



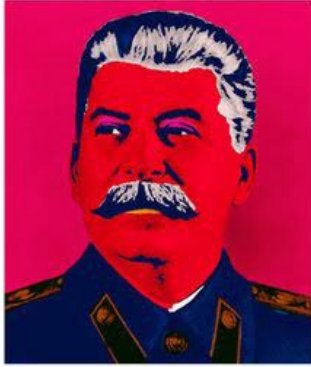
RACING
THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW turf Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(4)Cape Leopard(5/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(8) Deerrupt (15/10)

KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(1)Dynamite Jack(7/1)

GREYVILLE Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(6) Canadian Bolt (15/10)



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Sharp Gitano
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Textbook TIN – POT?

It's a thankless task sitting on awards panels.
In a competitive industry, everybody's horse is the champion and subjectivity often rules.
Nothing beats receiving deserved recognition and accolades from one's peers.

But the puzzling no show of the Yvette Bremner-trained National Park from the nominee list of the Champion 2yo male category for the regional East Cape Racing Awards published by the Racing Association late last week had the owners of the son of Gimmethegreenlight sitting up and asking questions – how and why?

There is little doubt that the first nominee Alfeo would be a deserved winner of the category. The MR 94-rated galloper has won 3 of his 6 starts, in-

cluding a stakes feature. He finished some 15 lengths back in the Champion Juvenile Cup.

The next nominee Say No More was 18,6 lengths back in the same feature. He has an 83 rating and has a record of 1 win in 7 starts.

The third nominee Born A Bully won his first start – the first local 2yo event over 800m. That was his sole win in eight starts. He was 16,6 lengths back in the Champion Juvenile Cup. He is rated 78.

The question is – how and why no place for the

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narrow runner-up in the Champion Juvenile Cup and the highest rated (96) of the crop, National Park, can be justified?

A winner of 2 of his 5 starts, National Park won the Champion Juvenile Cup beating likely champion 2yo filly of last term, Madame Speaker. He lost the race in the Stipes Boardroom after a successful objection by the runner-up.

So a two-time winning MR 96 rated narrow loser of the Champion Juvenile Cup, doesn't even get a nomination nod ahead of two one-time winners (rated 78 & 83), who finished a collective 35 lengths behind him in the Listed Champion Juvenile Cup – a race often used as a benchmark of the 2yo crop over the years.

The judging panel is comprised of Thulani Khanyile (Convenor), Dr Ashley Parker, Trevor Reid, Mathew Lips and Henk Steenkamp

The owners and breeders of National Park are outraged.

Not about the fact that Alfeo would be a deserving winner. They are tired of the fact that the sport they are so passionate about and have invested many millions of rands in over decades is run by people, many of whom have been in it for five minutes, who have no interest in the well-being of the game and the preservation of the tradition, ethics and ethos.

"This is a matter of principle for us. Four of the panel members are knowledgeable and experienced people. Our horse is clearly a candidate for a nomination. Yet two, with respect, inferior horses get nominated. We suggest that the Convenor of the panel has exceeded his authority and used the occasion of an important event for the industry to wage a personal vendetta. We suggest that his competency to convene this panel is in serious doubt. We cannot let this action pass unnoticed as it is an indictment of the broader level of personal egotism at play in the industry in certain quarters," said owners Rob Knuppe, Hedley McGrath and Mark Wright in a joint statement.

"The Racing Association, and by implication their awards committee, are allowing any goodwill left in the industry to be destroyed through glossing over this matter. It was brought to the RA's CEO attention and he 'relented' and agreed to include National Park. We are not seeking a favour, hollow victory or concession- or even a sympathy ticket. We are simply looking for the truth as to what happened and would like the individual members of the committee to stand up and be counted."

The Sporting Post emailed Larry Wainstein and Thulani Khanyile and gave them an opportunity to respond to the owners concerns and our own questions. No reply was forthcoming.

A simple logic of damage control suggests there was a better way to deal with whatever happened here. It starts with humility and didn't end with playing hardball with longstanding owners and breeders - or shunning the media enquiries.

This blip on our everyday radar may appear trivial to some. But add the logic applied to the selection of the nominees with the collective years of involvement and investment by the owners of National Park, and think again.

"This situation is unacceptable and must be urgently addressed before there is a mass exodus of owners and breeders from the Thoroughbred Industry. Any tin-pot dictators, given free reign will simply encourage the speed of the exodus," said the aggrieved connections in closing.

FRIDAY RACING

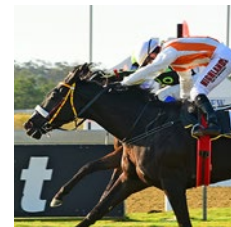
Euphemistically Speaking...

Jockey Club Stakes (L) Fairview

Two East Cape Racing Awards nominees could fight out the finish of the R150 000 Listed Jockey Club Stakes at Fairview on Friday. The super consistent topweight Beataboutthebush steps up in ground again and she must be the horse to beat.

The race is named in recognition of the fact that the Jockey Club- now the National Horseracing Authority- was founded in Port Elizabeth almost 130 years ago.

The superbly talented 5yo Gimmethegreenlight mare Beataboutthebush has been a model of consistency, earning at 15 of her 19 starts and, in many cases, encountering traffic issues with her late dash racing style, that has cost her dearly. She failed to flatter in this race last year, but with a conservative ride from Cape Champion jockey Aldo Domeyer, she looks close to a good thing. She is fit and her fluent victory in the Paddock Stakes last time sets her up for a big effort over the extra 400m .



Beataboutthebush | Pauline Herman

The former Joburg-based 7yo Patchit Up Baby has not won in ages but looks much better suited to the extra here. The game daughter of Ideal World should negate the superiority of the Paddock Stakes result with Beataboutthebush. She is widely drawn and was reported not striding out last time – a concern.

The Joey Ramsden yard has been through a torrid time (*read more in Short Heads on page 10*) and they plan a raid with the very smart Fresnaye. If the daughter of Western Winter has escaped the post-inoculation blues then she must be a massive runner on current Cape winter stakes form.

Yvette Bremner's top-class Widow's Lamp was outgunned in the Gr1 Woolavington 2000 at Greyville and then found the mile of the Paddock Stakes on the short side last time. The daughter of Go

Deputy is very effective over the 2000m and could recapture her earlier best – the wide draw should not be of too much concern with her preferred racing style.

Her stablemate Peach Delight is a course and distance winner and very gutsy on her day. She strikes us as a likely pacemaker and could threaten the back end of quartets.

Justin

Snaith has always been a serious threat in the Eastern Cape and he travels from Philippi with a trio of Konkola, Tiffindell and Esteemal.

While little between them, the

Jockey Club Stakes (L)
past winners

2015	1 Strong Scent	59.0 (4) 33/1
	2 Cat And The Moon	60.0 (3) 1/1
	3 Dream To Reality	59.0 (7) 25/1
2016	1 Acrostar	58.0 (11) 16/10
	2 Harvard Crimson	58.0 (1) 7/1
	3 Kumiko	58.0 (5) 20/1
2017	1 Harvard Crimson	60.0 (8) 8/1
	2 Nirma	60.0 (7) 4/1
	3 Crackpot	60.0 (3) 8/1

START
4:25PM
FAIRVIEW

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PA6/PICK SIX/JACKPOT4
JOCKEY CLUB S. (F&M)(LISTED) - 2000M
SAME TRAINER:(1-4-11-12)(3-6)(5-15)
(7-9-14)

Gimmethegreenlight	1 BEATABOUTTHEBUSH (AC Greeff) A Domeyer	7 60.0
Western Winter	2 FRESNAYE (J Ramsden) B Fayd'herbe	10 59.0
Go Deputy	3 WIDOW'S LAMP (Y Bremner) R Munger	14 59.0
Gimmethegreenlight	4 QUEEN FOREVER (AC Greeff) M Byleveld	5 59.0
Ideal World	5 PATCHIT UP BABY (GD Smith) M Yeni	13 59.0
Greys Inn	6 PEACH DELIGHT (Y Bremner) W Kennedy	12 59.0
Silvano	7 KONKOLA (J Snaith) R Fourie	1 59.0
Elusive Fort	8 SMOKEY AFFAIR (SB Kotzen) L Mxothwa	11 59.0
Silvano	9 TIFFINDELL (J Snaith) R Khathi	3 59.0
Pathfork	10 LUCKY LULU (G Paddock) S Fortune	6 59.0
Western Winter	11 CHRISTMAS CAROL (AC Greeff) X Ndlovu	2 59.0
Ashaawes	12 SO ENCHANTING (AC Greeff) T Gould	4 59.0
Philanthropist	13 RAVEN GIRL (T Laing) C Maujean	8 59.0
Captain Al	14 ESTEEMAL (J Snaith) C Zackey	15 58.0
Gitano Hernando	15 GITANGO TONIGHT (GD Smith) K Zechner	9 58.0

best of the Snaith attack may be Konkola who jumps from the pole position draw with Richard Fourie in the irons. Fit and well, the daughter of Silvano could spoil the Alan Greeff party.

Esteemal is poorly drawn and stayed on well to finish fourth in the Winter Oaks at home after doing herself no favours when failing to settle.

Queen Forever is stablemate to the topweight and enjoys this trip. She ran a fair race in the East ape Derby at her penultimate start and may have needed her last run when a well beaten 8 lengths in the Paddock Stakes.

It looks very tough for the rest and unless Ryan Munger (Widow's Lamp) or Richard Fourie (Konkola) can produce some genius, Beataboutthebush looks likely to win this.

Challenge Final Leg

The Listed Jockey Club Stakes is the 3rd Leg of the Eastern Cape Fillies and Mares Challenge

Weights are framed with 5 year-olds and older allotted 56 kgs, 4 year-olds 55 kgs and 3 year-olds 50 kgs.

Penalties accrue for stakes wins- winners of Gr1 races getting 4kg for each such win, Grade 2 winners get 3kg, Grade 3 race wins attract a 2kg penalty and Listed races 1kg.

R700 000 was set aside by Phumelela for the East Cape Fillies & Mares Challenge, a series of three races. Besides the total stake monies of R450 000 on offer, a Challenge bonus of R250 000 was offered to the horse who could win all three races.

The now retired Star Burst Galaxy won the first leg, the East Cape Breeders Stakes run over 1200m on Friday 29 June.

A likely favourite to win on Friday, Beataboutthebush won the second leg, the R150 000 East Cape Paddock Stakes run over a mile on Friday 20 July. That was her second consecutive victory in the race.

Poly Saves The Day

The polytrack saved the Fairview meeting for the second week in a row when last Friday's eight-race turf programme was switched at the last moment to the all-weather.

