



## RACING

THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** TURF Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R3-(2)Rochester(16/10)**

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R8-(5) Mar Del Sur (14/1)**

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R4-(12)Je Ne Sais Quoi(2/1)**

**SCOTTSVILLE** Sunday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R7-(3) Pietro Mascagni (3/1)**

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**When the soon-to-be 84 year old trainer drew the six barrier gate at the Grandwest Casino on Wednesday afternoon for his longshot 7yo gelding - his first Met runner since taking his licence out over 40 years ago - an air of collegial admiration descended on the venue.**

There literally wouldn't be a dry eye in the house were the Lateral gelding Milton to hold on and win the R5 million Gr1 Sun Met on for Billy Prestage. Besides the likely stunned silence, and the sobbing punters who had simply refused to look past the likes of L'Ormarins Queen's Plate champion Do It Again or rising star Rainbow Bridge, there would doubtless be plenty of misty eyed support and admiration for one of a rare breed of old schoolers still left in the game. But it's a longshot. And his trainer is an old-fashioned realist who loves his horses.

"Don't get me wrong, we are going out to do our best. Do I think Milton can win it? Well, probably not.

This is all about the thrills of giving a really good horse a chance to take on the best – even though I know we have a mountain to climb and he is a few lengths off the very best of them on his day. But we have a ticket and we are in the game," said the refreshingly philosophical Bill Prestage, when approached for a comment on the prospects of a horse who would have been a more serious runner on handicap conditions. He pointed out that Milton would only have to beat three runners home to recoup the entrance costs – either way all the effort and thrills are worth it. The tenth finisher gets a R50 000 stake cheque.

"I am really not fazed. Maybe we get lucky and he runs

**RIDGEMONT**

**HIGHLANDS**

## LIFE'S A NUMBERS GAME

closer? I have been in this game for far too long to worry about anything other than having my horse come out fit, enjoying himself and doing his best. This is the pinnacle of competition in the sport in this country. He is such an honest horse. Why should he sit in his box at home? There are 20 Met berths to fill. Only 12 other horses are prepared to take each other on – so Milton is in, and win, lose or draw, the sun will rise on Sunday,” says the charismatic veteran, who probably sees the challenge of having to don a tie on the Cape’s big day a far bigger challenge.

“You know in the old days, we wore a jacket and a tie to every meeting. Today nobody seems to care about the tradition or looking smart. So I have dispensed with my ties too. But I’m sure I have one somewhere,” he smiled.

He says he has been invited to the RA room on Met day.

“I believe they invite all the Met owners and trainers. My wife won’t be going along so I may take my daughter with. But frankly, I don’t need all the noise and fuss and sideshows. I’d like to sit somewhere quietly and enjoy the racing. There are some really good horses running on the day.”

It is not Bill Prestage’s first experience of the Met.

He raced a top horse called Foreign Agent – a son of Mexico 11 – who was twice a runner-up in the Queen’s Plate and placed in the 1974 Met when trained by the great Syd Laird- and again the next year when his Dad saddled the gallant galloper.

“Hell those were good horses. Sledgehammer, Majestic Crown, Elevation! Foreign Agent, who was probably at his most effective at 1400m, ran fourth in the 1974 Met behind Yataghan, Chief Scout and Aegean and improved for third behind Sledgehammer and Elevation the following year. Boy, what I would do to be sending Foreign Agent out in the Met on Saturday!” he reflected as he called back the past in his inimitably detailed manner.

Foreign Agent ran in the silver grey and red silks worn by the Peter de Beyer horses today.

It would be three years before the bright orange and yellow silks – those to be worn by Randall Simons on Milton on Met Saturday – would be carried by the Billy and Christine Prestage runners. He assures us there is no superstitious significance in the selection of his and his wife’s silks.

“Christine chose the colours. They are nice and bright.”

He tells how his father was a trainer until his passing in 1978. “Then I took over. In those days an owner-trainer licence still existed, so that’s what I took out at the time. In about 1994 I stopped because of

commitments to my business and then I started up again in 2001.”

He has engaged recent Gr1 Cape Guineas winning rider Randall Simons for Saturday.

“Donovan Dillon has ridden Milton before. I was waiting to see what would happen about his mount Hat Puntano after the Queen’s Plate. Then I got a call from Simons’ agent. I thought about it and then recalled that this youngster rode a winner for me – in Kimberley of all places! He won on Red Peril in my silks when he was saddled by Sarel Von Willingh Smit. That was way back in December 2014. If Mike de Kock uses him, he must be alright,” he adds.

Will Milton be ready on Saturday?

“When he won the Premier Trophy in 2017 beating Last Winter his prep run was a month earlier. He won the Pinnacle Stakes on 24 November last year and then went into the 2018 Premiers bidding for his double three weeks later. While he really wasn’t disgraced, I think those races may have just come too close together. So I have freshened him up in the interim and he is really very well,” he confirms.

Will there be a pace on Saturday?

“You are asking me that? I think we all saw the benefit of a true run race in the Queen’s Plate. I have no doubt there will be one in the Met. There are too many really good horses in the Met for a pace not to happen. We also have no intention of any variation of Milton’s tactics and he will be up there as he enjoys it. I just didn’t want the rails draw and we got the 6 – other than that he is an uncomplicated ride and we will take it as it comes.”

Part of the furniture in the Cape, Bill Prestage came into racing in the heyday of the Durbanville Gymkhana Club and rode mainly for Georgie Brown and CB de Meillon

Described by his proud owner-trainer as a ‘very genuine horse and quiet as a lamb’, the Maine Chance-bred Milton was a R160 000 purchase from the CTS Book 2 sale in 2013. He has earned over R1 million. Just being a runner in Saturday’s Met is an honour for all those connected with him.

And there may be a small lesson in his selection for the less informed buyer looking for a reasonably priced Met runner at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale in the build-up week.

“He was by a new sire out of a fairly decent female line. I liked a lot of things about him and many guys gave him a miss because they didn’t know what the sire could do. You have to believe in your gut feeling and take a chance sometimes,” says the veteran horseman with a broad smile.



## R5 million Gr1 Sun Met - 2000m - Kenilworth Sat 26 January

1	11	Legal Eagle	60	121	T A	L Hewitson	Sean Tarry
2	10	Head Honcho	60	114	T A	K de Melo	Andre Nel
3	8	Hat Puntano (ARG)	60	109	A	D Dillon	Joey Ramsden
4	4	Made To Conquer	60	108	A	S Khumalo	Justin Snaith
5	6	Milton	60	108	A	R Simons	Bill Prestage
6	1	Kampala Campari	60	107	A	A Domeyer	Andre Nel
7	7	Do It Again	59.5	125	A	R Fourie	Justin Snaith
8	12	Undercover Agent	59.5	120	A	C Orffer	Brett Crawford
9	2	Rainbow Bridge	59.5	119	A	A Marcus	Eric Sands
10	13	Tap O' Noth	59.5	112	BA	M Byleveld	Vaughan Marshall
11	9	Eyes Wide Open	59.5	111	BA	G Lerena	Glen Kotzen
12	3	Doublemint	59.5	104	A	P Strydom	Justin Snaith
13	5	Oh Susanna (AUS)	57	121	A	B Fayd'Herbe	Justin Snaith

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SUNDAY RACING

# De Kock Holds The Ace

## Michael Roberts Handicap (L), Scottsville

The annual Michael Roberts tribute raceday has become an institution at Scottsville – the track at which the champion jockey rode his first winner 51 years ago.



Pietro Mascagni | JC Photos

The nine race Sunday programme is headlined by the R150 000 Listed Michael Roberts Handicap to be run over the 1750m.

The engagement of top jockey Anton Marcus to ride the exciting Pietro Mascagni at his first run in the KZN Capital City is the immediate eyecatcher. The newsmaking son of Silvano, now

a gelded and progressive 4yo, was the subject of an early career merit rating appeal and he looks well on his way to making his way through the ranks. A winner of 3 of 8 starts, he caught the eye at his last outing when staying on well for third after being bumped – and that under a half length off Dawn Assault and Al Danza in the London News Stakes. He enjoys the best of the draw and must go close.

The Australian-bred Sir Bernadini pulled up lame behind at a rare non earning effort last time out and now steps into feature waters. The son of Bernardini has always looked a horse likely to enjoy this kind of trip.

Still a two-time winner after 28 runs, the Trippi mare Dawn Calling inevitably finds something to beat her and now tries some ground. Her dam had form at 2200m and this may be the tonic.

Amor Ardiente is one of the most consistent 4yo’s in the region and has won 3 of his last 7 starts. The crack lightweight Muzi Yeni rides him with a handy galloping weight and this could be the surprise package of the race.

The 3yo Affranchi will need some improvement to feature.

Gauteng visitor Divine Odyssey boasts smart home form and has been thereabouts recently and looks overdue to register a fourth victory. The son of Oratorio enjoys the services of in form SA champion Lyle Hewitson.

The topweighted Dark Moon Rising was outclassed in the July but has been improving nicely this term and finished well for a decent third behind Matador Man in the Christmas Handicap last time.

Blackball has been battling for over a year for his next win and rac-

es from the wide draw. Hero Quest came back to something of his better form last time when going all the way to hold off the late attentions of

Silver Rose. Anton Marcus, who was aboard his last two wins, has jumped ship in favour of Pietro Mascagni.

The 6yo Wealthy won his penultimate start over 200m at this course and then stayed on steadily to be beaten 2,75 lengths by Hero Quest. He must have a place chance off his handy galloping weight – but has a wide draw to beat.

A decent enough stayer on his day, Techno Captain gets the head-gear but looks likely to need more ground to show his best ability.

Now an 8yo, Nicklaus has not been at his best for some time and looks to have a tough task.

All told, it looks a competitive affair but Pietro Mascagni has always looked above average and he is the selection to beat Amor Ardiente, with Divine Odyssey and Dark Moon Rising in the quartet reckoning.

### Michael Roberts Hcp (L) past winners

<b>2016</b>		
1	Ten Gun Salute	52.0 (5) 17/10
2	Silver Spring	55.0 (8) 16/1
3	Way Of Light	57.5 (7) 16/1
<b>2017</b>		
1	Mr Winsome	54.0 (2) 2/1
2	Open Heir	52.0 (9) 18/1
3	Run Rhino Run	53.0 (8) 7/1
<b>2018</b>		
1	Wild Wicket	53.5 (8) 31/4
2	Red Chesnut Road	56.0 (3) 71/20
3	Celtic Captain	61.0 (5) 9/2

## SALUTING MUIS – THE ACE!

Sunday’s Scottsville feature is named in honour of the first SA Hall Of Fame jockey in history.

Eleven time SA champion and 1992 champion of Britain, Muis Roberts turns 65 in May and rode the first of his 3968 career winners at Scottsville in 1968 on a horse called Smyrn.

The first South African ever to grace the cover of The Blood-Horse magazine, he is probably best remembered internationally for his association with the great Mtoto who won the 1987 and 1988 Coral Eclipse stakes and went on to add the King George and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes to his impressive record.

He cites his greatest moment in the game as the sight of 200 000 people cheering when he turned to canter back after winning the Japan Cup on Lando in 1995. He banked the royal equivalent of R176 000 for winning that race.

Muis’ greatest honour is recorded as his meeting the Queen after winning the King George and Q.E. Stakes.

He labels the legendary Sledgehammer as the greatest miler he rode. “He was better than Barathea (Breeders Cup) and Mystiko (2000 Guineas), he was world-class!” he says.

He summed up the race he is best remembered for.

“Probably The Winning Form Challenge run at Greyville on 30 December 1989. It was a mile race between a son and daughter of Northern Guest – Senor Santa and Northern Princess. There was a capacity crowd on hand to witness it, even with a cricket test and a major surfing competition on the same day. Everyone said Senor Santa would win it, but I just kept a little bit in reserve. We sat and waited for Senor Santa and in three strides my filly went bang and got him on the line. The crowd went bananas.”

START  
4:10PM  
SCOTTVILLE

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
MICHAEL ROBERTS HANDICAP (L) - 1750M  
SAME TRAINER:(6-10)

Ideal World	1	DARK MOON RISING(PV Lafferty) C Zackey	2	60.0
Ideal World	2	HERO QUEST(BJ Crawford) K De Melo	6	56.0
Silvano	3	PIETRO MASCAGNI(MF de Kock) A Marcus	1	55.5
Point Given	4	NICKLAUS(F Robinson) S Moodley	5	55.5
Trippi	5	DAWN CALLING(DC Howells) M Khan	3	54.5
Black Minnaloushe	6	BLACKBALL(G v Zyl) W Kennedy	12	54.0
Oratorio	7	DIVINE ODYSSEY(JAJ v Vuuren) L Hewitson	8	53.5
Bernadini	8	SIR BERNADINI(DS Bosch) G Wright	10	53.5
Antonius Pius	9	AMOR ARDIENTE(Belinda Impey) M Yeni	7	52.5
Elusive Fort	10	AFFRANCHI(G v Zyl) L J Ferraris	9	52.0
Silvano	11	WEALTHY(DR Drier) S Veale	11	52.0
Captain Al	12	TECHNO CAPTAIN(PM Gadsby) A Arries	4	52.0

# WINNERS...

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- # 88 c **PRAY FOR RAIN Soft Falling Rain x Kitco**  
*Good size – athletic – looks precocious – correct*
- # 116 c **TEMPTING FATE Master of My Fate x Miss October**  
*Awesome – good boned – businesslike – top class specimen*
- # 119 f **ZANETTO Silvano (GER) x Muamba (ARG)**  
*Magnificent big girl – plenty of scope – has 'that' look with paddock value*
- # 133 c **VOYEUR Var (USA) x Peep Show**  
*Well grown first foal – classic miler – good bone – easy mover*
- # 152 f **DELTA QUEEN Var (USA) x River Jetez**  
*Beautifully bred & a looker – correct & powerful – feminine well grown with paddock value*
- # 168 c **STORM CHASER What A Winter x Sea of Calm (USA)**  
*Good size – powerful – easy walker*
- # 206 c **CAMPS BAY Var (USA) x Torra Bay (AUS)**  
*Speed machine – Var lookalike – great bone & substance*
- # 214 f **SPREE Philanthropist (USA) x Valeta**  
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- # 215 c **AVENIR Futura x Varsity Queen**  
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## SUN MET

## Captains & Kings

The last two Sun Met winners were bred from non SA-based sires and our local breeders will be keen to pull one back for the home based product next Saturday.



Smart Call | Wayne Marks

The 2016 winner Smart Call, a daughter of Mauritzfontein stallion Ideal World, was the last progeny of a stallion standing on African soil to win the race. Her Kingmambo sire is represented by the progressive 4yo Rainbow Bridge in the big one.

With the final Cape

Premier Yearling Sale draft of the champion Captain Al going through the ring at the Cape Town Convention Centre on Wednesday 23 January, trainer Vaughan Marshall will be hoping he can pull some rank magic out of his bag.

Marshall, who won the Met with La Fabulous in 1996, produced Captain Al's – and coincidentally, and much less forgettably, Markus Jooste's – one and only Met winner with Hill Fifty Four. Bred by Klawervlei out of the two time winning Sportsworld mare, Sports Dance, the gelding, after running second behind Martial Eagle in 2013, broke the Jooste best previous record of four Met second place finishes achieved with Legal Eagle (twice), and also Bravura in 2012.

On 26 January, there could be something of an omen in the fact Marshall saddles another top-class son of Captain Al in the Foster home bred Tap O'Noth. The Cape Guineas winner will be ridden by MJ Byleveld – who was on bridesmaid Hill Fifty Four in 2013.

Another Captain Al hopeful in the Met line-up is the Brett Crawford trained Moutonshoek bred Undercover Agent, a R325 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, who ran a slightly flat race in the Queen's Plate. The future stallion prospect is yet to go the 2000m but is out of a London News mare who won at 2200m.

## Lucky 13 For Sun Met

After some had expressed reservations about the size of the R5 million Gr1 Sun Met final field, which only drew 13 contestants, the overall card size and substance for the Cape's flagship raceday on 26 January looks set to gain the approval and patronage of regular players.

The switch to weight-for-age for the big race with effect from 2018 has naturally given rise to the likelihood that 'less passeng-ers' would take their chances.

