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RACING THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW turf Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R8-(3)Mister Colin(16/10)

GREYVILLE poly Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(1) Prince Ponti (16/10)

KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R6-(3)Sergeant Hardy(5/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(6) Cop Shop (3/1)

GREYVILLE poly Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(2) La Suerte De Matar (10/1)

SCOTTSVILLE Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(13) Live In Love (3/1)

You may have missed...

Saturday 20 January
Kenilworth – race 3

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Candiese Marnewick

Where Eagles Soar

It's the first Met in history run at pure weight-for-age and with newsmaking L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner Legal Eagle out to bury the memory of his two consecutive runner-up cheques, there is plenty to play for in a class line-up.

The shock late withdrawal on Thursday morning of the Mike de Kock pair of Cascapedia and Heavenly Blue, for what is believed to be travel sickness related issues, has cast a temporary cloud over the race.

Dual SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle has been beaten a collective 5 lengths by Smart Call and Whisky Baron in the past two Mets and gets his chance to make good at the revised weight conditions – which naturally play into his favour. A champion miler and past SA Derby winner, his wide draw may force Anton Marcus to ride him patiently from midfield. He is a horse with a terrific kick though

and is thought to be at his physical peak by some observers. He must be the horse to beat, and in the words of Joey Ramsden on a panel discussion earlier this week – “of course he stays the 2000m!”

The 2017 July winner Marinaresco finished under a length behind Legal Eagle in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate, where he was flying late. The son of Silvano will strip a few lengths fitter on Saturday and gets his best chance yet to beat Legal Eagle. That said, his habit of seldom stringing two good runs together counts against him – but he will have plenty of support.

The 7yo Sail South never runs a poor race, but is another who has toiled in the shadow of Legal Eagle.

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WHERE EAGLES SOAR

He ran a cracking fourth in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate after he was awkwardly placed on the heels of a tiring It Is Written at the 450m, and had to steady for a number of strides. That was a terrific prep run and the trainer-jockey combination are bidding for a Met double. The 17 draw won't be in their favour though.

Trojan galloper Captain America ran third behind Whisky Baron and Legal Eagle in this race last year and gets a massive chance to turn the tables from a 3 draw.

Glen Kotzen's 2016 Selangor Cup winner Gold Standard has made a quiet start to his 4yo season, and after a decent fourth behind Legal Eagle in the Green Point Stakes, his Queen's Plate effort was not quite up to scratch. He carried 52kgs last year when fourth behind Whisky Baron and a year older now meets Legal Eagle on 7,5kgs worse terms.

First of the Justin Snaith runners, Copper Force rocketed into Met contention with a massive run in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate, when flying up for second under a half length off Legal Eagle.

Cape Winter Series star African Night Sky should be perfectly primed for his chief Cape summer goal after a steady seventh under 3 lengths off Legal Eagle in the big mile last time. He was caught one wide without cover all the way round there. Considering it was his second run after a rest in a fast run mile, it was a decent effort.

Mike de Kock's star mare Nother Russia – now his only runner – will be out to go one better than her illustrious Mum, who finished runner-up in consecutive years in this race. Nother Russia meets Oh Susanna on the same terms when beaten 2,80 lengths in the Paddock Stakes at her first Cape start.

Progressive Dean Kannemeyer 4yo Last Winter narrowly failed to peg back the free-striding Milton in the Premier Trophy and now steps into his big league debut, with the albatross of a 20 draw. The son of Western Winter looks to have plenty to do – but has the scope to make a mockery of the paper calculations. He galloped over 800m at Kenilworth last

Thursday and got the thumbs-up from Piere Strydom, who rides him for the first time. Justin Snaith's Street Cry filly Oh Susanna is the bottom-weight but she will need to up her game further after

an easy win in the Gr1 Paddock Stakes last time. She took off late for second behind her stablemate star Snowdance in the Cape Fillies Guineas at her penultimate start and should easily handle the 2000m, which she goes for the first time. A new bit and the prospects of a hot pace look likely to curb her tendency to over-race – something that she cannot afford to do in this company.

Betting Bonanza

Hollywoodbets report feverish interest from punters across South Africa as Sun Met day approaches.

Dual SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle is now outright favourite at 3-1, with Paddock Stakes winner Oh Susanna and Durban July star Marinaresco next best at 4-1.

Dean Kannemeyer's lightly raced 4yo Last Winter has drifted to 9-1, alongside Cape Winter Series champion African Night Sky.

For those optimists looking for a Lotto type payout, Elusive Silva from the Justin Snaith yard is available at 50-1.

As is always the case this time of year, South Africa's leading bookmakers are offering all of their account holders the traditional 15% Deposit Bonus! The bonus is valid for all deposits between 22 January 2018 and 31 January 2018 up to R20 000 – maximum bonus being R3000. Terms and conditions apply do apply.

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Gr1 Sun Met past winners

2015

1 Futura	60.0 (8) 2/1
2 Gold Onyx	58.5 (13) 18/1
3 Helderberg Blue	58.0 (14) 33/1

2016

1 Smart Call	57.0 (8) 8/1
2 Legal Eagle	59.5 (3) 16/10
3 Captain America	60.0 (5) 8/1

2017

1 Whisky Baron	57.5 (8) 6/1
2 Legal Eagle	60.0 (9) 2/1
3 Captain America	58.0 (10) 22/1

START
5:15PM
KENILWORTH

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PA7/PICK SIX6

Gr1 SUN MET - 2000M

SAME TRAINER:(1-18)(2-4-7)(3-15-17)(
6-8-11-14-20)(13-16-19)

Grey's Inn	1 LEGAL EAGLE(SG Tarry) A Marcus.....	15	60.0
Captain Al	2 CAPTAIN AMERICA(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	3	60.0
Silvano	3 MARINARESCO(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer.....	13	60.0
Sail From Seattle	4 SAIL SOUTH(BJ Crawford) G Cheyne.....	17	60.0
Jay Peg	5 SILICONE VALLEY(GR Puller) P Botha.....	12	60.0
Black Minnaloushe	6 KRAMBAMBULI(J Snaith) B Lerena.....	14	60.0
Silvano	7 NEBULA(BJ Crawford) S Veale.....	1	60.0
Silvano	8 ELUSIVE SILVA(J Snaith) R Khathi.....	11	60.0
Judpot	9 CORAL FEVER(RR Sage) M Yeni.....	10	60.0
Trippi	10 GOLD STANDARD(GS Kotzen) R Fourie.....	9	59.5
Royal Air Force	11 COPPER FORCE(J Snaith) L Hewitson.....	7	59.5
Western Winter	12 LAST WINTER(D Kannemeyer) P Strydom.....	20	59.5
Snitzel	13 HEAVENLY BLUE(MF de Kock) C Murray.....	2	59.5
Dynasty	14 AFRICAN NIGHT SKY(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe.....	8	59.5
Dynasty	15 HORIZON(C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews.....	19	59.5
Tiger Ridge	16 NOTHER RUSSIA(MF de Kock) C Zackey.....	18	57.5
Silvano	17 NIGHTINGALE(C Bass-Robinson) M Byleveld.....	4	57.5
Elusive Fort	18 SAFE HARBOUR(SG Tarry) R Danielson.....	16	57.0
High Chaparral	19 CASCAPEDIA(MF de Kock) A Delpech.....	5	56.0
Street Cry	20 OH SUSANNA(J Snaith) G v Niekerk.....	6	51.5

Fashion Police - A Warning

There is nothing worse than going out in the first leg of the bumper Sun Met day Pick 6. That said, there are two Pick 6's on the day, so punters at least get a second chance to celebrate a big win.

But in the fashion stakes, there will be no second chances!

Fashionista's have told the Sporting Post that thought must be given to understanding this year's theme. "Style Ahead of the Field" is the organisers' rather cryptic way of asking race-goers to show up in Afro-chic outfits. Think African-inspired colours, prints

and textures. Don't commit the faux pas of turning up looking like you're off to a Halloween party, or try any overly-literal takes on the theme.

But beware of cultural appropriation!

Make sure that the print or fabric you're thinking of wearing doesn't have culture-specific connotations that you're not aware of. If you're not Zulu, for instance, don't deck yourself out in a traditional Zulu outfit.

Rather interpret these colours and patterns, focusing on one detail or an overall effect.

At the end of the day, it's obviously your choice how much you choose to borrow from another culture – just bear in mind how you might feel if the shoe was on the other foot. Enjoy it!



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KENILWORTH SATURDAY

Flying – First Class!

Gr1 Cape Flying Championship Kenilworth

A fellow with a bad habit of missing the jump, the talented Trip To Heaven actually got away on terms under Richard Fourie in the Diadem Stakes last time out and then failed to kick late – running fifth and 3,75 lengths behind Snaith shock winner, Bishop's Bounty. He might have run too freely there and Anton Marcus can get the winning mix on Saturday. A tardy start seems to work for him.



Trip To Heaven | Wayne Marks

The ever game Sergeant Hardy won the Listed Southeaster Sprint at his penultimate start and was just a little one-paced when third and 2,75 lengths behind Bishop's Bounty in the Diadem. The Sergeant is guaranteed to stretch them again on Saturday and is very difficult to peg back when he puts his head down.

Search Party was unplaced in this race last year and has had two quiet lead-up runs. Richard Fourie could be the jockey strike to reignite this talented gelding's enthusiasm.

The lightly-raced Graduation Day was unplaced in the Merchants last time out and has his first run in the Cape. Anton Marcus' preference for Trip To Heaven suggests that the Tarry runner is superior.

Jo's Bond ran a good fifth in the Sceptre Stakes and this lightning fast daughter of Captain Al could threaten for quartet money.

Gr1 Cape Flying Ch'ship past winners

2015	
1 Alboran Sea	54.0 (2) 28/10
2 Captain Of All	60.0 (9) 9/2
3 Carry On Alice	54.0 (6) 12/1
2016	
1 Gulf Storm	60.0 (6) 12/1
2 Brutal Force	60.0 (13) 4/1
3 Carry On Alice	57.5 (10) 7/2
2017	
1 Carry On Alice	57.5 (7) 3/1
2 Trip To Heaven	60.0 (2) 28/10
3 Red Ray	60.0 (1) 6/1

The very speedy Norfolk has won 4 of 9 starts and, while facing a big task on paper, could be better than the official rating suggests.

Anthony Delpuch rides stablemate Naafer – also a son of Lonhro- who ran a good second in the Joburg Merchants and was runner-up to boom colt Mustaaqem in the Gr1 SA Nursery last season. The stable has

not been in great form in the Cape features, but this could be a turning point.

The ever-green 8yo Tevez has found his best form, rattling late to chase Bishop's

Bounty in the Diadem last time. He ran under 2 lengths fifth to Carry On Alice in this race last year.

The classy Attenborough has not shown up recently but gets the services of Piere Strydom and looks to be crying out to be ridden quietly. The son of Western Winter is overdue to put his best hoof forward again and would need to find his better 3yo form to get into the money.

The 3yo Bold Respect chased Sir Frenchie in the Sophomore Sprint last time and is very effective over this course and distance. Brett Crawford stable jockey Corne Orffer rides him over Search Party.

Trip To Heaven is now a year without a win. He is just too hot for that kind of record and he is the choice to beat Attenborough and Naafer – with Sergeant Hardy always a danger.

A Classic!

Gr1 Cape Derby Kenilworth

Recent Gr2 Peninsula Handicap winner Eyes Wide Open gets a chance to confirm his excellent 2yo form and looks the one to beat.

The Highlands-bred son of Dynasty stepped back into the limelight when set the task of taking on his elders in the Peninsula Handicap at his last start. It is now history that he won a good race and was expected to have played himself into Met contention. With a surplus of class horses, the Chrigror Stud Team have opted rather to take on Cape Guineas winner Tap O'Noth here rather.

Vaughan Marshall had to take precautions against a virus threat

at his yard recently and it would be a pity were this to impact on the high class Tap O'Noth, who looks to be the leading 3yo colt in the Cape this season. After his emphatic win in the Cape Guineas, he is now asked to go a further 400m and all indicators are that he will cope.

Joey Ramsden throws a fairer sex curved ball into the mix in the

form of the Western Winter filly, Fresnaye. The Drakenstein owned and bred galloper has run two notable Gr1 thirds in her last two starts and now takes

Gr1 Cape Derby past winners

2015	
1 Ertijaal	58.0 (5) 3/1
2 Act Of War	58.0 (1) 1/3
3 Liquid Mercury	58.0 (8) 11/1
2016	
1 It's My Turn	60.0 (13) 16/1
2 Brazuca	60.0 (1) 3/1
3 Marinareco	60.0 (14) 9/1
2017	
1 Edict Of Nantes	60.0 (3) 11/2
2 Zodiac Ruler	60.0 (5) 15/1
3 Captain Gambler	57.5 (8) 100/1

START 3:35PM KENILWORTH

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PA5/PICK SIX/JACKPOT3
Gr1 CAPE DERBY (3YO'S) - 2000M
SAME TRAINER:(1-5-8)(3-10)(13-15)

Dynasty	1 EYES WIDE OPEN(GS Kotzen) R Fourie	5	60.0
Captain Al	2 TAP O' NOTH(VH Marshall) M Byleveld	3	60.0
Trippi	3 WHITE RIVER(BJ Crawford) C Orffer	7	60.0
Captain Al	4 LIKE A PANTHER(MF de Kock) A Marcus	11	60.0
Philanthropist	5 PACK LEADER(GS Kotzen) A Delpuch	2	60.0
Ideal World	6 KIMBERLEY STAR(AC Greeff) G Cheyne	10	60.0
Twice Over	7 DO IT AGAIN(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	8	60.0
Oratorio	8 OPERA ROYAL(GS Kotzen) L Mxothwa	9	60.0
Gitano Hernandez	9 STEEL ROSE(GR Puller) P Botha	13	60.0
Marchfield	10 SPRING MAN(BJ Crawford) C Murray	14	60.0
Trippi	11 THE SUN ALSO RISES(AE Sands) L Hewitson	15	60.0
Visionaire	12 VISIGOTH(SG Tarry) C Zackey	4	60.0
Silvano	13 SILVER COIN(J Ramsden) G v Niekerk	1	60.0
What A Winter	14 WHAT A JOKER(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	6	60.0
Western Winter	15 FRESNAYE(J Ramsden) P Strydom	12	57.5

START 3:00PM KENILWORTH

6

PA4/PICK SIX/JACKPOT2
Gr1 CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP - 1000M
SAME TRAINER:(2-18)(3-13)(4-11)(5-9)(6-12)
(7-15)(16-17)

Trippi	1 TRIP TO HEAVEN(SG Tarry) A Marcus	9	60.0
Captain Al	2 SEARCH PARTY(BJ Crawford) R Fourie	7	60.0
Captain Al	3 SERGEANT HARDY(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	6	60.0
Captain Al	4 ALWAYS IN CHARGE(VH Marshall) M Byleveld	8	60.0
Western Winter	5 BRUTAL FORCE(J Ramsden) C Zackey	4	60.0
Querari	6 LA FAVOURARI(A Nel) K De Melo	12	60.0
Caesour	7 TEVEZ(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	5	60.0
Overford	8 TALKTOTHESTARS(FC de Beer) G Behr	18	60.0
Western Winter	9 ATTENBOROUGH(J Ramsden) P Strydom	15	60.0
Trippi	10 GRADUATION DAY(JA Soma) L Hewitson	17	60.0
Scarlet Letter	11 OLYMPIAN(VH Marshall) R Danielson	14	60.0
Var	12 PERCIVAL(A Nel) B Lerena	16	60.0
Captain Al	13 JO'S BOND(J Snaith) G v Niekerk	3	57.5
Var	14 SOMMERLIED(DR Drier) S Veale	11	57.5
Trippi	15 LIVE LIFE(C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne	1	57.5
Lonhro	16 NAAFER(MF de Kock) A Delpuch	13	56.5
Lonhro	17 ALFOLK(MF de Kock) C Murray	2	56.5
Bold Silvano	18 BOLD RESPECT(BJ Crawford) C Orffer	10	56.5

KENILWORTH SATURDAY



Eyes Wide Open | Gold Circle

on the boys. Piere Strydom will give her every chance to overcome her 12 draw.

