

Making Cents

Full marks to trainer Justin Snaith for bucking the trend of a loose horse always being withdrawn. At Kenilworth on Saturday, Ladder Man unseated Richard Fourie at the start of the third and galloped back to the parade ring. Cognisant of the expectations of the betting public and his owners, Justin and the Vet passed the gelding fit to race. He duly won on his coconut – after a slightly delayed start.



UP THE LADDER

The same Ladder Man was the 2017 KZN Yearling Sale topseller. Consigned by breeder Ridgemont Highlands, Ladder Man was knocked down to part-owner Nick Jonsson for R800 000. One of five winners over the weekend for his sire Twice Over, Ladder Man races for Messrs Jonsson and Taylor. He was produced by the winning Tapit mare Gin Rummy, whose granddam, Family Enterprize, won seven times including the Gr1 Spinaway Stakes.

Our Own Harry

At 94, Harry McCloud had been the oldest living jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. He passed away two days after the big race earlier this month. McCloud bounded to a seven-length victory on outsider Colonus in the 1942 race on what remains the wettest Melbourne Cup day ever recorded. He rode in Melbourne, India, Singapore, Malaysia and Mauritius during his career, which also included a WA stint and a Perth Cup victory aboard Yabaroo in 1955. It is a little known fact that Harry was born right here in South Africa.

First Runner

Veteran Cape workrider and former assistant to the late Ronnie Sheehan, Peter Wrench will saddle his first runner at Kenilworth on Saturday after passing his trainers licence exam with flying colours on 8 November.

He sends out the honest stayer Troop The Colour in an MR78 Handicap over 2400m.



CHASE LIEBENBERG

Van To Sing

Former PE-based Sun Met winning rider JP van der Merwe has been granted a licence to ride in Singapore from 1 January to 31 December 2019. Van der Merwe, 28, has spent the past season in Mauritius, where he has ridden 18 winners. He recently ended his relationship with the Gujadhur stable.

Zack's Back

Joburg-based Craig Zackey will be riding most of the Glen Kotzen-trained runners in Cape Town during the summer season. According to leading owner Hugo Hattingh, the stable have made an arrangement with Zackey for him to move down to Cape Town for the next few months so he can also work their horses. Hattingh's Chrigor Stud sponsors Richard Fourie and the idea was that he would ride their horses - but Fourie is now first jockey for Justin Snaith. Hattingh made it clear to punters that just because they might see Fourie on other horses in the prominent races, it does not mean he has chosen them over the Kotzen runners.

Met Entries

Entries for the R5 million Sun Met to be run on 26 January 2019 close at 11h00 on Wednesday 28 November. The Met Gallops, abandoned last



year, are shown as a condition of the 2019 renewal. We believe this to be an error - Phumelela had not responded to our request for official clarity prior to going to print.

Arc Eyes!

Dual Arc heroine Enable will stay in training and target a historic third win in the race. This was announced on Monday by Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to owner Khalid Abdullah, who said no schedule had been set but the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe would be the prime target. No horse has won the Arc more than twice.

MAKE YOUR MARK

Racing Victoria has announced a new A\$5-million weight-for-age mile race to be run during the 2019 Melbourne Autumn Carnival. The All-Star Mile will be one of the richest mile races in the world and the public will get a chance to decide the field via public ballot.

