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FAIRVIEW turf Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(2) Beataboutthebush(5/2)

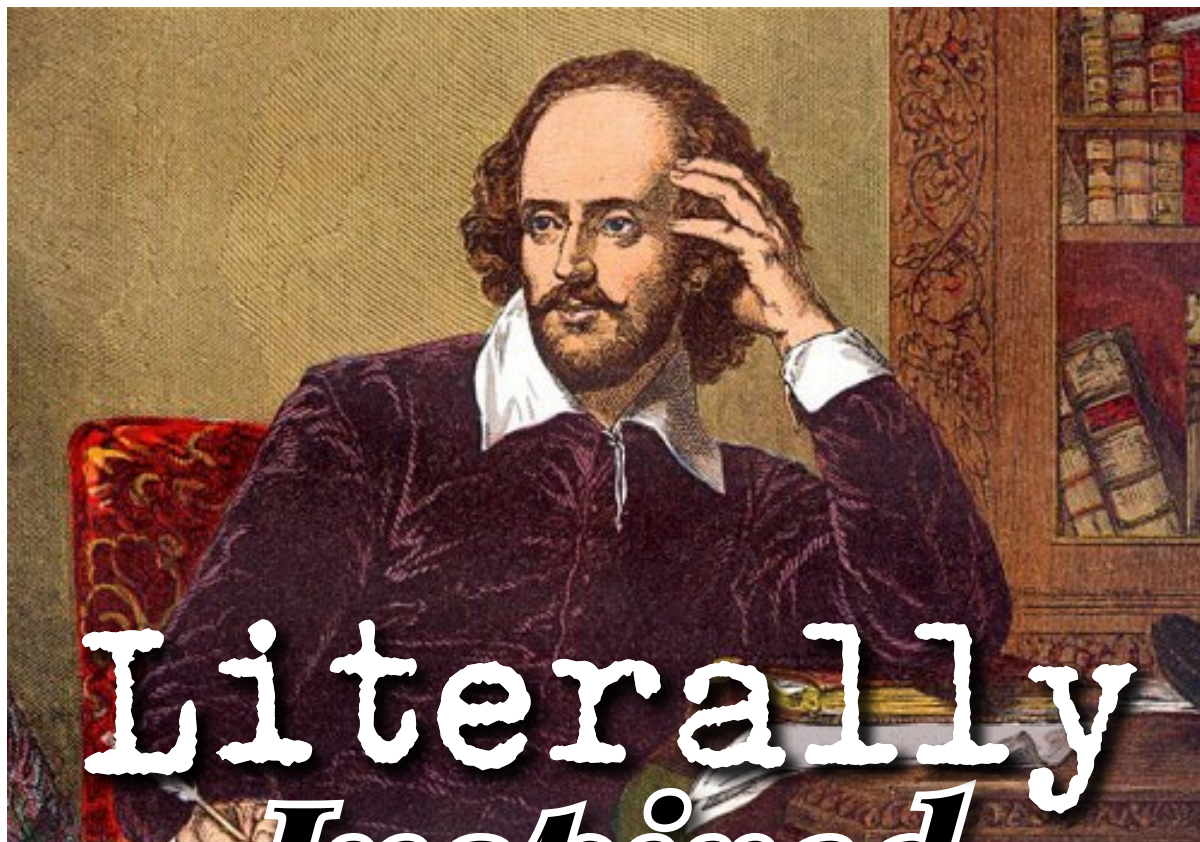
TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R6-(3) Orchid Island (5/2)

DURBANVILLE Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R6-(2) African Messiah(4/1)

GREYVILLE turf Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R8-(3) Roman Courtesan (5/2)

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Saturday 10 March
Turffontein – race 9
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Best Handicapped
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Literally Inspired

Everybody's asking about the relatively unknown dark horse that came from the clouds to cut down an illustrious line-up and scoop the biggest literary prize offered in the history of South African horseracing.

The announcement earlier this week that Chris Swart had won the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Racing Festival Writers Award and booked a once-in-a-lifetime dream trip for two to Glorious Goodwood in August may have come as something of a bolt from the blue. Our seasoned journo's earn their living doing this and would have rated their prospects ahead of an unraced outsider!

But a read of the winning account (page 6) of the 1984 Queen's Plate won by the gooseflesh grey Wolf Power quickly dispels any doubts that this was nothing but a genuinely hard-earned victory full of merit.

Like most racing stories, Chris Swart's win has an

emotional human twist to it.

"I was astonished when the LQP guys called to tell me. My younger brother Conrad - a Frankel freak of note - had a stroke in 2016. I haven't seen him for years and with my business still in a growth phase, I haven't been able to afford it. My Mum, Sister and Brother live in Cardiff, so this wonderful prize presents us the opportunity of also enjoying a wonderful family reunion. That's why it is such an emotional time right now," he says quietly.

The 54 year old Zambia-based Chris Swart hasn't been back to Kenilworth for close on 33 years now. His extraordinarily vivid and tangible recollections of that

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day in 1984 are remarkable, given the inevitable and emotional twists and turns that our lives take over the passage of years.

"Some days racing has beautiful stories. Any punter or fan will relate to a standout day. Racing provides the platform for us to experience life's rollercoaster of emotions. And a bonus is that it is sometimes in the presence of champions. That was the great day in my life that has stayed with me ever since."

Chris was introduced to racing by Tim Preston while studying at UCT in the early 80's. The pair ended up racing Talent Search and Celestial Charm together. Both horses won and were placed in the Zim Oaks in the late 90's.

We asked what degree he was pursuing at UCT.

"Oh hell, I was studying everything. In the end I graduated with a Bachelor Of The Pig," he laughs in a reference to the legendary student watering hole, the Pig 'n Whistle, on Rondebosch main road. He enjoyed the added distraction of Wednesday and Saturday racing during his student years. While he is reluctant to boast about his own story, Chris Swart's racing roots go back to 1937. That was the year his paternal grandparents emigrated from Swartruggens to Chis-amba, Zambia where his Dad rode for Harry Frost. He briefly mentions his Dad winning on a ringer called Bonaparte.

"My dad lost his right leg in the 40's so couldn't ride after that," he says sadly.

Chris' Mum Shirley was the Red Cross ambulance attendant in Kitwe where the likes of legends like Ralph and Val Rixon, Cliffie Otto, Mike Frankham, Sharon and Reed Patterson, Ronny Sheehan, Noel Riddle and George Uren honed their skills.

"I got dragged there every weekend," he says, adding that years later after a traumatic divorce, he moved to Lusaka and stayed with the van Blerk family.

"Their father was champion trainer for many years. In Kitwe I also stayed on the farm where Anchorage is buried. He was sent to Zambia by the Oppenheimer family to try and keep racing going in Zambia."

Chris is well-known these days as a pedigree specialist and advises some high-profile personalities: names like the late Wally Britz, Marsh Shirtliff, Paulo Do Carmo (his mentor) and Neil Marx.

Also PE owner Andrea Puggia, who breeds with Cat Woman. Andrea is the lucky guy who will accompany Chris to Glorious Goodwood. Ian Longmore is another man who features prominently – he encouraged Chris to write his winning story.

While he is loathe to talk hard-luck stories, he adds that champion Star Award is the one that got away in his racing life.

Chris recalls: "I loved her because her half-sister won by six just before the sales. Wally Britz said she was a squib and talked me into taking half of Main Command. Stan Elley had him in the winter. He came back and had one run for the Alexander stable, backed from 20/1- 7/2 and ran stone last. He died of colic a few weeks later. Need I say what Star Award went on to!"

He proudly tells how he advised Wally's Jet Flyer going to Silvano. That mating produced Sylvan On Fire who has won 4 and picked up black-type for Vanessa Harrison in the Gr3 Acacia Handicap two weeks ago.

Chris hosts a Facebook page called [Pedigree Bwana](#).

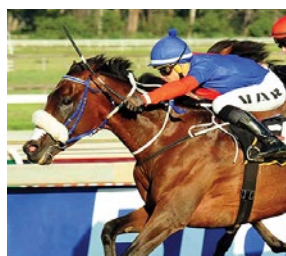
"Neil Marx and I discuss pedigrees every day and he's working on a programme that will help buyers, breeders and trainers about elements in the pedigree that indicate the quality being built on. I hope I haven't left anybody out in this story. Thanks so much for this and my deepest gratitude to the sponsors."

SATURDAY AT TURFFONTEIN

Beating The Drum

Drum Star Handicap (L) Turffontein

Gary Alexander will be keen to repeat the Azzie – Hawaii Stakes emotional high of a few weeks ago when he saddles a pair of runners – including last year's winner The Elmo Effect – in Saturday's R150 000 Listed Drum Star Handicap at Turffontein.



Shenanigans | JC Photos

The Alexander family racing team have fond memories of Drum Star, who gave them some memorable performances almost two decades back, and they will be hoping for a double in the race named in honour of their champion.

That said, they don't boast the most in-form 6yo duo in 2017 winner The Elmo Effect and stable companion, Top Shot.

The Elmo Effect has not made a sparkling start to 2018 with three uninspiring runs – finishing an aggregate of 46 lengths back. Sherman Brown gets the opportunity to raise the son of Admire Main's game but he has some ground to make up after he was not persevered with in the Aquanaut last time.

One has to go back ten months to find stablemate Top Shot's last success and he falls into a similar category to The Elmo Effect after running 14 lengths behind Shenanigans last time. The latter holds him on that.

Recent Listed Wolf Power Handicap winner Arctica ran second to The Elmo Effect last year but looks a decent bet to reverse that defeat. Pieter Strydom rides the son of Captain Al, who carries top-weight but meets the Alexander galloper on the same terms as 2017. He was beaten 6 lengths by Fareeq last time and meets the De Kock galloper on a kilo better terms.

Anthony Delpech rides the first of the De Kock trio in Secret Captain, who was backed to win last time – but got pipped by stablemate Fareeq in the shadow of the post. Formerly with Duncan Howells, the grey 4yo has shown improvement at all of his four Gauteng starts and one gets the impression that his top rider would have learnt from that last experience.

Drum Star Handicap (L) past winners

2015

1	Bouclette Top	56.5	(2)	18/10
2	Tiger's Retreat	57.5	(7)	12/1
3	Lockheed Jetstar	60.0	(9)	15/2

2016

1	Romany Prince	53.5	(1)	4/1
2	Judicial	60.0	(4)	11/2
3	Master Switch	54.5	(6)	3/1

2017

1	The Elmo Effect	52.0	(2)	50/1
2	Arctica	54.0	(1)	5/1
3	Master Switch	58.5	(6)	7/2

START
3:55PM
TURFFONTEIN

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PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
DRUM STAR HANDICAP (LISTED) - 1800M
SAME TRAINER: (3-8)(5-6-7)(10-11)

Captain Al	1	ARCTICA(MG & AA Azzie)	P Strydom	8	60.0
Go Deputy	2	GO DIRECT(GV Woodruff)	G Lerena	2	58.0
Admire Main	3	THE ELMO EFFECT(GM Alexander)	S Brown	5	58.0
Call To Combat	4	DAWN ASSAULT(SD Gray)	M v Rensburg	7	57.5
Dynasty	5	KILRAIN(MF de Kock)	R Munger	10	57.0
Nadeem	6	FAREEQ(MF de Kock)	M Yeni	11	56.5
Captain Al	7	SECRET CAPTAIN(MF de Kock)	A Delpech	3	55.0
A P Arrow	8	TOP SHOT(GM Alexander)	C Maujean	3	55.0
Trippi	9	CHEPARDO(AG Laird)	M Mjoka	4	54.5
Western Winter	10	PILOU(SG Tarry)	R Danielson	9	54.5
Dynasty	11	SHENANIGANS(SG Tarry)	L Hewitson	6	53.5

St John Gray's Dawn Assault features high on our ratings and ran a cracker when grabbed late by top filly Orchid Island over the course and distance last time out. The 4yo has run four decent races and will be primed for a big effort.

Sean Tarry's pair of Pilou and Lyle Hewitson's recordbreaker Shenanigans would both have a shout at best.

Pilou has a second run after a rest and would have needed it last time

when fading out to 8 lengths off Full Mast. He tries the trip for the first time and can challenge.

The lightly raced Shenanigans has won 3

SATURDAY AT TURFFONTEIN

of 6 starts and steps up in class after giving Lyle Hewitson a memorable recordbreaker, winning at the Vaal last Tuesday.

Chepardo has been on the fringes at his last three outings since winning two on the trot. This smart 6yo must have a decent chance of earning and holds the likes of Fareeq on his last run.

Course and distance winner Go Direct has not won in close on a year and may be more effective over 200m further in this company. He has run three fair races this year and will strip fit – he also gets the services of Gavin Lerena from a 2 draw.

Fareeq was a surprise victor last time out over stablemate Secret Captain with a sweetly timed rails run by jockey Muzi Yeni – who rides him again. He is a half kilo worse off with his stablemate but it is unlikely that Anthony Delpech will be caught napping again.

The 6yo Kilrain is the third of the De Kock trio and has improved since relocating from the Cape at the beginning of this season. The 6yo was left with far too much to do in a puzzlingly run Aquanaut Handicap and drops 600m in trip – a move that may improve his prospects. The fact that Anthony Delpech sides with Secret Captain suggests that Kilrain must rank an outside chance only.

A typically tough handicap where recent form and fitness could give the likes of Secret Captain a chance to register his first win for Mike de Kock. It's a lucky dip thereafter, with Dawn Assault, Pilou and Arctica serious challengers if things go their way.

A Star Remembered

A son of Hard Up out of the Foveros mare Star Drums, Drum Star was trained to 13 victories by Gary Alexander, who has a pair of runners – including the 2017 winner – in Saturday's Listed feature named after the hardy gelding.

Drum Star, a versatile and courageous horse, won from 1000m to 2000m.

Andrew Fortune rode him in his last two major successes – winning the Gr1 Champion Stakes beating July winner El Picha and recently deceased July winning sire Classic Flag. He also won the Gr1 Horse Chestnut Stakes in the year 2000, beating Elegant Al and Shah's Star.

Drum Star retired after running last in the 2001 Met won by Mike Bass outsider Bunter Barlow.

Recordbreaker Debuts On Saturday

There will be plenty of interest in the Turffontein second race on Saturday when eight-times SA Champion trainer Mike de Kock saddles the most expensive lot ever sold at our National Yearling Sale.

