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## RACING THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** Turf Friday  
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**R4-(12)What A Player(1/1)**

**VAAL** Classic Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R3-(11) Kremlin Judgement (9/10)**

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R1-(5)Cradleofgratitude(16/10)**

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Best Roving Banker:  
**R2-(8) Zadora (11/2)**

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The R5 million Sun Met is now officially the blue riband of the turf in South Africa, with the 2000m contest's newly accorded weight-for-age status getting an overall stamp of approval from some of our leading trainers.

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The January social spectacle dates all the way back to 1883 and is run at South Africa's oldest – and most beautiful – racecourse.

The balancing act of quality versus the need to ensure the betting turnover that powers the engine of the Sport Of Kings, appears to be of less concern than was envisaged and the overall consensus is that a striving for excellence is of far greater priority.

SA champion trainer Sean Tarry, who saddled 2005 Met winner Alastor, summed things up well. He said that he felt that the decision was a good one and that it was easy to talk from one's own

perspective at any given point in time.

"I definitely didn't start off training with my present string and I may well have Legal Eagle this year- but who says I get to saddle a Legal Eagle every year? In the bigger scheme of things, it's a raising of the bar and that's to be commended," he said.

On the aspect of an impact on field sizes, Tarry said that he felt that the prestige and the stakes would be an incentive to maintain the size of the field at a reasonable level.

"I know they are saying betting turnover on the race may be down, but surely one needs to look at



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MET - WEIGHT FOR IT

the day overall in the context of turnover? And while the Met has always been a great race, the new conditions effectively make the race the blue riband of the South African turf. We need to reward excellence and the world is watching us too,” he added.

Trainer of Met winners La Fabulous and Hill Fifty Four, Vaughan Marshall was adamant that the move was an overdue one and suggested that adopting the approach of ‘racing for excellence’ was the only way to go. He said that Cape Town now hosted the greatest race over 2000m in the country.

“I am very pleased we have gone this route. I cannot understand why so many of our Gr1 and Gr2 races are now run with penalties. It makes a mockery of it. Look at Abashiri – why should he be lumbered with a penalty for a Gr1 he won 18 months ago? And when last has a 3yo had a shot at the Met? We want the best in the Met – I will say that again,” he said.

As for the possible impact on betting turnover with likely smaller fields, Marshall said that he felt that the R5 million stake would be an incentive and he did not see single digit field sizes a likelihood.

Top classic trainer Dean Kannemeyer said that it was difficult in all facets of life to please everybody, but he felt that the change in the conditions should be seen in a positive light.

“The aim is to make the Met the greatest weight-for-age race in the country over 2000m. The race has the history and the prestige built in. I read of concerns about impact on betting turnover should field sizes be affected – which they probably will be. That is not my area of expertise, but I’d like to think that quality should be the overrider. Good horses get people interested – and they must be allowed to show what they are made of and win! The Met is the benchmark in any owner, trainer and jockey’s life and no fiddling with any aspect is likely to change that,” he said.

# Have You Had Your Say?

The first instalment of our Met debate in last week’s SP Digest attracted comments from our readers. Here are a few.

**Mark Logan said:**

*The Met at WFA – the best thing ever to happen in SA racing. The Met will now be SA’s greatest race. SA had forgotten that racing is about horses – and especially about the best horses. Nobody wants to watch handicappers. What makes racing exciting are the best horses – Secreteriat, Nijinsky, Shergar, Frankel etc. and locally Sea Cottage, Politician, Horse Chestnut, Ipi Tombe etc. At last someone has shown some foresight in SA racing. The Durban July – who cares now!*

**Brian said:**

*How one does it I don’t really know to be honest. I do agree with the substance of this comment entirely. Let the horse be the attraction, not the annual glamour punter who just wants a disco.*

**Garrick Bergh said:**

*Why even raise betting turnover as an issue? The tote almost always falls over on big days so what difference will it make?*

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SATURDAY RACING

# Song For Summer

## Laisserfaire Stakes (L) Kenilworth

**The Laisserfaire Stakes will be a stepping stone to much bigger things in the Cape Summer Season for most of the line-up and the handicap levels the playing field, making it a potential bear trap for punters.**

Topping the weights, and now racing in the interests of the Kieswetter family’s Ridgemont Racing, the big earning Trippi flyer Live Life has her first run as a 4yo and comes off a 24 week break since an unplaced effort in the SA Fillies Sprint. The Gr2 Sceptre Stakes and CTS 1200 winner is back on home turf and having faced the best around, she is expected to put in a top showing.



Sommerlied | Gold Circle

Dennis Drier’s Sommerlied boasts the credentials to win. Successful in 4 of her 5 starts, she downed the Ramsden star Brutal Force at her last start – when smashing the Scottsville 1000m record- and prior to that beat Snaith’s Sergeant Hardy at Greyville. She is no stranger to Kenilworth and must be the horse to beat.

Gold Image is the first of a trio from the in-form Glen Kotzen yard. The lightly raced daughter of Horse Chestnut needed her last run and is expected to put in a much better effort. She is one of a quartet of lightweights, who could throw a spanner in the works.

The class mare Captain’s Flame had no answer when plodding into a 3 length fourth spot in the Diana Stakes but has a decent record – and in fact won the Gr3 Diana Stakes last term. This gutsy stakes winner has never won below 1200m – and at age 5 may lack the fine speed needed here.

Stablemate to the highly vaunted Sommerlied, Anime ran a great summer opener a fortnight back when she was left to chase Hoist The Mast home. She has been highly regarded for some time by the master Dennis Drier and could be the joker in the pack off her 53kgs.

The progressive Casual Diamond has done nothing wrong since shedding her maiden in the winter and goes for her fourth win on the trot as she is thrown into deeper waters. She has won her races with authority and is a definite for inclusion in exotics.

The classy Australian-bred Quick Brown Fox races in the same silks as Live Life, and has her first run in 49 weeks since finding the mile of the Cape Fillies Guineas a bridge too far. This lightly raced 4yo may need the outing.

The beautifully bred Scandola carries a handy 52kgs and ran on well when chasing Gr1 star The Secret Is Out home at Durbanville last time. She will strip fitter and could be way ahead of the handi-

capper – and one to keep an eye on.

Nordic Breeze probably needed the run in the Diana Stakes, when over 6 lengths off Goodtime Gal. She is

<b>START 5:10PM</b> <b>KENILWORTH</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>PAG/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4</b> <b>LAISSERFAIRE STAKES (F&amp;M)(L) - 1100M</b> <b>SAME TRAINER:(1-6-8-14)(2-9)(4-11-12)(5-7-13)</b>
Trippi	<b>1 LIVE LIFE</b> (C Bass-Robinson) <b>C Orter</b> .....	<b>1 62.0</b>
Var	<b>2 SOMMERLIED</b> (DR Drier) <b>S Veale</b> .....	<b>12 60.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>3 CAPTAIN'S FLAME</b> (A Nel) <b>D Dillon</b> .....	<b>11 59.0</b>
Windrush	<b>4 NORDIC BREEZE</b> (J Snaith) <b>P Strydom</b> .....	<b>10 57.0</b>
Black Minnaloushe	<b>5 ANNELINE</b> (GS Kotzen) <b>L Mxothwa</b> .....	<b>6 55.0</b>
Noordhoek Flyer	<b>6 FELICITY FLYER</b> (C Bass-Robinson) <b>R Khathi</b> ..	<b>4 54.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>7 PRINCESS PEACH</b> (GS Kotzen) <b>R Fourie</b> .....	<b>8 53.5</b>
Mambo In Seattle	<b>8 EXTRADITE</b> (C Bass-Robinson) <b>S Cele</b> .....	<b>5 53.5</b>
Count Dubois	<b>9 ANIME</b> (DR Drier) <b>M Byleveld</b> .....	<b>2 53.0</b>
Foxwedge	<b>10 QUICK BROWN FOX</b> (BJ Crawford) <b>G Cheyne</b> ..	<b>14 53.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>11 TWINKLE TOES</b> (J Snaith) <b>A Balloo</b> .....	<b>9 52.5</b>
Var	<b>12 CASUAL DIAMOND</b> (J Snaith) <b>B May</b> .....	<b>7 52.0</b>
Horse Chestnut	<b>13 GOLD IMAGE</b> (GS Kotzen) <b>A Andrews</b> .....	<b>13 52.0</b>
Fort Wood	<b>14 SCANDOLA</b> (C Bass-Robinson) <b>L Hewitson</b> .....	<b>3 52.0</b>

## SATURDAY RACING

a filly who likes to be ridden cold and Piere Strydom looks the perfect foil for her.

The Gr3 The Debutante winner Princess Peach left her rider in the stalls and was withdrawn after a pre-start bolt in the Western Cape Fillies Championship. The daughter of Captain Al was hampered when running a fair fourth to star filly Magical Wonderland at her previous start.

The classy Sommerlied with some major scalps to her name takes on the topweight local Live Life, with Casual Diamond, Anime, Princess Peach and Scandola in the mix. It's going to possibly be a case of gamble on just the top two – or close the eyes and go the field in the Pick 6.

## The Heat Is On

**There is some debate as to when the Cape Summer Season actually started or when it is scheduled to start. Whatever the official off, the big horses are being turned out gradually and for those of us who love the game, the big season has been alive and well for some weeks already.**

A R120 000 1400m Pinnacle Stakes on Saturday's Kenilworth programme catches the eye and underscores the class factor, with some big names lining up.

The likes of Gr1 winners Captain America, Sail South and Edict Of Nantes face Cape Winter Series Triple Crown star African Night Sky.

Also in the field is record-breaking yearling and Gr1 Daily News third placer Horizon, who will be looking for a big 4yo season after achieving a Gr3 Politician Stakes victory at best as a 3yo.

The day's jockey mix also suggests that the ante has been upped with the likes of Piere Strydom and Charity Mile day knockout hero Lyle Hewitson in town. Strydom rides Investec Cape Derby and Daily News 2000 winner Edict Of Nantes, who ran third in the Vodacom Durban July, and should find this on the short side.

Another interesting runner in the third race is Glen Kotzen's Princess Vicky. By champion sire Silvano, she is out of the champion treble Gr1 winner Princess Victoria – who was also trained out of Woodhill in Paarl – and improved smartly at her second start. Princess Vicky, who should go close to shedding her maiden, races for Maine Chance Farms and Peter De Beyer.

Hewitson rides the Australian-bred Table Bay. Last season's Gr3 Cape Classic winner went down narrowly in the Matchem at his penultimate start, and although flat at his subsequent jump, will strip fit- and is lethal over this trip.

## Azzman Aims For Moon

**Trainer Mike Azzie, on a high off his Charity Mile success on Saturday, proceeds with his Summer Cup plan A for the SA Triple Crown star Abashiri, who takes his place in the Gr3 Victory Moon Stakes under the lights at Turffontein this evening.**

The experienced conditioner has long targetted the R2 million Sansui Summer Cup for the son of Go Deputy, but top weight of 62kgs for the Victory Moon saw him quoted in the media that he would rather prep with a grass gallop.

"Everything has gone so well in Abashiri's plans- and yes I had decided to change course after the publication of the Victory Moon weights and rather opt for a grass gallop. But on having a look at the field for the race today, I thought why change a plan just because the gallop was an option?", he told the Sporting Post.

The Azzman confirmed that he had booked Turffontein for a gallop before races on Saturday, but on reflection had decided against what was a logistical exercise that would not quite have had the same impact as a race.

"He is so well at the moment and the race comes at a perfect time. I want to see him staying on well and then it's all systems go for the big one."

It will be Abashiri's first run under lights but there is no cause for concern, suggests the veteran. [See the field here](#)

## Frankel Fever Sweeps Cape

**A highlight on this week's local racing programme is the reappearance of the much talked about Miss Frankel, who launches her Cape Summer Season campaign at Kenilworth later today.**



Miss Frankel | Gold Circle

The daughter of Galileo champion Frankel, whose service fee has been upped to £175 000, made an inauspicious debut in January this year over the course and distance that she races on Thursday. She was backed to win all the way into 5-10 but was overwhelmed at her first experience and failed to bring her homework to track – not the first horse to do that! She finished out of

the money. The winner of that race was a certain Magical Wonderland- a filly who would go on to be crowned champion Cape 2yo.

Miss Frankel returned to racing seven months later as a 3yo and hacked up in style to clock 57,10 seconds for the Scottsville 1000m. She made history that afternoon as South Africa joined England, France, Ireland, Japan, USA, Argentina, Chile and Australia on the Frankel world map.

Miss Frankel lines up in a fillies and mares MR 74 Handicap over the Kenilworth 1000m where she has been set top weight of 61kgs. She will be ridden by Avontuur-sponsored jockey MJ Byleveld.

Dennis Drier's few Cape runners so far have shown they may need a run or two before finding their feet and it is very likely that Miss Frankel will benefit from the run. Although the flashy chestnut could carry too many guns for her eight opponents.

Bred and raced by Avontuur, Miss Frankel is a daughter of Var's Equus champion sprinter Val De Ra, who won 11 of her 13 starts, including four Gr1's.



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## Khan Out Of Action

**Former champion jockey Mark Khan has been forced to undergo a knee operation which is expected to keep him out until at least February.**

Tabnews reports that the injury happened on 15 October when riding work. "It was a freak accident. The horse ducked and my foot hung up in the irons. I twisted my knee when I fell and tore my posterior cruciate ligament," was how the former champion jockey described the unfortunate combination of events.

Thankfully, the injury is completely unrelated to his premature retirement nine years ago, as that was due to a neck issue.

A successful operation took place a week after the October accident and he is already in a programme of physiotherapy.

Khan expressed himself "positive and happy" with the way his comeback had gone until this setback and said there was "no doubt" he would be back as soon as his body had healed.

## Tarry Power In Dingaans

Ruling champion trainer Sean Tarry has five horses entered for the R500 000 Gr2 Dingaans over 1600m, the main supporting feature to the Gauteng Sansui Summer Cup on Saturday 25 November, including the top-rated Wonderwall.

Wonderwall came by his 107 merit rating through a 2.25-length win over Finchatton in the Joburg Spring Challenge over 1450m on the Turffontein Inside track on 7 October.

[See the entries here](#)

## Living Up To His Name

**Joey Ramsden's Var colt Talk Of The Town was an eyecatching winner of the third race at Kenilworth on Saturday after two placed efforts. The Backworth Stud bred chestnut is a youngster with a stallion's pedigree.**

There is nothing like pressure to fuel interest and it's very early days to suggest he is a possible successor to his champion Dad- but there is a certain regality about this handsome fellow's demeanour and he now has to go on and stamp his authority on the track.

The R3 million CTS Emperors Palace Select Yearling graduate, who races for South Africa's top owners Mayfair Speculators, had run two smart places at Durbanville, a track he is probably not ideally suited to. But he put it all together to win by over 2 lengths under a hands-and-heels ride on Saturday.

Bred by Backworth Stud, and offered at sale under the Avontuur banner, Talk Of The Town was the third top lot sold from the sale, and attracted as much interest as the top two combined.

He is out of the unraced Street Cry mare Street Wise, whose granddam is the outstanding Nijinsky II mare Dancing Show. The latter is granddam of the great Redoute's Choice- sire of Rafeef, Wylie Hall, Time Thief and Redoute's Promise, amongst others.

Redoute's Choice's half brother Manhattan Rain is sire of our 2017 Met champion Whisky Baron.

Dancing Show is also the third dam of Saturday's Gr1 Myer Classic winner Shoals at Flemington.

Street Wise has a half-brother (#349) by Keeper on the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale on 22 and 23 November.

## Eagle Takes Off

**Dual SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle makes his seasonal debut in a Pinnacle Stakes over 1160m at Turffontein this evening, with some bookmakers pricing the star up at 3-1 second favourite after a 26 week break from action.**



Legal Eagle | Wayne Marks

That may not sound like great value – Legal Eagle has never won at less than a mile and he is a Gr1 winner at 2450m. He has not run since being dethroned by Deo Juvente in a thrilling finish to the Gr1 Champions Challenge on 6 May this year.

The Bookies may be slightly nervous after Legal Eagle flew up late to get within 2,5 lengths of champion speedster Trip To Heaven at level weights in a similar race twelve months back. He was priced up at 6-1 there.

