable.

Glen Kotzen's Bezrin bargain-buy Too Phat To Fly is game but is held by Magical Wonderland at best.

Her stablemate, Gr2 The Debutante winner Princess Peach produced a good pipe-opener but is another held by Magical Wonderland.

Elusive Heart has won 2 of her 4 starts and while well beaten in the Irridescence Stakes as a 2yo looks to have plenty of scope for improvement.

Mayfair Speculators own the unbeaten Magical Wonderland yet their retained rider Anton Marcus rides their recent maiden winner Champenois, from the Dennis Drier

stable. That is a poser - but she jumps from a good draw and could be better than her form suggests.

This looks a race in two between Magical Wonderland and Lady In Black. Desert Rhythm and Meryl have been thereabouts enough to suggest they could sweep to pick up the pieces. It should be a cracker!



Michael Price

Magical Wonderland

Gr2 Fillies Championship
past winners

2014	1 Cold As Ice	58.0 (4) 1/1
	2 Double Whammy	58.0 (9) 5/1
	3 Jet Set Go	58.0 (1) 28/10
2015	1 Silver Mountain	60.0 (15) 7/1
	2 Entisaar	60.0 (4) 2/1
	3 Taffety Tart	60.0 (3) 33/1
2016	1 Ektifaa	58.0 (10) 9/1
	2 Sail	58.0 (3) 5/2
	3 Final Judgement	59.0 (6) 8/1

START
5:20PM
KENILWORTH

7

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4
Gr2 FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP - 1400M
SAME TRAINER: (1-9-14)(3-17)(4-7-12)
(5-8-10-13-15)(11-16)

Dynasty	1 LADY IN BLACK(DR Drier) S Veale	16	60.0
Mambo In Seattle	2 DESERT RHYTHM(SG Tarry) L Hewitson	13	59.0
What A Winter	3 MAGICAL WONDERLAND(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	7	58.0
Captain Al	4 PRINCESS PEACH(GS Kotzen) C Orffer	15	58.0
Querari	5 ANGEL'S TRUMPET(J Snaith) G Cheyne	5	58.0
Tiger Ridge	6 MERYL(D Kannemeyer) A Delpech	11	58.0
Elusive Fort	7 ELUSIVE HEART(GS Kotzen) R Fourie	10	58.0
Captain Al	8 SNOWDANCE(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	17	58.0
Philanthropist	9 TSESSEBE(DR Drier) M Byleveld	18	58.0
Street Cry	10 OH SUSANNA(J Snaith) G v Niekerk	12	58.0
Gimmethgreenglight	11 ROSE IN BLOOM(J Ramsden) D Dillon	9	58.0
Bezrin	12 TOO PHAT TO FLY(GS Kotzen) C Zackey	3	58.0
Trippi	13 MISS KATALIN(J Snaith) B May	8	58.0
Visionaire	14 CHAMPENOIS(DR Drier) A Marcus	2	58.0
Captain Al	15 MERYSAGOS(J Snaith) A Balloo	14	58.0
Western Winter	16 FRESNAYE(J Ramsden) R Khathi	6	58.0
Elusive Fort	17 FREEDOM CHARTER(C Bass-Robinson) - reserve 1	4	58.0
Count Dubois	18 IT IS WHAT IT IS(JMT Stewart) - reserve 2	1	58.0

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SATURDAY RACING

Weight And See

Gr3 Cape Classic - Kenilworth

Trainer Sean Tarry has thrown a curved ball in the direction of the connections of top Cape 2yo of last term, Dutch Philip.

Tarry has planted a rose amongst the Cape Classic thorns in the shape of Rockin Russian, who gets 9,5kgs from the topweight on Saturday.

The weight scale of the Cape Classic is structured on a base allotment for maidens and one-time winners of 52kgs, with fillies granted a 2,5kg allowance. A penalty of 2kg for each additional win is then applied, with additional premiums of 3kgs for a Gr1 win, 2kgs for a Gr2 win and 1kg for a Gr3 success.

That means the Seventh Rock filly Rockin Russian has a nice pull at the weights and it was probably a no-brainer to avoid the big guns in the Western Cape Fillies Championship and rather take on the boys with some start. Rockin Russian is Gr1 placed against her own sex and ran an excellent prep in the Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge (F&M) three weeks back, when staying on strongly for third behind Bella Sonata.

Local star Dutch Philip gives anything from 5kgs to 9,5kgs to his opposition in his first step up beyond 1200m. The son of What A Winter ran on well at a prep sprint at the end of last month and has shown class and ability. This will not be easy.

Dennis Bosch is in town with facile dual winner Billy Silver. The son of Silvano has beaten little in his two 1200m wins but is said to be something very special. He should relish the extra ground.

The multiple stakes-placed 2yo Speedpoint is not drawn

well but has finished close to Dutch Philip and gets a handy 7kg weight pull with the topweight. The son of Var must be included in bigger permutations as Joey Ramsden has won this race three of the last four runnings.

The highly regarded

Tap O'Noth won his only two starts as a 2yo. This included an impressive victory in the Listed Langerman at cramped odds. At his only start this term, he ran on well to be beaten under a length by subsequent Matchem winner, Our Mate Art. With a good draw and home ground advantage, he looks a serious runner.

The exciting Trippi colt Cot Campbell looks the Snaith elect and gets the opportunity to show his true colours from the 2 draw. A galloper with a big reputation, he will strip fit after an excellent second to subsequent Matchem winner Our Mate Art last month and the in-form Grant Van Niekerk gets the ride.

The Sean Tarry programming and planning looks to be key. Rockin Russian is also in form and gets as much as 9,5kgs from the topweight. Then what about Langerman winner Tap O'Noth? He has done nothing wrong and the yard is in form.

A fascinating race on the cards, with a preference for Tap O'Noth over Rockin Russian and Billy Silver.



Tap O'Noth

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Gr3 Cape Classic past winners

2014		
1 Act Of War	58.5 (6) 4/1	
2 MLjet	54.0 (3) 11/20	
3 Heartland	52.0 (7) 7/1	
2015		
1 Eighth Wonder	56.0 (13) 20/1	
2 Rodney	56.0 (5) 6/1	
3 Hard Day's Night	58.0 (6) 5/2	
2016		
1 Table Bay	60.0 (7) 3/1	
2 Elevated	55.0 (3) 18/1	
3 Edict Of Nantes	59.0 (4) 7/1	

START
4:45PM
KENILWORTH

6

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
Gr3 CAPE CLASSIC - 1400M
SAME TRAINER:(1-9)(3-10)(7-13)(11-12)

What A Winter	1 DUTCH PHILIP(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer.... 8	60.0
Captain Al	2 TAP O' NOTH(VH Marshall) M Byleveld..... 5	55.0
Choirs	3 SIR FRENCHIE(J Snaith) R Fourie..... 1	55.0
Judpot	4 SNIPER SHOT(PV Lafferty) C Zackey..... 12	55.0
Silvano	5 BILLY SILVER(DS Bosch) A Delpech..... 6	55.0
Captain Al	6 UNDERCOVER AGENT(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.... 9	55.0
Captain Al	7 CAPTAIN AND MASTER(SG Tarry) - scratched. 3	55.0
Var	8 SPEEDPOINT(J Ramsden) not declared..... 11	53.0
Var	9 VIRTUE(C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne..... 10	53.0
Trippi	10 COT CAMPBELL(J Snaith) G v Niekerk..... 2	53.0
Silvano	11 TOWER OF WISDOM(DR Drier) S Veale..... 7	53.0
Philanthropist	12 TOM COLLINS(DR Drier) M Winnaar..... 13	53.0
Seventh Rock	13 ROCKIN RUSSIAN(SG Tarry) L Hewitson..... 4	50.5



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ARION	G2		ANGLET	L
BRUTAL FORCE	G2		EVERSOLUCKY	L
FORT EMBER	G2		FLANDERS	L
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CAPTAIN CHAOS	G3	CHAMPION	SUNSET TRIPP	L
CAT AND THE MOON	G3			

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LOUW FLYER

HOLDING OUT For A Racing Hero

USAIN BOLT TO ATTEND THE MET

I'm not knocking it (I know, right?). He is a big deal and it might be fun. The big question for me is exactly what and how he will be contributing to the day itself. – racing is not an easy sport to wrap your head around, so one imagines he's unlikely to be quizzed on his selections. Also, as he is obviously being paid to attend, it's unlikely that he will be back again in 2019, so what legacy will he be leaving? In other words, how will he be building up the day and the sport and leaving it better than it was, or from a more mercenary perspective, what kind of ROI can we expect?

Heroes

I understand that using a celebrity is a short-cut to attract more people to an event, but then one has to ask the inevitable question that once you have the crowd assembled, what next? How do we capitalise on that by leaving some kind of hopefully positive impression and try to get them back another day? What are we doing to ensure they have something to come back for?

And this got me thinking. Mr Bolt is undoubtedly a sporting phenomenon and he is a hero in his chosen sport, but he was made so by excelling in his own industry and then expanded into the general consciousness. So when we are drowning in excellence, why does racing prefer to borrow from other sports, rather than create and build our own heroes? Why do we not celebrate our stars and use them to build the cachet in our sport, rather than borrowing from 'neighbours'?

Sometimes it's worth feeding the trolls

I like to think that racing is reasonably good at being what it should be, which is a vehicle for the Thoroughbred. There's always room for improvement, but by and large, we are actually a pretty interesting sport. I have to thank a racing detractor on Facebook for what became a rather prickly argument over race day equipment on Arrogate, which evolved into the inevitable broader debate on the usual subject of why racing is perceived to be so terrible. While I generally try and steer

clear of arguments on social media, I couldn't help myself on this occasion, and while I may not have swung any opinions in our favour, it proved a useful exercise in terms forcing me to examine and appreciate – even if only for myself – just how interesting a sport it is.

Defending Racing

The argument was reasonably predictable for the 'racing is dreadful because it's all about the money and the horses suffer' angle. Of course, as I have argued before, right here on these very pages, racing is actually about the horse. Man, in his meddlesome way, decided that he liked the idea of racing one horse against another to see which one was the best. That last part is important. It was – and still is – a pursuit of the best. So man went ahead and created a breed for that specific goal, the Thoroughbred that we know and love. And the race course is our testing ground. We study and use the results from the race track to take back to the breeding shed and produce the next generation – hopefully better than the last.

