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R7-(5) Blazing Heart (5/2)

KENILWORTH Saturday
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R3-(12) Talk Of The Town (16/10)

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It Works It Doesn't Work?

The news that the Cape flagship, the Sun Met, will be run at weight-for-age in January 2018 has been greeted with mixed feelings. That response is not unusual. Horseracing is, after all, a sport that breeds naysayers and devil's advocates. Or are the gods scratching where it's not itching?

The debate should really hinge around what the ultimate aim is. What's the crunch? Satisfying the purists and making the Sun Met a pure weight-for-age contest? Or optimising the betting turnover aspect, accepting that a middle-of-the road galloper could get lucky on handicap terms and going the handicap big field route?

Simply, what does a change in conditions accomplish? Do we want what it achieves and does that affect betting, field sizes, status, international recognition - and do those even matter?

The idea of attracting the best in the land to com-

pete at weight-for-age for a R5 million purse on the greatest social day on the South African horseracing calendar is not rocket science. But is it that simple - and where does the consideration of the need to balance the mathematics of the betting turnover factor come into the equation? And does the South African horseracing population really justify another weight-for-age contest?

The betting bonanza offered by races like the Vodacom Durban July and the Summer Cup are a veritable feeding feast for the racing operators, and it is interesting to note that the latter mentioned are seldom



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run without eliminations at final acceptance time. That's because the handicap affords everybody a more realistic dip of winning, and punters across the spectrum, seem to warm to that prospect.

In recent times, the Met has seen a decline in field sizes – and that with the balancer of a 2kg penalty for a Gr1 win in the 18 months prior to the race. Pure weight-for-age can surely only mean that we could well be looking at single digit fields in the future.

But can we really 'blame' the race conditions should the Met attract a smaller field? When Whisky Baron won the race earlier this year, he was 'well in' thanks to some astute planning - but one would surely hope that the main contenders are Gr1 winners anyway- if not the whole field.

Small fields in big races are often due to a lack of sufficient class horses and/or a programme that does not offer a sufficient path for horses whose connections may feel are just off top class. Horses with a lower merit rating may decide not to risk a higher handicap rating for no reward should they attempt a championship race and end up just failing.

On the flipside of the coin, there is a reasonable argument for hosting the Met as a handicap.

Take the modern trend of multiple Gr1's on major days. The Investec Cape Derby should attract the cream of the 3yo classic crop. If the Met were a handicap, the youngsters will prefer their own age group and leave the Met for a later year. The Derby is also a once-off and a stallion maker. The integrity of our stud book demands that we want the best to run there!

South Africa's prestigious weight-for-age mile, the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate is run three weeks prior to the Met. A mile or an easy 2000m- that's much of the same race, isn't it?

With the Met a handicap, consideration should be given to putting the national heads together and making the July a weight-for-age contest. The grand finale- the one race and the most important of the year- with all the top 3yo's keen to take their chances.

The Met as a handicap will also serve as the Cape version of the Summer Cup – where, incidentally, Cape horses can never compete on terms because of altitude.

Good horses run for money or glory. There is no doubt that the glory races in South Africa are the Sun Met and the Vodacom Durban July.

Should one of them be run at weight-for-age? Definitely.

Do we have them the right way around? Maybe not.

Next week – we look at the past twenty years of the Met if it were run at weight-for-age and some of the different outcomes. And the trainers give their views.

- Sun Met entries close Wednesday 29 November
- First supplementary entries close Tuesday 12 December
- Final supplementary entries close Monday 8 January
- Final declarations due by Monday 15 January

SATURDAY RACING

Charity's Champions

Gr2 Charity Mile Turffontein

Gavin Lerena bids for a personal hat-trick in the R1 million Gr2 Charity Mile on the Turffontein standside track on Saturday when he throws a leg over the Australian bred entire, New Predator. The son of New Approach bids for a double after winning the event in 2016.

A very talented miler, New Predator gets the blinkers on and looks to have had a perfect prep when staying on in the Joburg Spring Challenge behind end-to-end winner Wonderwall on his season debut. He was hampered there and will have every chance from the 4 draw as the class act in the field.

His stablemate and the 2015 Grand Heritage winner Irish Pride has had two quiet runs this season but should strip fit on Saturday and despite his 12 draw, must have a decent place chance. He has come down in the ratings slowly and could be competitive again.

Dorrie Sham's Eastern Cape challenger Classify was beaten a head by Forest Fox in the Grand Heritage and meets his conqueror on 3kgs better terms here. Classify has already shown that he can hold his own in this province and this race will be a watershed moment in his Summer Cup bid.

Multiple Gr1 winner French Navy is another who has his first run since the July. The son of Count Dubois is a genuine class act but has not won in ages.

The Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge F&M winner Bella Sonata is one of only two fairer sex gallopers in the line-up. She is a class mare who managed two Gr1 places last term against her own sex and could make the boys gallop – despite her wide gate.

Tahini is the rose amongst the six Tarry thorns. The daughter of Silvano made a decent enough seasonal debut when running on well behind Kilauea a fortnight ago. That came after a three month break and she will be better for it.

Sean Tarry has a sextet entered and has indicated that he feels that the Right Approach 6yo Finchatton is the pick of his. "For me the horse best prepped for the race is Finchatton but he is drawn in the bush," he was recently quoted as saying.

The Grand Heritage winner Forest

Fox looks held by Classify on that effort but is very decent on his day and could challenge for place money if things go his way.

The Gary Alexander trained Top Shot gets the blinkers fitted again and this son of A P Arrow could be



Bella Sonata | JC Photos

Gr2 Charity Mile
past winners

2015		
1	Bouclette Top	58.0 (8) 14/1
2	M L Jet	54.0 (4) 12/1
3	Mitraad	52.0 (15) 12/1
2016		
1	New Predator	58.5 (6) 7/2
2	Saratoga Dancer	56.5 (3) 22/1
3	Deo Juvente	58.0 (1) 22/1

START
4:45PM
TURFFONTEIN

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
GR2 CHARITY MILE - 1600M
SAME TRAINER:(2-9)(3-6-8-10-17-18)(4-7)
(16-19)

Hat Trick	1 HAT PUNTANO (MG & AA Azzie) G v Niekerk 9	61.0
New Approach	2 NEW PREDATOR (JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena 4	61.0
Count Dubois	3 FRENCH NAVY (SG Tarry) S Khumalo 7	58.5
Encosta De Lago	4 MAC DE LAGO (WH Marwing) K Zechner 18	56.5
Silvano	5 BELLA SONATA (G v Zyl) K De Melo 15	56.0
Right Approach	6 FINCHATTON (SG Tarry) C Murray 16	55.0
Ideal World	7 HERMOSO MUNDO (WH Marwing) Wei Marwing ... 19	54.5
Silvano	8 TAHINI (SG Tarry) R Danielson 10	54.5
Ideal World	9 IRISH PRIDE (JAJ v Vuuren) D Mansour 12	53.5
Horse Chestnut	10 TILBURY FORT (SG Tarry) C Zackey 17	53.0
Bezin	11 BEZANOVA (AG Laird) JP vd Merwe 1	52.5
Sail From Seattle	12 CLASSIFY (DA Sham) F Herholdt 8	52.0
Go Deputy	13 GO DIRECT (GV Woodruff) C Maujean 14	52.0
Dupont	14 FOREST FOX (PA Peter) R Munger 11	52.0
A P Arrow	15 TOP SHOT (GM Alexander) M v Rensburg 6	52.0
Dynasty	16 KILRAIN (MF de Kock) - scratched 13	52.0
Count Dubois	17 SOCIAL ORDER (SG Tarry) L Hewitson 2	52.0
Silvano	18 COUNT TASSILO (SG Tarry) - reserve 2 3	52.0
Redoute's Choice	19 AL FAHAD (MF de Kock) - reserve 3 5	52.0

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a place candidate off his galloping weight.

The Argentinian multiple Gr1 winner Hat Puntano carries joint topweight but will need to improve dramatically on his last start when not persevered with. That was his first start in this country so he deserves a chance to start showing some of his ability.

All told a tricky race where New Predator stands out as the form and fit class galloper in the field. He looks to have most to fear from the likes of his stablemate Irish Pride, PE star Classify and Tarry's Finchatton. There are a few on the bottom of the weights who could surprise.

A Shot At History

Recently returned to the saddle, multiple champion jockey Mark Khan enjoys a unique opportunity on Saturday of becoming the first jockey to both ride and own a winner of the Charity Mile. He is currently sidelined with an injury.

Khan was aboard the 2006 winner Soft Landing for Geoff Woodruff and owns a share in the A P Arrow gelding Top Shot, who will be saddled by Gary Alexander. The 6yo is something of a longshot but carries a handy galloping weight in the hands of Marco Van Rensburg,

The Charity Mile, formerly the November Handicap, traces back to 1963 when it was run as the Lion Export Stakes at Germiston Racecourse- subsequently renamed Gosforth Park and closed as a racing venue in 2001. In 1971 it was run as the Germiston December Handicap, but since then has taken place in November with a traditional slot since 1999 being the first Saturday of the month.

The richest 1600m handicap in South Africa, the list of past winners boasts many famous horses including David Payne's Great Sun (1978), the great Foveros (1981), champion Wolf Power (1982 and 1983), the top racemare and dam of Highlands champion Jallad, Petrava (1985), Jungle Rock (1986), Senior Santa's match stakes conqueror Northern Princess (1989) and NHA Chairman Ken Truter's powerful galloper Glamour Boy, who won in 2000.

The race's association with charity goes back to 2006, when Phumelela launched the concept of a feature linked to charity.

Zen Arcade Should Rock You

Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes Turffontein

Weights for this 1400m race are set at a base of 54kg for 2-time winners (or fewer), with 2kg added for each win more than two. Graded wins in the period 18 months prior to date of issuing weights incur a further increase: Gr1 win 3kg, Gr2 2kg, Gr3 1kg.

As things work out, we have a field of just one and 2-time winners, with 54kg across the board. As a result weights have been raised to the obligatory top-weight of 60kg – all runners carry the same, and meet on level terms. Meaning the horses with the highest ratings must have the best chance – assuming they are distance suited. The horses have been carded in order of official Merit ratings so let's go through them in order.

Flying Free has highly consistent form, never been unplaced, and running two good seconds at his most recent starts. He's proven over the distance, but has a diabolical draw

at sixteen. If it wasn't for that he might have been a good thing.

Hakeem is lightly raced, and ran below his previous best on his return from a break last month, reported hanging. He has quite a wide draw and will have to make an early effort to get to his usual handy position. This race should show how good he is.

Borya is stable companion to Flying Free and also drawn very wide. He didn't settle on his return from a break last time out, when racing upfront. His best career run was over a mile in a feature in July, and it's still difficult to gauge how good he is.

Sea King ran below best on his seasonal debut last month, in a race where Hakeem was well ahead of him. His best form has been over a mile, and he's drawn quite wide.

Zen Arcade has had three runs, winning his last two starts over 1200 and 1400m (poly). On the face of it he seems likely to be better than rated, and jumps from a fair draw. He must have a great chance.

Full Mast has useful form over a mile and more. He likes to race with the pace, but might now find this 1400m on the sharp side. Our ratings differ quite a bit with those of the official handicapper, and leave him with quite a bit to do. The race will tell.

Prince Of Kahal ran to his best form on his seasonal debut last month, despite being difficult to settle. He looks distance suited, and might well have improvement to come.

Darkest Hour won two in a row, but disappointed last time out. He may find it difficult in this company.

Keanan's Rock did not race from May to October, and ran way below best on return.

Ideal Secret ran to a career-best rating last time out, after missing the break. He might improve on that rating.

Orpheus has the services of Strydom, but on form shown to date looks to have a tough task. Strydom had ridden Ideal Secret at all his starts to date, leaving us to wonder why he switches now to Orpheus.

Zerodarkthirty ran well below best on his seasonal debut in September, He was subsequently gelded. He'll have to improve to feature.

Wondrous Climber was off the track from May to October, and ran well below previous best on return.

Missouri won his last two starts by narrow margins. He's probably better than rated, but has quite some improvement to make if he is to feature.

feature.

Galactic Warrior is drawn wide and must improve on his rating to have any chance.

Seerite won his only start to date in good style, at odds of 30/1, over the course and distance, drawn 12 out of 12. He has a better draw here, but jockey Wrogemann has deserted him

in favour of Zen Arcade.

Silver God and Mambo Symphony are reserve runners.

In summary, Zen Arcade looks the one to be with. He may have the beating of Flying Free and Prince Of Kahal, with Hakeem he dark horse.

Gr3 Graham Beck S. past winners

2015

1 Muwaary	60.0 (2) 33/10
2 Liege	60.0 (1) 11/2
3 Malak El Moolook	60.0 (12) 20/1

2016

1 Doosra	58.0 (1) 13/10
2 Heavenly Blue	58.0 (5) 16/10
3 Singapore Sling	58.0 (2) 20/1

START
5:25PM
TURFFONTEIN

8

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4
Gr3 GRAHAM BECK STAKES (3YO'S) - 1400M
SAME TRAINER:(1-3)(6-10-11)(9-12-13-14-17)

Var	1 FLYING FREE(G v Zyl) K De Melo	16	60.0
Redoute's Choice	2 HAKEEM(MF de Kock) A Delpech	12	60.0
Indigo Magic	3 BORYA(G v Zyl) W Kennedy	18	60.0
Judpot	4 SEA KING(JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena	11	60.0
Ideal World	5 ZEN ARCADE(LW Goosen) G Wrogemann	7	60.0
Go Deputy	6 FULL MAST(MG & AA Azzie) K Zechner	10	60.0
Kahal	7 PRINCE OF KAHAL(RR Magner) D Mansour	4	60.0
Await The Dawn	8 DARKEST HOUR(BD Botes) JP vd Merwe	1	60.0
Seventh Rock	9 KEANAN'S ROCK(SG Tarry) S Khumalo	6	60.0
Ideal World	10 IDEAL SECRET(MG & AA Azzie) G v Niekerk	8	60.0
Western Winter	11 ORPHEUS(MG & AA Azzie) P Strydom	3	60.0
Black Minnaloushe	12 ZERODARKTHIRTY(SG Tarry) C Murray	2	60.0
Dynasty	13 WONDEROUS CLIMBER(SG Tarry) A Marcus	14	60.0
Judpot	14 MISSOURI(SG Tarry) L Hewitson	13	60.0
Querari	15 GALACTIC WARRIOR(M Houdalakis) C Zackey	17	60.0
Curved Ball	16 SEERITE(RR Sage) M Yeni	5	60.0
Silvano	17 SILVER GOD(SG Tarry) - reserve 1	15	60.0
Mambo In Seattle	18 MAMBO SYMPHONY(D Little) - reserve 2	9	60.0

SATURDAY RACING

Tarry Vs Matchett

Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup Turffontein

SA Champion trainer Sean Tarry holds a powerful hand in Saturday's R2,5 million Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup at Turffontein.