Phumelela advised at 12h00 that following an inspection of the course by the Stipes, Vet, Course Manager and Jockeys it was decided to move the race meeting to the Polytrack following the rain that had continued to fall through Friday morning, due to unsafe underfoot conditions on the Turf.

Phumelela Eastern Cape GM Luciano Passerini told the SP Digest that the penetrometer reading was 25 on Thursday.

"That's soft at Fairview. The rain was intermittent on Friday morning. We had 4 mm's of rain in the morning. We tried our best to stay on the turf. But our decision to switch to poly was vindicated as 13mm's had fallen by the time we ran the last. The best interest of safety for horse and rider are paramount."

He pointed out that a switch before the first race was preferred as most punters had not yet placed their exotic bets by that time.

NEWS

EAST CAPE AWARDS Nominees

The Racing Association Eastern Cape Chapter, in conjunction with Phumelela, have announced the nominees for the annual East Cape racing awards.

CHAMPION 2YR OLD FILLY

Madame Speaker – Carlita – March Music

CHAMPION 2YR COLT/GELDING

Alfeo – Say No More – Born A Bully – National Park

CHAMPION 3YR OLD FILLY

Widow's Lamp – Via Seattle – Princess Rebel

CHAMPION 3YR OLD COLT/GELDING

Sabbatical – Paper Town – Kimberley Star

CHAMPION OLDER FILLY/MARE

Star Burst Galaxy – Beataboutthebush – Smokey Affair

CHAMPION OLDER COLT/GELDING

Stormy Eclipse– Exelero – Desert Wisdom

CHAMPION SPRINTER

Star Burst Galaxy – Princess Rebel - Exelero

CHAMPION STAYER

Frikkie – Plano – Desert Wisdom

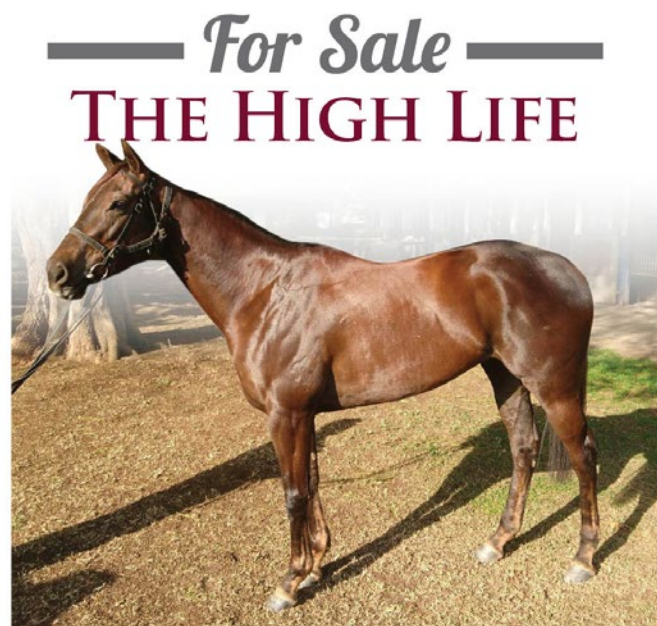
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Sandown Stud

NEWS

Well-Bred Filly Cracks It On Debut

Only eighteen days into his new contract as retained jockey to the powerful Highlands-Ridgemont team, Anton Marcus was quickly into his stride for his new connections with an impressive icebreaker debutante in the second at Kenilworth on Saturday.

The Highlands-bred Dynasty filly Front And Centre, a half-sister to Highlands' Singspiel stallion Potala Palace, races in the interests of Craig & Ross Kieswetter and Ridgemont Highlands, and made an impressive first impression when she bounded clear in the Maiden Plate for fillies and mares over the 1200m.

The R300 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate – easy to back at 11 to 1 – won in a time of 74.07 secs to beat the strongly fancied and highly vaunted Snaith runner Juniper Spring, who had two runs under the belt and started at 5-4. Given the positivity surrounding the ability of the runner-up, this was a seriously encouraging debut by Front And Centre.

A daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood), the Brett Crawford-trained winner is out of the dual UK Gr3 placed mare Alignmet (Alzao).

It has been a good week for the Highlands-Ridgemont team.

Their Sandown-based stallion Pathfork (Distorted Humor) produced the Highlands-bred sales-topper, a well related filly out of Scented Samantha, who sold for R1,2 million at the National 2yo Sale.

On Day 2 of the sale, a son of their premier stallion Dynasty topped the price list. Highlands ranked third on the vendor list with their 13 lots selling for an aggregate of R2 010 000 – an average of R154 615.

Puller's Sunday Hat-Trick

Former Champion Jockey turned Summerveld trainer Garth Puller celebrated his second Scottsville Sunday hat-trick in a fortnight and kept his yard ticking over with an early season win strike-rate of 26 %.

The modest veteran horseman, who is sponsored by Winning Form, said that he was pleased with the second August treble by his team. His debutante La Bella was ridden to a good win by Anton Marcus in the second race.

"She's a progressive daughter of Crusade and we felt she could win first up. She is a big filly and her knees are still a bit open, so we need to give her some time. Anton thought there was a challenge looming so he pulled the stick. I think she could have won without it," said Puller.

The up and coming 4kg claimer Khanya Sakayi, who rode his maiden career treble at the same venue a fortnight earlier, was aboard the next two Puller winners – Los Barbados and Rio De La Plata.

"Every win with these older horses is a bonus and they are not punting propositions. And it's much weaker now too after the big guns have gone. So I'd like to believe we should be winning our races. We also had 20mm of rain in two days prior to the meeting. The two 6yo's relished the cut in the ground and Khanya Sakayi rode both perfectly according to instructions. They both take a hard ride and he let them roll at the top of the straight. Let's face it, the weight claim helps the cause when the youngster is talented. We saw that with Ferraris and Mbhele on Saturday."



La Bella | Candiese Marnewick

Barrier Trials & Tribulations

Time To Step Up?

Thanks to the efforts of Gold Circle, and Paul Lafferty in particular, Barrier Trials were reintroduced to South Africa – well, in Gold Circle country at least - late last year and the first trial was held on the Greyville poly on Sunday, 12 November 2017.

Rules

While the initiative has its fans and its detractors, I'm fascinated by it for rather a different reason – the simple matter of where it fits into the Rules.

In theory, barrier trials are run under the Rules and Constitution of the National Horseracing Authority ("NHA"). In case you think the Operators fall outside those rules, allow me to disabuse you of that notion. For the sake of expediency, I'm selecting the highlights reel, but my theory is easily proven with The Operators Rules (yes, they do exist), under section 44 of the NHA's Rule Book, which reads as follows:-

44.1 - A RACING OPERATOR shall be bound by, and shall hold its RACE MEETINGS under the RULES (all of them). That basically says it all as far as I'm concerned, but if you remain unconvinced, there are a few more to support my theory.

44.6 - A RACING OPERATOR shall observe, abide by and enforce the CONSTITUTION and the RULES.

46 states, that "All meetings at which RACES take place shall be run in terms of the RULES."

Section 49, which pertains to entries and Subsection 49.1 clearly states "All entries, however made, are subject to the Rules, the Conditions and the Race Requirements. In the event that there is a conflict between the Rules, the Conditions and/or the Race Requirements, the Rules shall prevail."

And so on, and so forth. You get the picture.

So it is clear that Gold Circle is bound by the Rules of the NHA.

But of course the exception proves the rule and it seems that when it comes to Barrier Trials, they do not.

Que?

There are no official NHA rules to govern Barrier Trials and therefore, as matters stand, Barrier Trials are conducted in some kind of limbo where some rules count, but some do not. Sounds like business as usual, really! However, jokes aside, it's hard enough to enforce existing rules- grey areas are tantamount to an engraved invitation for trouble. [Read more here](#)

Jooste For Parliament

Former leading South African owner and breeder Markus Jooste is expected to appear before Parliament on Wednesday 29 August.

A former CEO of the embattled Steinhoff, Jooste, whose racing vehicle Mayfair Speculators will be crowned East Cape Champion owners at that region's annual racing awards on 1 September, is expected to face questions with a focus on institutional flaws and challenges existing in our financial regulatory framework or any implementational challenges, which might have caused or given rise to the Steinhoff debacle.

[Read more here](#)

NEWS

Kenilworth Development To Go Ahead

The Cape Town City council has dismissed appeals to halt the controversial development of a hotel, high-rise residential units and retail developments on the Kenilworth Racecourse property.

Independent Online reports that the proposed 6.8ha development has been slammed by activists, who fear the impact on the nearby conservation area, its endangered species and irreplaceable biodiversity.

They charged that the city council approved the rezoning application for the development without an environmental impact assessment (EIA) being completed, and a poor public consultation process to keep the development under wraps.

The city council, however, found all environmental authorisation and protocols were abided by.

While the appeals were dismissed in February, and a final decision letter would be issued next month, some objectors were only notified their appeal was dismissed this month, when they queried progress on the case themselves.

They now have 180 days to place this mayoral decision on review.

The Kenilworth Racecourse Conservation Area (KRCA) is situated in the centre of the course and is regarded as one of the last and best examples of Cape Sand Fynbos remaining on the Cape Peninsula.

More than 300 indigenous plant species have been identified, of which 34 are listed as Red Data species. Thirteen different amphibian species occur in the conservation area, of which two are critically endangered and the third is listed as vulnerable.

In the development, land between the grandstand and Rosmead Avenue has been earmarked for a hotel which would link directly to the grandstand.

The Jockey Room will be converted to a restaurant linked to the hotel. The development will include provision for parking and hospitality facilities.

The original stables, along with the parade ring, are to be refurbished and newer stables, and high-density, high-rise residential units built.

In April last year, the Municipal Planning Tribunal approved an application by Nadeson Projects on behalf of the property owner Kenilworth Racing to subdivide the property, and rezone portions of the land for development.

Weight Allowance Is Gold

A natural ability and a weight concession are gold in the hands of the right apprentice jockey. Two new generation talents stole the limelight on Saturday, winning over 30% of the local programme between Kenilworth and Turffontein.

Luke Ferraris and Sandile Mbhele, who was crowned Outstanding Apprentice at the Cape Racing Awards a fortnight ago, rode a hat-trick apiece at Turffontein and Kenilworth, respectively.

Sandile, who survived a Snaith-Fourie objection in the Kenilworth third race, to launch the first of a treble of Kenilworth winners for Vaughan Marshall, received glowing praise from Ronnie Sheehan Assistant trainer Peter Wrensch, whose runner Troop The Colour, a 16-10 favourite, finished last of five runners in the seventh race, a 2400m MR 66 Handicap – won by Mbhele on Vaughan Marshall's The Silva Fox.

"No excuses. Troop The Colour pulled up one hundred percent sound. He was beaten by a superb text-book ride and by the pedestrian pace," added Wrensch, who had his boss Ronnie Sheehan on course, after a spell of ill health.