Bought for R5 million by Form Bloodstock for Shadwell SA at the 2017 BSA National Yearling Sale, the Varsfontein Stud bred Goddess Var – now named Ghaalla – set a new benchmark after four decades of our national sale and steps out in the blue and white of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum on Saturday. Ghaalla will be ridden by Gavin Lerena in the 1160m Maiden Plate.

By one of our great sires of the 21st century in Avontuur flagbearer Var (Forest Wildcat), Ghaalla is out of the winning Captain Al mare Fidelity, a three parts sister to Gr3 East Cape Derby winner Captain Splendid and a half-sister to Gr2 winning sire Master Of My Fate, and the four time stakes winner Justthewayyouare. Her second dam is Equus Champion Promise-frommyheart, whose six career wins included successes in the Gr1 Triple Tiara 1600 and Gr1 SA Fillies Guineas.

Farewell To A Legend

Colin Buckham, handicapper, long-time racecourse judge and avid golfer, succumbed to a long battle with cancer on Tuesday at the age of 78.

Gold Circle Publishing Manager Andrew Harrison writes that Buckham was a legend in racing, and one of the true characters of a sport that was his all-consuming passion and if he wasn't talking racing it was golf.

Colin started his working career as a bank clerk before becoming an assistant handicapper at the then Durban Turf Club (DTC) at Greyville Racecourse under Gerald Lee. He had a strong racing pedigree as both his father and grandfather were trainers. His father Jimmy started out as a jockey and was ignominiously dumped at the start of his one and only ride in the July when he got caught up in the starting tapes.

His cousin Cyril Buckham, later head riding master at the South African Jockey Academy, was the first South African jockey to win 100 races in a season and won two Julys with Monesteraven in 1948 and later Spey Bridge in 1956. Buckham recalled, "I've been racing since 1954. When I was 10-years-old I used to sit in my father's car next to the track and watch the races. Children were not allowed on course in those days."

Later, Buckham joined Harvey Topham and Warren Eisele in the judge's box; 1975 to be exact. Colin was still assistant handicapper at the DTC and having to watch every race as a judge was of great benefit when it came to handicapping as in those days there was no Tellytrack or YouTube to watch replays. After spending 40 years in the Judges Box at the three KwaZulu-Natal race courses, Buckham and Eisele were pushed into retirement at the end of July 2015, both over 65. The two were the longest serving judges in the history of South African racing.

When Gerald Lee retired, Buckham became chief handicapper for the DTC where he worked until retirement. Colin is survived by his wife Annabel and daughters Leigh-Ann and Anthea. There will be no memorial service but a small gathering of family and close friends at his home on Friday.



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Enough Is Enough - Leading Owner

“The game is in a shambles. It’s dying. And then we have ridiculous rules, bad decisions and poor attitudes chasing people away. It’s probably high time for me to reconsider how much of my good money I’m throwing after bad.”

Leading owner Hedley McGrath bought 42 yearlings or 2yo’s last year. He owns or has shares in 112 horses. He spends big money on what he concedes is a passion. He keeps many people directly employed. He has introduced new people to the sport. It’s a game he loves. His father was one of the greatest Stipes this country has known. He knows the game inside out.

But after last Friday’s Fairview meeting, he is plain ‘gatvol’ and says he intends cutting his spend and interests in half. He will also not be attending the sales next month as he had planned to do.

“I am not speaking from my pocket. I won R17 000 on the day. I am speaking from my head and pure logic says that we can’t carry on playing silly games with punter’s money. The simple maxim that if you couldn’t win, you cannot lose must apply. Le Grand Rouge was never a runner in the eighth race,” he told the Sporting Post in an exclusive chat after the last race.

Le Grand Rouge

The incident that was the straw that broke the camel’s back for Hedley was the Stipes declaring his fancied galloper, Le Grand Rouge, a runner after rearing – prior to the gates opening – in the eighth race.

Le Grand Rouge, a popular favourite after winning his last two starts in good style, can be seen rearing prior to the gates opening. His trainer Yvette Bremner has confirmed that the Western Winter gelding has no history of antics at the starting stalls.

As the gates are sprung, Apprentice Lyle Hewitson clearly has his bottom out of the saddle and is seen taking evasive action and sliding off on to the side of the stall.

The Starter took no action. Backers of the horse did their money in cold blood.

Revised Rule

In terms of a revision of the rule published in the NHA Calendar 117 Volume 16 of 10 November 2017, applying to horses being declared a non-runner, if a horse is deemed to be the architect of its own demise as it were, it will be regarded as being under starters orders:

61.5.10.2 Subject to Rule 61.5.10.3: In the event of the actions of a handler preventing a HORSE from starting in a RACE and/or resulting in a HORSE being impeded and thereby losing a significant distance when the stalls are opened, and no false start is declared, such HORSE may be deemed by the SB not to have started and the SB may declare it to have been withdrawn, provided that a horse which is ultimately declared first,

second, third or fourth in a race by the judge shall not be declared a nonrunner.

61.5.10.3 Where a HORSE has been impeded and has lost distance as contemplated by RULE 61.5.10.2, such HORSE shall not be declared a non-runner if, in the sole discretion of the SB, such impediment and subsequent loss of distance was as a consequence of the HORSES own behaviour.

We also pulled out this rule:

61.6.11 The only HORSES which shall be deemed to have started will be those in the stalls when the starter releases the gates; provided that the SB after a hearing, may in its sole discretion and within the time period specified for the lodging of notification of an OBJECTION, declare any HORSE to be a non-starter.

“Sanity has to prevail. The rule is nonsensical. Friday’s incident proves it. Punters have to be protected and given a fair shot. The game has lost owners for various reasons over the past few years. Punters are leaving. Can we blame them? They are defecting to sports betting and other channels. There is no leadership. I don’t think anybody in authority has any clue as to the impact this kind of circus has on the credibility and integrity of the sport. The industry is fragmented on top of it all. You are welcome to quote me. Somebody has to stand up and say enough is enough,” said Hedley in closing.



WRITERS AWARD

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CHRIS SWART

Runner-up
Michele MacDonald

Notable mentions
Garrick Bergh, Devane PR, Robyn Louw and David Thiselton

The winner has won a trip for two, including flights and accommodation, to attend the Qatar Glorious Goodwood Festival in England in early August 2018, or a trip for two to the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Racing Festival in Cape Town in January 2019.





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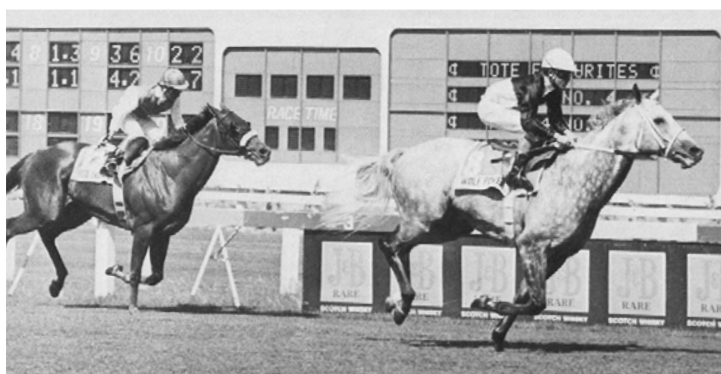
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Chris Swart's winning submission for the
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Blue, White & The Big Grey

The roll of honour of the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate is testimony to one of the finest races run over a mile in the world at undoubtedly the most beautiful course on this planet. I've been racing since 1983 and the first meeting I ever attended was the Jordache Derby won by Stella Maris but the course was still rumbling after the domination of Wolf Power in the 1983 Queen's Plate.



Wolf Power winning the Gr1 Queen's Plate in 1984

Wolf Power was a household name in the early 80's, dubbed "the big grey wolf". He was invincible over a mile, eight furlongs or 1600m no matter which of these synonyms was employed. A grey colt by Flirting Around (USA) out of Pandora had appeared on the pages of Farmer's Weekly once displaying him at a sale where he fetched R30,000. My uncle had dug through his collection when I returned home for Christmas raving about an amazing grey horse and proudly showed me this.

He was back again in 1984 and by a stroke of luck or poor exam results on my side, I was too. This time I wasn't going to miss him for any money or an upcoming commercial law supplementary exam.

The papers and posters made it a walkover and I took the Friday train to the city with a walk down to Tattersalls, ready to part with my monthly allowance in full confidence it would be repaid with 40% interest on Monday morning. The rooms were abuzz with telephones ringing, shouting across the cubicles and there was a common denominator in all of the chatter. WOLF POWER.

Once my R100 was down with Jack Brodie, I hurried down to the Crow Bar, had a beer and ran the race in my head many times over. The thought of my beer and fast food money being lost just never appeared in the likely scenarios. Jehan Malherbe would wax lyrical about Wolf Power from the moment the gates opened

and how easily he travelled into the straight. It would be race over by then.

I decided I wanted a clear head and early night and caught the train back to my digs in Observatory. To say I battled to sleep was an understatement.

I put my three piece suit on early Saturday morning, hopped on the train and headed toward Kenilworth. Disembarking on the platform, there was a buzz and

Wolf Power was once again going to be the popular banker in the thousands of jackpots played on the day.

I wisely budgeted for the entrance fee, a few small bets and drinks because I was simply not going to lose four cases of beer before the race.

I grabbed a boerewors roll and strolled into the circle that separated the betting rings. It all seemed surreal, bookmakers all left the rooms at the same time and arrived at the course, setting up their cubicles. I eagerly waited for the feature race board to be priced up and I began to smile when I looked at the price. My investment had shortened to 1/3. With confidence soaring, my heart began beating faster. Just a few hours away and I'd see the champion in the flesh with Jeff Lloyd on his back. Everything seemed to be in slow motion until that point. Time was near standing still for the appearance of the big grey wolf.

When you wait for a champion to appear, the undercard is trivial. I can't remember a single other horse that ran in other races on the card and an hour before the feature race, I decided to take swingers, a dupla (now known as an exacta) and trifectas on the outcome. I'd place the bets early as I didn't want to get stuck in a queue minutes before the off.

The race kept being run in my head.

I envisaged Rain Forest making the pace but wilting when Wolf Power cruised up and the only possible challenger being Spanish Pool, a small handsome bay British import, so he'd be my swinger and dupla choice. It wasn't going to buy me a car nor afford me a date at Kelvin Grove but it would be a return on my outlay.

The trifecta looked very difficult as bar Wolf Power and Spanish Pool everything else was 20/1 and better. I saw my grey friend Stella Maris (preparing for the J&B Met) and Count du Barry there but couldn't figure out what would scramble into the placings. Rain Forest and Rise and Rule were top seven furlong horses that got the mile on class.

There were no hoppers like Hawkins over a distance half of his optimum trip, the winter specialist Merasyn who was outclassed, former Guineas winner Heracles was past his best and declining form wise. [Read more here](#)



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Mathew de Kock

There is a special high that comes with winning a race. It is all the sweeter, when it is shared with friends. Mathew de Kock shares the story of Takingthepeace.

All stories start somewhere and the story of 2018 Gr1 Gauteng Fillies Guineas winner Takingthepeace starts a little later than most of her contemporaries, at Summerhill Stud on 4 December 2014.

The bay filly joined the 2016 CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run draft, catalogued as lot 121, where she caught the canny eye of Mathew de Kock.

Purchase

"They used to have the gallops on the farm and the sale in Joburg, but this year the gallops were at Randjesfontein.

Mathew has had a thorough schooling in developing his eye, but is fortunate to be able to call on some solid expert advice when he needs a second opinion. "I immediately phoned my dad and said please come and have a look at the filly. I always ask him – he's got a lot more experience. If I get his approval, then I'm happy. He saw her and also said she was beautiful, so we marked her down as one we wanted to buy."

Although the budget was originally set at R200k, Mathew went to R280k to secure their pick. "We did stretch a little, but I did really really liked her. I know it's a cliché, but I really liked her right from the first time I saw her."

They say your horse is only as bold as you are and they don't come a lot bolder than Mike de Kock, who is not afraid to put his own money where his mouth is and owns the filly in partnership with Mike Shea (son of top international jockey Kevin Shea) and Murray Makepeace. "Kevin is one of my dad's best friends and Mike is one of my best friends, so when Mike approached me about buying a horse for him and said he had another friend who was also interested, I wanted to have fun with them. My dad also wanted to support me and my friends and help get some youngsters into the game, so ja," he shrugs shyly.

Name

The filly was purchased with the name

Sagano, after the Japanese scenic railway. However, with Murray Makepeace being the majority shareholder, Mathew asked whether he'd like to change the name and he said yes. "With his last name being Makepeace, we wanted 'peace' in the name somewhere," explains Mathew. "We sent through a few name with 'peace' in it, but they were all rejected. Then we tried four or five Zulu names meaning peace and they denied those also. I said they must be taking the p**s, we said how about substituting 'peace', Murray loved the name, we sent it in and it came through," he chuckles.

With regard to the old school notion that changing a name is bad luck, Mat says he's not superstitious. "Murray is new to racing so he doesn't have all these preconceived ideas and I think we've proved they don't apply!"

Dream Start

It's hard not to dream big, particularly for first time owners. Did they have any idea they might have something special on their hands? "Our first goal was to try and qualify for the Ready To Run. Obviously coming off that sale, it was something we had to consider. Probably the most important thing was that she was born in December," explains Mathew. "And although she was so nice, the fact that she was late meant there was always going to be room for improvement. When we got her, we took it very easy for the first three or four months and just cantered her, but from day one, anytime anyone got on her, they all said she feels really nice, even just at the canter work."

Giving Murray Makepeace's green and purple silks their first race course showing, Takingthepeace debuted over 1160m at Turffontein on 28 May 2017. With Anthony Delpech in the saddle, finishing 2.55 lengths 3rd to London Secret, which Mathew pronounces 'a very good run'. She reversed the form second time out on 15 June 2017, beating London Secret by 1,25 lengths. "We decided to put her away for the winter, keeping in mind that she's a late foal and was always going to improve."

3 Year Old Campaign

She came back to the track as a 3year old on 17 October 2017 and, over the Vaal 1000m course, put a field of older fillies to bed by 2.4 lengths conceding weight all round. "That's when we thought this is a serious filly."

Takingthepeace had done enough to qualify for the Ready To Run



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MATHEW DE KOCK

Stakes at Turffontein on 4 November, finishing a creditable 3rd behind Big Bear and Brave Mary. “After the Ready To Run, we entered her for the Fillies Guineas as well as the Fillies Mile on Summer Cup day. She drew well in both and we considered either one, but she got sick, so we backed off her and she missed the end of the Joburg season.”

