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Best Roving Banker:
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Best Roving Banker:
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Roam Or Stay Home?

Europe's richest race, the Qatar Prix De L Arc de Triomphe, will play host at Longchamp over this weekend to a range of international dignitaries from various walks of racing and social life.

While a VIP invitation is an entirely acceptable perk and frill of status in any discipline, we have seldom seen any of our ambassadors return to office and willing to talk about their experiences.

Funny- but one wonders if it is a guilt 'trip' mentality thing? If you have cracked the nod, tell as few people as possible. That seems to be the generally applied principle in South African racing. We have seen it year on year. And it has little to do with humility.

Myth abounds about business-class travel, extended trips and a whole lot of fun going down. Nothing wrong with that- and it's important to network and build relationships with the industry's movers and shakers.

But what about the priorities at home? And when

does an innocent all aboard – and no doubt all above board – trip become an ill- considered PR gaffe from leaders, who should know better?

How do they possibly think so differently to the rest of us plebs – and their stakeholders and customers?

When Rome was burning, Nero was apparently fiddling.

With our National Horseracing Authority under siege, and the once good ship drifting in the most turbulent stormy waters in its history, should the Captain really be abandoning his watch– albeit for three weeks - and taking his eye off the compass?

As Chairman of the NHA, Ken Truter has been foisted into a near high-care operational management role with the sudden departure of CEO Lyndon Barends. It's



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ROAM OR STAY HOME?

an unenviable position to be in. But it's a time when smart men can make names for themselves and show leadership- rather than trepidation – or hiding in faraway places.

And the NHA Board probably created the most recent monster to haunt them in the first place, through a lack of simple due diligence- and maybe another naughty case of playing spineless yes men to higher powers.

So, the only real victims are the industry and the folk with years of passion and cash invested.

And despite their gushy meaningless NHA monthly newsletters being churned out with plenty of verbosity, the ongoing aspect of injudiciously scripted press releases continue unabated.

When a KZN jockey was dragged through the mill 6 months ago for some bad behaviour involving drugs and racecourse television sets, the resultant outcry called for some soul searching and introspection. But little has changed.

And just as that particular release was insensitive, the latest item relating to an R80 000 penalty for trainer Paul Peter, could also have been composed with plenty more detail. As it stands, it paints Peter as a man who 'doped' three horses over a period of time. Only one of them won and he got nailed with an R80 000 left hook.

Talking to the SP Digest today, Paul informs us that he is obliged in terms of the strict liability rules governing trainer responsibility for the horses in his care to take full responsibility for the administering of the Flumethasone to his three charges. This, despite the fact that these were properly recorded in the relevant medical register of the individual horses by a Veterinary Surgeon who is vastly experienced, and is conversant with medication incubation periods and their consequences.

So Paul pleaded guilty.

Flumethasone is a corticosteroid for topical use and a schedule 4 drug. It is not a performance enhancer. Others have been convicted on similar charges in recent years.

We are not suggesting Paul Peter is an angel. He is not the first. He won't be the last. But half-baked information leads to worst case speculation and the image of the sport suffers in the bigger picture. And that is probably where our single biggest problem lies right now.

Enjoy the big race on Sunday – even if you're only watching it on your second – hand tv.

Arc Action

The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend this Saturday and Sunday boasts a prestigious two-day racing programme with 15 flat races, nine of which have Gr1 status as the racing action returns to Longchamp.

With £2,5m in prize money to the winner, the Arc is Europe's richest horse race.

Enable is set to become only the eighth two-time winner on Sunday – the last of the select group to achieve the feat being Treve in 2013 and 2014.

Sea Of Class, trained by William Haggas, was given a supplementary entry at a cost of 120,000 euros (£107,000). Sea Of Class is bidding to emulate her sire, Sea The Stars, who won the big race in 2009.

Tune in to Tellytrack Dstv 239 at 16h05 (provisional) on Sunday.

WEEKEND RACING

Upping The Ante!

Joburg Spring Challenge Turffontein

The first Gr2 double feature of the season is upon us and the R400 000 Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge is set to up the ante at Turffontein after a diet of bread and butter racing, coupled with the doughnuts of side shows and other silly distractions.

Real racing is what we have been craving and it is great to see some familiar big names back in action and stretching their legs ahead of the season that lies ahead.

A weight-for-age with penalties contest, 5yo's and older carry 58kg, 4yo's carry 57,5kg with 3yo's set a 50 kg basic. Winners of Gr1 get a 2kg penalty for each such win and Gr2 winners, 1kg.

Mike de Kock last won this event in 2012 with the smart Link Man – and in fact also won it the year prior to that with the classy fairer sex galloper, Gibraltar Blue. The champion trainer saddles a trio of runners, including the only two 3yo's in the line-up.

First of those is the Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes winner Soqrat, who has won 3 of his 4 starts like a horse going places. He has drawn nicely and is not in need of the run too much after his ten week break, could show his class off the 52kg mark.

Fellow Aussie-bred stablemate Alyaasaat was the first winner in South Africa for Darley Stallions' Dawn Approach (Ire). He was bred from a mare by Distant View (US) and has shown top-class ability to date. He looks potentially held by Soqrat on their SA Champions Season clash when he went down 2 lengths – and even with the benefit of a first run under the belt where he beat Iditarod Trail a fortnight ago, he cannot be the stable elect on jockey arrangements.

Third of the De Kock trio is Noble Secret, who has pulled a wide draw and should find this on the short side. The son of Dynasty was weighted to win last time and is being targeted at the Summer Cup.

Mike and Adam Azzie return Hat Puntano to action. The news-making son of Hat Trick was imported into South Africa as a

possible 2017 SA Triple Crown candidate. The Argentinian-bred dual Gr1 winner disappeared from the nominations for the Vodacom Durban July and then ran a shocker in his first start in mid September 2017 before winning the Gr2 Charity Mile last season. He has been rested since 6 January and a failed attempt to win the L'Orma-

rins Queen's Plate. Efforts to track his fitness were not successful – Mike is away in Ireland and Adam did not take our call. Hat Puntano has the class



New Predator | JC Photos

Gr2 Joburg Spring Chall. past winners

2015		
1	Trip To Heaven	59.5 (6) 4/1
2	Bouclette Top	59.0 (7) 8/1
3	Whiteline Fever	59.0 (2) 8/1

2016		
1	Kangaroo Jack	58.5 (6) 1/1
2	Will Pays	58.0 (12) 18/1
3	New Predator	58.5 (11) 7/1

2017		
1	Wonderwall	51.0 (3) 21/2
2	Finchatton	59.0 (8) 44/1
3	Will Pays	59.0 (1) 9/2

START
4:25PM
TURFFONTEIN

8

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4
Gr2 JOBURG SPRING CHALLENGE - 1450M
SAME TRAINER:(2-10)(9-11-12)

Judpot	1	CORAL FEVER (RR Sage) M Yeni.....	9	60.0
Hat Trick	2	HAT PUNTANO (MG & AA Azzie) C Zackey.....	11	59.0
Kahal	3	CHAMPAGNE HAZE (GM Alexander) D Schwarz.....	1	59.0
New Approach	4	NEW PREDATOR (JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena.....	7	58.0
Captain Al	5	CAPTAIN ALDO (SD Gray) W Kennedy.....	5	58.0
Kahal	6	ROMANY PRINCE (OA Ferraris) L J Ferraris.....	6	58.0
Captain Al	7	ALWAYS IN CHARGE (C Dawson) S Randolph.....	2	58.0
Visionaire	8	AFRICA RISING (SG Tarry) S Khumalo.....	10	58.0
Dynasty	9	NOBLE SECRET (MF de Kock) R Danielson.....	12	57.5
Go Deputy	10	FULL MAST (MG & AA Azzie) M Khan.....	8	57.5
Epaulette	11	SOQRAT (MF de Kock) R Simons.....	4	52.0
Dawn Approach	12	ALYAASAAT (MF de Kock) C Maujean.....	3	50.0

WEEKEND RACING

but he is the unknown!

Champagne Haze has been battling to find his best form since that dazzling win in the Tommy Hotspur in February. With a good draw he could get lucky and rekindle that spark to find place money.

New Predator ran fourth in this race last year behind Wonderwall and showed healthy pace at his 1 September pipe-opener when staying on well to beaten under a half length by Africa Rising and conceding 3kgs. The smart son of New Approach is capable of a big run and the bang in-form Gavin Lerena has a strike rate of impressive proportions since his return from injury.

The former Vaughan Marshall Gr1 galloper Always In Charge is under new ownership and has not run for 19 weeks. His form is not up to scratch in recent times to suggest a big effort here.

Topweight Coral Fever is likely to need it, not having seen a racetrack since the Vodacom Durban July. It is also on the short side for him.

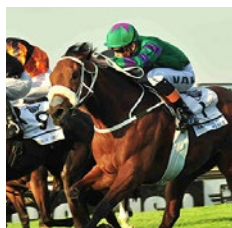
Now an 8yo, St John Gray's soldier Captain Aldo has probably seen his best days but is a big hearted sort who takes the fight to the opposition. He may be held by New Predator on his last run – but fitness may have been the contributing factor there as it was his first start in five months.

Romany Prince, Full Mast and Africa Rising make up the remainder of the field. The latter, winner of the Gr3 Byerley Turk could be the right one, having found form and won his last two starts. Sean Tarry won the race last year with Wonderwall.

De Kock's 3yo's will have to be decent to win this but they have already showed their bona fides and could be the right pair.

Fitness Clouds The Picture

Joburg Spring F&M Challenge Turffontein



Takingthepeace | JC Photos

Takingthepeace was last season's big newsmaker. A heartbeat away from an SA Triple Tiara princess, she makes her return to action as a 4yo on Saturday.

The daughter of Visionaire has been allocated a neat 1 draw at her first run in 22 weeks since going down so narrowly to Secret Potion in the SA Oaks. She has won over 1000m so the 1450m of Saturday's race

is not outside her compass either.

Her pricy stablemate Ghaalla comes in on the 50,5 kg mark and disappointed over the course and distance last time – when probably in need of the run – when beaten 2,50 lengths by Rose In Bloom. She meets the Joey Ramsden cracker on 1,5kgs better terms and will strip a lot fitter – and she jumps from the 2 draw.

Her high-class 5yo stablemate Cascapedia returns from a 24

week break and this will be on the sharp side.

Geoff Woodruff's Al Danza was not persevered with by Calan Murray who reported that he felt something amiss with the quality mare at approximately the 350 metre mark and eased his mount out of the running in the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes. While nothing was detected – that's puzzling – her earlier form suggests that she cannot be disregarded.

