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Marketing campaigns, alcohol and live bands work to a point. But horses on extended winning streaks have the real ability to grab the public imagination and attract the crowds.

There is a certain mystical mix of admiration and melodrama associated with sharing in the rollercoaster emotions of the connections, that provides the real-life drama and appeal of watching top horses.

That is the view of multiple former champion jockey Garth Puller, who was reflecting in advance of superstar Winx' bid to make it 21 wins in a row on Saturday. He spoke of his own pressure thirty years ago when a crash diet and a top 3yo gave him

the distinction of being aboard the first unbeaten horse to win the Durban July.

"That was the 25th anniversary of the Rothmans sponsorship if I recall. Bush Telegraph had won his first eight starts. The July always enjoys hype — it's just that kind of race. But there was speculation on every street corner as to whether he was good enough to do it. We had record crowds on course and tote turnovers were at new highs. It was all over the mainstream media.





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EVEN YOUTH GETS THE FEVER

Today with social media, I imagine that the pressure and expectation is quadrupled as legend or champion status is dished out by anybody with Facebook or Twitter access!"

Bush Telegraph was the only 3yo in the 1987 July line-up and became the first member of his age group to win since Yataghan fourteen years earlier. He did it in race and track record time.

How much pressure was there in the build-up?

"There is always pressure – it's just how one handles it that counts. Both the late Bert (Abercrombie) and I had won the July, so we weren't going in blind. But Bush Telegraph had been sick in his preparation and it was only the second time he was taking on older horses. The first time he was going 2200m. One starts wondering. History showed only three 3yo's had won the race in 25 years. You mull over the what-if's in the quiet moments. But then I kept reminding myself what a great horse he was. In the end he didn't let us down."

So what are trainer Chris Waller and jockey Hugh Bowman feeling in advance of thirteen time Gr1 winner Winx' bid to make it 21 consecutive wins in the Turnbull Stakes at Flemington this weekend?

"The racing public love champions. They will have 25000 on course on Saturday. The pressure not to disappoint the owners and the fans will no doubt be in the forefront of their minds. I note it's her first run at Flemington – but she has shown a preference for left-handed tracks so that's a plus. It's a pity she has scared the opposition away – only six horses take her on. But any one of those six will earn an instant 'legend' tag and a place in the record books were they to beat her. So there is a lot at stake and plenty to entertain – and to draw interest from non-racing people too."

Garth said that with any horse, when one got to three on the trot, the 'when' doubt creeps in.

"Every owner and trainer wants a good horse and the Winx' connections have lived a rare dream. Win or lose on Saturday, to do what she has done is remarkable. Although, I would like to have seen her race in England or on the turf in the States," he added.

Speaking as a trainer, Puller said that it was a text book feat of conditioning to keep a horse on the boil through an extended winning streak and cited Frankel's unblemished record of 14 wins as another example.

"He won ten Gr1's. The late Sir Henry Cecil would had to have given him full race gallops with four or five companions in between his Gr1 races to keep him 'race fit'. That takes fine judgement and real skill. Frankel's another horse that would have been interesting to see competing in the States."

Watch Winx run at 06h15 on Saturday - Dstv 239

Winx – The Hot Facts

Winx (Street Cry – Vegas Showgirl) was sold as a yearling for A\$230,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions Gold Coast sale. She has won 24 of her 30 starts and earned A\$13,475,425second all-time only to Makybe Diva in Australia. She commenced her winning streak in May 2015. She has won her 20 consecutive races from 1300m to 2200m . The world's top-ranked female racer, Winx was inducted to the Australian Racing Hall of Fame this year- only the third horse to earn this honour while still in training.

SATURDAY RACING

What's New?

Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge Turffontein

The high-class 2016 Charity Mile winner New Predator looks to go close in the hands of the in-form Gavin Lerena when he takes on eight rivals in the R400 000 Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge on the Turffontein inside track on Saturday.

As is the profile of many of the class runners all over the country this weekend, the 5yo entire returns from a rest and this could throw the formbook upside down.

New Predator hasn't seen action since running a commendable third behind KZN Champion Sprinter Bull Valley in the Gr1 Mercury Sprint some 12 weeks ago but is a horse who runs well fresh. On



New Predator | JC Photos

his best performances, he should just about win this.

Azzie hotshot Will Pays is in prime form and as a winner of 2 of his last 3 starts, the son of Imperial Stride is a serious threat from the 1 gate. His victory when running on strongly to beat Angel's Power over 200m shorter in the Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes last time out was eyecatching. Include in all bets!

Matador Man has not raced since running on very well for third behind Sail South in the Champions Cup at the end of last season. The son of Toreador is very capable but could be run off his feet at this track.

The Judpot filly Bi Pot comes off a 14 week rest since going unplaced behind champion Bela-Bela in the Garden Province Stakes. The daughter of Judpot is using this as a pipe opener and can be watched over further later on in the season.

Finchatton is the second of the Tarry runners and looks comprehensively held by Will Pays on their Spring Spree clash.

The now 7yo Bezanova has his first run in 46 weeks since a smart win in the Victory Moon Stakes. He is bound to need the run.

Wonderwall has not raced since a well beaten third behind the highly regarded Mustaageem in the SA Nursery. The son of Querari only has his fifth start but has shown enough to be a lurker with just

Gr2 Spring Challenge

past winners

No Worries

2015

2016

Midnight Run Snowdon

Trip To Heaven

Whiteline Fever

Kangaroo Jack

3 New Predator

Redoute's Choice

Bouclette Top

51kgs on his back.

Mike de Kock's Mujallad is another promising 3yo who comes off a rest after running a cracking 3 lengths off Eyes Wide Open in the Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes. He won 2 of his 6 starts prior to that and looks progres-

Gr3 Jubilee Handicap winner Coral Fever has plenty to do at the weights but is very consistent and versatile.

All told, it looks a match between

51.0

2 51.0

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 START 3:55PM Gr2 JOBURG SPRING CHALLENGE - 1450M TURFFONTEIN SAME TRAINER: (4-6-8) New Approach NEW PREDATOR(JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena 60.0 BEZANOVA(AG Laird) R Simons 60.0 Imperial Stride WILL PAYS (MG & AA Azzie) C Zackey 59.0 59.0 FINCHATTON(SG Tarry) C Murray Right Approach CORAL FEVER(RR Sage) M Yeni 59.0 Toreador MATADOR MAN(SG Tarry) S Khumalo 5 58.5 56.0 BI POT(GV Woodruff) C Maujean. 6 Judpot

WONDERWALL(SG Tarry) L Hewitson

9 MUJALLAD(MF de Kock) R Munger

New Predator and Will Pays. Watch the promising 3yo's at the bottom of the weights for a possible surprise.

SATURDAY RACING

Chances To Many

Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge (F&M) Turffontein

Bella Sonata comes off a ten week break following an unplaced run in the Gold Bracelet last term. She is still looking for a first feature win but has the ability to go close here.

Secret Star has won 3 of her last 4 starts and gets the services of Piere Strydom again. This progressive 4yo has to overcome a wide draw – but has shown good gate speed.

Rockin Russian has very decent form in her only four starts to date and last time out chased the high-class Lady In Black home in the Gr1 Thekwini Stakes. That was 9 weeks ago and if not too lacking in fitness could challenge seriously.

Myfunnyvalentine's behavioural issues are beginning to impact negatively on her career. She has missed her last two starts for getting away from her rider and bolting. She cannot be fancied.

The Gr3 Starling Stakes winner She's A Giver ran second behind Bela-Bela in the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes last time and returns after a 14 week break. The in-form Gavin Lerena takes the ride and she is worth including in all permutations.

Former Cape-based Smokey Affair showed signs of good promise early on but failed to spark in her first outing for Mike de Kock in Gauteng. That came after a break of six months and she can be monitored for improved fitness – and a better run is very likely.

Al Danza has drawn out at 11 and has her first start in 18 weeks. Her overall form is a bit disappointing but she may enjoy the drop in trip on home ground again.

She's A Dragon has enjoyed a nice run of consistent form and there should be little to choose between her and Shatoosh on her penultimate run.

Course and distance winner Pool Party won her last start against weaker in handicap company and looks to have place prospects in this field.

The 5yo Shatoosh has good consistent recent form and was only run out of it late by the progressive Sylvan On Fire last time out in a four horse race. She enjoys this course and distance but has some ground to make up at these weights.

The lightly raced Alileo won her first two starts well, but looks

Gr2 Spring Chall. (F&M) past winners 2014 Supreme Sunset 2 Athina 3 Virgo's Babe 2015 1 Lazer Star2 Sarve3 Madame Dubois Lazer Star

very solidly held by Secret Star on these weight terms on her last run

A winner of 2 of her 3 starts, Mrs 0 has shown blistering acceleration and from a 1 draw her connections may fancy their chances of earning some black type. She is unexposed and on paper looks to have some catch-

> ing up to do.

Rockin Russian. Secret Star and Bella Sonata look the trio to fight this out.

A Good Time

Gr3 Diana Stakes Durbanville

With a decent draw, an impressive pipe-opener under the belt and top man Anton Marcus at the controls, Mike Robinson's Goodtime Gal boasts the credentials to win the 1400m contest.



Captain's Flame | Wayne Marks

The SP top-rated Goodtime Gal looks to avenge her defeat of 2016 and bumps her conqueror Captain's Flame in what could be an intriguing sub-plot to an interesting – albeit disappointing in numbers – contest.

A daughter of Royal Air Force, Goodtime Gal became her sire's first stakes winner when scoring in the 2016 Gr3 Victress Stakes and this Gr1 placer

certainly has the make-up to win this after an encouraging 1200m win last time.

Defending champion Captain's Flame on the other hand returns from a 17 week break and has not won since she beat Goodtime Gal by 0,75 lengths a year ago. There is little to choose on pure ability between the two – but we will side with the Robinson runner on fitness.

Joint topweight Gimme Six won the Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes and Gr2 Daisy Fillies Guineas before winding up a terrific first KZN Champions Season with a fourth behind the now retired Bela-Bela in the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes. She has not run for 14 weeks since.

Glen Kotzen's 2016 Gr2 Golden Slipper winner Final Judgement has not won in over a year but she has been on the fringes when competing against the best of her generation and could strip fresh and keen after a ten week break.

Winter Oaks winner Whose That Girl ran a decent enough return race when running fourth and under 3 lengths behind Goodtime Gal over 1200m.

Seattle Gold returned to racing after a three month break when showing some pace and dropping out to 4 lengths off Goodtime Gal last time. Even allowing for improved fitness, she faces the Robinson runner on 1,5kgs worse terms but is a gutsy galloper who will enjoy the step up in trip.

Gr3 Diana Stakes (F&M) past winners

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5/1
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/2
3/1
5/1 3/1
3/1
8/1

Second of the Snaith attack, the dual Gr3 winner Nordic Breeze returns from a ten week break after a gutsy win in the Champagne Stakes at the end of last term. The daughter of Windrush appears most effective at 1400m.

Extradite is the second of the Candice Bass-Robinson contenders and is a consistent 4yo who may be outpointed on these weight terms.

> Goodtime Gal ticks all the boxes. She is the pick to beat Final Judgement and Gimme Six.

