

New Age Eagle

Saturday's Gr2 Green Point Stakes winner Legal Eagle's full sister comes up as #1 on the Cape Premier Yearling Sale on Wednesday 23 January. Offered by Klawervlei as agent, Princess Thiana is one of five Greys Inn progeny on the sale. Saturday saw her illustrious brother's 15th victory from 26 outings. Legal Eagle has registered 12 graded stakes wins and earned close on R12 million. He cost R425 000 on the 2013 National Yearling Sale.



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Aussies Rule

In his first full season in Singapore, Australian Hall Of Fame trainer Lee Freedman has claimed the Singapore trainer premiership. Freedman-trained horses have won 67 races this year, taking the title from fellow Australian Shane Baertschiger. Victorian Vlad Duric won the jockeys' title for a second year riding 73 winners, holding off another Australian Michael Rodd by two wins.

CONFLICTED

Should jockey agents be allowed to bet and offer tips in races where their clients are riding? Surely it can create a perceived conflict of interest. The Aussies are currently looking at instituting rules in this regard.

Met Countdown



The first Sun Met supplementary entry stage closed at 11h00 on Tuesday. No new entries were added to the original 29 received on 29 November. Final Supplementary Entries close at 11h00 on Monday 7 January 2019. Final Declarations are due by 11h00 on Monday 14 January 2019, on which day the final field is announced. The Barrier Draws will be drawn at an event on Wednesday 16 January 2019. The public gallops have been abandoned.

Just Do It

Richard Fourie, who was aboard July winner Do It Again at the son of Twice Over's first run in 22 weeks since winning Africa's Greatest at Greyville, when he ran third in Saturday's Gr2 Green Point Stakes, says that the Northfields Stud-bred gelding 'will win the Met'. Hollywood were offering 7-2 as we went to print.

Brexit Nerves

Visitors from dozens of countries buy at Goffs in County Kildare but Chief executive Henry Beeby is conscious of a hurdle which the equestrian industry is hoping to clear - the UK's departure from the European Union. There is currently a tripartite agreement between the UK, Ireland and France, which allows horses to move between the countries with ease. "British and Irish racing is really one industry. Britain doesn't produce enough foals to be able to serve its own fixture list - it needs imports. Ireland is the biggest breeder in Europe. So it is absolutely imperative that there is no restriction of freedom of movement, for people or horses, and that there are no tariffs."

Fearless First

Maine Chance Farms' resident stallion Vercingetorix is set to have his first runner at Kenilworth this Saturday when his two-year-old son Fearless Warrior makes his debut in a maiden juvenile plate over 1000 metres. Bred by Klawervlei Stud, Fearless Warrior is trained by Vaughan Marshall and is out of the Captain Al mare War Path – he was a R275 000 buy from the 2018 April Yearling Sale.



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Hit For Six

William Buick has lodged an appeal against the severity of a six-week ban handed down by Hong Kong Jockey Club stewards after he pleaded guilty to reckless riding aboard Pakistan Star in the Gr1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin on Sunday. As well as the suspension, Buick was also fined HK\$20,000 for the incident.

MAY AS WELL JUMP

Former Summerhill stallion Solskjaer is the sire of 2019 SA Triple Tiara hopeful I Like It and is standing as a jump stallion at Coolagown Stud in County Cork these days - having covered 80 mares a season in his first three seasons there. His first jump foals are two year olds and as they only start racing the jumpers at four and older it will take some time to see the impact the son of Danehill has made.

Front & Centre

Ridgemont Highlands' outstanding sire Dynasty enjoyed another memorable weekend when the former Horse Of The Year and four times Equus Outstanding Stallion was represented by three individual winners. His unbeaten daughter Front And Centre is a leading contender for Saturday's Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas.