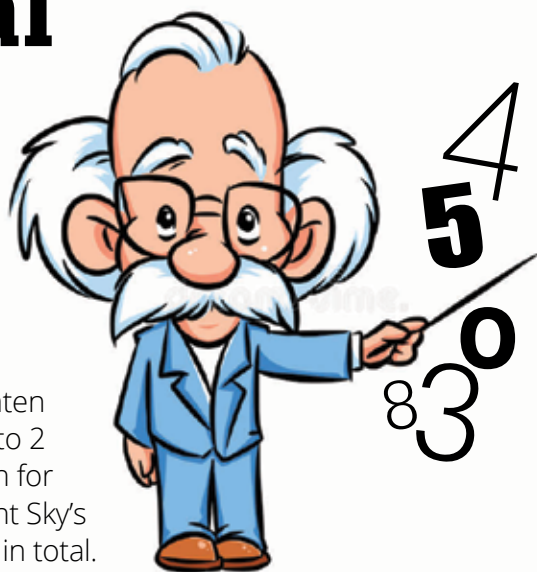


Fair Trial

African Night Sky's Merit Rating has been raised from a 108 to 112 after his easy win in the Cup Trial on Saturday. The son of Dynasty is likely to carry 57kg in the Vodacom Durban July – that is assuming the likely topweight Coral Fever runs. While the Cup Trial line horse Platinum Prince was only beaten just under a length, which equates to 2 points, a further 2 points were given for the facile dominance of African Night Sky's victory - meaning a 2kg adjustment in total. Bear in mind that the Cup Trial is not a race that produces July winners!



Rising Stars

Brett Crawford's Undercover Agent is now the highest rated 3yo in SA following his hard earned win over fellow 3yo Snowdance in the Gr1 Rising Sun Gold Challenge at Greyville on Saturday. Undercover Agent is now a 125, while the Snaith filly Snowdance goes up to 119. For interest, Dorrie Sham speedster Pinnacle Peak is a 115, while Stuart Pettigrew's Surcharge is a 112.

Winter Heat

Clouds Unfold's impressive victory in Saturday's Gr3 Cape Of Good Hope Nursery has her being spoken of as a Cape Fillies Guineas prospect for next year. Her win marked a second consecutive success in the race for Drakenstein Stud's leading young sire What A Winter, who has had 8 2yo winners this term. He has six yearlings on offer at next month's KZN Yearling Sale, including a filly (#27) who is from the same family as European champion Esoterique.

Wot A Ride!

Congrats to Apprentice Kabelo Matsunyane, who posted the first win of his career at only his sixth ride at the Vaal on Thursday on the Craig Mayhew-trained Heywot.

SALUTE

Robbie Fradd piloted the 2017 Betting World 1900 winner Ten Gun Salute to win the Rotary Club Of Ebene Cup at the Champ de Mars on Saturday. The former Duncan Howells trained son of Henrythenavigator was winning his first race in Mauritius and gave trainer Gilbert Rousset a 1-2 as stablemate Dawn Rain ran second. Prince Of Wales and Solar Star made up the quartet. Originally bought at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in January 2014 by Heritage Bloodstock for A\$10 000, Ten Gun Salute was offered at the Lanzerac Ready To Run Sale in October 2014. David Allan of Allan Bloodlines purchased him there for R1 150 000.

Isn't She Lovely?

Australian Stipes have ordered Apprentice Zoe White to undergo three sessions with a professional sports psychologist before she can return to race riding. White was suspended for six weeks for whacking a horse over the head in a race at Mackay last month. Stipes ruled White looked to her inside before changing her whip action to deliberately hit The Arod across the head.

Face Up

UK-based Brazilian jockey Raul Da Silva has been given a 21-day suspension following an altercation with fellow jockey Jim Crowley at Goodwood on Sunday. The incident occurred in the jockey's room following the first race of the day. A stewards' inquiry found Crowley had been struck in the face by Da Silva, with the blow causing an injury which required medical treatment. A race-riding incident apparently provoked the reaction.



#KZNRACEDAY

The annual KZN Breeders Raceday will be held at Greyville on 30 June. Tables in the beautiful Durban View Room are filling fast. Candiese Marnewick has urged interested parties to RSVP before 22 June to avoid disappointment. And don't forget to wear your black and whites as the traditional theme of the day. Enquires to candiesemarnewick@gmail.com



Excuse My French

Most Mauritian racegoers have never heard of SA Pop Star Kurt Darren, or any of his smash hits for that matter, and there is thus no emotional connection with the Varsfontein Stud-bred son of Judpot, Kapteinspandiseile, who ran second in the Dr J Edouard Brunel Cup on Saturday.

"My wife thought I was swearing when I was shouting him home," a Mauritian friend of the Sporting Post said on Sunday.

