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The cost in the normal course of entry and acceptance to the owner to have a Met runner.

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The 2018 Sun Met is the 134th renewal of the great race first run in 1883 as the Metropolitan Mile. The first 'Met' was won by Hercules.

10 588 375
Stakes (in rands) earned to date by the Avontuur-bred dual Met runner-up and SA champion racehorse Legal Eagle (Greys Inn), who cost R425 000 at Nationals.

2 850 000
The cheque (in rands) which will be banked by the winner of the Sun Met on 27 January.



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There are five females in the 2018 renewal. The last filly to win the Met was Alec Laird's Smart Call in 2016 – prior to her was Mike de Kock's champion Igugu in 2012.

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Justin Snaith's Oh Susanna is the only 3yo for next Saturday's big race. She carries 51,5kgs. Previous 3yo to win was Mike de Kock's Badger's Coast in 2000. De Kock also won it the previous year with a 3yo in champion Horse Chestnut. Both carried 51kgs.

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Every trainer wants to win at least one Met in a lifetime. Six conditioners with runners this year are bidding for a first win. They are Dean Kannemeyer, Justin Snaith, Candice Bass-Robinson, Glen Puller, Robbie Sage and Glen Kotzen.

2
At three Mets apiece, the two trainers with three runners each in the 2018 Sun Met that lead the big race winner's table are Brett Crawford (2003, 2015 and 2017) and Mike de Kock (1999, 2000 and 2012).

50 000
The rand amount that will be earned by the Sun Met tenth placed finisher.

122,10
The Kenilworth 2000m record time set by Mike Bass-trained longshot Bunter Barlow when winning the Met under 53kgs on 3 February 2001.

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Champion Sire of last season, Silvano (Lomitas), is the dominant Met Dad this year with 4 of the 20 runners – Marinaresco, Nebula, Elusive Silva and Nightingale. He has sired 4 July winners and his only Met score to date was Martial Eagle in 2013. Silvano has 19 lots on offer at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale this weekend, while his champion son Vercingetorix has 9 first crop yearlings at the same sale.

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Australian-bred Whisky Baron (Manhattan Rain) won the 2017 Sun Met. There are three overseas bred runners in the field this year – Australian breds Heavenly Blue (Snitzel) and Oh Susanna (Street Cry), as well as Irish bred Cascapedia (High Chaparral).



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