Yes, money comes into it, but money is a reward for endeavour. And it is a pretty necessary reward because racing does not come cheap, but not always for the reasons people seem to think. If one steps back a little, one has to marvel at how the sport has evolved. It has taken hundreds of years to develop a pretty intricate and robust selection process (the pattern race system), an infrastructure of rules and standards, pioneered testing procedures and trained and appointed people to police them. All that costs money, so we have created the betting medium around it to help keep the whole thing on the road. Which is really pretty complex as well as pretty clever, when you think about it. While



HOLDING OUT FOR A RACING HERO

the 'antis' might not like racing very much, we have at least developed a construct that protects and secures the long-term future of the Thoroughbred, which I think is something to be pretty proud of (and is also more than most other breeds can say).

There were some other arguments that our horses are not well trained enough (as in, not well-mannered enough, according to some), and again, it was useful to have to explain that not only do we race reasonably young horses (and anyone who can produce a 2 or 3yo whose behaviour can be guaranteed in any situation, is my hero), but also for the fact that we measure our horses by pretty specific standards. Sure, manners are a nice to have and they do make life a lot easier, but in terms of our selection process for choosing which individuals to breed from next, they are largely irrelevant. Our criteria is pretty specific and it is performance based. I'm perhaps in danger of sounding obnoxious about the Thoroughbred and racing industry now, but it's not so much a case of trying to say we are better than anyone else, than a matter of trying to explain how we are different so that people can appreciate what we do and why we do it – which has clearly got lost in translation somewhere along the line.

Plus (and this is just a personal point of principle), in South Africa at least, the Thoroughbred comprises one tenth of our national population of equids. That is a tiny slice, so all those folks who love to brandish the 'irresponsible breeding' argument, can just take a seat.

Here's One We Made Earlier

While all that was sitting at the back of my mind, I caught up with Jeff Lloyd and his amazing wife Nicola, firstly to make a bit of fuss of Jeff for having such a fantastic last season as well as having a ride in the inaugural Everest. During our exchange, Nicola mentioned that she was the granddaughter of the late, great Charlie Barends and as he was somewhat before my time and I have seen very limited information on him anywhere, I asked her whether she'd be interested in chatting about him with a view to telling the Charlie Barends story. She said yes. It is still a bit of a work in progress, but I hope to have it ready in the not too distant future and it's a cracker.

Alongside Tiger Write, Charlie, or Bobby as he was known to his family, dominated SA racing for almost 30 years. It turns out that Charlie's widow, Joy, is still alive aged 97 and now living in Australia. Not only that, but she is well enough to be able to help me with a few questions. Joy was a ballroom dancing teacher and the two met when Charlie joined her class for dance lessons. They ran away to Joburg to get married because her parents didn't approve.

We thrashed through the family tree and Nicola explained that Charlie and Joy had a daughter named Kerry, who would go on to marry July winning jockey-turned-trainer Aubrey Roberts. They in turn had three children, Tiffany, Nicola and Ryan. Tiffany married Glyn Schofield and Nicola married Jeff Lloyd. Tiffany and Glyn's son Chad is now carving his own riding career and Jeff and Nicola's eldest son Jaden is planning to join the SA Jockey Academy next year. Isn't that incredible? And no-one who has ever had any dealings with Nicola can fail to fall in love with her – she is se-

riously that lovely, even over email, and I just thought 'wow, what an incredible story' (and this is just the highlights reel) and what awesome people. And then I got to wondering why, with Jeff's incredible achievements and all this wonderful history, aren't we booking Jeff, or Glyn or Chad as our guest of honour and marketing the heck out of them?

Or even, to take the focus off people for a second, the horses.

Pocket Power - still a legend

One of my favourite things on the big days is to ask 'Joe Public' if they are betting and if so, what they like for the main race. To this day, people will look a little vague and then ask whether Pocket Power is running again. While it's a little amusing, it's interesting from the perspective that we obviously did something right for the public to still make the association with Pocket Power this far down the line. That's something we should build on while we still can. We've just had only the second ever Winter Series winner after Pocket (hint hint), it's pretty easy to join the dots.

We have so much wonderfulness. We should be shouting, 'This is what we do. These are our people. This is what makes us special.'

Measured against that, Mr Bolt has some pretty large shoes to fill.

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Short Heads

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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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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.

BACK TO 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.

Dead Cert

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.

Bloomin' Hot

Wilgerbosdriif'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."



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.

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).

PERSONALITY

Recognition for Life's Work

James Maree



When the Equus Panel chose to cancel the award for media at this year's Awards evening, the Sporting Post, in conjunction with Drakenstein Stud Farm and the support of industry leaders such as Barry Irwin (who stepped in to judge) decided to hold an independent media award. The award attracted 36 entries from 22 individual contributors and on 15 August, Hans Ebert, known to racing

fans around the world from his Racing B*tch blog, was selected as the winner for his piece on Douglas Whyte.

Timing

The timing could not be more fortuitous with Hong Kong having thrown its weight behind South African export efforts and it is yet another tie to a country that has been incredibly welcoming and hospitable to South African horses and riders going back decades.

On receiving his award, Hans said, "To me, it's an extremely international award. It's held in South Africa and judged by an American. The story is about a South African jockey, written by a Hong Kong-based writer who was born in Ceylon – which is probably one of the first places to have held horse racing in Asia. It reinforces the strong bond that Hong Kong has had with South African riders especially, going back to the days of Bartie Leisher and spanning the likes of Jeff Lloyd, Basil Marcus, Robbie Fradd, Felix Coetzee, Dougie Whyte, Anthony Delpech, Anton Marcus, etc. right up to today where we've got Karis Teetan and have just had Callan Murray. The award brings the two racing jurisdictions together – and the message goes well beyond those two."

Rather than taking receipt of the R20,000 cash prize, Hans chose to leave it in South Africa and see how he could put it to best use. As the winning entry had been about Douglas Whyte, he specifically wanted to apply it to a race riding initiative and preferably something related to skills development, which led him to James Maree's work rider programme. As there is already an industry funded work rider series with a cash incentive for the winner, Hans decided to create a Work Rider Award and name it in honour of Douglas Whyte.

Why this programme?

Mr Maree was named SA Champion Jockey for the 1965/66 season and was Transvaal champion several times. Career highlights included the Rothmans July on Court Day, the J&B Met on Ding Dong and six SA Derbies.

During his riding career, Maree purchased and slowly developed his Alewynspoort training centre south of Johannesburg and when he hung up his riding boots after a bad fall, he moved over to training in 1980.

Mr Maree has always been a passionate horseman and one of the issues close to his heart was that the standard of grooms was not as good as it should be. "We pay such a lot of money for our horses and we were putting on these blokes who had no real understanding of what they were doing. I felt something needed to be done to help them and the horses."

Rather than just lament the situation, he decided to do something to remedy it and established his Work Rider programme. It took a fair amount of work and persistence, but eventually, with the support of people like Mary Slack and Alison Mackenzie, he succeeded.

Work Rider Programme

The initiative started out with modest ambitions of just teaching the basics, but has grown into a four month entry level course, which is open to all grooms from the local centres. There are no fees – the programme just requires a groom to be nominated by a trainer. The course is offered three times a year and covers basic work riding, a bit of pace work and ensuring that the riders are genuinely in control of the horse. Mr Maree places a lot of emphasis on the correct seat and ensuring that riders are sitting in the right place and are correctly balanced.

The course is demanding time-wise and because grooms need to fit it around their full time jobs, it requires a lot of commitment. Attendees are collected by bus at around 11am and taught both practical and theory lessons, they have lunch and are returned to their yards by around 2pm. Any riders that are deemed sufficiently talented and dedicated, are invited back for the advanced course, which encompasses jumping out of starting stalls, placing horses in a race as well as more advanced race riding techniques such as how to change whip hands and ride a driving finish and the intricacies of tactical riding.

Work Rider Series

To complement the training programme, Mr Maree felt it was important for work riders to understand the demands of a real racing situation, as well as to be given the opportunity to earn riding fees, and succeeded in organising the first work riders' race at Newmarket on 20 March 1985. It was won by Piet Nhlapo for the Maree stable aboard Taxizato. The Nhlapo family still live at Alewynspoort and are still close to James.

He has since been successful in implementing a sizeable number of work riders' races per year and three entire race days dedicated solely to work riders. Work Rider race days have been built into the World Riders' Challenge. Backed by the Racing Trust, the Racing Association and Phumelela, Mr Maree's programme is one of the local racing industry's best examples of B-BBEE, CSI and skills development. It is warmly supported by some of the

JAMES MAREE

top yards in the country is something our industry can rightly be proud of.

In addition to his sterling work in growing and developing our work riders, Mr Maree has also been instrumental in helping develop a number of our apprentice riders and the industry perhaps owes him more than we realise. As such, it was particularly fitting to create an award specifically for his programme.

The Douglas Whyte Award

In consultation with Mr Maree, it was decided to make the award in the form of a set of racing kit. Thanks to the generosity of Drakenstein Stud Farm, it was also to split the award across two deserving riders. The selection was made based on a combination of talent as well as dedication and Mr Maree was proud to nominate Joe Gwingwizha from the Sean Tarry yard and Phelisile Mongqawa from the Paul Peter yard.

Mr Maree confirmed that Joe has been a work rider for Sean Tarry for a number of years and is a hard working individual. "Joe is a real gentleman with a positive attitude and displays consistency on a daily basis. Joe is always happy to acknowledge and accept feedback and is open to any advice regarding his riding. Joe has demonstrated that he continually performs and achieves great results at race meetings. He is very committed and dedicated to his profession as a work rider and strives to always give his best."

Phelisile Mongqawa has worked for the Paul Peter yard for a number of years and is a very committed and dedicated individual. Mr Maree says, "With his driven personality, Phelisile is ambitious to reach the top of his profession. Phelisile demonstrates punctuality and is loyal at work and will go the extra mile

to be successful. He is a well-balanced work rider and has done well during race meetings. He continues to demonstrate that he is a strong and aggressive rider and this has led to positive results for this young man."

It is a credit to both trainers to be developing and fostering work riders of this calibre.

Hand Over

Thursday, 19 October 2017 saw the first leg of this year's Work Rider series. Joe and Phelisile both had carded rides, with Phelisile winning races 3 and 7 as well as finishing 3rd in race 4. Mr Maree kept the award as a surprise, arranging a special presentation after race 5 during which he presented each recipient with a new saddle. They will also be fitted for a skull cap and body protector in due course.

