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**FAIRVIEW** turf Friday  
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R1-(11)Tune The Scope(1/1)

**GREYVILLE** poly Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R3-(5) Fantasy Art (7/1)

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R5-(1) Witchcraft (5/1)

**DURBANVILLE** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R8-(11)Chatuchak(5/2)

**SCOTTSVILLE** Sunday  
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Chase Liebenberg

# Betspend... Overkill?

Behind the scenes of the glamour and pomp 'n sparkle of Sun Met day, the racing gods were keeping an eagle eye on the all important component of betting turnover. Does it work having three local racemeetings on a day that one would think the average punter was surely only interested in what was happening at Kenilworth?

With the sun having set on the Cape's flagship raceday, the post-mortems have centred around the highlights of a superb performance by a 3yo filly, the historic stamp of approval from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and the ever lingering cloud of local betting turnovers under pressure.

The exploits of Street Cry's daughter Oh Susanna and the winning Snaith team have been extensively covered in the ensuing pages. Beyond the champion performances on the day, it is remarkable that the event actually stood up bravely to one of its most

testing build-ups in recent memory.

"Tough economic conditions, with junk status the newest buzz-word, and the devastating drought that is crippling the Western Cape formed an ominous backdrop to the 2018 Sun Met. We expected it to be tough and it was thus a tremendous boost and privilege to have the Hong Kong involvement," Phumelela Sports Betting Executive, Vee Moodley, told the Sporting Post.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club simulcast only the major meetings from around the world and the announcement that the betting-crazy racing jurisdiction were to



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## BETSPEND...OVERKILL?

take six races from Kenilworth was a coup for Saftote- even though local punters don't benefit directly.

There is no question that the Mayfair Speculators implosion in early December was an albatross around the neck of the Met build-up. Two of the fancied runners in the race carried the silks of South Africa's champion owners and the uncertainty around their participation, coupled with the mass political outcry, only abated 24 hours before the off. And even then, there was no certainty as to what Saturday would bring.

While attendance figures have not been published, the general consensus is that Oh Susanna's great victory was witnessed by one of the smallest crowds in living memory. And that is taking cognisance of the fact that most of the spectators these days are housed under cover.

The betting turnovers didn't emerge unscathed. Down about 10% year-on-year, the Hong Kong simulcast was to become an unlikely game saver.

Unlike commingling, where the overseas players gamble into our local pools, simulcasting entails the sale of the television picture and the payment of royalties. While no sums have been published, we are aware that the Mauritius agreement with SA racing involves a 3% royalty. There is talk that we could get commingling from Hong Kong on the 2019 Met. Their Met win pool was R4 million on Saturday. So that is an exciting proposition!

The Hong Kong players ploughed R176 million into their menu of six races, while our punters could only find R64 odd million for 30 local races. Turffontein is traditionally our strongest Saturday drawcard for punters, but why run three local meetings?

"It worked last year but we will revisit our programming for 2019," Gold Circle Racing Executive Raf Sheik told the Sporting Post. The Greyville Saturday meeting bore the brunt of the Sun Met shadow, with 'embarrassing pools' – trying as it was, in terms of its later scheduling, to compete into the teeth of the quartet of Gr1's at Kenilworth..

"Next season, I believe we will only race on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon," adds Raf Sheik, who says that 'what works one year, doesn't necessarily apply the next year'.

Who knows what the future holds?

## Now For The July

With the sun having set on the 2018 Met, South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywood have come out ahead of the field again and published the maiden ante-post market for the 2018 Gr1 Vodacom Durban July.

The R4,25 million 2200m contest will be run at Greyville on Saturday 7 July 2018.

We are months away from first entry date but the debate will be hot with the astute player looking to take a position for some serious value. Should any punter want to back a horse that is not included in the current betting, please feel free to contact Hollywood directly. All details on the link below.

Cape Winter Series champion African Night Sky, who ran on steadily but out of the money in last Saturday's Sun Met, is the early favourite.

[Click here for the Hollywood July Betting](#)

## Classic Hands Up

### Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes Turffontein

**After a Cape summer season of mixed fortunes, Mike de Kock is back home and goes for a hat-trick of wins in the R250 000 Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday. The champion saddles a decent trio of runners.**



Sir David Baird | Gold Circle

The weights in this 3yo feature are structured with two-time winners and less carrying 53 kg, with an additional 2kg penalty for every win thereafter with a maximum of 57kg. Winners of Gr1 races (there are none in the field) get 3kg, Gr2 winners get 2kg and Gr2 winners just 1kg.

Top of the ratings is the Bush Hill Stud bred Curved Ball gelding Seerite, who grabbed the attention when chasing Monks Hood home in a thrilling finish to the Dingaans. He won on debut and ran a cracking fourth behind Zen Arcade in the Graham Beck Stakes at only his second start. This fellow has done little wrong!

Piere Strydom partners Stuart Pettigrew's promising Gimmethegreenlight gelding Surcharge, who won the Listed Secretariat Stakes over the course and distance last time out. A winner of 4 of his 6 starts, this good-looking galloper is likely to prefer 1800m in time to come and looks a genuine class act.

Anthony Delpech partners what appears to be the De Kock elect in the Teofilo colt, Yakeen. The promising Australian-bred has won two of his 3 starts by an aggregate of six lengths and impressed when beaten Soldier On going away last time. He has drawn on the paint.

After his Dingaans no-show, his stablemate Pietro Mascagni got his confidence back with a smart Vaal 1500m Handicap win last time. He was earmarked early on.

Sir David Baird was an emphatic winner of the KZN Guineas Trial at his penultimate start before fading out after leading in the Cape Guineas. He was scratched coughing from his last scheduled start and looks much better than his Guineas performance.

Mike Azzie's Ideal Secret ran a fair fifth in the Dingaans when staying on behind Monks Hood and caught the eye when beating the very decent Social Order last time out.

Surcharge and Yakeen look the two most likely to fight this out. Seerite and Ideal Secret are above average, while Sir David Baird could prove the value if he finds his best

form. Much has been written and debated about Pietro Mascagni. He is another worth including.

### Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes past winners

<b>2015</b>	1	Belong To Me	56.5	(2)	22/1
	2	Mutamakkin	54.5	(1)	7/2
	3	Unparalleled	58.0	(8)	12/10
<b>2016</b>	1	Suyooof	58.0	(10)	6/1
	2	Champagne Haze	60.0	(9)	12/1
	3	Le Clos	58.0	(2)	110/1
<b>2017</b>	1	Ektifaa	58.5	(2)	5/1
	2	Matador Man	57.0	(7)	5/2
	3	Doosra	60.0	(6)	5/1

START 4:00PM TURFFONTEIN	7	PA5/PICK SIX/JACKPOT3 Gr3 TONY RUFFEL STAKES (3YO'S) - 1400M SAME TRAINER:(2-3)(5-10)(6-7-8)		
Gimmethegreenlight	<b>1</b>	<b>SURCHARGE</b> (ST Pettigrew) P Strydom	4	<b>60.0</b>
Querari	<b>2</b>	<b>WONDERWALL</b> (SG Tarry) G v Niekerk	7	<b>58.0</b>
Var	<b>3</b>	<b>PURPLE DIAMOND</b> (SG Tarry) R Danielson	12	<b>58.0</b>
Ideal World	<b>4</b>	<b>IDEAL SECRET</b> (MG & AA Azzie) C Zackey	9	<b>56.0</b>
Curved Ball	<b>5</b>	<b>SEERITE</b> (RR Sage) G Wrogemann	3	<b>56.0</b>
Dynasty	<b>6</b>	<b>SIR DAVID BAIRD</b> (MF de Kock) R Simons	8	<b>56.0</b>
Teofilo	<b>7</b>	<b>YAKEEN</b> (MF de Kock) A Delpech	1	<b>56.0</b>
Silvano	<b>8</b>	<b>PIETRO MASCAGNI</b> (MF de Kock) C Murray	2	<b>56.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>9</b>	<b>STATE TROOPER</b> (RR Magner) M Yeni	5	<b>56.0</b>
Mogok	<b>10</b>	<b>THE PUMA</b> (RR Sage) M Mjoka	10	<b>56.0</b>
Hard Spun	<b>11</b>	<b>HUYSTEEN</b> (M Houdalakis) K Zechner	6	<b>56.0</b>
Brave Tin Soldier	<b>12</b>	<b>THE TIN MAN</b> (LJ Erasmus) Wei Marwing	11	<b>56.0</b>

## TURFFONTEIN SATURDAY

# De Kock Holds Key

## Gr3 Three Troikas Turffontein

The 3yo fillies take centre stage in the R250 000 Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes where Canford Cliffs daughter Fish River gets an opportunity improve on her course-and-distance winning effort last time out.



San Fermin | JC Photos

The power combination of Mike de Kock and Anthony Delpech team up as the Australian-bred gets a serious opportunity to register her first stakes success.

The weights in this event are structured on a basis that two-time winners and less carry 53 kg, with a further penalty of 2kg for each additional win up to a maximum of 57kg. Over and above that, winners of Gr1 races get 3kg, Gr2 winners get 2kg and Gr3 scorers just 1kg.

Fish River showed an instant liking for the increase in ground when beating Big Bang Theory in an MR 78 Handicap last time and well drawn here, she must be a big runner.

Her stablemate Takingthepeace is a three-time winner and showed an aptitude for this trip when running a decent third behind Big Bear in the Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup. She won well just a matter of days ago and will strip fit.

Mike Azzie's Australian-bred San Fermin produced a terrific course and distance maiden win but when stepped up to the Gr3 Fillies Mile, failed to fire and ran 10 lengths off Folk Dance. She ran a much better race in the Swallow Stakes last time, when running on well under a length behind Covered In Snow. Grant van Niekerk is the form jockey engaged!

Those look to be the chief contenders, with Fish River likely to face her major opposition San Fermin with high-riding Grant van Niekerk in the saddle.

### Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes past winners

2015		
1	Sensible Lover	52.0 (1) 12/1
2	Lazer Star	58.0 (5) 7/10
3	Bichette	52.5 (6) 3/1
2016		
1	Madame Dubois	59.0 (2) 8/1
2	Negroamaro	59.0 (12) 7/2
3	Juxtapose	58.0 (5) 45/1
2017		
1	Anna Pavlova	59.0 (5) 9/1
2	Visuality	57.0 (4) 8/1
3	Last Chirp	60.0 (1) 13/1

START  
4:35PM  
TURFFONTEIN

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PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
Gr3 THREE TROIKAS S. (3YO F) - 1400M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-2)

Visionaire	1	TAKINGTHEPEACE(MF de Kock) R Danielson	7	60.0
Canford Cliffs	2	FISH RIVER(MF de Kock) A Delpech	3	58.0
Charge Forward	3	SAN FERMIN(MG & AA Azzie) G v Niekerk	9	58.0
Gimmethelight	4	LONDON SECRET(SG Tarry) JP vd Merwe	6	58.0
Dynasty	5	DAME KELLY(OA Ferraris) P Strydom	4	58.0
Gimmethelight	6	GREEN TOP(AG Laird) R Simons	5	58.0
Byword	7	NO MORE WORDS(RR Sage) G Wrogemann	8	58.0
What A Winter	8	FORT VODKA(M Houdalakis) K Zechner	1	58.0
Judpot	9	SOMEONE EXCITING(NH Marwing) Wei Marwing	2	58.0

# Tatts Jooste Dispersal

Markus Jooste was prevented from having runners at the Sun Met meeting last weekend amid the fallout from the Steinhoff accounting scandal, and some of the thoroughbreds in which he is involved in Europe are likely to provide a boost to the bottom line of the Tattersalls February Sale, which begins its two-day run today, reports Emma Berry on [www.thoroughbreddailynews.com](http://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com)

The mixed auction has been on the up in recent years, not just in numbers catalogued, which saw it stretched to two sessions in 2017 from its more regular stand-alone day.

Twelve months ago also featured a new high mark when Easton Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was sold for 500,000gns to Mick Flanagan. That record price has to be under threat with the inclusion in the sale of the regally-bred Willie John (GB) (Dansili {GB}), catalogued as lot 379, to be sold from William Haggas's Somerville Lodge on behalf of Jooste and the China Horse Club. It's rare to see a Classic prospect change hands at this time in his career but the unusual circumstances of the colt's current ownership means that he will return to the ring where he fetched 325,000gns as a yearling. Since then, the son of Meon Valley Stud's dual Group 1 winner Izzi Top (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) has won his sole start—a seven-furlong novice race at Yarmouth—in eye-catching fashion, and he holds entries for the Derby and the Irish Derby. [Read more](#)

# Top Of The Charts



Awesomely Tuned | Gold Circle

With only five runners on the track, Rathmor Stud stallion Noble Tune got off the mark at Scottsville on Wednesday when the Kumaran Naidoo trained Awesomely Tuned won at her third start.

The good looking filly was bred by S Bunwarie and is out of the three-time winning Cataloochee mare, Awesome Beauty. She had improved steadily from

4th on her polytrack debut to 3rd at her last start, before bounding home to register a good win over the turf 1200m in a time of 70,36 secs.

The first son of Undbridled's Song to stand here, Noble Tune a half-brother to dual Gr1 winner Honor Code, stood his first season in 2014 and his first crop are now 2yo's.

Bred on the scross of Fappiano x Storm Cat that produced 2015 Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah, Noble Tune's sire-line is unique to the South African studbook as Fappiano is now considered a new branch of the Mr Prospector sire-line

Noble Tune placed second in the Gr1 Breeders Cup Juvenile on turf, and won a Gr2 and Gr3 amongst his outstanding efforts.

He stands at Rathmor for a fee of R25 000.

Michael and Tanya McHardy are the owners of the family business, Rathmor Stud, previously Kingswood Stud. The farm was bought from Dr Allan King in June 1998. They stand Noble Tune and Strategic News. Rathmor hit the news when breeding a rare white medicine hat colt by Kahal named Gran Blanco. Gran Blanco sold at the 2013 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale for R220 000. Situated near Nottingham Road in the KZN Midlands, Rathmor Stud is 200ha in extent and has about 30 hectares under irrigation as well as 20 hectares of eragrostis that is kept solely for their own consumption.

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GR1

### EYES WIDE OPEN

INVESTEC CAPE DERBY (GRADE 1)  
JOCKEY: RICHARD FOURIE  
TRAINER: GLEN KOTZEN  
OWNER: CHRIGOR STUD (NOM: MRS S. HATTINGH)

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GR2

### LET IT RAIN

HEINEKEN CAPE STAYERS (GRADE 2)  
JOCKEY: RICHARD FOURIE  
TRAINER: D. KATZ  
OWNER: H. ADAMS, D. CHINSAMMY & MRS T. CHINSAMMY



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## Big Money Goodbye



**American Horse of the Year Gun Runner went out in a blaze of glory under Florent Geroux at Gulfstream Park on Saturday when he won the \$16 million Pegasus World Cup in impressive style.**

The son of Candy Ride (Arg) – who stands at Lane's End for \$80,000 – now heads to Three Chimneys to commence his own stud career off

five straight Gr1 wins.

"It's just a very emotional time," said Gun Runner's trainer Steve Asmussen. "For him to come through like he did today, overcome the draw, I'm so proud of him.

"He's a dream come true. He's just a special individual. This memory will be with us forever."

With the \$7 million winner's share of the world's richest purse in racing, Gun Runner moved past California Chrome into second on the all-time earnings list with \$15,988,500. He trails only Arrogate, who beat him in last year's Dubai World Cup and retired with \$17,422,600 in earnings.

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## Al Sahem Dubai Debut

**Vodacom Durban July runner-up Al Sahem makes his debut at Meydan this evening for Mike de Kock's yard in the Gr2 Al Rashidiya over 1800m on turf, alongside stablemate Light The Lights, who won just recently.**

Al Sahem hasn't raced since he was touched off in the famous Durban race and Mike de Kock, quoted on his website, said: "He'll need it first up, but he's doing well, we're expecting a nice run from him. I've spoken to Sean Tarry about him, he's not a horse that shows all that much at home, so the race will show us where we stand with him.

"I've left Christophe Soumillon on Light The Lights because he is in a good space, in form. We've got Pat Cosgrave on Al Sahem, we thought he got lost in the Deep Blue Sea but he's showing his face in our stable again. "I'd like to see good runs from both of them here."

Janoobi (Jim Crowley) and Noah From Goa (Soumillon) will be lining up in the Gr2 Al Fahidi Fort, a race Mike has won many times in the last 15 years.

"Janoobi needed his first run here, he faded out but he's improved and he's well drawn. He can run strongly from the front so the race may suit him. If he gets away he may be hard to peg back.

"Noah From Goa impressed with his first run after a rest last time, he's improved more and we'll be looking for a forward run from him."

Cosgrave rides the returning grey Liquid Mercury in a handicap over 2410m on turf – this one hasn't raced for a year, he's recovered from a pelvis operation and his action has changed because of that, he strides differently. "He'll come on with the run."

