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## RACING THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** <sup>turf</sup> Friday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R2-(1)Widow's Lamp(5/10)**

**GREYVILLE** <sup>POLY</sup> Friday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R8-(4) Aim For The Stars (3/1)**

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R1-(3)Fabian(2/1)**

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R4-(8) Daffiq (3/1)**

**SCOTTSVILLE** Sunday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R7-(2) Jo's Bond (14/1)**

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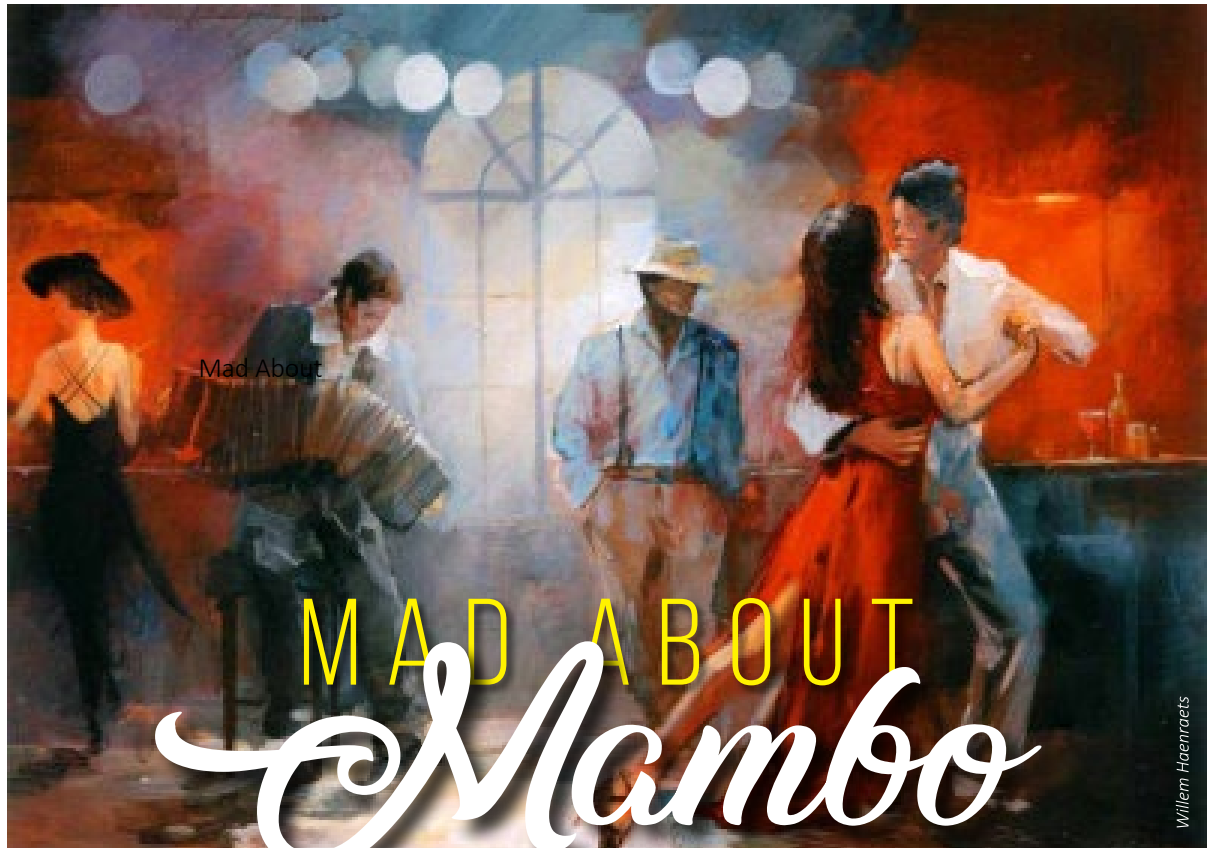
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Turffontein trainer Paul Peter is the newest insomniac on the South African racing scene.  
A rising star 3yo named Majestic Mambo, whose ultimate season target is the Vodacom Durban July,  
has contributed in no small measure to his trauma!

The Peter family are heavily invested in horseracing and the paint trade. Paul has long left the latter part of the business in search of the adrenaline rush of training winners. But he says the sport of kings is no simple matter of colour choice, mix, surface prep and then two coats!

Paul did his apprenticeship under the tutelage of the vastly experienced James Maree. He went on his own in May 2010 and saddled his first winner Magico on July day, 2010.

"This game challenges us every day. One learns something new every day. There are highs and lows. But that's the challenge and the rush," he adds through bleary eyes.

The latest reason for his tossing and turning all night is the smashing Moutonshoek bred Mambo

In Seattle colt Majestic Mambo, who runs in the R2 million Gr1 SA Classic at Turffontein next Saturday.

An unextended winner of his first three starts and hailed a sensation, there was plenty of hype – no pun intended – when he went to post for the Gauteng Guineas in early March. But there was to be no painting (sorry!) the town red for the Peters afterwards.

"I haven't slept since. I'm in the yard at 4am. Not quite sleep walking but checking the boxes. Checking the leavings. Thinking. Wondering. Processing information! Does that sound crazy?" he laughs.

Some observers put Majestic Mambo's below-par Guineas performance down to coltish behaviour in the preliminaries and during the race. He eventually ran 12th and almost 14 lengths behind Monks Hood.

We asked Paul how he intends to bring the same



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MAD ABOUT MAMBO

big colt back for the Classic and actually expect a different result?  
“I really haven’t slept since that Saturday evening of 3 March. Disappointment is not strong enough a word. We were devastated. But we have gone back to the drawing board and come up with a few rational observations.”

Paul says that Majestic Mambo had been ‘quiet’ on the Friday before the Guineas. He didn’t pay too much attention to it at the time. He also says that his whole string has only just turned the corner after being flat for a while.

And Majestic Mambo’s coltish behaviour that had Julie Alexander wide-eyed?

“He was actually less coltish on Guineas Day than when he won at his first three starts. I think it was a big race. There was plenty of attention on him. It was more public. That’s the way he is. I don’t believe that was the problem.”

Paul goes on to say that the race replay of the Guineas has been analysed by himself and jockey Anthony Delpech, who will take the reins again on 7 April.

“We have reached the conclusion that Majestic Mambo does not enjoy racing between horses. In his first two starts, he won down the outside. When he won the Sea Cottage, the false rail gave him space to fly down the inside. He is a slow starter and I don’t believe his 14 draw in the Classic will be of any issue. And I won’t be giving Anthony (Delpech) any instructions! He knows the horse. I think it will be very different outcome in the SA Classic!”

A bargain R40 000 buy, Majestic Mambo is out of the one-time winning Regal Classic (Al Mufti). The dam won at 2400m. He is bred on the same cross as graded stakes winners Desert Rhythm and Fortune Fella, as well as Listed Michaelmas Handicap winner Mr O’Neill.

“The further the better for him, I believe. The plan is to go for the SA Derby and then aim him at the Vodacom Durban July. But let’s take one day at a time. Just don’t say we didn’t tell you!”

Paul also goes into the Triple Tiara second leg on the same day with the crack Tiger Ridge filly Folk Dance. Another ‘eagle eye’ purchase at R100 000, she tries 1800m for the first time and is expected to go close.

“Both Majestic Mambo and Folk Dance worked beautifully today. The yard is firing. Be with us on Classic Day!”

# Classic Day Fields

Trainer Stuart Pettigrew has opted to take his chances from a wide draw in the Gr1 SA Classic for his smart Gimmethegreenlight colt Surcharge, rather than take on the might of champion miler Legal Eagle at unfavourable weight terms in the HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes.

The Classic Day picture for Turffontein on 7 April has started to become clearer after Pettigrew, fired up by a wide gate, kept his options open until the last minute.

A running on – albeit distant – second behind the subsequently exported Monks Hood in the Gauteng Guineas early in March makes Surcharge a massive contender over the extra 200m. [See the fields here](#)

Piere Strydom takes the ride again and he may have most to fear from the Mike de Kock quintet, headed by Royal Crusade and Noble Secret – third and fourth in the Guineas. [Hollywood Classic Day Betting here](#)

SATURDAY AT TURFFONTEIN

Pop The Champagne

Gr2 Senor Santa Stakes Turffontein

Gary Alexander’s Kahal flyer Champagne Haze found his sweetest form to win the Tommy Hotspur Handicap at his last start and has a great opportunity of pulling off the Senor Santa Stakes double under top weight at Turffontein on Saturday.



Champagne Haze | JC Photos

In a chat with the Sporting Post, Dean Alexander explained that Champagne Haze was only really having a gallop when he burst through late to win the Tommy Hotspur.

“Ideally the 1000m is on the sharp side for him, but he showed his well-being with that run and we couldn’t have hoped for a better prep going into this race. Half of the

problem with big races is enjoying a problem free passage in the build-up. And thankfully that has been the case with Champagne Haze,’ he added.

On the question as to why Lyle Hewitson, who had ridden such a cracker to win on him last time, was not aboard this time, Dean was philosophical.

“Look, Lyle knows him well. We would have loved to have him ride him again here. But Lyle enjoys a good relationship with the Sean Tarry yard and he must go where he feels he should be. Chase Maujean has been doing plenty of work at home. He is a decent rider and we will just be hoping the dice rolls our way come Saturday.”

Champagne Haze tops the weights in this merit-rated benchmarked contest, which is always an important prep for the Gr1 Computaform Sprint.

A diverse field of nineteen speedsters are set to face the starter at the 1160m marker.

The treat for the Alexander team is that Champagne Haze loves this time of the year – and many in this field are off form or off the boil.

These include the likes of Graduation Day and Talktothestars – both decent on their day but lacking a tune at the moment.

Lyle Hewitson rides Byerley Turk winner Africa Rising, one of a Tarry

Gr2 Senor Santa S. past winners			
2015			
1	Dollar Dazzler	54.0 (7)	12/1
2	Moofeed	53.0 (1)	7/1
3	Greasepaint	52.5 (10)	20/1
2016			
1	Talktothestars	58.0 (10)	25/1
2	Lazer Star	55.5 (11)	22/10
3	Pivotal Pursuit	52.0 (13)	40/1
2017			
1	Champagne Haze	56.0 (11)	8/1
2	Wrecking Ball	51.5 (6)	10/1
3	Splendid Garden	54.0 (2)	22/1

START  
5:10PM  
TURFFONTEIN

8

PA6/PICK SIX/JACKPOT4  
GR2 SENOR SANTA STAKES - 1160M  
SAME TRAINER: (3-7-12-14)(6-9)(13-20)

Kahal	1	CHAMPAGNE HAZE(GM Alexander) C Maujean.....	20	60.0
Imperial Stride	2	WILL PAYS(MG & AA Azzie) - scratched.....	3	60.0
Visionaire	3	AFRICA RISING(SG Tarry) L Hewitson.....	8	56.0
Trippi	4	GRADUATION DAY(JA Soma) C Murray.....	15	56.0
Overlord	5	TALKTOTHESTARS(FC de Beer) D Schwarz.....	13	56.0
Querari	6	ROMI'S BOY(AG Laird) M Yeni.....	10	56.0
Toreador	7	MATADOR MAN(SG Tarry) R Danielson.....	14	56.0
Gimmethegreenlight	8	GREEN PEPPER(JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena.....	18	55.5
Kahal	9	PURE BLONDE(AG Laird) R Simons.....	1	54.0
Seventh Rock	10	ROCKY VALLEY(C Dawson) G Wrogemann.....	19	54.0
Just As Well	11	JUST AS I SAID(M Houdalakis) K Zechner.....	9	54.0
Elusive Fort	12	SAFE HARBOUR(SG Tarry) C Orfter.....	11	53.5
Great Britain	13	WRECKING BALL(G Maroun) W Kennedy.....	7	53.5
Querari	14	WONDERWALL(SG Tarry) S Khumalo.....	4	52.0
Dynasty	15	SIR DAVID BAIRD(MF de Kock) R Munger.....	17	52.0
Encosta De Lago	16	PROFESSOR BRIAN(J Ramsden) R Fourie.....	6	52.0
Century Stand	17	TANDAVA(GG Terzi) J Penny.....	5	52.0
Sail From Seattle	18	ZOUAVES(GV Woodruff) M v Rensburg.....	12	52.0
Black Minnaloushe	19	ARABIAN BEAT(PA Peter) K De Melo.....	2	52.0
Lateral	20	GOLDEN MAN(G Maroun) A Arries.....	16	52.0



quartet. The 4yo lacked a finish in the Hawaii Stakes when 6 lengths off Will Pays. He won his penultimate start and frankly is in and out at best.

Stablemate Matador Man finished marginally in front of him in the Hawaii Stakes and this slow starter could find this on the sharp side. He should be staying on.

Green Pepper is one of a trio of fillies in the race. A lightly raced 4yo, she is very quick and Gavin Lerena adds the value.

Another member of the fairer sex, Wrecking Ball was runner-up in the race last year, and is 5kgs better off with Champagne Haze for a five length beating at her last start.

The 2yo Gr1 winner Arabian Beat has tumbled down the ratings but found form with a smart win in a low-key handicap at the Vaal last time. With just 52kgs to carry, this top-class gelding could be the lurker in the pack if he finds his best toe.

Another handily weighted galloper is Cape challenger Professor Brian, from the Joey Ramsden stable. Richard Fourie will take the ride on the 5yo Australian-bred son of Encosta De Lago. He has won six of his 19 starts and with just 52kg on his back warrants respect.

If things go Champagne Haze's way, he could register the double. It should be a cavalry charge behind that with chances to a host of runners. A cracking race to watch!

## A Speed Star

Northern Guest's best sprinting son, Senor Santa reigned as the Champion Sprinter of South Africa for many seasons and won his final Gr1 as an eight year old.

The old warrior, who lived out the bulk of his retirement days as a tutor to the Summerhill weanlings, is remembered for his seven Gr1 victories including two Computaform Sprints, two Star Sprints, a Natal Flying Championship, the First National Bank 1600, and a Smirnoff Futurity.

His conquests included Champions Goldmark, Divine Act, Miss Averof, Harry's Echo and Simonside.

As memorable a moment as any came in defeat in the Winning Form Match Race Challenge, in which, ironically, his lack of stamina cost him the race in the dying strides by Northern Guest's most celebrated daughter, Northern Princess.

He was suffering from arthritis when euthanized at age 29 on 23 June 2014.

## SATURDAY AT TURFFONTEIN

# Star For Comeback?

## Gr2 Colorado King Stakes Turffontein

**Top rated is Abashiri, who has not won a race since eclipsing the SA Triple Crown in April 2016. Corne Orffer appeared to get some life out of the 5yo when he ran on steadily behind Cascapedia in the London News Stakes at his last outing. That was 11 weeks ago and Mike and Adam Azzie would love nothing more than to win a race with the newsmaking son of Go Deputy. Corne Orffer makes the trip from Cape Town to ride him again.**

The dual Gr1 winner French Navy has not won in over two years and rising 7 years of age, he is a difficult fellow to risk the rent money on.



Abashiri | JC Photos

That said, he did run a fair third in this race behind Brazuca last year and has not had any travelling since going unplaced in the July last year. If anything, he could need the outing after an 11 week absence.