After her enforced layoff, Takingthepeace returned to the track in the 13 January 2018 Swallow Stakes with JP van der Merwe in the saddle, finishing 7.45 lengths back and with only two horses crossing the line behind her. “It was a very bad run. She’d been working really well at home, so we were scratching our heads.”

Just twelve days later, and with regular pilot Anthony Delpech back in the plate, she was sent out in a mixed field of fillies over 1200m at the Vaal and triumphed, albeit by a narrow 0.25 length margin. “She came out so well and was still working so well at home, that we ran her again 8 days later (in the 1400m Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes at Turffontein). “To run her three times on top of each other like that was not ideal, but she finished 4th to Fish River giving her 2kgs, so it was a good run, in hindsight,” he muses.

Stepping Up

The Gauteng Fillies Guineas was the first time she’d ever been asked to go the mile and she also had a new jockey in the form of the upwardly mobile Callan Murray, making it something of a ‘young guns’ team.

“We always thought she’d stay, but obviously they’ve got to come on and prove that. I think she obviously enjoys the mile. She’s got the speed to go 5 furlongs and we know she stays a bit further, so that makes her a pretty effective filly over a mile.”

With Aurelia Cotta scratched at the start, the field was reduced to 12. Jumping from draw 7, Callan Murray settled the filly one from last, content to track the field around the turn. Takingthepeace was last turning for home and with 600m to go, still had a wall of horses in front of her. Coming off the false rail, the field fanned across the track and the battle for the lead going in earnest. Callan finally found a clear run down the outside and pressing the button at the 400m, the response was electric. Takingthepeace grew wings, overtaking horses hand over fist. She’d disposed of most of the field by the 200m mark and continued rolling to pick off the remainder one by one, completing the job with stablemate Silver Thursday in the shadow of the post and grabbing victory by 0.25 lengths in a thriller.

Aftermath

A video of Mike and Murray’s railside celebrations has already been widely shared, and rightly so. It’s been quite a ride. “We didn’t have any expectations. In the beginning Mike and Murray just wanted to win one race. This is their first horse. We bought her hoping she might win one and we’ve ended up here!” he says incredulously. “It’s just all worked out so well.”

“My dad was in Australia. He phoned me straight after the

race and started crying – he couldn’t talk. I’ve never heard him cry,” he reflects softly. “Him and Kevin Shea have such a good relationship and Mike and I have such a good relationship – it’s been special for him to see the sons have such success.”

Looking Ahead

With the Guineas trophy firmly on the shelf, are there any ambitions to chase the rest of the Tiara? “We’ll definitely run in the Classic,” confirms Mathew. “If we’re lucky enough to win that, we’ll give the Oaks some thought, but we’re not hell bent on going all three legs. We’ve got some options now,” he says thoughtfully.

“What she’s done so far is already more than enough. We’re just going to enjoy it one day at a time- that’s how we started- so we’ll just keep that mentality for now and enjoy the ride.”

Although Takingthepeace only has three partners, Mathew has made it a personal challenge to bring new faces – and particularly new young faces – into racing via his Onamission Syndicate scheme. They hit paydirt with their very first purchase, Puget Sound, also purchased from the 2016 CTS Ready To Run sale, giving them a 100% success rate to date! The syndicate has two more 2yo’s who will be making their debut in the next 2-3 months and with the project yielding good results so far, Mat confirms that he will be buying again in the future. Anyone interested in joining, is welcome to contact him on onamissionbloodstock@gmail.com

Meydan Dividends – Display Feed The Issue

The official TAB Jackpot and Place Accumulator payouts for the Meydan race meeting in Dubai last Saturday were correct, but the net pools displayed for both bets were incorrect because of a technical glitch in the display feed that resulted in the carryovers being added twice to the respective net pools.

There was a carryover of R18 498 from the Meydan race meeting on 3 March to the Jackpot. The net pool total in the tote betting system was correct, as was the official payout of R2 408.60 displayed, but the glitch in the display feed caused the carryover to be counted twice in the net pool display.

The R29 243 carryover to the Place Accumulator, which also arose from the 3 March Meydan race meeting, was also counted twice in the display feed. This resulted in a displayed net pool of R113 415 that was actually only R84 172. Once again, the official payout of R1 866 was correct.

“I want to stress that the tote betting system itself did not malfunction, only the data in the net pool display feed,” said TAB chief Vee Moodley.

“TAB delayed issuing a statement until the IT team reported back on the exact causes of this display feed fault, but our programmers have so far been unable to get to the bottom of the problem and we cannot delay any longer in responding to the queries received. TAB will issue a further statement once the glitch is found and resolved,” he added. *TAB - Press Release 14 March*



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Silvano Son Does De Kock Proud



“Janoobi has done us proud, he’s had a wonderful campaign,” said Mike de Kock after the son of Silvano plucked on gamely for third to Blairhouse and Benbatl in Saturday’s Gr1 Jebel Hatt over 1800m at Meydan.

“We are pleased with this run as not a lot went Janoobi’s way. I would’ve preferred to have some cover, to have a horse or two pull him into the straight but he was beaten under a length and Jim Crowley reported he saw out every inch,” said the champion trainer on his website www.mikedekockracing.com

The US\$5-million Dubai Turf over 1800m on World Cup Night is likely to be Janoobi’s next race.

“We’ve been thinking of the Gr1 Champions Mile in Hong Kong and the Gr1 Kranji Mile in Singapore as next possible targets because Janoobi will be ideally course and distance suited, but we will be discussing this with Sheikh Hamdan.

“He enjoys having a strong contingent of runners on Dubai World Cup night and on his Jebel Hatta showing Janoobi will have a chance of sharing in the prize money in the Dubai Turf. I’m glad we don’t have to go for the Godolphin Mike on sand. We will please Sheikh Hamdan.”

Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum’s Al Sahem, another SA-bred son of Silvano, will be aimed at the Gr2 Dubai Gold Cup over 3200m. He was doing his best work in the latter part of Saturday’s Gr2 Dubai City Of Gold over 2410m, finishing fifth to Hawkbill.

Mike assessed: “This was a very good run by Al Sahem, he is coming to his best. He ran on from the back against proper international Gr1 horses and I have little doubt he will see out 2 miles in the Gold Cup. We finished third with Zanzamar in 2013 and second with Star Empire in 2015 and he’s arguably a better horse than both of those.”

There was no feedback from the Brett Crawford yard on Sun Met winner Whisky Baron, who faded out in the Jebel Hatta after running wide, but prominently early.

The biggest sporting and social occasion on the Dubai calendar, the US\$30m Dubai World Cup race day will be held at Meydan on 31 March.

It is the conclusion of the UAE racing season, featuring nine high-class races including six Gr1 and three Gr2 contests.

Racing is brought to a close by the US\$10m Dubai World Cup, won in 2017 by Arrogate.

Liam Dreams Of World Cup Ride

Trainer Ernst Oertel and 4th year SAJA apprentice Liam Tarentaal teamed up to win the School Transport Services 1400m handicap on dirt at Jebel Ali last Friday.

Tarentaal rode a confident race to get Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda’s 6yo Desert Party gelding, Epsilon, over the line by a decisive 4 lengths in a time of 1 min 25.93.

It was the second international victory for Tarentaal, who has been in Dubai since late last year after taking up the opportunity to ride for Grandstand Stables’ Ali Rashid al Rayhi.

Al Rayhi was specifically looking for a capable, light-weight claiming apprentice to join his yard and nineteen-year-old Liam fitted the bill perfectly, being able to ride at 50kg and with a solid 18 SA winners to his credit.

Liam’s first win came on Saturday 20 January aboard the Rashed Boursesly-trained Murrayfield, in the Harley-Davidson Northern Emirates Handicap at Meydan. Liam described it as an incredible experience and one he will always remember for the roar of the crowd from a packed Meydan Racecourse.

Friday’s win was an all South African effort, as it came for Ernst Oertel, who has been plying his trade successfully in the UAE since 2012.

Securing a ride for the Dubai World Cup meeting is Liam’s ultimate goal, saying “I’m trying really hard to get a ride for World Cup Night as it will be the biggest racemeeting of my life!”

Liam is due back in South Africa at the end of March.

Querari Star For Hong Kong

Monks Hood, the brilliant winner of the Gr2 Gauteng Guineas ten days ago and winner too of the Gr2 Dingaans, is in the process of being sold to a Hong Kong owner.

A lot of the necessary veterinary tests and red tape procedures have already been finalised for the Wilgerbosdrift Stud-owned Querari gelding, but the sale has not yet been finalised by the pending new owner.

Trainer Alistair Gordon said, “It is a hard one to lose a horse of this calibre, but every horse has its price.”

Hong Kong is one of the few countries in the world where average stakes returns per horse is more than the average cost of ownership, so Monks Hood will have a good chance of recouping his cost price.

The process for the next overseas shipment from the Kenilworth quarantine station is expected to start in June, depending on the numbers. If it does go ahead, Monks Hood can only expect to reach Hong Kong by the end of November after the arduous journey via Mauritius and Europe. - www.goldcircle.co.za

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CAN'T BEAT A CLASSIC

Remembering Classic Flag

I'm a graduate of Douglas Adams' book series *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* and the theory of the interconnectedness of all things. With the Thoroughbred stud book being a closed one, one could argue that it is inevitable for things to be connected, but sometimes they are just a little more connected than most.

Series Of Events

When Monks Hood won the Dingaans in November 2017, it was a great excuse to chat to his breeder down at Benmarne Stud, Arne Botha. Arne is one of life's enthusiastic and thoroughly lovely people and we chatted at length about all sorts of things, including, to my delight, the fact that he had David Ferraris' 1998 July winner, Classic Flag retired on the farm at the grand age of 23. Being a bit of an evangelist for racehorse aftercare, it always makes me happy to find when one of our stars has had a safe and happy life beyond the track.

A month or so later, Luke Ferraris made his track debut at Scottsville, giving me an excuse to ring up his dad in Hong Kong and get to know him a little better.

Monks Hood kept winning, culminating in his sensational Gauteng Guineas victory on 3 March, prompting another call to Benmarne to wish them well on their wonderful produce. So it was awful to find myself on the phone to the Eastern Cape again just four days later after the news that Classic Flag had passed, peacefully, in his paddock, just a few hours after having his routine farrier and dentist visit.

I composed a hurried summary of Classic Flag's career highlights – which are pretty awe inspiring – and shared a notice on Facebook, intending to flesh it out with a little editorial later on, but the post just kept attracting comments, likes and shares, the likes of which I rarely see and I realised there was a bit more to this little bay horse.

Chronicle Of A Champion

In one of those complicated deals, Peter Blythe inherited broodmare Summer Classic from Ormond Ferraris, who had owned her in the Karoo. Standing her to their resident stallion Allied Flag, she produced Classic Flag on the Blythe's original Clifton Stud, near Lothair.

"I'd often ask the grooms what they saw in the paddocks," recalls Peter. "One day he'd be at the front when they ran and other days he wouldn't. He was always an athletic horse, but wasn't



really a standout in the bunch, to be honest. And he was quite a small horse." But Classic's brilliance lay on the inside.

Sale

The colt raced in the interests of Professor and Mrs Herbst and Peter chuckles as he recalls the sale. "We had a Breeders Premium in the Transvaal in those days and Professor Herbst had a voucher for R15,000 or so. He was walking around the sale ground muttering and

cursing, looking for a Transvaal horse. As we were from the Transvaal, he came round to us. The Ferraris' obviously knew the family and advised him to buy the horse. My reserve was R20k and he was knocked down for R20k. Herbst bought him very reluctantly, but R2,25 million later, say no more. It just shows you that horses don't know what they cost."

Peter jokes that David Ferraris's wife Pam "is a full sister to my wife, Jenny, so the horse stayed in the family, so to speak. We got to see him in the yard before he even started to race and we followed his every move." He remembers Prof Herbst being quite robust in his opinions. "After he won his maiden, they entered him in the Transvaal Breeders' Plate, which was a race for Transvaal horses only. He was hotpot favourite and duly won. In the winner's box, Herbst told the interviewer he'd win the Dingaans next. I quaked in my boots thinking 'Does he know what he's talking about?' but he duly won the Dingaans after which he said 'And now the July!', he still chuckles at the memory. "But, confident as the man was, he was right."

Champion 3YO

After the Dingaans, Classic Flag won the TAB (OFS) 3yo Stakes at the Vaal and then raided to Cape Town for the Cape Guineas, where he went down a short head to the mighty Jet Master. Piere Strydom was in the irons that day and remembers, "He wasn't a big horse, you know? Obviously he had ability and he could travel in a race. He'd always be on the bit, then he'd give you that kick. I can't remember how many times I finished 2nd in the Guineas, it's some ridiculous figure, but I always say when a Joburg horse comes to Cape Town and has to take that left hand turn, they just don't seem to know where they are and that can cost you in a big race like that. Classic Flag was quite an intelligent little chap, he knew what he wanted to do and how to do it and he adapted quickly. The fact that he finished

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that close to Jet Master says something.” Although the two parted ways, Piere adds, “We had our fall outs, but always managed to get back to one another. David knows how to train a horse, he’s a very good trainer. His horses were always in good shape and he’s a good judge, he always knew when a horse was ready to win.”

After the Cape Guineas it was back to the Highveld for the MEC Guineas. This time there was no mistake and they beat Chief Editor by nearly two lengths.

With Anthony Delpech in the saddle, Classic Flag reversed the Cape Guineas form, beating Jet Master by 1.5 lengths and then headed to Durban. He was second to Flying Duel in the 1998 Daily News 2000, followed up by that Rothmans July triumph, winning as a 3yo from the widest draw.

Big Win

Anthony Delpech, who collected his first July sash on Classic Flag, says “All I can say is he’s one of the horses that started me off winning big races. I was still very young and had just joined David Ferraris as a jockey and he’s the horse that gave me that kick. I won the Classic on him and then the July.”

He recalls that day in 1998. “It was a courageous win. He was drawn 18 out of 18. The race didn’t map out for us, I had to go three wide and move early. It just shows how much courage he had and how good he was to still win,” he says in admiration. “He was very small, but didn’t feel like it when you rode him because he had such good action. He’s definitely a horse that will always have a special place in my heart.”

Classic Flag would be named 1997 Champion 3yo Colt as well as Horse Of The Year by the ARCSA panel.

