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RACING THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW TURF Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(9) Ruby Two Shoes (12/10)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(1) Urban Oasis (12/10)

DURBANVILLE Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(1) Empire Glory (3/1)

GREYVILLE TURF Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(3) Flicity By Farr (5/2)

You may have missed...

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Valbonne
WON 9/1 😊

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Champion Dynasty

SET TO ENDURE

A champion who changed lives, legendary sire Dynasty's passing has left a giant crater in the SA horseracing and breeding landscape.

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For the Kieswetter family, and the Ridgemont Highlands Team, everyday life and the business of producing champions goes on across the length and breadth of the lush paddocks of the breathtaking 300 hectare Robertson Valley property that Dynasty conquered and made his domain for fourteen Cape winters.

Affectionately labelled 'a unique character, a great racehorse, a champion sire, and an ultimate fighter' by Ridgemont Highlands boss Wayne Kieswetter in a press release that rocked the very foundations of our industry on a bleak Monday ten days ago, the multiple Equus Champion Sire and multiple Gr1 winning SA

Horse Of The Year had galloped into the sunset and off to the paddock in the sky- and life as many of us know it would simply never be quite the same again.

Stud Master Mike Sharkey summed up the character: "I have worked with a couple of great stallions, National Assembly, Jallad, Badger Land, Jet Master, to name a few. But Dynasty was exceptional, more than special. He was a true gentleman in everything he did from racing to breeding. A great pleasure to work with, he had not a mean bone in his body and was instrumental in raising Highlands to remarkable heights both in the sales ring and on the racetrack. A fighter with a huge

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heart, he will be immensely missed by us all forever."

Still the highest rated 3yo ever to win the Gr1 Vodacom Durban July, the charismatic Dynasty was South Africa's Horse Of The Year and Equus Champion 3YO Classic Male of 2002. He won nine of just twelve appearances on the track- reeling off four consecutive Gr1 wins when landing

the Cape Derby, SA Guineas, Daily News 2000 and Durban July.

The man who guided him to glory was Dean Kannemeyer:

"He was the most magnificent yearling that I had ever seen and was sold as one of the top priced yearlings. When I put him into training he showed me from day one he could be something really special. He had a great temperament- very seldom do you see that. He was possessed of great natural speed and I started him over 1600m as a 2yo in open company, which he duly won. I have no doubt he would have won a graded race over 1200m! He is no doubt the best I've trained- and I've trained my share of classic winners."

Kannemeyer went on to say that Dynasty was brave and could sit anywhere in a race. "I still say we never saw the best of him. He was on his way to Hong Kong for the Queen Elizabeth and unfortunately pulled up lame in his final prep. He never raced again. Robbie Fradd, who won The July on him said we should bring him over to Hong Kong – He was adamant: 'I think he will be too good for them'. What a horse!" Dynasty retired to Highlands in 2005 with the reputation of being a truly exceptional athlete – a rare racehorse of royal quality and world-class ability.

And it was this very reputation that would endure and reach new heights in the historic Highlands breeding barn – a home to champions over many decades.

The history books tell the whole story.

Dynasty, along with his sire Fort Wood, is one of only three stallions in the history of South African horseracing to celebrate three SA Horses of the Year.

A graceful warrior on the track, Dynasty quickly established himself as one of South Africa's best stallions – and is without a shadow of a doubt one of the greatest sires ever bred in this country.

Four times Equus Outstanding Stallion, the champion is responsible for over 60 stakes winners and more than 100 stakes horses in total- with his black type performers including 15 individual Gr1 winners – and 28 Gr1 performers in total.

The champion's current star performers include Ridgemont Highlands' magnificent Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas winner Front And Centre, the courageous Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes winner Storm Destiny and recent Aquanaut Handicap winner, and the country's fastest improving stayer, Wonderous Climber.

Dynasty's progeny have won most of South Africa's major races and his legacy looks set to continue with his growing number of sons standing at stud including Act Of War, Futura, Legislate, Jackson, Horizon and Irish Flame.

And we already experienced the perennial Dynasty spirit over the past weekend when the star reached the milestone of producing his first stakes winner as a broodmare sire when the aptly named Divine Odyssey – an Oratorio son of Dynasty daughter Divine Right- steamrolled his opposition to win the Listed Drum Star Handicap at Turffontein on Saturday.

Just 24 hours later, and closer to home, Dynasty's freshman sire son Legislate celebrated the honour of producing the second top-seller at the Cape Yearling Sale from just 5 lots on offer when Hoedspruit, a handsome colt closely inbred to Sadler's Wells, attracted the attention of bidders.