Muzi Yeni takes the ride again on Brian Wiid's Emily Jay, who will have to beat her draw of 11 to come into contention. The daughter of Jay Peg loves anything around this trip and won a top race last time when getting the better of the capable Shukamisa.

Sylvan On Fire has been rested 31 weeks but is a capable course and distance winner, who could surprise if Candice Dawson produces her in a reasonable competitive state after her long break.

Paul Peter had very high hopes for the Tiger Ridge filly Folk Dance but she proved something of a disappointment after promising so much early on. Her two most recent runs in KZN were not ridiculously bad efforts, but she will need to start upping her game at this level.

Joey Ramsden's Rose In Bloom won a smart race at her first Gauteng start when Piere Strydom got the best out of her to beat the decent Grand Heritage hopeful Rings And Things at level weights last time out. She was often a bridesmaid in the Cape summer and if producing her best Cape form could be the surprise package with the master jockey staying with the ride.

San Fermin won 2 of 6 as a 3yo and looked promising. But she is another rested – 26 weeks- and probably lacking in fitness

Wrecking Ball is at her best over the 1000m where her electrifying early speed makes her dangerous when out front. She is held by Emily Jay on her penultimate jump.

Desert Rhythm has found form again after a quiet patch and she is one of the few with a recent run under the belt. She may be the uncomplicated solution to what looked a complicated puzzle!

Gr2 Joburg Spring (F&M) past winners

2015

1 Lazer Star	59.5 (7) 1/1
2 Sarve	59.5 (4) 33/1
3 Madame Dubois	52.0 (3) 33/10

2016

1 Mella Maria	58.5 (8) 45/1
2 Bella Sonata	58.5 (5) 15/1
3 Visuality	51.0 (3) 16/1

2017

1 Bella Sonata	60.0 (4) 61/10
2 Mrs O	52.0 (1) 25/1
3 Rockin Russian	52.0 (5) 7/1

START
3:50PM
TURFFONTEIN

7

PA5/PICK SIX/JACKPOT3
Gr2 JOBURG SPRING CHALL. (F&M) - 1450M
SAME TRAINER: (1-3-11)

Visionaire	1 TAKINGTHEPEACE (MF de Kock) R Simons..... 1 60.0
Mambo In Seattle	2 DESERT RHYTHM (SG Tarry) S Khumalo 9 59.0
High Chaparral	3 CASCAPEDIA (MF de Kock) G Lerena 4 58.5
Captain Al	4 AL DANZA (GV Woodruff) C Maujean 10 58.5
Jay Peg	5 EMILY JAY (BO Wiid) M Yeni 11 58.5
Great Britain	6 WRECKING BALL (G Maroun) M Khan 3 58.5
Silvano	7 SYLVAN ON FIRE (C Dawson) R Danielson 5 58.5
Tiger Ridge	8 FOLK DANCE (PA Peter) W Kennedy 7 58.0
Gimmethelight	9 ROSE IN BLOOM (J Ramsden) P Strydom 8 58.0
Charge Forward	10 SAN FERMIN (MG & AA Azzie) K Zechner 6 58.0
Var	11 GHAALLA (MF de Kock) L J Ferraris 2 50.5

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Gr3 Matchem Stakes Durbanville

Candice Bass-Robinson returns to defend her R250 000 Gr3 Matchem Stakes title with the Australian-bred Our Mate Art, who won such an impressive race in 2017.

The fact is that there has not been too much to get excited about with the son of Artie Schiller's performances since. He was outgunned in the Cape Summer features and then transferred to KZN and the SA Champions Season, where his three runs produced nothing. Winless since the 2017 Matchem, his recent sprint return when beaten 2,25 by Sir Frenchie over the speed run 1000m at the country course was better. Singapore star Aldo Domeyer rides him from the 1 draw but he has some work to do.

Vaughan Marshall last won the Matchem with Tales Of Bravery all of eight years ago but the seasoned Milnerton trainer will fancy his chances with the smart topweighted 4yo, Tap O'Noth. His trainer won the race with his sire Captain Al in 1999 and the Cape Classic and Cape Guineas winner is a really decent sort. After failing to find the Cape Derby trip, he was not disgraced in the SA Champions season with decent placed efforts in the Daisy Guineas, the Daily News and the Champions Cup – the latter two being Gr1 races. Anton Marcus takes the ride and if he 80% right after a 10 week break, he should be right there and the addition of the blinkers first time could sharpen him.



Tap O'Noth | Wayne Marks

Eric Sands unbeaten 4yo Rainbow Bridge has his fourth start and first this term. The son of Ideal World won in a canter on his 1200m debut and while more of a middle distance type galloper has done little wrong, winning two Gr3 races in the Cape Winter Series last season. Richard Fourie rode him in all three starts and hailed him a special sort. Job

commitments see Richard Fourie riding Fifty Cents with Bernard Fayd'herbe taking the reins on Saturday.

L'Ormarins Queen's Plate near party spoiler Copper Force is one of a trio of runners from the Snaith yard. The son of Royal Air Force has often threatened something big and ran on well for second in the Darley Arabian on Super Saturday, despite losing a shoe. He ran fifth in this race last year and is a kilo better off with Our Mate Art for that 3,40 length deficit.

Fifty Cents and the long rested but very smart Star Chestnut make up the balance of the Snaith coupling.

The balance look to have it all to do with the classy but disappointing Horizon and obvious pacesetter and dangerous front-runner Milton possible quartet kickers.

60 Years Of Quality

Traditionally run at Kenilworth but switched to Durbanville in 2010, the Matchem Stakes is a fitting launching pad for the Cape Summer Of Champions Season and has been won by some big names over the years. Champion miler Capetown Noir, now standing at Summerhill Stud, won it in 2012, while dual SA Horse Of The Year Variety Club took the honours in 2011.

While he has no representation on Saturday, the most successful Matchem trainer of the 21st century is Milnerton-based Glen Puller, who won it in 2002 and 2003 with Sevilliano, when ridden by Gerrit Schlechter and Karl Neisius, respectively. Puller also trained the 2005 winner Great Rhythm, who was piloted by Greg Cheyne.

The earliest traceable record of the Matchem Stakes in South Africa dates back to 1958. It was open to 2 and 3yo horses and run on 19 April over 1400m at Kenilworth for a stake of £1,250. The idea of running juveniles against three-year-olds over 1400m in April, at what was more or less weight for age terms came in for a lot of criticism, with many feeling it was too much to ask of the youngsters.

The Matchem Stakes is named after the famous Thoroughbred foundation stallion, who died on 21 February 1781. Matchem is a direct male tail line descendent of the Godolphin Arabian- or Godolphin Barb as he is also known- and along with Eclipse and Herod is considered one of the three 18th century stallions that produced the Thoroughbred sire-lines of modern times.

The 2018 race is weighted on weight-for-age plus penalties of 3kgs (Gr1), 2kgs (Gr2) and 1kg for a Gr3 success.

Gr3 Matchem Stakes past winners

Year	Rank	Horse	Time	Weight
2015	1	Act Of War	60.0	(8) 1/3
	2	Heartland	58.5	(1) 15/2
	3	Charles Lytton	57.0	(3) 50/1
2016	1	Captain America	60.0	(8) 22/10
	2	Baritone	56.5	(5) 13/1
	3	Midnite Zone	56.5	(4) 22/1
2017	1	Our Mate Art	57.0	(7) 10/1
	2	Table Bay	58.0	(6) 3/1
	3	Silicone Valley	57.5	(4) 8/1

START
5:20PM
DURBANVILLE

7

PAG/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4
GR3 MATCHEM STAKES - 1400M
SAME TRAINER:(3-8-11)(5-6-7)

Captain Al	1	TAP O' NOTH (VH Marshall) A Marcus	6	60.0
Lateral	2	MILTON (WG Prestage) C Orfner	2	59.5
Artie Schiller	3	OUR MATE ART (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	1	58.5
Ideal World	4	RAINBOW BRIDGE (AE Sands) B Fayd'herbe	10	58.0
Trippi	5	FIFTY CENTS (J Snaith) R Fourie	11	57.5
Royal Air Force	6	COPPER FORCE (J Snaith) R Khathi	7	57.5
Horse Chestnut	7	STAR CHESTNUT (J Snaith) A Mgudlwa	9	57.5
Dynasty	8	HORIZON (C Bass-Robinson) R Munger	5	57.5
Querari	9	KAMPALA CAMPARI (A Nel) A Andrews	8	57.5
Right Approach	10	NEW CALEDONIA (GV Woodruff) G Cheyne	3	57.5
Horse Chestnut	11	BERNIE (C Bass-Robinson) D Dillon	4	57.0



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Gr3 Diana Stakes Durbanville

Mike Robinson's tough-as-teak Royal Air Force mare Goodtime Gal has a top class record in the R250 000 Gr3 Diana Stakes.

A winner of the prestigious Gr3 last year under Anton Marcus where she disposed of the top-class Gimme Six, Goodtime Gal only went down narrowly in second place in 2016. The six-time winning 6yo has been brought back slowly and has improved nicely at her two 1200m starts where she has stayed on late. Back at her preferred 1400m on Saturday, she looks likely to go up and pace it and with Superman in the irons from a 3 draw, they may have to go some to beat her. She is fit and ready – unlike many of her opponents.

Platinum Class is the first of a powerful Snaith quintet in the line-up. The daughter of Silvano is very effective over this trip and has Durbanville experience on her CV. She has not run since a flat effort 6 lengths off Brave Move in the Ladies Mile 12 weeks back and fitness could be doubtful.

Plattner trainer Andre Nel won this race in 2016 and he saddles the Off To Stud Handicap winner Love To Boogie, who also ran 12 weeks back when winning on the Greyville poly. This lightly raced Trippi daughter may be worth including if Fayd'herbe can get her over from her wide draw.

Candice Bass-Robinson saddles a nice coupling of Champagne Stakes winner Freedom Charter and the undefeated Lesedi La Rona.

The latter, winner of the Listed Perfect Promise Sprint, has not run in 21 weeks and sees action for the first time as a 3yo. Freedom Charter looks to be improving as the Elusive Forts do, and won a gutsy race when beating Nordic Breeze last time for her first stakes success.

The Snaiths lightly raced Miss Katalin has not run for 27 weeks

and while loaded with potential and having the benefit of a pole position draw, may need the outing.

Rested 17 weeks, Dynamic Diana looks another talented sort but likely to need the run.

Course and distance winner Angel's Trumpet is the choice of Richard Fourie and could be ready

to run a big race out of the handicaps, with fitness on her side.

Samsara and Hemero could find it tough.