On Thursday evening he takes on his stablemate, KZN Champion Sprinter Bull Valley, amongst nine mixed bag opponents.

The relatively lightly raced champion, a 6yo already and a six-time Gr1 winner, has won ten of 18 starts and South Africa's top trainer Sean Tarry again plots a well-worn and highly successful programme en route to a possible hat-trick of L'Ormarins Queen's Plate successes.

With a tweak in the Sun Met conditions to pure weight-for-age, Tarry may even be hoping that the Avontuur-bred gelding can shake off his Met bridesmaid tag. He was beaten by Smart Call in 2016 and this year by Whisky Baron.

The main event on the Turffontein programme is the Gr3 Victory Moon Stakes – the traditional Summer Cup last chance saloon.

Legal Eagle runs in the third race at 18h30 under regular pilot Anton Marcus. [Pick up your racecard here.](#)

## Anton Backs HHCU

It's been a while since we have seen an easier winner than Joey Soma's Wind Chill in the Vaal second race, a 2000m Progress Plate, on Tuesday.

The stakes winning daughter of Silvano cruised to a 5 length plus victory beating her four male rivals with contemptuous ease. She was slung in at the weights and started at a prohibitive 2-10.

And in a spontaneous show of generosity, and to underline that he was little more than a passenger on her back, her rider Anton Marcus donated his riding fee to the Highveld Horse Care Unit in the post-race interview.

## New Man At Meydan

The Emirates Racing Authority has appointed experienced sports broadcaster Craig Evans as the official race commentator for the 2017-18 UAE racing season.

Evans is a well-respected figure in the industry and brings with him a wealth of international experience spanning across three decades, which includes stints at prominent racecourses in Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai, Japan and South Africa.

Evans who recently returned to Australia after nine years calling races in Singapore, was approached by the ERA to take up the seasonal position.

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# Road to the L'ORMARINS QUEEN'S PLATE

## A QUEEN'S PLATE BOMBER?

**Monday 6 November found Michael Azzie a happy, but most of all relieved man, following Hat Puntano's stunning performance in the Gr2 Peermont Emperors Palace Charity Mile.**

The Argentinian-bred, known as Pedro back home, comes with a scintillating pedigree, an exciting racing record, and has the looks to match.

Coal black, he is by Hat Trick out of the Bernstein mare Stormy Pursuer. He had four starts in Argentina, winning his 7 furlong debut at San Isidro by 16 lengths, followed by a win in the one mile Gr1 Gran Criterium. His final start was the Gr1 Argentine 2000 Guineas, which he won with contemptuous ease by five lengths.

In true Latin style there is drama and pathos in the journey that brought him to South Africa. Purchased on behalf of the controversial Adriaan van Vuuren, things went awry shortly after the horse landed in South Africa last November. The Van Vuuren saga was a heart-breaking, pressured time for all involved. For some tense months the future of ownership was shrouded in a pall of uncertainty. Still, a horse of Hat Puntano's quality was not going to be left in the lurch for long. He found his way to Drakenstein Stud's Gaynor Rupert, in a partnership with Mr Jaime and Mrs Mariza Vilela.

### Things were looking up. Or so it seemed.

The colt caused a stir when his name appeared among the entries for the 2017 Vodacom Durban July, with a Merit Rating of 113. Not for the first time, trainer Azzie found himself faced with a promising 3yo lumping a welterweight. After careful consideration, it was decided to save the colt for another day.

Hat Puntano made his eagerly awaited South African debut on 16 September in a 1450m Pinnacle Plate at Turffontein, with Piere Strydom in the saddle. From a wide draw, Piere had to hustle the race favourite to get him into contention. Racing 3-wide most of the way, Hat Puntano wasn't at all comfortable on the Highveld turf and in the end wasn't persevered with. He'd also cast a shoe.

The colt had been working well at home, be it that the team were struggling with a few of his idiosyncrasies.

"He's a bit of a funny horse," explains Azzie. "He likes to lead on the 'wrong' leg because he's used to racing on left handed tracks. The jockeys here were trying to force him to lead on the other leg. He's a very wilful horse and if he doesn't want to do something, he won't. He started holding the bit on one side and then that became a habit. Then he started leaning on the rails and it was getting out of hand. He was working with his mouth wide open. Everyone kept telling us to put him in a drop noseband or a flash to keep his mouth shut."

The Eureka moment came one night, when Michael saw a tv-insert on South Afri-

can 'bitting' specialist Bomber Nel. "I heard him speaking about bits and jaws, and that he was loathe to tie mouths closed. A few days later we were driving to the Summerhill sale in KZN. That morning Hat Puntano had galloped and he'd galloped well. I was pretty excited and thought we might have a chance for the Charity Mile, but I was still worried about his mouth. Bomber lives nearby in Maritzburg and I knew him from way back, so I thought I'd give him a call."

Azzie made the call and Bomber promised to supply him with some options to try. "I said I'm at the sales, would it be possible to pick you up the day after and you can drive home with me. While we're driving we can bounce some ideas around and I can tell you about the horse."

To cut a long story short, Bomber designed a new bit for Hat Puntano. When they tried it out on the gallops he worked as straight as an arrow.

Confident that the bitting problem was now solved, Mike wanted a new jockey. One who wasn't tainted by the previous misconceptions about the horse. The choice fell on Drakenstein's retained rider Grant van Niekerk, who flew up a few days before the race to get to know the horse. "It all went very well and Grant was happy. I said to him 'Now all I want you to do is when you go into the jockey room, stick cotton wool in your ears and don't listen to what anyone says about the horse. Ride him the way you rode this morning.' And we got the result we did," he beams.

Hat Puntano looked completely back to himself in the Charity Mile. Giving weight all round, Grant allowed him to settle before guiding him into a ground-saving position on the rail. Coming off the false rail, Grant dove for the shortest route home, gave his mount a quick breather, and then pulled the trigger at the 400m mark. The colt got a few bumps from New Predator, recomposed himself, and then showed the electric turn of foot everyone had been hoping for. He won by almost a length.

There aren't many true black Thoroughbreds in the world, and Hat Puntano inherited his glorious coat from his famous grandsire

Sunday Silence. Mike is well known for turning his horses

out to perfection but even by his standards, he was impressed with his horse on Saturday. "His coat was shining so much, he looked blue-black. People were actually following him around the parade ring to get a better look. Everyone was asking, 'My God, where did you get this horse?'"

"Looking back, skipping the Durban season was the best thing in the world we could have done. He's had time to find himself, to tell us when he was ready, and I've got to thank Drakenstein for their patience. Now for the Queen's Plate!"

[Read more here](#)



Hat Puntano

JC PHOTOS

# Ready to Run that makes the **Grades**

Our Ready to Run horses have an enviable record in graded stakes races. 2016 graduate Wonderwall is a recent winner of the Grade II Joburg Spring Challenge. In 2015, we consigned seven horses, of which three are graded stakes-winners: Crowd Pleaser, Sergeant Hardy and Nordic Breeze. They continue a tradition started by the Grade I Germiston November Hcp winner Quick Wit, as well as top-class sprinters Knife Edge and Cap Alright. Stakes-winning three-year-old Barrack Street was also consigned in 2016.



## **LOT 9 CAPTAIN AL COLT**

This smashing Captain Al colt is out of a full-sister to Nordic Breeze and Rushing Wind, from a prolific family.



## **LOT 10 SILVANO (GER) COLT**

This robust colt is by champion sire Silvano, out of one of the top families in the stud book.



## **LOT 24 MAMBO IN SEATTLE (USA) COLT**

We bought the dam because she's inbred 2x3 to Blushing Groom. Subsequently, her first two foals won nine races between them, and the third is also a winner.



## **LOT 27 MARCHFIELD (CAN) COLT**

This scopey colt is a half-brother to the very smart Kurundu. Successful US family.



## **LOT 31 ASHAAWES (USA) FILLY**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races. By the sire of Priceless Jewel from a prolific family of winners.



## **LOT 33 TWICE OVER (GB) FILLY**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races. By exciting young stallion Twice Over, out of the graded stakes-winning full-sister to Biarritz.



## **LOT 36 CAPTAIN AL COLT**

The grandam of this good looking Captain Al was a dual Grade One winner. Black type winners abound in this family.



## **LOT 43 VAR (USA) FILLY**

By the sire of Via Africa and Val de Ra, out of a daughter of internationally stakes performed Gathering Storm.



## **LOT 48 CAPTAIN AL COLT**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races. This powerful Captain Al colt is out of a half-sister to the sire of Black Caviar.



## **LOT 57 DYNASTY COLT**

This really well put-together Dynasty colt is out of a winning half-sister to Fabiani and Star Empire.



## **LOT 61 GIMMETHETHEGREENLIGHT (AUS) FILLY**

By boom sire Gimmethethegreenlight, out of a stakes-placed dam of winners.



## **LOT 62 DYNASTY FILLY**

By the sire of Bela Bela and Beach Beauty, this November foaled half-sister to Sergeant Hardy will blossom as she matures.

*Get involved on 17 November at Durbanville racecourse (gallops on 16 November, and posted online if you can't get to the track)*



**LOT 35 DUPONT (GB) COLT**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races.  
This racy colt is from our In Camera family, with Just Sensual and Attenborough close up.



**LOT 80 WHAT A WINTER FILLY**

This speedball of a filly by hot young sire What A Winter could be running in the first juvenile race on 18 November (i.e. the day after the RTR sale).



**LOT 85 TRIPPI (USA) COLT**

Specially kept back for this sale because of being a November foal. By leading sire Trippi, out of a half-sister to Bravura.



**LOT 92 SEVENTH ROCK (AUS) FILLY**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races.  
By the sire of Grade One winning two-year-olds.



**LOT 99 IDEAL WORLD (USA) FILLY**

By the sire of Smart Call, out of a winning daughter of Silvano, this filly is bred for the classics.



**LOT 101 ORATORIO (IRE) FILLY**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races.  
Oratorio has some crackers in his first South African crop of three-year-olds. This robust filly is out of a half-sister to Bravura.



**LOT 103 DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) COLT**

By internationally successful sire and champion racehorse, Duke of Marmalade. He's a November foal with plenty of scope.



**LOT 106 DYNASTY FILLY**

By the sire of Bela Bela and Beach Beauty, this athletic filly is a half-sister to a graded stakes-winner and a graded stakes placed.



**LOT 78 TWICE OVER (GB) COLT**

By exciting young sire Twice Over, from a family of champions. Classic pedigree.



**LOT 109 GIMMETHEGREENLIGHT (AUS) FILLY**

Half-sister to a six-time winner, by boom sire Gimmethegreenlight. Dam is a half-sister to the dam of Captain America.



**LOT 120 ORATORIO (IRE) FILLY**

Oratorio has made a promising start with his first South African crop. Plenty of winners close up in this filly's pedigree, including the smart Head Honcho.



**LOT 126 SAIL FROM SEATTLE (CAN) FILLY**

From the family of Champion Olympic Duel, by a stallion that just keeps churning out the winners.



**LOT 130 IDEAL WORLD (USA) FILLY**

By the sire of Smart Call, this half-sister to the smart filly Souk has a 2000m+ pedigree.



**LOT 138 PHILANTHROPIST (USA) COLT**

Eligible for the CTS Million Dollar races. This half-brother to a stakes-winner is out of a half-sister to the millionaire Cap Alright. Family of Winter Solstice, Mother Russa, Bravura, Nother Russia and more.



**LOT 145 JACKSON FILLY**

This scopey, athletic filly is a half-sister to Chilli Con Carne, the winner of the Joburg RTR race and earner of nearly R2 million.

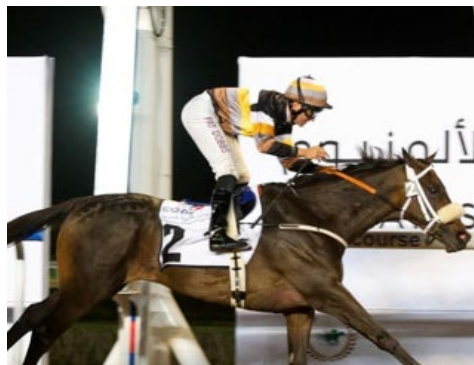


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# Meydan Opener

Racing returns to Meydan Racecourse this evening with a valuable seven race card worth AED 1,155,000, sponsored by Pillar Partners Emirates Airline.



Mizbah seen here winning the EGA Jebel Ali Trophy Handicap In January at Meydan is one to watch out for In Thursday's feature race at Meydan | [dubairacingclub.com](http://dubairacingclub.com)

The Highlight of the evening is the valuable Emirates Airline 2000m handicap for which 14 have been declared, including a sizeable six prepared by Champion Trainer, Doug Watson.

The American, who leads Red Stables, has won the equivalent race in each of the last two seasons with Etijaah for HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Watson saddles three for the UAE's perennial leading owner of Thoroughbreds whose retained jockey, Jim Crowley, elects to partner Nathr.

Also sporting Sheikh Hamdan's world famous blue and white are Mutamakkin and Jeeraan, the mounts of Fernando Jara and Tom Marquand respectively.

Two of Watson's other runners are both owned by EERC (Emirates Entertainment Racing Club).

Stable jockey, Pat Dobbs, rides Mizbah for them, with apprentice Josh Quinn aboard the same owner's Grand Argentier. Sam Hitchcott, like Dobbs based at Red Stables, rides Storm Belt who completes the Watson sextet.

"We just happen to have several horses for whom this race appears the ideal place to get their season started," explained Watson.

"We have been happy with all six in their work at home and they should run well but will improve for the outing.

[Read more here](#)

## SCORE CARD

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

### TOP EARNERS for 2017/2018 (to 5 November 2017)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Hat Puntano	4	c	50	1
Wonderwall	3	c	50	1
Bella Sonata	5	f	30	1
Snowdance	3	f	30	1
Will Pays	6	c	26	2
Our Mate Art	4	c	25	1
Social Order	4	c	18	1
Mrs O	3	f	10	1
French Navy	6	c	9	1
New Predator	5	c	8	1
Tahini	5	f	4	1
Finchatton	6	c	2	1

## Did You Know?

Sire of three sons named Horse Of The Year in stallions Futura, Legislate and Irish Flame, Highlands star producer Dynasty notched his half century of stakes winners when Let It Rain won the Listed Java Handicap easily at the Vaal on Tuesday. The son of Fort Wood's 50 black type winners include 23 individual Gr1 performers.

## Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
06Nov	1750	1750	1700	104,736
03Nov	1780	1825	1720	11,074
02Nov	1795	1795	1717	810
01Nov	1799	1799	1700	16,373
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

## DIGEST DIARY

### Features To Come

Sat 11 Nov	<b>Laisserfaire S.</b> (F&M) 1100m Kenilworth
Sat 18 Nov	<b>Gr2 Selangor Cup</b> (3yo's) 1600m Kenilworth <b>(L) Kenilworth Cup</b> 3200m Kenilworth <b>Lanzerac RTR Stakes</b> 1400m Kenilworth
Sun 19 Nov	<b>(L) KZN Guineas Trial</b> 1600m Greyville (T)
Sat 25 Nov	<b>Gr1 Sansui Summer Cup</b> 2000m Turffontein (S) <b>Gr2 Dingaans</b> (3yo's) 1600m Turffontein (S) <b>Gr2 Merchants</b> 1200m Turffontein (S) <b>Gr2 Ipi Tombe Ch.</b> (F&M) 1600m Turffontein (S) <b>Gr3 Fillies Mile</b> (3yo's) 1600m Turffontein (S) <b>(L) RA Handicap</b> 3200m Turffontein (S) <b>Gr3 Magnolia H.</b> (F&M) 1200m Turffontein (S)
Sat 2 Dec	<b>Gr1 Fillies Guineas</b> (F&M) 1600m Kenilworth <b>Gr2 Cape Merchants</b> 1200m Kenilworth (S) <b>Gr2 Green Point Stakes</b> 1600m Kenilworth (S) <b>(L) Secretariat S.</b> (3yo's) 1400m Turffontein (S)
Sun 3 Dec	<b>KZN Summer Ch. 1200</b> 1200m Scottsville <b>KZN Summer Ch.1600</b> 1600m Scottsville <b>KZN Summer Ch. 2000</b> 2000m Scottsville

### Next Auction Sales

Wed 15 Nov	<b>Johannesburg Mixed Sale</b> Randjesfontein Training Cntr
Thu/Fri 16/17 Nov	<b>CTS Ready to Run Sale</b> Durbanville Racecourse

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

# Dynasty Entire Eyes Hong Kong's Richest Race

**Former Cape-based Dynasty entire Nassa broke the track record to give trainer Tony Millard a hat-trick of wins in the Gr3 Sa Sa Ladies' Purse Handicap run over 1800m at Sha Tin on Sunday.**

It was Millard's fourth Ladies' Purse win and the first three-in-a-row by a trainer since Tony Cruz achieved the feat a little more than a decade ago (2004-2006). Millard took the Purse previously with Iron Fist (2009), Top Act (2015) and Horse Of Fortune (2016).



