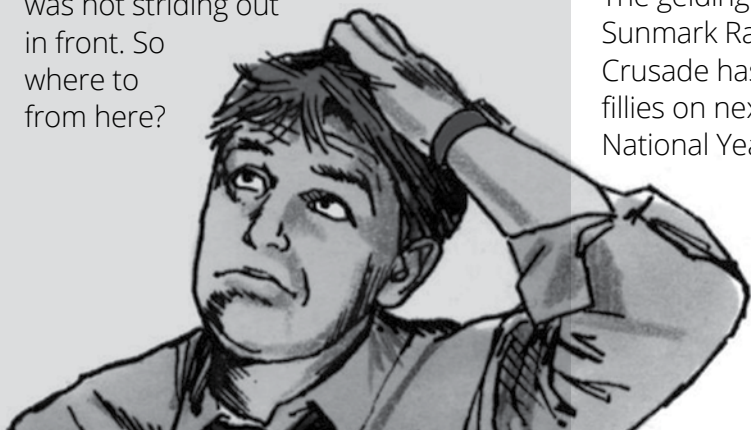


THE WRONG IMPRESSION

Are the NHA protecting punters – and horses? The 6yo Impressionist had his 56th start at Fairview on Friday. The Vet reports that he went down short and not striding out in front. Then the Stipes report after the race that in view of his run (9,95 lengths back) the Course Veterinary Surgeon was requested to examine him. Just 72 hours later Impressionist is back for his 57th start – this time on the Fairview poly. Now apprentice Lyle Hewitson reports that he felt something amiss with the gelding in the running. He finishes 13 lengths back. The Course Veterinary Surgeon (the same as Friday) was requested to examine and reports that Impressionist was not striding out in front. So where to from here?



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Scott Bros Mr Greeley stallion Crusade enjoyed two stakes winners this weekend. Dianne Stenger's smart filly Covered In Snow bounded home in the Listed Bauhinia Handicap at Turffontein for her second stakes win. North of the Limpopo, Butchie Boy, bred by Richard Fitzgerald, collected his second win in a row when victorious in the Gr3 Zimbabwean Guineas at Borrowdale on Sunday for trainer Bridget Stidolph. The gelding is owned by the Sunmark Racing Syndicate. Crusade has 6 colts and 6 fillies on next month's BSA National Yearling Sale.

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Karis Teetan celebrated a career milestone when riding his 200th Hong Kong winner at Sha Tin on Sunday. The win, which came aboard the David Ferraris-trained Amazing Satchmo for owner Nicola Chu Ming Nga in the 1400m Boat Quay Handicap, had a certain amount of déjà vu. On 8 September 2013, Teetan rode his first Hong Kong winner at his first attempt in the first race of the first day of the new Hong Kong season aboard the David Ferraris-trained Amazing Always. He notched his 200th Hong Kong winner for the same stable in the same silks!

Days Numbered

The end of Betfair in Australia is a possible outcome of the implementation of a widespread Punters' Tax Down Under. The point of consumption tax is set to be rolled out by all states in Australia in the coming two years, with South Australia already charging bookmakers a 15 per cent tax on profit on customers and Western Australia to follow suit in 2019. The 15 per cent tax rate has been widely condemned as excessive by the industry, but the prospect of a turnover tax model in New South Wales is far worse with the likely demise of betting exchange Betfair. Betfair acts as a key lubricant to the market in Australia, giving increased liquidity and ensuring bookmakers offer fair and reasonable prices.



Watch That Tractor!

Commentator Alistair Cohen, who calls the PE meetings from Rivonia, is seldom at a loss for words. But when the tractor casually pulled the starting stalls in front of the cameras as the field stormed into the final stages of the Fairview Monday sixth race, Ali literally had nothing to say! The Fairview tractor driver is obviously not a punter or a marketing man. In fact he seemed oblivious that racing was even on the go.



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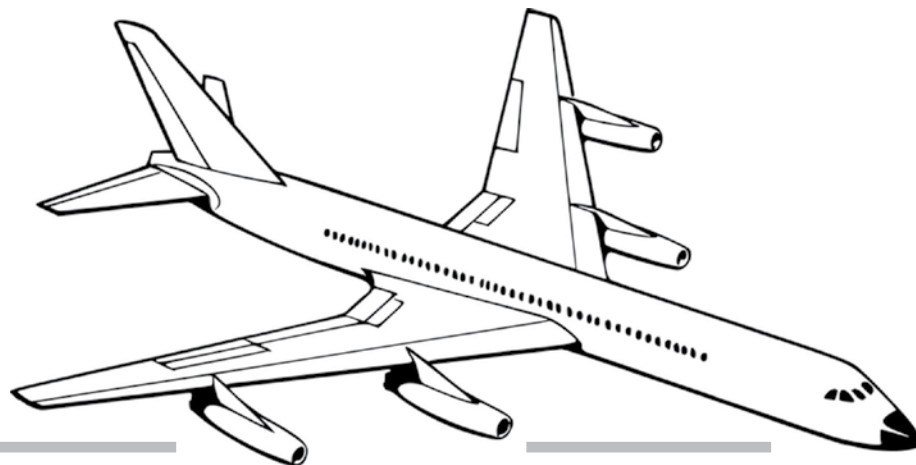
Avontuur star Oratorio is proving a popular versatile sire and produced a hat-trick of winners on Saturday, including an impressive feature race win by his daughter Mrs O, who landed the Gold Rush Sprint at Turffontein, beating male opponents. Divine Odyssey romped to an impressive maiden at the same track, while Sequined dug deep at Durbanville to register her second win. Oratorio has 15 yearlings on the 2018 April Yearling Sale and 22 lots on the 2018 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale.

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Cape bred gelding Captain Lars, who was bred by Klawervlei Stud and was trained here by Mike de Kock, scored his 16th victory at Wolverhampton on Saturday. The durable eight-year-old, who had also scored on Wednesday last week, justified 11-8 favouritism with a convincing ¾ length win over Newstead Abbey. The latter was receiving 12lbs from Captain Lars! A R1.4 million buy from the inaugural Cape Premier Yearling Sale, Captain Lars is a son of champion sire Captain Al.

Bon Voyage

Dean Kannemeyer's Sun Met runner-up Last Winter and Candice Bass-Robinson's July winner Marinaresco jetted out of Cape Town on Monday en route to 90 days of quarantine in Mauritius. Last Winter is being aimed at Hong Kong in December.



DOWNGRADE

The Asian Pattern Committee has downgraded the Gr1 SA Nursery to Gr2 this season. This action was based on the Average Annual Race rating for the race over a four year period.