

# Now Is The Hour

A logical cycle of business life suggests that hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times. In advance of the Asian Racing Conference scheduled for Cape Town in early 2020, we sincerely hope that our newsmaking National Horseracing Authority decide where they are in the cycle and finally get their act together. We need a leader with gumption – and a proper backbone, as a start.



## Prawn Festival

Mauritius-born and SA-trained jockey Karis Teetan compared Hot King Prawn to a Formula 1 machine after the charismatic grey scored a maiden stakes victory over last term's Champion Sprinter Ivictory in the season's first Group race, the Gr3 National Day Cup Handicap at Sha Tin on Monday. "I know how Lewis Hamilton feels now, that was unbelievable," Teetan said, shaking his head in disbelief, as he returned to the winners' circle aboard Hot King Prawn. "This is a proper horse, a Gr1 horse."

## Far Out!

Jane Thomas' Far End Racing Stables will be showcasing a 22 strong draft, as agent, at November's Emperors Palace Ready To Run Sale in Germiston. Far End will be offering the only two-year-old by ill-fated champion sire Captain Al at the 2018 Ready To Run Sale. Captain Carmel (Lot 101), a colt bred on the successful Captain Al/Fort Wood cross, is out of a four time winning mare whose dam is a half-sister to the Gr1 winners Rudra and Set Afire. This colt is very closely related to the Captain Al sired Gr3 winner Captain Chaos.

## World Peace!

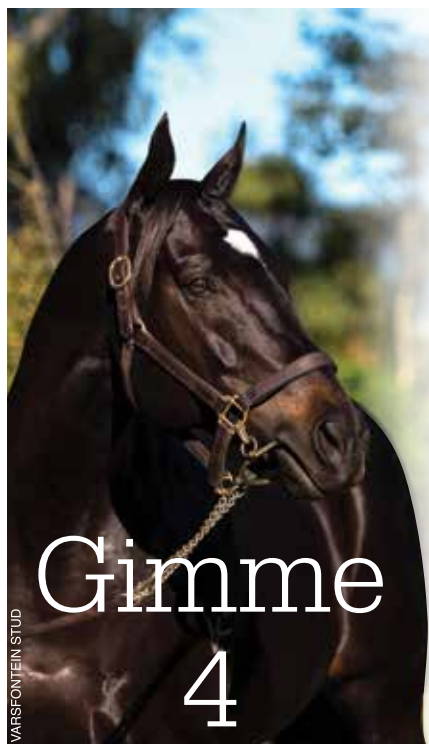
Summerhill reported on Tuesday that Rambo Dancer daughter Lisa Anne had produced a scopey half-sister to Mike de Kock star Takingthepeace by Capetown Noir. Weighing in at a healthy 60.5 kgs, the young lady is well-grown, substantial, with her father's head and eye, and while she was still very wobbly on her feet, looks nice and athletic.

## NO COMMENT

Sabine Plattner Racing trainer Andre Nel prefers to give his pre-race comments on his first-timers and rested horses on the course on raceday. We contacted Andre after he was singled out as the only Cape-based trainer who provides a 'no comment' in advance for printed publications. "The information will be more accurate on raceday - and let's reward those punters who come racing," he said.

## Burke To Beat Bolt?

The Annual Jockeys Chase will be run at Durbanville on Saturday. As usual, there is not a lot of publicity info flying around and Kenilworth Racing need to up their marketing game! Aldo 'aka Usain Bolt' Domeyer won the title four years in a row before last year's disastrous switch to a relay format. We hear jockeys are being flown in from other provinces. Our personality of the week Louis Burke says he intends capitalising on Aldo's jet lag and broad smile after his Singapore success at the PGI Jockeys Challenge. "I am one for the trifecta. I believe every champion is beatable so Aldo will need to be on song to beat me," said Louis.



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Varsfontein sire Gimmethegreenlight, enjoyed a memorable weekend when responsible for four winners. The 2012 Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner's quartet was headed by National Park's impressive score in the Racing Association Plate over 1400m at Fairview on Friday. The talented 3yo, who was demoted from first to second in last season's Listed Champion Juvenile Cup, confirmed himself as one of the better 3yos currently racing in the Eastern Cape when romping home to a three length victory – at the expense of Champion Juvenile Cup winner and East Cape champion Madame Speaker. Purple Tractor also won at Champ de Mars on Saturday, while 'Gimme' enjoyed success at both Durbanville and Greyville, with Ready Steady Go and Cat's Legacy winning.

## Value Mambo

Clifton Stud stallion Mambo in Seattle's progeny have earned 24 stakes cheques in their last 30 appearances. This includes five winners and five seconds. The son of Kingmambo stands for a fee of R10 000.

## KATZ POUNCES

Milnerton trainer Dan Katz enjoyed his first double for owner Hassen Adams at Durbanville on Saturday with Skye Lane and China Wolf winning. Katz does remarkably well with a small string and says that he plans, things going smoothly, to take Gr1 Gold Challenge winner Mac De Lago (who enjoyed a pipe opener over 1400m at Durbanville on Wednesday) to PE for the Algoa Cup at Fairview on 28 October.