"Aldo Domeyer and I spoke about the pace before the race. We were concerned and our fears came back to haunt us. Once Sandile took charge in front, slowed it up, and then pinched those three lengths at the 700m, we were on a hiding to nothing. Troop The Colour needs a decent gallop and he stays well and finishes his race off when relaxed off a fast pace. I am disappointed as Ronnie hasn't been racing in quite a while. He has been undergoing chemotherapy, but looks so much better and it would have been nice to have a winner. Thankfully he is getting better. And Troop The Colour is none the worse for wear."

Wrensch, a top-class Cape Hunt rider of yesteryear, said that Mbhele was full value for his 2,5kg claim, and added that he made his weight advantage count.

"As a rider, I appreciate watching a guy who thinks about what he is doing. Any jockey can go to the front. But Anton Marcus and Piere Strydom are different league. Look at Piere's ride on The Lawyer in the Turffontein first on Saturday. He got to the front and outrode them. And the horse wasn't spluttering and swerving at the end. Sandile also proved when winning on Symphony in the last that he is no one-dimensional apprentice with a weight discount ticket. He switched the filly off and then judged his ride to perfection from off them. He will get plenty of opportunity now that trainers see how nicely he sits and thinks his game through. He has the world at his feet, I feel – if he keeps his head down,"

At Turffontein, with his Dad David celebrating his 55th birthday and Grandfather Ormond in bed with bronchitis, Luke Ferraris, another 2,5kg claimer on the express route up, rode a treble – including a double for his Grandfather and a winner for Sean Tarry.

Ferraris has now ridden 33 winners from 273 rides. A slower beginner, Mbhele has ridden 26 winners from 318 rides.

As Peter Wrensch suggests, they both look like young men to watch.

Read the Sandile Mbhele profile interview on page 12



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The Awkward Awards

What Were We Thinking?

I was recently told I have spent the better part of my writing career offending everyone in the industry (I prefer the term 'challenge'). However, I am also mindful of a quote by Winston Churchill (incidentally, famously a member of the English Jockey Club) that reads: **You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.**

You say po-tay-to, I say po-tah-to.....

Equus caballus is the Latin name for the horse. Throughout history horses have symbolized beauty, grace and elegance. In short, everything this year's Equus awards were not.

[Read more here](#)



Stamping Her Authority!

The Australian Postal Service has come up with a novel way to pay tribute to the horseracing crazy nation's modern day superstar, Winx.

The Winx stamp issue celebrates the achievements of this magnificent mare. It features a photograph of Winx being ridden by her regular jockey Hugh Bowman. The stamp issue is available online and by mail order from 20 August 2018 and in Post Offices in Australia from 23 August 2018.

Winx clocked up her record-breaking 26th consecutive race win on 18 August 2018. The stamp is valued at A\$1.

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The Win X-Factor!

Australian superstar Winx broke Back Caviar's record for consecutive victories in great style at Randwick on Saturday when she stormed in to win the A\$500 000 Gr1 Winx Stakes.

Having her first run as a 7yo, the daughter of Street Cry's 26th victory in a row, and her 19th Gr1 win, came amid cheers and applause from an adoring crowd as regular pilot Hugh Bowman rode a confident race.

Families turned up with kids on parent's shoulders watching what could be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for many.

The victory was Winx's 30th from 36 starts, with her prizemoney earned in excess of A\$19 million.

Glyn Schofield rode Godolphin's smart four-year-old Kementari who was seen as being a genuine challenger for the great mare – but Winx was never threatened.

Schofield said: "He had his chance, he loomed up with the mare and couldn't quite sprint with her, he ran okay I suppose."

In media reports, winning trainer Chris Waller told www.racing.com that he was watching keenly.

"Just looking for signs of her losing that dominance," the trainer admitted. "Haven't seen one ounce of it. If anything I've seen improvement.

"It's quite staggering. It shouldn't be about me, it's about that amazing animal. What she is doing for sport in Australia – we should all take a bow and say well done.

"She's the same as the last 25 starts. She never looks like she's dominant. You are always just hoping to see her do it.

[Read more here](#)

Dream Buy!

A 7yo daughter of Street Cry, Winx has won the equivalent of over R201 million.

She was sold for A\$230 000 at the 2013 Magic Millions Gold Coast sale. She was part of a draft of horses from Coolmore Stud and was purchased by a partnership of Magic Bloodstock Racing, owned by Peter Tighe and his wife Patty, Richard Treweeke and Debbie Kepitis.

Her dam is Vegas Showgirl and Winx is named after a Las Vegas burlesque show.

A Sea Of Class!

The four day York Ebor Festival got under way yesterday with the impressive Roaring Lion a runaway winner of the Gr1 Juddmonte International.

Ridden by Oisin Murphy for trainer John Gosden, the three-year-old was clear entering the final furlong and went on to win by three and a quarter lengths. The 3-1 shot took one of the biggest prizes of the season on the Knavesmire by beating 8-5 favourite Poet's Word.

"He's a mile-and-a-quarter horse through and through and I'd have been very disappointed if he hadn't run like that," Gosden told the BBC.

The muscular grey had too much brawn for a Juddmonte International field that did not lack for quality.

With all but one of the eight-strong field having already conquered racing's highest rank, this had all the makings of a vintage Group 1 and, while it did not disappoint, it was hard to predict Roaring Lion's superiority, travelling effortlessly to the lead under Oisin Murphy before gunning to a three-and-a-quarter-length victory over the second-highest-rated horse on the planet, Poet's Word.

With Arc-winning stablemate Enable on the sidelines and the Knavesmire anything but the mire Cracksman adores, Roaring Lion has emerged from two towering shadows at John Gosden's star-studded Newmarket yard and, after following up success in the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown, is Flat racing's new middle-distance pin-up.

Having compromised his chances of victory in last season's Racing Post Trophy with his wayward antics, Roaring Lion started the season moderately in the Craven but, with a little help from an Indian summer, has blossomed.

While the winner was always in clear water, Poet's Word had to be driven early in the straight and switched to his left to escape an uncomfortable pocket but, while that was far from ideal, it would be far-fetched to call him an unlucky loser with Roaring Lion last off the bridle and dominant at the finish.

The Champion Stakes in both Ireland and Britain are on the radar next but Gosden was looking even further into the future, believing he can conquer even greater heights if he remains in training at four and beyond.

And today Ladies' Day places the fillies in the limelight, with an eight-strong line-up for the Gr1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks run at 16h35, our time.

With Forever Together, winner of the Oaks at Epsom in June, a surprise absentee, Sea Of Class is set to start a short-priced favourite.

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Short Heads

JR Takes Cover

An adverse reaction to flu and herpes inoculations could be at the core of a 'virus scare' in the yard of former Cape Champion trainer Joey Ramsden. The Milnerton conditioner scratched the balance of his 5 runners at Kenilworth on Saturday after Bountiful Strength – his first runner – finished tailed off. There were already red lights flashing at Durbanville last Tuesday where below-par showings suggested all was not well. Joey tweeted that the welfare of his horses was his primary concern.



JOEY RAMSDEN

Well Met!

G.H. Mumm's co-sponsorship of the Sun Met won a prestigious award at the Sports Industry Awards held at the Sandton Convention Centre on Friday evening. The award was given to Pernod Ricard SA, as GH Mumm is one of their premium brands. G.H. Mumm came out tops in the Best New Sponsorship category presented by Nielsen, beating out stiff competition from the likes of Nashua, New Balance and Shield.

STREETS AHEAD

After nearly three weeks of the 2018/19 Australian racing season, Darley's deceased shuttler & Gr1 Dubai World Cup winner – as well as sire of reigning SA Horse Of The Year Oh Susanna – Street Cry has established an early lead at the top of the national sires leader board. In second position is Yarraman Park's high-profile sire I Am Invincible, while Arrowfield Stud's record-breaking two-time Champion Australian Sire Snitzel rounds off the top three.

Media Shortcomings in horseracing's digital media approach compared with that of other sports, has been highlighted at the US Jockey Club Round Table Conference held recently. It was suggested that racing needs to create more engaging mobile content, promote its best content - including paying for it to be promoted - and needs to capture fan data from social media engagement and to invest in targeted, personalized digital marketing. Nobody's in a rush here by the looks of it.



4193

Mark Johnston has equalled the all-time record number of British winners for a racehorse trainer. Dr Richard Kimble won at Ripon on the weekend to give the Scot his 4193rd victory. The 58-year-old has reached the mark set by the retired Richard Hannon Sr, and it is only a matter of time before he breaks the record. Johnston, who is based in the Yorkshire village of Middleham, trained his first winner in 1987 and his victories have earned £53m in prize money.

Fire Away

A Syndicate of stud farms has purchased Fire Away (USA), to stand at Wilgerbosdrift Stud next season. The syndicate includes major studs like Wilgerbosdrift, Drakenstein, Moutonshoek, Mauritzfontein, Avontuur, Ascot, Wicklow, Cheveley, Nodoro, Piemonte and Boland Stud. Fire Away was purchased in the USA last month and arrived at Abington Place last Saturday to join the Mike de Kock team for a race campaign in Dubai in 2019.

Cup Goal

With an eye on the Melbourne Cup, Australian Bloodstock has purchase of one of Europe's leading stayers in Irish-bred Fastnet Rock 7yo, Torcedor. A dual Gr3 winner, the gelded Torcedor has also been Gr1 placed behind star stayer Stradivarius at his past two outings, including a last-start second in the Goodwood Cup (3218m). That form had the horse high up on the wish-list of Australian Bloodstock, with the syndicator eventually securing a deal with Te Akau Racing for an undisclosed seven-figure sum.



IT'S NOT UNUSUAL

York Racecourse are battling to get their post-race music acts together. Last month they had to deal with complaints following the cancellation of a Tom Jones concert just 30 minutes before the star was due on stage. His journey had been affected by weather issues. On Saturday a concert by Rudimental was cut short, which led to a series of angry messages from racegoers on social media. The performance was hit by technical problems. So what's new pussycat?

Mares & Foals Tour

Top Cape breeders Avontuur are conducting farm tours on 23 and 30 August. In the guided wander they provide insight in to their operation and guests meet their famous equine residents and adorable new-born foals. The tour also includes welcome drinks, lunch and wine pairings. Limited space is available. R350pp Tel: 021- 8553450

INTERNATIONAL

Kranji Treble For Le Grange

The Sporting Post's Personality Profile of last week, Trainer Ricardo Le Grange, rounded off three winners on the Kranji weekend double-header when he enjoyed a Sunday double, including a feature winner for staunch owner, Fred Crabbia.

An honest sprinter, Rafaello sprang out of the pack to give yet another reminder of his genuineness in the SGD \$125,000 Kranji Stakes A race over 1100m on the Polytrack.