Sixteen qualifying graduates of the Cape Thoroughbred Sales 2016 Ready To Run Sales will line up at level weights (with a 2,5kg sex allowance for the fillies) at the 1400m on the standside track.

These restricted races attract a diverse range of talents and the top end of the rankings are dominated Paul Matchett and Sean Tarry, who arrives in numbers.

The SP top-rated is Gr1 winner Brave Mary, who tries the 1400m for the first time. The daughter of Brave Tin Soldier is very quick and ran a perfect prep when staying on for second over 1000m at her first 3yo start. She did pull up distressed – but wouldn't be running if not fit and ready.

Sean Tarry's powerful trio of Gr2 winners Wonderwall and Purple Diamond, as well as the interesting Await The Dawn colt Big Bear, are big guns in this line-up.

Wonderwall would possibly be best of the trio after his impressive win against older horses last time. His draw is a deterrent though.

Mike de Kock saddles a competitive trio, headed by the interestingly named Takingthepeace. Anthony Delpuch takes the ride on the daughter of Visionaire, who has her first start beyond 1160m. She should enjoy the extra but is yet to prove her credentials against anything.

With 6 runs under the belt, the Crusade filly Onamission is the second of the De Kock attack and has pulled a 1 gate. She has shown enough to be competitive and showed fair ability to register her second win last time out.

Puget Sound is another from the yard that is well drawn and a winner of 2 of his 4 starts. He was well beaten by the progressive and undefeated Broadway Trip last time.

Tammany Hall foillowed up her workriders maiden win with a narrow success in a low grade handicap. The daughter of Await The Dawn has plenty of pace and can use the 2 gate to her advantage.

Just My Style has won once in three starts but the daughter of Irish Flame will have to improve on her last outing against her own sex when beaten just under 5 lengths by Silver Thursday.

Stuart Pettigrew's Surcharge is on the up and as a winner of 3 of his 4 starts must rank as a serious contender for top honours. Unlike certain of the top-rated bidders, he comes in via a more low profile track and last



Wonderwall | Tabnews

time accounted for some decent older handicappers. Piere Strydom takes the ride and needs to have a shot of getting amongst the big cheques.

The rest look to have a bit to do.

We are siding with Wonderwall to hold Brave Mary and Purple Diamond.

But these races have produced surprises!

Delpuch's One Man Show

Dean Kannemeyer and Anthony Delpuch built on their Listed Michaelmas Handicap win at Greyville on Friday evening with a hat-trick at Greyville on Wednesday, capped by a gutsy performance by the Tiger Ridge gelding, One Man Show.

Delpuch is riding at the top of his game and he added to his Turffontein Tuesday evening hat-trick with another professional performance, riding four winners, including his treble for Kannemeyer.

The reigning SA champion jockey earlier steered the Meaker family bred and owned Blaze Of Gold to win his maiden from an outside gate and then got the Avon-tuur-bred Var filly Sweet Treat home to shed her maiden – again from a wide draw.

Garth Puller's improving Miesque's Approval colt Ryker was the third of his quartet of winners, before the never-say-die One Man Show got up late to beat Roy Had Enough – who lived up to his name!

Snaith Pulls Rank

Seasoned racing broadcaster Stan Elley hit the nail on the head at Kenilworth on Tuesday when he summed up the field that lined up in the 1200m Pinnacle Plate as one befitting a Gr2 sprint feature at the height of the Cape summer season.

'If this lot started in the Merchants, we'd be calling it one of the best fields we have seen in years,' said the quietly spoken horseman.

Having his first run since an unplaced effort behind KZN Champion sprinter Bull Valley in the Mercury Sprint in mid-July, the gallant Sergeant Hardy was back at his favourite track and showed he is not easy to get past when in front.

One of four winners on the day for Bernard Fayd'herbe, Sergeant Hardy kept going to resist a host of late challenges and register his first win since a similar style victory in the Need For Speed Sprint on Christmas Eve, 2016. The Justin Snaith trained galloper beat Kuda Sprint winner Bold Respect by just under half a length, with the runner-up's stablemates Al Mariachi and dual Merchants winner Search Party completing the quartet. In their wake ran a host of stakes savvy sprinters, many of whom needed the run.

Sergeant Hardy was a R450 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale Book 1 buy back and was bred by Normandy Stud. He is by late champion sire Captain Al out of the four-time winner Hard Lady (by Hard Up), who also raced in the vieux rose and white silks.

START
3:20PM
TURFFONTEIN

5

PA3/PICK SIX2/JACKPOT1
EMPERORS PALACE RTR CUP (NBT) - 1400M
SAME TRAINER: (1-2-7-19)(3-17)(4-12-15)
(6-14)(8-10)(9-13)

Querari	1	WONDERWALL(SG Tarry) L Hewitson	14	60.0
Var	2	PURPLE DIAMOND(SG Tarry) C Zackey	8	60.0
Gimmethereenlight	3	SURCHARGE(ST Pettigrew) P Strydom	17	60.0
Sail From Seattle	4	PUGET SOUND(MF de Kock) G Lerena	3	60.0
Poet's Voice	5	BOATSWAIN(RR Sage) M Yeni	18	60.0
Var	6	VICOMTE(G v Zyl) not declared	15	60.0
Await The Dawn	7	BIG BEAR(SG Tarry) S Khumalo	5	60.0
Brave Tin Soldier	8	RIDING SHOTGUN(GM Alexander) C Maujean	16	60.0
Seventh Rock	9	ALSSAKHRA(PA Peter) A Marcus	10	60.0
Gimmethereenlight	10	CASH TIME(GM Alexander) M v Rensburg	9	60.0
Brave Tin Soldier	11	BRAVE MARY(PF Matchett) G Wrogemann	4	57.5
Visionaire	12	TAKINGTHEPEACE(MF de Kock) A Delpuch	12	57.5
Await The Dawn	13	TAMMANY HALL(PA Peter) not declared	2	57.5
Irish Flame	14	JUST MY STYLE(G v Zyl) W Kennedy	6	57.5
Crusade	15	ONAMMISSION(MF de Kock) C Murray	1	57.5
Gimmethereenlight	16	VIRGA(JAJ v Vuuren) D Mansour	7	57.5
Await The Dawn	17	EKUSENI(ST Pettigrew) - reserve 1	13	60.0
Hard Spun	18	HUYSTEEN(M Houdalakis) - reserve 2	11	60.0
Visionaire	19	VISIGOTH(SG Tarry) - reserve 3	19	60.0



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Still A Shaw Thing

While there are many talented people in this game, jobs and contracts for friends and family are par for the course in horseracing. Mates employ mates, individuals are favoured and promoted over often better qualified candidates - and this can surely only lead to a general lack of accountability and apathy.

It has been close on a year since South African horseracing bid a rather subdued farewell to one of its most popular and celebrated personalities. How the game ever lost Tellytrack host Shaheen Shaw is puzzling on the face of it, but becomes clearer when one understands the power ego's that rule in the shadows.



Shaheen Shaw

Sick For The Game

Growing up in Muizenberg with a Dad that was 'sick for the game', Shaheen was always destined to land up on a racecourse somewhere and it was while commentating in Cape Town that he was offered a job at the now defunct IGN. It was a chance that he grasped with both hands, 'seeing it as a way of escaping a life of internal vassal-dom', as he puts it.

A natural larger-than-life infectious presence on the small screen, Shaheen formed something of a cult following amongst punters and Tellytrack viewers with his no-nonsense passion for finding the winners. His crazy scribbling in the formbook and his keen intellect and photographic memory for formlines, saw him providing information and entertainment, that even had our anti-horseracing wives enjoying his shows.

In November 2016 the Shaw family made the decision to relocate to Cape Town. Superior care and facilities for their youngest child, Zaid, was the only reason for their move. Zaid, adopted at birth and now 12, suffers from chronic Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

Tellytrack Cabal

"After my resignation, Nico Kritsiotis contacted me to do some work for Betting World. Apparently, they wanted me to present over a number of days, leading up to the Met, from the Betting World branch at Kenilworth racecourse. Needless to say, I was keen. Vee Moodley has always been very supportive. However, again according to Mr Kritsiotis, Tellytrack management weren't. The CEO of Tellytrack, and his Morningside Bowling Club based team, took affront to the idea of me presenting in any capacity on Tellytrack. There was also mention of me doing inserts for Betting World- my presenting the inserts were shot down by the Tellytrack cabal."

Shaheen goes on to explain that this came as no real surprise 'as the writing was already on the wall'.

"Previously, the same Tellytrack CEO had come up with the brilliant idea, of which he informed me, that if I were to be used in Cape Town it would be in the capacity of writing race meeting orientated editorials. Yes, I was mighty confused- I have always been a presenter, never a scribe. I didn't understand the logic. I had mentioned on my departure that, while obviously under no obligation, I was hopeful that the company could still accommodate me in the future if there was an opportunity."

Shaheen went on to point out that Betting World is part of Phumelela – largely one and the same entity, which contributed to his confusion.

Confusion

"So, Phumelela decided to make use of my services, but Phumelela also decided not to make use of my services? Different heads of department? I don't know- again, rank confusion. But no accommodation has been forthcoming. Really, I've never been the smarmy deference type."

He says that an adage he uttered often at Tellytrack went down like a lead balloon at Rivonia. "They had an issue with the simple notion that competence is a prerequisite for promotion."

He was at pains to point out that his speaking out was freedom of expression and not a case of sour grapes- and that he loved the game and many of the people that he had the honour of working with.

Shaheen told the Sporting Post in an interview some years ago that he has 'very adroit colleagues' – naming Nico Kritsiotis, Cecil Mthembu, Alistair Cohen, Dave 'follow Molly and fill your wally' Mollet and the late great gentleman, Jimmy Lithgow.

"I have degrees of respect for all the aforementioned and have never seen myself as anything out of the ordinary," he adds

"I've also never believed that the heavens and earth are owned by Tellytrack and Phumelela. My 'surviving' is not dependent on them. I am concentrating on my studies and loving Cape Town."

He says that he reads the odd racing article but has stopped punting.

As to whether he would ever come back to work in the game, he indicated that would be dependent on what was offered.

"Promotion of turnover through presenting and promotional work is my game- If any betting company were interested in driving turnover, I would consider it. Obviously, on TV, opportunities are limited with the dearth of competition."

Naked Emperor

As a closing question, we asked him to list what he thought were the biggest issues facing the game.

"Read the views and concerns of punters on the Sporting Post and ABC. They are not just moaning for the sake of it- the emperor has no clothes for goodness sake. The game is dying in front of our eyes. How do we just lose sponsors, for example? Who is answerable for example, for Saturday's features running without sponsors – and the damage to the bottom line? They just smile and carry on – but always neurotic about the media that they can't control and hardly feeling anything for stakeholders – particularly the punters. I read on Facebook that Kenilworth was deserted on Saturday. Is it not the big season? But they pretend all is fine."

On a solution to bringing back the crowds – "I don't envy whoever is set the task, and I haven't a clue. But the old thinking of- 'I know, let's get an organ grinder and his monkey!' just ain't working!"

"Could I please just wish the punters all the best for the forthcoming festive season. I miss the characters and talking about the Pick 3 pool for dastardly Penrith and other exotic destinations. Enjoy and hit them hard sunshines!"

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WINTER *is Coming*

Articulate, affable and highly principled, Peter de Beyer bucks the trend that 'good guys finish last' and his Black Swan operation currently occupies top spot on our AEPR logs. We catch up with this gentleman of our ranks.

Peter is most easily associated with the wonderful fillies Lady Windermere and Princess Victoria as well as standing Elusive Fort at stud in South Africa, but started out as a punter.

He made the leap when his first filly, El Supremo, retired from the track. "I was looking for a value for money sire and liked Argosy's numbers." A phone call to Mike Sharkey confirmed the service as well as two suggested boarding options. "Veronica Foulkes was more friendly and slightly cheaper," he grins, "so I landed there by lucky accident. Veronica was the first person to help me and I've learnt a lot from her. She's a good breeder and we've become good friends."

El Supremo produced a few 'not so good' foals, before he discovered the nick with Centenary after which she produced Ton-Up (he is quick to stress the hyphen), Gold And Roses and Victorine.

Becoming commercial

"The tax man used to allow one to write off expenses, but they ring fenced my breeding operation and that was when I decided to start selling. So I'd started out racing, then breeding to race, and have now ended up racing fillies to breed," he smiles.

"I learnt some bitter lessons along the way. I started by sending mares to unproven stallions and realised I was being caned, so decided I had to do it properly and started investing in stallion shares." He is strict with his broodmare band and works hard to keep upgrading the herd.