START 4:40PM
DURBANVILL



PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 Gr3 DIANA STAKES (F&M) - 1400M SAME TRAINER: (1-5)(6-8)

Gimmethegreenlight Judpot Captain Al Royal Air Force Windrush Gitano Hernando Sail From Seattle Mambo In Seattle

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START 3:20PM TURFFONTEIN

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Mella Maria

Bella Sonata Visuality

Silvano Trippi Jay Peg Philanthronist Captain Al Captain Al Kahal Elusive Fort Captain Al Seventh Rock Oratorio

PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2 Gr2 JOBURG SPRING CHALL. (F&M) - 1450M SAME TRAINER:(2-12)(6-11)(9-10) BELLA SONATA(G v Zyl) K De Melo 60.0

SHATOOSH(MG & AA Azzie) K Zechner. 60.0 SHE'S A DRAGON(C J Mayhew) R Munger . 60.0 SECRET STAR(ST Pettigrew) P Strydom. 59.5 SHE'S A GIVER(JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena. 59.5 MYFUNNYVALENTINE(SG Tarry) S Khumalo 10 59.5 AL DANZA(GV Woodruff) C Maujean. 59.5 POOL PARTY (RR Magner) G Wrogemann. SMOKEY AFFAIR (MF de Kock) R Simons 9 59.5 59.5 59.5 ALILEO (MF de Kock) C Murray ROCKIN RUSSIAN(SG Tarry) L Hewitson. 52.0 12 MRS O(MG & AA Azzie) JP vd Merwe 52.0

DURBANVILLE

Summer Standard

Gr3 Matchem Stakes Durbanville

The 2017 renewal of the Matchem – the 59th by our calculations - is as good as anything we have seen in recent years and the ten horse contest looks set to get the hearts beating and the pulses racing.



Table Bay | Wayne Marks

week break.

Of special interest will be the return to action of one of the best 3yo's of last term in Glen Kotzen's Gold Standard. The Cape Guineas runner-up and Selangor Cup winner has not seen action since his fourth behind globetrotter Whisky Baron in the Sun Met and can be expected to be marginally ring rusty after his 36

Joey Ramsden's Cape Classic winner Table Bay is proven a few lengths inferior to Gold Standard – he gets a kilo from him- and has his first start since going unplaced behind Sail South in the Champions Cup last season. Something of an enigmatic talent, the son of Redoute's Choice races over arguably his optimum trip and Anton Marcus rides him.

Now a 7yo, Silicone Valley gives Glen Puller a chance to win the Matchem for the fifth time. The son of Jay Peg is very game and looks a definite quartet inclusion – but has fitness on his side as a potential gamebreaker for the big guns.

Andre Nel's La Favourari boasts four wins from his last four starts but tries the 1400m for the first time and is another who could need the outing after a 14 week break.

The 2016 Gr1 Gold Medallion winner Always In Charge has his first run in 36 weeks but is a talented sort who cannot be underestimated. The fact that Anton Marcus could have ridden him suggests though that Table Bay could have his measure.

Strong front-runner Milton will be blitzing from the 1 stall-gate and looks to give the Marwing-Bill Prestage combination a repeat

of their recent Listed Settlers Trophy win.

Copper Force has his first start since winning the Thukela Handicap on July Day.

Black Cat Back has flown below the radar but won three on the trot over the Kenilworth 1400m at the end of last season and surprised on his return, when chasing Percival home over a

Gr3 Matchem Stakes past winners 2014 1 Reim 60.0 (6) 3/1

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	2	Heartland	58.5 (1) 15/2
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	1	Captain America	60.0 (8) 22/10
	2	Baritone	56.5 (5) 13/1
	3	Midnite Zone	60.0 (8) 22/10 56.5 (5) 13/1 56.5 (4) 22/1

START 4:05PM

PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2 Gr3 MATCHEM STAKES - 1400M

DURBANVILLE SAME TRAINER:(-)	
Captain Al 1 ALWAYS IN CHARGE (VH Marshall) M Byleveld 2 60.	0
Trippi 2 GOLD STANDARD (GS Kotzen) R Fourie	0
Redoute's Choice 3 TABLE BAY (J Ramsden) A Marcus	0
Querari 4 LA FAVOURARI(A Nel) B Fayd'herbe	.5
Jay Peq 5 SILICONE VALLEY (GR Puller) G Cheyne 4 57.	.5
Lateral 6 MILTON(WG Prestage) Wes Marwing	.5
Royal Air Force 7 COPPER FORCE (J Snaith) G v Niekerk	0
Black Minnaloushe 8 BLACK CAT BACK (BJ Crawford) C Orffer 8 57.	0
Artie Schiller 9 OUR MATE ART (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer 7 57.	
Rebel King 10 ICON KING(JMT Stewart) A Andrews	

too short 1000m last time.

Last season's Cape Winter Series bridesmaid Our Mate Art

returned to action with resolve after a four month break to get the better of the highly vaunted 3yo Cot Campbell over the Kenilworth 1400m last time out in his first run as a 4yo.

Gold Standard and Table Bay look set to fight this out. Don't underestimate the sharp Silicone Valley, while Our Mate Art could be ready to fulfil his early promise.

Matchem Magic

Saturday's Durbanville feature is named in honour of the famous Thoroughbred foundation stallion, Matchem (1748 - 1781).

Matchem- also spelled Match'em, possibly after the jockey Match'em Timms- is a direct male line descendent of the Godolphin Arabian- or Godolphin Barb as he is also known- and along with Eclipse and Herod is considered one of the three 18th century stallions that produced the Thoroughbred sire-lines of modern times.

The earliest traceable record of the Matchem Stakes in South Africa dates back to 1958. It was open to 2 and 3yo horses and run on 19 April over 1400m at Kenilworth for a stake of £1,250. The idea of running juveniles against three-year-olds over 1400m in April, at what was more or less weight for age terms came in for a lot of criticism, with many feeling it was too much to ask of the youngsters.

However, on the day a total of 6 runners faced the starter, including two 2yo's (Kowloon and Avon) and four 3yos. The 1958 running of the Matchem proved the quality and strength of the juvenile crop. Although the game filly Kowloon cantered to post as the favourite, she failed to show and it was left to Mr A Kruyer's 2yo colt Avon, who scored a smart win – under a certain M Strydom!

Big names are synonomous with the Matchem Stakes. It was traditionally run at Kenilworth but was switched to Durbanville in 2010.

The Vaughan Marshall-trained Captain Al won it in the hands of Jeff Lloyd in 1999 when the gross stake was R100 000. With the race being run on Saturday for R250 000, we have hardly kept pace with inflation!

The prestige has continued into the 21st century with, amongst others, dual SA Horse Of The Year Variety Club taking the honours in 2011 and Champion Miler Capetown Noir winning in 2013.

A pointer to a possible outcome on Saturday could be the fact that the most successful Matchem trainer of the 21st century is Milnerton-based Glen Puller.

The former jockey won it in 2002 and 2003 with Sevilliano, ridden by Gerrit Schlechter and Karl Neisius, respectively. Puller also trained the 2005 winner Great Rhythm, who was piloted by Greg Cheyne – who rides Silicone Valley for him on Saturday – and his most recent success came with Reim in 2014. The son of Ashaawes was exported to Mauritius after his thrilling win and never raced here again. Reim was ridden to a memorable victory by Glen's late son Chris.

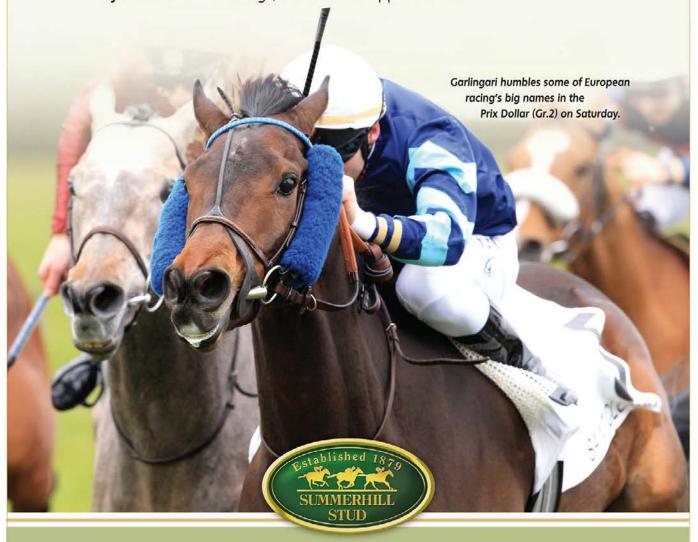
Another chapter of this fascinating race will be written on Saturday.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

On Europe's marquee raceday, in the time-honoured Prix Dollar (Gr.2),
Garlingari displayed all the attributes which made his father famous.

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Goose Settles In Sweetly

New Ashburton trainer Louis Goosen is loving life in Kwa-Zulu-Natal. The former Vaalian teamed up with jockey Gunter Wrogemann and his staunch owner Mario Ferreira to grab a hat-trick of winners – including a top three finish – at the weather affected Greyville meeting on Sunday.



Zen Arcade | Gold Circle

After 67mm of rain in a short period of time, Gold Circle switched the turf meeting to the poly and while only 8% of the carded runners cried off (despite the loss of eight races last Friday evening) due to the surface switch, it did not prevent the Goosen 'Wonder Water' team from running riot.

And nobody is in better form than

the underrated Wrogemann. With a confidence boosting victory aboard Dan The Lad in the Heritage Consolation at the Vaal just 24 hours later, the Gauteng rider produced the finishing touches to the Goose's hard work for the big spending Ferreira.

The trio's first winner came aboard the Australian-bred Di Mazzio in the fourth, a Graduation Plate over 1400m. With all the focus on the two local hotshot 3yo's, Varallo and Monks Hood, the 4yo was given a clever ride from his 1 draw to register his second win. Di Mazzio was no cheapie at A\$240 000, but looks to have plenty of ability.

The Pippa Mickleburgh-bred Dynasty filly Gratuity was knocking hard for her second win and she duly arrived in the sixth, an MR 84 Handicap over 1000m, to beat stablemates Captain's Girl and debut winner Yaas, to register the Goosen trifecta. Gratuity cost R700 000 on the Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

The Goosen hat-trick was completed by the promising Ideal World gelding Zen Arcade, who made it two from three in the seventh race, an MR 91 Handicap. Zen Arcade is the R500 000 KZN Yearling Sale purchase who caused such a stir when runner up on his debut in the BSA August Million.

He should pay to follow – as should the entire Louis Goosen Ashburton attack!

Fresh Focus On Welfare

National Horseracing Authority of South Africa CEO Lyndon Barends will propose to his Board that they adopt the philosophical view to move away from the principle that aftercare of racehorses is left at the mercy and goodwill gestures of a few individuals with good conscience.

Barends' undertaking has broken new ground for the South African racing industry by acknowledging a Duty Of Care to the Thoroughbred.

In his hard-hitting contribution to the September 2017 NHA newsletter, he writes:

"The IFAR (International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses) Conference held during the Pan American Conference resonated well with me and was the final stimulus that made it abundantly clear that the Racing Authorities must take the lead to ensure that before/during/beyond racing care becomes embedded within the business fabric of the sport." Read more here

Gavin - The Grand Master

Gavin Lerena won the inaugural Grand Heritage aboard Irish Pride for the Johan Janse van Vuuren yard in 2016 and last Saturday, he triumphed aboard the Paul Peter-trained Forest Fox for the Nassif brothers, Hassen Adams and Bernard Kantor.

