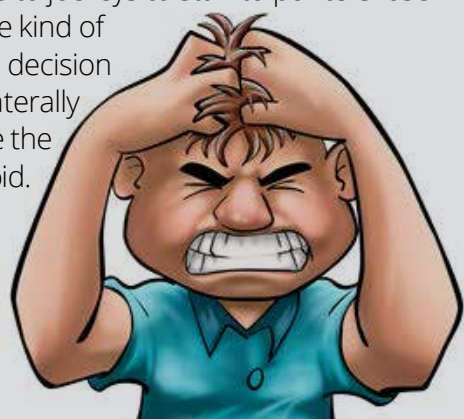


Logic?

The seventh race at Borrowdale on Sunday was declared null and void in terms of rule 61.6.1.1 after two horses went into the wrong gates. The race was run up the straight and no discernible advantage was gained by either. But why bomb the race totally and rather not just declare the two non-runners? Everybody from owners to trainers to jockeys to staff to punters lose with the kind of illogical decision to unilaterally declare the race void.



HOLLYWOOD TO THE RESCUE

South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywood have taken the decision to pay all Straight Fixed Win bets on the winner Jay Kay Too as well as Fixed Place bets on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd past the post, in addition to refunding the bets on all the other runners in the voided Borrowdale seventh.

Great Start

Champion European racer Cracksman won the 2100m Gr1 Prix Ganay at Longchamp on Sunday by a widening 4 lengths. The race was Cracksman's first since his stunning 7 length win in the Champion Stakes on British Champions Day at Ascot in October in which he became the first European Gr1 winner for his sire Frankel. A big season looks assured!

Across The Border

Mike de Kock will send Dynasty gelding Kilrain to Borrowdale this weekend for Zimbabwe's major race, the 56th renewal of the \$50 000 Gr1 Castle Tankard. It is only De Kock's second raid North Of The Limpopo. MJ Byleveld will be riding the 6yo, who recently ran a smart third in the Listed Drum Star Handicap. Kilrain is likely to stay on for the \$40 000 OK Grand Challenge to be run on 2 June. The Castle Tankard is the oldest sponsored race in Africa.

Good Times!

Nadeson Park stallion Time Thief recently celebrated an Australian Gr1 win by his daughter In Her Time. Now another of his daughters is making waves. In Good Time continued her unbeaten run when she raced away with Sunday's A\$50,000 Aristocrat John Clift Memorial Benchmark 70 Showcase Handicap run over 1000m at Tamworth. Trained at Wyong by Tracey Bartley, In Good Time has won five from five for her Newcastle syndicate.



Idealistic

Mauritzfontein's Kingmambo stallion Ideal World showed his versatility with a son and a daughter grabbing a Gr3 win each 24 hours apart. On Saturday Rainbow Bridge won the 1600m Gr3 Winter Guineas, while on Sunday the flying filly Inverroche won the Gr3 Strelitzia Stakes over 1100m. Both are unbeaten.

2 DAY JACKPOT

The curtain comes down on the Highveld Season on Saturday with the Champions Day programme and just 24 hours earlier the SA Champions Season launches at Greyville. Saftote are innovating and offering a jackpot over the two meetings with a turbo boost of a R50 000 bonus to get the pool rolling. Tote betting opens Thursday.

JUST THE TICKET

Television has brought great sporting events into the living rooms of homes around the world but there is still no substitute for being right there and entrance tickets for the Gr1 Vodacom Durban July are now available at R220 each at Computicket offices nationwide. Tickets are also available from 12 June at the Greyville Racecourse sales office on Avondale Road. The big race is run on Saturday 7 July.

Jumping Jackson

Highlands Stud part of Ridgemont's Dynasty stallion Jackson has made a good start to his stud career and the triple Gr1 winner was represented by a third first crop winner on Friday. His 2yo son Bonaire justified odds-on favouritism when making a winning debut at Fairview for trainer Alan Greeff and jockey Greg Cheyne. At last week's Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale, Miss Jacksonville, sired by the young sire sensation fetched R525 000. He can be seen at the Highlands Stallion Parade on 25 May.

Profits Soar

Highlands' Amanda Carey has proudly reported that her 2016 Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup winner Balance Sheet again enjoyed more success in his second career in the showing ring on Saturday. The son of Silvano won his Dressage and was second in his other class. Have you got a happy story about an ex-racehorse? Please send details to info@sportingpost.co.za