The 2017 Sansui Summer Cup runner-up Fort Ember is always a dangerous pace merchant. The daughter of Elusive Fort was just run out of it late by Orchid Island last time and can play a role again – even from the worst draw.

The ever game Coral Fever put a quiet Sun Met run behind him with a staunch effort when chasing Will Pays home in the Gr2 Hawaii Stakes in early March.

The son of Judpot will relish the increase in trip and comes into the picture on his best performances.

Second of the Tarry trio, the recent Listed Aquanaut Handicap winner Tambalang is ridden by Lyle Hewitson, who appears to be getting the pick of the Tarry stable rides these days. The daughter of Go Deputy takes a jump in class.

Former Sean Tarry charge Finchatton is now with Gokhan Terzi but lacks current form.

Social Order was an impressive winner of the Gr3 Kings Cup at

Greyville on Sunday. He has had a lot of travelling in a short space of time, but has the credentials if recovered from those exertions.

Richard Fourie,

## Gr2 Colorado King S. past winners

<b>2015</b>	
1 Wylie Hall	59.0 (5) 3/1
2 Henry Higgins	58.0 (4) 8/1
3 Cagiva	58.0 (6) 7/2
<b>2016</b>	
1 Unparalleled	59.0 (3) 9/1
2 Stonehenge	58.0 (1) 25/1
3 French Navy	60.0 (4) 13/20
<b>2017</b>	
1 Brazuca	59.0 (3) 6/1
2 Deo Juvente	60.0 (7) 15/10
3 French Navy	59.0 (5) 18/10

<b>START 4:30PM TURFFONTEIN</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 GR2 COLORADO KING STAKES - 2000M SAME TRAINER:(3-5-10)</b>
Go Deputy	<b>1 ABASHIRI</b> (MG & AA Azzie) C Orffer	8 <b>60.0</b>
Judpot	<b>2 CORAL FEVER</b> (RR Sage) M Yeni	7 <b>60.0</b>
Count Dubois	<b>3 FRENCH NAVY</b> (SG Tarry) R Danielson	6 <b>60.0</b>
A P Arrow	<b>4 GLIDER PILOT</b> (T Zackey) R Fourie	2 <b>60.0</b>
Count Dubois	<b>5 SOCIAL ORDER</b> (SG Tarry) C Zackey	5 <b>60.0</b>
Right Approach	<b>6 FINCHATTON</b> (GG Terzi) G Wrogemann	9 <b>60.0</b>
Elusive Fort	<b>7 FORT EMBER</b> (PA Peter) K De Melo	10 <b>58.5</b>
Silvano	<b>8 WIND CHILL</b> (JA Soma) P Strydom	4 <b>58.5</b>
Silvano	<b>9 GIRL ON THE RUN</b> (JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena	3 <b>57.5</b>
Go Deputy	<b>10 TAMBALANG</b> (SG Tarry) L Hewitson	1 <b>57.5</b>



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who did so well in Gauteng last Saturday, rides the lightly-ried Glider Pilot. The half-brother to Gr1 winner Rabada was not disgraced in the Gr1 Daily News as a 3yo and takes his chances in the higher league again.

A decent race in the offing. Abashiri could finally claw his way back to some respectability. Coral Fever, French Navy, Fort Ember and Social Order could be next best.

King Of The Road

Saturday’s Gr2 Colorado King Stakes is named in honour of a great son of Grand Rapids (Machiero), trained here by Syd Laird. Winner of the Gr1 Durban July and Gr1 Cape Derby, he won a total of 10 races here before being exported to America. He raced under the Poltex Stable banner in California. He won six races in 1964 including the Hollywood Gold Cup in which he defeated Native Diver, the American Handicap where he equalled the world record for 1800m and the Sun-set Handicap over 1700m by seven lengths. In 1965 he won only once in nine starts before being retired to stud where he met with limited success.

Mrs O – Or Snow?

Gr3 Sycamore Sprint Turffontein

Thirteen fillies and mares go to post for the 1160m contest and it’s a daughter of the talking stallion of the moment, Oratorio, that stands out.

Green Street Bloodstock lease the Mike Azzie-trained Mrs O, who found her best form on a return from a rest last time when getting up in the dying strides of the Gold Rush Sprint. While she is probably bred to go quite a bit further, Mrs O has shown a penchant for the shorter trips in her brief career and looks a big runner here off the 52kgs mark.

Her biggest opposition could lie in the form of the rampant

Gr3 Sycamore Sprint  
past winners

2015

1 Tzigane 58.5 (8) 12/1

2 Virgo’s Babe 58.0 (10) 20/1

3 Bichette 55.0 (7) 8/1

2016

1 Tiger’s Touch 55.5 (8) 5/2

2 Sensible Lover 53.0 (2) 13/1

3 Easy Game 55.5 (6) 10/1

2017

1 Seattle Singer 53.0 (15) 28/1

2 Crystal Glamour 57.5 (5) 5/1

3 Al Danza 52.0 (8) 11/1

Crusade filly, Covered In Snow. A winner of 4 of her 5 starts, the proven course-and-distance galloper is already a dual stakes winner and has her sights set on the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint at Scottsville in May.

Winter’s Forge enjoys a 5,5kgs turnaround with Covered In Snow for a 9,50 length beating last time.



Mrs O | JC Photos

including at best, especially in quartets.

Richard Fourie rides Dame Eleanor for Mike de Kock. The Aussie-bred 4yo stayed on well behind Schippers at her last start and could start improving.

Myfunnyvalentine looks to be recapturing her better junior form and ran on well for second behind Covered In Snow in the Bauhinia. She has a 1,5kg pull at the weights with the Stenger flyer for a 1,25 length defeat and could be ready to register her third win. The same applies to stablemate Heaps Of Fun.

Magnolia Handicap winner My Friend Lee has very decent straight track form and has enjoyed a break of five weeks since showing plenty of pace when fading late behind Tahini last time.

Mrs O and Covered In Snow are the obvious duo to fight this out. Both are fit and in prime form.

Cape Raiders Dominate At Vaal

With big money on offer, and sometimes rather limited opposition to face on the Highveld, it is puzzling why more Cape trainers don’t try and beat the altitude bogey and the inherent risks of long distance travel, and go for the big prizes.

Dean Kannemeyer experienced some bad luck recently with his top filly Hashtagyolo returning to KZN without racing.

But Glen Kotzen and Justin Snaith’s success at the Vaal on Saturday may have given their colleagues some food for thought. Contesting a R130 000 Fillies & Mares Pinnacle Stakes on the classic track 1450m, Kotzen’s Silvan Star and Snaith’s Gimme Six dominated a race which looked local star Nother Russia’s for the taking. All three were returning from 8 weeks off since Met Day. Silvan Star and Gimme Six had run fourth and fifth respectively in the Majorca Stakes, won in such impressive style by Snowdance.

The 11-10 favourite Mother Russia was beaten close on 7 lengths by Oh Susanna in the Sun Met.

On Saturday, the Mike de Kock 5yo was at least 2,5kgs better off with the other runners – although the trip was admittedly on the sharp side for her. But that also applied to the Gr3 Final Fling Stakes winner Silvan Star.

After Paree had shown the way, Richard Fourie sent Silvan Star in the Peter de Beyer silks down the rail and she stretched well to hold Gimme Six to a 0,90 length margin in a time of 88,26 secs

Mother Russia wasn’t punished by Craig Zackey and only kicked into gear late, finishing third, a further 1,70 lengths back.

Fourie, in scintillating form, paid his way with a double on the day, booting home Gentleman Only for Tyrone Zackey in the eighth.

Both Glen Kotzen and Jono Snaith confirmed to the Sporting Post afterwards that their charges would be aimed at the R1 million Gr1 Empress Club Stakes run over 1600m on 21 April and would then transfer to Summerveld to pursue their SA Champions Season campaign.

Ascot Stud bred Silvan Star from champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of the one-time winner, Bold Choice (Lecture). She was purchased for R200 000 on the National Yearling Sale and has won 7 races with 6 places from 18 starts for stakes of R658 675.

Entries for a likely return match of the trio in the Empress Club Stakes, close on Monday 9 April.

START  
5:50PM  
TURFFONTEIN

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PAT/PICK SIX  
GR3 SYCAMORE SPRINT (F&M) - 1160M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-3-7)(8-13)(11-12)

Visionaire

Querari

Visionaire

Pathfork

Silvano

Crusade

Captain Al

New Approach

Overford

Western Winter

Gimmethgreenlight

Oratorio

Captain Al

1 HEAPS OF FUN(SG Tarry) D Schwarz..... 6 60.0

2 SPRING WONDER(PA Peter) K De Melo..... 7 59.5

3 VISUALITY(SG Tarry) P Strydom..... 12 56.5

4 MY FRIEND LEE(M Houdalakis) K Zechner..... 1 56.0

5 ARISSA(AG Laird) R Simons..... 11 55.0

6 COVERED IN SNOW(DN Stenger) M Yeni..... 2 54.5

7 MYFUNNYVALENTINE(SG Tarry) L Hewitson..... 5 54.5

8 DAME ELEANOR(MF de Kock) R Fourie..... 9 54.0

9 LADY STARLETT(FC de Beer) L Bester..... 3 54.0

10 WINTER’S FORGE(S Ferreira) C Maujean..... 13 53.0

11 FREDERICO’S DREAM(MG & AA Azzie) C Murray..... 4 52.5

12 MRS O(MG & AA Azzie) C Zackey..... 10 52.0

13 BEST KEPT SECRET(MF de Kock) R Munger..... 8 52.0

This pacy daughter of Western Winter won on debut but has failed to deliver a knockout blow again. She may be worth





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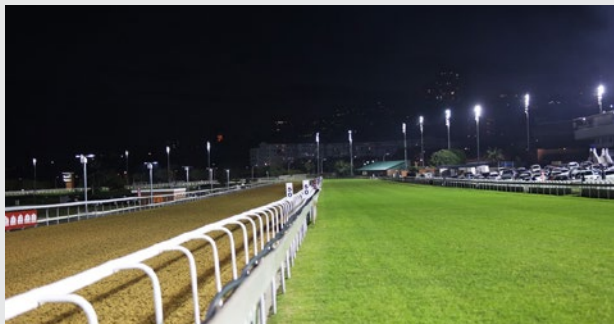
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## KZN Start – Crisis?

The disarray at the KZN start continues unabated and has been accompanied by a public silence on the part of the National Horseracing Authority and Gold Circle, who host the racemeetings at Greyville and Scottsville.



The latest incident was a questionable false start at Greyville on Wednesday in the fourth race.

Both the offending horse Le Harve and the fancied The King Of Random, galloped freely after the false start was signalled, and were withdrawn.

The official stipes report confirms:

*A false start was called as a result of LE HARVE (T Godden), who was restless in the stalls, being restrained by the Handler as the start was effected. All horses were pulled up - with the exception of LE HARVE (T Godden) and THE KING OF RANDOM (S Veale) who bolted to the finish. LE HARVE (T Godden) and THE KING OF RANDOM (S Veale) were scratched.*

*In view of the Starter's Report concerning LE HARVE (T Godden) this gelding has been suspended in terms of Rule 61.6.10 for a period of 30 days and thereafter until such time as it is recertified tractable with a companion on a race day. Suspension dates : 28th March 2018 to 26th April 2018. LE HARVE may not be presented for repassing during this period. Trainer J Nel advised (PH).*

*THE KING OF RANDOM : Galloped to the finish as result of false start. Scratched by the Veterinary Surgeon at 14:59:39 (NHA). 9/2 in the betting at the time of withdrawal. Rule 53.5 does not apply.*

*LE HARVE : Galloped to the finish as a result of a false start. Scratched by the Veterinary Surgeon at 14:59:39 (NHA). 12/1 in the betting at the time of withdrawal. Rule 53.5 does not apply.*

A KZN trainer told the *Sporting Post* that it had been six months since the NHA had promised to implement personnel changes at the start. He said that the situation had reached 'crisis proportions'.

## Rabada Bats For Crawford In July

**Brett Crawford's SA Champions Season string have arrived at Sunmerveld and look to have travelled well.**

Captain America, winner of last season's Grade 1 Rising Sun Gold Challenge and second in the Grade 1 Champions Cup, would likely go the same route as last year and thus avoid the Vodacom Durban July.

Sail South, who scored his sole career Grade 1 when winning the Champions Cup last year, will go the same route as Captain America again. However, he will not be receiving 2kg from the latter this year in the Champions Cup as he will now have to carry a 2kg Grade 1 penalty.



Brett Crawford

An interesting inclusion in the string is Rabada, a twice Grade 1 winner, who has not raced since November 2016, when finishing second last in the Peermont Emperor's Palace Charity Mile. He has been out with an injury and Crawford said, "He is on the road back, but has not had any major gallops yet, so it is a long road back. But he is doing fine." Crawford said he would likely nominate Rabada for the July.

His two best three-year-olds, Undercover Agent and White River, are with the string. The former is coming off a fine win in the US\$500,000 CTS Mile on Sun Met day. This Captain Al colt will be aimed at the Grade 2 Daisy Guineas on Champions Season opening night on May 4. Crawford has his doubts about him staying the 2000m of the Grade 1 Daily News 2000. However, the latter race will be the target of Trippi colt White River, who stayed on in eye-catching style for a half-a-length second in the Grade 1 Cape Guineas.

Crawford has gone close in the Grade 1 Tsogo Sun Sprint in two of the last three seasons, finishing second with Gulf Storm in 2015 and second with Search Party last year. The latter, a five-year-old Captain Al gelding, appears to love Scottsville, not surprisingly as he has good early pace and a telling kick. He will be a strong contender for Crawford again this year. However, if the recent six point across the board merit rating raise is taken into account, he is off a merit rating which is four points higher than the one he ran off in last year's Tsogo Sun, so he is going to have his work cut out.

Crawford will also be targeting Sunset Eyes at the Tsogo Sun. This four-year-old Western Winter gelding has won his last four races in KZN, including his last three over the 1200m Tsogo Sun Sprint distance. Two of those last three wins were at Scottsville, so he will have a shout if he manages to get in with a low weight. His current merit rating of 98 includes the obligatory six point raise, so he will likely need to perform well again before the big date on May 26 to ensure a berth.

Crawford could also have a big two-year-old runner at the Festival Of Speed meeting on May 26 in the form of the Australian-bred two-year-old Snitzel colt Traces, who romped to an impressive victory on Sun Met day in the Listed Tattersalls Summer Juvenile Stakes over 1000m.

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## PERSONALITY

# Breaking New Ground

## Beth Shaw

Beth Shaw and her Equine Training (BSET) Academy offer one of the most respected equine practice courses in South Africa. They have been achieving ground-breaking results with their Transeva device and recently got just a little extra sparkle with government accreditation as well as academic support from some pretty special people.

### Where it all started

What we know today as the Equine Transeva Technique (ETTM) was originally started by Winks Greene, the daughter of well-known local trainer, breeder and owner, Denis Labistour. Based on a 'Strongbox' device developed by Charles Strong in the UK, the Transeva works along Faradic lines, applying a low electrical impulse to stimulate damaged muscle tissue and improve blood and lymph circulation.