"Like most breeders, I started small and grew. I've found that with less than 20 mares, you can't run your own show. That's critical mass for me. My business model is to get people who are good at what they do. I do the stats, and leave the husbandry to someone else." A few years ago, he purchased a small farm in Robertson. "My first manager, Jane Gray was a lucky find. She's retired and now I've got Walter Cowe."

Selling

He notes, "There used to be a strong middle market where you could sell in the R60k-R120k range and make a small profit. Now you spend at least R100k to produce an average yearling and you're lucky to get R50k back."

"Last year I tried something new and placed horses off the farm in syndicate groups. It's not a slam dunk, but we sold 60-70% - probably what I would have got through sales. It appeals more to the newer / smaller owner, but I always say it's better to have 6 or 7 small shares than half a share in one horse. We could do it last year, because they weren't big name stallions, but they were nice individuals. Now that we've rationalised the sales programme, I'll return to a more conventional route."

He has two lots on the 2018 CTS Book 1, both of which have scored highly from the panel, including an Elusive Fort filly out of Field

Flower as well as a full brother to Ernie (who won again in Mauritius over the weekend). The rest are spread across the other sales programme and he has kept four for the Ready to Run.

Peter has also found commercial value in racing and then selling geldings to Mauritius as well as to trainers in the smaller centres who are happy to buy horses with a bit of racing left in them at a fair price. "Elusive Singer was sold for R50k and has won R200k to date. At the end of the day, you want them out there, you can't race them all yourself."

Rules

"Lawrence Allem once said to me you can't be an owner and a commercial breeder. For me the jury's still out. I think to do it properly on a commercial basis, you have to have rules. You can't cherry pick your stock - they all have to be made available and you must be fair in your dealings. I'm there to sell. I don't put silly reserves on. I don't feel it's ethical to chase a price. Horses either go or they don't. At the same time, I don't let a nice horse go for a butcher's price and would rather put it together with friends. I try to bring in new people with soft leases - if the bug bites, maybe in a few years, they will buy a horse. I think it's something every breeder can do."

Breeding successes

Thanks to Grand Heritage winner Forest Fox, Peter is in the happy position of being top of both logs on AEPR and with Last Winter looking a lively Cape feature season prospect, he may not be moving any time soon.

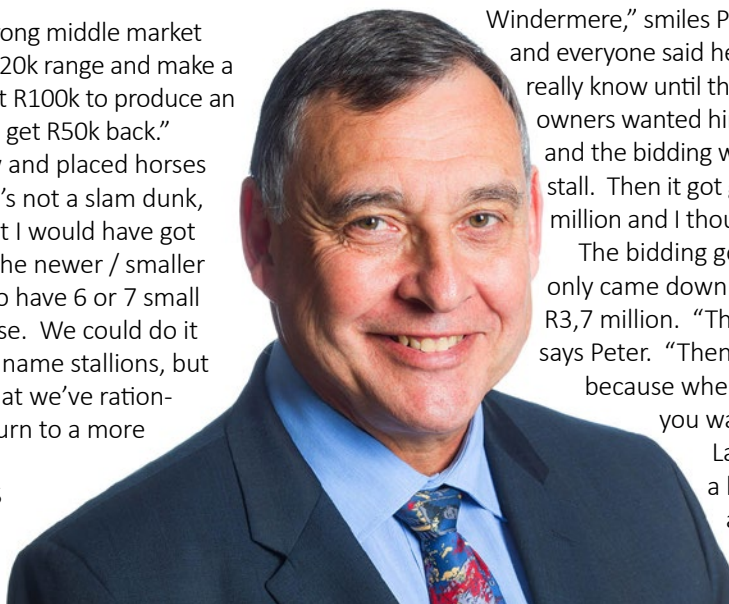
Last Winter

The Last Winter story really starts with Field Flower, who was found for him by Stephen Page, along with Betty Burke (dam of Ernie and Freedom Charter). Field Flower won the 2009 Fillies Guineas. "Not one of the fillies that finished behind her won a Gr1 after that, so it wasn't a vintage year, but we'll take it," says Peter affably.

Field Flower's first foal was Mighty Hash by Captain Al and then she visited Western Winter. "I've been a fan since Lady Windermere," smiles Peter. "John Slade prepped him and everyone said he was magnificent, but you never really know until they are in the ring. I got lucky, two owners wanted him. I was watching from the back and the bidding went to R900k and then seemed to stall. Then it got going again and climbed to R1,8 million and I thought 'this is really nice'."

The bidding got going again and the hammer only came down on Dean Kannemeyer's bid of R3,7 million. "That's a huge amount of money," says Peter. "Then the pressure is on a breeder because when someone spends that amount, you want the person to succeed."

Last Winter trotted up on debut as a late 2yo, suffered a slight set-back and sat out the early part of his 3yo career. He came back in May this year to post back to



PETER DE BEYER

back wins at Scottsville, before relocating to the Cape and winning over a mile at Durbanville on 18 October. "It was the first time I'd seen him since he was a yearling and he looked magnificent. Dean said he was short of a gallop, but he was too classy for them."

"There's a great aura about an unbeaten horse," says Peter proudly. "The nice thing about having a horse with Dean is you know they are not rushed and that he will take his time. I think he has a decent chance of being a good one. He looks a proper horse."

Ups and Downs

While R3,7m might sound an eye-watering amount, it has a certain amount of good karma attached. Peter was keen to return Field Flower to Western Winter and bought a cover at one of the Charity events for R160k. "Unfortunately it was the year he died," shrugs Peter. "I couldn't ask the charity for the money back and the stud couldn't do anything, so at least the R3,7m helped make up for it."

Field Flower has since produced a Var filly named Vase (due to debut shortly for Plattner Racing) and has since been visiting Elusive Fort. She now has a yearling (due to be offered at the 2018 CTS CPYS), a foal at foot and will visit What A Winter next.

Racing interests

Peter currently co-owns Final Judgement as well as Elusive Heart with Hugo Hattingh and is part of the partnership that retains Richard Fourie. "We've got a few exciting prospects on the track," he says happily.

Other fun prospects are Silvan Star which he owns with Georgina Jaffee which is still in training. "She's one of those fillies who didn't have much of a 3yo season, but blossomed at four. We are aiming for the Paddock Stakes, but it's not an easy race to win," he admits.

Purchasing

"You learn which studs produce good horses. Glen (Kotzen) does his research diligently. We work well as a team. He looks at the physical specimen, I look from the pedigree and stats angle, we have a discussion and where we meet, we'll have a go, but you've got to be prepared to do your homework," he says firmly. "For every horse I buy, I'm prepared to bid on 20. I'm usually outbid on about 10. And there is an element of luck as well. Sometimes you'll go for a cup of tea and miss something you wanted."

Elusive Fort

Lastly, one has to touch on Elusive Fort who retired to stud in South Africa in 2010 (standing at Klipdrif Stud, and owned by a syndicate in which Peter retains a significant number of shares). It's not easy making a stallion, but the son of Fort Wood has been steadily carving his niche.

A notable early success was Peter's homebred Siren's Call, whose dam Siren's Cove was another bought with the help of Stephen Page. From the same family as National Currency, she won a few, but was injured before she got black type. However, she'd proved she had ability and the mating to Elusive Fort produced the wonderful Siren's Call. Peter confirms he sold a share to Gaynor Rupert which brought in a bit of money, but still allows him to maintain an interest. Siren's Call has a Duke of Marmalade filly at foot and is in foal to Trippi.

The stallion has proved popular among the breeding ranks. "His book is full and our shareholders are happy. I'm keen on stats and he is keeping his strike rate well above 50%. And he's improving all the time."

False Start Angers Public

The National Horseracing Authority has confirmed that an investigation has been opened into the Greyville third race on Friday evening that was declared null and void after jockeys failed to react to a false start signal.

NHA Racing Control Executive Arnold Hyde responded to questions put to him on Saturday by the Sporting Post, after punters and other stakeholders reacted with outrage to a forgettable incident that was seen as a poor reflection on horseracing.

Confirming our suggestion that the occurrence was 'unsatisfactory and unacceptable', Mr Hyde said that after the number of similar episodes last year, the Racing Operators were advised to ensure that the equipment that is used to signal a false start be reviewed and improved upon. He added that this equipment is provided by the Operators.

He confirmed that Gold Circle had installed the 'Marine Siren' that can be heard up to a radius of 500m. This siren was installed on the Starting Stalls, thereby eliminating manual movement of the siren.

"A cable links the stalls to the Starter's rostrum. The Starter has a small box with two switches, one to start the race and one to activate the siren. This siren has been used to hasten the Riders to the start to ensure that they were familiar with the sound of the siren. I was informed that the riders were satisfied with the recall system," he said.

Hyde gave the assurance that any frailties in this system will be reviewed and corrected.

In response to our query regarding the absence of the flagman of bygone years, Hyde confirmed that the use of the flagman was stopped a number of years ago due to a number of issues.

"It stands to reason that if the siren is loud enough and is activated at the appropriate time, then there should not be a need for a flagman," he said.

The race was run in driving rain.

The Stipes reported:

As the start was effected, the stall gate on SONG OF MITU (S Randolph), drawn 1, did not open and Jockey Pagel, the rider of THREE SHIPS, drawn 12, was not seated on his mount. A false start was called by activating the siren as a result of these two incidents, which the riders had not heard and had continued to race. The Board acting in terms of Rule 61.5.13.1 had no option, but to declare this Race a 'no race' and abandoned this Race. This incident will be inquired into by the Stipendiary Board.



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Short Heads



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.



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.

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 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.

STOP THE NATION

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.

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.

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.

Five Straight Summers?

The latest log for the R2 million Gr1 Gauteng Sansui Summer Cup to be run at Turffontein on 25 November is largely unchanged, with Summer Cup 'King' Geoff Woodruff's Deo Juvente in the top slot.

The Trippi gelding, winner of the Premier's Champions Challenge at Turffontein in May this year, heads the quintet who could give Woodruff a magical seventh success in the race.

Woodruff has saddled the winner of the last four runnings of the race.

Final entries close at 11h00 on Monday 13 November.

Declarations are due by 11h00 on Tuesday 14 November.

25/1019/10	12/10	Age	Sex	Horse	MR	Trainer	
1	1	1	6	G	DEO JUVENTE	115	G Woodruff
2	2	2	4	G	MATADOR MAN	112	S Tarry
3	3	3	5	M	NOTHER RUSSIA	108	M de Kock
4	4	4	5	M	FORT EMBER	105	P Peter
5	5	5	5	G	ABASHIRI	109	M Azzie/A Azzie
6	6	5	5	H	BRAZUCA(AUS)	107	J Janse v Vuuren
7	7	6	4	F	ORCHID ISLAND	101	M de Kock
8	8	7	4	F	WIND CHILL	101	J Soma
9	9	8	4	C	CROWD PLEASER	100	J Janse v Vuuren
10	10	9	5	G	HERMOSO MUNDO	100	W Marwing
11	11	10	4	C	TILBURY FORT	97	S Tarry
12	12	11	4	G	GLIDER PILOT	97	T Zackey
13	13	12	5	H	NEW PREDATOR(AUS)	113	J Janse v Vuuren
14	14	13	6	G	FRENCH NAVY	108	S Tarry
15	15	14	8	G	MASTER SABINA	109	J Soma
16	16	15	4	G	PAGODA	99	G Woodruff
17	18	20	5	G	BANNER HILL	99	G Woodruff
18	17	16	5	M	WITCHCRAFT	101	S Tarry
19		19	5	M	GIRL ON THE RUN	98	J Janse v Vuuren
20	19		5	G	LIEGE	102	S Tarry

World Championship Weekend

Breeders' Cup weekend is upon us and the news that Tellytrack will be screening the two days of action and thrills live, will have armchair racing fans glued to their screens – albeit at awkward times.

South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywood, together with Saftote, will offer betting facilities on both meetings. See 'World Champs' on page 11.

The 2017 Breeders' Cup World Championships, consisting of 13 Gr1 races with purses and awards totaling more than \$28 million, is being held on Friday and Saturday at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in California.

The Breeders' Cup culminates with the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic on Saturday – a race rated No. 1 in the world in the final 2016 Longines World's Best Horse Race rankings.

European runners generally fared well in the draw on Monday, although Aidan O'Brien's 13-strong squad endured mixed fortunes.

Among the roughest draws was Roly Poly's wide berth of 12 for the Mile. In the Turf, O'Brien's defending champion Highland Reel fared better after landing gate three, with Ulysses in five.

The world's highest-rated racehorse Arrogate drew the tricky inside gate one for the Classic, drawing gasps from the crowd at the ceremony, while chief rival Gun Runner is in five. O'Brien will field two: Churchill (7), partnered by Ryan Moore, and War Decree (2), ridden by Seamie Heffernan.

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Gold Circle Up Their Game

Barrier Trials will soon be obligatory in KwaZulu-Natal for unraced horses and those returning after a rest of 120 days or more.

The trials will be held over 1000m on the Greyville polytrack prior to racemeetings under the control of the National Horseracing Authority and no betting will be permitted.

Horses will have to run within 60 days of their trials calculated to the acceptance date and only horses finishing within a benchmark of 70 secs will be deemed to have qualified. The standard time for the trip is 58,45 secs, so this limit ensures that the participants are kept relatively enthusiastic.

The registered owner's colours or the silks of the trainer will be worn in the trials.

Once all acceptors for a barrier trial have been declared by their trainers, Gold Circle will allocate the field for the trial at their sole discretion. An effort will be made to allocate the final trial field based on what appears to be horses best suited in terms of ability with merit ratings used as a guide.

Barrier trials will be run at a set weight of 58kgs, plus overweight if necessary, and only licenced jockeys and apprentices are permitted to ride.

Fields will be published in the official race card and comprise a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 8 trialists. The results of trials will be published in the official racecard and videos posted on-line at www.goldcircle.co.za.