Conditions races and handicaps obviously attract larger fields with the playing fields more levelled, but the striving for quality and the introduction of weight-for-age has raised the prestige of the historic race, which has been won by some of our greatest horses down the years.

The only filly in this year's renewal is Snaith star Oh Susanna who bids for the double. Bernard Fayd'herbe takes the ride from Grant van Niekerk, who registered a momentous first win in the big one for the 3yo filly – the first member of her age and sex in over 100 years to win the race. Van Niekerk is now based in Hong Kong.

The Sun Met day twelve race card has attracted 195 runners with five races on the day supported by reserve runners. The Met draw as being conducted on Wednesday afternoon – after we had gone to print.

The first race sees an early start at 11h50 with the final event off at 19h00.

Many punters questioned the wisdom of running another local meeting parallel to the big day – as on L'Ormarins Queen's Plate day when Greyville ran concurrently.

On Met day, a Turffontein Inside track meeting is scheduled.

The two CTS races to be run for a stakes of R5 million apiece over 1200m and 1600m on the day have attracted quality fields.

These are restricted to eligible graduates of the 2017 Cape Premier Yearling Sale held on 21 and 22 January 2017, 2017 CTS March Yearling Sale held on 18 and 19 March 2017 and the 2017 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale held on 21 April 2017.

South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywood have opened betting on the Sun Met, the Majorca Stakes, the Cape Derby, the CTS 1200, CTS 1600 and the Cape Flying Championship.

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Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	208	74,827	10	10%
Ridgmont Highlands	157	67,190	5	7%
Klawervlei Stud	388	54,587	9	6%
Summerhill Stud	352	62,769	5	4%



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## NEWS

# Crispy Duck & A Bit Of Luck

**Milnerton trainer Joey Ramsden may well be looking forward to many servings of crispy duck after he produced first and third in his opening attack this season on the 2yo programme at Kenilworth on Saturday.**

Earlier last week, Ramsden had told the Sporting Post that he was more nervous when sending out his first 2yo runners than saddling a Gr1 odds-on favourite, as it often determined the fortunes of his business for the next season – and even beyond that!

In an article carried as the lead in the SP Digest 2529, Ramsden said:

“I’m more nervous when running my first 2yo’s of the season than saddling the odds-on favourite for the Queen’s Plate! You know in 70 odd seconds if it’s going to be all duck or no dinner for the next 12 months – or worse!”

The man who has trained nine Langerman winners this century, has a terrific record with the juveniles and he may well be looking to having some fun on Sun Met day – beyond Twist Of Fate and the talented Fresnaye – with his Var filly Ibra running a nice third after showing speed and making a respiratory noise in running.

But it was the Patricia Devine Investments bred Double Alliance, a R150 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, who romped home to win on debut on Saturday.

With his fairer sex stablemate Ibra starting at 16-10, Double Alliance was easy to back at double digit odds and the colt flew up late under Donovan Dillon to beat the late the finishing Ground Control by a length in a time of 58,67 secs.

He is a son of the form sire of the moment Twice Over (Observatory) out of the Centenary mare Imperial Gem, who won three races from 1300m to 1400m.

Twice Over has six lots on the Cape Premier Yearling Sale next week.

## Snaith Moves Up World Rankings

**SA champion trainer Justin Snaith has galloped into the top 30 on the TRC World Trainers’ Rankings after his dual Gr1 winning performance at the L’Ormarins Queen’s Plate Festival recently.**

Justin saddled the winner of the L’Ormarins Queen’s Plate and the Pad-dock Stakes – both prestigious Gr1 events.

The Capetonian was also named TRC ‘Trainer Of The Week’.

The latest rankings show Snaith having improved by 25 positions from #53 to #28 on the log, currently led by the formidable Bob Baffert ahead of Aidan O’Brien, Charlie Appleby, Chad Brown and John Gosden.

Mike de Kock still leads the way in terms of local handlers (#25 from #30), while Brett Crawford (#50 from #48) is the other South African trainer with a top 50 position.

Among our owners, Gaynor Rupert’s Drakenstein Stud has moved into 50th position from #73 on the list led by Coolmore partners, while Anton Marcus (#25 from #29), is among the leaders on the Jockeys’ Log, led by Ryan Moore.

The TRC Global Rankings are a measure of an individual’s level of achievement over a rolling three-year period.

They are not based on prize money the individuals’ representatives have won but on the quality of the performances those runners have put up in Group and Graded races.

There are about 1450 qualifying races around the world every year.

## Greyville 4-Timer For Khan

**Five times SA Champion Jockey Mark Khan is riding with the energy of a man half his age and is fast approaching his 2500 career winner mark.**

He rode four consecutive winners at Greyville on Sunday to maintain his purple patch of form in the holiday province.

While only one of his four winners were for his anchor yard of Duncan Howells, Khan appears to have clicked well with the Ashburton operation for whom he enjoys an 18% win strike-rate currently.

His streak started in the second race with Howells’ Mr Greenlight, and then took in the third and fourth events, with Easy Ginger and Special Force, both trained by Lezeanne Forbes.

He rounded off his quartet when booting home Roy’s Magic for trainer Kumaran Naidoo

Khan was out of the saddle for seven years after sustaining injuries in a fall in 2009.

His first Gr1 ride in over 7 years, when he partnered Hero’s Honour for Gary Alexander in the Gr1 SA Derby at Turffontein in May last year, was a winner.

He has ridden 32 winners this term and is on a relatively lowly 13th spot (certainly for his status) with a win strike-rate of 11%.



## CAPTAIN AL SA CHAMPION SIRE 2015

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## DYNASTY TOP PRODUCER OF BLACK TYPE,

22	CRAIGSMAN	COLT	DYNASTY	CAREFUL HIKER	SPECTRUM (IRE)	RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS	E6
Out of a sibling to Wonderous Climber (2014), by Dynasty-Our Table Mountain, by Fusaichi Pegasus-Hidden Light) - 1st Vial TC Family Fun Day in December H.							
34	CRIMSON KING	COLT	DYNASTY	CUP OF RUBIES	MOGOK (USA)	RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS	E5
49	CHESTNUT BAY	COLT	CAPTAIN AL	EXOTIC (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)	RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS	E4
67	STEEPLECHASE	COLT	DYNASTY	GRAND NATIONAL	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (CAN)	RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS	E3
77	PASSING STORM	COLT	SOFT FALLING RAIN	HONOUR ROLL (AUS)	HIGH CHAPARRAL (IRE)	RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS	E2
123	WARRIOR	COLT	FUTURA	NONA IN COMMAND (AUS)	COMMANDS (AUS)	RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS	E1

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## NEWS

# Oppenheimers Honoured

The first four horseracing superstars to be inducted into the SA Hall Of Fame were announced in Cape Town at Wednesday's barrier draw for the Sun Met Celebrated with G.H. Mumm after a selection process – including a public vote – involving lists of nominees in each racing sector.

Sea Cottage (horse)  
Michael Roberts (jockey)  
Syd Laird (trainer)  
Harry and Bridget Oppenheimer (owners)



Harry and Bridget Oppenheimer

Sea Cottage captured the public imagination with his amazing finishing speed in the late 1960s. Trained by fellow Hall Of Famer Laird, the colt won 20 of 24 races, including the Durban July, two Queen's Plates, two Clairwood Winters and a Champion Stakes.

His sensational shooting – on Blue Lagoon beach by a gangster, with the collaboration of a bookmaker – shortly before the 1966 July sealed his legend.

Sea Cottage was fourth in the July that year and returned to famously dead-heat with Jollify in 1967 – with the bullet still in his rump.

That was one of seven July victories for Laird, the foremost conditioner of his day and one of the most celebrated of all time.

Laird's other July winners were Kerason, Colorado King, Java Head, Mazarin, Politican and Yataghan.

Roberts, in whose honour Sunday's Scottsville feature is run, won the SA jockey championship as an apprentice, then claimed 10 more titles in the 1970s before heading to the UK and winning the championship there.

He took the Gr1 Eclipse Stakes twice on Mtoto and also won France's Prix Royal Oak, Italy's Prima Roma and the Japan Cup. In 1997 he won his only Durban July on Super Quality.

The Oppenheimer name was synonymous with racing for decades, with Anglo-American's billionaire boss Harry and wife Bridget breeding and racing scores of brilliant horses.

Their stars included Horse Chestnut, King Willow, Tiger Fish, Bodrum and Cherry On The Top.

The 17 nominees who missed out on the Hall Of Fame this time around will get further chances in future – as will other racing heroes that might be nominated for the honour.

## Shooting – A Shocker

This year mark the 53rd anniversary of the most dramatic incident in South African racing history, the shooting of the great Syd Laird-trained Sea Cottage, who was inducted into the SA Hall Of Fame on Wednesday.

Sea Cottage was shot from a concrete shelter, which still exists today, while walking under the Blue Lagoon bridge on the bright morning of June 10, 1966.

Earlier, a bookmaker from the Field Street "rooms" had allegedly approached the owner of the Monaco Club across the road and asked him to settle his considerable debt. The bookmaker's explanation had been the widely expected Sea Cottage July win, which would result in damaging losses to his business.

The club owner's alleged response was to ask what it would be worth to "stop" Sea Cottage. The bookmaker's alleged reply was he would forego the debt. A bouncer from the club named Johnny Nel then allegedly hatched the plan and agreed to carry out the dastardly deed. A few mornings before the shootings, "gangsters" who frequented the Monaco Club arrived on the beach at Blue Lagoon still dressed in their evening suits, purportedly to watch the gallops, and Nel was among them. Sea Cottage's white markings made him an easy horse to identify. The great horse was shot in the soft flesh of the hindquarters with a pistol and reared in fright.

Trainer Eileen Bestel was first on the scene and had the distressed horse walked back to the Newmarket Stables. He made a remarkable recovery and appeared at the July gallops a couple of weeks later to tumultuous applause. He ran in the big race just three weeks after the incident and finished an unlucky fourth after being severely checked at the two furlong mark.

However, he famously won the July the following year carrying topweight and with the bullet still lodged in his hindquarter, deadheating with the lightweight Jollify, to whom he gave 27 pounds.

Nel had been arrested less than a day after the shooting. He had foolishly used his yellow convertible, one of the most conspicuous cars in Durban, to drive to and from Blue Lagoon and a passing fisherman had seen him speeding away.



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# They Say He's The Best

“Following a comprehensive discussion by the NHA Handicapping panel, DO IT AGAIN saw his Merit Rating increased from 120 to 125, in the wake of his victory in an exceptional renewal of the Gr1 L’Ommarins Queen’s Plate. The 2018 Vodacom Durban July winner showed his versatility and class when collaring 3yo SOQRAT in the shadow of the post to land what was widely billed as one of the highest average MR Gr1 races, and the Handicappers are perfectly satisfied that the 4yo is worthy of his new status as the highest rated horse in South Africa.” (press release – NHA, 2019)

## Turns Out, There's One Better

“Following his four-length win in the 2016 Mercury Sprint, the official handicappers raised the Merit Rating of Captain Of All from 120 to 126, making him the highest MR rated South African performer. Ever.” (race report – Sporting Post, 2016)

# CAPTAIN OF ALL

Equus Champion, multiple Gr1 winner, first crop are 2yo's



#74 filly; 2<sup>nd</sup> foal of stakes placed 6-time winner **Hijacked**, from Gr1 family; doubles AI Mufti through CAPTAIN AL and **CAPTURE THE WIND** (Klawervlei Stud)

#92 half sister to six winners incl Gr2 **PATERFAMILIAS** and Gr3 placed **La Patineuse** (Klawervlei Stud)

#115 half sister to 2 winners; 4-time winning dam is half sister to **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**, from Gr1 family (Dr Ian Heyns)

#121 filly; 1<sup>st</sup> foal of winning dam, from Gr1 Australian family (Riverton Stud)

#146 half brother to 3 winners incl **CHARIOT OF GOLD**; Stakes winning dam **QUEST FOR GOLD** is half sister to Gr1 sire **POMODORO** (Klawervlei Stud)

#155 half brother to two 4-time winners; winning dam is half sister to **BUSCADOR**, from PARTY TIME family (Beaumont Stud)

#188 half sister to 4 winners incl **Alpha Pegasi**; winning dam is half sister to dam of Gr1 **EMERALD COVE** (Captain Al) (Riverton Stud)

#200 half brother to two 3-time winners by CAPTAIN AL; Gr3 placed dam **Thin Red Line** has Australian female line (Klawervlei Stud)

#220 half sister to 3 winners incl stakes placed **Forafewdollarsmore**, from Gr1 family (Ten Einde Stud)

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## INTERNATIONAL

## De Kock Off Meydan Mark

**Mike de Kock celebrated his first DWC 2019 winner at last Thursday's second evening of the 2019 Carnival at Meydan which was highlighted by a quality renewal of the \$350,000 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 sponsored by Yabsat.**

The Group 2 feature of the evening contested over 1600m, has served as a prep for both the \$12 million Gr1 Dubai World Cup and \$1.5 million Gr2 Godolphin Mile.

The ultra-competitive looking Cepsa Energy Cup, a 1600m turf handicap, was contested by the maximum allowed field of 16 and was won impressively by one of the most decorated yards in Carnival history, the Blue Stables of Mike de Kock and his 7-year-old Baroot, who was making his first start since March 15.

Owned by Sheikh Ahmed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, the son of Dubawi closed from the tail-end of the field, pounced on his rivals and won with authority under Adrie De Vries.

"When I heard the commentator say 'Baroot,' I thought to myself that he must have the wrong horse," De Kock quipped.

"He's such a game horse and always tries his best. He's one of those horses who improves with each run and it's unbelievable how versatile he is."

Well away under Richard Mullen who was riding for main employer Satish Seemar and owner Ramzan Kadyrov in the Al Maktoum Challenge, North America was absolutely dominant in a race that shaped up as one of the most compelling and competitive dirt miles Dubai has ever seen. The 7-year-old gelded son of Dubawi soon turned that presumption on its head, going gate-to-wire and never looking in doubt.

Shaking off defending champion and Godolphin Mile (Gr2) winner Heavy Metal, as well as UAE 2000 Guineas (Gr3) winner Gold Town, Burj Nahaar (Gr3) winner Kimbear and Godolphin Mile runner-up Muntazah, gingerly campaigned North America won for the sixth time in 16 starts and first time since winning the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 (Gr1) on Super Saturday last March in similar fashion over subsequent Dubai World Cup (Gr1) winner Thunder Snow.

The victory provided some consolation for the winner's connections, as his last two disappointing efforts—a 10th in the Dubai World Cup and third in last year's edition of this race—were caused by poor starts. This time, there was no such worry.

"That's the way he is," Seemar said. "I was telling (Mullen) to let him do his thing. We had the right draw. If he pops out, just don't stop him. I know when he's in form like that, he's so good. About 10 days ago, we jumped him out of the gate, just to wake him up

and he did it exactly the same way. I wasn't worried about (Heavy Metal). After (North America) broke like he did, I had no worries. His stride is about 1½ compared to other horses. He could have set a track record today, but no one was there to challenge him. He'll go to (Al Maktoum Challenge) Round 2."

"Unbelievable," Mullen added. "I just said to the boss (Seemar) that there are not a lot of horses who give me goosebumps and he has done that. It was an incredible performance for his first run (this season). He has such huge stride. I think anything that comes near, he has that much pace that he just kills them off."

"This is step one. There are a few to go, so let us not get carried away. Like I said, they are horses, not machines, and anything can happen. There is potential for him to be better. He is only going to have four runs this year and he already has his program penciled out. I know he is a 7-year-old, but he has probably had less races than most 3- or 4-year-olds in Europe. He is very lightly raced and very well looked-after. They have the whole summer off, so seven is the new three or four in UAE terms."

## SA Connections This Evening

**Mike de Kock's new acquisition Fire Away (USA), ultimately destined for stallion duties in South Africa, makes his racetrack debut at Meydan this evening.**

Fire Away is a son of War Front (USA) and Salute, by Unbridled, and Mike said: "This is an exciting new project for a group of breeders who bought shares in the horse. I can report that he is a very good-looking horse with excellent form on turf in the US. He's a lovely horse to work with, he has pleased us in his time here and we look forward to seeing him run."