He said he'd studied hard to find the right ride, but his eyes kept falling on Forest Fox. "We had a nice galloping race and just needed a bit of luck in running."

Gavin has won on Forest Fox before and knows him well. "He's not the biggest of horses and sometimes not always the bravest. Often a race won't work out because the pace is too slow, but I was lucky that the pace was really on and he was travelling beautifully and relaxed for me. I was able to make a move at about the 700m and let him get 4 lengths closer without using him much and I think that's what won us the race. Next thing we were at the 300m and nicely placed and I didn't have to do too much from there. It all worked out really well."

In terms of being a double Heritage hero, he says he really enjoyed both races. Despite a 28 horse field looking imposing, Gavin says it's not all that different to a normal sized field. "Obviously you may need a bit more luck, and I think you've got to be in the right place at the right time and make your move at the right time, but other than that, it's been a wonderful race to ride in both years."

Were there big celebrations, "No," says the dedicated family man. "It was straight home with the family. We're all happy and over the moon and it was fantastic that my family were all there to support me."

Gavin is celebrating with a few days off, but will be back again for the weekend's racing. With two Heritage trophies on his shelf, it's worth noting that he's also won the last two renewals of the Charity Mile and the Summer Handicap — will he be aiming for a trifecta? "Obviously those are two races I love winning. It's going to be difficult this year, but we're always aiming for it. Let's hope we can find the right horse again."

Having given up a log topping position last season to pursue a stint in the UK, Gavin's focus for this year will be to ride as many winner's as possible. His time in the UK, although brief, was rich in terms of experience. "It definitely gave me some valuable tools. Although the lifestyle was tough, the racing was great. Riding at 18 different tracks in those few months was an amazing experience and I learnt a lot from it. In this game you are always learning," he notes. One of the highlights was riding out for Sir Michael Stoute in Newmarket and getting to take a few race rides for him.

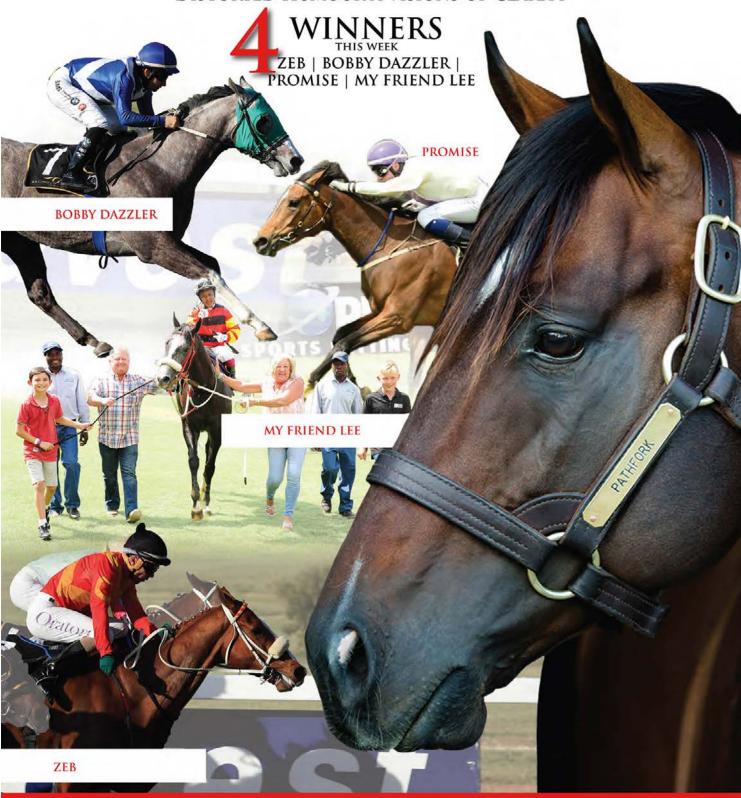
Will he be launching another assault on this year's championship? "The championship is in every jockey's sights and if I'm in a position to do it, I'll go for it, but I'm looking to enjoy myself and my racing and to ride as many winners as possible and of course the big ones are always a nice bonus."

Read our Grand Heritage review

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Home Is Where The Heart Is

Wesley Marwing made a splash in Cape Town recently, adopting confident, front-running tactics to produce a grand-stand finish to the Settler's Trophy aboard Bill Prestage's Red Peril.

Although the 26 year rider old describes himself as 'Johannesburg, born and bred', the son of international star jockey, Weichong Marwing, spent a lot of his formative years travelling. In addition to an interesting and well-rounded education, it also gave him a front row seat to some of South Africa's biggest and best moments, both at home and on the international stage.

"I'm not saying this just because he's my dad, but growing up with him being an international jockey and having so much success, he is my hero. It was great not only seeing him triumph, but also the triumph for South Africa and South African racing."

"In Hong Kong all the jockeys live together, so I grew up around racing people. I can remember when SA jockeys were ruling HK racing- Douglas Whyte, Robbie Fradd, Felix Coetzee, Glynn Schofield, Anthony Delpech, Anton Marcus – they were all there and I have fond memories of seeing SA riders sticking it to other world class jocks from around the world. We produce talented riders in our country and there's no doubt they hold their own wherever they go."

Like father, like son

Wesley doesn't resemble his famous father very much, although there are traces of Marwing in the cheekbones and strong set of the jaw. But there is a lot of likeness in his temperament.

Perhaps it is the fact that he is older than most of his peers, but he is thoroughly grounded and possessed of a clear sense of self. He speaks easily and unselfconsciously, and unusually addresses me by my first name, rather than the customary 'ma'am' I loathe so much. Although the Academy might disapprove, it serves as a sign of someone with sufficient self-respect to return it by treating me as an equal. As social niceties go, it is the conversational equivalent of a warm, open

Why racing?

"I think every child born into racing aspires to follow their parents. And when you get bitten by the racing bug, the first step seems like the last step too, as you never get out," he notes wryly. "I just wanted to work outside, be outdoors and work with horses."

handshake and I like him enormously for it.

After completing his schooling in Hong Kong, Wes returned to South Africa and joined his uncle Weiho Marwing's stable. "After working as a stable hand for a while, I was thrown in the deep end and started taking horses to track and I think that's where bug bit even more. My uncle said if I was going to work horses, I'd need to learn properly and sent me to Mr Maree's work rider programme."

Realising that his weight was a stable 52kgs, he took the plunge

and joined the Jockey Academy. Did joining as an older recruit make a difference? "I knew what I wanted and what I was getting in to and I think that helped. Although I'd been taught the basics by James Maree and Marthinus Mienie, the Academy did the fine tuning and I am ever grateful to all the riding masters for everything they taught me."

Wes had his first ride on 18 March 2012 and his first winner at the Vaal on 27 March aboard Money Tree for Gavin van Zyl. "Coming into that last 200m, the claim 4 just kicked in and she just took off. As we crossed the winning line, I was so shocked, I looked to both sides – thinking did I just win this? Then of course came the big salute that somewhat "ruined" the big moment," he says regretfully. Asked why it ruined things, he answers firmly, "You look so much more professional if you don't".

Before the question can be asked, he says "I'm very competitive and very hard on myself. I'm very critical on all my rides whether they're winners, places or unplaced. There is always room for improvement, but at the same time, I need to remind myself to enjoy my racing."

Family

Racing is in Wesley's blood. "My mom's dad, Jannie Fourie, was a heavyweight jockey and used to live off black tea and toast. Growing up with that and then Dad being involved, I don't think either of them wanted me to become a jockey. It can be a pretty hard lifestyle, especially if you're not successful," he acknowledges. "But after the first couple of winners, it was like 'my son can actually do this!" he laughs. "Family is everything. I am very fortunate to have both my parents in my life and they support me through thick and thin. My mom and dad are so involved and supportive and they help me deal with the ups and downs of racing. My dad's also always there to help me and give me advice."

Are there a lot of downs? "I think the best way to deal with it – especially when you're riding, is to let it in one ear and out of the other. It's not that you are not willing to learn or listen to

criticism, but confidence plays a big role in racing and you don't want to take that with you into another race."

"You have to be mentally tough and always focus on the positive. There's no space for negative thoughts. Once negativity shows up, it starts showing in your riding, so you've got to be motivated and hungry, put the effort in and get on with it. You can always put it in the memory bank and go back to it later, see where the mistakes were and better yourself to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Career to date

Wesley joined the Academy alongside
Callan Murray, Mathew Thackeray,
Shadlee Fortune and Brandon May,
but thanks to his solid grounding,

Hamish Niven

WESLEY MARWING

graduated a year ahead with the likes of Craig Zackey and Ryan Munger, crops that have produced some of our most exciting upcoming riders.

Wesley has been comparatively quiet to date because the first year out of his time proved torrid. "I fractured my back twice and then broke my foot in Mauritius, so I spent most of my first season on the side lines," he explains. But he is working hard to make up for lost time and Wesley is travelling to look for more opportunities. "I really enjoy travelling whether it's for a Monday meeting out in Kimberley or a Sunday meeting across the border in Zimbabwe. Travelling gives you a lot more exposure to different types of racing, and also allows you to work with different horses, which helps you hone different skills and become a more accomplished rider."

Settlers Trophy

Wesley got the ride on Bill Prestage's Red Peril thanks to his agent, Ray Curling, who thought the horse had a good chance. "If I get booked for a ride, I always make an effort to work the horse beforehand and get some background on them," says Wesley. "It's something I live by. You wouldn't go into an exam without studying for it beforehand. You need to know what you're in for."

"I'd watched his last couple of runs and the last time he won and had spoken to Mr Prestage earlier in the week. He knows his horses very well and we decided we would go to the front and dictate. He's always been a strong galloper and if you've got that in your artillery, why not use it? I went in confident and just rode to instructions."

"If you go to any centre, you've got to try and stand out and I couldn't have scripted it better myself to have my first winner in Cape Town in a feature race. I've had a number of feature wins, but must say it's definitely one of the sweeter ones."

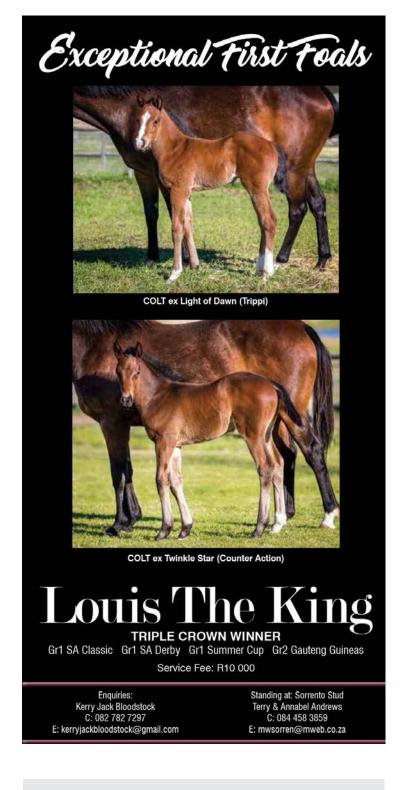
Did he enjoy the new Durbanville track? "I never rode on the old course, so wouldn't be able to tell how it's improved, but it's a beautiful surface. The Cape is crying for rain, so it is running slightly quick, but it's very fair and at this point in time, it's definitely one of the best surfaces in the country."

