

Oh Dear...

Oh Susanna, who made history when becoming the first 3yo filly to win the Met in over 100 years last year, failed to live up to the hype of a double bid last month and could only finish seventh and 3,80 lengths behind Rainbow Bridge in the big Gr1. Trainer Justin Snaith has subsequently reported that the reigning SA Horse Of The Year returned cut into on the right hind and was lame 3/5. It is not known whether she will run in the SA Champions Season in KZN.



Bridge Of Size

Met winner Rainbow Bridge is set to become the first horse to win the Cape flagship and the Vodacom Durban July in the same season since Pocket Power 11 years ago. He is reportedly going to commence his campaign with a run in the Drill Hall Stakes and then the Gold Challenge. Rainbow Bridge is currently a 5-1 favourite in the Hollywood Vodacom Durban July ante-post market. Visit www.hollywoodbets.net to see more.

FATHER & SON

Ridgemont Highlands' father and son sires Dynasty and Jackson produced a pair of winners on Saturday and Sunday respectively, with Dynasty progeny winning the last two races at Turffontein on Saturday, and Jackson tasting success in two different countries the following day. The Highlands bred triple Gr1 winner enjoyed success in both South Africa and Zimbabwe on Sunday, with his 3yo son Jack Of Hearts catching the eye at Scottsville. Jackson enjoyed another 100% winners to runners strike rate at Borrowdale, when his gelded son Action Jackson landed a novice stakes over 1600m in emphatic style. He was bred by Ian Longmore, who also raced Jackson to six wins - including victories in the Gr1 Investec Cape Derby, Gr1 Daily News 2000 and Gr1 Champions Cup. Jackson has six yearlings on offer at the Cape Yearling Sale next month.

Bad News

Another week, another potential PR nightmare for Australian horseracing, it seems. Racing Victoria stewards are expected to interview multiple Gr1 winning jockey Craig Newitt in relation to a betting investigation. A Racing Victoria spokesperson confirmed that they were busy with a wide-ranging investigation but are unable to confirm who is involved at this stage. Newitt has ridden 33 Gr1 winners on Australian soil, most successfully with Miss Andretti (5x Gr1) and Lankan Rupee (4x Gr1).



Sun Sets

The sun sets on the Cape Summer Season at Kenilworth next Saturday 23 February when the R400 000 Khaya Stables Gr2 Diadem Stakes takes pride of place in a new slot on the programme. Longstanding Gr1 winning international owners, Khaya Stables are once again the sponsor of the race which will be run over the Kenilworth 1200m straight track. A Seafood Village and Summer Market will be hosted on course. Now just to monitor the loadshedding schedule!

Liz Looks Lovely



Candice Bass-Robinson's Captain Al filly Cousin Liz looks something special after her eyecatching debut win at Kenilworth on Saturday. The Riverton Stud-bred daughter of Captain Al cost owner Mario Ferreira R2,9 million at the National Yearling Sale and is a half-sister to the fair stayer Gimme One Night who has won up to 3200m. She looks an early favourite for the Cape Fillies Nursery on this showing!

Fashion Flyer

The 2019 Vodacom Durban July will be run at Greyville on 6 July. The fashion theme will be announced on Friday. The teaser is shown below. Take a flyer at the theme name by emailing kaylenej@goldcircle.co.za



Racing Drought

With Flamingo Park and the Vaal abandoned due to waterlogged tracks on Monday and Tuesday this week, our local racing fathers must be tearing their hair out - given the business opportunity created by the Equine flu lockdown in the UK from Friday to Tuesday. A perfect chance to sell our local bread and butter menu to racing starved punters!

SICK FOR THE GAME

To counter the Equine flu doom and gloom, Britain's garden course Ripon staged a race with a difference on Tuesday. The Ripon Winter Dash, an eight-runner contest, took place live on Twitter and Facebook, with the plastic competitors flying home over a piece of A2 paper. Each runner had their number written on six different cards. The cards were shuffled, and the first number drawn out six times was the winner. The result was not all clear as we went to print.