Former Zimbabwe and KZN trainer Bart Rice has his first ever runner at the Dubai Carnival when he sends out Buhwarui Banseok (USA) over 2000m in the Race 5 at Meydan on Thursday night.

Tabnews reports that Rice relocated to South Korea in 2013, and has enjoyed plenty of success there. To complete the SA connection, his runner in the Azizi Star Handicap (run at 1850 SA time) will be partnered by top SA heavy-weight Bernard Fayd'Herbe, who has his opening ride at the carnival.



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#8 half brother to multiple Gr1 winner & **Equus Champion** 2yo Colt **SEVENTH PLAIN** (Klawervlei Stud)

#17 filly, 3<sup>rd</sup> foal of winning dam, out of stakes placed half sister to **FOURSTARS ALLSTAR** – Gr1 Irish 2000 Guineas (Klawervlei Stud)

#29 half sister to Gr1 winner & **Equus Champion** 3yo Filly **JUST SENSUAL**, out of **CONSENSUAL** – **Equus Champion** 2yo Filly (Klawervlei Stud)

#32 filly, 3<sup>rd</sup> foal of stakes placed Count To Ten, half sister to Gr1 placed Gr2 winning 3yo **ONE WORLD** – 5 wins in 6 starts (Klawervlei)

#47 half sister to winner in USA; dam (by Unbridled's Song) is out of half sister to US Champion Sire **AP INDY** – family of **AL MUFTI** (Klawervlei)

#83 filly, 3<sup>rd</sup> foal out of half sister to **PHILANTHROPIST** – successful sire in SAF & Canada, from G1 family (Klawervlei Stud)

#86 colt, 1<sup>st</sup> foal of 2-time winning full sister to Gr2 **EASTERN GREETING**, Gr3 **KWINTA** and Gr2/3 placed **Kafaam** (Maine Chance Farms)

#87 filly, 3<sup>rd</sup> foal of multiple Gr3 winner **KINEMATIC COUNTESS**, out of Stakes winner of 7 races **NATIONAL NAVIGATOR** (Maine Chance Farms)

#93 half sister to a 3-time winner, out of stakes placed 4-time winning mare by **FASLIYEV** (Klawervlei Stud)

#109 filly, 1<sup>st</sup> foal of full sister to **Equus Champion** **MOTHER RUSSIA** (dam of Gr1 **NOTHER RUSSIA**), from Gr1 family (Normandy Stud)

#127 half brother to 5-time winner, out of Gr1 winner of 10 races **OUTCOME** (Winterbach Stud)

#166 half brother to a 3-time winner, out of 3-part sister to Kentucky Derby winner **GIACOMO**, from G1 family (Klawervlei)

#172 half brother to multiple Gr1 winner & **Equus Champion** Sprinter **CAPTAIN OF ALL** – now a stallion (Riverton Stud)

#175 half brother to 2 winners out of Gr3 & SW **SIDERA** (by world champion sire **GALILEO**) (Klawervlei Stud)

#180 filly, 1<sup>st</sup> foal of winning half sister to Gr1/2/3 placed **Kilcoy Castle** (Winterbach Stud)

#187 colt, 3<sup>rd</sup> foal of stakes winner of 3 races **SQUASHY JOY** (Klawervlei)

#190 colt, 3<sup>rd</sup> foal of twice winning mare (by **DYNASTY**) (Hemel 'n Aarde)

#219 half sister to 3 winners incl 7-time winning Swiss Champion 2yo & 3yo **Ma Petite Folie** (Klawervlei Stud)

#224 half brother to 3 winners, out of 3-time winning half sister to multiple Gr1 winner **EXHILARATION** (Klawervlei Stud)

# COUP DE GRACE<sub>USA</sub>

## INTERNATIONAL

*Irish Racing***What's For Brexit?**

**A no-deal Brexit would be “catastrophic” for the movement of horses to and from Ireland, according to the country’s racing authority.**

As well as horses travelling to and from the island for racing and other activities, the buying and selling of horses is big business.

Any threat to the horse and racing industry would have an inevitably adverse effect on the Irish economy.

Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) has been working hard to ensure all parties are fully aware of the importance of the matter.

MPs rejected Prime Minister Theresa May’s Brexit plans by an emphatic 432 votes to 202 in a historic vote on Tuesday evening – which has thrown the future of her administration and the nature of the UK’s EU withdrawal into doubt.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove suggested last week that this year’s Grand National could suffer if there is a no-deal Brexit, and that free movement of horses “would be harmed” if MPs did not back a deal.

HRI director of communications Jonathan Mullin has spelled out his organisation’s grave concerns.

“The movement of horses is the big issue,” he said.

“The main problem from a horse-racing perspective in Ireland, indeed any movement of animals, is there are only two border inspection posts in Ireland – at Dublin Airport and Shannon Airport.

“That’s why a no-deal Brexit is catastrophic in terms of horse movement in Ireland. Horses coming into the EU or leaving the EU will have to go into an inspection area to be examined by veterinary authorities. We only have two special posts, because we haven’t needed them. That is our main problem.

“We have been working with our own Government and with politicians and commission members in Brussels. They are all aware of it.”

Mullin is at pains to make sure those with power know how high the stakes may be.

He added: “The Brexit negotiations haven’t reached the trade element yet. Therefore, all we can do at the moment is to make politicians and officials aware of how precarious it is and how important horse movement is for Ireland, for the industry.

“Everyone knows about the headline stuff, the Grand National and Cheltenham, but we export 80 per cent of the thoroughbreds we export to Britain. It’s a huge market for us – and Britain relies heavily on that product to make up the numbers essentially for British racing.

“It is a critical thing, and there is awareness at European Commission level and across the Cabinet table in Ireland.

“Higher politics are still going on – and there isn’t the clarity we need yet.”

Mullin is hoping for a solution before the UK leaves the European Union on March 29.

“There are plans to extend the number of border inspection posts – one in Dublin port and one eventually in Rosslare,” he said.

“If we crashed out on March 29, then the racing world would be in trouble in terms of movement.

“We are working very closely with the BHA and France Galop and at European level with all the different authorities.

“The key thing for us is the industry is mostly rural, and the export element of selling horses is a huge part of the Irish rural economy.”

Top jumps trainer Nicky Henderson echoes concerns about the movement of horses, and is equally troubled about the effect on stable-staff numbers in the UK.

He told Racing TV: “It’s a worrying situation. I’m no politician, but from racing’s stand there are two major issues as I see it.

“One is the borders – moving horses from A to B between Ireland, England and France. We do that on a regular basis, and if they’re going to sit on the dock sides for hours waiting for paperwork that is going to be an enormous inconvenience.

“Secondly is the issue of stable staffing, and we all rely quite heavily on people from overseas. Whether that includes Ireland, I don’t know, but Eastern Europeans as well.

“I employ a few and I’m worried we might lose them, but even more so I think they are worried that they might have to go back home. That would not only make the situation worse for us, but I don’t think they want that either.”

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Theresa May



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- from his first crop to race in SA

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SEASON	HORSE	RACE
2008	Exhilaration	2 c Premier's Champion S.
2010	Emerald Cove	3 f Paddock S.
2010	<b>Shea Shea</b>	3 c Golden Horse Sprint
2011	Thunder Dance	3 f Paddock S.
2011	<b>Shea Shea</b>	4 c Computaform Sprint
2012	<b>Shea Shea</b>	5 c Al Quoz Sprint UAE
2012	Thunder Dance	4 f Empress Club S.
2012	<b>Vercingetorix</b>	3 c Daily News 2000
2012	For The Lads	2 f Golden Slipper
2013	Hill Fifty Four	5 c Met
2013	<b>Vercingetorix</b>	4 c Jebel Hatta UAE
2013	<b>Carry On Alice</b>	2 f SA Nursery
2013	<b>Same Jurisdiction</b>	2 f Thekwini S.
2014	<b>Seventh Plain</b>	2 c Gold Medallion
2014	<b>Carry On Alice</b>	3 f SA Fillies Sprint
2014	<b>Seventh Plain</b>	2 c Golden Horseshoe
2014	<b>Same Jurisdiction</b>	3 f Garden Province S.
2015	<b>Carry On Alice</b>	4 f Computaform Sprint
2015	<b>Always In Charge</b>	2 c Gold Medallion
2015	Real Princess	4 f SA Fillies Sprint
2016	<b>Just Sensual</b>	3 f Cape Fillies Guineas
2016	William Longsword	3 c Cape Guineas
2016	<b>Carry On Alice</b>	5 f Cape Flying Ch'ship
2016	<b>Edict Of Nantes</b>	3 c Cape Derby
2016	<b>Carry On Alice</b>	5 f SA Fillies Sprint
2016	<b>Edict Of Nantes</b>	3 c Daily News 2000
2017	Lobo's Legend	3 c SA Classic

**CHAMPION**  
*Breeders* 12/13

**Timeform 127 in Dubai**

**CHAMPION**  
*Breeders* 13/14

**Equus Champion 3yo; sire**  
**Timeform 124 in Dubai**

**CHAMPION**  
*Breeders* 14/15

**Equus Champion 2yo**

**CHAMPION**  
*Breeders* 16/17

**Equus Champion 2yo**

**Equus Champion 3yo**

**Equus Champion Sprinter**  
**Equus Champion Older Mare**

**CHAMPION**  
*Breeders* 17/18

**Equus Champion 3yo**

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## Short Heads

There was plenty of emotion at Southwell on Sunday as Sir Mark Prescott was delighted to have his filly Eve Harrington – who survived jumping out of an aeroplane in her youth – claim a first career victory at her second start. The three-year-old was bought for \$200,000 as a yearling at Keeneland in September 2017 and Prescott travelled her back to Britain with the intention of selling her to a prospective owner. Arriving at Stansted Airport, she managed to get loose on the plane and ended up on the tarmac. Thanks to the vets, she survived but is also officially the most expensive horse raced by Prescott after all the bills. But she looks promising.



### WE'LL KLINK TO THAT

Apprentice Nathan Klink celebrated the biggest day of his short career to date when he brought home a nicely taken treble for trainer Bill Human at Flamingo Park on Monday. Klink, who much like colleague Diego De Gouveia came through the ranks as a mature student, also rode his first winner for the same yard at this venue. That was on 16 July 2018 aboard the 3yo Nico's Chick in the silks of owner-breeder Nico van Niek-erk. He had his first ride under rules on 5 April last year. He claims 2,5kgs and has ridden 21 winners to date.

### Winx Is Back

Aussie superstar Winx has opened favourite for her anticipated return in the Gr2 Apollo Stakes to be run over 1400m on February 16. The four-time Cox Plate winner made her first public appearance since her record-breaking win at Moonee Valley in October, finishing seventh of 10 in a Rosehill trial last Tuesday. She won the Apollo in 2016 and 2017 – but missed last year due to a schedule alteration.

### Quality Or Quantity?

While the Sun Met field size has disappointed some, spare a thought for the organisers of Saturday's Gr1 Matchbook Clarence House Chase at Ascot. Altior and Fox Norton were joined by just Un De Sceaux and Diego Du Charmil as the only four to survive the forfeit stage on Monday for Saturday's Gr1. There were nine entries initially for this weekend's highlight at Ascot, but the race is guaranteed to have its smallest field since its status was upped to the top level in 2008, having been run as a Gr2 limited handicap before that.

### He's A Jock

Reigning champion jockey Lyle Hewitson registered his first win since qualifying as a jockey when scoring on Malinda in the second at Fairview last Friday. The favourite in the race, she was trained by Yvette Bremner. Lyle's new agent Deez Dyanand will only be responsible for rides outside of Gauteng and the Eastern Cape.

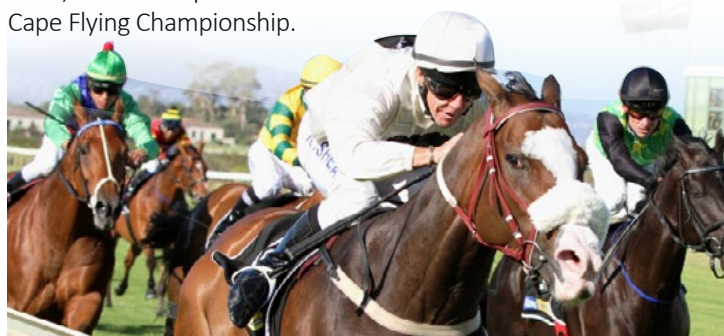


Gold Circle

### DIEGO ON THE UP

Diego de Gouveia is another apprentice that has just qualified as a fully fledged jockey. He initially dropped out of the academy in 2012 and landed up back there in 2015 via the back door of James Maree's work-riding programme and the Zimbabwe Jockey Academy. He rode his first winner on Sunday 14 February 2016 at Scottsville on Mustang Sonny for Lezeanne Forbes. He has ridden 80 winners to date – 14 of which have been this season.

**African Gold** Var's former Equus Champion daughter Via Africa made her presence felt on the second day of the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale last week. Her first foal, a colt by Redoute's Choice, fetched A\$320 000 – or the equivalent of more than R3.1 million, at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Consigned by Newhaven Park (As Agent), the colt, who was catalogued as Lot 268, was sold to Summit Racing Australia. Via Africa won ten of 16 outings in South Africa and earned in excess of R2.4 million. Trained by Duncan Howells, the Andre Hauptfleisch bred and part-owned Via Africa won the Gr1 South African Fillies Sprint, in both 2013 and 2014, and also captured the 2014 Gr1 Cape Flying Championship.



### KZN BC - AGM

The KZN Breeders Club AGM will take place on Tuesday 29 January at 11h00 at the Nottingham Road Hotel. An Agenda and nominations / resignations of Directors and the finalised Annual Financial Statements will be advised in due course. RSVP to candiesemarnewick@gmail.com for catering purposes.

### Deadline

A reminder that entries for the BSA Mixed Sale at Shongweni on 26 February close on Monday 21 January. Enquiries Ashley de Klerk – equine@bsa.co.za, or get the forms on www.bsa.co.za



## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE 2019



AS AGENT

### LOT 4

ALMOST WINTER colt by  
WHAT A WINTER - ALMOST HEAVEN  
by TRIPPI (USA)



### LOT 56

FIREALLEY colt by  
FLOWER ALLEY (USA) - FIRE SPINNER (IRE)  
by GALILEO (IRE)



AS AGENT

### LOT 78

UNNAMED filly by  
DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) - HOT NUMBER  
by SPORTSWORLD (USA)



AS AGENT

### LOT 84

JUST PHENOMENAL colt by  
PHILANTHROPIST (USA) - JAMBALAYA  
by SILVANO (GER)



### LOT 91

FALCON colt by  
DYNASTY - LANNER FALCON  
by TRIPPI (USA)



### LOT 103

RED TEN colt by  
ELUSIVE FORT - MADAME ROONEY  
by WINDRUSH (USA)



### LOT 104

COURTROOM MAGIC colt by  
GREYS INN (USA) - MAGIC APPROACH  
by RIGHT APPROACH (GB)



### LOT 128

PACIFIC DUKE colt by  
DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) - PACIFIC  
DYNASTY by DYNASTY



### LOT 134

DUKE OF SUSSEX colt by  
DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) - PEMBA  
ISLAND by TRIPPI (USA)



## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE 2019



AS AGENT

### LOT 162

UNNAMED colt by  
FLOWER ALLEY (USA) - SAVANNAH LEIGH  
by JET MASTER



### LOT 173

PRIDE OFFRANSCHHOEK colt by  
IDEAL WORLD (USA) - SERRURIA (GB)  
by GALILEO (IRE)



AS AGENT

### LOT 177

SIREN OF GREECE filly by  
DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) - SIREN'S CALL  
by ELUSIVE FORT



AS AGENT

### LOT 183

DONTWORRYBEHAPPY filly by  
DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) - SONG OF  
HAPPINESS by GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (USA)



### LOT 184

LONG DAY'S JOURNEY colt by  
TRIPIPI (USA) - SPICED GOLD  
by KAHAL (GB)



### LOT 202

UNFORGIVING MINUTE colt by  
SILVANO (GER) - TICK TOCK  
by CAPTAIN AL

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## PERSONALITY

# Cape Racing's *Sugar n Spice*

## Fiona Ramsden

**A genuine horsey grounding and love of the sport, rather than a one dimensional sick-for-the-game punting mentality probably makes for the best balanced Tellytrack presenters. And when they are presentable, credible, educated and eloquent too, then we have the complete package.**

**Cape racing boasts one such rising TV star in the shape of Fiona Ramsden.**

The broader South African horseracing television landscape is littered with the memories of those that didn't quite make the grade. Maybe they thought that standing in front of a camera and winging it was a walk in the park and the fast-track to a cushy job entailing limited working hours and decent cash. That's definitely not the case.

