



## Fit Or Flat?

Too much exercise can be a killer. Ask jockey Evan Daly who was cautioned by stewards after he was nearly run over in the back straight while out running during Navan's Gr3 Novice Hurdle on Sunday. Fitness fanatic Daly was listening to music (some big hits...maybe?) on his headphones while running in preparation for a ride later on the card. He was oblivious to the seven runners who loomed over his left shoulder, and only avoided being hit after last minute shouts from the riders made him take evasive action.

## ON THE LOGS

Muzi Yeni is 9 wins ahead of Ryan Munger at the top of the SA national log after his double at Flamingo Park on Monday. The jockeys with the best strike rate are Anton Marcus (30%), Gavin Lerena (27%) and Richard Fourie (25%). Sean Tarry (39 winners) has edged R200 000 ahead of reigning champion Justin Snaith (50 winners) on the national trainers log.

## Snakes Alive!

"I said to Dennis Bosch that he was wasting his time with this horse. He can't get any wind. It sounds as if there is an anaconda in his oesophagus." The words of Anton Marcus after he had steered the Oratorio gelding Chantyman – a horse he describes as one of the most courageous he has ridden - to his 2nd win in 9 starts (5 places) at Greyville on Friday evening. Chantyman's oesophagus has apparently never developed since he was a baby. So he is lethal over the sprints – but no further!



## The Eagle Hovers

Past dual SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle makes his seasonal debut in the eighth race at Thursday's Turffontein night meeting, following a six-month layoff. The 7yo, who boasts 13 wins from 24 starts for Sean Tarry, will contest a Pinnacle Stakes over 1160m. He is expected to bid for a 4th L'Ormarins Queen's Plate win in 2019 - but has a few rainbow bridges to cross, as it were, after we watched the Cape Mile on Sunday!

## Ear, Ear...

The 7yo Ryalex won by 24 lengths at Carlisle Racecourse on Monday - but that wasn't the only reason he captured attention. The gelding has just one ear. While his appearance is uncommon, it doesn't seem to impact his racing, which he showed when giving his rivals a hiding in the handicap chase. The Lucinda Russell-trained gelding usually races in a hood, which means the missing ear doesn't often get noticed. He lost it in an accident in Ireland.

## NUDGE, NUDGE - WINX, WINX

Terrific support from breeders across Australasia has led to Magic Millions cataloguing a record number of lots in a star studded catalogue for the 2019 Gold Coast Yearling Sale. 1122 lots have been confirmed by vendors for the first five days of the auction, including a record 888 lots to be offered across Book 1 of the sale from Wednesday 9 January. This sale is number one for producing breed shapers and record breakers, including the two highest ever stakes earners in Australian history - Winx and Redzel. Find the catalogue on [www.magicmillions.com.au](http://www.magicmillions.com.au)



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## Go Gavin!

Gavin Lerena has commenced his job as retained rider to Wilgerbosdrift/Mauritzfontein with two winners for the in-form Mike de Kock stable, who boast a tally of 9 winners in the first 10 days of November. Lerena booted home Protea Paradise (Mary Slack) in a Maiden Plate over 1600m at the Vaal last Thursday and followed up with Storm Destiny (Mary Slack and Michael Javett) in an Assessment Plate over 1600m at Turffontein Saturday.



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## Noble Stuff

Rathmor stallion Noble Tune's Curlin half-sister sold for \$600 000 at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale earlier this month. The half-sister to Gr1 winner Honor Code, Gr1 Breeders Cup placed Noble Tune, the handsome Declarationofpeace and Stakes horse Lady Serena, dam Serena's Cat has been an outstanding broodmare and saw her Curlin filly achieve the third-highest price for a weanling during the Book 1 session. She was bred in Kentucky by Dell Ridge Farm and Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings. The weanling filly sold to Meadow Oaks Racing Stables.