

## Pumped Up

Durbanville has edged up the world's best racehorse rankings. Well, let's pretend so anyway. That could be the deduction after Worcester Racecourse, which has never been the lap of luxury, hit an all-time low on Saturday. Trainers suggested that they would boycott the track after being crammed into a four foot bar or shed, whose beer pumps weren't working. The TV – a small screen – had been borrowed from the Tote and that didn't work too well either.



## MADE TO EARN

Former major owner Michael De Broglio's horses appear to be flourishing since he scaled down in 2017 and sold them. Made To Conquer has gone from being sold for R180 000 as a maiden nine months ago to a victory in the Lonsdale on Saturday and now Jeff Lloyd's July ride. On the same day at the Champ de Mars, former De Broglio charge Baritone, won the Gr2 Top FM - Trophée Du Bicentenaire Du MTC. He recently won the Duchess Of York Cup.

## BC Ticket

At Tokyo racecourse in Japan on Sunday, 4YO US-bred entire Mozu Ascot (Frankel-India, by Hennessy) claimed his first graded stakes success charging home to snatch victory in the final strides in the 68th running of the Gr1 Yasuda Kinen over 1600m, defeating Aerolithe & Suave Richard. The Kentucky-bred Mozu Ascot, who earned an automatic entry into the Gr1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs in November, advanced his record to 5 wins and 1 placing from 11 starts for ¥221,135,000 in earnings.

## GIMME SOME

Varsfontein stallion Gimmethgreenlight enjoyed a Super Saturday on 2 June. Surcharge won the Gr1 Daily News 2000 and is one of an impressive 11 stakes horses produced in Gimmethgreenlight's second crop, with this crop having also produced Gr2 Camellia Stakes winner Green Plains, Gr1 filly Rose In Bloom and Gr1 SA Fillies Classic second Green Top. On the same day, Gimmethgreenlight daughter Simona picked up one of Zimbabwe's biggest races when the 4yo triumphed in the Gr2 OK Grand Challenge at Borrowdale.

## Mark As... Done

The Mayfair Speculators unbundling looks to have reached the home straight with 34 of their horses catalogued for the 2018 Super Sale at Greyville on 25 June. There are some well-bred raced horses on the sale, which starts at 12h00. Get your catalogue on [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za)

## Apathy

In an age where we should be promoting transparency, the trainer comments for first-timers and rested horses have dipped to around 70% 'no comments'. Yet the Snaiths have a first timer in the Fillies Nursery at Kenilworth this Saturday and they are prepared to label her a 'star filly – hard to beat'. Are trainers really doing themselves a favour?



## Cup On The Up

The Melbourne Cup Tour will travel to the United Kingdom and Ireland for the very first time. The European journey will make up seven of 37 destinations that will join racing history when they play host to the 16th annual Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour in 2018. This year marks 25 years since Irish stayer Vintage Crop became the first internationally trained horse to win Australia's greatest race. To mark this milestone, the Cup will attend Irish Oaks Weekend at The Curragh. The Tour will also journey to Seoul for the first time, where it will celebrate the Korean Cup.



## Derby Double

Godolphin's Epsom Derby winner Masar is set for a rematch with the horses he beat in the Investec Derby on Saturday after the Irish Derby was pencilled in as his next outing. Trainer Charlie Appleby confirmed that the next mission is a trip to the Curragh on 30 June.

## Keen On Steyn

Former Cape based Keanan Steyn made his debut for Chitranjan 'Raj' Ramdin's yard on Saturday at the Champ de Mars. He previously rode in India.

## Magic Millions

A record of 131 different stallions are represented in the 537 strong Magic Millions Yearling Sale catalogue which began on Tuesday at the Gold Coast. The Asian buying bench is said to be particularly strong this year. Follow the sale reports on [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za)