It's really an occupation where the depths of the soul, even a stain on the shirt, and every conceivable personality flaw and irritating nervous twitch, is exposed to the world.

Fiona 'Fee' Ramsden turns 49 on Saturday 19 January.

Better known as the one-time better half of former Cape champion trainer Joey Ramsden, the graceful lady with poise and a face made for movies has reinvented herself in recent years and is all of the popular stereotype of the modern working Mom to two beautiful daughters.

"Circumstances change. We don't always choose to go down certain roads in our lives. But I have enjoyed the challenges I have faced and in fact am loving the pressure of the additional television work."

While it is difficult to believe that Fiona has been on our small screens since

2006, when she first got involved doing Under Starters Orders and various inserts for Tellytrack along with sponsor interviews for the big races, she has raised her profile in recent months.

"I moved on to do fashion and celebrity interviews on the big days and also interviewing the Jockeys, sometimes on horseback on the course. More recently in the past three years, Grant Knowles very kindly asked me to work for his show 'Breeding To Win' and got me involved as a full-time Tellytrack presenter. The Breeding To Win Team are great to work with and it has been a wonderful opportunity for me."

The England-born Fiona Alexandra Haynes was brought up on a farm in Wiltshire.

"My father Edward was a small trainer, so I was lucky enough to be surrounded by animals and horses from early on. I went to school at Warneford High and later went to Regent Circus College."

The Haynes family were all involved in the equestrian pursuits.

"We had ponies and I rode from a very early age starting in the Pony Club. I always wanted to get into racing and I rode as an amateur rider, which was great fun. I won the Newmarket Town Plate on my parent's horse, which was a highlight. I was also lucky enough to work for Barry Hills for four years when he was at Manton for Robert Sangster. When I think back, I remember what an amazing set up it was and truly a privilege to work in such great facilities," she recalls fondly.

She was working for Jack and Lynda Ramsden in North Yorkshire when she met their good son Joey, who had returned from his world travels and decided to come home from South Africa.

JR, as he is affectionately known as a top Milnerton trainer these days, ran a satellite yard in Southwell for his family.

"A year later we went to SA together and in 1995 Goodhope Racing, still going strong today, was launched."



## FIONA RAMSDEN

Fiona, a people person by her very nature, was a key factor in the establishment of the fledgeling business.

She did the marketing, mailed the accounts, rode the work. We asked if she ever missed those days.

"Oh yes I miss that time. Having been with Goodhope Racing from the outset, it was naturally a sad chapter of my life to wave goodbye to. But still being involved in the industry, I am lucky enough to be surrounded by horses, interesting people and friendly faces – all of whom have all been incredibly supportive of my role which I enjoy very much."

What does an average working week in the life of Fee, entail?

"The Breeding To Win show is broadcast weekly on a Sunday. So at the beginning of the week I plan where we are going in terms of farms, trainers etc. We usually have about three bookings a week. Then there is the racing, which is usually twice a week- and my dear Holly (12) and Zara (9) have their schooling and sporting commitments. So it's quite a juggling act – but I get so much joy out of them and watching them grow up so quickly. I like the fact that my job allows me to spend as much time with them as possible.

I try my best not to miss school runs and special events. It's so much more stimulating to be busy than to be bored, I'd say!" she laughs.

She then concedes that Holly and Zara are not her greatest critics or most ardent supporters.

"It would be nice to get some feedback like- 'Mum you were great- or you looked terrible'. Instead they would rather watch Disney, than channel 239!"

Fiona had no formal broadcasting training, but has come on leaps and bounds in terms of confidence and on-screen professionalism.

"In the early days I was pretty much self-taught. But since the advent of my recent full time employment with Tellytrack, Grant Knowles and Stan Elley have been a great help. They are really good people to work with," she adds.

We tried to understand whether it is simply a case of being oneself in front of the camera.

"As my confidence has grown I have become far more natural and relaxed. As for the make-up, that always goes on!" she laughs.

Who dresses Fee for the big days?

"I dress myself. I did have a sponsor a couple of years ago for a season. But sponsors are hard to find and understandably, there is not much in it for them."

We asked her if she had modelled yourself on any big name TV personality.

"Not really. I would like to personally continue improving and encourage new ideas. I have always liked the concepts of ITV racing in

the UK where the presenters get involved out on the course and in the parade ring. I guess Clare Balding would be a good role model. She is extremely knowledgeable in all sports and speaks so well!"

Surely there is no stress in a job where one just has to look good and ask questions?

"One grows in confidence and stature, but thorough preparation is very important, believe me! For Breeding To Win I used to get a bit stressed and write scripts- but as my overall confidence has grown, I've lost the notes. I usually know who I am interviewing and have a grasp of the subject matter. I like to prepare for the trainers on race days though and spend time going through each race."

She says that she studies a lot more form than she used to.

"But my main focus is lining up the trainers to chat and looking at the horses in the parade ring. I'm not a betting person and I leave the hard core stuff to Grant (Knowles) and Stan (Elley)."

We taxed her about the feedback from Joe Public.

"I have been very lucky. I have had a lot of positive and kind feedback – that's what I have heard anyway! It's unfortunately a job where you are up for criticism. I have a long way to go, I'm hopefully improving and I always listen to any criticism constructively."

Fee says that while she is excited and looking forward to Sun Met day, the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate festival was a major highlight. "It is so tastefully done and the dress code is very classy and elegant. There are some great sponsors on board and it's the time of year when my fellow Englishmen are in town! So a lot of fun too!"

On the Met, she feels that all eyes will be on Do It Again.

"He looks the one but what an exciting season we have had so far. The Green Point was a phenomenal finish and what a great field we had for the Queen's Plate. I think Rainbow Bridge will run a cracker if things go his way. If only he had a more relaxed temperament," she muses.

She then points out that next week is a busy one.

"The Cape Premier Yearling Sale is a pre Met highlight. I will be there doing interviews for Breeding To Win. International buyers are expected and hopefully it will be a good sale. It's certainly a good catalogue and CTS always put on a grand show. We have been out and about filming some of the drafts and we have seen some very nice yearlings," she adds.

So it's hectic days for our busy TV star. As we get up to leave, we ask her whether she will ever consider packing up and going back to the UK?

"It's always at the back of my mind as all my family are there. The racing and sport is also top-class. I've been in Cape Town for 23 years already and it's become home. It's a lovely place to live, so I am really very torn deep down. But I try and go home – my original home- once a year, which is nice."



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#6 half sister to Gr1 placed Gr2 winner **DESERT RHYTHM**, out of winning half sister to multiple Gr1 placed **Lion Tamer** (*Klawervlei Stud*)

#7 colt, second foal of Gr2/Gr3 placed Gr3 winner **AMBER ORCHID** (by **DUBAWI**) from black type international family (*Klawervlei Stud*)

#10 half sister to 2 winners in UK, their dam half sister to dam of Irish 1000 Guineas winner **SAMITAR** (*Klawervlei Stud*)

#96 half sister to 4 winners incl stakes placed **Leeway**, their dam (by Lear Fan) a multiple winner in USA (*Narrow Creek Stud*)

#108 half brother to 2 winners, their dam winning half sister to Gr3 winner **MISS ETHICS** (*Normandy Stud*)

#149 filly, 2<sup>nd</sup> foal of 2-time winning half sister to Gr1 placed Gr2 winner **VEILED ESSENCE** (*Klawervlei Stud*)

#211 half sister to 2 multiple winners, their dam winning daughter of Australian Champion Sire **FLYING SPUR**, and from female line of Gr1 sires **LONHRO**, **GROSVENOR** (*Klawervlei Stud*)



# POMODORO

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## Creating New Dynasties

**Four-time Gr1 winner Legislate (Dynasty), who had fertility problems and made a brief return to racing, has two representatives on the sale in Sorrento Stud's Wall Street Warrior (Lot 18) and an unnamed filly from Rosedene Stud (Lot 161).**

Stallion manager John Freeman commented: "Legislate is standing with Vaughan Koster at Chevely Stud, he managed to get a small book of mares all in foal this season and the few he has on the ground look fantastic, they will be rare and are well worth looking at."



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Another four-time Gr1 winning son of Dynasty is Futura of whom Freeman said: "Of all the sons of Dynasty he looks most like his dad and of course he was a magnificent racehorse who broke a long-standing track record when he won the Gr1 Champions Cup. He is my dream horse and we're expecting big things."

"Last year we had many calls from breeders reporting how nice their Futura foals were, so much so that we called a competition in which the breeders presented their photos. Jan Mantel won it with a Futura from Millstream Farm but there were others in the hunt, like Pippa Mickleburgh from Avontuur who raved about one born at her farm. They're good lookers and if you look at Futura's exceptional race record we are sure they will be good runners too."

The Avontuur yearling noted above is none other than Lot 215 Avenir, by Futura from Varsity Queen, from the family of international performer Mastermind, and Schiffer.



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## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

# Bidding To Be The Best

**CTS CEO Wehann Smith presides over his second Cape Premier Yearling as the innovative sales company presents the ninth renewal of an annual event that turned our thoroughbred marketing landscape on its head when breaking ground in 2011.**



Wehann Smith

Based in the heart of one of the world's most beautiful cities, the Cape Premier Yearling Sale rides on the majestic back of the very best that the Mother City has to offer in a first-world experience that is sweetly timed in the week of the R5 million Sun Met – South Africa's premier racing and social event.

Smith, an actuary by qualification, was appointed CEO in September 2017. The man who founded a major insurance industry player in Kuda Holdings in 2009, brought an eclectic mix of corporate acumen, sales synergy and common sense to the CTS table – but probably most importantly, a passion for the racehorse.

"It's been an exciting ride so far. Selling thoroughbreds is a dynamic and demanding pursuit that requires flexibility, foresight and some good fortune. It's in the nature of the game that we are subject to the vagaries of so many external uncontrollable factors. That's why we have to have world-class housekeeping at the top of our priority list."

He concedes that while the landscape has changed in his sixteen months at the helm, very little has actually changed in terms of CTS' customer orientated philosophies.

We asked him why the move to shift the 2019 sale timing, and the shrink from two days to one.

"We took a broad view of it and given all the factors, it made good sense to adapt. Many have indicated a wish to attend the Karaka Book 1 Sale in New Zealand, which starts at 15h00 on Sunday 27 January. So that was a consideration. Then the Met is an internationally renowned horse race and having our sale in the week this great race is run is an added bonus for visitors."

As regards the dropping of a second day, Smith points out that, while the first day was historically well attended, the second session was often the poor cousin with shades of the post adrenaline 'after-party'.

"The opening was always charged with excitement. Then the second day was off the dizzy high and was a bit flat. We have easily managed 250 lots comfortably in a session, so Wednesday's 226 will be no problem at all."

The recent Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale had shown the benefits of a strong international buying bench.

"Yes, every sale needs a mix of local and outside buyers. In hard currency terms, the Cape Premier Yearling Sale is one of the best value sales on earth in terms of value and quality. We hear that there is some great news around the corner on the export protocol progress front. All told, have a very attractive product and every week we see how our horses are competitive globally."

Smith says that there will definitely be an increased amount of foreign buyers here this week.

He confirmed that the CTS team had made strides with their marketing efforts in the UK, France and Hong Kong. "Our inward buyer incentive has attracted plenty of interest. We breed top horses. Cape Town is an attractive visitor destination. So we try and offer an all-round package that rounds off the experience."

The logistics of getting 226 yearlings housed and settled in a city environment has been mastered by breeders. We asked if CTS were on top of things.

"Yes, it was a daunting task initially, but it's a lot smoother now. Anne Dalton of Agri-Expo has mastered the stabling and internal infrastructure. They arrive on Thursday 18 January and the entire operation has to be out and the venue handed over by Met day, 26 January. We leave that exercise to the professionals!"

Smith said that the established auctioneering team of John O'Kelly, Andrew Miller and Grant Burns would be doing duty again. O'Kelly is one of the world's most respected auctioneers. Miller is a household name at South African auctions and both vendors and buyers have been very impressed by Grant Burns's style.

On the catalogue itself, Smith said that he would leave the analysis in the capable hands of the Sporting Post and the experts.

"I know it may sound clichéd, but it really is a balanced catalogue with great depth amongst the dam lines. We have the established champion sires and the exciting new men. We also have international sires in the mix. And it's the last chance to buy a Captain Al from the Cape Premier Yearling Sale. So there may be some interesting sentimental bidding for the champion's last 9 lots!"



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## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

## The First Blow!

**At the top of the list of the five first-season sires represented at the CPYS, with no fewer than 19 yearlings on offer, is Coup De Grace, the only son of US superstar Tapit at stud in South Africa, and a resident of Klawervlei Stud.**

A top class sprinter, who ranked among the leaders of his generation, Coup De Grace's five victories included the Gr2 Amsterdam Stakes and the historic Gr3 Bay Shore Stakes. He also won the Oh Say Stakes and ran a close up third in the Gr1 King's Bishop Stakes at Saratoga.



Coup De Grace

John Koster of Klawervlei commented: "Coup De Grace was always going to get some good mares to get him going, but he got lucky too. When Captain Al started becoming infertile, we swung some of the old champion's mares the way of our new stallion, so he's covered some star mares and we're pleased with what he has produced.

"Coup De Grace has thrown high class yearlings with lots of quality, they are very athletic and correct with huge quarters, and he has stamped them. Many are beautiful chestnut horses with white marks in the face, which comes from his Storm Cat female line.

"The reason why we got so many approved for the sale is that they are forward horses, precocious and should show quick returns, but they do have the length of body to train on into milers," said Koster.

Among several Koster holds in high regard, he mentioned Lot 31, an unnamed Coup De Grace filly from a half-sister to star three-year-old One World. "She's a 'bomb'," he assessed.

He is also excited about Lot 29, an unnamed filly from Consensual and hence a half-sister to former champion three-year-old filly Just Sensual.

"All the Coup De Grace foals are beautiful, come and see them at the sale," said Koster and added: "Duncan Barry at Riverton also has a smart colt, he is from the mare Serious Side, a half-brother to Captain Of All, that should tell you enough!"

## Always Royal – That's Ascot

**Ascot Stud's Global View (Galileo), is receiving the kind of support breeder Ashley Parker could only have dreamed of in the prevailing economic climate.**

Global View covered 134 mares in his first season and 106 in his second season and Parker says: "Breeders like the Galileo/Storm Cat cross in his pedigree, because it produces milers with good speed. We are very happy with what we've seen, the various inspectors have given Global View's progeny high scores, they've been gob-smacked by the quality he has thrown. They are smart horses. Our CTS Premier Sale filly Global Appeal (Lot 189) scored a 9 ½ out of 10, she's a half-sister to last Saturday's Gr3 winner Storm Destiny, a beautiful black filly."

"Our colt is Lot 66, Grand Escape, a big strong individual, a half-brother to sprinter Mary O'Reilly and the stayer Grand Silvano."

The third Global View on sale is Lot 60, an unnamed colt from Klawervlei Stud from the family of Marinaresco, who won the July and has his first run next month in Dubai, and the well-performed Bulsara.

## Looking For A Louis?

**Sorrento Stud's exciting young SA Triple Crown winning stallion Louis The King has two lots offered at his first Cape Premier Yearling Sale.**

A son of dual Gr1 winning Storm Cat son Black Minnaloushe, the Geoff Woodruff-trained Louis The King won or placed in 11 of his 15 outings, with his notable triumphs including the 2014 SA Triple Crown and the 2014 Gr1 Sansui Summer Cup.

Not only did Louis The King win the G1 SA Derby, G1 SA Classic, and G2 Gauteng Guineas, but the charismatic bay also captured the 2014 Sea Cottage Stakes.

