

Dynasty's Big 5

Ridgemont Highlands' four times Equus Outstanding Stallion Dynasty produced Liege to win the 2017 Summer Cup and he has five runners – including the defending champion – carrying his flag in Saturday's big race. Dynasty's quintet includes Champion Stayer It's My Turn, Gr2 winning mare Sabina's Dynasty, Mike de Kock trained 4yo Noble Secret and his stablemate, the 7yo Kilrain.



TRACY ROBERTSON

Old Man River

The Klawervlei Stud bred Captain Lars registered his 23rd victory at Lingfield on Saturday – and his 11th this year. He made his debut on 1 May 2012 at Scottsville for Mike de Kock. By Captain Al out of the Gr1 placed Polar Falcon mare Polar Charge, who won twice in Italy, Captain Lars cost R1,4 million on the Cape Premier Yearling Sale.



The National Yearling Sale R5 million recordbreaker Ghaalla became Var's 43rd stakes winner when flashing up late to win the Gr3 Fillies Mile on Saturday. The Varfsontein bred flyer is expected in the Cape for the Fillies Guineas on 15 December. Var is currently South Africa's Leading Active Sire by money earned this season, with his runners having already banked over R3,6 million in 2018-2019.

END OF AN ERA

One of South Africa's greatest jockeys of all time has been officially medically boarded due to knee issues. SA Champion jockey of 2008/9, Andrew Fortune has thankfully not been lost to the game as he plays a key role in his wife Ashley's Vaal training operation that has made a flying start in just their first full season. Ashley saddles Cash Time in the Gr1 Summer Cup on Saturday.

Happy 50th

Veteran Cape racecaller Rouvaun Smit celebrates his 50th birthday in work mode on Sunday. He flew out of Cape Town on Tuesday evening for Mauritius after cracking the nod as English language commentator for the Mauritius International Jockeys Challenge at the Champ de Mars on Saturday and Sunday. He will act as MC at the draw function for the popular annual event at the Ravenala on Wednesday evening.

Race Against Time



Trainer Tony Millard was pleased with the performance of dual Gr1 winner Edict Of Nantes (now Northern Superstar), who hadn't raced since December 2017 when finishing out of the money in the Class 1 Chevalier Cup on Sunday at Sha Tin in Hong Kong. The Count Dubois galloper, who was trained here by Brett Crawford for Mayfair Speculators, ran on steadily for sixth. He goes for the Gr1 Hong Kong Cup on 9 December.

An Ad For Ownership

Saturday's CTS Ready To Run Stakes winner Cirillo (Pomodoro) is just one of those lovely horses to own. He cost R60 000 at sale – showing it can pay to take a chance on a new sire – and has raced in all of KZN, Gauteng and the Cape, taking his earnings to over R1,7 million. There is plenty of fun left in the tank – he would not be out of place in the Cape Guineas next month. It must be particularly pleasing for owner Chris van Niekerk and trainer Sean Tarry who enjoyed many good seasons with his July winning sire, Pomodoro.



GOLD CIRCLE

Good Cause

The Western Cape Equine Trust plays an important role in rehoming retired racehorses. They host their annual raceday fundraiser in the Peninsula Room at Kenilworth on Saturday. It promises to be a great afternoon with a delicious lunch and lots of prizes, lucky draws, raffles and exciting auction items. Tickets can be purchased via www.webtickets.co.za



SEIDL GOES SOUTH

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German Jockey Martin Seidl has opted to spend four months in Melbourne rather than Cape Town this summer. He rode here from November 2017 to February this year, winning 2 races and managing places in the Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas and Gr1 Klawervlei Majorca Stakes. The 24-year-old took his career to new heights in his homeland in 2018 with a personal-best of 51 winners. He kicks off with two city rides for Cranbourne trainer Robbie Griffiths at Sandown on Wednesday.