Nassa | HKJC

"It's very special to do it with Nassa of all horses," Millard said. "I bought him as a yearling in South Africa and he can be anything. We've always known that he is very good and today he showed it – I really think he's something special."

Nassa is now set for a start in Hong Kong's richest race, the HK\$25 million Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2000m) at Sha Tin on 10 December. The South African import also holds an entry in the same day's LONGINES Hong Kong Mile and Millard will talk

through plans with the Siu family – the five-year-old carries the colours of Connie Siu.

"We're going to go towards the international races now and I think he'll be in the Hong Kong Cup," Millard said. "He's more a 2000-metre horse. I'll have to speak to the owner and we'll discuss what exactly we're going to do but at last we've seen what we always thought we had, it's just been a long wait getting here. He's got a bright future."

Nassa's final stretch surge – home in 22.88s – was enough to nick the spoils by a head and produced a new benchmark time for the distance at 1m 45.41s. Time Warp (123lb), conceding 8lb to the winner, held on for second with his Cruz-trained stablemate Romantic Touch (122lb) third under Douglas Whyte. Millard's Horse Of Fortune (131lb) fought on to claim fourth.

The Sa Sa Ladies' Purse was Nassa's fifth start in Hong Kong, and, having had only six outings pre-import, Schofield is confident there is more improvement ahead.

"He's had four runs but we hadn't seen his true potential here before today," the rider said. "Obviously, there's been a bit of hype about him but he hasn't been able to show it due to bad luck and so forth. We saw what he's capable of today and it's exciting for the future."

A half-brother to Gr1 Summer Cup winner Wagner, the Wilgerbosdrift-bred Nassa was an R800k purchase from the 2014 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale and was placed in both the Gr1 Cape Guineas and Gr2 Selangor Cup in his 3yo career.

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**LOT 40 DUKE'S DOMAIN**  
COLT by PATHFORK (USA) ex DORIS DUKE

**LOT 46 UNNAMED(AUS)**  
FILLY by TURFFONTEIN(AUS) ex ENCOSTA DI NERO (AUS)

**LOT 60 QUICK STAR**  
Colt by ORATORIO (IRE) ex GRANNY LEAH (USA)

**LOT 70 CROWN GUARDIAN**  
COLT by GIMMETHEGREENLIGHT (AUS) ex JEWEL IN HER CROWN

**LOT 81 UNNAMED**  
FILLY by AWAIT THE DAWN (USA) ex MARY LOU

**LOT 90 JACK SWIFT**  
COLT by JACKSON ex OCEAN'S SWIFT

**LOT 104 VARTANIUM**  
COLT by VAR (USA) ex REFINED GOLD

**LOT 107 KINGSTON ROCK**  
COLT by BOLD SILVANO ex ROCKIE BRIGHT (GB)

**LOT 117 TOUGH CHOICE**  
COLT by QUERARI (GER) ex GENEROUS ANNA (AUS)

**LOT 121 FLATTLEY**  
COLT by VISIONAIRE (USA) ex SHEIKS JEWELLE

**LOT 122 WINTER STORM**  
COLT by WHAT A WINTER ex SIERRA LILY

**LOT 132 UNNAMED**  
FILLY by QUERARI (GER) ex TEEMING

**LOT 133 UNNAMED**  
COLT by POMODORO ex TERRA MARIANNA

**LOT 136 SEVENTH LIGHT**  
FILLY by SEVENTH ROCK (AUS) ex TRISTRAM'S FANTASY (AUS)

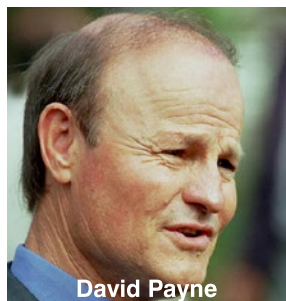
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## INTERNATIONAL

## Payne's Dream Win

**A former SA champion jockey saddled the winner of Australia's oldest classic, the Gr1 A\$1.5 million Victoria Derby at Flemington on Saturday in front of a crowd of over 87 000 people.**



David Payne

"I've been trying for years to win this race, Praecido ran second, Criteri-on drew wide, Honorius wasn't quite good enough – I'm getting older

and I thought my chance might have gone," David Payne said afterwards in his 15th year of training Down Under.

Ace High, an A\$130,000 Magic Millions purchase overcame a muddling pace to give Payne his 108th major and proved himself the best stayer of his generation and joins Stylish Century (1989), Nothin' Leica Dane (1995) and Monaco Consul (2009) as the only winners of the Spring Champion Stakes-Victoria Derby double.

Ace High gave jockey Tye Angland the 9th Gr1 success of his career as Ace High produced one of the strongest staying performances in a Victoria Derby for many years to cover extra ground but still storm past his rivals in the straight to win by two lengths from Sully with Astoria a half neck away third.

"Ace High's owner, John Cordina, loves his racing and he won't retire this colt to stud," Payne said. "I've never had a Melbourne Cup runner but if Ace High is fit and will, we will be back here next year. Why not? We won't die wondering."

David Payne was apprenticed to Herman Brown Snr at age 15 and twice became SA Champion jockey before weight forced him to hang up his boots and go into training after riding 399 winners. He commenced his training career in 1972 at the age of only 24.

An early career highlight for Payne was his association with In Full Flight, a colt he trained to victory in six Gr1 races including the Champion Stakes and the Queen's Plate.

Training here for over 30 years, Payne achieved a feat rarely matched by any other – training the winners of every Gr1 race held in South Africa. Having also trained the winners of 100 individual Gr1 races in South Africa, he enjoys the rare distinction of having ridden and trained a Durban July winner.

He moved to Australia in 2002 with his family.

## Cup Thriller

**Youth dominated the A\$6 million Gr1 Melbourne Cup run over 3200m at Flemington on Tuesday when the youngest trainer in the race saddled the youngest horse to score a sensational victory. Of South African interest, the winner is a full brother to Summerhill stallion, Golden Sword.**

While most eyes were on his record-breaking Dad, Aidan, the 24 year old Joseph O'Brien stepped forward and made the day his own with the seasoned Corey Brown booting home the High Chaparral colt Rekindling in a thriller. Rekindling beat the Aidan O'Brien trained Johannes Vermeer.

Heading into the home straight, Johannes Vermeer cruised up on the outside of race favourite Marmelo and kicked clear, but Brown on Rekindling was stalking him all the way.

They settled down to fight out the race in the final 200m, with Rekindling's 3kg pull in the weights proving crucial as he edged clear for the victory. Max Dynamite, who ran second in the 2015 Melbourne Cup, ran third with Big Duke in fourth.

Internationals filled the first three placings, but it was an exacta for maverick Australian owner Lloyd Williams, who has won the race six times.

Brown, who won his first Melbourne Cup back in 2009 aboard Shocking, said he chased hard for the ride on Rekindling, knowing he could make the horse's light weight of 51.5kg.

While a four-year-old to Southern Hemisphere time, Rekindling is actually a three-year-old in Northern Hemisphere time, adding further merit to the sizzling performance by the High Chaparral youngster.

Rekindling becomes the first Northern Hemisphere 3yo to win the Melbourne Cup since Comedy King in 1910 and the youngest winner since Skipton 1941

Bred by the Pocock Family, Rekindling is a son of High Chaparral out of the Salse (Topsider) mare, Sitara. He is thus a full brother to Summerhill stallion Golden Sword.

We note that Rekindling has a yearling half-brother by Australia (Galileo), who sold for 525 000 guineas to the Mayfair-Coolmore partnership at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale last month.

## Top Trio Head To Singapore

**The Singapore Turf Club has granted one-day visiting rider licences to Karis Teetan, Craig Williams and Jeff Lloyd for the Dester Singapore Gold Cup meeting on Sunday.**

The trio will ride in the Singapore Gold Cup and will also be booked in other races on the undercard. Mauritian-born Karis Teetan, 27, will try and emulate his Group-winning pit-stop visit last year when he landed the Gr2 EW Barker Trophy aboard Lim's Cruiser for trainer Stephen Gray.

With a riding career spanning 12 years, the South African-trained rider, who is currently licensed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, has tallied up in excess of 800 winners in South Africa and Hong Kong.

Runner-up on the South African apprentice jockey championship in the 2009-2010 season, Teetan relocated to Hong Kong three years later in August 2013, getting off to a flying start at his very first ride aboard Amazing Always.

He went on to bring up an outstanding haul of 50 winners in that rookie season. After another prolific season in 2015-2016 when he finished third on the log, he had a quieter season in 2016-2017, but has bounced back with an early brilliant form in the new term, sitting in third spot on 19 winners, nine winners astern of current leader Joao Moreira (28).

Besides the EW Barker Trophy and his Group wins earned in South Africa, in the Gr1 Cape Derby and Gr1 Daily News 2000 with Jackson, and the Hong Kong Classic Cup, Hong Kong Chairman's Trophy, Hong Kong Premier Bowl at Sha Tin, Teetan also landed the Keeneland Korea Sprint aboard the Tony Millard-trained Super Jockey in Seoul last year.

The 56 year old Jeff Lloyd, who also spent three seasons in Hong Kong after he moved to Australia, has won 16 jockeys' premierships in a number of countries, including the first three as an apprentice jockey in South Africa, six senior titles in South Africa, five in Mauritius and the past two in Queensland.

Singapore is not uncharted territory for Lloyd as he did win the Singapore Gold Cup with the Patrick Shaw-trained Mr Line in 2006.



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## BREEDING

## CTS READY TO RUN Sale Preview



Safe Harbour | Wayne Marks

**Safe Harbour's victory in the 2016 Lanzerac Ready To Run Stakes was proof on the hoof that real value can be found on any page at this quality sale.**

She was the first filly to win the rich event and it took an outlay of just R180 000 to take her home. That opens the parameters to dreams and cheque books of all hopes and sizes!

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## The United States recovers from injury

**Moutonshoek Stud newly acquired stallion, The United States (IRE), will miss the rest of the 2017 breeding season due to injury.**

The United States arrived off the racetrack in time for the breeding season. He was brilliantly received at the Stallion Day and the subsequent performances of his full sister Hydrangea, with 2 Grade 1 wins against Europe's best, further added to the demand for this Grade 1 winning son of Galileo.

The United States took to his new profession with inordinate vigour. Despite his wonderful, even temperament, he may have been a little too keen as a young stallion when surveying his potential visitors, and injured himself in the process.

After starting his stud duties, The United States displayed signs of lameness and was taken to Cape Town to be X-rayed. The X-Rays showed a comminute fracture of the end of the second pastern bone (distal end of the second phalanx). This is a highly unusual fracture.

Moutonshoek Stud said in a statement: "His welfare obviously comes first and his rehabilitation is our biggest priority and will be tailored to bring him back for the 2018 season. To date he has 19 mares in foal. We would like to thank all of The United States supporters and wish him a speedy return to full health and stud duties."

## Mixed Sale - Reminder

**The BSA Johannesburg Mixed Sale will be held at the Randjesfontein Training Centre Clubhouse next Wednesday 15 November, and offers buyers the chance to acquire well-bred potential broodmares as well as horses who are already ready to win.**

Among the lots of interest are:

Lot 3 Mutawaary –this well bred grandson of Fastnet Rock has been placed in five of his seven outings and looks like winning very soon

Lot 5 Royal Rose –a winning daughter of Dynasty and a Gr2 daughter of Rory's Jester, this filly surely rates an exciting stud prospect

Lot 6 Star Profile –this Gr3 daughter of Bold Silvano offers both current racing appeal, she has competed against the likes of Desert Rhythm, Green Plains and Folk Dance, and has future broodmare potential

Lot 7 Tipping Point –this winning daughter of Philanthropist is a half-sister to two stakes winners including Gr3 Matchem Stakes hero Changingoftheguard

Lot 10 Triple It –an unraced three-year-old, this filly is by champion sire Trippi out of 12 time stakes winning millionaire Mannequin

Lot 13 Yaamen –fourth on his only start over 1200m, this 3yo is a son of champion sire Silvano out of Oaks winner Tajmeel

Lot 17 Captain My Captain –regally bred son of champion sire Captain Al, he won a good race last time out and can surely build on that, having competed against the likes of Bold Respect, Dutch Philip and Gold Image

Lot 21 Hot Curry –son of Judpot won again last time out and has now won two of his last four

Lot 22 Hungry Heart – a filly with loads of broodmare appeal, she is a winning half-sister to Fillies Guineas winner Maybe Yes  
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## PERSONALITY

# Our MR CHIPS

## Vince Curtis

**Vince Curtis has been involved with the SA Jockey Academy since 1976, meaning he has had a hand in producing every single one of our current senior jockeys. Although he now assists on a part-time basis, Vince recently celebrated his 70th birthday and we thought that merited a nod.**

Vincent Sindin Curtis (the middle name is Latin and comes from his mother, but he laughs and says he hasn't got a clue what it means) was born on 17 September 1947 and grew up in Pretoria, the second of the Catholic family's five children.

### Starting out

A Durban-based uncle knew a bit about racing and suggested he apply. The Academy said he looked a good candidate and invited him to Durban. "Cyril Buckham was the riding master at the time and told us to drive to the Academy and take a look. There was a horse called Aloe Land who only had one eye. Mr Buckham said 'This is going to be your horse.' I'd never been on a horse. I'd never been on a donkey! I thought, 'What have I let myself in for? I didn't know they were so big!'" His aunt and uncle drove him to the Academy that Sunday afternoon and he started the following day.

Vince started race riding in 1964, mainly for Barry McMurtry, who had horses like Onyx and Kings Men, and the likes of Buller Benton and Hennie Coetzee. "I'll never forget in my second year, Hennie Coetzee approached me and said 'Have you got a ride in the Gilbeys?' I said no. He said 'I want you to ride Know You for me.' I told Mr Buckham, who said Mr Breval wanted me to ride Kimberley Kid, so I had to phone Hennie Coetzee and say I was on Kimberley Kid. He said, 'No, you accepted my ride,' and put the phone down on me! Mr Buckham said he'd sort it out and phoned Hennie Coetzee back. When he rang off, he said 'You're riding for Mr Coetzee.' When it came to the race, he told me to jump and give him a smack if necessary, but to ride hands and heels. And that's how I won." He tells the story matter-of-factly, but there is a faint smile on his lips.

Later that same year he had his first ride in the July. "One morning and Mr McMurtry said to me, 'Don't you say thanks?' I said, 'For what, Mr Mac?' And he said Night Jar in the July! Unfortunately she didn't come anywhere, he says wistfully."

He had a few July near misses. The first was Peri-Peri for Tony Furness. "We'd been getting him ready and just before the race he noticed a bit of a tendon, so we had to scratch. It was a pity. Tony was a very good trainer. Whenever he prepped a horse, it invariably won."

On another occasion Vince was engaged on Henry

Eatwell's Storm Signal. "I rode him twice before the July to prep him. A week before the race, he changed jockey. In those days, you got 10% of the winning stake, so I went to the Stipes and Jock Sproule had Eatwell in. In the end, Garth Puller rode. He made a mistake – he had the horse second last turning into the straight and got beaten a head by Yataghan."

### Cape Town

Vince spent his early career freelancing as well as riding in Rhodesia for Freddy Maisch and then moved to Cape Town to ride for Gael Thompson. Although things got off to a good start, he never quite found his stride in the Cape, but it wasn't all bad, as he met his future wife, Lorna riding work. The couple have just celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.