Winks brought the first Transeva to South Africa in 1953, using it with great success in racehorses. When Charles Strong was no longer able to work, the baton passed to Winks and she continued developing and refining the techniques, modifying the Transeva device to make it more portable and improving the pulse to make it more user-friendly. She eventually opened a training centre to pass the work to a new generation and in 2008, Beth Shaw took over the helm.

In January this year, Beth achieved the huge milestone of receiving their CATHSSETA accreditation for the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and celebrated with a whirlwind visit to the UK.

### Beth Shaw

Beth is a petite blonde with lively blue eyes and a brisk, determined energy to her. "I didn't know whether I was doing the right thing, but securing this makes it easier for students to get visas, student loans etc- and now when people ask whether the course is recognised, I can say yes," she says proudly.

Being accredited by Government makes the course more marketable internationally and also allowed Beth to keep a long-standing promise. "

"When I first started, Winks always spoke about the iliopsoas, but at that time, other than Sara Wyche's book,

The Horse's Muscles In Motion, very little had been written about the psoas group and the iliopsoas in particular. Sara's books were the first good resource I found dealing with this and not only was it a good tool, it gave me confidence about its importance. Then about 2-3 years ago when I had difficult cases, we started corresponding and she's always been there to give me back up and guidance. I said to myself as soon as the accreditation comes through, I'm going to the UK to advertise the BSET Academy and to say thank you to Sara."

But she also had bigger things in mind.

### The Horse Will Tell You

"While I went over with the goal of advertising the course internationally, it was also to discuss and develop scientific research in Transeva Technique. I'm not an academic, but I have been standing in a stable for 15 years and the horses are showing me something and now I have to figure it out scientifically"

The 'something' Beth refers to is what she has come to recognise as a specific condition presenting roughly 10 days after extreme exercise exertion. As Beth and her team learn about the condition, they are also learning how to treat it, which is being aided by the uptake of their work.

"One of my sayings is that observation alone turns possibility into reality. It's fascinating, but the horses are indicating that the Transeva – fantastic as it is- is capable of more than what it's doing."

"We're doing a lot of post race and post gallop treatments and what we're working on a lot now is maintaining and perfecting the equine athlete. We're often there a few hours after the horse has done hard training and we're working with them consistently through the season allowing us to build comprehensive data."

In addition to improving muscle function, Beth has been seeing

increasing evidence that the machine is also capable of improving nerve function. "The horses have been showing me for a long time, but it's only in the last 2 or 3 years that I've been putting things together. I believe, if used correctly, the WG Transeva can help people with neurological diseases."





BETH SHAW

## Breakthrough

"What's interesting is that in all my conversations with centres for equine study, there is very little written on equine nerve pain. While we have heaps of practical results and we have case studies, we don't have scientific data. I have to go back to one study and correlate it with another study – there's nothing on what I'm learning and trying to put together."

But that's something Beth intends to remedy.

## Tour

The accreditation came through on 19 January and Beth scheduled her trip in late February – probably the coldest week of the year in the Northern Hemisphere! "It was the only time I could do it. After that, life starts getting crazy with the start of Champions Season and all the July horses arriving in KZN."

It was a packed visit, starting off with meeting Dr Ben and Victoria Brain (Brain Partners Equine Vets in Cheltenham) specialists in resting and dynamic endoscopic examination of the larynx, Laryngeal Paralysis and Soft Palate Problems. Dr Brain's father, Jeffrey Brain, pioneered the Hobday operation in the late 1950's and interestingly, Ben worked at Nutfield Stud some 24 years ago for John Brandtner!

At Hartpury College she met with Andrew Beacham and Dr. Kathryn Nankervis, their Principal Lecturer on Equine Therapy, but perhaps the most important stop on her list was a meeting with Suzanne Cottrill at the University Of Liverpool.

## Pivotal visit

"Suzanne is intrigued by my research and willing to read my research and help develop it more formally. We have years of practical results and case studies, but no scientific research with peer reviews and this is what I'm trying to create. Once I have that, I will be able to do much more in terms of publishing the work."

After a few more meetings, it was finally off to Oban in Scotland. "Meeting Sara for the first time on 6 March was a real treat. Scotland was beautiful with fantastic scallops and oysters - and yes soul warming whiskey."

There was just time for to catch up with BSET Alumni- ETT Practitioner Abigail Lewis and Dr Arthur Dunkley, before heading home- via Dubai to meet up with BSET Alumni Kelly Cochrane- and an afternoon of racing in the desert.

## Re-Energised

Beth came back re-energised and with a fresh appreciation and appetite for the task at hand. "The Transeva has been in development for around 200 years and we've now got to the stage where it's turned into its own modality and we are teaching 10 students a year. It's my responsibility to make sure the scientific research

gets out there and that we can keep building."

"You're not going to heal a neurological disease," she says frankly, "but you can fight it and help a person maintain their lifestyle. It's a pretty big ask, but you know what – nobody was critical when I put that on the table. It was fantastic. They were little things and it was really just opening up doors, but it was amazing walking out of these places and having people say 'you're onto something there, Beth.' That's quite a powerful thing."

"The other thing I came away with that I'm really proud of is that there are ETT practitioners around the world running successful practices. You can go to England, Dubai, Mauritius and Singapore and find BSET Alumni. It's slowly growing."

## What's next?

As Champions Season gets under way, Beth is looking forward to her busiest time of the year. "It's wonderful being exposed to top athletes and top trainers. You can treat horses in a very organised manner after work and in the build up to races. It's all about keeping your eyes open, learning what the horse is teaching us and improving everything all the time."

"When a horse is training, that's when they're creating muscle. And if you can work with that athlete after he's trained, realign everything and get him comfortable, he's better able to rest, eat and grow muscle. We're very lucky to work in a situation where we're always with top athletes and well-bred horses, but no matter what their genetic potential, a lot can happen to a horse between conception and getting it to the track. ETT is there to help it reach its potential."

"With the results we've been seeing in the last two years, I think we've been able to prove to trainers that if you maintain balanced muscle, you have happier, healthier joints and better flight patterns. I'm very lucky to work with some great trainers who do see the benefit of post training and post gallop treatments, which allows you to refresh the muscle. After training, there's going to be waste and inflammation- we can go in and perfect that muscle, the action and clean out the lymph."

## Learning

She will also be furthering her research and plans to return to the UK in September. "We're doing some research now on behavioural disorders and nerve pain and whatever information we gather, we'll be doing with the aim of getting it published. We're quantifying things and putting numbers to them to create scientific research."

"While I was sitting on that train that was likely to get stuck on the way to Liverpool in what felt like -10 degrees, it was all because I believe in this work. It's fascinating what the horses have been teaching me and how far we've come with it. I'm excited to see where we can go next."

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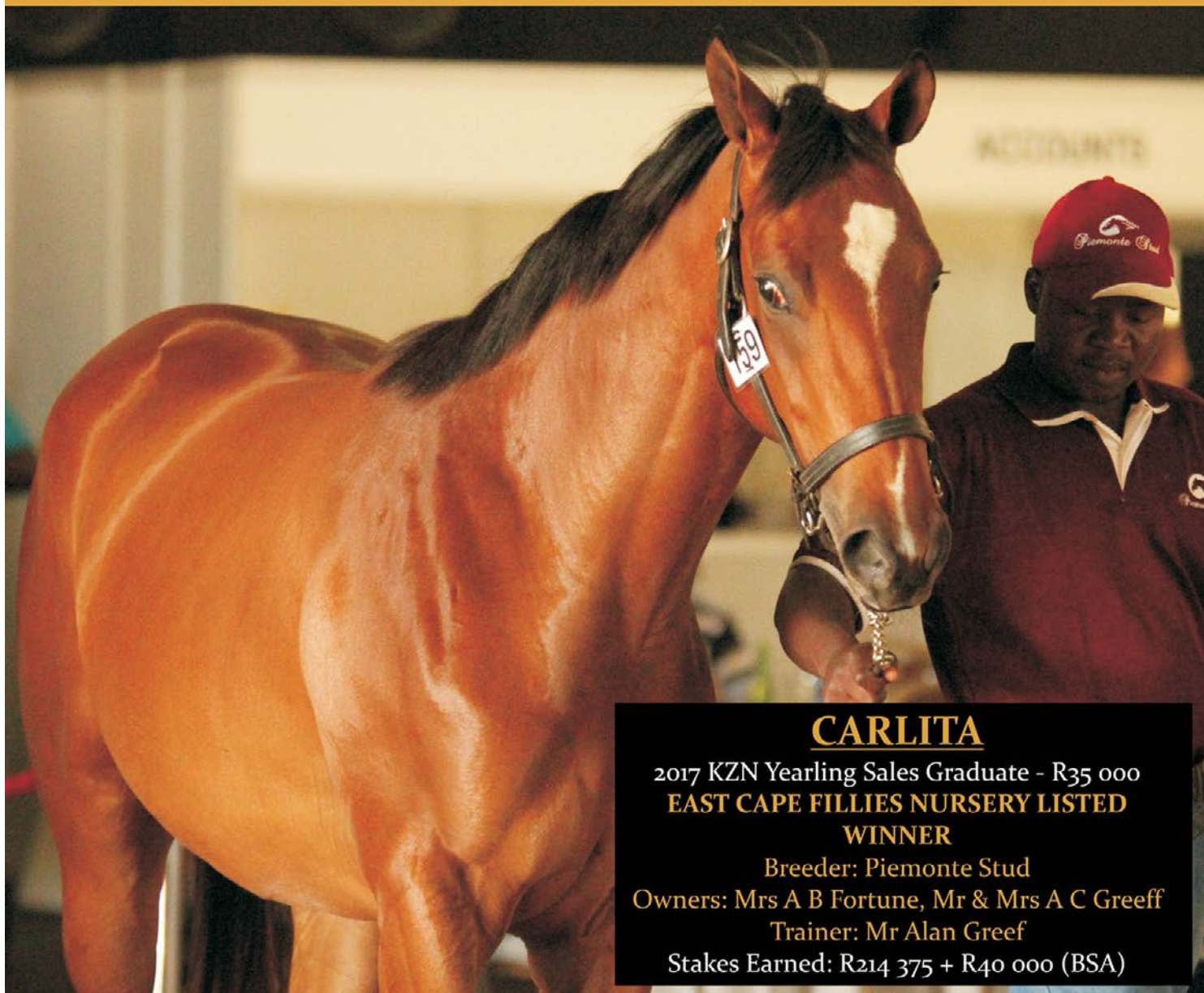
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# All About Biting

## MEETING BOMBER NEL

**They say there are courses for horses and bits seem to work the same way. Someone who knows more about this than most is Pete ‘Bomber’ Nel, who has been in the business of making bits for over 30 years. He recently hit racing headlines by assisting the Mike and Adam Azzie yard with Hat Puntano and also settled a particularly sensitive filly for Duncan McKenzie.**

Duncan’s filly is called Strawberry Girl. “She’s got lots of ability, but she’s an absolute terror – she just lifts her head and runs blind. We tried everything – even a nathe – and she didn’t want to know. If you started putting nosebands on, she’d just fight,” he explains.

Having worked with Bomber bits during his time with Dean Maroun as well as while working with Wendy Whitehead in Summerveld, Duncan saw Bomber’s interview with James Goodman on Winning Ways. “I listened to what he was saying about a horse’s bars and tongue and the bit he’d designed for Hat Puntano and thought ‘I need one like that!’

With the filly accepted to run over 1200m on 28 February, there wasn’t much time. “I knew if we couldn’t get her to settle, she wouldn’t make it, so I rang Bomber. I had to measure the teeth, the jaw and all these things and send the information through. They did an assessment and recommended a bit (coincidentally, a DC Morgan, the same one as Hat Puntano), sent it off by courier and it arrived at 11am the next day. They were very efficient and Bomber kept ringing to check whether I’d received it.”

The bit arrived at 11am on Thursday morning, so I only got to work her in it on Thursday afternoon. We gave her a little time to get used to it and then took her for a canter and Teaque (Gould) couldn’t believe she was such a different horse.” Strawberry Girl went to post the following day as scheduled and to quote Duncan, ‘shat in’ by 2.75 lengths.

When I heard that Bomber was coming to Cape Town for a bit fitting weekend, I made sure I tagged along.

### Meeting Bomber

Friday’s session was a chance to meet Bomber and his wife Trish, to listen to Bomber’s philosophies on biting, his findings from his years of experience and, of course, to see his work first hand.

Bomber is immediately warm and likeable. With something of the air of an eccentric professor about him, his enthusiasm for his craft is matched only by his kindness and patience in explaining it to others and it was a thoroughly enlightening evening.

Bomber’s philosophy is a fairly simple one and is based on the premise that Pressure = Resistance and Resistance = Lack Of Control. Horses are flight animals and naturally resist confrontation, so their instinctive response to a threat is to run away or try and avoid it if possible. This is expressed by resistance or avoidance of some form (opening the mouth, coming above or behind the bit, sucking back the tongue, etc) which in turn results in a lack of control. Where most people attempt to solve the problem by adding nosebands or trying more severe bits, Bomber’s approach is to relieve the pressure, resulting in a more comfortable and cooperative horse.

### Where to start

Bomber recommends always assessing a new horse from scratch. In the same way that one would check the teeth, back and saddle fit, he recommends taking a good look at the horse’s mouth before accepting that the current bit really is the best fit.

It was interesting to hear Bomber say that in his 30 years in the business, he has seen horses’ jaws – and their lower jaws in particular, become markedly narrower, meaning that more often than not, we are using bits that are too big.

He has also noticed mouths getting smaller and the length of what he refers to as the ‘smile’ becoming shorter, while lips and tongues are becoming more fleshy.

“Remember that the mouth is the most sensitive part of a horse. Having an ill-fitting or uncomfortable bit is like having a stone in your shoe. But in their case, they can’t



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## ALL ABOUT BITTING

remove it.” If a horse feels discomfort, it may try to suck back its tongue or open its mouth to try and avoid the pressure. The traditional solutions are either to strap the tongue down with a tongue tie or close the mouth with a noseband, which may end up compounding the problem.

Because of a complex relationship of muscle attachments, a horse can only stride as far as its nose can reach, making it vital that they are using their heads and necks freely.

Mike de Kock once said to me ‘At my level there is 2% difference between walking to the winner’s enclosure or walking back to the stable. If I can get 0.5% from feed, another 0.5% from training, 0.5% from the vet, dentist and physio then if you give me your 0.5%, I’ve got 2%.’

Bomber hypothesises that sucking back of the tongue may even have an impact on bleeding. But either way, it is certain that discomfort affects performance. In a sport where millimetres can separate a winner from an also ran, getting it right is well worth the effort and Bomber insists that getting the right bit can make a dramatic difference. “When you remove the pressure, the change is immediate,” he enthuses. “And when you see that, you get goosebumps!”

### How it works

A bit can act in four main places – on the tongue, on the bars of the jaw, the roof of the mouth (depending on the mouthpiece) and some also exert poll pressure. One also needs to take into consideration the correct size of the horse’s mouth, the spacing of the teeth (particularly the canines in entires and geldings), the fleshiness of the lips, the size of the tongue, the shape of the palate and the shape of the horses’ bars.

### Fitting

Most opt for a thick bit on the assumption that it is the kindest option, but when one considers that it has to compete for real estate with the teeth, tongue and cheeks- which are now all compressed into a smaller area – things start to look a little different.