Brett Crawford has somehow managed to keep a fairly low profile with the Trippi colt, White River, after consecutive runner-up finishes in the Selangor and the Cape Guineas. On the face of it, he has close to winning

form and if Tap O'Noth does not get the trip, White River will be there to pick up the pieces.

Pack Leader is the second of the Glen Kotzen trio and the son of Philanthropist gets the services of top jockey Anthony Delpech from a good draw. He ran on steadily without banking a cheque in the Cape Guineas and is sure to enjoy the 2000m.

Anton Marcus and Mike De Kock team up with the Captain Al colt, Like A Panther. Earmarked early as a classic prospect, he ran a very smart third behind Tap O'Noth in the Cape Guineas and looks set to improve further over this trip. The dark horse of the race!

The second of the Joey Ramsden duo, the record-breaking yearling Silver Coin showed an encouraging return to form last time when winning over 1400m at Durbanville. Gelding and blinkers appeared to do the trick and he should relish the step up in trip and has the advantage of a 1 draw.

So a fascinating race where Eyes Wide Open and Tap O'Noth look the obvious two – with White River and Like A Panther the dangers.

Met Bets – TAB

There are two Pick 6's and two Jackpots at Kenilworth on Saturday and the Sun Met is included in the racecards for the Turffontein and Greyville race meetings on the same day.

TAB customers must select Kenilworth as the venue for certain bets on the race.

This is to avoid a repeat of the Summer Cup race meeting at Turffontein in November, when the Cup was included in both the Turffontein and Kenilworth racecards. The Turffontein meeting had to be postponed and because the Cup was a related race for all bet types on both racecards, it was not possible to pay out winning bets on Kenilworth until after the meeting.

For Saturday, only multi-race bets at Greyville and Turffontein will be related or linked to the Sun Met meeting at Kenilworth. These bets are Double, Pick 3, BiPot, Place Accumulator, Pick 6 and Jackpot.

TAB customers taking Win, Place, Swinger, Exacta, Trifecta and Quartet bets on the Sun Met must select Kenilworth – West Cape- on the betting form- and Race 9.

TAB betting opened on Monday 22 January.

Meltdown

Gr1 Majorca Stakes Kenilworth

A winner of the Cape Fillies Guineas – where she beat subsequent Paddock Stakes winner and Met hopeful Oh Susanna - and Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship by an aggregate 8 lengths at her last two starts, Snowdance looks set to record another win.

She looks to hold this lot and bumps 2016 Cape Fillies Guineas winner Just Sensual who has the blinkers dropped as she steps up in ground after failing to fire in the 1200m Gr2 Sceptre Stakes last time. The daughter of Dynasty will strip fit and must be a danger – if the Snowdance wheels come off.

Goodtime Gal faded right out in the Paddock Stakes – her worst effort in ages – and she has to overcome a 13 draw.

Silvan Star never showed in the Paddock Stakes but has proven very effective at a mile. She must be a serious place bet if Richard Fourie can overcome her wide draw.

Gimme Six finished 5 lengths behind Silvan Star in the Paddock Stakes and may have needed the outing. Piere Strydom rides the Daisy Guineas winner, whose earlier form was top-class.

Rockin Russian has not been at her best in her recent Cape starts and was originally aimed at the CTS 1600. On her best 2yo form, she must have a place chance.

Victress Stakes winner Star Express didn't have things her own way in the Paddock Stakes but finally gets a nice draw and Callan Murray will be keen to make amends on this talented Silvano daughter.

Final Judgement travelled to PE for a stakes feature last time out but faded out late to run 7 lengths behind Cape-based Merysagos. While she has the best of the draw, the daughter of Judpot is battling to regain her early sparkle.

A winner of 3 of her first 6 races, Premier Dance stayed on

strongly in the Victress when beaten just over 2 lengths by Star Express. This Silvano half-sister to Capetown Noir could be on the way back to best and could be a dark horse threat to put some late sparkle into the Dennis Drier summer campaign.

Snowdance looks very difficult to oppose. In the words of Grant

van Niekerk, who partners her for the first time on Saturday, and recently did some work on her. "She just has this stride and goes faster than the others!"

Gr1 Majorca S. past winners

2015		
1 Inara	55.0	(1) 11/2
2 Cold As Ice	55.0	(7) 18/10
3 Jet Belle	60.0	(4) 7/1
2016		
1 Inara	60.0	(6) 13/2
2 Same Jurisdiction	60.0	(2) 11/20
3 Lanner Falcon	60.0	(5) 14/1
2017		
1 Nightingale	60.0	(12) 8/1
2 Star Express	60.0	(11) 5/1
3 Goodtime Gal	60.0	(3) 15/1

**START
4:15PM
KENILWORTH**

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**PA6/PICK SIX/JACKPOT4
Gr1 MAJORCA S. (F&M)(WFA) - 1600M
SAME TRAINER:(1-13)(2-4-12)(3-9)(8-11)**

Dynasty	1 JUST SENSUAL (J Ramsden) A Marcus.....	6	60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	2 GIMME SIX (J Snaith) P Strydom.....	11	60.0
Silvano	3 SILVAN STAR (GS Kotzen) R Fourie.....	14	60.0
Silvano	4 STAR EXPRESS (J Snaith) C Murray.....	2	60.0
Royal Air Force	5 GOODTIME GAL (M Robinson) B Fayd'herbe..	13	60.0
Silvano	6 PREMIER DANCE (DR Drier) S Veale.....	4	60.0
Captain Al	7 CAPTAIN'S FLAME (A Nel) B Lerena.....	12	60.0
Ideal World	8 LOUISIANA (BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	10	60.0
Judpot	9 FINAL JUDGEMENT (GS Kotzen) L Mxothwa..	1	60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	10 BEATABOUTTHEBUSH (AC Greeff) C Zackey..	8	60.0
Sail From Seattle	11 SEATTLE GOLD (BJ Crawford) G Cheyne.....	3	60.0
Captain Al	12 SNOWDANCE (J Snaith) G v Niekerk.....	9	55.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	13 ROSE IN BLOOM (J Ramsden) M Seidl.....	5	55.0
Seventh Rock	14 ROCKIN RUSSIAN (SG Tarry) L Hewitson.....	7	55.0

KENILWORTH SATURDAY

Equine Comrades

Gr2 Western Cape Stayers Kenilworth

Grant Paddock travels from PE with former Mike de Kock runner Alghadeer. The son of Dynasty stays all day and as a former major centre Listed winner – he also ran third in the 2016 consolation July behind Punta Arenas – he won't be intimidated in this company.



Mr Winsome | Gold Circle

KNZ Derby winner Mr Winsome has not proven conclusively that he goes this trip, but should be primed to run a big race at his fourth start this term. He is a class sort and Anton Marcus will be a massive plus in the irons.

The Fort Wood mare Fortissima is the only member of the fairer sex in this field and is an accomplished stayer. She sees Kenilworth for the first time and could enjoy the long run-in as she takes time to get going. Anthony Delpech partners her again.

Justin Snaith's Master's Eye should strip very fit after two solid efforts over 3200m at his last two starts. Some may have considered him to be unlucky to have been headed by Our Emperor in the Cape Summer Stayers and he looks overdue to register his fourth win.

Ollivander was outgunned in the Peninsula Handicap last time, but has shown enough over ground to suggest that he could run into the money here.

Captain Splendid stayed on tamely for third in the Cape Summer Stayers last time. But it is encouraging that Piere Strydom takes the mount again. He is a kilo better off with his stable mate Master's Eye for a 2.25 length beating and is always a quartet consideration.

Let It Rain showed prominently for a long way in the Cape Summer Stayers at his first run at Kenilworth three weeks ago. The son of Dynasty has changed stables and also gets the services of local star Richard Fourie. He stays well.

Gr2 Western Cape Stayers past winners

2015	
1 Current Event	54.5 (6) 20/1
2 Kingston Mines	59.5 (5) 7/1
3 Coltrane	60.5 (3) 11/2
2016	
1 Royal Badge	53.0 (4) 22/1
2 Three Balloons	52.5 (2) 6/1
3 Smart Mart	53.0 (12) 7/1
2017	
1 Krambambuli	59.0 (7) 8/1
2 Helderberg Blue	59.0 (10) 11/2
3 Ovidio	60.0 (2) 1/1

Gauteng visitor Savage Wind now races in the silks of his veteran trainer, Joey Soma. The son of Eyeofthetiger is now an 8yo and frankly not showing much enthusiasm for racing. While he does stay well, he last won all the way back in April last year and his recent form suggests that he be left alone.

A tricky contest with chances to

many. Mr Winsome may have the edge if he stays and he is the choice to hold Master's Eye and Fortissima.

START 5:50PM KENILWORTH	10	Gr2 CAPE STAYERS - 2800M SAME TRAINER:(2-4-5)(7-9)(8-11)
Dynasty	1 ALGHADEER (G Paddock) W Agrella	10 60.0
Danehill Dancer	2 OVIDIO (J Snaith) G v Niekerk	9 60.0
Silvano	3 MR WINSOME (D Kannemeyer) A Marcus	6 60.0
Jet Master	4 MASTER'S EYE (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	11 60.0
Captain Al	5 CAPTAIN SPLENDID (J Snaith) P Strydom	3 60.0
Dynasty	6 LET IT RAIN (D Katz) R Fourie	2 60.0
Ideal World	7 MY WORLD (C Bass-Robinson) M Byleveld	7 60.0
Eyeofthetiger	8 SAVAGE WIND (JA Soma) L Hewitson	8 60.0
Silvano	9 OLLIVANDER (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	1 58.5
Elusive Fort	10 WOODLAND'S FOREST (Burger/van Reenen) G Cheyne	5 58.5
Fort Wood	11 FORTISSIMA (JA Soma) A Delpech	4 57.5

Ramsden Double On Cards

Summer Juvenile Stakes (L) Kenilworth

Milnerton maestro Joey Ramsden broke the Justin Snaith five-year winning streak in the R150 000 Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes with a smart filly last year.

With winners getting a 3kg penalty, there are a few runners-up in the ranks who look capable of turning the tables.

The What A Winter filly Clouds Unfold was a smart debut winner at Kenilworth three weeks ago over the course and distance when beating Carioca by 2.25 lengths after looking beaten in the latter part of the race. She can only improve and while she has to give Carioca 3kg here, she should still go close.

The second of the Bass-Robinson duo is the Sail From Seattle filly, Western Angel, who also won well first time up a month earlier over the Kenilworth 900m. Jockey arrangements suggest she is the lesser fancied of the two, but assessing these young and unexposed horses is a tricky game.

Lanza was beaten on debut by Joey Ramsden's Temp The Tiger and now bumps his conqueror on 3kg more favourable terms. He showed some pace there and his dam won three times over 1200m, which suggests that he could win early.

Pomodoro's son, Royal Italian, was narrowly beaten by Jephthah on debut and with that 3kg turnaround could have the edge on that one.

Carioca is one of two fillies in the race and the daughter of Var could be ready to go close after two nice runs. Clouds Unfold beat her by 2.25 lengths and she now has 3kg on that one.

Twist Of Fate was an impressive debut winner in early January, when beating stable mate Cash Call with an eye catching late run. The son of Master Of My Fate, is also an impressive physical specimen and could be the Ramsden ace in the race.

Another Ramsden runner is Temp The Tiger, who popped up at 50-1 to beat Lanza on debut. The winning margin was only half a length and he will be tested here with his 3kg premium- but won like something special.

Anton Marcus takes the mount on Cash Call for Ramsden. This one was beaten a length and a half by Twist Of Fate on debut and is another that can turn the tables.

P E visitor and newsmaking runaway debut winner Carlita, gets thrown in

the deep end and enjoys the services of Piere Strydom. She won very well but the quality of her opposition is questionable and we will find out how good she is on Saturday.

Summer Juvenile S. (L) past winners

2015	
1 Buckinghamshire	55.0 (3) 2/1
2 Seventh Plain	58.0 (1) 12/10
3 Ernie	58.0 (5) 14/1
2016	
1 Sergeant Hardy	60.0 (6) 13/2
2 Pacific Spirit	57.0 (2) 11/1
3 Bishop's Bounty	57.0 (5) 1/1
2017	
1 Call To Account	54.5 (1) 18/1
2 Kasimir	57.0 (5) 4/1
3 Dutch Philip	60.0 (7) 11/10

START
12:25PM
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SUMMER JUVENILE STAKES (L) - 1000M
SAME TRAINER:(2-3-8-15)(5-7)(6-9-16)

Oratorio	1 JEPHTHAH (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	7 60.0
Where's That Tiger	2 TEMP THE TIGER (J Ramsden) R Khathi	11 60.0
Master Of My Fate	3 TWIST OF FATE (J Ramsden) B Fayd'herbe	14 60.0
Oratorio	4 CARLITA (AC Greeff) P Strydom	1 57.5
What A Winter	5 CLOUDS UNFOLD (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	10 57.5
Sail From Seattle	6 TWIN FALLS (GS Kotzen) L Mxothwa	12 57.5
Sail From Seattle	7 WESTERN ANGEL (C Bass-Robinson) G v Niekerk	2 57.5
Gimmethethegreenlight	8 CASH CALL (J Ramsden) A Marcus	8 57.0
Elusive Fort	9 LANZA (GS Kotzen) R Fourie	16 57.0
Pomodoro	10 ROYAL ITALIAN (SG Tarry) L Hewitson	4 57.0
What A Winter	11 SKIDOO (PD Reeves) D Ashby	15 57.0
Potala Palace	12 TITAN OF TIBET (M R Allie) L Africa	13 57.0
Snitzel	13 TRACES (BJ Crawford) G Cheyne	5 57.0
What A Winter	14 WHAT A CAPTAIN (MF de Kock) A Delpech	9 57.0
Var	15 CARIOCA (J Ramsden) M Seidl	6 54.5
What A Winter	16 PRINCESS ELSA (GS Kotzen) A Andrews	3 54.5

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Magical Money

CTS 1200 Kenilworth

With KZN visitor Neptune's Rain withdrawn, Candice Bass-Robinson looks to hold a very strong hand in the \$500 000 CTS 1200.



Magical Wonderland | Chase Liebenberg

Aldo Domeyer partners What A Winter filly Magical Wonderland who bounced back to form down the straight track last time in a scintillating victory in the Gr2 Sceptre Stakes. That run showed comprehensively that her form around the turn was inferior to what she has shown over Saturday's course and distance, and she looks a very difficult filly to stop.

Her stablemate Dutch Philip was a top 2yo last term and produced a cracking late run to get within a length of Silicone Valley in the Gr2 Cape Merchants in his penultimate start. His last run in the Diadem Stakes was less impressive. but he runs for Grant Van Niekerk and must be a serious threat.

Gr1 winner Sand And Sea produced a slightly better effort when three lengths off Sir Frenchie in the Sophomore Sprint last time. It is worrying that he looked decidedly one paced late in the race and he needs to reconfirm his early reputation.

Joey Ramsden's Speedpoint came back smartly to win the Need For Speed Sprint at his last outing and this is another fellow who showed some smart form as a 2yo. He steps up 200m but is not a tearaway sort and needs to be taken seriously.

