

Swansong

The good looking Caesour 9yo Tevez bowed out of a distinguished track career on Saturday. Mike Bass and daughter Candice Bass-Robinson trained the Avontuur-bred soldier who had his first start at Kenilworth seven years ago. He won two of his first three starts, including the Sophomore Sprint. He ran his first Diadem in 2013 and peaked with a terrific double in the Merchants of 2013/14. The well related gelding retires with 9 wins and 22 places from 54 starts for stakes of R1 595 675. He is pictured on Melkbos beach with Patrick.



CHASE LIEBENBERG

City Slicker

Piemonte-bred Brandina (Capetown Noir) made it 2 wins from 3 starts – her only other place was a head third in the Listed Tattersalls Summer Juvenile Stakes at Kenilworth – when winning at Fairview last Friday. Brandina was bought back for just R20 000 at the 2018 KZN Yearling Sale – TBA Chairman Lee, and Dino Scribante, offer everything they breed at auction and retain whichever horses have not sold at sales. Raced by breeder Lee Scribante and his brother, the filly is out of Var mare Bedouin, a half-sister to Gr2 winner Fair Brutus bred by Yellow Star Stud. This is also the family of Grand Format and National Dance.

Jay Double

Hemel 'N Aarde Stud based sire Jay Peg enjoyed a good double over the weekend, with his winners headed by his son Peggson's score in Sunday's Listed Ipi Tombe Stakes at Borrowdale. Jay Peg son Royal Armour also scored at Greyville on Friday night. Jay Peg has six lots on offer at the 2019 Cape Yearling Sale.

Ascot Date

Queensland mare Houtzen gets the chance to become the first Australian sprinter to win the King's Stand Stakes in a decade when she heads to Royal Ascot in June. Trainer Tony Edmonds said a plan to head to England was hatched after she pulled up sore from a run on the Gold Coast on Magic Millions day. Australian sprinters enjoyed a period of dominance in the King's Stand Stakes, which is held on the opening day of the Royal Ascot carnival, with Choisir (2003), Takeover Target (2006), Miss Andretti (2007) and Scenic Blast (2009) all enjoying success.



THE WOLF OF CALL STREET

Award-winning racecaller Brandon Bailey impressed with a polished Rivonia call off tv of the Wolverhampton meeting from the studio on Monday evening. The twenty-something Boy from Brackendowns has improved lengths with practice and made the pertinent observation that he had never been to Wolverhampton in his life – so had no perspective of the markers. Between him and Ali Cohen, we must boast two of the best youthful commentating talents anywhere on earth.

Captain Of Wealth!

Vaughan Marshall somehow finds a Captain Al bomb every season. Making his debut over 1400m at Kenilworth on Saturday, Captain Of Stealth made hacks of his seven opponents under MJ Byleveld. The R500 000 CTS Premier Yearling Sale purchase won by over 5 lengths for happy owners John Habib and Pat Freestone. With Marshall not planning a KZN raid for the first time in many moons, Captain Of Stealth is likely to go the Langerman winter route. And then of course, the Cape Guineas in ten months from now!

Trippi Treble Treble Treble

Drakenstein Stud's champion sire Trippi produced a trio of winners in South Africa over the past weekend, with his runners also putting up pleasing efforts in several feature races. Trippi's two-year-old daughter Vandah's Spirit showed her class when romping home to a four length success in a juvenile plate for fillies over 1200m at Kenilworth on Saturday. His classy Gr1 placed daughter Railtrip registered a 5,7 length romp at Turffontein on the same day. Further success followed at Greyville on Sunday when his daughter Flamenco Dancer scored her third career win when victorious over 1200 metres.



MACAU ON SUNDAY

Macau is set for the biggest day on its racing calendar with the running of several premier races this coming Sunday at Taipa Racecourse. Headlining the card is the Gr1 Macau Hong Kong Trophy, the 1st leg of the annual reciprocal event with Hong Kong. Four Hong Kong runners will make the trip across the Pearl River Delta. They include Romantic Touch, who will bid to win Macau's most prestigious race for an historic third time. Included in the balance of the Hong Kong quartet is former Cape based Sophomore Sprint winner, Horse Of Fortune.

Save The Date

Entries for the 2019 Cape Mare & Weanling Sale, incorporating the Moutonshoek Reduction Sale, are now being accepted. The deadline for entries is 20 March. Kindly note that the sale is scheduled to be held on 23 May at the Mistico Equestrian Centre, Paarl. Enquiries – Ashley de Klerk – bsa@equine.co.za