“Every horse is different, so first you have to identify where the horse doesn’t want pressure. Then you have to remove the pressure or alternatively, distribute it over a larger surface area.”

It has been Bomber’s life’s work to find ways to remove or redistribute pressure. Bomber’s ‘Happy Tongue’, is a ported mulen mouth snaffle with an ergonomically shaped port to relieve tongue pressure. For shorter-mouthed horses, it is a traditional horizontal design, whereas for horses with slightly longer mouths (or in order to accommodate canine teeth), there is an angled option, but whether it is a snaffle for a dressage horse, a Pelham

for an Icelandic pony or anything inbetween, the aim is always comfort first and to redistribute as much pressure as possible.

As the bars differ widely from horse to horse- and some horses may even have mismatched bars- Bomber has started taking moulds of horses’ mouths, enabling him to get a better understanding of the shape of the bars, further helping to refine the process.

With horses’ mouths getting smaller, ascertaining the correct size and thickness is important. The general trend is to use something that is too wide, resulting in it sliding around inside the horse’s mouth as well as applying pressure unevenly. Bomber is also a proponent of using a bit strap to help stabilise each bit.

He uses a variety of materials, including his trademark blue tinted sweet iron to his newly launched feather-light Titanium range and each Bomber original is stamped with the size of the bit as well as the brand name on the left hand side of the bit.

There is a wide range of mouth pieces, cheek pieces, thicknesses as well as solid, single or double jointed options. Bomber even has cable bits and, as no two mouths are alike, prefers to modify and custom design bits for each specific horse. With every bit hand made at Bomber’s KZN factory, he can finesse each aspect to ensure something that fits perfectly. Best of all, being locally made, they are all Proudly South African.

Bomber takes care to ensure his designs are approved by the NHA and he also has as many as possible approved for competition by the FEI.

### Consultations

During the biting consultations, each horse was assessed under saddle in its current bit. Then Bomber took the bit out, examined the horse’s mouth from scratch and more often than not, recommended a different bit to try. Being able to watch from the sidelines was fascinating. In every case but one, there was a markedly different reaction from each horse to the different bits and Bomber’s relentless attention to detail and to finessing and fine tuning just the right solution for each horse was phenomenal.

Bomber, who incidentally turns 70 later this year, spent the entire day on his feet, as did Trish who patiently took notes and comments for the files. His energy was formidable and his enthusiasm infectious.

I rushed home to poke around inside my own horses’ mouths and my discoveries left plenty of food for thought as well as room for improvement, but as per the old saying, once you know better, you do better. I’ve filled out a couple of assessment sheets and am looking forward to seeing what Bomber and the team come up with. Here’s hoping for goosebumps!



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# Bling's Senior Santa Comeback

Jockey S'manga Khumalo has been riding work for the past two weeks and the former champion jockey is planning a triumphant return to competitive race riding on Saturday.

He took a nasty fall in 2011 and broke his tibia so a pin had to be inserted in his knee. He was scheduled to have it removed a year later, but rode with it for a few more years while chasing the jockeys' championship title.

As a result, the knee began to cause him severe back pain – forcing Khumalo to seek professional help in December 2017. He finally had the pin removed and is now in perfect shape.

"I can safely say I am no longer in pain. Not at all," he said confidently. "I've been riding work for about two weeks now and I feel perfectly fine, no issues. I'm fit and have had a great dietitian so I feel more than ready now," he continued.

Khumalo also gives a lot of props to his doctors and therapists, confirming he couldn't have done it without them. He was also quick to show appreciation for his boss, trainer Sean Tarry.

"Mr Tarry has been a massive support system. He has been helpful. He advises and encourages me on a regular basis," he said.

The jockey assures that he is both physically and mentally stronger than ever before, stating "I feel better than I've felt in a very long time to be honest. I can't wait to return to competitive riding again."

"The plan is for me to come back on 7 April, but I will take it nice and slow. Mr Tarry is very supportive, but I will ride horses I'm comfortable with. I'm ready though – I feel ready now," he continued.

- Tabnews



S'manga Khumalo

gress. When we are happy we will do a launch. It happened today for no other reason that our techies were ready."

With Cape trainers recently voting not to implement the system, we canvassed a cross section of trainers and jockeys across the country to get their thoughts. The general consensus was that while everyone was in favour of supporting any initiative that would improve racing and, in particular, the betting product for the punter, the feeling was that the current system was far from ideal.

Gauteng trainers' representative Mike de Kock noted that Joburg trainers had not voted on the issue as yet, but said he had recently seen new devices half the size of the previous versions and noted that it looked as though the technology was improving.

He did have some pertinent questions as follows: "Why are we reinventing the wheel? There are great tried and tested systems out there including TRAKUS (which has been pitched to SA and turned down). How much did KZN spend trying their own thing and come up with ZERO .. now Cape Town and Gauteng are trying their own thing at what cost? If we went with a proven tested international successful system we would have been up and running years ago at less cost. TRAKUS is good enough for Hong Kong and Dubai, but not South Africa? Come on!"

After Cape trainers recently voted against implementing the Equimotion system, Cape trainers' representative Vaughan Marshall explained, "Cape trainers voted against it, but not because we're against implementing sectional timing. We are all for anything that will help people and particularly the punter, but we've got to have the proper equipment. It's got to be small and it's got to be effective and we do not feel that the current transponder is the right one. It's nothing personal, we just feel it's not the right equipment. If you watch top sportsmen, they carry small transponders between their shoulder blades. If we can get something like that on the horses that can do the job, then that would be a different story. We are all in favour of doing things for the betterment of the game, but if we accept something sub-standard and wait six months to say we're not happy, the reaction will be 'but you've been using it for six months!' If you're going to do it, do it properly."

Jockeys were equally in favour of sectional timing, citing benefits such as learning to read pace and timing better in the way jockeys do in America and Australia where they all have 'clocks in their heads'.

They felt it would also benefit them in terms of explaining what happened in a race to owners and trainers, as they would have the empirical data to back them up. However, they shared trainers' reservations with regard to the size and design of the transponders, as well as the placement.

The devices were originally placed in the middle of the saddle cloth, directly behind the saddle and above the horse's spine.

The major concern was that the transponder was situated too closely behind the saddle and that jockeys frequently sat on it, causing discomfort both for themselves and for the horse. [Read more](#)

## Just An Illusion?

**Sectional timing for South African racing has been banded about for several years now.**

After an incident at Fairview on 15 January where a number of timing devices became dislodged from runners' saddle cloths mid-race, the Sporting Post was contacted by David Gregory, International Business Director of Equimotion Technologies, who are implementing sectional timing in 'Phumelela country'.

Mr Gregory informed us that he 'hoped' to have the technology up and running at all six racetracks in February.

On 14 March Mr Gregory informed us via email that 'sectional time has gone live today'. His mail referred us to [www.tellytrack.com](http://www.tellytrack.com) – 'archive – click on SPEEDFORM'. 'Good colourful simple data,' added the short communication. That happened to be a Greyville raceday - which puzzled us as it is not a Phumelela track.

A request to Phumelela Executive Rob Scott, who is in charge of Sectional Timing, as to why no press release was forthcoming, elicited the following response:

"We have been receiving data for some time from the sectional timing supplier. We have now developed a matrix for people to work with and test. We still have days where data transfer is an issue, so we have had a soft launch to see how the processes work and make adjustments as we want. Sometimes the data comes through incorrectly. This is a work in pro-

## And Another Big Sigh

**A 6yo with no history of start antics was declared a runner and under starter's orders at Greyville on Sunday in another show of lack of discretion on the part of the starter and stipes.**

A race review was called into the start of the second race regarding the Garth Puller-trained Big Si (W Kennedy).

According to the official stipes report, the Board noted that Big Si hesitated, threw his head up and lost significant ground to the field.

The Stipendiary Board after reviewing the patrol video was of the view that this was the action of Big Si (W Kennedy) and declared him to be a runner.

In view of the Starter's Report concerning Big Si this gelding has been suspended in terms of Rule 61.6.10 for a period of 7 days and until such time as it is recertified tractable with a companion. Suspension dates : 25th March 2018 to 31st March 2018. Big Si may not be presented for repassing during this period. Trainer G B Puller advised (SH).

Visual observation, and following investigations by the Sporting Post, it is clear that there is a great likelihood that the vigorous arm movement and removal of the hood from horses by the stalls handlers on either side of Big Si, could well have spooked him.

On that basis, and given the horse's history, surely a discretionary call could have been made in favour of his backers and the softer option of a non-runner call?

To add insult to injury, Big Si is also effectively suspended for an event that may well not have been his doing.

Garth Puller, who had three runners in the race, enjoyed some consolation, when Dubai-bound Anthony Delpech rode a terrific race to get Big Si's stablemate and favourite Rio De La Plata home.

Despite recent calls by senior jockeys and trainers, the National Horseracing Authority have done nothing to address the issues. But we will look forward to their monthly newsletter filled with innocuous waffle.

## Racing Red-Faced

**The British Horseracing Authority said on Wednesday evening that it will take action to "minimise the risk" of mistakes by photo-finish judges after it emerged that an odds-on favourite had been incorrectly called as the runner-up in a race at Kempton Park five days ago.**

Odds-on favourite Oregon Gift and 8-1 chance Bird For Life were in a photo-finish at in the 8.45 at Kempton Park on Friday, with Bird For Life incorrectly called the winner

The error is the latest mistake by a racecourse official to embarrass the regulators, following two cases in the last year in which a pair of runners from the same stable ended up running in the wrong races on the card.

The result of the 8.45 race at Kempton last Friday was initially called in favour of Bird For Life, an 8-1 chance, who appeared to have collared Oregon Gift, the 10-11 favourite, in the final stride to win by a nose. Following a further review of the photo-finish image, the BHA said on Wednesday that Oregon Gift had held on to first place and that the result has now been changed. In accordance with normal betting practice, however, the original result at the "weighed in" announcement will stand for betting purposes and bets on Oregon Gift are still losers.

"Clearly, the whole team is disappointed to have to correct any race result after the day," Brant Dunshea, the BHA's director of integrity and raceday operations, said. "While it is appropriate that our processes allow us to put this right financially by the owner of the winning horse, we are aware that the betting public are significantly affected by issues such as this owing to the fact that the rules of betting mean that the result called on the day stands for betting purposes. We apologise to everyone affected." [Read more here](#)

## KZN Ups Broadcast Quality

**The popular Winning Ways Show hosted by Paul Lafferty and James Goodman, was broadcast from its brand new studios at Greyville this week.**

A real make-up artist was also present for the first time! The show, which had its origins a decade ago when broadcast from Clairwood, has proven a favourite amongst viewers as a result of it being closest to a straightshooting broadcast that we are ever likely to experience on South African racing television.

Later in the show, Graeme Hawkins explained how Gold Circle Television will be broadcasting live into their tote outlets throughout their local racemeetings.

"We have plenty of catching up to do. We need to make the racing broadcast more exciting and interesting. We are not going head to head with Tellytrack. But they are essentially a betting channel. We see in our branches that our punters spend more when we have our own local racing. It is still their principle passion!" [Watch the show](#)

## Smullen Shock

Former champion Irish jockey Pat Smullen is 'fully focused' on making a complete recovery after diagnosed with a tumour recently.

The nine-time champion Irish Flat jockey said in a statement that he will not be riding "for the foreseeable future" as he receives medical treatment. Smullen, 40, said: "Most people will have been aware that I have been in hospital in recent days undergoing tests.

"I was showing some of the symptoms associated with a gallstone problem but it was discovered that the problem was more serious.

"A tumour was discovered and consequently I won't be riding for the foreseeable future. It's a new challenge for me and it's one I am fully focused on overcoming. I've got tremendous support from family and friends, both within racing and outside of racing, and I'm very positive about making a full recovery."

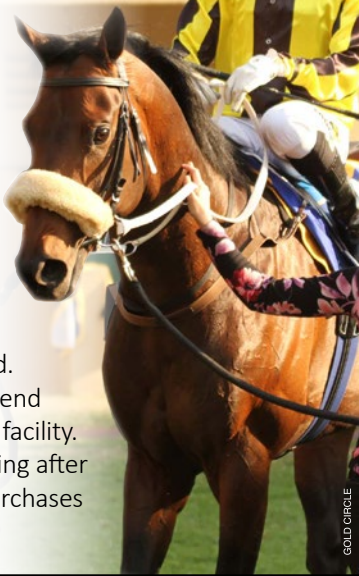
Smullen is stable jockey to the powerful Dermot Weld yard and the partnership teamed up to win the Investec Derby and Irish Derby with Harzand in 2016.



## Short Heads

# Island Styling

Trainer Dean Kannemeyer made a fleeting visit to Post Lafayette in the North East of Mauritius last week to visit his Sun Met runner-up and new globetrotter, Last Winter. Kannemeyer reported that he was impressed with the facilities and his charge. "He looks well. He has a nice light work-rider looking after him. He is enjoying South African food. It's hot, but the boxes are well ventilated," he said. Khaya Stables' Last Winter will spend 70 days in the pre-Europe export facility. Cape-based Margot Steyn is looking after the Hong Kong Jockey Club SA purchases at the same facility.



## Mauritius Launch

The Gr2 Duchess Of York Cup highlights the start of the 2018 Mauritius racing season on Saturday. Some familiar ex-local gallopers who showed up well in preparatory work this week include Gavin van Zyl's big earner Budapest, Joey Ramsden's Table Bay and the former Justin Snaith charge Captain Swarovski.

## Sock You Too

Racegoers who like to flaunt their bare ankles at the races will have to cover up at Royal Ascot this summer, with a banning of the 'no-sock' look. The move will no doubt anger sports stars, models, wannabe models, reality stars, C, D and E-grade celebrities, and of course those who suffer from FOWS syndrome - or fear of wearing socks. The Royal Ascot carnival is renowned for its formal dress code and this year the powers that be have declared, 'socks on, or jog on'.

## Solvent!

The 2016 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup winner Balance Sheet, who retired in 2017, has made an instant impact in his second career, coming second in his debut dressage event on Saturday. Kim Bray rode the smart gelding, who was turned out by 'Bally's new Mom, Amanda Carey. A runner-up to Wild One in the 2015 Gold Cup, the son of Silvano was trained in his track days by Dean Kannemeyer for Marsh Shirtliff and Bryn Ressel.

## Viva l'Italia

Friday was a red-letter day for KZN-based Piemonte Stud, who produced three winners at Fairview, including feature star Carlita (Oratorio), Alfeo (Crusade) and Romano (Irish Flame). The stud is named after the province of Piemonte in Italy where the Scribante's family home remains. The father and son duo of Lee and Dino Scribante share a common love of speed and competition in a variety of sports and disciplines – besides horses, they race cars and pigeons, and show Koi at the highest level.

## BUYING MONEY

While Winx made history on Saturday – read more on page 21 – it was not a very relaxing race to watch for a certain guy! A punter who was sweating through Winx's George Ryder success was the man who staked A\$114 000 (more than R1 million) to make a profit of A\$11 400 (just over R100 000). It was the biggest bet Australian TAB have taken on Winx through her brilliant career.