Dean Kannemeyer's Dynasty's Boy shed his maiden less impressively than one would have expected last time out at Durbanville. But he is highly regarded and may well be worth quartet consideration.

Justin Snaith's Kasimir has won his last three races on the trot and could have the edge on Speedpoint on their last clash.

START 1:45PM KENILWORTH	4	PA2/PICK SIX1 THE CTS 1200 (3YO'S)(NBT) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(1-8-11-14)(3-18)(4-10)(16-17)
What A Winter	1	DUTCH PHILIP (C Bass-Robinson) G v Niekerk 19 60.0
Twice Over	2	SAND AND SEA (DR Drier) A Marcus 12 60.0
Captain Al	3	KASIMIR (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe 11 60.0
Jay Peg	4	WOLJAYRINE (VH Marshall) M Byleveld 18 60.0
Var	5	SPEEDPOINT (J Ramsden) R Fourie 1 60.0
Trippi	6	LOBO'S LEGEND (JA Soma) A Delpuch 7 60.0
Var	7	SO VAR (G v Zyl) K De Melo 8 60.0
Querari	8	BIG MISTAKE (C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne 16 60.0
Captain Al	9	DOLLAR TRACTOR (BJ Crawford) C Orffer 17 60.0
Sail From Seattle	10	MAGIC SAILOR (VH Marshall) S Veale 15 60.0
What A Winter	11	WHAT A WINNER (C Bass-Robinson) R Khathi 3 60.0
What A Winter	12	WINTER BLUES (LW Goosen) - scratched 0 60.0
Dynasty	13	DYNASTY'S BOY (D Kannemeyer) G Behr 4 60.0
What A Winter	14	MAGICAL WONDERLAND (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer 13 57.5
Antonius Plus	15	NEPTUNE'S RAIN (DC Howells) C Zackey 5 57.5
Gimmethereenlight	16	GREEN PLAINS (SG Tarry) L Hewitson 6 57.5
Mambo In Seattle	17	DESERT RHYTHM (SG Tarry) P Strydom 2 57.5
Antonius Plus	18	SASSY LADY (J Snaith) C Murray 9 57.5
Captain Al	19	BEST KEPT SECRET (MF de Kock) M Yeni 14 57.5
Var	20	DISTANT CALL (GV Woodruff) R Danielson 10 57.5

Town Is Talking

CTS 1600 Kenilworth

Talk Of The Town, a strapping chestnut son of Var, who has won his last three starts with increasing authority and looks a horse headed in the right direction. His new owners have had a dream start with the Joey Ramsden-trained galloper who stepped up to a mile last time for his best victory to date. While drawn 12, he is a pacy sort and it seems likely that Anton Marcus will go out and stretch his field.

His stablemate Ancestry has disappointed recently and must be better than his form.

Robbie Sage travels with the Silvano colt Vacquero, who ran a cracking third in the Dingaans. If not in need of the run after an 8 week break, he must be a challenger.

Brett Crawford has nabbed a pole position draw for his Captain Al colt Undercover Agent. The Moutonshoek-bred galloper finished close up in both the Cape Classic and the Selangor Cup, but came under pressure and made respiratory noises when running fairly well back in the Cape Guineas. He looks better than that.

Justin Snaith will fancy his chances with the Trippi colt, Cot Campbell, who has shown himself to be just a few lengths off Cape Derby fancy, Tap O'Noth.

Sean Tarry was not lucky with the draw for his duo, but both Captain And Master and Aurelia Cotta must have some sort of chance in this line-up. Anthony Delpuch rides Captain And Master who disappointed in both the Selangor and Cape Guineas but is held in high esteem by his astute trainer. The Ashaawes filly, Aurelia Cotta, ran a nice 4th behind the highly regarded Majestic Mambo in the Listed Sea Cottage last time and could be a factor if overcoming the stress of her travel.

Gavin Van Zyl travels with the Var colt, Flying Free, who ran a very decent 4th to Monkshood in the Dingaan after being baulked. He could be the dark horse here on best form.

START 2:25PM KENILWORTH	5	PA3/PICK SIX2/JACKPOT1 THE CTS 1600 (3YO'S)(NBT) - 1600M SAME TRAINER:(1-16)(2-10)(4-13-14-15-17) (5-6-9-18)(8-19)
Trippi	1	COT CAMPBELL (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe 6 60.0
Captain Al	2	CAPTAIN AND MASTER (SG Tarry) A Delpuch 17 60.0
Var	3	FLYING FREE (G v Zyl) K De Melo 10 60.0
Alado	4	ROCKET COUNTDOWN (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer 15 60.0
Var	5	TALK OF THE TOWN (J Ramsden) A Marcus 12 60.0
Oratorio	6	ANCESTRY (J Ramsden) P Strydom 14 60.0
Silvano	7	VACQUERO (RR Sage) M Yeni 11 60.0
Captain Al	8	UNDERCOVER AGENT (BJ Crawford) C Orffer 1 60.0
Horse Chestnut	9	BIG PLEASURE (J Ramsden) M Seidl 3 60.0
Ashaawes	10	AURELIA COTTA (SG Tarry) L Hewitson 19 57.5
Jay Peg	11	MIDNIGHT MOONLIGHT (Burger/van Reenen) G Cheyne 2 57.5
Bezrin	12	TOO PHAT TO FLY (GS Kotzen) R Fourie 13 57.5
Alado	13	AWESOMENESS (C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews 18 57.5
Hussonet	14	RAYA BAYA (C Bass-Robinson) C Murray 7 57.5
Querari	15	RINGS AND THINGS (C Bass-Robinson) R Khathi 4 57.5
Dynasty	16	DYNAMIC DIANA (J Snaith) G v Niekerk 9 57.5
Elusive Fort	17	FREEDOM CHARTER (C Bass-Robinson) - reserve 1 20 57.5
Alado	18	APOLLO STAR (J Ramsden) - reserve 2 5 60.0
Captain Al	19	TSITSIKAMMA DANCE (BJ Crawford) - reserve 3 8 60.0
Greys Inn	20	FULL OF ATTITUDE (JA Soma) - reserve 4 16 60.0

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Insurance!**Kuda Sprint Kenilworth**

With only two winners in the mostly unexposed field of eighteen, the R350 000 Kuda Sprint presents a tricky Sun Met day Place Accumulator opener. The betting may well be the best guide, with seven runners making their debut.

Joey Ramsden could have the last laugh for long-time patrons Gisela Burg and Martin Wickens. Their colt Lucky Dancer is the only turf winner in the field. The son of Master Of My Fate won well over the course and distance at the second time of asking. Anton Marcus stays loyal to him – a good sign!

Sean Tarry's Pomodoro colt Cirillo was bumped on a course and distance debut when staying on for third 1,25 lengths behind Temp The Tiger. Anthony Delpuch rides the Riverton Stud product.

Rivonia Boulevard started at 20-1 on his course and distance debut and ran on steadily for third and 4,75 lengths off Twist Of Fate. He will improve.

Seventh Sea improved nicely at his second start when beaten over 3 lengths by Lucky Dancer in a small field. That still may not be enough.

Super Dino was 1,25 lengths behind him there and the Australian-bred didn't show at all.

The Sean Tarry fillies Urban Oasis and Queen Of The Dance finished a half length apart on their Kenilworth debut behind Twin Falls. There was more betting support for Queen Of The Dance and they are both likely to improve.

Lucky Dancer won really well at his second start and Anton Marcus appeared impressed by him. Unless there is a lurker amongst the newcomers, he could be the one to side with again. It's no fun going out first jump in a Met day PA though – so watch the betting and add to taste. Insurance doesn't have to be a grudge purchase!

START 1:05PM KENILWORTH	3	PA1 KUDA SPRINT (2YO'S)(NBT) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(1-2-3-15)(4-9-12-14-18)(5-8) (6-11-17)
What A Winter	1	AGENT OF FORTUNE(VH Marshall) M Byleveld...10 60.0
Twice Over	2	BLACKBEARD(VH Marshall) A Andrews2 60.0
Pomodoro	3	CALL TO DUTY(VH Marshall) L Africa14 60.0
Pomodoro	4	CIRILLO(SG Tarry) A Delpuch8 60.0
Galileo's Night	5	LETS BE FRANK(GS Kotzen) L Mxothwa18 60.0
Master Of My Fate	6	LUCKY DANCER(J Ramsden) A Marcus12 60.0
Twice Over	7	MKHONTO(GV Woodruff) G Cheyne9 60.0
Oratorio	8	QUICK STAR(GS Kotzen) R Fourie11 60.0
Count Dubois	9	RIVONIA BOULEVARD(SG Tarry) L Hewitson...17 60.0
Seventh Rock	10	SEVENTH SEA(J Snaith) B Lerena13 60.0
Berndini	11	SUPER DINO(J Ramsden) G v Niekerk3 60.0
Var	12	VARTANIUM(SG Tarry) R Danielson6 60.0
What A Winter	13	WONDERFUL WINTER(C Bass-Robinson)A Domeyer 5 60.0
Ato	14	QUEEN OF THE DANCE(SG Tarry) C Zackey15 57.5
Seventh Rock	15	ROCKET GIRL(VH Marshall) S Veale7 57.5
Philanthropist	16	SHARAK ALHUBB(P Smith) M Yeni4 57.5
What A Winter	17	STAR ANGEL(J Ramsden) R Khathi1 57.5
Querari	18	URBAN OASIS(SG Tarry) C Orfier16 57.5

The Big Guns

Five time Gr1 winner and favourite for the richest race on the planet in Florida on Saturday, Gun Runner has drawn an awkward 10 draw in the final field of 12 for the \$16 million Pegasus World Cup.



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The Gr1 Breeders' Cup Classic winner's trainer, Hall Of Famer Steve Asmussen, was philosophical and upbeat: "I've always said, you don't know to complain about the post position until after a race is run. It might work out perfectly for him. The horse is doing extremely well and in the capable hands of Florent

Geroux. Hopefully we'll have a big day Saturday and send the 2017 Horse of the Year out on top."

The Pegasus World Cup is run over 1800m and requires that each set of owners contributes \$1 million, with the organizers adding the rest. First prize is \$7 million, second scoops \$1.6 million and the sliding scale drops down to \$650,000 for finishing sixth to 12th.

The Pegasus World Cup was introduced in 2017 by US race-course giants the Stronach Group, usurping the Dubai World Cup as the richest race in the sport with an initial purse of \$12 million.

The big-money showdown, which unlike many other big races is open to four-year-olds and above, was won in 2017 by the Bob Baffert-trained Arrogate after a final duel with old rival and two-time Horse of the Year California Chrome.

"Our goal is to elevate the sport of horse racing, to modernize it and bring this sport to a whole new fan base," said Canadian Belinda Stronach, president of the Stronach Group.

Testimonial Lunch

Friends of former Tellytrack presenter, Dave Mollett, are organising the 'Molly Testimonial Lunch' which will be held at Turffontein Racecourse on Sunday 11 February at 13h00.

Anyone wishing to attend- or make a donation- can contact Gale or Keith Waterston on their e-mail- advf@mweb.co.za.

"As Molly has no pension after many years of service to racing, we have set a target of R200 000 to be raised. Already leading players in the sport such as Chris van Niekerk, Chris Gerber, Colin Bird, Michael Javett and SA legend, Gary Player, have pledged their support," commented Keith Waterston.

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Snaith Met Beach Outing

With Cape summer sizzle in somewhat short supply from our Operators this season, leave it to the Snaiths to take matters into their own hands.

We know Snaith Racing sets the bar in terms of PR and marketing, but they exceeded even their own very high standards by arranging a breakfast beach outing for 13 of their Met Day feature runners to Muizenberg beach last Friday.

Keep it simple

Disclaimer- I am not a marketing guru – far from it – but I am a consumer and I do know what I like and what might make me take a second look at something. I instinctively distrust anything with too much tinsel (one always wonders what the unnecessary sparkle might be hiding) and prefer something simple and straightforward, that makes things easy for me to understand and makes me feel part of whatever it is that's on offer. You know, the old 'keep it simple, stupid'. If someone can make something easy to understand and make it look do-able for normal, every day folks, well, that makes me feel like I might just be able to enjoy it too.

Of course there's nothing wrong with making a bit of fuss, but there is seldom much point in gilding a perfectly good lily. Which is why I loved Friday's beach outing so much.

Being awesome – all in a day's work

Firstly, it wasn't a 'special', one-off stunt. The Snaiths take their string to the beach as part of their training programme, so the horses know the routine, they know the beach and they know it's a recreational outing for them to get some fresh air, a change of scenery and to have a gentle splash in the ocean while taking in some lovely scenery. And if they help provide some scenery for the general public in doing so, so much the better.

The thirteen-strong string arrived in the red liveried trucks of Suskia Trading. As most of the public and press had already arrived and gathered in an expectant huddle, we were all treated to the sight of a succession of beautiful horses stepping politely off the trucks, smartly turned out with their tack and saddle cloths with each horse's name on.

As making an entrance goes, it was definitely a winner.

Simple, clever, effective and above all, thoughtful – particularly for some of the mainstream press (hallelujah!) who had turned up. As Jono Snaith pointed out when I complimented him on it, you wouldn't go to a premiership football game and not see the players' names on their shirts, which I thought was an excellent point. As one of those things that make me go 'hmmm', surely our horses (and our public) deserve the same courtesy?

It goes without saying that the Snaith grooms were all beautifully turned out as well, in functional slacks and a blue jacket, to make it all feel organised and cohesive as well as making it easy to spot someone when you needed help.

Horsemanship

The next bit of brilliance was the riding panel. Along with Bernard Fayd'herbe on Cot Campbell and Grant van Niekerk on Oh Susanna, Justin led out the string on Snowdance (who seems so sweet and gentle that you want to wrap her up and take her home), his dad Chris rode African Night Sky, mum Sue was on Star Express, Andrea Schroder (who 'wo'mans the Snaith office admin) on Copper Force, Kenilworth Racing's Teresa Esplin on Master's Spirit and Jill Warner (of Carry On Alice fame) on Elusive Silva. Rounding off the group were Krambambuli, Kasimir, Cape Flying Championship hopefuls Sergeant Hardy and Jo's Bond and glamorous Cape Derby contender Do It Again.

It is worth a mention that young Thoroughbreds – and perhaps the racing industry in general – are deemed somewhat mad, bad and dangerous to know by the outside world, so what better proof to the contrary than the Snaith A team, manned by a cross section of industry representatives, meandering along a public beach in a fairly determined South-Easter as politely as you like.

A real testament to the horsemanship in the yard.

Afterwards, the horses were untacked and the grooms filled the air with shrill whistles as they encouraged their charges to have a well-deserved roll, while cameras clicked and everyone got a chance to get up close and personal with their favourite (or favourites, if you were quick about it). In fact, as one of the press 'togs' was disappointed at missing the rolling shot he wanted, Teresa Esplin got the groom to whistle again and the



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horse happily obliged for a second time. All in a day's work!

Pride

Not to steal the Snaith's thunder – it was kind, as well as generous of them to treat us all to the outing- but the Brett Crawford string were also at the beach at the same time and it was great for the general public (and press) to see first hand how our top stables treat our horses. It's the very thing our industry is built around, and yet something that gets missed all too often. As an entirely uncontrived event and simply an example of some of our best, doing what they do best – being good horsemen- it made one pretty damn proud.

I was a huge Ebony Flyer fan during her racing days, so was chuffed to get to pat her 2014 Trippi colt, Cot Campbell and even happier when I got chatting with his handler, Zolani Xhamle (Patrick) who told me he'd groomed Ebony Flyer as well. I 'caught' several of the grooms – who'd had to hand their precious charges over to some of the guest riders for the outing – giving their horses a bit of fuss and telling them how good they'd been afterwards. And most of the riders had brought bags of carrots and even bigger bags of hugs for 'their' horses. Perhaps it's just me, but it's those little details that really made it special.