Out of the Rich Man's Gold mare Pamushana, Louis The King is a direct descendant of one of history's greatest mares – Pretty Polly. Annabel Andrews reports on their famous freshman sire: "He covered 40 mares in his first crop, we were happy with that, and all his progeny are blessed with the same beautiful temperament.

"Louis The King's pair at CPYS are both first foals, both magnificent specimens. We have Lot 136, Romy Lee, she's a flashy daughter of Picardi Pink, by Western Winter. She was a leader in the camp from her early days. "The other is a colt called Pamushana's Pride (from an Ideal World mare). He is just magic, a big, strapping colt, very correct."



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## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

## First Sale

**New on the block at this year's Cape Premier Yearling Sale is Evergreen Farm of Paarl, managed by Inel Bekker of The Alchemy fame.**

Evergreen has consigned two yearlings, a filly and a colt, and Bekker said they are both quality types.

Lot 132 is a filly by Twice Over from Pearl Princess by champion broodmare sire Fort Wood. "She's a lovely, scopy filly that moves well, a good prospect," assessed Bekker.

Lot 197 is a colt by Vercingetorix from Te Gusta, by Western Winter, from the immediate family of speedballs Barcelona Baby and Lady Of Cadiz and the recent stakes winning miler/stayer, Warfarer. "He's another that moves well, in my view not as scopy as our filly, but he has good girth and strong hindquarters.

There is plenty of excitement about Vercingetorix.

The Maine Chance Silvano stallion got off the mark with just his second runner when Vaughan Marshall's Fearless Warrior caught the eye on debut in a Maiden Juvenile Plate run over 1000m at Kenilworth in December. Interestingly, an hour earlier, Vercingetorix' first runner Astrix showed pace on his debut to finish third in an 800m scurry at Turffontein.

Astrix has subsequently won.

Vercingetorix has 7 lots on the sale and was Equus Champion of 2012-2013 and unbeaten in South Africa where he won both the Gr1 Daily News 2000 and Gr2 KZN Guineas.

Exported to Dubai, Vercingetorix won the Gr1 Jebel Hatta and Gr2 Al Rashidiya and also finished second in the Gr1 Dubai Duty Free where he accounted for the international Gr1 winners Dank, Mshawish, Hunter's Light and The Fugue.

One of 20 Gr1 winners sired by fellow Maine Chance resident Silvano, Vercingetorix is one of two graded stakes winners produced by National Assembly matron National Vixen.

## Lots To Crowe About

**Scottish natives, Walter and Fran Cowe, manage respective stud farms in Robertson, both in the vicinity of Highlands Farm.**

Walter is in charge at Black Swan Stud and manages most of the stud interests of owner Peter de Beyer and Fran is just down the road at Arran Stud. The studs are both represented at the 2019 Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

Walter, steeped in thoroughbred breeding and stud management, worked for Lord Howard D Walden and Lord Derby before joining Sir Philip and Anthony Oppenheimer and managing their Cheveley Stud at Newmarket for 21 years.

Fran, also vastly experienced at stud management, started as a work rider at Newmarket and has been around horses most of her life.

Black Swan offers two fillies and a colt and Walter says the colt (Lot 54) is "magnificent". He is by Elusive Fort and is a half-brother to the accomplished, exported Last Winter, second in the 2017 Sun Met. "He's is a correct foal, an excellent walker with a lovely temperament," said Walter.

The fillies are Lot 36, an unnamed What A Winter filly from a mare by Royal Applause – "she looks like a fast type, she walks well too," and Lot 58, a half-sister by Vercingetorix to Forest Fox, from the family of Futura and Angelina. "She's a big filly, a typical Vercingetorix and I think buyers will like her."

Fran tells about Arran's Lot 82, Mama Pyjama: "She's a half-sister to Graded winner Temple Grafina, a filly we're hoping will win the CTS Sprint. She has her sire's dark bay coat, a lovely filly.

Lot 163 is Jasmine, by the much vaunted freshman Futura from Scent From Above, a half-sister to stakes-placed stayer, Alexander. "She's very nice," said Fran.

## Brothers & Sisters

**The public fascination with superstar dual SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle hits another high just three days after the Cape Premier Yearling Sale when Legal Eagle steps out in the Sun Met to try and rebuild his invincibility after being beaten into fourth in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate in the first week of January.**

And what a way to get the Cape Premier Yearling Sale under way than with #1, Princess Thiana, a full-sister to the multiple Horse Of The Year and champion miler Legal Eagle, who won the recent sensational Gr2 Green Point Stakes. The filly is by Grey's Inn from Young Sensation (National Emblem) and has been consigned by Klawervlei, as agent.

Lot 55, from Riverton Stud, is an unnamed colt by Elusive Fort from Fiesta Queen (Parade Leader). His half-brother Gimme One Night won December's Gr3 Cape Summer Stayers and followed up in the Gr3 Chairman's Cup on L'Ormarins Queen's Day. He looks a big runner in the New Turf Carriers Reserve Stayers on Met Day.

Lot 95 is Lemon N Lime, by Elusive Fort from Lemon Drop Girl, by Parade Leader, raised by Dr Ian Heyns. He's a full brother to Geoff Woodruff's top staying filly and SA Oaks winner Secret Potion, who lowered the colours of Cascapedia in a minor feature at Turffontein before finishing in the money in the Gr1 Summer Cup, narrowly missing the first four.

Avontuur Stud's Delta Queen (Lot 152) is a daughter of VAR and the international performer River Jetez, which makes her a full sister to Rivarine, who won the Listed Golden Loom Sprint at Turffontein in November.

Long Day's Journey (Lot 184), a graduate of Drakenstein Stud, comes up in the latter part of the auction. He's a full-brother to multiple Gr3 winner and top-level performer Chimichuri Run, victorious in the Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes at Turffontein and a chestnut, like his brother. Chimichuri Run, who was runner-up in the Concorde Stakes in November, runs in one of the R5 million CTS races on Met Day.

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## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

## SALES

# More Variety?

**Anton Shepherd of Beaumont Stud, who turned 50 at the end of last month, holds the rare honour of breeding an international superstar in the form of Variety Club. He has three yearlings on offer at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale.**

One of the stalwarts of the Cape Breeding ranks, Anton was born into the racing game on the breeding side of the business. His father was one of the founder members of Knavesmire Stud and he grew up watching greats like Prince Florimund, Hawkins, Wichita, Last Dance and War Ribbon.

Shepherd said that his unnamed son of Jackson (Lot 65), was a scopy colt bred from the Canadian mare Glowing Amber, who is a half-sister to the 2016 Preakness Stakes winner, Exaggerator. "He's big, like his dam, and he's a good mover," said Shepherd.

Lot 55 is a "medium-sized" son of Captain Of All. "Let's call him the 'pocket rocket'," said Shepherd. He looks like speed will be his game, he will come early."

Of Lot 131, an unnamed filly by Philanthropist, he remarked: "I can't say anything else other than 'magnificent'. This filly is not only from the great family of Trademark and Super Brand, but she's a half-sister to a Gr1 winner in Chestnuts N Pearls. She's a big, quality filly, she has everything!"

## Southern Hemisphere Yearling Sale Record Set

**The 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale has been confirmed as the best ever with records tumbling across the board during a sensational six days of selling which concluded on Monday.**

On Monday over \$1.7 million was grossed across Book Three of the Gold Coast Yearling Sale and the Gold Coast Summer Racehorse Sale.

Headlined by the \$230,000 sale of group winner Spectroscope by Godolphin to Tosh Murphy, the Summer Racehorse Sale confirmed itself as Australia's premier summer source of racehorses with strong prices.

The average price for the Racehorse Sale was almost \$41,000 and the clearance rate was over 95 per cent.

Godolphin, fresh off winning Saturday's The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Classic with Exhilarates, provided the top nine sellers on the final day.

Their other six figure sellers were Astoria (\$145,000 to Jack Pakis), Lava (\$115,000 to Edward Cummings), Beau Geste (\$100,000 to Te Akau Racing) and Hemsted (\$100,000 to Roy Sergi).

Across all six days of selling some \$182,415,888 was grossed on 934 lots sold. The clearance rate was 86 per cent.

The Gold Coast Yearling Sale alone grossed \$180.8 million - a new Southern Hemisphere record for a yearling sale - eclipsing last year's record aggregate.

"Today was a great way to finish off what has been an incredibly successful carnival," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said.

The Magic Millions sales focus next switches west for the Perth Yearling Sale (February 18-19) followed quickly by the Tasmanian Yearling Sale (February 25), the Adelaide Yearling Sale (March 12-13) before returning to the Gold Coast for the March Yearling Sale (March 18-19).

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# Young Guns To Step Up In 2019

**A number of young South African based stallions have made promising starts with their first runners in 2018-2019.**

Heading the way is former Equus Champion Vercingetorix, whose first two runners, Fearless Warrior and Astrix, both won.

Vercingetorix, whose multiple champion sire Silvano is also the sire of Bold Silvano – sire of Gr1 winner Bold Respect, is currently, as things stand, South Africa's Leading First Crop Sire – an auspicious start for a horse who himself was unraced at two.

Also currently third on the Leading Sires of 2YOs List, Vercingetorix has a large first crop of 2yos representing him this year and the former Gr1 Daily News 2000/Jebel Hatta winner looks on track for a bright future. The Equus Champion made an immediate impression with his first yearlings in 2018 making up to R2.2 million last year, and his good start has clearly carried into this season.

Remarkably, if the likes of Vercingetorix, Capetown Noir, Captain Of All or Soft Falling Rain ended up as Leading the First Crop Sires List for 2018-2019, it will be a third year in a row that a South African bred and raced stallion is Champion First Crop Sire, with Pomodoro and What A Winter having led that list the last two seasons.

## Hall Of Fame

The Australian bred multiple Gr1 winner Wylie Hall- who ran fourth to Vercingetorix in the 2013 Daily News 2000- is a horse who lacks little in pedigree terms, with his multiple champion sire Redoute's Choice already responsible for champion sire Snitzel and very successful stallions Not A Single Doubt and Stratum. The bay, who, like Elusive Fort and Pomodoro, won the Gr1 SA Derby, was another who never raced at two, but this did not prevent Wylie Hall from getting off the mark with his very first 2yo runner. Wylie Hall filly Wily Lass gave her sire the perfect start when winning first time out over 800m recently.

A half-brother to a top sprinter in the form of Absolute Champion, Wylie Hall is from a very potent female line, and he is a three-parts brother to the Redoute's Choice sired Australasian Oaks winner Anamato.

## Time Flies

Another son of Redoute's Choice whose first South African runners are two this season is Zeditave Stakes winner Time Thief. A three-parts brother to champion filly Laisserfaire and from the family of champion sire Centaine, Time Thief made his mark overseas through his Gr1 Galaxy winning millionaire daughter In Her Time. His first local starter, Rooi Tom, ran fifth at the Vaal over



Vercingetorix debut winner Fearless Warrior | Chase Liebenberg

800m when making his debut in December. Capetown Noir, who ironically ran second to Vercingetorix in the Gr2 KZN Guineas and third to that champion in the Gr1 Daily News 2000, made the perfect start when his first start, Brandina, won on debut over 800m in December. Another by the handsome bay, Doublethink, ran fourth on his second start and he could well give his sire another winner this season.

A former Equus Champion, Capetown Noir achieved the same Cape Guineas/Queen's Plate double as did multiple champion sire Jet Master, and the Summerhill Stud resident is out of regally bred Broodmare Of The Year, Akinfeet.

Should the triple G1 winning Capetown Noir head this year's First Crop Sires' List he would become the second son of Western Winter to do so in three years, with What A Winter having led that table in 2016-2017.

## Rainy Day

The sadly deceased Soft Falling Rain, whose sire National Assembly is also broodmare sire of Vercingetorix, was always expected to make a fast start, given that he was an Equus Champion at two and son of a sire noted for siring precocious and speedy stock. The brilliant Godolphin Mile/Joel Stakes winner's first two runners both ran creditably to place on their first outings, and Soft Falling Rain is said to have some very highly rated sorts back home. A half-brother to graded stakes winner Let It Rain, and out of a daughter of the outstanding Giant's Causeway, Soft Falling Rain looks sure to be out of the blocks very soon.

## Early Birds

Former Equus Champion Sprinter Captain Of All, one of the very best sons of deceased champion sire Captain Al, is another whose progeny are said to have been pleasing trainers. The triple Gr1 winner, who downed champions Carry On Alice and Legislate in the 2015 Gr1 Mercury Sprint, has already had three first crop runners, from his first four runners, in the money, and the former Gold Medallion winner is another who should be represented by his first winner very soon. Captain Of All represents a rare outcross for Northern Dancer and Mr Prospector line mares and hopefully he can continue the great success enjoyed by his much missed sire Captain Al.

With another exciting and well performed stallion in Flower Alley still to be represented by a first South African runner, the year 2019 could well prove a significant one for uncovering potential top SA sires for the future!

## BREEDING

## Var Burning Up The Track

**Avontuur's leading sire Var, whose broodmare daughters are building an increasingly impressive record, enjoyed yet another memorable weekend.**

The Gr1 winning son of Forest Wildcat had a trio of winners this past weekend, with Var's trio headed by a very impressive juvenile winner in the form of Cavivar. The latter caught the eye when downing the Snitzel filly Masaqaat by 2.25 lengths in a juvenile plate on debut over 1000m at Turffontein on Saturday.

Bred by Lammerskraal Stud, the 2yo Cavivar is trained by Sean Tarry and was ridden to victory by the Avontuur sponsored Lyle Hewitson.

Cavivar, a R325 000 buy from the 2018 National Yearling Sale, is another fine advert for the quality of 2yo that Var produces— and Var looks on track to defend his title of South Africa's Leading Sire of 2YOs- he has headed that list the past two seasons running.

Var also enjoyed success on Friday when his daughter Malinda romped home to shed her maiden impressively over 1300m for trainer Yvette Bremner and Lyle Hewitson at Fairview. The Piemonte Stud bred 3yo filly (bred on the same Var/Fort Wood cross as Gr1 winner Contador) has been the soul of consistency thus far, with Malinda having won or placed in eight of her nine starts.

Her half-sister Evelina provided Var with more success when that four-year-old filly picked up her fourth win, when scoring at Kenilworth on Saturday for trainer Andre Nel and owner-breeder Sabine Plattner. Evelina, who has now won or been second in each of her five last starts, is bred on the same Var/Western Winter cross as the high class performers Le Var, Winter Passion and Varallo.

The sire of Equus Champions Variety Club, Val De Ra and Via Africa, whose Redoute's Choice colt made \$320 000 at last week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale, Var has ten lots on next week's Cape Premier Yearling Sale including full-siblings to such high class stakes winners as Sommerlied, Rivarine and Tar Heel.

## Who Knows What The Future Holds?

**JP van der Merwe, who won the Met in 2016 on Smart Call, will be hoping that he can follow in the illustrious bootprints left by Australia bound Barend Vorster, who leaves Singapore after 15 great years.**

Vorster, who was crowned Singapore champion jockey at his first full season in 2004, came for three months and stayed 15 years. He was among six foreign jockeys who was granted a one-year licence renewal by the Singapore Turf Club in 2019. Others got six months and some were not extended.

"After riding in Singapore for so long, South Africa was not an option, and I felt I had to stay abroad. The decision was more based on family, and going forward, for my own career. Brendan is now 11, and we feel it's the right age to make new adjustments in life. Mentally, he can handle and adjust to a new lifestyle and new school system better," added Vorster.

Before him, a number of SA jockeys like Brisbane champion Jeff Lloyd, Robbie Fradd, Glyn Schofield and lately Keagan Latham have found the grass greener in Australia, but Vorster said he was not really jumping onto the bandwagon.

"It was through social media that I found out about Tony looking for a jockey. A friend of mine, Chris Taylor, a South African jockey in Australia, forwarded the advert that was posted on Racing.com," said Vorster who has been to the land Down Under as a tourist but never to ride.

