

July Moves

Justin Snaith, who last won the race on an objection in 2014 with Legislate, now has the top three in the Hollywood Vodacom Durban July betting after Do It Again's smooth victory in Friday night's Gr2 Daisy Guineas. Cape Winter Series champion African Night Sky and Sun Met winner Oh Susanna are joint favourites at 7's with Do It Again next at 8-1. Snaith's Legislate is at 40-1. Harold Crawford's Drill Hall winner Perovskia is 50-1, alongside Takingthepeace, who failed in her SA Triple Tiara bid on Saturday. Go to www.hollywoodbets.net for more.

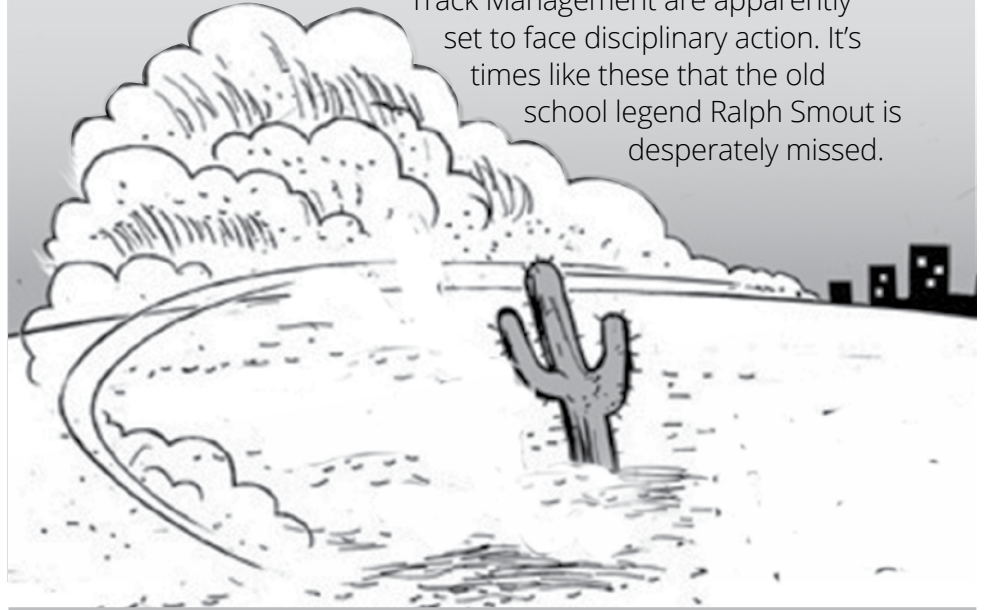
SUSANNA IS SET

Jono Snaith has confirmed that Sun Met winner Oh Susanna is over the bruised heel that saw her scratched as a precautionary measure from the Daisy Fillies Guineas on Friday evening. She will make her KZN debut in the Gr1 Woolavington on 2 June and then go straight into the July – which will then be her second run after a four month rest.

All Tracked Up

There was more dust kickback on the Greyville turf on Friday evening's SA Champions Season opener than on a Monday at Flamingo Park. To their credit, and in a first in racing operator public statements in South Africa, Gold Circle has apologised unreservedly for the inadequate preparation of the Greyville track last Friday night and assured the public and stakeholders of action.

Track Management are apparently set to face disciplinary action. It's times like these that the old school legend Ralph Smout is desperately missed.



Rad Move

Robbie Fradd's decision to take up a contract with the powerful Gilbert Rousset yard in Mauritius will leave a major hole in the Queensland riding ranks. The veteran takes over the vacancy left by the departure of the injured Weichong Marwing and is likely to have his first ride this Saturday.

JUD'S FOURTH

The Ascot Stud-bred Coral Fever became Varsfontein's AP Indy stallion Judpot's fourth Gr1 winner when he won the R4 million Premier's Champions Challenge at Turffontein on Champions Day. A smart R130 000 National Yearling Sale buy, Coral Fever took his stakes earned to over R3,4 million. Trainer Robbie Sage told the Sporting Post that they still needed to consider suitability to the Greyville circuit if Coral Fever is to take his place in the big race on 7 July.

Var Power

William The Silent became Avontuur super sire Var's (Forest Wildcat) second SA Nursery winner at Turffontein on Saturday after Vacherin in 2009. Var is also sire of Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery runner-up and National Sale recordbreaker Ghaalla, as well as Speedpoint, who ran a gutsy third behind stablemate Attenborough in the Gr1 Computaform Sprint.

Long Leave

Dave Mollett flew out of SA on Sunday headed for Thailand to spend some time with his in-laws, before going to the UK to visit his children. The seasoned journalist was over the moon at being given a generous four month paid leave of absence by Business Day – after 33 years of service. Charl Pretorius will deputise for him.

Money Talks

The imbalance in the interprovincial stakes pot is puzzling. The Listed features at Kenilworth on Sunday were run for R125 000 apiece, while the Listed Dahlia Plate at Fairview on Saturday is worth R150 000. Which is the major of the two racing centres?

Twist & Shout

Joey Ramsden saddled his fifth Listed Somerset 1200 winner in six seasons and gave Varsfontein sire Master Of My Fate (Jet Master) his first stakes winner when Twist Of Fate won the Kenilworth Sunday feature. The Mauritius based River Palace Racing Syndicate are enjoying great fun for their R20 000 outlay at sale. The youngster is now headed for the R750 000 Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion at Scottsville's big sprint day on 26 May.