Freedom Charter |
Chase Liebenberg

Hero Of The Week

It's the little things that oil the wheels of our sport and our community and it's amazing how a seemingly small gesture can go a very long way indeed.

They say that no good deed goes unpunished and perhaps that is true, making it all the more satisfying when someone goes to the trouble to tip the balance in the right direction. KZN trainer Doug Campbell rang in to tell us about one such incident that took place at Greyville on Sunday, 23 September 2018.



Warren Kennedy | Gold Circle

Doug explains that his charge, Ooh La La, owned in partnership with Messers P D Robinson and Dave Hawkins, was cantering to the start of race 8, when the filly lost a shoe at around the 200m mark. "It was the last race on the card and there was a storm closing in, so there was a bit of pressure to get things off on time. Warren Kennedy was following my horse down on a Wendy Whitehead runner and must have seen the shoe come off. He stopped, got off his horse and picked up the shoe, then vaulted back on and took the shoe down to the start where it was re-fitted. It was a wonderful gesture and fantastic sportsmanship on his part – how many people worry about other people's horses rather than their own? And my little horse won! I was telling the story to Nic Jonsson who owns a horse with me and he was so impressed. He said it was such a good piece of sportsmanship and deserved a bit of fuss."

The subject of all the attention, KZN stalwart Warren Kennedy, was quick to downplay the incident, saying it was all 'pretty straightforward'. "I was trotting to the start behind Doug's horse and saw the shoe come off. I know there's a farrier at the start, but it takes a while to shape a shoe and with the weather closing in, there wasn't a lot of time to play with. I thought the right thing to do would be to pick up the shoe and take it to the start so that it could be refitted quickly."

As it turned out, his quick thinking not only saved the shoe, it saved the day. "Doug's horse went and won so he was over the moon," smiles Warren (whose own mount finished out of the placings). "The farrier wanted to pull the other shoe off and let the filly run without shoes, but Doug wouldn't have allowed it. Without the original shoe, she would probably have been scratched, so I'm very happy that I could do it," he adds.

These little gestures happen on a daily basis and usually pass without any fuss or fanfare, but nonetheless form the glue that holds our unique community together. We tip our hat to Warren Kennedy for his selfless gesture and our thanks to Doug Campbell for sharing the story.

Gr3 Diana Stakes past winners

2015

1 Inara	60.0 (7) 5/10
2 Come Fly With Me	57.0 (3) 5/2
3 Fear Not	57.0 (2) 33/1

2016

1 Captain's Flame	57.5 (6) 5/1
2 Goodtime Gal	57.5 (1) 13/1
3 Come Fly With Me	58.0 (5) 28/1

2017

1 Goodtime Gal	59.5 (1) 2/1
2 Gimme Six	60.0 (5) 3/1
3 Whose That Girl	58.0 (3) 8/1

START
4:45PM
DURBANVILLE

6

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
GR3 DIANA STAKES (F&M) - 1400M
SAME TRAINER:(1-10)(2-11)(4-6-7-8-9)

Royal Air Force	1 GOODTIME GAL(M Robinson) A Marcus	3	60.0
Elusive Fort	2 FREEDOM CHARTER(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	7	59.5
Trippi	3 LOVE TO BOOGIE(A Nel) B Fayd'herbe	11	59.0
Elusive Fort	4 RED GINGER(J Snaith) A Mgudlwa	9	59.0
Rock Of Rochelle	5 SAMSARA(GW Ennion) A Andrews	6	59.0
Trippi	6 MISS KATALIN(J Snaith) C Orfter	1	58.5
Silvano	7 PLATINUM CLASS(J Snaith) G Cheyne	10	58.5
Querari	8 ANGEL'S TRUMPET(J Snaith) R Fourie	5	58.5
Dynasty	9 DYNAMIC DIANA(J Snaith) R Khathi	8	58.5
Thomas Crown	10 HEMERO(M Robinson) D Dillon	2	58.5
Trippi	11 LESEDI LA RONA(C Bass-Robinson) R Munger	4	52.0

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Veteran Breeder - NHA Respond



Longstanding Breeder Dr Marianne

Thomson has asked questions of the National Horseracing Authority in recent weeks via the medium of the Sporting Post.

The NHA published a press release on Monday 1 October 2018, the contents of which are carried hereunder.

The NHA write that Dr Thomson has directed two inquiries to the NHA through the Press.

Although she is a member of the NHA and well known to the NHA she has chosen a public platform to raise her queries.

The NHA has through recent Press Releases kept its members informed of the position of its former CEO Mr Barends and whether in the light of Mr Barends' resignation there is a need to inquire any deeper into the financial affairs of the NHA.

We stand by those releases and as the position has not changed we do not intend to comment any further. We will do so should that become necessary.

Dr Thomson's other inquiry relates to the keeping of the Stud Book. The NHA is the keeper of the Stud Book but does so under the supervision of the European and African Stud Book Committee (EASBC). The NHA is in constant communication with the EASBC and together with the EASBC and since the appointment of Ms Hazel Kaiyiya prioritised:

- 1.the publication of Stud Book records since 2012;
- 2.the publication of the 2016/2017 return of mares' supplement; and

3.the register of imported horses in the SA SB (and issued with a name) without approval from the horse's Stud Book of birth.

For a Thoroughbred Stud Book Authority (SBA) to be considered to have "Approved" status, one of the key requirements is that the SBA publishes full details of their annual crop via Stud Book volume or supplement.

In August 2018 the Stud Book Department submitted Volume 32 of the General Stud Book of Southern Africa (4 years of records for foals of 2012 up to and including 2015) to the International Stud Book Committee (ISBC) for review, as well as, the 2016 – 2017 returns of mare's supplement. Both of these are available on the NHA website.

On a positive note Hazel Kaiyiya was appointed as Stud Book Keeper with effect from 3 April 2018.

Prior to joining the NHA Hazel worked for The Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), as Manager – Racing Authority (External). Amongst her other duties she undertook the Secretariat functions for the Asian Racing Federation, and coordinated HKJC's adoption and implementation of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering.

Prior to joining the HKJC, Hazel, a professional accountant, was employed by Gold Circle and has held several positions including Corporate Services Executive and Risk and Assurance Audit Manager.

Hazel holds a Bachelor of Commerce Accounting & Finance and Bachelor of Commerce Honours Accounting, from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In addition, she completed the certificate in Thoroughbred Stud Management offered by Summerhill Stud.

As is clear from her past experience and involvement in the thoroughbred racing industry, Hazel's appointment further strengthens the NHA's business operations, and will foster employee engagement.

CEO Search Begins

Advertisements for the position of the vacant National Horseracing Authority CEO position have been published and will close on 12 October.

Published in the Sunday Times and other mainstream media publications, as well as a local racing website, the NHA Board have bizarrely chosen to avoid other industry publications and have puzzlingly also not published the advertisement via their distribution network or on their own website.

The brief calls for a person with a high level of interest in sports administration to combine this with their professional experiences to assume a leadership role for the effective strategic functions of the beleaguered racing regulator. It is noted that the person must be capable of commanding the respect of a multimillion rand industry.

There can only be less than a handful of local genuine candidates within the SA racing and industry, and it is interesting that the search net has not been extended wider and beyond our borders with the use of more effective platforms with a reach into international jurisdictions.

The NHA Board will need to find the correct candidate with the organisation's credibility at an all-time low.

The Asian Racing Conference will be held in Cape Town in 2020 and if the ship is not brought back on course well in advance of that event, the events of recent times could turn into a major embarrassment for the sport in the long run.

A good starting point will be winning back the confidence of the core population of the racing and breeding industry, many of whom appear to have lost confidence in the organisation.

NHA Chairman Ken Truter, who has supervised the day to day operations of the NHA since Lyndon Barends departure, has flown to Europe to attend the ARC at ParisLongchamp this weekend and was not available for comment.

The Sporting Post has learnt reliably that former NHA CEO Lyndon Barends managed to stave off final sequestration last week through financial arrangements with his bankers.

This is a huge relief and a major plus for the former administrator, who was never entirely comfortable in the hot seat, but who now finds himself in a better position to move on with his life and commence a job search.

East Cape Jock Injured

East Cape based Winning Form-sponsored jockey Charles Ndlovu suffered a bad fall at the Fairview training tracks on Tuesday and was rushed to hospital.

Reports are that Charles is out and doing well but according to trainer Alan Greeff, he was diagnosed with a compressed vertebrae.

His mount unfortunately broke down and was euthanized.

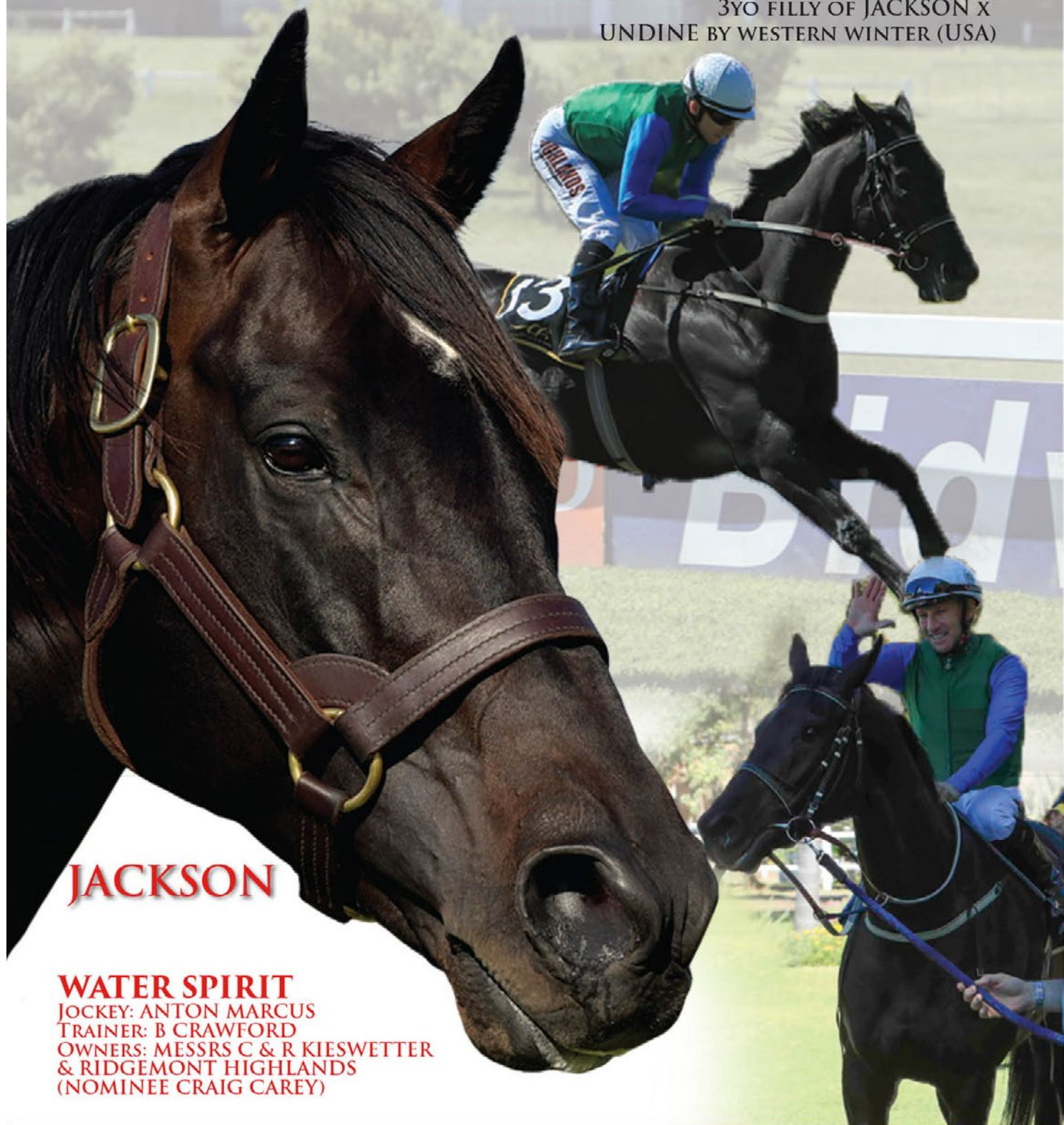
Attempts to contact Charles on his mobile phone for an update as to his anticipated absence, were not successful.