Gael moved back to Durban and Vince (with Lorna in tow) went with him, in the dual role as jockey as well as stable employee. From Gael, Tony Furness offered him a job. "Tony put me on the map." He recalls riding in a race where Furness had two runners, Astrius and Lieutenantcy. "I was on Lieutenantcy and he told me to do what I could. We beat Astrius. I thought we would be in trouble, but Astrius' owners asked me to ride him next time." Other good horses he was associated with are Fitzgerald, Simon Says, Aquarius, Kirstenbosh and Rose Cut. "We had some great horses," he reminisces.

### Highlights

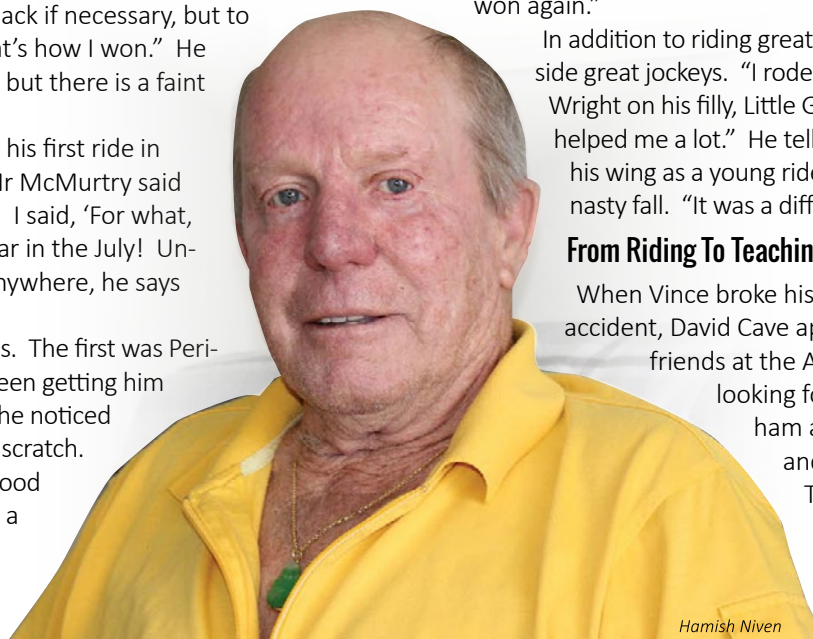
He won on Ocean City for Syd Laird and was also the last person to win on Mazarin. "Bertie Hayden didn't turn up for work one day and Mr Laird said, 'Want a thrill? Come ride Mazarin for me.'" He was being readied for a race in Joburg and Vince got the ride for one of his prep runs. 'Bert was my mate and said you can only hit him with your left hand. Muis Roberts was also in the same race. He gave his horse a smack and he was gone. I had a clear run, gave Mazarin one smack with the left hand and won. In the Joburg race, the jock didn't change the stick over. He never won again."

In addition to riding great horses, Vince rode alongside great jockeys. "I rode with and eventually for Tiger Wright on his filly, Little Gambler. Charlie Barends also helped me a lot." He tells how Charlie took him under his wing as a young rider and once saved him from a nasty fall. "It was a different era," he states.

### From Riding To Teaching

When Vince broke his neck and arm in a bad car accident, David Cave approached him. "We had been friends at the Academy and he said they were looking for a riding master. Cyril Buckham asked me to come and teach and he showed me the ropes." That was in 1976 and he's been involved with the Academy ever since.

Dual July winner, Cyril Buckham, remained a



Hamish Niven

## VINCE CURTIS

friend and mentor. "I was really lucky- I learnt from the best. He was a great man and a pleasure to work with. We used to sail together and were great friends." Cyril's mantra was 'one has to change with the times' and Vince explains a few changes he's seen in his time including the trend towards very short stirrups and riding with just the toes in the stirrups. Bouncing is another bugbear. "I've never taught it, I don't like bouncing. The only one who could ever get it right is Jeff Lloyd."

However, he agrees that jockeys can make an unorthodox style work for them. "Look at Robbie Sham. Nobody rode like him," he points out. "As Cyril Buckham said, you can't teach everyone the same. You have to find their skills and nurture them."

Cyril retired in 1987 and Vince took over. He'd been pushing for an Academy in Cape Town and when Patrick Salvage eventually gave the go ahead, Vince was tasked to run it. Even though he'd been happy in KZN, it's worked out well and Vince and Lorna are happy in the Cape. "I was very lucky to have Tarquin Norval as the welfare officer. He was a big help."

## Family

Vince and Lorna have three children – two sons, Darryn and Mitchell – and a daughter, Casey. All three are accomplished equestrians, with Darryn attaining his Natal colours for show-jumping. Darryn has two sons who are excelling at vaulting and Vince says proudly that one is showing definite promise as a future jockey.

Casey was the Academy's first equestrian student and also an accomplished equestrienne, winning Sappi Horse Trials. He proudly relates how she once rode at a dressage show in the morning and a Work Riders race at Clairwood the same afternoon.

His other son, Mitchell, had aspirations to be a jockey, but was sadly too big. However, he competed successfully in Show Jumping and amateur racing. Mitch was a work rider in USA for 2 years, then went to Hong Kong where he was the work rider for Silent Witness. He now works as a riding master at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

## Retirement

Vince officially retired in 2011, but still assists the Academy on a consultancy basis.

Asked what makes a good jockey, he says immediately, "Correct balance and good hands. And like any sport, you must want to do to it." It's this indefinable desire and determination that he looks for, particularly at selection time. "If you get a chance in this game, you've got to grab it with both hands." He also stresses that jockeys have got to do their homework and they have to develop a racing brain. "I always tell them to try and ride the horse in work and to do their homework. These days you can watch the replays on computer – these guys have got everything in their favour."

He still believes there is a future in being a jockey, but warns, "It's hard work and you've got to be dedicated, it's not going to fall in your lap." He is also keen for local riders to consider looking abroad for career opportunities.

Asked for any standouts he remembers Bernard Fayd'herbe as one with natural ability and notes Richard Fourie and Grant van Niekerk as two of our top young talents, but then he starts reeling them off. "Anton Marcus, Weichong Marwing, Kevin Shea, Stuart Randolph, Piere Strydom, Glyn Schofield, Greg Cheyne .... Where do you stop?" He follows all his students and is very proud when they excel. "The best thing is that we are all friends and when I go to races the guys will still come up and say hello. They're all very nice like that."

## Jarett's Easy To Please

**South Africa's newest trainer Jarett Rugg saddled his first winner from just three runners on his opening day in charge of his own operation at Flamingo Park on Monday.**

After looking after Duncan McKenzie's Kimberley satellite yard for the last few years in an assistant trainer capacity, Jarett got the NHA go ahead last week and was quickly into his stride.

And he will never forget the way Jarryd Penny steered the Newton gelding Easy To Please home in the penultimate race of the day.

An elated Jarett confirmed, "I've been overwhelmed by the response. There's been a lot of support and people wishing me well. I've had over 200 messages and likes on Facebook, which is quite nice. I'm hoping it goes from strength to strength."

He singles out Duncan McKenzie for special acknowledgement.

"Duncan and my father were cousins. They grew up together and I grew up in front of Duncan." Jarrett had spent three and a half years working for his father as a stable employee when Vernon passed away.

"Duncan took me under his wing. I hadn't done enough time to take out my trainer's licence, but I had done enough to become an assistant, so he took over the yard as a satellite so that I could build a foundation to take over when the time came. It's made my journey very easy compared to some," he reflects. "I can't thank him enough for his help, wisdom, advice and guidance. So my license is basically a big thanks to him."

Despite his father being a trainer, Jarett didn't follow in his footsteps immediately. "I always had a thing about horses ever since I was a kid, but my dad tried to push me away from racing. He knew how hard it is to make a living out of it." It was only when Jarett was moving out of the restaurant business to try his hand at sales that Vernon approached him to spend some time at the yard and see if he liked it. "He said, 'And whether you do or don't, if you don't have an eye, you'll never make it.'" The rest is history.

"A few months before he died, he said he was sorry he'd pushed me away and that I could have started in a bigger centre. But I do understand. It's very hard and you can't do it unless you love what you do. I love training and wouldn't change it for anything. You've got to take the good with the bad, but when you lead in that winner, it makes it all worthwhile."



Jarett Rugg



# Johannesburg Mixed Sale



15 November 2017  
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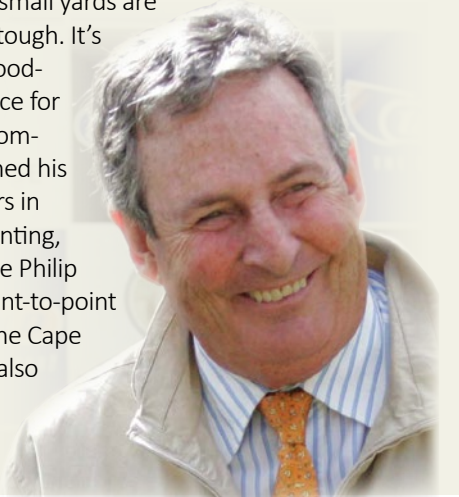
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## Short Heads

### A Good Buy

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



### In Royal Company

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

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

### Punter Beware

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



### Brave Move

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



### BIG TICKET

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

### Paddock Power

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

### Callan Okay

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

### TRIBULATIONS?

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

## BREEDING

# Don't Worry – Be Happy!

If you're in the sales business, the one thing you need to convince customers to come back is a big horse first time around, writes Mick Goss on [www.summerhill.co.za](http://www.summerhill.co.za).



Brian leads in No Worries

There are few people in the sport of horseracing these days who don't know Brian Burnard, better known as "Buffalo Bill", who was christened that way after his buying debut at the inaugural Emperors Palace Summer Ready To Run at Summerhill.

There was no mucking about that day for "Buff" though, green as he was when he took on the lofty likes of Alesh Naidoo and the late, intrepid Glanville Gardner for the right to own a burly chestnut son of Kahal out of the East Cape Horse of the Year, Coastal Waltz.

To explain the background, Glanville Gardner was the former owner of Coastal Waltz and he wanted a horse good enough to turn up at Greyville on the first Saturday in July. Alesh Naidoo's interest had been sparked by glowing reports of the colt's work on the Summerhill gallops, and none of this daring trio was willing to give quarter. That notwithstanding, this was just a "farm" sale, the first of its kind in the land and one aimed at finding homes for whatever was left on the property at the end of the sales season.

Of course, we've since learnt that there are two kinds of "leftovers", particularly on a property that's earned itself ten championships and a reputation for keeping some of its best advertisements for last, but this was a baptism for the event, and buyers at best were plunging into the great unknown.

The plot thickens, with Alesh Naidoo concealing himself on a coach in the venue's foyer, Buffalo Bill as large as life at a ringside table, and Alec Laird positioned alongside the rostrum with instructions from a man he'd never met to buy the horse whatever the cost. In their wildest dreams though, nobody expected the big chestnut to set a record that stands to this day, and since this was an initiation of the relationship between the trainer and "Mr Gardiner", the former conditioner of London News was spotted fumbling for his phone in an attempt to get hold of his client as the bidding raced past the R300 000 mark.

At R420k, Mr Gardiner emerged from his boardroom meeting in Johannesburg, and promptly gave best to Buffalo's final bid of R440 000, when the gavel fell. He needn't have worried: as they say in Oz, "No Worries mate", and that's just about the size of the colt's story.

For the record, No Worries cobbled together more than R3 million in stakes during an illustrious career defined not only by some massive victories in the best of company, but especially by his bob-of-a-head defeat by Vercingetorix in the Daily News 2000 (Gr.1); the latter who would wind up rated among the top 50 racehorses in the world.

No Worries arrived home at the place of his birth yesterday to take up his place as a "babysitter" at Summerhill alongside fellow millionaires, Hear The Drums and Amphitheatre. He's in the shape of his life, complete with the offset knees that left him out of the conventional sales a horse of his class would otherwise have been consigned to. Long live the new king!

## NEW FOALS 2017

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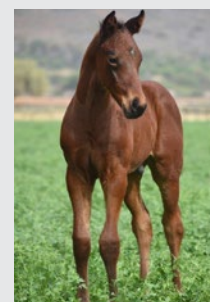
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Futura x Candy Vous filly 22/09/17 (Avontuur)



Oratorio x A Daughter Legacy filly 29/09/17 (Avontuur)



Dynasty x Voice Of Africa colt 1/10/17 (Highlands Stud)

## BREEDING

# Breeders Cup Highs

**There were a number of notable performances seen during this year's Breeders' Cup meeting at Del Mar over the weekend.**

The increasingly successful sire, Candy Ride, was represented by his first Breeders Cup winner, when son, Gun Runner, confirmed himself as US' Horse Of The Year for 2017, when taking out the \$6 000 000 Breeders' Cup Classic. Gun Runner was an apt winner of the Classic, for his paternal half-brother, and champion, Shared Belief, was a most unlucky loser of the same race back in 2014.

Unbeaten in six outings and a half-brother to local broodmare and Gr3 Jubilee Handicap winner, Candy Singer (Sing-spiel), Candy Ride has currently more than 60 stakes winners to his name- 12 of which are Gr1 winners.

Gun Runner, now a five time Gr1 winner, is one of three 2017 Gr1 winners for Candy Ride, whose daughter, Separation of powers, ran fourth in the BC Juvenile Fillies.

## SA Legend

The late South African Triple Crown winner, Horse Chestnut, has enjoyed notable broodmare success in 2017, as damsire of US Gr1 winners, Johnny Bear (Northern Dancer Stakes) and Zipessa (First Lady Stakes), as well as Canadian classic winner, Channel Maker (Breeders Stakes). The son of Fort Wood can also be found in the pedigree of 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner (and leading Eclipse Award contender), Caledonia Road (Quality Road). The unraced daughter of Horse Chestnut, Twilight Service, is the dam of Come A Callin, a winning daughter of Dixie Union, who produced Caledonia Road. Interestingly, the increasingly important broodmare sire, Dixie Union, (damsire of Breeders' Cup Juvenile winning sire, New Year's Day) is from the same female line as Fort Wood, sire of Horse Chestnut.

## Mares Double

Outstanding broodmares, Win Approval and Leslie's Lady, joined the likes of Primal Force (dam of Awesome Again and Macho Uno), Sweet Life (dam of Life Is Sweet and Sweet Catomine) and Hasili (dam of Banks Hill and Intercontinental) as mares who have thrown at least two Breeders Cup winners.

Win Approval, whose four millionaire offspring include champion, Breeders' Cup Mile winner and KZN sire, Miesque's Approval, was responsible for her second BC Mile winner when her son, World Approval (Northern Fleet), downed five Gr1 winners, including European star, Ribchester, to land Saturday's Breeders Cup Mile. With three Gr1 wins this year to his credit, World Approval could well become the second son of Win Approval to be named Eclipse Champion Turf Male.

As remarkable as Win Approval has been, Leslie's Lady- whose sire, Tricky Creek, is a half-brother to former SA sire, Parade Leader- is a mare whose influence continues to grow and grow. Her son, Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), became Leslie's Lady's third individual Gr1 winner, and second Breeders' Cup winner, when he won Friday's Gr1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. His paternal half-sister, Beholder (Henny Hughes), won 11 Gr1 races, including three individual Breeders' Cup races.

Leslie's Lady is also dam of Gr1 winning 2yo and prominent sire, Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday), whose son, Goldencents, won the Gr1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile in 2013 and 2014. The most active stallion in North America during 2017, Into Mischief (Champion 2YO Sire in 2016) covered no fewer than 235 mares in 2017 and his influence seems sure to spread further.

As a son of the outstanding but now deceased stallion, Scat Daddy, one can but wonder what Mendelssohn, a \$3 million yearling buy, is worth as a future sire.

## A Smart Strike

Dual champion, Smart Strike, whose relatives include Sail From Seattle, the sire of Saturday's Gr3 Starling Stakes winner, Via Seattle and local triple Gr1 winning sire, Jackson, is a stallion who has made a huge impact on the Breeders' Cup. The son of Mr Prospector was represented by his fifth individual BC winner when son, Battle Of Midway, won the 2017 Gr1 Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and he is also broodmare sire of 2017 BC Juvenile Fillies Turf runner up, Best Performance (Broken Vow). Incidentally, Smart Strike is also damsire of Breeders' Cup winning filly Shared Account.

