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GREYVILLE poly Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(5)Defending Champion (10/1)

KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R3-(5)Margrethe(2/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(9)Iditarod Trail (3/1)

FAIRVIEW Sunday
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R4-(7)Doubled Over(3/1)

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Another chapter in the fast unfolding success story of Fortune Racing - the Yin and Yang of the Sport Of Kings - was written at Turffontein on Saturday.

In Chinese philosophy, Yin and Yang symbolise how opposite or contrary forces can be complementary, interconnected, and interdependent and that is how Ashley described herself and hubby Andrew at the launch of Fortune Racing earlier this year.

Having worked hard on throwing the concrete of their fledgeling business' foundation phase, they struck with a sweetly taken feature double on a grand day. Their Vaal based famous family operation is unashamedly optimistic about the future after a dream run in their first six months.

Teamwork makes the dream work – it seems.

“Hey, I am always a bit nervous about these fancy Google motivational clichés, but you have probably hit the nail on the head,” said the charismatic Andrew Fortune as the satisfied smile lingered on

his face five days after a super Saturday.

It took a while – through no fault of theirs – but the victory by Tsitsikamma Dance in the Grand Series Leg 2 and Big Mistake in the Grand Series Consolation was an extended plan come together.

“We have a nicely balanced team,” says the boss Ashley as she modestly hands the interview baton to Andrew.

“Ashley is so bloody patient- and she loves the horses and the people. She sorts out the niggles and our charges get plenty of love and care and physio. She gets them fit and they eat well. I know I do a lot of the marketing and the talking – but all these aspects are collectively important ingredients in the mix of a successful yard. We also have Derryl Daniels and Brett Bailey working for us now, so the string and the team



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is growing- and we are a happy motivated bunch,” adds the former SA Champion jockey, who cautions that if one doesn’t love the job then ‘rather throw in the towel’.

They have an exciting string of 2yo’s in the wings, but their success with second-hand horses has been particularly remarkable. Jumat Cola’s Tsitsikamma Dance being one example.

“He has won two from two for us and we would love to take all the credit. But to be fair to his former trainer Brett Crawford, he had him for one run after he was gelded. He is a big fellow-500kgs plus. And he is only finding his feet now and maturing. So he is still improving,” muses Andrew, who adds that the smart son of Captain Al had once run to a best rating of about 100 in the Cape.

“It’s so easy to be a clever buyer when the horse is in the winner’s box. But I like to monitor that peak run as, unless there are unique circumstances, if they do it once they can do it again. Ashley is possibly looking at the Christmas Handicap at Greyville for Tsitsikamma Dance if things go to plan. But one has to be wary of the KZN heat at that time of the year.”

How does he feel about the Grand Series Match Race provisionally rostered for 8 December?

“I have never ridden in a match race. But it’s a great idea for public interest – I suppose it will be a winner takes all. Both our horse and Soldier On are improving sorts. It could be very interesting! I hope that they confirm the date soon. We want to give Tsitsikamma Dance a sharpener – maybe on 3 November- rather than run him over extra ground, which will be counterproductive,” he added.

On the merits of jockey Ryan Munger, who rode their feature double on Saturday, Andrew could not praise the young man enough.

“Ryan ticks all the boxes. He has the talent. The disposition. The personality. He is likeable and willing to listen. My words won’t be cold and he will be holding the SA champion jockey trophy aloft. And it’s strange- some of the senior jockeys don’t listen to instructions. Maybe they think I am not riding anymore so don’t take me too seriously! But Ryan is willing to act on what he is told. Ash and I watched the race over and over. Every detailed instruction was adhered to – at the right time. The big boys must watch out. This lad is going places,” chirped the former champion.

Ashley and Andrew will be attending the BSA Ready To Run Sale on 4 November.

“I have ridden a good few of the horses at Summerhill and Far End. There are some lovely 2yo’s amongst them. We have a mandate to buy for existing and new clients. These are exciting days. But there is no time for gloating. Every day is a new day. We are all only as good as our next winner!” he laughed.

Azzman Hat’s In

Mike Azzie’s multiple Gr1 winning Argentinian import Hat Puntano will defend his title in the R1 000 000 Peermont Emperors Palace Gr2 Charity Mile to be run at Turffontein on Saturday 3 November.

The 2017 winner carries joint topweight for the big race with the gallant Gr1 winner Coral Fever who will be ready to run a big race after a recent pipe opener. [Hollywoodbets have priced up](#) The Charity Mile differs from other events in that every horse will run for a charity while each charity selected will be represented by a celebrity. The cash will be divided among the charities based on their horses’ finishing positions. No charity will go home empty handed. [See the final field with barrier draws here](#)

WEEKEND RACING

What A Field!

Gr2 WC Fillies Championship Kenilworth

The first Gr2 feature of the 2018/19 Cape Summer Season will be run at Kenilworth on Saturday and a high-quality field of fillies line up to set the platform for the summer action that lies ahead.

The Ridgemont Highlands Dynasty filly Front And Centre has won both her starts like something very special and Anton Marcus takes the rein at her first plunge into feature waters a widish draw of 10 adds to the test but she has won without raising a sweat and has unlimited upward potential.

Glen Kotzen saddles two runners headed by the Gr2 Debutante winner, Temple Grafin. This award winning daughter of Duke Of Marmalade has her first run as a 3yo after a break of 13 weeks. It is reasonable to anticipate that she will need it but has looked rather special winning two from three.

Vaughan Marshall’s well related stakes placer Canukeepitsecret ran on smartly to beat Helen’s Ideal easing up at her first start as a 3yo. The daughter of Captain Al is yet to show that she is anything more than a very decent sprinter but has the 2 draw in her favour.

Candice Bass-Robinson’s exciting Cape Nursery winner Clouds Unfold has won 3 of her 4 starts by facile margins and goes beyond the 1200m for the first time. The daughter of What A Winter has not run for 20 weeks and fitness concerns again add to the puzzle.

Glen Kotzen’s Kenilworth Fillies Nursery winner Coral Bay is another who returns form a break. The daughter of Ideal World goes for a hat-trick of wins.

The widely drawn Santa Clara meets her on a kilo better terms for a half length beating at their last meeting.

Runaway maiden winner Shamrock Wind will be one of the fitter girls in the field after winning her second start as a 3yo. She has the widest draw to beat.

The beautifully-bred Juniper Spring improved steadily to win her maiden at her fourth jump and now goes the 1400m for the first time. With a recent



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Gr2 Fillies Championship past winners

2015	1 Silver Mountain	60.0 (15) 7/1
	2 Entisaar	60.0 (4) 2/1
	3 Taffety Tart	60.0 (3) 33/1
2016	1 Ektifaa	58.0 (10) 9/1
	2 Sail	58.0 (3) 5/2
	3 Final Judgement	59.0 (6) 8/1
2017	1 Snowdance	58.0 (14) 15/1
	2 Magical Wonderland	58.0 (7) 1/1
	3 Rose In Bloom	58.0 (9) 22/1

START
3:40PM
KENILWORTH

6

PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2
Gr2 FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP (3YO'S) - 1400M
SAME TRAINER: (1-4) (3-6-8-12-15) (7-9)

Duke Of Marmalade
Captain Al
What A Winter
Ideal World
Bernadini
Duke Of Marmalade
Dynasty
Judpot
Captain Al
Ideal World
Gimmetheregreenlight
Pathfork
What A Winter
Captain Al
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TEMPLE GRAFIN(GS Kotzen) C Zackey.....

CANUKEEPISECRET (VH Marshall) G Cheyne

CLOUDS UNFOLD (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer.....

CORAL BAY (GS Kotzen) R Khathi

FIRDOAS(MF de Kock) - scratched

SANTA CLARA (C Bass-Robinson) R Munger.....

FRONT AND CENTRE (BJ Crawford) A Marcus. 10

NOUS VOILA (C Bass-Robinson) B Fayd'herbe

SHAMROCK WIND (BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....

HELEN'S IDEAL (PD Reeves) D Dillon

ANNEKA (SG Tarry) L Hewitson

GO THE DISTANCE (C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews ...

CELESTIAL STORM (Burger/van Reenen) G Behr

JUNIPER SPRING (J Snaith) R Fourie

VARSITY LOVER (C Bass-Robinson) K De Melo.....

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WEEKEND RACING

chased Front And Centre home last time and has a wide draw to overcome.

Sean Tarry’s Anneka was well beaten in the Golden Slipper but had a nice prep display at the Vaal earlier this month.

Impressive debut winner Helen’s Ideal has done little wrong with two fair places at her most recent two starts.

Front And Centre and Temple Grafin take on the might of the impressive Clouds Unfold. It should be a tough call with Juniper Spring set to improve over the extra.

A Classic Greeting
Gr3 Cape Classic Kenilworth

A traditional stepping stone to better things, Saturday’s R250 000 Gr3 Cape Classic gives the 3yo’s a chance to signal their Guineas claims. Visiting trainers Sean Tarry and Dennis Drier add spice and needle to what should be a fascinating contest.

The race, weighted at weight-for-age plus penalties, will be run on the winter track 1400m with its shorter run in.

Visitors don’t have a dominant influence over the Cape Classic traditionally, with the last raider to win the very same Dennis Drier’s Chave De Oura back in 2012. But class and quality determine that whatever wins the race inevitably goes on to greater things. Past winners including Gr1 winners like Red Ray, Jay Peg and Solo Traveller, to name but three.

Joey Ramsden has won the race three out of the last five runnings and the Milnerton-based trainer saddles the officially highest-rated runner in Somerset 1200 winner Twist Of Fate who comes in off a 13 week break following his eyecatching third behind Soqrat in the Premiers Champion Stakes at Greyville on

Super Saturday. His wide draw is a negative but Bernard Fayd’herbe brings plenty of experience to the table.

Interestingly, Fayd’herbe is replaced on the undefeated Listed Sophomore Sprint winner Pleasedtomeetyou by Greg Cheyne, who was aboard on debut. The progressive son of Querari has had no luck with a 12 draw to contend with

as he steps up to the 1400m. He is highly regarded with the Guineas on his radar.

Sean Tarry’s SA Nursery runner-up Cirillo is being

prepped for the CTS Ready To Run Stakes next month. Blessed with a nice draw at 3, he is technically held by Twist Of Fate on his last run but has won at 1400m and looks very talented.

Clouded Hill was beaten 3,30 lengths by Pleasedtomeetyou in the Sophomore but is now 2kgs better off with the Plattner rising star.

Stablemate Seventh Sea has pulled the best draw at 1 and gets the value added services of Richard Fourie. A model of consistency at his las six starts, he is another who can improve over the extra 200m.

Dennis Drier raider Crown And Country returns from a 22 week break since a below-par effort in the Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medalion. The son of Byword looks likely to need it.

Clipper Captain is the third of the Snaith trio. The son of Captain Al won smartly on debut and his two fair places subsequently suggest he could have scope if not too ring rusty after a ten week break.

Fabian was in need of the outing when solidly beaten by unbeaten One World at his first start as a 3yo.

Elusive Trader almost caused an upset when stretching Pleasedtomeetyou in the Sophomore Sprint at his last start. This could be the surprise package as he meets the Plattner runner on 2kgs better terms.

Lanza was a further 1,60 lengths back in that same feature and is another who enjoys a 2kg swing with the unbeaten West Coast raider. He is bound to improve at his second run after a rest.

Sacred Arrow, More Magic and Majestic Mozart are the balance of the Candice Bass-Robinson quartet and would all have a place shout at best.

Best of them could be the well-bred Majestic Mozart who has to overcome a wide draw but ran on well over a mile at Durbanville last time. The son of Dynasty has a touch of class about him and could be the dark horse in the line-up.

Pleasedtomeetyou is on the up and must be the local choice to hold Cirillo and Elusive Trader.



Pleasedtomeetyou | Chase Liebenberg

Gr3 Cape Classic past winners		
2015		
1	Eighth Wonder	56.0 (13) 20/1
2	Rodney	56.0 (5) 6/1
3	Hard Day's Night	58.0 (6) 5/2
2016		
1	Table Bay	60.0 (7) 3/1
2	Elevated	55.0 (3) 18/1
3	Edict Of Nantes	59.0 (4) 7/1
2017		
1	Tap O' Noth	55.0 (4) 3/1
2	Undercover Agent	55.0 (8) 11/2
3	Cot Campbell	53.0 (2) 9/2

START 4:15PM KENILWORTH	7	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 Gr3 CAPE CLASSIC (3YO'S) - 1400M SAME TRAINER:(2-14)(4-9-10)(8-11-12-13)	
		Master Of My Fate	1 TWIST OF FATE(J Ramsden) B Fayd'herbe ... 14 60.0
Pomodoro			2 CIRILLO(SG Tarry) L Hewitson..... 3 58.0
Byword			3 CROWN AND COUNTRY(DR Drier) S Veale.... 4 58.0
Horse Chestnut			4 CLOUDED HILL(J Snaith) A Marcus..... 8 58.0
Elusive Fort			5 LANZA(GS Kotzen) C Zackey..... 7 58.0
Querari			6 PLEASEDTOMEETYOU(A Nel) G Cheyne..... 12 58.0
Elusive Fort			7 ELUSIVE TRADER(GW Ennion) C Orfter..... 10 58.0
What A Winter			8 SACRED ARROW(C Bass-Robinson) K De Melo. 9 58.0
Seventh Rock			9 SEVENTH SEA(J Snaith) R Fourie..... 1 56.0
Captain Al			10 CLIPPER CAPTAIN(J Snaith) R Khathi..... 5 56.0
What A Winter			11 FABIAN(C Bass-Robinson) R Munger..... 11 56.0
Dynasty			12 MAJESTIC MOZART(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer... 13 56.0
Captain Al			13 MORE MAGIC(C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews... 2 56.0
Pomodoro			14 ROYAL ITALIAN(SG Tarry) - scratched..... 6 56.0

Hollywood Have Priced Up

South Africa’s leading bookmakers Hollywoodbets have betting available on some major upcoming feature attractions.

