

Red Tape? Doing The Splits

Some South African owners are seemingly waiting months for their stakes cheques from the Mashonaland Turf Club. The stakes – paid in US Dollars – are said to be subject to Zim Reserve Bank sanction. Owners outlay transport and other costs to race there and most of these are payable up front. MOTA and the MTC need to resolve this situation urgently with the ZRB.



It hasn't been an easy few seasons for SA jockeys in Mauritius. Derreck David is the latest casualty having split from Alain Perdrau. David is using the break to serve a suspension and to allow his back time to heal. He took some flak on Facebook from local racing fans.

Twice The Fun!

Why would British and Irish breeders not want to try and produce horses in the mould of Khalid Abdullah's admirable homebred, who was unbeaten at two and maintained a high level of form over six consecutive seasons? The Racing Post poses the question this week about Klawervlei stallion Twice Over (Observatory), who was 'despatched straight to South Africa to stand as a stallion in 2013'. He has produced July winner Do It Again and Winter Derby winner Doublemint in consecutive weekends. Their loss, our gain!



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What A World

Mauritzfontein's Kingmambo sire Ideal World enjoyed another top weekend with a trio of local winners over the weekend. His daughters Coral Bay and Helen's Ideal's first and third placings in the Listed Highlands Stud Irridescence Stakes on Saturday being the highlight.



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Cox Bid

Street Cry's star daughter Winx, ranked by Longines as the best racehorse in the world, will go for an unprecedented fourth successive Cox Plate and she is set to make her comeback in a race named in her honour. She returns in the A\$500,000 Gr1 Winx Stakes over 1400 metres at Royal Randwick on August 18, Racing New South Wales reported. She has won her last 25 starts.

Dynasty Dazzles

Four-times Equus Outstanding Sire Dynasty's 4yo son Heir Line won the Gr3 Republic Day Cup at Borrowdale on Saturday. Ridden by Keagan De Melo, the Kirk Swanson trained gelding was one of four winners for his star sire over the weekend. Out of the Jet Master mare Kiss And Fly, Heir Line, now a four time winner, was the top lot sold from the 2015 Val De Vie Yearling Sale when knocked down to John Freeman for R1, 2 million. Heir Line's half-brother Roman Discent won the Castle Tankard this season.

Mambo Moves

Formerly based at Moutonshoek in the Cape, Kingmambo sire Mambo In Seattle, a 7/8 brother to Lemon Drop Kid, has joined Crusade at Clifton Stud for the new season. He stands at a service fee of R10 000 live foal.

CLIFF TOPS

Highlands Stud part of Ridgemont's five time Gr1 winning new man Canford Cliffs had a smart looking winner over 1400m at Ayr on Monday. His lightly raced 2yo son Wee Jim made it two wins from just three starts when landing a novice stakes. Ridden by Connor Murtagh, he stayed on well to beat the Scat Daddy colt Khanmurjan by a short head. Canford Cliffs stands his first season here this year.

Sale Moves

The Central Route trading Horses In Training & Mixed Sale has moved to Durbanville on Thursday 26 July. Mayfair Speculators have 16 of the 69 lots on offer – including Gr1 star Lady Of The House – who ran on well for third in the Listed Ladies Mile last Saturday.

Save The Date

The Cape Racing & Breeding Awards take place at the Vineyard hotel on Wednesday 8 August. Bookings can be made via Jeanette Schuter at the RA offices in Cape Town – 021 762 3094