Mainstream?

The mainstream media contingent were super friendly and shared my puzzlement over why our big sports channels don't cover racing the way they used to. There was also an obligatory photo shoot with some models, dressed in African garb a-la the 2018 'Style Ahead Of The Field' afro-chic Met theme.

I could probably have skipped the girls in the silly frocks, but OK, it was Miss SA and I get the whole Sun International / Miss SA pageant connection, so fair enough. But what turned the contrived and somewhat stale 'model with a horse' photo op into a little bit of magic for me was Krambambuli – like the others, one week away from the biggest race day of his summer campaign – being the absolute gentleman that he is and posing with the models like a seasoned pro. He did such a good job that Ade van Heerden couldn't help stealing a few cuddles after they'd wrapped up. If Kenilworth Racing is looking for new marketing staff, you could do a lot worse than employing Krambambuli as a racing ambassador, but judging by the wistful glances that followed the horses back onto the float, everyone left with one or two new favourites.

Although the team are clearly very proud of their horses and their work, there were no speeches, no tipping, no hard sell – just an opportunity to see the horses – the real stars of the show – in a totally relaxed and unthreatening setting. When I bumped into Normandy Stud's Veronica Foulkes (breeder and owner of Sergeant Hardy) at the CTICC later that afternoon and said how good her Cape Flying Championship hopeful was looking and how amazing to have a stable that ploughs its own time, money and energy into promoting the sport, she summed it up by saying "It's a privilege to be involved in such a professionally run stable." It was a thoroughly well-organised and fun morning, enjoyed with a fantastic and mixed group of media, owners, breeders, bloodstock agents, friends, family and general public.

Digesting it all

With our cheeks rosy and our hair freshly re-styled by the South Easter, those who didn't have horses or other pressing

commitments to attend to, adjourned to the historic Muizenberg landmark, Casa Labia (whose proprietor, Countess Labia, had also been part of the group on the beach). Smiling, friendly staff efficiently produced a breakfast feast – and promised that their signature afternoon tea and scones are even better, so for those who haven't been, I highly recommend scheduling a visit.

The Countess, who joined us all for breakfast, also treated everyone present to a glass of champagne, which really turned the morning into a proper celebration – of our horses, our people and one of the biggest events on our local calendar.

To steal shamelessly from the wonderful AFC Championship intro featuring John Malkovich (and if you haven't seen it yet, Google it immediately), sometimes it pays to remember that less is more. The ad, being billed 'a meta thinkpiece', is about football, but could just as easily apply to horse racing when it describes the game as one of the simplest, oldest stories there is. John Malkovich expands, "The point is- what does football teach us? Anything in the world can happen on that field. Anything. You always have a chance. We absolutely know it in our bones."

And that's exactly what makes racing so special. Anything can happen. And when it's done right, anyone can enjoy it.

Well done to everyone who undoubtedly worked so hard to put together such a fun and memorable outing and thank you for making me look forward to the Met.



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SUN MET

What Those In The Know, Know...

The Gr1 Sun Met has captured the public imagination and everybody is looking to back a winner in what is traditionally the toughest budget month on the calendar. We asked a few well informed experts for a guide on where their money will be on Saturday.



Attorney and racehorse owner Robert Bloomberg:

As a WFA contest, it is hard to look past the top two.

I'm siding with MARINARESCO as he had an eye-catching run in the Queen's Plate and is far more effective over this trip. He has had a great prep. LEGAL EAGLE will race handy from his wide gate and is bound to be there as he always is when the chips are down, but may have to settle for a runner-up berth for the 3rd consecutive year. Having said that, he is easily the best handicapped horse in the race, bearing in mind though that his rating was achieved over a mile. CAPTAIN AMERICA is a great each-way bet as he is as game as they come, doesn't know how to run a bad race and will be in the frame again as he did when finishing third the last two years. SAIL SOUTH is the dark horse of the race who is always under the radar. He hasn't been the trip, but the manner of his win in the Champions Cup over 1800m and his style of racing, coupled with his bad draw which will see him dropped out, could see him running a blinder here and he is a nice place bet at big odds. LAST WINTER should actually still be unbeaten after 5 career outings so looks far better than his current rating of 107. Despite being out at the weights at these WFA conditions and even with the worst of the draw, which isn't the end of the world at Kenilworth over this distance, it wouldn't be a surprise were he to end up in the winners enclosure

1. Marinaresco 2. Legal Eagle 3. Captain America 4. Sail South 5. Last Winter

Gauteng race-caller Nico Kritsiotis:

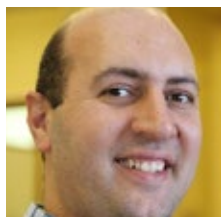


With the change of conditions to this year's race, Legal Eagle may get the chance to visit the win-

ner's enclosure after running second for 2 year's running. He is well in at the weights and this race always favours the horses that fit that bill. Marinaresco's last run was a brilliant prep and he would be the biggest danger to my choice. I still believe Gold Standard to be capable but at the weights it would be a hard task- and Cascapedia would be the best from the fillies' ranks for me. I was impressed calling her last time and she is maturing into a good solid racehorse.

1. Legal Eagle 2. Marinaresco 3. Gold Standard 4. Cascapedia

Gold Circle Racing Analyst Warren Lenferna:



LEGAL EAGLE has recorded two wins over the Met distance and is quite simply a CHAMPION! Arguably he is best over a mile,

but good milers can win the Met and he is my confident first choice. In saying that, he will need a tremendous amount of luck from the draw. When chatting to Anton Marcus late last week he was fairly upbeat about his chances. I do have healthy respect for COPPER FORCE (great run last time) and MARINARESCO (also caught the eye in his last run) but in my opinion, they will all have to run to beat LEGAL EAGLE!

1. Legal Eagle 2. Copper Force 3. Marinaresco

Former Jockey Rael Zieve:



I haven't really studied the race yet, but it has to be Legal Eagle. He is the best horse in South Africa. And the 3yo filly of

Snaith's Oh Susanna must have a massive chance at the weight.



Betting World COO Dean Finder:

I feel it is a very open race. I am going with Copper Force to beat Legal

Eagle, Sail South, Heavenly Blue and African Night Sky.

Highlands & Ridgmont Racing Marketing Amanda Carey:



I'm going with African Night Sky for obvious reasons. He is Highlands bred and by our stallion Dynasty. Also, Emma Rourke, Team

Crabbia and Snaith Racing are friends and loyal Highlands supporters. Apart from that, he is a smart colt.

Racing television producer Andrew Bon:



My heart says Captain America or Legal Eagle, both exceptional competitors, soldiers and home-bred champions. My

gut says Nother Russia for many reasons, not least of all her run to Deo Juvente and Legal Eagle at Turffontein. I will not be surprised if Legal Eagle or Marinaresco win what is truly a great Sun Met.



Former owner & breeder Tony Mincione:

I am going with Legal Eagle.... at half the price.

Saturday's Met racecaller Rouvaun Smit:



This year's Sun Met is going to be a humdinger and calling it will require nerves of steel as the pace will be on from the word go.

Legal Eagle will be the first one to pounce in the straight and they will have to come and catch him. Don't be fooled by his hard run in the Queen's Plate- he will be freshened up and ready. Marinaresco will be arriving on the scene late as well as Last Winter as he is a young and improving horse. Sail South is as honest as the day is long. My heart says Legal Eagle to get third time lucky, but my head says Marinaresco. The trick will really be to find the joker in the pack that pops up and makes the quartet pay. That happens every year!

Kenilworth Racing Director Vidrik Thurling:



For me its Last Winter. I feel he has tons of scope and is probably a good few pounds better than his rating. That said,

the 3yo filly Oh Susanna has to go very close at the weights. I am looking forward to a record- breaking day with two Pick 6's for the first time and Usain to 'boltster' the day!

Gauteng trainer Candice Dawson:



I fancy Cascapedia to win it.

Met - Hopes For Resolution Of Threats

With threats of protest action on Sun Met day by the Public Servants Association in the wake of the Markus Jooste-Steinhoff debacle, the racing authorities appear to have finally realised late in the day that something needed to be done to ensure public safety on the big day.

A letter to the Sporting Post Mailbag last Saturday urged the organisers to do something.

'Cape racing, the sponsors and the NHA, are surely well aware of a march/boycott arranged by the PSA and others? And yet nothing has seemingly been done to prevent Mayfair Speculators from having 13 carded runners on the Met day,' wrote Concerned Parent.

[Read the full letter here](#)

Up to that point, the threat from the PSA, made as early as late December, had been mostly ignored in the public domain by the authorities and organisers of the big day.

On Wednesday, the National Horseracing Authority of South Africa confirmed that it was in discussions with the Public Servants Association (PSA), working towards a solution that would not involve a protest march on Sun Met day, but rather a show of solidarity for losses suffered by their members due to the Steinhoff-Markus Jooste situation.

It is expected that more details will be communicated later today in a joint press release between the NHA and the PSA.

The latest NHA communique assures us that 'the Sun Met will continue undisturbed on Saturday'.

Earlier this week they announced that the horses published as running for Mayfair Speculators on Sun Met Day will carry club colours, unless they have been sold with the engagement.



The South African Grooms Association (SAGA) issued a press release on Tuesday stating their willingness to engage with COSATU and the PSA.

"We note the call by COSATU and the Public Servants Association for protests at the event if any Mayfair Speculators horses take part. We, as the SA Grooms Association (SAGA) do understand the situation. We empathize with those who have lost pension fund investments, but we do not support mass action, which will result in the Grooms also becoming victims of the situation. There are more than 3000 Grooms countrywide who are worried that action of this kind will make owners want to quit the Horseracing Industry, threatening our earnings and job security. Worse yet, it stands to affect the horses that we love and care for. We are appealing to all the parties concerned to please consider the needs of the Grooms and the horses. We ask COSATU and the PSA to reconsider and investigate other options," said the release, issued by SAGA Chairman, Chophelikaya Simoto.



Sectional Timing ‘Weeks Away’

There finally looks to be some light on the Sectional Timing horizon for South African horseracing.

Last week we reported on a black day for the innovation when testing was halted at Fairview on Monday after devices had become dislodged from horses.

We were subsequently contacted by David Gregory, International Business Director of Equimotion Technologies, who is apparently supplying the Sectional Timing system to Phumelela. Their slogan, ‘where timing is everything’, may appear to be slightly ironic, given the long drawn out process that has been the promise of Sectional Timing.

Mr Gregory informs us that he hopes ‘in February’ to be up and running at all six Phumelela racetracks.

“There have been some technical issues over the past few weeks, both on and off the track, which we have now addressed and we will be all systems go in February. I would like to thank the operator Phumelela and the RA for their patience during the testing period of product installation. So it is all systems go to supply the racing industry with fantastic data very soon,” he said.

The Equimotion Technologies website is said to be launching soon. The company’s Facebook page last saw activity in September 2015.

Watch this space!

Deon Gives Kenya The Thumbs Up

Brendon McNaughton maintained Zimbabwe’s proud record at the Kenya International Jockeys Challenge at Ngong on Sunday.

The International Jockeys’ Challenge Series was introduced in 2015 by the Jockey Club of Kenya and features jockeys from Mauritius, South Africa and Zimbabwe to compete against the locals. The inaugural edition of the challenge, which was also won by

Zimbabwe, proved to be a major success, attracted 7 700 fans.

Deon Sampson represented South Africa and confirmed to the Sporting Post on his return on Monday that, while he had not had the best card of rides, he had enjoyed every moment of the hospitality and that his trip was an ‘eye-opener’.

“I was last there in 2006 and was struck by the way the infrastructure of the country has improved. The roads are better and the place is really beautiful. The only thing that hasn’t changed is the hospitality. Everybody is still so warm and friendly. I made a few new friends and I will be looking forward to going back. They have big plans with the new Government in place and they do such a great job with old-fashioned equipment. The passion is there!”

McNaughton (24) made his debut in 2015 in this competition. He joined Dinesh Sooful who represented Mauritius, while the hosts were represented by Richard Kibet.

Currently attached to Kwa Zulu Natal trainer Alyson Wright’s Zimbabwe Satellite yard, McNaughton joined the Zimbabwe jockeys academy in 2007 and had his first ride in March 2009. He rode his first winner on Dream Deal on 22 May 2010.

McNaughton was champion apprentice for the 2012/2013 racing season and came out of his time in August 2013.

Virus Not Wanted On Met Day

Vaughan Marshall sent a chilling ripple of fear through the Milnerton training centre last Saturday morning when he scratched all his six runners from that day’s Kenilworth card because of a respiratory virus.



Vaughan Marshall

For obvious reasons it was felt most by his immediate neighbours Greg Ennion and Candice Bass-Robinson (“I don’t need that going into Met day”) but Marshall, speaking at the Convention Centre’s cauldron of dreams last Saturday evening, played it down.

He said: “It’s just a few horses that are affected and I did it as a precaution. We are taking no chances and we have also nebulised them all.”

He confirmed that Alec and Gillian Foster’s Investec Derby favourite Tap O’Noth is fine and on course for Saturday. But for Andre Nel and Platter Racing’s Rondeberg yard 100 kilometres up the coast the nightmare continues.

Abnormal blood counts forced them to scratch all Saturday’s four runners and, with the problem having continued on and off for many weeks, Nel has now brought in a virologist and is toying with the idea of shutting up shop for a short period.

In any case stable jockey Donovan Dillon will be out of action for another three weeks because of a broken bone in his right hand that has side-lined him for the past fortnight.

He said: “It happened coming out of the starting gate shortly before the Queen’s Plate. I didn’t think much of it to begin with but it then began to get more and more sore. It is now getting better and I am due to see the doctor again on 12 February.” - *Gold Circle*

De Kock Is Smiling

Mike de Kock will saddle the former Sean Tarry-trained Gr2 Gauteng Guineas winner Smiling Blue Eyes as his only runner at Meydan this evening.

The Highlands bred daughter of Dynasty has not run for seven months and is bound to be in need of the outing. She runs in the fifth race, the Gr2 Cape Verdi over a mile, and will be piloted by Christophe Soumillon.

Light The Lights gave Mike de Kock his first win of the 2018 Dubai World Cup Carnival when he triumphed at Meydan last Thursday.

Making his second appearance of the Carnival, Light The Lights accelerated well to win the Mubadala Global Trophy over 2000m.

Ridden by Christophe Soumillon, the six-year-old gelded son of Western Winter ran on smartly to score a neck win.

After the win, Soumillon commented, “Mike is a very good trainer, as we all know, and would not be running this horse back after just a week if he was not happy he could produce a run like that. He needed that comeback run last week and I was always pretty happy, but Blair House came there going very strongly, so we had to fight. This is not a horse who wants to be in front too long, so I was happy to have a rival and a battle because that suits him. He should build on this and go back up in class.”

Mike said: “This win proves again that the South African thoroughbred can hold its own on the world stage. Light The Lights ran to his 111 rating, gave the runner-up 10 pounds and beat him, a remarkable win.” [Find the Meydan racecard here](#)

Short Heads



1949 Milnerton stabled horses caught the train from Milnerton to Cape Town and then took the southern suburbs line to Wynberg, when racing at Kenilworth. Thorium bucked the trend. He walked from Milnerton to Kenilworth on the morning of the race, duly won the Met, and then walked back.

1890

The tote is legalised in the Cape. On Saturday, a sum of R75 million will be wagered via Tab on the meeting.

1973

To bolster the interest and raise the standard, the Met is run for the first time at Weight-for-age plus penalties.