Alareef, who was well beaten last week but stayed on steadily for second, should run another decent race in a handicap over 1200m on dirt, Saturday. He's won over the course and distance twice in the last three seasons and has a chance again. "He's a soldier and he'll improve on last week," Mike said.

Smart Strike colt Pertinacious was fancied to win a 1400m Maiden on turf recently, but he ran no kind of race and Mike said: "He had us scratching our heads, we had no explanation for his poor run but he's back on dirt, we're hoping he comes back to his best here so we can put that last run down to the surface. He shows us ability."

Syncopation has not been at his best this season, but Mike's expecting a better run from him in a dirt handicap over 1600m.

Baroot closes off weekend racing for Blue Stables, he's in a handicap on turf over 1800m and is one that can finish in the money.

Baroot moved up before fading last week and he wasn't hard ridden – he would have come on from that run and Mike said: "He has that come on look, he needed his run last week and should be in the shake-up."

## Blow For British Racing

Thoroughbreddailynews reports that Racecourse Media Group has cut ties with GBI, which since 2010 has been the sole distributor of UK and Irish racing to overseas markets, and has formed a partnership with SIS to distribute racing to overseas betting operators from next year.

The move to choose the bookmaker-owned SIS as their new international partner will 'fracture British horseracing'

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and **SAND AND SEA** (CPYS 2016 Graduate).



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**UNDERCOVER AGENT** (CPYS 2016 Graduate) wins by 1,25 lengths from  
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## PERSONALITY

# MET Masterpiece

## Snaith Racing

**When Justin Snaith won a record breaking 8 races on Met day 2016, in his podium speech after Baritone's win in the last of the afternoon he stated he'd gladly swap the eight wins for a victory in the Met, resolving to apply himself even harder. It took him two years, but on 27 January 2018, he did it, not only winning the Sun Met with Oh Susanna, but saddling five winners on the day, including three Gr1's. With Justin taking a well-deserved break, his brother Jono gave us a bird's eye view of 'Snaith day'.**

### Phenomenal effort

First and foremost, the win came thanks to an enormous amount of dedication and self-sacrifice from Justin. "Justin has put a lot of effort in – more so than I've ever seen," says Jono. "He does everything himself, even driving the horses to the beach. He's had to sacrifice a lot with his family – and his young daughter in particular- to have the day we wanted. I'm just glad it paid off."

### New Approach

In December last year, Justin announced a new strategy for this season – and it's one that's paying dividends. Jono explains, "It wasn't anything specific, Justin just changed his approach for the Cape season. In the last two years we went flat out from the first bell and although it was successful, by Met day the horses were tired, so this year we decided to take it easier. We were a lot more forgiving at home, we didn't run the horses often and when we did run them, it was to bring them along. It was purely a less is more approach. And the results are here," he smiles happily.

This year's Met card showed evidence of a more disciplined approach, with notably only a single runner in the Summer Juvenile Stakes – usually one of their major targets- and rather than the volume of runners of years past, they noticeably opted for quality over quantity. "Because Justin is so competitive, he always wanted our 2yo's to win first time out, which required a lot more hard work into those early races and attention from the handicapper. We haven't run many 2yo's this season, which we think will be a positive later on."

"On L'Ormarins Queen's Plate day, we ran more horses than we might have wanted to, but we got a call from the NRB asking to help fill races and we try and help Kenilworth where we can."

### WFA

Jono was a proponent of changing the Met to Weight-For-Age, campaigning via the Industry Liaison Com-

mittee for the switch. "Pure WFA encourages the best horse to win and we want the best horses to win our best races. It took a hard 6 months' slog, but we got it through. Funny enough, at the time, Justin said, 'do you realise, you've just cost me the Met?' I said I still believed it was the right decision for racing in the long term, but as it happened, we supplemented Oh Susanna late and the pure WFA suited her, but I think even with an extra 2kgs she would have won," he states confidently.

"If you look back at the results, Legal Eagle is the best miler and he won the Queen's Plate and we think Oh Susanna will be a superstar in time to come and I think in both cases, the best horse won on the day. It's a good result for racing."

### Smooth Prep

"Justin's strategy paid off. We've had such a good vibe in the yard this season and he was so happy with the horses and the team, the day couldn't come soon enough. We've never brought such a robust group of horses to the course and I've never seen Justin that confident."

### How the day unfolded

After saddling first two past the post in the day's opener, Sergeant Hardy opened the throttle in the Cape Flying Championship, bringing home the trophy for Veronica Foulkes and her son, Oscar. "It couldn't happen to nicer people," says Jono. "Sergeant Hardy cost R70k and look what he's done. He's all heart. It shows you don't have to spend millions to have some fun. It's a lovely story for them and for all the small breeders. In fact, you have to give Vaughan Koster a mention here too for Snowdance – what he does off a small base is phenomenal – Legislate, Bela-Bela, Snowdance – for us, he's been frighteningly good. Well done to him as well."

### Confident

"When Snowdance won the Majorca, we were walking off the podium and Justin turned to me and said, 'I'm telling you, the way she won, this year we're winning the Met. And he was right. He was so confident in his team of horses – he knew one would do it for him, he just didn't know which one. They were so hard to separate and they all had a winning plan."

### The Met

The Met is a race everyone dreams of winning. "But you can only win with one horse," reflects Jono. "We would love each and every one of our runners to have won, but it was Oh Susanna's day."

It's been a long slog. How does it feel to finally have that trophy in their stable? "Even though we got hit by champagne from Grant, no-one felt a thing!" he jokes. "We're just glad to be part of history, but



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## SNAITH RACING

Justin is the real star. He's dedicated himself totally to the horses. Everyone knew how important this day was. I'm glad it paid off."

It was particularly special to bring home a Gr1 double for Drakenstein, with the Majorca Stakes as well as the Met. "What Drakenstein puts in, is what they get out. Gaynor does an incredible service for Kenilworth and South African racing in marketing our brand internationally, as well as running the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate. We are so lucky to have her and it's nice as an industry to give her something in return with the big wins. I think Saturday will be one of the most memorable days of her life and something she'll treasure for a long time. What is even more special is that her children flew in specially for the Met and her whole family were there, including Johann, who picked Oh Susanna as something special after the Fillies Guineas. He wasn't focussed on Snowdance, but on the horse that flew up from last to run second. He said, 'That's the one.' I thought he was nuts, but how right he was. A month later she won the Paddock Stakes and then the Met."

Noting that Justin has a knack with fillies, Jono quips, "Even at school! Look at his record: Dancer's Daughter, Captain's Lover, Ebony Flyer, Bela-Bela and now these two. I think the handicapper will have their hands full trying to rate these two this week. I'm not sure they'll meet again – they're each specialists over their distance – but if they ever did, it would be a helluva race."

### Grant

"He's amazing and is riding with so much confidence. With Justin and my dad both being competitive riders, good hands are very important to them and Grant has beautiful hands and is very forgiving with horses. He gives them their heads, drops them in and settles them and that's really important for us."

### Team Effort

"We've got a fantastic team back home and on race day we've got my mother in the stables out the back, checking on all the horses and managing our lead pony, Royal Bounty, who is worth his weight in gold" (for those who missed it, Sue painted a silver lightning bolt onto the hard-working Royal Bounty's hindquarters in homage to Usain Bolt). "You'll see my dad on him every morning at the track. If any horse has an issue, my dad just trots up on Bounty and sorts it out. He's also one of the soldiers in the yard."

Last, but not least, he pays tribute to their fantastic team of grooms. "Our guys really are world class. I've been to the best farms in the world and I think people underestimate how good our grooms are. The likes of Patrick and Jabu who come to the course with us – each one of them could be trainers in their own right. It's a team effort the whole way through."

### Wholesale support

The regular punters love Justin because he is always so open about his runners – "and they clearly made a lot of money on Saturday", quips Jono. But he's quick to mention that it was support closer to home that really made the day. "We have an amazing group of owners in the yard, who are the most important part of our team. They are the reason for our success and we could not do what we do without the support from every one of them. Although we had multiple clients with horses in the Met, they were the first to come and congratulate us and that made it extra special."

### Organisation

"Brandhouse did an amazing job for 39 years and it's not easy stepping into J&B's boots, but I think Mumm and Sun International have done a sterling job and should be proud of themselves."

"People also don't know how much time and effort Ken Truter and Lyndon Barends put into making the day happen and I must say thanks to them for the way they dealt with everything to ensure the day ran smoothly."

Would it be possible to compare 2016 to 2018? "If you had to ask how the two compare, although one is a world record and will always be close to Justin's heart, I'd say this year would be a hard day to top. I think this was just extra special and will probably be the best day of his career."

Never ones to think small, they are already focussing on the future. "When the export protocols are sorted out, our goal is to win a Gr1 race at Ascot with a South African horse, South African jockey and South African owner. That's our dream. And hopefully one day we can make it a reality for South African racing."

## Snaith's Gr1 Dominance

Justin Snaith crowned his best racing day in over 15 years at Kenilworth on Saturday and looks set to chase the R19,4 million gross stakes achieved when he was crowned SA Champion trainer in the 2013/14 season.

With the halfway mark of the season upon us, the Snaith team are currently on R14,7 million and over R6 million ahead of their nearest rival Sean Tarry on the SA Champion trainer table.

The compact Cape Summer Season lasts just under two months and hosts 8 Gr1 races. Snaith won 5 of those.

He got the ball rolling early in December when the Cheveley Stud bred daughter of Captain Al Snowdance powered home under Bernard Fayd'herbe to beat stablemate – and subsequent Paddock Stakes and Met winner – Oh Susanna, in the Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas

The Drakenstein Stud owned and bred Oh Susanna, a daughter of Street Cry, then won the Gr1 Paddock Stakes on day one of the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Festival of Racing in early January.

Three weeks later she took on the boys and duly won the Gr1 Sun Met in style – the first 3yo filly to achieve the feat in over a century.

Not to be outdone, Snowdance came out on the same afternoon and paralysed her field to add the Gr1 Majorca Stakes title to her fast growing list of titles.

The Snaiths third Gr1 success of Met day came courtesy of yet another progeny of Captain Al in Sergeant Hardy, who went almost gun to tape to win the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship. With well documented breathing issues, the Normandy Stud – bred gelding runs mainly on a massive heart and has jet engines behind him.

All that was left to Snaith's colleagues was the Gr1 Cape Guineas, won in style by Captain Al's son Tap O'Noth, who failed to deliver in the Cape Derby on Saturday. He still looks a very decent prospect up to a mile.

The Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate was won for the third year running by the Avontuur-bred superstar Legal Eagle, a son of Greys Inn, who ran fourth in Saturday's Sun Met.

The Gr1 Cape Derby was won by Glen Kotzen's Highlands Stud-bred Eyes Wide Open, a son of Dynasty.

The season ends on 24 February with the running of the Gr3 Prix Du Cape and the non black-type Cape Mile.



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## 2018 Sun Met Debrief

**These days, a thirteen race card fills me with dread, rather than anticipation. Particularly with a new outfit for the 'style ahead of the field' Afro chic theme and a brand new pair of shoes that I hadn't had time to break in yet.**

It is something of a mixed blessing that it is noticeably easier to get to Kenilworth on Met day these days. With possibly less traffic than one would encounter on a mid-week afternoon, we turned into Rosmead, parked our trusty vehicle and immersed ourselves in Met Day 2018.

### Look And Feel

When Sun International first announced their sponsorship, I was a little nervous after attending the launch function. However, Sun have been restrained and subtle in their approach and it is paying off handsomely.

They have taken their lead from the tried and tested Queen's Plate template and simply added their own dressing to make the day their own. There were flashes of glitz, but the flourishes served to accent and highlight, rather than dominate and the racing remained reassuringly centre stage. The crowd was small, but elegant and purposeful. It was also very cosmopolitan and perhaps thanks to the corporate support, felt smart and grown-up (gone my teenage days of jostling for space on the front apron and sitting cross legged on the grass sharing vodka spiked watermelons with fellow racegoers).

### Theme

The course was dressed with flowers and the odd flourish here and there – such as the new winner's enclosure which I thought worked well, as well as a smart new podium.

The bright, but not garish colour scheme is gentle and inviting, the Afro chic theme worked well and from a layout point of view, like the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate, they had set out a corporate lounge area across the chute in the picnic area of old. The dress theme worked well and while there were many first timers, people were interested in the racing and the punters mingled well with the lookers, the onlookers and party folk.

The layout created an atmosphere, while ensuring you never felt you were in danger of getting crushed. The separate entrance and exit lanes across the chute were also a

winner to help get people efficiently where they needed to be.

### The Racing

The Snaith yard gave warning of things to come, kicking off the card by bringing home the first two past the post in the South African Hall Of Fame FM 84 Handicap powered by Samsung (otherwise known as the first race).

Brett Crawford added another strike for Philippi with Traces in the Summer Juvenile Stakes – outgunning the somewhat infamous PE visitor, Carlita, by 2.5 lengths.

Grant van Niekerk swung into action in the CTS 1200, to bank \$500,000 for the Basses on the classy Dutch Philip. There was perhaps a bit of karma in the victory of Undercover Agent, as his nursery has felt the freeze from certain quarters in days gone by, but with changes afoot, victory was sweet indeed.

### The Wrath Of The Gods

While our sales race gladiators got name panels on their number cloths, the Gr1 Cape Flying runners did not and perhaps it was tempting the wrath of the racing gods that put a spanner in the works of the Met day sprint. Two horses failed to pull up after the false start and another bolted the course shortly afterwards, reducing the field to 14. However, it's quality rather than quantity that counts and the dependable Sergeant Hardy ran his little bay heart out for a well-deserved first Gr1 victory and the first of the day's three Gr1 scalps for the Snaiths.

There is always a quality turn out for the Cape Derby and this year was no exception. However, Glen Kotzen trained Eyes Wide Open was too good for them on the day, winning by 1.75 lengths for an ecstatic Richard Fourie.

Snowdance, Snowdance, Snowdance  
There was a wonderful class of fillies for the Gr1 Majorca Stakes, but there was only ever going to be one winner and Snowdance blew them all away Grant van Niekerk, posting his third win of the afternoon.

We were still dispensing with the post race preliminaries when a sleek black helicopter landed in the middle of the track, dropping off Chief Entertainment Officer, Usain Bolt. I was curious to see what he was like in the flesh and can confirm that he is as charming as he is gracious. After briefly addressing the crowds



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from the podium, his entourage accompanied him up the track, through the chute to the parade ring, shaking hands and signing autographs as he went.

He proved a gracious host during the Met jockey introductions, gamely signing, amongst others, Corne Orffer's skull cap cover. Nicely done.

## The Race

A big race, well any race really, is a nerve-wracking event. You want everyone to win, but that's not the way life works. The best one can hope for is a noble and true run race and pray that everyone gets home safe.

The gates crashed open to a quiet reception – the roar from the crowd seems to be a thing of the past. Krambambuli kept them honest in the lead, Captain America loomed dangerously over his inside shoulder and Legal Eagle took his usual position just off the vanguard, poised to strike. It was anybody's race coming into the straight. Captain America stole a march down the inside, Anton posed the question and Legal Eagle took flight and our hearts with him. Marinaresco gave chase, African Night Sky challenged. And then, unbelievably, Oh Susanna found wings of her own. And just when we couldn't stand it anymore, from the clouds Last Winter bolted from the blue. The race offered everything and the filly took it all and raised it.

Heroics, heartbreak and euphoria – and, ultimately, a new hero – or in this case, heroine. You'd have to go far to find all of that crammed into two minutes.

Huge congratulations to the Snaiths, to Grant and to the Drakenstein team on their first Met trophy. It's hard to put into words the time, the effort, the blood, sweat, tears and above all the horses and the hard-earned lessons that got them to the podium on Saturday – congratulations to you all and thank you for an unforgettable spectacle that will have us all talking for generations to come.

If you don't like where you are, Move! You are not a Tree!

We seldom take the time to heap praise when we have the opportunity, so now seems as good a time as any to express my admiration for Justin. Despite years of trying – over two generations – the Met had eluded their grasp. His relentless determination to succeed saw him adjust and finesse and above all make the changes necessary – not always an easy or comfortable process – to achieve his goal. He is an example to all of us.

## Best of the rest

Richard Fourie (who also had a blinding afternoon, posting two additional wins to go with his Derby victory) fought out the Cape Stayers' finish with Bernard Fayd'herbe and delivered a first Met day victory for Dan Katz. Justin grabbed a 5th winner for the

day with Hotel Cipriani and Glen Kotzen and the Woodhill team mopped up the last two of the afternoon.

As the sun disappeared behind the mountain, people started making their way home, massing for the after party, or gathering in knots to reflect on the day's events. As always, there were hidden gems of friends and family – new and old – to be discovered and chats that lingered long into the night. Best of all, my new shoes held up – result !