The big races includes the Cox Plate which will be run at Moonee Valley on Saturday morning as superstar Winx bids for her fourth win in the Gr1.

The Cape Summer Season gets into full swing at Kenilworth on Saturday with the running of the Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship and the Gr3 Cape Classic. Both races are reliable pointers to the Guineas.

The Peermont Emperors Palace Gr2 Charity Mile will be run at Turffontein on Saturday 3 November. Reigning champion Hat Puntano defends his title in a quality field.

Check all the odds on <http://www.hollywoodbets.net>

WEEKEND RACING

The Speaker Looks Right

Racing Association Stakes (L) Fairview

The Cape raiders have a top-class record in the R150 000 Listed Racing Association Stakes to be run over a mile at Fairview on Friday.

But with the African Horse Sickness lockdown in place and 9 of the 10 runners carded, the locals have a great chance to pull one back in the 2018 renewal.

Justin Snaith has the lone raider in the line-up in the form of the Cape stakes-placed Frank Lloyd Wright, a fellow who ran four seconds en route to his maiden success. One of those runner-up berths was achieved against undefeated Cape Guineas contender One World. Drawn wide at his first Fairview start, the son of Captain Al can follow up with a victory here in the hands of Richard Fourie.

East Cape Champion 2yo Filly Madame Speaker has taken on

and beaten the boys and steps up to the mile with an exemplary record over shorter. The daughter

of Pathfork may have just needed her first run this term when staying on late to be beaten 3 lengths by the top-class National Park last time out.

Just Chaos is the second of the three fillies in the race. A winner of her last two starts, the daughter of Just As Well is on a hat-trick after two eyecatching polytrack wins. She takes a step up in class from the 2 draw and could be a quartet candidate at best.

March Music won her polytrack maiden by ten lengths four runs back and has continued to maintain her form – including a fair 2,60 length third to Madame Speaker in the Champion Juvenile Stakes last term. That brings her in with a decent shout after a nice prep run in September.

Wildcat's better efforts appear to have been on the turf and he reverts after two runs as a 3yo on the poly. He looks well held by Madame Speaker.

Jacques Strydom's recent poly 2200m maiden winner Cape Leopard has a tougher task here as he steps back to the mile.

Gavin Smith's pair of Emerito and The Highway Man look to have some ground to make and the preference is for the fourth of his quartet. Pomaceous has better form on the poly but has shown promise at every one of his 6 starts. A two-time winner, he looks likely to enjoy the extra and cannot be disregarded.

Second of the Sharon Kotzen

START
4:15PM
FAIRVIEW

7

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4
RACING ASSOCIATION S. (3YO'S)(L) - 1600M
SAME TRAINER: (2-3-4-7) (6-9)

Captain Al
Querari
Pomodoro
Querari
The Apache
Toreador
Horse Chestnut
Pathfork
Just As Well
Bold Silvano

1	FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT	(J Snaith) R Fourie	10	60.0
2	THE HIGHWAY MAN	(GD Smith) S Khathi	8	60.0
3	POMACEOUS	(GD Smith) M Yeni	5	60.0
4	WILDCAT	(GD Smith) C Maujean	4	60.0
5	CAPE LEOPARD	(JVA Strydom) K Zechner	7	60.0
6	HANDRE THE HERO	(SB Kotzen) R Munger	9	60.0
7	EMERITO	(GD Smith) C Zackey	3	60.0
8	MADAME SPEAKER	(AC Greeff) G Cheyne	1	58.5
9	JUST CHAOS	(SB Kotzen) L Mxothwa	2	57.5
10	MARCH MUSIC	(Y Bremner) L Hewitson	6	57.5

Racing Association S. (L) past winners

2015

1	Memphis Mafia	60.0 (10) 33/1
2	Kemal Kavur	60.0 (3) 19/10
3	Cruzcampo	60.0 (5) 20/1

2016

1	Gold Standard	60.0 (1) 2/1
2	Travel Light	60.0 (3) 16/10
3	Story Of My Life	60.0 (4) 18/1

2017

1	Pack Leader	60.0 (3) 14/10
2	Seattle Flame	60.0 (7) 9/2
3	Merysagos	57.5 (4) 13/1

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coupling, Handre The Hero appeared to enjoy the switch from turf to poly and has done reasonably well since winning his maiden in August. That said, he will have to up his game here.

There has been little to touch Madame Speaker, a winner of 50% of her starts. Frank Lloyd Wright took inordinately long to win his maiden. But he looks better than that. It should be interesting!

Snaith’s Seven Up

Algoa Cup (L) Fairview

The Algoa Cup, or ‘PE July’ as it is popularly known, has fallen down the hierarchial ladder in recent years and carries a rather modest Listed status these days. The visitors have dominated the race for close on a decade and SA champion trainer Justin Snaith and his colleague Andre Nel find themselves the lone away flag-bearers for the 2018 renewal.

The AHS lockdown has played havoc this year with only three visitors vying for the first cheque of R218 750 in the thirteen horse line-up.

The Snaith plan is to arrive from outside the area – on Saturday for the Sunday meeting- and enter quarantine and then spend a further 14 days in the facility before returning home.

“It’s a great pity as this weekend has always seen eliminations with oversubscription in years gone by,” said Jono Snaith when confirming that they would still be supporting the weekend with a raiding party.

Richard Fourie has been aboard at Magnificent Seven’s three recent victories and the progressive son of Horse Chestnut has pulled a 1 draw in his quest to make it four in a row. The winner of the recent Settlers Trophy at Durbanville, the son of Horse Chestnut should appreciate the longer Fairview straight and as a winner of 5 of his last 7 starts looks the horse with the standout credentials in the line-up.

His stablemate Master’s Eye carries topweight and may have needed the run when failing to produce his customary effort when 8,55 lengths back in the Settlers Trophy.

Run Red travels from the Sabine Plattner Racing HQ on the Cape West Coast. The son of Twice Over was beaten 6,75 lengths by American Landing in the East Cape Derby at his last start in the

while without a win for some time, this son of Soar With Eagles has been a consistent performer for 5 months.

Cape Rebel may find this on the far side.

The in form Tara Laing team are well represented with two soldiers in Stormy Eclipse and Plano. While the latter is probably the better of the pair, there can be no discounting the chances of the 7yo grey, who ran third behind Nebula last year.

Yvette Bremner is another trainer in good form and her pair of Laws Of Succession and Mangrove are worth including in bigger perms.

Of the balance, Querari Viking and the talented Fire In The Belly are probably most likely. Querari Viking has his first run on the turf here and could be dangerous off a handy 52kgs.

Magnificent Seven looks the scopiest and most progressive of the lot and he will be a popular choice to win it for the Snaiths.

AHS Blow To Fairview Weekend

This weekend’s Fairview double feature of racing on 26 and 28 October received a body blow of note with the news on Friday that the suspected African Horse Sickness case in the Port Elizabeth area has been confirmed at a laboratory, according to the State Vet in the area.

Cape raiders have dominated the Algoa Cup for many years and have added quality to the line-up. But only three visitors make an appearance after the unfortunate news broke Thursday, with the implications of movement restrictions.

Tabnews reports that the strain of AHS involved is Type 2, the same strain that was circulating earlier in 2018. The strain 2 cases earlier this year were all confirmed field strains and not vaccine related, so it is unlikely that this one would be vaccine related.

A 40-day movement restriction into the AHS controlled area of the surrounding 30km radius was implemented immediately the suspect case was reported, and will remain in place for a minimum of 40 days.

Fairview Racecourse is one of the properties within the 30km radius. During this time, movement into the AHS controlled area may only occur via Stop Over Quarantine and any applications for such movement should be directed to move@myhorse.org.za.

Direct movement into the AHS controlled area will be re-considered at the end of the 40 day period, which will be on or around 20 November.

START 3:40PM FAIRVIEW	7	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 ALGOA CUP (LISTED)(TURF) - 2000M SAME TRAINER: (1-5)(3-8)(4-6)(7-12)(10-14)	
		1 MASTER’S EYE(J Snaith) B Fayd’herbe.....	9 60.0
Jet Master		2 FIRE IN THE BELLY(AC Greeff) G Cheyne.....	4 59.5
Tiger Dance		3 STORMY ECLIPSE(T Laing) C Maujean.....	8 58.0
Dynasty		4 LAWS OF SUCCESSION(Y Bremner) L Hewitson..	2 56.0
Jay Peg		5 MAGNIFICENT SEVEN(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	1 54.5
Horse Chestnut		6 MANGROVE(Y Bremner) R Munger.....	5 54.5
Ideal World		7 DESERT WISDOM(JVA Strydom) L Mxothwa	11 53.5
Querari		8 PLANO(T Laing) R Khathi	7 53.5
Silvano		9 CAPE REBEL(T Spies) J Penny.....	10 52.5
Rebel King		10 STORY OF MY LIFE(GD Smith) M Yeni.....	12 52.5
Soar With Eagles		11 RUN RED(A Nel) A Andrews.....	14 52.0
Twice Over		12 FRIKKIE(JVA Strydom) M Thackeray.....	13 52.0
Elusive Fort		13 QUERARI VIKING(SB Kotzen) L J Ferraris.....	6 52.0
Querari		14 WILD BRIER(GD Smith) D De Gouveia.....	3 52.0
Ideal World			

Eastern Cape. The versatile 4yo is improving and stays well.

Story Of My Life is the first of the Gavin Smith coupling and

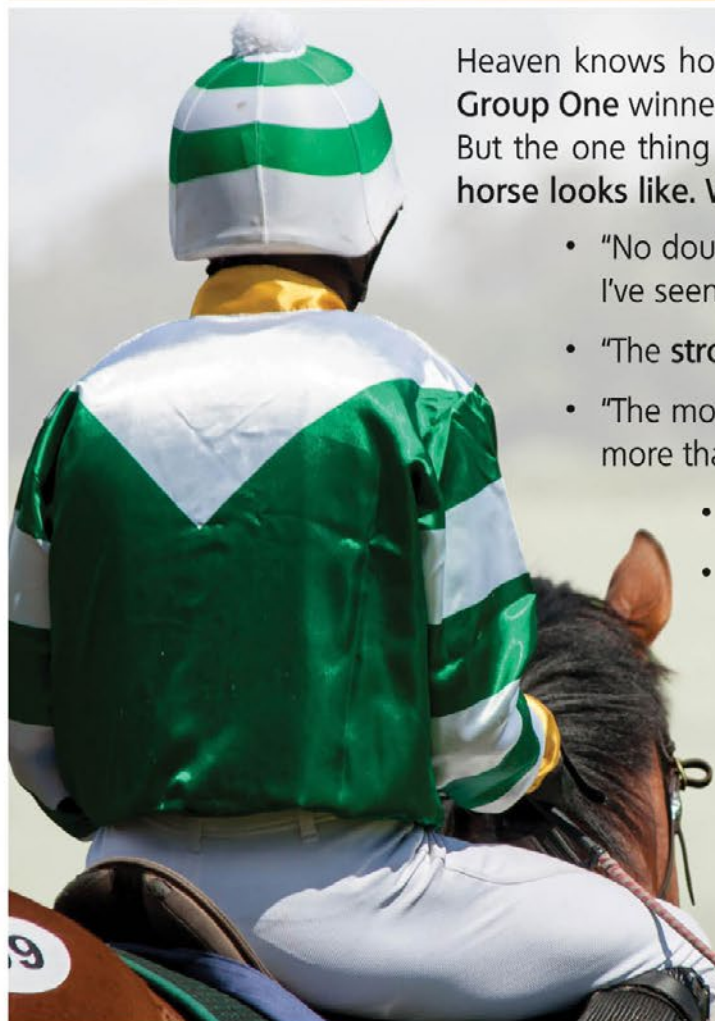
A Day In The Life

The gallant 7yo Stormy Eclipse ran third in the Algoa Cup in 2017 and is back for more in the PE July on Sunday. Owned by former jockey Gavin Venter and top East Cape breeder Dr Ashley Parker, the Tara Laing star is a son of champion Dynasty.

In November 2017 a group of stakeholders from Fairview Racecourse engaged the Nelson Mandela University School of Language, Media and Communication to discuss a collaborative project that would be undertaken in 2018 with the students of the media department.

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NEWS

Oupa Celebrates In Style!

Milnerton trainer Vaughan Marshall celebrated the birth on Monday of his brand new Granddaughter Shae Grace Marshall with four winners at Durbanville on Tuesday.

Shae Grace was born in Durban at 08h08 on Monday morning and weighed in at a healthy 3,6kgs.

Her proud parents Nicole and TAB & Gold Circle's Marketing Manager Stephen Marshall were thrilled with their beautiful new arrival – and Oupa duly stepped up to the plate and celebrated the occasion 1700km away at a country course sweltering under a heat wave.

Vaughan's Durbanville quartet of winners got under way when Ossie Noach booted his first winner of the season home, and most folk out of the Pick 6, courtesy of longshot Sherwood Forest in the third.

Marshall won the last three races with Grandiflora (Sandile Mbhele), Zeb and Caesura – the latter both under Greg Cheyne – ensuring a part Pick 6 carryover.

Stable rider MJ Byleveld, who is recovering from surgery to his neck and back, may have been the added lucky charm as he was on course to lead in all the winners.



Ngong – Undeniable Charm!

I was fortunate enough to visit Ngong Racecourse, thrice. Once on a visit, the second time to a race day, the third time, my band headlined a music festival there, writes Tony Ridgway.

My first visit was overshadowed by my earlier visit to Karen Blixen's home, at the foot of the Ngong Hills.

