

Doing The Splits

Splits for Greyville, July-day 1 July

	start to bend	end bend	finish	bend	straight to fin
1400m					
Fillies Ch'shp	18.05	59.36	85.85	41.31	26.49
Cape Classic	17.97	57.96	85.15	39.99	27.19
1600m					
Maiden 3yo	28.72	72.11	100.15	43.39	28.04
Pinnacle S.	29.67	69.84	97.15	40.17	27.31
1700m					
MR68	33.67	76.36	104.65	42.69	28.29

Billy Silver may have overdone it setting a strong pace on the bend in the Cape Classic, and paid the price at the end when the effort told.

Bernard Fayd'herbe on Snowdance looked to slow the pace in the Fillies Ch'ship, then drawing unchallenged away in the sprint home.

The Pinnacle S. looks to have been slow early compared to the Maiden 3yo, but at second glance it appears that the Pinnacle was fine early on until Milton took hold of the pace on the bend, and that it was the Maiden 3yo which went way too fast early on, then fell in a heap.



Superstar mare Winx completed a Cox Plate hat-trick on Saturday, winning the A\$3 million feature in a new track record time of 2:02.94. The victory, Winx's 22nd win in a row and 15th Gr1 (matching Black Caviar), took her career earnings beyond A\$15.5 million, making her the highest earning Australian racehorse of all time.



Frankie Dettori has picked up the ride on defending Melbourne Cup champion Almandin after Damien Oliver lost a bid to resurrect his spring carnival. Oliver lost his appeal over an improper riding suspension that ruled him out of the entire Melbourne Cup carnival. The A\$ 6.2 million Gr1 Melbourne Cup will be run over 3200m at Flemington on Tuesday 7 November.

World Champs

HollywoodBets will be betting on the full card on both days of the Breeders Cup---fixed odds on all races and open bets on all covered by Saftote. Tellytrack will screen this weekend's Breeders Cup action.

Defending champion Arrogate, who beat California Chrome in last year's BC Classic at Santa Anita, drew the 1 gate in a field of 11 for Saturday's \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic, the highlight of the two-day, 13-race, \$28 million World Championships at Del Mar. North America's all-time leading earner with \$17,302,600 in the bank is not favourite for his swansong appearance. That honour goes to Gun Runner, who has been beaten both times he and Arrogate have met. The race looks likely to settle Horse Of The Year honours.



Genius

Full marks to Alistair Cohen for jumping in without notice to call the Kenilworth second race from the Rivonia studio on Saturday. A communications failure meant that Alistair - who was busy with his Mauritius calling - simply took the mic and called a race of 13 unknown maidens as if he had been doing the Cape calling for 20 years. What a talent!



The 48 year old burgeoning legend trainer Aidan O'Brien has finally revealed who he speaks to on his mobile in the moments after every major success. It's his Mum, Stella. O'Brien saddled Saxon Warrior to win the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday, taking to 26 his tally of Gr1 victories this year - eclipsing the mark set by the US-based Bobby Frankel in 2003. O'Brien sends Churchill and War Decree to post in a bid to win his first Breeders Cup Classic on Saturday.

ON THE MOVE

Whisky Baron is on his travels again, this time to Dubai where some of the rich prizes of the three-month Carnival are on his agenda. Brett Crawford told Michael Clower: "He is back in light work and on a water treadmill. I hope that by the end of the week he will be under saddle once more and cantering. He will fly out to Dubai in mid-December. I am not sure when he will run but there are a lot of options between January and March."

Classic History

The 2017 Swan Duke Of York Cup at the Champ de Mars on Saturday saw history being made with Ramapatee Gujadhur becoming the first trainer in over 80 years to win all four classics in one season on the island. The former Justin Snaith-trained Ready To Attack, scored the 4th win of his debut season and his second classic win after the Duchess. It was also jockey Imran Chisty's first classic win in Mauritius.

The World Beckons

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift, and formerly in the care of trainer Brett Crawford, Dynasty's son Nassa has been nominated for both the HK\$23 million Gr1 Hong Kong Mile and the Gr1 Hong Kong Cup over 2000 metres. Now in the care of former SA champion trainer Tony Millard, Nassa won or placed in five of his six outings, finishing third in both the Cape Guineas and Selangor Cup.



Pressure Jobs

It's not only the SA jockeys who are not going the distance in Mauritius these days. Australian jockeys Brad Pengelly and Ryan Wiggins have decided to return to their home country, following Saturday's 32nd meeting of the current season. Pengelly rode 7 winners for Ricky Maingard, while Wiggins booted home 14 winners for Vincent Allet.