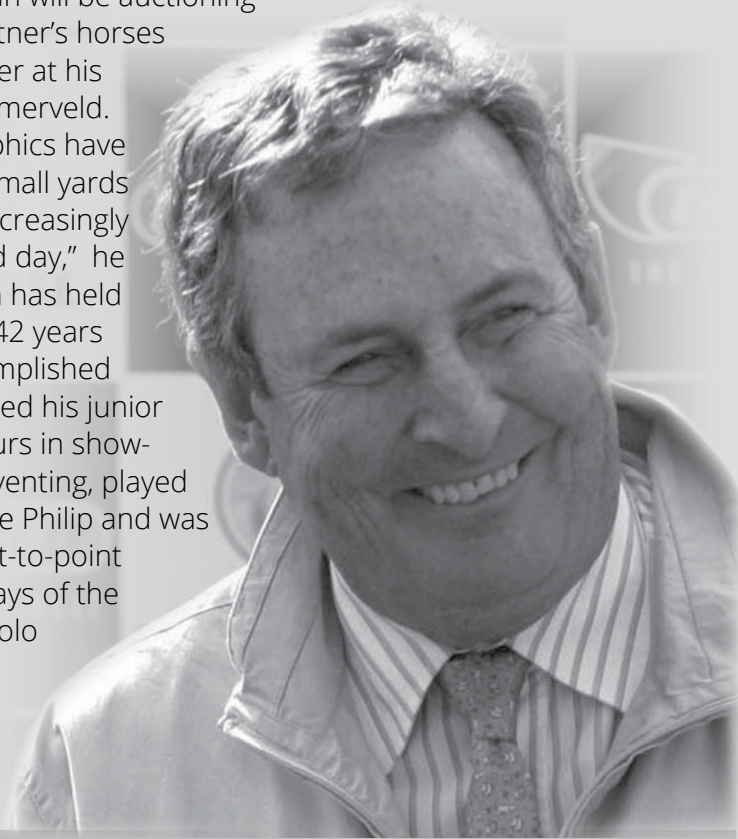


## A Good Buy

James Goodman will be auctioning his and his partner's horses on 16 December at his stables at Summerveld. "The demographics have changed and small yards are finding it increasingly tough. It's a sad day," he said. Goodman has held his licence for 42 years and is an accomplished rider. He attained his junior Transvaal colours in show-jumping and eventing, played Polo with Prince Philip and was also a top point-to-point jockey in the days of the Cape Hunt & Polo Club. He also trained many good winners.



## Brave Move

Brave Tin Soldier's smart daughter Brave Mary, second in the Emperors Ready to Run Cup on Saturday, is headed to quarantine at Kenilworth in advance of a long trip through Mauritius to France in late February. The winner of the Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship will be trained in France for Team Valor International by Alain de Royer-Dupre. Barry Irwin said "We will start her out in France and see if she fits. We have the option of moving her to America at some stage as well. But with her turn of foot over 1000m to 1200m we are hopeful she can cut it in Europe."



## BIG TICKET

Quidura, a half-sister to Maine Chance stallions Querari and Quasillo, sold for \$3.6 million at the Fasig-Tipton November sale on Monday. A Gr2-winning daughter of Dubawi, trainer Chad Brown signed the ticket for the filly, who raced as a homebred for Gestüt Fährhof and won or placed seven times in nine starts and earned \$503,788. She is out of stakes-placed Quetena (Acatenango).

## In Royal Company

Drakenstein Stud's Duke Of Marmalade marked his 35th individual stakes winner at Lingfield last Thursday when Daphne landed the Listed 32Red EBF Stallions River Fillies. Daphne, who races for her breeder HM The Queen, was settled close to the pace by jockey Jim Crowley before drawing off to score her first Black Type win. She has now won three of her last four runs for trainer William Haggas.

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The lightly raced 7yo Graduation Day became 2015/16 SA champion sire Trippi's 68th individual stakes winner when turning on the speed to win the Listed Golden Loom Handicap at Turfontein on Saturday. Graduation Day is the second son of Trippi to land the Golden Loom after Trip Tease won in 2014.

## Paddock Power

Cartier has taken over the sponsorship of the Gr1 Paddock Stakes in 2018. The race will on Saturday 6 January, the same day as the R1.5-million L'Ormarins Queen's Plate. Cartier came on board as a co-sponsor of the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate in 2016 and this year will also sponsor the Grade 2 Sceptre Stakes to be run on Friday 5 January. Maine Chance Farms kindly agreed to transfer the sponsorship of the race and remain committed to supporting the racing industry in South Africa.

## Punter Beware

Exotic bet punters were bitten when carded reserve runner Osprey came up at Greyville on Friday evening. The cut-off time for inclusion of a reserve runner for a night meeting is 10h00 on the day of the meeting – and 08h15 in the case of a day meeting. The onus is on the punter to check the scratchings – and if taking bets before those times then you takes your chances – and cowboys mustn't cry.



## Callan Okay

Callan Murray was lucky to escape serious injury in a bad fall after his mount Espera clipped heels and dislodged him in the Fairview third last Friday. Badly bruised and shaken, he was taken to hospital for x-rays and hopes to be back in the irons shortly.

## TRIBULATIONS?

Barrier Trials will get under way this Sunday 12 November at Greyville and the first has attracted five runners, one of which is a 2yo. At this time of year, 2yo's are at a weight-for-age disadvantage of somewhere in the region of 15kg (an educated guess, there is no official WFA for 2yo's in November). That difference is the equivalent of at least 7 lengths over 1000m for 2yo's. So when you judge the result of this barrier trial, it may pay to keep that in mind!