## Disaster management

The threatened strike action was diffused and the solidarity march was conducted in a peaceful and orderly fashion as promised. While congratulations are to be offered all round for the – fortunately successful- 11th hour scrambling that saw an unseemly and entirely unsubtle number of horses changing hands in the last week, including Brutal Force who registered new ownership on the very eve of the race as well as three scratchings as late as Saturday morning, one hopes that some questions will be asked and some planning done for the future. Racing's remit is racing – it's not for us to wade into the treacherous territory of the interests of the greater good. At least, it never was until now, which again begs some interesting questions.

Thanks to the unbending mean-spiritedness of a single individual, we got through Saturday by the skin of our teeth and probably aged 10 years in the process. While it would be nice to pretend this sort of thing won't happen again in a hurry, the events of last year, which included no less than 3 major train wrecks for racing, seem to predict otherwise. Nature abhors a vacuum, so you can rest assured, a new challenge will emerge to take its place soon enough.

## Don't Lose The Lesson

The ins and outs of the current stew are for wiser and more considered heads to unravel, but I'm a fan of the mantra that if you lose, you shouldn't lose the lesson. Last week's debacle showed in stark relief that we do not have sufficiently robust processes, wit or the lateral thinking required to deal adequately with a situation of this nature. While that is regrettable, it does offer an opportunities to improve. If we are smart, our decisions makers will take a long, hard look at exactly how and why we got into the situation in the first place and hopefully look at putting measures in place to ensure the next time it happens – because it won't be long – we have some tools to help ourselves.

Maya Angelou said 'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better'. The last few months – if not years- have handed us an extraordinary learning opportunity. Now that we know better, here's hoping we will do better.



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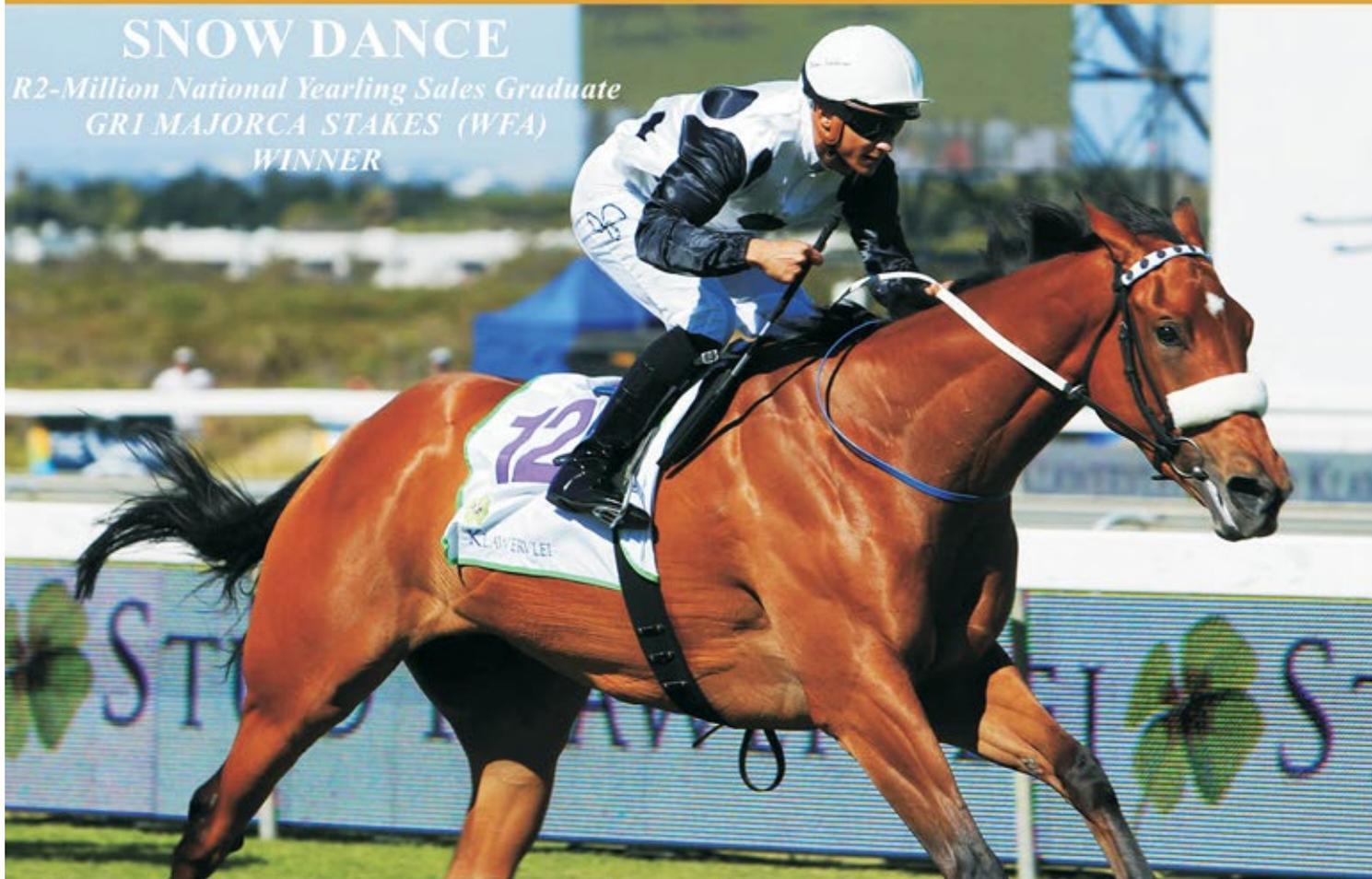
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## TOP EARNERS for 2017/2018 (to 28 January 2018)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Legal Eagle	6	c	184	3
Oh Susanna	3	f	172	3
Snowdance	3	f	170	3
Eyes Wide Open	3	c	120	2
Liege	5	c	100	1
Sergeant Hardy	4	c	100	1
Captain America	7	c	90	3
Marinaresco	5	c	78	2
Last Winter	4	c	70	2
Tap O' Noth	3	c	70	1
Wonderwall	3	c	62	2
Silicone Valley	7	c	50	1
Milton	6	c	50	1
Let It Rain	5	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
Live Life	4	f	42	2
White River	3	c	40	2
Trip To Heaven	6	c	38	1
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
Attenborough	4	c	28	1
Brutal Force	6	c	28	1
Fort Ember	5	f	28	1
Coral Fever	5	c	26	1
Will Pays	6	c	26	2
Pagoda	4	c	26	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
Casapedia	4	f	25	1
Master's Eye	6	c	24	1
Do It Again	3	c	24	2
Edict Of Nantes	4	c	20	1
Lady In Black	3	f	20	1
Star Express	5	f	20	1
The Slade	4	c	18	1
Social Order	4	c	18	1
Like A Panther	3	c	18	1
Dutch Philip	3	c	18	1
Rose In Bloom	3	f	17	1
Cot Campbell	3	c	16	1
Silvan Star	5	f	14	1

# The Sun Met Winning Jockey

**When I caught up with the latest member of the 'Jockeys That Have Won The Met' club, Grant van Niekerk's broad grin was audible down the phone. When I commented that I could hear the smile on his face, he shot back "I think it will be there for quite a while!"**

The 26 year old is so sincere and entirely without guile or artifice, that one immediately warms to him.

## Sun Met Star

He has a stellar 2018 Met day in the bag. From 12 carded rides, he posted 4 wins (including the Gr1 Majorca and Gr1 Sun Met) and 2 places. How did the day pan out for him? "It was a great day. Obviously things went according to plan for me. It was just one of those days where you wake up in the morning, feeling confident that everything will go smoothly. From the first race to the last, it was just clear sailing for me.

Justin really turned his horses out amazingly. I would not be able to have a day like that if it was not for him. Getting to chat to Lester Piggott and seeing Usain Bolt was the cherry on the top. And meeting Miss Universe!" he grins cheekily.

## How The Day Took Shape

"My day started very well. I won the first on the card and that gave me a lot of confidence going into the next race. Then along came the 4th race (the CTS 1200) where I rode Dutch Philip. I've always rated Dutch Philip. I always worked him at the Basses as a baby – I worked him and Magical Wonderland and would not be able to separate them." Commenting that it must have been a tough choice for Aldo, knowing how fond he is of the colt, Grant agrees. "Coming into this race, Magical Wonderland had the better form. It was a tough decision for him. The filly won well last time. Dutch Philip disappointed in his last start, but he had excuses. I think that's why Aldo went for Magical Wonderland. I just rode with a lot of confidence and knew that if he was back to his old self, he would be the one to beat and when I asked, he quickened like a good horse."

[Read more here](#)

## Features To Come

Sat 3 Feb	<b>Gr3 Tony Ruffel S.</b> (3yo's) 1450m Tufffontein (I)
	<b>Gr3 Three Troikas S.</b> (3yoF) 1450m Turffontein (I)
	<b>(L) Wolf Power 1600</b> 1600m Turffontein (I)
Sat 17 Feb	<b>Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Hcp</b> 1000m Turffontein (S)
Fri 23 Feb	<b>(L) Lady's Pendant</b> (F&M) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sat 24 Feb	<b>Gr3 Vasco Prix Du Cap</b> (F&M) 1400m Kenilworth (S)
Fri 2 March	<b>(L) Ibhayi Stakes</b> (3yo's) 1400m Fairview (T)
Sat 3 March	<b>Gr2 Gauteng Guineas</b> 3yo's) 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas</b> (3yoF) 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr2 Hawaii Stakes</b> 1400m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Acacia Hcp</b> (F&M) 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Aquanaut Hcp</b> 2450m Turffontein (S)
Fri 9 March	<b>(L) Breeders Guineas</b> (3yoF) 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 10 March	<b>(L) Bauhinia Hcp</b> (F&M) 100m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Storm Bird S.</b> (2yo's) 1000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Ruffian S.</b> (2yoF) 1000m Turffontein (S)
Fri 16 March	<b>(L) Sprint Cup</b> 1200m Fairview (T)
Sat 17 March	<b>(L) Drum Star Hcp</b> 1800m Turffontein (I)
Fri 23 March	<b>(L) Fillies Nursery</b> (2yoF) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sun 25 March	<b>Gr3 Kings Cup</b> 1600m Greyville (T)
Fri 30 March	<b>(L) East Cape Guineas</b> (3yo's) 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 31 March	<b>Gr2 Senor Santa S.</b> 1200m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr2 Colorado King S.</b> 2000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Sycamore Sprint</b> (F&M) 1200m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Derby Trial</b> (3yo's) 2000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Oaks Trial</b> (3yoF) 2000m Turffontein (S)

## Short Heads

# 55

It was another big feature weekend for Highlands top sire Dynasty with Highlands-breds Eyes Wide Open and Let It Rain winning the Gr1 Cape Derby and Gr2 Cape Stayers on Met day on Saturday. Then 24 hours later, the smart looking Wild Wicket came from the clouds to win the Listed Michael Roberts Handicap at Scottsville. The Duncan Howells galloper became Dynasty's 55th individual stakes winner.

# 84 000 000

That's the first cheque in rands earned by the newest Three Chimneys stallion Gun Runner as he bowed out by winning Saturday's Pegasus World Cup. At Kenilworth on Saturday, the CTS 1200 and CTS 1600 winners Dutch Philip and Undercover Agent each pocketed a handsome R3,7 million, while Oh Susanna bagged R2,85 million for winning the Gr1 Sun Met. Eyes Wide Open earned R625 000 for winning the prestigious Gr1 Cape Derby. Quite a diversity of earnings – and all top performances!



## Eclipsed

Sporting Post editor Karel Miedema received recognition at the Eclipse Awards in the USA last week. In his acceptance speech for winning Champion Older Dirt Female with Forever Unbridled, owner-breeder Charles Fipke mentioned both Karel's name and his home country. Miedema has been Fipke's pedigree adviser since 2010, during which time the matings for Breeder's Cup winner Forever Unbridled and her Gr1 winning full sister Unbridled Forever were planned. Fipke lives in Kelowna (British Columbia, Canada), and is in virtual daily contact with Miedema in Cape Town. Fipke, who owns a large stud farm in Kentucky, has several homebred stallions and an extensive mare-band. He has breeding and racing interests in USA, Ireland, UK, France, Japan and Australia. The Eclipse Award is an American thoroughbred horse racing award named after the 18th century British racehorse and sire, Eclipse. The Eclipse Awards were created by three independent bodies in 1971 to honour the champions of the sport.

## Globetrotter

Plans for an international campaign for storming Sun Met runner-up Last

Winter are under way. The son of deceased sire Western Winter made up lengths in the final stages of the big race and was only a half length in arrears at the line. Jockey Piere Strydom said that a lack of experience and 'knowing what racing was about' had cost the lightly-raced colt. "By the time the penny had dropped, the bird had flown.

No excuses – it was a great run," said trainer Dean Kannemeyer.



## CREDIT DUE

Seeing that we have rightly complained when the tote has crashed on some of our biggest days, it would appear that Saftote deserve a thumbs-up for apparently sailing through Sun Met day – without any issues that we are aware of. Gotta give credit where it's due!

## Retro

Nice to see that Gold Circle are using the traditional old-style racecards at R10 a pop for their local meetings only. The card carries the basic race information and affords sponsors the opportunity of exposing their branding, if required.



## HUGH CAN DO

The last time champion racemare Winx raced without Hugh Bowman was in September 2015 when James McDonald rode her to victory in the Theo Marks Stakes. The star – who won all of her 9 starts in 2017- may miss her regular pilot again on her return to action in the Apollo Stakes at Randwick on 17 February. Bowman is currently under suspension until 22 February but has indicated that he may lodge an appeal.

## Best Of The Lot

Arrogate made it a double in the 2017 Longines World's best racehorse awards in London last Tuesday with a rating of 134, ahead of Australian champion Winx – third in 2016 – on a rating of 132. Cracksman and Gun Runner, who won his last outing in the Pegasus World Cup on Saturday, were joint third on 130. Winx' regular pilot Hugh Bowman was crowned world's leading jockey. The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe was named the world's best race.

## Wine List?

Top personalities Gary Player and Barry Irwin have pledged their support for

Dave Mollett's 'Testimonial Lunch' at Turffontein racecourse on 11 February. "We're thrilled that Gary is donating a piece of memorabilia from his illustrious career and American racing expert, Barry Irwin, has indicated he wishes to make a donation," said Keith Waterston, who is organising the event. He added that top jockeys such as Piere Strydom, Andrew Fortune, Weichong Marwing and Gunter Wrogemann will be attending. "If anyone would like to donate wine- that would be great," added Keith. Anyone wishing to attend – or make a donation – can email Gale or Keith Waterston – advf@mweb.co.za.

# Barry Irwin Reflects

**The 2018 CTS Cape Premier Yearling Sale proved an interesting event – both in terms of the prices as well as the buying bench, with an overall average at a shade over R500k and median prices of R300k for both colts and fillies.**

Notable among the top buyers were the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Amanda Skiffington, Angus Gold and Team Valor's Barry Irwin, who made a welcome return to the CTS buying bench.

Barry is renowned for cherry picking horses according to his 'Colonel Sanders' secret recipe selection process from an eclectic mix of international auctions and pedigrees. He has been notably absent from CTS for some time – what prompted his attendance this year? "I haven't come for several years because I wasn't comfortable with the CTS sales culture. When I heard there had been some significant changes and the promise of more to come, I figured things were moving in the right direction and wanted to show my support. I thought there would be some good bargains, which there were, and I believe in the South African bloodstock industry and wanted a hand in helping shape it going forward."

## Selections

Barry purchased seven lots for a total of R3,2-million. His Day 1 purchases numbered lot 12 (Gimmethgreenlight – Fragrant Al), lot 26 Duke's Daughter (Duke Of Marmalade – Heart's Content) and lot 58 (Captain Al – Linda My Love).

He elaborates, "By and large the pedigrees in South Africa, because they're isolated, lack international commercial value and are just not fashionable. Because of that, when a bloodline shows up that is fashionable, people go crazy and whether the individual warrants the bidding or not, people go bananas. But I guess they're looking at something I'm not. Pedigree to me is nice, but it's not why I buy horses."

## Buying An Athlete

Asked to talk us through his selection process, Barry explains, "I buy individuals, not pedigrees. What I do is, my wife carries the catalogue and we go and look at all the horses. After we've looked them over, I may ask what a particular horse is by, but when we go back to our room and go over the selections, that's when I find out what the pedigrees are. I would obviously like a nice pedigree, but for me, that's a secondary consideration."

"What I'm trying to do is buy an athlete. At a sale like this, they're well raised and in most instances, well presented. There's no-where else on earth I can go and get horses of this quality for US \$25,000-50,000. In the USA, horses like this would cost five times that amount. There are some terrific looking horses here."