Classic Flag was second, but not disgraced in the 1999 Met in which Horse Chestnut roared home by 8 lengths. He claimed a second July cheque in 1999, finishing second to another grand little horse in El Picha. In 2000, he finished 4th. During his 36 career starts, he took on the likes of Jet Master, Horse Chestnut, El Picha, Fort Defiance and closed his account on 10 wins, 16 places and in excess of R2 million in earnings.

Stud career

Ben Botha purchased him from Prof Herbst and stood ‘Classic’ at his Benmarne Stud in Blue Horizon Bay, producing 13 small crops before being pensioned off in 2015. The story comes full circle as his last foal is currently in training with Ormond Ferraris.

Ormond Ferraris describes Classic Flag as ‘a neat fellow’ and also recounts the story of his purchase. “It cost him nothing really- how’s that for a bit of luck? He didn’t do badly at stud, but he had limited opportunities. I visited him from time to time- he was a good little chap. He was always very kind and gentle. I’ve got one of his progeny in now with the same temperament. Let’s hope he can do something.”

Final Years

Classic Flag was treasured by the Botha family for the remainder of his life. As befitted a champion of his calibre, he lived his days in a large paddock of lush green grass and remained his kind, gentle self until his very last day. Arne Botha paid him the following tribute: “All one can say is he was a phenomenal race-horse and friend to everyone he met. His last foal is now with Ormond Ferraris for training. Isn’t it ironic that Classic Flag started with his son David and now his last foal, Chief Black Horse, is with Mr Ferraris? Classic’s paddock may be empty, but he lies buried in his favourite corner and his achievements are engraved in history. He was a little horse with the presence of champions.”

Classic Flag: 10 time winner, Rothmans July hero, stud sire, champion, friend. ARC-SA Champion 3yo Colt, Horse Of The Year, horse of a lifetime.

Whether you believe in the interconnectedness of all things, life has a funny way of weaving old threads into new stories. Clifton will be offering 9 lots at the 2018 National Yearling Sales. The draft includes a Jackson colt from the family of Legislate who Peter declares ‘quite a nice horse’ as well as a half brother to Bezanova, another proudly Clifton Stud product, by Master Of My Fate. Why not pay them a visit?

INTERNATIONAL

Sling Draws Well

Trainer Tony Millard holds high hopes that Singapore Sling can stamp himself as Hong Kong’s leading four-year-old when the South African import tackles Sunday’s BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) at Sha Tin.

Singapore Sling will be aiming to become the fourth horse since 2011 to win the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) and Hong Kong Derby, following in the footsteps of three previous Horse of the Year winners: the Millard-trained Ambitious Dragon (2011) and handler John Moore’s pair Designs On Rome (2014) and Rapper Dragon (2017).

“He’s in nice form, we just need a bit of luck now,” Millard said at Sha Tin this morning. “We are certainly happy with him, he’s come through his preparation well and he’s done a lot of things right very quickly ever since he debuted in November.”

Jockey Chad Schofield will once again ride Singapore Sling, as he did in the Hong Kong Classic Mile, where the Philanthropist four-year-old finished second to Nothingilikemore, and the Hong Kong Classic Cup.

Schofield was gifted barrier three at Thursday’s draw function, a good gate from the 2000m start at Sha Tin which features a short run to the first turn. It has been the most successful barrier in the Derby since the blue riband was switched to 2000m at the turn of the century.

Millard has prepared two previous Derby winners; Keen Winner gave him Derby victory in his first season as a Hong Kong trainer in 2000 before Ambitious Dragon’s 2011 success. “I try not to think about the past but I try to look towards the future,” Millard said. “It’s always nice to have a horse of this calibre and hopefully he continues to thrive the next couple of days.”

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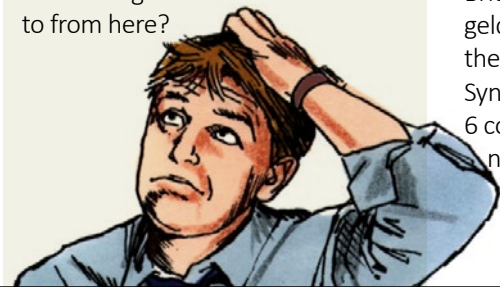
Short Heads

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.



200

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.



3

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

Jockeys & Betting Outlets

The National Horseracing Authority have issued a correction to a published finding on a jockey having entered a betting outlet without permission, after legal counsel for the Coastal Jockeys Association demanded that the matter be reviewed.

We reported under 'Rough Ride For Our Jockeys' (SP 2441) about Cape jockey MJ Byleveld, who was issued with a warning for an infringement of rule 21.3, after he had failed to obtain Stipes permission for having participated in a Met panel discussion in a Betting World branch.

Byleveld has had a more detailed version of the finding published in this week's NHA calendar.

Headed 'Correction' and dated 3 February, the insert states:

M J Byleveld (Jockey) – Rule 21.3 – Having participated in a televised Panel discussion at the request of the Racing Operator, but for failing to obtain the written permission of the Stipendiary Board, to enter or visit any registered betting premises where members of the public are able to place any bets or wagers of any kind whatsoever. Fined: Warning.

The ludicrous aspect of Byleveld's original charge was that he had been invited by a member of the Phumelela executive and had thus, reasonably one would feel, assumed that all was in order.

The lack of discretion shown by the Stipes has been the subject of much debate. The very spirit of the intention of the original rule – that jockeys avoid betting outlets to reduce the negative public perception that could arise – did not look to have been broken. Byleveld attended the function together with well-known racing personalities, as an invited guest and without remuneration.

We reported on 2 March that the Coastal Jockeys Association had instructed their lawyers to inform the NHA that none of their members would be party to any future panel discussions on any racecourse or betting premise. That was the mandate until such time as Racing Executive Arnold Hyde issued an apology for embarrassing Byleveld and also gave an undertaking in regard to jockeys attending similar events in future.

While Byleveld will take some heart that his good name has been cleared, his disciplinary record will reflect the charge.

We were unable to determine whether the requested apology was forthcoming and how the NHA intend dealing with these alleged breaches of rules in future.

Surely there are bigger and more pressing issues facing the racing regulator?

Start Think Tank Needed - Top Jockey



Anton Marcus steers Antony Hotspur to victory | Candiese Marnewick

Leading jockey Anton Marcus pulled no punches when he suggested that horseracing officials did not appear to be aware of the reality that it is punter money that keeps the game going.

Marcus was speaking after he had ridden the odds-on favourite Antony Hotspur to victory in the carryover Pick 6 opener, the Greyville third race on Sunday.

"This gelding barrier trialled just a week ago and played up badly there. He was probably the shortest priced horse on the afternoon and everybody's banker. Yet despite the experience of the barrier trial and the starter knowing what happened there, we are loaded early," he said after Antony Hotspur had become unsettled and had to be taken out and examined.

In nervous moments for backers, Marcus was given the go ahead to load and he landed up winning easily in the end.

"Nobody is looking for preferential treatment. And naturally the safety of horse and jockey is of paramount importance. But the public's money is what keeps the engines running. We owe them better than this. We need an urgent think tank on the starting process," added the veteran rider.

Assistant trainer Nicolette Roscoe said that Antony Hotspur was a bit above himself after a seven month rest and said that he did get uptight at his barrier trial.

The call for action by Marcus comes just 48 hours after the Le Grand Rouge incident at Fairview on Friday.



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The Northfields Influence

The name of former Cape based stallion Northfields, who was exported to South Africa in the 1980's and died in South Africa in 1993, continues to appear in pedigrees around the world.

Champion broodmare sire in Britain in 1992, Northfields proved almost as outstanding a broodmare sire as his half-brother Habitat, who was Champion Broodmare Sire in Britain on 3 occasions and one of the best broodmare sires of the 20th century.

While Northfields never emulated his half-brother as a broodmare sire of English Derby winners (Habitat mares produced the Derby winners Reference Point and Shaamit), he nonetheless proved himself an exceptional broodmare sire in his own right.

Northfields, who left behind more than 40 stakes winners as a sire, is officially responsible for at least 169 stakes winners as a broodmare sire. Among the notable runners produced by Northfields mares were champions St Jovite (Pleasant Colony), Kooyonga (Persian Bold), Paradise Creek (Irish River), Indian Lodge (Grand Lodge), Basic Instinct (Comic Blush) and Circle Of Life (Complete Warrior).

Northfields mares did particularly well when mated to Pleasant Colony, with the mating resulting in St Jovite and Gr1 winners Forbidden Apple and Denon. Northfields is also found in the pedigree of multiple Gr1 winner David Junior – a son of Pleasant Colony's champion Pleasant Tap.

Gr1 Turf Classic winner Wild Event (Wild Again), one of 3 Gr1 winners produced by the Northfields mare North Of Eden, has proved a top class sire in Brazil and is sire of US Gr1 winners Double Trouble (Santa Maria Hcp) and Fluke (Citation Hcp) to name but two.

Big Strikes

Major races won by runners out of Northfields mares include the French Derby, Gold Cup, Irish 1000 Guineas, Eclipse Stakes, Santa Anita Oaks, San Juan Capistrano, Arlington Million, Washington D C, Coronation Stakes (at least twice), Irish Derby, French 1000 Guineas, Haskell Invitational, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, Oak Leaf Stakes, and Moyglare Stud Stakes.

Major South African races to fall to runners out of mares by



Northfields

Northfields include the J&B Met, Garden Province Stakes, Champions Cup (at least twice), Summer Cup and Cape Fillies Guineas.

The most recent Gr1 winner produced from a daughter of the son of Northern Dancer was last season's Champions Cup hero Sail South (Sail From Seattle). Northfields is also damsire of deceased star SA broodmare Nacarat (Pas De Quoi), who is dam of Gr1 winning young sire Red Ray (Western Winter) and 2018 Gr2 Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes winner Bishop's Bounty (Western Winter).

Northfields also has made his presence felt in Australasia, thanks to the likes of

Field Nymph, Betty Box and Life At Last- the latter being full sisters.

Field Nymph left behind 13 winners, including the Gr1 winners Just A Dancer (Sydney Cup) and Field Dancer (New Zealand Stakes). Betty Box is ancestress of numerous Gr1 winners, headed by Turffontein, Penny Gem, Hit The Roof and Precious Gem, while her full-sister Life At Last has also made a generous contribution "Down Under". Betty Box is also fourth dam of Karavali, winner of Saturday's Gr3 Aspiration Quality. Among the numerous stars descended from Life At Last are Gr1 Blue Diamond Stakes winning sire Reward For Effort (Exceed And Excel), and the Golden Slipper winning filly Overreach (Exceed And Excel), high class US Gr3 winner Hoofit (Mossman) and South African Gr3 based millionaires Rich Girl (Rock Of Gibraltar) and Brazuca (Teofilo).

Roland Gardens

Another high class daughter of Northfields was Anjuli (dam of multiple Gr1 winning champion Kooyonga). The ½ sister to Cape sire and 2000 Guineas winner Roland Gardens also left her mark through her daughters at stud, her produce including SA champion and Gr1 SA Classic winner Kundalini (El Gran Senor), and she is ancestress of group/graded winners Balance The Books (Lemon Drop Kid), Diamond Diva (Dansili), Experience (Excellent Art), and Vengeance (Black Sam Bellamy).

Northfields is broodmare sire of 1991 French 1000 Guineas winner Danseuse De Soir (Thatching) and his name is also found in the pedigree of 2017 French 1000 Guineas heroine Precieuse (Tamayuz). His Ribblesdale Stakes runner up North Forland is the ancestress of Precieuse, as well as high class group/graded stakes

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winners Scottish, Volochine, and Dewhurst Stakes/2000 Guineas runner up Massaat. From the same family as leading local sire Elliodor, Northfields' daughter Elizabeth Drake is another mare to have left a lasting legacy. Dam of Australian Gr1 winner and sire Northern Drake, Elizabeth Drake is granddam of Charity Mile hero Seattle Ice (Xaar) and is also second dam of South African based broodmare Woodstock Inn.

Imagining (Northfields) left her mark through her champion daughter and outstanding producer Serena's Song- dam of Gr1 winner Sophisticat, among others. Today, the name of Imagining can be found in the pedigrees of US champion and dual Gr1 winner Honor Code (A P Indy), Australian Gr2 winning sire Puissance De Lune (Shamardal), and outstanding filly Rizeena (Iffraaj). The latter captured both the Gr1 Moyglare Stud Stakes and Coronation Stakes during her racing career. Serena's Song's Gr2 Gulfstream Park Handicap winning son Harlington sired the Breeders' Cup F&M Sprint winning daughter Wavell Avenue.

Classic Winner

Northfields is also broodmare sire of former Cape Fillies Guineas winner Field Flower, whose son Last Winter (Western Winter) was a close second in the 2018 Gr1 Sun Met.

Champion Circle Of Life- one of 3 Gr1 winners produced by Northfields' daughter Teclafields- is dam of 2017 G1 Champions Challenge hero Deo Juvente (Trippi). Northfields also appears in the pedigrees of South African sires Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song) (Noble Tune being a descendant of Serena's Song) and Pathfork (Distorted Humor), as well as in the pedigrees of close relatives, and Gr1 winning champions, Spinning World (sire of champion New Zealand sire Thorn Park) and Aldebaran (Mr Prospector). The latter made his mark at stud through champion Main Sequence, winner of the 2014 Breeders' Cup Turf and second to Camelot in the 2012 G1 Investec Derby.

Interestingly several high class runners have been inbred to Little Hut, dam of Habitat and Northfields. The list includes dual Gr1 winner Indian Lodge and Atavus, winner of the Gr3 Hungerford Stakes. Incidentally Little Hut, dam of Northfields and Habitat, is sixth dam of this season's smart 3yo Wonderwall.

An Irish Joke?



The excitement about the Durbanville St Patrick's Day race-meeting on Saturday has been tempered with a glaring lack of enthusiasm and expertise at Kenilworth Racing's marketing department being exposed

Saying she cannot work with incompetent people who lack drive, Luella Robinson, wife of trainer Mike, has been a key player in the organisation of the day, including efforts to get Maties students involved in their centenary year.

Writing in our www.sportingpost.co.za comments, Luella makes a few telling observations.

"Saturday 10 March was a stunning cool afternoon at Durbanville Racecourse. Sadly there were only 2 waiters/waitresses on duty as they were on shifts in a coffee break, and the client sitting with us had to shamefully order and collect his own drinks as they were on a coffee break!"