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Sun 20 Jan	<b>(L) Michael Roberts Hcp</b> 1800m Scottsville (T)
Sat 26 Jan	<b>Gr1 Sun Met</b> 2000m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>Gr1 Betting World Flying Championship</b> 1000m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>Gr 1 Klawervlei Majorca S. F&amp;M)</b> 1600m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>Gr1 Investec Cape Derby (3yo's)</b> 2000m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>Gr2 Western Cape Stayers</b> 2800m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>(L) Summer Juvenile S.(2yo's)</b> 1000m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>The CTS 1200 (3yo's)(NBT)</b> 1200m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>The CTS 1600 (3yo's)(NBT)</b> 1600m Kenilworth (S)
Sat 2 Feb	<b>Gr2 Betting World Gauteng Guineas (3yo's)</b> 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas (3yo's)</b> 1600 Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Wolf Power 1600</b> 1600m Turffontein (I)

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16Jan	1168	1168	1126	555
15Jan	1170	1180	1130	109,900
14Jan	1126	1150	1126	15,451
11Jan	1150	1189	1100	10,510
10Jan	1100	1100	1100	914
09Jan	1100	1110	1051	19,898
08Jan	1100	1100	1070	21,365
07Jan	1070	1070	1070	500
04Jan	1075	1075	1075	2,200
03Jan	1100	1110	1000	17,203

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LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES														SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 13 January 2019			
Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes			
9,930,036	Klawervlei Stud	324	30,648	1142	91	103	28%	1	1	1%	315	28%	4	One World	409,375	4%	
8,409,137	Summerhill Stud	230	36,561	974	69	89	30%	3	3	4%	249	26%	4	Africa Rising	443,750	5%	
7,652,186	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	182	42,045	625	64	85	35%	3	4	5%	187	30%	2	Hawwaam	528,125	7%	
6,176,862	Highlands	119	51,906	455	44	59	37%	2	2	5%	133	29%	2	Front And Centre	795,625	13%	
5,518,662	Drakenstein Stud	102	54,105	342	34	42	33%	8	9	24%	120	35%	4	Oh Susanna	649,000	12%	
4,004,361	Varsfontein Stud	79	50,688	275	33	46	42%	2	2	6%	82	30%	4	Ghaalla	239,463	6%	
3,628,399	Maine Chance	113	32,110	362	36	41	32%	2	2	6%	80	22%	4	Silver Maple	168,350	5%	
3,475,050	Ascot Stud	68	51,104	267	26	34	38%	2	2	8%	80	30%	4	Coral Fever	725,000	21%	
3,441,575	La Plaisance Stud	73	47,145	214	26	36	36%	2	2	8%	79	37%	3	Head Honcho	313,750	9%	
3,431,236	Scott Bros	118	29,078	418	30	34	25%	1	1	3%	119	28%	1	Matador Man	240,750	7%	
3,371,000	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	94	35,862	343	28	33	30%	0	0	0%	94	27%	2	Bye Bye Rocket	519,000	15%	
3,326,287	Favour Stud	73	45,566	295	25	34	34%	2	3	8%	92	31%	1	Twist Of Fate	552,500	17%	
3,184,712	GJ Armitage	62	51,366	245	15	19	24%	2	3	13%	52	21%	2	Tilbury Fort	1,400,000	44%	
2,655,050	Lammerskraal Stud	61	43,525	208	22	26	36%	0	0	0%	70	34%	1	Pilou	213,125	8%	
2,622,388	Riverton Stud	30	87,413	113	10	15	33%	1	2	10%	35	31%	1	Cirillo	1,350,000	51%	
2,503,549	Moutonshoek	107	23,398	384	20	22	19%	0	0	0%	101	26%	3	Undercover Agent	192,500	8%	
2,195,362	Graystone Stud	29	75,702	167	11	13	38%	2	2	18%	63	38%	2	Dawn Assault	637,500	29%	

LEADING SIRES by STAKES														SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 13 January 2019			
Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes			
6,937,584	*Captain Al	124	55,948	430	46	53	37%	4	4	9%	162	38%	7	One World	409,375	6%	
6,795,837	Silvano	170	39,976	529	52	66	31%	4	5	8%	170	32%	7	Hawwaam	528,125	8%	
6,221,686	Dynasty	119	52,283	425	39	53	33%	2	2	5%	122	29%	8	Front And Centre	795,625	13%	
6,212,874	Var	157	39,572	554	57	67	36%	4	4	7%	176	32%	4	Schippers	339,975	5%	
5,530,799	Gimmethegreenlight	125	44,246	456	43	57	34%	4	5	9%	142	31%	3	Gimme One Night	381,300	7%	
4,618,963	Querari	102	45,284	357	33	46	32%	3	3	9%	102	29%	5	Head Honcho	313,750	7%	
4,568,550	Trippi	107	42,697	346	39	49	36%	3	3	8%	118	34%	2	Chimichuri Run	286,250	6%	
4,227,738	What A Winter	108	39,146	387	41	46	38%	1	2	2%	115	30%	2	Clouds Unfold	600,000	14%	
4,082,238	Twice Over	98	41,655	353	30	33	31%	2	2	7%	102	29%	1	Do It Again	977,500	24%	
4,043,261	*Sail From Seattle	111	36,426	417	38	50	34%	0	0	0%	117	28%	1	Puget Sound	176,950	4%	
3,864,512	*Horse Chestnut	77	50,188	280	17	27	22%	2	3	12%	74	26%	3	Tilbury Fort	1,400,000	36%	
3,762,499	Judpot	83	45,331	309	28	37	34%	1	1	4%	88	28%	2	Coral Fever	725,000	19%	
3,703,537	Oratorio	103	35,957	372	35	42	34%	0	0	0%	118	32%	0	Charlyman	209,800	6%	
3,550,900	Mambo In Seattle	91	39,021	358	30	38	33%	0	0	0%	125	35%	2	Noceur	224,750	6%	
3,414,625	Ideal World	88	38,803	327	30	36	34%	1	1	3%	89	27%	3	Rainbow Bridge	420,000	12%	
3,410,674	Pathfork	83	41,092	311	28	37	34%	0	0	0%	100	32%	3	Gorgeous Guest	217,350	6%	
2,941,400	Visionaire	95	30,962	371	20	22	21%	2	2	10%	84	23%	2	Africa Rising	443,750	15%	

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES														SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 13 January 2019			
Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes			
3,312,899	Dynasty	45	73,620	148	19	27	42%	2	2	11%	38	26%	3	Front And Centre	795,625	24%	
3,014,561	*Captain Al	53	56,879	177	21	26	40%	2	2	10%	70	40%	2	One World	409,375	14%	
2,776,550	What A Winter	58	47,872	218	26	30	45%	1	2	4%	66	30%	1	Clouds Unfold	600,000	22%	
2,680,775	Var	63	42,552	223	26	29	41%	1	1	4%	78	35%	2	Ghaalla	239,463	9%	
2,337,662	Pomodoro	34	68,755	107	11	13	32%	0	0	0%	26	24%	1	Cirillo	1,350,000	58%	
2,309,325	Gimmethegreenlight	50	46,187	171	19	23	38%	2	2	11%	55	32%	1	National Park	229,150	10%	
2,236,062	Master Of My Fate	61	36,657	208	14	18	23%	1	2	7%	61	29%	1	Twist Of Fate	552,500	25%	
1,983,437	Silvano	47	42,201	111	13	17	28%	1	2	8%	33	30%	1	Hawwaam	528,125	27%	
1,927,774	*Sail From Seattle	54	35,700	184	18	23	33%	0	0	0%	54	29%	0	American Hustle	164,762	9%	
1,876,300	Querari	48	49,376	144	14	21	37%	1	1	7%	47	33%	2	Pleasedtomeetyou	267,250	14%	
1,580,300	Twice Over	60	26,338	210	14	15	23%	0	0	0%	55	26%	0	Second Request	295,750	19%	
1,578,175	Oratorio	46	34,308	168	18	19	39%	0	0	0%	50	30%	0	Cantata	98,000	6%	
1,567,863	Duke Of Marmalade	54	29,035	164	12	16	22%	1	1	8%	48	29%	2	Princess Irene	231,625	15%	
1,555,187	Visionaire	49	31,739	182	14	14	29%	0	0	0%	42	23%	2	Vi Va Pi Pa	284,750	18%	
1,517,624	Pathfork	34	44,636	128	12	14	35%	0	0	0%	52	41%	3	Mr Flood	134,549	9%	

LEADING SIRES by AEPR														SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 13 January 2019				with 20 or more rnr	
Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes					
2,405,287	Pomodoro	37	65,008	110	12	14	32%	0	0	0%	26	24%	1	Cirillo	1,350,000	56%			
1,682,187	*Fort Wood	30	56,073	119	12	18	40%	1	1	8%	48	40%	1	Benjan	190,450	11%			
6,937,584	*Captain Al	124	55,948	430	46	53	37%	4	4	9%	162	38%	7	One World	409,375	6%			
2,001,988	*Await The Dawn	36	55,611	183	18	22	50%	0	0	0%	60	33%	0	Come The Day	250,725	13%			
6,221,686	Dynasty	119	52,283	425	39	53	33%	2	2	5%	122	29%	8	Front And Centre	795,625	13%			
1,384,249	Potala Palace	27	51,268	99	13	17	48%	0	0	0%	23	23%	1	Palace Chapel	209,449	15%			
3,864,512	*Horse Chestnut	77	50,188	280	17	27	22%	2	3	12%	74	26%	3	Tilbury Fort	1,400,000	36%			
1,090,313	Traffic Guard	24	45,430	100	11	14	46%	0	0	0%	29	29%	0	Amber Furst	150,075	14%			
3,762,499	Judpot	83	45,331	309	28	37	34%	1	1	4%	88	28%	2	Coral Fever	725,000	19%			
4,618,963	Querari	102	45,284	357	33	46	32%	3	3	9%	102	29%	5	Head Honcho	313,750	7%			
5,530,799	Gimmethegreenlight	125	44,246	456	43	57	34%	4	5	9%	142	31%	3	Gimme One Night	381,300	7%			
1,192,661	*Western Winter	27	44,173	108	9	11	33%	1	1	11%	28	26%	1	Fresnaye	221,250	19%			
4,568,550	Trippi	107	42,697	346	39	49	36%	3	3	8%	118	34%	2	Chimichuri Run	286,250	6%			
1,672,912	Eightfold Path	40	41,823	183	14	15	35%	0	0	0%	59	32%	0	Good Rhythm	167,875	10%			
4,082,238	Twice Over	98	41,655	353	30	33	31%	2	2	7%	102	29%	1	Do It Again	977,500	24%			

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There is plenty of excitement ahead of the inaugural A\$2m Inglis Millennium and a bumper Classic Yearling Sale, which this year will run for a record five days and see 1013 yearlings catalogued.

The Inglis Race Day at Warwick Farm on Saturday February 9 – featuring the Millennium for 2YOs and the A\$1m Inglis Sprint for 3YOs – leads into the start of the Classic Yearling Sale, which begins at 6pm at Riverside Stables in Sydney's west.

The opening night of Classic will again feature the hugely popular Gold Riband session. The sale will run over four days of Book 1 (Feb 9-12) – where 808 yearlings have been catalogued – plus the Highway Session (Book 2, on Valentine's Day), which has seen a further 205 youngsters entered.

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## LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
SG Tarry	557	67	12%	94	17%	32%	58	10%	243	44%	10,621,583	19,069
J Snaith	539	77	14%	115	21%	36%	65	12%	258	48%	9,139,938	16,957
MF de Kock	310	43	14%	66	21%	26%	42	14%	149	48%	6,785,621	21,889
BJ Crawford	388	66	17%	92	24%	33%	44	11%	199	51%	6,185,700	15,943
AC Greeff	491	73	15%	113	23%	31%	64	13%	233	47%	5,008,425	10,200
C Bass-Robinson	400	32	8%	35	9%	23%	42	11%	162	41%	4,564,700	11,412
A Nel	253	46	18%	43	17%	33%	35	14%	140	55%	4,277,625	16,908
Y Bremner	385	52	14%	56	15%	32%	59	15%	186	48%	4,167,538	10,825
PA Peter	282	42	15%	56	20%	32%	38	13%	130	46%	4,084,261	14,483
GD Smith	538	43	8%	38	7%	16%	44	8%	203	38%	3,361,125	6,247
GS Kotzen	383	32	8%	40	10%	23%	46	12%	142	37%	3,320,575	8,670
DR Drier	217	33	15%	49	23%	37%	23	11%	107	49%	3,184,300	14,674
SD Gray	249	20	8%	15	6%	20%	26	10%	107	43%	3,158,013	12,683
JAJ v Vuuren	229	29	13%	49	21%	41%	36	16%	107	47%	3,061,811	13,370
DC Howells	267	27	10%	40	15%	33%	36	13%	127	48%	2,979,300	11,158
AG Laird	188	28	15%	49	26%	31%	21	11%	96	51%	2,845,000	15,133
GV Woodruff	177	21	12%	39	22%	36%	25	14%	89	50%	2,765,812	15,626
VH Marshall	247	25	10%	29	12%	24%	32	13%	118	48%	2,618,150	10,600
T Laing	247	32	13%	23	9%	30%	26	11%	116	47%	2,503,950	10,137
PF Matchett	192	16	8%	10	5%	10%	26	14%	71	37%	2,392,887	12,463
J Ramsden	185	20	11%	12	6%	25%	15	8%	73	39%	2,378,737	12,858
MG & AA Azzie	204	19	9%	28	14%	32%	22	11%	78	38%	2,194,537	10,758
DS Bosch	179	22	12%	20	11%	35%	26	15%	87	49%	2,183,150	12,196
GM Alexander	197	20	10%	14	7%	7%	22	11%	80	41%	2,135,824	10,842
G Maroun	276	21	8%	14	5%	14%	19	7%	77	28%	2,015,613	7,303
GB Puller	173	20	12%	19	11%	37%	21	12%	74	43%	1,941,175	11,221

## LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
A Marcus	318	100	31%	204	64%	36%	55	17%	220	69%	10,224,637	32,153
M Yeni	815	97	12%	133	16%	28%	107	13%	396	49%	8,995,871	11,038
R Munger	725	84	12%	74	10%	31%	76	10%	315	43%	7,293,061	10,059
G Cheyne	425	74	17%	123	29%	32%	70	16%	238	56%	5,527,775	13,007
L Hewitson	473	74	16%	83	18%	28%	80	17%	256	54%	9,150,425	19,346
G Lerena	262	72	27%	123	47%	37%	34	13%	168	64%	7,187,345	27,433
R Fourie	304	70	23%	116	38%	36%	48	16%	196	64%	8,068,175	26,540
W Kennedy	547	57	10%	54	10%	28%	65	12%	255	47%	6,735,300	12,313
A Domeyer	242	43	18%	57	24%	33%	38	16%	146	60%	4,507,750	18,627
K De Melo	398	41	10%	41	10%	27%	49	12%	185	46%	4,702,751	11,816
C Zackey	512	40	8%	37	7%	22%	57	11%	194	38%	4,567,674	8,921
L J Ferraris	380	40	11%	33	9%	27%	33	9%	139	37%	3,930,263	10,343
M Khan	292	32	11%	19	7%	21%	33	11%	124	42%	3,794,837	12,996
C Orffer	223	32	14%	41	18%	29%	27	12%	109	49%	2,876,975	12,901
S Veale	271	31	11%	42	15%	36%	19	7%	112	41%	3,082,175	11,373
K Zechner	424	31	7%	17	4%	12%	26	6%	136	32%	3,328,698	7,851
D Dillon	341	31	9%	15	4%	20%	36	11%	130	38%	2,968,675	8,706
D Schwarz	322	31	10%	15	5%	27%	32	10%	110	34%	3,005,437	9,334
C Maujean	461	30	7%	28	6%	25%	38	8%	159	34%	3,234,725	7,017
S Khumalo	196	29	15%	33	17%	36%	19	10%	80	41%	2,931,197	14,955
B Fayd'herbe	178	26	15%	25	14%	24%	15	8%	85	48%	3,206,600	18,015
R Danielson	236	26	11%	46	19%	33%	32	14%	104	44%	2,807,300	11,895
M v Rensburg	279	26	9%	29	10%	24%	25	9%	111	40%	2,548,013	9,133
P Strydom	193	26	13%	27	14%	22%	25	13%	93	48%	2,609,688	13,522
R Simons	277	23	8%	38	14%	24%	23	8%	105	38%	3,530,424	12,745
G Wright	141	22	16%	20	14%	20%	15	11%	60	43%	1,875,475	13,301



Randall Simons rides long-shot Milton in the Met

## Ace Of Pace

Just over a month ago Randall Simons booted home his first ever Cape winner. That was a big ice-breaker as it was Soqratt in the Gr1 Cape Guineas! Now he has been engaged to ride Milton in the Gr1 Sun Met on 26 January and tasked with a tough job – judging the pace and fractions on one of the toughest front-runners in the game against the best jockeys and horses around. There won't be any real pressure as Milton is any price. Randall says he is looking forward to the big day.