Formerly the East African Turf Club, they flourished since 1921, in 1926 history was made when infamous vanilla-Kenyan Beryl Markham (Aviatrix and horse trainer) trained Kenyan legend, Wild Child to win the St Leger.

Markham was also the first female trainer (at 19) to get a trainer's license in Kenya. Years later, after her correlation in the break-up of Karen Blixen and Denys Fich Hatton, she became the first person to fly solo, non-stop across the Atlantic from east to west. Racing folk ain't normal! [Read more here](#)

Pony Club At Durbanville

Love of horses is a universal currency so strong that it easily leapfrogs all kinds of hurdles that even the most skilled diplomat would balk at.

Regardless of whether you ride Western, in a dressage saddle, a jumping saddle or a jockey patch, once you strip away the labels, we are really all just horse people underneath.

And it was exactly this that prompted Philippi training duo Mike and Luella Robinson to 'make the circle bigger' and invite the Pony Club to come racing at Durbanville on Saturday.

As a lesson in fishing where the fish are, it was a little bit of sheer brilliance. [Read more here](#)

Zero Discretion?

The sixth race at Greyville on Sunday was a bizarre comedy of errors and procedural circumstances for everybody involved.

With Gauteng visitor Good Emperor rearing in the pens, the starter launched the nine horse field and then called a false start.

The three horses that couldn't be stopped by their riders – Noble Duke, That's Life and Seventh Son – were withdrawn, as was the offender, Good Emperor.

So a nine horse race was reduced to five through an offending individual runner.

To add insult to injury, the eventual tote favourite Panza landed up running last of the five.

Did the starter not realise that a 1000m race requires extra consideration to the option of a false start call?

A 3200m race doesn't have the same tension, adrenaline and taut equine springs at the start, surely?

And what happened to the rule regarding horses rearing in the gates and offending, not being considered qualifiers for a withdrawal?

While there are winners and losers in every set of circumstances, would a null and void not have been a better option?

Anybody's fault or not, racing lost out of this circus.

Positivity Needed Urgently - De Kock

Globe-trotting multiple SA champion trainer, Mike de Kock has more than a passing acquaintance with the concept of 'giving it all you've got'. While he generally prefers actions to words, it seems he's getting pretty good at both, which will come in handy as he tilts for a seat on the National RA Board.

Given the size of Mike's stable and the pressures of his travel schedule – both home and abroad – the most obvious question is what made him take the leap. "I wonder myself actually," he jokes. Then adds more seriously, "It's not something I volunteered for. A few people asked me to stand, Jessica proposed me and I think Bradley Ralph seconded me. I was in two minds, but having thought about it, I've been lucky enough to experience a lot of aspects of racing – I've travelled around the world and raced at a very high level, I've got a lot out of the game, and to be honest, I'm happy to give a bit back."

With so many conflicting demands and expectations, it is hard to strike a balance that will please everyone. "I know racing admin, particularly in South Africa, is a thankless job – you might as well be a dartboard – but I want to try and do my best and impart my knowledge to improve whatever department I can to help the industry improve if I can. If I can't, then I must move on," he shrugs.

"I firmly believe that if people want to be critical of the industry – and I've often been critical myself – then at least you should come with some solutions or input on how to improve things, otherwise, what's the point? [Read more here](#)

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Farewell To A Soldier Of The Game

Veteran Cape trainer Ronnie Sheehan passed away at the age of 82 late on Sunday evening at his home in Platteklouf Glen after an illness.

The loss of his wife of 44 years Jackie on 2 June this year and his training partner Alan Higgins on 11 August 2014 were blows that Ronnie had struggled to come to terms with.

Trainer of the Cape's 2016 champion juvenile Captain Chaos, Ronnie had not been able to attend the racing awards in Stellenbosch that season due to ill health. He gave up smoking 12 years ago but had battled emphysema and needed to utilise an oxygen aid almost every hour during the day. He was based at Milnerton with a small string and was assisted by veteran horseman Peter Wrensch.

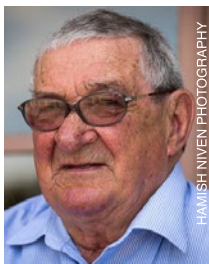
"Another week, another legend of the game has gone. Ronnie was at the stables on Thursday and took forever to get from the gate to the office. He said he couldn't do it anymore. On Saturday he was upbeat and said that he was looking forward to our youngsters getting on to the track. He was a larger than life character of the game. He and Jackie were the life and soul of every party. They spoke fondly of the old Rhodesia and longed to return. They went back in the early 90's but things had changed. I learnt so much from this wonderful man. He will be sadly missed by many people," said an emotional Peter Wrensch on Monday morning.

Ronald George Sheehan was born in Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia on 25 September 1936. His father, who hailed from Okiep in Namaqualand, worked for the old Post Office, putting up lines between the major towns. Ronnie started riding as a teen and rode right through to 1961 until weight issues forced him to call it a day. He took over the yard from his Dad.

With racing starting up in Zambia in 1962, Ronnie decided to go over for a few meetings and ended up staying for seven years, it was boom days thanks to the copper mines and that's where he met people like Ralph Rixon and Anton Barnard. He moved back to Rhodesia in the early 70's where he met Jackie, a professional singer from the UK, over on a working contract. They were sweethearts for over 44 years. With the Rhodesian war on the go, Ronnie and Jackie moved to South Africa and settled in Alberton. Jackie bought her first horse in 1976 and was a lifetime colour holder. They'd been in Johannesburg about six months when Ronnie won the Autumn Handicap with Amazing Man in April 1977. Other horses he did well with included Cornish Gold and a horse called Fleeting Gold, which he rates as the best horse he's trained.

In around 2002 he and Jackie made the move to Cape Town and started out at Philippi where he met his good friend Alan Higgins. After narrowly avoiding an attack en route to work one day he decided he'd had enough and he and Alan moved to Milnerton.

Alan passed away in 2014 and Ronnie continued with his small string until the present day.



Ronnie Sheehan

HAMISH NIVEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Goodbye Jean

One of South Africa's great lady trainers of the 20th century, the no-nonsense champion Jean Barnard Heming, passed away at her home in England on Friday evening.

She had been ill for some time and was 78 years old.

Jean trained some of our top horses over 30 years and the fairytale began when she and her husband arrived in South Africa from England with two yearlings, a Welsh pony colt and an Arab colt, in September 1969.



Jean Heming

For a year they farmed in Villiers in the Orange Free State and then came up to the then Transvaal. Mrs Barnard taught riding at the Kildare Riding School at Honeydew and also competed in the show ring. She won the Elementary Dressage at the Epol Indoor Horse Show, one of the top shows in the country. In 1970 she decided that it was too difficult to make a living out of show horses and took herself to the 1970 Yearling Sales where she bought two fillies and then applied for a trainers licence.

Jean's first winner – in 1971 – was a leased horse called Sportsclub, a 5-year-old which won at the Vaal by a short head.

Only nine years later she headed the list of trainers in the then Transvaal.

Her early winners included Ballet Kick, winner of the 1973 St Leger and the 1975 Jubilee Handicap and Victors Song, winner of the 1978 UTA Handicap.

She won two Goldfields with Abeam and Galleon, the latter also the winner of the Transvaal Handicap and the Transvaal Cesarewitch.

One of her best performers had been Sir Mordaunt Milners Off The Hook who in 1976 won the Winter Stayers Handicap, the Transvaal Cesarewitch, ran second in the Durban Gold Cup and then won the 1977 Transvaal Handicap.

By the 1977/78 season she was already the fourth leading trainer in the country with 73 winners.

She trained some top horses over the years including Pedometer, Roland's Song and runaway Derby winner Kwiktan.

Heming won four South African National Champion Trainer titles and 12 consecutive Highveld provincial titles during the 1970's and 1980's.

Jean Heming was shot three times when she went to investigate unusual noises on her farm near Viljoensdrift one evening in December 1993.

Ronnie Sheehan - Funeral

The funeral service for the late Ronnie Sheehan will be held at 11h00 on Monday 29 October at the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, cnr of Barrow & Breeze Roads, Milnerton. A wake will follow at the Milnerton Golf Club from 12h15 to 14h30.

Lenny Taylor Memorial

A gathering of friends & family to celebrate and remember the late Lenny Taylor will take place at the Mooi River Country Club at 15h00 on Tuesday 30th October.

Tea and refreshments will be served.



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Levelling The Playing Fields

A survey of racing success as a factor of how much money you spend was recently undertaken in Australia. While its outcomes were “Aussie” specific, it’s probably fair to say, they’re likely to have universal application wherever horse racing is conducted as a serious commercial pursuit.

The answer, rest assured, is that the more money you spend, the more success you will have. The only problem is that the spending/success relationship is not a linear one. To boost your success from the bottom of the ladder to the top – a 25 fold increased – requires 300 times more money. But that has always been the way in most markets. Incremental gains come at a premium.

Or at least that’s the way it used to be. Until the “Ready To Run” concept of conducting racehorse sales was invented. You see, the Aussie figures are extrapolated largely from conventional sales, where the bloodstock is presented at the walk. Except there are no “walking” races, so to be able to pick them on the “run” as it were, opens a window of insight to the buyer which was hitherto denied.

And that’s where the difference resides, where the good “eye” for a good horse is often as good as a big wallet. It helps of course, if you have both. You see, in the South African context of the Ready To Run at any rate, there are countless examples of exceptional thoroughbreds being plucked from the less expensive ranks of the catalogue and going on to illustrious (not to mention very lucrative) careers on the racecourse. Naturally, success has come to those at the top end too, the beacon among them Horse Of The Year, Igugu, but the ratio of achievement among the “cheapies” has been wholly disproportionate to the results of the survey.

In recent times, the Emperors Palace version of the Ready To Run (which incidentally, is the original) has spawned close on 40 millionaires, the newest among whom have only just completed their three year old careers. They included three of the best of their generation, one of which, Brave Mary, fetched a modest R40 000. Doubtless as an encouragement to buyers, the sales founding consignor, Summerhill, has over the years punted the “value-for-money” proposition to its customers, no better illustrated by the annual issue of a list of its most accomplished alumni. Which is a rich reminder of the rewards awaiting those who are willing to work for it. More insight?

Please visit [Summerhill](#)

Ready To Win?

The weights for the R500 000 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup to be run over 1400m on the Turffontein standside track on Charity Mile day, Saturday 3 November, have been published, together with the latest big race log

Supplementary entries close at 09h00 on Monday 29 October for South Africa’s oldest Ready To Run race and declarations are due by 11h00 on Tuesday 30 October.

The field size will be limited to 16 runners plus 2 reserve runners and will be determined by a panel appointed by the Racing Operator.

[See the entries and the log here](#)

Gallops From Your Armchair!

The Ready To Run Gallops are done and dusted and now the build-up to 4 November begins in earnest.

Everybody’s looking for the next big horse and the Summerhill draft looks like they have the makings of another vintage crop.

Dual classic winner Takingthepeace was the talking horse of last season and her half-brother looks tailor made to be Drakenstein star Duke Of Marmalade’s next champion.

Beautifully named The Sandwich Man (#91), the handsome chestnut looks the real deal and ticks all the boxes.

It’s a case of fishing where the fish are.

Those that’ve made the annual pilgrimage will know that the Ready To Run gallops at Summerhill have evolved into a national institution over the first three decades of their existence.

This year the dictates of a lower market called for a more modest approach, now in the form of what one might term private gallops, where the object was to get them filmed for public consumption on television, websites and on social media. [See the gallops here](#)

Dance In Style

The shortest-priced winner of the season, Jackson daughter Can You Feel It bounded home in facile fashion at Greyville on Sunday to give young trainer Gareth van Zyl and owner Michael Leaf an exciting ticket into the R2,5 million Ready To Run Stakes to be contested over 1400m at Kenilworth on 24 November.

Not that Can You Feel It hadn’t already established her claims.

In third position behind the deadlocked Cirillo and Agent Of Fortune on the recent logs published by Cape Thoroughbred Sales, Can You Feel It is the top-rated female contender for the rich race on Cape Merchants and Concord Cup day – despite being a maiden before racing commenced on Sunday.

With two top-class third places to her credit in the Gr2 Golden Slipper (won by Celtic Sea) and the Gr1 Thekwini Stakes (won by Return Flight), Can You Feel It looked a cut above her opposition on Sunday in the looks department and on paper, and duly won by 5,75 lengths without raising a sweat.

She went through the ring at the Cape Ready To Run Sale and was bought back for R180 000. The smart winner is out of the Windrush mare Wonder Glow, who produced 2016 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup winner Chili Con Carne (Just As Well) and good multiple winner Esporatore (Eightfold Path).

Jockey Warren Kennedy said afterwards that the public pressure of the restricted betting odds came with pressure.

“Look, she still had to win and come home safe and sound. She did both impressively. She is a real professional. Well done to Gareth van Zyl and owner and breeder Michael Leaf,” said the top-class jockey who is enjoying his best season ever.

Ridgmont Highlands triple Gr1 winning stallion Jackson has made a great start to his stud career and Can You Feel It’s success has taken the treble Gr1 winner’s first crop winning tally into double figures with the big season up North and the Cape Summer features still to come.

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Aussie Shock - Training Centre Closes

Trainer Mick Price has expressed his disappointment at the decision of the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) to close Caulfield as a training centre from the end of 2023, reports racing.com.

Price is one of the 22 trainers based at Caulfield who will have to relocate their operation. He says he hopes the MRC does the right thing and assists those trainers affected. "I can tell you know, I was in the room on Monday when they made the announcement in the racecourse manager's office. They tell me it got a little interesting after I left, there was a little bit of heat in the room as you would expect," Price said.