1978

Politician wins for Syd Laird and Bert Hayden, J&B come on board as sponsors with a stake of R50 000. It was an association that was to become one of the longest lasting in SA sporting history and would last until 2016.



1979

In one of the most memorable finishes ever seen Politician becomes the first horse to win the Met in consecutive years. Racing again under top weight, the strapping chestnut colt, ridden again by Bertie Hayden, barged his way through from an impossible position to beat Festive Season and Beau Art.

1986 The race is run on the old course as the turf on the new course is being replaced. First time Met winner for Ralph Rixon, Wild West hits a career peak – but jockey Greg Holme drops his whip and causes near heart failure for the connections. Christie Blom runs second on High Honour. Interestingly, the fifth horse Symbolize, ridden by the late Gary Verne, was saddled by owner-trainer Greg Ennion – who still trains winners out of Milnerton 32 years later.

Three racing families dominated the Met over these years. The Lairds, Millards and Kannemeyers won the race 10 times between them. Syd Laird won it twice with Politician in 1978 and 1979 and Alec Laird won it with London News in 1997. Terrance Millard won it with Arctic Cove in 1983, Mark Anthony in 1988 and Olympic Duel in 1991 while his son Tony Millard won it with Empress Club in 1993. The Kannemeyer team, Peter and son Dean, won the J&B Met with Sunshine Man in 1980 then with Divine Master in 1992 and with Pas De Quoi in 1994.



2002 As a social function the J&B Met is renowned throughout the country and had become so popular that the gates of Kenilworth racecourse had to be closed midway through the afternoon and the 'house full' signs went up. More than 50 000 people had crammed into the picturesque venue.

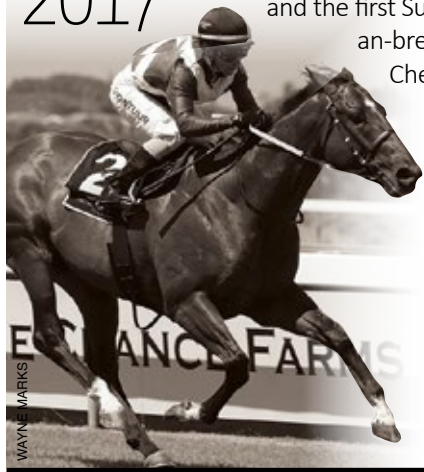
2000

Over 130 cars parked in the Wetton Road parking area were destroyed by a fire. The source of the fire is thought to be a cigarette.

1986 & 2004

The Met has been postponed twice- once in 1986 due to equine flu, and once in 2004 as a result of African Horse Sickness.

2017 Sun International commence their sponsorship and the first Sun Met is won by Australian-bred Whisky Baron for Greg Cheyne & Brett Crawford.



2018

The race is run at pure weight-for-age for the first time and attracts a capacity field – the first in 24 years.

2007-2009



Only one horse has won the Met three years in a row. Jet Master gelding Pocket Power, trained by Mike Bass, won the race in 2007, 2008 and 2009. The same blue, white and pink silks will be worn by Marinaresco on Saturday. The Silvano gelding is trained by Mike's daughter Candice, for lucky owner Marsh Shirtliff and partners – which includes the now retired Mike Bass.

PERSONALITY

Muzi Yeni

Met Hopes

Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeni is consistently one of our hardest working jockeys, putting in the miles, the hours and the hard yards to bring home the winners. He currently lies among the top 10 on the national jockeys log and is engaged to ride the Robbie Sage-trained Coral Fever in the Sun Met. He also takes the ride on Vacquero in the \$500,000 CTS 1600m.

The Johannesburg-based Yeni is focussing his energies on the Highveld and Kimberley centres and has forged good working relationships with Corrie Lensley in Kimberley as well as the likes of Robbie Sage, Lucky Houdalakis and Paul Peter in Joburg. His relationship with Lensley has proved particularly successful, with Muzi topping the Kimberley jockey log six times and helping Lensley to notch up two cards of six winners in 2017. "I've always done well there and just keep going," he says happily. "I've got a good relationship with Corrie and I know the track very well, which is an advantage."

While mostly focussing on the Highveld, Muzi travels to other centres when required. "I still ride in PE every now and again, but I'm not there full time. I've been doing a bit of Durban, but it's been a bit slow since I got back from Mauritius."

Last year's catamaran incident was the subject of much media coverage and speculation, but it's not a subject Muzi shies away from. "I'd only been there a week and didn't know anyone and got pulled into it when I was invited on the boat trip. There was a bookmaker on board, so obviously they had to investigate. But it's been settled and I wasn't charged with anything." Unfortunately Muzi was detained on the island while matters ran their course and the lengthy process put paid to his July ride on Ten Gun Salute- possibly a worse penalty than the Mauritians could have come up with. But what's done is done and Muzi knows that the best remedy is to work hard and keep focussing forward.

Work Ethic

Muzi is well-known for his ferocious work ethic and he is matter of fact about the rigours of a jockey's life. "Racing demands a lot of you. The hours are long-you're at track from 5am, then you come back and noms come out at 9 or 9:30. I do my own rides, so I rush back and then focus on booking rides - and that can take a few hours. Scratchings are at 11am and some trainers only declare a horse and start looking for jockeys at the last minute. Then you've got to get showered and changed and rush to races. You've got to be on course an hour early, so if the first race is off at 1:30, you've got to be there by 12:30. The last race is at 5 or 5:30, so you leave at 6pm and get home at 7 - 7:30. That's racing three times a week in Joburg and on Mondays I'm in Kimberley. I'll normally have a morning off where I don't ride work on a Wednesday and a Sunday. The rest of the week has been spent on horses for as long as I can remember."

Interestingly, despite the massive workload, he has opted not to have an agent and currently books all his own rides. "I do my own rides because it helps me stay plugged in. It also means I take responsibility and can't blame anyone if I miss a ride," he adds wryly.

Ambitions

What keeps him going? "To improve and get better at what I do. I'm always trying to get good stats every season. If I can finish in the top three on the jockey log, I've got a better chance of being able to apply abroad and get into countries like Hong Kong. If you finish in the top 4, you get into the SA team. And the more winners you have, the better your chance of getting on the top horses and the better your chance of winning the bigger races."

He won the Gr3 Magnolia Handicap on My Friend Lee on Summer Cup Day and the Listed Swallow Stakes on the Diane Stenger-trained Covered In Snow (the first stakes winner for KZN stallion, Crusade) on 13 January. "Winning the bigger races comes with those 150 wins you ride a season," he adds.

2018 Gr1 Sun Met

Muzi has been engaged on the Robbie Sage-trained Coral Fever for the 2018 Gr1 Sun Met. "I've been getting support from Mr Sage. He's put me on horses for Colin Bird and I've been building good relationships with some of them. I won the Jubilee with Coral Fever last season, so when I came back, I started riding him in his preps." The pairing has proved a winning combination as they finished a short head second in the Victory Moon last November, a flying 3rd from a 19 draw in the Summer Cup and another good 3rd to fellow Met contender Cascapedia in the recent Gr3 London News Stakes. "So that's how I got the ride," explains Muzi.

"He's a little bit of a quirky horse and gets a bit intimidated under the lights - he likes to duck-but as a racehorse, he's got a good turn of foot and he's done well in the handicaps. As we saw in the Victory Moon and the Summer Cup, he's a hard knocker."

"Colin Bird owns quite a lot of horses with Mr Sage. He lives down in Cape Town and wanted the horse to run in the Met. He knows the conditions aren't in our favour, but he wanted to take his chances. Obviously we're up against some good horses, but we're hoping we can run into the money. Winning at the weights will be hard, but if we can run a place, we'll be very happy."

Vacquero

Muzi will also be partnering Colin Bird's Vacquero in the CTS \$500,000 mile. "He's lightly raced and has only had 4 starts. He's always been a lovely horse



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MUZI YENI

and he's improved with racing. A mile is a little on the short side for him, but he can do it – in his run in the Dingaans he was beaten half a length after interference. The owner bought the horse at CTS and he's qualified for the sales race, so he wanted to take part. I believe he's a top horse. If the left hand turn doesn't catch him, I think he's a massive runner in the half a million dollar."

More excitingly, Vacquero is looking a Triple Crown prospect for the season. "I think he's looking for the 2000m and will be more suited to the Classic and Derby distances. I do believe he's a top horse and I just hope he can keep improving and live up to his potential."

Met hopes

While everyone would like to win the big race, it is not the only job on the day. "When I go to the course at a meeting like Cape Town, I'll probably have 2 or 3 horses on the whole card that I think will go close. The rest are opportunities to try and get them to improve and trainers hoping you can make a difference, so there's a lot of pressure and expectation."

How does that affect his mindset and preparation for the day? "We've all got our ways of dealing with it. The main thing is you need to concentrate on the task ahead."

All about focus

As one of our few remaining 'big' days that still attracts good attendance numbers, does he enjoy riding in front of a big crowd? "It's a big day, and obviously it's a public sport. I've ridden in big meetings like the July and Gold Cup, etc and when there is an atmosphere, I try and use it to my advantage. The most important is that it's a great opportunity to market yourself as a jockey. There are over 120 jockeys in South Africa, so it's very important to ride at meetings like that. And because it's such a prestigious race, you know that you need to rise above the rest and perform. Races like the Met help propel your career, so it's important that you shine on days like that. There is a lot of pressure to perform for all the right reasons," he smiles.

"When the public is there, it's all good and well, they do shout your name out and make it nice, but you can stuff up a race quickly by getting distracted, so you've got to learn to shut it out. I get in the zone where I need to really focus on the race. If you do win, you're on a high and you've really got to try and hold on to those moments- that's what keeps you going. Once the job is done, you can celebrate with the crowd. They're there to enjoy the day and have fun and I'm a people's person, so I like to celebrate with them."

Previous experience

Muzi has ridden in the Met before, back in 2011, aboard the Dean Kannemeyer trained Last Regal. Did he enjoy the experience? "My experience was great. The build up is unbelievable. I was a bit unlucky in the race- we got trapped wide and I don't think the horse had a massive chance at the weights. But riding in a race like that is a different feeling."

"The Met is a very prestigious race and it's one of the races you want to have on your CV. It's on a par with the July. I've never got much opportunity in Cape Town, but the only way to change that is when you do get an opportunity, you've got to try and make the most of it."

Sun Met Fever

Winning Form-sponsored Muzi Yeni rides Gauteng raider Coral Fever, a game sort who inevitably runs into the money. A son of Varsfontein sire Judpot, he was bred by Eastern Cape-based Ascot Stud and has been a loyal servant for owners Sylvia Vrska and Colin Bird.

His trainer Robbie Sage, who once employed Mike de Kock as his assistant, is yet to win the Met.

The 5yo Coral Fever, a winner of 4 of his 16 starts for stakes of over R700 000, has it all to do at his first Cape start but ran a cracking prep when third in the London News Stakes. He is the top finisher of the Sansui Summer Cup class of 2017 – he ran a 2,40 length third behind Liege – and his connections are to be commended for taking the plunge against some serious gallopers on these weight terms.

February Sale

The catalogue for the 2018 Cape Yearling Sale is now online.

It can be viewed at www.bsa.co.za

The Cape Sale is one of South Africa's best value for money auctions, and is a regular and consistent producer of top-class athletes –many of whom are purchased for bargain basement prices.

Among the legends purchased off this sale in previous years are champions Pocket Power, Hammie's Hooker and Mother Russia, as well as such Gr1 winners O Caesour, Sarabande, Silver Arc, Sparkling Gem, Royal Bencher and Villandry.

Gold Standard, a Sun Met runner on Saturday, was a R725 000 buy from the 2015 Val De Vie Yearling Sale.

In recent times, top class stakes winners sold off the Cape Yearling Sale include the likes of Doosra, Final Judgement, Green Pepper, Hack Green, Princess Peach and Surcharge. The latter looks a leading classic hope this season having won four of six outings including the Listed Secretariat Stakes.

The sale takes place at the Mistico Equestrian Centre on 25 February.

Many of the country's top farms offer high class drafts at the Cape Yearling Sale, with such top stallions as Elusive Fort, Gimmethgreenlight, Judpot, Querari, Twice Over and What A Winter all represented at the one day sale.

Well performed sires with first South African crop yearlings on offer include Captain Of All, Flower Alley, Soft Falling Rain, Time Thief, Vercingetorix and Wylie Hall.

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 21 January 2018)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Legal Eagle	6	c	150	2
Snowdance	3	f	100	2
Liege	5	c	100	1
Oh Susanna	3	f	72	2
Tap O' Noth	3	c	70	1
Wonderwall	3	c	62	2
Captain America	7	c	60	2
Silicone Valley	7	c	50	1
Eyes Wide Open	3	c	50	1
Milton	6	c	50	1
Hat Puntano	4	c	50	1
Bishop's Bounty	4	c	50	1
The Thinker	4	c	50	1
Copper Force	4	c	46	1
Girl On The Run	5	f	45	2
Sail South	7	c	43	1
Marinaresco	5	c	41	1
White River	3	c	40	2
Nother Russia	5	f	37	2
Bella Sonata	5	f	32	2
Magical Wonderland	3	f	30	1
Rocket Countdown	3	c	30	1
Monks Hood	3	c	30	1
Just Sensual	4	f	30	1
Fort Ember	5	f	28	1
Will Pays	6	c	26	2
Pagoda	4	c	26	1
Coral Fever	5	c	26	1
Cascapedia	4	f	25	1
My Friend Lee	4	f	25	1
Alfolk	3	c	25	1
Our Mate Art	4	c	25	1
Our Emperor	4	c	25	1
Strathdon	4	c	25	1
Last Winter	4	c	24	1
Edict Of Nantes	4	c	20	1
Lady In Black	3	f	20	1
Dutch Philip	3	c	18	1
The Slade	4	c	18	1
Social Order	4	c	18	1

It's Been Fifty Years



Michael Roberts

The R150 000 Listed Michael Roberts Handicap will be run at Scottsville on Sunday to commemorate the achievements one of the greatest jockeys ever produced in this country.

Michael 'Muis' Roberts turns 64 in May and rode the first of 3968 career winners at the Pietermaritzburg track a half century ago on a horse called Smyrn.

Eleven time SA champion and 1992 champion of Britain, he was the first South African – human or equine- ever to grace the cover of The Blood-Horse magazine, he is probably best remembered internationally for his association with the great Mtoto who won the 1987 and 1988 Coral Eclipse stakes and went on to add the King George and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes to his impressive record.

Muis often says that the race he is best known for is the last match race in South Africa on 30 December 1989.

The Winning Form Challenge was a match between son and daughter of Northern Guest – Senor Santa and Northern Princess. There was a capacity crowd on course to watch and Muis got Northern Princess up late to beat Senor Santa.

[Watch the match race here](#) - including a youthful Martin Locke and Mick Goss.