"There was also not one St Patrick's Day poster up in the buildings to promote Saturday. The posters are at Kenilworth Racecourse on display, yet racing is currently at Durbanville! I personally requested that they change the times for Racing on Saturday, as the gates open at 11am. The first race is at 13h20."

Citing the lack of bus tickets, the omission of the biggest sponsor's logo in the advert and general disorganisation, Luella confirmed that she is no longer involved.

"I personally printed out small flyers and distributed 500 of them to students on Campus- yet they haven't bothered to organize bus tickets at the University and HG Travel are very upset about this too."

BREEDING

Ready To Run Date

The annual Cape Thoroughbred Sales (CTS) Ready to Run (RTR) Sale will be held on Friday 23 November at the Durbanville racecourse, with gallops preceding the event on Thursday 22 November.

The sale is followed by the lucrative CTS Ready to Run Stakes, set to take place at Kenilworth on 24 November, with a generous R2,5 million stake on offer to qualifying CTS graduates.

The Ready to Run Sale is a popular event on the annual bloodstock calendar, as it provides potential buyers with an opportunity to purchase a schooled and pre-trained 2-year old, foregoing the year-long wait buyers need to endure after purchasing a yearling. In addition, the gallops offer a preview of how the horse moves at full gallop, as well as the opportunity for timing over a few furlongs. "Viewing a horse in stride can sway a would-be bidder by providing a more holistic perspective of the horse's ability, along with the obligatory scrutinizing of pedigree and conformation", remarks Wéhann Smith, CEO of CTS.

The sale also promises exciting and lucrative pinhooking opportunities. The Top 20 Pinhooks from last year's CTS RTR Sale raked in profits in excess of R7,4 million for speculators, with an average profit of R380,000 for each of the Top 20. Khopesh, by freshman sire Jackson (out of the regally bred Western Winter mare Ruby Heart) was last year's no 1 pinhook, selling for R700,000 – a profit of R655,000 over its original purchase price.

"The allure of pinhooking for seasoned buyers is the untapped earning potential and excitement of the unknown. It can also act as a stepping stone for those new to the industry who may be hesitant to commit to owning a racehorse-in-training themselves, affording them the opportunity to learn more about bloodstock while potentially profiting from the process," says Smith.

Contact Kerry Jack at kerry@cthbs.com for more information.

LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
12,654,625	Summerhill Stud	296	42,752	1504	87	120	29%	3	3	3%	374	25%	3	Big Bear 1,312,500 10%
11,788,550	Klawervlei Stud	316	37,306	1395	95	121	30%	4	5	4%	418	30%	7	Omega Onslaught 303,725 3%
10,449,925	Drakenstein Stud	97	107,731	409	46	61	47%	2	3	4%	131	32%	8	Oh Susanna 3,687,375 35%
9,811,800	Maine Chance	140	70,084	616	52	81	37%	7	7	13%	174	28%	5	Liege 1,203,250 12%
8,446,225	Moutonshoek	111	76,092	510	36	52	32%	2	2	6%	134	26%	1	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 46%
8,037,413	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	170	47,279	720	66	87	39%	4	5	6%	221	31%	6	Zen Arcade 484,375 6%
6,956,825	Highlands	134	51,917	619	57	73	43%	3	5	5%	158	26%	6	Eyes Wide Open 878,000 13%
5,586,538	Varsfontein Stud	95	58,806	444	33	48	35%	2	3	6%	141	32%	12	Surcharge 645,000 12%
5,113,300	Scott Bros	141	36,265	729	42	53	30%	0	0	0%	203	28%	4	Premier Show 292,975 6%
4,801,925	Ascot Stud	81	59,283	373	28	40	35%	3	4	11%	117	31%	6	Bold Respect 558,750 12%
4,164,425	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	100	41,644	491	38	50	38%	0	0	0%	141	29%	2	Tommy Waterdevil 196,700 5%
4,121,988	Rex Stud	9	457,999	47	3	3	33%	0	0	0%	20	43%	1	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 93%
4,043,200	IR Heyns	47	86,026	233	21	34	45%	2	3	10%	81	35%	3	Rings And Things 618,700 15%
4,032,675	Cheveley Stud	55	73,321	251	22	31	40%	2	4	9%	78	31%	2	Snowdance 1,516,000 38%
3,590,475	Avontuur Farm	58	61,905	229	18	22	31%	1	2	6%	70	31%	4	Legal Eagle 1,450,500 40%

LEADING SIREs by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
15,713,763	*Captain Al	143	109,886	575	50	69	35%	5	9	10%	207	36%	12	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 25%
11,565,975	Silvano	207	55,874	846	81	113	39%	6	8	7%	253	30%	12	Marinaresco 537,500 5%
9,348,125	Trippi	121	77,257	539	53	76	44%	1	2	2%	196	36%	7	Miss Katalin 1,653,750 18%
9,209,025	Dynasty	127	72,512	496	54	82	43%	10	12	19%	130	26%	6	Liege 1,203,250 13%
8,020,863	Var	199	40,306	846	64	86	32%	2	3	3%	253	30%	5	Star Burst Galaxy 280,825 4%
7,605,776	What A Winter	78	97,510	280	33	37	42%	1	1	3%	80	29%	3	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 50%
6,841,900	Querari	102	67,077	432	42	59	41%	3	4	7%	132	31%	4	Monks Hood 1,030,875 15%
5,624,450	Gimmethgreenlight	133	42,289	583	44	54	33%	1	2	2%	156	27%	8	Surcharge 645,000 11%
5,591,225	*Sail From Seattle	129	43,343	541	52	76	40%	1	2	2%	140	26%	0	Zouaves 251,550 4%
5,576,100	*Kahal	112	49,787	579	44	63	39%	1	1	2%	168	29%	5	Pure Blonde 276,600 5%
4,615,275	**Western Winter	68	67,872	315	25	33	37%	2	2	8%	105	33%	4	Last Winter 1,143,750 25%
4,117,650	**Street Cry	6	686,275	31	5	8	83%	1	2	20%	8	26%	2	Oh Susanna 3,687,375 90%
4,108,675	Ideal World	81	50,724	379	27	44	33%	2	3	7%	112	30%	4	Zen Arcade 484,375 12%
4,050,000	Elusive Fort	81	50,000	402	33	42	41%	1	1	3%	120	30%	2	Fort Ember 432,400 11%
4,040,575	Jay Peg	93	43,447	442	28	44	30%	1	1	4%	128	29%	2	Omega Onslaught 303,725 8%

LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/wnr%	plcs	plc/rns	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
11,209,013	*Captain Al	49	228,755	220	26	36	53%	3	6	12%	82	37%	3	Undercover Agent	3,885,625 35%
7,238,726	What A Winter	60	120,645	256	30	34	50%	1	1	3%	75	29%	3	Dutch Philip	3,823,975 53%
5,039,600	Trippi	39	129,221	175	22	28	56%	0	0	0%	70	40%	4	Miss Katalin	1,653,750 33%
4,289,225	Silvano	82	52,308	305	38	50	46%	0	0	0%	93	30%	3	Silver Thursday	221,250 5%
4,210,975	Querari	45	93,577	190	19	27	42%	2	3	11%	55	29%	1	Monks Hood	1,030,875 24%
4,033,425	**Street Cry	4	1,008,356	20	4	7	100%	1	2	25%	5	25%	2	Oh Susanna	3,687,375 91%
3,736,675	Gimmethgreenlight	74	50,496	344	27	34	36%	1	2	4%	89	26%	5	Surcharge	645,000 17%
3,521,388	Var	70	50,306	315	29	35	41%	0	0	0%	108	34%	1	Speedpoint	263,500 7%
3,495,850	Dynasty	52	67,228	191	21	29	40%	3	4	14%	43	23%	3	Eyes Wide Open	878,000 25%
3,066,750	*Sail From Seattle	64	47,918	291	31	43	48%	1	2	3%	73	25%	0	Via Seattle	203,750 7%

LEADING SIREs of 2YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
600,350	Var	24	25,015	35	7	9	29%	0	0	0%	8	23%	1	Val-La-Ree	128,125 21%
583,950	*Sail From Seattle	23	25,389	43	8	8	35%	0	0	0%	16	37%	0	Star Flyer	81,500 14%
454,050	Bold Silvano	10	45,405	22	3	6	30%	1	1	33%	3	14%	0	Bold Eagle	159,375 35%
368,700	Oratorio	12	30,725	22	5	6	42%	0	0	0%	5	23%	1	Carlita	120,625 33%
367,050	What A Winter	18	20,392	24	3	3	17%	0	0	0%	5	21%	0	Agent Of Fortune	218,750 60%
305,750	Querari	13	23,519	18	4	4	31%	1	1	25%	9	50%	2	Dagmar	93,750 31%
292,375	Gimmethgreenlight	11	26,580	19	3	3	27%	0	0	0%	9	47%	0	Stream Ahead	89,125 30%
285,500	Crusade	13	21,962	28	3	3	23%	0	0	0%	10	36%	0	Lady Abigail	87,500 31%
265,850	Pomodoro	11	24,168	24	2	2	18%	0	0	0%	10	42%	1	Cirillo	78,000 29%

LEADING SIREs by STAKES on Polytrack

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes		
1,589,325	*Sail From Seattle	56	28,381	154	21	26	38%	0	0	0%	48	31%	0	Candy Crush	147,750	9%
1,546,475	Trippi	43	35,965	119	13	20	30%	0	0	0%	56	47%	0	Miracle Bureau	269,225	17%
1,210,725	Silvano	48	25,223	104	16	20	33%	0	0	0%	23	22%	1	Argenteus	110,000	9%
1,122,425	Var	76	14,769	195	10	10	13%	0	0	0%	54	28%	0	Varallo	88,375	8%
1,053,700	Gimmethgreenlight	52	20,263	120	10	14	19%	0	0	0%	32	27%	0	Accidental Tourist	150,000	14%
1,013,775	Visionaire	40	25,344	91	11	15	28%	0	0	0%	24	26%	0	We're Watching You	144,600	14%
1,005,625	Querari	36	27,934	100	12	15	33%	0	0	0%	31	31%	0	Desert Wisdom	107,850	11%
978,100	*Kahal	41	23,856	94	9	12	22%	0	0	0%	22	23%	0	Kahula	188,500	19%
934,825	*Antonius Pius	34	27,495	125	13	16	38%	0	0	0%	31	25%	0	Golden Shamrock	113,625	12%

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SOMETIMES

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Former Riverton stallion Blue Tiger produced a good winner at Greyville on Wednesday. Bluemoon-rising was bred at the beautiful farm and is out of a speed mare Asiatic Moon. Trainer Garth Puller suggests we will see the best of the gelding when he goes a mile.

Described by Mike Bass as the best horse he trained who never won a Gr1, Blue Tiger earned over R1.3 million in stakes from 2 to 6. He won or placed in 19 stakes races including the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship three times, Gr1 Gold Challenge, Gr1 Golden Horse Sprint twice and Gr1 Champions Cup.

But Blue Tiger never made it as a stallion and plays the role of equine guest at the Riverton Stud Guest House these days.

Duncan Barry, who bred his first Gr1 winner close on 30 years ago, says the weak link was probably his sire Counter Action.

"He was our third grey after Jamaica and Russian Fox. He is such a character. A part of the family!"



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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
J Snaith	738	108	15%	132	18%	33%	84	11%	334	45%	18,804,200	25,480
SG Tarry	744	63	8%	100	13%	22%	76	10%	279	38%	12,780,375	17,178
C Bass-Robinson	608	66	11%	75	12%	29%	54	9%	250	41%	11,838,450	19,471
BJ Crawford	472	63	13%	89	19%	25%	61	13%	213	45%	10,295,025	21,811
MF de Kock	443	76	17%	139	31%	35%	55	12%	236	53%	8,549,238	19,299
GS Kotzen	527	54	10%	57	11%	28%	45	9%	192	36%	5,672,250	10,763
PA Peter	382	57	15%	72	19%	31%	33	9%	159	42%	5,563,488	14,564
AC Greeff	587	78	13%	112	19%	32%	82	14%	289	49%	5,552,400	9,459
MG & AA Azzie	332	45	14%	58	17%	24%	48	14%	148	45%	5,541,300	16,691
DR Drier	335	43	13%	70	21%	36%	42	13%	165	49%	4,588,413	13,697
D Kannemeyer	282	39	14%	50	18%	42%	33	12%	122	43%	4,583,400	16,253
AG Laird	284	37	13%	56	20%	34%	29	10%	121	43%	4,153,400	14,625
J Ramsden	324	35	11%	48	15%	29%	41	13%	139	43%	3,927,025	12,120
JAJ v Vuuren	278	33	12%	45	16%	22%	40	14%	131	47%	3,922,775	14,111
GD Smith	706	46	7%	43	6%	30%	71	10%	244	35%	3,888,300	5,508
DC Howells	337	38	11%	55	16%	31%	42	12%	145	43%	3,885,400	11,529

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
A Delpech	483	126	26%	196	41%	38%	90	19%	315	65%	13,505,838	27,962
L Hewitson	845	89	11%	104	12%	25%	96	11%	372	44%	9,311,013	11,019
M Yeni	785	83	11%	126	16%	21%	79	10%	356	45%	7,649,751	9,745
A Domeyer	399	79	20%	118	30%	36%	47	12%	235	59%	7,243,775	18,155
A Marcus	324	78	24%	152	47%	34%	52	16%	196	60%	8,310,838	25,651
C Murray	575	77	13%	103	18%	31%	65	11%	242	42%	6,793,500	11,815
K De Melo	677	76	11%	87	13%	31%	79	12%	303	45%	7,600,700	11,227
G Wrogemann	609	74	12%	71	12%	35%	69	11%	264	43%	7,866,488	12,917
R Fourie	402	73	18%	94	23%	30%	56	14%	214	53%	6,921,225	17,217
G Cheyne	461	68	15%	101	22%	31%	70	15%	258	56%	6,129,400	13,296
G v Niekerk	323	66	20%	65	20%	31%	49	15%	198	61%	15,631,025	48,393
G Lerena	311	64	21%	114	37%	32%	55	18%	184	59%	6,275,063	20,177
C Zackey	671	58	9%	55	8%	22%	61	9%	255	38%	6,178,588	9,208
R Munger	798	57	7%	30	4%	33%	51	6%	250	31%	4,722,050	5,917
W Kennedy	454	50	11%	48	11%	29%	52	11%	186	41%	4,321,675	9,519
K Zechner	616	50	8%	43	7%	16%	58	9%	233	38%	4,690,326	7,614
P Strydom	334	48	14%	66	20%	20%	44	13%	146	44%	6,014,338	18,007

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
BJ Crawford/A Delpech	26	12	46%	14	54%	36%	6	23%	860,675	33,103
MF de Kock/A Delpech	91	30	33%	45	49%	49%	13	14%	2,979,150	32,738
J Ramsden/A Marcus	33	10	30%	15	45%	47%	5	15%	899,600	27,261
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	38	11	29%	19	50%	47%	6	16%	854,525	22,488
PA Peter/G Lerena	38	11	29%	18	47%	33%	7	18%	1,309,675	34,465
J Snaith/G v Niekerk	123	34	28%	33	27%	39%	20	16%	8,646,750	70,299
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	75	21	28%	36	48%	44%	16	21%	2,003,475	26,713
AC Greeff/A Domeyer	61	16	26%	29	48%	41%	8	13%	890,800	14,603
LW Goosen/G Wrogemann	88	20	23%	20	23%	40%	18	20%	1,845,000	20,966
J Snaith/B Fayd'herbe	142	30	21%	38	27%	32%	16	11%	5,494,100	38,691
J Snaith/R Fourie	81	17	21%	26	32%	31%	10	12%	1,313,925	16,221
ML Roberts/A Arries	57	12	21%	9	16%	22%	4	7%	809,475	14,201
MF de Kock/C Murray	130	26	20%	53	41%	30%	16	12%	2,491,150	19,163
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	216	42	19%	72	33%	29%	49	23%	3,024,475	14,002
G v Zyl/W Kennedy	118	23	19%	20	17%	45%	16	14%	1,564,150	13,256



Grant van Niekerk – riding with confidence

Take It For Granted

Grant van Niekerk rode a hat-trick of winners at Durbanville on Tuesday and is showing renewed confidence in the saddle after a highly successful Cape summer season. He has now booted home 69 winners and is on the fringes of the SA top ten. His 20% win strike-rate and 40% place strike-rate make him

a man to follow as he improves his position over the final four months of the season.