"I think it is a bit sad that they wipe the history of a training centre of excellence, just wipe it for whatever gain they see as fit." Price added: "I think from this point on it is a matter of the Melbourne Racing Club stepping up and looking after the proper relocation in a financial sense and in a sense where they get the right stabling at Cranbourne if they chose to go."

Price said he will weight up his options but has no plans on retiring. "I've got to go and do the feasibility," he said. "Flemington is difficult to get in. I need 75 boxes plus, which is not a very big team these days. Whether it be Flemington or Cranbourne I've got to see what is available and see what my options are."

Cartier Awards - Latest

Roaring Lion gained a fourth consecutive Gr1 victory with a brave neck success in the mile Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on soft ground at Ascot on Saturday to further cement his place at the head of the Cartier Horse Of The Year standings on points.

The three-year-old Kitten's Joy colt, one of three terrific winners for dominant 2018 trainer John Gosden on QIPCO British Champions Day, also holds the clear advantage in the race to be crowned Cartier Three-Old-Colt, having amassed 222 points in Pattern races already this year, more than double the total of the second Saxon Warrior (104).

Roaring Lion is due to take up stallion duties next year, but may make one final racecourse appearance. That could be at Churchill Downs, USA, on November 3 as an audacious tilt at the Gr1 Breeders' Cup Classic, run over 10 furlongs on dirt on November 3, is under consideration by owner Qatar Racing. The other option is the Hong Kong International races on December 9.

Gosden, who holds nearly all the aces in his Cartier Horse Of The Year hand, was back in the Ascot winner's enclosure with the 2017 Cartier Three-Old-Colt recipient Cracksman (136 points), who captured the day's richest race, the 10-furlong G1 QIPCO Champion Stakes, for a second successive year with a runaway six-length victory on his last outing.

Anthony Oppenheimer's Frankel colt, who had to miss mid-summer races because of fast ground, has moved up to be a close second in the Cartier Older Horse standings, just four points behind Poet's Word (140) and is in fifth place in the Cartier Horse Of The Year table.

Another owner/breeder Bjorn Nielsen was triumphant as Stradivarius (128) completed a fine day for Gosden when taking the Gr2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup over two miles. The four-year-old has dominated the Cartier Stayer division with a superb unbeaten 2018 campaign which has included Gr1 victories in the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot and the Qatar Goodwood Cup.

[Read more here](#)

Cracksman On Target

Cracksman returned to his brilliant best with a stunning defeat of Crystal Ocean in the £1,300,000 Gr1 QIPCO Champion Stakes on Saturday, his six-length winning margin over the King George runner-up just a length short of the distance by which he beat Poet's Word 12 months earlier.



Cracksman

He was the first horse since his sire Frankel to win at successive QIPCO British Champions Days and a third winner of the afternoon for John Gosden and second for Frankie Dettori.

He now retires to stud the winner of eight of his 12 races, four of them at the top level, and more than £2.7m.

Dettori, for whom it was a second victory of the day, following Stradivarius' win in the Gr2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup, said: "That is the old Cracksman back...he felt fantastic! What a horse he is – I love him dearly."

"Full credit to the owners and John for being patient. They were not tempted to run on firm ground and got the reward today."

"He did it on his own. The blinkers worked and he was concentrating. I kept him away from Rhododendron, the filly, and even in the first bit of the race I knew. It came good for me at the three-furlong pole and I knew we were in business. You know when you are going twice as fast as the others, and you have to celebrate."

Gosden said: "It's super to have him back. Obviously, he likes to get his toe in. He's by Frankel out of a Pivotal mare and while Frankel won well on any ground a Pivotal mare is a bit of a clue."

"He won the Prix Ganay in explosive style and I don't think he was quite the same after that – I think a few things were bothering him. Obviously, he got very distracted at Royal Ascot by the girls coming back from the Windsor Forest and then we went for the King George, where it was too firm, and the Juddmonte [non-runner for the same reason] then packed in and freshened him up to come here, where he was back to his best."

"I'm a great believer in putting a little semi blinker on and have had a lot of luck with it down the years, having picked up the trick in America and most horses race in blinkers there. I can tell you the great Secretariat and Northern Dancer raced in blinkers. I don't have a prejudice against them. Sometimes you need to focus their minds."

"When Cracksman is in the zone, he is a very good horse. I would think it is quite likely he will go to stud as he is a four-year-old turning five. He is Frankel's best son and it is lovely to see him back with a bang."



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Having Paul Lafferty playing a pedantic English professor emeritus in the shadows is just one of the challenges facing Gold Circle's new age TV duo of Warren Lenferna and Kevin Shea as they set the scene and tip the winners from their new look studio at Greyville Racecourse.

One of our greatest jockeys and a horseracing fanatic who has been under a driving ride to break into the sport of kings since his primary school days. A diverse coupling in anybody's language, but a must include in all exotics.

The long and the short of it, and a passionate pair down to their immaculate shiny shoes on raceday, the nattily attired combo – proudly sponsored by Jonsson Workwear – may not be as easy on the eye as Fiona Ramsden, Julie Alexander or Nadine Low Ah-Kee. But what they lack in the glamour stakes, they make up for with genuinely one-paced enthusiasm, a keen eye and a determined resolve to find the winners for Joe Public.

And therein probably lies the crux of the success of the duo, who are seen dashing to the tote windows in between live crossings to Rivonia. They relate and are empathetic to the emotional rollercoaster of punting.

"If preparation were the yardstick to success in racing, then we would probably have both been multi millionaires by now," laughed the 39 year old Warren as he described how he and Kevin Shea exchange whatsapps and telephone calls in the build-up to their duty days.

"One would think we were prepping for the live coverage of the Oscars or the presidential inauguration. We argue, debate and discuss the card ad nauseum. Worse than a married couple we are! Then we arrive an hour before the first race, do a dry run and go through the card together – again. There is always a smoke break, a snack break, a tea break – and of course those dashes to the tote window as you mentioned earlier. I said tote window – not the payout queue by the way," he chuckled.

While the recent passing of Gold Circle producer Raymond Rogers has cast a cloud over the racing community in KZN, Warren and Shezi, as Kevin is known to many, are determined to build their show into the world-class viewing that their late colleague demanded.



CANDIESE MARNEWICK

"Raymond took no nonsense. He was a hard taskmaster when we were working and a friend when the racing was over. There are stresses while presenting – the stuff that goes on and gets said in our ear pieces when things are going pear shaped on the controls can be very stressful and rattle even the most accomplished broadcaster. Thank goodness these are few and far between. Raymond's passing was a shock to us all. Kevin and I are determined to up our own merit ratings every week and to honour the memory of a great man and a colleague we all respected," said Warren.

A towering giant in the mould of the late producer they called 'Spielberg', Warren is the first to admit that he is being paid a salary to live his dream.

"Don't tell them, but I'd actually do this for charity 365 days a year if that's what it took," he laughed as he sketched his deep love for a game that he lives, eats and sleeps.

He is engaged to one of South Africa's leading racing photographers in the always toiling Candiese Marnewick.

"Luckily Candiese loves the racing game and the breeding side of things and shares the same passion as me. That makes her naturally tolerant – on most days! Do normal people watch racing replays instead of the Sunday night movie and have Tellytrack on all day? Who knows – I don't know any! If Candiese wasn't indoctrinated in the mentality that racing is a 24/7 commitment, I think she would have given me my marching orders ages ago," says Warren with a frown that switches the humour to a serious reflective moment.

But then he is up with the pace again as he speaks fondly as he looks back on what he reckons some might label as a 'misspent youth'.

"How many of my schoolmates who read their science text-

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KEVIN SHEA & WARREN LENFERNA

books or Shakespeare instead of Winning Form actually love their jobs today? It's in my genes. My late grandfather owned horses and was a punter as well as my late father – all the men in our family love racing and the ladies do not, somehow. My Mom enjoys coming to the races but is not much of a punter. She leaves it to me and lets me carve the turkey with her," he laughs as he excuses himself to watch the Fairview third race.

Warren recalls the school breaks and pacing it to the call box to try and hold off a late run from Matthew Stevens to listen to the race commentaries on the ticky box.

"The public phone was right outside the staff room and we were often caught screaming horses home during breaks. It probably didn't impress the unconverted amongst the teachers on reflection. No wonder I felt victimised some days!"

The Durban-based golfer and Dad to two step-daughters has worked for Winning Form and Duncan Howells Racing and is currently with Gold Circle in the Media Centre at Greyville under the iron fisted rule of the legendary Andrew Harrison.

The most emotional winner for Warren was when Skye Pretender, a horse he owned a share in, trained by Des Egdes and ridden by then Apprentice Gavin Lerena, won the day after his Dad passed away.

Most memorable punting days are too many to mention – but he smiles and the dollar signs are visible in his bright eyes as he recalls when Zeeno and Same Jurisdiction (Kevin Shea was aboard) won their Gr1's and also the day Gary Rich won with Dukes Drift ridden by Ian Sturgeon.

"Portman Square with Kelvin Jupp up ran second – the exacta paid R990! What a day," he adds.

His partner, multiple international Gr1 winning jockey Kevin Shea is nodding off out of boredom at this stage and forces his way through the gap as Warren gazes out of the window.

Kevin was forced to quit race riding in 2015 after 37 glorious years in the saddle.

He had suffered a debilitating back injury and had gone to great lengths to speed up the healing process, visiting various medical practitioners, including a masseuse, the spinal injury unit at a local hospital, a physiotherapist, doctors and even a man in the centre of Durban who practised traditional Chinese medicine. But none remedied the suffering and Kevin switched to TV under the guidance of broadcasting legend, Martin Locke.

Looking back on a great career, Kevin did not hesitate to say that he rated his Vodacom Durban July winner Ipi Tombe and the Mike Bass-trained Sun Classique amongst his greatest.

A natural sportsman, he says he hated school but loved sport. He grew up in Durban and went to Northlands High School. As a 15 year old he joined the SA Jockey Academy in 1977.

He steered the first of his 100 apprenticeship winners home for Des Rich in 1979 on a horse called Druid's Robe, a moment he labels 'sensational.'

"I loved the lifestyle at the academy and I think it brought the best out in me. Those were great days. Cyril Buckham, Vince Curtis and Dave Cave were the riding masters and I was one of 38

apprentices and spent a memorable five years making some good friends and loving every moment of it. Interestingly, I ended up the last one of those 38 guys riding."

The 55 year old Kevin was a talented rider and it didn't take him long to ride his first Gr1 winner. That was on Have A Fling in the Holiday Inns in his 3rd year for Buller Benton, just shortly after he had taken over from Fred Rickaby.

He worked for some of the great trainers of the game – the likes of Tony Furness, Doug Campbell, David Goss, David Payne and in latter years Mike De Kock.

"I realise how fortunate I have been when I list those big names and others that I have ridden for. Good trainers usually mean good horses – and they can make jockeys look good too!"

He cites his long suffering wife Kim and his three children as his inspiration.

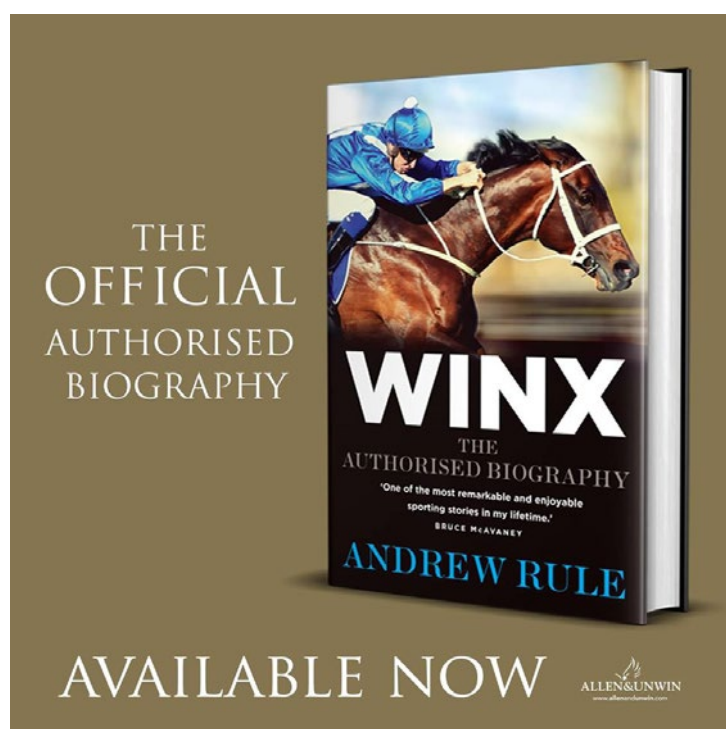
On the flipside of the coin, grandstand jockeys and bad losers are his favourite pain in the neck.

The tangible mutual respect between the two makes them a winning combination.

"Warren thinks my chirps and one-liners are world class. How can I not like the man?" laughs Shezi.

"What I enjoy most about Kevin is that we support one another and we do not look to outdo each other. If he forgets something – I just step in and continue and vice versa. For me Kevin is a legend of the turf and has a wealth of knowledge that I love to tap in to. Even today as a pensioner, he has remained the same that he was when he was 33. Fifty years later he doesn't look a day over 75 once the make-up has been applied in the studio," he laughed.

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Short Heads

Lion To Roar?

John Gosden's courageous Queen Elizabeth 11 Stakes winner Roaring Lion – by US sire Kitten's Joy – may celebrate his swansong



on 3 November in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs. He won his fourth consecutive Gr1 on Saturday. At his first try on the dirt, he could take on the likes of Thunder Snow, Mendelssohn, Catholic Boy and Yoshida. Or he could take on Enable in the BC Turf.