Ed- We thank Nadine Low Ah-Kee for the update

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WPRRA Welcomes New Team

The retirement of long-serving Western Province Regional Racing Association (WPRRA) board members Vidrik Thurling (Chairman), Robert Bloomberg, Vaughan Marshall and Nancy Mitchell constituted a wholesale change and an opportunity to re-build the Cape RA Board in its entirety.

The challenge has been met with energy and enthusiasm and the WPRRA is proud to announce a brand new- and decidedly youthful - complement of Board members in Justin Vermaak, Craig Kieswetter, Philip Taberer and Jonathan Snaith.

Meet the Team

Justin Vermaak has become a familiar face both locally and nationally as racing manager to Maine Chance Farms, agent to SA Champion Jockey S'manga Khumalo and founder of Green Street Bloodstock and rejoins the team after having previously served on the WPRRA board from February 2016.

Ridgmont Stud's Craig Kieswetter is part of the winning team behind 2017 Sun Met winner and international campaigner, Whisky Baron, as well as Highlands Farms Stud and the Highlands Cape Winter Series.

Philip Taberer is part of the team behind the well-loved Avontuur Stud and wine estate, former long-standing sponsors of the Cape Fillies Guineas day.

Last, but not least, Jono Snaith needs little introduction as part of the team behind our current National Trainer Championship holders Snaith Racing, in addition to earning his stripes as part of the team behind the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate. As Chairman, Jono will also act as the Cape's representative on the RA's National Board.

We thank the outgoing board for their hard work and service and take the opportunity to welcome the new team and wish them every success.

Vaal Goes Ahead

Today's race meeting on the Vaal Classic Track will go ahead as scheduled.

After a track inspection on Tuesday 2 October, it was unanimously agreed that the track had recovered well enough for racing to go ahead.

The track inspection was carried out by among others, Alfie Little, National Operations Manager of Phumelela Gaming and Leisure (PGL), Craig Mayhew, representing trainers, Chief Stipendiary Steward Lyle Anderson, PGL management, the track managers as well as the senior jockey on duty, Deon Sampson.

Horses were galloped from the 1600m mark and the track was found to be in racing condition.

For today's meeting the false rail will be moved to 1.5m around the turn. This follows after the race meetings scheduled for the Vaal Classic track on Thursday 20 September and Thursday 27 September were moved to the Turffontein Inside track in order to allow the Vaal Classic track to recover after a late cold spell and accompanying black frost.

Press Release – Phumelela Gaming & Leisure – 2 October 2018

Still A Wee Problem?

It has been almost three months now since an unmarked vehicle with a flashing blue light hijacked a courier vehicle and allegedly stole the post-race equine specimens from Africa's Greatest Horserace, the Vodacom Durban July.



In a press release issued two days after the race, the NHA confirmed that on Saturday 7 July 2018, sometime after 21h30, the courier service vehicle, which was transporting the post-race equine specimens taken after every race on the day, from Greyville Racecourse, was pulled over on the N2 freeway by an unmarked white VW Golf 7:

The statement continued:

This unmarked vehicle had a flashing blue light as well as a PA system. The driver assumed that it was a police vehicle and followed their instructions to pull over. The driver was ordered to get out of the courier vehicle and told to lie down on the ground. Three plain-clothed males alighted from the unmarked white vehicle and proceeded to rob the driver of his personal effects, including his wallet and cell phone. The three men also accessed the courier vehicle and removed all the sealed boxes containing the raceday specimens. They then left, leaving the vehicle and driver at the scene. The courier service has opened a criminal case at the Westville Police Station.

On Sunday 8 July 2018 at 11h30, a woman was walking in the Pigeon Valley Nature Reserve in Glenwood, Durban, to visit family members who stayed in the vicinity. On the pathway she found the specimen boxes, which had been forced open, with the specimens still inside. She then noticed that there was information on the boxes which stated "Greyville 7/7/2018". On her return to the area a few hours later, she saw that the boxes had disappeared.

The courier company is waiting for the case number to be assigned.

So what happens from here?

While our racing regulator has been a drifting rudderless ship for many months, is there any excuse that the day-to-day functions are not being carried out by management?

Some simple questions arise...

Were there no separately stored back-up specimens?

Has the case number been issued?

Have processes and systems been reviewed?

What stops this from happening again?

Has this embarrassing incident been handled correctly and what have we learnt from it?

INTERNATIONAL

Melbourne Cup Quarantine Quandary

The crucial quarantine issues facing a wealth of horses imported from Europe to contest the Melbourne Cup, among other spring carnival features, are unlikely to be resolved until next week.

The Racing Post reports that after last weekend's flight from Europe – carrying 19 spring carnival contenders – was forced to spend about 20 hours on the tarmac at Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates because of a cracked windscreen, Racing Victoria is now faced with a range of complex quarantine issues as a knock-on effect.

First, nine of the horses are directly affected as they were to race on Caulfield Guineas day, but these horses will now not come out of quarantine until the day after the meeting.

Just as crucially, the day delay has meant the final shipload of horses on October 13 – carrying one-third of the Melbourne Cup field – could also be forced into spending their first night in Australia at the government's quarantine facility at Mickleham to avoid a clash with the horses spending their last day at Werribee.

RV's racing operations manager Paul Bloodworth said RV had applied to the Australian government to allow a special dispensation of 24 hours from the mandatory 14-day quarantine period so as to overcome the serious issues facing the raiders.

He said he felt the 20 hours the horses spent in air-conditioned facilities on the plane in Sharjah might be counted as that extra day of quarantine that would allow the horses to leave Werribee on the day of the Caulfield Guineas meeting on October 13.

"I think the main thing the government will take into account is the fact that these horses basically spent a day in isolation in a quarantine environment," Bloodworth said.

"In the end, that will be the one thing that they will take into account which will hopefully fall in our favour."

The quarantine quandary is not restricted to the 19 horses on the delayed plane. On arrival at the quarantine facility on Sunday, the new arrivals mixed in with the three Godolphin horses already in the country, meaning those horses will effectively have to restart their 14 days of quarantine.

Jungle Cat, who won the Group 1 Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes at Caulfield last month, will not be able to run in the Toorak Handicap on Caulfield Guineas day as had been planned.

There is a fear the final shipment could also face a major disruption. As the horses will be at Werribee for an extra day, the eight Melbourne Cup horses arriving on Caulfield Guineas day might have to find alternative accommodation for 24 hours.

"There is a possibility to take those eight horses to the government's Mickleham facility to spend the night there and do all the required testing, then the next day when those horses that are currently there leave and we could float them over to the Vintage Crop yard," he said.

"By no ways is it an ideal solution, but it is a potential solution. We're hoping that it doesn't come to that.

"I've had initial dialogue with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources – who are the people responsible for monitoring bio-security in Australia.

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Cartier Action Hots Up

Aidan O'Brien's two-year-olds have hit top form in recent weeks and the reigning champion trainer in both Britain and Ireland captured six of the seven Pattern races for juveniles in Europe last weekend, headed by impressive Gr1 victories for Ten Sovereigns and Fairyland.

Ten Sovereigns (40 points) maintained his unbeaten record when quickening well to take the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket's Cambridgeshire Meeting on September 29- a performance that saw him firmly enter calculations to become the Cartier Two-Year-Old Colt of 2018.

The son of No Nay Never, owned by a Coolmore partnership, previously gained two wide-margin wins at the Curragh, Ireland, including when annexing the Gr3 John Sisk & Son Round Tower Stakes on September 1.

Ten Sovereigns could now provide his owners and trainer with a remarkable fifth consecutive Cartier Two-Year-Old Colt Award following on from Gleneagles (2014), Air Force Blue (2015), Churchill (2016) and U S Navy Flag (2017).

A typically strong crop of two-year-old colts from Ballydoyle also includes Anthony Van Dyck (40), who chased home Godolphin's Quorto (48) in last month's Gr1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes, and looks set to take on category leader Advertise (56) in the Gr1 Darley Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on October 13.

An exceptional final day of the Cambridgeshire Meeting for O'Brien saw the trainer also win the other G1 contest for juveniles, the Juddmonte Cheveley Park Stakes, with Cartier Two-Year-Old Filly contender Fairyland (50).

Owned by Evie Stockwell in conjunction with Coolmore partners, Kodiak filly Fairyland defeated a high-class field that included the first two home in the Gr1 Darley Prix Morny, Pretty Pollyanna (fourth, 48) and Signora Cabello (10th, 48).

Fairyland currently lies second on points for the Cartier Two-Year-Old Filly Award behind Skitter Scatter (60), winner of the Gr1 Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh on September 16.

A tremendous upcoming weekend of racing looks set to have a significant impact on the standings for the Cartier Racing Awards.

The Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe returns to Longchamp, France, on Sunday, October 7, with a stellar cast lining up in Europe's middle-distance highlight, including last year's Cartier Horse Of The Year and Cartier Three-Year-Old Filly Enable (8), who made an imperious return to action in the G3 188Bet September Stakes on Polytrack at Kempton Park.