Grant Maroun – great feat with the old boy

## Maroun Five

Gauteng trainer Grant Maroun gets the accolade this week for his exceptional feat in getting a twelfth win out of the rising 11 gelding Rambo at the Vaal on Tuesday. The SP best handicapped horse was running off a merit rating of 49 and has now won 12 races from 112 starts. Maroun has been involved in many more talented horses than Rambo, but when he took the blinkers off, declared aluminates in front, took the hind shoes off and fitted a tongue tie, then it was game on!



Garth Puller and Anton Marcus enjoy the highest win strike-rate in SA

## Going To Hollywood

When SA Hall Of Fame nominee Garth Puller engages our national log-leader Anton Marcus, punters should sit up and take notice. They are operating at a win strike-rate of 47% this season! Two of the best horsemen around, the combination enjoyed a nice double at Scottsville yesterday – including a winner for the Hollywood Syndicate in Uncle Charlie. Their second winner Mashari looks a really progressive son of Kahal and won with authority.



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## Met-day Runners Dominate

Big-day preparations look right on target for many

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Zouaves	5	Sail From Seattle	Danika Stud	6Jan	1	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	90/105/87/-/-
102	Captain Aldo	8	Captain Al	Boland Stud	6Jan	2	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	102/102/71/-/-
94	Aldo	3	Redoute's Promise	Piemonte Stud	11Jan	1	MR88	1200	Fairview	94/-/-/-/-
93	Timkat	4	Fort Wood	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	7Jan	2	MR91	1200	Flamingo Park	93/78/-/-/-
93	Doosra	5	Captain Al	Varsfontein Stud	6Jan	3	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	94/97/-/-/-
93	Hawwaam	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	6Jan	1	Cnd-3	1400	Turffontein	-/98/-/-/-
90	Bwana	4	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	5Jan	1	MR90	1200	Kenilworth	90/-/-/-/-
90	Ready Steady Go	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	5Jan	2	MR90	1200	Kenilworth	90/64/-/-/-
89	Tandava	6	Century Stand	DW Rosser	12Jan	3	MR94	1000	Turffontein	93/92/88/78/-
88	Africa Rising	5	Visionaire	Summerhill Stud	6Jan	8	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	101/96/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Clouds Unfold	3	What A Winter	Drakenstein Stud	4Jan	1	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	105/93/-/-/-
104	Mighty High	3	Pathfork	Maine Chance	12Jan	2	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	104/-/-/-/-
102	Juniper Spring	3	Captain Al	Cheveley Stud	4Jan	2	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	102/84/-/-/-
97	Freedom Charter	4	Elusive Fort	PG de Beyer	4Jan	3	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	98/92/-/-/-
96	Rose In Bloom	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Ridgemont Stud	4Jan	4	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	100/95/-/-/-
95	Captain's Girl	5	Noordhoek Flyer	DGM Southey	5Jan	2	MR101	1000	Greyville	99/-/-/-/-
94	Neala	6	Jay Peg	Wilgerbosdrift	5Jan	1	MR101	1000	Greyville	94/93/-/-/-
93	Dynamic Diana	4	Dynasty	Highlands	4Jan	6	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	93/92/84/-/-
92	Mary O' Reilly	3	Sail From Seattle	Ascot Stud	4Jan	5	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	92/78/-/-/-
91	All At Once	3	Captain Al	Varsfontein Stud	12Jan	1	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
113	Do It Again	4	Twice Over	Northfields Stud	5Jan	1	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	73/113/-/103/-
109	Soqrat	3	Epaulette	bred in Australia	5Jan	2	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	82/109/-/-/-
107	Rainbow Bridge	4	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	5Jan	3	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	73/109/91/-/-
105	Legal Eagle	7	Greys Inn	Avontuur Farm	5Jan	4	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	103/116/116/116/104/-
104	Undercover Agent	4	Captain Al	Moutonshoek	5Jan	5	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	113/113/102/-/-/-
102	Eyes Wide Open	4	Dynasty	Highlands	5Jan	6	MR110	1800	Kenilworth	75/103/102/92/-
102	Twist Of Fate	3	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	5Jan	1	Cnd-3	1800	Kenilworth	93/99/102/-/-
102	Kampala Campari	5	Querari	La Plaisance Stud	5Jan	2	MR110	1800	Kenilworth	82/88/102/102/-
99	Dawn Assault	5	Call To Combat	Graystone Stud	6Jan	1	Cnd	1800	Turffontein	52/85/99/98/83/-
97	Pietro Mascagni	4	Silvano	Varsfontein Stud	6Jan	3	Cnd	1800	Turffontein	81/92/97/-/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
106	Oh Susanna	4	Street Cry	Drakenstein Stud	5Jan	1	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	85/103/106/105/-
105	Lady In Black	4	Dynasty	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	5Jan	2	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	70/105/105/95/-
99	Casapedia	5	High Chaparral	bred in Ireland	5Jan	3	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	-/98/99/102/-
98	Fresnaye	4	Western Winter	Drakenstein Stud	5Jan	4	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	79/92/98/90/-
97	Snowdance	4	Captain Al	Cheveley Stud	5Jan	6	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	79/108/-/-/-
97	Fort Ember	6	Elusive Fort	Arc-en-Ciel	10Jan	1	MR92f	1800	Vaal	-/100/101/101/-
95	Al Danza	5	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	6Jan	2	Cnd	1800	Turffontein	86/101/96/84/-
95	Santa Clara	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	12Jan	1	MR92f	1600	Kenilworth	83/95/-/-/-
95	Brave Move	5	Horse Chestnut	GJ Armitage	5Jan	6	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	62/100/97/-/-
95	Sylvan On Fire	5	Silvano	V Harrison	5Jan	7	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	58/96/95/-/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
109	Soqrat	3	Epaulette	bred in Australia	5Jan	2	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	82/109/-/-/-
102	Twist Of Fate	3	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	5Jan	1	Cnd-3	1800	Kenilworth	93/99/102/-/-
94	Aldo	3	Redoute's Promise	Piemonte Stud	11Jan	1	MR88	1200	Fairview	94/-/-/-/-
93	Hawwaam	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	6Jan	1	Cnd-3	1400	Turffontein	-/98/-/-/-
90	Charles	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	4Jan	1	MR80	1600	Kenilworth	76/90/-/-/-
88	Inexhaustible	3	Querari	JR & Mrs Slade	6Jan	2	Cnd-3	1400	Turffontein	81/88/-/-/-
88	Chijmes	3	Ato	Summerhill Stud	6Jan	1	Cnd-3	1800	Turffontein	70/84/88/-/-
87	Vontreo	3	Mambo In Seattle	Boland Stud	6Jan	3	Cnd-3	1400	Turffontein	72/87/-/-/-
86	Atyaab	3	Dundeel	bred in Australia	6Jan	2	Cnd-3	1800	Turffontein	-/82/86/82/-
85	Marchingontogether	3	Pathfork	Jagessar Limited	6Jan	4	Cnd-3	1800	Turffontein	64/89/89/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Clouds Unfold	3	What A Winter	Drakenstein Stud	4Jan	1	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	105/93/-/-/-
104	Mighty High	3	Pathfork	Maine Chance	12Jan	2	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	104/-/-/-/-
102	Juniper Spring	3	Captain Al	Cheveley Stud	4Jan	2	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	102/84/-/-/-
95	Santa Clara	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	12Jan	1	MR92f	1600	Kenilworth	83/95/-/-/-
94	Second Request	3	Twice Over	Klawervlei Stud	5Jan	5	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	71/87/94/-/-
92	Mary O' Reilly	3	Sail From Seattle	Ascot Stud	4Jan	5	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	92/78/-/-/-
91	All At Once	3	Captain Al	Varsfontein Stud	12Jan	1	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-
91	Kiever Kathy	3	Bold Silvano	Riyo Stud	11Jan	1	MR89f	1300	Fairview	91/89/-/-/-
90	Storm Destiny	3	Dynasty	Ascot Stud	6Jan	1	Cnd3f	1400	Turffontein	-/91/-/-/-
90	Coral Bay	3	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	4Jan	5	MR97f	2000	Kenilworth	85/87/-/90/-

## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**TURFFONTEIN (standside)****Saturday, 12 January****Course Variant: 0.15s slow (straight)**

With 45.7mm of rain falling in the seven days leading up to this meeting, the penetrometer read 22 and the going was posted as good. The false rail was out from 3.5m in the back straight to 9m on the bend with a 9m spur at the 700m mark. There was a north westerly cross/head wind of around 17km/h.

**Swallow Stakes (3yo Fillies)(L) R150,000****All At Once!**

The Varsfontein policy of bringing them to sale to sell produced a thrill for the connections of the speedy Captain Al filly All At Once, who scored a heartstopping win by the proverbial whisker in the R150 000 Listed Swallow Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

The Irish bred Darshaan mare Alexandra Bi, a two-time winner in Italy, was acquired by the Kalmanson family at Newmarket and has produced a host of outstanding performers.

Another smart member of this good family won earlier in the day. She is the Alec Laird trained Judpot 4yo Tamarina, a daughter of Albizia (Fort Wood), who registered her third win from 5 starts in the Varsfontein silk.

But back to the exciting feature and Carl de Vos was responding to the Sporting Post's enquiries after the Varsfontein bred All At One had rallied under Craig Zackey in a thrilling climax to the Listed Swallow Stakes to get the verdict over the Gr1 winner, Mighty High – who was giving the eventual winner 6kgs. Craig Zackey rode a particularly confident race, taking All At Once out to lead. When Gavin Lerena breezed up on the outside on Mighty High, it looked to be race over.

But Zackey and the gutsy speedster were not going down out a fight and All At Once came right back at Mighty High to gain the verdict after a glance at the photo by a short head.

The winner, who drifted to 3-1, clocked 67.23secs for the 1160m.

An R80 000 buy from the 2017 National 2yo Sale by Stone Hill Stud, All At Once has won 3 of her 4 starts – only beaten once and then by the classy male Mardi Gras.

She has earned R238 512 and looks to have a decent future.

**Swallow Stakes (3yo fillies) (L) 1160m**

Winner All At Once set the pace; headed by the runner up 200m out; rallied gamely below the distance to get the verdict on the nod

Runner-up Mighty High raced 4th; led 200m; piped on post

Third Blonde Vision raced 6th; was some three lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; no impression

**Time:** This was comfortably the fastest of the four sprint races on the card. We gave the winner (prev 69/81/91) 91 which makes the runner-up (prev 79/96/88/102) 104 and the third (prev 45/81/82) 67

91	1	0.00	<b>ALL AT ONCE</b>	(6)	54.0	C Zackey	61/20
3 b f	<i>Captain Al - Alexia (Caesour)</i>						
104	2	0.05	<b>MIGHTY HIGH</b>	(8)	60.0	G Lerena	16/10
3 b f	<i>Pathfork - Bold Nymph(AUS) (Shamardal)</i>						
67	3	5.30	<b>BLONDE VISION</b>	(7)	52.0	W Kennedy	6/1
3 b f	<i>Visionaire - Legally Blonde (Qui Danzig)</i>						
65	4	7.50	<i>Cordillera</i>	(5)	55.0	C Habib	18/1
64	5	7.80	<i>Firdoas</i>	(3)	55.0	R Simons	6/1
52	6	10.20	<i>Mazari</i>	(4)	54.0	R Munger	16/1
40	7	13.50	<i>Vivir</i>	(9)	54.0	L J Ferraris	28/1
0	8	99.99	<i>Vida Es Bella</i>	(2)	52.0	D Schwarz	11/1
0	9	99.99	<i>Free And Easy</i>	(1)	54.0	J Greyling	66/1

**Time:** 67.23s (57.96s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%

1st T:M Houdalakis O:Stone Hill Stud (Nom: Mr H C W Rix)

B:Varsfontein Stud

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**Proud Varsfontein**

**The Swallow Stakes winner All At Once was bred by one of South Africa's leading breeding operations.**

Varsfontein Stud was started by Anthony Kalmanson in 1974. A leading buyer at the National Yearling Sales his top racehorses included Attila, Top Brass and the fillies Indira (Paddock Stakes), Kendal Green (Fillies Guineas) and Singing Winds (Clairwood Free Handicap). With his top fillies retiring to stud, Tony bought Varsfontein – a wine farm near Paarl, and his friend and riding adversary Hennie de Jager became the manager. Up until a few years ago the farm still used to send grapes to the nearby Perdeberg Winery but now horses are the primary concern.

The very first yearling sold by Varsfontein was Kings Rhapsody, a son of Singing Winds who won ten races for Laurie and Jean Jaffee including the Smirnoff.

**SCORE CARD**

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

**TOP SCORERS for 2018/2019**

(to 06 January 2019)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Soqrat	3	c	132	3
Tilbury Fort	5	c	124	2
Do It Again	4	c	124	2
Coral Fever	6	c	88	2
Clouds Unfold	3	f	72	3
Cascapedia	5	f	72	2
Front And Centre	3	f	70	1
Oh Susanna	4	f	70	1
Dawn Assault	5	c	69	2
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	68	3
Captain Aldo	8	c	62	2
Legal Eagle	7	c	60	2
Kasimir	4	c	50	1
Head Honcho	5	c	50	1
Doublemint	4	c	50	1
Gimme One Night	5	c	50	2
One World	3	c	48	2
Arctica	6	c	48	2
Chimichuri Run	3	c	35	2
Undercover Agent	4	c	34	2
Princess Rebel	4	f	30	1
Hawwaam	3	c	30	1
Lady In Black	4	f	30	1
Nafaayes	3	f	30	1
Sylvan On Fire	5	f	25	1
Rebel's Champ	4	c	25	1
Takingthepeace	4	f	25	1
Alyaasaat	3	c	24	1
Kampala Campari	5	c	23	1
Doosra	5	c	22	1
Twist Of Fate	3	c	22	1
Silvano's Pride	3	f	20	1
Juniper Spring	3	f	12	1
Al Danza	5	f	12	1
New Caledonia	6	c	12	1
Ghaalla	3	f	9	1
Full Mast	4	c	7	1
Temple Grafina	3	f	2	1



# SIGNPOSTS

## 1st & 2nd season sires - 2yo's

### **CAPETOWN NOIR** (Western Winter)

Scarborough Fair 2f (Olympic Affair by Tamburlaine)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/01\)](#)

### **CAPTAIN OF ALL** (Captain Al)

Promising Of All 2f (Budding Beauty by Lambent Light)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/01\)](#)

### **NOBLE TUNE** (Unbridled's Song)

Fairyland 2f (Tinseltown by Modus Vivendi)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/01\)](#)

Oyster Bar 2f (Caviar by Var)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/01\)](#)

### **SOFT FALLING RAIN** (National Assembly)

Pierina 2f (Tapdance by Tapit)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(18/01\)](#)

### **THE ASSAYER** (Galileo)

Thomas Shelby 2c (Jillnaar by Jet Master)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(20/01\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### **DUKE OF MARMALADE** (Danehill)

Marmalade Sky 3g (Rei Rei by Doowaley)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(18/01\)](#)

Seville 3g (Valdivia by Var)

[Fairview 7 MR 66 Handicap 1400m \(18/01\)](#)

Je Ne Sais Quoi 3g (Star Deputy by Deputy Governor)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1800m \(19/01\)](#)

### **JACKSON** (Dynasty)

Jacko Boy 3g (Divine Caesour by Caesour)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1450m \(19/01\)](#)