Top Guns

Reigning champion Justin Snaith (40 winners and R3,1 million in stakes) holds a R400 000 lead over Sean Tarry (28 winners) on the SA Trainers log. Luke Ferraris has surpassed his last season total of 26 and has a comfortable lead on the national apprentice log on 28 winners. Jockey log-leader Muzi Yeni (53 winners) has ridden in 100 more races than his nearest opponent Ryan Munger and holds a lead of 10 winners on the national table per Tuesday. Interestingly, Muzi has ridden in three times as many races as Anton Marcus.

POWER PEG

The Hemel 'n Aarde Stud based Equus Champion Jay Peg enjoyed another good weekend, when responsible for a trio of winners. Jay Peg's winning treble was made up of two local South African winners and one winner in Mauritius. Royal Armour made it win number eight when he scored over 1200m at Greyville on Friday night. Jay Peg's second South African winner over the weekend came when daughter Missy J shed her maiden over 1000m at Greyville on Sunday. Jay Peg also enjoyed success in Mauritius on Saturday when his son Royal Resolution romped home over 1600m. Jay Peg has a single lot (# 91) on offer at the 2018 CTS Ready To Run Sale on 23 November.



Big & Best Mike de Kock will have 21 horses at his disposal for the 15th Dubai World Cup Carnival, which kicks off on 3 January 2019. Referring on his website to unrealistic expectations since Ipi Tombe's massive win, he said: "The burden of being expected to win every single year adds pressure for sure. It's tougher now because the big stakes entice the best horses the world has to offer." The now gelded Majestic Mambo, Yulong Prince (formerly Surcharge), Sun Met runner-up Last Winter, Equus Champion Stayer Hermoso Mundo and July winner Marinaresco look to be his chief hopes.

Winx – Again?

Superstar Winx will face seven rivals in Saturday's A\$5 million Ladbrokes Cox Plate (2040m). Those standing in the way of an unprecedented fourth victory in the weight-for-age classic for the star mare are the quietly fancied Benbatl (Saeed bin Suroor), Avilius (James Cummings), Humidor (Darren Weir), Kings Will Dream (Darren Weir), Rostropovich (Aidan O'Brien), Savvy Coup (Michael and Matthew Pitman) and D'Argento (Chris Waller).

Set For Battle

One punter believes Gr1 Dubai Turf winner Benbatl can upset Winx in her quest for a fourth straight Cox Plate victory on Saturday and has placed a bet of A\$45 000 (that's about R456 000) at 10-1 on the Saeed bin Suroor-trained galloper. While Winx is all the rage, Benbatl is coming for steady support. The Godolphin five-year-old nosed out Blair House to claim victory in the Gr1 Caulfield Stakes on 13 October.

PAT ON THE RACK

Caulfield Cup-winning jockey Pat Cosgrave now heads to the Melbourne Cup full of confidence he can help break Godolphin's curse in the race. This was after declaring that everything went wrong for his winning mount Best Solution during Saturday's A\$5 million feature. Cosgrave had his great day soured when stewards suspended him for 11 meetings for a careless riding charge. He misses the Cox Plate on Saturday.

Tough Game

After close on three months of the racing season completed, there are 22 trainers of the 148 listed and 13 of the 69 jockeys who are yet to register a winner. 7 of the 24 apprentices are yet to win a race.



On The Draw

A little like fax machines and good manners, excuses about bad draws at the New Durbanville are oh so yesterday. On Saturday longshot Tippu Tip (drawn 12) beat Retro Effect (drawn 16). Captain's Choice won the second from a 16 draw, with Ruby Two Shoes running third from a 13 gate. Meraki won the third race drawn 11. On 6 October, Dynamite Jack was drawn 14/14 and beat All In Line drawn 13. Love To Boogie won the Diana drawn 11/11. Rainbow Bridge won the Matchem drawn 10/11 and Quest won the last on the same afternoon-drawn 11/11.



HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITELAW

Sailing The Raging Sea



Sea The Stars

Not for the first time, the descendants of the great broodmare and 1993 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Urban Sea dominated a major race day over the weekend.

Recently the chestnut Urban Sea dominated the finish of Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe- she is found in the pedigrees of all of Enable, Sea Of Class, Cloth Of Stars, Waldgeist, Capri, Salouen, and Nelson. The first eight past the post in this year's Arc all carry Urban Sea up close in their pedigree, which must be an all but unheard of achievement for a broodmare in recent times.

Urban Sea's Epsom Derby winning sons Galileo and Sea The Stars both got among the winners at Champions Day this past Saturday, with Galileo's greatest son Frankel also making his mark on the day.

Galileo reached a major milestone when his 3yo daughter Magical became the great sire's 74th individual Gr1 winner when she won the Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes, over a high class field- Dubawi daughters ran 2-3-4 in the Fillies & Mares Stakes, with Galileo daughter Hydrangea running fifth. Magical's victory took Galileo's list of top flight winners to one more than the 73 Gr1 winners sired by his own legendary sire Sadler's Wells.

Magical and Hydrangea, who won the Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes in 2017, are full sisters to the South African stallions Flying The Flag and The United States respectively and both are out of mares by outstanding broodmare sire Pivotal. Remarkably, Galileo and his sire sons were responsible for eight of the 11 runners in the Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes.

Galileo's unbeaten champion Frankel is the sire of the exceptional Cracksman, who made it back to back triumphs in the Gr1 Qipco Champion Stakes by romping to a six length triumph in Saturday's ten furlong contest – leaving multiple Gr1 winners Capri and Rhododendron struggling in his wake.

Cracksman, whose sire won the Champion Stakes in 2012- Frankel's own brother Noble Mission went on to take the same race two years later- had recorded a seven length victory in the 2017 Champion Stakes over subsequent dual Gr1 winner Poet's Word, and he is the first since Klawervlei Stud's prominent young sire Twice Over to win the race twice.

He retires to stud having won four Gr1 races (by more than 17 lengths) and is, to date, by some way the best horse sired by Frankel. The latter is one of a growing number of Galileo sire sons to have produced Gr1 winners with others including Enable's sire Nathaniel, Teofilo (his sire Havana Gold is responsible for 2018 Gr1 hero Havana Grey), New Approach, Intello, Ruler Of The World, and Sixties Icon. Galileo is also responsible for the very exciting young Australia, whose first 2yos this season include Gr2 winner Beyond Reason.

Star Struck

Galileo's six time Gr1 winning half-brother Sea The Stars- a better racehorse than Galileo- also enjoyed a memorable day on Saturday.

His remarkable son Stradivarius maintained his unbeaten record in 2018 when staying on to post a somewhat controversial one and a half length win in the Gr2 Qipco British Champions Long Distance Cup. Stradivarius, who picked up a £1 000 000 bonus when he lifted the Gr2 Lonsdale Cup in August, has now won five major staying races this year and is a shoe in to be named champion stayer.

Stradivarius is a half-brother to local broodmare Magical Eve, whose better performances included a third place effort in the Listed Scarlet Lady of 2012.

His paternal half-brother Crystal Ocean finished a well beaten second to Cracksman in Saturday's Champion Stakes, to round off a good day for the once beaten Sea The Stars.

The latter, whose brilliant Deutsches Derby winning son Sea The Moon has made a tremendous start to his stud career, has enjoyed plenty of success in 2018 with his runners including dual Oaks winner, and arguably unlucky Arc runner up, Sea Of Class.

Sea Side

Urban Sea, dam of both Galileo and Sea The Stars, has once again exerted tremendous influence in 2018.

Not only have both Galileo and Sea The Stars enjoyed huge success again this year, but Urban Sea also features as the dam of 2018's very exciting two-year-old Just Wonderful (by Dansili). The latter, whose dam is Urban Sea's Gr2 Rockfel Stakes winning granddaughter Wading (Montjeu), is regarded as a live classic hope for 2019, having won three of six outings this year including the Gr2 Shadwell Rockfel Stakes. Whatever the future holds, there are very few more exciting future stud prospects than Just Wonderful!

There also a growing number of high class horses who are inbred to Urban Sea, with the 2018 Investec Derby winner Masar - by Galileo son New Approach out of Urban Sea's UAE Derby winning great granddaughter Khawlah- being the poster boy for that group of thoroughbreds.

Urban Sea's Gr1 winning sire Miswaki exerted even more dominance than did his greatest daughter at Ascot on Saturday, with the son of Mr Prospector also sire of Panis, whose son Sands Of Mali captured the Gr1 British Champions Sprint Stakes over six furlongs. It was a first Gr1 triumph for Sands Of Mali, a first Gr1 winner sired by Panis.

DIGEST DIARY

Var Is Flying

South Africa's reigning champion sire of 2yo's, Var, enjoyed a treble of winners over the past weekend - in three different countries!

The treble was highlighted by his daughter Mia Finola's impressive score in the ZRP Fillies Mile at Borrowdale on Sunday.

Trained by Bridget Stidolph, she made it win number four from just eight outings when recording a length and a quarter win in Sunday's Listed race.

Mia Finola, who has now reeled off three wins in a row, was bred by the Piemonte Stud. The filly, who is out of the Wolfhound mare Basilica, had previously tasted feature race success when landing the Champagne Stakes back in July and also finished third in last season's Champion Juvenile Stakes.

She is a number of high class 3yos representing Var this season, with others including SA Nursery winner William The Silent, Gr2 filly Ghaalla, Sophomore Sprint third Top Of The Class and brilliant debut winner Varsity Lover.

Var also enjoyed success in both South Africa and Mauritius over the weekend, with his son Lucius Fox shedding his maiden over 2000m at Greyville on Friday night, and another son, Varside, scoring at Champ de Mars on Saturday.

Currently South Africa's Leading Sire by Stakes- he has been champion sire of 2yos this past 2 seasons running- Var is represented in Saturday's Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship this weekend by Varsity Lover.

Oratorio Rock Star Heads South

Van Halen, top class Gr1 winner, left his base at the Vaal on Sunday for the Cape.

This follows the son of Oratorio's effortless comeback win in a 1200m contest on Turffontein's inside track last Thursday.

The Tobie Spies stable has their sights set on the ultimate prizes offered by CTS on Sun Met Day 2019, with a choice to be made between the CTS Sprint and the CTS Mile. Van Halen, a R100,000 2017 Cape Premier Yearling Sales purchase, will be a strong contender. Spies was delighted with the way the three-year-old gelding disposed of Green Haze and others in a competitive Assessment Plate. He got over onto the rail from a wide draw, settled nicely, five or six lengths adrift, and quickened away smartly when Craig Zackey shook him up.

Spies commented: "The way Van Halen settled is what we wanted to see. He was calm and relaxed in the ring and he ran like a professional. He has matured and judged on the manner he won this race, he has given us options for the Cape season. We're sending him down early so he can acclimatise. He will be stabled at Milnerton."

Spies added: "There is not a lot of horses who will go with Van Halen over 1000m and on what he's showing is in work I think 1600m is well within his reach. When we sent him to the front in the past he ran out of steam late, he prefers racing from slightly off them, this win was very encouraging. He's really good."

Spies added: "We'll be aiming him at the Cape Merchants over 1200m in November and then we'll pick our races, there is the Gr1 Cape Guineas to consider and the two Million Dollar races on SunMet day, the sprint or the mile."

Van Halen is by Oratorio from Rock Concert, bred by Limpo Trading. He races for Fito Englezakis, Rob MacNab, Freddie van Wyk and Alfred Pawson.

Features To Come

Fri 26 Oct	Racing Association St. (L) 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 27 Oct	Gr2 WC Fillies Championship 1400m Kenilworth (W)
	Gr3 Cape Classic 1400m Kenilworth (W)
Sun 28 Oct	Algoa Cup (L) 2000m Fairview (T)
Sat 3 Nov	Gr2 Charity Mile 1600m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes 1400m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Starling Stakes 1400m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Yellowwood Handicap 1800m Turffontein (S)
	Golden Loon Handicap (L) 1000m Turffontein (S)
	Java Handicap (L) 2400m Turffontein (S)
Sun 4 Nov	KZN Guineas Trial (L) 1600m Scottsville

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date	close	high	low	volume
23Oct	1325	1325	1230	3,635
22Oct	1350	1360	1250	1,600
19Oct	1200	1200	1160	335,275
18Oct	1200	1210	1076	87,491
17Oct	1250	1270	1250	6,421
16Oct	1260	1270	1250	159,052
15Oct	1270	1310	1270	75,346
12Oct	1320	1398	1290	203,319
11Oct	1398	1398	1309	36,836
10Oct	1320	1355	1320	1,749
09Oct	1400	1450	1311	2,209
08Oct	1380	1449	1380	270
05Oct	1360	1450	1360	10,073