Future

Asked what gets him up in the morning (other than his alarm clock), he laughs, "The desire to win. The desire to be competitive and try and better yourself and of course working with these beautiful animals. Riding winners definitely makes it easier to get up the next morning, but I'm a really motivated person and find myself on a mission all the time to better myself and get as many and the best rides possible. I think you get addicted to that feeling of winning. You have to," he says thoughtfully. "Everyone wants to better their situation and better themselves. It's human nature."

"Obviously I would love to establish myself as one of the top riders in SA. I am no Joao Moreira right now, but I am a work in progress, which will be well worth the wait," he smiles. "I would love to represent my country and go overseas one day and box with all the 'big boys."

For now his immediate focus is to get as many rides and as many winners as possible and Wesley is living by the motto 'have saddle, will travel'. He rides comfortably at 54kgs, but can get down to 53kg if required.



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DURBANVILLE

Saturday: A Date With Durbanville

The new-look Durbanville answered all detractors in fine style ahead of its big feature day this coming weekend, by producing an afternoon of high quality 'fair and square' racing last Saturday.

After receiving rave reviews following the unofficial opening on Saturday 23 September, the picturesque country course came under fire from some quarters after a midweek racemeeting last week.

One trainer suggested that the surface was 'too firm' and there were also indications that the new design and fast top had in fact produced more unfair racing than ever before, benefitting front-runners and promoting cowboy antics by the jockeys. This was refuted by Kenilworth Racing and the NHA.

Saturday proved, however, that the track will in time prove to be a genuine boon for local racing and a platform for fair results, where draws are not the death sentence they used to be, and where all runners can win – if good enough.

Vaughan Marshall, who ran seven horses on the day – including two with soundness issues – reported on Sunday morning that all of his charges had all pulled up 'beautifully sound'.

Jockey MJ Byleveld posted on social media that given 'time and rain', Durbanville would be one of the best racecourses in the country!'

Sponsor A Jockey

Saturday promises a day of family entertainment with great feature racing, a bring-and-braai, R30 000 up for grabs in the potjiekos competition, live rugby and activities for the kids.

The jockeys will also be swapping their boots for running shoes in the annual Jockey Dash, and this year's nominated charity is the Cart Horse Protection Association which does such sterling work in assisting working equines across the Western Cape.

With Aldo 'Usain Bolt' Domeyer proving dominant in previous years, this year's event is being run as a relay to level the playing fields.

Jockeys can be sponsored at R2,000 per runner or R4,000 per team. A few jockeys have already been snapped up, with Pro-Dosa BOOST pairing up with Corné Orffer, Chrigor Stud backing Richard Fourie, Greenstreet Bloodstock sponsoring Bernard Fayd'herbe, Avontuur Stud partnering MJ Byleveld, Grant van Niekerk being supported by Drakenstein Stud and Ian Robinson endorsing Akshay Balloo, but there are a number of individuals and teams available, including defending champion Aldo Domeyer.

Teams selections are as follows:-

- 1. Aldo Domeyer & Corné Orffer
- 2. Tyron Langdon & Brandon May
- 3. Richard Fourie & Bernard Fayd'herbe
- 4. MJ Byleveld & Grant van Niekerk
- 5. Lucian Africa & Jason Smitsdorff
- 6. Donovan Dillon & Sihle Cele
- 7. Anthony Andrews & Morne Winnaar
- 8. Robert Khathi & Akshay Balloo
- 9. Calvin Ngcobo & Louis Burke

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Ready To Run Logs

The latest log standings for the two major Cape Thoroughbred Sales ready to run races

EMPERORS PALACE READY TO RUN CUP

R2,5 million, 1400m, Turffontein, Saturday 4 Nov

Log 27/9	Log 21/9	Log 14/9	Age	Sex		MR
1	1	1	3	F	BRAVE MARY	106
2	2	2	3	C	PURPLE DIAMOND	100
3	3	3	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	C	BARRACK STREET	99
3	3	3	3	C	WARRIOR'S REST	99
5	5	5	3	C	WONDERWALL	97
6	6	6	3	C	PUGET SOUND	94
7	7	7	3	C	SURCHARGE	92
8	8	8	3	C	BOATSWAIN (AUS)	90
9	9	9	3	G	CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN	88
10	10	10	3	F	CELESTINA	87
10	10	10	3	F	JUST MY STYLE	87
12	12	12	3	F	WINE FESTIVAL	86
13	13	13	3	C	BIG BEAR	85
13	13	13	3	G	RIDING SHOTGUN	85
13	13	13	3	F	TAMMANY HALL	85
16	24	24	3	F	PILGRIM'S PROGRESS	83
16			3	F	TAKINGTHEPEACE	83
16			3	F	VIRGA	83
19	16	16	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	G	CASH TIME	81
19			3	C	EKUSENI	81
19	16	16	3	G	ROCK MY SOUL	81
22	19		3	C	GENESIS	80
22	31	29	3	F	JUST ONE MORE	80
22	19	19	3	F	ONAMISSION	80
25	21	20	3	F	EFFORTLESS	79
25	21	20	3	F	IN CLOVER (AUS)	79
27	23	22	3	G	VICOMTE	78
28	24	24	3	C	GAT HENSAHAW	77
28	24		3	F	GO THULI GO	77
28	24	22	3	F	MICROBE	77
28	24	24	3	F	ONE DIMENSION	77
28			3	G	ONE FOR ONE	77
28	24	24	3	C	STAY WITH ME	77
28	24	24	3	F	TWEED VALLEY	77
	31	29	3	G	FLEXIBLE FUGITIVE	76
	31	29	3	G	MAIN DANE (AUS)	76
	16	16	3	F	ROSIE BUBBLES	76

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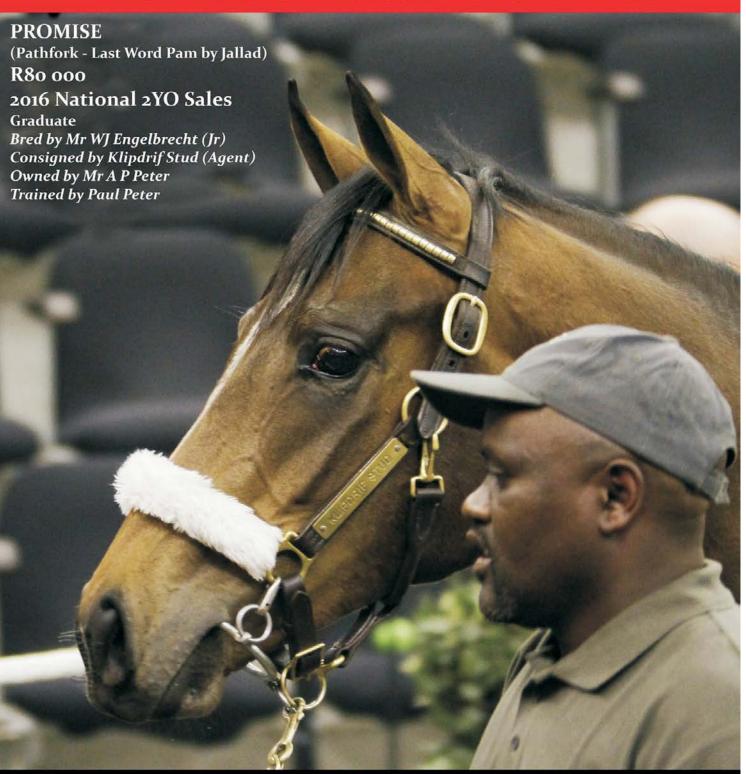
R2,5 million, 1400m, Kenilworth, Saturday 18 Nov

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1	1	1	3	G	BOLD RESPECT	100
1	1	1	3	C	PURPLE DIAMOND	100
3	3	3		C	BARRACK STREET	99
3 5 6	3	3	3 3 3	C	WARRIOR'S REST	99
5	5	5	3	C	WONDERWALL	97
	6	6		F	GOLD IMAGE	94
6	6	6	3 3 3	G	SIR FRENCHIE (AUS	94
8	8	8	3	C	PACK LEADER	93
8	8	8		G	VIRTUE	93
10	10	10	3	C	PERA PALACE	90
10	10	10	3	С	SNOW BOARDING	90
12	12	13	3	F	CELESTINA	87
12	12	13	3	F	FLICHITY BY FARR	87
12	12	13	3	F	MISS KATALIN	87
12	12	13	3	C	PHELAN LUCKY (AUS)	87
16	16	17	3	F	WIDOW'S LAMP	86
17	17	18	3	G	APOLLO STAR	85
17	17	18	3	C	BIG BEAR	85
19	19	20	3	C	ALSSAKHRA	84
19	19	20	3	C	BIG MISTAKE	84
19	19	12	3	G	CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN	84
19	19	20	3	G	STRATEGIC POWER	84
23	23	24	3	C	ENDOFMARCH	83
23	23	24	3	G	LOVE TO FLY	83
25	26	27	3	F	LALENA	82
25	26	27	3	С	LEAGUE GAME	82
27	28	29	3	С	AMOR ARDIENTE	80
27	28	29	3	C	KLOPP	80
27	28	29	3	G	VARSIDE	80
27	28	29	3	G	VICTORIOUS CAPTAIN	80
		20	3	G	ATATURK	79



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Short Heads

CLIFFTOPS

Third in the Gr2 Prix Dollar on Saturday and worthy of a mention is Highlands Stud triple Royal Ascot winning 2018 shuttler Canford Cliffs' 3yo son Salouen. Trained in Lambourn by Sylvester Kirk, Salouen broke the two-year-old course record time at Windsor with an impressive display in a mile maiden last season. He went on to acquit himself well in two of Europe's top juvenile Gr1 races over the same trip. A horse who enjoys fast ground, he is one for the notebook.

Flag Flying

Bush Hill Stud stallion Flying The Flag's full sister Rhododendron caught the eye on Arc day with a hard-fought victory over stablemate Hydrangea in the Gr1 Prix de l'Opera – a second career Gr1 victory for the Irish Champion Juvenile filly. Rhododendron had been beaten by Arc winner Enable in the Oaks in June – no disgrace, after what we saw at Chantilly on Sunday!

Chantilly Ace!

Summerhill Indian Ridge stallion Linngari was a stakes performer in eight different countries on four continents and his son Garlingari could have booked his trip to Hong Kong in December when he won the Gr2 Prix Dollar at Chantilly on Saturday. He added to his tally of five stakes successes and a cracking third in last season's Gr1 Prix Ganay when following up here on his win in the Gr3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte just a fortnight earlier. Trainer Corine Barande-Barbe, who won the Prix Dollar three times previously with former stable star Cirrus des Aigles, described Garlingari as a fighter. The Gr2 Prix du Conseil de Paris could be next in advance of the gelding's global campaign. The athletic chestnut Linngari produces over 60% winners to runners from his lifetime statistics and stands for a reduced fee of R12 000 this season.

Vaalrassic Park

Who said there were no celebrities on course? Four dinosaurs of the racing media ranks were spotted by our roving photographer at the Vaal on Grand Heritage day. Remember Die Beeld's Etienne Louw, published author Charl Pretorius, Business Day's globetrotter Dave Mollett and Wessel Moolman of the Daily Despatch and Citizen? With over 500 years race reporting experience between them, the aged quartet paid their own way and coughed up the ten bucks admission fee. What happened, we wonder, to media privileges?