Just two points separate the top five in the Cartier Sprinter category, and victory in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp Longines over five furlongs on the same card could prove pivotal for Battaash (48), Havana Grey (48), Mabs Cross (36) or Alpha Delphini (34).

The seven Gr1 races on the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend also feature the Qatar Prix du Cadran over two and a half miles, the seven-furlong Qatar Prix de la Foret and the Prix de l'Opera Longines over a mile and a quarter for fillies and mares.

The Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac and Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere could also unearth more challengers for the Cartier Two-Year-Old Colt and Cartier Two-Year-Old Filly Awards.

Away from Longchamp, Newmarket hosts the G1 Kingdom Of Bahrain Sun Chariot Stakes on Saturday, October 6, in which Laurens (120), currently second in the Cartier Three-Year-Old Filly standings to the now-retired Alpha Centauri, goes for a fourth Gr1 victory this year.

Spring Sale Boasts Stakes Winners

A select group of racehorses including a quality packed draft from Godolphin highlight the release of the online catalogue for the upcoming Gold Coast Spring Racehorse Sale.

To be held following the Gold Coast 2YOs in Training Sale on 9 October, the sale has a catalogue of 34 prospects including 21 from Godolphin.

Among the entries are stakes performers Old North, Sanglier, Souchez and Veranillo and proven city winners Absolute, Barbeque, Bratislava, Catesby, Dissolute, Drachenfels, Ghostly, Ozark and Sanctioned.

The Spring Racehorse Sale includes unraced stock by sires including Spirit of Boom, Husson, Bernardini, Snitzel and Medaglia d'Oro.

The Gold Coast 2YOs in Training Sale with a catalogue of 220 juveniles will be held from 11am (Qld time) on Tuesday October 9.

The final breeze-up session for two-year-olds will be held at the Gold Coast Turf Club on Monday, October 8 from 9.30am (Qld time).

To view the catalogue for the Gold Coast Spring Racehorse Sale [click here](#). To view the catalogue, photos, breeze-up times and clips and parade videos for the Gold Coast 2YOs in Training Sale [click here](#).

Magic Millions & Quick Returns

Singapore based SA trainer Ricardo Le Grange has enjoyed a purple patch of feature race success in recent months and will be sourcing new stock for his powerful operation when he travels to Australia for the Magic Millions 2yo's In Training Sale to be held on 9 October.

This sale has been very successful for regular visitor Ricardo Le Grange. Mokastar and Captain Jamie were both bought on the 2016 sale and have already earned SG\$624,000 between the two, with 8 wins including group placings

"Horses are at the age where they can be exported straight away and get into racing very soon, and there is also the added benefit of seeing the horse's actions and movement," Le Grange told the Sporting Post.

He is in the process of putting together partnerships and syndicates and is looking for investors at a basic share structure of 25%.

With increasing support from South Africa, where keep costs had spiralled exponentially and stakes had stagnated, the mathematics of racing horses in Singapore makes appealing economic sense. Singapore is known to be one of the best managed racing jurisdictions anywhere on earth.

To be held at the Gold Coast Sales Complex on October 9, the sale features 219 exciting prospects with buyers looking to secure their next stakes winning star.

Already some 23 graduates of last year's catalogue have been winners for their connections headlined by recent Aushorse Golden Horseshoe winner Lim's Lightning and Australian juvenile stakes winner Krone.

"This is a two-year-old sale with proven stakes results for buyers," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "From the last six editions of the sale 46 stakes performers have emerged." Read more [here](#).

[See the catalogue here & watch the breeze-ups](#)



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Up-and-coming Apprentice Louis Burke rode the 14th winner of his career at Durbanville on Saturday when the Rock Of Rochelle filly China Wolf charged through to win the final race on a festive programme held under glorious sunny skies.

But the happy moment almost didn't happen as the young jockey was suffering from the effects of wasting.

There are no weight issues threatening the pleasantly spoken Johannesburg born 23 year old, who goes to scale at 49kgs on an average day. But he had enjoyed a relaxing previous week off and came to races having wasted to get down to 49,5kgs to optimise his claim on China Wolf- a filly he knows well, having won the maiden on her.

"Trainer Dan Katz has been so good to me with loyal support. I had two early rides on Saturday but had the most terrible headache. It was warm too. Dan said he really needed me as China Wolf had been working well and was ready to win again. I thought I must do this. This is a testing job but I was determined to do my part. I grabbed an Energade and two Panado's and worked through it. I haven't won the Met – yet – so am talking from a humble base still. But the modest win gave me a great sense of achievement and satisfaction. I was really chuffed that I could help Dan and Mr Hassen Adams, the owner, to end the day on a high," says the jockey son of a leading Professor of Psychology. Louis must be well geared in the scope of mind over matter!

Milnerton based Dan Katz achieved a superb double on the afternoon. He is something of a wonder worker with a relatively small string, which he trains exclusively for Hassen Adams.

"It is tough taking on the big guns. I work a horse and think that this is something special. We get excited. Get the horse ready and the inevitable stars in the eyes. Then we go to war with our revolver – only to find that the Snaith,

Crawford and other power yards have missiles in their attack!" he laughed.

"As for Louis, he is a hardworking mature youngster. He is worth every ounce of his claim. He gets on well with China Wolf and I pleaded with him to be strong and go out there and do the job. He came through like a soldier," said a pleased Katz.

It was Louis' Grandfather – not a punter but a racegoer – who encouraged his slightly built sporting Grandson to consider pursuing a career as a jockey.

Louis, a 4 May born Taurian with stubborn tendencies – but with no 'bull' he assures us- grew up with an older sister and 'happily divorced' parents in Johannesburg.

"I am proud of my family. They are all clever and have done well. My Mom is a super over qualified Social Worker and my Dad is a Potchefstroom based Professor of Psychology. My sister teaches English in Thailand. My 7yo half-brother lives with Dad."

The graduate of the Afrikaanse Hoerskool Noord Heuwel, located east of Krugersdorp, was a top gymnast, trampolinist and also played Club Cricket in Gauteng during his school years.

He says he has never had a nickname, but his Uncles have called him 'Louis The Fly' and some racing folk have labelled him 'Louis The King'. "I haven't earned the tag of Louis The King yet – but it has a nice ring about it. For now, I'm just plain Louis."

Unlike many of his contemporaries, who enter the SA Jockey Academy in their mid High School years as often immature and confused youngsters, Louis took a different path.

With the prospects of becoming a professional jockey lurking in the back of his mind, courtesy of his Grandfather's ongoing encouragement, Louis opted to take a year off after matriculating at Noord Heuwel and took the chance to grow up a bit and work through his thoughts.



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LOUIS BURKE

He had been exposed to horses from the age of 8 as his Uncle owned a home in an equestrian estate in Pretoria and Louis favoured the peace and chemistry he enjoyed with the animals. He signed up as a volunteer with the South African Riding for the Disabled Association to work with horses and disabled people. "I felt that this would give me an opportunity to do charity work in a rewarding and fulfilling environment and give something back to society at the same time. It was doing good for others, while doing good for myself. I really loved the experience and still think a lot about the remarkable tenacity shown by disabled people. I think we, as human beings, have a tendency to take basic things for granted. It was an eye-opener and I matured a bit in that year."

In 2015, Louis entered the SA Jockey Academy with current Cape Town Academy mates Liam Tarentaal and Sandile Mbhle, as well as Calvin Habib, Dennis Schwarz and Dylan Lerena.

"I was the older kid in the group and felt I was well geared to cope with being away from home and at a boarding school environment. My biggest mental block was adjusting the stirrups so short, jockey style! The riding masters treated me well and I can't say it wasn't another good experience for me all round."

It was in his second year, and at only his 20th ride – his strike rate was good as he had registered four places already- that Louis rode his first winner. It was a humble beginning- but the sixth at the Flamingo Park Racecourse on Monday 3 October 2016 is one he will always cherish.

"I was riding an outsider Jozi Babe for trainer Sarel Von Willingh Smit. I was drawn against the rail in the 1800m race. When the gates were sprung it was like I had just jumped out of an aeroplane at 12000 feet. There was silence and the world seemed to stand still. I looked back and thought for a moment that it was a false start. We beat Kartouche by two lengths. The next thing I recall was a smiling Mr Von Willingh Smit at the bridle and pats on the back in the jockey room. I was hooked after that!"

Louis is based at the Milnerton Academy under Riding Master Terrance Welch.

He enjoys the environment and has become close friends with Sandile Mbhele and Liam Tarentaal.

"I was a Joburg boy – we always see ourselves as different- and it takes time to adjust to the Capetonian way of socialising and doing things. But the people are warm and friendly and the Cape trainers have been the most welcoming and helpful of any in my short experience."

He also names Richard Fourie as his inspirational mentor.

"Richard is different league. One of the toughest parts of my job is riding against a world-class talent. Richard is one of our best. But he has taken me under his wing and coaches me after races, showing me how he does it. So I have turned the challenge of always watching him from behind in a race into a positive of trying to learn how he weaves his magic!"

Does he spend social time with Richard Fourie?

"He is a naturally gifted, avid fisherman, and has tried to show me the ropes. But I have to concede abject failure. I love the

outdoors but hope I never have to ever earn my living catching fish. I caught a shoe at my most recent fishing trip. It wasn't even my size! Richard doesn't invite me to go fishing and I can't blame him. As long as he continues to tutor and guide me with his enormous race-riding skill set, I'm happy."

Louis rides work at Milnerton but is keen to spend more time out at Woodhill Racing Estate with the Kotzen team.

"Luyola Mxothwa gives me a lift for the 60 km trip out to Paarl. Mr Kotzen has some beautiful horses, a decent sized string of depth, and nice tracks. It is like a trip out into the country for me. It's really peaceful and relaxing. I'd like to set up a permanent home in Cape Town – but who knows where life takes us eventually? I must remain focussed on riding winners and improving my race riding."

With a vastly improved seat and strength, Louis should not be long in riding out the balance of the six winners to lose his 4kg claim. He says that his long-term goal and dream would be to enjoy some race-riding experience in Australia, the East or even the UK and France.

"I watch the overseas racing. Chantilly looks amazing. There is nothing wrong with SA racecourses but diverse experience is important in any profession."

And for now, he is loving the Cape.

"I have a lovely girlfriend who lives in Plumstead. I have converted her to becoming a full-time racegoer. And boy do we need more of those! Cape Town is a beautiful city. There is so much to do. The people are great. I just need to start riding winners on a regular basis, and life will be near perfect!"