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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
4,385,425	Klawervlei Stud	238	18,426	495	45	49	19%	0	0	0%	150	30%	1	Second Request 158,750 4%
3,827,639	Summerhill Stud	203	18,855	450	40	47	20%	0	0	0%	115	26%	0	Come The Day 172,500 5%
3,334,638	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	139	23,990	268	34	41	24%	1	1	3%	87	32%	0	Puget Sound 176,950 5%
2,047,425	Highlands	88	23,266	220	18	22	20%	0	0	0%	62	28%	0	Dalai's Promise 143,750 7%
1,741,738	Varsfontein Stud	59	29,521	117	19	23	32%	0	0	0%	32	27%	1	Perfect Peter 131,250 8%
1,674,449	Drakenstein Stud	72	23,256	137	15	16	21%	1	1	7%	52	38%	1	Chimichuri Run 156,250 9%
1,339,800	Scott Bros	93	14,406	194	13	13	14%	0	0	0%	49	25%	1	Tricia 95,000 7%
1,324,737	Maine Chance	81	16,355	143	16	17	20%	1	1	6%	25	17%	0	Calvary 135,625 10%
1,223,075	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	75	16,308	164	12	12	16%	0	0	0%	49	30%	0	Dodgy Itie 125,000 10%
1,172,700	La Plaisance Stud	54	21,717	94	10	12	19%	1	1	10%	38	40%	1	Pleasedtomeetyou 143,750 12%
1,085,387	Favour Stud	56	19,382	139	10	11	18%	0	0	0%	44	32%	0	Coyote Girl 103,625 10%
1,057,837	Moutonshoek	78	13,562	173	10	10	13%	0	0	0%	46	27%	0	Carefree 91,875 9%
1,038,638	Lammerskraal Stud	46	22,579	77	11	11	24%	0	0	0%	31	40%	0	Insignis 89,087 9%
1,025,000	Gary Player Stud	56	18,304	138	11	13	20%	0	0	0%	35	25%	0	Ronnie Rocket 147,500 14%
987,425	Normandy Stud	36	27,428	84	10	10	28%	0	0	0%	33	39%	0	Big Mistake 182,550 18%
969,329	Boland Stud	29	33,425	62	10	11	34%	1	1	10%	23	37%	0	Captain Aldo 256,500 26%
897,400	Ascot Stud	49	18,314	121	10	11	20%	0	0	0%	40	33%	0	Seattle Swing 90,000 10%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 21 October 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
3,010,999	Var	121	24,884	244	31	35	26%	0	0	0%	86	35%	2	Schippers 178,125 6%
2,592,536	*Captain Al	89	29,130	168	22	24	25%	1	1	5%	68	40%	2	Tsitsikamma Dance 361,487 14%
2,400,450	Silvano	120	20,004	219	27	27	23%	1	1	4%	75	34%	1	Konkola 93,750 4%
2,327,425	Trippi	76	30,624	153	21	24	28%	2	2	10%	53	35%	1	Chimichuri Run 156,250 7%
2,191,064	Querari	73	30,015	143	20	27	27%	2	2	10%	41	29%	0	Big Mistake 182,550 8%
2,184,887	Gimmethgreenlight	98	22,295	207	22	26	22%	0	0	0%	60	29%	0	Gunner 166,250 8%
1,948,012	*Sail From Seattle	90	21,645	197	21	24	23%	0	0	0%	54	27%	0	Puget Sound 176,950 9%
1,876,500	Mambo In Seattle	72	26,063	167	18	21	25%	0	0	0%	62	37%	0	Noceur 154,750 8%
1,867,412	Pathfork	63	29,641	145	17	21	27%	0	0	0%	48	33%	0	Gorgeous Guest 147,350 8%
1,768,975	Judpot	62	28,532	136	20	24	32%	0	0	0%	41	30%	0	Remember This 135,000 8%
1,715,650	Oratorio	82	20,923	171	18	19	22%	0	0	0%	58	34%	0	Sound Of Voices 89,175 5%
1,606,312	Ideal World	64	25,099	136	16	18	25%	1	1	6%	44	32%	0	Rainbow Bridge 156,250 10%
1,571,025	Dynasty	89	17,652	163	16	18	18%	0	0	0%	48	29%	1	Front And Centre 106,875 7%
1,501,888	Seventh Rock	66	22,756	154	17	18	26%	0	0	0%	45	29%	0	Gimme Hope Johanna 114,400 8%
1,282,338	What A Winter	79	16,232	156	15	17	19%	0	0	0%	38	24%	0	Love Dove 91,250 7%
1,266,600	Jay Peg	63	20,105	139	14	14	22%	0	0	0%	38	27%	0	Royal Armour 122,325 10%
1,223,862	Elusive Fort	73	16,765	163	13	14	18%	0	0	0%	40	25%	1	Border Control 94,700 8%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 21 October 2018

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,327,887	Var	46	28,867	83	16	16	35%	0	0	0%	32	39%	2	Rule The Night 116,087 9%
1,059,101	Querari	28	37,825	57	11	15	39%	1	1	9%	20	35%	0	Pleasedtomeetyou 143,750 14%
866,475	*Sail From Seattle	41	21,134	81	9	10	22%	0	0	0%	24	30%	0	Boeing City 126,900 15%
783,775	Oratorio	34	23,052	70	9	10	26%	0	0	0%	23	33%	0	Sound Of Voices 89,175 11%
777,612	*Captain Al	34	22,871	55	9	9	26%	0	0	0%	27	49%	0	Shamrock Wind 73,050 9%
774,925	Master Of My Fate	41	18,901	80	6	7	15%	0	0	0%	28	35%	0	Lickerio 111,875 14%
753,500	What A Winter	43	17,523	83	9	10	21%	0	0	0%	26	31%	0	Winter Storm 69,725 9%
722,025	Trippi	20	36,101	36	8	8	40%	1	1	13%	15	42%	0	Chimichuri Run 156,250 22%
720,375	Judpot	27	26,681	51	8	9	30%	0	0	0%	13	25%	0	Perfect Peter 131,250 18%
693,787	Pathfork	24	28,908	57	6	6	25%	0	0	0%	24	42%	0	Viking Trail 84,825 12%
646,488	Seventh Rock	29	22,293	65	8	9	28%	0	0	0%	15	23%	0	Rocket Girl 100,000 15%
615,325	Gimmethgreenlight	34	18,098	56	7	7	21%	0	0	0%	22	39%	0	A Little Luck 59,375 10%
609,625	Twice Over	42	14,515	82	5	6	12%	0	0	0%	23	28%	0	Second Request 158,750 26%
587,475	Philanthropist	38	15,460	79	6	7	16%	0	0	0%	22	28%	0	Betty Davis 101,050 17%
586,612	Elusive Fort	37	15,854	70	7	7	19%	0	0	0%	13	19%	1	Affranchi 83,500 14%

LEADING SIRES by AEPR

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 21 October 2018 ^{with 20 or more rns}

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
723,663	Traffic Guard	22	32,894	54	9	9	41%	0	0	0%	18	33%	0	Patrol Officer 79,375 11%
2,327,425	Trippi	76	30,624	153	21	24	28%	2	2	10%	53	35%	1	Chimichuri Run 156,250 7%
917,901	*Await The Dawn	30	30,597	82	10	12	33%	0	0	0%	26	32%	0	Come The Day 172,500 19%
2,191,064	Querari	73	30,015	143	20	27	27%	2	2	10%	41	29%	0	Big Mistake 182,550 8%
1,867,412	Pathfork	63	29,641	145	17	21	27%	0	0	0%	48	33%	0	Gorgeous Guest 147,350 8%
2,592,536	*Captain Al	89	29,130	168	22	24	25%	1	1	5%	68	40%	2	Tsitsikamma Dance 361,487 14%
1,768,975	Judpot	62	28,532	136	20	24	32%	0	0	0%	41	30%	0	Remember This 135,000 8%
869,412	Eightfold Path	33	26,346	91	7	7	21%	0	0	0%	36	40%	0	Spume 102,375 12%
1,876,500	Mambo In Seattle	72	26,063	167	18	21	25%	0	0	0%	62	37%	0	Noceur 154,750 8%
1,606,312	Ideal World	64	25,099	136	16	18	25%	1	1	6%	44	32%	0	Rainbow Bridge 156,250 10%
3,010,999	Var	121	24,884	244	31	35	26%	0	0	0%	86	35%	2	Schippers 178,125 6%
702,000	*Tiger Ridge	30	23,400	67	8	10	27%	0	0	0%	18	27%	0	Photocopy 114,400 16%
1,501,888	Seventh Rock	66	22,756	154	17	18	26%	0	0	0%	45	29%	0	Gimme Hope Johanna 114,400 8%
2,184,887	Gimmethgreenlight	98	22,295	207	22	26	22%	0	0	0%	60	29%	0	Gunner 166,250 8%
867,088	*Noordhoek Flyer	39	22,233	108	8	9	21%	0	0	0%	31	29%	0	Ronnie Rocket 147,500 17%

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The proliferation of speed in many of the Oratorio (Danehill) progeny is a bonus for breeders looking for the medium term benefits of classic blood and the prospects of breeding a July or Met winner.

Little can match strides over 1000m with his Gr1 winning son Van Halen and trainer Tobie Spies is also considering the Cape Merchants Cape Guineas for the smart gelding.

A dual champion sire in Italy, Oratorio's 90 plus black type horses the world over include champions Military Attack, Banchee, Beethoven, Biz The Nurse and Cherry Collect.

The Gr1 Eclipse/Irish Champion Stakes winner has a draft of eight at November's CTS Ready To Run Sale, including a colt out of Gr2 Sceptre Stakes winner Reflective Image (# 5), a half-sister to Gr1 winner King Of Pain (# 34) and a half-sister to Gr3 Umkhomazi Stakes runner up Desolate Road (# 64). His book is still open this season.

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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
J Snaith	247	40	16%	53	21%	43%	25	10%	125	51%	3,189,863	12,914
SG Tarry	205	28	14%	43	21%	33%	20	10%	94	46%	2,787,023	13,595
AC Greeff	241	33	14%	59	24%	31%	30	12%	106	44%	2,256,400	9,363
MF de Kock	131	15	11%	31	24%	23%	20	15%	63	48%	1,970,200	15,040
BJ Crawford	139	20	14%	36	26%	28%	19	14%	76	55%	1,730,100	12,447
GD Smith	247	24	10%	19	8%	26%	15	6%	99	40%	1,669,000	6,757
A Nel	108	16	15%	11	10%	27%	16	15%	60	56%	1,554,925	14,397
PA Peter	122	17	14%	22	18%	27%	16	13%	55	45%	1,546,488	12,676
Y Bremner	183	17	9%	24	13%	25%	28	15%	77	42%	1,455,950	7,956
JAJ v Vuuren	115	14	12%	21	18%	43%	17	15%	55	48%	1,447,912	12,591
DC Howells	133	12	9%	22	17%	27%	23	17%	72	54%	1,440,375	10,830
DR Drier	89	17	19%	24	27%	46%	9	10%	46	52%	1,430,975	16,078
SD Gray	120	10	8%	5	4%	40%	10	8%	58	48%	1,406,189	11,718
C Bass-Robinson	173	14	8%	17	10%	18%	15	9%	72	42%	1,358,475	7,852
GS Kotzen	161	13	8%	16	10%	13%	23	14%	59	37%	1,345,675	8,358
Ashley Fortune	55	11	20%	13	24%	46%	9	16%	26	47%	1,241,075	22,565
VH Marshall	118	13	11%	9	8%	44%	16	14%	54	46%	1,184,875	10,041
GB Puller	94	14	15%	9	10%	67%	8	9%	38	40%	1,148,825	12,222
T Laing	103	16	16%	10	10%	50%	9	9%	52	50%	1,132,225	10,992
GV Woodruff	57	8	14%	12	21%	42%	10	18%	32	56%	996,812	17,488
RR Wagner	107	10	9%	7	7%	43%	6	6%	49	46%	991,126	9,263
C Lensley	186	14	8%	18	10%	22%	23	12%	67	36%	941,475	5,062
GM Alexander	96	8	8%	5	5%	0%	15	16%	44	46%	939,050	9,782
T Spies	155	9	6%	7	5%	14%	16	10%	45	29%	921,636	5,946
MG & AA Azzie	70	9	13%	12	17%	33%	11	16%	32	46%	920,225	13,146
DS Bosch	72	9	13%	3	4%	33%	11	15%	34	47%	894,900	12,429

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
M Yeni	427	53	12%	77	18%	26%	63	15%	224	52%	4,638,073	10,862
R Munger	328	43	13%	42	13%	24%	44	13%	157	48%	3,652,687	11,136
A Marcus	140	42	30%	86	61%	33%	26	19%	98	70%	3,418,250	24,416
R Fourie	131	37	28%	50	38%	48%	13	10%	87	66%	2,635,800	20,121
G Cheyne	175	35	20%	60	34%	32%	29	17%	107	61%	2,444,400	13,968
W Kennedy	304	32	11%	33	11%	24%	39	13%	154	51%	3,765,239	12,386
L J Ferraris	223	28	13%	28	13%	32%	21	9%	87	39%	2,605,875	11,686
G Lerena	65	19	29%	31	48%	42%	8	12%	41	63%	1,735,123	26,694
K Zechner	201	18	9%	15	7%	13%	10	5%	65	32%	1,481,875	7,373
C Zackey	216	18	8%	20	9%	20%	30	14%	95	44%	2,016,561	9,336
KS Sakayi	133	18	14%	7	5%	43%	11	8%	49	37%	1,441,375	10,837
A Domeyer	101	17	17%	24	24%	25%	14	14%	63	62%	1,374,600	13,610
K De Melo	166	17	10%	25	15%	32%	26	16%	79	48%	1,864,338	11,231
C Maujean	200	16	8%	17	9%	35%	17	9%	77	39%	1,691,600	8,458
S Veale	103	16	16%	21	20%	48%	6	6%	42	41%	1,311,675	12,735
M v Rensburg	107	15	14%	17	16%	29%	10	9%	49	46%	1,465,963	13,701
D Dillon	176	15	9%	6	3%	17%	18	10%	64	36%	1,434,525	8,151
L Mxothwa	120	15	13%	11	9%	27%	9	8%	53	44%	1,005,975	8,383
L Hewitson	99	15	15%	20	20%	40%	19	19%	57	58%	1,334,287	13,478
S Fortune	154	15	10%	7	5%	0%	7	5%	40	26%	881,475	5,724
D Schwarz	169	15	9%	7	4%	29%	16	9%	59	35%	1,470,788	8,703
P Strydom	82	14	17%	14	17%	29%	10	12%	40	49%	1,215,576	14,824
S Khumalo	73	13	18%	15	21%	40%	11	15%	37	51%	1,303,949	17,862
R Simons	128	12	9%	25	20%	24%	13	10%	57	45%	1,287,588	10,059
B Fayd'herbe	71	10	14%	9	13%	22%	9	13%	36	51%	1,055,675	14,869
R Danielson	104	10	10%	19	18%	42%	13	13%	48	46%	1,076,675	10,353



Gareth van Zyl has a smart sort on his hands

Thriller

Gareth van Zyl will be headed to Cape Town next month for the CTS Ready To Run Stakes after his Jackson filly Can You Feel It waltzed home to win her maiden in sensational style at Greyville on Sunday. It is close on two years to the day that Gareth saddled his first horses under his own name. His very first runner was a winner - Anton Marcus steering Northern Storm to victory. The second of five children of top jockey-turned-trainer Gavin van Zyl, Gareth is operating on a 21% win strike-rate at present.