The move to introduce Barrier Trials makes KwaZulu-Natal the only racing region in South Africa to provide this facility.

Cartier – Have Your Say!

Public voting for the 2017 Cartier Racing Awards closes at noon, British time, next Tuesday following the running of the Melbourne Cup, and with a strong European contingent involved there and at the Breeders' Cup World Championships, run at Del Mar Racecourse on Friday and Saturday, some last-minute changes to the standings for the awards can be expected.

Public online voting opened last week and please click on www.cartierawards.co.uk to have your say.

Aidan O'Brien, who gained the Cartier/Daily Telegraph Award of Merit at the 2016 Cartier Racing Awards, has a strong team at the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

Dual 2,000 Guineas victor Churchill (116) jointly leads the Cartier Three-Year-Old Colt category and attempts to give O'Brien a first victory in Saturday's 10-furlong G1 Breeders' Cup Classic on dirt.

Other runners for O'Brien in California include star five-year-old Highland Reel (92), seeking a second successive victory in the Gr1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf, and Roly Poly (128), who has already been successful three times at Gr1 level during 2017. The three-year-old filly contests the Breeders' Cup Mile on Saturday.

[Read more here](#)

Azzman: 'Loophole In Victory Moon'

SA Triple Crown winner Abashiri has been allotted top weight of 62kgs in terms of the conditions of the R400 000 Gr2 Victory Moon Stakes to be run at Turffontein on 9 November.

"He got an extra 2kg penalty because he won a Gr1 race within 18 months of the weights being published last Wednesday," trainer Mike Azzie told www.tabnews.co.za

"His last Gr1 win was in the SA Derby on Champions Day, 30 April last year, and the framing of the weights fell just a week before the cut-off.

"The conditions don't make any sense at all," he said. "Surely it would be fairer if they applied to the date of the race, which is sometime in mid-November, rather than the date of the framing of the weights?"

"And the way the conditions are written leaves a loophole if anybody wants to challenge them."

The Victory Moon Stakes is a fixed-weight race based on bands of merit ratings with additional penalties for major-race winners "in the period 18 months prior to the issuing of weights for this race" – 2kg for Gr 1 races and 1kg for Gr1 races restricted to fillies and mares and winners of Gr2 races.

The weights for this year's renewal of the race were announced last Wednesday, 25 October. Supplementary entries closed on Wednesday 1 November.

Many people understand the conditions to be that a horse supplemented on 1 November – one day after the 18-month period from the day the 2016 SA Derby and Champions Challenge were run concludes – would not receive the Grade 1 penalty.

According to chief handicapper Roger Smith that is not true because the conditions would be applied retrospectively.

"Anyway," said Azzie, "I won't be subjecting Abashiri to that weight just 18 days before the Summer Cup. Instead he'll have a grass gallop, which I believe will be just as good as a run, if not better because it'll be safer."

Abashiri is currently the 15-2 favourite for the Summer Cup and Azzie concludes: "He is in exceptional order. I'm very happy with him. He'll be spot-on for the Summer Cup."



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2	2	2	3	G	BOLD RESPECT	100
2	2	2	3	C	PURPLE DIAMOND	100
4	4	4	3	C	BARRACK STREET	99
4	4	4	3	C	WARRIOR'S REST	99
6	6	6	3	F	GOLD IMAGE	94
6	6	6	3	G	SIR FRENCHIE (AUS)	94
8	8	8	3	C	PACK LEADER	93
8	8	8	3	G	VIRTUE	93
10	10	10	3	C	SNOW BOARDING	90
11	11	11	3	F	CELESTINA	87
11	11	11	3	F	MISS KATALIN	87
13	11	11	3	C	PHELAN LUCKY (AUS)	86
14	14	14	3	G	APOLLO STAR	85
14	14	14	3	C	BIG BEAR	85
16	16	16	3	G	ATATURK	84
16	16	16	3	F	WIDOW'S LAMP	84
18	22	22	3	C	BIG MISTAKE	83
18	19	19	3	C	ENDOFMARCH	83
18	19	19	3	G	LOVE TO FLY	83
18	30	29	3	F	OVER AGAIN	83
18	19	19	3	F	VIRGA	83
23	22	22	3	F	HOT N HAZY	82
23	22	22	3	F	LALENA	82
23	16	16	3	G	STRATEGIC POWER	82
23	22		3	C	VISIGOTH	82
27	26	25	3	C	KLOPP	80
27	26	25	3	G	VARSIDE	80
27	26	25	3	G	VICTORIOUS CAPTAIN	80
30	30	29	3	C	AMOR ARDIENTE	79
30	30	29	3	F	IN CLOVER (AUS)	79
30	30	29	3	C	LEAGUE GAME	79
30	30	29	3	F	LIBRA	79
30	30	29	3	F	RUSH HOUR GIRL	79
30	30	29	3	G	SILVER ROCK	79

Warn The Boss – Late On Tuesday

Tellytrack will broadcast the Melbourne Cup, the race that stops the nation, from Flemington Racecourse on Tuesday 7 November .

Racetimes are as follows:

Race 7- 06:00 Melbourne Cup

Race 8- 07:05

Race 9 – 07:45

Race 10 – 08:20

Hollywood is betting on all of these races –betting is in fact already available with them for the Melbourne Cup.

Go to www.hollywoodbets.net to find out more.

Saftote advance wagering will open on Monday 6 November.

Commingled bets: Win, Place, Exacta and Double pools. No Local Pools.

Telephone betting and online betting will be available from 05h30.

Mixed Sale Catalogue Online

The catalogue for the Bloodstock South Africa Johannesburg Mixed Sale is now available online.

The sale will be held at the Randjesfontein Training Centre Clubhouse on 15 November, and offers buyers the chance to acquire well-bred potential broodmares as well as horses who are ready to win.

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Blue Gums & Red Faces

A Not So Choice Day's Racing

Last Saturday started at a hundred miles an hour and didn't really stop. It was an early start to get to Milnerton to meet Billy Silver and the force of nature that is Dennis Bosch. 'Our' Billy is named after Secretariat's lead pony and to seal the deal, he runs in the Meadow Farm silks. What's not to love? Predictably, a quick stop turned into several cups of coffee, conversation that meandered across racing, religion, philosophy and beyond as well as a quick plait job in lieu of my caffeine habit.

As it was too late to head home, rather than fret at the unscheduled turn, I decided to call it an adventure. I stopped at Woollies for provisions and then set sail to Kenilworth.

Sad loss

The Fillies Championship is my favourite early season feature. With Choice Carriers as the sponsor, and their transport network spanning the length and breadth of the equine industry, the day felt like a family gathering with friends and acquaintances from all necks of the equestrian wood and you were guaranteed to bump into someone fab you hadn't seen in ages.

With the disappearance of Choice from the sponsor's slot, there has been a muted (missing?) build up to this year's event. It's an odd state of affairs. The sponsorship has always been part and parcel of the transport contract. While Choice are still moving horses to and from the races, their contract has not been renewed and they are operating on a precarious month to month basis. No contract, no sponsorship. A very odd state of affairs indeed and one has to wonder which maladroitness managed to lose us one of the few independent sponsors we have left (answers on a postcard – although I have a feeling there is rather more to this story than simple admin oversight).

Rude shock

Bolting onto the course as fast as my new shoes could carry me, I was stopped in my tracks by the sight of the blue gums. Or rather, what was left of them. It seems another brainbox decided that these magnificent trees were deemed surplus to requirements and had them hacked down and chopped to bits.

Whether it's the recent spate of farm murders, the shock of the vacant space where the trees ought to be, or the fact that their absence made the hot, dry Cape day feel even hotter and drier, the sight of the ginormous behemoths hacked into bits and left strewn in the red, torn up earth made me queasy. With most people expressing surprise and disbelief, it seems the move was a complete surprise, so one wonders what on earth possessed our esteemed Kenilworth Racing Board to even contemplate such an atrocity (although one expects the usual round of blank faces



and pass-the-buck-itis).

Some solace

Fortunately the racing delivered. Gimme Katrina kicked off proceedings in the card opener and there was plenty to look at in race 2, with Joey Ramsden's Dynasty's Blossom looking progressive. The Pinnacle Stakes offered a cracking field and although Milton put up his usual front-running performance, the rest were wise to his tactics and didn't let him steal too much of a march, allowing Copper Force to get the better of him up the straight. Although Royal Chian triumphed in the fourth, Mr Drier's Via Sacra was the one that caught the eye and I look forward to following this lovely filly over the summer. Grant van Niekerk made his win on the speedy Hereford look fun in the fifth and then it was time for the Gr3 Cape Classic.

With such an incredible field, it was crushing to have to accept that only one can win. However, Vaughan Marshall seems to have a serious prospect on his hands with Tap O'Noth, who franked his previous form with a runaway victory. I was also happy to see my Durban friend grab a cheque and look forward to cheering him on during the season.

Despite Princess Peach bolting the course, the Gr2 Fillies Championship also boasted a stellar line-up and again, Snowdance looks something really special, crossing the line in splendid isolation.

A Matter Of Principle

I have to say it's rather a shame that our organisers could not stretch to name panels for a Gr2 and a Gr3 race. Buck up your ideas guys, this is the official start of our feature season.

I hung about for the last, just to see whether my plait job had stayed in, and got to see Dan Katz get another one on the board with Liquid Dynamite.

More Changes

Following the news that the bar staff in the Pocket Power lounge have been given the shove and only have one more racing meeting to dispense with, I went upstairs to say my goodbyes

and thank you's. I stayed for a quick drink and chat with the boy Silver's connections and then hit the road.

Coming from the era of raucous post-race parties that raged long into the night (if not the morning), it felt wrong to be the last to leave at 8pm and in fact, the whole day left me feeling bereft.

Musings

By virtue of having grown up on the course, ridden on the track and paid my dues with my own horses, racing feels a little bit mine. In the same way that I am part of it (whether everyone

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likes it or not), it necessarily is part of me. And that's something I've had to give some long, hard thought to recently, because one is judged by the company you keep.

I believe in the Hallmark Cards gold standard edition of racing, that horses lend us the wings we lack and that we see this most fully expressed on the race track.

There is a reason one feels good on a horse. Firstly, you are higher off the ground, so you get a better and broader view of your surroundings as well as seeing them from a new angle. They allow you to move faster and be stronger than you could ever be on your own. On their backs – or even by their side – they give us a glimpse of an alternate perspective, they show us bigger and better versions of ourselves. In short, riding a horse is a little like pulling on a Superman costume. For most people, it's an inspiration and an imperative to try and improve yourself to the point where you are worthy of occupying that saddle and holding those reins. Most of us spend our lives in pursuit of that goal and that's why I've always found racing people so inspiring to be around.

But, perhaps I am wrong. Perhaps this is not who racing is anymore. Maybe it never was.

Who are we?

As the old joke goes, it is not true to say that everyone in racing is a crook, but it is true that all crooks go racing (and in case someone gets cross with me again, this is picked up off Wikipedia's entry for the NHA – true story). While that's meant to be a joke, with recent accusations about prominent racing characters in the mainstream press, it's really no laughing matter.

My friend in Hong Kong wrote recently "who and what would horse racing be and what would be its tone of communication? It's voice. Does it even have a voice?" Good questions indeed.

Leaving the parade ring after one of the races, I was given food for thought as a passing acquaintance offered a disparaging comment about what someone was wearing. I am not having a go at the person who said it – we've all been there- what puzzled me is the fact that this act of unkindness, small though it was, was considered perfectly acceptable. Funny, even.

I was taught that turning up meant you cared. It didn't matter whether you sat in the front or the back or what you wore, what mattered was that you came. Your presence, rather than your presents, if you will.

But the cavalier attitude is not just a local issue. We've just seen Craig Williams spat on at the Cox Plate meeting. What brought me some solace in that incident was that the racing public spoke out loudly on social media condemning the act (although it seems authorities have yet to share the outrage).

It was probably mostly the shock of the trees, but it left me wondering about the current state of the industry, how and where I fit in to all of it and also, if my current reading of it is correct, whether I still want to.

Chicken or Egg?

Is racing dragged down by these 'nefarious' outsiders, or do we invite them into a nest of iniquity and drag them down with us?

We reap what we sow. If we do not give support and loyalty and treat people (and trees) well, we can't expect to be treated well in return, can we?

If we are what we repeatedly do, then the last few weeks have dished up unappetising fare. We seem to keep, celebrate and even promote mediocrity. We dismiss long-standing staff and sponsors and we chop down trees that have been the backdrop to our lives for decades at the drop of a hat. And for what? If the most popular theory that it's to accommodate a hospitality tent for a forthcoming race day is correct, then it beggars belief. While any realist understands the concept that everything is for sale, one starts to wonder what price our soul?

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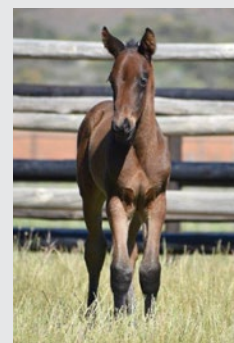
Colt ex Sabina Park (three part brother to Master Sabina) photographed at 10 days old (Varsfontein Stud)



Beechnut - Jay Peg colt ex Spy Girl photographed at 17 days old (Hemel 'n Aarde)



Jackson x Winter Reserve filly born 01.10.17 (Highlands Stud)



Duke Of Marmalade x Casadesus colt born 12.10.17 (Highlands Stud)

BREEDING

A P Indy Legacy Lives On

There have been few Breeders' Cup Classic winners more successful at stud than was A P Indy.

The now pensioned son of Seattle Slew, who won the 1992 Breeders' Cup Classic, headed the US General Sires List twice (2003 and 2006), was Champion Broodmare Sire in the USA (2015), and produced a total of 156 stakes winners. 30 of his black type winners were Gr1 winners.