In closing, Hans commented, "As a writer, one hopes to inform and inspire, so I am pleased to be able to use the award to endorse and hopefully inspire the current and future students of James Maree's Thoroughbred Racing Development Centre. Work riders are some of the unsung heroes of the racing world, who do so much to develop and produce the horses that in their turn, inspire the rest of us. My article was based on my long-standing friendship with Dougie Whyte, so it gives me great pleasure to create this legacy in Douglas' name and continue the friendship between South Africa and Hong Kong. It is my hope that the creation of this award may serve to strengthen ties and create opportunities between our racing jurisdictions. Perhaps it may even pave the way to creating a global appreciation and platform for work riders in the future."

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Cartier – What A Climax!



The QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot on Saturday provided a fitting main climax to the Flat season in Britain, and while the European racing season is moving to an end, there are international highlights over the coming weeks- including the Breeders' Cup cham-

pionships at Del Mar, USA, on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4.

The two-day meeting could play a pivotal part in the destination of the award for Cartier Older Horse as the top four in the standings – Ribchester (166), Ulysses (152), Decorated Knight (128) and Highland Reel (92) – may all head out to California.

[Read more and find the full Cartier Racing Awards standings](#)

Cape Trainers Smiling

This week everything reverts to normal with raceday gallops resuming at Kenilworth on Saturday and the weekly club gallops at Durbanville starting again this Thursday for horses based at Philippi, and the following Thursday for those stabled at Milnerton.

Michael Clower writes on the Gold Circle website that trainers wanting to gallop at Kenilworth are limited by a quota system – they can do so each season up to a limit of only 6.5% of the average number of their runners in the previous one or two seasons – but there is no such restriction on gallops at Durbanville.

The latter were suspended for 12 months while the surface was being improved and relaid while for the last month there were also no Kenilworth gallops permitted in order to give the turf its customary spring scarifying treatment.

For the most part trainers have accepted the situation, reasoning it is for the long-term good, but Joey Ramsden has been critical of the no-gallops period, saying: "It has all been hugely disappointing and what they have done at Durbanville is make the course ride even faster than it did before."

However others have expressed satisfaction at the elimination of the Durbanville ridge-and-furrow surface, which because of the risk of sore shins and leg damage, meant they were unwilling to risk their good horses.

Justin Snaith said: "No-one has run more horses than me at Durbanville since the course was reopened and not one of them has finished lame. Indeed they have all pulled up incredibly well."

The jockeys, who put their lives as well as their livelihoods at risk on every raceday, have also enthused about the surface.

Bruss Shines in Saudi

Former Cape based trainer Neil Bruss has just commenced his second season in Saudi Arabia and on Friday, 20 October, won a sponsored event with Abdulelah Abdul Aziz Almousa's Sahn Alsimawi. The sponsored event was run over 1800m and carried a tidy stake of Saudi Riyals135,000 (R472,500).

Neil describes his charge as a big, good looking 4 year old gelding by Mineshaft (USA) ex Torrid Affair (GB). Asked to describe the race, he said, "He lead from the jump as he is a natural front runner and has a high cruising speed, yet still has the ability to quicken in the home stretch. He was imported into Saudi Arabia in Utero, so is Saudi bred."

Sam Alsimawi was ridden to victory by Eddie Castro, who is the stable's retained rider for this season.

Neil has now saddled 4 winners in the first 2 weeks of the season and is off to a good start.

SA Stars For Hong Kong Showpiece

Met winners Smart Call and Whisky Baron are among the 293 first stage nominations for the HK\$84.5 million LONGINES Hong Kong International Races, which will take place at Sha Tin Racecourse on Sunday, 10 December.

While the connections of the 2017 Met winner Whisky Baron recently indicated that their champion would give Hong Kong a miss and be aimed at the Dubai World Cup, the son of Manhattan Rain is one of two South African nominations, along with 2016 Met winning mare, Smart Call.



Smart Call winning the Met

The pair is amongst the 80 entries for the day's richest race, the HK\$25 million LONGINES Hong Kong Cup, to be run over 2000m.

World horseracing's year-end showcase has attracted 59 Gr1 winners among the 210 individual horses engaged, including top gallopers from Europe, Japan, USA, South Africa and Australasia.

The entries feature horses from 13 jurisdictions spanning five continents, and Japan has the largest of the overseas entries with 51.

Seventeen horses from Australia are entered, which is a marked drop on the 30 engaged last year.

The reduced Australian entry this time is due to the Australian government's ongoing assessment of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's protocols regarding horses travelling to and from its Conghua complex in the Chinese Mainland – at present, horses are required to complete 180 days in quarantine before returning to Australia. The entry features Gr1 winners Vega Magic and Redkirk Warrior.

The four-race Turf World Championships consists of the HK\$25 million Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2000m), the HK\$23 million Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (1600m), the HK\$18.5 million Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint (1200m) and the HK\$18 million Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Vase (2400m).

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This weekend the Pink Drive initiative at Greyville Racecourse is coated in a tidal wave of pink on Friday evening.

Hollywoodbets have sponsored the ninth race on the evening, the Hollywoodbets FM 86 Handicap, in support of South Africa's best-loved Breast Cancer Community Carer.

PinkDrive powers South Africa's first and only mobile Mammography and Educational Units, driving home the fact that 'Early Detection Saves Lives'.

The vision is to provide a free women's health service to the medically uninsured in South Africa and to advocate for change in the cancer space – even if only through one truck and in one province at a time.

PinkDrive currently runs three 'Pink' mobile breast check units, as well as six educational cars. All units travel to semi-urban and urban areas around South Africa with the aim of enabling numerous disadvantaged communities access to diagnostic mammography screening, education, physical examinations and how to do breast self-examination.

If you are interested in volunteering a donation, or even your time, please visit www.pinkdrive.co.za

[Watch Graeme Hawkins and PinkDrive's Janice chat about the charity and the evening](#)

Decisions Decisions Decisions

An interesting Stipes decision on an objection lodged by Brett Crawford, trainer of the second horse, brought the curtain down on the Durbanville Wednesday meeting, which clawed its way through the afternoon under grey skies.

We were just singing the praises of the improved confidence shown by young Grant Van Niekerk, who has been booting the winners home with regularity in the past few weeks.

But Van Niekerk was once again involved in a bumping match in the eighth race, where his mount Chinkapin carried Corne Orffer and Destiny Duchess out at least six horse widths, before bumping them repeatedly. Orffer was frankly fortunate to stay in the saddle, and it was no surprise to see Brett Crawford march into the Stipes room and the hooter sounded.

The objection was overruled – a real surprise given the repeated interference, the blatant carrying out and the eventual winning margin of only a half length. Van Niekerk got one of his regular involuntary short holidays.

Joey Ramsden went to races expecting a decent day but came away a frustrating four hours later with a handful of second cheques and a disappointing effort by his R6 million yearling, Silver Coin.

The son of Silvano looked well in as he lined up in the MR 80 Handicap over 1200m, but he was always near the rear and hardly improved to finish out of the money and 4 lengths off impressive late dash winner, Bobby Dazzler.

In the previous race, Ramsden had to watch his odds-on favourite Talk Of The Town go down a head to Doublemint. Talk Of The Town is a big horse and should be better at Kenilworth – but Bernard Fayd'herbe deserves all the credit for getting Doublemint home.

Joey had to settle for second cheque again in the sixth where his consistent old boy Juddering Angel found the enthusiastic Silver De Lange too much to handle.

[Read Stipes report here](#)

Kuda Sprint Offers Early Return For Buyers

Kuda Insurance has announced the continuation in their sponsorship of a prestigious juvenile race on SunMet day.

Last year's inaugural running of the Kuda Sprint was won in a thriller by Bold Respect over Wonderwall, and the 2018 version will again provide a great spectacle down the Kenilworth 1200m straight.

Horses coming off the Cape Thoroughbred Sales' Ready to Run sale, presented by Lanzerac Hotel and Spa, staged on the 16th and 17th November at Durbanville are eligible for a slot in the 16 runner field. With 146 Lots catalogued for the RTR Sale, buyers have an eminently fair shake at getting their babies into the Sprint on the Cape Summer's biggest racing day.

Linking the RTR auction to the Kuda Sprint creates a positive spin-off with increased support for juvenile races in the build up to the end-of-January showdown. More sprints for two year-olds will again be built into the program, as they jostle during December and January for a berth in the final line-up.

The 2018 Kuda Sprint will have a stake of R350 000. Last year, a once-off prize of R1 million was offered, with horses coming from various sales being eligible. This time round, just the one CTS RTR acts as feeder, so buyers there have a heartening 10% chance of getting into the field with a shot at winning.

The Kuda Sprint forms part of a festive day which also features multiple Grade 1's for older horses, including the historic SunMet now to be run, as purists prefer, at WFA. So, start scanning the CTS Ready to Run pages now – purchasing a precocious talent at Durbanville can provide inspired connections with dream exposure on the 27th January

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date	close	high	low	volume
23Oct	1907	1914	1900	2,169
20Oct	1915	1915	1860	4,300
19Oct	1915	1918	1900	5,429
18Oct	1920	1920	1920	0
17Oct	1920	1920	1905	19,153
16Oct	1930	1930	1900	1,010
13Oct	1930	1930	1920	5,263
12Oct	1940	1945	1840	19,843
11Oct	1929	1938	1863	11,459

Summer Cup - Only 20 Can Run

Abashiri and Liege have both advanced into the top 20 on the Gauteng Sansui Summer Cup log.

The log is a list of horses the handicappers would include if the final field was being announced at that time.

Abashiri usurped Matador Man at the top of ante-post betting following his good second to Brazuca in a 1600m Pinnacle Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday 14 October. Abashiri was a 16-1 chance before that good comeback from a long rest. Matador Man was 10-1 but has drifted to 16-1.

Abashiri jumped from not having a place in the top 20 to fifth.

Liege sneaked into No 19 position on the log following his fifth behind Brazuca, Abashiri, Banner Hill and Shukamisa in that Pinnacle Stakes.

A total of 65 horses have been nominated but only 20 may run.

Second entries close on 30 October when the weights will be published. Final entries fall due on 13 November with declarations the following day. The final field will be available on 14 November, and the draws will be published on 15 November.