Karl Zechner – rode a nice double at Fairview on Monday

Z Best

The Zimbabwe-born 31 year old Karl Zechner is one of the strongest riders around and it was pleasing to see him find some form with a double at Fairview on Monday. Karl booted Flame Of Fire and longshot Gift Of Gold home for Jacques Strydom and Emmanuel Kacnis respectively. The 2016 SA Triple Crown winning jockey is on 20 winners this season as he holds on to a top 10 position and has no stable attachments.



Wendy Whitehead and Stuart Randolph enjoyed a Super Sunday

Hard To Play

Summerveld trainer Wendy Whitehead and 2015 July winning jockey Stuart Randolph rocked the Greyville grandstand on Sunday with a 114-1 double. While there is nothing particularly dazzling about their 10% win strike-rate, the pair can certainly put it together with the right horses. Curved Ball's son Hard To Play is on



the up and won his best race to date – his fifth from 12, while R5 000 Seventh Rock bargain buy Rocking Ruby made it 2 wins from 8 starts.

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

GREYVILLE

Sunday, 21 October

Course Variant: 0,01s fast

A grand total of 46mm of rain fell on the track in the week prior to this meeting. No irrigation was added and as a result the penetrometer read 22 and the going was posted as good. There was a strong south westerly tail wind of around 35km/h and the false rail was out 2m.

Michaelmas Handicap (Listed) R150,000

Love & War

With the favourite American Landing running out of steam late, an upset result was on the cards in the R150 000 Listed Michaelmas Handicap at Greyville on Sunday and Lezanne Forbes' Querari gelding Warfarer duly delivered the goods to register his first stakes success.

In a feature field reduced to seven runners with the late withdrawal of One Man Show, East Cape Derby winner American Landing looked to build on his strong finishing fourth behind Matador Man last time – in a race where the form had really appeared to be franked.

But after Celtic Captain had led the way from New Fort and the 3yo Marchingontogogether into the straight, Sean Vale brought American Landing around his field to avoid the sprint chase against more fleetfooted opponents.

The son of Dynasty hit the front but had little to offer as Roy Had Enough ranged up, with Mark Khan producing Warfarer from last.

Inside the final 200m Warfarer ran on powerfully to register a length win in a time of 116,04 secs.

The favourite's classy full sister Sabina's Dynasty caught the eye and flew up late to grab third ahead of Marchingontogogether, who only faded late.

The Maine Chance bred Warfarer is a son of Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the five-time winner Warrior Maid (Complete Warrior).

A R120 000 National Yearling Sale graduate, Warfarer has won 5 races with 8 places from 25 starts for stakes of R455 763

Michaelmas Handicap (L) 1900m

Winner Warfarer (2nd best handicapped) raced 6th; led 100m

Runner up Roy Had Enough raced in the rear; led 300m; outrun latter stages; beaten 1 length

Third Sabina's Dynasty raced 5th; ran on late; beaten 1,05 lengths

Time: In what proved to be a very false paced affair, just 3 lengths covered all en-

tering the straight. The time comparatively was the second slowest on the card. We gave the runner up (prev 89/95/84/100/96) 100 which makes the winner (prev 67/65/83/83/83) 83 and the third (prev 94/94/87/93/94) 99

83	1	0.00	WARFARER	(2)	53.0	M Khan	71/10
5 b g	Querari - Warrior Maid (Complete Warrior)						
100	2	1.00	ROY HAD ENOUGH	(6)	61.5	A Marcus	27/4
4 b c	Pierro - Queens Plaza(AUS) (Elusive Quality)						
99	3	1.05	SABINA'S DYNASTY	(1)	61.0	M Yeni	6/1
5 b m	Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)						
89	4	1.55	Marchingontogogether	(3)	52.0	W Kennedy	71/20
75	5	3.30	American Landing	(5)	52.0	S Veale	14/10
74	6	3.35	New Fort	(7)	52.0	ES Ngwane	22/1
12	7	45.85	Celtic Captain	(4)	60.5	B Lerena	18/1

Time: 116.04s (61.07s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 113%
1st T:L Forbes O:Mr C Fenwick B:Maine Chance

How Good Is Your Horse?

75% of all 2yo Gr1 winners have **ability ratings (AR)** of more than 95

97% of all Gr1 winners age 3yo & up have **ability ratings (AR)** of more than 95

Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** put every horse in its place

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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.

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TOP SCORERS for 2018/2019

(to 21 October 2018)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Captain Aldo	8	c	50	1
Cascapedia	5	f	30	1
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	25	1
Chimichuri Run	3	c	25	1
Alyaasaat	3	c	24	1
Soqrat	3	c	15	1
Al Danza	5	f	12	1
Ghaalla	3	f	9	1
Full Mast	4	c	7	1

Baby Boom!



Annabelle Andrews

New colt

by Louis The King out of Trippi mare Powertrip, foaled on Monday 15 October, Submitted by Andrew Brand



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SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

- Viscountess Vivien 3g (Love Vivien by Captain Al)
[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Temple Grafin 3g (Inner Temple by Greys Inn)
[Kenilworth 6 Gr2 Fillies Championship \(3yo's\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)
- Santa Clara 3g (Shina by Lomitas)
[Kenilworth 6 Gr2 Fillies Championship \(3yo's\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)
- Celestial Prince 3g (Imperious Star by Navarone)
[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Bishop Of Speed 3g (Madame Rooney by Windrush)
[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Duchess Lane 3g (Katy's Lane by Tamburlaine)
[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(28/10\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

- Cari 3g (Big Five Jive by Tiger Dance)
[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Targaryen Queen 3g (Howhighcanufly by Jet Master)
[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Crowded House 3g (Tarragon by Toreador)
[Kenilworth 3 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(27/10\)](#)
- Water Spirit 3g (Undine by Western Winter)
[Kenilworth 8 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1800m \(27/10\)](#)
- Tennessee 3g (Temple Goddess by Pulpit)
[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Master Jack 3g (Fancy Halo by Rakeen)
[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(27/10\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

- Bushiri 3g (Bushra by Badger Land)
[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(26/10\)](#)
- Master Newton 3g (Amazing Grace by Spectrum)
[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/10\)](#)
- Lucky Dancer 3g (Shedivesmecrazy by Tiger Ridge)
[Kenilworth 5 MR 72 Handicap 1000m \(27/10\)](#)
- Twist Of Fate 3g (Crescent Lily by Counter Action)
[Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Cape Classic \(3yo's\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)
- Masterful 3g (Pure Glamour by Victory Moon)
[Fairview 6 MR 73 Handicap \(Turf\) 1600m \(28/10\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

- I'm Free 3g (Free Parking by Silvano)
[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(26/10\)](#)
- Romanesca 3g (Touch Of Nobility by Elusive Quality)
[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(26/10\)](#)
- Vega Vox 3g (Slew per Jet by Jet Master)
[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- I'm Free 3g (Free Parking by Silvano)
[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(28/10\)](#)
- Awesomely Tuned 3g (Awesome Beauty by Cataloochee)
[Greyville 3 MR 69 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1400m \(28/10\)](#)
- Call Me Blue 3g (Bistro Belle by Rambo Dancer)
[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(28/10\)](#)
- Paths Of Victory 3g (Victory Garden by Solskjaer)
[Greyville 6 MR 64 Handicap \(Poly\) 2000m \(28/10\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

- Champagne Gold 3g (Als The Word by Captain Al)
[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(26/10\)](#)
- Pomaceous 3g (Festive Fantasy by Special Preview)
[Fairview 7 Racing Association Stakes \(3yo's\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(26/10\)](#)
- Cirillo 3g (Miss Wordsworth by Lake Coniston)
[Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Cape Classic \(3yo's\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)
- Royal Italian 3g (Royal Polly by Royal Academy)
[Kenilworth 7 Gr3 Cape Classic \(3yo's\) 1400m \(27/10\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

- Palace Chapel 3g (Gem Quality by Special Preview)
[Turffontein 9 Assessment Plate 1000m \(27/10\)](#)
- Perfect Summer 3g (Summer's End by Spectrum)
[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Palace Rose 3g (Stargazer Pink by Jallad)
[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1200m \(28/10\)](#)

THE APACHE (Mogok)

- Cape Leopard 3g (Darley Rose by Fusaichi Pegasus)
[Fairview 7 Racing Association Stakes \(3yo's\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(26/10\)](#)
- Rochester 3g (Jane Eyre by Saumarez)
[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(27/10\)](#)
- Adorable Analia 3g (Idilic Charm by In The Money)
[Greyville 7 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Poly\) 1700m \(28/10\)](#)

WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

- Blackburn Roc 3g (Royal Prognosis by Jet Master)
[Greyville 2 MR 72 Handicap \(Poly\) 1200m \(28/10\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

TRIPPI

Rated **AR73 Summer Afternoon** (3f Pin Turn by Pivotal)
Maiden Plate (f&m) Turffontein (inner) (1200m) (18/10)

Making her debut here, Sean Tarry's charge was all the rage in the betting market and after flirting with odds on, she eventually left the stalls at 11/10. Soon up handy, this daughter of Trippi was ridden to lead 200m out and won very cosily with some in hand.

JACKSON

Rated **AR88 Can You Feel It** (3f Wonder Glow by Windrush)
Maiden Plate (f&m) Greyville (turf) (1200m) (21/10)

Third in the prestigious Gr1 Thekwini Stakes in the last of her three starts as a juvenile in July, Can You Feel It was making her seasonal debut here. Pitched in against a very moderate looking bunch, it was not surprising to see her leave the stalls at 1/6. At the head of affairs throughout, she was never really asked to race and showed her well-being with an effortless five and three quarter lengths win.

CAPTAIN AL

Rated **AR73 Captain's Choice** (3f Castle Pine by Caesour)
Maiden Plate (f&m) Durbanville (1400m) (20/10)

Brett Crawford's charge had progressed nicely in her two previous outings and despite being drawn wide she continued that trend here. Positioned in midfield as the thirteen runners swung for home, this daughter of Captain Al quickened best of all and under a well-judged ride from Piere Orffer she got up late.

Is Your Horse One To Follow?

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners & Horses for the Notebook** on this page - see how promising the Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** say they are.

Horses To Follow

ORATORIO

Rated **AR99 Van Halen** (3g Rock Concert by Lecture)

Assessment Plate Turffontein (inner) (1200m) (18/10)

Toby Spies' charge showed good improvement when adopting a change of tactics to win the Gr1 Gold Medallion at Scottsville last May, and although thrown in at the weights here, he did show his well-being in his first start since with a facile win using the same tactics.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Royalsecuritypower (AUS) 8g Rock of Gibraltar- Love's Great(AUS) (Choirsir)

Greyville 1000m (21/10)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Meraki (AUS) 4g Canford Cliffs- Aerate's Joy(AUS) (Bel Esprit)

Durbanville 1400m (20/10)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Landela (AUS) 3f Smart Missile- Follow That Cat(AUS)

(Tale of the Cat)

Fairview 1100m (16/10)



SPORTS AND BETTING

Spanish La Liga - El Clasico

Barcelona vs Real Madrid | Sunday 28 October | Camp Nou | 17:15



The first El Clasico of the season will take place at the Camp Nou on Sunday and it will be the first time in 11 years that the derby will be played without Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Ronaldo is now at Juventus, while Messi has been ruled out for three weeks after he fractured his right arm during last Saturday's 4-2 win over Sevilla.

Barca will be looking to make it back-to-back victories against Los Blancos, who are in a mega-crisis and in desperate need of a win with coach Julen Lopetegui on the brink of being sacked.

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TO WIN

Barcelona 1/1

Draw 28/10

Real Madrid 23/10

BARCELONA

Barcelona find themselves top of the Spanish La Liga after nine matches played, although Ernesto Valverde's side haven't been convincing. The Catalans have won just five games this season, drawing three times and losing once.

After a strong start to the campaign which saw the reigning champions win their opening four matches against Alaves (3-0), Real Valladolid (0-1), Huesca (8-2) and Real Sociedad (1-2), scoring 14 goals while conceding just once, Barca went four games without a win.

They recorded back-to-back draws at the Camp Nou against Girona (2-2) and Athletic Bilbao (1-1) in between a 2-1 defeat at 18th-placed Leganes and were then held to a 1-1 draw away to strugglers Valencia. But Valverde's side finally returned to winning ways with a 4-2 victory at home to Sevilla last Saturday, who were top of the table before kick-off.

REAL MADRID

Real Madrid come into the El Clasico in seventh position with Lopetegui widely expected to be shown the exit door, with talk of former Chelsea boss Antonio Conte likely to come in, while former players Santiago Solari and Guti are other names linked with the club. In my opinion, anyone would do a better job than Lopetegui right now. The former Spain manager took over from Zinedine Zidane in June and has won just five of his 12 games in charge.

Los Blancos started the season off strongly, winning their first three games in La Liga, beating Getafe (2-0), Girona (1-4) and Leganes (4-1). Lopetegui's side then had to settle for a 1-1 draw at Athletic Bilbao but bounced back to winning ways with a 1-0 victory at home to Espanyol.

Since then, Madrid have failed to win in five matches across all competitions at the time of writing, suffering four defeats, while scoring just once in that run.