The Smart Strike impact on the Breeders' Cup was felt further in the running of the Gr1 Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile. The first two home in that contest, Good Magic and Solomini, are both sons of Smart Strike's Breeders' Cup Classic winning son, and outstanding sire, Curlin. The latter accounted for one of the best fields in history when storming home to a four and a half length win in the 2007 Classic.

## Dubawi's First

The Breeders Cup meeting provided plenty of firsts, with one notable example being Wuheida's win over dual Gr1 winner Rhododendron, a sister to Bush Hill sire, Flying The Flag, in the Gr1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

In the process, Wuheida gave her outstanding sire, Dubawi, his very first Breeders' Cup winner. A triple G1 winner, whose relatives include the Breeders' Cup winning top class sire, In The Wings (sire of Singpiel), Dubawi has been represented by an impressive eight individual Gr1 winners during 2017.

Bred on the same Dubawi/Singpiel cross as Gr1 Prix Vermeille winner, Left Hand, and Gr3 Musidora Stakes winner, So Mi Dar, Wuheida is certainly bred to be top-class. She is out of Gr1 Fillies Mile/Yellow Ribbon Stakes winner, Hibaayib, and her fourth dam, Oh So Hot, is a half-sister to Fillies Triple Crown winner, Oh So Sharp (Kris).

Wuheida is descended directly from the 'flying filly', Mumtaz Mahal, as are such legends as Nasrullah, Royal Charger, Shergar, Octagonal, Golden Horn, Abernant, and Zarkava. The latter is dam of Dubawi's 2017 Gr1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner and new sire for 2018, Zarak.



*Gun Runner*

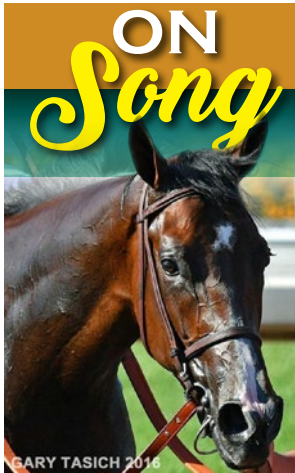
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4,035,025	Klaverlei Stud	235	17,170	592	35	40	15%	1	2	3%	186	31%	2	Red Ginger	126,100 3%
3,354,250	Maine Chance	116	28,916	266	26	33	22%	1	1	4%	75	28%	1	Wonderwall	400,000 12%
3,107,150	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	122	25,468	244	28	33	23%	1	2	4%	75	31%	4	Zen Arcade	474,375 15%
2,338,450	Highlands	105	22,271	282	30	32	29%	0	0	0%	60	21%	0	Dynamic Diana	116,000 5%
2,210,975	Moutonshoek	77	28,714	212	16	22	21%	1	1	6%	56	26%	1	Broadway Trip	695,000 31%
2,015,350	Varsfontein Stud	76	26,518	178	19	22	25%	0	0	0%	57	32%	2	Surcharge	195,000 10%
1,906,250	Scott Bros	104	18,329	273	18	21	17%	0	0	0%	81	30%	1	Claret Cup	153,750 8%
1,804,675	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	81	22,280	221	18	21	22%	0	0	0%	67	30%	1	Dodgy Tie	139,600 8%
1,794,600	Drakenstein Stud	75	23,928	164	24	25	32%	0	0	0%	51	31%	0	Weston	93,750 5%
1,615,750	Ascot Stud	59	27,386	136	15	18	25%	1	2	7%	42	31%	2	Via Seattle	203,750 13%
1,157,050	Favour Stud	50	23,141	171	13	13	26%	0	0	0%	56	33%	0	Elevated	109,025 9%
1,156,800	Oldlands Stud	27	42,844	73	7	8	26%	0	0	0%	13	18%	0	Fullfillyourdream	628,000 54%
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1,102,425	GJ Armitage	55	20,044	142	12	13	22%	0	0	0%	35	25%	1	French Navy	100,000 9%
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4,201,275	Silvano	142	29,586	306	40	47	28%	3	4	8%	96	31%	3	Bella Sonata	250,000 6%
3,108,763	*Captain Al	106	29,328	236	27	30	25%	2	2	7%	92	39%	3	Snowdance	266,000 9%
3,083,550	Trippi	98	31,465	224	26	32	27%	1	2	4%	86	38%	1	Broadway Trip	695,000 23%
3,072,838	Var	154	19,953	375	26	32	17%	0	0	0%	117	31%	0	Arctic Blast	130,000 4%
2,750,725	*Kahal	97	28,358	268	30	36	31%	0	0	0%	79	29%	1	Pure Blonde	146,250 5%
2,476,050	Dynasty	90	27,512	197	30	34	33%	1	1	3%	48	24%	2	Sabina's Dynasty	129,375 5%
2,142,875	*Sail From Seattle	78	27,473	197	24	28	31%	1	2	4%	52	26%	0	Via Seattle	203,750 10%
2,078,525	Querari	78	26,648	172	16	18	21%	1	1	6%	50	29%	0	Wonderwall	400,000 19%
2,063,375	Await The Dawn	24	85,974	77	8	12	33%	0	0	0%	21	27%	0	Big Bear	1,312,500 64%
1,823,350	Gimmethegreenlight	92	19,819	214	18	20	20%	0	0	0%	55	26%	2	Surcharge	195,000 11%
1,803,275	Ideal World	61	29,562	153	13	17	21%	1	2	8%	49	32%	2	Zen Arcade	474,375 26%
1,620,825	Jay Peg	76	21,327	186	16	20	21%	0	0	0%	60	32%	1	Serendipity	116,375 7%
1,488,850	Mambo In Seattle	85	17,516	244	11	16	13%	1	1	9%	75	31%	0	Mr O'Neill	165,625 11%
1,414,475	Visionaire	73	19,376	176	15	15	21%	0	0	0%	41	23%	0	Takingthepeace	330,000 23%
1,411,500	Elusive Fort	61	23,139	163	14	15	23%	0	0	0%	55	34%	0	Red Ginger	126,100 9%
1,401,475	Brave Tin Soldier	47	29,819	132	10	10	21%	0	0	0%	41	31%	0	Brave Mary	552,000 39%
1,399,350	Pathfork	59	23,718	136	15	16	25%	0	0	0%	46	34%	0	My Friend Lee	113,550 8%
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1,580,338	*Captain Al	40	39,508	87	13	15	33%	2	2	15%	37	43%	1	Snowdance	266,000 17%
1,455,138	Var	59	24,663	126	15	16	25%	0	0	0%	49	39%	0	Woodstock Fairy	99,000 7%
1,376,725	Silvano	48	28,682	90	16	18	33%	0	0	0%	24	27%	1	Silva's Bullet	153,125 11%
1,368,750	*Sail From Seattle	46	29,755	109	16	18	35%	1	2	6%	32	29%	0	Via Seattle	203,750 15%
1,306,125	Trippi	28	46,647	55	7	9	25%	0	0	0%	27	49%	1	Broadway Trip	695,000 53%
1,284,175	Querari	37	34,707	74	9	9	24%	1	1	11%	23	31%	0	Wonderwall	400,000 31%
1,115,950	Gimmethegreenlight	50	22,319	109	10	11	20%	0	0	0%	31	28%	1	Surcharge	195,000 17%
1,020,700	*Antonius Pius	52	19,629	130	14	14	27%	0	0	0%	32	25%	0	Piccadilly Square	85,500 8%
944,700	What A Winter	50	18,894	105	10	10	20%	0	0	0%	32	30%	1	Magical Wonderland	139,375 15%
933,025	Brave Tin Soldier	19	49,107	52	4	4	21%	0	0	0%	18	35%	0	Brave Mary	552,000 59%
890,900	Oratorio	48	18,560	123	11	11	23%	0	0	0%	26	21%	1	Mrs O	121,250 14%
835,125	Dynasty	31	26,940	65	10	12	32%	0	0	0%	12	18%	0	Hashtagyolo	128,125 15%
826,350	Twice Over	39	21,188	91	12	12	31%	0	0	0%	21	23%	0	Draughtin	78,625 10%
823,450	Judpot	53	15,537	108	10	10	19%	0	0	0%	24	22%	0	Ostinato	86,000 10%
792,450	Philanthropist	40	19,811	90	10	11	25%	0	0	0%	18	20%	0	Pack Leader	93,750 12%

LEADING SIRES by AEPR											SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 5 November 2017				with 10 or more rns		
Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wms	SW/wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes			
2,063,375	Await The Dawn	24	85,974	77	8	12	33%	0	0	0%	21	27%	0	Big Bear	1,312,500	64%	
839,800	Indigo Magic	11	76,345	31	4	4	36%	0	0	0%	5	16%	0	Fulfillyourdream	628,000	75%	
601,125	Dupont	10	60,113	24	4	4	40%	0	0	0%	8	33%	0	Forest Fox	409,050	68%	
615,750	Imperial Stride	13	47,365	37	6	7	46%	1	1	17%	10	27%	1	Will Pays	208,450	34%	
770,675	*Jet Master	21	36,699	58	9	11	43%	0	0	0%	20	34%	0	Master's Spirit	119,750	16%	
601,900	Dan De Lago	17	35,406	44	5	7	29%	0	0	0%	9	20%	0	Dan The Lad	231,650	38%	
491,500	Alado	14	35,107	38	5	7	36%	0	0	0%	11	29%	0	Flying Winger	147,175	30%	
3,083,550	Trippi	98	31,465	224	26	32	27%	1	2	4%	86	38%	1	Broadway Trip	695,000	23%	
1,401,475	Brave Tin Soldier	47	29,819	132	10	10	21%	0	0	0%	41	31%	0	Brave Mary	552,000	39%	
4,201,275	Silvano	142	29,586	306	40	47	28%	3	4	8%	96	31%	3	Bella Sonata	250,000	6%	
1,803,275	Ideal World	61	29,562	153	13	17	21%	1	2	8%	49	32%	2	Zen Arcade	474,375	26%	
3,108,763	Captain Al	106	29,328	236	27	30	25%	2	2	7%	92	39%	3	Snowdance	266,000	9%	
761,000	*Fort Wood	26	29,269	53	8	9	31%	0	0	0%	22	42%	2	Cashel Palace	129,375	17%	
2,750,725	*Kahal	97	28,358	268	30	36	31%	0	0	0%	79	29%	1	Pure Blonde	146,250	5%	
2,476,050	Dynasty	90	27,512	197	30	34	33%	1	1	3%	48	24%	2	Sabina's Dynasty	129,375	5%	
2,142,875	*Sail From Seattle	78	27,473	197	24	28	31%	1	2	4%	52	26%	0	Via Seattle	203,750	10%	

The FULL Statistics ONLINE <http://www.sportingpost.co.za/horse-racing-statistics/> \*Stallion dead or Retired \*\*Stallion Not Standing in RSA  
\*\*Breeding operations not based in RSA - Statistics for Breeders & Sires reflect ALL earnings, incl. restricted races & handicap races



Medaglio d'Oro's daughter Songbird was sold for \$9,5 million – the equivalent of R135 million – on Monday evening at Fasig-Tipton, placing her among the highest priced broodmare prospects of all time. Songbird earned almost \$4.7 million on the track.

The 4yo Songbird, a dual Eclipse Award Champion, was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency for owner Rick Porter of Fox Hill Farm. Her price ranked her an all time second among broodmare prospects sold at public auction who have never carried a foal, including horses in training offered as racing or broodmare prospects.

The record-holder is 2011 Horse of the Year Havre de Grace, who Mandy Pope of Whisper Hill Farm purchased for \$10 million at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton November sale.

The same Mandy Pope purchased Songbird this week- and the champion is on her way to join Havre de Grace at Timber Town Farm outside Lexington, where Pope boards her mares and foals.



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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES												
SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 5 November 2017												
trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/rides
SG Tarry	238	21	9%	41	17%	27%	23	10%	84	35%	3,935,400	16,535
J Snaith	330	46	14%	57	17%	33%	35	11%	146	44%	3,857,625	11,690
PA Peter	163	32	20%	31	19%	35%	16	10%	84	52%	2,836,175	17,400
MF de Kock	146	30	21%	52	36%	35%	19	13%	83	57%	2,810,400	19,249
MG & AA Azzie	145	17	12%	26	18%	15%	24	17%	63	43%	2,475,550	17,073
AC Greeff	251	31	12%	48	19%	29%	35	14%	115	46%	2,185,850	8,709
C Bass-Robinson	231	23	10%	31	13%	26%	22	10%	98	42%	2,153,900	9,324
AG Laird	111	18	16%	23	21%	39%	10	9%	51	46%	2,088,850	18,818
Y Bremner	208	25	12%	24	12%	21%	16	8%	87	42%	1,733,675	8,335
DC Howells	153	17	11%	21	14%	33%	16	10%	65	42%	1,709,350	11,172
G v Zyl	99	18	18%	19	19%	42%	16	16%	49	49%	1,663,525	16,803
DR Drier	132	20	15%	28	21%	43%	14	11%	62	47%	1,574,113	11,925
D Kannemeyer	114	18	16%	18	16%	44%	12	11%	48	42%	1,563,300	13,713
DA Sham	179	21	12%	12	7%	42%	21	12%	67	37%	1,537,825	8,591
BJ Crawford	140	15	11%	23	16%	26%	19	14%	62	44%	1,471,050	10,508
VH Marshall	145	18	12%	17	12%	35%	15	10%	60	41%	1,432,000	9,876
GD Smith	300	15	5%	18	6%	28%	25	8%	88	29%	1,420,500	4,735
SD Gray	140	15	11%	9	6%	22%	13	9%	52	37%	1,370,938	9,792
GS Kotzen	199	18	9%	20	10%	30%	15	8%	60	30%	1,362,525	6,847
LW Goosen	63	13	21%	17	27%	29%	9	14%	34	54%	1,274,250	20,226
J Ramsden	130	14	11%	21	16%	29%	17	13%	55	42%	1,259,150	9,686
GV Woodruff	97	14	14%	24	25%	38%	12	12%	44	45%	1,256,100	12,949
PF Matchett	73	6	8%	7	10%	14%	8	11%	32	44%	1,231,450	16,869
JAJ v Vuuren	109	9	8%	18	17%	17%	21	19%	50	46%	1,204,200	11,048
T Laing	118	16	14%	15	13%	27%	14	12%	60	51%	1,181,075	10,009
C Lensley	195	21	11%	42	22%	19%	18	9%	84	43%	1,151,400	5,905
GM Alexander	122	11	9%	10	8%	30%	14	11%	47	39%	1,142,425	9,364
RR Magner	136	10	7%	14	10%	7%	17	13%	64	47%	1,118,388	8,223

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS												
SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 5 November 2017												
jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/rides
L Hewitson	349	44	13%	46	13%	28%	36	10%	154	44%	4,060,200	11,634
A Delpach	177	42	24%	69	39%	38%	32	18%	107	60%	3,675,413	20,765
A Dorneyer	196	37	19%	66	34%	33%	27	14%	115	59%	2,733,750	13,948
C Murray	274	37	14%	59	22%	31%	34	12%	119	43%	2,975,075	10,858
K De Melo	299	35	12%	42	14%	36%	41	14%	144	48%	3,671,550	12,279
G Wrogemann	241	35	15%	28	12%	36%	22	9%	115	48%	3,639,288	15,101
G Lerena	161	33	20%	60	37%	33%	36	22%	103	64%	3,267,913	20,298
M Yeni	276	33	12%	52	19%	23%	26	9%	127	46%	2,544,300	9,218
A Marcus	113	32	28%	55	49%	38%	19	17%	72	64%	2,423,963	21,451
G v Niekerk	158	31	20%	31	20%	26%	20	13%	97	61%	2,944,075	18,633
C Zackey	335	27	8%	32	10%	13%	31	9%	124	37%	2,528,588	7,548
R Fourie	171	25	15%	35	20%	29%	23	13%	82	48%	2,032,275	11,885
B Fayd'herbe	99	24	24%	19	19%	37%	11	11%	52	53%	1,938,650	19,582
K Zechner	231	21	9%	16	7%	13%	25	11%	98	42%	1,891,075	8,186
R Danielson	169	20	12%	14	8%	36%	15	9%	67	40%	1,587,475	9,393
J Penny	257	20	8%	8	3%	13%	13	5%	69	27%	1,200,875	4,673
S Khumalo	146	19	13%	37	25%	32%	18	12%	68	47%	2,937,575	20,120
JP vd Merwe	248	19	8%	19	8%	32%	12	5%	77	31%	1,620,063	6,533
R Munger	326	19	6%	7	2%	29%	16	5%	92	28%	1,594,150	4,890
W Kennedy	176	18	10%	20	11%	30%	25	14%	75	43%	1,648,700	9,368
C Maujean	274	18	7%	8	3%	0%	20	7%	79	29%	1,593,050	5,814
P Strydom	121	18	15%	26	21%	23%	19	16%	55	45%	1,671,550	13,814
G Cheyne	133	16	12%	22	17%	23%	29	22%	72	54%	1,396,750	10,502
M Thackeray	267	15	6%	7	3%	14%	13	5%	82	31%	1,056,600	3,957
A Arries	99	15	15%	8	8%	38%	10	10%	47	47%	1,100,050	11,112
R Simons	90	13	14%	16	18%	38%	8	9%	39	43%	1,669,475	18,550
C Orffer	126	12	10%	19	15%	26%	15	12%	59	47%	1,087,900	8,634
S Seale	148	12	8%	20	14%	25%	21	14%	75	51%	1,878,725	12,694



Sherman Brown – a no nonsense powerful rider with plenty of experience

## Bouncy Brown

He is known to some as the ‘Sherminator’ or the ‘Computer Man’ and the unique bouncing style of Sherman Brown is often seen to the fore in both Gauteng and KZN. With his confidence boosted by his winning ride on Hales in the CECF North Dakota Classic at Yiqi racecourse China in August, the 42 year old Zimbabwean-born rider is working hard this season as he travels regularly to KZN. His ride to win the Greyville first on Wednesday on Exquisite Eight was a top –class effort.