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Sat 27 Jan	Gr1 Sun Met 2000m Kenilworth (S)
	Gr1 Cape Flying Championship 1000m Kenilworth (S)
	Gr1 Majorca Stakes (F&M) 1600m Kenilworth (S)
	Gr1 Cape Derby (F&M) 2000m Kenilworth (S)
	Gr2 Western Cape Stayers 2800m Kenilworth (S)
	(L) Juvenile Stakes (2yo's) 1000m Kenilworth (S)
	The CTS 1200 (3yo's) 1200m Kenilworth (S)
	The CTS 1600 (3yo's) 1600m Kenilworth (S)
	Kuda Sprint 1200m Kenilworth (S)
Sun 28 Jan	(L)Michael Roberts Hcp 1800m Scottsville
Sat 3 Feb	Gr3 Tony Ruffel S.(3yo's) 1450m Tuffontein (I)
	Gr3 Three Troikas S.(3yoF) 1450m Turffontein (I)
	(L) Wolf Power 1600 1600m Turffontein (I)
Sat 17 Feb	Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Hcp 1000m Turffontein (S)
Fri 23 Feb	(L) Lady's Pendant (F&M) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sat 24 Feb	Gr3 Vasco Prix Du Cap (F&M) 1400m Kenilworth (S)

Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
23Jan	1750	1750	1696	8,050
22Jan	1699	1730	1699	1,063,908
19Jan	1750	1750	1750	350
18Jan	1700	1720	1700	24,696
17Jan	1750	1750	1749	286
16Jan	1750	1750	1710	2,238
15Jan	1700	1710	1700	8,352
12Jan	1735	1735	1734	4,000

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Eightfold Path (USA)

Giant's Causeway - Divine Proportions by Kingmambo

BRIGTNUMBERTEN (86) shows guts to win 3rd race
BORN A BULLY wins on debut, first juvenile winner for sire

Placed Runners:

Brave Zyndaya, Rocky Path and Pin Up Fold

"Best days ahead of him, third crop selling in 2018!"

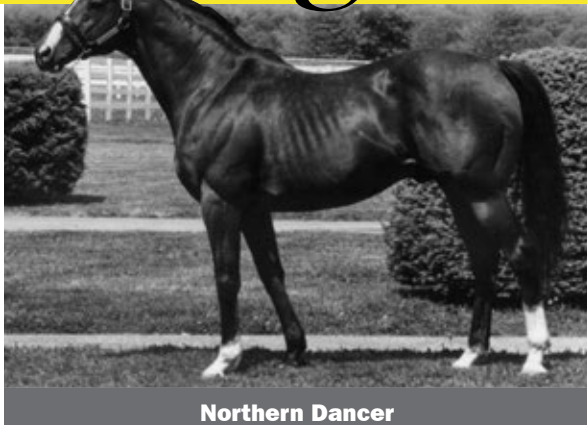


BREEDING

Dancing In The Sun

The dominance of the great stallion Northern Dancer, one of the most influential sires in history, can be well and truly felt in the field for the Sun Met.

Every single runner has at least one strain of Northern Dancer in his or her respective pedigrees, with a large number inbred to the sire.



Northern Dancer



Pocket Power

of Cape Fillies Guineas winner Field Flower, dam of Last Winter.

Silvano's own sister Shina, in turn, is the dam of Bass-Robinson runner, Horizon.

Inbreeding to one of Northern Dancer's greatest grandsons, Storm Cat, is a trend enjoying increasing success. This

pattern has also resulted in notable international Gr1 winners Harmonize (Scat Daddy) and Lady Aurelia (Scat Daddy), as well as high class filly Pretty N Cool (Scat Daddy) and Sun Met hope Nother Russia (Tiger Ridge) is yet another inbred to that multiple champion sire. By a son of Storm Cat in Tiger Ridge, Nother Russia's champion dam Mother Russia was sired by Windrush- whose dam was sired by Storm Cat.

True Blue

However, one of the best adverts in the 2018 Sun Met field for inbreeding to the legendary Northern Dancer has to be Heavenly Blue. The son of champion Australian sire Snitzel has no fewer than five lines of Northern Dancer through all of Danehill, Nijinsky II, Sadler's Wells, Storm Bird and Nureyev. Both Redoute's Choice and Snitzel are closely inbred to the 1964 Kentucky Derby winner and no doubt there will be plenty more horses with such an inbred pedigree as Heavenly Blue in years to come.

Since 2007, the Met has been won by a direct male line descendant of Northern Dancer on nine occasions, with the Kenilworth feature being dominated by offspring of Northern Dancer grandson Jet Master. The latter, now making his mark as a broodmare sire and sire of sires, was the sire of the Met winner five year's running, with Jet Master son Pocket Power and the latter's own sister River Jetez winning from 2007 to 2010. Subsequent Equus Champion Past Master gave Jet Master a rare five timer when saluting in the 2011 Met.

Heed The Call

Even when the Met went the way of a horse not descended in male line from Northern Dancer, ie Smart Call- from the powerful Mr Prospector male line or Captain Al's Hill Fifty Four, the winner inevitably had at least one strain of "The Dancer" in their make-up. Hill Fifty Four being out of a mare by Sportsworld, whose damsire is Nureyev (Northern Dancer and his second dam is by the Nijinsky II sire Dancing Champ).

Both Smart Call and Whisky Baron, winners of the last two runnings of the showpiece race, are inbred to the diminutive Canadian. Smart Call's sire Ideal World is inbred to Northern Dancer, through Nureyev, Nijinsky II and Danzig, while Whisky Baron's Gr1 winning sire Manhattan Rain-whose half-brother Redoute's Choice is the sire of Snitzel, sire of Heavenly Blue, is inbred to the former Kentucky Derby winning Northern Dancer through the latter's sons Fairy King and Nijinsky II.

Eagle Flies

Legal Eagle (Greys Inn) is inbred to Northern Dancer with his grandsire Zabeel produced by the Nureyev mare Lady Giselle, and Legal Eagle being out of the National Emblem (by Danzig son National Assembly) mare Young Sensation. The latter is inbred to Northern Dancer through Danzig and Lyphard.

Multiple champion broodmare sire Fort Wood (by Northern Dancer son Sadler's Wells) is damsire of Met contenders Captain America (Captain Al), Elusive Silva (Silvano), Nightingale and Marinaresco (Silvano), while Fort Wood sons Dynasty and Elusive Fort are sire of 2018 Sun Met runners African Night Sky and Horizon, and Safe Harbour respectively.

Sadler's Wells has another deceased son represented in this year's Met with six time Gr1 winner High Chaparral responsible for the Gr3 London News Stakes winner Cascapedia. The latter is yet another inbred to Northern Dancer, with her dam a daughter of the Danehill sire Dansili.

Female Line

Oh Susanna is not descended from Northern Dancer in her male line- her late, outstanding sire Street Cry being a son of the Mr Prospector son Machiavellian - who, ironically, was from the same family as Northern Dancer, but she is out of a mare by Belmont Stakes winner Touch Gold (by Northern Dancer grandson Deputy Minister).

Another from the Mr Prospector male line, but containing strains of Northern Dancer in his pedigree is former Selangor Cup winner Gold Standard. The son of champion sire Trippi (whose sire End Sweep contains Northern Dancer in his pedigree) is out of Olympic Dam, who is inbred to the sire through Lyphard and Nijinsky II.

Reigning champion sire Silvano, sire of 2013 surprise Met winner Martial Eagle-whose full brother Nebula contests Saturday's race, descends in male line from Northern Dancer's Triple Crown winning son Nijinsky II. The son of Lomitas is responsible for four runners in the Met (Marinaresco, Nightingale, Elusive Silva and Nebula), and Silvano also features as broodmare sire of leading hopeful Last Winter (Western Winter). The latter's pedigree contains three lines of Northern Dancer through Vice Regent (damsire of Western Winter), Nijinsky II and Northfields. The latter, also broodmare sire of Met runner Sail South, is broodmare sire

Farewell Marie Galante

Varsfontein recently bid farewell to a very special mare in champion, Marie Galante.

It was especially sad for Susan and John Kalmanson, and Carl De Vos, who hold very fond memories of this feisty little mare.

Marie would have turned 30 this year, as she was born in 1988 – the year that Carl joined Varsfontein. It was a pivotal time for the farm. A new generation was getting involved as Susan and John started taking the reins at Varsfontein.

Marie Galante turned out to be the kick-start this new generation needed, bringing everyone together and rousing a new excitement around the farm's breeding operation.

By Varsfontein stallion, Mexico II, and out of foundation mare, Indira, Marie was born when the combined age of her parents was 47 years.

She raced for Varsfontein in Susan's colours for 3 seasons and ended up with a race record of 8 wins and 6 places from 16 starts – all but 2 of which were stakes races. She achieved the Gr2 Poinsettia Stakes and Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint double twice – in 1992 and 1993. She also ran courageous places against the colts in the Gr1 Natal Flying Championship, G1 Gilbeys and Gr2 Durban Merchants.

Geoff Woodruff was just starting out as a young trainer at the time in Cape Town and Marie was the second horse Varsfontein sent to him to train. She was not initially part of Geoff's Durban string that winter in 1991, and she stayed in the Cape in the care of Penny Bester.

When Geoff lost Rip Curl in his Durban string, he called Penny to ask which replacement horse they should move up to Durban. Penny was confident in her reply, "Turbo Takkies" Marie was the one who had to go.

In Durban, she won her first two races with ease, by 3.5 and 1.5 lengths respectively. Back in the Cape to start her 3yo career, Marie started to show what she was really capable of at the highest level with her win in the Gr2 Southern Cross. Indeed she won six of her first seven races including the first of her Poinsettia/Fillies Sprint double.

She was a courageous race filly and gave the new Varsfontein team enormous fun. Carl explains just how much confidence everyone had in her – "We would hop on a plane to Durban for the day and know we were going to collect the trophy. She was that good!"

Marie formed a rivalry with top sprinter Taban.

In December 1992 the South Easter Sprint was moved from Kenilworth to Durbanville due to a flu outbreak. It was probably the biggest crowd Durbanville had ever seen as scores of people, including all the personnel at Varsfontein, came to witness the "match race" between these two star sprinters. In a surprise twist of fate Empress Club sneaked through on the inside to win while

Taban and Marie Galante were so focussed on beating each other. It was a memorable moment in racing history.

At the end of her 4yo season Marie retired to stud and produced 8 foals, of which 6 were winners. In 2005 she produced her last foal and thereafter spent her old age gracing the Varsfontein pastures.

In her lifetime, Marie has seen the growth of Varsfontein – more paddocks, new stables, avenues of trees, and a growth in the broodmare band from 15 to the current 100. All of this was kickstarted by this very special filly.

Susan Kalmanson closed by saying: "It will be strange not having her around after all these years but at least the memories are still very much alive- and Varsfontein itself is her memorial."

Frankel Colt Tops At R4 million



A chestnut Frankel colt out of unraced Irish mare Pale Moon Rising topped the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, on a bid of R4 million by John Freeman. Consigned by Klawervlei, the youngster's dam is by Kingmambo out of a Danehill half

sister to multiple Gr1 winner & sire Pilsudski.

Frankel also showed up as joint-top sire among the fillies, with a R3 million bid from Singapore trainer Patrick Shaw, for the first foal of Australian mare Wandering, consigned by Klawervlei. The yearling's dam is by Fastnet Rock out of a Montjeu half sister to champion Sagamix, from a solid Gr1 family.

[See all the prices and read more here](#)

R2,6 Million For Mare

Sunday's CTS Breeding Stock Sale saw some spirited bidding resulting in a turnover of R12,75-million.

A total of 17 exceptionally well-bred mares in foal passed through the auction ring, fetching an average of R750,000 per lot.

The top price of R2,6-million was paid by Rathmor Stud for Queen Of Spain, a mare by Holy Roman Emperor in foal to Klawervlei's William Longsword.

Rathmor's Mike McHardy, who also paid the highest price for a mare by Henrythenavigator at last year's CTS Mares and Fillies Sale and has her smart Dynasty foal at foot, believes that Queen Of Spain is a mare who'd command the highest attention at the world's top mare sales.

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LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
9,545,850	Summerhill Stud	272	35,095	1133	66	91	24%	1	1	2%	277	24%	1	Big Bear 1,312,500 14%
9,452,050	Klawervlei Stud	288	32,820	1086	76	97	26%	4	5	5%	325	30%	6	Silicone Valley 278,000 3%
7,880,025	Maine Chance	134	58,806	489	44	68	33%	6	6	14%	132	27%	4	Liege 1,203,250 15%
5,996,775	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	157	38,196	546	50	61	32%	3	4	6%	172	32%	5	Zen Arcade 484,375 8%
4,913,025	Highlands	124	39,621	503	50	60	40%	3	3	6%	125	25%	1	My Friend Lee 269,800 5%
4,859,375	Drakenstein Stud	91	53,400	317	35	44	38%	2	2	6%	107	34%	8	Oh Susanna 837,375 17%
3,937,438	Varsfontein Stud	86	45,784	333	26	37	30%	2	2	8%	103	31%	8	Surcharge 288,750 7%
3,931,100	Scott Bros	132	29,781	545	32	40	24%	0	0	0%	157	29%	4	Premier Show 197,875 5%
3,834,450	Ascot Stud	76	50,453	286	25	33	33%	2	3	8%	92	32%	5	Bold Respect 558,750 15%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
8,182,850	Silvano	198	41,328	650	65	84	33%	5	7	8%	200	31%	9	Girl On The Run 393,750 5%
7,404,600	Trippi	115	64,388	412	42	60	37%	1	2	2%	160	39%	5	Miss Katalin 1,628,750 22%
7,113,263	*Captain Al	132	53,888	457	46	57	35%	4	6	9%	162	35%	10	Snowdance 891,000 13%
6,974,725	Dynasty	119	58,611	386	49	66	41%	9	9	18%	98	25%	4	Liege 1,203,250 17%
6,072,088	Var	180	33,734	667	49	65	27%	1	1	2%	209	31%	3	Western Storm 185,900 3%
4,534,175	*Kahal	109	41,598	471	41	54	38%	0	0	0%	139	30%	3	Pure Blonde 216,250 5%
4,455,550	Querari	89	50,062	323	33	46	37%	2	2	6%	90	28%	1	Wonderwall 425,000 10%
4,097,000	*Sail From Seattle	111	36,910	399	42	55	38%	1	2	2%	103	26%	0	Via Seattle 203,750 5%
3,968,700	Gimmethgreenlight	124	32,006	448	35	43	28%	1	1	3%	111	25%	5	Surcharge 288,750 7%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
4,216,125	Trippi	38	110,951	131	16	21	42%	0	0	0%	60	46%	3	Miss Katalin 1,628,750 39%
4,114,788	*Captain Al	47	87,549	176	23	30	49%	3	5	13%	67	38%	3	Snowdance 891,000 22%
2,868,200	Silvano	77	37,249	215	28	34	36%	0	0	0%	66	31%	3	Vacuero 175,000 6%
2,806,613	Var	65	43,179	242	23	29	35%	0	0	0%	89	37%	1	Talk Of The Town 177,750 6%
2,669,925	Querari	42	63,570	146	18	23	43%	2	2	11%	42	29%	0	Wonderwall 425,000 16%
2,626,450	Await The Dawn	31	84,724	132	14	19	45%	0	0	0%	34	26%	0	Big Bear 1,312,500 50%
2,559,100	Gimmethgreenlight	74	34,582	255	22	28	30%	1	1	5%	60	24%	2	Surcharge 288,750 11%
2,529,576	What A Winter	60	42,160	209	26	29	43%	1	1	4%	59	28%	2	Magical Wonderland 414,375 16%
2,412,050	*Sail From Seattle	61	39,542	220	26	34	43%	1	2	4%	57	26%	0	Via Seattle 203,750 8%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by AEPRSEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 21 January 2018 *with 20 or more rnr*

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
4,216,125	Trippi	38	110,951	131	16	21	42%	0	0	0%	60	46%	3	Miss Katalin 1,628,750 39%
4,114,788	*Captain Al	47	87,549	176	23	30	49%	3	5	13%	67	38%	3	Snowdance 891,000 22%
2,626,450	Await The Dawn	31	84,724	132	14	19	45%	0	0	0%	34	26%	0	Big Bear 1,312,500 50%
1,398,000	Ideal World	21	66,571	74	10	14	48%	1	2	10%	19	26%	1	Zen Arcade 484,375 35%
2,669,925	Querari	42	63,570	146	18	23	43%	2	2	11%	42	29%	0	Wonderwall 425,000 16%
1,346,750	Brave Tin Soldier	23	58,554	103	8	8	35%	0	0	0%	31	30%	0	Brave Mary 552,000 41%
2,263,450	Dynasty	49	46,193	143	19	23	39%	3	3	16%	29	20%	1	Hashtagyolo 284,375 13%
2,806,613	Var	65	43,179	242	23	29	35%	0	0	0%	89	37%	1	Talk Of The Town 177,750 6%
2,529,576	What A Winter	60	42,160	209	26	29	43%	1	1	4%	59	28%	2	Magical Wonderland 414,375 16%