Gavin van Zyl – nice youngster on his hands

Bold Type

Former top jockey turned trainer, Gavin van Zyl looks to have a smart sort in Listed Storm Bird Stakes winner, Bold Eagle. The son of Bold Silvano booked his SA Nursery ticket with a good win to make it two from two on Saturday. A top golfer, the 58 year old Van Zyl rode for 30 years and has developed into a top trainer. His son Gareth broke away from the family business to go it alone in the 2016/17 season.



Muzi Yeni and Dianne Stenger are marching toward a Gr1 goal in May

Snow Business

Muzi Yeni and Dianne Stenger have an exciting Gr1 prospect on their hands in the Peter White owned Crusade filly Covered In Snow. The 3yo charged home in

Saturday's Listed Bauhinia Handicap to make it 4 wins from 5 starts. Muzi, who rode 3 winners on the day, has been aboard at all four victories. The Randjesfontein-based Dianne Stenger is a seasoned horsewoman and the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint in May is the short-term target.

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

FAIRVIEW (turf)
Friday, 9 March

Course Variant: 2,04s slow (bend)
Rain and irrigation totalled just 11mm in the week prior to this meeting and as a result the penetrometer read 22, and the going was posted as good. There was a moderate south easterly cross wind whilst the false rail was out 2,5 to the 1200m mark and then 7,5m with a 7,5m spur, at the 800m.

Breeders Guineas (3yo's F)(L) R150,000

Travel Pays

Friday saw a sweet plan come together for Mary Slack's Wilgerbosdrift Stud and the Woodhill Racing Team!
Mauritzfontein stallion Ideal World enjoyed a hat-trick of winners at Greyville on Sunday and maintained his rich vein of form with Woodhill Racing's Cape-based daughter Luna Child scoring a first stakes success in the R150 000 Listed Breeders Guineas at Fairview on Friday.
Coming off two low-key handicap wins at Kenilworth, Luna Child, one of a pair of Glen Kotzen runners, was easy to back at 5-1 as punters looked to the powerful Snaith-Van Niekerk combination's Merysagos, who started favourite at 16-10.
Craig Zackey rode a confident race on the Woodhill galloper, who tracked leaders Cloud Atlas and What A Player two lengths off the pace in third.
In the run for home, the challenges were not coming from the expected quarters as Charles Ndlovu grabbed a length as What A Player bounced into the lead at the 300m. Craig Zackey was bluffing as Luna Child appeared to be going out the back door, and he let her grab a gulp of air as she rallied strongly late and came right back to hit the front inside the 100m.
With Queen Forever bursting out of the pack, Zackey had timed things perfectly and Luna Child held the local star to a decisive half length win in a time of 98,95 secs.
Her stablemate What A Player stayed on smartly after showing prominently for a long way and she kept the fancied Merysagos out of the trifecta.
Bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein, Luna Child, who has won 4 races with 2 places from 10 starts for stakes of R262 275, is a daughter of Ideal World (Kingmambo) out of the versatile six-time winner, Cast A Spell (Rambo Dancer). The latter has produced a host of winners.

Breeders Guineas (3yof) (L) 1600m

Winner Luna Child stumbled leaving the stalls; raced 2nd; led 50m; made an abnormal respiratory noise in running
Runner up Queen Forever (best handicapped) was slow away and lost one length; raced at the back; ran on; didn't find the clearest of passages going through the 200m; gaining at finish; hanging over the final 150m; beaten half a length
Third What A Player raced 3rd led 130m; beaten 0,75 lengths
Time: Although this was comparatively the second fastest of the six races around the turn, it was 0,61 seconds slower than the graduation plate and clearly could have been run faster
We gave the runner up (prev 75/43/79/75/89) 88 which makes the winner (prev 68/74/74/77/81) 89 and the third (prev 67/62/69/69/77) 88

89	1	0.00	LUNA CHILD	(4)	60.0	C Zackey	9/2
3 b f Ideal World - Cast A Spell (Rambo Dancer)							
88	2	0.50	QUEEN FOREVER	(9)	60.0	G Cheyne	6/1
3 b f Gimmethelight - Queen Of All (Jallad)							
88	3	0.75	WHAT A PLAYER	(8)	60.0	X Ndlovu	15/1
3 b f What A Winter - Shaan Madary (Darshaan)							
86	4	1.50	Merysagos	(7)	60.0	G v Niekerk	5/4
86	5	1.75	Widow's Lamp	(6)	60.0	L Hewitson	27/4
85	6	2.25	Star Evolution	(3)	60.0	C Murray	18/1
84	7	2.50	Cloud Atlas	(10)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	13/1
76	8	6.00	Gitango Tonight	(1)	60.0	M Yeni	28/1
65	9	11.00	Giovanna	(5)	60.0	T Gould	66/1
52	10	17.25	Burning Mist	(2)	60.0	S Khathi	66/1
Time: 98.95s (61.84s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 115%							
1st T: GS Kotzen O: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack)							
B: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein							

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12Mar	1450	1450	1400	5,267
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08Mar	1400	1430	1400	16,497
07Mar	1430	1450	1430	11,009
05Mar	1500	1500	1500	0
02Mar	1500	1500	1400	12,702
01Mar	1450	1500	1450	12,839
28Feb	1499	1499	1400	7,792
27Feb	1425	1425	1405	7,495
26Feb	1450	1450	1400	11,649
23Feb	1450	1450	1400	22,402
22Feb	1450	1450	1450	0

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

- Sat 17 March (L) Drum Star Hcp
1800m Turffontein (I)
- Fri 23 March (L) Fillies Nursery (2yoF)
1200m Fairview (T)
- Sun 25 March Gr3 Kings Cup
1600m Greyville (T)
- Fri 30 March (L) East Cape Guineas (3yo's)
1600m Fairview (T)
- Sat 31 March Gr2 Senor Santa S.
1200m Turffontein (S)
- Gr2 Colorado King S.
2000m Turffontein (S)
- Gr3 Sycamore Sprint (F&M)
1200m Turffontein (S)
- (L) Derby Trial (3yo's)
2000m Turffontein (S)
- (L) Oaks Trial (3yoF)
2000m Turffontein (S)
- Sun 1 April (L) KwaZulu-Natal S. (F&M)
1000m Scottsville
- Sat 7 April Gr1 S A Classic (3yo's)
1800m Turffontein (S)
- Gr1 Chestnut Stakes
1600m Turffontein (S)
- Gr1 S A Fillies Classic (3yoF)
1800m Turffontein (S)
- Gr3 Caradoc Gold Cup
2850m Turffontein (S)
- Gr3 Man O'War Sprint (3yo's)
1100m Turffontein (S)
- (L) Jacaranda Hcp (F&M)
1800m Turffontein (S)
- Gr3 Protea S. (2yo's)
1100m Turffontein (S)
- Gr3 Pretty Poly S. (2yoF)
1100m Turffontein (S)
- Sun 8 April Gr3 Byerley Turk (3yo's)
1400m Greyville (P/T)
- Gr3 Umzimkhulu S. (3yoF)
1400m Greyville (P/T)

Next Auction Sales

- Thurs-Fri CTS April Yearling Sale
12-13 April Durbanville Racecourse
- Tues-Thurs BSA National Yearling Sale
24-26 April Germiston

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

TURFFONTEIN (stand side)
Saturday, 10 March

Course Variant: 2,03s slow (straight) – 2,66s slow (bend)
Over 50mm of rain fell in the seven days leading up to this meeting and as a result the going was posted as good to soft off a penetrometer reading of 25. The rail was at zero in the back straight moving out to 2,5m on the bend with a 2,5m spur at the 700m mark. There was a north westerly cross/head wind of around 20km/h.

Bauhinia Handicap (F&M)(L) R150,000

Snow Queen Is Hot

Her trainer admits to not knowing quite how good she is, but the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint is the target for impressive Bauhinia Handicap winner Covered In Snow, who made it four on the trot at Turffontein on Saturday.

The daughter of Scott Bro’s stallion Crusade made it four wins on the trot when steered to a convincing victory by regular pilot Muzi Yeni in the 1000m Listed feature.

Covered In Snow, who enjoyed the distinction of being her sire’s first stakes winner when winning the Swallow Stakes in January, was a popular choice to win on Saturday and she duly delivered. Relaxed a few lengths off the heat, Covered In Snow never looked in danger of losing as she turned it on at the 250m marker to hold the improved again My-funnyvalentine by 1,25 lengths in a time of 58,7 secs.

The grey Frederico’s Dream showed plenty of pace and stayed on well for third. Racing in the familiar Peter White silks, Covered In Snow has won 4 races with 1 place from 5 starts for stakes of R315 125, She is out of five-time winner Blue Nevada (Anytime) who hails from a genuine Clifton damline, descending from the same family as their Gr2 winner, Glenrossal.

Blue Nevada, out of Crystal De Roche mare Sierra Blue, has produced three winners from three runners. Her 2016 foal is by Jackson, whilst her filly currently at foot is by Ideal World – she is in foal to Crusade.

Bauhinia Handicap (f&m) (L) 1000m

Winner Covered In Snow raced midfield; led 150m; pushed out; won with some in hand
Runner up Myfunnyvalentine raced in mid-field; 1,25 lengths behind winner at 400m; beaten 1,25 lengths
Third Frederico’s Dream raced with the pace throughout; was 1 length clear at 400m; hanging; outpaced latter stages

Time: Third fastest of the seven sprint races just 0,3 seconds slower than the Storm Bird Stakes
We gave the third (prev 84/57/85/86/86) 86 which makes the winner (prev 60/81/85/86) 94 and the runner up (prev 38/79/79/85 – has done 96) 90

94	1	0.00	COVERED IN SNOW	(5)	56.0	M Yeni	71/20
3 b f Crusade - Blue Nevada (Anytime)							
90	2	1.25	MYFUNNYVALENTINE	(3)	57.5	L Hewitson	147/20
4 b f Captain Al - Give Me Five (Goldkeeper)							
86	3	2.15	FREDERICO'S DREAM	(10)	56.5	C Murray	27/4
3 gr f Gimmethgreenlight - Verdala(IRE) (Linamix)							
84	4	2.40	Tammany Hall	(8)	56.0	K De Melo	45/1
84	5	2.50	Singing In Seattle	(12)	56.0	R Danielson	55/1
84	6	4.40	Winter Watch	(13)	59.5	G Lerena	6/1
67	7	6.20	Lawdy Miss Clawdy	(7)	55.0	JP vd Merwe	15/1
51	8	7.90	Flaming Mad	(4)	52.0	M v Rensburg	36/1
55	9	8.00	Onamission	(9)	53.0	C Zackey	14/1
49	10	8.50	Announcing Rain	(2)	52.0	R Munger	75/1
55	11	8.75	Daring Diva	(6)	54.5	K Zechner	20/1
62	12	9.25	Arissa	(14)	59.5	R Simons	6/1
64	13	9.50	Winter's Forge	(1)	60.0	C Maujean	13/1
50	14	10.00	Ice Art	(11)	54.5	J Penny	167/20
Time: 58.7s (58.7s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) SP Total %: 119%							
1st T:DN Stenger O:Mr P E White B:Clifton Stud							

Storm Bird Stakes (2yo's)(L) R150,000

Bold Nursery Prospect

KZN trainer Gavin van Zyl will be rating his SA Nursery prospects after the Bold Silvano colt Bold Eagle burst clear from his field to win the R150 000 Listed Storm Bird Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

Bold Eagle, who had made an eyecatching winning debut when storming home to beat Running Brave on his Vaal debut in early February, made short work of his opposition to score a smart win.

After the first-timer Vardo and the fancied Oratorio gelding Van Halen had shown the way, Anthony Delpech produced the full of running Bold Eagle at the 400m and the handsome colt was always going too strong.

He beat the late-finishing maiden Royal Italian (what price next time in the maiden ranks?) by 3,50 lengths in a time of 58,4 secs.

Azzie’s Var first-timer Heavenly Risk only caught on late and he was a length further back in third. A decent debut.

Van Halen faded out to a disappointing 8 lengths off the winner, while Robbie Sage’s recent debut winner William The Silent never showed and was a length behind. Bold Eagle started at a generous 6-1! A dead ringer for his Dad Bold Silvano, he is out of the Western Winter mare Inflorescence and was a R210 000 buy from the 2017 National Yearling Sale.

A winner of 2 from 2 starts, he took his earnings to R159 375.