Log 19 Oct	Log 22 Sep	Age/Sx	Horse	MR	Trainer	Betting
1	1	6 G	DEO JUVENTE	115	Geoff Woodruff	25-1
2	2	4 G	MATADOR MAN	112	Sean Tarry	16-1
3	3	5 M	NOTHER RUSSIA	108	Mike de Kock	10-1
4	4	5 M	FORT EMBER	105	Paul Peter	40-1
5		5 G	ABASHIRI	109	MG Azzie/AA Azzie	15-2
6	5	5 H	BRAZUCA(AUS)	107	JA Janse v Vuuren	16-1
7	6	4 F	ORCHID ISLAND	101	Mike de Kock	30-1
8	7	4 F	WIND CHILL	101	Joe Soma	30-1
9	8	4 C	CROWD PLEASER	100	JA Janse v Vuuren	16-1
10	9	5 G	HERMOSO MUNDO	100	Weiho Marwing	9-1
11	10	4 C	TILBURY FORT	97	Sean Tarry	33-1
12	11	4 G	GLIDER PILOT	97	Tyrone Zackey	28-1
13	12	5 H	NEW PREDATOR(AUS)	113	JA Janse v Vuuren	35-1
14	13	6 G	FRENCH NAVY	108	Sean Tarry	25-1
15	14	8 G	MASTER SABINA	109	Joe Soma	25-1
16	15	4 G	PAGODA	99	Geoff Woodruff	14-1
17	16	5 M	WITCHCRAFT	101	Sean Tarry	40-1
18	20	5 G	BANNER HILL	99	Geoff Woodruff	25-1
19		5 G	LIEGE	102	Sean Tarry	20-1
20	18	4 F	BI POT	98	Geoff Woodruff	50-1
	17	6 G	MASTER SWITCH	99	Geoff Woodruff	35-1
	19	5 M	GIRL ON THE RUN	98	JA Janse v Vuuren	80-1

Stipes Review Rhino Rampage

Although it may have looked like something out of Racing Stripes and an Oh Shucks It's Schuster remix, the Greyville sixth race on Sunday counted for all exotics and will go down in recent history as one of the most entertaining events to be run in this country.

There was little inkling of what was to come when the eight handicappers lined up at the 3000m.

First time past the winning post Serino Moodley was already battling to hold Run Rhino Run, who was fighting with mouth wide open. At about the 2200m marker he ran off the track and then for all intents and purposes disappeared from the minds of the other seven jockeys in the race.

With the packed Durban View Room crowd on their feet, Run Rhino Run, who had been backed from 12's to 17-2, kept rolling down the outside rail to win by about 200m – or 21,25 lengths officially. Given the fact that he ran a lot further than the carded 3000m, his time of 194.36 secs is reasonable.

"He's got rocks in his head, this horse," said a sheepish looking trainer Kumaran Naidoo

Owner Roy Moodley said that he had thought his horse 'had pulled off somewhere'. "He had the crowd on their feet. They were looking for him," he laughed.

"I squeezed him at the 1000m and I let him run – I didn't fight him at all," said an exhausted looking Serino Moodley, who confirmed that he was expecting a tough ride when he arrived on track.

Multiple champion jockey Garth Puller, who saddled Main Player, one of the more fancied runners in the race, said that in hindsight the riders in the 'second' of the two races should have played to the whistle and not assumed that the saddle had slipped or the lead bag had fallen out.

"The winner has a history of antics on the track but there is no doubt that he has some ability given his highest rating of 92 once upon a time. My jockey is an inexperienced guy, so I can't blame him. Ideally he should have upped the pace from the mile as my horse is a long strider – we would not have won but would have gotten closer. The other more experienced jockeys though should have known better. If this was Mauritius they would probably all have been given six months," he said.

The Stipes Reported:

*RUN RHINO RUN (*S Moodley), the winner, was selected for the taking of specimens for analysis. Trainer K Naidoo advised. (GF) RUN RHINO RUN (*S Moodley) over-raced and was hanging out. Raced to the front and raced wide throughout.*

All the riders who participated in this Race appeared before the Board individually and were questioned with regard to their riding instructions and the racing tactics applied during the running of this Race. Having gathered all the information, the Board has adjourned to review the evidence.

[Watch the race here](#)



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Jumping Jockeys

I repeat ad nauseam how lucky I am to have grown up with horses. But the emphasis is very much on HORSES. There's an old riding expression that a pony is a childhood dream and a horse an adulthood treasure.

For various reasons I didn't get much opportunity to own ponies, so as my parents had horses, that's more or less what I rode. Or didn't, unless I could persuade a kindly creature to stand by the fence long enough for me to shimmy up and get on its back. Needless to say, things didn't always end happily and I remain eternally grateful that our property had soft, sandy soil.

By the time I progressed to going to shows, I was already well into my Junior career. If you weren't otherwise occupied with warming up, warming down, holding or otherwise tending to your horse, sitting on the Cape Hunt & Polo Club steps or the bank at SDRC or Glenellen offered a great vantage point for watching the other classes. While the higher grade, adult classes were usually the ones that attracted the most attention, it was the children bombing around on their ponies that generally guaranteed the most entertainment. Those of us with our demure tack and delicate horses looked on in envy as children with manic grins and ponies dressed in all colours of the rainbow, dropped strides, took impossible angles and asked for stand offs that would make your eyes water, but their ponies turned themselves inside out to get over anyway.

I don't get to shows much these days other than as an emergency driver or to support friends, so was hugely thrilled to have an excuse to pop round to Trinity Equestria over the weekend under the guise of work to watch our local jockeys, farriers and Mike Robinson take part in a fun show-jumping class to raise funds for the Cart Horse Protection Association (CHPA).

Trinity Equestria Charity Fund-Raiser

Yard manager Anya Groenewald was holding a show and decided to use it as a fundraiser for the CHPA. Wonderful riders and horses entered from all across the Western Cape and Luella Robinson and daughter Caitlin, who both stable at Trinity, offered to help by getting the racing fraternity on board for a fun show-jumping class.

Lu managed to twist the arms of 2014 July winning jockey, Richard Fourie, 2013 J&B Met winner Aldo Domeyer, multiple Gr1 winner Grant van Niekerk, Cape stalwart Anthony Andrews and young Brandon May to go head to head with top Cape farriers, Robbie Miller and Glenn Zimmerman, as well as Mike Robinson representing the trainers. There was plenty of support on the ground with MJ Byleveld, Terry and Annabel Andrews, Mike and Jacquie Solomon, Troy Finch as official 'tog' for the day and Warren Randall stole the show with his MC skills, composing a cleverly customised intro for each rider.

Apart from Anthony Andrews (who rode in the Derek Muller silks), who had brought his girlfriend's gorgeous Warmblood Broadway, each jockey had had a steed assigned to them and there was huge fun and good-natured banter over who would get to ride which pony, with plenty of competition for Caitlin's pony, Harmonie Vabond aka VB. In the end, VB did dual service, carrying both Richard Fourie (in the famous Marsh Shirliff pink, white and blue silks) and Glenn Zimmerman (in Ed and Marlane Belstead's colours) around in style. Grant van Niekerk was

assigned a crackerjack grey Mounted Games pony named Azure carrying the Brian Finch black and red, Robbie Miller, in the colours of Bevan Steele, was paired up with a lovely palomino by the name of 'Strings' (No Strings Attached), Brandon May (in Juan van Heerden's colours) and Mike Robinson (in Luella's blue and white silks) shared the lovely white-faced Jock and with Aldo Domeyer a late scratching, I was an emergency acceptor in the Team Valor green and red and got lucky enough to be paired up with Violet, a 'proudly SA' Vlaam mare, belonging to Emily Turner (also the best 2IC in town).

Stars - on and off the track

While galloping Thoroughbreds down the Kenilworth straight is pretty impressive, it was touching to see our pros handle their assigned horses and ponies with the utmost care and delicacy. One of the bystanders remarked that he'd been 'blown away' watching the jockeys in the warm-up tentatively testing the various gears and fretting that they didn't want to mess up anyone's pony – guys, you earned us some solid gold brownie points for that!

Also everyone deserves enormous praise for style. There is always a little inter-discipline rivalry, but I can proudly say that despite most of them not knowing the difference between a red or white flag, our jockeys were deadly over the show jumping track and gave their mounts phenomenally good rides. There were a few stops, a few poles down, the odd squiggle and air above the ground, but the judges decided to be forgiving and send everyone through to the jump off. There was no quarter given with everyone going flat out, but in the end, Glenn Zimmerman grabbed the honours in a lightning fast 42 seconds on the very game VB, with Richard Fourie (also on VB) in second place. Caitlin Robinson has clearly inherited her parents' training chops! Anthony Andrews and Broadway were third and Mike Robinson on Jock in fourth, but everyone had fun and deserves a fantastic pat on the back for being so game.

Huge thanks to Trinity Equestria and all the organisers for a really fun day out, well done to Lu for organising a racing 'leg' and to all the racing folk who supported, particularly Brandon May who was so amped that he turned up hours in advance to study the competition. Thanks to all the non-racing crowd for allowing us to crash your show and for being so welcoming and supportive. The jockeys (farriers, trainers and journo !) had a ridiculous amount of fun. I've also been asked to make particular mention of Richard Fourie who made Caitlin Robinson's day by sending a personal note of thanks for the loan of VB. It's not every day a girl gets a note from a July winning jockey!

Best of all, by the end of the day, R10,600 had been raised for the Cart Horse Protection Association.

To all the rider sponsors, as well as everyone who contributed to the prizes as well as the raffle, which included everything from a day at the races including a 2 course lunch from Kenilworth Racing, to photo shoots, physio treatments (for your horse, of course), equine dental treatments from Gary Waters, farrier services from Glenn Zimmerman, meal vouchers, olive oil, a jump filler and more. It was such a runaway success that I believe Luella would like to revive the tradition and is on the hunt for a floating trophy – any enquiries to Luella Robinson please.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to the amazing Emily for being so generous in sharing her wonderful Violet with me and making my childhood dream come true.

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- **Salouen** - Racing Post Trophy-Gr1 third, Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-Gr1, Prix Guillaume d'Ornano-Gr2, Solario Stakes-Gr3 & Feilden Stakes-L.R. second
- **Cliff Hanger** - Autumn Classic-Gr2 second
- **Goodthingstaketime** - Curragh Stakes-Gr3 second
- **Tomily** - Doncaster Stakes-L.R. second
- **Bournemouth Belle** - Empress Stakes-L.R. third
- **Supermensch** - Prix de Saint-Patrick-L.R. third



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When Hydrangea (Galileo) captured Saturday's Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, at Ascot, she not only gave trainer, Aidan O'Brien a record equalling 25th Gr1 win for 2017, but also provided her full brother, and Moutonshoek sire, The United States, with a boost to his pedigree.