## Another Master

Jet Master stallion Master Of My Fate has 16 yearlings on the April Yearling Sale and 25 lots on the 2018 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale. Varsfontein Stud's young producer registered his fifth first crop winner on Sunday when Goliath Heron romped home by four lengths at Greyville. The winner was trained by Dennis Drier, who also trained the stallion. Bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein, Goliath Heron was a R150 000 buy from the 2017 National Yearling Sale and is out of the Silvano mare Water Bird – a full-sister to Bauhinia Handicap winner Animated. Master Of My Fate is currently our Leading First Crop Sire by both earnings and winners.

## Steeplechasers Sought

Zhang Haitao has contacted us from China and says that in terms of the development of their sports academy, they need to purchase more than 20 'excellent horses' for steeplechasing. Please email him at ynknhaitao@vip.sina.com. The Sporting Post does not offer any underwriting or verification of this offer, which is published as received and in good faith.

## INTERNATIONAL

## World Cup On Turffontein Card

**It is all systems go for Saturday's richly endowed Dubai World Cup meeting.**

With the lead event of the night carded as the eleventh race on the Turffontein programme, and thus included in the second Bipot and Jackpot, there will be plenty of interest for local fans – spiced up by two Mike de Kock runners on the evening.

Trainer Bob Baffert was not concerned after his \$10 million Gr1 Dubai World Cup favourite West Coast drew stall nine for the 2000m feature at Meydan on Saturday.

The four-year-old will have only Thunder Snow on his outside in the 10-runner race as he tries to step up on his second place behind the now-retired Gun Runner in the Pegasus World Cup on his latest start.

Baffert also fields Mubtaahij, who finished fourth the race for Mike de Kock last year, and he is pleased that horse is drawn away from his stablemate in stall five. The trainer said: "I'm fine with both. Everybody wants the (stall) one, but I do not. I don't like the one-hole and have never liked the one.

"I've heard you have to be on the rail here as it's a speed-biased rail, but I think in a race of this magnitude, when you get all of these good horses together, all that changes. We have a fast horse. From the outside, if they break a little slow you're not going to get in trouble. From the inside if you break slow, you're going to be in trouble. I just didn't want them to draw next to each other. If they'd bump into each other or something else had happened, I'd hate be together."

The Saeed bin Suroor-trained Thunder Snow is one of two runners for Godolphin, with Andre Fabre's Breeders' Cup Turf hero Talismanic having a first try on a dirt track from stall seven.

Satish Seemar's North America is prominent in the betting for the Gr1 heat and the trainer was delighted to be handed stall two for his recent Meydan winner. He said: "That's exactly what we wanted – one, two or three. I'm very positive. We've got everything right in his preparation so far, and now we have the perfect draw."

Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Forever Unbridled will break from stall six, with Japanese challenger Awardee drawn lowest of all in one.

"She's dedicated to winning all the time: every race, every work, every gallop," trainer Dallas Stewart said of Forever Unbridled. "We're very happy to be invited to Dubai, and hopefully, we can meet the challenge. After last year and her season, we're confident in her and excited for the Dubai World Cup. She's won eight races over eight different racetracks. She loves it wherever she goes and she gives it her all."

[The full fields are here](#)

Mike de Kock has only two horses participating in Saturday's Dubai World Cup meeting at Meydan Racecourse and he feels both are capable of at least placing in their respective races.

Janoobi, winner of the GR2 Gauteng Guineas last year, is carded to race in the \$5-million Dubai Turf (Group 1) over 1800m while SA Derby winner and Vodacom Durban July runner-up Al Sahem will run in the Grade 2 Dubai Gold Cup over 3200m.

De Kock had a chat to Andrew Bon about his expectations for Saturday's world's richest raceday with prize money of \$30 million.

[Watch the interview here](#)

## Aiming For National Colours

**While the Dubai World Cup and Classic Day are two pressing short-term commitments for Mike de Kock, the multiple champion will also be eyeing an elite offering of 534 top-level yearlings catalogued for the 2018 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale at Riverside Stables from 9 to 11 April.**

It's a busy few weeks ahead and there will be one lot on the first Inglis Easter Yearling Sale to be held at the new state of the art Riverside Stables, that Mike will have pencilled in at the top of his shopping list.

De Kock has a terrific track record with his Australian purchases and after his recent buying activity at the Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale, he will no doubt have his heart set on Lot 259 at the Easter Sale.

He is a handsome Redoute's Choice colt out of former SA Horse Of The Year National Colour, being offered by Arrowfield Stud.

National Colour won 8 races from 1000m to 1200m in SA, UAE & UK.

### Affinity

De Kock has a strong affinity with this family – he has trained this yearling's two Gr1 winning brothers, who were purchased at this sale.

They are exciting new Highlands stallion Rafeef and breathtaking 3yo Mustaaqem, both Gr1 winners racing in the famous Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum blue and white.

Labelled the 'Thunder From Down Under', Rafeef was purchased by Shadwell Australia for A\$800 000 at the 2014 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. He won 6 races from 1000m to 1400m at 3 to 4, and achieved a highest official rating of 116. His victories included the Gr1 Computaform Sprint over 1000m and the Gr2 Hawaii Stakes run over 1400m.

Rafeef was crowned Champion Sprinter and Champion Older Horse at the 2017 Highveld Feature Awards.

The younger Mustaaqem, an A\$1,7 million buy, has won two of his three starts, including a rout in the 2017 Gr1 SA Nursery. He was beaten on his return to racing last month after a nine month rest, and when in obvious need of the outing.

It includes 38 siblings to Gr1 winners such as Catchy, Starspangledbanner, Mighty Boss, Shoals, Buffering, Mossfun, Lankan Rupee, Flying Artie, Press Statement, Sebring, English, Shooting To Win, The Quarterback and Lucia Valentina.

There are also progeny of 31 Gr1-winning mares including Peggy Jean, Secret Admirer, Amanpour, Go Indy Go, Plucky Belle, Norzita, Sacred Choice, Snitzerland, Bonaria and Steps In Time.

Super stallion Snitzel is the leading sire with 64 progeny, while I Am Invincible (41), Fastnet Rock (39), Sebring (34), Redoute's Choice (23), Pierro (21), Dissident (20), Not A Single Doubt (19), Exceed And Excel (17) and Deep Field (16) round out the top 10.

### International

There is, as always, a strong international flavour to the catalogue, this year headlined by three outstanding Deep Impact fillies, three Tapits and two Frankels.

Arrowfield Stud is leading vendor with 51 entries ahead of Coolmore Stud (39), Widden Stud (30) and Kitchwin Hills and Segenhoe Stud (24).

Arrowfield also offer the first yearling in the world to be sold at public auction by the dual Gr1-winning Japanese stallion Epiphaneia.

The sale will begin with an afternoon session on Monday April 9, with approximately 120 Lots to be offered from 2pm on Day 1. The next two days begin at 11h00.



## BREEDING

# A Legendary & Lasting Influence

**The world lost an outstanding broodmare with the death of Hasili last week. The daughter of dual Derby winner, Kahyasi, was 27 years old at the time of her death.**

She had been pensioned since 2012. Hasili, whose four wins included the Listed Prix des Sablonnets, is one of just a handful of mares to produce five Gr1 winners.

Four of her five Gr1 winners were sired by fellow Juddmonte product, Danehill, (Cacique, Champs Elysees, Banks Hill and Intercontinental). Danehill also sired Hasili's outstanding sire son Dansili. Hasili's only GR1 winner sired by a sire other than Danehill was Gr1 Beverly D Stakes/ Gr1 Matriarch Stakes winner, Heat Haze- whose sire, Green Desert, like Danehill, was a son of Danzig.

She is also just one of a handful of mares to have been represented by more than one Breeders' Cup winner, with daughters Banks Hill and Intercontinental winning the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in 2001 and 2005 respectively.

Hasili was a little unlucky not to have had a third Breeders' Cup winner, with Dansili just beaten into third in the 2000 Breeders' Cup Mile.

In total, Hasili left behind seven winners, with all seven winning at least one group or graded race. Her short lived Storm Cat daughter, Deluxe, won the Gr3 Cardinal Handicap and was beaten half a length into second in the 2010 Gr1 Prix Saint-Alary.

## Flagbearer

Hasili is also dam of the New Zealand based stallion, Raise The Flag, a son of Sadler's Wells who was unplaced on his only race-course appearance.

Despite his lack of racing record, Raise The Flag's pedigree ensured him a berth at stud, his five stakes winners including Gr3 Newcastle Gold Cup winner, Broadside.

Hasili's legacy lives on through her Breeders' Cup winning daughters as well as her sire sons, most notably Gr2 Prix Du Muguet winner, Dansili.

Champion Sire in France in 2006, Dansili has established himself as one of the very best sire sons of Danehill. He has 20 Gr1 winners to his credit, including Breeders' Cup winners Dank and Queen's Trust, and the Gr1 winners and Gr1 sires, Rail Link, Harbinger, and Zoffany.

Dansili, whose sons have won the historic Grand Prix de Paris on three occasions, is also responsible for 1000 Guineas winner Miss France, outstanding racemare The Fugue, and the remarkably durable 21 time winner Famous Name. He is one of the leading sires today. Dansili has more than 120 stakes winners to his name and notable for not having won at Gr1 level himself.

## To The Wells

Dansili has done particularly well when mated to Sadler's Wells



Dansili

line mares and is now also enjoying increasing success as a broodmare sire, being damsire of the Gr1 winners Chicquita (Irish Oaks), Astaire (Middle Park Stakes), Nezwaah (Pretty Polly Stakes) and Capla Temptress (Natalma Stakes), to name a few. He also left his mark in South Africa through his high-class daughter, Espumanti, who earned more than R1 million in stakes. A brilliant winner of her first three races, Espumanti trained on well to collect a pair of graded triumphs, namely the 2013 Gr2

Ipi Tombe Challenge and the 2014 Gr2 Betting World 1900.

Hasili's South African ties can also be traced back through her daughter, Banks Hill.

The full-sister to Dansili was Europe's Champion 3YO Filly of 2001 and Eclipse Champion Turf Female in the US for the same year. She won five times, with her tour de force coming with a five and a half length romp over short-lived South African champion, Spook Express in the 2001 Gr1 Breeders' Cup F&M Turf.

Banks Hill left her mark at stud through her Gr1 Prix Jean Romanet winning daughter, Romantica (Galileo), who ironically enough finished second in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf 2013 (behind Dansili's daughter, Dank!). Romantica is a half-sister to successful South African sire, Ideal World (Kingmambo), whose four wins included a pair of Listed successes in France. Based at Mauritzfontein since 2010, Ideal World regularly comes up with talented performers, who tend to be best over a trip. His best runner to date is Met winning champion, Smart Call, with Ideal World also responsible for Equus Champion Stayer, Hermoso Mundo. The latter recorded a remarkable treble when victorious in all of the Gold Bowl/Gold Vase/Gold Cup in 2017.

## If Only

Hasili could have had another outstanding sire on her hands in the form of Cacique, had severe fertility issues not troubled the Gr1 Man O'War/Gr1 Manhattan winning son of Danehill. Cacique, who retired to stud in 2007, was pensioned from stud duties after just a few seasons due to his infertility. Cacique's first foals, which numbered just 29, produced four group winners, headed by Gr1 winners Mutual Trust (Prix Jean Prat), Slumber (Manhattan Stakes) and Dominant (Hong Kong Vase). His son Slumber now stands at the storied Calumet Farm.

Remarkably, Dansili and Cacique are not the only sons of Hasili to have sired Gr1 winners. The now Coolmore based National Hunt stallion, Champs Elysees, Canada's Horse Of The Year in 2009, left his mark on the flat racing scene through his Gold Cup winning son, Trip To Paris, and is also sire of recent Gr1 Australian Cup hero, Harlem, as well as group/graded winners Jack Naylor, Suffused, Renown, Xcellence and Billesdon Brook. The latter holds an entry for the 2018 Qipco 1000 Guineas.

While Hasili, who, like the great sire, Giant's Causeway, descended from the mare Itsabet (Heliopolis), may have passed on, it appears safe to say her legacy will continue for years to come.

## BREEDING

## Time – To Fly!

With ten lots coming up on our two April sales, Nadeson Park stallion **Time Thief** registered a timeous first Gr1 winner when his smart daughter **In Her Time** grabbed a deserved victory in the Gr1 **The Galaxy** at Rosehill on Saturday.



Time Thief

As jockey Corey Brown missed Saturday's meeting through suspension, Hong Kong-based Australian Zac Purton picked up the ride. Purton said he was confident throughout the race on **In Her Time**, who was sent out favourite and led strongly from midfield to hit the front in the final 200m.

The Ben Smith-trained **In Her Time** had been knocking on the door with three Gr1 placings in the past year and the mare got her time to shine in her return from a spell in Saturday's 1100m contest.

"I don't know what to feel at the moment. It probably hasn't sunk in yet," Smith said after landing his first Group One win.

"It's something that we've targeted for a long time, winning a Gr1 with this mare and she finally has now."

The A\$2.5 million TJ Smith Stakes (1200m) at Randwick in two weeks is **In Her Time**'s next target.

A ¾ brother to SA Champion Sprinter **Laisserfaire**, **Time Thief** stood his first season at stud in Australia in 2010 and relocated to South Africa in 2015.

Runner up in the Gr1 **Caulfield Guineas**, the son of **Redoute's Choice** is sire of Aus Gr1 millionaire **In Her Time** and multiple stakes winner **Volkoff** and other stakes performers.

A top class racehorse, **Time Thief** won or placed in six of his seven outings. Winner of the Listed **Zeditave Stakes**, **Time Thief**'s top performances included a second in the Gr1 **Caulfield Guineas**, where he was beaten by **Whobegotyou**, and a third in the Gr1 **Australia Stakes**, to champion **Apache Cat**.

An A\$2 million yearling buy, **Time Thief** is a son of triple Australian Champion Sire **Redoute's Choice** and is one of five stakes horses produced by the Gr3 **Tristarc Stakes** winner **Procrastinate**.

**Time Thief**'s first South African crop go through the sales ring this year and anyone wanting to 'buy time' will find 9 on offer at the Cape Thoroughbred Sales April Yearling Sale on 12/13 April and 1 catalogued on the Bloodstock South Africa National Yearling Sales on 24/25/26 April.

## Fly By Night Tops

Mayfair Speculators disposed of 19 horses in training, grossing R2 685 000 at the CRT Horses In Training & Mixed Sale at Kenilworth last Thursday.



Fly By Night in her racing days

The former SA champion owners were the major vendors at the well-attended sale held at the Southern Suburbs racetrack's parade ring.

The cold statistics don't tell the full story as the Jooste ownership vehicle is only a part shareholder in many of the horses sold. They also had interests in some of the broodmares sold – which statistics are published separately.

This included the Gr1 winning Jet Master mare **Fly By Night** who sold for R1,3 million in foal to new Klawervlei sire, **William Longsword**.

She was bought by David Hepburn-Brown's Hemel 'n Aarde Stud who bought 12 lots, including multiple Graded winner **Hammie's Hooker** for R800 000. The daughter of **Trippi** has a **Gimmethegreenlight** colt at foot.