Gap Year

Louis Burke spent a post matric gap year doing voluntary work for the South African Riding for the Disabled Association (S.A.R.D.A.). The organisation was established in Cape Town in 1973 by Belinda Sampson and Joy Finlay. Today there are additional branches at Sleepy Hollow in Cape Town and in Durban, Port Elizabeth, George and in Gauteng. SARDA is affiliated to the RDA in the United Kingdom and the Federation for Disabled Riding International. SARDA's aim is to provide the opportunity of therapeutic and recreational horse riding for disabled people so that they might benefit in all aspects of their mental, physical and social lives.

SARDA encourages equestrians and therapists to learn about the RDA and Hippotherapy practises. Equine Assisted Therapy (ETASA) offer training in Hippotherapy, while SARDA offers training in the practice of RDA. If you are interested in becoming a teacher in either area of expertise, visit SARDA Volunteers Page at www.sardacapetown.co.za for more information.

Short Heads

Now Is The Hour

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



Prawn Festival

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

Far Out!

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

Varsfontein sire Gimmethegreenlight, enjoyed a memorable weekend when responsible for four winners. The 2012 Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner's quartet was headed by National Park's impressive score in the Racing Association Plate over 1400m at Fairview on Friday. The talented 3yo, who was demoted from first to second

in last season's Listed Champion Juvenile Cup, confirmed himself as one of the better 3yos currently racing in the Eastern Cape when romping home to a three length victory – at the expense of Champion Juvenile Cup winner and East Cape champion Madame Speaker. Purple Tractor also won at Champ de Mars on Saturday, while 'Gimme' enjoyed success at both Durbanville and Greyville, with Ready Steady Go and Cat's Legacy winning.



World Peace!

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

NO COMMENT

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

Burke To Beat Bolt?

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



Value Mambo

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

KATZ POUNCES

Milnerton trainer

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



BLACK TYPE RESULTS

DURBANVILLE

Saturday, 29 September

With 14mm of rain in the last 7 days, the penetrometer read 22 and the going was posted as good. There was a mild S/E headwind. The false rail was set at 4m with a 9m spur at about the 550m mark entering the straight.

Settlers Trophy (Listed) R150 000

Seven Up For Sandown Stud

The time honoured Snaith philosophy of patience and planning was in evidence again at Durbanville on Saturday when the progressive stayer Magnificent Seven registered a first stakes success and confirmed his progress up the ladder. A thrilled breeder James Armitage told the Sporting Post after the race: "Give him another five months and then you will see an even better horse!" That was after his R140 000 KZN Yearling Sale graduate had mowed down the opposition to win the R150 000 Listed Settlers Trophy at a sun-drenched Durbanville.

"He was a big, gangly and athletic colt, and it was clear that he would need time. He has furnished beautifully but he has only just turned four and is going to get stronger. He is not really suited to the Durbanville home straight, and I liked the way he led, then relaxed and kicked on. I am thrilled for Justin (Snaith) and owner Nic Jonsson. They have a lovely horse on their hands for the SA Champions Season too, I would think."

James has had plenty of success – the exciting Adam Marcus filly Brave Move comes to mind – with the progeny of the ill-fated champion, Horse Chestnut. "I felt that he was the best value-for-money sire of the time and he was a real loss to the industry. But Magnificent Seven will give his connections plenty of fun and I am very thrilled for Sandown Stud to register an early stakes success."

After Red Peril had led the way for most of the race, Magnificent Seven looked to be caught slightly flat-footed as Anthony Andrew shrewdly skipped on Sister Soozie at the 300m.

But Magnificent Seven showed his class and ability, with Richard Fourie switching the crop from right to left as he urged the big chestnut.

Inside the last 150m he found full stride and went away to beat Cape Winter Derby third-placer Ballad Of The Sea by 1,50 lengths in a time of 152,97 secs, with Sister Soozie a well beaten third.

The 2017 Settlers Trophy winner and pace-maker Red Peril faded out in the home

stretch to finish well downfield.

A R140 000 KZN Yearling Sale graduate, Magnificent Seven has won 5 races (all in his last 6 starts!) with 5 places from 14 runs for stakes of R381 200.

Bred by James Armitage, the winner is by Horse Chestnut (Fort Wood) out of the unraced Model Man mare, Kartanya – a full sister to Pratique.

He is one for the notebook.

That's The Spirit!

Ridgemont Highlands supremo Wayne Kieswetter was on course at Durbanville on Saturday with his right-hand man Craig Carey to lead in the very impressive Highlands bred Jackson filly Water Spirit, who was an impressive winner of her second start.

With a lively crowd enjoying the Saturday festivities at a sun-drenched Durbanville, Ridgemont Highlands jockey Anton Marcus was in the Mother City for just three rides. And the multiple champion rider made his big one count with a typically confident ride from the front on the athletic Jackson daughter, Water Spirit, who is trained by Brett Crawford.

She had arrived on the scene a moment too late on her Kenilworth 1200m debut in August, but over the extra 400m on Saturday, there was no stopping her as she strode clear to beat Bella Summer by 1,25 lengths in a time of 100,39 secs. Marcus merely pointed her in the right direction in the final 200m.

A R2 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, the smart Jackson first-crop winner is out of the Western Winter mare, Undine, who won twice.

A son of four times Equus Outstanding Stallion Dynasty, Jackson won or placed in 12 of his 17 races and banked close on R2,4 million in stakes. He stands this season for a fee of R15 000.

His trio of Gr1 victories included the Investec Cape Derby, Daily News 2000 and Champions Cup, with Jackson downing dual Horse Of The Year Variety Club in the Derby, subsequent Champion First Crop sire Pomodoro in the Daily News, and Cape Derby hero Bravura in the Champions Cup.

A half or full-brother to the graded stakes winners Heartland and Jade Bay, Jackson is out of the winning Moonlit Prairie, whose sire Cozzene is broodmare sire of outstanding sire/brood-

mare sire Pivotal (whose 28 individual Gr1 winners include 2018 Gr1 Qatar Sussex Stakes winner Lightning Spear).

He is from the same family as breed shaping US champion sire Smart Strike and successful stallions Sky Classic, Sail From Seattle and Strike Smartly.

Pencil Water Spirit in for the Cape Summer Of Champions!

SCORE CARD

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

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

TOP SCORERS for 2017/2018

(complete season to 31 July 2018)

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

Check the race results on this page

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HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITELAW

Breeding Chestnut Champions

James Armitage of Samdown Stud bred Saturday's Durbanville feature winner Magnificent Seven, a son of Horse Chestnut, whom he labelled the best value sire of his time.



In Return, a daughter of South African champion and Triple Crown winner Horse Chestnut, joined an elite group of mares to have been represented by two Gr1 winners in a year when her son Channel Maker (English Channel) made much of the running to capture the Gr1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Belmont Park on Saturday.

In recording a four and a quarter length win in the Turf Classic, Channel Maker picked up the first Gr1 victory of his 20th career and the four-year-old has now earned over \$1 million. The colt had previously won the classic Breeders Stakes and had dead-heated in the Gr2 Bowling Green Handicap earlier in the year.

Channel Maker will now bid to give Horse Chestnut a first Breeders' Cup winner as a broodmare sire when he lines up in the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf on 3 November. The Joe Hirsch Turf Classic has been a fair pointer to Breeders' Cup success, with past subsequent Turf heroes Main Sequence, Little Mike, and Channel Maker's own sire English Channel all having parlayed Turf Classic success into Breeders' Cup success.

He is a full-brother to Johnny Bear, who made it back to back wins when capturing the Gr1 Northern Dancer Turf Stakes at Woodbine earlier this year.

Channel Maker and Johnny Bear are the first stakes winners for Horse Chestnut daughter In Return, whose three career victories included the Eatontown Staybridge Suites Stakes.

In Return thus joins a select band of mares responsible for more than one G1 winner in a calendar year.

Other mares in this elite band include Shared Interest (dam of 1999 top level Gr1 winners Forestry and Cash Run), Helsing (whose star runners Black Caviar and All Too Hard both captured G1 races in 2013), Fall Aspen (dam of 1993 Gr1 winners Hamas and Fort Wood), Shadea (dam of 2004 top level winners Niello and Lonhro), Hope (dam of Zenda and Oasis Dream) and You'resothrilling (dam of 2014 full siblings Marvellous and Gleneagles).

It was a good weekend for progeny of the deceased Horse Chestnut, with the latter's son Magnificent Seven capturing the Listed Settlers Trophy at Durbanville. In 2018 thus far, Horse Chestnut features as the broodmare sire of five stakes winners this season, headed by the Gr1 winners Fault, Channel Maker and Johnny Bear.

With one South African bred champion (Hawaii) featuring twice in the pedigree of this year's Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy), who is to say that Horse Chestnut won't make a similar appearance in the pedigrees of future champions?

Golden Sword dam shines again

Salse mare Sitara, well known in South Africa as the dam of KZN sire Golden Sword (High Chaparral), looks to have come up with another promising performer in the Sydney Opera House, who filled the runner up berth in Saturday's Gr2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge Stakes. From the first crop of Galileo and Ouija Board's triple Gr1 winning son Australia, Sydney Opera House went close to causing a 20-1 shock in the one mile race, going down just a length and a

quarter to stable mate Mohawk (by Australia's own sire). The first three home in the Royal Lodge were either by Galileo or a son of that mighty sire.

The classically bred Sydney Opera House, also closely related to multiple Oaks winner Alexandrova (Sadler's Wells) had broken his maiden two starts back but came into the Royal Lodge having finished fifth, of seven, to fellow Galileo line descendant Madhmoon in the Gr2 KPMG Champions Juvenile Stakes.

His dam Sitara made headlines in 2017 when her son Rekindling, a full-brother to Golden Sword, won the Gr1 Melbourne Cup.

This family's ties to South Africa don't end with Golden Sword, as Sitara is a descendant of Lost Soul—the fourth dam of former champion South African sire and broodmare sire Royal Prerogative (Relko). This is a family who continues to fire, with the Lost Soul clan responsibly for such high class performers in recent times as group winners Somehow, Alex My Boy and this season's top class filly Magic Wand (by Galileo).

Just As Well half-brother lands Cambridgeshire

International races with a South African twist continued in the historic bet365 Cambridgeshire Handicap on Saturday. The historic one mile one furlong contest, which saw 33 horses line up, went the way of lightly raced 3yo Wissahickon (Tapit) who made it win number five from just seven starts for the powerful John Gosden/Frankie Dettori combination.

Wissahickon is out of Nureyev's Gr1 Del Mar Oaks winning daughter No Matter What-making him a half-brother to KZN stallion Just As Well (a son of Tapit's grandsire A P Indy), graded stakes winners Utley and Winter View, and former outstanding 2yo Rainbow View (Dynaformer). The latter went unbeaten in four starts at two, with her trio of group race scores including the 2008 Gr1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile.