Hydrangea, who had won the Gr1 Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron Stakes two starts back, shares her dam, Beauty Is Truth, with another group winner, Fire Lily, as well. However, The United States is by no means the only local sire with siblings faring well on the international scene.

Byword

The Gr1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes winner, Byword is a half-brother to this season's high class performer, Finche (Frankel). Finche won the Gr2 Prix Eugene Adam earlier this year, before running third, behind subsequent brilliant Gr1 Champion Stakes winner, Cracksman (Frankel), in the Gr2 Prix Niel. Byword's dam, Binche, is also dam of Proviso (Dansili), a multiple Gr1 winner who earned over \$1 706 000, as well as 2017 winner, Adjective- a full sister to Proviso.

Flying The Flag

A Group winning son of Galileo, Flying The Flag is out of one of the world's hottest broodmares, in the form of triple Gr1 winner, Halfway To Heaven- like Beauty Is Truth and the dam of Cracksman, by prominent sire Pivotal. Halfway To Heaven has been represented by a pair of group winners in 2017 thus far, with her daughter, Rhododendron, landing the Gr1 Prix de l'Opera (over Hydrangea) and Gr2 Debutante winner, Magical . Rhododendron (like Magical a full-sister to Flying The Flag) was also second in both the 2017 1000 Guineas and Investec Oaks , while Magical has been placed in all of the Gr1 Moyglare Stud Stakes, Gr1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G1 Fillies Mile.

Duke Of Marmalade

Proven sire, Duke Of Marmalade (Danehill), is out of an exceptional broodmare in the form of Love Me True (Kingmambo). The latter, also dam of Gr1 Investec Derby winner and Coolmore sire, Ruler Of The World (Galileo), and dual Derby placed, Giovanni Canaletto (Galileo), was represented by her third group winner when her son, Annus Mirabilis (Montjeu) won the Gr2 UBET Adelaide Cup earlier this year. Love Me True is herself a sister in blood to US champion and red hot US sire, Lemon Drop Kid, sire of 2017 Gr1 winners, Beach Patrol and Romantic Vision, among others.



The United States

Querari, Quasillo

The half-brothers, Querari (Oasis Dream) and Quasillo (Sea The Stars), are out of Acatenango's stakes winning daughter, Quetena. A daughter of German classic

winner, Quebrada (Devil's Bag), Quetena made headlines this year through the deeds of her daughter , Quidura (Dubawi). The latter has proven one of the top turf fillies in North America in 2017, with Quidura landing the Gr2 Canadian Stakes and finishing a head second to five time Gr1 winner, and Breeders' Cup hope, Lady Eli (Divine Park) in the Gr1 Diana Stakes.

Golden Sword

Sire of exported Oaks Trial winner, Belle Rose, Golden Sword is a full-brother to the very talented Rekindling (High Chaparral). Rekindling, who recently finished a close-up fourth in the Gr1 St Leger, won two group races in 2017, the Gr2 Curragh Cup and Gr3 Ballysax Stakes, and holds an entry in the Melbourne Cup.

Sitara, dam of Golden Sword and Rekindling, is directly descended from one of the greatest mares in the stud book –Lost Soul (Solario).

Miesque's Approval

Former US champion and Breeders' Cup Mile hero, Miesque's Approval (Miesque's Son), is out of one of the most remarkable broodmares - and perhaps one of the least heralded- of the decade. Win Approval (With Approval), dam of Miesque's Approval, is the dam of no fewer than four horses who have earned \$1 000 000 plus and her offspring have won a whopping 70 races . Not only is she dam of Miesque's Approval, Gr1 Breeders' Cup Mile runner up, Za Approval (Ghostzapper) and 20 time stakes winner, Revved Up (Sultry Song), but Win Approval's son, World Approval (Northern Fleet), currently rates as one of North America's top turf performers, having won both the Gr1 Fourstardave Stakes and Gr1 Woodbine Mile this year.

To date, World Approval has won six graded races and has already banked in excess of \$1.8 million.

Crusade

Former Gr1 Middle Park Stakes winner, Crusade (Mr Greeley),



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is out of the increasingly successful, and brilliant racemare, La Traviata (Johannesburg). La Traviata is dam of Seventh Heaven, winner of both the Irish and Yorkshire Oaks in 2016. Seventh Heaven (Galileo) beat males when triumphant in the Gr2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket earlier this year and also contested the 2017 Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. She has banked more than £1.52 million and no doubt rates an exceptionally attractive broodmare prospect. Among Seventh Heaven's beaten rivals of a year ago was none other than Arc winner, Found, who could only finish 2.75 lengths behind that filly in the 2016 Darley Yorkshire Oaks. Seventh Heaven's full-brother, the 2yo, Coat Of Arms, also looks a high-class prospect, with the son of Galileo having finished runner up in the Gr2 Futurity Stakes (beaten a short head) and fourth in the Gr1 National Stakes this year.

Eighth Stakes Success For Cliffs

Highlands stallion-in-waiting, Canford Cliffs, notched his eighth stakes winner on Saturday as his son Cliff's Edge produced a terrific display of power galloping for an end-to-end victory in the Gr3 A\$350 000 Ladbrokes Classic run over 2000m at Caulfield.

Canford Cliffs is only rostered to join the powerful Highlands, Part of Ridgemont, stallion band in 2018 but his progress is being followed closely as he builds his global footprint.

Cliff's Edge victory here holds great hope for a big bid for glory in the Gr1 A\$1.5m Victoria Derby to be run over 2500m at Flemington on November 4.

Irish jockey John Allen had no hesitation in taking the Darren Weir-trained Cliff's Edge straight to the front and ran the race to suit himself. He turned on the jets in the home straight and stayed on best of all for a smart win.

Weir said that Cliff's Edge has a great racing style.

"He copes with the work really well and that why he loves bowling along out in front and relaxes so well."

"His last run definitely toughened him up and getting back to Caulfield where he was able to dictate and kick on the corner, it was always going to be a differently run race today."

A son of Tagula, Canford Cliffs has been standing at Coolmore Stud since he retired to stud in 2012.

Trained by Richard Hannon, Canford Cliffs was an exceptional racehorse, whose seven wins from 11 outings, included five Gr1 races-in-a row. His five Gr1 winning streak included the Irish 2000 Guineas, St James's Palace Stakes, Sussex Stakes, Lockinge Stakes and Queen Anne Stakes and he ended the season with a runner up finish to Frankel in the Gr1 Sussex Stakes.

Described by Hannon as "the best I have trained", Canford Cliffs also won the Gr2 Coventry Stakes by six lengths, over subsequent Gr1 winner Extension, as a 2yo



Cliff's Edge winning Ladbrokes Classic

The Big 'O's Back!

Avontuur's international stakes winner producing sire Oratorio has shown an encouraging recovery from a bout of laminitis diagnosed last month and commenced covering mares on Monday.

A thrilled Avontuur GM Pippa Mickleburgh told the Sporting Post on Wednesday that 'O', as the triple Gr1 winning son of Danehill is affectionately known, was 'back on the job' and looking, and obviously feeling, a lot better.

"The shock of his illness is now behind us and we are all pleased that the big guy is on the road to recovery- although he is confined to his box when not working and on a restricted diet. He is also under Veterinary and Farrier care," said the relieved stud manager.

Pippa confirmed that mares belonging to shareholders would be covered, and then only at the rate of one a day.

"We are not putting him under any pressure. He covered Minelli, Val De Ra's Mom yesterday, and is due to visit A Daughter's Legacy, dam of classic contender Ancestry, tomorrow. We are thrilled as we were prepared to write this season off initially. We are just so thankful for the chance to get through some mares," she added.

Pippa said that Oratorio had shown the indomitable fighting spirit and heart of the top-class racehorse and sire that he is, in recovering from an illness that can prove fatal. He had also received world-class medical attention. She said that she was thankful for the support provided by their professionals.

"Our Vet Martin Denkhous, with the support of Baker McVeigh, and farrier Robbie Miller have been wonderful. Their care and attention made all the difference to get O back on the road to recovery so quickly."

She said that the Avontuur team had been inundated by well-wishes from across the local and international racing and breeding community.

"What a great honour it is! One doesn't always realise how many people follow these top horse's progress," she said proudly.

Oratorio's first South African crop are now 3yo's and include stakes performers Ancestry, Sacred Oration, Sequined, Mrs O and Misterioso.

Elusive Fort Strikes

Former Equus Champion Elusive Fort enjoyed a hat-trick of winners this weekend that once again underlined the son of Fort Wood's enduring versatility.

His win streak got rolling on the Fairview polytrack on Friday when the Normandy Stud bred Grape Vine justified favouritism to land a handicap over 1600m at Fairview.

Grape Vine has now won six times from 1400 to 1900m, with Friday's win pushing his earnings to R359 950. He was a R140 000 purchase from the 2013 CTS Ready To Run Sale.

Elusive Fort then enjoyed a double at Durbanville on Saturday. His first success was the Mike Stewart trained gelding Al Wahed, who stayed on strongly to register a fifth career victory over 1000m, while the Ronnie Sheehan trained filly, Over Again made it a second win from her last three starts when holding off the impressive debut winner, Honey Suite over 1000 metres.

A triple Gr1 winner, and sire of high class performers Siren's Call, Lauderdale, and Safe Harbour, Elusive Fort has four lots on the 2017 CTS Ready To Run Sale.

LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
J Snaith	268	37	14%	47	18%	34%	33	12%	123	46%	2,959,125	11,042
PA Peter	132	27	20%	24	18%	33%	12	9%	67	51%	2,335,300	17,692
SG Tarry	180	19	11%	33	18%	27%	16	9%	66	37%	1,982,825	11,016
AG Laird	95	16	17%	18	19%	39%	9	9%	45	47%	1,910,475	20,110
AC Greeff	210	27	13%	40	19%	33%	26	12%	96	46%	1,822,900	8,680
MF de Kock	112	20	18%	37	33%	27%	14	13%	61	54%	1,732,350	15,467
C Bass-Robinson	182	19	10%	24	13%	25%	16	9%	74	41%	1,648,050	9,055
MG & AA Azzie	122	14	11%	25	20%	12%	20	16%	55	45%	1,607,825	13,179
DC Howells	132	13	10%	19	14%	32%	14	11%	56	42%	1,391,100	10,539
DA Sham	151	19	13%	11	7%	45%	18	12%	57	38%	1,386,575	9,183
Y Bremner	180	20	11%	21	12%	24%	14	8%	76	42%	1,345,925	7,477
G v Zyl	75	15	20%	13	17%	38%	16	21%	42	56%	1,341,175	17,893
DR Drier	111	18	16%	23	21%	52%	10	9%	52	47%	1,339,138	12,064
GD Smith	257	14	5%	18	7%	28%	23	9%	77	30%	1,296,750	5,046
VH Marshall	117	15	13%	14	12%	29%	13	11%	50	43%	1,123,100	9,599
GV Woodruff	78	12	15%	22	28%	36%	10	13%	38	49%	1,099,350	14,094
D Kannemeyer	86	10	12%	14	16%	43%	11	13%	37	43%	1,034,550	12,030
SD Gray	118	11	9%	8	7%	13%	8	7%	41	35%	1,028,313	8,715
C Lensley	158	17	11%	35	22%	17%	17	11%	72	46%	989,675	6,264
GM Alexander	102	10	10%	8	8%	38%	14	14%	40	39%	986,700	9,674
J Ramsden	95	12	13%	13	14%	38%	11	12%	40	42%	982,150	10,338
GS Kotzen	160	13	8%	14	9%	21%	13	8%	47	29%	980,375	6,127
RR Magner	111	9	8%	13	12%	8%	16	14%	55	50%	976,988	8,802
T Laing	98	13	13%	14	14%	29%	11	11%	50	51%	953,375	9,728
BJ Crawford	111	11	10%	18	16%	22%	13	12%	45	41%	917,600	8,267
M Houdalakis	108	10	9%	16	15%	31%	9	8%	41	38%	916,725	8,488
LW Goosen	51	9	18%	16	31%	31%	8	16%	26	51%	903,250	17,711
JAJ v Vuuren	73	7	10%	13	18%	15%	16	22%	35	48%	887,725	12,161

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
L Hewitson	290	39	13%	43	15%	30%	29	10%	130	45%	3,172,825	10,941
A Domeyer	165	34	21%	56	34%	36%	22	13%	97	59%	2,379,250	14,420
G Lerena	138	32	23%	53	38%	36%	31	22%	90	65%	2,945,563	21,345
A Delpech	136	30	22%	51	38%	35%	27	20%	83	61%	2,465,688	18,130
C Murray	235	29	12%	50	21%	26%	28	12%	97	41%	2,341,575	9,964
A Marcus	87	26	30%	44	51%	43%	14	16%	56	64%	1,912,338	21,981
M Yeni	202	26	13%	43	21%	23%	23	11%	97	48%	2,021,750	10,009
K De Melo	237	26	11%	34	14%	32%	35	15%	114	48%	2,901,525	12,243
G Wrogemann	189	26	14%	22	12%	41%	18	10%	89	47%	2,328,213	12,319
G v Niekerk	127	25	20%	24	19%	33%	16	13%	81	64%	1,825,050	14,370
C Zackey	270	22	8%	29	11%	10%	25	9%	106	39%	2,077,213	7,693
R Danielson	156	19	12%	12	8%	42%	14	9%	63	40%	1,448,475	9,285
R Fourie	134	18	13%	27	20%	26%	22	16%	65	49%	1,547,625	11,549
P Strydom	91	17	19%	22	24%	27%	16	18%	46	51%	1,421,150	15,617
R Munger	263	17	6%	4	2%	50%	13	5%	79	30%	1,367,025	5,198
W Kennedy	147	16	11%	17	12%	29%	22	15%	67	46%	1,431,700	9,739
S Khumalo	115	16	14%	30	26%	30%	12	10%	53	46%	1,324,875	11,521
C Maujean	231	16	7%	8	3%	0%	16	7%	66	29%	1,393,075	6,031
K Zechner	192	16	8%	15	8%	13%	23	12%	86	45%	1,541,775	8,030
JP vd Merwe	201	16	8%	16	8%	25%	12	6%	65	32%	1,431,888	7,124
M Thackeray	226	14	6%	7	3%	14%	11	5%	74	33%	970,400	4,294
G Cheyne	106	13	12%	17	16%	18%	21	20%	58	55%	1,082,300	10,210
B Fayd'herbe	69	13	19%	13	19%	31%	8	12%	32	46%	905,150	13,118
R Simons	84	13	15%	15	18%	40%	8	10%	38	45%	1,658,775	19,747
J Penny	204	13	6%	7	3%	0%	13	6%	54	26%	898,950	4,407
A Arries	76	13	17%	5	7%	40%	7	9%	36	47%	892,300	11,741
L Mxothwa	87	12	14%	8	9%	25%	9	10%	40	46%	850,400	9,775
S Veale	118	11	9%	17	14%	29%	14	12%	61	52%	1,654,175	14,018



Brett Crawford can be followed through the Cape summer

Bet On Brett

Philippi trainer Brett Crawford enjoyed the greatest season of his career last term and looks to up his game this weekend as he bids for the Algoa Cup double at Fairview on Sunday with the Silvano gelding Nebula. Crawford also saddles the promising Undercover Agent in the Gr3 Cape Classic at Kenilworth 24 hours earlier. He saddled 112 winners for stakes of over R19 million last season. A big number to beat!



Craig Zackey is too talented to leave out of any calculations

On The Up - Again

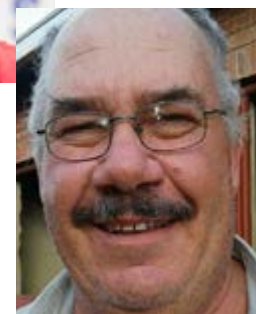
Craig Zackey's outstanding ride to win the fourth at the Vaal on Tuesday on the 28-1 Rain Shadow for St John Gray was text book stuff. He got the better of a tussle with Callan Murray on the fancied Yakeen. Zackey displayed outstanding balance and a cool head in the finish – the stamp of a future star. He has dropped to 11th on the national table after an early lead. But include him in everything as his confidence picks up.



Muzi Yeni and Corrie Lensley are the first combination to include for Flamingo players

Sand Stars

The reigning Northern Cape champion combination of Muzi Yeni and Corrie Lensley won 3 of the 7 races at the storm disrupted Flamingo Park meeting on Monday. The Winning Form-sponsored Yeni has found



his feet again after a quiet start to the season – while Lensley has saddled 20 winners in the Diamond City. The yard's

excellent 33% place strike rate makes the Lensley runners difficult to ignore for any astute PA punter.

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GREYVILLE (turf)

Sunday, 22 October

Course Variant: 0.78s slow

Rain and irrigation totalled just 6mm in the seven days leading up to this meeting and as a result the penetrometer read 21, and the going was good. There was no false rail, and the wind was a 25km/h north easterly head wind.

KZN Fillies Guineas Trial R120,000

Trending!

Dean Kannemeyer looks to have a stronger string this season than he has had in some years and the Dynasty filly Hashtagyolo underlined the strength of the DKR Summerveld satellite base when she went all the way for a facile win in the KZN Fillies Guineas Trial

The beautifully-bred daughter of Dynasty had impressed on her Scottsville 1700m at the end of last month, but dropping down to a mile and stepping up in class, she showed the expected improvement.

Anthony Delpech had Hashtagyolo quickly out of the stalls in the eleven-strong field and she was never headed, galloping on strongly tight against the inside rail to win by 2 lengths in a time of 97,73 secs.

A R1,1 million National Yearling Sale graduate, the Varsfontein Stud-bred Hashtagyolo races for Bruce le Roux and Tinus Gericke, who were looking for a nicely bred filly who could run. They have found the mark by the looks of it! A daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood), the winner is out of the one-time winner My Guiding Star (Jallad).

KZN Fillies Guineas Trial (nbt) 1600m

Winner Hashtagyolo went straight to the front and led throughout to win won with some in hand.

Runner-up Fiorella jumped outwards at the start; was always second; held by winner Third Roy's Riviera was slow into stride and was unbalanced shortly after the start when carried outwards; raced 7th of the eleven; ran on strongly at the finish

Time: This was the fastest of the four 1600m races, but comparatively it was not a particularly fast run race. We gave the 4th horse (prev 76/65/77) 77 which makes the winner (prev 71) 89, the runner-up (prev 76/79/84) 86 and the third (prev 62/70/74/73) 85

89	1	0.00	HASHTAGYOLO	(2)	60.0	A Delpech	18/10
3	b f	Dynasty - My Guiding Star (Jallad)					
86	2	1.75	FIGORELLA	(5)	60.0	K De Melo	9/2
3	b f	Captain Al - Arcola (Caesour)					
85	3	2.25	ROY'S RIVIERA	(7)	60.0	M Yeni	16/1
3	b f	All Too Hard - Donna Amata (AUS) (Anabaa)					
77	4	5.75	Awesomeness	(9)	60.0	J Samuel	25/1
74	5	7.25	Flicicity By Farr	(11)	60.0	G Wrogerma	72/10
72	6	8.00	Fulfillyourdream	(4)	60.0	W Kennedy	21/2
71	7	8.50	Dinner Date	(1)	60.0	S Brown	30/1
66	8	10.75	Miziara	(6)	60.0	G Cheyne	25/1
66	9	10.85	Forest Express	(3)	60.0	S Khumalo	72/10
53	10	16.60	Just One More	(10)	60.0	D Daniels	25/1
38	11	23.60	Light On Her Toes	(8)	60.0	S Moodley	25/1
Time: 97.73s (61.08s avg/1000m, or 59km/h)							
SP Total %: 111%							
1st T:D Kannemeyer O: Mr Bruce Le Roux & Tinus Gericke							
B: Varsfontein Stud							

DURBANVILLE

Saturday, 21 October

Course Variant: 0.26s slow (1400m & over)

With 11mm of irrigation added to the 18mm of rain that fell during the previous seven days, the going was posted as good off a penetrometer reading of 23 on Saturday. The false rail was out 6m on the back of the course with a 6m spur at the 550m mark. The wind was a south westerly cross wind.

Woolavington Handicap (L) R150,000

Snaith Treble

Backed to favourite after the scratching of his stablemate Francia in a seven horse field, the fast improving Strathdon tracked Settlers Trophy winner Red Peril and the rested Speed Of Africa all the way around, before being unleashed at the 350m marker to give

The Chrigror Stud-sponsored Richard Fourie had time to glance behind at the opposition as Strathdon drew away to win by 2,25 length in a time of 152,87 secs.

The winner looks a decent stayer in the making, as does the runner-up Speed Of Africa, who was returning from a rest of six months and bidding to give Dean Kannemeyer his 8th Woolavington success.