He will be back for the Nursery!
Storm Bird Stakes (2yo's) (L) 1000m
Winner Bold Eagle raced handy; led 400m; won going away in very good style
Runner up Royal Italian raced in midfield; 2,75 lengths behind the winner at 400m; beaten 3,5 lengths
Third Heavenly Risk (Azzie newcomer 11/1) raced midfield; 4 lengths behind the winner at 400m; beaten 4,5 lengths
Time: This was the fastest of the afternoon’s seven sprint races
We gave the runner up (prev 78/72) 83 which makes the winner (prev 78) 100 and the third 79

100	1	0.00	BOLD EAGLE	(10)	60.0	A Delpech	167/20
2 b c Bold Silvano - Inflorescence (Western Winter)							
83	2	3.50	ROYAL ITALIAN	(4)	57.0	L Hewitson	11/1
2 b c Pomodoro - Royal Polly(USA) (Royal Academy)							
79	3	4.50	HEAVENLY RISK	(12)	57.0	Wei Marwing	11/1
2 ch c Var - Divine Nymph (Al Mufti)							
79	4	4.75	Dewall	(3)	57.0	M Yeni	5/1
82	5	5.35	Mazari	(9)	59.5	C Zackey	16/1
70	6	7.45	Vardo	(6)	57.0	G Lerena	10/1
73	7	8.55	Van Halen	(5)	60.0	A Marcus	10/3
63	8	9.65	Cyber Special	(11)	57.0	J Penny	100/1
69	9	9.85	William The Silent	(13)	60.0	G Wrogemann	5/1
58	10	11.35	Royal Delight	(2)	57.0	K Zechner	55/1
62	11	12.15	Rule The Night	(1)	60.0	C Murray	9/1
58	12	13.15	Lethal Weapon	(8)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	45/1
52	13	14.75	Miss Boomerang	(7)	59.5	R Munger	20/1
Time: 58.4s (58.4s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 118%							
1st T:G v Zyl O:Mr N Kokkoris B:Riyo Stud							

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Ruffian Stakes (2yo F)(L) R150,000**First For CHC**

The China Horse Club celebrated their first South African feature race success when the Querari filly Dagmar bounded home on debut for Mike de Kock at Turffontein on Saturday to win the R150 000 Listed Ruffian Stakes.

The first three home were daughters of Maine Chance stallion, Querari, and after his son Monks Hood's cracking Gauteng Guineas win at the same venue a week earlier, there will be plenty of interest in the son of Oasis Dream's 42 yearlings who come on the market next month – 26 at the BSA National Yearling Sale and 16 at the CTS April Yearling Sale.

With Gr1 victories across the globe, including Australia, Britain, France, Ireland, Singapore and the USA, the low-key Listed score by Dagmar will be seen as a quiet start here for the China Horse Club, an organisation started by Teo Ah Khing to be Asia's premier lifestyle, business and thoroughbred racing club.

Those punters who had followed the Gold Circle First-Timer comments published on Sporting Post may have benefitted from Matthew de Kock's pre-race assessment that the 20-1 shot Dagmar was 'showing plenty of speed and based on that must have a good each way chance'.

After showing smart pace, Dagmar powered home under Muzi Yeni to beat Urban Oasis by 2,10 lengths in a time of 59,24 secs.

Debut winner River Rafting was a further 3 lengths back, rounding off the Querari trifecta.

A R450 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Dagmar was bred by Maine Chance Farms and is out of the eight-time winner Daffodil Day (Silvano).

She has earned R93 750.

Ruffian Stakes 1000m (2yof) (L) 1000m

Winner Dagmar (De Kock newcomer 18/1) Dwelt start; raced 3rd; led 210m; ran on strongly

Runner up Urban Oasis was stubborn load-ing; raced 6th just 2 lengths off the pace; beaten 2,1 lengths

Third River Rafting set the pace; outpaced by first two; beaten 5,1 lengths

Time: Although the slowest of the three 1000m races, the time was still a decent one on the day in its own right

We gave the third (prev 77) 82 which makes the winner 92 and the runner up (prev 75/53) 85

92	1	0.00	DAGMAR	(3)	57.0	M Yeni	18/1
2 b f	Querari - Daffodil Day (Silvano)						
85	2	2.10	URBAN OASIS	(7)	57.0	L Hewitson	16/1
2 b f	Querari - Teeming (Badger's Drift)						
82	3	5.10	RIVER RAFTING	(2)	60.0	K Zechner	71/20
2 b f	Querari - Keep Icy Calm (IRE) (One Cool Cat)						
81	4	5.50	Star Flyer	(4)	60.0	A Delpech	9/1
69	5	7.25	Frankly	(1)	57.0	R Simons	14/10
60	6	12.00	Crimean Queen	(5)	60.0	G Lerena	6/1
53	7	12.20	Princess Blitz	(6)	57.0	Wei Marwing	27/4
44	8	17.00	Free And Easy	(8)	60.0	C Murray	18/1

Time: 59.24s (59.24s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) **SP Total %:** 117%
1st T:MF de Kock O:China Horse Club International Limited (Nom: Mr M J Flanagan) B:Maine Chance

SCORE CARD

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

TOP EARNERS for 2017/2018

(to 11 March 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
Will Pays	6 c	76	3
Tap O' Noth	3 c	70	1
Last Winter	4 c	70	2
Wonderwall	3 c	62	2
Monks Hood	3 c	60	2
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
Silicone Valley	7 c	50	1
Copper Force	4 c	46	1
Girl On The Run	5 f	45	2
Coral Fever	5 c	44	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
Takingthepeace	3 f	30	1
Rocket Countdown	3 c	30	1
Just Sensual	4 f	30	1
Magical Wonderland	3 f	30	1
Brutal Force	6 c	28	1
Fort Ember	5 f	28	1
Attenborough	4 c	28	1
Pagoda	4 c	26	1
Champagne Haze	5 c	25	1
Our Mate Art	4 c	25	1
Our Emperor	4 c	25	1
Strathdon	4 c	25	1
Simply Royal	4 f	25	1
Cascapedia	4 f	25	1
My Friend Lee	4 f	25	1
Alfolk	3 c	25	1
Do It Again	3 c	24	2
Master's Eye	6 c	24	1
Edict Of Nantes	4 c	20	1

Magic High

After two days pf sales, Book One of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale grossed over \$11.1 million for 331 lots sold at an increased average price of A\$44,115 and a healthy clearance rate of 84 per cent.

The median price of A\$35,000 was up from A\$30,000 last year.

This year's gross is the highest achieved in Adelaide since 2007. Meanwhile, Book Two sale grossed A\$1,463,000 for 123 lots sold with a top price of A\$62,500 for Ambergate Farm's colt by Husson (Lot 361). The clearance rate was a fabulous 90 per cent. "We had our best ever buying bench here – the international buyers as well as the return of good friends of past years ensured for a really gratifying result," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "The market probably strengthened today and we have a clearance rate of 84 per cent which is fantastic. The average of A\$44,000 is significantly up on last year and a gross which is up some A\$900,000. Vendors are extremely pleased and the results showed that buyers had great confidence in the sale."

The focus now switches to Queensland where the Magic Millions Gold Coast March Yearling Sale will be held on Monday and Tuesday.

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SIGNPOSTS

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

ATO (Royal Academy)

Hey Jude 2f (Beyond Reproach by Muhtafal)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Charlie-Fox 2c (Marquise by Right Wing)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

After The Order 2c (L'Orange by Rich Man's Gold)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Cruise Along 2f (Sleek Jet by Jet Master)

[Durbanville 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(17/03\)](#)

John Snow 2c (Speedy Guest by Northern Guest)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Foreign Force 2c (Foreign Gal by Kahal)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Special Force 2c (Hermana by Qui Danzig)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Buckleberry 2c (Royal Canton by Dominion Royale)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Absente 2c (Anise by Victory Moon)

[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Tombola 2f (Fancy Flutter by Kahal)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Perpetual Flame 2c (Case Stated by London News)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Bountiful Strength 2c (Generous Gabriella by Forest Wildcat)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Rumbleinthejungle 2c (Diva Taahirah by Lake Coniston)

[Durbanville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Cari 2f (Big Five Jive by Tiger Dance)

[Turffontein 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Black Indy 2c (Cinnamon Lady by Hawk Wing)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Beautiful Beat 2f (Beautiful Noise by Centenary)

[Durbanville 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(17/03\)](#)

Constant 2f (Al Kindi by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Magic's First 2f (Magic Smoke by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Incredible Tune 2f (Miss Filly by Modern Day)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(16/03\)](#)

Noble Class 2c (Hidden Beauty by Victory Moon)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Frozen Tune 2c (Winter Feast by Western Winter)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Tune Of Angels 2f (Dark Eyed Beauty by Kefaah)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Aaliyah 2f (Blue Lace Agate by Rakeen)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(16/03\)](#)

Famous orator 2c (Fast 'n Famous by Jet Master)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Cloud Break 2f (Pan Amm by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

Caesura 2c (Jeter by Jet Master)

[Durbanville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Hurricane Silva 2f (Hurricane Katrina by Windrush)

[Durbanville 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(17/03\)](#)

Petra 2f (Loupe by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Oratorina 2f (Maximum Break by Western Winter)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

Sparkling Gold 2f (Clear Gold by Royal Academy)

[Turffontein 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Royal Soldier 2c (Soulja Gal by Street Cry)

[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

Palace Rose 2f (Stargazer Pink by Jallad)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

THE APACHE (Mogok)

Senor Lizard 2c (Belle Petite by Lizard Island)

[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Wonder Woman 2f (Breeze Past by Qui Danzig)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(16/03\)](#)

Sacred Arrow 2c (Cheyenne by Rambo Dancer)

[Durbanville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Skidoo 2c (Rustic Magic by Jallad)

[Durbanville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Winter Five 2f (Ramla by Rock of Gibraltar)

[Durbanville 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(17/03\)](#)

WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Blackburn Roc 2c (Royal Prognosis by Jet Master)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Stone Tiger 2c (Pebble Eyes by Captain Al)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)



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SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

AWAIT THE DAWN (Giant's Causeway)

Gold Dawn 3f (Goldrun by Rich Man's Gold)

[Turffontein 9 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Dunas Douradas 3f (Scarlet Sheila by Red Ransom)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(17/03\)](#)

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

[Durbanville 7 MR 81 Handicap 2400m \(17/03\)](#)

No More Words 3f (Adella by Toreador)

[Turffontein 8 MR 93 Handicap \(F&M\) 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

Indian Rain 3f (Desdemona by Western Winter)

[Greyville 7 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(18/03\)](#)

Silver Raisin 3f (Bay Leaf by Strike Smartly)

[Greyville 7 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(18/03\)](#)

CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Joking Dice 3f (Slew per Jet by Jet Master)

[Fairview 5 Pinnacle Stakes \(F&M\) 1400m \(16/03\)](#)

Prince Of Promise 3c (Royal Promise by Royal Academy)

[Greyville 5 MR 84 Handicap 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Fast Looks 3f (Ramp Model by Rakeen)

[Greyville 7 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(18/03\)](#)

WalterThePenniless 3c (Firebird Rising by Counter Action)

[Greyville 11 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Tricia 3f (Ficticia by Kitwood)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(17/03\)](#)

Sand Path 3c (Pure Sands by Jabal Tarik)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Three Ships 3f (Scotch Cat by Mogok)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Mbali 3f (Rattled by Alami)

[Greyville 5 MR 84 Handicap 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Awesome Angel One 3c (Awesome Beauty by Cataloochee)

[Greyville 6 MR 64 Handicap 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Passioneight 3f (Passionate by Jallad)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1900m \(18/03\)](#)

IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Irish Marsh 3f (Marsh Gas by Mogok)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Quayside 3f (Ocean Adventure by Miesque's Approval)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(17/03\)](#)

ORATORIO (Danehill)

Symphony 3f (Mysterious Land by Badger Land)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(17/03\)](#)

Seraphic 3f (Menorah by Var)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Arianos Bagofgold 3c (Heritage Wood by Var)

[Greyville 5 MR 84 Handicap 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Steffi's Graft 3f (Sublime Surge by Elliodor)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(16/03\)](#)

Think Twice 3f (Ember Dream by Flaming Rock)

[Turffontein 9 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1160m \(17/03\)](#)

Good Lord Padmore 3c (Fire Tread by All Fired Up)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(18/03\)](#)

Pure Grace 3c (Amazing Grace by Spectrum)

[Greyville 11 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Estimet 3f (Estimada by Ride The Rails)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(16/03\)](#)

Edith's Rose 3f (Rose Reserve by Lake Coniston)

[Fairview 6 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(16/03\)](#)

Fort Winter 3c (Fort Fox by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 8 MR 84 Handicap 1200m \(16/03\)](#)

Royal Marine 3c (Irish Royal by Kalanisi)

[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate 1000m \(17/03\)](#)

Red Eight 3c (Colour Fast by Spectrum)

[Durbanville 8 MR 79 Handicap 1250m \(17/03\)](#)

Travel In Style 3f (Fly Jet Fly by Jet Master)

[Durbanville 9 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(17/03\)](#)

Gin Martini 3c (Skip Poker by Skip Away)

[Greyville 11 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(18/03\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

REWARD FOR EFFORT

Rated **AR75 HUMBLE ADDICT** (3g Debated by Royal Academy)

Maiden Plate Turffontein (stand side) (1160m) (10/3)

Having only his third career outing here, Humble Addict raced in the rear, and was still some five and a half lengths adrift going through the 400m. He ran on strongly from there onwards though, and did very well indeed to reel in his strongly fancied stable companion close home.

Horses To Follow

BOLD SILVANO

Rated **AR100 BOLD EAGLE** (2c Inflorescence by Western Winter)

Storm Bird Stakes (2yo's) (L) Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (10/3)

A fluent winner of his only previous racecourse appearance, Gavin Van Zyl's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 400m marker and drew clear in good style in the closing stages of the race to score by three and a half.

QUERARI

Rated **AR92 DAGMAR** (2f Daffodil Day by Silvano)

Ruffian Stakes (2yo fillies) (L) Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (10/3)

Making her first racecourse appearance, Mike De Kock's charge was a little slow into stride, but despite that was soon up handy. She put her head in front shortly before hitting the 200m marker and with the rest some five lengths adrift, she comfortably accounted for Urban Oasis by two.