First run in 1839, the Cambridgeshire has an impressive honour roll with past winners including the likes of five time Gr1 winner Halling, high class broodmares Intermission, Lacquer and Double Life, multiple classic winner La Fleche, influential sire Isonomy, and champion sire Polymelus.

Group success for The United States sister

Moutonshoek based Gr1 winner and millionaire The United States was another SA based sire to receive a pedigree boost this weekend. The chestnut son of Galileo is a full-brother to Hermosa, who stamped her potential classic claims for 2019 when winning the Gr3 Weld Park Stakes by 2.5 lengths at Naas on Sunday. Third last time out in the G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes, Hermosa clearly takes high ranking in the Irish 2YO Fillies of 2018.

Remarkably, Hermosa is a fourth group/graded winner produced by the remarkable Pivotal Gr3 Prix d'Arenberg winner Beauty Is Truth—following the Gr1 winners Hydrangea and The United States, and Fire Lily (Anglesey Stakes Gr3).

BREEDING

Var In Rich Vein Of Form

Avontuur's leading sire Var, Champion Sire of 2YOs the past two seasons running, enjoyed a four-timer over the weekend, with the Var quartet including a Gauteng feature race win.

Var's lightly raced daughter Schippers stormed home at Turffontein on Saturday to claim the Heritage 1200 Fillies & Mares Handicap for owner-breeder Geoff Van Lear, trainer Geoff Woodruff and jockey Gavin Lerena by 1.4 lengths.

It was a second consecutive feature win for the Var daughter (she is out of G3 Magnolia Handicap winner Fair Rosalind), with Schippers having won the Ladies Stakes (Non Black Type) at her previous outing. She was one of four winners over the weekend for Var, who was also responsible for Mauritian scorers Zen Master and Henry Tudor, as well as Saltire. The latter, a four-year-old filly bred by Ridgemont Highlands, made it three wins on the bounce when landing a conditions plate over 1000m at Fairview on Friday for trainer Alan Greeff and jockey Greg Cheyne.

The uber consistent Saltire, is yet to finish out of the top two in five races, is now unbeaten in two starts at Fairview.

Her sire Var, whose offspring include 22 individual G1 performers, enjoyed a big season in 2017-2018 when his runners included G1 South African Fillies Sprint winner Sommerlied, East Cape champion Star Burst Galaxy and G2 SA Nursery hero William The Silent.

The son of Forest Wildcat is also enjoying increasing success as a broodmare sire and ranks as damsire of the talented Miss Frankel, who made a pleasing return to the track when winning a barrier trial over 1000m at Greyville on Friday evening.

So its true.....

The Best Ready To Run draft ever

Nobody worth his salt in the sport of racing needs an introduction to Pat Shaw – he's as much a totem of the game in South Africa as Vincent O' Brien was to Ireland and Bob Baffert to America.

You don't reach those heights as a racehorse trainer without a gifted eye, an abiding intuition and dare we say it, a smattering of courage and "chutzpah". While some of those legends might've chosen to be excluded from the latter category, there's no escaping it for Mr Shaw.

So when Pat Shaw, both an avid player and a close observer of the Ready To Run for close on three decades, rocks up at Summerhill and says unequivocally that this year's draft trumps all others, you must know he's making a big statement.

Don't worry, he's not suffering from amnesia. He's keenly aware that last season's three year olds included an unprecedented three Group One winning graduates of the sale, and that the latest crop of juveniles already counts Chesney Van Zyl's Group One performer, Railtrip in its number.

Yet he's adamant, there's never been better. And for those who hibernate in the lee of the Hottentots Holland, there's comfort in Pat's admiration of the first crop of Capetown Noirs "Strong, athletic horses, very much in the mould of their grandfather Western Winter, and my goodness, great movers". For those with aspiring candidates for this year's tenth edition of the Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup, see the [latest log here](#).

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Sat 6 Oct	Gr3 Matchem Stakes 1400m Durbanville
	Gr3 Diana Stakes 1400m Durbanville
	Gr2 Joburg Spring Ch. 1450m Turffontein (I)
	Gr2 Joburg Spring F&M Ch. 1450m Turffontein (I)
Sat 20 Oct	Woolavington Handicap (L) 2400m Dubanville
Sun 21 Oct	Michaelmas Handicap (L) 1900m Greyville (T)
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)

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date	close	high	low	volume
03Oct	1366	1490	1360	19,600
02Oct	1350	1350	1339	42,438
01Oct	1325	1325	1305	6,942
28Sep	1325	1350	1325	42,274
27Sep	1350	1355	1350	68,749
26Sep	1359	1360	1306	2,870
25Sep	1360	1360	1345	4,715
21Sep	1306	1310	1306	907
20Sep	1305	1340	1305	6,614
19Sep	1340	1360	1340	7,230
18Sep	1340	1340	1319	21,897
17Sep	1344	1344	1325	949
14Sep	1285	1285	1285	0



View From The Top

Global View (USA)

SON OF GALILEO – FROM THE FAMILY OF CHAMPION STORM CAT

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Breeding Legend Turns 80

Former Maine Chance Farms Manager Stanley Bennett recalls having loved horses from before he could walk and was a proud man as he celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday at Avontuur with family and friends.

Stanley, who bred last term's East Cape Champion 2yo Filly Madame Speaker, was schooled at St Andrews in Grahamstown with legendary TBA Yearling Inspector of almost 40 years standing, John Kramer.

In 1958 he spent a year in England, working 6 months at Sledgemere Stud, a leading yearling establishment. He then worked the balance of the year at Lord Derby's Woodlands Stud.

They have remained close friends and John attended Stanley's 80th birthday celebrations.

The Bennett breeding dynasty goes back to his Grandfather Evan, who bred horses for Rand mining magnate Sir Abe Bailey at Grootfontein.

Stanley's Dad Guy started breeding as E W Bennett and Sons at Poortjie Stud in Colesberg. Guy died young at age 42

Stanley recalls taking his first group of yearlings to the National Sale at Milner Park in 1957.

He was 37 when he joined his father-in-law, the late Bennie van der Merwe at Thornhill Stud in Beaufort West.

In 1980 the partnership that owned Thornhill was dissolved.

It was his lifelong friend John Kramer who told Stanley about Graham Beck taking over Maine Chance with Godfrey Gird.

Stanley got the job and was then sent to Dordrecht – to the Stormberg Stud.

Those were the halcyon days when the Birch Bros were at their peak.

Five years later Stanley moved back to Maine Chance in Robertson

He recalls the iconic Graham Beck consolidated Maine Chance, Noreen Stud (from Granville Gorton) & Highlands (from John Stubbs). They stood great horses like Golden Thatch and Elevation.

Stanley is reluctant to name a special horse – but suggests July winner Bush Telegraph as a standout in his memory.

The son of Jungle Cove was Champion 2yo colt in 1985, Champion 3yo colt in 1986, and won 9 races from 1000 – 2200m, including the Gr1 Smirnoff Plate, the Gr1 Administrators Champion Futurity, the Gr1 Daily News 2000 and the Rothmans July Handicap. He also became the sire of the winners of 117 races.

Stanley says it was a great privilege to be associated with the Beck family.

He retired in 2000 and currently resides in Hermanus with his wife, Ria.

While he doesn't like to boast about them, he has bred some top horses for his own account – notably ten-time winning stakes performer Sugar Cube Baby, Gr1 winner All Afire, Gr1 performer Beacon Flare and of course, current East Cape Champion Juvenile Madame Speaker (by Pathfork), who was narrowly beaten by top male National Park at her first run as a 3yo last Friday.

Best of health to you Stanley!

Baby Boom!

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Please email editor@sportingpost.co.za and kindly include breeding, birthdate and sex.

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CTS RTR Log Latest

There were once again no major movers on the latest log for the R2,5 million CTS Ready To Run Stakes to be contested over 1400m at Kenilworth on 24 November.

Vaughan Marshall's impressive Kuda Sprint debut winner Agent Of Fortune and Sean Tarry's narrow SA Nursery runner-up Cirillo continue to hold the joint top position on the log.

Please note that:

The Log is intended as a guide only and is purely based on performances thus far.

Fillies will receive a 2.5kg allowance. This has been added to all raced fillies for log purposes.

The Log excludes horses without an official NHRA Merit Rating

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Please note:

Clockwatcher

is on a well deserved break but will be back providing all the numbers from next week.

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LEADING SIREs by STAKES SEASON 2018/2019 * 1 August - 30 September 2018

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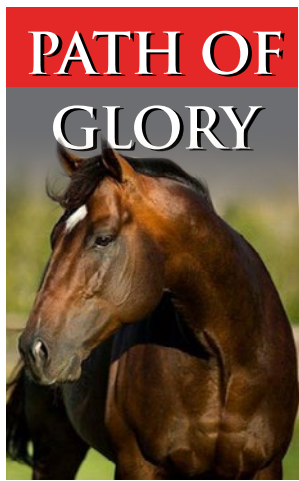
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PATH OF GLORY
Ridgemont Highlands Irish Champion Pathfork, currently standing at the Sandown Stud, produced a trio of winners over the past weekend.

The son of US champion sire Distorted Humor looks to have a very strong crop of 3yos representing him this season, with Pathfork sophomores including unbeaten Gr1 winner Mighty High, East Cape champion Madame Speaker and Gr3 Umkhomazi Stakes runner up Desolate Road.

Another exciting 3yo for Pathfork is Skye Lane, who is held in high regard by trainer Dan Katz. Bred by Michael Leaf, Skye Lane caught the eye when justifying favouritism at Durbanville on Saturday. The filly, who had been placed on her only two starts, shed her maiden impressively when strolling home by a length and a quarter over 1250m and bigger things look on the cards for her.

Out of Commands daughter Queen's Command, Skye Lane was a R500 000 buy from the 2017 Cape Premier Yearling Sale. Pathfork stands for a fee of R10 000.

