

Revenge Is Sweet

Arlington's Revenge, owned by Mike de Kock and his daughter Kirsten, won at the Vaal last Thursday. Lyle Hewitson's better half, work rider Hannah Runnalls, sporting Kirsten's blue and green silks, did the honours. Diane de Kock named the 3yo after she and Kirsten attended the 2013 Gr1 Arlington Million in which The Apache (pictured) lost in the boardroom after winning the prized race. The De Kocks were naturally emotional after the race and it was one of those days they'd never forget. When the chance came to acquire a son of The Apache, this was an ideal opportunity to name him!



Island Goodbye

Globetrotting jockey Fergus Sweeney and trainer Simon Jones have reached an agreement releasing the rider from his commitments in Mauritius. The Northern Irishman did not ride a winner on the island. His plans are unknown.

PARK 'N RIDE

PE raider National Park has been raised to a new rating of 106 after his 5,80 length victory over Chimichuri Run in the Graham Beck Stakes. Even though he probably ran to something of a 113, the handicappers are limited to the guidelines to a maximum weighting – resulting in a 106. They used Chimichuri as the line horse and gave him a 103 (based on previous).



Farewell Luca

Luca Cumani reflected on an emotional afternoon after God Given provided the soon-to-retire trainer with one final Gr1 success in the Premio Lydia Tesio at Capannelle racecourse on Sunday. The legendary trainer announced last month that he would bring his illustrious career to an end later this year, after spending 43 years at Bedford House Stables in Newmarket. His countless big-race winners include two Epsom Derby heroes in Kahyasi (1988) and High-Rise (1998).



PURPLE PATCH

Avontuur super sire Var is hitting the headlines every week. He enjoyed another three winners this weekend, headed by his son Rivarine in the Listed Golden Loom Handicap at Turffontein on Saturday. He is one of 42 stakes winners sired by Var, South Africa's Champion Sire of 2yo's for the past two seasons running. Var also enjoyed success with his son Victory Team in Mauritius on Saturday, while another, the Adam Marcus trained Vardy, who, like Rivarine, is out of a daughter of Jet Master, won at Kenilworth on the same afternoon.

On Fire

Maine Chance Farms' multiple champion sire Silvano has produced a number of top class fillies over the years, and his daughter Sylvan On Fire became his third Yellowwood Handicap winner when she won the Gr3 at Turffontein on Saturday. The sire of four Vodacom Durban July winners, Silvano has three lots on offer at the 2018 CTS Ready To Run Sale later this month.

Dashing Duke

Drakenstein Stud's class sire Duke Of Marmalade went very close to landing one of the world's biggest and most historic races on Tuesday when his son Marmelo finished a close up second in the Gr1 Lexus Melbourne Cup. The 5yo entire Marmelo hit the front with 200m left to run and looked to be in with a winning chance in the Flemington showpiece. But was caught close to home by Godolphin hope Cross Counter, the first British trained horse to win the Melbourne Cup. Marmelo was just beaten into second place.



DRAKENSTEIN STUD

Hugh Out

Hugh Bowman has been suspended for a month for three charges relating to his second-placed ride on Marmelo in the Melbourne Cup. The suspension means Bowman will miss the start of a Japan stint scheduled to begin on November 24 and deny him the chance to defend the Japan Cup on November 25. Bowman's ban starts after Thursday's Oaks day meeting at Flemington where he rides Zapurler in the Gr1 feature, the VRC Oaks.

IMPRESSIVE

The Kieswetter family have a nice filly on their hands! The Australian-bred Stratum galloper Mushi Sterek won under Ridgemont Highlands sponsored jockey Anton Marcus by 5 lengths in a time of 70,81 secs - the fastest recorded in any of the four 1200m races at Kenilworth on Saturday.