Widely regarded as one of the finest stallions to stand at stud in North America during the past few decades, A P Indy has established a male line which shows no sign of slowing down in the US.

This can be clearly seen on the various Sire Lists in North America. A P Indy's son, Malibu Moon, and grandson, Tapit, are eighth and third respectively on the General Sires List.

Exported Florida Derby winner, Take Charge Indy (A P Indy), is fifth on the first crop sires list, with Orb (Malibu Moon) in tenth spot. A P Indy is also damsire of Untouched Talent, whose son, Bodemeister (Empire Maker), is currently the Leading Second Crop Sire, following a year which saw Bodemeister's son, Always Dreaming, win the Kentucky Derby.

Computing

Remarkably, A P Indy, broodmare sire of 2017 Preakness Stakes winner, Cloud Computing, can be found in the pedigrees of five of the top ten Second Crop Sires in North America this year. A P Indy's stakes winners included Breeders' Cup champion, Tempera (Juvenile Fillies), as well as Breeders' Cup Classic runner up, Bernardini.

The oldest living Breeders' Cup Classic winner, A P Indy has a slew of sons to have been represented by one or more Breeders' Cup winners, include Mineshaft (Hightail- Juvenile Sprint), Pulpit (Corinthian –Dirt Mile), Old Trieste (Silver Train-Sprint) and Stephen Got Even (Stevie Wonderboy –Juvenile). A P Indy's triple champion sire grandson, Tapit, has had no fewer than five Breeders' Cup winners, headed by champions, Hansen, Stardom Bound and Untapable.

A P Indy is also damsire of dual Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic winner, and multiple champion, Royal Delta (Empire Maker) and Kentucky Derby winner, Super Saver (Maria's Mon), whose son, Runhappy, won the 2015 Breeders' Cup Sprint.

In Numbers

This powerful male line look to be well represented once again at this weekend's Breeders' Cup.

A P Indy sons, Pulpit and Flatter, both look likely to have

contenders in the Classic, with Win The Space (entered in Dirt Mile) and West Coast. Flatter could also be represented, in the Juvenile Fillies/Juvenile Fillies Turf, by Stainless. Pulpit's son, Tapit, has Gold Cup winner and future Ashford sire, Cupid (cross entered in the Dirt Mile), lining up in the Classic, while Gr1 Travers Stakes second, and fellow Classic hope, Gunnevera, is by A P Indy's Florida Derby winning grandson, Dialed In, (Mineshaft). The latter could also be represented in the Sentient Jet Juvenile by his unbeaten son, The Tabulator.

Another A P Indy sire likely to be represented in the Juvenile this year is red hot sire, Malibu Moon. The latter is responsible for Breeders Cup entries, Heavenly Love, Carina Mia, Maya Malibu, Moonshine Memories, Moon Dash, Hollywood Star and Sprint contender Ransom The Moon, while A P Indy's son and Classic second, Bernardini, could have runners in the Sprint, (by Vosburgh Stakes winner, Takaful). Malibu Moon is also broodmare sire of leading Distaff contender, Stellar Wind (Curlin), and Filly& Mare Sprint contender, By The Moon. Malibu Moon's Kentucky Derby winning son, Orb, could be represented by his first ever Breeders' Cup starter, when his first crop daughter, Orbolution (out of the Horse Chestnut mare, My Rachel), lines up in the Juvenile Fillies Turf.

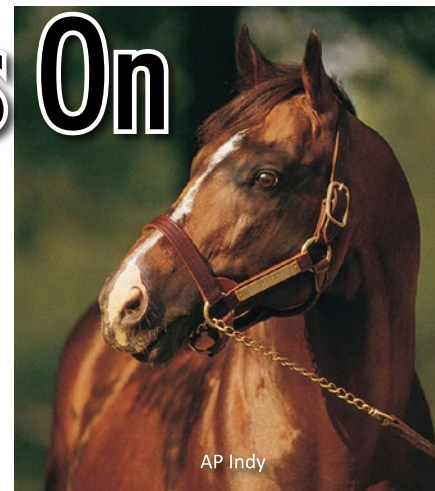
Tapit, whose potential Breeders' Cup starters include Iron Fist, Cupid and Filly & Mare Sprint favourite, Unique Bella, is also sire of Dirt Mile hero, Tapizar, sire of Sprint pre-entry, American Pastime.

Fairer Sex

Remarkably, seven of the contenders for the Filly& Mare Sprint are sired by A P Indy stallions.

A P Indy, a half-brother to Summer Squall and Honor Grades – both of whom sired Breeders' Cup winners- is also broodmare sire of unbeaten 2yo, Bolt D'Oro (Medaglia D'Oro), currently favourite for the 2017 Breeders Cup Juvenile. Bolt D'Oro is bred on similar lines to 2017 Distaff hope, Elate, a daughter of Medaglia D'Oro, whose granddam is by A P Indy. He is also damsire of French Oaks winner, Senga (Blame), a cross entry in the Breeders Cup Mile and Filly & Mare Turf.

A P Indy and his sire sons are well represented in South Africa, with the likes of Judpot, Marchfield, A P Arrow, Just As Well, and Jay Peg (by A P Indy's son, Camden Park), while Coup De Grace is the only son of Tapit currently at stud in this country.



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BREEDING

Phil's Great Weekend

Drakenstein Stud's resident sire Philanthropist enjoyed a fantastic weekend with the son of Kris S represented by four local winners - his quartet headed by an impressive three-year-old stakes winner.

Pack Leader stamped himself as a sophomore to follow this season when landing the Listed Racing Association Stakes over a mile at Fairview on Friday. Pack Leader romped clear to score by two and a quarter lengths, leaving a smart field of 3yos struggling in his wake.

In the process he joined a list of past winners of the Racing Association Stakes that includes the likes of July winning champions Big City Life and Bold Silvano.

His win on Friday pushed Pack Leader's tally to two (he has won or placed in four of just six outings), with the colt having been previous beaten less than 1.5 lengths in the Gr1 Premier's Champion Stakes last season.

He is but one of a number of promising sophomores representing Philanthropist, with others including Gr2 Golden Slipper third Tsessebe and debut winner Raven Girl.

Other winners this past weekend for Philanthropist include Street Life and Cool At Heart (who both scored at Greyville on Friday night), as well as Hotel Cipriani, who broke his maiden over a mile on Sunday at Fairview.

From the family of top sires National Assembly, Sovereign Dancer and What A Pleasure, Philanthropist, whose first South African crop included the graded winners Singapore Sling and She's A Giver and high class filly Sail, has three lots on offer at the CTS Ready To Run Sale this month.

Alley Blooms

Wilgerbosdrift's Flower Alley, likely to be represented in this weekend's Gr1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf by his son Bullards Alley, was in the news this weekend as a broodmare sire.

His Gr1 Ashland Stakes winning daughter Lilacs And Lace is the dam of promising Japanese 2yo filly Lucky Lilac, who maintained her unbeaten record when landing Saturday's JPN Gr3 Artemis Stakes at Tokyo as favourite.

Lucky Lilac (by Orfevre) has now won both her outings and she looks potentially high class.

Her dam Lilacs And Lace, who is from the same family as champion Kimberley Mine (by Fort Wood), earned over \$350 000 in prize money, with her wins including both the Gr1 Ashland Stakes and the California Oaks.

Flower Alley's star performer in 2017 has to be Bullards Alley who won the Gr1 Pattison Canadian International Stakes by over 10 lengths.



The Panther Stalks

Mike de Kock's Captain AI colt Like A Panther, who scored a fluent win at the Vaal last Tuesday, is set for a three-month campaign that will culminate in the CTS Million Dollar Mile or the Gr1 Cape Derby on Sun Met Day, 2018.

"This was a small field full of hard-knocking handicappers, I am always impressed by three-year-olds that win handicaps at this time of the year. We have a promising colt here," said Mike de Kock.

Like A Panther was purchased at the CTS Premier Yearling Sale in 2016 for R2,2-million for a partnership comprising De Kock, Bernard Kantor, Diane Nagle, Mayfair Speculators, US-based David Graham and prominent US bloodstock consultant Justin Casse.

De Kock will be considering the Gr2 Dingaans over 1600m at Turfontein on 25 November as a first stop en route to the Cape Derby.

Frankel Service - R3, 2 million!

Juddmonte Farms have announced that Galileo champion racer Frankel will stand for an all-time high during the 2018 season, commanding £175,000 – the equivalent of R3 292 000.

He is based at Banstead Manor Stud near Newmarket.

Standing for £125,000 for his first five seasons, the unbeaten sire sensation's oldest foals are only 3-year-olds, but he is already the sire of Europe's highest rated horse in training, Cracksman (GB), who won the Gr1 QIPCO Champion Stakes on British Champions Day in fine style to end his season.

Cracksman is not alone among Frankel's Gr1 winners, with Japanese filly Soul Stirring (Jpn), a champion juvenile filly in her native land after winning the Gr1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, maturing into the Gr1 Japanese Oaks winner at three.

Stud Director Simon Mockridge said that Frankel has had a sensational start with his first two crops, and 2017 has seen him described as being one of the most elite sires in the Northern Hemisphere.

Ashaawes Double

Sandown Stud's proven resident sire Ashaawes has two well-related fillies on offer at the CTS Ready To Run Sale to be held on Friday 17 November at Durbanville.

The son of Kingmambo produced a good double at Fairview last Friday.

The first Ashaawes to score was Espresso, who got off the mark when successful over 1000m for the in-form combination of Richard Fourie and Glen Kotzen.

Two races later, another 3yo Ashaawes daughter was back in the winners box, with Glamorous Life, also representing Kotzen and Fourie, romping home to break her duck by two and a quarter lengths over 1300m.

Bred by James Armitage, Glamorous Life, second over a mile at Durbanville at her previous outing, was produced by the Fort Wood mare Duchess Delight. [Click here for the catalogue](#)

LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
J Snaith	305	44	14%	53	17%	34%	33	11%	139	46%	3,649,075	11,964
PA Peter	146	30	21%	28	19%	32%	13	9%	76	52%	2,594,100	17,768
AC Greeff	240	31	13%	44	18%	32%	32	13%	108	45%	2,122,800	8,845
SG Tarry	202	20	10%	35	17%	29%	19	9%	72	36%	2,108,075	10,436
AG Laird	103	17	17%	21	20%	38%	9	9%	48	47%	2,000,675	19,424
MF de Kock	123	22	18%	43	35%	28%	17	14%	68	55%	1,933,325	15,718
C Bass-Robinson	199	21	11%	27	14%	26%	18	9%	83	42%	1,931,550	9,706
MG & AA Azzie	129	14	11%	25	19%	12%	22	17%	58	45%	1,664,800	12,905
G v Zyl	85	17	20%	16	19%	44%	16	19%	47	55%	1,502,150	17,672
DC Howells	139	14	10%	19	14%	32%	15	11%	58	42%	1,480,350	10,650
DA Sham	171	20	12%	11	6%	45%	20	12%	64	37%	1,473,475	8,617
Y Bremner	200	21	11%	23	12%	22%	15	8%	82	41%	1,435,075	7,175
VH Marshall	131	18	14%	17	13%	35%	14	11%	55	42%	1,383,950	10,565
GD Smith	286	14	5%	18	6%	28%	25	9%	83	29%	1,359,750	4,754
DR Drier	117	18	15%	24	21%	50%	11	9%	53	45%	1,355,188	11,583
BJ Crawford	123	13	11%	21	17%	24%	17	14%	54	44%	1,301,050	10,578
GS Kotzen	183	17	9%	18	10%	33%	14	8%	57	31%	1,277,125	6,979
SD Gray	132	14	11%	9	7%	22%	12	9%	49	37%	1,275,463	9,663
D Kannemeyer	95	13	14%	14	15%	43%	11	12%	41	43%	1,240,300	13,056
GV Woodruff	85	13	15%	24	28%	38%	10	12%	39	46%	1,171,850	13,786
J Ramsden	116	12	10%	18	16%	28%	15	13%	50	43%	1,118,350	9,641
T Laing	114	15	13%	14	12%	29%	12	11%	57	50%	1,108,425	9,723
C Lensley	178	20	11%	40	22%	20%	18	10%	78	44%	1,102,050	6,191
RR Wagner	120	10	8%	13	11%	8%	16	13%	57	48%	1,046,338	8,719
JAJ v Vuuren	90	8	9%	16	18%	19%	18	20%	42	47%	1,010,575	11,229
M Houdalakis	121	11	9%	16	13%	31%	9	7%	45	37%	999,825	8,263

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
L Hewitson	321	39	12%	44	14%	30%	31	10%	140	44%	3,268,200	10,181
A Domeyer	176	35	20%	59	34%	36%	23	13%	101	57%	2,525,750	14,351
C Murray	262	35	13%	57	22%	30%	32	12%	112	43%	2,820,600	10,766
G Lerena	150	33	22%	57	38%	35%	32	21%	97	65%	3,058,413	20,389
A Delpech	145	31	21%	53	37%	34%	29	20%	87	60%	2,595,513	17,900
M Yeni	230	30	13%	50	22%	24%	24	10%	111	48%	2,253,675	9,799
G v Niekerk	146	30	21%	29	20%	28%	18	12%	93	64%	2,184,100	14,960
G Wrogemann	206	30	15%	23	11%	39%	19	9%	99	48%	2,603,888	12,640
K De Melo	259	29	11%	38	15%	34%	38	15%	124	48%	3,173,050	12,251
A Marcus	95	27	28%	50	53%	40%	16	17%	61	64%	2,009,713	21,155
C Zackey	306	24	8%	31	10%	10%	29	9%	118	39%	2,311,263	7,553
R Fourie	157	23	15%	33	21%	30%	22	14%	76	48%	1,883,125	11,994
B Fayd'herbe	85	19	22%	16	19%	31%	10	12%	43	51%	1,613,600	18,984
R Danielson	161	19	12%	12	7%	42%	14	9%	64	40%	1,455,525	9,041
K Zechner	208	19	9%	15	7%	13%	24	12%	92	44%	1,754,125	8,433
R Munger	295	18	6%	6	2%	33%	14	5%	85	29%	1,465,925	4,969
W Kennedy	154	17	11%	17	11%	29%	23	15%	69	45%	1,516,700	9,849
S Khumalo	129	17	13%	32	25%	31%	16	12%	61	47%	1,480,700	11,478
C Maujean	256	17	7%	8	3%	0%	19	7%	74	29%	1,508,575	5,893
P Strydom	103	17	17%	24	23%	25%	18	17%	50	49%	1,483,550	14,403
JP vd Merwe	226	17	8%	18	8%	28%	12	5%	69	31%	1,539,213	6,811
G Cheyne	128	16	13%	21	16%	24%	27	21%	69	54%	1,348,350	10,534
J Penny	227	16	7%	7	3%	0%	13	6%	60	26%	1,036,800	4,567
M Thackeray	247	14	6%	7	3%	14%	13	5%	79	32%	1,009,725	4,088
R Simons	88	13	15%	16	18%	38%	8	9%	39	44%	1,669,475	18,971
A Arries	84	13	15%	5	6%	40%	9	11%	39	46%	938,900	11,177



Crack Cape heavyweight Bernard Fayd'herbe hit a rich vein of form

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It's only a matter of time before Joey Ramsden's Goodhope Racing attack comes good

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Bernie On Fire

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The Wheel Will Turn

Milnerton based Joey Ramsden has endured a frustrating run of late with many of his horses running below best. He went on record with his frustration at the lack of grass gallops, but that aspect has now been rectified and he saddled a good winner at Kenilworth on Tuesday in the form of the Horse Chestnut filly Big Pleasure. Leave Joey out at

your peril – when the wheel turns, we can get all of our money back!