Only fitness caught the son of Ideal World out and he should improve with the benefit of the outing.

Benjan plodded into third with the in-under-sufferance Mangrove in fourth.

Settlers Trophy winner Red Peril did not have things his own way today and faded out to fifth.

Bred by Alec Foster, Strathdon is a son of champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of the one-time winner Wintersweet (Western Winter).

He has won 5 races with 3 places from 12 starts for stakes of R352 950.

Woolavington Handicap (L) 2400m

Winner Strathdon raced 4th; led 200m; won going away with some in hand
Runner-up Speed Of Africa jumped awkwardly with its head up losing one length and thereafter was slow into stride; raced at the back early before moving up to 2nd position at the 1400m; led 250m; outpaced by winner

Third Benjan was always handy and held

every chance

Time: The time would appear to be a fast one given that it was just over a second outside the old course record. However, the circuit has changed since the refurbishment and most of the distances are running faster. There was visibly no real pace on in the early stages here, and although it did pick up when Red Peril took up the running 1800m out, it was still nothing out of the ordinary.

We gave the winner (prev 75/71/73/80/83) 85, which makes the runner-up (prev 75/71/65/75) 77 and the third horse (prev 66/51/68/64/65) 72

85	1	0.00	STRATHDON	(1)	54.0	R Fourie	17/10
4	ch	g	Silvano - Wintersweet (Western Winter)				
77	2	2.25	SPEED OF AFRICA	(6)	52.0	M Winnaar	7/1
4	ch	g	Ideal World - Strike Craft (Strike Smartly)				
72	3	3.00	BENJAN	(7)	52.0	A Andrews	8/1
5	b	g	Fort Wood - Awaited (GB) (Machiavellian)				
74	4	4.25	Mangrove	(2)	52.0	S Cele	17/2
77	5	4.65	Red Peril	(5)	55.5	Wes Marwing	4/1
68	6	7.90	Northern Ballet	(4)	54.0	G v Niekerk	10/1
64	7	7.95	Three Balloons	(3)	52.5	G Cheyne	20/1
Time: 152.87s (63.7s avg/1000m, or 57km/h)							
SP Total %: 105%							
1st T:J Snaith O: Mr A N & The Hon Mrs G R Foster B: AN Foster							

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Pilgrim's Progress 3f (Movingandgrooving by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 4 MR 83 Handicap \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(28/10\)](#)

Cristian 3c (Picturesque by Al Mufti)

[Fairview 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m \(29/10\)](#)

Gold Dawn 3f (Goldrun by Rich Man's Gold)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(29/10\)](#)

Await The Day 3f (Full Term by Lecture)

[Fairview 9 MR 69 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(29/10\)](#)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Arabian Word 3c (Bedouin by Var)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

CRUSADE freshman sire **Scott Bros.**

CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Weekend Warrior 3c (Love Leah by Restructure)

[Kenilworth 5 MR 72 Handicap 1000m \(28/10\)](#)

Gonnafly 3c (Ruby Eaglechild by Manshood)

[Turffontein 6 MR 72 Apprentice Handicap 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Noble Duke 3c (Reigning Queen by King of Kings)

[Greyville 1 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(27/10\)](#)

Three Ships 3f (Scotch Cat by Mogok)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)

Awesome Angel One 3c (Awesome Beauty by Cataloochee)

[Greyville 4 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)

Esploratore 3f (Wonder Glow by Windrush)

[Turffontein 7 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(28/10\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Priority 3c (Trendy Babe by Lion Heart)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(27/10\)](#)

Ira 3f (My Vow by National Assembly)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(28/10\)](#)

Ingabangabonga 3f (Lady Gray by Badger Land)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(3 Year Old Fillies\) 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Tundra Taita 3f (Falconry by West Man)

[Turffontein 4 MR 83 Handicap \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(28/10\)](#)

Green Field 3c (Jade Empress by National Assembly)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate 1600m \(29/10\)](#)

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

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)

Sacred Oration 3c (Scarlet Causeway by Giant's Causeway)

[Fairview 7 Racing Association Stakes \(Listed\) 1600m \(27/10\)](#)

Orakal 3c (Kalaam by Kahal)

[Kenilworth 8 MR 68 Handicap 1700m \(28/10\)](#)

Opera Royal 3c (Fakazi by Albarahin)

[Kenilworth 8 MR 68 Handicap 1700m \(28/10\)](#)

Love Talk 3f (Lovey Dovey by Model Man)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(29/10\)](#)

Cha Cha Chorizo 3f (Jet Trail by Jet Master)

[Fairview 9 MR 69 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(29/10\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Three Times A Lady 3f (Monyela by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(27/10\)](#)

Sweet Vittoria 3f (Sweet Allegra by National Assembly)

[Greyville 2 Qualified Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(27/10\)](#)

Ezieza 3f (Escoleta Fitz by Fitzcarraldo)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1450m \(28/10\)](#)

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

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1450m \(28/10\)](#)

Lady Sutton 3f (Monroe by Model Man)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(3 Year Old Fillies\) 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Estimet 3f (Estimada by Ride The Rails)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(27/10\)](#)

Fort Winter 3c (Fort Fox by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 5 MR 80 Handicap 1000m \(27/10\)](#)

Royal Frost 3f (Princess Elli by Elliodor)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(3 Year Old Fillies\) 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

Whatsitallabout 3c (Model Sister by Model Man)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

What A Storm 3c (Storm Flo by Royal Flo)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

Dutch Philip 3c (Upity Ann by Dominion Royale)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Cape Classic 1400m \(28/10\)](#)

Magical Wonderland 3f (Magical Miss by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr2 Fillies Championship 1400m \(28/10\)](#)

Estimet 3f (Estimada by Ride The Rails)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(29/10\)](#)

What A Player 3f (Shaan Madary by Darshaan)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(29/10\)](#)



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Notable Maiden Winners

STREET CRY

Rated AR82 **Alshibaa** (3g Asheerah by Redoute's Choice)
Maiden Plate Turffontein (inner) (1200m) (21/10)

Initially priced up as the 15/10 favourite, Mike De Kock's newcomer was allowed to drift considerably at the track and eventually left the stalls fourth in the betting market at 9/2. In touch throughout, this son of Street Cry was ridden to lead approaching the 200m marker and won going away with some in hand by two.

Horses To Follow

CAPTAIN AL

Rated AR92 **Captain And Master** (3c Scorched by Jet Master)
Progress Plate Greyville (turf) (1400m) (22/10)

Sent off a strong favourite at 14/10, Sean Tarry's lightly raced 3yo was taken straight to the front and led throughout. He was always in command, and only having to be pushed out with hands and heels, won very cosily by a length and three quarters.

DYNASTY

Rated AR92 **Hashtagyolo** (3f My Guiding Star by Jallad)
KZN Fillies Guineas Trial (nbt) Greyville (turf) (1600m) (22/10)

An impressive winner when running on from the rear to score by four in her only previous racecourse appearance, Hashtagyolo raced from the front here. She was always a length and three quarters clear and won with some in hand.

Winners Bred Abroad

Martha's Vineyard (IRE) 4f Exceed And Excel- Island Babe(USA)
(Kingmambo)
Vaal 1800m (17/10)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Alshibaa (AUS) 3g Street Cry- Asheerah(AUS) (Redoute's Choice)
Turffontein 1200m (21/10)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Alfolk (AUS) 3g Lonhro- Alteza Real(AUS) (Exceed And Excel)
Turffontein 1200m (21/10)

Is Your Horse One To Follow?

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners & Horses for the Notebook** on this page - see how promising the Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** say they are.

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Man United vs Tottenham | Saturday 28 October | Old Trafford | 13:30



Manchester United face Tottenham in Saturday's early kick-off at Old Trafford. Jose Mourinho's side will look to respond to their shock defeat to promoted Huddersfield Town, but they'll face a tough test against

Mauricio Pochettino's men who put Liverpool to the sword in impressive style, winning 4-1 at Wembley. Both teams are level on 20 points with United above on goal difference and sitting five points behind league leaders Manchester City.

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TO WIN

Man United 23/20

Draw 23/10

Tottenham 49/20

MANCHESTER UNITED

Manchester United's flying start to the season came to an abrupt end as they suffered their first defeat of the campaign with a shock 2-1 loss at promoted Huddersfield Town. Mourinho's side got what they deserved for their disappointing display as they were out-fought and out-thought by David Wagner's aggressive Terriers.

United haven't looked their usual dangerous self in recent games. Despite a sound defensive display against Liverpool, they were still unconvincing and a goalkeeping error gifted them victory over Benfica in the UEFA Champions League last Wednesday. Mourinho will demand an improved performance from his players and victory over Spurs will banish any memory of the John Smith's Stadium.

TOTTENHAM

Tottenham come into this matchup with confidence sky-high after earning a draw at Real Madrid in the UEFA Champions League last week and smashing Liverpool 4-1 at Wembley last Sunday. Pochettino's men are undefeated since their 2-1 loss against Chelsea at Wembley in August, winning five of their last seven matches in the league, including four on the spin.

Spurs have tasted defeat on their last three trips to United, failing to find the back of the net, but prior to that, they won back-to-back meetings at Old Trafford in the 2012/13 and 2013/14 campaigns. Pochettino's men did get the better of United in their last meeting, claiming a 2-1 victory at White Hart Lane back in May.

PREDICTION: Draw (23/10)

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)

Patience The Key

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEED RATINGS

Quick Double

Greyville 15th October

Three of the nine races on the poly track on Sunday afternoon were MR62 Handicaps over 1200m and the fastest of these was the first division won by the 6yo BURRA BOY. Nibbled at on course into 8/1, the Tiger Dance gelding was always in touch with the leaders. He was ridden to lead going through the 300m and went on to score with authority by three and a quarter.

The two 1000m races on the card were both maiden plates and quickest home here, albeit by just 1/100th of a second, was PARADE'S END when winning the girl's division. Sent off a strong favourite at even money, Andre Nel's charge was soon at the head of affairs. She ran on strongly over the final 400m and won going away by two and a half.

Two 2000m races brought the meeting to a close and by far the quicker of these was the MR76 Handicap won by the improving KAHULA. Completing a quick double here, Sean Tarry's charge sat in the rear for most of the journey. Just nine had gone to post though and in a very tightly bunched field she was always poised to strike. She made her move going through the 300m and with the rest well beaten she got the better of the easy to back SHIRLEY VALENTINE (also came from the rear) by a half.