Hepburn Brown topped the Horses In Training charts at R1 million for the unraced juvenile daughter of **Silvano**, **Queen Nitocris**, consigned by Bass Racing. Out of the stakes producing **Kabool** mare **Egyptian Reign**, she was originally bought by Bass Racing for R2,2 million off the 2017 Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

Gauteng trainer **Gokhan Terzi** bought four horses, including the R6 million yearling **Silver Coin**, who went for a discounted R300 000.

Veteran Cape trainer **Bill Prestage**, a man with a keen eye, bought last Saturday's **Dynasty** maiden winner **Super Performer** for R110 000.

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
13,006,925	Summerhill Stud	305	42,646	1575	89	123	29%	3	3	3%	391	25%	3	Big Bear 1,312,500 10%
12,388,575	Klawervlei Stud	323	38,355	1467	100	129	31%	4	5	4%	430	29%	7	Omega Onslaught 303,725 2%
10,542,550	Drakenstein Stud	99	106,490	431	47	62	47%	2	3	4%	136	32%	8	Oh Susanna 3,687,375 35%
10,006,850	Maine Chance	141	70,971	642	53	83	38%	7	7	13%	178	28%	5	Liege 1,203,250 12%
8,621,750	Moutonshoek	117	73,690	534	36	54	31%	2	2	6%	138	26%	1	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 45%
8,573,638	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	176	48,714	769	68	93	39%	4	5	6%	238	31%	6	Zen Arcade 484,375 6%
7,185,600	Highlands	135	53,227	646	60	77	44%	3	5	5%	164	25%	6	Eyes Wide Open 878,000 12%
5,900,313	Varsfontein Stud	97	60,828	462	38	53	39%	2	3	5%	147	32%	12	Surcharge 645,000 11%
5,400,325	Scott Bros	142	38,030	766	45	56	32%	0	0	0%	213	28%	4	Premier Show 292,975 5%

## LEADING SIRES by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
16,231,913	*Captain Al	144	112,722	608	56	76	39%	5	9	9%	214	35%	13	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 24%
12,152,175	Silvano	208	58,424	892	84	119	40%	6	8	7%	270	30%	12	Marinaresco 537,500 4%
9,728,275	Trippi	126	77,209	568	56	80	44%	1	2	2%	209	37%	7	Miss Katalin 1,653,750 17%
9,557,025	Dynasty	127	75,252	521	57	88	45%	10	12	18%	137	26%	8	Liege 1,203,250 13%
8,555,563	Var	203	42,146	888	67	91	33%	2	3	3%	271	31%	5	Star Burst Galaxy 280,825 3%
7,760,151	What A Winter	82	94,636	300	35	39	43%	1	1	3%	85	28%	3	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 49%
6,997,225	Querari	103	67,934	449	43	61	42%	3	4	7%	137	31%	4	Monks Hood 1,030,875 15%
5,804,550	Gimmethgreenlight	136	42,681	614	45	55	33%	1	2	2%	167	27%	8	Surcharge 645,000 11%
5,756,601	*Sail From Seattle	133	43,283	564	54	79	41%	1	2	2%	148	26%	0	Zouaves 251,550 4%

## 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/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
11,401,013	*Captain Al	49	232,674	230	28	39	57%	3	6	11%	85	37%	3	Undercover Agent 3,885,625 34%
7,331,601	What A Winter	63	116,375	270	31	35	49%	1	1	3%	78	29%	3	Dutch Philip 3,823,975 52%
5,176,875	Trippi	40	129,422	186	23	29	58%	0	0	0%	76	41%	4	Miss Katalin 1,653,750 32%
4,483,450	Silvano	82	54,676	322	39	53	48%	0	0	0%	97	30%	3	Silver Thursday 221,250 5%
4,242,275	Querari	46	92,223	202	19	27	41%	2	3	11%	60	30%	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%
3,774,200	Gimmethgreenlight	74	51,003	361	27	34	36%	1	2	4%	93	26%	5	Surcharge 645,000 17%
3,767,663	Var	70	53,824	334	30	37	43%	0	0	0%	118	35%	1	Speedpoint 263,500 7%
3,624,550	Dynasty	52	69,703	201	24	32	46%	3	4	13%	46	23%	3	Eyes Wide Open 878,000 24%

## LEADING SIRES of 2YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
677,100	Var	27	25,078	39	8	10	30%	0	0	0%	9	23%	1	Val-La-Ree 128,125 19%
623,425	*Sail From Seattle	26	23,978	50	9	9	35%	0	0	0%	19	38%	0	Star Flyer 81,500 13%
556,200	Oratorio	16	34,763	32	6	9	38%	1	1	17%	7	22%	1	Carlita 214,375 39%
473,775	Bold Silvano	11	43,070	25	3	6	27%	1	1	33%	4	16%	0	Bold Eagle 159,375 34%
428,550	What A Winter	19	22,555	30	4	4	21%	0	0	0%	7	23%	0	Agent Of Fortune 218,750 51%
334,525	Crusade	14	22,895	36	3	4	21%	0	0	0%	12	33%	0	Alfeo 88,100 26%
305,750	Querari	13	23,519	18	4	4	31%	1	1	25%	9	50%	2	Dagmar 93,750 31%
297,375	Gimmethgreenlight	14	21,241	23	3	3	21%	0	0	0%	10	43%	0	Stream Ahead 89,125 30%

## LEADING SIRES by STAKES on POLYTRACK

SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 25 March 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,711,013	*Sail From Seattle	61	28,049	166	22	28	36%	0	0	0%	55	33%	0	Candy Crush 147,750 9%
1,594,025	Trippi	44	36,228	129	13	20	30%	0	0	0%	60	47%	0	Miracle Bureau 269,225 17%
1,316,125	Var	77	17,093	213	11	12	14%	0	0	0%	62	29%	0	Miss Varlicious 128,875 10%
1,242,800	Silvano	51	24,369	114	16	20	31%	0	0	0%	25	22%	1	Argenteus 110,000 9%
1,145,750	Gimmethgreenlight	52	22,034	129	11	15	21%	0	0	0%	34	26%	0	Accidental Tourist 150,000 13%
1,138,000	Querari	36	31,611	107	13	17	36%	0	0	0%	33	31%	0	Desert Wisdom 176,600 16%
1,092,350	Visionaire	43	25,403	100	11	16	26%	0	0	0%	29	29%	0	Minds Eye 162,150 15%
1,050,125	*Kahal	43	24,422	102	10	13	23%	0	0	0%	25	25%	0	Kahula 188,500 18%

## LEADING SIRES by STAKES on SAND

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
590,450	*Kahal	18	32,803	104	8	10	44%	0	0	0%	35	34%	0	Red Special 140,650 24%
529,650	Mambo In Seattle	20	26,483	84	5	9	25%	0	0	0%	26	31%	0	Caramito 112,175 21%
418,525	Bold Silvano	5	83,705	46	3	8	60%	0	0	0%	18	39%	0	Two Gunny 205,450 49%
379,200	A P Arrow	9	42,133	64	4	7	44%	0	0	0%	18	28%	0	Portman Square 126,625 33%
340,725	Seventh Rock	12	28,394	47	4	6	33%	0	0	0%	20	43%	0	Rock Burner 116,100 34%
327,900	Philanthropist	12	27,325	44	6	7	50%	0	0	0%	11	25%	0	Phil's Power 66,625 20%
319,275	Elusive Fort	8	39,909	30	4	6	50%	0	0	0%	9	30%	0	Notacademical 144,600 45%
281,575	Var	13	21,660	54	2	4	15%	0	0	0%	11	20%	0	Roquebrune 170,625 61%

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

AFTER



A smart double at the Vaal on Tuesday has placed the spotlight on Scott Bros Eightfold Path, a French Gr3 and Listed winner, and the only son of Giant's Causeway at stud in South Africa. A four-time winner, including the Gr3 Prix Eclipse, Eightfold Path is out of a 5x Gr1 winning mare – a sire producing female line. Eightfold Path showed early brilliance for leading French trainer, Pascal Bary, winning on debut and then following up with a third placed effort behind subsequent Group One performers, Buzzword and Siyouni, in the Gr3 Prix La Rochette over 1400m. Eightfold Path closed off his two year old campaign with a stylish victory in the Gr3 Prix Eclipse over 1200m.

On his return after injury at age four, he won another two races including a Listed mile at Deauville.

He has two colts at the National Yearling Sale next month. #363, a half-brother to Gr1 winner, Orbison. #483, a half-brother to Gr2 winner, Meadow Magic.

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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
J Snaith	775	111	14%	138	18%	33%	88	11%	348	45%	19,127,425	24,681
SG Tarry	773	67	9%	103	13%	21%	80	10%	292	38%	13,240,025	17,128
C Bass-Robinson	640	70	11%	78	12%	28%	59	9%	268	42%	12,180,550	19,032
BJ Crawford	500	68	14%	99	20%	25%	64	13%	227	45%	10,641,100	21,282
MF de Kock	470	80	17%	147	31%	34%	58	12%	250	53%	8,979,488	19,105
AC Greeff	641	86	13%	127	20%	32%	87	14%	317	49%	6,179,800	9,641
GS Kotzen	545	55	10%	59	11%	27%	48	9%	200	37%	5,827,700	10,693
PA Peter	401	60	15%	74	18%	30%	35	9%	165	41%	5,804,113	14,474
MG & AA Azzie	347	45	13%	60	17%	23%	51	15%	152	44%	5,619,425	16,194
DR Drier	355	46	13%	70	20%	36%	44	12%	173	49%	4,748,338	13,376
K Kannemeyer	293	40	14%	51	17%	41%	36	12%	129	44%	4,733,550	16,155
JAJ v Vuuren	295	37	13%	49	17%	22%	42	14%	145	49%	4,306,725	14,599
AG Laird	293	37	13%	57	19%	33%	30	10%	122	42%	4,178,475	14,261
GD Smith	754	48	6%	46	6%	28%	75	10%	260	34%	4,131,675	5,480
J Ramsden	336	37	11%	49	15%	31%	41	12%	142	42%	4,042,425	12,031
DC Howells	353	41	12%	59	17%	32%	43	12%	153	43%	4,022,225	11,394

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
A Delpech	519	137	26%	209	40%	38%	96	18%	338	65%	14,263,363	27,482
L Hewitson	895	97	11%	109	12%	25%	102	11%	403	45%	10,080,538	11,263
M Yeni	835	87	10%	130	16%	21%	83	10%	376	45%	8,062,876	9,656
A Dorneyer	431	86	20%	127	29%	35%	54	13%	258	60%	7,826,150	18,158
A Marcus	345	85	25%	162	47%	36%	56	16%	211	61%	8,737,563	25,326
R Fourie	420	79	19%	99	24%	30%	57	14%	226	54%	7,316,750	17,421
C Murray	589	79	13%	105	18%	31%	66	11%	246	42%	6,909,925	11,732
K De Melo	707	78	11%	92	13%	29%	84	12%	317	45%	7,867,850	11,129
G Wrogemann	660	77	12%	73	11%	34%	74	11%	283	43%	8,207,788	12,436
G Lerena	337	73	22%	129	38%	33%	60	18%	206	61%	7,031,776	20,866
G v Niekerk	353	72	20%	72	20%	29%	54	15%	214	61%	16,101,375	45,613
G Cheyne	486	71	15%	110	23%	30%	74	15%	275	57%	6,406,900	13,183
C Zackey	697	60	9%	57	8%	21%	62	9%	263	38%	6,353,951	9,116
R Munger	829	59	7%	30	4%	33%	54	7%	260	31%	4,915,250	5,929
W Kennedy	481	52	11%	48	10%	29%	54	11%	196	41%	4,515,550	9,388
K Zechner	639	51	8%	43	7%	16%	60	9%	240	38%	4,820,601	7,544

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
BJ Crawford/A Delpech	29	12	41%	16	55%	31%	6	21%	862,925	29,756		
MF de Kock/A Delpech	99	32	32%	47	47%	47%	15	15%	3,189,225	32,214		
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	41	13	32%	21	51%	48%	7	17%	1,018,800	24,849		
J Ramsden/A Marcus	33	10	30%	15	45%	47%	5	15%	899,600	27,261		
PL Lunn/K De Melo	34	10	29%	5	15%	60%	4	12%	679,425	19,983		
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	78	22	28%	37	47%	43%	17	22%	2,110,975	27,064		
AC Greeff/A Dorneyer	68	19	28%	35	51%	43%	8	12%	1,100,275	16,181		
PA Peter/G Lerena	39	11	28%	19	49%	32%	7	18%	1,309,675	33,581		
J Snaith/G v Niekerk	142	37	26%	38	27%	37%	23	16%	8,913,800	62,773		
J Snaith/B Fayd'herbe	143	30	21%	38	27%	32%	16	11%	5,498,100	38,448		
LW Goosen/G Wrogemann	95	20	21%	20	21%	40%	19	20%	1,865,000	19,632		
J Snaith/R Fourie	81	17	21%	26	32%	31%	10	12%	1,313,925	16,221		
MF de Kock/C Murray	132	26	20%	54	41%	30%	16	12%	2,491,150	18,872		
ML Roberts/A Arries	60	12	20%	9	15%	22%	4	7%	819,475	13,658		
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	229	44	19%	80	35%	29%	52	23%	3,216,200	14,045		
G v Zyl/W Kennedy	127	24	19%	20	16%	45%	17	13%	1,663,650	13,100		



Veteran Greg Ennion does a great job with ordinary stock

**Racing's Mr Price**

One of the senior statesmen of Cape racing, Milnerton trainer Greg Ennion only has 22 horses in his string but has been firing with a winner at each of the last six local meetings. An admirable strike-rate! A former Cape Hunt riding champion, Greg has always been a man with an eye for a value horse. His first was Galilee, who he bought for R500 in

the late 1970's as a one-time winner. He was a full brother to top horse Ocean City and won 8 races over ground.



Dylan Lerena has big boots to walk in but is gaining in confidence

**Tex Junior**

Apprentice Dylan Lerena rode a confident and well-balanced race to get Sovereign Reign home in the final event at the Vaal on Tuesday. This was his eighth career winner. The young man hails from a famous SA racing family. His Grandfather, Spike, rode successfully and became one of the country's leading trainers. His uncle, Juan Carlos 'Tex'

Lerena, was a successful jockey and is Chairman of the SA Jockeys Association. Dylan's cousins Gavin and Brandon are both top jockeys.



Muzi Yeni and Paul Peter are a must-include combo for exotic players

**Form Pair**

Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeni and trainer Paul Peter maintained a 23% win strike-rate when Moss Gas scored at the Vaal on Tuesday. Muzi, who went through

a bit of a slump after his Mauritius experience in 2017, has upped his game again and moved into third position on the national jockey log. Trainer Paul Peter has

three nice feature runners at Turffontein on Saturday and is maintaining a top ten position on the national trainer log with a 15% win strike-rate.