The Old Team

It was good to see the old team of Anthony Delpech and Mike de Kock pairing for a sizzling Silvano first-timer double at Turffontein on Tuesday evening. Mike de Kock is no fan of the Turffontein



Anthony Delpech and Mike de Kock were in great form at the first Turffontein night meet of the new term



night racing concept, but like a true professional, he makes the best of it. Both the Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein-bred filly Mable Syrup and

the Varsfontein bred Pietro Mascagni look promising 3yo's. De Kock (with Callan Murray) and Delpech (for Paul Peter) rounded off the evening in style for a hat-trick of winners.

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Gr2 Fillies Championship R400 000**All The Way**

A half hour after he sired 1-2 in the Gr3 Cape Classic, Captain Al's daughter Snowdance produced a dazzling display of front-running power from her carded 17 draw to run a star-studded field ragged and score a facile victory on the Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship.

The highly anticipated match race between unbeaten Cape champion 2yo Magical Wonderland and her undefeated KZN Gr1 winning counterpart Lady In Black failed to materialise, in a field reduced to 15 runners after Princess Peach had broken away from Corne Orffer in the starting gate and was withdrawn.

Probably taking the only option available to him from the wide gate, Bernard Fayd'herbe bounced Snowdance, one of a quartet of runners from the powerful Justin Snaith yard, out quickly from her wide gate and the daughter of Captain Al was never seen again.

At the 250m marker Bernard Fayd'herbe glanced behind to check the dangers, but there was nothing and Snowdance galloped resolutely to register a facile 4,25

length win in a time of 86,06 secs. John Freeman went to R2 million for the well-related Snowdance at the 2016 National Yearling Sale, where she was her sire's top-seller.

Snowdance, who races in a partnership of Jack Mitchell and Drakenstein Stud, was having only her third outing here and made it two wins with a narrowly beaten runner-up finish at her second start after a seven-month break. She has banked stakes of R216 000 and looks to have a bright future.

Snowdance was bred by Cheveley Stud and is out of the Gr3 winner Spring Lilac (Joshua Dancer). She is thus a full sister to Captain Al's stakes winning daughter Victorian Secret and a three parts sister to the well-performed, but sadly recently medically suspended, Gr1 Allan Robertson winner The Secret Is Out and the stakes placed Secret Captain, now trained by Mike de Kock.

Gr2 Fillies Championship 1400m
Winner Snowdance set the pace; led by a length entering the straight; jockey looked around 100m out; pushed out closing stages; won impressively
Runner-up Magical Wonderland (2nd best handicapped) raced 8th; was five lengths behind the winner entering the straight; ran on, beaten by four
Third Rose In Bloom was positioned in 2nd entering the straight; held every chance; beaten 6 lengths

Time: This was the third fastest of the five races around the turn, but the pace was not fast early on (most notably around the turn), resulting in a sprint for home where the race-leader was never in any danger. Ratings should be treated with caution. We gave the third (prev 84/80/85/86/86) 86

which makes the winner (prev 79/86) 104 and the runner-up (prev 74/86/87/96) 91

104	1	0.00	SNOWDANCE	(14)	58.0	B Fayd'herbe	15/1
3 b f	<i>Captain Al - Spring Lilac (Joshua Dancer)</i>						
91	2	4.25	MAGICAL WONDERLAND	(7)	58.0	A Domeyer	
1/13 b f	<i>What A Winner - Magical Miss (Al Mufti)</i>						
86	3	6.00	ROSE IN BLOOM	(9)	58.0	D Dillon	22/1
3 b f	<i>Gimmelthegreenlight - Raise The Bar (Goldkeeper)</i>						
85	4	8.50	<i>Too Phat To Fly</i>	(3)	58.0	C Zackey	22/1
83	5	6.90	<i>Oh Susanna</i>	(12)	58.0	G v Niekerk	28/1
80	6	8.15	<i>Miss Katalin</i>	(8)	58.0	B May	66/1
83	7	8.55	<i>Lady In Black</i>	(13)	60.0	S Veale	13/2
77	8	9.05	<i>Fresnaye</i>	(6)	58.0	R Khathi	66/1
76	9	9.35	<i>Freedom Charter</i>	(4)	58.0	A Andrews	50/1
76	10	9.45	<i>Angel's Trumpet</i>	(5)	58.0	G Cheyne	44/1
75	11	9.55	<i>Meryl</i>	(11)	58.0	A Delpech	11/1
72	12	10.80	<i>Champenois</i>	(2)	58.0	A Marcus	11/1
71	13	11.10	<i>Elusive Heart</i>	(10)	58.0	R Fourie	9/1
67	14	12.35	<i>It Is What It Is</i>	(1)	58.0	L Hewitson	66/1
60	15	14.60	<i>Tsessebe</i>	(15)	58.0	M Byleveld	36/1

Time: 86.06s (61.47s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%
1st T: J Snaith O: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) & Mr W J C Mitchell B: Cheveley Stud

Gr3 Cape Classic R250 000**Guineas Go For Captain's Son**

Vaughan Marshall's phenomenal success with champion sire Captain Al, a horse he trained, is well documented and Tap O'Noth looks way above average after overcoming his own youthful awkwardness to register his biggest career success to date.

MJ Byleveld had the Foster owned and bred galloper out of the gates quickly and was eased back two lengths into fourth as the boom KZN visitor Billy Silver led Undercover Agent and Cot Campbell into the run for home.

At the 300m Billy Silver came under pressure with Undercover Agent getting first run as Cot Campbell and Tap O'Noth challenged.

At the 250m Tap O'Noth appeared to make contact with the tiring Billy Silver as Byleveld changed whip hands and chased Undercover Agent.

Once straightened out, Tap O'Noth was clearly the superior on the day but Undercover Agent ran a great race in second to make it a Captain Al exacta.

The winning margin was 0,75 lengths with a time of 85,18 secs recorded.

Tap O'Noth was bred by Alec Foster and is a son of Captain Al (Al Mufti) out of the one-time winning Wintersweet (Western Winter). The latter produced two-time winner Strathdon (Silvano) and the filly Tonya (Dynasty) who has won three times up to 1950m for Vaughan Marshall.

Tap O'Noth has won 3 races with 2 places from 4 starts for stakes of R340 250.

Gr3 Cape Classic 1400m
Winner Tap O'Noth (3rd best handicapped) began awkwardly outwards and made contact with Billy Silver; was positioned 4th entering the straight; led 100m; ran on strongly
Runner-up Undercover Agent raced 2nd; led 200m; rallied strongly when headed 100m out

Doing The Splits**Splits for Kenilworth, Saturday 28 October**

	<i>start to bend</i>	<i>end bend</i>	<i>finish</i>	<i>bend</i>	<i>straight to fin</i>
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.

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Third Cot Campbell raced 3rd and held every chance

Time: Comparatively the second fastest of the five races around the turn; they went particularly fast on the bend (Billy Silver in command, possibly over-doing things) and the time overall was a good one.

We gave the winner (prev 74/88/96) 97 which makes the runner-up (prev 56/77/82) 95 and the third (prev 69/71/80/79/90) 83

97	1	0.00	TAP O' NOTH	(4)	55.0	M	Byleveld	3/1
<i>3 b c Captain Al - Wintersweet (Western Winter)</i>								
95	2	0.75	UNDERCOVER AGENT	(8)	55.0	C	Orffer	11/2
<i>3 b c Captain Al - Secret Risk (London News)</i>								
83	3	3.25	COT CAMPBELL	(2)	53.0	G	v Niekerk	9/2
<i>3 b c Trippi - Ebony Flyer (Jet Master)</i>								
87	4	3.55	<i>Sir Frenchie</i>	(1)	55.0	R	Fourie	36/1
85	5	4.05	<i>Sniper Shot</i>	(10)	55.0	C	Zackey	44/1
85	5	4.05	<i>Billy Silver</i>	(5)	55.0	A	Delpech	4/1
96	7	4.10	<i>Dutch Philip</i>	(7)	60.0	A	Domeyer	13/2
80	8	4.20	<i>Virtue</i>	(9)	53.0	G	Cheyne	44/1
74	9	4.50	<i>Rockin Russian</i>	(3)	50.5	L	Hewitson	6/1
73	10	6.75	<i>Tower Of Wisdom</i>	(6)	53.0	S	Veale	36/1
Time: 85.18s (60.84s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 116%								
1st T: V.H Marshall O: Mr A N & The Hon Mrs G R Foster B: AN Foster								

GREYVILLE (poly)**Friday, 27 October**

Course Variant: 0.24s slow

Just 9mm of rain had fallen during the previous seven days, and initially the going appeared to be just a little slow on Friday evening. The poly track is usually watered during the course of a meeting in order to give consistency. However, very heavy rain fell at times during the evening and as a result the initial course variant is clearly misleading for the later races.

Michaelmas Hcp (Listed)**R150 000****Hot Stuff**

The red-hot combination of SA champion jockey Anthony Delpech and trainer Dean Kannemeyer maintained their good form when the Mambo In Seattle gelding Mr O'Neill benefitted from a beautifully-judged ride to win.

A field of eight lined up in the feature event with all the attention focussed on the Mike de Kock visitor Kilrain, who was expected to confirm his recent form surge and book his Sansui Summer Cup ticket with a forward showing.

But the smart son of Dynasty was never going well at his first run on the poly, which he patently didn't enjoy, and it was left to the astute Anthony Delpech to grab a race-winning initiative at the top of the home straight.

Mr O'Neill stayed on powerfully to withstand the late challenge of Chicago Beat to win readily in a time of 115.46 secs.

The favourite Kilrain who finished fourth was reported coughing post-race.

Bred by Moutonshoek, Mr O'Neill is a son of Mambo In Seattle (Kingmambo) out of the two-time winner Farah (Al Mufti), a half sister to stakes placed winner of eight, Acuppa.

A R120 000 BSA National 2yo Sale graduate, Mr O'Neill was knocked down to

Jehan Malherbe of Form Bloodstock and Dean Kannemeyer for R120 000

The 4yo was scoring a deserved first stakes success and took his tally to 6 wins with 6 places from 16 starts for stakes of R443 100.

Michaelmas Handicap (L) 1900m

Winner Mr O'Neill was slow into stride; raced 5th; led 300m; ran on strongly Runner-up Chicago Beat raced towards the rear tracking Mr O'Neill; ran on strongly and was gaining steadily at the finish Third Techno Captain raced with ear muffs; set the pace; outpaced final 300m

Time: Light rain appeared to fall during the running of this race; the pace and the overall time was fair given the conditions.

We gave the runner-up (prev 69/75/71/79/77) 79 which makes the winner (prev 85/80/87/84/79) 90 and the third (prev 75/74/73/77/75) 72

90	1	0.00	MR O'NEILL	(4)	57.0	A	Delpech	3/1
<i>4 b g Mambo In Seattle - Farah (Al Mufti)</i>								
79	2	0.50	CHICAGO BEAT	(6)	52.5	W	Kennedy	15/2
<i>5 b g Silvano - Maritsa (IRE) (Danehill)</i>								
72	3	3.50	TECHNO CAPTAIN	(1)	52.0	A	Arries	11/1
<i>4 b g Captain Al - Camara (Elliodor)</i>								
82	4	3.60	<i>Kilrain</i>	(2)	56.5	A	Marcus	15/10
77	5	4.60	<i>Warfarer</i>	(8)	55.0	T	Godden	17/1
83	6	4.65	<i>Nicklaus</i>	(7)	58.0	K	De Melo	13/1
75	7	6.15	<i>Hyaku</i>	(5)	55.5	A	Mgudlwa	9/1
57	8	24.65	<i>No Worries</i>	(3)	63.5	B	Lerena	15/1
Time: 115.46s (60.77s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 114%								
1st T: D Kannemeyer O: Messrs R M Botsis, M C Gerber, S W Phillips, G F Citron, W C Eisele, E van der Westhuizen & Mrs A Eisele B: Moutonshoek								

FAIRVIEW (poly)**Friday, 27 October**

Course Variant: 0.06s fast

Initially scheduled to take place on the turf, this meeting was moved to the poly track due to heavy overnight rain (24mm). The going was standard and the false rail was in its usual position 3m out at the 421m mark. There was an 18km/h south easterly cross wind.