Winners Bred Abroad

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My Favourite Brown (AUS) 45g Big Brown- Collodi(AUS)

(Testa Rossa)

Vaal 1800m (06/03)

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Humble Addict (AUS) 3g Reward For Effort- Debated(AUS)

(Royal Academy)

Turffontein 1160m (10/03)

Cape Newspaper Fobs Racing

Cape racing fans who buy the Cape Times are up in arms after the publication failed to run the Racegoer page for the second day running on Wednesday.

Gold Circle has a long running contract with the 17 Independent Newspaper titles to carry fields and news on a daily basis under the banner of 'The Racegoer'.

The pages are prepared in-house at Greyville by Gold Circle's Publishing Department and exported to the various titles.

Gold Circle Publishing Manager Andrew Harrison said that he was in the process of communicating with Independent Newspapers. He said that he had been informed that there were pagination constraints at the Cape Times and that they had informed him that the Editor had the ultimate discretion to carry what they chose to.

The Sporting Post has been contacted by irate punters and readers who utilise the form and selections provided by the Racegoer page.

"It's a disgrace and I have no other reason to buy the newspaper beyond the horseracing fields. The newspaper is filled with bad news and politics from cover to cover," said one angry punter, who added that he recalled that the Cape Times had almost gone out of business when they decided to drop racing some years ago.

Sea Point-based race fan Solly Goldberg, who worked for the Argus for 42 years, said the last two days were the first time in living memory for him that the racing page had been absent. He lamented the loss of specialised departments and 'thick' newspapers.

"We used to have a Racing Staff, a Women's Page Staff, a Gardening Staff – full departments! The Racing Editors were legends too. The likes of Maxwell Price, Chris Stokoe, who was The Rover – Barry Hopwood, Recondite, Dick Stent. Good grief – now that we are reminiscing I just realise how much life has changed. But it's all in the name of progress, I suppose. I just hope that the Cape Times comes to their senses. Racing doesn't need to lose a presence anywhere," added the font of information – who turns 80 in a few months!

Efforts to contact Cape Times Sports Editor Ian Smit for a comment were unsuccessful.

According to the MarkLives Big Daily Newspaper List published in 2017, the Cape Times – tenth of the top 10 – has a circulation of 31 212. This compared to the likes of the Daily Sun on 174 483 and Die Burger on 49 483.

The Cape Times was launched on 27 March 1876 and is owned by Independent News & Media SA. According to wikipedia, as of 2012 the newspaper had a daily readership of 261 000 and a circulation of 34 523. The Editor is Aneez Salie.

Ed - The Racegoer will be restored in the Cape Times wef Thursday 15 March

SPORTS AND BETTING

FA Cup Quarter-Finals

Preview



The FA Cup Quarter-Finals will take place this weekend with two matches played on Saturday and two on Sunday. Tottenham travel to the Liberty Stadium to face Swansea in Saturday's

early kick off, before Manchester United welcome Brighton to Old Trafford in the evening.

On Sunday, League One side Wigan host Southampton at the DW Stadium, before Chelsea battle Leicester City at the King Power Stadium.

To catch up with Chadley Nagel previews [CLICK HERE](#)

SATURDAY 17 MARCH

57/10 Swansea City | Draw 33/10 | Tottenham 9/20 (14:15)

Swansea have lost only twice in 16 matches in all competitions under Carlos Carvalhal, who has transformed their fortunes since replacing the sacked Paul Clement at the end of December. The Swans have won their last seven matches at the Liberty Stadium, including Premier League victories over Liverpool and Arsenal. **With Kane unavailable, the best bet here is Both Teams to Score at 21/20.**

3/10 Manchester United | 17/4 | Brighton 9/1 (21:45)

Manchester United are heavy favourites to beat Brighton at Old Trafford. Jose Mourinho's men are unbeaten in their last eight matches at home in all competitions with six wins, including five on the spin – at the time of writing. **The home win is the way to go.**

SUNDAY 18 MARCH

49/20 Wigan Athletic | 22/10 | Southampton 23/20 (15:30)

After doing what no Premier League side has done this season and that is beat Manchester City on their turf, Wigan will be confident they can knock out strugglers Southampton. **Back Wigan on the Win/Draw Double Chance at 13/20.**

24/10 Leicester City | 49/20 | Chelsea 21/20 (18:30)

Leicester earned a lot of praise in their goalless draw at Stamford Bridge in January as they were the better side on the day and probably feel they could have taken all three points had they not been reduced to 10 men when Ben Chilwell received two yellow cards in six minutes. **I think Both Teams to Score at 7/10 is a top bet and probably the safest, but 21/20 on the away side is well worth a punt. Get on!**

QUAD @ 8/1

Swansea vs Tottenham BTTS 21/20
Man United Win 3/10
Wigan Win/Draw 13/20
Chelsea Win 21/20

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

The Secret Is OUT

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

More Than Enough

Greyville 4th March

Other than the barrier trial run on the poly, there were no sprint races on Sunday's turf card. Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1600m and the quickest home in these was ROY HAD ENOUGH in the bill topping pinnacles stakes. In what in real terms wasn't a fast run race, this progressive son of Pierro raced in the middle of the seven for most of the journey. He quickened well at the top of the home straight and got up late to deny the front running CELTIC CAPTAIN.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1400m. Both were slowly run maiden events, the quicker being that won by the best bet on the card for many ALDO'S CHASE. Always in the red, Dennis Drier's charge was soon in touch with the leaders. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 200m marker and kept on strongly late to beat the running on MR T by three quarters.

In terms of distance the easiest victory on the card was undoubtedly that of DARK MOON RISING in the MR76 Handicap over 1800m. In what proved to be the fastest race on the program, the top weight still had a few lengths to find when the very well handicapped SYLVESTER THE CAT struck the front 400m out. Once given rein though he quickly began to reduce the deficit and cruised clear to score by five after striking the front 150m from home.

Titbits Poorly drawn GIMME A BRAKE NATE was hampered 450m out and then had to switch 200m out when running on from the back end of midfield to fill third position in the maiden juvenile plate over 1400m.

No Underhandedness

Vaal 6th March

They raced on the inside track on Tuesday where proceedings got underway with a maiden juvenile plate over 1000m. The Mike De Kock trained newcomer BELTON ROAD was all the rage in the betting market, but on the day he found one better in another newcomer GREEN HAZE. Ridden to lead 250m out by Gavin Lere-na, Belton Road did everything right. Running

on nicely from midfield though, the son of Gimmethgreenlight put his head in front 100m later and won going away by a length and a quarter.

Three of the afternoon's nine races were run over 1800m and by far the fastest of these was the MR72 Handicap won by the progressive MY FAVOURITE BROWN. Easy to back at 6/1 on the off, the son of Big Brown was soon positioned close to the speed. He took up the running going through the 600m and went on to score with authority from the 9yo YER-MAAN.

The MR84 Handicap was the faster of the two 1700m races and here we saw a smart performance from the Sean Tarry trained SHENANIGANS. Sent off a strong favourite at 16/10, the son of Dynasty adopted a change of tactics here and raced handy. He put his head in front as they approached the 200m marker and although SHOGUN (had the rest well beaten) threw down a determined challenge over the final 200m, he won with some in hand by a length.

Titbits Racing off a mark some 14 points below that of his earlier best, ODD ROB came from the rear when winning the MR67 Handicap over 2400m.

Four For Anton

Greyville 7th March

Wednesday's action took place on the poly track where once again the times were relatively slow. A MR88 Handicap topped the bill and a race that might have been run a bit faster, the classy VARALLO registered his third career victory. Always handy, the 3yo Var gelding took up the running 250m out and although FLYING FREE did challenge strongly from there onwards, he did have that one held by three quarters at the wire.

There were five races run over 1400m in total and surprisingly the fastest of these was the maiden plate won by the well supported SOCRATES. Backed into joint favouritism at the track, Shane Humby's charge was taken straight to the front by Anton Marcus and led throughout. He was visibly cruising during the early part of the race and drew

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Emerald Bay won 15/1
Madam Secretary won 15/1
Limerick Ridge won 113/20
Great Dictator won 61/20
Carioca won 57/20
Bridal Party won 15/10
Dark Sienna won 13/10
Antony Hotspur won 5/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (7) Klever Kathy 8
Race 2: (6) Goddess Aurelia 6
Race 3: (4) Kounia Bella 32
Race 4: (2) True Master 67
Race 5: (1) Peach Delight 60
Race 6: (17) Across The Lake 40
Race 7: (10) Shady World 68
Race 8: (6) Captain Marooned 67
Race 9: (2) Quinelina 36

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Afranchi 18 (NAP*)
Race 2: (10) Liquid Gold 5
Race 3: (4) Kissmeinmydreams 12
Race 4: (13) My Cherry 50
Race 5: (2) Inn A Million 51
Race 6: (1) Fort Ember 70
Race 7: (7) Secret Captain 83 (EW)
Race 8: (5) Brighnumberfive 58
Race 9: (3) Inyanga 32

DURBANVILLE (SAT)

Race 1: (2) Bountiful Strength 6
Race 2: (5) Lanza 14
Race 3: (2) Canukepitsecret 11 (NAP*)
Race 4: (2) Strabo 15
Race 5: (3) Symphony 12
Race 6: (1) Sark 8
Race 7: (4) William The Brave 48
Race 8: (5) Western Storm 43
Race 9: (9) Celtic Charm 31

GREYVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (10) Special Force 5
Race 2: (6) Petra 3
Race 3: (11) Sand Path 22 (NAP*)
Race 4: (1) Lilibet 6
Race 5: (7) Mbali 53
Race 6: (12) Eternal Ice 29
Race 7: (2) Golden Minaret 4
Race 8: (8) Palace Mystery 16

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied
*** Very strongly fancied

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

BOLD EAGLE (G Van Zyl, Gauteng)
ROY HAD ENOUGH (F Robinson, KZN)
SMART SUZY (G Smith, E-Cape)
SOCRATES (S Humby, KZN)



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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

clear in good style to score by four and three quarters when given rein 300m out.

A MR76 Handicap over 1000m brought proceedings to a close and here we saw a comfortable victory for the Visionaire filly WE'RE WATCHING YOU. The fourth winner on the card for jockey Anton Marcus, We're Watching You raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She ran on best of all in the short home straight and won going away after striking the front 100m out.

Titbits At the head of affairs throughout, the newcomer PAVAROTTI PASSION was never really asked to race and had a ton in hand when first past the post by a neck in the barrier trial over 1000m.

After being a little slow into stride, lightly raced IRISH MARSH ran on well from the back when a length and three quarter runner up in the maiden plate for the girls over 1400m.

Smart Hat-Trick

Fairview 9th March

The listed Breeders Guineas for 3yo's over 1600m topped the bill in Port Elizabeth on Friday and here the visiting LUNA CHILD completed a smart hat-trick. Always handy in what soon became a strung out field, Glen Kotzen's charge got the better of the front running CLOUD ATLAS 50m out and won well by a half. Runner up QUEEN FOREVER had raced at the back and didn't find the clearest of passages going through the 200m.

Run in a time 0,6 seconds faster than the feature event was the graduation plate won by DRAGON FLAME. Sent off third in the betting market at 9/2, the well exposed

son of Bezrin also raced close to the speed. He put his head in front 400m out and just had enough in hand to get the verdict by a neck over the running on favourite GREEN LANTERN.

The MR80 Handicap over 1000m was comparatively the fastest of the three sprinting events and in what proved to be a real thriller the 3yo KIFTSGATE registered his third career victory. On leaving the stalls it was DICKENSIAN who elected to make the running whilst Alan Greeff's charge sat handy in fourth. The pack began to close in quickly below the distance and in a race where only 0,3 of a length separated the first four home, Kiftsgate got the verdict by a short head.

Titbits The 50/1 shot SMART SUZY caused a major upset when running on from midfield to win the not so lucky last (a MR76 Handicap) going away.

Positioned third last entering the straight, SILVER GOBLET ran on best of all when getting up late to win the MR68 Handicap over 2000m.

A New Eagle To Follow

Turffontein 10th March

The going was posted as good to soft on Saturday and the course was running over 2 seconds slow. In terms of prizemoney three listed events over 1000m topped the bill, the fastest of which was the Storm Bird Stakes won by BOLD EAGLE. He got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. He began to assert his authority going through the 400m and won going away by three and a half.

The pinnacle stakes was the fastest of the three 1160m events and here an upset was

to be had when the lessor fancied of Alec Laird's two runners ROMI'S BOY landed the spoils. Freely available at 18/1 on the off, the 4yo son of Querari was soon up handy. He was headed by the talented GREEN PEPPER shortly after taking up the running 200m out, but fought back gamely below the distance to get the verdict by a neck.

Another classic finish was to be had in the non-black type Egoli Mile won by SOLDIER ON. Positioned in midfield early on, Stuart Pettigrew's charge ran on stoutly at the business end of the race and got the verdict by a neck over the improving IMFAMOUS FOX.

Titbits Five and a half lengths behind the runner up going through the 400m, HUMBLE ADDICT ran on very well from the rear when getting up late to open his account in the boy's division of the maiden plate over 1160m.

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (TURF) 4 MARCH

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good

Course Variant: 0,38s slow

1400m (2) Aldo's Chase	85,30
1600m (3) Roy Had Enough	97,03

1800m (1) Dark Moon Risin	109,29
2000m (1) Obvious Child	125,11
2200m (1) Hero Quest	137,29

VAAL (INSIDE) 6 MARCH

Penetrometer 25 – Going G/Soft

Course Variant: 0,54s slow

1000m (1) Green Haze	58,65*
1100m (1) Madam Secretary	63,66
1700m (2) Shenanigans	102,57
1800m (3) Seal My Fate	109,67
2400m (2) Odd Rob	151,33

GREYVILLE (POLY) 7 MARCH

Going Standard

Course Variant: 0,94s slow

1000m (2) We're Watching You	58,40
1400m (5) Socrates	82,90
1600m (1) Toltec	96,70
2000m (1) Black Mariner	124,70

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 9 MARCH

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good

Course Variant:

1000m (1) Kiftsgate	56,31
1200m (2) Smart Suzy	68,37
1400m (2) Sabbatical	86,04
1600m (2) Dragon Flame	98,34
2000m (2) Silver Goblet	125,63

TURFFONTEIN (STAND SIDE) 10 MARCH

Penetrometer 25 – Going G/Soft

Course Variant: 2,03s slow

1000m (3) Bold Eagle	58,40
1100m (1) Mrs O	65,14
1160m (3) Romi's Boy	69,14
1400m (1) Divine Odyssey	86,72
1600m (1) Soldier On	100,94
2400m (1) Emerald Bay	158,22

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