## What Caught His Eye

"When I first looked around, there were three I really liked and about half a dozen I would have been glad to race. On the first day, I just bought the three I liked." He continues, "I've bought plenty of Captain Al's over the years and hip 58 fit the mould. Of all the sires I've seen since I've been coming here, Captain Al gets the most American-like horse. I always gravitate towards them because that's what I'm used to. I like Gimmethgreenlight a lot too."

"The horses I bought from this sale are all pretty much the same – not too big, not too small. They're medium-sized, well-balanced horses that are well proportioned and walk well. There was only one larger horse, hip 12, a Gimmethgreenlight out of Fragrant Al. She's going to be a big girl, but I thought she looked really good. She was a buy back that I bought out the back and Hassen Adams is keeping a leg of that one."

Barry was particularly pleased with his second purchase. "Lot 26 is a Duke Of Marmalade filly that I thought I got an incredible deal on. The guy that bred and sold her is a friend of Jono Snaith's and asked if he could stay in for a part share. I said I don't really want to sell any of her right now, it was just such a great deal and I want to think about it for a while, but in the end I let Anthony Peter stay in for half."

On Sunday, he bought lots 173 (Querari – West Coast Mama), lot 205 (Visionaire – Bint Susu), Lot 206 (Visionaire – Black Current) and lot 228 (Gimmethgreenlight – Country Girl). "Glen Kotzen asked me to look at a Visionaire colt he liked, and I found a filly I liked, which turned out to be by Visionaire as well. I was happy to buy them both because I own half the stallion and want to try and support him and I thought I got some really good representatives, especially the colt. While I was there, I wound up buying two more lots – a Gimmethgreenlight and a Querari – because they were going so cheaply."

## Value for Money

Barry is highly enthused about the value on offer on the local market. "I get so excited here. There's no place else I can get quality like this at these prices. People here get down on horses too quickly. Take Var for example. He had some beautiful individuals that were just being given away - I don't get it. I know Jooste was one of his biggest supporters, and I suppose him not being there hurt their average, but there were some terrific ones selling for peanuts."

Barry's purchases will all stay and race in South Africa, with the majority earmarked for Snaith Racing and the Visionaire filly and colt going to Mike Robinson and Glen Kotzen respectively.

## Overview

There has understandably been a lot of apprehension and tension about Markus Jooste's dramatic exit – how did he gauge the overall mood? "I think it was a perfect storm type situation in that Hong Kong had a very good reason to come here, based on what's going on with their relationship with Australia, so the timing couldn't have been better and helped the upper market."

"From my perspective, the mood at the sale was buoyant. Everyone was talking about the elephant in the room of course, but people were happy to be there, and overall the mood seemed to be positive and optimistic for the future."

"With some of the big players gone, there was an expectation that it would hurt the aggregate, but not the median. I predicted that if there was an accurate way to adjust the numbers of the past two years to take out the Jooste impact and then compare it with what happened this year, I think the figures would look pretty accurate."

"I think there were other people like me, who had been sitting on the sidelines who have been encouraged to come back now that the playing field is a little more straightforward and I think that's a really hopeful sign."

## BREEDING

# Local Is Lekker On Met Day



**Captain Al**

**Despite the 2018 Sun Met going the way of Australian bred Oh Susanna (Street Cry), South African bred and raced stallions shone on Saturday with seven of the nine feature races going to progeny of locally bred sires.**

The Met day truly belonged, however, to the late champion sire, Captain Al—one of the finest advertisements for South African bred stallions in recent times. The eight times champion sire of 2yo's, and South African champion sire in 2014-2015 was responsible for Gr1 Majorca Stakes winner, Snowdance, Gr1 Cape Flying Championship hero, Sergeant Hardy, and Undercover Agent, winner of the CTS 1600.

The CTS 1600- won last year by Captain Al's son, William Longsword – was once again a tribute race for Captain Al, who was also responsible for runner up, Captain And Master. Sergeant Hardy was a second consecutive Cape Flying Championship winner for Captain Al, whose daughter, Carry On Alice, won the 2017 running. Another son of Captain Al, Kasimir, finished runner up in the CTS 1200.

Captain Al is no stranger to making a splash on Met day. The son of Al Mufti- himself sire of 2005 Met winner Alastor- was sire of 2014 Met winner, Hill Fifty Four, as well as such big race winners on Met days as the above mentioned William Longsword and Carry On Alice, while he is also responsible for three Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes winners in the form of Sergeant Hardy, Only Emily and Call To Account.

## Our Captain

Captain Al, two of whose sons, Captain Of All and William Longsword, now stand at Klawervlei, is from the Roberto (sire of Al Mufti) male line which is enjoying something of a resurgence.

Dynaformer's (Roberto) son, Point Of Entry, who ended 2017 as the seventh leading first crop sire in North America, made a very encouraging start with his first two-year-olds last season, including the brilliant and unbeaten G3 winner, Analyze It.

Other sires responsible for a major winner last year included Duporth (Hey Doc), Domesday (Ruthven) and Dynaformer. The latter is also responsible for previous Gr1 sires in Temple City and Purim and is broodmare sire of Gr2 winner, Sharp Susan, the dam of record breaking 2018 Sun Met winner, Oh Susanna. Philanthropist, sire of recent Hong Kong Classic Mile runner up Singapore Sling, is another from the Roberto male line.

## Dynasty

Dynasty, once again, was prominent on one of the country's biggest race days.

The former Horse Of The Year, and four times Equus Outstanding Stallion was represented by his fourth Gr1 Cape Derby winner when Eyes Wide Open downed a star studded field in Saturday's R1 000 000 contest. Dynasty's previous Cape Derby winners include the sires, Jackson and Legislate, as well as It's My Turn. Eyes Wide Open could well join the ranks of the South African stallion band in the not too distant future.

Eyes Wide Open- bred on the same mating as this season's Gr1 Summer Cup winner, Liege- is from the same Dynasty/Jallad cross as 2016 Derby winner, It's My Turn, and he was one of two graded winners on the day for his sire. Dynasty's second Met day feature race winner came in the form of Gr2 Cape Stayers race winner, Let It Rain, a half-brother to another locally bred sire in the form of Soft Falling Rain.

Last season's Champion First Crop Sire, What A Winter, was yet another locally bred stallion to come good on Sun Met day. The triple Equus Champion enjoyed a notable sales race feature double with sons, Agent Of Fortune and Dutch Philip, winning the Kuda Sprint and CTS 1200. The CTS 1200 proved a bonanza for progeny of What A Winter with the sire's daughter, Magical Wonderland, finishing third.

## Home Grown

The first three home in the CTS 1200 were all sired by home-grown stallions. Seven times champion sire, Jet Master, one of the greatest sires bred in this country, is broodmare sire of Saturday's Kuda Sprint winner, Agent Of Fortune, while Jet Master's son, Pomodoro, is sire of Kuda Sprint runner up, Cirillo.

Pomodoro had just two runners on Sun Met day, with another son, Royal Italian, finishing third in the Listed Tattersalls Summer Juvenile Stakes. Jet Master, also responsible for another promising young sire in Master Of My Fate and damsire of recent Gr1 Paddock Stakes runner up, Lady In Black, is also sire of Saturday's Gr2 Cape Stayers runner up, Master's Eye.

Fans of South African bred sires can also take solace from the fact that currently the first two sires on the First Crop Sires List – Pomodoro & Master Of My Fate- are both locally bred stallions, and both are by Jet Master.

Could a locally bred and raced stallion head the First Crop Sires list for a second year running?

## Winter Winners

**Last season's Champion First Season Sire What A Winter enjoyed a feature double on Sun Met day.**

The four time Gr1 winner had a pair of big race winners, in the form of Agent Of Fortune and Dutch Philip, who won the Kuda Sprint and The CTS 1200 respectively.

The CTS 1200 proved a particular triumph for What A Winter, whose daughter Magical Wonderland ran third to Dutch Philip in the \$500 000 feature. Last season's brilliant two-year-old Dutch Philip picked up his fifth career win, from just ten starts, when he beat the progressive Kasimir.

Trained by Vaughan Marshall, Agent Of Fortune made an impressive winning debut when he stayed on smartly to land the R350 000 Kuda Sprint over 1000m, under the urgings of rider MJ Byleveld.

What A Winter enjoyed more success at Scottsville on Sunday, when his son Winter Blues made it three wins on the bounce when victorious over 1000 metres. Bred by Dr Ian Heyns, the 3yo Winter Blues has now won all three starts since relocating to KZN.

## How To Buy A Derby Winner

**Dynasty, winner of the 2003 Cape Derby, was represented by his fourth Gr1 Investec Cape Derby winner in seven years when his son Eyes Wide Open captured the 2018 Cape Derby at Kenilworth on Saturday.**

Bred by Highlands, the handsome Eyes Wide Open follows in the footsteps of Dynasty sons Jackson, Legislate and It's My Turn. Both Jackson (Highlands) and Legislate (Drakenstein) went to stud

Dynasty is also responsible for fellow Derby winners Irish Flame (SA Derby, Gold Circle Derby) and Winter Derby winners African Night Sky and Dynastic Power. Another son of the sire, Sage Throne, was demoted from first place in the 2011 G22 Gold Circle Derby, while Dynasty son Dynamic was second in the 2013 Investec Cape Derby, while Dynasty sired Cape Guineas winner Act Of War was runner up in the 2015 Cape Derby.

The evergreen Dynasty is enjoying another superb season, including Summer Cup winner Liege, unbeaten Gr3 Flamboyant Stakes winner Hash-tagyolo, Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes victress Just Sensual and Our Emperor.

## Winning Partnerships

**The forging of winning partnerships is the key to sustaining and growing the sport of horseracing in the future and it is great news that Emperors Palace has announced the renewal of a three year partnership with Bloodstock SA**

Emperors Palace, the award-winning hospitality and gaming resort, has played a key role in sales support and race sponsorship in partnership with South Africa's leading Thoroughbred Auction House, Bloodstock South Africa (BSA).

Bloodstock South Africa, is the Sales division of the (TBA) Thoroughbred Breeders Association of South Africa, which represents all Thoroughbred Breeders in South Africa and was established in 1920.

"We are honoured to once again have our brand associated with Bloodstock South Africa. Emperors Palace has been involved with some incredible horseracing events and we feel it is a natural choice for us to raise our hand in partnering with BSA", commented Bob Yearham, Peermont Chief Operating Officer for Gaming.

Michael Holmes, Bloodstock South Africa's CEO said: "It is tremendous to be renewing our partnership with Emperors Palace, and to be strengthening the wonderful relationship that we have with Bob and his team at Emperors Palace."

## 11 Wins & Counting!

The 7yo Kahal gelding London Call clocked up his eleventh win with 5 places from 19 starts when he won the non black-type R125 000 Marula Sprint for the second year running at Scottsville on Sunday.

While lady luck has stood in the path of him winning a stakes race, London Call runs off a very respectable 111 and has defeated the likes of Gr1 winners Seventh Plain, Talktothestars, Sergeant Hardy and Kochka.

Bred by Bruce Le Roux, London Call is out of Fancy Fantasy, a foundation mare at Spring Valley Stud who passed on a few years ago. She has been an outstanding broodmare and produced 10 winners from 11 foals – including Gr1 winner and Black Types' Indiscreet Fantasy, Personal Fantasy, Malinga and Silver Fantasy amongst others.

## Bumper Mixed Sale

Mayfair Speculators will offer 14 lots on the forthcoming BSA Shongweni Mixed Sale to be held at the picturesque Shongweni polo grounds on Tuesday 13 February at 11h00. The Mayfair draft includes some nicely bred fillies and well-performed geldings of the likes of More Than Ready son Lloyd's Legacy, who has won 3 races with 4 places from 9 starts.

In one of the best subscribed Shongweni Sales in many years, 107 lots will go on the market. [View the catalogue here](#) Enquiries : Tel: 031 303 1017

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
10,073,500	Summerhill Stud	276	36,498	1199	70	96	25%	1	1	1%	297	25%	1	Big Bear 1,312,500 13%
9,933,675	Klawervlei Stud	294	33,788	1144	80	102	27%	4	5	5%	346	30%	6	Omega Onslaught 298,775 3%
9,556,250	Drakenstein Stud	92	103,872	339	37	48	40%	2	3	5%	111	33%	8	Oh Susanna 3,687,375 39%
8,663,825	Maine Chance	134	64,655	515	45	69	34%	6	6	13%	141	27%	4	Liege 1,203,250 14%
7,477,650	Moutonshoek	101	74,036	422	26	40	26%	2	2	8%	105	25%	1	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 52%
6,378,550	Highlands	126	50,623	529	53	67	42%	3	5	6%	130	25%	4	Eyes Wide Open 878,000 14%
6,266,225	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	157	39,912	570	51	64	32%	3	4	6%	176	31%	5	Zen Arcade 484,375 8%
4,239,438	Varsfontein Stud	89	47,634	353	28	39	31%	2	2	7%	108	31%	8	Captain America 352,000 8%
4,098,225	Scott Bros	133	30,814	573	34	42	26%	0	0	0%	164	29%	4	Premier Show 197,875 5%
4,032,988	Rex Stud	9	448,110	39	3	3	33%	0	0	0%	14	36%	1	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 95%
3,946,775	Ascot Stud	77	51,257	302	25	33	32%	2	3	8%	97	32%	5	Bold Respect 558,750 14%
3,626,400	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	95	38,173	415	32	44	34%	0	0	0%	119	29%	2	He's Great 174,750 5%
3,393,800	Cheveley Stud	53	64,034	209	18	24	34%	2	4	11%	65	31%	1	Snowdance 1,516,000 45%
3,385,125	IR Heyns	43	78,724	186	18	26	42%	1	1	6%	65	35%	3	Rings And Things 618,700 18%
3,085,600	Avontuur Farm	55	56,102	192	13	15	24%	1	2	8%	62	32%	3	Legal Eagle 1,450,500 47%

**LEADING SIREs by STAKES**

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14,825,763	*Captain Al	132	112,316	490	46	62	35%	4	8	9%	171	35%	11	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 26%
9,170,150	Silvano	200	45,851	663	66	87	33%	5	7	8%	208	30%	11	Marinaresco 537,500 6%
8,230,850	Trippi	116	70,956	435	44	62	38%	1	2	2%	170	39%	6	Miss Katalin 1,628,750 20%
8,071,850	Dynasty	119	67,831	407	49	70	41%	10	12	20%	103	25%	4	Liege 1,203,250 15%
7,283,476	What A Winter	72	101,159	233	30	34	42%	1	1	3%	64	27%	2	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 53%
6,416,138	Var	181	35,448	701	51	67	28%	1	1	2%	216	31%	3	Speedpoint 263,500 4%
5,279,875	Querari	89	59,324	343	35	49	39%	2	2	6%	98	29%	1	Rings And Things 618,700 12%
4,837,050	*Kahal	109	44,377	489	43	57	39%	0	0	0%	146	30%	3	London Call 216,375 5%
4,285,600	Gimmethgreenlight	126	34,013	476	37	45	29%	1	1	3%	118	25%	5	Surcharge 288,750 7%
4,181,600	*Sail From Seattle	113	37,005	421	42	55	37%	1	2	2%	110	26%	0	Via Seattle 203,750 5%
4,097,825	**Western Winter	67	61,162	275	23	28	34%	2	2	9%	93	34%	3	Last Winter 1,143,750 28%
4,079,250	**Street Cry	6	679,875	26	5	8	83%	1	2	20%	6	23%	2	Oh Susanna 3,687,375 90%
3,475,050	Ideal World	75	46,334	311	26	38	35%	1	2	4%	93	30%	3	Zen Arcade 484,375 14%
3,299,750	Jay Peg	87	37,928	363	22	34	25%	1	1	5%	109	30%	2	Omega Onslaught 298,775 9%
3,198,325	Elusive Fort	75	42,644	325	28	33	37%	0	0	0%	99	30%	2	Fort Ember 432,400 14%

**LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
10,931,913	*Captain Al	47	232,594	189	23	33	49%	3	6	13%	70	37%	3	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 36%
6,938,426	What A Winter	60	115,640	218	27	31	45%	0	1	4%	62	28%	2	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 55%
4,516,750	Trippi	38	118,862	135	16	21	42%	0	0	0%	61	45%	3	Miss Katalin 1,628,750 36%
4,010,225	**Street Cry	4	1,002,556	18	4	7	100%	1	2	25%	4	22%	2	Oh Susanna 3,687,375 92%
3,405,700	Querari	42	81,088	156	19	25	45%	2	2	11%	46	29%	0	Rings And Things 618,700 18%
3,073,788	Var	66	46,573	255	24	30	36%	0	0	0%	94	37%	1	Speedpoint 263,500 9%
2,961,350	Silvano	79	37,485	226	28	35	35%	0	0	0%	69	31%	3	Vacuero 175,000 6%
2,893,275	Dynasty	49	59,046	150	19	24	39%	3	4	16%	29	19%	1	Eyes Wide Open 878,000 30%
2,767,475	Gimmethgreenlight	74	37,398	270	23	29	31%	1	1	4%	65	24%	2	Surcharge 288,750 10%
2,724,300	Await The Dawn	33	82,555	144	15	20	45%	0	0	0%	38	26%	0	Big Bear 1,312,500 48%