ON TOP

Cape-based Aldo Domeyer was propelled to the head of the SA National Jockey log courtesy of his four-timer for Alan Greeff at Fairview on Friday and a double for Candice Bass-Robinson at Durbanville on Saturday. With a big away job, Domeyer could go close to securing the championship.



Whipping Boy

Craig Zackey is enjoying a cracking season – although he seems to have been a tad under the whip during September. The former champion apprentice was fined on four occasions under Rule 58.10.2 – for striking his mount more than three times on consecutive strides. Cutey Me (Fairview 15 September), Zeal And Zest (Turffontein 25 September), Gold Medal Girl (Turffontein 25 September) and It Is Written (Fairview 26 September) were the rides in question. He was fined R750, R1000 and R1500 respectively – and oddly enough only R750 for his fourth and most recent contravention.

IN FAVOUR

Congratulations to former trainer and TBA Yearling Inspector Tobie Spies on his appointment as manager of Favour Stud in the beautiful Stilbaai. The vastly experienced Tobie fills the position vacated by Renate du Plessis on her recent emigration to Australia.

620 501

The numbers 7-4-24-15 produced what must be an all-time record quartet payout amount of R620 501 on the Grand Heritage last Saturday. The sum of R439 916 was carried over – till where and when, we don't know.

WEIGHT A MOMENT

Interesting to read Ridgemont Stud Manager Craig Carey's statement to Gold Circle journo Michael Clower that Sun Met winner Whisky Baron had pulled up well after his unplaced run at Newmarket last Friday (see page 9) "He lost 10kg in the race, which showed how much he needed it," said Carey.

Pathfork's Super Saturday

Highlands Stud sire Pathfork enjoyed a profitable Saturday when the Irish champion was represented by a trio of winners.

Pathfork's daughter My Friend Lee made it career win number five when she won Saturday's Heritage 1200 Fillies & Mares at the Vaal.

Trained by Lucky Houdalakis, and bred by Highlands Stud, My Friend Lee stayed on gamely to lift the 1200m contest by 0.4 of a length from the smart Old Em.

The four-year-old, a member of her sire's very first crop, has now won or placed in 11 of 15 outings with Saturday's win pushing her earnings to just shy of R400 000.

Out of the West Man mare Sister Sheila, My Friend Lee was a R300 000 purchase from the 2015 Suncoast KZN Yearling Sale.



Pathfork | Tracy Robertson

Pathfork was also responsible for Saturday's eye catching debut winner Promise, who provided Grand Heritage winning trainer Paul Peter with another win at the Vaal. Bred by Willem Engelbrecht Jr, Promise ran on smartly to score a long neck win first time — defeating some well bred individuals, including Gr1 winner Al Sahem's half-sister Hafla, in the process.

Pathfork's third win on Saturday came in the form of Bobby Dazzler, one of three winners on the day for trainer Brett Crawford. Bred by Ridgemont Stud, the lightly raced Bobby Dazzler made it win number two with a fast finishing score over 1200m at Durbanville.

Like Pathfork's Gr3 Godolphin Barb Stakes winning son Red Chesnut Road, Bobby Dazzler is closely inbred to the great sire Sadler's Wells- a pattern also found in Arc winner Enable's pedigree!

A son of champion sire Distorted Humor, Pathfork is from the same family as champion sires Redoute's Choice, Northern Guest and Try My Best, with the latter the male line ancestor of top sires Dark Angel, Acclamation and Marju.

Delpech Captains SA Team

The South African Jockeys team for this year's Air Mauritius International Jockeys' Challenge to be held on Sunday 19 November has been announced.

Reigning champion jockey Anthony Delpech captains a team comprising Gavin Lerena, Greg Cheyne, Anton Marcus, S'manga Khumalo and Craig Zackey.

The Challenge will comprise just the one meeting but will take place over six races, rather than four as has been the case previously.

The international team has not yet been finalised but discussions are well on their way with UK Champion jockey Jim Crowley, Frenchman Gérald Mossé, Irishman Pat Smullen and Australian Corey Brown.

The international team will gather in Mauritius from the Monday prior to the event and will then be flown to Joburg on Thursday 16 November by Air Mauritius.

The jockeys will have a day off on Saturday when they can relax and acclimatise and on Sunday they will be fired up to do battle.



INTERNATIONAL

Cartier - Enable Lays Down Gauntlet

Enable capped an amazing year when dazzling in Europe's premier contest, the Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, at Chantilly on Sunday and has laid down an outstanding claim to be crowned Cartier Horse of the Year 2017.

Enable, trained in Newmarket by John Gosden for owner/breeder Khalid Abdullah, was winning her fifth G1 of the year when successful in tremendous style by two and a half lengths in Europe's richest race ahead of 17 opponents, having previously landed the Investec Oaks, Darley Irish Oaks, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Sponsored by QIPCO) and Darley Yorkshire Oaks.

The three-year-old daughter of Nathaniel created history by becoming the first British-trained filly to lift the 12-furlong French showpiece.

Read more here

Patience – Pays In The End

Patience is the key when it comes to racing horses. Ask the owners of the 9yo Isaac Bell who scored on his 2000m flat racing debut at 100 to 1 on Tuesday evening at Kempton.

A galloper apparently beset by leg problems, the two time hurdle winner was having his first outing since a modest sixth in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Market Rasen when last seen in January.

He scored a neck victory under Luke Morris on his Flat debut with owners Steve Brown and David Raftery having put the lights out.

Sadly trainer Alex Hales was not among those who backed him and he said: "He had done a nice piece of work last week but it was unrealistic to expect him to win.

"It is not easy to judge a nine-year-old maiden against fresh-legged three-year-olds."

Explaining the switch to the Flat, Hales said: "He has not quite fulfilled his potential over hurdles due to leg issues and we wanted to take the easier option of running him on the Flat to see if it was worth running him on the all-weather in the winter.

"Luke said he always thought he was going to be placed and he thinks he will get further. I would imagine another run on the Flat would seem wise."

Dettori Makes Arc History

Frankie Dettori, who rode Edict Of Nantes to victory in this year's Investec Cape Derby at Kenilworth, won a record fifth Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on the John Gosden-trained Enable in Chantilly on Sunday.

The 3yo Enable, sent off the 10-11 favourite, led for most of Europe's richest horse race to secure Dettori and Gosden their second Arc win in three years.

Cloth of Stars (25-1), ridden by jockey Mickael Barzalona and trained by Andre Fabre, was second.

Third-favourite Ulysses (9-1), trained by Sir Michael Stoute and ridden by Jim Crowley, came third.



Frankie Dettori

The victory capped a memorable season for Enable, in which she secured five consecutive Group One victories- in the Epsom Oaks, the Irish Oaks, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the Yorkshire Oaks.

Winning trainer John Gosden, who also won with Golden Horn two years ago, told BBC Sport: "She's very special and she was well positioned by Frankie in order to show her sheer class and brilliance.

"It's all about the filly and the owner-breeder Prince Khalid [Abdullah]. He bred the mother and for his farm to produce something like this is exciting for us all.

"I think it would be wrong to run her again this year. I think to go to the Breeders' Cup would be wrong, too hard on the filly.

"If she's in great form we should consider next year. Maybe it would be wonderful to go to the opening of the new Longchamp and try to do it again."

Dettori also won it in 1995, 2001, 2002 and 2015 to become the all-time Arc champion jockey.

R107 Million Up For Grabs

The world's richest turf race is taking shape with the full field announced for this month's A\$10 million blockbuster. That amounts to R107 million at current rates of exchange.

The Herald Sun reports that all 12 slots for The TAB Everest have been finalised with some of Australia's best sprinters lining up for the epic new race on October 14 at the Sydney Spring Carnival.

The Everest features 12 starters, with horses nominated by slot owners who pay A\$600,000 to secure a starting position for three years.

The field was finalised over the long weekend with Newcastle sprinter Clearly Innocent selected by final slot holder Damion Flower.

Golden Slipper winner She Will Reign has been named, as has turf queen Gai Waterhouse's mare English and the David Hayes-trained Tulip.

The shareholder has the right to race, lease, contract or share a starter, or sell their slot. Racing's first lady Gai Waterhouse said she would "sing and dance" if English can win the iconic new race.

"If English can win the Everest, there will be a special performance — I will sing and dance," a delighted Waterhouse said after English's close second in the Premiere Stakes on Saturday. "I'm over the moon with the mare, whatever beats her will win."

LOUW FLYER

The Future Is Brigt The Story of Eightfold Path

Hot on the heels of notching the first winner for Eightfold Path on 9 September 2017, Brigtnumberten posted his second win in as many weeks, for trainer Roy Magner and Hartley SA's Hui Guo. The promising colt now has 2 wins and a place from 7 starts.

Peter Gibson is the nominated representative, so I gave him a call to find out more about Brigtnumberten, Eightfold Path and Hartley SA (Pty) Ltd.

Mr Guo is a businessman from the Chinese mainland who Peter met through a trade mission. "In 2012, Racing South Africa hosted an official delegation of 6 people from the China Horse Industry Association and included in the group was Mr Guo. By the end of the trip, Mr Guo loved the country and wanted to buy a horse. We purchased Tipo Tinto in training and he won 3 for Guo in his now distinctive blue and red colours."

Eightfold Path

Shortly after Mr Guo started his foray into South African racing, Eightfold Path came onto the market. Bred by the Niarchos family's Flaxman Holdings, Eightfold Path is by Giant's Causeway and is the first foal out of French Champion race filly, Divine Proportions. He campaigned in the Niarchos colours in France under Pascal Bary.

A precocious juvenile, Eightfold Path won his first race over 1200m in July of his 2yo career. He was then tried in the 7 furlong Gr3 Prix la Rochette, finishing 3rd and only 2 lengths off French Champion Two Year Old Colt and subsequent stud stallion, Siyouni. He closed out his 2yo career by winning the Prix Eclipse at Maison Lafitte. Eightfold Path was one of Bary's leading hopes for the 2010 Classic season, before being sidelined by injury ahead of the French 2000 Guineas. As a 4 and 5 year old, he won 2, including the Grand Handicap de Deauville over 1600m before being shipped to South Africa. Eightfold Path had a few starts under the

care of Mike de Kock, but was already focussing beyond the track, so he was offered as a stallion prospect.

"Robin Bruss approached me and we bought him as a syndicate," continues Peter. "At the time, Await The Dawn and Eightfold Path were the only two Giant's Causeways to come into the country, which is quite surprising," he muses.

Stud Career

"The whole deal was put together over one of the KZN stallion days," recalls Peter. "We asked Scott Bros whether they were interested in standing him, they said yes and put together a number of others. Mr Guo retained 64% and the rest is syndicated across various studs in KZN. He's averaged around 55 mares per year from 2013. His first crop are now 3yo's and based on the quality of foals he produced in his first season, we've continually upgraded the quality

of mares we've sent to him, so his better foals have come from his subsequent covering seasons."

Asked to describe Eightfold Path, Peter says, "He is a short, powerful horse with a lovely shoulder and a good hindquarter. He stands over a lot of ground for a small horse and interestingly, he is throwing size, but Eightfold Path was a first foal," notes Peter. "His female line is outstanding and his dam was an absolute freak. She won 10 out of 11 starts, of which 5 were Gr1's and she beat the colts." It's a beautiful family that goes all the way back to Shirley Heights and Pentire and Peter feel strongly that Eightfold Path will leave a legacy through his daughters.

