



Flashdance

Snowdance will bid to become the first filly to complete the Fillies Guineas - Klawervlei Majorca double since Sun Classique 11 years ago after she demolished her opposition on Saturday. Justin Snaith told Michael Clower: "She definitely won't run in the Paddock Stakes - we are being careful in the way we pick our races this season - so she probably won't race again before the Majorca."

Owners Targetted

Wow - a concerted effort to attract owners! The Australian Turf Club will conduct its annual Introduction to Ownership Forum with a focus on educating new and existing owners about horse ownership and to encourage increased participation. This will be held at the second Chinese Festival of Racing on the day champion Winx could make her autumn return. This will be on the second day of the Lunar New Year on 17 February 2018 and will combine the Apollo Stakes race day with Chinese culture.

FOR US?

The final field for the alternate first leg of the SA Triple Crown, the R1 million Gr1 Cape Guineas, to be run on Saturday 16 December, will be published on Thursday. The prestigious classic has a new sponsor - Forus - which we stumbled upon perchance. Comments of concern from longstanding racegoers as to the ghost-town that was Kenilworth on Cape Fillies Guineas Saturday have been raised. On-course facility and hospitality management is non-existent

LOCAL LIGHTS

Daughters of Canford Cliffs, due to stand at Highlands Stud in 2018, and Drakenstein Stud's Duke Of Marmalade, fared well in Monday's first session of trading at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale. Harlequeen, by five time Gr1 winner Canford Cliffs, was sold to Katsumi Yoshida for 400,000 guineas, making the four-year-old the joint fourth top lot sold on Monday. Harlequeen, consigned by trainer Mick Channon, was a winner at two before training on well to finish third in both the Gr1 Investec Oaks and Gr1 Darley Irish Oaks in 2016. Duke Of Marmalade, damsire of this season's high class stakes winning 2yo Chilean, is the sire of Madernia who was knocked down to China Horse Club for 340 000 guineas on Monday. Madernia, who sold in foal to Dark Angel, was a stakes placed winner of three who was third in the Listed Prix Dahlia-Fonds Europeen de L'Elevage.

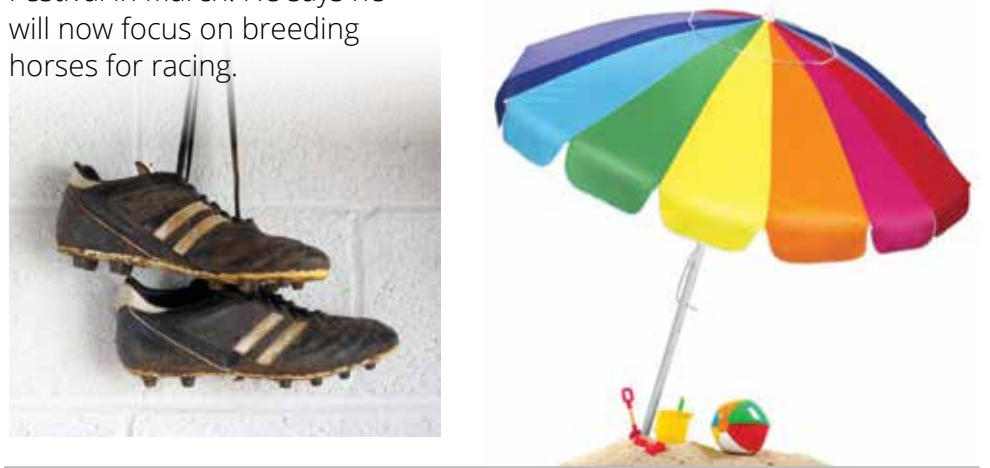
MUJAAFY WILL BE BACK

Many punters would have banked Mike de Kock's Mujaafy to win the first leg of the Jackpot at Kenilworth on Saturday but the champion trainer has said the colt's followers should not be disappointed - he only ran third. "Mujaafy had to travel and had his first outing at Kenilworth but more importantly he'll be better over 1200m and his conqueror Kasimir is a good horse in his own right. If you look at Kasimir's form he was beaten just a length by Dutch Philip, who ran second beaten under a length in Saturday's Gr2 Merchants." The stable is fast approaching the 50-winner mark for this season - a Saturday treble boosted their total to 47, representing a 21% winning strike rate and a win/place rate of 66%.

Change Of Direction *Sin & Sun*

Jockey Willy Twiston-Davies has decided to retire from horse racing at the age of 23, despite being cleared to return to the saddle after injury. Twiston-Davies, who is the son of trainer Nigel, broke two vertebrae and two ribs in a fall on the opening day of the Cheltenham Festival in March. He says he will now focus on breeding horses for racing.

Jockeys being allowed to pick and choose when they serve their suspensions seems the wrong message that is being sent by the NHA. A young rider recently got seven days for interference on 19 November. He gets to ride here, jets off to an exotic destination for a jockey international - and then his suspension kicks in during his holiday in the sun, the day after the international. So much for the deterrent factor.



Doing The Splits

Kenilworth 2 December

	to bend	false rail	finish	bend
f rail-finish				
1400m				
MR76	14.05	53.53	88.00	39.48
34.47				
1600m				
Maiden	26.07	66.80	101.77	40.73
34.97				
Maiden f&m	25.05	63.80	100.94	38.75
37.14				
Fillies Guineas	24.63	62.52	98.09	37.89
35.57				
Green Point S.	25.25	62.67	97.25	37.42
34.58				

The Maiden 1600 and the MR76 over 1400m were both slow early and then developed into a sprint home, reflected in the times from false rail to finish - the MR 76 faster than the close battle in the Green Point Stakes.

They were very strung out entering the straight in the Maiden F&M 1600m, and the final 600m was noticeably slow.

The two main races are not dissimilar: the Fillies Guineas quicker in the first segment, the Green Point quicker on the bend, giving the same time coming off the false rail. Fillies Guineas winner SnowDance was eased in the latter stages, so the final segment of that race could have been quicker had she been ridden out.