Racing Association S (Listed) R150 000**Kotzen Leads**

Cape trainer Glen Kotzen made it three wins out of the past four runnings of the Listed Racing Association Stakes at Fairview on Friday with the Philanthropist colt Pack Leader following in the golden hoofprints of the Hattingh family-owned Light The Lights and Gold Standard.

Pack Leader brought some decent KZN Champions Season collateral into the feature and he started a popular 14-10 favourite to register his first stakes success. Allowed to relax in midfield by the Chrigror Stud-sponsored Richard Fourie, Pack Leader came to grab the longtime leader Seattle Flame at the 250m marker to win going away by 2,25 lengths in a time of 95,54 secs.

Bred by Hallmark Thoroughbreds, he is out of a champion in the Northern Guest mare First Arrival and is a half-brother to two

Equus Champions. The family includes top performers Let's Rock 'N Roll (Muhtafal) and In The Fast Lane (Jet Master).

His sire Philanthropist (Kris S) started his stud career in North America before relocating to Drakenstein in the Western Cape. Pack Leader was first offered at the 2016 BSA National Yearling Sale where he was bought back for R600 000.

Glen Kotzen signed the chit at R700 000 six months later when he was offered on the CTS Cape Ready To Run Sale. Pack Leader has won 2 races with 2 places from 6 starts and stakes of R169 375.

Racing Association Stakes (L) 1600m

Winner Pack Leader (best handicapped) raced 5th entering the straight; led 100m; won going away Runner-up Seattle Flame (2nd best handicapped) set the pace, did not settle in the early stages; outpaced late by winner Third Merysagos did not settle, raced in the rear; was just two lengths behind the winner entering the straight; ran on

Time: This comparatively was the fourth fastest of the eight races and wasn't run evenly throughout. Ratings should be treated with caution.

We gave the runner-up (prev 80/81/80/85/87) 86 which makes the winner (prev 75/77/85/87/69) 90 and the third (prev 67/71/73/74/75) 79

90	1	0.00	PACK LEADER	(3)	60.0	R	Fourie	14/10
<i>3 b c Philanthropist - First Arrival (Northern Guest)</i>								
86	2	2.25	SEATTLE FLAME	(7)	60.0	G	Cheyne	9/2
<i>3 b c Sail From Seattle - Forsythia (Strike Smartly)</i>								
79	3	2.50	MERYSAGOS	(4)	57.5	C	Murray	13/1
<i>3 b f Captain Al - Candy Singer (ARG) (Singspiel)</i>								
77	4	3.75	<i>Seattle Sound</i>	(2)	57.5	C	Zackey	15/1
81	5	4.25	<i>Bongo Dance</i>	(6)	60.0	W	Agrella	22/1
80	6	4.75	<i>Rommel</i>	(8)	60.0	R	Khathi	6/1
79	7	5.00	<i>Desert Chief</i>	(10)	60.0	R	Munger	66/1
77	8	6.25	<i>Sabbatical</i>	(5)	60.0	B	Fayd'herbe	15/2
75	9	7.00	<i>Copper Trail</i>	(9)	60.0	L	Hewitson	22/1
46	10	20.25	<i>Sacred Oration</i>	(1)	60.0	L	Mgudlwa	15/1
31	11	27.00	<i>Pocket Rocket</i>	(11)	60.0	C	Maujean	66/1
Time: 95.54s (59.71s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) SP Total %: 117%								
1st T: GS Kotzen O: Chrigror Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh), Mr B A Nicholas & Mrs J A Nicholas B: Hallmark Thoroughbreds								

FAIRVIEW (turf)**Sunday, 29 October**

Course Variant: 0.75s fast

Added to the 8mm of irrigation, 24mm of rain fell during the previous seven days (most of it on Thursday evening) and as a result the going was good to soft, off a penetrometer reading of 24. There was no false rail, and the wind forecast was for a 27km/h easterly tail wind.

Algoa Cup (Listed)**R350 000****On The Double**

After his catch-me-if-you-can performance on Snowdance in the Western Cape Fillies Championship at Kenilworth just 24 hours earlier, Bernard Fayd'herbe showed his fine judgement – coincidentally from a carded 17 draw again – on the talented Nebula.

Fayd'herbe had found the near-rail position on Nebula after just 200m as the 2015

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

winner Stonehenge took up his customary forward role ahead of Master 'N Commander and True Master.

With the well-supported Ollivander (getting 7kgs from the winner) arriving too late, Nebula was always going too well and romped home to win by 2,25 lengths in a time of 121,30 secs – he clocked 123,23 secs under 7kgs more in 2016. This time smashed the course record set by In A Flash in November 2007.

Fayd'herbe gave his mount all the credit, saying that 'everything worked out well once we got on to the rail'.

Trainer Brett Crawford, who only saddled the one runner on the day, said that Nebula had enjoyed a good prep and that 'he likes to run fresh'.

Purchased by Tony Millard for R3,75 million at the 2014 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale, the full-brother to 2013 Met winner Martial Eagle was bred by Wilgerbosdrift Stud and is by champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of the five-time winner, Seeking The Wind (Jallad).

The handsome Nebula races in the red and black of Hong Kong-based owner Edmund Siu and took his stakes earnings to R671 675, with 5 wins and 6 places from his 18 starts.

Algoa Cup (L) 2000m

Winner Nebula (last year's winner) raced 12th; ran on strongly to lead 100m; won going away
Runner-up Ollivander (carried half kg overweight) raced 9th; led 150m; outpaced final 100m

Third Stormy Eclipse raced tenth; ran on and was baulked for a run between the 500-300m marks

Time: Run visibly at a good pace throughout, this comparatively was the fastest race on the card. Nebula broke the course record set by In A Flash in 2007 by 0.87 seconds.

We gave the third (prev 93/91/87/91/96) 88 which makes the winner (prev 88/0/95/90/92) 97 and the runner-up (prev 45/73/88/82/82) 81

97	1	0.00	NEBULA	(16)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	15/2
5 b g Silvano - Seeking The Wind (Jallad)							
81	2	2.25	OLLIVANDER	(6)	52.5	M Byleveld	6/1
4 b g Silvano - Cast A Spell (Rambo Dancer)							
88	3	2.35	STORMY ECLIPSE	(1)	57.0	X Ndlovu	22/1
6 gr g Dynasty - Stormy Appeal (Kilconnel)							
85	4	2.45	Master's Eye	(2)	55.5	G v Niekerk	15/2
92	5	3.70	Alghadeer	(10)	60.0	L Mxothwa	19/1
78	6	3.80	Loadshedder	(14)	52.5	K De Melo	12/1
81	7	4.30	Platinum Prince	(4)	54.5	R Fourie	5/2
78	8	4.80	Laws Of Succession	(17)	54.5	L Hewitson	28/1
77	9	4.90	Eternal Jet	(3)	54.0	M Thackeray	28/1
74	10	5.15	Gimme The Stars	(8)	52.0	R Munger	45/1
74	11	7.40	Kingston Mines	(9)	55.0	G Cheyne	50/1
69	12	8.65	Scent	(15)	53.5	T Gould	45/1
63	13	17.40	True Master	(11)	58.5	C Zackey	25/1
48	14	21.15	Master 'n Commander	(13)	55.0	C Murray	28/1
40	15	22.90	Story Of My Life	(5)	52.0	JP vd Merwe	30/1
36	16	23.90	One Away	(7)	52.0	J Penny	66/1
19	17	35.90	Stonehenge	(12)	54.5	K Zechner	7/1
Time: 121.3s (60.65s avg/100m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 121%							
1st T:BJ Crawford O:Mr Edmond Siu B:Wilgerbosdrift							

Lost And Found

The story of the Doug Campbell bred and trained King's Bay, who was purchased by the China Horse Club in training and eventually landed up in Australia, is a fascinating tale of how the road in racing can be a long and winding one, with surprises along the way.



King's Bay | Gold Circle

King's Bay, a Sugar Hill homebred by King Of Kings, who Doug Campbell couldn't sell for R60k as a yearling, was initially raced by himself.

The colt made his debut in December 2012 over 800m at Clairwood and ran a promising second, after which the longstanding Richmond resident put a syndicate together.

King's Bay then won three in a row, including the Sentinel Stakes and travelled to Joburg for the 2013 Gr1 SA Nursery, where he finished 5th behind present day stallions, Willow Magic and Red Ray. Back in KZN, he reeled off another 3 wins in a row and then the connections

received an offer they couldn't refuse.

"Robin Bruss came with an offer of R2,5 million from the China Horse Club, so we did the deal. It was sad for us and there were a lot of tears when he left. He was very special," said Doug.

"King's Bay was their first South African purchase. Unfortunately he got caught up in the quarantine quagmire and it took forever to get him out of the country. They decided to start him in Singapore and see where to head from there, but before he had his first start, he damaged a tendon and they gave up on him, which was a disappointment," told Robin Bruss.

From Singapore, King's Bay was shipped to Australia and offered for sale on a bloodstock sale website. The China Horse Club were asking A\$10,000, but Alex Creighton and Daniel Riley, who owned a hobby farm and wanted to establish a small breeding operation offered A\$1,000 and they got him, borrowing a float and driving out to Adelaide to collect him themselves.

Not being terrifically well-versed in the art of animal husbandry, they let their hapless new purchase loose in a paddock with one of their mares, who was in no mood to be trifled with and kicked him right off his feet. A few anxious moments and a vet visit to sort out an enormous haematoma later and they wisely opted to geld him.

A few months later, seeing King's Bay haring around his paddock, they wondered whether he might have any racing left in him.

The China Horse Club have subsequently been back to South Africa, have bought extensively at CTS and have horses in training here now. "As things open up in China, it may end up being a conduit in time to come," muses Robin Bruss.

[Read the full story here](#)

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date	close	high	low	volume
31Oct	1895	1905	1860	175,756
30Oct	1911	1911	1911	0
27Oct	1911	1920	1900	100,000
26Oct	1900	1907	1775	628,071
25Oct	1812	1899	1801	295,799
24Oct	1907	1914	1907	328
23Oct	1907	1914	1900	2,169
20Oct	1915	1915	1860	4,300
19Oct	1915	1918	1900	5,429
18Oct	1920	1920	1920	0
17Oct	1920	1920	1905	19,153
16Oct	1930	1930	1900	1,010

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Darkest Hour 3c (Hezekiah by Kitalpha)

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Steam On 3f (Chatanooga Chuchu by Cataloochee)

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Empress Adelaide 3f (Liste Secrete by Peintre Celebre)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(03/11\)](#)

Data Link 3f (Maxine by Mogok)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1900m \(03/11\)](#)

Colombina 3f (Hard To Get by Fard)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(04/11\)](#)

Covered In Snow 3f (Blue Nevada by Anytime)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(04/11\)](#)

Wheels Are Up 3c (Aquitaine by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Onamission 3f (Tempted by Jallad)

[Turffontein 5 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup \(Non-black-type\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Purdey 3f (Secret Babe by Labeeb)

[Turffontein 12 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

First Crusade 3c (Pacific Blue by Model Man)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(3 Year Olds\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(05/11\)](#)

Indian Maid 3f (Betty's Bay by West Man)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(05/11\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Mbali 3f (Rattled by Alami)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(03/11\)](#)

Eight Summers 3c (Cool Summer by Shaamit)

[Greyville 7 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(03/11\)](#)

War Demon 3c (Tacoma by Lunar Lumberjack)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(3 Year Olds\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(05/11\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Magic Flame 3f (Star Magic by Russian Revival)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(03/11\)](#)

Daighre 3f (Captured Time by Capture Him)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(04/11\)](#)

Just My Style 3f (Onawingandaprayer by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 5 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup \(Non-black-type\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Spring Man 3c (Diorella by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Unicorn 3f (Tanover by Model Man)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Ensemble 3f (Esoteric by Mogok)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(04/11\)](#)

Some Song 3f (Something Of Value by Badger Land)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(04/11\)](#)

Symphony 3f (Mysterious Land by Badger Land)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Sequined 3f (Scintilla by Silvano)

[Kenilworth 5 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Nordic Chant 3c (Nordic Spring by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 69 Handicap 1600m \(04/11\)](#)

Mrs O 3f (Ginger Hill by Western Winter)

[Turffontein 6 Gr3 Starling Stakes \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Arianos Bagofgold 3c (Heritage Wood by Var)

[Turffontein 10 MR 80 Handicap 1160m \(04/11\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Double Dual 3c (Jenny Jones by Right Approach)

[Greyville 7 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(03/11\)](#)

Lacerta 3f (Pulsator by Captain Al)

[Fairview 8 MR 60 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1300m \(03/11\)](#)

Thermocline 3f (Julie' D by Qui Danzig)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Double Black 3f (Royale Noir by Black Minnaloushe)

[Kenilworth 5 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Sweet Juliet 3f (Chancane by Captain Al)

[Turffontein 6 Gr3 Starling Stakes \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Double Mink 3c (Mink Coat by London News)

[Turffontein 11 Maiden Plate 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Madam Al 3f (Traviata by Elliodor)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(05/11\)](#)



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WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Winter Blues 3c (Dancing Penny by Danske)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(03/11\)](#)

Arctic Rush 3f (Miss Micky by Jet Master)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1900m \(03/11\)](#)

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What A Summer 3c (Limerick by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Mar Del Sur 3f (Pacific Dynasty by Dynasty)

[Turffontein 6 Gr3 Starling Stakes \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(04/11\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

SAIL FROM SEATTLE

Rated AR 81 Moggie Brown (3f Jennyanydots by Black Minnaleshe)

Maiden Plate (F&M) Vaal (outside) (1000m) (26/10)

Soon up handy, Moggie Brown took the helm going through the 600m and only having to be pushed out from there onwards, won going away by four and a half.