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### TOP EARNERS for 2017/2018 (to 25 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
Last Winter	4	c	70	2
Tap O' Noth	3	c	70	1
Wonderwall	3	c	62	2
Monks Hood	3	c	60	2
Silicone Valley	7	c	50	1
Milton	6	c	50	1
Let It Rain	5	c	50	1
Hat Puntano	4	c	50	1
Bishop's Bounty	4	c	50	1
The Thinker	4	c	50	1
Copper Force	4	c	46	1
Girl On The Run	5	f	45	2
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
Magical Wonderland	3	f	30	1
Takingthepeace	3	f	30	1
Rocket Countdown	3	c	30	1
Just Sensual	4	f	30	1

### Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
28Mar	1425	1470	1425	34,131
27Mar	1400	1429	1400	9,350
26Mar	1485	1500	1420	12,946
23Mar	1424	1424	1310	6,529
22Mar	1374	1375	1374	10,150
20Mar	1389	1399	1255	22,931
19Mar	1303	1500	1303	22,472
16Mar	1450	1450	1400	2,165

## Winx - History Made!



They came closer than most thought in the George Ryder on Saturday. That grand old campaigner Happy Clapper pushing and shunting all the way down the Rosehill straight to finish within three-quarters-of-a-length of Winx. But they've come close before and still can't get past her.

Winx stands alone as the most winning Gr1 flat racehorse in the world after she stretched her group race streak to 24 in Saturday's 1500m George Ryder Stakes at Rosehill.

History was made across all levels, the mare becoming the first horse to win three straight George Ryder Stakes and surpassing American champion John Henry as the most successful flat galloper of all time with 17 Gr1 victories.

The record breaking win saw Winx's earnings soar past \$16.5 million and confirmed her status as the world's highest ranked galloper.

"It's like you're playing for the All Blacks and you're about to get dropped," trainer Chris Waller said, adding: "It's a sick feeling in your guts every time she goes around."

As to the dream to race her at Royal Ascot, Waller stresses that the \$4 million Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick, where she will vie to equal Black Caviar's record of 25 consecutive wins, will come before any potential date with the Queen herself.

Winx is raced by Peter Tighe's Magic Bloodstock Racing along with friends Richard Treweek and Debbie Kepitis. She was purchased by Magic Bloodstock for \$230,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale from the draft of Coolmore Stud, as agent for Fairway Thoroughbreds.

## DIGEST DIARY

### Features To Come

- 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

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**FAIRVIEW (turf)**  
**Friday, 23 March**  
**Course Variant: 1.00s slow straight**  
Just 4.5mm of rain fell in the week leading up to this meeting, but with 28mm falling in 24 hours the day before that, the penetrometer read 23. The going was posted as good then, and the easterly tail wind was quite strong at 26km/h. The false rail was out from 2m to the 1200m mark, increasing to 7.5m thereafter, with a 7.5m spur at the 800m.

East Cape Fillies Nursery (L) R150,000

Carlita Flying

The Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship at Scottsville in May could be on the radar for the talented Oratorio filly Carlita, who registered her first stakes success with a facile victory in the R150 000 Listed East Cape Fillies Nursery at Fairview on Friday.

Avontuur's proven sire with international group race performance, Oratorio is having a boom season with his second local crop setting the tracks alight nationwide. His daughter Carlita looks very decent!

Having her first run at 1200m, and with two wins and a solid runner-up credit to the Australian-bred Traces in the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes at Kenilworth on Met day, Carlita looked particularly hard to oppose in the eight-horse field.

Aldo Domeyer, who was doing the riding honours for his Stepmother Ashley Fortune and the Greeffs, rode a confident race on the Piemonte Stud bred youngster.

Relaxed a few lengths off the pace set by Seattle Empress, Carlita tightened up on the outside and asserted herself at the 200m marker to win in good style.

She beat the Pathfork maiden Madame Speaker by 2 lengths in a time of 68,82 secs, with Potala Palace debut winner Watsonia back in third.

The Piemonte Stud-bred Carlita has now won three races from four starts for stakes of R214 375.

A bargain buy off the KZN Yearling Sale for R35 000, she is by the fast ascending Oratorio (Danehill) out of Auburn Annio (Point Given).

**East Cape Fillies Nursery (L) 1200m**  
Winner Carlita (best handicapped) raced fifth; won with some in hand  
Runner-up Madame Speaker raced fourth; chased hard; well held by winner; beaten 2 lengths; made an abnormal respiratory noise in running  
Third Watsonia (3rd best handicapped) raced in the rear; stayed on, but beaten five lengths  
**Time:** Comparatively, the time was a good

one on the day, and it was the fastest of the two sprint races on the card. We gave the third (prev 68/62) 64 which makes the winner (prev 78/80/82) 78 and the runner-up (prev 63) 73. Ratings for juveniles remain tentative in absolute terms until later in the season.

78	1	0.00	<b>CARLITA</b>	(7)	60.0	A Domeyer	1/3
<i>2 b f Oratorio - Auburn Annio(USA) (Point Given)</i>							
73	2	2.00	<b>MADAME SPEAKER</b>	(2)	60.0	T Gould	15/1
<i>2 b f Pathfork - Word Perfect (National Assembly)</i>							
64	3	5.25	<b>WATSONIA</b>	(1)	60.0	G Cheyne	11/1
<i>2 b f Potala Palace - Cape Floral (Fort Wood)</i>							
61	4	6.50	<i>Tasunke</i>	(5)	60.0	L Hewitson	36/1
59	5	7.00	<i>Klever Kathy</i>	(8)	60.0	M Yeni	20/1
56	6	8.25	<i>Vertical</i>	(4)	60.0	L Mxothwa	31/4
32	7	17.00	<i>Seattle Empress</i>	(6)	60.0	C Zackey	50/1
0	8	99.98	<i>Green Sea</i>	(3)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	28/1

**Time:** 68.82s (57.35s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%  
*1st T:AC Greeff O:Mrs A B Fortune, Mr & Mrs A C Greeff B:Piemonte Stud*

**GREYVILLE (turf)**  
**Sunday, 25 March**  
**Course Variant: 1.06s slow**  
48mm of rain fell on the track in the seven days leading up to this meeting and as a result the penetrometer read 25 and the going was posted as good to soft. The false rail was out 6m, but this was negated a little in terms of time as there was a 20km/h south westerly tail wind.

Gr3 Kings Cup R250,000

The Right Order

The 2017 Charity Mile runner-up Social Order registered his last victory exactly a year ago to the day on Sunday, but made amends in style with a gutsy performance to win the R250 000 at his first start in KZN.

With the field reduced to nine runners on the withdrawal of Redcarpet Captain, the pacemaking duties were taken up by Captain America's full-brother Redeemer, who was bidding for his fourth straight win on what was expected to be a road to better things.

But carrying a handy galloping weight of 52 kgs, there was no fight left in Redeemer at the 300m as Snaith's first SA Champions Season runner Platinum Prince unwound a powerful run, with Social Order and Gr1 winner It's My Turn looking dangerous.

In a drive to the wire, SA Champion apprentice Lyle Hewitson rode a commanding finish to get the best out of the 9-2 Social Order to give Sean Tarry his third success in four runnings of the Kings Cup. He won by a neck in a time of 96,51 secs.

Jockey Lyle Hewitson said that he had gotten to know Social Order and said he was a progressive and capable sort who could go on.

The 5-2 favourite Redeemer had every chance but faded to run fifth and 3,15

lengths off the winner.

Bred by Boland Stud, Social Order is a 4yo gelded son of Count Dubois (Zafonic) out of the four-time winner Dancette (Dancing Duel).

Racing in the silks of Bernard Kantor and Chris van Niekerk, Social Order has won 3 races with 6 places from 12 starts for stakes of R542 975.

**Gr3 Kings Cup 1600m**  
Winner Social Order (2nd best handicapped) raced 5th; led 300m; ran on strongly to get upper hand in tight finish  
Runner-up Platinum Prince was 1 length behind winner entering the straight; ran on, and was very steadily gaining at the finish  
Third It's My Turn (best handicapped) raced handy; hanging; held every chance  
**Time:** Comparatively this was by far the fastest race on the card. We gave the winner (prev 83/96/89/89/96) 96 which makes the runner-up (prev 83/90/81/81/88) 95 and the third (prev 107/102/100/98/89) 103.

96	1	0.00	<b>SOCIAL ORDER</b>	(5)	54.5	L Hewitson	9/2
<i>4 b g Count Dubois - Dancette (Dancing Duel)</i>							
95	2	0.15	<b>PLATINUM PRINCE</b>	(1)	54.0	G v Niekerk	5/1
<i>4 b g Silvano - Spirit Of the Dance (Goldmark)</i>							
103	3	0.40	<b>IT'S MY TURN</b>	(2)	58.0	A Delpach	31/4
<i>5 b g Dynasty - Jallad's Queen (Jallad)</i>							
94	4	2.65	<i>Red Chesnut Road</i>	(4)	56.0	R Danielson	14/1
84	5	3.15	<i>Redeemer</i>	(7)	52.0	S Veale	26/10
86	6	4.40	<i>Wild Wicket</i>	(8)	54.0	M v Rensburg	15/1
81	7	4.65	<i>Summer Sky</i>	(3)	52.0	J Samuel	9/1
80	8	7.40	<i>Sun On Africa</i>	(6)	54.5	G Wroegemann	15/1
82	9	11.90	<i>Celtic Captain</i>	(9)	60.0	A Marcus	10/1

**Time:** 96.51s (60.32s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%  
*1st T:SG Tarry O:Messrs B Kantor & C J H van Niekerk B:Boland Stud*

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# SIGNPOSTS

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

### ATO (Royal Academy)

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

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

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

Shadow Queen 2f (Lady Faye by Personal Hope)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

### BYWORD (Peintre Celebre)

Small Change 2c (Centimes by Shamardal)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

By The Way 2f (Oxbow Lake by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Crown And Country 2c (Crown Office by Horse Chestnut)

[Scottsville 6 Sentinel Stakes \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1000m \(01/04\)](#)

### CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

Lady Abigail 2f (Lady Gray by Badger Land)

[Greyville 1 Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(30/03\)](#)

Roman Dancer 2c (Sand Dance by Rambo Dancer)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(30/03\)](#)

Getaway 2f (Hargraves Bell by Royal Academy)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(30/03\)](#)

Highland Heather 2f (Khorkina by Personal Hope)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

### DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Viti Levu 2f (Valdovino by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(30/03\)](#)

### EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

Happy Snappy 2c (Terra Firma by Caesour)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

### IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Alda 2f (Lunar Lee by Victory Moon)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

### JACKSON (Dynasty)

Sorry Miss Jackson 2f (Winter Kill by Western Winter)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(30/03\)](#)

Beat It 2f (Pine Valley by Right Approach)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Mystical Son 2c (Magical Eve by Oratorio)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

### MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

Parade March 2c (Knysna Lagoon by Kabool)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

Black Indy 2c (Cinnamon Lady by Hawk Wing)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

### MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Dirty Harry 2c (Americas Cup by Rich Man's Gold)

[Greyville 11 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(30/03\)](#)

Lickerio 2c (Cochineal by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Master Silva 2c (Silver Vanity by Silvano)

[Scottsville 6 Sentinel Stakes \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1000m \(01/04\)](#)

### NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Play Another Tune 2c (Another Goat by Victory Moon)

[Greyville 1 Juvenile Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(30/03\)](#)

Frozen Tune 2c (Winter Feast by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

Noble Class 2c (Hidden Beauty by Victory Moon)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

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

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Romanesca 2c (Touch Of Nobility by Elusive Quality)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

### ORATORIO (Danehill)

Di Me 2c (Irish Heroine by Selkirk)

[Greyville 10 Barrier Trial \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(30/03\)](#)

Bronzed 2c (Sunshine Lover by Badger Land)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Confessional 2c (Clandestine by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Van Halen 2c (Rock Concert by Lecture)

[Scottsville 6 Sentinel Stakes \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1000m \(01/04\)](#)

### POMODORO (Jet Master)

Return Flight 2f (Heading Home by Special Preview)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

Trini's Pomodoro 2c (Millie's Fan by Fanatic Dane)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

### POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Palace Rose 2f (Stargazer Pink by Jallad)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

### THE APACHE (Mogok)

Rochester 2c (Jane Eyre by Saumarez)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

### THE ASSAYER (Galileo)

Flirty Girty 2f (Power Attraction by Dominion Royale)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1400m \(31/03\)](#)



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# SIGNPOSTS

## WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

Moroccan Storm 2c (El Jadida by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(31/03\)](#)

Fabian 2c (Furina by Parade Leader)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(31/03\)](#)

Dashuri 2f (Amora by Go Deputy)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

Little Winter 2f (My Pretty Princess by Favorite Trick)

[Scottsville 6 Sentinel Stakes \(2yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1000m \(01/04\)](#)

## WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Stone Tiger 2c (Pebble Eyes by Captain Al)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1200m \(01/04\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

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

Piera 3f (Boreal Applause by Royal Applause)

[Fairview 2 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(30/03\)](#)

Pilgrim's Progress 3f (Movingandgrooving by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 5 Oaks Trial \(3yo Fillies\)\(Listed\) 2000m \(31/03\)](#)

Master And Man 3c (Fuselage by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 10 Maiden Plate 1000m \(31/03\)](#)

Till Dawn 3c (Winehouse by Kahal)

[Turffontein 12 Maiden Plate 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

### CRUSADE (Mr Greeley)

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

[Fairview 5 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(30/03\)](#)

Subtropical 3c (Sahara by Mogok)

[Greyville 7 MR 85 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(30/03\)](#)

Pretty Ballerina 3f (Hollywood Strip by Tiger Hill)

[Turffontein 5 Oaks Trial \(3yo Fillies\)\(Listed\) 2000m \(31/03\)](#)

Covered In Snow 3f (Blue Nevada by Anytime)

[Turffontein 9 Gr3 Sycamore Sprint \(F&M\) 1160m \(31/03\)](#)

### EIGHTFOLD PATH (Giant's Causeway)

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

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(30/03\)](#)

Awesome Angel One 3c (Awesome Beauty by Cataloochee)

[Greyville 5 MR 64 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(30/03\)](#)

### IRISH FLAME (Dynasty)

Giovanna 3f (Raw Deal by Tiger Ridge)

[Fairview 2 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(30/03\)](#)

### MARCHFIELD (A P Indy)

March Affair 3f (Wild Liasion by Captain Al)

[Fairview 2 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(30/03\)](#)

Chinkapin 3f (Quickwood by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 2 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(30/03\)](#)

### ORATORIO (Danehill)

Seraphic 3f (Menorah by Var)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(30/03\)](#)

Love Talk 3f (Lovey Dovey by Model Man)

[Fairview 2 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(30/03\)](#)

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

[Fairview 6 East Cape Guineas \(Listed\) 1600m \(30/03\)](#)

Tubular Bell 3c (Goose Valley by Right Approach)

[Fairview 6 East Cape Guineas \(Listed\) 1600m \(30/03\)](#)

L'orfeo 3f (Badger Game by Tiger Ridge)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(30/03\)](#)

Ensemble 3f (Esoteric by Mogok)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(31/03\)](#)

Hadarat 3c (Muhtaram by Al Mufti)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(31/03\)](#)

War Legend 3c (Bold Princess by Dolphin Street)

[Turffontein 6 Derby Trial \(3yo's\)\(Listed\) 2000m \(31/03\)](#)

Mrs O 3f (Ginger Hill by Western Winter)

[Turffontein 9 Gr3 Sycamore Sprint \(F&M\) 1160m \(31/03\)](#)