**LEADING SIREs of 2YO'S by STAKES**

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345,050	What A Winter	12	28,754	15	3	3	25%	0	0	0%	2	13%	0	Agent Of Fortune 218,750 63%
290,875	*Sail From Seattle	12	24,240	20	4	4	33%	0	0	0%	6	30%	0	Star Flyer 74,000 25%
260,075	Crusade	6	43,346	14	3	3	50%	0	0	0%	7	50%	0	Lady Abigail 87,500 34%
213,600	Pomodoro	7	30,514	11	1	1	14%	0	0	0%	6	55%	1	Cirillo 78,000 37%
211,750	Oratorio	8	26,469	10	3	3	38%	0	0	0%	3	30%	1	Carita 74,375 35%
211,175	Bold Silvano	5	42,235	10	2	3	40%	0	0	0%	2	20%	0	Miss Boomerang 128,125 61%
161,725	Var	10	16,173	14	2	2	20%	0	0	0%	4	29%	0	Rule The Night 65,625 41%
139,750	Master Of My Fate	4	34,938	7	2	2	50%	0	0	0%	3	43%	0	Lucky Dancer 69,000 49%
115,625	Gimmethgreenlight	5	23,125	8	1	1	20%	0	0	0%	4	50%	0	Stream Ahead 68,125 59%

**LEADING SIREs by STAKES on Polytrack**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,342,100	*Sail From Seattle	51	26,316	137	18	21	35%	0	0	0%	44	32%	0	Seattle Flame 123,750 9%
1,233,475	Trippi	39	31,628	95	10	15	26%	0	0	0%	49	52%	0	Olympic Power 213,950 17%
958,350	Silvano	43	22,287	84	15	16	35%	0	0	0%	21	25%	1	Viento 101,875 11%
916,000	Querari	30	30,533	76	10	13	33%	0	0	0%	23	30%	0	Kazaar 107,500 12%
898,175	*Kahal	35	25,662	81	9	11	26%	0	0	0%	21	26%	0	Kahula 131,000 15%
869,100	Var	70	12,416	163	8	8	11%	0	0	0%	43	26%	0	Stoia 81,675 9%
849,150	Gimmethgreenlight	46	18,460	101	8	11	17%	0	0	0%	27	27%	0	Accidental Tourist 150,000 18%
822,763	*Captain Al	42	19,590	91	9	11	21%	0	0	0%	32	35%	1	Flight Captain 119,200 14%
804,475	*Antonius Pius	33	24,378	111	11	13	33%	0	0	0%	25	23%	0	Aqua Blue 99,900 12%

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 \*\*Breeding operations not based in RSA - Statistics for Breeders & Sires reflect ALL earnings, incl. restricted races & handicap races



Paul Lafferty's Australian-bred 3yo Coys, a good winner at Scottsville on Wednesday, has won 2 of his last 3 starts and looks to be a stayer on the quiet upgrade.

Bred by Odessa Stud, NSW, he is by Coolmore Ashford Stud's Indian Charlie stallion Uncle Mo out of the Flying Spur mare, Calvalla.

Uncle Mo, stands for a fee of \$125,000. He is the sire of a record 23 stakes performers from his first crop, including champion Nyquist who won the Gr1 Kentucky Derby, Gr1 Florida Derby, Gr1 Breeders Cup Juvenile, Gr1 Front-runner Stakes and G21 Del Mar Futurity.

A Gr1 Breeders Cup Juvenile winner, Uncle Mo won 5 of 8 starts and earned \$1,606,000. He recorded the highest Beyer figures of his generation at both 2 (108) and 3 (118). He was trained by Todd Pletcher and ridden in all his races by John Velazquez.

Love The Chase, dam of the Year California Chrome, will visit Uncle Mo this year.



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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st	1st %	stakes	stks/rides
							four	four %	four	four %		
J Snaith	673	99	15%	116	17%	34%	75	11%	298	44%	17,968,550	26,699
C Bass-Robinson	526	62	12%	64	12%	31%	42	8%	222	42%	11,321,175	21,523
SG Tarry	595	45	8%	76	13%	21%	57	10%	211	35%	10,718,800	18,015
BJ Crawford	376	50	13%	62	16%	29%	47	13%	170	45%	9,213,050	24,503
MF de Kock	367	63	17%	121	33%	35%	45	12%	195	53%	6,683,675	18,212
PA Peter	313	50	16%	59	19%	32%	27	9%	133	42%	4,885,513	15,609
GS Kotzen	452	44	10%	46	10%	28%	39	9%	166	37%	4,811,575	10,645
AG Greeff	485	64	13%	94	19%	33%	68	14%	241	50%	4,536,625	9,354
D Kannemeyer	237	34	14%	42	18%	45%	29	12%	101	43%	4,154,100	17,528
MG & AA Azzie	252	30	12%	45	18%	20%	41	16%	111	44%	3,918,475	15,550
DR Drier	278	35	13%	57	21%	33%	35	13%	133	48%	3,905,513	14,049
DC Howells	297	36	12%	51	17%	33%	36	12%	132	44%	3,642,850	12,265
AG Laird	223	33	15%	51	23%	37%	27	12%	99	44%	3,601,300	16,149
J Ramsden	287	32	11%	45	16%	29%	35	12%	120	42%	3,557,250	12,395
GD Smith	578	36	6%	37	6%	30%	62	11%	202	35%	3,136,925	5,427
Y Bremner	378	43	11%	43	11%	23%	33	9%	164	43%	3,065,475	8,110
VH Marshall	269	29	11%	27	10%	41%	26	10%	104	39%	3,065,025	11,394
JAJ v Vuuren	215	23	11%	37	17%	19%	32	15%	98	46%	2,943,975	13,693
GV Woodruff	229	28	12%	49	21%	33%	27	12%	98	43%	2,785,600	12,164
T Laing	229	39	17%	37	16%	35%	31	14%	121	53%	2,742,975	11,978
G v Zyl	207	26	13%	29	14%	41%	25	12%	92	44%	2,504,750	12,100
M Houdalakis	248	26	10%	30	12%	30%	23	9%	101	41%	2,468,438	9,953
DA Sham	319	31	10%	22	7%	27%	31	10%	113	35%	2,437,175	7,640
LW Goosen	126	25	20%	28	22%	32%	21	17%	72	57%	2,329,050	18,485
GM Alexander	223	25	11%	14	6%	36%	21	9%	79	35%	2,244,150	10,063
C Spies	385	26	7%	23	6%	30%	31	8%	118	31%	2,208,850	5,737

## LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st	1st %	stakes	stks/rides
							four	four %	four	four %		
A Delpech	383	99	26%	153	40%	39%	66	17%	246	64%	10,494,588	27,401
L Hewitson	716	77	11%	81	11%	26%	77	11%	301	42%	7,748,188	10,821
M Yeni	639	68	11%	104	16%	25%	64	10%	291	46%	6,145,876	9,618
A Domeyer	349	67	19%	105	30%	34%	40	11%	205	59%	6,425,525	18,411
K De Melo	565	66	12%	78	14%	33%	61	11%	260	46%	6,502,325	11,509
A Marcus	265	63	24%	124	47%	35%	44	17%	161	61%	7,147,788	26,973
C Murray	450	61	14%	89	20%	34%	54	12%	193	43%	5,180,200	11,512
G v Niekerk	277	59	21%	51	18%	29%	39	14%	165	60%	14,838,450	53,568
G Cheyne	382	58	15%	83	22%	33%	58	15%	216	57%	5,266,900	13,788
G Wrogemann	498	58	12%	54	11%	35%	52	10%	216	43%	6,415,488	12,883
R Fourie	349	56	16%	75	21%	29%	45	13%	179	51%	5,697,075	16,324
G Lerena	262	54	21%	99	38%	32%	49	19%	157	60%	5,395,413	20,593
C Zackey	559	45	8%	49	9%	20%	49	9%	208	37%	4,673,188	8,360
R Munger	632	44	7%	22	3%	41%	41	6%	199	31%	3,676,900	5,818
B Fayd'herbe	239	42	18%	55	23%	31%	31	13%	124	52%	6,720,225	28,118
P Strydom	278	42	15%	51	18%	22%	36	13%	119	43%	5,058,275	18,195
K Zechner	505	41	8%	40	8%	15%	52	10%	197	39%	3,873,138	7,670
W Kennedy	354	36	10%	40	11%	30%	42	12%	148	42%	3,316,050	9,367
J Penny	531	35	7%	12	2%	25%	31	6%	146	27%	2,561,200	4,823
R Danielson	347	34	10%	22	6%	27%	27	8%	127	37%	4,068,650	11,725
JP vd Merwe	490	32	7%	38	8%	24%	43	9%	159	32%	3,185,488	6,501
R Simons	267	30	11%	55	21%	31%	28	10%	103	39%	3,313,550	12,410
S Veale	319	29	9%	41	13%	24%	41	13%	137	43%	3,806,650	11,933
M Thackeray	478	29	6%	10	2%	10%	24	5%	139	29%	2,009,276	4,204
D Schwarz	291	28	10%	12	4%	25%	25	9%	109	37%	2,268,200	7,795
A Arries	213	28	13%	17	8%	29%	25	12%	100	47%	2,326,550	10,923



Richard Fourie – one of the most balanced and powerful riders around

## Let It Be

While he won the Investec Gr1 Cape Derby on Eyes Wide Open on Sun Met day, Richard Fourie earned his commission, and showed his flair and ability, when getting Dynasty gelding Let It Rain home to win the Gr2 Cape Stayers for Dan Katz and Hassen Adams. When Bernard Fayd'herbe ranged alongside Let It Rain at the 200m on Master's Eye, it looked race over. But Fourie extricated the last ounce out of Let It Rain – a great ride!



Dan Katz – a well deserved maiden Gr2 success

## Do It Again Dan!

The big days are generally dominated by the big yards – just look at the Met day statistics! One man who chose the big occasion to mark a career milestone was 52 year old Dan Katz who saddled Let It Rain in his first Gr2 success with his 101st runner for Hassen Adams. Katz took over the Adams Milnerton operation in August 2017 and doesn't have a lot of big race runners.



Justin Snaith and Grant van Niekerk have struck gold together

## Star Power

While they have hogged the news headlines for days, Justin Snaith and Grant van Niekerk are the stars of the week after the pair registered a glorious Gr1 double on Sun Met day – and a maiden win in the Cape flag-ship for both. After Snowdance won the Majorca, Oh Susanna powered home in the Met. With a win strike-rate of 28%, the combination have struck a winning partnership and look likely to continue the trend in the SA Champions Season in KZN later this season.



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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**KENILWORTH (new)****Saturday, 27 January**

Course Variant: 0,69s slow (straight t) 0,92s slow (bend)

No rain fell in drought stricken Cape Town in the seven days leading up to this meeting, and some 50mm of irrigation was added to the track. The penetrometer read 23 on both tracks; the going was posted as good. The rail was in its original position with a 3m spur. The biggest factor on the day was the strong 43km/h south easterly head wind

A first Snaith Met win, the first 3yo filly to win the Cape flagship in over a century for Justin's top owners Drakenstein Stud – and a chance to meet one of the globe's sporting icons in the process. It doesn't get too much better than that!

Met day dominance has become a regular activity on the Snaith marketing calendar, and they pulled off their biggest coup to date with a smashing daughter of Street Cry. With the race being run at weight-for-age for the first time in history, the treble L'Ormarins Queen's Plate champion Legal Eagle was widely expected to get third time lucky. But it was not to be in a race that saw plenty of tactical jockeying for positions early on. Stablemate to the winner, Krambambuli led Legal Eagle at a fair gallop, with Oh

Susanna tucked up in sixth, about five lengths off the leaders.

In the rush for home, Anton Marcus sent Legal Eagle down the middle as Captain America slipped through the inside path. At the 200m marker Legal Eagle was being hailed a popular winner and had them at full stretch as Oh Susanna and Marinaresco chased hard.

The race changed complexion at 75m as Oh Susanna hit the front, with Legal Eagle on the skids with the needle in the red. As Grant van Niekerk commenced his victory celebration four strides from the line, Piere Strydom swooped as he launched Last Winter from a hopeless looking position 10 lengths back at the 200m, to get within a half length of the winner.

The winner's time was 123,50 secs in a race run off a muddling pace – but it wasn't total slow motion.

The times over the past five years confirm that – Hill Fifty Four (123,93 secs), Futura (125,38 secs), Smart Call (123,17 secs), with Whisky Baron the quickest at 122,71 secs.

The winner was bred by Drakenstein Stud and is by Street Cry out of the valuable USA six-time winner Sharp Susan (Touch Gold), who was purchased for A\$1 million in foal to Street Cry in 2012. The good news is that Sharp Susan is in foal to Galileo and will foal down in late February. Oh Susanna has won 3 races: 2 Gr1's with 3 places from 8 starts for stakes of R3 773 375.

**Gr1 Sun Met****2000m**

Winner Oh Susanna raced 6th early on; ran on well to lead 90m out; jockey Van Niekerk was fined R1500 for making a celebratory gesture prior to the line

Runner-up Last Winter raced 11th; was 4 lengths behind the winner at 400m; ran on well late

Third Marinaresco race 8th; was virtually level with the winner at 400m; ran on

**Time:** Comparatively this was marginally the second fastest of the seven races around the turn. We gave the third (prev 97/112/97/99/111) 108 which makes the winner (prev 85/72/83//91/95) 105 and the runner-up (prev 76/86/95/102/98) 108

105	1	0.00	<b>OH SUSANNA</b>	(4)	51.5	G v Niekerk	6/1
<i>3 bl/br f Street Cry - Sharp Susan(USA) (Touch Gold)</i>							
108	2	0.50	<b>LAST WINTER</b>	(18)	59.5	P Strydom	31/4
<i>4 b c Western Winter - Field Flower (Silvano)</i>							
108	3	1.25	<b>MARINARESCO</b>	(11)	60.0	A Domeyer	5/1
<i>5 b g Silvano - Gay Fortuna (Fort Wood)</i>							
107	4	1.65	<i>Legal Eagle</i>	(13)	60.0	A Marcus	57/20
107	5	1.95	<i>Captain America</i>	(2)	60.0	C Orffer	10/1
106	6	2.00	<i>African Night Sky</i>	(6)	59.5	B Fayd'herbe	10/1
96	7	4.25	<i>Safe Harbour</i>	(14)	57.0	R Danielson	100/1
100	8	5.25	<i>Krambambuli</i>	(12)	60.0	B Lerena	30/1
99	9	5.55	<i>Gold Standard</i>	(7)	59.5	R Fourie	11/1
92	10	6.80	<i>Nother Russia</i>	(16)	57.5	C Zackey	30/1
97	11	7.00	<i>Sail South</i>	(15)	60.0	G Cheyne	30/1
97	12	7.20	<i>Coral Fever</i>	(8)	60.0	M Yeni	66/1
95	13	7.60	<i>Copper Force</i>	(5)	59.5	L Hewitson	16/1
95	14	7.70	<i>Horizon</i>	(17)	59.5	A Andrews	66/1
88	15	8.95	<i>Nightingale</i>	(3)	57.5	M Byleveld	36/1
85	16	13.45	<i>Silicone Valley</i>	(10)	60.0	P Botha	100/1
84	17	13.85	<i>Elusive Silva</i>	(9)	60.0	R Khathi	55/1
78	18	17.10	<i>Nebula</i>	(1)	60.0	S Veale	66/1
<b>Time:</b> 123.5s (61.75s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 121%							
1st T:J Snaith O:Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)							
B:Drakenstein Stud							

**Gr1 Sun Met****R5 000,000****Susanna Snaith**

It took the family 4 decades and 7 second cheques, plus 15 years on his own, but Justin Snaith probably couldn't have scripted a greater Met icebreaking fairytale if he had written the chapter himself.

# Doing The Splits

## Kenilworth 27 January - MET Day

	1500	start bend	first call	end bend	400	fin	time per 1000m	s/bend f/call	f/call end
<b>1400m</b>									
MR84 Hcp	-----	12.54	41.87	-----	61.08	85.40	61.0	29.33	43.53
MR80 Hcp	-----	14.00	43.80	-----	63.25	86.78	62.0	29.80	42.98
<b>1600m</b>									
CTS Mile	-----	25.52	57.55	65.02	76.64	99.98	62.5	32.03	42.43
Majorca S.	-----	24.12	54.08	61.11	74.97	98.03	61.3	29.96	43.95
<b>2000m</b>									
Cape Derby	30.50	48.49	82.45	89.43	101.64	125.29	62.6	33.96	42.84
Sun Met	30.33	47.12	78.99	86.36	99.21	123.19	61.6	31.87	44.20
<b>2800m</b>									
Stayers	82.77	103.9	135.40	-----	156.33	180.06	64.3	31.50	44.66

Due to the absence of clear distance markers and extreme variations in camera work, taking split times presented challenges. We are happy with the accuracy of the times, but the 400m times may be less reliable due to various positions on the course at that point. Due to poor camera angles we had to take some liberties with the stayers race.