Joey Soma is one of our most experienced conditioners

## Special Vintage

It was good to see trainer Joey Soma among the feature winners at Turffontein on Saturday. The man who has held his licence for 25 years saddled Graduation Day to win the Golden Loom. He followed up with Wind Chill at the Vaal on Tuesday. Soma saddled seven feature winners in his first two years as a trainer – including the top notch Special Preview, a horse who won the Bloodline Million, the SA Nursery and the Smirnoff Plate within a period of three months. Try find another youngster to have achieved that!



Weiho and Weichong Marwing are a lethal combination

## Brothers In Arms

There aren’t too many train-jockey brother combinations around and the strongest duo has to be Weiho and Weichong Marwing who partnered to win the Listed Java Handicap on the Vaal classic track on Tuesday. A supremely fit horse and one of the finest judged front-running rides in ages saw Dynasty’s son



Let It Rain grind his way to a resolute victory. The brothers Marwing won the Gr3 Gold Cup at the end of last term with Equus champion stayer, Hermoso Mundo.

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

TURFFONTEIN (stand side)  
Saturday, 4 November

Course Variant: 0.01s fast (straight) – 0.86s slow (bend)  
No rain fell in the seven days leading up to this meeting.  
There was 39mm of irrigation though, and the going was posted as good off a penetrometer reading of 22.  
The wind was a north easterly cross tail wind, and the false rail was out from 2.5m on the back straight, to 6m on the bend.. There was a 6m spur at the 700m mark.

Gr2 Charity Mile R1,000,000

Hats Off

Imported into South Africa as a possible 2017 SA Triple Crown candidate, punters had somehow lost interest in the Hat Puntano tale after the Argentinian-bred dual Gr1 winner disappeared from the nominations for the Vodacom Durban July and then ran a shocker in his first start here in mid September.

But set joint topweight with 2016 Charity Mile winner New Predator for Saturday's big race, the handsome son of Hat Trick endorsed his veteran conditioner's belief and patience in him to return a cracking first success on African soil.

Grant van Niekerk had the 13-1 Hat Puntano relaxed on the rail just back of midfield as Irish Pride led Top Shot and his more fancied stablemate New Predator. Into the home run they fanned out with New Predator galloping powerfully as Hat Puntano gradually made his way up the rail. At the 300m Hat Puntano swept into the lead with the lightly weighted Social Order and stablemate French Navy unleashing strong finishes.

At the wire Hat Puntano held a 0,75 length lead over Social Order, with the revitalised French Navy ousting the gallant New Predator for third.

The winner's time was 97,06 secs.

Cape-based Grant van Niekerk rode a peach of a race after Hat Puntano had not enjoyed the best of starts.

Owned by Drakenstein Stud and Jaime and Mariza Vilela, Hat Puntano has won 4 of 5 starts and took his SA earnings to R625 000. Hat Puntano (Arg) was bred by Haras La Biznaga and is by Hat Trick out of the Bernstein mare, Stormy Pursuer.

Hat Trick is a champion miler by the legendary Sunday Silence. He broke the track record for a mile when he won the 2005 Gr1 Kyoto Mile Championship of Japan in a time of 1:32.10. The record still stands.

**Gr2 Charity Mile 1600m**  
Winner Hat Puntano (winner of two Gr1 races over 1600m overseas; 3rd best handicapped here) was having only his second outing in this country; raced 8th; brushed New Predator 250m & 200m; led 150m; won well  
Runner-up Social Order (raced with a tongue tie on) raced alongside the winner in 8th position turning for home; ran on Third French Navy was slow into stride; raced 11th; was 2,25 lengths behind the 1st & 2nd placed horses entering the straight; ran on; beaten 1,6 lengths  
**Time:** Comparatively the second fastest of the seven races around the turn, the time was a good one. We gave the third (prev 87/107/103/74/102) 102 which makes the winner (prev 113 overseas) 111 and the runner-up (prev 78/92/79/74/75) 89

111	1	0.00	<b>HAT PUNTANO</b>	(7)	61.0	G v Niekerk	13/14	b c	<b>Hat Trick - Stormy Pursuer(ARG) (Bernstein)</b>
89	2	0.75	<b>SOCIAL ORDER</b>	(2)	52.0	L Hewitson	10/1	4 b g	<b>Count Dubois - Dancette (Dancing Duel)</b>
102	3	1.60	<b>FRENCH NAVY</b>	(5)	58.5	S Khumalo	13/2	6 b g	<b>Count Dubois - Redoubtable (Elliodor)</b>
107	4	1.65	<b>New Predator</b>	(3)	61.0	G Lerena	28/10		
92	5	2.05	<b>Tahini</b>	(8)	54.5	R Danielson	28/1		
89	6	2.30	<b>Irish Pride</b>	(10)	53.5	D Mansour	36/1		
84	7	3.00	<b>Forest Fox</b>	(9)	52.0	R Munger	13/1		
86	8	3.25	<b>Tilbury Fort</b>	(14)	53.0	C Zackey	44/1		
85	9	3.35	<b>Bezanova</b>	(1)	52.5	JP vd Merwe	28/1		
80	10	5.00	<b>Go Direct</b>	(11)	52.0	C Maujean	44/1		
85	11	6.75	<b>Bella Sonata</b>	(12)	56.0	K De Melo	9/1		
92	12	7.00	<b>Finchaton</b>	(13)	55.0	P Strydom	15/1		
73	13	8.00	<b>Top Shot</b>	(4)	52.0	M v Rensburg	28/1		
76	14	9.25	<b>Hermoso Mundo</b>	(16)	54.5	Wel Marwing	22/1		
80	15	9.50	<b>Mac de Lago</b>	(15)	56.5	K Zechner	44/1		
58	16	15.00	<b>Classify</b>	(6)	52.0	F Herholdt	7/1		

**Time:** 97.06s (60.66s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%  
**1st** T:MG & AA Azzie **O:**Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) & Mr Jaime & Mrs Mariza Vilela **B:**bred in Argentina

Gr3 Yellowwood Hcp (F&M) R250,000

Hot De Kock

Mike de Kock opened the Charity Mile day feature programme and lifted his Sansui Summer Cup prospects with the Mauritzfontein owned Cascapedia taking full advantage of her weight advantage and a particularly professional ride from JP van der Merwe to pick up a deserved cheque at the expense of Captain Al's daughter, Al Danza.

The lightly raced Cascapedia is behind her contemporaries being Northern Hemisphere bred but her name on the Sansui Summer Cup entries scroll suggested plenty of belief in her ability and she was backed to favourite to win the 1800m handicap.

Well drawn and well placed, JP van der Merwe raised his game in the same silks which saw him pick up his biggest career success in the 2016 Sun Met on Smart Call, when he got the measure of Gavin Lerena and Al Danza over the final 200m to win by a head in a time of 1:10,07 secs. A €170 000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale purchase by Form Bloodstock, Cascapedia has won 3 of her 4 starts for 1 place and stakes of R380 600.

A daughter of High Chaparral (Sadler's Wells), Cascapedia was bred by Tipperary based Camas Park Stud and is out of the unraced Dansili mare Janoubi. The latter is a half-sister to dams and grandams of graded stakes performers in UK & France and hails from the female line of champion Al Bahathri.

High Chaparral, winner of the Racing Post Trophy, Epsom Derby, Irish Derby and Irish Champion Stakes was also the first two-time winner of the Breeders' Cup Turf.

High Chapparral, who died in 2014, is the sire of amongst others, successful sire So You Think, who won the Cox Plate.

**Gr3 Yellowwood Hcp (F&M) 1800m**  
Winner Cascapedia over raced and shifted out 1400m; raced 5th; got the better of a thrilling tussle very late; jockey Van Der Merwe was fined R1000 for striking the horse more than three times in consecutive strides Runner-up Al Danza raced 4th; led 500m; piped last strides; beaten a short head Third Bi Pot raced 9th; ran on; was two lengths behind the winner at 400m; beaten just over two lengths  
**Time:** The time compared well with the other races around the turn, and was a good one for the distance. We gave the runner-up (prev 79/89/90/90/86) 90 which makes the N-hemisphere bred winner (prev 73/77/73) 80 and the third (prev 90/92/89/77/81) 92

Doing The Splits

Splits for Turffontein, Saturday 4 November

	1st call	2nd call	f-rail	400m	finish	1st/2nd call	2nd c-400	400-finish
<b>1400m</b>								
Ready to Run Cup	----	31.89	43.43	60.96	83.97	-----	29.07	23.01
Graham Beck S.	----	32.24	43.39	60.99	84.56	-----	28.75	23.57
Starling S.	----	32.81	44.21	61.24	84.96	-----	28.43	23.72
Maiden F&M	----	32.92	44.58	62.52	87.28	-----	29.60	24.76
Maiden	----	32.64	44.42	62.92	88.09	-----	30.28	25.17
<b>1600m</b>								
Charity Mile	20.68	44.83	55.86	73.55	96.97	24.15	28.72	23.42
<b>1800m</b>								
Yellowwood Hcp	32.08	56.49	68.24	86.20	110.02	24.41	29.71	23.82

Times suggest that all races were true-run, showing up the weakness of the maiden races compared to the features.

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

80	1	0.00	CASCAPEDIA	(3)	52.5	JP vd Merwe	33/10	4	b	f
High Chaparral - Janoubi(GB) (Dansili)										
90	2	0.10	AL DANZA	(6)	57.0	G Lerena	7/1	4	b	f
Captain Al - Jet Danza (Jet Master)										
92	3	2.25	BI POT	(8)	60.0	C Maujean	15/2	4	b	f
Judpot - Alexandra Bi(IRE) (Darshaan)										
90	4	3.00	Patchit Up Baby	(10)	60.0	Wei Marwing	28/1			
73	5	5.25	Royal Utopia	(5)	54.0	C Zackey	9/1			
78	6	5.75	Tambalang	(2)	57.0	S Khumalo	7/1			
72	7	10.00	Shatoosh	(9)	58.0	K Zechner	13/1			
59	8	11.00	Kahula	(7)	53.0	L Hewitson	17/1			
64	9	12.50	Runalong	(1)	56.5	K De Melo	13/2			
56	10	16.00	Banking April	(4)	56.0	M Yeni	11/1			
38	11	27.00	Babbling Brooke	(12)	58.0	A Delpech	13/1			
13	12	37.00	Peggy Jay	(11)	55.5	D Mansour	68/1			
Time: 110.07s (61.15s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 116%										
1st T:MF de Kock O:Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss J B Slack)										
B:bred in Ireland										

Gr3 Starling Stakes (3yo Fillies) R250,000

Conquered

Yvette Bremner enjoys her giantkiller raids every few years into Gauteng and her Port Elizabeth-based Dippin Blu Stables pulled off another big win at Turffontein on Charity Mile day when the Sail From Seattle filly Via Seattle cracked a top win in the R250 000 Princess Charlene Gr3 Starling Stakes. She shouldered joint topweight with fellow three-time winner Folk Dance, but had not gone beyond 1200m and there were doubts about her seeing out the 1400m.

But she gave weight and a beating to some classy fillies. Allowed to settle in midfield from her 4 draw, she scythed through them late as the long-time pacesetter Varsity Girl ran out of gas – although Folk Dance, who was always in the firing line, wasn’t going down without a fight. Lyle Hewitson kept his composure along the rail and seemed to sniff the sweet smell of victory at the 200m, as he got down to drive Via Seattle through. Via Seattle strode out best of the lot to draw away from Folk Dance and win by 1,25 lengths in a time of 84,98 secs. She started at a generous 66-1. Making it three from three on Via Seattle, Lyle Hewitson said that he was thrilled to have been able to ride the winner – his proud Dad Carl – a former jockey – is Yvette Bremner’s assistant. A R150 000 National Yearling Sale buy, the Ascot Stud bred Via Seattle is by Sail From Seattle (Gone West) out of the three-time winning Arctic Song (Al Mufti). She has won 4 races with 1 place from 7 starts for stakes of R295 625. She also banked the Bloodstock South Africa Added Value Stakes Bonus of R87 500.

**Gr3 Starling Stakes (3yo fillies) 1400m**  
Winner Via Seattle raced 6th; led 60m; won going away  
Runner-up Folk Dance (3rd best handi-capped) was drawn wide; raced handy; led 350m; outpaced late by winner; shifted away from the crop shortly before the finish; mild post-race distress  
Third Silver Thursday (2nd best handi-

capped) raced 10th; ran on; was just 2 lengths behind the winner entering the straight and beaten by similar margin  
**Time:** This was the third fastest of the 5 x 1400m races. We gave the third (prev 86/71/81/80/88) 88 which makes the winner (prev 75/71/71/74/84) 97 and the runner-up (prev 76/84/91/91) 94

97	1	0.00	VIA SEATTLE	(4)	60.0	L Hewitson	66/13	b	f	Sail
From Seattle - Arctic Song (Al Mufti)										
94	2	1.25	FOLK DANCE	(13)	60.0	G Lerena	7/2	3	b	f
Tiger Ridge - Liberty Dance (Fort Wood)										
88	3	1.75	SILVER THURSDAY	(8)	58.0	A Delpech	7/2	3		
ch f Silvano - Secret Obsession (Captain Al)										
85	4	2.60	Witch Of The West	(9)	58.0	K Zechner	36/1			
85	5	2.65	Varsity Girl	(12)	58.0	G Wrogemann	44/1			
81	6	4.00	Green Top	(1)	58.0	R Simons	15/1			
80	7	4.30	La Bastide	(11)	58.0	A Marcus	17/1			
75	8	6.00	Mrs O	(6)	58.0	G v Niekerk	5/1			
66	9	9.00	Let It Flow	(2)	58.0	M Yeni	22/1			
65	10	9.25	Aurelia Cotta	(15)	58.0	S Khumalo	15/1			
62	11	10.50	Spring Breeze	(5)	58.0	P Strydom	15/1			
57	12	12.00	Flowersfromabrook	(3)	58.0	Wei Marwing	9/1			
57	13	12.10	Sweet Juliet	(7)	58.0	M v Rensburg	66/1			
53	14	13.50	Dame Kelly	(16)	58.0	K De Melo	28/1			
44	15	16.50	Serendipity	(10)	58.0	C Zackey	100/1			
27	16	22.00	Mar Del Sur	(14)	58.0	JP vd Merwe	44/1			
Time: 84.98s (60.7s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 114%										
1st T: Y Bremner O: Messrs F H McGrath & A J van Huyssteen B: Ascot Stud										