Titbits Positioned at the back turning for home, NORTHERN STORM ran on best of all when getting up late to win the MR62 Handicap over 1200m.

After losing two lengths at the start, ROSE HILL caught the eye running on strongly late when third in the maiden plate for the girls over 1000m.

Taking Advantage

Fairview 16th October

The best bet for many on Monday's poly track card was STAR BURST GALAXY in the conditions plate over 1400m, and the daughter of Var didn't let down her supporters. Thrown in at the weights, Tara Laing's charge raced prominent throughout. She was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m marker and went on to score as the ratings had suggested, very cosily.

A MR85 Handicap topped the bill and in what proved to be the faster of the two 1200m races, the sparingly raced 6yo CAPTAINOFMYHEART registered his third career victory. Positioned in midfield entering the straight, Justin Snaith's charge ran on best of all over the final 400m and after striking the front 150m out, won going away by two.

They also ran two races over 1300m and quickest home here was SILVER BLADE in the not so lucky last, a MR64 Handicap. Nibbled at on course into 10/1 from 14's, the 3yo son of Jay Peg was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front going through the 300m and kept on strongly late to beat the fast finishing IMPRESSIONIST (came from the backend of midfield) by a neck.

Titbits Second last turning for home, BUNCH OF THYME was running on strongly at the finish when fourth in the MR68 Handicap over 1200m.

MISCHIEVOUS was baulked, and had to switch right out for a run when fourth beaten a length and a half in the maiden plate over 1300m.

Midas Touch

Vaal 17th October

They raced on the inside track on Tuesday where the only distance to stage more than one race was 1000m. A pinnacle stakes was the fastest of these and in what proved to be a real thriller, the 7/2 favourite EXQUISITE TOUCH landed the spoils. Now a winner of five from eight, Sean Tarry's charge raced fifth of the eight early on. She ran on best of all over the final 400m and got up in the very last stride to deny the improving THE THINKER.

At the other end of the scale the biggest winning margin was the 2,4 lengths recorded by the lightly raced TAKINGTHEPEACE in the MR68 Handicap over 1000m. Now a winner of two from three, Mike De Kock's charge was always handy here. She ran on strongly at the business end of the race and won going away after striking the front just 50m or so from home.

Lightly raced VISIGOTH was all the rage to win the maiden plate over 1700m and the son of Visionaire didn't let down his support-

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Ostinato	won 9/2
Gitango Tonight	won 4/1
Exquisite Touch	won 7/2
Kahula	won 32/10
Rustar Dhow	won 3/1
Coral Queen	won 18/10
Star Burst Galaxy	won 12/10
Tiffindell	won 1/1

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (4) Storyfields 16

Race 2: (1) Off Broadway 17

Race 3: (3) Lady Bok 7

Race 4: (9) Shady World 60

Race 5: (10) Captain Marooned 66 (EW)

Race 6: (2) Villa Del Largo 82

Race 7: (2) Sacred Oration 45

Race 8: (9) Grandissimo 61

GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (1) World Dreamer 25 (NAP*)

Race 2: (2) Delectable Desire 7

Race 3: (3) Roy's Barbel 19

Race 4: (1) Matthew Lips 25

Race 5: (12) Lavender Bank 34

Race 6: (12) Time Travel 40

Race 7: (6) Lonely Arethebrave 57

Race 8: (6) Warfarer 84

Race 9: (1) Neala 65 (EW)

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (3) Rolled Silver 12

Race 2: (5) Sabina's Dynasty 55

Race 3: (9) Harlan County 17

Race 4: (8) Spice Queen 33

Race 5: (8) Chartwell 32

Race 6: (8) Rebel Baron 47

Race 7: (1) Ponchielli 39 (EW)

Race 8: (3) Goodness Me 29

Race 9: (12) Miesque's Rumba 43

KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Secret Name 3

Race 2: (1) Royal Frost 8

Race 3: (1) Table Bay 90

Race 4: (7) Gin For Genius 28

Race 5: (4) Fire Walker 50

Race 6: (13) Rockin Russian 78

Race 7: (3) Magical Wonderland 6

Race 8: (15) King Of Aces 46

FAIRVIEW (SUN)

Race 1: (7) Storyfields 19

Race 2: (8) Salto Ridge 18 (NAP*)

Race 3: (1) Daring Miss 18

Race 4: (7) Our Destiny 84

Race 5: (3) Seven Wood 44

Race 6: (7) Woljayrine 54 (nb)

Race 7: (5) Master's Eye 92

Race 8: (16) Impressionist 44

Race 9: (17) Await The Day 44

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ers. In touch throughout in what quickly became a strung out field, Vishigoth ran on best of all over the final 400m and only having to be pushed out won going away by a length and a half.

Titbits Positioned in the rear after being slow into stride, STUNNED was fairly flying at the finish when a length and a quarter third in the Middle Stakes over 2400m.

A Winter To Remember

Durbanville 18th October

50% of the races at the country course on Wednesday were run over 1600m and first past the post in the fastest of these was ROCKET COUNTDOWN when winning the MR81 Handicap Easy to back at 6/1 on the off, the recent maiden winner was always handy. He ran on strongly when the race developed into a sprint early in the straight and in what proved to be a real thriller he got the verdict by a neck over the more fancied COMMANDER BOND.

Three of the four remaining races were staged over 1200m and stopping the clock in the fastest time here was GADGET MAN in the MR64 Handicap. Another to race close to the speed, Dean Kannemeyer's charge put his head in front 150m out and kept on strongly late to beat the staying on pacemaker TROJAN QUEST by a half.

A MR70 Handicap over 2000m made up the eight race program and here we saw a smart performance from the 3yo WOODSTOCK FAIRY. Confidently ridden by Grant Van Niekerk, the lightly weighted daughter of Var raced in the rear early on. Once in the home straight though she ran on best of all and under a well-judged ride won going away by a length and a quarter.

Titbits The 25/1 shot BLACK BELT ran on well from midfield when getting off the

mark in the maiden plate over 1600m.

Now a winner of all four career starts, LAST WINTER won the MR98 Handicap over 1600m going away with plenty in hand.

Workrider's Day

Vaal 19th October

Racing returned to the inside track on Thursday where the faster of the two maiden plates over 1000m that opened up proceedings was the boy's division won by the newcomer MAWSOOF. Initially priced up as a joint favourite at 18/10 (sent off 5/2 second favourite), Mike De Kock's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 300m marker and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by four and three quarters.

The boys were also the quicker home in the two maiden plates over 1400m. Here the lightly raced RAGING FLAME opened his account. Prominent throughout the son of Judpot kept on strongly at the business end of the race and comfortably accounted for the perennial maiden SOLDAT by a length and a quarter.

The boys continued their domination in the two maiden events over 1800m where one of the rank outsiders of the party ASHOKA caused a major upset. In a time 1,67 seconds faster than that of the girls, the 66/1 shot raced in the rear of what was a very strung out field. He ran on strongly when the runaway leader went in search of gas 200m out and got up very late to deny the always handy HINT OF GOLD.

Titbits Two and a half lengths clear of the remainder, only a neck separated the newcomers RAJASTANI QUEEN and SCHIPPERS when 1st & 2nd respectively in the maiden plate for the girls over 1000m.

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

EXQUISITE TOUCH (S Tarry, Gauteng)
LAST WINTER (D Kannemeyer, W-Cape)
TAKINGTHEPEACE (M De Kock, Gauteng)

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (POLY) 15TH OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,58s slow	
1000m (2) Parade's End	58,70
1200m (3) Burra Boy	70,34
1400m (1) Dance On Air	82,34
1800m (1) Roy's Pony	110,48
2000m (2) Kahula	123,13

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 16TH OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,28s slow	
1200m (2) Captainofmyheart	69,26
1300m (2) Silver Blade	75,27
1400m (1) Star Burst Galaxy	82,04
1900m (2) Oasis Queen	116,84
2200m (1) Admiral's Sword	138,51

VAAL (INSIDE) 17TH OCTOBER

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,38s fast	
1000m (3) Exquisite Touch	55,93
1200m (1) The Tin Man	70,51
1400m (1) Surcharge	82,03
1700m (1) Visigoth	104,80
1800m (1) Martha's Vineyard	111,14
2400m (1) Jet Fever	151,26

DURBANVILLE 18TH OCTOBER

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,58s slow	
1200m (3) Gadget Man	73,72
1600m (4) Rocket Countdown	97,55
2000m (1) Woodstock Fairy	124,05

VAAL (INSIDE) 19TH OCTOBER

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,2s slow	
1000m (2) Mawsoof	58,39
1200m (1) No Mans Land	71,67
1400m (2) Raging Flame	84,51
1800m (2) Just A Jet	154,70
2400m (1) Ashoka	112,33

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Fifth El Clasico winner announced



Jan Ratau, a 44-year-old Brakpan resident and employee at Halewood, a beverage manufacturing company, can't wait to fly to Spain this December. This incredible opportunity comes courtesy of Hollywoodbets' latest competition which will give six soccer fans the chance to see the world-famous El Clasico derby. The match is set to take place in Madrid this December, and features arguably the two biggest clubs in the world: Real Madrid and Barcelona. This trip will include many first-time experiences for Ratau.

"I'm over the moon! I was hoping that I would win this competition but I didn't really think it would happen. When I got the call, I was so happy and surprised. I can't wait to fly on a plane for the first time either," he said. Ratau will be supporting Barcelona during the 20 December match. "I can't believe I'm going to see the team live. Lionel Messi is my favourite player and I have always dreamed of rubbing shoulders with that guy."

Ratau won the competition after placing a soccer bet at the

Brakpan branch. He is a loyal customer who has been betting with Hollywoodbets for more than seven years. Hollywoodbets' Soccer Brand Manager Wayde Dorkin is looking forward to sharing this experience with a long-time customer. "Congratulations to Jan! After speaking with our fifth winner I am convinced that he will appreciate this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. As a Barcelona fan he has a lot to look forward to with a host of stars guaranteed to take to the field in December. If our April El Clasico winners' experience is anything to go by Jan will be telling this story to his friends and family for many years to come," said Dorkin.

Ratau will join the four previous weeks' winners Josea Mphuthi, Mxolisi Mngoma, Nthuthuko Mhlongo and Lucas Ngxabi on this incredible trip. Currently there is just one more seat available, and the final lucky winner will be announced 3 November 2017. For more information on the winners' journeys please follow us on Twitter or Facebook @Hollywoodbets or search for the following hashtag: #PhindaMzala



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