**Sun Met** Visibly it looked as if nobody really wanted it early on, but despite that they still set off at a fair clip. The gallop appeared reasonable throughout, until it slowed in the home straight (going not much faster than the stayers). The overall time on the day was a decent one.

**Cape Derby** the leaders slowed it up on the bend, where the field became very tightly bunched, before the predictable sprint home up the straight – clearly a false run race, where the final result may not stand the test of time.

**CTS Mile** there was a lot of pulling going into the bend, and horses in the front rank were being held back (Captain And Master & Undercover Agent); very slowly run early, predictably resulting in a sprint up the straight; the first three entering the home straight were the first three home – clearly a false run race, where the final result may not stand the test of time

**Majorca S** Pace setter Final Judgement didn't break particularly well, but did then work very hard early to get the lead; she opened up around the turn and went clear; as a result of this the final 700m appears to be relatively slow, with Snowdance (who'd raced in 2nd) taking over at the 400m, but comparatively this was the fastest race around the turn.

## BLACK TYPE RESULTS - MET DAY

## Gr1 Cape Flying Ch'ship R1 000,000

## Snaith Officer Salutes

A Gr1 false start on a major raceday with Hong Kong betting on our racing was not the ideal tonic for our racing authorities at Kenilworth on Saturday. But things ended well with the eventual tote favourite winning and saving a few punters.

After the enthusiastic 8yo Tevez had jumped the gun, the 17 horse field for the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship was reduced on restart through the late withdrawal of Search Party, Olympian and Mike de Kock star Naafer, who Anthony Delpech was unable to pull up.

After pacing it down the inside with Bold Respect and Percival, it was apparent that Sergeant Hardy was in a galloping mood and despite some looming threats from the likes of Trip To Heaven and Brutal Force, Bernard Fayd'herbe kept him focussed to win easily by 1,25 lengths in a time of 58,74 secs and give Justin Snaith the first leg of a glorious Gr1 treble.

Trip To Heaven, who only jumped marginally slowly, came on strongly to grab his second consecutive runner-up cheque in this race.

Despite his breathing issues, Sergeant Hardy continues to more than pay his way for the Foulkes family. This was his 8th win – his first Gr1 – with 5 places from 17 starts for stakes of R1 823 375.

The now 4yo was knocked down to Glen Kotzen at the 2015 Cape Premier Yearling Sale for R450 000, but subsequently failed the post-sale scope which resulted in the sale being cancelled. At the Ready to Run Sale his right vocal chord remained paralysed, and a veterinary certificate to this effect was posted on his stable door. It was at this sale that he was bought back for R70 000 – an extraordinary price for a horse with an advertised defect!

Bred by Normandy Stud, he is by deceased champion sire Captain Al (Al Mufti) – who sired the winner of the earlier \$500 000 CTS 1600 – out of the four-time winner Hard Lady (by Hard Up), who also raced in Veronica's vieux rose and white silks.

## Gr1 Cape Flying Championship 1000m

Winner Sergeant Hardy (best handicapped) set the pace; ran on strongly final 400m Runner-up Trip To Heaven raced 4th about a length behind the winner; chased hard but

no impression

Third finisher Live Life had a shoe replaced at the start; raced in the rear 5 lengths off the pace; didn't find the clearest of passages; appeared to attempt to savage Brutal Force at the 200m marker; ran on strongly late

**Time:** There was a false start, resulting in 3 withdrawals. This was the fastest of the six sprints. We gave the runner-up (98/108/103/99/97) 108 which makes the winner (prev 88/104/97/113/98) 113 and the third (prev 97/8/83/96/83) 102

113	1	0.00	<b>SERGEANT HARDY</b>	(6)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	10/3
<i>4 b g Captain Al - Hard Lady (Hard Up)</i>							
108	2	1.25	<b>TRIP TO HEAVEN</b>	(7)	60.0	A Marcus	9/2
<i>6 b g Trippi - Helleborus Blue(USA) (Cee's Tizzy)</i>							
102	3	1.45	<b>LIVE LIFE</b>	(1)	57.5	G Cheyne	13/1
<i>4 b f Trippi - Viva (National Assembly)</i>							
105	4	2.20	<b>Brutal Force</b>	(4)	60.0	C Zackey	50/1
104	5	2.25	<b>Attenborough</b>	(11)	60.0	P Strydom	18/1
98	6	3.00	<b>Bold Respect</b>	(8)	56.5	C Orffer	113/20
97	7	3.20	<b>Alfolk</b>	(2)	56.5	C Murray	9/1
100	8	3.25	<b>Tevez</b>	(5)	60.0	A Domeyer	13/1
95	9	4.50	<b>Percival</b>	(12)	60.0	B Lerena	66/1
83	10	6.25	<b>Jo's Bond</b>	(3)	57.5	G v Niekerk	5/1
83	11	6.30	<b>Sommerlied</b>	(9)	57.5	S Veale	22/1
84	12	7.30	<b>Talktothestars</b>	(14)	60.0	G Behr	36/1
79	13	8.55	<b>Graduation Day</b>	(13)	60.0	L Hewitson	22/1
66	14	11.80	<b>La Favourari</b>	(10)	60.0	K De Melo	28/1

**Time:** 58.74s (58.74s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) **SP Total %:** 121%  
1st T:J Snaith O:Mrs V A Foulkes & Mr O de W Foulkes B:Normandy Stud

## Gr1 Cape Derby R1 000,000

## Eyes On July

The decision to give the Sun Met a miss and focus on the R1 million Investec Gr1 Cape Derby paid dividends for Chrigo-Stud and the Woodhill Racing Team when Dynasty's star son Eyes Wide Open charged to victory in the prestigious classic.

A winner of the Gr2 Peninsula Handicap at his previous start against older horses, Eyes Wide Open dug deep to reel in the free-striding Steel Rose, who grabbed a dangerous looking lead in the home straight.

While not detracting from the win, the race was run at a dawdle courtesy of Greg Cheyne and PE raider Kimberley Star, who brought them into the straight in slow time. Comeback kid Piet Botha seized the moment on Steel Rose and took up the 500m sprint challenge in the rush for home.

The Glen Puller longshot continued to roll into the 200m with an upset on the cards. But that's where Eyes Wide Open showed his ability and heart, as he moved up and went past the Gitano Hernando gelding to win going away by 1,75 lengths in a time of 125,62 secs.

Do It Again came out the pack to grab second, ahead of another Kotzen-Chrigo

runner in Pack Leader. Steel Rose enjoyed his moment of Gr1 glory, hanging on doggedly for fourth.

Richard Fourie was full of praise for the winner: "His star is on the rise – this is the closest you will get to Dynasty. He has everything – big race temperament, heart and ability. What a horse!"

The Highlands bred Eyes Wide Open is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one time winning Live Your Dreams (Jallad). An R850 000 BSA KZN Sibaya Yearling Sale graduate, Eyes Wide Open is a dual Gr1 winner now with 4 wins and 1 place from his 8 starts for stakes of R1 408 375.

## Gr1 Cape Derby (3yo's) 2000m

Winner Eyes Wide Open (best handicapped) raced 5th; led 100m; ran on strongly; jockey Fourie was fined R1500 for making a celebratory gesture before the line Runner-up Do It Again raced second last 5 lengths behind the winner entering the straight; ran on strongly and was gaining at finish

Third Pack Leader raced handy; was alongside the winner entering the straight; no impression

**Time:** Slowly run, the pace was slowed on the bend and developed into a sprint finish, so not a result to put faith in. We gave the runner-up (prev 73/88/89/85) 89 which makes the winner (prev 89/75/99/84/101) 92 and the third (87/69/90/95/91) 85

92	1	0.00	<b>EYES WIDE OPEN</b>	(5)	60.0	R Fourie	9/2
<i>3 b c Dynasty - Live Your Dreams (Jallad)</i>							
89	2	1.75	<b>DO IT AGAIN</b>	(8)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	167/20
<i>3 b g Twice Over - Sweet Virginia (Casey Tibbs)</i>							
85	3	3.75	<b>PACK LEADER</b>	(2)	60.0	A Delpech	12/1
<i>3 b c Philanthropist - First Arrival (Northern Guest)</i>							
85	4	3.80	<b>Steel Rose</b>	(13)	60.0	P Botha	100/1
84	5	4.30	<b>Spring Man</b>	(14)	60.0	C Murray	30/1
84	6	4.50	<b>White River</b>	(7)	60.0	C Orffer	31/10
77	7	5.00	<b>Fresnaye</b>	(12)	57.5	P Strydom	13/1
81	8	6.00	<b>Like A Panther</b>	(11)	60.0	A Marcus	167/20
81	9	6.20	<b>What A Joker</b>	(6)	60.0	A Domeyer	66/1
80	10	6.40	<b>The Sun Also Rises</b>	(15)	60.0	L Hewitson	30/1
79	11	7.15	<b>Kimberley Star</b>	(10)	60.0	G Cheyne	75/1
76	12	8.40	<b>Opera Royal</b>	(9)	60.0	L Mxothwa	100/1
76	13	8.70	<b>Tap O' Noth</b>	(3)	60.0	M Byleveld	61/20
64	14	15.20	<b>Visigoth</b>	(4)	60.0	C Zackey	75/1
62	15	15.95	<b>Silver Coin</b>	(1)	60.0	G v Niekerk	22/1

**Time:** 125.62s (62.81s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%  
1st T:G Kotzen O:Chrigo Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh)  
B:Highlands

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS - MET DAY

Gr1 Majorca Stakes R1 000,000

## Bolts Of Blue

With Met ambassador Usain Bolt's helicopter landing during the R1 million Gr1 Majorca Stakes post-race interview, Grant van Niekerk's chirp of 'this one's for you Usain, my man' typified the confidence of a young jockey at the top of his game.

Even a slight error of judgement, when overconfidently probably hitting the front a few seconds early on the keen-to-run and highly vaunted Cape Fillies Guineas winner Snowdance, didn't matter.

Van Niekerk's bravado and confidence, and the top-class ability of a filly that annihilated subsequent Sun Met winner in the Cape classic in early December, saved the day.

Simply, Snowdance didn't start a banker of the day and at 1-8 for nothing, and she really was too good for a field that included a year older Cape Fillies Guineas winner, a KZN Fillies Guineas winner and some other very decent – older – stakes performers.

Always stalking the leaders, the good-looking Snowdance drew off in the straight and briefly hit a flat spot before drawing away to flatter her opposition with a 1,50 length winning margin – in a time of 98,2 secs.

The Victress Stakes winner Star Express finally drew well and she stayed on gamely, ahead of a fast finishing Rose In Bloom under German visitor Martin Seidl. Silvan Star stayed on for well for fourth and 2,10 lengths off the winner. She was the fastest finisher and ran a cracker from a wide draw.

Bred by Cheveley Stud, Snowdance, who races for Jack Mitchell and Drakenstein Stud, is yet another top-class filly sired by the late champion sire Captain Al (Al Mufti).

She is a full-sister to the Listed Laisserfaire Stakes and Lady's Pendant winner Victorian Secret.

Snowdance is out of Gr3 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery winner Spring Lilac (Joshua Dancer) – a half-sister to Equus Champions Bela-Bela and Rabiya.

She has won 4 races with 1 place from 5 races for stakes of R1 566 000.

## Gr1 Majorca Stakes (F&amp;M) 1600m

Winner Snowdance (best handicapped) raced 2nd; led 400m; won well  
Runner-up Star Express raced 3rd 2 lengths behind the winner; held by winner  
Third Rose In Bloom raced 9th 7 lengths behind the winner entering the straight; ran on; held latter stages

**Time:** Comparatively this was the fastest of the seven races around the turn. We gave the runner-up (prev 76/92/85/96/82) 94 which makes the winner (prev (79/86/104/98) 93 and the third (prev 86/86/86/85/86) 89

93	1	0.00	<b>SNOWDANCE</b>	(9)	55.0	G v Niekerk	1/4
<i>3 b f Captain Al - Spring Lilac (Joshua Dancer)</i>							
94	2	1.50	<b>STAR EXPRESS</b>	(2)	60.0	C Murray	28/1
<i>5 ch m Silvano - Majestic Star (Doowaley)</i>							
89	3	1.80	<b>ROSE IN BLOOM</b>	(5)	55.0	M Seidl	30/1
<i>3 b f Gimmethethegreenlight - Raise The Bar (Goldkeeper)</i>							
93	4	2.10	<i>Silvan Star</i>	(13)	60.0	R Fourie	15/1
92	5	2.60	<i>Gimme Six</i>	(11)	60.0	P Strydom	15/1
91	6	3.10	<i>Premier Dance</i>	(4)	60.0	S Veale	44/1
86	7	5.35	<i>Seattle Gold</i>	(3)	60.0	G Cheyne	55/1
83	8	6.60	<i>Goodtime Gal</i>	(12)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	30/1
82	9	7.10	<i>Louisiana</i>	(10)	60.0	C Orffer	100/1
82	10	7.15	<i>Beataboutthebush</i>	(8)	60.0	C Zackey	100/1
77	11	9.15	<i>Final Judgement</i>	(1)	60.0	L Mxothwa	100/1
75	12	10.15	<i>Just Sensual</i>	(6)	60.0	A Marcus	27/4
67	13	11.90	<i>Rockin Russian</i>	(7)	55.0	L Hewitson	50/1
<b>Time:</b> 98.2s (61.38s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 12.4%							
1st T: J Snaith O: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) & Mr W J C Mitchell B: Cheveley Stud							

Gr2 Cape Stayers R400,000

## Katz 'N Dogs

In his first season as trainer to Hassen Adams, the vastly experienced Dan Katz had plenty of reason to celebrate at Kenilworth on Sun Met day with his first Gr2 success, courtesy of the courageous stayer, Let It Rain.

The Highlands-bred son of Dynasty gave a lion-hearted display in the 2800m R400 000 Gr2 Cape Stayers under the guidance of the astute Richard Fourie – who made all the difference.

Formerly with Weiho Marwing, Let It Rain is a strong galloping front-runner who stays all day. But when Savage Wind was sent to lead to make the pace for his stablemate Fortissima, it provided Fourie and Let It Rain the perfect small cover to lope along in second.

At the 400m, Savage Wind had cried enough and Let It Rain was there to pick

up the pieces. He was joined by Ollivander on the inside and the threatening Master's Eye who swooped up the outside.

With Master's Eye looking a likely winner, Fourie got Let It Rain to lift and he came back with a big effort.

The son of Dynasty rallied powerfully to beat the luckless Master's Eye by a head in a time of 180,22 secs, with Ollivander still just a one-time winner a further two lengths back in third.

A R1,3 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, the winner is by Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winning Gardener's Delight (Giant's Causeway).

That makes him a half-brother to 4 winners, including Equus Champion, Gr2 Godolphin Mile winner and present day Wilgerbosdrift sire, Soft Falling Rain.

Let It Rain was registering his second stakes success and took his tally to 6 wins with 11 places from 28 starts for stakes of R917 888. He now returns to the Weiho Marwing yard in Johannesburg.

## Gr2 Cape Stayers (L) 1000m

Winner Let It Rain raced 2nd; led 400m along with Ollivander; headed 100m; found extra to get verdict on the nod  
Runner-up Master's Eye raced 5th; was 3 lengths behind the winner entering the straight; led 100m; lost on nod  
Third Ollivander raced 6h 0,5 lengths behind the runner-up; struck the front along with the winner at 400m; outpaced latter stages; beaten 2,05 lengths

**Time:** After a typically moderate start for a race of this nature Savage Wind took up the running 2200m out and quickly got the field very strung out. The overall time was a fair one for a race of this distance. We gave the runner-up (prev 73/91/85/88/91) 91 which makes the winner (prev 85/74/91/54/90) 91 and the third (prev 82/82/81/91/80) 85

91	1	0.00	<b>LET IT RAIN</b>	(2)	60.0	R Fourie	11/1
<i>5 b g Dynasty - Gardener's Delight(USA) (Giant's Causeway)</i>							
91	2	0.05	<b>MASTER'S EYE</b>	(10)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	57/20
<i>6 b g Jet Master - Jettatura (Al Multi)</i>							
85	3	2.05	<b>OLLIVANDER</b>	(1)	58.5	A Domeyer	5/1
<i>4 b g Silvano - Cast A Spell (Rambo Dancer)</i>							
81	4	3.05	<i>Fortissima</i>	(4)	57.5	A Delpech	57/20
83	5	3.25	<i>Woodland's Forest</i>	(5)	58.5	G Cheyne	66/1
85	6	4.00	<i>Captain Splendid</i>	(3)	60.0	P Strydom	5/1
83	7	5.50	<i>Alghadeer</i>	(9)	60.0	W Agrella	9/1
81	8	7.25	<i>Mr Winsome</i>	(6)	60.0	A Marcus	167/20
75	9	10.75	<i>Savage Wind</i>	(8)	60.0	M Winnaar	100/1
72	10	13.00	<i>My World</i>	(7)	60.0	M Byleveld	55/1
<b>Time:</b> 180.22s (64.36s avg/1000m, or 56km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 119%							
1st T: D Katz O: Messrs H Adams, D Chinsammy & Mrs T Chinsammy B: Highlands							



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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS - MET DAY

## Summer Juvenile Stakes (L) R150,000

## Last Traces Of Summer

Improving smartly on a fair debut, the one-eyed Australian-bred Traces got the Sun Met day feature programme off to a great start when he bounded home to shed his maiden ticket in the R150 000 Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes.