Gr3 Graham Beck S.(3yo's) R250,000

Vaal Duck Delivers

Surely the best move Louis Goosen has made in the past few years has to be leaving the Vaal and moving to his new base at Ashburton, near Pieremaritzburg. The results speak for themselves. With the assistance of Gunter Wrogemann, the ‘Goose’ has saddled 13 winners already this season – against 24 for the whole of last term. And he registered a rare Charity Mile day success for a KZN trainer when the progressive Zen Arcade mowed his opposition down to win the R250 000 Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday. The son of Ideal World was only beaten on debut by the still undefeated Broadway Trip in the KZN August Million and continues to go from strength to strength. An Ideal World with a phenomenal action is how the vastly underrated Gunter Wrogemann has described Zen Arcade, a slightly built bay with the heart of a lion. Relaxed in midfield as Orpheus led the charge, Zen Arcade moved up powerfully down the midfield and carried too many guns for his opponents as he powered home at 11-2 to hold off another Ideal World in Mike Azzie’s Ideal Secret by 0,70 lengths in a time of 84,55 secs. Roy Magner’s Prince Of Kahal maintained his consistent form to stay on for third, ahead of Robbie Sage’s recent debut winner Seerite, who ran a great race only 2 lengths off the winner. A R550 000 KZN Yearling Sale purchase, Zen Arcade was bred by Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein and is by Ideal World (Kingmambo) out of the three-time win-

ning Variety (Var).  
A winner of 3 of his 4 starts with 1 place, Zen Arcade has earned R474 375.  
**Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes (3yo's) 1400m**  
Winner Zen Arcade (jnt 2nd best handi-capped) raced 7th; led 100m, ran on  
Runner-up Ideal Secret raced alongside the winner in 7th; ran on  
Third Prince Of Kahal was always handy, positioned 2nd entering the straight; beaten one length  
**Time:** This was the second fastest of the 5 x 1400m races. We gave the third (prev 76/74/82/88/88) 88 which makes the winner (prev 81/83/91) 91 and the runner-up (prev 54/66/73/75/85) 89

91	1	0.00	ZEN ARCADE	(7)	60.0	G Wrogemann	11/2	3	b	g
Ideal World - Variety (Var)										
89	2	0.70	IDEAL SECRET	(8)	60.0	G v Niekerk	17/1	3	b	c
Ideal World - Golden Secret (National Emblem)										
88	3	1.00	PRINCE OF KHAL	(4)	60.0	D Mansour	22/13			
ch c Kahal - Vogue (Model Man)										
85	4	2.00	Seerite	(5)	60.0	M Yeni	15/1			
82	5	3.25	Silver God	(14)	60.0	R Danielson	50/1			
82	6	3.30	Darkest Hour	(1)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	50/1			
79	7	4.30	Hakeem	(11)	60.0	A Delpech	5/1			
78	8	4.60	Orpheus	(3)	60.0	P Strydom	11/2			
70	9	7.00	Flying Free	(15)	60.0	K De Melo	13/2			
67	10	8.25	Missouri	(12)	60.0	L Hewitson	15/1			
66	11	8.35	Zerodarkthirty	(2)	60.0	C Zackey	28/1			
64	12	9.25	Sea King	(10)	60.0	G Lerena	13/1			
54	13	12.50	Borya	(16)	60.0	W Kennedy	66/1			
49	14	14.00	Keanan's Rock	(6)	60.0	S Khumalo	10/1			
46	15	15.00	Full Mast	(9)	60.0	K Zechner	28/1			
37	16	18.00	Wonderous Climber	(13)	60.0	A Marcus	13/1			
Time: 84.55s (60.39s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) SP Total %: 119%										
1st T:LW Goosen O: Mr M J A Ferreira B: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein										

Ready To Run Cup (NBT) R2,500,000

Banking Big

The well established Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup has proven a winner over the years and the 2017 renewal looked to be a particularly strong one – with 16 CTS Ready To Run graduates, that included a Gr1 winner and two Gr2 winners, going to post. The Sean Tarry pair of recent impressive Gr2 winner Wonderwall and the imposing Big Bear were always at the head of affairs, but sensibly didn’t cut throats as Lyle Hewitson and S’manga Khumalo paced it out ahead of Onamission and Tammany Hall. Into the home straight, Khumalo gave Big Bear more rein and he floated past his stablemate, with the classy Gr1 winner Brave Mary catching her breath and unleashing a challenge. At the 200m, Brave Mary changed legs smartly and chased the leader, but Khumalo had timed his effort well and Big Bear surged away to win readily in a time of 84,08 secs. Another filly in the Mike de Kock-trained Takingthepeace got going well late in the race to shade Wonderwall for third. A R240 000 Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale graduate, the Summerhill bred Big Bear is a son of the deceased Await The Dawn (Giant’s Causeway) out of the non-winning Gamalakhe (Northern Guest).

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Await The Dawn raced as a six-year-old for Mike de Kock, winning one of his four starts. He died in his second season at Summerhill and has produced a steady flow of winners this season. Big Bear has won 3 of his 4 starts with 1 place and stakes of R1 447 000.

**Emperor's Palace RTR Cup 1400m**  
Winner Big Bear raced 3rd; led 400m; won well  
Runner-up Brave Mary (best handicapped) raced 9th; ran on; was two lengths behind winner at 400m and beaten by similar margin  
Third Takingthepeace was drawn wide; raced alongside the runner up entering the straight; ran on; beaten 4,5 lengths  
**Time:** This was the fastest of the five 1400m races and marginally the fastest race around the turn comparatively. We gave the runner-up (prev 66/58/88/100/93) 93 which makes the winner (66/73/87) 106 and the third (prev 74/81/89) 87. Runner-up Brave Mary will continue her career in France.

106	1	0.00	<b>BIG BEAR</b>	(5)	60.0	S Khumalo	4/1	3	b	c
<i>Await The Dawn - Gamalakhe (Northern Guest)</i>										
93	2	2.50	<b>BRAVE MARY</b>	(4)	57.5	G Wrogemann	15/2	3	b	f
<i>Brave Tin Soldier - Mary Lou (Rich Man's Gold)</i>										
87	3	4.50	<b>TAKINGTHEPEACE</b>	(11)	57.5	A Delpech	5/13			
<i>b f Visionaire - Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer)</i>										
93	4	4.55	<i>Wonderwall</i>	(12)	60.0	L Hewitson	11/2			
88	5	6.25	<i>Surcharge</i>	(15)	60.0	P Strydom	11/2			
85	6	7.15	<i>Puget Sound</i>	(3)	60.0	G Lerena	10/1			
79	7	7.20	<i>Just My Style</i>	(6)	57.5	G v Niekerk	100/1			
82	8	8.20	<i>Cash Time</i>	(9)	60.0	M v Rensburg	50/1			
75	9	8.75	<i>Onamission</i>	(1)	57.5	R Danielson	36/1			
78	10	9.50	<i>Vicomte</i>	(13)	60.0	K De Melo	22/1			
73	11	11.25	<i>Purple Diamond</i>	(8)	60.0	C Zackey	28/1			
63	12	12.50	<i>Tammany Hall</i>	(2)	57.5	JP vd Merwe	28/1			
64	13	14.00	<i>Riding Shotgun</i>	(14)	60.0	C Maujean	100/1			
50	14	17.00	<i>Virga</i>	(7)	57.5	D Mansour	66/1			
46	15	20.00	<i>Boatswain</i>	(16)	60.0	M Yeni	28/1			
43	16	21.00	<i>Alssakhra</i>	(10)	60.0	A Marcus	15/1			
<b>Time:</b> 04.08s (60.06s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 117%										
1st T:SG Tarry O:Messrs C J H van Niekerk & B G Gardner										
B:Summerhill Stud										

Golden Loom Hcp (Listed) R150,000

First Class

The R150 000 Listed Golden Loom Handicap brought the curtain down on the Charity Mile day feature programme and with the thunder and lightning approaching as the field loaded, the race produced the most dramatic and sentimental finish of the day. There was plenty of emotional adrenalin pumping as Joey Soma's lightly-tried 7yo Graduation Day came home under a finely timed Anton Marcus finish to get the verdict by a nose over De Kock's Alfok and the speedy filly Hashtag Strat, in a race named in honour of a horse affectionately known as 'Goofy'. The winner's time was 56,18 secs for the 1000m with under a length separating the top five home. The sentimental thread was woven by the fact that Anton Marcus was aboard the brilliant Golden Loom at 12 of his 22 wins from his 78 starts.

The late Buddy Maroun trained gelding was the king of speed on the Highveld in a golden age of sprinting that hosted stars like Jet Master, Divine Force, Harry's Charm, Noble Thatch and Turbo Star. Golden Loom raced for nine seasons and chalked up his final race victory at the age of 10. The unsound Graduation Day, an R800 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, has won 6 of his 10 starts with 3 places and stakes of R448 500.

Bred by Klawervlei, Graduation Day is a son of Trippi (End Sweep) out of the US placed Hide My Grades (Honor Grades).  
**Golden Loom Handicap (L) 1000m**  
Winner Graduation Day (best handicapped) was slow into stride; raced 9th; got up in the dying strides  
Runner-up Alfok raced 2nd; led close home; piped last strides  
Hashtag Strat set the pace and was very quickly two lengths clear; kept on strongly all the way to the line  
**Time:** This was by far the fastest of the five races down the straight. We gave the third (prev 64/77/88/84/78) 89 which makes the winner (prev 87/84/96/107/95) 102 and the runner-up (prev 72/81/88/81/90) 96

104	1	0.00	<b>GRADUATION DAY</b>	(12)	57.5	A Marcus	6/17			
<i>b g Trippi - Hide My Grades(USA) (Honor Grades)</i>										
98	2	0.10	<b>ALFOLK</b>	(9)	52.0	R Munger	4/13	b	br	g
<i>Lonhro - Alteza Real(AUS) (Exceed And Excel)</i>										
91	3	0.50	<b>HASHTAG STRAT</b>	(10)	52.5	J Penny	22/1	4	b	f
<i>Great Britain - Stratification (Windrush)</i>										
96	4	0.80	<i>Pera Palace</i>	(11)	52.0	K De Melo	9/2			
93	5	0.90	<i>The Thinker</i>	(5)	54.0	D Mansour	15/2			
102	6	1.80	<i>Rivarine</i>	(6)	60.0	P Strydom	10/1			
96	7	2.80	<i>African Ruler</i>	(2)	59.0	G Lerena	15/1			
92	8	3.25	<i>Splendid Garden</i>	(7)	58.0	C Zackey	44/1			
83	9	4.00	<i>Barrack Street</i>	(4)	52.0	G v Niekerk	7/2			
75	10	4.25	<i>All Night Flight</i>	(1)	52.0	M Yeni	44/1			
76	11	4.75	<i>Greasepaint</i>	(8)	53.5	JP vd Merwe	66/1			
62	12	8.50	<i>Isphan</i>	(3)	54.0	L Hewitson	28/1			
<b>Time:</b> 56.18s (56.18s avg/1000m, or 64km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 116%										
1st T:JA Soma O:Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman) B:Klawervlei Stud										

**VAAL (classic)**

**Tuesday, 7 November**

Course Variant: 0.01s slow (bend)

No rain fell during the seven days leading up to this meeting. However, there was 27mm of irrigation. As a result the penetrometer read 22 and the going was posted as good. There was a 28km/h south westerly cross wind, and the false rail was set at zero.

**Java Handicap (Listed) R150,000**

Rain All Day

A well-related son of Dynasty went practically start to finish to win the R150 000 Listed Java Handicap run over 2400m on the Vaal Classic track on Tuesday. The Dynasty winners have no end over any trip and Let It Rain showed terrific reserves of stamina under a beautifully judged ride by Weichong Marwing. Bouncing from a wide draw, Let It Rain

did his fractions at a steady pace all the way around and even when coming under enemy fire at the 300m, he dug deep and galloped on relentlessly to withstand the late challenge of Kinaan to win by 0,80 lengths in a time of 149,49 secs. Amsterdam stayed on well for third 1,50 lengths behind to run his usual game race, with The Elmo Effect rounding off the quartet. Weiho Marwing trains the winner for Has-sen Adams and the Chinsammy family. This was the 5yo Let It Rain's overdue first stakes success as he took his win tally to 5 from 25 starts with 10 places. His stakes bank now stands at R655 388. A R1,3 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, the winner is by Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winning Gardner's Delight (Giant's Causeway).

That makes him a half-brother to 4 winners, including Equus Champion, Gr2 Godolphin Mile winner and present day Wilgerbosdrift sire Soft Falling Rain.  
**Java Handicap (L) 2400m**  
Winner Let It Rain; led 1600m; kept on strongly over the final 400m  
Runner-up Kinaan raced in midfield; 4 lengths behind the winner going through the 400m; gaining quickly at the finish; beaten less than a length  
Third Amsterdam made the early running; raced 2nd from the 1600m mark; no extra  
**Time:** Although nothing out of the ordinary, the time and pace were both fair. We gave the third (prev 80/82/77/75/80) 79 which makes the winner (prev 76/84/84/85/74) 91 and the runner-up (prev81/78/85/79/67) 82

T 275	1	0.00	<b>LET IT RAIN</b>	(15)	59.5	Wei Marwing	9/1			
<i>5 b g Dynasty - Gardner's Delight(USA) (Giant's Causeway)</i>										
V 231	2	0.80	<b>KINAAN</b>	(11)	56.0	K Zechner	15/2			
<i>5 b g Galileo - Dazzledart(GB) (Zamindar)</i>										
V 285	3	2.30	<b>AMSTERDAM</b>	(10)	55.5	P Strydom	9/1			
<i>6 b g Windrush - Kindly Kat(USA) (Machiavellian)</i>										
T 250	4	2.70	<i>The Elmo Effect</i>	(8)	60.0	G Lerena	8/1			
T 275	5	2.80	<i>Bankable Teddy</i>	(4)	59.0	C Zackey	17/1			
T 275	6	3.00	<i>Royal Honour</i>	(7)	59.5	G Wrogemann	36/1			
T 223	7	4.00	<i>Storm Warning</i>	(6)	55.5	R Simons	7/1			
T 223	8	4.30	<i>Save The Rhino</i>	(1)	55.5	A Delpech	7/1			
V 286	9	4.35	<i>Sheet Weaver</i>	(3)	52.0	JP vd Merwe	15/1			
T 1029	10	5.35	<i>Iltshe</i>	(12)	54.5	R Munger	28/1			
T 223	11	5.60	<i>Bondiblu</i>	(5)	52.5	C Maujean	9/1			
T 223	12	6.00	<i>Lions Emblem</i>	(13)	56.0	R Danielson	36/1			
T 223	13	6.30	<i>Dawn Assault</i>	(9)	58.5	S Brown	15/1			
T 223	14	8.70	<i>Okavango Delta</i>	(14)	52.0	M Yeni	13/1			
V 286	15	9.40	<i>Supertube</i>	(16)	52.0	L Hewitson	28/1			
D 188	16	19.50	<i>Hyaku</i>	(2)	57.0	S Khumalo	9/1			
<b>Time:</b> 149.49s (62.29s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 118%										
1st T:WH Marwing O:Messrs H Adams, D Chinsammy & Mrs T Chinsammy B:Highlands										

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[Greyville 10 Barrier Trials \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(12/11\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Cristian 3c (Picturesque by Al Mufti)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate 1400m \(10/11\)](#)

Await The Day 3f (Full Term by Lecture)

[Fairview 3 MR 60 Divided Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(10/11\)](#)

Stradivari 3c (La Pucelle by National Assembly)

[Vaal 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(11/11\)](#)

Amazing Trip 3f (Exclusive Trip by Trippi)

[Vaal 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(11/11\)](#)

### BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

So It Begins 3c (Sleek Queen by King of Kings)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate 1400m \(11/11\)](#)

Red Revolution 3c (Red Kaschka by Elliodor)

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### CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

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

[Fairview 7 Guineas Plate \(3 Year Old Fillies\) 1400m \(10/11\)](#)

Romantic Crusade 3f (Romantic Drama by Model Man)

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Irish Brave 3c (Case Stated by London News)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate 1400m \(10/11\)](#)

Giovanna 3f (Raw Deal by Tiger Ridge)

[Fairview 7 Guineas Plate \(3 Year Old Fillies\) 1400m \(10/11\)](#)

Red Invader 3c (Ridge Shiraz by West Man)

[Vaal 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(11/11\)](#)

### MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Menewa 3c (India Tiberina by Indy Dancer US)

[Vaal 1 Maiden Plate 1200m \(11/11\)](#)

Tundra Taita 3f (Falconry by West Man)

[Vaal 6 MR 83 Handicap \(3yo Fillies\) 1600m \(11/11\)](#)

### ORATORIO (Danehill)

War Legend 3c (Bold Princess by Dolphin Street)

[Vaal 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(11/11\)](#)

Rani 3f (Royal Prognosis by Jet Master)

[Greyville 1 Qualified Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(12/11\)](#)

### TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Lacerta 3f (Pulsator by Captain Al)

[Fairview 7 Guineas Plate \(3 Year Old Fillies\) 1400m \(10/11\)](#)

Run Red 3c (Foxtrot Baby by Lizard Island)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate 1400m \(11/11\)](#)

Lunar Dazzle 3f (Moon Dazzle by Kingmambo)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(11/11\)](#)

Sequel 3c (Great Aclea by Jallad)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trials \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(12/11\)](#)

### WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

What A Player 3f (Shaan Madary by Darshaan)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(10/11\)](#)

Cradleofgratitude 3c (Nantucket by Badger's Drift)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate 1400m \(11/11\)](#)

Edith's Rose 3f (Rose Reserve by Lake Coniston)

[Greyville 2 MR 62 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(12/11\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### STAR WITNESS

Rated AR 88 **Shufoog** (3f Golden Delicious by Made Of Gold)

*Maiden Plate (3yo fillies) Turffontein (stand side) (1160m) (4/11)*

Heavily supported during the morning, Mike De Kock's newcomer left the stalls deep in the red at 5/10. Ridden just hands and heels, Shufoog took up the running 400m out and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by three and a quarter. The filly earns a very useful rating on this showing, and looks bound to improve to become black type material.