Though more prolific on turf- seven wins versus one on Polytrack – Michael Lee reports that the Oratorio six-year-old was all heart – or “guts and glory” as his jockey Barend Vorster said – as he came pegging Special King (Azhar Ismail) back inside the last furlong.

For a few fleeting seconds, Rafaello looked to be paddling away on the one spot after journeying three wide among the leading bunch, but once Vorster had him rebalanced and thrust for a final push, he was chasing shadows no more. As he started to lengthen up, he went bearing down on Special King before putting some breathing space in between.

Favourite Distinctive Darci (Vlad Duric) sailed home on the outside, but a bungled start took its toll on him late as he could only knuckle down to within a length off Rafaello. Special King, who was rising in class, exceeded expectations by hanging on for third place. The winning time was 1min 5.29secs for the 1100m on the Polytrack.

With a handy record of nine wins and nine placings from 33 starts, Rafaello has now amassed around \$740,000 in prizemoney for Crabbia.

Ed – Rafaello is by the Australian-bred Oratorio (Stravinsky)

Canford Cliffs' Son Crosses The Channel

Sunday sees Deauville round off its summer season with the Gr2 Grand Prix de Deauville-Lucien Barriere, which is set to see Sylvester Kirk continue his search for a big win with Canford Cliffs son Salouen.

The four-year-old has only two ordinary victories as a juvenile to his name, but he has been a regular Pattern-race performer throughout his career.

He has been placed at the top level several times, coming closest to glory when only beaten a head by Cracksman in the Gr1 Coronation Cup at Epsom in June.

Gr1 Firsts At Deauville

Urban Fox was denied a second Gr1 success when collared close home by Nonza in the Darley Prix Jean Romanet at Deauville on Sunday.

Winner of the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh, the William Haggas-trained four-year-old made another strong bid for honours but was just run out of it in the final strides.

She hit the front in the straight under James Doyle, after Jessica Harington's I'm So Fancy had set the pace, but Nonza, trained by Henri-Francois Devin, was produced by Alexis Badel to land the spoils by a narrow margin.

It was a first Gr1 score for jockey Alexis Badel and trainer Henri-Francois Devin and sparked emotional scenes in the winner's enclosure.

A homebred product of the Devin family's Haras du Mesnil, the daughter of Zanzibari looks progressive.



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PERSONALITY

Absolutely Anything's Possible

Sandile Mbhele

Twenty year old Sandile Mbhele is the 'anything's possible' poster boy of the jockey ranks. He is the tangible living evidence of genuine hope in a system that often comes under fire for sometimes ungainly pretension and perceived window-dressing.

The son of a hardworking Airports Company Cargo Loader and a Domestic Worker, the one-time Ganges Senior Secondary School pupil openly concedes that he flunked every test and exam he ever sat for in a shockingly fragile schooling system – but readily admits that things started changing the day he first set eyes on Summerveld.

Listening to Sandile chat frankly about his troubled High School days a stone's throw from Clairwood Racecourse is an eye-opener for those of us wearing those ever so fashionable rose-tinted spectacles – the type that keep us feeling better and shuts the world out.

"After I had been subsidised by my Mom's very generous Boss through a private primary school education, life from my Grade 8 year was a nightmare rude awakening. There was no discipline at my school. No facilities for sport or anything else. No control. Open flaunting of drugs. We never did homework. Results were a joke. It was cool to get 24% for maths. We bunked and would then hide away from the police and the army, who would try and take us back to class. Most of us were headed nowhere very fast and education and career weren't words in our dictionaries. In fact, we had no dictionaries- very few text books at all!"

But then all that changed when an SA Jockey Academy recruitment team visited the school.

"They had a talk to us about a career as a jockey. They weighed us. And then handed out a pamphlet. That little piece of paper was to prove to be my passport to escape my disastrous high school experience. Before I knew it, I was on an SAJA orientation camp and with the support of my parents – who I wouldn't have blamed for giving up – I had discovered a new dimension on life. An exciting vibrant new world where discipline was key. Where people were hard. But actually seemed to care."

Sandile started his career adventure at SAJA with his current resident duo of Burke and Tarentaal, as well as Denis Schwarz, Dylan Lerena, Calvin Habib, Ashton Arries and Kabelo Matsunyane.

"I hope I haven't left anybody out! It was great

fun and hard work at the SA Jockey Academy. But I could focus on my school work suddenly and, hey, I got my matric – which would not have happened had I stayed where I was. And I grew to love these wonderful animals called horses. Something I hadn't taken too much notice of until then."

He says the greatest part of life at the academy was the camaraderie and friendships that he formed. He laughed at the rush to get out of bed in the morning for stable work.

"There were limited spades and brooms to clean stables and muck out with. So if you missed out you had to use your hands. Some of the guys would try and write their names on the sacks. Some of us got up at 4am just to get a broom. It certainly motivated us to resist the temptation to have put the snooze button on!"

'Sanzi', an affectionate label bestowed on him by his fellow Cape Town Jockey Academy residents Louis Burke and Liam Tarentaal, has been on a high since booting home a career first treble for the Vaughan Marshall yard at Kenilworth last Saturday.

"Did you really come all the way here to talk to me?" he asked apologetically as we underwent the formalities of the introductions with our photographer in tow at the gate of the tightly-run ship that is the Milnerton academy, with the glorious views of a cloud bedecked Table Mountain.

Former jockey and local SAJA riding master Terrance Welch says that his three current students are 'a good bunch'.

"We haven't got any problems here. The guys work hard and pull their weight. They all have talent and bright futures ahead of them," adds Welch.

Sandile had his first race ride on the gutsy mare Kingsview at Scottsville for Therese Mitchley.

The date was 28 August 2016. The polite former Durbanite admits he doesn't remember much about the 70 secs the daughter of King's Chapel took to run just 4 lengths off the winner in sixth place. But she was going to prove a gem in the young jockey's career – giving him his first winning ride at the same venue just four months later.

"I will always remember 21 December 2016. The win was an early unplanned Christmas present – the best ever- and I was thrilled as the trainer Ms

Mitchley had given me so much opportunity and encouragement. Again I don't remember much about the race. I drifted from the outside to the inside and had to survive an objection to keep the race."

The records show that the late Alec Forbes, rider of the runner-up, lodged an objection on the grounds of inter-



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SANDILE MBHELE

ference in the latter stages. To Sandile's relief the result stood but he signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of Rule 62.2.7 as he had failed to ensure that he did not cause interference to the placed horses.

"The Riding Master was on leave and Mr Stuart Ferrie kindly helped me through the hearing and guided me. I was totally confused. I got a week's suspension for it. It was quite a hectic way to start my professional career!," he recalls.

But things didn't exactly take off for Sandile thereafter.

"I really battled to get rides in KZN. I ran from string to string. Worked in some stables. I tried hard and did all the right things – so I thought anyway. It was depressing having to sit out weeks without a ride. Then having to explain to the Academy management during assessments that I was really trying my best. I even had a trainer suggest that as I was a clean-cut sort of guy who spoke fairly well, I could try my hand at getting a job somewhere else outside of racing."

He admits being totally deflated. But friends like Serino Moodley encouraged him to plug on. He says that, on reflection, he is very glad he didn't take the tempting step and throw in the towel.

Liam Tarentaal, who is sitting listening to the interview with one eye on the Comedy Central channel, adds his input at this point.

"I don't think people know how tough life is at the Academy and then trying to break through as a jockey. The competition is tough and it looks glamorous in the winner's enclosure. But I think the training at Summerveld is really meant to be a tough baptism into the system and to groom and prepare us to face the hard knocks later on," says the youngster who has ridden two winners – both for Eric Sands – in his first three weeks in Cape Town.

"I know what Liam is saying. My self-esteem was under serious pressure. Then one day I had a short chat to trainer Justin Snaith at Summerveld. He suggested I try my luck in Cape Town. Well that suggestion was to be a turning point for me," concedes Sandile as he reflects on his first six months in the Mother City.

He has received most of his support at the yards of Vaughan Marshall, Eric Sands, Greg Ennion and Candice Bass-Robinson.

"Just as I found KZN a brick wall, the Cape has been a springboard for my career and my confidence has been restored. I work hard and get the rides. Not necessarily all the best ones. But I appreciate each and every opportunity and make the most of it."

He says that his Saturday three-timer was a real highlight. We suggested that he had ridden a pearler on The Silva Fox.

"I knew I had to take it easy in front with my weight concession. I read in the Sporting Post that I had been really clever to pinch a few lengths at the 700m. The real reason I moved ahead then was that MJ Byleveld on Giant Flag had tried to challenge me and I made the move then to keep him out. But it worked out well. There isn't even a meter between the first and the second box, but it makes a million miles difference, depending which one you are unsaddling in," he laughs for the first time.

Sandile is keen to absorb advice and guidance from all angles.

"I do Aldo Domeyer's kit and he talks to me a lot and encourages me. He is my mentor and one of the strongest jockeys that I have ridden against. He is always telling me to keep my head up and smile. And he was one of the first people to congratulate me after Saturday's treble."

Vaughan Marshall was the trainer of all three of Sandile's Saturday winners.

"When I phone around for rides, I first check to see what Mr Marshall has put me on. He has been a major supporter and is a

good man who commands much respect. I owe him a lot."

Sandile hasn't seen his Mom, Dad and 13 year old sister since he left Durban in January.

"I do miss them. I went up for an apprentice race a few months back but it was a quick trip and I didn't get the chance to say hello to them. Maybe I can take some time in December, but I need to establish myself as a priority and that is the busy season."

His immediate goal is to get his first feature win on the board.

"I managed a third on Goodtime Gal in the Champagne Stakes. But I need to do better than that."

And an overseas posting?

"I have never left the borders of SA, so that would be a great adventure. And the ultimate for any jockey would be to ride internationally, I imagine. But I have been in racing for two minutes only. My time will come. I know it will."

All-Star Jockeys

SA-born Chad Schofield will represent Hong Kong at the World All-Star Jockeys competition at Sapporo Racecourse in Japan this weekend with a view to joining three Hong Kong greats on the honour roll.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club reports that Douglas Whyte (2004), Zac Purton (2012) and Joao Moreira (2015) have between them won the past 18 champion jockey titles in Hong Kong, with Whyte winning 13 on end before the latter pair advanced to the fore. The talented Schofield's long-range ambitions – if not his short-term expectations – would be to join that elite bracket, and, with that in mind, he is aiming to make the most of his participation in the four-race, two-day competition.

"It's a big honour to represent Hong Kong, I'm pretty chuffed that I've been invited and I'm really looking forward to it," he said, admitting that his call-up was not expected.

"I was surprised, to be honest. It's a big opportunity for me, I've never ridden in Japan and I'm looking forward to what I'm sure will be a good experience for me."