As one-eyed horses are not allowed to race in Australia, his breeders Arrowfield race the smart looking bay here in partnership with Ridgmont Racing, and having learnt from his experience first time up when all of his opponents were down his blind side, Greg Cheyne rode a cracker and produced him at the right moment. After speedy Glen Kotzen-trained debutante Princess Elsa led the charge, Traces took command at the 200m, and went on to hold the promising PE debut winning filly Carlita, who grabbed a pleasing second cheque for trainer Alan Greeff.

Traces recorded 59,39 secs for the 1000m in the South Easter and won by 2,25 lengths.

The winner is by Arrowfield Stud's record-breaking sire Snitzel, a son of Redoute's Choice, who equalled Danehill's seasonal record of 26 Australian stakes winners in 2016/17, as well as setting a new high mark for earnings and two-

year-old winners, with A\$16.2 million in prize-money banked, with 35 juvenile winners.

Trace's dam Traceability is an Australian-bred daughter of Charge Forward and a half-sister to 2002 Gr1 winner Premier's Champion Stakes winner, Suntagonal. He has now won once from 2 starts for stakes of R93 750.

## Summer Juvenile Stakes (L) 1000m

Winner Traces raced in midfield; ran on; didn't find the clearest of passages; led 50m out, won going away in good style Runner-up Carlita was restless in the stalls; raced handy; led 350m; outpaced late by winner

Third Royal Italian raced handy; rider dropped whip 50m; well beaten

**Time:** The third fastest of the six races down the straight, the time was a decent one on the day. We gave the runner-up (prev 78) 80 which makes the winner (prev 54) 86 and the third (prev 78) 72

86	1	0.00	<b>TRACES</b>	(5)	57.0	G Cheyne	16/1
<i>2 b c Snitzel - Traceability(AUS) (Charge Forward)</i>							
80	2	2.25	<b>CARLITA</b>	(1)	57.5	P Strydom	31/10
<i>2 b f Oratorio - Auburn Annio(USA) (Point Given)</i>							
72	3	4.25	<b>ROYAL ITALIAN</b>	(4)	57.0	L Hewitson	16/1
<i>2 b c Pomodoro - Royal Polly(USA) (Royal Academy)</i>							
79	4	4.30	<i>Twist Of Fate</i>	(13)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	14/1
73	5	4.40	<i>Western Angel</i>	(2)	57.5	G v Niekerk	16/1
69	6	5.65	<i>Clouds Unfold</i>	(9)	57.5	A Dorneyer	61/20
64	7	6.90	<i>Cash Call</i>	(8)	57.0	A Marcus	4/1
58	8	6.95	<i>Carioca</i>	(6)	54.5	M Seidl	30/1
70	9	7.15	<i>Temp The Tiger</i>	(10)	60.0	R Khathi	36/1
66	10	8.40	<i>Jephthah</i>	(7)	60.0	M Byleveld	45/1
52	11	8.80	<i>Princess Elsa</i>	(3)	54.5	A Andrews	11/1
53	12	10.30	<i>Skidoo</i>	(14)	57.0	D Ashby	100/1
51	13	10.80	<i>Lanza</i>	(15)	57.0	R Fourie	16/1
50	14	11.55	<i>Twin Falls</i>	(11)	57.5	L Mxothwa	28/1
9	15	24.05	<i>Titan Of Tibet</i>	(12)	57.0	L Africa	100/1

**Time:** 59.39s (59.39s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) **SP Total %:** 121%  
1st T: B.J Crawford O: Arrowfield Pastoral (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr J M Messara & Ridgmont Racing (Nominee Craig Carey) B: bred in Australia

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS - MET DAY

The CTS 1200 (NBT) R5 975,000

## Magic Millions

The What A Winter colt Dutch Philip boosted his career earnings to over R4 million when he trounced his rivals with a storming late run to win the \$500 000 CTS 1200 at Kenilworth on Saturday. Grant van Niekerk, who rode the winner, won this race last year on Live Life for the same stable.

With a first cheque of R3 734 375, it was a great race for larger-than-life Cape owner Marsh Shirtliff, who also has shares in the third placed Magical Wonderland and fourth-placed finisher, Sand And Sea. He and Bryn Ressel also own Undercover Agent who won the Kuda Sprint earlier. Grant Van Niekerk had Dutch Philip relaxed early and he produced the gutsy speedster at the 300m with a sweeping run up the outside. Bernard Fayd'herbe looked to be moving through ominously on the Snaith's Kasimir down the inside, but they had no answer to Dutch Philip who went on to win by a half length in a time of 72,51 secs. Dutch Philip is a R460 000 CTS March Yearling Sale graduate and was bred by Rex Stud. He is out of the versatile five-time winning Dominion Royale mare, Uppity Ann. He now heads for the Cape Classic at Kenilworth on 28 October.

A dual stakes winner with a bright future, Dutch Philip has now banked R4 140 850 from his 5 wins with 3 places from 10 starts.

## The CTS 1200 (3yo's) (nbt) 1200m

Winner Dutch Philip (joint best handicapped) was positioned second last at 600m; ran on best to lead 60m; shifted in sharply away from the crop latter stages; won going away  
Runner-up Kasimir raced alongside Magical Wonderland in midfield; led 100m; no chance with winner

Third Magical Wonderland raced alongside Kasimir in midfield; ran on

**Time:** Although marginally only the fourth fastest of the six sprints, the time was a fair one. We gave the third (prev 87/96/91/88/93) 91 which makes the third (prev 90/92/96/101/83) 103 and the runner-up (prev 76/83/83/88/96) 102

103	1 0.00	<b>DUTCH PHILIP</b>	(18)	60.0	G v Niekerk	167/20
3 b c	What A Winter - Uppity Ann (Dominion Royale)					
102	2 0.50	<b>KASIMIR</b>	(10)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	71/20
3 b c	Captain Al - Aquatint (AUS) (Peintre Celebre)					
91	3 2.00	<b>MAGICAL WONDERLAND</b>	(12)	57.5	A Domeyer	11/103 b f
11/103 b f	What A Winter - Magical Miss (Al Mufti)					
92	4 3.25	Sand And Sea	(11)	60.0	A Marcus	31/4
91	5 3.35	Speedpoint	(1)	60.0	R Fourie	25/1
85	6 3.65	Best Kept Secret	(13)	57.5	M Yeni	100/1
86	7 4.90	Woljayrine	(17)	60.0	M Byleveld	25/1
81	8 6.15	Dollar Tractor	(16)	60.0	C Orffer	100/1
74	9 6.65	Green Plains	(5)	57.5	L Hewitson	30/1
73	10 6.95	Sassy Lady	(8)	57.5	C Murray	75/1
78	11 7.15	So Var	(7)	60.0	K De Melo	66/1
61	12 10.15	Desert Rhythm	(2)	57.5	P Strydom	44/1
65	13 10.55	Big Mistake	(15)	60.0	G Cheyne	75/1
65	13 10.55	What A Winner	(3)	60.0	R Khathi	55/1
59	15 12.30	Magic Sailor	(14)	60.0	S Veale	55/1
55	16 13.55	Dynasty's Boy	(4)	60.0	G Behr	100/1
42	17 15.55	Distant Call	(9)	57.5	R Danielson	100/1

**Time:** 72.51s (60.43s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 117%  
1st T: C Bass-Robinson O: Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman) & Messrs Bryn Ressel & N M Shirtliff B: Rex Stud

The CTS 1600 (NBT) R5 975,000

## In Slow Mo!

The Captain Al colt Undercover Agent banked ten times his purchase price in just over 100 seconds at Kenilworth on Saturday in a race worth more in monetary terms than the Sun Met itself.

In a race where the top three were in front from the jump, Bass-Robinson filly Rings And Things went up to lead Tarry's Captain And Master and the Brett Crawford-trained Undercover Agent.

The latter pair were being hard held into the turn and the race predictably turned into a sprint for home, with Undercover Agent slipping through down the rail with a clear run for home.

While Captain And Master dup deep, he was unable to reel in the leader who put his Guineas run in file 13 with a nice R3 734 375 cheque earned here for owners Braam van Huyssteen and Greg Bortz. He won by 1,25 lengths in a time of 100,16 secs.

Captain And Master bravely overcame his draw and showed a flicker of what his trainer says he is capable of – in the process banking R1 195 000 in second.

The Moutonshoek bred Undercover Agent is a son of Captain Al (Al Mufti) out of two-time winner Secret Risk (London News). A R325 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale buy, he has won 3 races with 1 place from 7 runs for stakes of R3 885 625.

## The CTS 1600 (3yo's) (nbt) 1600m

Winner Undercover Agent (best handicapped) raced third; led 400m; ran on strongly, hard ridden

Runner-up Captain And Master raced second; challenged strongly final 300m; held by winner

Third Rings And Things set the pace; outrun latter stages

**Time:** This comparatively was a very slowly run race, and false run given the fractions. We gave the winner (prev 77/82/95/88/84) 95 which makes the second (prev 92/83/92/85/87) 93 and the third (prev 74/80/80/82/77) 86. This result may not stand up in future.

95	1 0.00	<b>UNDERCOVER AGENT</b>	(1)	60.0	C Orffer	27/4
3 b c	Captain Al - Secret Risk (London News)					
93	2 1.25	<b>CAPTAIN AND MASTER</b>	(13)	60.0	A Delpech	15/1
3 b c	Captain Al - Scorched (Jet Master)					
86	3 2.00	<b>RINGS AND THINGS</b>	(4)	57.5	R Khathi	22/1
3 b f	Queerari - Ring-Ding (Badger Land)					
90	4 2.30	Cot Campbell	(5)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	2/1
80	5 4.30	Midnight Moonlight	(2)	57.5	G Cheyne	44/1
83	6 5.80	Flying Free	(8)	60.0	K De Melo	16/1
77	7 6.00	Raya Baya	(6)	57.5	C Murray	22/1
76	8 6.40	Dynamic Diana	(7)	57.5	G v Niekerk	167/20
75	9 6.70	Awesomeness	(14)	57.5	A Andrews	100/1
75	10 6.80	Freedom Charter	(16)	57.5	M Byleveld	66/1
79	11 7.30	Rocket Countdown	(12)	60.0	A Domeyer	167/20
79	12 7.60	Vaquero	(9)	60.0	M Yeni	167/20
72	13 8.35	Too Phat To Fly	(10)	57.5	R Fourie	36/1
71	14 8.65	Aurelia Cotta	(15)	57.5	L Hewitson	44/1
76	15 8.70	Big Pleasure	(3)	60.0	M Seidl	55/1
71	16 11.20	Ancestry	(11)	60.0	P Strydom	12/1

**Time:** 100.16s (62.6s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%  
1st T: B J Crawford O: Messrs Greg Bortz & A J van Huyssteen  
B: Moutonshoek

Kuda Sprint (2yo's) R350,000

## MJ's Kuda Thriller

The Milnerton combination of Vaughan Marshall and MJ Byleveld celebrated an early success on Sun Met day when first-timer Agent Of Fortune got the better of a duel with the favourite Cirillo to win the R350 000 Kuda Sprint.

MJ Byleveld brought him alongside Anthony Delpech on the more experience Cirillo at the 300m marker, we had a spectacle on our hands – that ended unexpectedly! Agent Of Fortune dug deep and got his nose down when it counted.

The winner's time was 74,05 secs. Bred by V Kritzinger, the winner is a first second crop stakes winner for What A Winter (Western Winter) and is out of six-time winner, Sofala (Jet Master). He is thus a half-brother to the well-performed six-time Western Force (Western Winter). A triple Equus Champion and four time Gr1 winner, Agent Of Fortune's sire What A Winter ended his first season last term with his 10 juvenile winners having earned R1 472 750 – which placed him narrowly atop the first crop sires list, ahead of European stars Oratorio and Twice Over. Agent Of Fortune is his fourth stakes winner and originally sold for R240 000 on the 2017 CTS March Yearling Sale.

He banked R218 750 on Saturday for owners Bryn Ressel and Marsh Shirtliff.

## Kuda Sprint (2yo's) (nbt) 1200m

Winner Agent Of Fortune (Marshall newcomer 11/1) raced in midfield early; struck the front along with the runner-up 350m out; bumped and unbalanced by the runner-up twice in the latter stages; won a tremendous battle as they both drew clear, by a short head

Runner-up Cirillo raced in the back rank early; challenged strongly over the final 350m; beaten a short head

Third Rivonia Boulevard raced up with the pace throughout; no chance with first two final 350m

**Time:** This was by far the slowest of the six sprint races. We gave the runner-up (prev 75) 79 which makes the winner 79 and the third (prev 63) 64

79	1 0.00	<b>AGENT OF FORTUNE</b>	(9)	60.0	M Byleveld	11/1
2 b c	What A Winter - Sofala (Jet Master)					
79	2 0.05	<b>CIRILLO</b>	(7)	60.0	A Delpech	26/10
2 b c	Pomodoro - Miss Wordsworth (Lake Coniston)					
64	3 5.55	<b>RIVONIA BOULEVARD</b>	(15)	60.0	L Hewitson	11/1
2 gr c	Count Dubois - Tibetan Stone (National Assembly)					
59	4 7.30	Quick Star	(10)	60.0	R Fourie	4/1
59	5 7.40	Lucky Dancer	(11)	60.0	A Marcus	9/2
53	6 7.60	Urban Oasis	(14)	57.5	C Orffer	18/1
56	7 8.35	Vartanium	(5)	60.0	R Danielson	75/1
53	8 9.60	Super Dino	(3)	60.0	G v Niekerk	10/1
43	9 11.10	Rocket Girl	(6)	57.5	S Veale	66/1
49	10 11.15	Lets Be Frank	(16)	60.0	L Mxothwa	66/1
42	11 11.65	Queen Of The Dance	(13)	57.5	C Zackey	22/1
47	12 11.95	Blackbeard	(2)	60.0	A Andrews	36/1
46	13 12.15	Seventh Sea	(12)	60.0	B Lerena	36/1
35	14 14.15	Star Angel	(1)	57.5	R Khathi	100/1
34	15 16.40	Mkhonto	(8)	60.0	G Cheyne	55/1
34	16 16.60	Wonderful Winter	(4)	60.0	A Domeyer	22/1

**Time:** 74.05s (61.71s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%  
1st T: V H Marshall O: Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman) & Messrs Bryn Ressel & N M Shirtliff B: V Kritzinger

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

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

Abramo 2c (Allyandro by Western Winter)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(02/02\)](#)

### CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Lady Abigail 2f (Lady Gray by Badger Land)

[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(04/02\)](#)

### POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Thay Thay 2c (Imperial Rule by Al Mufti)

[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(04/02\)](#)

### WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Bhowani Junction 2c (Fashion Week by Second Empire)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(02/02\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

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

Cristian 3c (Picturesque by Al Mufti)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(02/02\)](#)

Morninghasbroken 3f (Cwebe Cwebe by Muhtafal)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(04/02\)](#)

### BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

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

[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate 2400m \(03/02\)](#)

No More Words 3f (Adella by Toreador)

[Turffontein 8 Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(03/02\)](#)

Flaming Desire 3f (Seraphim Falls by Kahal)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1950m \(04/02\)](#)

### CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Subtropical 3c (Sahara by Mogok)

[Greyville 5 MR 72 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

Crusado 3c (Kenmare House by Victory Moon)

[Greyville 6 MR 80 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(02/02\)](#)

Gonnafly 3c (Ruby Eaglechild by Manshood)

[Turffontein 2 Progress Plate 1800m \(03/02\)](#)

Slightly Scottish 3c (Lilly Pilly by Diesis)

[Scottsville 6 MR 81 Handicap 1600m \(04/02\)](#)

### EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Passing Image 3c (Imperial Image by King of Kings)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

Awesome Angel One 3c (Awesome Beauty by Cataloochee)

[Greyville 4 MR 64 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

The Rising Legend 3c (Ramp Vamp by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(03/02\)](#)

Number Eight 3c (Out Of Time by Anytime)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(04/02\)](#)

Noble Duke 3c (Reigning Queen by King of Kings)

[Scottsville 5 MR 64 Handicap 1000m \(04/02\)](#)

### IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Brave 3c (Case Stated by London News)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(02/02\)](#)

Ira 3f (My Vow by National Assembly)

[Durbanville 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(03/02\)](#)

### ORATORIO (Danehill)

Aldo's Chase 3c (Sermonize by Strike Smartly)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

Love Talk 3f (Lovey Dovey by Model Man)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(02/02\)](#)

Sacred Oration 3c (Scarlet Causeway by Giant's Causeway)

[Fairview 5 Sophomore Plate \(3yo's\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

[Bayeto 3c \(Aretha by Centenary\)](#)

[Durbanville 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(03/02\)](#)

Leisure Lady 3f (Essenelles by Encosta de Lago)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1950m \(04/02\)](#)

### TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Lovemetwotimesgirl 3f (Magical Cove by National Assembly)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

Blaze Of Silk 3c (Trinity House by Captain Al)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(04/02\)](#)

Falconer 3c (Angelita by Western Winter)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(04/02\)](#)

### WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Estimet 3f (Estimada by Ride The Rails)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(02/02\)](#)

Royal Frost 3f (Princess Elli by Elliodor)

[Durbanville 7 MR 74 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(03/02\)](#)

Royal Marine 3c (Irish Royal by Kalanisi)

[Durbanville 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(03/02\)](#)

Fort Vodka 3f (Fort Belvedere by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 8 Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(03/02\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### JUDPOT

Rated AR 76 **Bright Blessed Day** (3g Wonderful World by Complete Warrior)

*Maiden Plate Vaal (inside) (1200m) (25/1)*

Positioned in midfield early on some three lengths off the pace, this gelding ran on stoutly at the business end of the race and despite being disadvantaged by a slipped saddle won going away by two and a half.

