

Empty Tank

It has been well over a week since senior jockey Anton Marcus called for a think-tank on our starting stall procedures after hair-raising moments at the gates on a short-priced favourite. Anthony Delpech made the same plea a few weeks earlier. The National Horseracing Authority seem oblivious to any issues and have not responded or commented. But who cares? It's only punter's money and horse and rider safety on the line.

St Patrick's Day

The students failed to pitch at Durbanville last Saturday. Now the Maties SRC has been blamed by Racing Itsa Rush. But weren't we warned in advance by organiser Luella Robinson of the glaring lack of enthusiasm, organisation and expertise at Kenilworth Racing's marketing department?

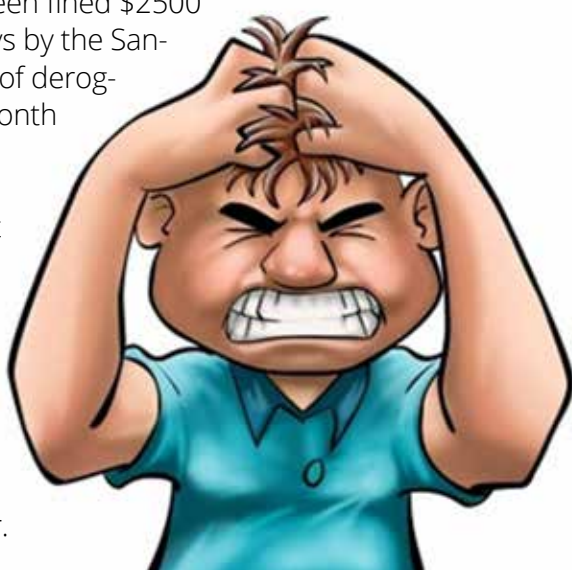


Beast From The West

California-based Bob Baffert is looking to Flatter's son West Coast for a personal fourth win in the \$10 million Dubai World Cup on Saturday 31 March. He won the race last year with world champion Arrogate, who never won again after succeeding in the most spectacular style following a slow start. Owned by the West family, West Coast earned top laurels by winning the Travers Stakes and the Pennsylvania Derby. He was also third in the Breeders' Cup Classic and second in the Pegasus World Cup.

Anger Management

US Trainer Peter Miller has been fined \$2500 and suspended for seven days by the Santa Anita stewards for the use of derogatory words about a seven month pregnant licensee's unborn baby. Miller has been placed on probation until his current licence is up for renewal in October 2019 and will be required to attend anger management classes. It was the seventh time that Miller was reprimanded for disorderly conduct and aggressive/abusive behaviour.



Snaith Power



Justin Snaith launches what is expected to be his biggest SA Champions Season campaign ever when Platinum Prince steps out in the Gr3 Kings Cup at Greyville on Sunday. The balance of Justin's 30 horses are scheduled to arrive at Summerveld on Friday. His string has enormous depth and balance after a successful summer at home. Snaith is R5,6 million ahead of Sean Tarry on the national trainers log.

FLOWER ALLEY

Sky Flower, a 4yo daughter of Wilgerbosdrift sire Flower Alley scored her first feature race win on Saturday, when landing the Latoria Stakes, over 1600m, at Turfway Park. She is the 20th stakes winner for Flower Alley, who has 5 lots on the 2018 April Yearling Sale and 32 on the 2018 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale.

Classic Day

A bumper entry was received on Monday for the R2 million Gr1 SA Classic and the R1 million Gr1 SA Fillies Classic to be run at Turffontein on Saturday 7 April. The second leg of the SA Triple Crown and SA Triple Tiara have attracted 18 and 19 entries respectively, with soon-to-be exported first leg winner Monks Hood an obvious absentee. Triple Tiara first leg winner Takingthepeace drew 16 of 19. Supplementary entries for both races closes at 11h00 on Friday 23 March. Declarations are due by 11h00 on Wednesday 28 March.

Forever & Ever

America's top filly, Forever Unbridled, second-favourite for the \$10-million Dubai World Cup, flies over without a prep-race, despite being absent since winning the Breeders Cup Distaff in California last November. Mike Smith, who won the World Cup on Arrogate last year and rides the filly for the first time, has no doubt Forever Unbridled has what it takes to give the boys a run for their money.

World's Richest

Seabrook will bid to become the first New Zealand-bred galloper in close on 30 years to win the world's richest 2yo race at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday. The last NZ-bred winner was Pompeii Court's daughter Courtza in 1989. The Mick Price-trained filly goes into Saturday's A\$3.5 million (R23 million) Gr1 Golden Slipper over 1200m as a strong contender. Seabrook is out of Don Eduardo's unraced daughter Midnight Revels, who was purchased in foal to Hinchinbrook by Tauranga breeder Warwick Jeffries. Hinchinbrook is by Fastnet Rock, and is a half-brother to Snitzel.