Almost five years after the then-teenager sealed a major atop Shamus Award in the 2013 Cox Plate, Schofield, now 24, heads into the World All-Star Jockeys with three good seasons in Hong Kong under his belt. Last term, he sealed big-race success thanks to Singapore Sling in the Hong Kong Classic Cup on his way to finishing fifth in the premierships with 38 wins.

"This is now my fourth season in Hong Kong and each season I've raised the bar gradually – I feel like I'm still young, still improving and I have a great deal to learn, so no doubt this upcoming experience in Japan will only help me going into the season in Hong Kong," Schofield said.

"Missing the Pre-season Carnival barrier trials isn't ideal but I couldn't really turn down something like this," he said. "I have an agent acting on my behalf over in Japan so I'm hoping I can pick up one or two rides outside of the competition. And it would be good to come into the Hong Kong season with a bit of form and also have my eye in a little bit."

The World All-Star Jockeys is a points-based contest with jockeys competing in two designated races on Saturday, 25 August and two more on Sunday, 26 August. The competition's 14 invited riders compete for the individual crown as well as for the team title. Schofield will be one of six overseas jockeys joining one of Japan's NAR jockeys against a team of seven JRA jockeys.

BREEDING

Jallad - Versatility Personified!

One of the relatively unheralded stars of 2017-2018 was former Highlands stallion Jallad. The son of Blushing Groom, who passed away at the ripe old age of 29 in 2017, has built up an increasingly impressive record as a broodmare sire -and this was reflected at the recently held Equus Awards.

Jallad achieved a remarkable, if not unique, feat when broodmare sire of both the Equus Champion Sprinter (Will Pays) and Champion Stayer (It's My Turn) - further testimony to his great versatility as a stallion, and a feat deserving of more attention.

To top it all off, the Jallad mare Strawberry Lane was named Equus Broodmare Of The Year for 2017-2018. The Lammerskraal Stud owned Strawberry Lane had earlier been named the Cape's Broodmare Of The Year and is down to visit Visionaire (Grand Slam) this season.

By far the best horse sired by disappointing Indian Ridge stallion Imperial Stride, Will Pays became the ninth Gr1 winner produced by a daughter of Jallad when he downed high class performers Attenborough (Western Winter), Trip To Heaven (Trippi), Pinnacle Peak (Querari) and Dutch Philip (What A Winter) to win the 2018 Gr1 Mercury Sprint.

Coincidentally, Will Pays is also the best horse thrown by his dam Rattlebag- a talented racemare who won six times, including the Azalea Stakes, and who was promoted to second place in the Gr1 SA Fillies Guineas. One of those beaten by Rattlebag in the SA Fillies Guineas included subsequent Oaks winner Taineberry (Centaine)- the dam of Strawberry Lane!

To date, Will Pays has won 11 of 33 races and banked more than R1.8 million in stakes.

Turn For The Best

Champion Stayer It's My Turn, whose exclusion from the 2018 Vodacom Durban July continues to look more and more bizarre, is one of a growing number of top class performers sired by Dynasty out of a daughter of Jallad.

It's My Turn, whose four graded victories include the 2016 Gr1 Investec Cape Derby, joins last season's Gr1 winners Liege (Summer Cup) and Eyes Wide Open (Cape Derby) as other top level winners sired by Dynasty out of Jallad mares. Other notable performers bred on this cross include July runner up Run For It, unbeaten filly Hashtagyolo, and Gr2 Betting World 1900 winner Solid Speed.

Jallad's winning daughter Strawberry Lane was responsible for her second Gr1 winner when daughter Redberry Lane (Western Winter) downed Snowdance (Captain Al) to claim the 2018 Gr1 Jonsson Workwear Garden Province Stakes. In the process, the re-



Jallad

gally bred Redberry Lane stamped herself as a hugely exciting future broodmare prospect- and an intriguing prospect for the 2018-2019 season.

A full-sister to dual Guineas winner Solo Traveller and to Fillies Guineas second Strawberry Ice (dam of Gold Bracelet winner Flying Ice), Redberry Lane, who also won the Syringa handicap last season, is one of seven winners produced by her dam-who, in

turn, is an own sister to Gr3 Pretty Polly winner Jalbery (dam of Golden Horseshoe winner Purple Diamond and last season's Off To Stud winner Love To Boogie).

Strawberry Lane was not the only Jallad mare to confirm herself an outstanding producer last season, however. Former Garden Province Stakes winner Lyrical Linda was responsible for Summer Cup hero Liege (Dynasty), with the latter (a first Gr1 winner for his dam) one of 3 stakes winners for his dam, whose son Lance (Jet Master) is now standing at stud.

The Jallad sired Equus Champion Russian Sage also made his presence felt in 2017-2018, with his son Perovskia- his sire's best son by far- winning the Gr2 Drill Hall and Jet Master Stakes.

Champion

The most successful son of Blushing Groom ever to stand at stud in South Africa, Jallad was South Africa's Champion Sire in 2001, with his 16 individual Gr1 winners including such champions as the above mentioned Russian Sage, Rabiya, Successful Bidder, Icy Air and Horse Of The Year Free My Heart.

Jallad left quite a mark on the Cape Derby, siring the winners Rabiya, Russian Sage, and Grande Jete, and is damsire of Derby heroes It's My Turn and Eyes Wide Open.

His versatility as a stallion can be highlighted by the fact that Jallad runners won Gr1 races from 1160 to 3200m.

Jallad ended 2017-2018 as South Africa's third leading Broodmare Sire by stakes won (according to NHA statistics), with his daughters progeny winning 130 races and banking more than R16.4 million in prize money. Jallad daughters were responsible for 13 individual stakes winners last season, who won 19 black type features. Other notable black type performers out of Jallad mares last season included Oaks Trial winner Chariot Of Gold (Silvano), Off To Stud Stakes winner Love To Boogie (Trippi), Sweet Chestnut Stakes victress Too Phat To Fly (Bezrin), and Michael Roberts Handicap hero Wild Wicket (another by Dynasty).

Previous star performers produced by daughters of Jallad include star sprinter Shea Shea (National Emblem), Gr1 Met hero Martial Eagle (Silvano), Gr1 Allan Robertson Fillies Championship winner Give Me Five (Goldkeeper) and the above mentioned Solo Traveller.

BREEDING



Duke's Hot At Home - & Abroad!

Drakenstein Stud's Cartier Champion Duke Of Marmalade enjoyed a good weekend, with the son of Danehill enjoying both local success and featuring as a broodmare sire of a pricey Arqana Yearling Sale buy.

Duke Of Spin became the sixth winner to have emerged from his sire's first South African bred crop when he romped home, while making all the running, to score a facile 3.75 length maiden win on just his second official start at Scottsville on Sunday.

Trained by Duncan Howells, the Varsfontein Stud bred colt relished the mile and he looks to have a bright future ahead of him.

Out of the Fort Wood mare Justthewayyouare, Duke Of Spin was a R1.4 million buy from last year's National Yearling Sale.

Other smart sorts to have emerged from Duke Of Marmalade's exciting first local crop include Cape champion Temple Grafin and the talented Santa Clara – second in both the Kenilworth Fillies Nursery and Iridescence Stakes last season.

Duke Of Marmalade is also broodmare sire of a Camelot colt (Lot 62) who made €400 000 at the recent Arqana Yearling Sale. Purchased by Charlie Gordon-Watson, he is out of Duke Of Marmalade's top class daughter Venus De Milo, winner of the Gr3 Give Thanks Stakes and second in both the Gr1 Irish and Gr1 Yorkshire Oaks.

The five time Gr1 winning Duke Of Marmalade, whose 60 plus stakes horses include Gr1 winners Big Orange, Simple Verse and Star Of Seville, is also sire of 2018 Melbourne Cup hopeful Marmelo, who took his earnings to over £420 000 when finishing second in Sunday's Gr2 Darley Prix Kergorlay.

Fillies Rule The Roost

Fairer sex in demand

Fillies from highclass families were all the rage at the National 2yo sale last week, making up the three top-priced lots, between them fetching R2.5 million.

Highlands consigned the top seller, a Pathfork half sister to outstanding sprint fillies Sweet Sanette and Franny, from the Gr1 family of Scented Royal. Pathfork had 2yo Gr1 winning filly Mighty High earlier this year. Brett Crawford dug deep to secure the youngster at R1.2 million.



The topselling filly | Candiese Marnewick

The next two highest prices were for fillies consigned by Lammerskraal Stud. Heywood Bloodstock bid R700k for a Gimmethegreenlight daughter of Gr1 winning Western Winter mare Fair Maiden. Varsfontein Stud went to R600k for a half sister to Champion 2yo filly Laverna. The new 2yo is by first-crop sire Wylie Hall (Redoute's Choice), and is out of Champion Sprinter Enchantress, from a solid Gr1 family which includes Champions Harry's Charm (half sister to Enchantress) and National Currency (out of a half sister to Enchantress).

To read more and view the prices [click here](#)

Summer Cup Gets New Sponsor

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Talking to Amin, it very quickly becomes clear why G-BETS leapt at the opportunity to append its label to the Summer Cup.