LEADING SIRES of 2YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
271,150	*Sail From Seattle	10	27,115	15	4	4	40%	0	0	0%	5	33%	0	Star Flyer 74,000 27%
240,075	Crusade	6	40,013	12	3	3	50%	0	0	0%	6	50%	0	Lady Abigail 87,500 36%
204,075	Bold Silvano	4	51,019	9	2	3	50%	0	0	0%	1	11%	0	Miss Boomerang 128,125 63%
164,250	Oratorio	5	32,850	5	3	3	60%	0	0	0%	1	20%	0	Van Halen 59,375 36%
161,725	Var	10	16,173	12	2	2	20%	0	0	0%	4	33%	0	Rule The Night 65,625 41%
128,600	Pomodoro	7	18,371	9	1	1	14%	0	0	0%	4	44%	0	Lethal Weapon 68,375 53%
123,500	Master Of My Fate	4	30,875	5	2	2	50%	0	0	0%	2	40%	0	Lucky Dancer 60,250 49%
122,750	What A Winter	8	15,344	8	2	2	25%	0	0	0%	1	13%	0	Vertical Descent 62,500 51%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES on Polytrack

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,334,500	*Sail From Seattle	51	26,167	134	18	21	35%	0	0	0%	43	32%	0	Seattle Flame 123,750 9%
1,140,950	Trippi	37	30,836	90	9	14	24%	0	0	0%	46	51%	0	Olympic Power 213,950 19%
914,600	Silvano	40	22,865	79	14	15	35%	0	0	0%	21	27%	1	Viento 101,875 11%
881,775	*Kahal	35	25,194	77	9	11	26%	0	0	0%	20	26%	0	Kahula 131,000 15%
831,675	Gimmethgreenlight	46	18,080	96	8	11	17%	0	0	0%	26	27%	0	Accidental Tourist 150,000 18%
827,350	Querari	30	27,578	70	10	12	33%	0	0	0%	21	30%	0	Desert Wisdom 93,450 11%
790,775	Var	69	11,461	151	7	7	10%	0	0	0%	40	26%	0	Varsity Cup 55,625 7%
763,563	*Captain Al	42	18,180	87	9	10	21%	0	0	0%	30	34%	1	Captain Marmalade 92,850 12%

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UAE Derby winner Toast Of New York (The-wayouare) returns from two years at stud in Doha for a tilt at the \$16 million Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park in Florida on Saturday.

The now 6yo colt ran a close second to Bayern in the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2014, with champion California Chrome a neck behind in third. Following his Breeders Cup run, he was purchased by Sheikh Joaan Al Thani's Al Shaqab Racing for the 2015 Dubai World Cup. Injured ahead of the race, he was retired to stud. But there are few broodmares in Qatar and a year ago Toast Of New York returned to racing under Jamie Osborne.

With just one run under the belt, he will take on 11 rivals in the Pegasus World Cup on Saturday. Frankie Dettori returns to ride him – for the first time in 19 years after partnering Daylami to win the 1999 Breeders' Cup Turf at the same track.



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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/rides
J Snaith	630	91	14%	103	16%	33%	69	11%	282	45%	11,466,750	18,201
SG Tarry	548	42	8%	69	13%	22%	50	9%	192	35%	8,592,700	15,680
MF de Kock	343	61	18%	114	33%	35%	45	13%	186	54%	6,452,950	18,813
C Bass-Robinson	497	61	12%	62	12%	32%	41	8%	213	43%	5,715,050	11,499
BJ Crawford	355	48	14%	60	17%	30%	47	13%	165	46%	5,192,675	14,627
PA Peter	304	50	16%	56	18%	34%	24	8%	127	42%	4,808,188	15,816
AC Gireff	457	61	13%	91	20%	33%	62	14%	226	49%	4,242,450	9,283
MG & AA Azzie	242	27	11%	44	18%	20%	39	16%	105	43%	3,675,275	15,187
GS Kotzen	425	38	9%	43	10%	30%	39	9%	154	36%	3,647,800	8,583
AG Laird	213	33	15%	48	23%	40%	25	12%	96	45%	3,544,475	16,641
DR Drier	265	34	13%	52	20%	35%	34	13%	125	47%	3,482,513	13,142
DC Howells	279	35	13%	48	17%	35%	32	11%	124	44%	3,459,850	12,401
J Ramsden	265	32	12%	45	17%	29%	35	13%	117	44%	3,214,350	12,130
D Kannemeyer	227	34	15%	41	18%	46%	27	12%	98	43%	3,126,075	13,771
Y Bremner	359	42	12%	41	11%	22%	31	9%	156	43%	2,947,675	8,211
JAJ v Vuuren	205	22	11%	37	18%	19%	32	16%	94	46%	2,864,975	13,975
GD Smith	545	31	6%	33	6%	27%	59	11%	189	35%	2,852,725	5,234
VH Marshall	262	28	11%	26	10%	42%	26	10%	103	39%	2,846,275	10,864
GV Woodruff	213	27	13%	47	22%	32%	26	12%	91	43%	2,656,675	12,473
T Laing	213	37	17%	36	17%	36%	27	13%	109	51%	2,535,575	11,904
DA Sham	307	31	10%	21	7%	29%	31	10%	110	36%	2,417,475	7,875
M Houdalakis	240	25	10%	29	12%	31%	21	9%	98	41%	2,377,088	9,905
G v Zyl	194	24	12%	26	13%	38%	24	12%	87	45%	2,342,825	12,076
C Spies	376	26	7%	23	6%	30%	30	8%	116	31%	2,180,750	5,800
LW Goosen	120	23	19%	28	23%	32%	19	16%	67	56%	2,161,550	18,013
SD Gray	265	20	8%	11	4%	18%	23	9%	98	37%	2,079,126	7,846

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/rides
A Delpech	365	95	26%	145	40%	39%	64	18%	234	64%	8,832,988	24,200
L Hewitson	687	74	11%	78	11%	26%	75	11%	290	42%	7,448,388	10,842
A Domeyer	338	67	20%	103	30%	35%	40	12%	200	59%	5,274,625	15,605
M Yeni	609	65	11%	98	16%	24%	62	10%	278	46%	5,934,926	9,745
A Marcus	257	63	25%	123	48%	35%	43	17%	158	61%	6,390,288	24,865
K De Melo	537	62	12%	73	14%	34%	60	11%	247	46%	6,183,275	11,514
C Murray	430	61	14%	88	20%	34%	51	12%	186	43%	4,898,125	11,391
G v Niekerk	465	55	12%	47	18%	28%	38	14%	160	60%	7,547,125	28,480
G Wrogemann	274	55	20%	51	11%	35%	49	10%	206	43%	6,147,363	12,969
G Cheyne	357	54	15%	80	22%	33%	54	15%	203	57%	4,678,325	13,105
G Lerena	262	54	21%	99	38%	32%	49	19%	157	60%	5,395,413	20,593
R Fourie	330	51	15%	70	21%	29%	45	14%	171	52%	4,398,850	13,330
C Zackey	549	44	8%	49	9%	20%	49	9%	203	37%	4,496,813	8,191
B Fayd'herbe	229	41	18%	52	23%	31%	28	12%	118	52%	4,263,975	18,620
P Strydom	259	40	15%	50	19%	20%	33	13%	113	44%	3,817,225	14,738
R Munger	594	40	7%	19	3%	47%	37	6%	184	31%	3,322,400	5,593
K Zechner	472	39	8%	35	7%	14%	49	10%	186	39%	3,699,263	7,837
R Danielson	336	34	10%	22	7%	27%	26	8%	125	37%	3,993,450	11,885
W Kennedy	329	33	10%	35	11%	31%	41	12%	137	42%	3,066,000	9,319
J Penny	502	33	7%	10	2%	30%	29	6%	138	27%	2,361,175	4,704
JP vd Merwe	469	31	7%	36	8%	25%	39	8%	151	32%	3,009,863	6,418
R Simons	247	29	12%	51	21%	33%	25	10%	97	39%	3,194,925	12,935
S Veale	311	29	9%	41	13%	24%	41	13%	137	44%	3,806,650	12,240
M Thackeray	451	28	6%	9	2%	11%	23	5%	129	29%	1,891,276	4,194
C Orffer	244	25	10%	36	15%	22%	31	13%	115	47%	2,956,150	12,115
A Arries	193	25	13%	17	9%	29%	22	11%	89	46%	2,069,375	10,722



Craig Zackey rides Nother Russia in the Horse Chestnut silks on Saturday

Motivated!

The 22 year old Craig Zackey now carries the sole hopes of a 2018 Sun Met victory for the champion Mike de Kock team after the disappointing withdrawal of two of their trio this morning. Craig rides his favourite mare, Nother Russia, who has to overcome a wide draw. It's thus a big day for the promising young rider, who rode his first winner on Commander Cat for Tony Rivalland at Clairwood on 12 August 2012.



Justin Snaith – dreaming of a first Met win

Year Of The Snaith?

With 34 horses representing his powerful yard at Kenilworth on Sun Met Saturday, Justin Snaith looks to dominate proceedings yet again. He won the first six races on Met Day 2016 but 'only' saddled three winners last year. He has publicly stated that his major 2017/18 Summer goal has always been to win the Met- for the first time. And with a powerful quintet of runners, headed by Winter Series star African Night Sky and Paddock Stakes winner Oh Susanna, he is set to take on the likes of Legal Eagle, Marinaresco and Last Winter.



Hot combo Richard Fourie and Glen Kotzen – also hoping for a first Met win

Setting Standards

The top-class combination of Richard Fourie and Glen Kotzen – who have never won the Met- are hoping to set the new 'standard' for Sun Met excellence on Saturday when they

take on 17 rivals in the R5 million showpiece. They team up with the Carl and Amanda de Vos-bred Trippi colt Gold Standard, who ran fourth as a 3yo

in the 2017 Met. Owners Chrigor Stud and Drakenstein Stud have earmarked the Selangor Cup winner as a future stallion prospect, and will be hoping for a big effort on Saturday

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SIGNPOSTS

1st & 2nd season sires - 2yo's

ATO (Royal Academy)

Queen Of The Dance 2f (Personify by Personal Hope)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Special Force 2c (Hermana by Qui Danzig)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

Adi Speed 2c (Quest of Speed by Northern Afleet)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Eight Got Zip 2c (Flashy by Gold Press)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Single Malt 2c (Bourbon Rose by Requiem)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

Agata 2f (Ladora by Jallad)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(26/01\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Mystical Son 2c (Magical Eve by Oratorio)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Twist Of Fate 2c (Crescent Lily by Counter Action)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Lucky Dancer 2c (Shedrivemecrazy by Tiger Ridge)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Kirav's Tune 2c (Orange Blossom by Miesque's Approval)

[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(28/01\)](#)

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Young Scholar 2f (She's An Academic by Royal Academy)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(26/01\)](#)

Aaliyah 2f (Blue Lace Agate by Rakeen)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(26/01\)](#)

Carlita 2f (Auburn Annio by Point Given)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Jephthah 2c (Sacred Vow by Spectrum)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Quick Star 2c (Granny Leah by Orientate)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Confessional 2c (Clandestine by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(28/01\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

Royal Italian 2c (Royal Polly by Royal Academy)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Cirillo 2c (Miss Wordsworth by Lake Coniston)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Call To Duty 2c (Beyond by Martinelli)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Titan Of Tibet 2c (Spectre Lady by Spectrum)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Second To None 2f (Stern Line by Captain Al)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

Mkhonto 2c (Glenrowan by Danzig)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Blackbeard 2c (Pirate Queen by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Tasunke 2f (Roczinta by Rock of Gibraltar)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(26/01\)](#)

What A Captain 2c (Free Fall by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Princess Elsa 2f (Gathering Glory by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Clouds Unfold 2f (Montelissima by Montjeu)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Skidoo 2c (Rustic Magic by Jallad)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Agent Of Fortune 2c (Sofala by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Wonderful Winter 2c (Nella Fantasia by Giant's Causeway)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Star Angel 2f (Band Of Angels by National Assembly)

[Kenilworth 3 Kuda Sprint \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Opera Cat 2c (Cavatina by Model Man)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(26/01\)](#)

Temp The Tiger 2c (Figure Eight Knot by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 2 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)



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2nd season sires - 3yo's

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

It dawned on me 3c (Chekeche by Kahal)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(26/01\)](#)

Come As You Are 3f (Beauty Queen by Jallad)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Blue Hope 3f (Discover Diamonds by Marscay)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Kiss An Angel 3f (Mumtazah by Galileo)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(27/01\)](#)

Before Noon 3c (Maritime Mist by Parade Leader)

[Turffontein 10 Novice Handicap 1600m \(27/01\)](#)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Camphoratus 3f (Wild Camphor by Horse Chestnut)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Eternal Words 3f (Eternal Lady by Jallad)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Regal Lady 3f (Hargreaves by Allied Flag)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(27/01\)](#)

Generous Notion 3f (Sishebo by Kahal)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(27/01\)](#)

Take My Word 3f (Cantorist by Kashani)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(27/01\)](#)

Catchword 3f (Lincoln Echo by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(28/01\)](#)

Silver Raisin 3f (Bay Leaf by Strike Smartly)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(28/01\)](#)

Grus 3c (Queen Star by King of Kings)

[Scottsville 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(28/01\)](#)

CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Epic Sword 3c (Silver Moon by Model Man)

[Greyville 7 MR 75 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

Midnight Affair 3f (Lucky Ribot by Silvano)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Wee Maggie 3f (Forbidden Woods by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Dr Henry 3c (Magic Treasure by Goldkeeper)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Bullsade 3f (Bull Creek by Kahal)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(27/01\)](#)

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

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(28/01\)](#)

Ascalon 3f (Pashley by Count Dubois)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(28/01\)](#)

Ice Crusade 3c (Ice Pageant by National Emblem)

[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1950m \(28/01\)](#)

Brave Crusader 3c (Jungle Princess by Mogok)

[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1950m \(28/01\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Mbali 3f (Rattled by Alami)

[Greyville 5 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(27/01\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Brave 3c (Case Stated by London News)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

Magic Flame 3f (Star Magic by Russian Revival)

[Greyville 6 MR 62 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 2000m \(27/01\)](#)

Irish 3f (Truly Scrumptious by Northern Guest)

[Turffontein 8 Novice Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/01\)](#)

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Destination Pluto 3c (Move The Stars by Elliodor)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(26/01\)](#)

Spring Man 3c (Diorella by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Derby \(3yo's\) 2000m \(27/01\)](#)

Blue Streak 3c (Blingsta by Damascus Gate)

[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1950m \(28/01\)](#)

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Vittorio 3c (Tiger Strike by Tiger Ridge)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(26/01\)](#)

Cloud Nine 3f (Viva La Belle by Defensive Play)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(27/01\)](#)

Ancestry 3c (A Daughters Legacy by Windrush)

[Kenilworth 5 The CTS 1600 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1600m \(27/01\)](#)

Arianos Bagofgold 3c (Heritage Wood by Var)

[Greyville 7 MR 76 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(27/01\)](#)

Opera Royal 3c (Fakazi by Albarahin)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Derby \(3yo's\) 2000m \(27/01\)](#)

Regal Graduation 3f (Royal Aspen by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 8 Novice Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(27/01\)](#)

No Mans Land 3c (Fort Sylvia by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 11 MR 66 Handicap 1600m \(27/01\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Ohsobright 3f (Sidera by Galileo)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

Sequel 3c (Great Aclea by Jallad)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(26/01\)](#)

Double Dual 3c (Jenny Jones by Right Approach)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(26/01\)](#)

Sand And Sea 3c (Sea Point by Spectrum)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Lady Elliodor 3f (Val De Vie by Goldmark)

[Greyville 6 MR 62 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 2000m \(27/01\)](#)

Do It Again 3c (Sweet Virginia by Casey Tibbs)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Derby \(3yo's\) 2000m \(27/01\)](#)

Double Tap 3c (Orange Dancer by Danehill Dancer)

[Turffontein 11 MR 66 Handicap 1600m \(27/01\)](#)

Two Moon Junction 3f (Promise Me by Labeeb)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(28/01\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Desert Phantom 3f (Desert Rouge by Slew The Red)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Magical Wonderland 3f (Magical Miss by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

What A Winner 3c (Bella Diva by Eli's Star)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Lady Lisha 3f (Miss Symphony by Kabool)

[Greyville 4 MR 60 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(27/01\)](#)

Dutch Philip 3c (Upity Ann by Dominion Royale)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

Winter Blues 3c (Dancing Penny by Danske)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(27/01\)](#)

What A Joker 3c (Sharada by Parade Leader)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Derby \(3yo's\) 2000m \(27/01\)](#)

What A Storm 3c (Storm Flo by Royal Flo)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trials \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(27/01\)](#)

Winter Blues 3c (Dancing Penny by Danske)

[Scottsville 6 MR 80 Handicap 1000m \(28/01\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

VAR

Rated AR 81 **Rule The Night** (2c Light The Moon by Victory Moon)
Maiden Juvenile Plate Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (20/1)
Backed into favouritism at 11/10, Corne Spies' charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 200m marker and won going away by three. He should be better than rated, on this showing.

