

# Battlers & A Billionaire

It's the stuff of movies! A Chinese billionaire who can't speak a word of English, but easily recognises dollar signs, concreter Abram Savage, bus driver Michael Waddington, council worker Brad Playford, electrician Damien Yates and cancer survivor Peter Piras enjoyed Redzel's great second win in the Everest on Saturday. Other than the rich man from the East, the owners could be seen as classic Aussie battlers – that's apart from the fact their super horse has now won A\$16 million, three quarters of which has come from his two Everest wins.



## Magic's Back

Joao 'Magic Man' Moreira looks set to make a sensational return to Hong Kong following his failure to secure a full-time Japan Racing Association licence. Moreira, a three-time champion jockey in Hong Kong, had intended to start a new chapter of his career in Japan. Those plans, however, were scuppered after he failed a test on the history of Japanese racing. He now looks poised to complete a return to Hong Kong after 10-time champion trainer John Size stated his intention to enter an application for the Brazilian to become his new stable jockey.

## THE NEXT FRANKEL?

Too Darn Hot's sizzling win in Saturday's Darley Dewhurst Stakes has him labelled UK racing's newest superstar. The Dubawi son with the big name has had his odds cut to 6-4 (from 7-2) for next year's 2000 Guineas and is 3-1 for the 2019 Investec Derby.

# Turning Up The Heat

With just seven weeks to go to the Summer Cup, Dean Kannemeyer stepped out second favourite and Equus Champion Stayer It's My Turn in a 1000m Barrier Trial at Greyville on Sunday. The son of Dynasty finished 5.75 lengths off accomplished sprinter My Majestic Glory. It's My Turn is likely to be tried in a mile Pinnacle Stakes in a few weeks. See the Summer Cup ante-post betting on [www.hollywoodbets.net](http://www.hollywoodbets.net).



## Young Guns

Aristotle said that youth is easily deceived because it is quick to hope. But Jono Snaith is a little more street wise than that and as Chairman of the newly formed Board of the Western Province Regional Racing Association he has high hopes of making a difference. His fellow directors are Green Street Bloodstock's Justin Vermaak, Avontuur's Philip Taberer and Ridgemont Highland's Craig Keswetter. We wish them well.

## Rap On The Knuckles

Apprentice Nathan Klink seems fortunate to have escaped with a ten day suspension after causing havoc in the Turffontein second race on Saturday. Riding the aptly named Split, he shifted ground and caused interference to at least four runners, including the debutante favourite African Daisy, who ended up in fourth under a length off the winner. While it may not have been deliberate on Klink's part, the penalty seems light as it was an accident waiting to happen - and backers of the favourite were severely prejudiced.

## Firing

News is that former SA Horse Of The Year and four-time Gr1 winner Legislate has settled in well at the place of his birth, Cheveley Stud, and has had his first mare tested in foal. The son of Dynasty stands for a live foal fee of R5 000.



## SICK FOR THE GAME

An Aussie website has observed - and we have confirmed it to Phumelela Exec Vee Moodley - that the last time a punter admitted to being wrong was in 2005 - which is coincidentally the year before Twitter was born. The same site confirms that getting out of your chair - whether at the tote or in your lounge - and repeatedly whipping your leg will actually not result in the horse you've backed finding an extra quarter-of-a-length at the finish.



Trainer David Ferraris hit a landmark in the Class 4 Dianthus Handicap at Happy Valley last Wednesday night. Ultimate Dream stormed home under Karis Teetan to give him his 400th Hong Kong victory. Ferraris, 55, arrived in Hong Kong ahead of the 2002/03 season.