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
22,094,863	Summerhill Stud	352	62,769	2424	131	192	37%	5	6	4%	631	26%	8	Takingtheapeace 1,400,000 6%
21,179,575	Klawervlei Stud	388	54,587	2275	142	201	37%	9	9	6%	654	29%	10	Lobo's Legend 1,350,775 6%
15,563,913	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	208	74,827	1274	105	160	50%	10	14	10%	384	30%	13	Celtic Sea 692,000 4%
15,262,725	Drakenstein Stud	120	127,189	699	67	99	56%	7	10	10%	208	30%	12	Oh Susanna 4,312,375 28%
14,281,938	Maine Chance	157	90,968	956	69	116	44%	9	11	13%	259	27%	11	Liege 1,253,250 9%
13,712,138	Moutonshoek	137	100,089	846	53	89	39%	4	5	8%	240	28%	6	Undercover Agent 4,966,875 36%
11,726,413	Varsfontein Stud	109	107,582	691	49	75	45%	5	7	10%	220	32%	17	Surcharge 2,695,000 23%
11,082,013	Ascot Stud	97	114,248	596	46	72	47%	4	7	11%	180	30%	11	Coral Fever 3,185,000 29%
10,548,825	Highlands	157	67,190	957	73	102	46%	5	8	7%	240	25%	9	Eyes Wide Open 978,000 9%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
24,960,263	*Captain Al	175	142,630	977	82	122	47%	14	20	17%	337	34%	24	Undercover Agent 4,966,875 20%
19,821,213	Silvano	225	88,094	1379	114	182	51%	12	13	11%	425	31%	23	Elusive Silva 716,250 4%
16,376,750	Dynasty	150	109,178	806	74	123	49%	16	21	22%	217	27%	17	It's My Turn 1,306,250 8%
14,536,950	Trippi	140	103,835	857	72	110	51%	5	5	7%	303	35%	11	Miss Katalin 1,663,250 11%
13,871,651	Var	235	59,028	1318	89	139	38%	3	6	3%	394	30%	11	Sommerlied 793,750 6%
12,579,500	Gimmethegreenlight	157	80,124	966	67	98	43%	4	7	6%	273	28%	16	Surcharge 2,695,000 21%
10,516,900	Querari	120	87,641	718	54	86	45%	6	8	11%	203	28%	7	Monks Hood 1,030,875 10%
10,226,601	What A Winter	105	97,396	546	48	63	46%	2	2	4%	171	31%	3	Dutch Philip 3,859,975 38%
9,354,163	Judpot	134	69,807	771	49	60	37%	2	3	4%	214	28%	8	Coral Fever 3,185,000 34%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
14,947,213	*Captain Al	51	293,083	343	32	50	63%	6	10	19%	126	37%	7	Undercover Agent 4,966,875 33%
8,736,901	What A Winter	63	138,681	410	35	48	56%	1	1	3%	124	30%	3	Dutch Philip 3,859,975 44%
7,920,913	Silvano	84	94,297	534	54	91	64%	3	3	6%	168	31%	7	Miyabi Gold 420,000 5%
7,694,425	Gimmethegreenlight	75	102,592	532	33	49	44%	2	4	6%	144	27%	8	Surcharge 2,695,000 35%
7,640,900	Trippi	42	181,926	284	30	41	71%	1	1	3%	108	38%	4	Miss Katalin 1,663,250 22%
7,002,750	Twice Over	62	112,948	411	32	45	52%	2	4	6%	97	24%	5	Do It Again 3,257,500 47%
5,709,025	Dynasty	58	98,431	334	31	43	53%	5	6	16%	92	28%	8	Eyes Wide Open 978,000 17%
5,665,550	Querari	48	118,032	310	24	37	50%	3	4	13%	83	27%	2	Monks Hood 1,030,875 18%
4,995,651	Var	75	66,609	509	34	47	45%	0	0	0%	167	33%	3	Speedpoint 424,100 8%

LEADING SIRES of 2YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,557,850	Var	53	48,261	149	21	25	40%	1	1	5%	42	28%	3	William The Silent 693,750 27%
2,252,875	*Captain Al	38	59,286	111	14	17	37%	2	3	14%	43	39%	4	Celtic Sea 692,000 31%
2,142,775	Oratorio	32	66,962	101	14	18	44%	3	3	21%	28	28%	5	Van Halen 601,125 28%
1,999,675	Gimmethegreenlight	34	58,814	103	16	21	47%	1	2	6%	33	32%	4	Barahin 533,625 27%
1,720,850	Pathfork	25	68,834	66	10	15	40%	2	4	20%	14	21%	2	Mighty High 534,375 31%
1,566,000	Pomodoro	22	71,182	90	5	8	23%	1	1	20%	31	34%	2	Return Flight 613,625 39%
1,489,700	What A Winter	42	35,469	136	13	15	31%	1	1	8%	47	35%	0	Clouds Unfold 233,125 16%
1,411,825	*Sail From Seattle	48	29,413	173	17	17	35%	0	0	0%	51	29%	1	Across Seattle 95,500 7%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES on POLYTRACK

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,319,375	Trippi	54	42,951	184	17	27	31%	1	1	6%	79	43%	0	Miracle Bureau 280,225 12%
2,263,876	*Sail From Seattle	72	31,443	238	27	35	38%	0	0	0%	72	30%	0	For Luck Sake 269,200 12%
2,165,625	Visionaire	58	37,338	167	20	28	34%	0	0	0%	57	34%	1	We're Watching You 207,100 10%
2,164,325	Var	94	23,025	292	20	24	21%	0	0	0%	89	30%	1	Miss Varlicious 148,875 7%
1,972,213	Silvano	66	29,882	175	22	29	33%	0	0	0%	43	25%	1	Argentus 172,500 9%
1,704,400	Querari	45	37,876	159	14	22	31%	0	0	0%	43	27%	0	Kazaar 179,375 11%
1,648,200	*Antonius Pius	40	41,205	187	17	24	43%	2	2	12%	49	26%	0	Kissable 178,125 11%
1,625,900	Gimmethegreenlight	57	28,525	187	13	20	23%	0	0	0%	54	29%	0	Accidental Tourist 173,000 11%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES on SAND

SEASON 2017/2018 • 1 August - 31 July 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,057,875	*Kahal	24	44,078	171	11	19	46%	0	0	0%	54	32%	0	Red Special 299,425 28%
924,250	Mambo In Seattle	26	35,548	162	8	16	31%	0	0	0%	39	24%	0	Sultry 146,975 16%
535,025	Seventh Rock	21	25,477	84	6	9	29%	0	0	0%	30	36%	0	Emperors Tractor 138,575 26%
496,050	Bold Silvano	8	62,006	68	3	10	38%	0	0	0%	21	31%	0	Two Gunsy 205,450 41%
487,075	Philanthropist	15	32,472	71	7	10	47%	0	0	0%	17	24%	0	Sea Bean 103,925 21%
485,000	*A P Arrow	10	48,500	98	5	8	50%	0	0	0%	27	28%	0	Portman Square 159,875 33%
438,825	Var	18	24,379	80	4	7	22%	0	0	0%	19	24%	0	Roquebrune 219,900 50%
398,425	Traffic Guard	12	33,202	67	3	8	25%	0	0	0%	14	21%	0	Ahead Of Traffic 167,075 42%

The FULL Statistics ONLINE <http://www.sportingpost.co.za/horse-racing-statistics/> *Stallion dead or Retired **Stallion Not Standing in RSA
 **Breeding operations not based in RSA - Statistics for Breeders & Sires reflect ALL earnings, incl. restricted races & handicap races



A R200 000 KZN Yearling Sale purchase, and earner of close on R1,8 million, Hermoso Mundo has been a dream horse for his owners and now heads to the riches of Dubai, with the Melbourne Cup a possible dream in 2019.

The tough gelding made history in the 2016/17 season when becoming the first horse to land OUR unofficial stay-er's triple crown, winning the Gold Bowl, the Gold Vase and the Gold Cup. Crowned 2016/17 Equus Champion Stayer, Hermoso Mundo was runner-up in the 2018 Gold Cup last month. He was bred by Mauritzfontein from Ideal World (Kingmambo) out of the ten time winner Escoleta Fitz (Fitzcaraldo) – and hails from the famous 'E' family.

With prize money of \$1,5 million, his chief target will be the Gr2 Dubai Gold Cup run over 3200m on turf at the World Cup meeting on 30 March 2019 at Meydan race-course. And then Australia beckons. The Melbourne Cup offers a stake of A\$ 7,3 million. Do the sums!

Thank you to all the buyers and under bidders at the National 2 YO Sale, we wish you success with your purchases.



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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	stakes	stks/ runs
							%	%	four	four%		
J Snaith	1155	162	14%	210	18%	32%	135	12%	527	46%	29,981,238	25,958
SG Tarry	1271	138	11%	214	17%	29%	127	10%	506	40%	23,552,775	18,531
BJ Crawford	739	101	14%	135	18%	24%	97	13%	357	48%	16,617,563	22,487
MF de Kock	766	131	17%	220	29%	34%	84	11%	381	50%	16,534,363	21,585
C Bass-Robinson	934	98	10%	119	13%	27%	99	11%	400	43%	15,357,650	16,443
AC Greeff	1020	148	15%	198	19%	35%	127	12%	498	49%	10,719,525	10,509
GS Kotzen	821	80	10%	82	10%	29%	73	9%	304	37%	9,310,875	11,341
PA Peter	634	88	14%	109	17%	31%	52	8%	250	39%	9,142,401	14,420
MG & AA Azzie	498	61	12%	75	15%	24%	64	13%	217	44%	8,700,075	17,470
D Kannemeyer	467	58	12%	75	16%	41%	49	10%	194	42%	7,686,800	16,460
JAJ v Vuuren	477	67	14%	75	16%	33%	62	13%	229	48%	7,670,050	16,080
DR Drier	525	66	13%	102	19%	34%	64	12%	244	46%	7,665,613	14,601
J Ramsden	496	58	12%	80	16%	29%	62	13%	216	44%	7,059,150	14,232
GD Smith	1165	81	7%	82	7%	30%	112	10%	421	36%	6,734,001	5,780
Y Bremner	764	89	12%	101	13%	26%	82	11%	342	45%	6,589,238	8,625
DC Howells	523	54	10%	73	14%	29%	61	12%	210	40%	6,400,700	12,238

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	stakes	stks/ rides
							%	%	four	four%		
L Hewitson	1470	185	13%	233	16%	28%	187	13%	703	48%	20,164,188	13,717
M Yeni	1447	149	10%	225	16%	25%	164	11%	660	46%	18,211,026	12,585
A Domeyer	696	137	20%	211	30%	38%	107	15%	424	61%	13,369,350	19,209
A Delpech	527	136	26%	214	41%	38%	98	19%	341	65%	14,523,638	27,559
G Cheyne	801	135	17%	189	24%	32%	110	14%	459	57%	11,145,025	13,914
C Murray	942	120	13%	159	17%	33%	102	11%	384	41%	12,488,800	13,258
R Fourie	668	119	18%	158	24%	32%	82	12%	357	53%	13,097,213	19,607
K De Melo	1020	114	11%	133	13%	28%	123	12%	450	44%	12,698,225	12,449
G v Niekerk	552	107	19%	119	22%	31%	82	15%	318	58%	20,087,575	36,391
R Munger	1332	107	8%	72	5%	33%	100	8%	439	33%	8,779,763	6,591
A Marcus	416	104	25%	205	49%	35%	77	19%	260	63%	15,715,863	37,779
G Wrogemann	897	104	12%	96	11%	36%	95	11%	374	42%	12,726,126	14,187
C Zackey	1143	97	8%	91	8%	25%	111	10%	438	38%	12,986,276	11,362
W Kennedy	748	79	11%	68	9%	28%	82	11%	301	40%	8,892,550	11,888
B Fayd'herbe	492	76	15%	101	21%	26%	67	14%	255	52%	12,261,650	24,921
R Simons	617	76	12%	108	18%	36%	53	9%	241	39%	8,376,813	13,577