CRUSADE

Rated AR 79 **Calladdi** (3g Carina Coleman by The Sheik)
Maiden Plate Scottsville (1000m) (21/1)
Other than a barrier trial in which he was first past the post, this was Calladdi's first outing for nine months. Pitched in against much stronger in his first few outings, Gavin Van Zyl's charge was taken straight to the front by Warren Kennedy and led throughout. He was always in command and won well by a length and a half.

Horses To Follow

TEOFILO

Rated AR 91 **Yakeen** (3c Reine by Royal Academy)
MR88 Handicap Turffontein (stand side) (1600m) (20/1)
Taking a huge step up in class in this, his third career outing, Mike De Kock's charge couldn't have been more impressive. In touch throughout, Yakeen was asked to take up the running at the 300m pole and drew clear in good style in the closing stages of the race to score by four and three quarters. We'll no doubt see a lot more of this Australian bred colt, whose unraced dam is half sister to Australian champion 2yo & sire Nadeem.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Power Tower (AUS) 3g Husson- Making Mischief(IRE)
(Medaglia d'Oro)
Kenilworth 1400m (18/01)

Sunshine Mint (IRE) 3f Dawn Approach- Marble Silver(IRE)
(Notnowcato)
Kenilworth 1200m (18/01)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Tamashi 4f Fastnet Rock- Unusual Choice(AUS)
(Redoute's Choice)
Fairview 2000m (19/01)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Marion Belle (AUS) 4f Snitzel- Belle Of The City(AUS) (Bel Esprit)
Kenilworth 1000m (20/01)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Yakeen (AUS) 3c Teofilo- Reine(AUS) (Royal Academy)
Turffontein 1600m (20/01)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Mujallad (AUS) 3c Redoute's Choice- Raid(NZ) (Pins)
Turffontein 1160m (20/01)

SPORTS AND BETTING

ABSA Premiership

Kaizer Chiefs vs Mamelodi Sundowns | Sat 27 Jan | FNB Stadium | 20:15



Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns battle it out at the FNB Stadium this Saturday in what should be a mouth-watering affair. Two giants of South Africa who boast some of the best

players in their respective squads. Amakhosi and Masandawana have used the transfer market well and by now, the new players will be well-suited to their new homes, meaning there will be no excuses this Saturday – at least we hope. Steve Komphela has beaten Pitso Mosimane the last two times they have met, both by 2-1 scorelines. This will be the perfect time for 'Jingles' to end that run, unless Amakhosi upset the applectart once again and claim three successive victories over Sundowns.

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TO WIN

Kaizer Chiefs 15/10
Draw 2/1
Mamelodi Sundowns 19/10

KAIZER CHIEFS

Kaizer Chiefs moved up to third spot in the ABSA Premiership standings after their emphatic 2-1 win away to Baroka FC. That was the club's first victory over Bakgaga and it took one of Bobby Motaung's new additions to give them that win. Leonardo Castro introduced himself to his new supporters off the bench, thumping in a loose ball to give Chiefs the win. In that match, Joseph Molangoane was given his marching orders and will miss the match against Sundowns. Luckily, former Masandawana right-back, Ramahlwe Mphahlele, will walk back into the side – a back-up option that any team would die for in the PSL.

MAMELODI SUNDOWNS

Mamelodi Sundowns maintained their four point lead at the top of the ABSA Premiership standings after brushing Platinum Stars aside in their 3-0 win. Khama Billiat was the star of the show as he scored two free-kicks to take his overall goal tally to 43 in yellow and green colours. On Twitter, Sundowns' official account posted a tweet after the game that read: "Defenders around the league... consider yesterday [Saturday] your first warning!" In the same post, the picture was of new signings, Aubrey Ngoma, Jeremy Brockie and Gaston Sirino, in what was clearly a plot to scare rival fans across the country. The trio didn't start the match against Dikwena last weekend, but all came on as second half substitutes, earning their debuts for Bafana Ba Style. It just shows the strength in depth that the PSL leaders have. Apart from Ngoma, Brockie and Sirino, Sundowns had club-captain, Hlompho Kekana, on the bench as well.

PREDICTION: Mamelodi Sundowns (19/10)

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

The End Of An Era

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Doing The Business

Fairview 15 January

With the runners having to contend with a 50km/h cross wind on Monday the times were slow. A pinnacle stakes topped the bill and in what not surprisingly proved to be the faster of the two 1400m events, MIRACLE BUREAU registered his sixth career victory. Just five went to post and nicely positioned in third, the son of Trippi was always well positioned to strike. He did so shortly after passing the 200m marker and comfortably accounted for the staying on pacemaker DRAGON FLAME by a length and a quarter.

The faster of the two 1200m races was the graduation plate won by the 4yo OVER DRIVE. Always handy, Justin Snaith's charge ran on strongly at the business end of the race and got the verdict by a quarter from the running on ARMSTRONG'S BOY (came from the rear).

By far the quicker of the two handicaps over 1900m was the MR91 affair won by the ultra-consistent OLYMPIC POWER. Easy to back at 13/2 on the off, Alan Greeff's charge was soon positioned close to the pace. He quickened well early in the short home straight and won fair and square from the always handy ROAD TO INDY.

Titbits *Having his first outing since relocating to the Eastern Cape, the heavily supported ROBYN-JACK-TWIGG won the maiden plate over 1400m with authority by a length and a quarter.*

Straight To The Point

Vaal 16 January

They raced on the outside track on Tuesday which meant that all of the races were run down the straight. Three of these took place over 1600m and stopping the clock in the fastest time was EMILY JAY when landing the MR83 Handicap. She got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. She was ridden to lead approaching the 400m pole and just had enough in hand to hold off the gaining COSTA DA SOL. The runner up came from the back and was only beaten a neck.

They also ran three races over 1400m and

quickest home here was PRETTY BALLERINA in the MR64 Handicap. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, the lightly raced 3yo was positioned in midfield for most of the journey. Once given rein though she ran on best of all and went on to score with authority from the more fancied ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The faster of the two handicaps over 1000m was the MR80 affair in which BRIGNUMBERTEN registered his third career victory. Freely available at 11/1 on the off, Roy Magner's charge raced prominent throughout. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and after a thrilling tussle with the hat-trick seeking pacemaker HE'S GREAT (lost whip late), he got the verdict by a neck.

Titbits *The 3yo GOLD DAWN ran on well from midfield when winning the second division of the girls' maiden 1200m going away by two and a half.*

Quick Gains

Vaal 17 January

They again raced at the Vaal on Wednesday, only this time the action took place on the new classic track. A work rider's maiden plate over 1200m opened up proceedings and here we saw a very easy victory for the supported TERRONCITO. Making only his sixth racecourse appearance here, the 6yo was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front going through the 400m and after quickly drawing clear won well by four and three quarters.

The MR72 Handicap was the faster of the two 1450m events and here we saw a smart performance from another supported runner in REBUKED. Confidently ridden by replacement jockey Fanie Chambers, the top weight raced ninth of the twelve early on. He ran on best of all over the final 400m and won going away after striking the front 100m from home.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 2400m where SHEET WEAVER was the quickest home. Sent off

favourite at 4/1, Alec Laird's charge was always in touch with the leaders. He ran on well over the final 300m and after a thrilling tussle with both JUST CRUISED IN and SAVE THE RHINO, he only got the verdict by the narrowest of margins.

Titbits *An impressive winner of her latest outing coming into the race, ICE ART again quickened in good style when winning the MR84 Handicap going away.*

FASTEST TIMES

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

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 15 JANUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 2,45s slow	
1000m (1) Candy Crush	58,97
1200m (2) Over Drive	71,95
1400m (2) Miracle Bureau	85,14
1600m (1) No Doubt	98,29
1900m (2) Olympic Power	119,55

VAAI (OUTSIDE) 16 JANUARY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,34s slow	
1000m (2) Brignumberten	57,16
1200m (2) Gold Dawn	71,26
1400m (3) Pretty Ballerina	83,29
1600m (3) Emily Jay	95,84

VAAI (CLASSIC) 17 JANUARY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,38s fast	
1000m (1) Ice Art	56,22
1200m (1) Terroncito	68,89
1450m (2) Rebuked	85,34
1600m (1) Jubilee Line	94,83
2000m (1) Florentino	123,30
2400m (2) Sheet Weaver	148,15

KENILWORTH (NEW) 18 JANUARY

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,25s slow	
1000m (1) Northern Corner	59,14
1200m (2) Sunshine Mist	72,92
1400m (4) Trojan Quest	87,71
1800m (2) Waiting For Rain	112,23

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 19 JANUARY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,22s slow	
1000m (2) Ess El Kay	56,80
1200m (2) La Rebel	69,09
1400m (1) Paper Town 84,27	
1600m (1) Grizabell	99,26
1800m (1) Widow's Lamp	109,61
2000m (2) Mamba Mania	126,23



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Let It Rain

Kenilworth 18 January

Four of the nine races in Cape Town on Thursday were run over 1400m and the quickest home in these was TROJAN QUEST in the MR64 Handicap. Freely available at 10/1 on the off, the confirmed frontrunner was over four lengths clear coming off the bend. He kept on strongly over the final 600m and although the always handy CREAM SODA GREEN did make some headway in the closing stages of the race, he still had a length and a quarter to spare at the wire.

The opening maiden plate for the girls was the faster of the two 1000m races and here we saw a smart performance from the Dennis Drier trained SUNSHINE MIST. Always in the red, the 3yo daughter of Dawn Approach struck the front 600m out. She just did the necessary from there onwards, and with the rest some four and three quarter lengths adrift, she comfortably accounted for the running on LADYSMITH by a length and a quarter.

The MR89 Handicap was the faster of the two 1800m races on the card and in what proved to be a real thriller, the aptly named 6yo WAITING FOR RAIN registered his sixth career victory. Positioned fourth of the six when the race began in earnest, Piet Steyn's charge ran on best of all and with just a neck covering the first four home, he got up in the very last stride.

Titbits The 3yo PERFECT PROPORTIONS won the girls' division of the maiden 1400m going away with some in hand.

Sequences Extended

Fairview 19 January

The midweek ended as it had begun with racing in the Eastern Cape. They raced on the turf this time though and in the afternoon's feature event, a MR79 Handicap over 1800m, the progressive WIDOW'S LAMP completed a hat-trick. Sent off a well-supported favourite at 15/10, the daughter of Go Deputy was always in touch with the leaders. She was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 300m pole and although TIFFINDELL chased hard in the closing stages of the race, she did have that one held by a length at the wire.

Two of the nine races were run over 1000m and by far the fastest of these was the MR62 Handicap in which the veteran ESS EL KAY completed a double. Easy to back at 11/1 on the off, George Uren's charge raced second last early on. He ran on best of all at the business end of the race and won going away from the always handy KINGSTON WARREN (led 250m).

They also ran two races over 1200m and quickest home here was LA REBEL in the MR76 Handicap. Another to run on stoutly from off the pace, the Rebel King mare got up in the dying strides to deny the front running HOT N HAZY.

Titbits The newcomer AFRICAN VICTORY couldn't have been more impressive when cruising clear over the final 250m to score by nine in the maiden plate over 1200m.

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

AFRICAN VICTORY (T Laing, E-Cape)
SUNSHINE MIST (D Drier, KZN)

Top speed ratings
for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (1) Seattle Lily 10
Race 2: (6) Lateral's Flash 5
Race 3: (11) Valentine's Girl 15
Race 4: (6) Anglet 84
Race 5: (2) Bollemakiesie 40
Race 6: (2) Exelero 80
Race 7: (7) Laters Baby 33
Race 8: (8) Shady World 48

GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (10) Special Force 9 (nb)
Race 2: (2) Free State 67
Race 3: (1) Prince Ponti 14 (NAP*)
Race 4: (1) Fonteyn 26
Race 5: (14) Trip Queens 53
Race 6: (7) Sitia 44
Race 7: (4) Waltzed Home 56
Race 8: (11) Marriot 46

KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (7) Favola 68
Race 2: (1) Royal Italian 22
Race 3: (18) Urban Oasis 16
Race 4: (1) Dutch Philip 81
Race 5: (4) Rocket Countdown 68
Race 6: (2) Search Party 97
Race 7: (2) Tap O'Noth 70 (nb)
Race 8: (12) Snowdance 91 (NAP*)
Race 9: (1) Legal Eagle 101
Race 10: (11) Fortissima 72
Race 11: (11) Para Handy 60
Race 12: (2) Power Grid 69
Race 13: (2) Hoist The Mast 73

GREYVILLE (SAT)

Race 1: (14) Roy's Barbel 15
Race 2: (1) Bravo Zulu 15
Race 3: (1) Legal Eagle 101
Race 4: (12) Tropical Blow 35
Race 5: (1) Princess Analia 35
Race 6: (11) Maybe 39
Race 7: (5) Arianos Bagofgold 50
Race 8: (11) High Altar 43

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (4) Aquila Warrior 5
Race 2: (6) Cop Shop 17 (NAP*)
Race 3: (1) Imperial Ounce 29
Race 4: (14) Saragon 22
Race 5: (7) Mario Lanza 21
Race 6: (14) Fantasy View 55
Race 7: (8) Rushmore River 89
Race 8: (11) Sammi Moosa 35
Race 9: (1) Legal Eagle 101
Race 10: (6) Before Noon 43
Race 11: (5) Bush Pilot 51

SCOTTVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (7) Wild Rendezvous 6
Race 2: (15) Playlist 17
Race 3: (6) Electropop 14
Race 4: (1) Eccellerate 9
Race 5: (4) Amazon King 73
Race 6: (6) Cumulus 55
Race 7: (1) London Call 94
Race 8: (5) Wild Wicket 88
Race 9: (3) Sherman 11

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