Captain's Legacy 3g (Victory Dance by Victory Moon)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plat \(F&M\) 1000m \(19/01\)](#)

Tasty Jack's 3g (Full Flavor by Smart Strike)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1450m \(19/01\)](#)

Emma Leigh 3g (Champagne 'n Roses by Goldmark)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plat \(F&M\) 1000m \(19/01\)](#)

Cirencester Rose 3g (Lady Captain by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1800m \(19/01\)](#)

Mary Moon 3g (Mary Hinge by Second Empire)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1800m \(19/01\)](#)

Shabba Ranks 3g (Special Assignment by Silvano)

[Kenilworth 5 MR 70 Handicap 2500m \(19/01\)](#)

Beat It 3g (Pine Valley by Right Approach)

[Scottsville 8 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(20/01\)](#)

Lady Jackson 3g (GeePee S by Goldkeeper)

[Scottsville 9 MR 70 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(20/01\)](#)

### **MASTER OF MY FATE** (Jet Master)

Masterful 3g (Pure Glamour by Victory Moon)

[Fairview 8 MR 66 Handicap 1400m \(18/01\)](#)

Chevron 3g (Dancette by Dancing Duel)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1450m \(19/01\)](#)

Lucille 3g (Lizabella by Sinndar)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(19/01\)](#)

The Litigator 3g (Fairs Fair by Dynasty)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 2600m \(19/01\)](#)

Whiskey Road 3g (Splendid Sun by Lundy's Liability)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(20/01\)](#)

Leanna 3g (Darrie by Captain Al)

[Scottsville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(20/01\)](#)

### **NOBLE TUNE** (Unbridled's Song)

Noble Leader 3g (Take The Lead by Al Mufti)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(18/01\)](#)

Born Rich 3g (Vestalia by Caesour)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 2600m \(19/01\)](#)

### **POMODORO** (Jet Master)

Opensea 3g (Elsabee by Silvano)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1450m \(19/01\)](#)

Epic 3g (Turtle Dove by Caesour)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(19/01\)](#)

### **THE APACHE** (Mogok)

Rochester 3g (Jane Eyre by Saumarez)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(18/01\)](#)

Arlingtons Revenge 3g (Cleome by Muhtafal)

[Turffontein 7 MR 80 Handicap 1600m \(19/01\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### **JACKSON**

Rated **AR 67 Larry Jack** (3g Weather Report by Silvano)

*Maiden Plate Fairview (poly) (1200m) (11/1)*

Making his first appearance since relocating to the Eastern Cape, Tara Laing's charge couldn't have been more impressive. Soon up handy, he took up the running approaching the 200m marker and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by nine and a half.

### **VAR**

Rated **AR 87 Cavivar** (2f Control Freak by Tamburlaine)

*Juvenile Plate Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (12/1)*

Making her debut here, Sean Tarry's charge impressed. Soon up handy, Cavivar was ridden to lead 250m from home and with jockey Lyle Hewitson barely having to move a muscle throughout, she won with total authority by two and a half.

# SIGNPOSTS

## Horses To Follow

### FORT WOOD

Rated **AR 73 Lloyd George** (3c Velvet Mover by Cape Cross)

*Novice Plate Fairview (poly) (1600m) (11/1)*

Now a winner of two from three, Alan Greeff's charge was trying a mile for the first time here. He ran on well from the backend of midfield and after striking the front 130m from home won going away. Clearly highly regarded by his trainer, Lloyd George will be taking his place in the Gr1 Cape Derby on Met Day in his next start.

### DUKE OF MARMALADE

Rated **AR 95 Santa Clara** (3f Shina by Lomitas)

*MR92 Handicap (F&M) Kenilworth (new) (1600m) (12/1)*

Pitched in against the best of her generation since shedding her maiden tag at just the second time of asking, Santa Clara was racing in handicap company for the first time here. Soon up handy in what was a small but very strung out field, Candice Bass-Robinson's charge struck the front 120m out and with some in hand won going away.

### Is Your Horse One To Follow?

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners & Horses for the Notebook** on this page

- see how promising the Sporting Post ability ratings (AR) say they are.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**San Fermin** (AUS) 4f Charge Forward- Choice Blend(AUS) (Redoute's Choice)

*Vaal 1200m (08/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Di Mazzio** (AUS) 5g Bernardini- Gold Chant(AUS) (El Moxie) *Greyville 1000m (09/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Waqas** (AUS) 3g Sepoy- Albakoor(AUS) (Zabeel) *Vaal 1800m (10/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Roy's Magic** (AUS) 5g Foxwedge- Wild Storm(CHI) (Hussonet) *Greyville 1200m (13/01)*

## SPORTS AND BETTING

### London Rivals

Arsenal vs Chelsea | Saturday 19 January | Emirates Stadium | 19:30



Arsenal welcome Chelsea to the Emirates Stadium on Saturday as the Gunners look to close the gap on their London rivals.

The Blues are fourth in the Premier League and sit six points clear of the Gunners

(5th) and a resurgent Manchester United (6th).

Who will come out on top in the London derby? Our Editor gives his verdict.

To catch up with Chad Nagel previews [CLICK HERE](#)

### TO WIN

Arsenal 37/20

Draw 26/10

Chelsea 27/20

### ARSENAL

Arsenal's top four hopes were hit with a 1-0 defeat away to West Ham last Saturday – their fifth away game without a win – and coach Unai Emery accepts that it's going to be tough to steer the Gunners back into the Champions League, the club having missed out on the tournament in each of the past two seasons. "Now it's more difficult, it's clear," Emery told reporters after Arsenal's third defeat in six league games following a 14-match unbeaten league run (22 in all competitions) earlier in the season. "I think the most important thing for us is to recover our confidence and be more competitive. We need consistency over 38 matches.

"Now it isn't enough at the moment. It's a bad result. If we can win we are playing against Chelsea [on Saturday] with a three-point maximum distance.

### CHELSEA

Chelsea will look to consolidate their place in the top four with a win over Arsenal on Saturday. Maurizio Sarri got the better of Emery when the two managers met in August, with the Blues winning 3-2 at Stamford Bridge. However, it certainly wasn't a convincing win as Sarri's side were shaky in defence and Arsenal paid the price for not taking their chances.

Fast forward to the present day and it is Arsenal who have looked shaky defensively, while only Liverpool's Alisson (13) has kept more clean sheets than Kepa Arrizabalaga (10). But what is a concern for Sarri is the obvious need for a striker as Alvaro Morata's future at the club looks to be approaching its end, with Gonzalo Higuain heavily linked with a move to Chelsea. Until Chelsea bring in Higuain or anyone for that matter, it seems that Sarri will continue with a front three of Pedro, Willian and Eden Hazard, with the Belgian spearheading the attack. Both Pedro and Willian were on the scoresheet in last Saturday's 2-1 win over Newcastle United so that would have pleased Sarri, while he knows he can always count on Hazard, the Blues' top scorer this season, to produce the goods.

**PREDICTION:** Arsenal Win/Draw Double Chance & Over 2.5 Goals (18/10)

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CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Music To The Ears

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Pace Changes The Race

Turffontein 6 January

Marginally the fastest of the five 1400m races on the old stand side track on Sunday was the pinnacle stakes in which ZOUAVES ran out a very easy winner. Always handy, the Sail From Seattle gelding took up the running 260m out and quickly went clear, before easing late to score by over four.

The Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes over the same distance jointly topped the bill and in what proved to be a very false paced affair, the highly regarded HAWWAAM kept his unbeaten record in-tact. Ridden to lead 150m out, Mike De Kock's charge kept on strongly below the distance to beat the rallying INEXHAUSTIBLE by a quarter.

The Gr3 London News Stakes was marginally the faster of the two slowly run 1800m features and here we saw a very gutsy performance from the 5yo son of Call To Combat, DAWN ASSAULT. Content to make the running in what proved to be another very false paced affair, St John Gray's charge looked to be going out of the back door when headed 400m out. He rallied gamely under a very determined ride from Karl Zechner though, and in what proved to be a real thriller, he got back up in the very last stride.

**Titbits** Drawn wide, THE RIGHT STUFF ran on well from the backend of midfield when getting off the mark in the opening maiden plate over 1400m.

## Interruptions & Interference

Vaal 8 January

Due to rain and an electrical storm, they were only able to run the first four races on Tuesday. A maiden plate over 1000m was first up and here we saw a very easy victory for the 4/1 joint second favourite ICE EATER. Soon up handy, Chris Jonker's charge was ridden to lead 220m out and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by four and a half. A MR92 Handicap over the same trip was next up and in a time just 12/100th of a second faster than that of Ice Eater,

the Dorrie Sham trained LAWDY MISS CLAWDY caused a bit of an upset. Initially priced up as the 12/1 outsider of the six horse party, the Bold Silvano filly found good support and eventually left the stalls at a half of those odds. Positioned a few lengths off the pace in fifth early on, Lawdy Miss Clawdy ran on strongly when the field began to concertina and after a thrilling tussle she just got the better of SINGING IN SEATTLE (led 200m).

Comfortably the faster of the two 1200m events that followed was the assessment plate in which the exceptionally well weighted SAN FERMIN registered her third win. Content to sit at the back of the seven early on, the Charge Forward filly ran on strongly at the business end of the race and won well in the end by a length and a quarter. Along with the third placed horse WHITEHAVEN though, she did cause interference to AGAINST THE GRAIN. An objection was lodged by Lyle Hewitson, jockey on the runner up, but the stewards were of the opinion that San Fermin was always going to beat Against The Grain.

**Titbits** Backed in odds on at the track, LADY LEXINGTON won girl's maiden plate over 1200m with authority by four.

## Born To Perform

Greyville 9 January

Pitched in against a very moderate looking bunch in the opening maiden plate over 1000m on the poly track on Wednesday, the 3yo BUCKLEBERRY looked to be the best bet on the card and he didn't let down his supporters. Deep in the red at 5/10 on the off, Paul Lafferty's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front shortly after passing the 200m marker and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by five and a half.

Another strongly fancied runner to do the business on the afternoon was DI MAZZIO in the lucky last and he too landed the spoils. The third winner on the card for jockey Anton Marcus, the

Last Week's Top Rated  
**SPEED RATINGS** winners incl.

The Carpenter .....	won 7/1
Prince Charming .....	won 6/1
Ice Eater .....	won 4/1
San Fermin .....	won 47/20
Malinda .....	won 22/10
Lady Lexington .....	won 3/4
Buckleberry .....	won 5/10
Hawwaam .....	won 1/4

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (4) Pierina 5
- Race 2: (5) Desert Wanderer 13
- Race 3: (2) Rochester 4
- Race 4: (7) Seattle Swing 75
- Race 5: (6) Country Rock 50
- Race 6: (4) National Park 81
- Race 7: (6) Star Burst 33
- Race 8: (7) Bayeto 41
- Race 9: (7) Jephthah 40 NAP\*)**

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (12) Rhyme Or Reason 20
- Race 2: (6) The Rising Legend 64
- Race 3: (1) Smart Deal 13
- Race 4: (6) Redberry Wood 58
- Race 5: (4) Silver Thursday 54
- Race 6: (8) Cosmic Count 50
- Race 7: (9) Arlington's Revenge 47
- Race 8: (8) Pale Lilac 57
- Race 9: (13) It Is Not Over 39
- Race 10: (17) Mr Tinsel 42

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (5) Makaranga Love 5
- Race 2: (2) River Thames 19
- Race 3: (1) Anina 11
- Race 4: (12) Je Ne Sais Quoi 30
- Race 5: (5) Bold Assassin 44
- Race 6: (7) Star In The Sky 59
- Race 7: (11) Nasty Harry 88
- Race 8: (11) Hopeful 40

### SCOTTSTOWN (SUN)

- Race 1: (7) Mr Minister 9
- Race 2: (1) My Wish 5
- Race 3: (8) Kingdom Come 25
- Race 4: (9) Play The Night 50
- Race 5: (3) Leanna 5
- Race 6: (5) Lloyd's Legacy 69
- Race 7: (3) Pietro Mascagni 93 (EW)**
- Race 8: (8) Shwanky 44
- Race 9: (1) Geographe Bay 43 (EW)**

### Nap bets

\* Fancied \*\* Strongly fancied  
\*\*\* Very strongly fancied

## Notebook

Horses worth following  
at their next few starts...

**HAWWAAM** (M De Kock, Gauteng)  
**LLOYD GEORGE** (A Greeff, E-Cape) Making  
**ZOUAVES** (G Woodruff, Gauteng)



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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

always handy son of Bernardini took up the running 330m out and comfortably accounted for the running on KINGSMEAD by a length and three quarters.

The MR66 Handicap was the faster of the two 1600m events on the card and here victory went to the aptly named BORN TO PERFORM. A very easy winner of his only previous racecourse appearance, Dennis Bosch's charge raced sixth during the early part of the race. He quickened well when given rein early in the short home straight and won going away after striking the front 200m out.

**Titbits** Positioned in midfield turning for home, PRINCE CHARMING quickened nicely in the straight and cruised in by five and a half when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1600m.

## Lightning Strikes Again

### Vaal 10 January

A maiden plate over 1000m got proceedings underway on the classic track on Thursday and here we saw a very comfortable victory for the favourite TANA'S EAGLE. Taken straight to the front by Gavin Lerena, the What A Winter filly led throughout. She was always clear and won without any anxious moments by two and three quarters.

A MR92 Handicap over 1800m was next up and here the Elusive Fort mare FORT EMBER registered her eighth career victory. Nicely positioned in second when the race began in earnest, Paul Peter's charge was ridden to lead 450m out and kept on strongly late to fend off a determined challenge from INSIGNIS.

Race three was a maiden plate over 1800m and in what proved to be the last race to be run due once again to an electrical storm, the 3yo Sepoy gelding

WAQAAS opened his account. Soon at the head of affairs, Fabian Habib's charge led throughout. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and after fending off the challenge of the favourite FORT CAROL he beat the running on THE HONEY BADGER by three quarters.

**Titbits** As a result of the loss of races at each of the last three meetings, an extra meeting has been added to the program which will take place at Turffontein on Thursday 17th January.

## Four From Seven

### Fairview 11 January

The non-black type Aloe Handicap for 3yo fillies topped the bill on Friday's poly track card and in what was priced up as a boat race victory went to the second favourite KLEVER CATHY. Soon positioned close to the speed in what not surprisingly was the fastest of the two races over the distance, Gavin Smith's charge took up the running 300m out, and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to keep the 3/4 favourite MADAME SPEAKER a length and a quarter away.

Three of the afternoon's nine races were staged over 1200m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was the progressive ALDO when winning the MR88 Handicap. Now a winner of four from seven, the son Redoute's promise raced second during the early part of the race. He put his head in front as they approached the 300m marker and after quickly going clear, he won easing down by a length and three quarters.

The four remaining races were all run over 1600m and quickest home amongst these was VIVA LE BLEU in the MR62 Handicap. Nibbled at on course into 8/1

## FASTEST TIMES

(Number of races run in each category shown in brackets)  
\* Times taken by Clockwatcher

### TURFFONTEIN (OLD) 6 JANUARY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,18s slow	
1400m (5) Zouaves	84,63
1800m (2) Dawn Assault	112,19

### VAAL 8 JANUARY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,56s slow	
1000m (2) Lawdy Miss Clawdy	57,29
1200m (2) San Fermin	69,86

### GREYVILLE (POLY) 9 JANUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,62s slow	
1000m (2) Di Mazzio	58,17
1200m (2) Peter Piper	71,62
1400m (2) The Master	84,07
1600m (2) Born To Perform	96,28

### VAAL (CLASSIC) 10 JANUARY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,53s slow	
1000m (1) Tana's Eagle	58,35*
1800m (2) Fort Ember	111,21

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 11 JANUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant:	
1200m (3) Aldo	71,38*
1300m (2) Klever Cathy	77,72*
1600m (4) Viva Le Bleu	99,80

from 12's, the Warm White Night filly also raced handy. She was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 300m pole and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by five.

**Titbits** Now a winner of two from three, the Cape Derby entry LLOYD GEORGE ran on well from midfield when winning the novice plate over 1600m going away.

Making his first appearance since relocating from the Western Cape, LARRY JACK won the opening maiden plate over 1200m going away by nine and a half.

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