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

SEASON 2017/2018 • complete season to 31 July 2018

trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd	stakes	stks/ runs
							%	%		
BJ Crawford/A Delpech	30	12	40%	16	53%	31%	7	23%	881,725	29,391
OA Ferraris/L J Ferraris	27	10	37%	8	30%	38%	4	15%	775,375	28,718
A Nel/A Domeyer	34	12	35%	12	35%	67%	4	12%	827,400	24,335
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	43	14	33%	22	51%	45%	7	16%	1,073,800	24,972
MF de Kock/A Delpech	104	32	31%	48	46%	46%	15	14%	3,200,075	30,770
J Ramsden/A Marcus	33	10	30%	15	45%	47%	5	15%	899,600	27,261
D Kannemeyer/A Delpech	78	22	28%	37	47%	43%	17	22%	2,110,975	27,064
PA Peter/G Lerena	39	11	28%	19	49%	32%	7	18%	1,309,675	33,581
PA Peter/P Strydrom	44	12	27%	15	34%	40%	3	7%	1,056,525	24,012
AC Greeff/A Domeyer	81	21	26%	37	46%	41%	11	14%	1,321,400	16,314
C Bass-Robinson/G v Niekerk	52	13	25%	5	10%	0%	7	13%	4,493,050	86,405
J Snaith/G v Niekerk	249	60	24%	73	29%	38%	40	16%	11,901,400	47,797
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	388	89	23%	143	37%	34%	73	19%	6,197,350	15,973
T Laing/C Murray	188	38	20%	37	20%	41%	25	13%	2,628,200	13,980
J Snaith/B Fayd'herbe	182	36	20%	48	26%	25%	24	13%	7,584,625	41,674
MF de Kock/R Simons	123	25	20%	34	28%	41%	8	7%	2,824,025	22,960

RACING TO WIN

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Four-times SA Champion jockey Anton Marcus has started the new season like he means business. After riding his first winner for new sponsors Ridgemont Highlands at Kenilworth on Saturday, he scored a double at Scottsville on Sunday and then struck with a nice treble at the same venue yesterday. He has ridden 13 winners this month so far



Anton Marcus is in hot form

for a very commendable 37% win strike-rate.

Laff Double On Ice

Summerveld trainer Paul Lafferty finally got off the mark this season with a double at Scottsville yesterday. Both the Australian-bred Celebration Rock (Anton Marcus) and Philanthropist daughter Generous Lady (Craig Zackey) won like horses with a bright future. They were the former football star's 13th and 14th



Paul Lafferty broke the ice at Scottsville

runners and gave him a respectable 14% win strike-rate. That's double his career rate of 7% winners.

Tops On Tuesday

Trainer Roy Magner and Russia-bound Northern Cape champion apprentice Denis Schwarz led the way at the Vaal on Tuesday with two winners. Bullsade got out of



Roy Magner and Denis Schwarz are an effective combination



the maiden ranks at her 15th start in the third, while the well-travelled Isphan cracked a meritorious 2nd win in his last 3 starts in the sixth. The son of Tiger

Ridge has now won 8 of his 60 outings. This very effective jockey-trainer combination boast a 26% win strike-rate this month.

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BREEDING

Positive Trends!

The total aggregate for all Bloodstock South Africa yearling sales in 2018 grew by an impressive 20%. The standout sale as far as the aggregate increase is concerned, would have to be the Emperors Palace National Yearling Sales where a 25% increase was achieved.

The KZN Yearling Sale and the Emperors Palace National Two Year Old Sale also posted significant increases in their aggregates achieved, both posting double digit growth. As a result, BSA grew their percentage of the market share by 38%. The average price achieved over all yearling sales run by BSA improved by a healthy 20%.

This year also marked the introduction of a new initiative at the Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale of a two-tiered sale. Horses sold on session 1 had an increased minimum bid of R100 000 whilst session 2 remained at R50 000. It is worth noting that only 17% of the horses over the entire sale failed to reach the R100 000 minimum bid for session 1 (8% in session 1 and 9% in session 2). The results speak for themselves: average price achieved on session 1 was R582 000 whilst session 2 achieved R188 000. It is interesting to note that at the Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale the number of horses sold between the R500 000 to R1 000 000 and R300 000 to R500 000 grew by 42% and 34% respectively.

When reviewing statistics the two figures that are often overlooked are the sales median and clearance rate. Bloodstock South Africa has proudly noted that the median price achieved increased at every sale held in 2018 and the clearance rate was 82%.

The most positive effect on the South African Thoroughbred Industry in 2018 has been the very active international market for both yearlings and proven race horses. International participation at the 2018 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale was significant. From purchasing 29 horses and spending what equated to 16% of the Bloodstock South Africa's turnover in 2017, international buying increased to 54 horses this year, and their participation saw the overseas spend equate to no less than 34% of BSA's turnover at the 2018 sale.

INTERNATIONAL

Taking Nothing For Granted!

Grant van Niekerk is the kind of jockey that makes news wherever he goes. Racing folk are still debating his ride on Durban July favourite African Night Sky!

The Capetonian is primed and ready for his first Hong Kong meeting on Sunday 2 September.

He chatted to Tom Biddington of the South China Morning Post yesterday.

The author writes that outside his native South Africa, only the most hard-core racing fans would know of Grant van Niekerk, but that is about to change.

The 27-year-old is the latest addition to the Hong Kong riding ranks and he wants make his presence felt in one of the world's highest-profile jurisdictions.

"The more winners I ride, the more they will get to know me," said Van Niekerk, who has already secured seven rides for the opening meeting on Sunday, September 2.

"I want people to know I'm always doing my best and I'm a good person.

"If I get the opportunities, I think I can deliver. My dream is to be one of the best." [Read the full story here](#)

Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
22Aug	1375	1375	1370	44,774
21Aug	1390	1390	1360	1,080
20Aug	1350	1350	1350	0
17Aug	1350	1350	1350	2,800
16Aug	1399	1399	1399	0
15Aug	1399	1399	1399	345
14Aug	1399	1399	1350	5,658
13Aug	1350	1350	1325	300
10Aug	1350	1350	1350	850
08Aug	1325	1325	1325	0

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Fri 24 Aug	Jockey Club Stakes (L) 2000m Fairview (T)
Sat 1 Sept	Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes 1200m Turffontein (I)
Sat 29 Sept	Settlers Trophy (L) 2400m Durbanville

SCORE CARD

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

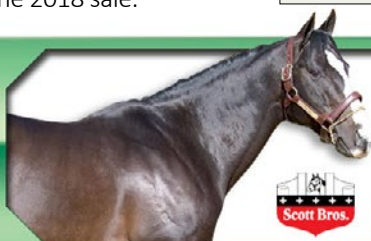
A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

TOP SCORERS for 2017/2018

(complete season to 31 July 2018)

horse	age	sex	points	aces
Legal Eagle	6	c	284	4
Snowdance	3	f	264	6
Oh Susanna	3	f	242	4
Captain America	7	c	226	5
Coral Fever	5	c	194	4
Will Pays	6	c	190	5
Do It Again	3	c	176	5
Attenborough	4	c	168	3
Nother Russia	5	f	154	4
Undercover Agent	3	c	154	3
Eyes Wide Open	3	c	150	3
Tap O' Noth	3	c	124	3
Surcharge	3	c	110	3
Takingthepeace	3	f	100	2
Liege	5	c	100	1
Sergeant Hardy	4	c	100	1
Sommerlied	4	f	95	2
Sail South	7	c	86	2
Soqrat	2	c	84	2
Fiorella	3	f	80	3
Marinaresco	5	c	78	2
Wonderwall	3	c	76	3
Let It Rain	5	c	75	2
It's My Turn	5	c	75	3
Trip To Heaven	6	c	75	2
Hero's Honour	3	c	70	1
Lobo's Legend	3	c	70	1
Redberry Lane	4	f	70	1
Van Halen	2	c	70	1
Mighty High	2	f	70	1

Scott Bros.



MOGOK
Majestica

WON by 2L at Greyville, 15 August
T: GS Kotzen J: ES Ngwane B: Scott Bros

CRUSADE

La Bella

WON by 2.75L at Scottsville, 19 August
T: GB Puller J: A Marcus B: Tertia Properties

SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Sierra Line 3g (Strawberry Line by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(25/08\)](#)

Blood Orange 3g (Arabian Pearl by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(26/08\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Dynamite Jack 3g (Crystal Tiara by Beautiful Crown)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(3 yo's\) 1400m \(25/08\)](#)

Mystical Son 3g (Magical Eve by Oratorio)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(3 yo's\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(26/08\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Catchthemaster 3g (Captain's Catch by Captain Al)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(24/08\)](#)

Gift For The Gap 3g (Idler by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 7 Assessment Plate 1600m \(25/08\)](#)

Master Of The Sea 3g (Ocean Island by Counter Action)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(26/08\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Albrandino 3g (Boreal Applause by Royal Applause)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(24/08\)](#)

Silver Song 3g (Share The Silver by Announce)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(26/08\)](#)

White Lightning 3g (Thunderous Belinda by Fanatic Dane)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(26/08\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Tibetan Rouge 3g (Lily Lafitte by Casey Tibbs)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(24/08\)](#)

Cape Imperial 3g (Cape Silver by Badger Land)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(24/08\)](#)

Senatla 3g (Impressef by Nayef)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(3 yo's\) 1400m \(25/08\)](#)

THE APACHE (Mogok)

Cape Leopard 3g (Darley Rose by Fusaichi Pegasus)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(24/08\)](#)

WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Stone Tiger 3g (Pebble Eyes by Captain Al)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(26/08\)](#)

Tiger's Bond 3g (Miss Delish by Jallad)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(3 yo's\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(26/08\)](#)

Horse To Follow

PHILANTHROPIST

Rated **AR 90 VIVIR** (3f Sparkling Nymph by Sportsworld)

Novice Plate (3yo fillies) Turffontein (stand side) (1400m) (18/8)

Now a winner of two from three, Vivir's only defeat was in the Gr1 Allan Robertson where she was far from disgraced. Soon up handy here, she won going away by three after striking the front 300m out. There should be more to come.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Hudoo Magic (AUS) 3c Choisir- Hudoo(GB) (Halling)

Kenilworth 1600m (18/08)

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League Action

Man Utd vs Tottenham | Monday 27 August | Old Trafford | 21:00



Game week Three of the Premier League closes out with the match of the round as Manchester United welcome Tottenham to Old Trafford on Monday night.

Jose Mourinho's men

will be desperate to bounce back to winning ways after being stunned by minnows Brighton, while Mauricio Pochettino's side will be looking to make it three wins in a row and pile further misery on their rivals.

The Red Devils have won in each of their last four home meetings against Spurs in the Premier League, with the Londoners' last victory at Old Trafford coming in January 2014.

Can Spurs put a nail in their Old Trafford hoodoo? Can Spurs put a nail in their Old Trafford hoodoo? Find out what our writer thinks.