Off The Mark

Given Eightfold Path's precociousness as a racehorse, it has been a long wait for his first winner. "It did surprise us a little," Peter admits, "but after Brigtnumberten won, there was another winner the following week (Esploratore – trained by Alec Laird) and it's been great to see Brigtnumberten now win two on the trot."

"Giant's Causeway's best nick has been with Seeking The Gold mares, so we've deliberately gone out and looked for daughters of Windrush and Esploratore is out of a Windrush mare. Brigt-numberten is out of a Joshua Dancer mare, so you've got Danzig onto Storm Cat. But he's had a good spread and also has some lovely foals out of Jet Master and Western Winter mares, so time will tell."

Eightfold Path stands at Scott Bros for a fee of R10k. "However, in a market where everyone is discounting, we're certainly negotiable," adds Peter.

Brigtnumberten

Mr Guo's company in China is called Bright Industrial Trading Co, which is what the horses are named after in numerical order. "We avoided one or two, such as 9 which is not considered very lucky. We've had Brigtnumbertwo, three and four. Brigtnumberfour is a listed placed filly and a full sister to Noble Heir (Kahal) who won the Computaform Sprint and is now at stud in Australia. Brigtnumberfour is now at stud and has just produced a filly by Bold Silvano. Brigtnumberfive is a 5yo Kahal mare out of the 4

time winning Saumarez mare, Star Role. She is talented, but somewhat injury prone. Brigtnumbersix is by Visionaire and is with Lucky Houdalakis and has won 2 from 5 starts. Brigtnumberseven has retired. Brigtnumbereight is an unraced Eightfold Path filly, the first foal of Listed winning Windrush mare, Glittering Temple, that is showing promise. There was no number nine and then of course there's Brigtnumberten, which has just won two in a row."

Brightnumberten is the first foal out of a Joshua Dancer mare, Summer Dew. "Although he's neat and well-balanced, he was small, so we decided to race him ourselves and protect the dam, who is just starting her broodmare career. Roy has always been bullish about the horse, even though he's not the biggest. He's always shown ability, but as Roy said in his last interview, he's quite feisty, so it



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took a little time for him to mature and for the stable to get to know him, but I think Roy's team has handled him really well, given him enough time and placed him well."

Name Change

Mr Guo has subsequently changed his company name and now runs his operations as Hartley SA (Pty) Ltd. "All the new horses will be named with the prefix Hartley," laughs Peter. "Hartleyone (an Eightfold Path 3yo half brother to Brigtnumbersix, from the immediate family of Kundalini) is with Alec Laird. He is a big, rangy horse, so we'll wait and see what he does."

It is always encouraging to see foreign interest and investment in our local industry and Peter reports that Mr Guo is enjoying his South African venture. "He's now got 68 horses under his care dotted around the country and he's using a number of different stallions — not just Natal based ones. He's also got horses in training in most centres now. He loves South Africa and has brought his family out on numerous occasions. He's got a real feel for SA and has bought into the idea that this is an area with enormous scope to increase values once we solve our export issues."

"Last year, Hartley SA embarked on a strategy of upgrading its blood-lines with a view to the longer term breeding interests it is developing. We bought a nice selection of horses from the 2016 National Yearling Sale including the recent debutant winner, Salimah (Trippi), who makes her way to Cape Town for the coming season. Others include promising types like What A Player (What A Winter) with Alan Greeff in Port Elizabeth, Seattle Spark (Sail From Seattle) and Aldo's Chase (Oratorio) with Dennis Drier in Durban and Pride Of Place (Black Minnaloushe) with Roy Magner in Johannesburg. We also invested in a good number of broodmares at various sales around the country and bought some nice individuals at this year's yearling sales."

Shared Vision

"With the closure of Horseracing South Africa (Pty) Ltd, I now work for industry on a part-time basis, so am able to look after Hartley SA's interests in my private time. At the end of the day, we're all aligned in the same objective, which is to access foreign markets. Guo is doing a lot of work in places like China, Singapore and Korea on our behalf — he shares the same vision as the rest of us and it's nice to have a foreign investor looking at similar objectives."

"We shipped Guo's top colt, Welsh Emperor (runner-up in the EC Derby), out of the country with the flexible view of either going to Singapore for better prize money or taking our chances at a sale and seeing how the market responded to him." They offered him at Tattersalls July sale and he was knocked down for 78,000 gns.

"We were pretty happy with the return in Rand value, the only risk being whether one is prepared to commit 4 months and R400k to get a horse there. He was bought by a Saudi contingent to race in the UAE and it shows that a horse out of PE with a nice profile and sound track record is desirable to the foreign market. Had he been year younger, we might have got double."

Also, like a lot of the new Asian investors, Mr Guo has an Australian division as well, but it's purely trade and based on pin hooking. "He's just started that, supported by James Bester, the South African born bloodstock agent who also does most of Sabine Plattner's work," explains Peter. "I introduced Mr Guo to him and he does a lot of consultancy work for him. South Africans stick together wherever we are in the world."

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Var x Torra Bay bay colt 13.09.17 (Avontuur)



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Pathfork x Silky Lily filly 20.09.17 (Highlands Stud)

BREEDING

Time Of Her Life

Nadeson Park stallion Time Thief's smart daughter In Her Time defeated a star-studded line-up in Saturday's Gr2 Premiere Stakes (1200m) at Randwick.

"I was lucky enough to snag the ride at the trials at Rosehill and I haven't had a horse trial like that in a long while, especially since I've been home from Singapore," said jockey Corey Brown.

"She's the real deal and showed it here today. I think there would be no doubt she would be competitive in The Everest."

In Her Time's trainer Benjamin Smith said he would keep the phone on in anticipation of getting an Everest call-up. This unfortunately has not happened, with the final field published.

In becoming Australia's latest equine millionairess, the 5yo daughter of Time Thief registered her sixth win with 3 places from 15 starts for stakes of A\$1.013.225

In Her Time was consigned to the 2014 Inglis Classic Yearling sale by Kanangra Stud, where she failed to make her \$40,000 reserve.

She is the seventh foal of the Zeditave mare Hell It's Hot, a half-sister to Gr3 winner Hot As Hell, Listed winner Flaming Hot, Hong Kong Stakes winner Craig's Dragon and the 5-time winner Harlem Heat the dam of Listed winner Harlem River.

A top class racehorse, Time Thief won or placed in six of his seven outings. Winner of the Listed Zeditave Stakes, Time Thief's top performances included a second in the Gr1 Caulfield Guineas, where he was beaten by Whobegotyou, and a third in the Gr1 Australia Stakes, to champion Apache Cat.

An A\$2 million yearling buy, Time Thief is a son of triple Australian Champion Sire Redoute's Choice and is one of five stakes horses produced by the Gr3 Tristarc Stakes winner Procrastinate.

Oratorio Making Progress

The Veterinary Surgeons attending to top-flight Avontuur stallion Oratorio were pleased with x-rays taken of the champion international stakes producer on Tuesday.



Diagnosed with laminitis recently, Oratorio's coverings were cancelled so that the team could concentrate on getting him back to full health.

"He's a really relaxed horse, with a laid-back personality, so he is an easy patient," explained Avontuur GM Pippa Mickleburgh.

She added that Oratorio was relatively pain free and handling the setback well, but confirmed that no chances would be taken in ensuring that he would be back to his best by next season and the years ahead.

"He will have further x-rays in a fortnight from now and frankly the chances of him covering this season are very slight," she told the SP Digest on Wednesday.

"We hope to have him back to full strength by next year at the latest, and as he's reacting so well to the medical regime at

the moment, we could even hope for an earlier recovery, with a bit of luck."

In the meantime Pippa is very happy with the current crop of Oratorio foals and says that she has an excellent group of Oratorio's to line up for the yearling sales in 2018.

"It is a horrible experience for all of us at the farm to see him in pain, especially as his progeny are starting to show their class on a regular basis, with more winners on the board this past week. But the most important thing now is to concentrate on his health and to get him fully on the road to recovery."

Pippa thanked the industry on behalf of the Avontuur team for the good wishes which have been streaming in and stressed that the support was appreciated

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Mayfair Speculators took another step
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when partnering in the purchase of the
top-selling lot on the second day of Book
1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale
in Newmarket on Wednesday.

A remarkable eight yearlings sold for a million guineas or more on the second day, taking the number of seven figure lots to twelve, three more than at last year's sale with today's (Thursday) session still to come.

The Wednesday top eight comprised of five Dubawi's, two Galileo's and a Frankel.

MV Magnier purchased the first foal of the Champion racemare Sky Lantern, whose Group 1 victories included the 1,000 Guineas, Coronation Stakes, Moyglare Stud Stakes and Sun Chariot Stakes, on behalf of a partnership that included Mayfair Speculators.

The yearling colt by Dubawi, who was consigned by Highclere Stud on behalf of Rock-cliffe Stud's Keswick family, was knocked down for 2,000,000 guineas after he saw off Qatar Racing's David Redvers, trainer Roger Varian and agent Alastair Donald.

Successful purchaser MV Magnier commented;

"He is out of a brilliant racemare who was a champion two-year-old and who went on to win the 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes and become a champion three-year-old. She was a very quick filly. We are all about finding the right horse," said Magnier. Read more here

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date	close	high	low	volume
40ct	1936	1970	1900	218,017
3Oct	1944	1944	1944	0
20ct	1944	1950	1840	1,245,423
29Sep	1950	1950	1920	5,537
28Sep	1940	1940	1900	4,250
27Sep	1917	1935	1840	1,103
26Sep	1940	1945	1940	50
22Sep	1945	1950	1870	6,918
21Sep	1938	1941	1860	2,383
20Sep	1942	1942	1942	0
19Sep	1942	1942	1942	0
18Sep	1942	1942	1865	69,443

BREEDING

Dubawi Marches On



Darley's outstanding stallion, Dubawi, second only to Galileo as Europe's premier sire, has enjoyed yet another magnificent season in 2017.

The only Gr1 winner sired by ill-fated champion, Dubai Millennium, Dubawi enjoyed a notable Gr1 double this weekend, firstly with his son, Mubtaahij, picking up his maiden Gr1 victory when landing the Gr1 Awesome Again Stakes at Santa Anita on Saturday. Formerly with Mike de Kock, the now Bob Baffert domiciled Mubtaahij (a half-brother to local broodmare, Saint Mary) could give Dubawi a first Breeders' Cup win when he lines up in the Breeders' Cup Classic in November.

Dubawi also made it back to back wins in the Gr1 Prix Marcel Boussac, when daughter, Wild Illusion, won on Sunday. The race went to Dubawi's daughter, Wuheida, 12 months ago. Wild Illusion had won easily first time out, before finishing third at her only previous outing, in the Gr3 Prix d'Aumale.

It is not the first French Gr1 won by Dubawi fillies in recent times, with his daughters, Left Hand and Bateel, lifting the 2016 and 2017 Prix Vermeille and Sobetsu landing the 2017 Prix Saint Alary. Dubawi's success was carried further afield than Europe this weekend, with granddaughter, Bonneval, winning Australia's Gr1 Underwood Stakes. Bonneval is a daughter of Dubawi's classic winning son, Makfi.

