

Globetrotter

Dean Kannemeyer returned from Post Lafayette in Mauritius on Wednesday after a brief visit to see his Sun Met runner-up Last Winter, who flies out shortly to Mary Slack's Abington Place Stables at Newmarket in the UK for the next step of his global campaign. He will go into training at Newmarket. Kannemeyer said that the son of Western Winter 'looked amazing' and had enjoyed his time - 'as we all do' - on the island. "Plans remain fluid with Dubai and Hong Kong on the schedule and we will be leaning heavily on Mike de Kock's expertise for guidance as we go," he said.



GOLD CIRCLE

This Crawl's No Jawl!

Brett Crawford's patience with the infamous Cape crawl finally gave out at Kenilworth on Saturday and he had his say. The Philippi trainer told Michael Clower: "I don't know what we are trying to prove by running races in times four to six seconds outside the average. That doesn't give horses a fair chance and to me it's not racing."

DON'T KILL THE GOOSE!

KZN Barrier Trials will continue despite some resistance. This includes a request for R700 a ride by the Coastal Jockeys Association and a withdrawal of support from the newly established Independent Owners Association. There is no budget for the jockeys and Gold Circle CEO Michel Nairac said that the trials formed a vital cog in the transparency wheel expected by overseas racing fans, whose patronage funds the local stakes bill to the tune of R80 million per year! So let's not kill the goose...



NEW HIGHS

Aldo Domeyer broke a brief midweek drought and rode three nice winners on Saturday to break the 100 winner barrier for only the second time in his career. His season's best is 110 and he is odds-on to beat that with over two months left of the current term. He is quoted at 100-1 with Hollywood to win the SA Championship for those fans who believe he can make ground on the rampant Lyle Hewitson.

Cloth Of Cloud

The outstanding Highlands bred 5yo Gr1 winner Cloth Of Cloud, in foal to nine time Champion sire Galileo, goes through the ring at the Tattersalls July Sale on 11 to 13 July. Cloth Of Cloud, by late champion Captain Al, was 2016 Champion two year old filly and is a half sister to Gr1 winner, Silver Mountain. Trained by SA champion conditioner Sean Tarry, Cloth Of Cloud was purchased on the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, where Diane Nagle and Linda Shanahan went to R2,2 million.

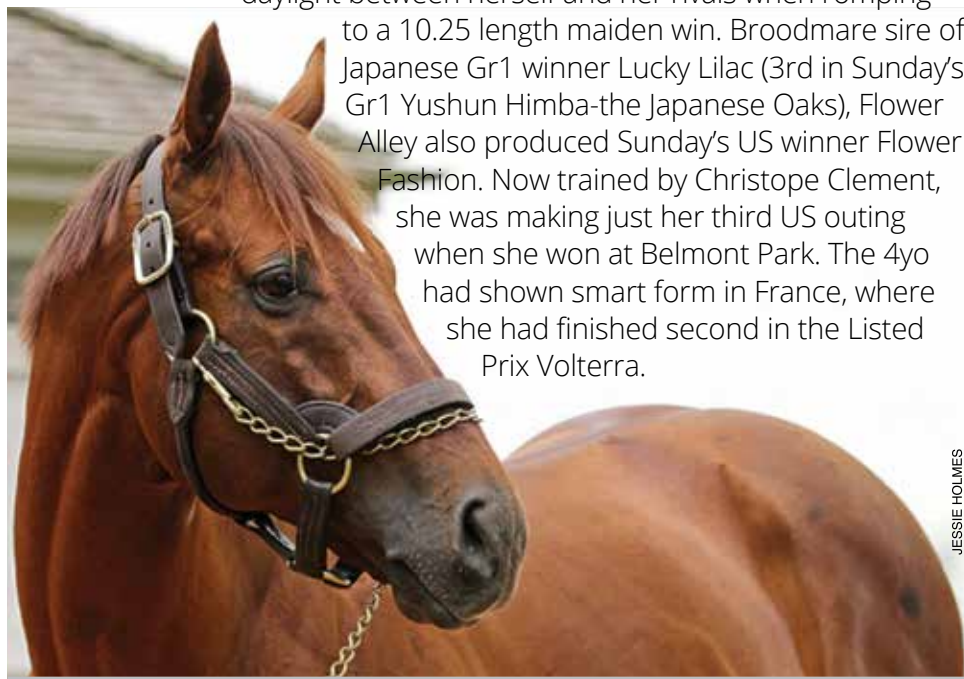
Evolution

Ashley Fortune celebrated her second winner from 12 career runners when the well-supported Evolver won the second at the Groom protest decimated meeting at Turffontein on Sunday by 8,75 lengths under Wayne Agrella. The lucky owners were again Hassen Adams and the Chinsammy's of Let It Rain fame. The Gimmethegreenlight gelding was backed from 16's to 3-1. A thrilled Andrew Fortune said they had fancied their charge, who was never placed from his 8 starts in the Cape. "The bloody deductions with all the scratchings was a killer though," was the Candyman's only whinge.

Bouquets

Wilgerbosdrift's resident stallion Flower Alley's (Distorted Humor) 3yo daughter Distinctive Flower scored a dazzling victory at Thistledown on Monday. In just her second racecourse appearance, Distinctive Flower put daylight between herself and her rivals when romping

to a 10.25 length maiden win. Broodmare sire of Japanese Gr1 winner Lucky Lilac (3rd in Sunday's Gr1 Yushun Himba-the Japanese Oaks), Flower Alley also produced Sunday's US winner Flower Fashion. Now trained by Christophe Clement, she was making just her third US outing when she won at Belmont Park. The 4yo had shown smart form in France, where she had finished second in the Listed Prix Volterra.



JESSIE HOLMES

Banking On It

Phumelela Chairman Bernard Kantor has high hopes for his Intello colt Young Rascal (Fr) as a serious challenger to Saxon Warrior in the Gr1 Investec Derby next weekend. Young Rascal's gutsy win in the Gr3 Chester Vase recently was very impressive and showed heart and character. The 2000 Guineas winner, Saxon Warrior is a son of Deep Impact. No horse has won the Guineas, Derby and St Leger since Nijinsky (trained by Vincent O'Brien - no relation!) in 1970 and Aidan O'Brien narrowly missed out on the treble with Camelot six years ago.