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
J Snaith	192	34	18%	45	23%	49%	20	10%	100	52%	2,670,875	13,911
SG Tarry	147	22	15%	29	20%	34%	12	8%	65	44%	2,065,999	14,054
AC Greeff	169	22	13%	38	22%	32%	19	11%	70	41%	1,483,300	8,777
MF de Kock	101	12	12%	23	23%	26%	17	17%	50	50%	1,334,774	13,216
DR Drier	73	15	21%	20	27%	45%	8	11%	39	53%	1,245,300	17,059
BJ Crawford	97	14	14%	24	25%	38%	13	13%	57	59%	1,239,175	12,775
DC Howells	110	10	9%	19	17%	32%	19	17%	58	53%	1,185,550	10,778
A Nel	85	11	13%	9	11%	33%	12	14%	49	58%	1,084,650	12,761
SD Gray	101	9	9%	5	5%	40%	10	10%	54	53%	1,058,550	10,481
C Bass-Robinson	125	11	9%	10	8%	20%	12	10%	55	44%	1,044,900	8,359
PA Peter	92	11	12%	18	20%	28%	13	14%	39	42%	1,044,038	11,348
GS Kotzen	115	10	9%	12	10%	17%	16	14%	43	37%	1,015,325	8,829
GB Puller	76	13	17%	7	9%	71%	6	8%	31	41%	1,003,600	13,205
Y Bremner	124	12	10%	18	15%	28%	17	14%	51	41%	1,003,050	8,089
JAJ v Vuuren	79	9	11%	11	14%	55%	13	16%	37	47%	971,112	12,293
GD Smith	173	12	7%	13	8%	15%	10	6%	64	37%	947,500	5,477
T Laing	86	12	14%	8	9%	50%	8	9%	44	51%	911,225	10,596
VH Marshall	86	10	12%	5	6%	60%	12	14%	38	44%	864,325	10,050
G v Zyl	39	9	23%	8	21%	25%	5	13%	25	64%	800,575	20,528
RR Magner	83	8	10%	6	7%	33%	5	6%	38	46%	778,751	9,383
Ashley Fortune	43	9	21%	13	30%	46%	7	16%	21	49%	736,300	17,123
GM Alexander	73	7	10%	4	5%	0%	10	14%	30	41%	714,400	9,786
T Spies	107	7	7%	6	6%	0%	11	10%	32	30%	693,236	6,479
SB Kotzen	68	11	16%	9	13%	33%	7	10%	29	43%	684,825	10,071
G Maroun	85	7	8%	5	6%	20%	5	6%	28	33%	638,963	7,517
DS Bosch	54	6	11%	2	4%	0%	9	17%	25	46%	634,875	11,757

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2018/2019 * 1 August - 30 September 2018

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
M Yeni	311	35	11%	58	19%	21%	49	16%	161	52%	3,351,762	10,777
A Marcus	103	34	33%	62	60%	35%	19	18%	76	74%	2,735,200	26,555
R Fourie	99	33	33%	43	43%	53%	10	10%	69	70%	2,281,250	23,043
R Munger	239	29	12%	31	13%	26%	35	15%	118	49%	2,437,625	10,199
G Cheyne	120	25	21%	39	33%	33%	18	15%	72	60%	1,692,175	14,101
W Kennedy	245	24	10%	29	12%	24%	35	14%	119	49%	2,761,288	11,271
L J Ferraris	182	23	13%	23	13%	39%	19	10%	75	41%	2,151,475	11,821
KS Sakayi	111	17	15%	6	5%	50%	8	7%	43	39%	1,293,570	11,655
L Mxothwa	84	15	18%	10	12%	30%	6	7%	36	43%	882,650	10,508
M v Rensburg	106	14	13%	17	16%	29%	10	9%	48	45%	1,169,163	11,030
S Veale	88	14	16%	18	20%	44%	4	5%	36	41%	1,122,850	12,760
A Domeyer	76	14	18%	20	26%	30%	12	16%	50	66%	1,105,350	14,544
K De Melo	126	13	10%	21	17%	29%	17	13%	58	46%	1,353,988	10,746
G Lerena	30	12	40%	14	47%	64%	3	10%	21	70%	934,311	31,144
C Maujean	159	12	8%	15	9%	33%	13	8%	61	38%	1,196,700	7,526
P Strydom	61	12	20%	12	20%	25%	8	13%	31	51%	1,005,863	16,490
K Zechner	129	12	9%	14	11%	14%	9	7%	43	33%	1,002,825	7,774
C Zackey	165	12	7%	15	9%	7%	24	15%	72	44%	1,436,524	8,706
D Schwarz	133	12	9%	7	5%	29%	11	8%	44	33%	1,095,588	8,238
S Khumalo	49	11	22%	9	18%	56%	9	18%	27	55%	1,008,612	20,584
S Fortune	99	11	11%	4	4%	0%	1	1%	24	24%	623,550	6,298
R Danielson	73	9	12%	15	21%	47%	10	14%	39	53%	887,825	12,162
R Simons	92	9	10%	17	18%	29%	11	12%	47	51%	1,020,375	11,091
D Dillon	132	9	7%	4	3%	25%	15	11%	48	36%	987,000	7,477
S Brown	102	8	8%	0	0%	0%	8	8%	38	37%	791,825	7,763
J Penny	165	8	5%	3	2%	33%	4	2%	36	22%	545,400	3,305



Ryan Munger – Mr Versatility!

Ryan's Flying

Ryan Munger takes up his contract with Woodhill Racing this month in the Cape but the enthusiastic hardworking young man is everywhere almost every day. His terrific ride at Turffontein on Saturday to win the Sophomore 1000 on Dalai's Promise for Ashley Fortune was top drawer determination and balance. On Monday he rode a double at Flamingo Park for Stef Miller to take his tally to 31 and holds 4th place on the national log.



Adam Azzie – running the show in Dad's absence

The Games Begin

With his famous Dad at the Goffs Sale in Ireland, Adam Azzie has the task of preparing the yard's feature runners for this Saturday's Gr2 double feature at Turffontein. Of special interest to punters will be the 6yo Argentinian-bred entire Hat Puntano who runs in the Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge. The dual Gr1 star won the Charity Mile in 2017 and returns after a 9 month rest. The return of their highly vaunted Aussie bred filly San Fermin in the fillies Gr2, also after a rest, could be an indicator of the yard's feature prospects ahead.



Tara Laing and Chase Maujean – combo to watch

Bestsellers

Fairview trainer Tara Laing and jockey Chase Maujean teamed up to win the Fairview 1800 on Friday with the 8yo It Is Written. A great feat all round as the old boy hadn't won in over two years. Tara has recovered remarkably from the blow of losing her only client in December and has saddled 12 winners this term, with a 38% place strike

rate. Joburg based Chase Maujean is coincidentally on the same total of 12. They enjoy a 14% win strike rate.

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SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Rurik 3g (Queen Star by King of Kings)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(06/10\)](#)

Nastergal 3g (Royale Noir by Black Minnaloushe)

[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(06/10\)](#)

Orange Bitters 3g (Sangria Girl by Wolfhound)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate 1600m \(06/10\)](#)

Celestial Prince 3g (Imperious Star by Navarone)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate 1600m \(06/10\)](#)

Myrrh 3g (Mirth by Encosta de Lago)

[Greyville 7 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(07/10\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Reymundo 3g (Taj Mahal Trip by Trippi)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(05/10\)](#)

When And How 3g (What If by Qui Danzig)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1250m \(06/10\)](#)

Larry Jack 3g (Weather Report by Silvano)

[Durbanville 2 Maiden Plate 1250m \(06/10\)](#)

Dynamite Jack 3g (Crystal Tiara by Beautiful Crown)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate 1600m \(06/10\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Master Design 3g (Graphic Design by Malhub)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate 1600m \(06/10\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Romanesca 3g (Touch Of Nobility by Elusive Quality)

[Greyville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(05/10\)](#)

Incredible Tune 3g (Miss Filly by Modern Day)

[Fairview 8 MR 60 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(05/10\)](#)

Adona 3g (Grammatica by Caesour)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(07/10\)](#)

Kirav's Tune 3g (Orange Blossom by Miesque's Approval)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(07/10\)](#)

Noble Approach 3g (Approach Me by Right Approach)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(07/10\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

Ex Nihilo 3g (Break The Branch by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(05/10\)](#)

Gold Lightning 3g (Southern Lights by Captain Al)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1200m \(06/10\)](#)

Champagne Gold 3g (Als The Word by Captain Al)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(07/10\)](#)

THE APACHE (Mogok)

Potawatomi 3g (Crimson Fantasy by Crimson Waves)

[Durbanville 3 Progress Plate 1400m \(06/10\)](#)

Rochester 3g (Jane Eyre by Saumarez)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate 1600m \(06/10\)](#)

WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Sea Dance 3g (Sea Shadow by Victory Moon)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1200m \(06/10\)](#)

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Sir Frenchie (AUS) 4g Choisir- Volando(AUS) (Viscount)
[Durbanville 1000m \(25/09\)](#)

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Liverpool vs Manchester City | Sunday 7 October | Anfield | 17:30



The eighth round of action in the Premier League is sure to be a memorable one, with title challengers Liverpool and Manchester City locking horns at Anfield on Sunday afternoon. The two teams have made

excellent starts to the Premier League season, with both sides level on 19 points at the summit of the table, and this match could lay down a marker of intent.

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TO WIN

Liverpool 15/10

Draw 26/10

Man City 17/10

LIVERPOOL

Daniel Sturridge's sensational strike a minute from time preserved Liverpool's unbeaten start to the Premier League season as Jurgen Klopp's men salvaged a 1-1 draw at Chelsea last Saturday. Although the Reds could not build on six wins in six games – their best start in 28 years – Klopp would have been pleased to leave Stamford Bridge with a point.

The Reds have another tough test this weekend as they face champions Manchester City on Sunday, but Klopp's men will be happy to return to fortress Anfield where they fancy themselves against any Premier League side. The Merseysiders have prevailed in their last four home games against Guardiola's men which will give them great confidence going into Sunday's clash. Liverpool are widely accepted to be City's closest challengers for the championship and have an opportunity to put daylight between themselves and the reigning champions ahead of the upcoming international break.

MANCHESTER CITY

Manchester City are top of the Premier League table, level on points with Liverpool but above on goal difference. Like the Reds, they've won six games, drawn once and shipped three goals, but it's their attack that have put City ahead with 21 goals scored compared to Liverpool's 15. Pep Guardiola's side will be looking to maintain their unbeaten start to the campaign, but they'll face a daunting trip to Anfield on Sunday where they've struggled in recent seasons.

However, Guardiola has said that he is not afraid of Liverpool despite his side losing their last three encounters with Klopp's men. The Premier League champions were beaten twice by the Reds in the quarter-finals of last season's Champions League, while they also lost 4-3 at Anfield in the Premier League in January. City are winless at Anfield since May 2003 – a run of 17 games in all competitions – but Guardiola said he expects his team to fight for a result.

PREDICTION: **Liverpool (15/10)**

Liverpool will be confident of claiming all three points over City at Anfield where they went the entire 2017/18 Premier League season unbeaten. Klopp's men have won in their last four home games against Guardiola's side. Back the Reds to come out on top at 15/10.



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