Arianos Bagofgold 3c (Heritage Wood by Var)

[Scottsville 8 MR 80 Handicap 1400m \(01/04\)](#)

### TWICE OVER (Observatory)

Banstead Manor 3c (Silver Chord by Silvano)

[Fairview 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1200m \(30/03\)](#)

Ohsobright 3f (Sidera by Galileo)

[Fairview 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1200m \(30/03\)](#)

Three Times A Lady 3f (Monyela by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 2 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(30/03\)](#)

Double Dual 3c (Jenny Jones by Right Approach)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(30/03\)](#)

Troop The Colour 3c (Colchium by Elnadim)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(31/03\)](#)

Due Volte 3c (Ocean of Time by Refuse to Bend)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(31/03\)](#)

Twice The Man 3c (Charmed by Jallad)

[Turffontein 10 Maiden Plate 1000m \(31/03\)](#)

### WHAT A WINTER (Western Winter)

What A Player 3f (Shaan Madary by Darshaan)

[Fairview 6 East Cape Guineas \(Listed\) 1600m \(30/03\)](#)

Cradleofgratitude 3c (Nantucket by Badger's Drift)

[Kenilworth 2 Workriders Maiden Plate 1200m \(31/03\)](#)

Supreme Winter 3c (Supreme Duel by Royal Chalice)

[Kenilworth 2 Workriders Maiden Plate 1200m \(31/03\)](#)

Red Eight 3c (Colour Fast by Spectrum)

[Kenilworth 7 MR 83 Handicap 1200m \(31/03\)](#)

War Trumpet 3c (Clarion Call by Kabool)

[Kenilworth 7 MR 83 Handicap 1200m \(31/03\)](#)

Siberian Husky 3c (Isle Of Dogs by Strike Smartly)

[Kenilworth 7 MR 83 Handicap 1200m \(31/03\)](#)

Ten-Four 3c (Ladies Domain by Dominion Royale)

[Turffontein 10 Maiden Plate 1000m \(31/03\)](#)

Regent Seven 3c (Pacific Princess by Sportsworld)

[Scottsville 4 MR 72 Handicap 1600m \(01/04\)](#)



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## Notable Maiden Winners

### MASTER OF MY FATE

Rated **AR 80 GOLIATH HERON** (2c Water Bird by Silvano)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Greyville (turf) (1200m) (25/3)*

After showing promise in a barrier trial in his only previous race-course appearance, Dennis Drier's charge found solid support into second favourite before the off here. He wasn't the quickest into stride when the gates opened, but despite that was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m marker, and won going away by four.

## Horses To Follow

### SILVANO

Rated **AR 100 SILVAN STAR** (5m Bold Choice by Lecture)

*Pinnacle Stakes (F&M) Vaal (classic) (1450m) (24/3)*

Glen Kotzen's charge ran on stoutly from the backend of midfield when only beaten two lengths in the Gr1 Majorca Stakes last time out, and again put in a smart performance here. Positioned at the back when the race began in earnest, Silvan Star ran on best of all and won going away by almost a length.

## Winners Bred Abroad

**Tuscan** (ARG) 8g Easing Along- Turfera(ARG) (Equalize)  
Greyville 1400m (21/03)

### Is Your Horse One To Follow?

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## English Premier League

Chelsea v Tottenham | Sunday 1 April | Stamford Bridge | 17:00



The Premier League returns after the International Break with a cracking London derby between Chelsea and Tottenham at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

The rivalry between the two teams has been intense for a long time but after 'The battle of the Bridge' in 2016, nothing will ever be the same. That match, Chelsea had nothing to play for while Spurs needed to win to keep their title hopes alive. Mauricio Pochettino's side were 2-0 up at half-time, but the Blues fought back to earn a 2-2 draw, which handed Leicester the title. Mark Clattenburg, who officiated the game, gave out 12 yellow cards – nine of them going to Tottenham players – despite being rather lenient that night.

With mutual hatred between the teams and the fans, plus a top four spot to play for, this promises to be an absolute cracker.

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### TO WIN

Chelsea 13/10 • Draw 9/4 • Tottenham 21/10

### CHELSEA

Chelsea currently sit five points behind Spurs, and they know that defeat will leave them with the almost impossible task of gaining eight points in seven remaining games in the race for the top four. The Blues are favourites due to their tremendous record against Spurs at the Bridge, going unbeaten in 29 games, winning 20 times- including four wins in their last five.

Antonio Conte's men claimed a 2-1 win over Spurs in their first game at Wembley this season – the only Premier League team to have beaten Pochettino's side at the national stadium.

### TOTTENHAM

Tottenham come into this clash in good form, going unbeaten in their last 12 Premier League games with nine wins, including four on the spin. Pochettino's side did go through a difficult spell away from home during October to December where they went five games without a win, losing four times. But Spurs improved since then and are now unbeaten in their last six travels, winning four times. Tottenham will need to avoid defeat at Stamford Bridge if they are to strengthen their hopes of a top-four finish. Spurs don't have a good record against the Blues, having won just two of their last 18 meetings and you have to go all the way back to February 1990 since the last time Tottenham beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. A late Gary Lineker header secured a 2-1 away win for Spurs.

**PREDICTION:** Chelsea Win (13/10)



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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Blast From The Past

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Three From Four

Greyville 18 March

Four of the eight races on Sunday's turf card were run over 1400m, and very marginally the quickest home in these was SIR BERNADINI in the afternoon's feature event, a MR84 Handicap. Now a winner of three of his four career starts to date, Dennis Bosch's charge raced sixth of the nine for most of the journey. He quickened well when the runaway leader MBALI started to come back to the field, and in what proved to be a real thriller he got the verdict by a short head over AMAZON KING.

Two maiden juvenile plates over 1000m got proceedings underway and in a time 1,01 seconds faster than the boys, the Oratorio filly Petra got off the mark. Narrowly first past the post in a barrier trial, in her only previous race-course appearance, Petra was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead early in the short home straight, and won going away by three and three quarters.

They also ran two barrier trials over 1000m, but these took place on the poly track. The second of these was by far the quicker, but even this event was devoid of real pace. The first two home were never really asked to race, and with a whisker separating them (HECTOR HEATHCOTE and SHE'S A DREAM) at the wire, they finished well clear of the remainder.

**Titbits** Positioned thirteenth of the fourteen early on, poorly drawn SCRIPTWRITER ran on well over the final 400m when getting up late to win the MR64 Handicap over 1400m.

The Indigo Magic filly PALMIETO came from the back when getting up in the dying strides to win the maiden plate over 1600m.

## Five From Ten

Vaal 20 March

They raced on the new classic track on Tuesday where four of the first five races were staged over 1000m. The bill topping MR96 Handicap was by far the fastest of these and here we saw another smart performance from the progressive CATHEDRAL COUNTY. Now a winner of five of his ten career outings, the 4yo son of Trippi was soon positioned close to the

speed. He put his head in front approaching the 200m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by three and a half.

Despite there being no real pace early on, the MR72 Handicap was the faster of the two 2000m events and here the lightly raced OUR SHINING STAR registered her second career victory. Content to race second last during the early part of the event, this 3yo daughter of Silvano ran on best of all when the race began in earnest, and won well after striking the front 150m out.

Two 1500m handicaps rounded off proceedings and stopping the clock in marginally the faster of these was POST GRAD in the MR84 affair. Easy to back at 147/20 on the off, the 6yo raced in midfield for most of the journey. He quickened well from halfway and under a well-judged ride from Gunter Wrogemann, he got up late to deny the always handy (led 200m) JACKMAN.

**Titbits** At the head of affairs throughout, THAT'S LIFE cruised clear over the final 400m to score by seven and a half when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1000m.

## On The Right Path

Greyville 21 March

Wednesday's action took place on the poly track where taking into account the two barrier trials, the fastest of the four 1000m events was the MR66 Handicap won by PATHWAY TO GLORY. Always handy, the 2/1 favourite ran on strongly in the closing stages of the race and got the verdict by three quarters over the veteran EDDIE SWEAT.

The only other distance to stage more than one race on the card was 1200m where the faster of the two was the MR72 Handicap won by ROYAL RUSTLER. Allowed to drift as if a win was out of the question at the track (13/1 out to 28/1), the recent maiden winner was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front as they approached the 200m marker and won comfortably by two from the staying on pacemaker LONDON KNIGHT.

In terms of distance the easiest victory on

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

Quebec Queen ..... won 8/1  
Social Order ..... won 9/2  
Sherman ..... won 26/10  
Let's Twist ..... won 17/10  
Rose Hill ..... won 17/10  
Seattle Silva ..... won 14/10  
Sand Path ..... won 13/10  
Miss Smarty Pants ..... won 6/10

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### GREYVILLE (TURF) 18 MARCH

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good

Course Variant: 2,51s slow

1000m (2) Petra	60,76
1000m (2) Hector Heathcote	60,59P
1400m (4) Sir Bernadini	87,00
1600m (1) Palmieto	101,01
1900m (1) Roman Courtesan	120,86

### VAAL (CLASSIC) 20 MARCH

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good

Course Variant: 0,90s slow

1000m (4) That's Life	57,46
1500m (2) Post Grad	89,28
2000m (2) Our Shining Star	123,59

### GREYVILLE (POLY) 21 MARCH

Going Standard

Course Variant: 0,37s fast

1000m (4) Pathway To Glory	57,30
1200m (2) Royal Rustler	68,40
1400m (1) Tuscan	81,95
1600m (1) Sitia	96,21
1800m (1) Sherman	109,57
1900m (1) Pure Logic	117,06

### VAAL (CLASSIC) 24 MARCH

Penetrometer 26 – Going G/Soft

Course Variant: 1,87s slow

1000m (1) Amajory	58,88
1200m (1) Shortstop	70,61
1450m (3) Silvan Star	88,26
1600m (2) Quebec Queen	98,87
2000m (2) Gentleman Only	124,87

### GREYVILLE (TURF) 25 MARCH

Penetrometer 25 – Going G/Soft

Course Variant: 1,06s slow

1000m (2) Sovereign Master	60,50P
1200m (1) Goliath Heron	72,71
1600m (3) Social Order	96,51
1900m (1) Rio De La Plata	117,99
2200m (1) Glitterrock	142,00
2400m (1) Hit And Run	156,33

## Notebook

Horses worth following at their next few starts...  
**GOLIATH HERON** (D Drier, KZN)



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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

the card was recorded by SEATTLE SILVA when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1200m. Confidently ridden by Anton Marcus, the 4yo filly was always poised to strike. She did so 300m out and went on to score with authority by two and three quarters.

**Titbits** LORD OF GLENCOE was first past the post in the maiden plate over 1800m, but having been deemed to have gained an advantage through his gate opening early, he was disqualified.

## Travelling Star

**Vaal 24 March**

Racing returned to the classic track on Saturday where following 106mm of rain in the previous seven days the going was posted as good to soft. Three of the afternoon's nine races were staged over 1450m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these, a pinnacle stakes, was the visiting SILVAN STAR. Sent off third in the betting market at 71/20, Glen Kotzen's charge was content to amble along at the back early on. Just six went to post though, and when the race began in earnest she was only six lengths off them. She was ridden to lead approaching the 200m pole and although another Western Cape visitor in GIMME SIX tried her best to make a race of it, she won well by a length.

The two 1600m races were both handicaps and marginally the faster of these was the MR70 affair won by QUEBEC QUEEN. Freely available at 8/1 on the off, Paul Peter's charge ran on well from midfield and just as she did in her last outing she got the better of the always handy FLOWING GOWN.

Two 2000m handicaps rounded off the day's fare and in the faster of these the veteran of some 62 races GENTLEMAN ONLY registered his fifth career victory. Ridden by the visiting Western Cape jockey Richard Fourie, the 5yo Miesque's Approval gelding as per usual, came from off them.

He ran on best of all at the business end of the race and after a thrilling tussle with the 3yo MAMBO SYMPHONY late on, he got the verdict by a neck.

**Titbits** The 4yo Rebel King gelding SHORT-STOP completed a hat-trick when winning the MR72 Handicap over 1200m going away.

## Everything In Order

**Greyville 25 March**

The Gr3 Kings Cup topped the bill on Sunday's turf card and in what proved to be by far the fastest of the three 1600m races, SOCIAL ORDER registered his third career victory. On leaving the stalls it was the four-timer seeking REDEEMER who elected to make the running whilst Sean Tarry's charge raced in touch in fifth. He was asked to take up the running going through the 300m, and just had enough in hand to hold off the very steadily gaining PLATINUM PRINCE. by a neck.

Following the two early barrier trials, a maiden juvenile plate was first up and here we saw a smart performance from the Dennis Drier trained GOLIATH HERON. Backed into second favourite at the track, the son of Master Of My Fate was a little slow into stride, but despite that was soon up handy. He put his head in front shortly after passing the 300m pole and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by four.

The stable of Dennis Drier was also on the mark in the MR76 Handicap over 1600m when the recent maiden winner BREAKING BARRIERS completed a quick double. Taken straight to the front by Sean Veale the daughter of Judpot made all. She fought on doggedly when challenged strongly over the final 300m and just held on from the very steadily gaining JUST MY STYLE by a neck.

**Titbits** A little slow into stride, HEART OF A LEGEND caught the eye running on strongly from midfield when a one length runner up in the maiden plate over 1600m. over 1500m a little more easily than the official winning margin of three quarters of a length would suggest.

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

ce 1: (9) Seattle Lily 15  
Race 2: (5) Searching 48  
Race 3: (1) Peg Of Zeus 12  
Race 4: (16) Chestnut Wild 43  
Race 5: (16) Corker 47  
Race 6: (8) Queen Forever 63  
Race 7: (1) Brutal Force 81  
Race 8: (6) Scandola 80

### GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (8) Play Another Tune 14  
Race 2: (4) Go Thuli Go 6  
Race 3: (5) Q Behind Me 10  
Race 4: (1) Lucara 19  
Race 5: (8) Honest Prince 38  
Race 6: (2) La Ferrari 56  
Race 7: (6) Good To Give 56  
Race 8: (7) Sweet Shayna 10

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (10) Running Brave 3  
Race 2: (4) Cyber Special 4  
Race 3: (3) Ensemble 21  
Race 4: (7) Pilou 75  
Race 5: (13) Pretty Ballerina 53  
Race 6: (8) Soldier On 63  
Race 7: (3) French Navy 88  
Race 8: (5) Talktothestars 99  
Race 9: (12) Mrs O 78  
Race 10: (2) Twice The Man 21  
Race 11: No Selection  
Race 12: (2) Til Dawn 12

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (3) Fabian 6  
Race 2: (2) Cradleofgratitude 17  
Race 3: (5) Frozen Tune 8  
Race 4: (1) Streetfighting Man 15  
Race 5: (5) Rings And Things 66  
Race 6: (6) Glennie 34  
Race 7: (1) Viking Voyage 50

### SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (11) Palace Rose 8  
Race 2: (5) Flying George 6  
**Race 3: (5) Premier Dance 75 (NAP\*)**  
Race 4: (15) Time Travel 44  
Race 5: (6) Onesie 58  
Race 6: (3) Van Halen 28  
Race 7: (2) Jo's Bond 77  
Race 8: (15) The Poet 52

### Nap bets

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