### COUNT DUBOIS

Rated AR 87 **Dickie Bird** (2c Alaya by Jallad)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Greyville (poly) (1200m) (26/1)*

Easy to back at 11/1 on the off, Glen Kotzen's charge raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He cut through the field quickly in the straight and cruised clear to score by four and a half after striking the front 200m from home.

### PATHFORK

Rated AR 77 **Dressed To Impress** (3f Undine by Western Winter)

*Maiden Plate (F&M) Turffontein (standside) (1160m) (27/1)*

Making her first racecourse appearance, Geoff Woodruff's charge raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She was ridden to lead approaching the 100m marker and despite being eased right down late on she won impressively by two and a quarter. She seems likely to be better than rated.

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## Horses To Follow

### LOPE DE VEGA

Rated AR 78 **Radiant Splendour** (3f Heavenly Glow by Spinning World) *Novice Handicap (F&M) Turffontein (standside) (1400m) (27/1)* Confidently ridden by apprentice Dennis Schwarz, this Australian bred filly raced at the back during the early part of the race. She cut through the field with ease over the final 400m and with a ton in hand won going away. Radiant Splendour has now won two from two and will likely improve on her rating.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**My Favourite Brown** (AUS) 5g Big Brown- Collodi(AUS) (Testa Rossa)

*Vaal 1800m (23/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Street Gaze** (AUS) 4f Street Cry- Gaze(NZ) (Cape Cross)

*Fairview 1600m (26/01)*

**Mister Colin** (UK) 4g Lawman- Al Beedaa(USA) (Swain)

*Fairview 2000m (26/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Traces** (AUS) 2 b c Snitzel- Traceability(AUS) (Charge Forward)

*Kenilworth 1000m (27/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Radiant Splendour** (AUS) 3f Lope de Vega- Heavenly Glow(AUS) (Spinning World)

*Turffontein 1400m (27/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**The Rocketman** (AUS) 3g Foxwedge- Sister Havana(NZ)

(General Nediym)

*Turffontein 1600m (27/01)*

## Greyville Maintenance

Peter Morrison (Martin Collins SA) visited Greyville on 16 January 2018 to carry out the quarterly track report. He also met with a few jockeys who had recently raised concerns regarding the 'kick-back' and that the Polytrack was too 'soft'.

Numerous samples from around the track has been taken for analysis and as it is now in the 3-5 year period the track could be due for a 'top-up'. With the heavy rainfalls, 'leaching' could have taken place and a lot of the binding material of the track could now be sitting on the base pad.

It has been agreed that the track be turned 'on its head' i.e. lift all the material off the asphalt base and bring it to the top and re-mix with the power harrow. The lower pad has not been touched since the track was laid. Simultaneously the track will be re-levelled.

"In order to facilitate the maintenance programme of the Polytrack, the racemeeting scheduled for Greyville on 14 February 2018, has been switched to Scottsville" said Raf Sheik, Gold Circle Racing Executive.

## SPORTS AND BETTING

## Top Of The Table Clash

Cape Town City vs Mamelodi Sundowns | Sat, 2 Feb | Athlone Stadium | 20:00



This Friday, the ABSA Premiership continues to excite fans and football lovers across the country when Mamelodi Sundowns travel to the Western Cape to face Cape Town City in a top-of-the-

table clash. The tie was scheduled to take place at Cape Town Stadium, but once again, football has to make way for a rugby event... at a 'soccer' stadium. But no excuses, City have played at the Athlone Stadium before, for the same reasons, back in December last year. Pitso Mosimane has dismissed Cape Town City as title contenders, so this would be the perfect time for Benni McCarthy – who will serve his final game of his touchline ban – to prove Pitso, along with all his other critics wrong.

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### TO WIN

Cape Town City 18/10

Draw 19/10

Sundowns 16/10

### CAPE TOWN CITY

Cape Town City will look to get back to winning ways when they host Masandawana at the Athlone Stadium this Friday. The Citizens were held to their fourth draw in the league this term, sharing the spoils with Bloemfontein Celtic in a game that ended 1-1.

They're Sundowns' closest rivals, but Pitso Mosimane has ruled them out of the title race. To be fair, I actually agree with Jingles. They've sold their best players and replaced them with unknown foreigners, while their home games continue to be shifted around for other sporting events.

Aubrey Ngoma, who was one of City's star players last season, winning the PSL Midfielder of the Year award, was one of the many standout players to be sold. In fact, City will come up against Ngoma for the first time since his departure this Friday.

### MAMELODI SUNDOWNS

Mamelodi Sundowns, like Cape Town City, will be hoping to get back to winning ways after their goalless stalemate at FNB Stadium against Kaizer Chiefs. In his post-match interview after the game, Mosimane stated that the clash between Downs and Chiefs should be a Champions League tie. He then went on further to say that Chiefs must play Champions League football. But where does that leave second-placed Cape Town City? Mosimane has already ruled the Citizens out of the title race, but as we've seen before from the Sundowns boss, it could be strategic mind games. The Brazilians have lost six times already this season – only four teams have lost more – but unlike the rest of the teams in the PSL, Sundowns barely draw, doing so just twice in the campaign, while recording 11 wins.

**PREDICTION:** Mamelodi Sundowns (16/10)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Not Just A Dream

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Fastest Of Five

**Scottsville 21 January**

Five of the ten races in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday were run over 1000m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was AUTUMN IN SEATTLE in the MR86 Handicap. Soon up handy in a race in which just seven went to post, Pat Lunn's charge raced prominent throughout. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and won comfortably by a half from the always handy FILIPPO.

Just 14/100th of a second separated the winning times of the three 1400m races, where surprisingly the quickest home was SHANDY in the girl's division of the maiden plate. Another to race close to the speed, this 4yo daughter of Kahal took up the running as they approached the 200m marker, and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to hold off a determined challenge from the 5/4 favourite TRAVEL GUIDE.

The two remaining races were moderate handicaps over 1950m and first past the post in the faster of these, a MR67 affair, was the easy to back BALLYMAINE. Freely available at 11/1 on the off the recent maiden winner raced in midfield for most of the journey. He cut through the field quickly in the home straight and won with authority by three from the favourite AMOR ARDIENTE.

**Titbits** The 3yo CALLADDI was always in command when comfortably accounting for his twelve rivals in the maiden plate over 1000m.

Beaten by the narrowest of margins, MAJESTIC GLORY ran on well from midfield and would surely have won the MR72 Handicap over 1000m in another stride.

## Not Playing Ball

**Vaal 23 January**

They raced on the classic track on Tuesday where the afternoon's feature event was a pinnacle stakes over 1000m. The talented BULL VALLEY was sent off favourite, but was never able to get in a blow. Victory instead, in a race that was not particularly a fast run affair, went to the filly WRECKING BALL. Freely available at 15/1 on the off Grant Maroun's charge led throughout.

She kept on strongly at the business end of the race and won well by a length and a quarter from another relatively unfancied runner in PURE BLONDE (11/1).

Marginally the faster of the two 1200m races on the card was the MR79 Handicap in which STATE TROOPER made it two from three. Allowed to flirt with 10/1 at one stage after opening up at 9/2, Roy Magner's charge was always in touch with the leaders. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and in a race where just three quarters of a length separated the first four home, he got up late.

The 3yo PEARL OF BAHRAIN was the best bet on the card for most and the 3yo daughter of Western Winter didn't let down her supporters. Always deep in the red, Mike De Kock's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She took up the running as they approached the 200m marker and with plenty in hand won going away by three and three quarters.

**Titbits** Backed into joint favouritism at the track, MANEATER won the opening work rider's maiden plate over 2000m with authority by two and a half.

## Timed To Perfection

**Fairview 24 January**

Wednesday's action took place on the poly track where three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1200m. The MR80 Handicap was the fastest of these and here the 4yo FLIGHT CAPTAIN registered his fifth career victory. Soon nicely positioned in second, Yvette Bremner's charge took up the running 300m out and comfortably accounted for the running on LORD WINDERMERE by two.

The conditions plate proved to be the faster of the two 2200m races and here MASTERLY caused an upset. The well supported STORMY ECLIPSE was the first to make a move in the home straight and going through the 200m he looked to have done everything right. Masterly quickened best of all below the distance

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

Just Too Early ..... won 9/1  
Waltzed Home ..... won 31/4  
Unbelievable Lad ..... won 67/20  
Maneater ..... won 26/10  
My Favourite Brown .... won 13/20  
Boxley ..... won 5/8  
Pearl Of Bahrain ..... won 4/10  
Snowdance ..... won 1/4

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

**FAIRVIEW (FRI)**

Race 1: (11) Tune The Scope 9  
Race 2: (6) Seattle Splendour 8  
Race 3: (3) Love Talk 11  
Race 4: (1) Cristian 8

**Race 5: (3) Via Seattle 70 (NAP\*)**

Race 6: (3) Captain Marooned 58  
Race 7: (1) Easy Street 67  
Race 8: (7) Story Of My Life 84  
Race 9: (10) Bring Me More 39

**GREYVILLE (FRI)**

Race 1: (1) Minaloushe Venture 10  
Race 2: (5) Travel Guide 13

**Race 3: (5) Fantasy Art 45 (NAP\*)**

Race 4: (9) Dom Seguidor 43  
Race 5: (6) Gadget Man 43  
Race 6: (6) Sea Urchin 56  
Race 7: (3) Stockade 29  
Race 8: (12) Power Horse 31

**TURFFONTEIN (SAT)**

Race 1: (4) Imperial Ounce 29  
Race 2: (3) Greek Fire 74  
Race 3: (6) She's A Giver 89  
Race 4: (1) Agent Kay 6  
Race 5: (1) Witchcraft 64  
Race 6: (11) Secret Captain 95  
Race 7: (6) The David Baird 73  
Race 8: (2) Fish River 48  
Race 9: (8) Inn A Million 73  
Race 10: (1) Tigerlace 10

**DURBANVILLE (SAT)**

Race 1: (1) Flower Of Carmel 20  
**Race 2: (3) Kingston Passage 58 (NAP\*)**  
Race 3: (5) Bikini Model 8  
Race 4: (7) Black Pimpinel 13  
Race 5: (5) Bank The Cash 50  
Race 6: (5) Trip To Ibiza 39  
Race 7: (7) Amazingly 45  
**Race 8: (11) Chatuchak 12 (nb)**

**SCOTTVILLE (SUN)**

Race 1: (3) Val-La-Ree 7  
Race 2: (1) Golden Pheasant 12  
Race 3: (1) Tough Love 4  
Race 4: (7) Voodoo 8  
**Race 5: (2) On Your Life 43 (NAP\*)**  
Race 6: (2) Call Me Winter 51  
Race 7: (5) Head Honcho 69  
Race 8: (4) Roman Courtesan 6

### Nap bets

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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

though and in what proved to be a real thriller he got up in the dying strides.

Two of the three remaining races were staged over 1600m and stopping the clock in the faster of these was FIRE IN THE BELLY in the bill topping MR85 Handicap. In what very quickly became a strung out field, the bottom weight raced second of the seven for most of the journey. He put his head in front going through the 300m and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by five and a quarter.

**Titbits** Easily eight lengths off the pace rounding the bend, lightly raced *SEARCHING* ran on best of all in the short home straight when a one and a quarter length runner up in the girl's division of the maiden plate over 1400m.

Even money favourite *CHAPPAQUIDDICK* cruised clear over the final 300m when winning the maiden plate over 2200m by seven and three quarters.

## Despite A Slipped Saddle

Vaal 25 January

Despite being disadvantaged by a slipped saddle, BRIGHT BLESSED DAY was the quickest home in the five 1200m races. Backed into the red to win the second division of the maiden plate, the 3yo son of Judpot raced three lengths off the speed early on. Once given rein though he quickened well and won going away after striking the front 300m out.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1700m where the very well weighted WAITY KATIE won the faster of the two. Taking into account apprentice Lerena's 4kg allowance, Waity Katie was racing off a mark 36 points below that of her former best in this MR64 Handicap. On the heels of the leader throughout, the Jay Peg mare took command 150m out and won going away by a length and a quarter.

Another to win well on this card was

the well supported FORAFEWDOLLARSMORE in the MR81 Handicap over 2000m. A little slow into stride when the gates opened, Sean Tarry's charge raced eighth of the ten during the early part of the race. She cut through the field quickly when given rein and won going away by a length and a quarter.

**Titbits** At the head of affairs throughout, *WILD CURVE* found extra when challenged by the well supported favourite *IMPERIAL QUEST* and with the rest well beaten he won fair and square by a length and a half.

## Quality Umpire

Greyville 26 January

A maiden juvenile plate over 1200m got proceedings underway on the poly track on Friday night and albeit in a comparatively slow time, we saw a very smart performance from DICKIE BIRD. Making only his second race-course appearance here Glen Kotzen's charge raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He cut through the field like a knife in the short home straight and cruised clear from the 200m pole to score by four and a half.

A MR84 Handicap over 1000m topped the bill and here victory went to the 3yo QUEEN OF ALAMO. Soon up handy despite being a little slow into stride, the 3yo daughter of Pathfork raced prominent throughout. She put her head in front 50m out and just held on from the very steadily gaining VINE STREET STAR (came from the rear).

The two 1600m races were both maiden plates and by far the faster of these was the boy's affair won by ITDAWNEDONME. The field was always very tightly bunched and although Charlie Laird's charge raced towards the rear he was always well within striking distance. He ran on best of all over the final 400m and under a well-judged ride from KEAGAN DE MELO he got up 100m out.

**Titbits** *TANAMI* only had to be pushed out when winning the MR62 Handicap over 2000m.

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 21ST JANUARY

Penetrometer 25 – Going G/Soft	
Course Variant: 0,79s fast	
1000m (5) Autumn In Seattle	55,69
1400m (3) Shandy	82,99
1950m (2) Ballymaine	117,77

### VAAL (CLASSIC) 23RD JANUARY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,24s fast	
1000m (1) Wrecking Ball	56,73
1200m (2) State Trooper	69,79
1500m (2) Paree	90,90
1800m (2) Return To Power	109,49*
2000m (1) Maneater	126,68

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 24TH JANUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,22slow	
1200m (3) Flight Captain	70,43
1400m (1) Stola	84,96
1600m (2) Fire In The Belly	96,02
2200m (2) Masterly	136,80

### VAAL (INSIDE) 25TH JANUARY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,33s fast	
1000m (1) Supanova	57,27
1200m (5) Bright Blessed Day	69,46
1700m (2) Waity Katie	104,14
1800m (1) Judd's Rocket	112,49*
2000m (1) Forafewdollarsmore	122,88

### GREYVILLE (POLY) 26TH JANUARY

Going Standard	
1000m (1) Queen Of Alamo	58,22
1200m (2) Caddy Master	71,29
1400m (1) Waltzed Home	83,98
1600m (2) Itdawnedonme	97,18
1800m (1) Ideal Winter	112,22
2000m (1) Tanami	123,70

## Notebook

Horses worth following at their next few starts...

**BRIGHT BLESSED DAY** (G Van Zyl, Gauteng)

**PEARL OF BAHRAIN** (M De Kock, Gauteng)

Hollywood bets

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