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TO WIN

Man United 16/10

Draw 22/10

Tottenham 18/10

MANCHESTER UNITED

Manchester United failed to build on their opening day 2-1 victory over Leicester City as Mourinho's side succumbed to a 3-2 defeat away to Brighton last Sunday. It was arguably their worst performance under the Portuguese boss and it was made even more humiliating as the Seagulls fans sang "Your city is blue" in the final moments of the game.

The duo of Eric Bailly and Victor Lindelof were culpable and further emphasized Mourinho's need for a quality centre-back during the recent transfer window. But with the market closed, whatever Mourinho's concerns are about his defence, he has to address them quickly, after all, Bailly and Lindelof were his signings.

TOTTENHAM

Tottenham maintained their 100% start to the season as they beat newly-promoted Fulham 3-1 last Saturday at Wembley Stadium, with Harry Kane breaking his August hoodoo by scoring a Premier League goal in the month for the first time while Lucas Moura and Kieran Trippier also got their names on the scoresheet.

Spurs now turn their attention to Monday's clash against Manchester United and Pochettino says their trip to Old Trafford is a test of their title credentials.

"In the end, England did not win, just like Tottenham did not win last season," Pochettino said. "We are here to win, not to come second, third or fourth. We are here to be first. In our squad, only Hugo Lloris won the World Cup.

"We need to show we are winners. Old Trafford next week will be another challenge and it will show whether we are ready to compete for big things or not."

PREDICTION: Tottenham (18/10)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

No Assessment Needed

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Front Running Hat-Trick

Scottsville 12 August

Surprisingly the fastest of the three 1000m events in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday was the opening maiden plate won by CALVARY. A fair fourth when pitched in against winners in his only previous race-course appearance, this son of Querari was returning from a four month break here. He led throughout and with the rest some eight lengths adrift, he easily accounted for the favourite BUCKLEBERRY by three and three quarters.

Another to win very comfortably from the front on this card was SILVER CENT in the faster of the two 1400m events, a MR64 Handicap. Completing a quick double here, the Bankable gelding quickened nicely at the top of the straight and won well by two and three quarters.

By far the quicker of the two 1600m races was the MR79 Handicap in which REACTIVE was allowed to commit daylight robbery. The first of three runners ridden by apprentice Sakayi to win from the front, Reactive was soon in command of a strung out field. He was four lengths clear coming off the bend and although GUNNER did cut that advantage in half, he never looked like being caught.

Titbits At the back turning for home, ELUSIVE WOLF ran on strongly over the final 400m when a length and a quarter runner up in the MR72 Handicap over 1200m

A Piece Of India

Durbanville 14 August

Four of the eight races at the country course on Tuesday were staged over 1400m and comfortably the fastest of these was the bill topping MR91 Handicap won by the improving ORAKAL. Now a winner of four from fifteen, the Oratorio gelding was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 200m marker and kept on strongly late to beat the staying on pacemaker SPECTRA FORCE by a length.

Three of the other four races took place over 1800m and quickest home here was HELLO SUMMER when getting off the mark in the girls' division of the maiden plate. Allowed to ease out to 27/4 at the track, Andre Nel's charge sat in midfield for most of the journey. She ran on strongly at the business end of the race and under a well-judged ride from Richard Fourie, she got the verdict over the perennial maiden ETERNAL NIGHT by a half.

A MR73 Handicap over 1250m made up the afternoon's fare and here an upset was to be had when EMPIRE RISING registered her second career victory. Easy to back at 16/1 on the off, Harold Crawford's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She ran on stoutly down the 600m straight and in what proved to be a real thriller she got the verdict on the nod over the lightly raced 3yo CROWDED HOUSE.

Titbits RED SHIFT ran on stoutly from midfield in the maiden plate over 1400m, and despite hanging badly 150m out, won going away with some in hand.

Sweet Success

Greyville 15 August

The 3yo CANDY GALORE was all the rage to win the opening maiden plate for the girls over 1000m on the poly track on Wednesday afternoon, and the daughter of Noordhoek Flyer didn't let down her supporters. Always in the red, Gareth Van Zyl's charge wasn't the quickest into stride when the gates opened and for a short while raced in the rear. Once in the short home straight though she quickened best of all and after striking the front 100m from home won going away.

The bill topping MR80 Handicap was the only other race over 1000m and in a time 1,58 seconds faster than Candy Galore, the well-supported LESLIE SHADOWLINER registered his third career victory. Prominent throughout, the Main Aim gelding kept on strongly at the business end of the race and just held on from the luckless favourite SOCRATES. Coming off a three month break here, the runner up didn't find the clearest

Last Week's Top Rated SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Oloye	won 30/1
Sharp Gitano	won 28/1
Miss Varlicious	won 5/1
Dancing Queen	won 10/3
Paths Of Victory	won 57/20
Black Indy	won 47/20
Majestica	won 21/10
Riptide	won 18/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (6) Flying Fort 21
 Race 2: (1) Mega Scene 44
 Race 3: (4) Cape Leopard 19
 Race 4: (1) Mahir 2
 Race 5: (12) Leadman 64
 Race 6: (9) Pacific Spirit 70
Race 7: (2) Fresnaye 66 (NAP)**
 Race 8: (8) Data Link 37

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (1) Liberado 14
 Race 2: (2) Dunas Douradas 5
 Race 3: (2) Hidden Agenda 43
 Race 4: (5) Kissmeinmydreams 32
 Race 5: (2) River Ayre 31
 Race 6: (5) Rebel Renegade 34
Race 7: (1) Noble Secret 58 (NAP)**
 Race 8: (3) Miss Turbo 39
 Race 9: (9) Yer-Maan 34

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (8) Pippielangkous 9
 Race 2: (1) Shadowing 16
 Race 3: (2) Forty Days 5
 Race 4: (2) Contessa's Glance 1
 Race 5: (7) Waning Crescent 46
 Race 6: (11) African Messiah 55
 Race 7: (3) Quickfire 69
 Race 8: (9) Flower Of Carmel 32

GREYVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (2) Stone Tiger 7
 Race 2: (6) Canadian Bolt 20
 Race 3: (14) White Lightning 20
 Race 4: (3) Osprey 70
 Race 5: (4) Anneline 62
 Race 6: (7) Elusive Wolf 59
 Race 7: (3) Perfect Air 36
 Race 8: (16) Dom Seguidor 43

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied
 *** Very strongly fancied

Notebook

Horses worth following at their next few starts...

CALVARY (Gareth Van Zyl, KZN)
FRONT AND CENTRE (B Crawford, W-Cape)
SOCRATES (S Humby, KZN)


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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

of passages over the final 300m and only lost out by a short head.

By Far the faster of the two 1600m events was the MR76 Handicap in which ROY'S PONY caused an upset. Allowed to drift right out to 15/1 from 8's at the track, Alyson Wright's charge led throughout. She was two lengths clear coming off the bend and didn't relinquish an inch of her advantage over the final 450m.

Titbits After being a little slow into stride, SPUME ran on strongly from the backend of mid-field and didn't find the clearest of passages over the final 300m when only beaten a short head in the maiden plate over 1400m.

Split Seconds

Vaal 16 August

Just a tenth of a second separated the winners of the three 1000m races on the classic track on Thursday, the fastest being the MR84 Handicap won by the former Eastern Cape campaigner AN AIR OF SUCCESS. Just 3,5 lengths covered all going through the 400m and finishing best all, Dorrie Sham's charge went on to score with authority by two.

The faster of the two 1200m races was the opening work rider's maiden plate in which COUNT KOURNIKOVA got off the mark. Pitched in against a very moderate bunch, the 13/20 favourite led throughout. She was always in command and with some in hand, cruised in by four and a quarter.

They also ran two races over 2000m and stopping the clock in the faster time in these was KINGS CUP in the MR61 Handicap. Freely available at 15/1 on the off, the 5yo son of Dynastic Rule sat in midfield for most of the journey. He quickened well from the 500m mark and

after taking up the running 250m later, won fair and square from the running on HIGHLANDER by two.

Titbits Now unbeaten in two starts since returning from a four month break, the lightly raced DANCING QUEEN ran on well from midfield when winning the novice plate over 1000m going away by three.

Easy Does It

Kenilworth 18 August

The going was good to soft in Cape Town on Saturday where the first three races on the card were all staged over 1200m. The opening graduation plate for 3yo's was marginally the fastest of these and here we saw a very easy victory for the 15/10 favourite CLOUDED HILL. Soon positioned close to the speed, the Horse Chestnut gelding was ridden to lead 200m out by Richard Fourie and with some in hand won going away by two and a half.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1600m where by far the faster of the two maiden plates was the boy's affair in which HUDOO MAGIC opened his account. Always in the red, Brett Crawford's charge sat third for most of the race some 8 lengths off the runaway leader ONE LIFE LIVE IT. He ran on best of all in the short home straight and under a well-judged ride from Pieter Orffer, he got up 100m from home to beat CHROME YELLOW going away.

A MR94 Handicap over 1000m topped the bill and here we saw a smart performance from the 4yo OSTINATO. Content to race at the back of the six for the first half of the race, Glen Kotzen's charge ran on stoutly over the final 500m and cruised clear 100m out to score by a length and a half.

Titbits The Brett Crawford trained newcomer FRONT AND CENTRE couldn't have been more impressive when running on from midfield to win the girl's division of the maiden 1200m going away. Interestingly, the time of this race was just 12/100th of a second slower than that of Clouded Hill.

FASTEST TIMES

(Number of races run in each category shown in brackets)
* Times taken by Clockwatcher

SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 12 AUGUST

Penetrometer 25 – Going G/Soft	
Course Variant: 0,46s slow	
1000m (3) Calvary	56,90
1200m (1) Roy's Magic	69,49
1400m (2) Silver Cent	84,64
1600m (2) Reactive	96,33

DURBANVILLE 14 AUGUST

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,01s fast	
1250m (1) Empire Rising	75,63
1400m (4) Orakal	82,82
1800m (3) Hello Summer	110,19

GREYVILLE (POLY) 15 AUGUST

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,17s slow	
1000m (2) Leslie Shadowliner	57,66
1400m (1) Internet Kid	84,13
1600m (2) Roy's Pony	96,97
1800m (1) High Green	108,96
1900m (2) Paths Of Victory	118,23

VAAL (CLASSIC) 16 AUGUST

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,75s slow	
1000m (3) An Air Of Success	58,10
1200m (2) Count Kournikova	72,23
1600m (1) Elegancia	99,20
2000m (2) Kings Cup	125,92

KENILWORTH (OLD) 18 AUGUST

Penetrometer 24 – Going G/Soft	
1000m (1) Ostinato	60,07
1200m (3) Clouded Hill	73,95
1600m (2) Hudoo Magic	100,59
1800m (1) Symphony	116,30
2400m (1) The Silva Fox	160,63



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