PREDICTION: Barcelona (1/1)

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Follow The Trail

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Alan's Big Five

Fairview 16 October

The Gauteng form of LANDELA clearly made her the one to beat in the opening maiden plate over 1100m on the poly track on Tuesday, and despite looking as if she might need it, she did indeed open her account. Soon in touch with the leaders, the daughter of Smart Missile was ridden to lead as they approached the 200m marker and comfortably accounted for the front running EESHARA by two and a half.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1300m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was LOVE DOVE in the MR74 Handicap. Positioned second last entering the straight, Alan Greeff's charge was easily five lengths off the pace. She ran on best of all in the short home straight and under a well-judged ride from Sandile Kathi she got up late to deny the more fancied COW-GIRLINTHESAND (led 200m).

They also ran three races over 1600m and quickest home here was BORDER CONTROL in the MR77 Handicap. On leaving the stalls it was ROSSLYN CHAPEL who elected to make the running and the son of Right Approach soon had the field well strung out. Nicely positioned in second though, the former KZN campaigner was always poised to strike. He did so going through the 200m and won going away from the pacemaker by two and a half.

Titbits Sporting blinkers for the first time, GUADALUPO won with authority by four when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1600m.

A Walk In The Park

Turffontein 18 October

This was the meeting originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16th October. By far the faster of the two 2600m events on Thursday afternoon was the MR80 Handicap won by the top weight ODD ROB. Sent off second in the betting market at 7/2, Gary Alexander's veteran

travelled well throughout, and perfectly placed in second was always poised to strike. He did so early in the short home straight and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to beat MIGHTY AND MAGIC (backed into favouritism) by two and a quarter.

All the rage to win race 2 on the card, a maiden plate for the girls over 1200m, was the Sean Tarry trained newcomer SUMMER AFTERNOON. Eventually sent off at 9/10 after opening up at 3/1, the daughter of Trippi was always in touch with the leaders. She quickened nicely coming off the strip and after striking the front 200m out, she went on to win going away with some in hand.

As is often the case the newly introduced Assessment Plates prove to be benefit races for the better horses. As was the case with VAN HALEN in the fastest of the four 1200m events. Confidently ridden by Craig Zackey, the 3yo Oratorio gelding raced sixth of the eight for most of the journey. He was ridden to lead 150m out, and with Zackey continually looking around thereafter, he went on to win as he liked.

Titbits After being slow into stride, the newcomer SUMMER HOUSE ran on well from the back when a length and a half fourth in the opening maiden plate over 1200m.

The nibbled at outsider STREET FLYER was signalling a return to form when finishing strongly to take third position in the MR74 Handicap over 1450m. He's recently dropped 14 points in the handicap in seven starts.

Weighted To Strike

Fairview 19 October

Racing returned to the poly track on Friday where the only distance to stage more than one race was 1200m. The MR86 Handicap was the fastest of these and here the 5yo Kahal gelding AMAZON KING gained his first success since relocating to the province. Racing off a mark some ten points below that of his former best, Amazon King was content to sit at the back of the seven early on. He ran on stoutly in the short home straight

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Fort Ember	won 8/1
Royal Armour	won 8/1
Prospect Strike	won 31/4
Oriental Tiger	won 5/1
Warrior's Rest	won 5/1
Oklahoma Sky	won 47/10
The Rising Legend	won 2/1
Van Halen	won 17/10

FASTEST TIMES

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

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 16 OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,60s slow	
1100m (2) Oriental Tiger	63,79
1300m (3) Love Dove	76,21
1600m (3) Border Control	95,87

TURFFONTEIN (INNER) 18 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,03s slow	
1000m (1) Green Plains	57,59
1200m (4) Van Halen	71,45
1450m (1) Lazarus Tree	87,88
1600m (1) The Rising Legend	97,58
2000m (1) Noceur	127,20
2600m (2) Odd Rob	167,27

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 19 OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,50s slow	
1000m (1) Oklahoma Sky	58,23
1200m (2) Amazon King	69,85
1300m (1) Nicoletta	78,16
1400m (1) Maverick Girl	82,02
1600m (1) Prospect Strike	95,25
1800m (1) Jungle Fairy	111,46
1900m (1) Lateral's Flash	119,32

GREYVILLE (POLY) 19 OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,04s fast	
1000m (1) Ronnie Rocket	57,45
1200m (2) Royal Armour	69,27
1400m (1) Mambo Lyric	83,87
1600m (2) Stelvio	94,61
1900m (1) Playlist	115,90
2000m (1) Lucius Fox	124,37

TURFFONTEIN (INNER) 20 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,79s slow	
1000m (1) Pius Oil	57,49
1200m (2) Tricia	71,75
1450m (1) Perfect Tigress	87,78
1475m (3) Big Mistake	88,27
1600m (1) Warrior's Rest	97,40
1800m (1) Fort Ember	111,16
2000m (2) Senor Lizard	124,98
2600m (1) American Indian	167,65

Notebook *Horses worth following at their next few starts...*

I'M A LOOKER (G Alexander, Gauteng)
ROBERG EXPRESS (JAJ v Vuuren, KZN)
SUMMER AFTERNOON (S Tarry, Gauteng)
ZOUAVES (G Woodruff, Gauteng)

CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

and just got the verdict over the faster finishing PACIFIC SPIRIT (raced 6th – only got going late) by a short head.

In terms of prizemoney a MR90 Handicap topped the bill and here it was nice to see the once very highly regarded PROSPECT STRIKE find the winner's enclosure. Now racing off a mark 33 points lower than his former best, the 6yo son of Toreador was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m marker and kept on strongly late to beat the running on STREAK OF SILVER by a length and a quarter.

The highest rated runners on the card contested the conditions plate over 1400m and here victory went to the bottom weight MAVERICK GIRL. Another to race close to the speed, Yvette Bremner's charge put her head in front coming off the bend and won well by a half from the always handy WESTON.

Titbits Positioned eighth of the ten turning for home, HORSE HAIZI was gaining quickly at the finish when only beaten a short head in the MR76 Handicap over 1000m.

Despite not finding the clearest of passages in running, LATERAL'S FLASH finished best of all when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1900m.

Making Progress

Greyville 19 October

There was a tail wind of around 35km/h on Friday evening hence the track was running a little fast. The MR88 Handicap over 1200m was comparatively the quickest race on the card and here ROYAL ARMOUR caused a bit of an upset. Usually seen out over further, the Jay Peg gelding adopted a change of tactics here and raced from the front. He kept on determinedly at the business end of the race to keep the 15/10 favourite MONTE CHRISTO at bay.

The MR76 Handicap was the faster of the two 1600m races on the card and here we saw a smart performance from the progressive STELVIO. Now a winner of three from seven, Dennis Drier's charge was always in touch with the leaders. She put her head in front as they approached the 200m pole and drew clear easily in

the closing stages of the race to score by two and a half.

Another to win with authority on this card was MAMBO LYRIC in the girl's maiden plate over 1400m. Soon at the head of affairs, the generously priced Sporting Post best handicapped (22/1 – paid R36,80 on the tote) led throughout. She began to assert her authority at the top of the short home straight and won well by three.

Titbits Sent off 2/1 favourite to win the MR80 Handicap, ROBBERG EXPRESS (a fluent winner of his only previous racecourse appearance) was squeezed at the start and raced detached at the rear. He made up many lengths in the straight and although he only finished sixth of the eight, he was only beaten 1,55 lengths.

Thrilling Stuff

Turffontein 20 October

Surprisingly the fastest of the three Grand Series races over 1475m at the inner track on Saturday was the consolation event won by the second favourite BIG MISTAKE. The son of Querari got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. He ran on stoutly at the business end of the race and after a thrilling tussle with FLYING WINGER (led 300m), he got the verdict on the nod.

On the other side of a short head verdict was ZOAVES in leg 2 of the Grand Series. Always handy, Geoff Woodruff's charge finished best of all and would surely have gotten the better of the winner TSITSIKAMMA DANCE (raced handy – led 230m) in another stride.

Leg 1 was won by the strongly fancied SOLDIER ON. Usually one to run on strongly from off the pace, the Brave Tin Soldier gelding adopted a change of tactics here and raced handy. He quickened well when the race began in earnest and in another classic finish he only got the better of DAN THE LAD (raced 2nd – led 400m) in the last stride.

Titbits PERFECT TIGRESS and MAR DEL SUR both made up many lengths in the short home straight when 1st & 3rd respectively in the MR84 Handicap over 1450m.

The poorly drawn newcomer I'M A LOOKER made up many lengths from the rear when a 3,2 lengths fourth in the maiden plate over 1200m.

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (6) Beautiful Beat 9
Race 2: (2) The Suit 2 (NAP*)
 Race 3: (9) Love Dove 71
 Race 4: (10) Sweet Treat 47
 Race 5: (8) Supreme Winter 46
 Race 6: (1) Exelero 76
 Race 7: (9) Just Chaos 43
 Race 8: (2) Le Grand Rouge 51

GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (5) Lady Wisteria 9
 Race 2: (5) Combat Captain 22
 Race 3: (1) Elusive Diva 16
 Race 4: (7) Aldo's Chase 39
 Race 5: (6) Eccellerate 39
 Race 6: (2) Chantyman 60
 Race 7: (1) Subtropical 58
 Race 8: (8) Royal Kaitrina 31

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Master And Man 17
 Race 2: (1) Andiamo 6
 Race 3: (9) Zeal And Zest 58
 Race 4: (4) Sabbatical 68
Race 5: (9) Iditarod Trail 45 (NAP)**
 Race 6: (1) Image Award 50
 Race 7: (8) Sporting Monarch 55
 Race 8: (4) Copper Jay 62
 Race 9: (4) Dewali 41

KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (1) November Storm 5
 Race 2: (6) Meteorite 65
 Race 3: (6) Hall Of Fame 40
 Race 4: (2) Search Party 94
 Race 5: (2) Johnny Black 45
 Race 6: (2) Canukeepitsecret 56
 Race 7: (2) Cirillo 53
 Race 8: (5) Amarosa 44
 Race 9: (2) Yaamen 6

FAIRVIEW (SUN)

Race 1: (2) Tundra 13
 Race 2: (1) Lunar Rush 72
 Race 3: (3) The Barrister 5
 Race 4: (7) Doubled Over 13
 Race 5: (6) Hotel Cipriani 75
 Race 6: (11) Late Autumn 47
 Race 7: (9) Cape Rebel 78
 Race 8: (10) Rocksette 56
 Race 9: (6) Jungle Fairy 38

GREYVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (2) Palace Rose 16
 Race 2: (8) Lotsa Silver 40
 Race 3: (11) Bridal Veil 51
 Race 4: (8) The Poet 52
 Race 5: (10) Prince Of Promise 43
 Race 6: (8) Silvan Saint 40
 Race 7: (11) Flaming Desire 37
 Race 8: (1) Walterthepenniless 16

Nap bets

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

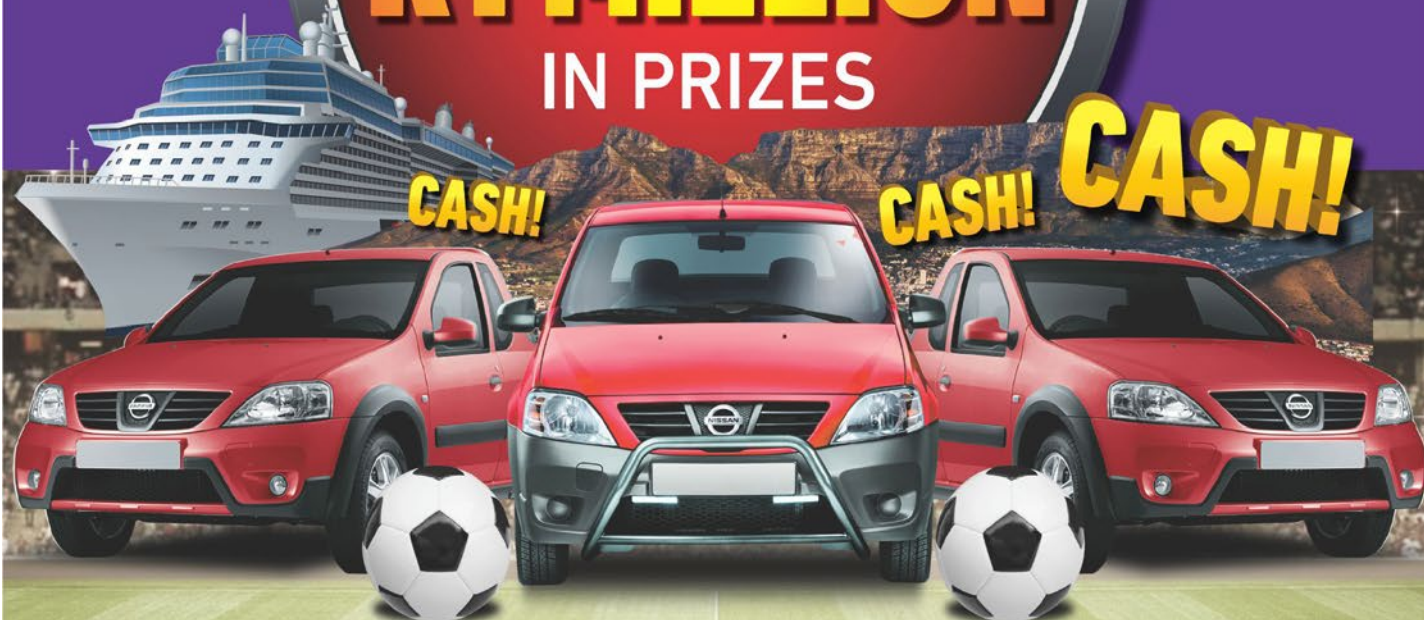


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