## Horses To Follow

### AWAIT THE DAWN

Rated AR 106 **Big Bear** (3c Gamalakhe by Northern Guest)

*Ready To Run Cup Turffontein (stand side) (1400m) (4/11)*

Now a winner of three from four, Sean Tarry's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead going through the 400m and comfortably accounted for the talented Brave Mary by two and a half. He improved dramatically on his previous rating, and looks a likely contender for the Dingaans and other black type races for 3yo's.

### STAR WITNESS

Rated AR 94 **Mujaafy** (3c Pearl Of The Sea by Fastnet Rock)

*MR80 Handicap Turffontein (stand side) (1160m) (4/11)*

A very easy winner in his only previous racecourse appearance, Mujaafy was always handy here. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 400m marker and only having to be pushed out with hands and heels, won going away by three and three quarters. He looks bound to improve on his rating.

### Is Your Horse One To Follow?

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**Sess** (AUS) 3g Pluck- Sessantesimo(AUS) (Flying Spur)  
*Vaal 2400m (02/11)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Di Mazzio** (AUS) 4g Bernardini- Gold Chant(AUS) (El Moxie)  
*Greyville 1200m (03/11)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Roy's Vogue** (AUS) 3f Bernardini- Fairest One(AUS)  
(Danehill Dancer)  
*Greyville 1900m (03/11)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Shufoog** (AUS) 3f Star Witness- Golden Delicious(AUS)  
(Made Of Gold)  
*Turffontein 1160m (04/11)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Mujaafy** (AUS) 3c Star Witness- Pearl Of The Sea(AUS)  
(Fastnet Rock)  
*Turffontein 1160m (04/11)*

**Buffalo Bill Cody** (IRE) 3c Redoute's Choice- Buffalo  
Berry(IRE) (Sri Pekan)  
*Turffontein 1160m (04/11)*

**Cascapedia** (IRE) 4f High Chaparral- Janoubi(GB) (Dansili)  
*Turffontein 1800m (04/11)*

**Hat Puntano** (ARG) 4c Hat Trick- Stormy Pursuer(ARG)  
(Bernstein)  
*Turffontein 1600m (04/11)*

## Two To Watch Closely!

**Two 3yo's by Star Witness (AUS) look set to conquer notable heights following runaway wins for Mike de Kock at Turffontein on Saturday.**

Star Witness is a resident of Widden Stud, about 250km north of Sydney, where he stands with the likes of Sebring, Zoustar, Your Song and Nicconi, and by most accounts no longer in their shadows.

Star Witness has emerged this season as one of Australia's most exciting young sires, with stakes winners from 1100m – 2400m. He has covered his most impressive book to date last season with over 180 mares currently in foal. He has an 80% win rate in Hong Kong.

Both the filly Shufoog and the colt Muwaafy quickened in the manner of truly smart sorts. Asked to respond, they put a few lengths between themselves and their rivals within just a few seconds – eye candy for racing enthusiasts.

Both are smashing lookers too – strong, robust types that gallop hard and purposefully and on presence alone will be intimidating to the opposition wherever they line up in future.

Both horses were bought for Sheikh Hamdan at the Inglis Sale and the powerful yard is bullish that they will go on from here.

## SPORTS AND BETTING

## A Cagey Affair

South Africa vs Senegal | Friday 10 November | Peter Mokaba Stadium | 19:00



When two teams play each other twice in a trice, the first match is usually a cagey affair. This time, that's not the case, with South Africa needing maximum points in both matches to qualify for the greatest soccer spectacle next year. A dramatic turn of events sees Senegal have Sadio Mane recovering from injury that was expected to keep him out of the clash, while the hosts are on the cusp of losing their number one goalkeeper, Itumeleng Khune, who suffered an optical fracture this past weekend. Will we be able to cope against one of the biggest footballing heavyweights in Africa? Let's find out...

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### TO WIN

South Africa 2/1  
Draw 2/1  
Senegal 31/20  
South Africa

### SOUTH AFRICA

Stuart Baxter's men sit bottom of Group B with four points after four matches, that's four points off the pace! It's all in their hands now as they play table-topping Senegal twice, meaning if they beat them on both occasions, they make it to Russia irrespective of what happens in the match between Burkina Faso and Cape Verde.

Bafana Bafana are sweating over the fitness of one of their key players, goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune. "Spiderkid" suffered a fracture to a bone on his face in his football club's Telkom Knockout victory over Chippa United. The team has been poor without him as Wayne Sandilands and Ronwen Williams have produced below-par performances in national team colours.

### SENEGAL

The Lions of Taranga come into this one needing at least a draw to ensure qualification. If they win they qualify with a match to spare, and if they draw it will come down to tie-breaking statistics with whoever wins the match between Cape Verde and Burkina Faso if they don't cancel each other out. The permutations are highly favouring them as they have a second bite of the cherry at home in the return leg, irrespective of the result.

Senegal have received a major boost as arguably the continent's best player, Sadio Mane, is back from injury and he appeared for his Liverpool side this past weekend. What makes this clash even more intriguing is the nature in which the initial match unfolded. South Africa won it 2-1 and the Senegalese Football Federation appealed the result, hence the replay. It will be a very interesting grudge match.

**PREDICTION: South Africa (2/1)**

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

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# A Maiden No More

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Nebula At The Double

Fairview 29 October

The listed Algoa Cup over 2000m topped the bill in Port Elizabeth on Sunday and successful for the second year in a row here was the visiting NEBULA. Freely available at 15/2 on the off, Brett Crawford's charge raced in the backend of midfield for most of the journey. He quickened well at the top of the long home straight and won going away after striking the front 100m out.

Three of the afternoon's nine races were staged over 1200m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was the ultra-consistent STAR BURST GALAXY in the conditions plate. Soon positioned close to the speed, Tara Laing's charge took up the running as they approached the 400m marker and comfortably accounted for the running on BEATABOUTTHE-BUSH by two and a half.

They also ran three races over 1600m and surprisingly the quickest home here was HOTEL CIPRIANI in the maiden plate. Another to race handy, the visitor from Cape Town commenced battle with another raider in SALTORO RIDGE 200m out and in what proved to be a real thriller he only got the verdict by the narrowest of margins.

**Titbits** The 13/1 shot GAME GIRL showed good improvement when winning the opening maiden event over 1000m with plenty in hand by three and a half.

The lightly weighted 3yo DORMAN came from the back when completing a double in the MR71 Handicap over 1200m

## Lightning Speed

Kenilworth 31 October

Racing returned to the old course at Kenilworth on Tuesday. As per usual a maiden plate got proceedings underway and in what proved to be by far the quickest of the three 1200m races we saw an impressive front running performance from the 3yo VELVET DAWN. In a time 0,89 seconds (approximately 5 lengths)

faster than that of the pinnacle stakes won by SERGEANT HARDY, Paddy Kruyer's charge was very quickly five lengths clear. She did look to tire a little very late on, but still had the second horse 2,5 lengths adrift, and the third 9 lengths.

In winning the pinnacle stakes, Sergeant Hardy was always positioned up with the speed. He kept on strongly at the business end of the race and got the better of a three way finish by almost a half.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1700m where the faster of the two handicaps was the MR72 affair won by MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT. Confidently ridden by the evergreen Bernard Fayd'Herbe, the daughter of Jay Peg raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She made her move at the top of the short home straight and won comfortably by a length and a quarter after striking the front 230m from home.

**Titbits** The 3yo STREETFIGHTING MAN ran on well from off the pace when runner up in the maiden plate over 1600m.

## Music To The Ears

Turffontein 31 October

In the evening they raced on the old stand side track where four of the eight races were staged over 1160m. The third division of the maiden plate was the fastest of these and here we saw a very promising debut performance from the Silvano colt PIETRO MASCAGNI. Sent off joint second in the betting market at 4/1, Mike De Kock's charge wasn't the quickest into stride and as a result he raced in midfield early on. He quickened well from halfway and after a thrilling tussle with the other joint second favourite SQUARE THE CIRCLE below the distance, she got the verdict by a short head.

A MR94 Handicap topped the bill and in what proved to be the faster of the two 1400m events KINGS ARCHER recorded his fifth career victory. Positioned in midfield when the strung out field began to concert-

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

Memphis Belle .....	won 11/1
King And Empire .....	won 8/1
Spring Wonder .....	won 33/10
World Mission .....	won 33/10
Dunzie .....	won 22/10
Sess .....	won 2/1
Eight Cities .....	won 14/10
Circle Of Latitude .....	won 9/10

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (7) Cristian 16
- Race 2: (6) Rahvar 76
- Race 3: (8) Cuveo 33
- Race 4: (12) What A Player 17
- Race 5: (7) Inviting Lily 69
- Race 6: (8) Truly 54
- Race 7: (3) Precious Pansy 37
- Race 8: (7) Chit Chat 58
- Race 9: (4) Itsmydarlin 31

### VAAL (SAT)

- Race 1: (2) Gypsy's Answer 6
- Race 2: (5) Rushmore River 79
- Race 3: (13) Red Revolution 8
- Race 4: (2) Matchmaker 13
- Race 5: (9) American Indian 48
- Race 6: (8) Tundra Taita 29
- Race 7: (7) Starcraft Prince 63
- Race 8: (1) Ponchielli 38
- Race 9: (1) Ossetra 21 (NAP\*\*)**

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (4) Refined Bachelor 14
- Race 2: (5) Fresnaye 54 (EW)**
- Race 3: (2) Bid Before Sunset 21 (NAP\*)**
- Race 4: (7) Amazingly 30
- Race 5: (1) Captain America 92
- Race 6: (2) Percival 79
- Race 7: (2) Sommerlied 82
- Race 8: (5) Cock-A-Hoop 51

### GREYVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (1) Diamonds Forever 16
- Race 2: (7) Ginger Biscuit 30
- Race 3: (4) Hold The Line 34
- Race 4: (11) Zinzara 30
- Race 5: (11) Matthew Lips 34
- Race 6: (7) Lonely Arethebrave 57
- Race 7: (7) Lunar Rush 79
- Race 8: (3) World Dreamer 25

### Nap bets

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



# R2.44 MILLION

Sunday 29 October, Internet

CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

na, the son of A P Arrow ran on stoutly over the final 400m, and in a race where less than a length covered the first five home, he got up in the very last stride.

Two maiden events over 2000m made up the evening's fare and stopping the clock in the faster of these was ORSON in the boy's affair. Taken straight to the front by Musi Yeni, St John Gray's charge made virtually all. He found extra when the favourite BEFORE NOON drew alongside 100m out, and won going away by a length and a half.

**Titbits** *Trying the distance for the first time, lightly raced EXCALIBUR'S RETURN won the girl's division of the maiden plate over 2000m going away by three and three quarters.*

Dream Beginning

Greyville 1 November

They raced on the turf on Wednesday afternoon where comfortably the fastest of the three 1200m races was the MR70 Handicap won by SHE'S A DREAM. Sent off a joint favourite at 4/1, the daughter of Kahal raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 200m pole and won going away by three. She's A Dream has now won two from three and is clearly one to keep tabs on.

The faster of the two 1400m maiden plates was the boy's division won by BLAZE OF GOLD. He broke well from his wide draw and soon positioned close to the speed raced prominent throughout. He put his head in front early in the short home straight and went on to score with authority by a length and three quarters.

By far the faster of the two 2000m handicaps was the MR86 affair in which

ONE MAN SHOW registered his fifth career victory. Completing a hat-trick here, Dean Kannemeyer's charge ran on stoutly at the business end of the race and got up in the very last stride to deny the front running ROY HAD ENOUGH.

**Titbits** *The 3yo RYKER quickened nicely very late when winning the MR79 Handicap a bit more easily than the official margin of half a length would suggest.*

Mighty Mawsoof

Vaal 2 November

Thursday's action took place on the classic track. EIGHT CITIES was strongly fancied to win the opener and in what proved to be the faster of the two maiden events over 1500m, he duly landed the odds. He ran on strongly from his handy position and won going away by a length and a quarter after striking the front 400m from home.

The faster of the two handicaps over 1000m was the MR66 affair in which the very lightly raced MAWSOOF kept his unbeaten record intact. A fluent winner of both starts now, Mike De Kock's charge ran on well from midfield here and won with authority by two and three quarters.

They also ran two races over 2400m and comfortably the quickest of these was the MR68 Handicap in which the recent maiden winner JUST A JET completed a quick double. Content to amble along in the rear for most of the journey, the Just As Well mare ran on best of all down the long home straight and won going away by a length and three quarters.

**Titbits** *Continually baulked for a run between the 400m and 200m poles, WHITE-OUT finished best of all and beaten just 0,3 of a length was very unlucky.*

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

MAWSOOF (M De Kock, Gauteng)  
PIETRO MASCAGNI (M De Kock, Gauteng)  
VELVET DAWN (P Kruger, W-Cape)

FASTEST TIMES

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

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 29 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 24 G/Soft	
Course Variant: 0,36s slow (bend)	
1000m (1) Game Girl	56,76
1200m (3) Star Burst Galaxy	67,35
1400m (1) Woljayrine	84,02
1600m (3) Hotel Cipriani	97,19
2000m (1) Nebula	121,30

KENILWORTH (OLD) 31 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 20 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,37s fast	
1000m (3) Velvet Dawn	70,38
1400m (1) Big Pleasure	85,35
1600m (1) World Mission	99,27
1700m (2) Midnight Moonlight	103,97
2000m (1) Zanzibarian	125,75

TURFFONTEIN (OLD) 31 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,15s slow	
1160m (4) Pietro Mascagni	66,99
1400m (2) Kings Archer	84,96
2000m (2) Orson	125,75

GREYVILLE (TURF) 1 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 2,14s slow	
1000m (1) Ryker	60,00
1200m (3) She's A Dream	72,87
1400m (2) Blaze Of Gold	86,70
2000m (2) One Man Show	122,87

VAAI (CLASSIC) 2 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,03s fast	
1000m (2) Mawsoof	56,90
1200m (1) Sky High Flyer	69,70
1500m (2) Eight Cities	90,26
1600m (1) La Roquette	96,28
1700m (1) Piccadilly Square	105,49
2400m (2) Just A Jet	149,27



LATEST HORSE RACING WINS!

R176 061

Tuesday 31 October

R170 253

Monday 6 November

R105 948

Tuesday 31 October





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