Seven Up

Dubawi has enjoyed another remarkable year in 2017, with the triple G1 winner represented by seven individual Gr1 winners this year. Dubawi daughters filled the first three placings in the recent Gr1 Prix Vermeille. Also this year, Dubawi has been represented by top flight winners in three different countries – North America,

France and Ireland, with his progeny winning four Gr1 features in France in 2017 thus far. Another son, Frontiersman, ran second in the 2017 Gr1 Investec Coronation Cup, a race won in 2016 by Dubawi's son, Postponed. Dubawi also had seven individual Gr1 winners to his name in 2016, and had 10 top flight winners in the Northern Hemisphere one year prior to that.

The grandson of Seeking The Gold has also enjoyed plenty of success with his 2yos this year, with Wild Illusion joining Anna Nerium (Gr3 Dick Poole Stakes) and Glorious Journey (Gr3 Prix la Rochette), as group winning juveniles. His other promising 2yo winners this year include the regally bred pair, Emaraaty and Ghaiyyath.

One of the gaps on Dubawi's impressive resume (he has more than 200 stakes horses to his name, including more than 30 Gr1 winners, and his runners have banked in excess of \$150 000 000) are the English classics, as, with the exception of the 2000 Guineas- won by sons Makfi and Night Of Thunder- Dubawi is yet to strike a blow in England's premier 3yo contests.

Despite his 3yo's having yet to land a 2400m English classic, Dubawi's older runners have enjoyed plenty of success over a mile and a half, having won such Gr1 2400m contests as the King George, Coronation Cup, Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, Prix Vermeille and Canadian International.

The sire has proven particularly effective when mated to mares from the Sadler's Wells male line. Star performers bred on the Dubawi/Sadler's Wells line cross include the Gr1 winners Night Of Thunder, Journey, Monterosso, Arabian Queen, Hunter's Light, Left Hand and Wuheida. Sadler's Wells is also found in the pedigree of Dubawi's Prix du Jockey Club winning son, New Bay, as well as the sire's Hong Kong Cup winning sire son, Akeed Mofeed, and 2017 Prix Saint-Alary heroine, Sobetsu.

Both Left Hand and Wuheida are out of mares by Singspiel, whose sire, In The Wings (Sadler's Wells), is from the same family as Dubawi.

Inbreeding

Inbreeding to Shirley Heights, whose son, Deploy, is damsire of Dubawi, has also proved very successful for Dubawi. This pattern has produced four time Gr1 winner, Al Kazeem, the above mentioned Left Hand and Wuheida, Gr1 Premio Roma/Gr1 Jebel Hatta hero Hunter's Light, Sobetsu, Gr1 British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes victress, Journey, and Arabian Queen, who downed champion Golden Horn in the 2015 Gr1 Juddmonte International. Arabian Queen has a very interesting pedigree in her own right, as she is a direct descendant of Etoile de France, the ancestress of Dubawi himself.

Dubawi is well and truly established as the greatest descendant of Mr Prospector in Europe and he and his descendants look well set to continue to act as a foil for the abundance of Northern Dancer line mares the world over.



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Seattle Flame

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Stakes							wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner wi & % of total		
2,940,475	Summerhill Stud	191	15,395	397	33	36	17%	0	0	0%	99	25%	0	Pure Blonde	146,250	5%
2,647,925	Klawervlei Stud	197	13,441	374	27	27	14%	0	0	0%	113	30%	0	Valediction	89,650	3%
1,894,525	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfo	ntein 90	21,050	146	21	22	23%	0	0	0%	48	33%	1	Zen Arcade	318,125	17%
1,753,825	Maine Chance	92	19,063	155	17	18	18%	0	0	0%	44	28%	0	Mind Your Business	200,000	11%
1,554,375	Highlands	90	17,271	179	22	22	24%	0	0	0%	36	20%	0	My Friend Lee	110,500	7%
1,433,750	Moutonshoek	65	22,058	127	9	13	14%	0	0	0%	29	23%	0	Broadway Trip	625,000	44%
1,207,200	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	71	17,003	144	14	15	20%	0	0	0%	42	29%	0	Dodgy Itie	125,000	10%
1,141,700	Scott Bros	86	13,276	176	10	12	12%	0	0	0%	50	28%	1	Blue Berry Pie	110,050	10%
1,041,975	Varsfontein Stud	56	18,607	95	13	13	23%	0	0	0%	26	27%	0	True Master	83,875	8%
960,675	Drakenstein Stud	57	16,854	96	11	12	19%	0	0	0%	34	35%	0	Weston	93,750	10%
928,075	The Alchemy	41	22,636	86	10	12	24%	0	0	0%	20	23%	0	Dan The Lad	228,850	25%
878,600	Oldlands Stud	23	38,200	42	4	4	17%	0	0	0%	7	17%	0	Fullfillyourdream	625,000	71%
830,625	Ascot Stud	44	18,878	75	9	11	20%	0	0	0%	19	25%	0	Classify	142,500	17%
788,600	PG de Beyer	21	37,552	39	5	6	24%	0	0	0%	11	28%	0	Forest Fox	409,050	52%
726,550	GJ Armitage	49	14,828	94	8	9	16%	0	0	0%	26	28%	0	Kirinia	92,050	13%

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942,550 932,175 876,038 856,600	Mambo In Seattle *Tiger Ridge *Rebel King *Western Winter	72 41 61 49	13,091 22,736 14,361 17,482	153 93 150 98	8 10 6 8	11 12 6 8	11% 24% 10% 16%	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0% 0% 0% 0% 13%	48 30 57 33	31% 32% 38% 34%	0 0 1 0	Noceur Madam Secretary Leia Organa Red Peril	125,875 89,000 81,950 103,150	13% 10% 9% 12%

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892,075	Silvano	29	30,761	41	13	13	45%	0	0	0%	10	24%	0	Silva's Bullet	153,125	17%
810,875	Trippi	18	45,049	26	2	2	11%	0	0	0%	15	58%	0	Broadway Trip	625,000	77%
773,038	Var	38	20,343	64	9	9	24%	0	0	0%	23	36%	0	Rommel	90,000	12%
732,825	*Antonius Pius	39	18,790	78	10	10	26%	0	0	0%	22	28%	0	Battle Creek	65,400	9%
695,225	Querari	23	30,227	33	6	6	26%	0	0	0%	13	39%	0	Mind Your Business	200,000	29%
662,488	*Captain Al	32	20,703	51	7	8	22%	0	0	0%	22	43%	0	Undercover Agent	91,250	14%
649,750	Indigo Magic	4	162,438	5	1	1	25%	0	0	0%	2	40%	0	Fullfillyourdream	625,000	96%
632,450	*Sail From Seattle	33	19,165	60	9	10	27%	0	0	0%	17	28%	0	Seattle Flame	90,000	14%
594,200	Await The Dawn	21	28,295	43	8	9	38%	0	0	0%	10	23%	0	Darkest Hour	131,875	22%
591,275	Twice Over	31	19,073	52	9	9	29%	0	0	0%	10	19%	0	Draugluin	78,625	13%

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230,875	Mambo In Seattle	9	25,653	26	1	3	11%	0	0	0%	14	54%	0	Caramito	110,625	48%
210,175	*Kahal	13	16,167	33	3	4	23%	0	0	0%	13	39%	0	Perfectus	74,125	35%
129,375	*Tiger Ridge	6	21,563	16	1	2	17%	0	0	0%	8	50%	0	Devious Tiger	79,425	61%
127,400	*Latino Magic	2	63,700	5	1	1	50%	0	0	0%	1	20%	0	Dodgy Itie	125,000	98%
121,525	*A P Answer	4	30,381	10	2	3	50%	0	0	0%	3	30%	0	Heavy Hitter	63,200	52%
102,875	Visionaire	6	17,146	11	3	3	50%	0	0	0%	2	18%	0	Somnium	35,775	35%
101,975	Jay Peg	4	25,494	7	2	2	50%	0	0	0%	1	14%	0	In Full Regalia	65,750	64%
100,525	Elusive Fort	3	33,508	7	1	1	33%	0	0	0%	3	43%	0	Elusive Singer	90,925	90%
97,625	Toreador	4	24,406	6	1	1	25%	0	0	0%	2	33%	0	Roy's Marciano	84,375	86%

LEADING BREEDERS by AEPR SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 1 October 2017																
Stakes	Sire	rnrs	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP		with stakes tal stakes	
878,600	Oldlands Stud	23	38,200	42	4	4	17%	0	0	0%	7	17%	0	Fullfillyourdream	625,000	71%
788,600	PG de Beyer	21	37,552	39	5	6	24%	0	0	0%	11	28%	0	Forest Fox	409,050	52%
630,350	Mauritzfontein Stud	23	27,407	58	6	6	26%	0	0	0%	23	40%	1	Isphan	88,500	14%
319,350	Riethuiskraal Stud	12	26,613	24	4	4	33%	0	0	0%	7	29%	0	Pera Palace	84,375	26%
550,900	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	22	25,041	36	5	5	23%	0	0	0%	13	36%	0	Silva's Bullet	153,125	28%
594,550	Daytona Stud	24	24,773	43	8	8	33%	1	1	13%	14	33%	0	Red Peril	103,150	17%
295,950	AN Foster	13	22,765	20	5	5	38%	0	0	0%	7	35%	0	Strathdon	63,750	22%
928,075	The Alchemy	41	22,636	86	10	12	24%	0	0	0%	20	23%	0	Dan The Lad	228,850	25%
1,433,750	Moutonshoek	65	22,058	127	9	13	14%	0	0	0%	29	23%	0	Broadway Trip	625,000	44%

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The Sale takes place at Durbanville racecourse on Friday 17 November, with the first lot under the hammer at 18h00.

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LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS												
SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 1 October 2017												
jockey	rides	wins	win	fav	fav	wfav	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	stakes	stks/
			%		%	%		%	four	four%		rides
A Domeyer	131	30	23%	50	38%	38%	20	15%	80	61%	1,952,175	14,902
L Hewitson	213	28	13%	33	15%	30%	20	9%	95	45%	2,120,675	9,956
G Lerena	98	26	27%	35	36%	40%	20	20%	65	66%	2,276,788	23,233
G Wrogemann	130	21	16%	15	12%	40%	14	11%	69	53%	1,891,163	14,547
A Delpech	94	20	21%	34	36%	32%	20	21%	56	60%	1,706,213	18,151
K De Melo	186	20	11%	29	16%	31%	25	13%	83	45%	2,067,550	11,116
C Zackey	220	20	9%	28	13%	11%	23	10%	91	41%	1,804,513	8,202
C Murray	188	20	11%	38	20%	26%	21	11%	70	37%	1,599,950	8,510
M Yeni	135	19	14%	32	24%	25%	16	12%	64	47%	1,450,175	10,742
A Marcus	68	17	25%	32	47%	38%	10	15%	42	62%	1,244,788	18,306
G v Niekerk	92	17	18%	16	17%	38%	15	16%	60	65%	1,309,600	14,235
R Danielson	112	15	13%	7	6%	57%	7	6%	43	38%	1,111,550	9,925
R Fourie	100	13	13%	23	23%	26%	18	18%	50	50%	1,135,725	11,357
C Maujean	182	13	7%	5	3%	0%	15	8%	53	29%	1,116,375	6,134
M Thackeray	175	13	7%	4	2%	25%	11	6%	65	37%	888,125	5,075
W Kennedy	106	12	11%	15	14%	20%	17	16%	50	47%	1,084,850	10,234
R Simons	68	12	18%	13	19%	38%	5	7%	32	47%	1,513,775	22,261
K Zechner	143	12	8%	13	9%	8%	18	13%	66	46%	1,187,400	8,303
R Munger	219	12	5%	4	2%	50%	12	5%	67	31%	1,052,875	4,808
P Strydom	66	11	17%	17	26%	24%	12	18%	33	50%	950,775	14,406
J Penny	155	11	7%	2	1%	0%	8	5%	36	23%	700,025	4,516
L Mxothwa	68	11	16%	6	9%	33%	5	7%	32	47%	734,650	10,804
B Fayd'herbe	47	10	21%	8	17%	38%	6	13%	24	51%	663,950	14,127
S Khumalo	84	10	12%	19	23%	26%	9	11%	37	44%	811,875	9,665
S Veale	98	10	10%	14	14%	36%	11	11%	51	52%	1,528,775	15,600
G Cheyne	65	9	14%	10	15%	10%	15	23%	39	60%	740,600	11,394



Winging It



JP van der Merwe rode a cracker at the Vaal on Tuesday

Our 2016 Met winning jockey JP van der Merwe produced the ride of the week at the Vaal on Tuesday. His determination and balance in getting Flying Winger home for Alec Laird to win the seventh race was first-class. JP looks to be much better value than his current 6% winning

strike-rate suggests. The 26 year old lightweight is stable jockey to Gavin Smith in PE but regularly rides in Gauteng.