Horses To Follow

SILVANORated AR 83 **Silver Maple** (3c Shasta Daisy by Rakeen)*MR88 Handicap Vaal (outside) (1400m) (26/10)*

Now unbeaten in two starts Geoff Woodruff's charge was taken straight to the front here and led throughout. He raced a length and three quarters clear for most of the journey before asserting his authority at the business end of the race to score by three and a half.

FORT WOODRated AR 88 **Cashel Palace** (3f Ireland by Mark Of Esteem)*MR82 Handicap Vaal (outside) (1400m) (26/10)*

A very easy 8 length winner in the maiden ranks last time out, Cashel Palace did things the hard way in a very false paced race here. At the head of affairs throughout, Alec Laird's charge found extra when the race began in earnest and won going away by two and three quarters.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner**Silent Starship** (AUS) 5g Starspangledbanner- Glad You're Mine(AUS) (Redoute's Choice)*Flamingo Park 1000m (23/10)*

Is Your Horse One To Follow?

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

SPORTS AND BETTING

Super Sunday

Chelsea vs Man United | Sunday 5 November | Stamford Bridge | 18:30



Super Sunday awaits as Chelsea host Manchester United in what has proven to be one of the biggest rivalries in English football. The Mourinho derby, as some of you know it. The champions sit fourth on

the table after successive wins over Everton and Bournemouth, while Manchester United, despite sitting second, haven't been too convincing with their performances. However, that is exactly what Jose Mourinho wants from his team. Who can fault him for getting a point at Anfield and maximum points at home to Tottenham? This will be a huge test for both clubs and will also give us some indication as to whether 'Judas' is still number one.

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TO WIN

Chelsea 29/20

Draw 21/10

Manchester United 2/1

CHELSEA

Since the start of the campaign, Premier League champions, Chelsea, have blown hot and cold. Some would say that it's because of their champagne hangovers from their celebrations last season, or that injuries to certain players have cost them in crucial times.

They'll fancy their chances against the Red Devils, who they have an impressive record over, especially in the post-Sir Alex Ferguson era. Surprisingly, Chelsea are the only team in England that have a better head-to-head record over United. Antonio Conte's men are undefeated in seven matches at Stamford Bridge against Man United, winning five of those fixtures. However, their record at home hasn't been so eye-catching this season, especially against the big guns. They got maximum points at Wembley against Tottenham, but were held to a goalless draw by Arsenal and suffered a 1-0 defeat to fellow Manchester giants, Man City.

MANCHESTER UNITED

Jose Mourinho, Romelu Lukaku, Nemanja Matic, Juan Mata. Manchester United are obviously huge admirers of the Chelsea side of old. Mata was once a Chelsea Player of the Year, Matic won two titles at the Bridge and Lukaku is just the one that got away.

As for Mourinho, statistics prove that he is the Blues' most successful manager, but fans' hatred towards him have grown since his departure. The 'Special One' hit back at the Chelsea supporters back in March when he came out and said: "When they have somebody that wins four Premier Leagues for them, I become number two. Until this moment Judas is number one."

PREDICTION: 0-0 Draw (7/1)

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Beware The Draw

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Rhino On The Loose

Greyville 22nd October

The only distance to stage more than one race at the poly track on Sunday was 1600m where the fastest of the four was the KZN Fillies Guineas Trial (non-black type) won by the promising HASHTAGYOLO. A very easy winner when running on from the rear in her only previous outing, the daughter of Dynasty adopted a change of tactics here and raced from the front. She was always a length and three quarters clear and won by that margin with some in hand.

Another 3yo to win with authority from the front on this card was CAPTAIN AND MASTER in the very competitive looking progress plate over 1400m. Always clear, Sean Tarry's charge only had to be pushed out with hands and heels to beat the talented RED CHESNUT ROAD by a length and three quarters.

In terms of distance, by far the easiest victory on the card was recorded by RUN RHINO RUN in the very false paced MR79 Handicap over 3000m. Soon at the head of affairs, Kom Naidoo's charge raced very wide on the course for most of the journey and despite going further and further clear the remainder were content to just amble along. He was easily 15 lengths clear at the top of the home straight and despite the efforts of the very animated chasing pack, he cruised in by twenty one and a quarter.

Titbits *Positioned at the back turning for home, NEPTUNE'S RAIN ran on best of all in the straight when a three quarter length runner up in the MR94 Handicap over 1000m.*

The 3yo AMRITSAR came from midfield when winning the maiden plate over 1600m going away.

Always Ready To Pounce

Vaal 24th October

After two long absences it was nice to see racing return to the new classic track on Tuesday. Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1700m and the fastest of these was the MR65 Handicap won by RAIN SHADOW. Freely available at 28/1 on the off, St John Gray's charge was always in touch with the leaders. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race and in what proved to be a real

thriller he got up in the dying strides to deny the favourite YAKEEN.

The only distance to stage more than one race was 2000m where the faster of the two handicaps was the MR84 affair won by the progressive 3yo LIKE A PANTHER. Confidently ridden by Callan Murray, the son of Captain Al sat fourth of the five for most of the journey. He quickened well when the race began in earnest and won going away after striking the front 150m from home.

A maiden plate over 1500m had opened up proceedings and here we saw a smart performance from MIDDLE PATH. Positioned in midfield during the early part of the race, Lucky Houdalakis' charge quickened nicely over the final 400m and did well to reel in EIGHT CITIES (led 700m) close home.

Titbits *After taking up the running 400m out, the 4yo CATHEDRAL COUNTY won the MR80 Handicap with authority.*

What's Going On

Durbanville 25th October

With just 8mm of rain during the previous seven days the going was posted as good off a penetrometer reading of 20. Visually though the ground looked soft in running and the course variant at over 3 seconds slow supports that.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were run over 1200m and quickest home amongst these was BOBBY DAZZLER when completing a quick double over the course and distance in the MR80 Handicap. Content to sit seventh of the nine early on, Brett Crawford's charge ran on best of all from halfway and under a well-judged ride from Greg Cheyne he got the better of the running on BLOW IN THE BOX.

The faster of the two 1400m races on the card was the MR64 Handicap won by CELTIC CHARM. Nibbled at on course into 11/2 from 13/2, the lightly weighted Windrush mare was always handy. She was ridden to lead 100m out and won going away by a length and a half.

They also ran two races over 1800m and stopping the clock in the faster time here was THE SLADE in the bill topping MR84 Handicap. Taken straight to the front by Bernard Fayd'Herbe, Dean Kannemeyer's charge en-

**Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.**

Rolled Silver	won 28/1
Doublemint	won 9/1
Chartwell	won 15/2
Pilgrim's Progress	won 28/10
Sabina's Dynasty	won 5/2
Matthew Lips	won 2/1
Cashel Palace	won 14/10
Harlan County	won 11/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (5) Highland Captain 13
- Race 2: (3) Titus 30
- Race 3: (9) Data Link 10
- Race 4: (7) Trees Of Green 56
- Race 5: (6) Sao Paulo 41
- Race 6: (3) Stopthinkingofme 47
- Race 7: (3) Truly 37
- Race 8: (11) Maria Estella 35

GREYVILLE (FRI)

- Race 1: (2) Herodus 21
- Race 2: (13) Var Agtig 7
- Race 3: (5) Di Mazzio 61
- Race 4: (11) Secret Success 40
- Race 5: (8) Soldier's Bride 32
- Race 6: (14) Mulher De Branco 62
- Race 7: (5) Blazing Heart 20
- Race 8: (9) Green Fairy 24

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (1) Mighty Valdie 8
- Race 2: (2) Lily Starlette 15
- Race 3: (1) White Winter 18
- Race 4: (11) Royal Utopia 75
- Race 5: (11) Brave Mary 59
- Race 6: (5) Spring Breeze 57
- Race 7: (9) Irish Pride 98
- Race 8: (10) Flying Free 47
- Race 9: (4) Graduation Day 100
- Race 10: (4) Torro Del Oro 52
- Race 11: (6) National Aim 13
- Race 12: (2) Aerobatic 5

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (7) Saltire 14
- Race 2: (3) What A Winner 20
- Race 3: (11) Spring Man 25
- Race 4: (4) Valentine's Girl 19
- Race 5: (5) Wedgwood 52
- Race 6: (5) Bank The Cash 38
- Race 7: (5) Trojan Quest 30
- Race 8: (7) Sunshine Lady 37

GREYVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (3) Meet The Logans 16
- Race 2: (3) First Crusade 15
- Race 3: (1) Fonteyn 14
- Race 4: (12) Stelvio 17 (NAP*)**
- Race 5: (12) Madam Excess 34
- Race 6: (1) Penultimate 46
- Race 7: (9) Russian Girl 41

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied
*** Very strongly fancied


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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

joyed a two and a quarter lengths lead for most of the journey. The heavily supported favourite OUR EMPEROR raced second and was always poised to strike. He did make some headway early in the straight, but try as he might he couldn't get within a length and a quarter over the final 200m.

Titbits The newcomer SPRING MAN ran on well from midfield when a 0,4 length runner up in the maiden plate over 1400m.

Progressing Nicely

Vaal 26th October

Three maiden plates over 1000m got proceedings underway on the outside track on Thursday and quickest home amongst these was MOGGIE BROWN in the second division for the girls. Soon positioned close to the speed, the daughter of Sail From Seattle struck the front 600m out and comfortably accounted for the heavily supported newcomer JAZAALAH by four and a half.

Two 1200m handicaps were next up and by far the quicker of these was the MR87 affair won by the once very highly regarded ARABIAN BEAT. Racing off a mark some 32 points below that of his earlier best, Paul Peter's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 400m marker and went on to score with authority from MACHISMO.

Four 1400m events made up the nine race program and comfortably the fastest of these was the bill topping MR88 Handicap in which the promising SILVER MAPLE showed his eight rivals a clean pair of heels. Taken straight to the front by Callan Murray, the son of Silvano was always clear. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race

and won going away by three and a half.

Titbits The 14/10 favourite CASHEL PALACE found extra after making all when comfortably accounting for her six rivals in the MR82 Handicap over 1400m.

Heavy Rain Throughout

Greyville 27th October

Initially the going appeared to be just a little slow on Friday evening, but with very heavy rain falling at times on a track that is regularly watered during a meeting, this is clearly misleading. Not surprisingly then, the first race (run in very heavy rain) was comparatively the fastest run on the night. The 5/10 favourite WORLD DREAMER set the pace, but was run out of it late by the always handy NOBLE DUKE.

The MR80 Handicap was the faster of the two 1600m races and in another event run in heavy rain COOL AT HEART registered his second career victory. Soon up handy, the son of Philanthropist got the better of the favourite HEAD HONCHO 200m from home and ran on strongly in the closing stages of the race to score by a half.

The listed Michaelmas Handicap over 1900m topped the bill and here victory went to the 4yo Mambo In Seattle gelding MR O'NEILL. Soon up handy despite being a little slow into stride, Dean Kannemeyer's charge took up the running 300m out and kept on strongly late to beat the running on CHICAGO BEAT by a half.

Titbits The 3yo GAT HENSHAW lost two lengths at the start before running on from the rear to win the MR66 Handicap over 1600m.

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

CAPTAIN AND MASTER (S Tarry, KZN)
HASHTAGYOLO (D Kannemeyer, KZN)
LIKE A PANTHER (M De Kock, Gauteng)

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (POLY) 22ND OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,78s slow	
1000m (1) Vision To Kill	58,52
1200m (1) Doing It For Dan	71,07*
1400m (1) Captain And Master	83,58
1600m (4) Hashtagyolo	97,73
2400m (1) Aforaway	152,44
3000m (1) Run Rhino Run	194,36

VAAI (CLASSIC) 24TH OCTOBER

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,13s fast	
1000m (1) Cathedral County	56,88
1200m (1) Heywot	69,93
1500m (1) Middle Path	91,89
1700m (3) Rain Shadow	104,20
2000m (2) Like A Panther	123,77

DURBANVILLE 25TH OCTOBER

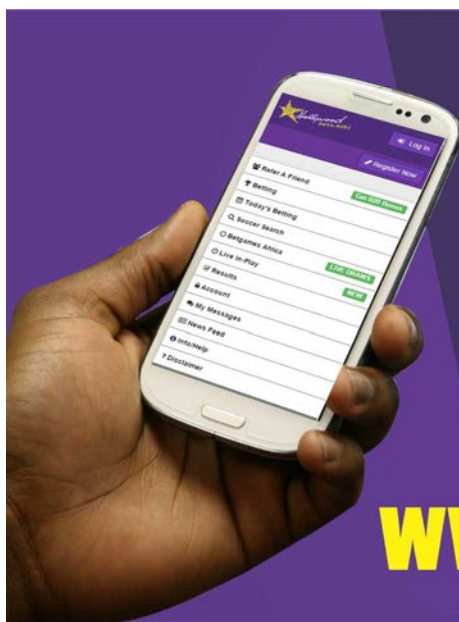
Penetrometer 20 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 3,24s slow	
1200m (3) Bobby Dazzler	73,52
1400m (2) Celtic Charm	87,35
1800m (2) The Slade	112,34
2400m (1) Silver De Lange	159,85

VAAI (OUTSIDE) 26TH OCTOBER

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,33s slow	
1000m (3) Moggie Brown	57,56
1200m (2) Arabian Beat	69,67
1400m (4) Silver Maple	81,73

GREYVILLE (POLY) 27TH OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,24s slow	
1000m (2) Noble Duke	58,00
1200m (1) Accidental Tourist	69,74
1400m (2) Street Life	82,89
1600m (2) Cool At Heart	96,24
1900m (1) Mr O'Neill	115,46



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