Glen Puller looks to maintain his Matchem dominance on Saturday

Matchem Man

Milnerton trainer Glen Puller - often dubbed the Million Dollar man – is the winningmost Matchem Stakes conditioner of the 21st century and saddles Silicone Valley in a bid to register his fifth success in the season sweetener on Saturday. The Jay Peg gelding, who will be partnered by Greg Cheyne, was

runner-up in the Gr2 Cape Merchants last season and ran a cracking fifth, just 5 lengths off Legal Eagle in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate.

In Charge

One of the best established jockey-trainer combinations in the Cape are the powerful team of Milnerton-based Vaughan Marshall and Avontuur anchor man, MJ Byleveld. They have

been banging home the winners with regularity since racing returned to Durbanville on 23 September and Byleveld's winning ride -



the first of a double- from the front on the 5yo Adorado on Wednesday was top-drawer stuff. They team up with Gr1 winner Always In Charge in the Matchem on Saturday.

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MJ Byleveld and

SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Yarraman 3c (Leading Light by Fantastic Light)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Cristian 3c (Picturesque by Al Mufti)

Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1600m (06/10)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Taranaki 3c (Urabamba by Fort Wood)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Fly By Skye 3c (Wings Over Skye by Jet Master)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Silver Raisin 3f (Bay Leaf by Strike Smartly)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (3yo Fillies)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

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

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

CRUSADE freshman sire Scott Bros.

CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

First Crusade 3c (Pacific Blue by Model Man)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Midnight 3c (Midnight Ale by Dolpour)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Wee Maggie 3f (Forbidden Woods by Fort Wood)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (3yo Fillies)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Joking Dice 3f (Slew per Jet by Jet Master)

Fairview 7 Novice Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1200m (06/10)

Onamission 3f (Tempted by Jallad)

Turffontein 9 MR 76 Handicap (F&M) 1450m (07/10)

Exquisite Eight 3f (Bejewelled Beauty by Rambo Dancer)

Greyville 3 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

Fast Looks 3f (Ramp Model by Rakeen)

Greyville 3 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Passioneight 3f (Passionate by Jallad)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Brave 3c (Case Stated by London News)

Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1600m (06/10)

Irish 3f (Truly Scrumptious by Northern Guest)

Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1600m (06/10)

Giovanna 3f (Raw Deal by Tiger Ridge)

Fairview 4 MR 58 Handicap (F&M)(Polytrack) 1600m (06/10)

Flame In My Heart 3c (Any Dream by Muhtafal)

Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1600m (07/10)

Just My Style 3f (Onawingandaprayer by Jet Master)

Turffontein 9 MR 76 Handicap (F&M) 1450m (07/10)

Magic Flame 3f (Star Magic by Russian Revival)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

MARCHFIELD - Moutonshoek stallion

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

March Preview 3c (Notimefortea by Windrush)

Greyville 4 Qualified Maiden Plate (Polytrack) 1200m (08/10)

ORATORIO Sire of international Gr1 winners • AVONTUUR

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Graduate 3c (Varsity Queen by Var)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Escamillo 3c (Sangria Girl by Wolfhound)

Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 2600m (07/10)

Sequined 3f (Scintilla by Silvano)

Durbanville 4 Progress Plate (3yo Fillies) 1200m (07/10)

Mrs O 3f (Ginger Hill by Western Winter)

Turffontein 6 Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge (F&M) 1450m (07/10)

Opera Royal 3c (Fakazi by Albarahin)

Durbanville 7 Progress Plate (3yo's) 1200m (07/10)

Vittorio 3c (Tiger Strike by Tiger Ridge)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

Storm Racer 3c (Stormy Coast by Fort Wood)

Greyville 1 Maiden Plate (Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

Seraphic 3f (Menorah by Var)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Madam Al 3f (Traviata by Elliodor)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (3yo Fillies)(Polytrack) 1400m (06/10)

Double Tap 3c (Orange Dancer by Danehill Dancer)

Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1600m (07/10)

Doublemint 3c (Nepeta by Tale of the Cat)

Durbanville 2 Maiden Plate 1400m (07/10)

Libra 3f (Sleek 'n Sassy by Captain Al)

Durbanville 3 MR 79 Handicap (F&M) 1600m (07/10)

Flash Twice 3c (Bellotto Flash by Bellotto)

Durbanville 8 MR 72 Handicap 1600m (07/10)

Madam Al 3f (Traviata by Elliodor)

Greyville 2 Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1400m (08/10)

Sweet Vittoria 3f (Sweet Allegra by National Assembly)

Greyville 5 Qualified Maiden Plate (F&M)(Polytrack) 1200m (08/10)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Sixtythree 3f (Pine Valley by Right Approach)

Fairview 2 Maiden Plate (Polytrack) 1000m (06/10)

Arctic Rush 3f (Miss Micky by Jet Master)

Fairview 3 Maiden Plate (3yo's)(Polytrack) 1600m (06/10)

Magical Wonderland 3f (Magical Miss by Al Mufti)

Durbanville 4 Progress Plate (3yo Fillies) 1200m (07/10)

Nanna Anna 3f (La Special by Special Preview)

Durbanville 4 Progress Plate (3yo Fillies) 1200m (07/10)

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

Durbanville 8 MR 72 Handicap 1600m (07/10)





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Durbanville 1600m (30/09)

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SPORTS AND BETTING

2018 CAF World Cup Qualifier

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South Africa are now rooted to the foot of Group D with one point after suffering two defeats on the bounce aganst Cape Verde both home and away, and having the three points they collected against Senegal taken away due to

alleged corruption. On the other hand, Burkina Faso top the table with six points and will be looking to steer clear of second-placed Cape Verde who have the same amount of points. How is this match likely to unfold? Let's take a look...

To catch up with Benedict Ngwenya previews CLICK HERE

TO WIN

South Africa 13/10 • Draw 37/20 • Burkina Faso 26/10

SOUTH AFRICA

Bafana Bafana's crisis keeps deepening. After losing both legs against Cape Verde, they were docked the three points they collected against Senegal and ordered to replay the match. They are now rooted to the foot of the Group D table with one point in three matches. Just when all that was sinking in, the squad was dealt a terrible blow, with their captain, Thulani Hlatshwayo sustaining a knee injury that keeps him out of the game. Cape Town City's captain Robyn Johannes has been called up to replace him.

It doesn't end there, towering defender, Eric Mathoho, has been charged with violent conduct for the infamous incident in the match against Cape Verde and has been suspended for two games and fined a sum of R70 000. Tower has been replaced by Motjeka Madisha of Mamelodi Sundowns. That means Stuart Baxter has to field a new centre-back pairing.

BURKINA FASO

The Stallions of Burkina Faso are having their best chance to qualify for the world's greatest soccer spectacle for the very first time ever! They lead Group D with six points, joint-tied with second-placed Cape Verde. They have to beat South Africa and hope Senegal and Cape Verde cancel each other out. Coach Paulo Duarte has named a strong side which has the likes of Aristide Bance, Charles Kabore, Bakary Kone and the Traore brothers Alain and Bertrand, however, star midfielder Jonathan Pitroipa who's currently clubless doesn't make the cut. The club arrived on Monday, five days before the match to acclimatise to the conditions of South African highveld which shows how seriously they're taking this crucial clash.

PREDICTION: Draw (37/20)



Hollywoodbets Announce First Two Winners in El Clasico Promotion



oseph Mphuthi from Nkangala District in Mpumalanga and Mxolisi Mngoma from Umbumbulu on KwaZulu-Natal's South Coast were both thrilled to learn that they'd be jetting off to Spain to see Real Madrid take on Barcelona. The duo were drawn as part of Hollywoodbets' El Clasico competition which will see the company send six punters to watch the world's premier soccer derby at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Mphuthi — a 49-year-old Department of Health employee — had a feeling that he would have a lucky week because of a message he received at church earlier. He was thrilled that the news came on 22 September because each month he feels that this date is his lucky day, as his birthday falls on the 22nd of December. Even though he was expecting to get good news he was still surprised to hear that he will be going on an all-expenses-paid trip to Madrid.

"On Friday I was feeling so lucky all day and I couldn't understand why. I expected something big to happen but it was still a huge surprise when I got the call from Hollywoodbets. I'm very excited to go to a different country. I will be seeing a different world and different people to what we are used to in South Africa. This will be the first time I fly and travel overseas. I can't wait!" said Mphuthi.

He has been betting with Hollywoodbets since early last year and has won big with the company before. "I started playing on my phone very often because I enjoy betting on soccer. The most I've won with Hollywoodbets in the past is R150 000 so I can say Hollywoodbets currently brings me a lot of happiness. I'm very blessed," he said.

xolisi Mngoma couldn't believe his luck when he discovered that he would be jetting out to Spain. The Umbumbulu resident is the second winner in Hollywoodbets' El Clasico promotion.

The 28-year-old vendor who makes his living selling soft drinks and snacks on Durban's beachfront is an avid Real Madrid fan and can't wait for the opportunity to see his heroes in the flesh! "When I first got the call to say that I had won, I just couldn't believe it! Even now, my friends and family say they still don't believe it, it will probably only sink in once I'm in the airport ready to leave. It will be the first time I have ever travelled overseas" he said.



Mngoma has only been betting with Hollywoodbets for three months. "When I first heard about the competition I thought that I might have a small chance of winning. I was still very surprised when they called me, I couldn't contain my excitement," said a beaming Mngoma.

"I think I am most looking forward to the match. The stadium is beautiful and will be full on the day of the game. I can't wait to experience the singing and the shouting as the players walk out onto the field."

Wayde Dorkin, the Soccer Brand Manager for Hollywoodbets absolutely loves promotions of this nature. "As a company, we love sending our customers to games they ordinarily could only dream of watching live. We sent customers to this fixture last season and received such great feedback that we simply had to bring it back and give more of our punters the opportunity to experience the world's fiercest soccer derby!"

For more information on the winners' journeys, please follow us on Twitter or Facebook @Hollywoodbets or search for the hashtag #PhindaMzala