Days after his sad passing, Dynasty remains in our hearts and in the news. And that is where he will stay forever. Wayne Kieswetter had the last word as he paid a final acknowledgement of respect to the Highlands hero.

"This wasn't the end – it's only the beginning. Our greatest tribute to Dynasty is to continue the proud tradition of producing the winners. Cheers to our champion, and long may his Dynasty continue."

WEEKEND RACING

It's Early Days

Gr3 Kings Cup - Greyville Sunday

The early beat of the SA Champions Season drums will be heard at Greyville on Sunday as Justin Snaith steps out his first runner in advance of the opening of the festival on 4 May.

The reigning SA champion trainer, Snaith has been a major player on the East Coast for many seasons and he makes a low-key start to the long campaign with the Silvano gelding Platinum Prince, who was runner-up in this race last year.



Matador Man | Gold Circle

The Kings Cup's traditional home has been Greyville. But the contest – back in the days when it was still a Gr3 – enjoyed a brief interlude at Clairwood in 2013 and 2014.

It was run on the all-weather when won by Sean Tarry's Bulleting Home in 2017, but Tarry made it three on the trot when Social Order won the 2018 renewal on the turf.

Tarry is back on Sunday with two serious gallopers in Captain And Master and the topweighted Matador Man. Anton Marcus is aboard the uber consistent Captain And Master, who built on his smart fourth behind Zouaves in the Hawaii Stakes at his penultimate start, when beaten a length and a half behind Tristful at this venue last weekend.

The SP top-rated Roy's Riviera is one of two members of the fairer sex in the race and ran a cracker over the course and distance were narrowly beaten by Camphoratus in the Flamboyant Stakes. She compounded when beaten 6 lengths by the talented Flichity By Farr last time but is much better than that and she gets the services of the in-form Warren Kennedy.

Platinum Prince will be out to improve on a quiet Cape Summer Season where he was probably slightly disappointing and did not live up to expectations. He never sparked at his last start in the Jet

**START
4:00PM
GREYVILLE**

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**PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
KINGS CUP (LISTED) - 1600M
SAME TRAINER:(1-2)**

Toreador
Captain Al
Ideal World
Silvano
Western Winter
All Too Hard
Jay Peg
Jay Peg

1	MATADOR MAN (SG Tarry) L Hewitson.....	6	62.0
2	CAPTAIN AND MASTER (SG Tarry) A Marcus. 3		58.0
3	DARK MOON RISING (PV Lafferty) C Zackey... 4		58.0
4	PLATINUM PRINCE (J Snaith) R Fourie.....	1	56.5
5	MR ROY (AJ Wright) A Arries.....	8	55.5
6	ROY'S RIVIERA (F Robinson) W Kennedy.....	2	54.0
7	ROYAL ARMOUR (L Forbes) M Khan.....	7	53.5
8	EMILY JAY (BO Widd) L J Ferraris.....	5	52.5

WEEKEND RACING

Master Stakes. It is, in fact, now 4 months short of a two years that Platinum Prince has won a race- but he could repeat last year's effort and go close,

Brian Wiid's Emily Jay is the second of the girls. She has fair home form and has proven that she can mix it with the males.

Mr Roy was well beaten in the Christmas Handicap but has found form at his last two jumps – winning his penultimate and then showing good pace when beaten under 2 lengths by Tribal Fusion last time.

Our cover star, Paul Lafferty's Ideal World gelding Dark Moon Rising, is a decent handicapper with very honest form at his last few starts. While originally suggested to be a stayer, he goes competitively around this trip and has run on well at his last two starts. He will enjoy a decent gallop and enjoys racing fresh – he last ran 9 weeks ago.

The 6yo Royal Armour appears to be more effective on the all-weather than the turf and has maintained good consistent form this season. At best, he must have a place chance with the revitalised Mark Khan in the saddle.

In a typically competitive handicap, Greyville specialist Matador Man and the consistent Dark Moon Rising could be running at

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Greeff's A Happy Camper

East Cape Fillies Nursery (L) - Fairview Friday

Multiple Champion trainer Alan Greeff has an outstanding record in the East Cape Fillies Nursery. He looks to hold a trump card again on Friday with a quartet of the best rated runners in the twelve strong field.



Brandina | Pauline Herman Photo

Capetown Noir's flagbearing daughter Brandina is unbeaten in two starts at home and was only put in her place when finishing a quarter length off Miss Honey in the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes at Kenilworth on Sun Met day. The Piemonte Stud-bred flyer's form is head and shoulders

above anything we have seen from the raced runners and she looks very difficult to oppose.

There is little between her stablemates Great Achievement and Mendocino on form and the former was running on steadily without threatening when beaten 2 lengths by Brandina at her last start.

Aldo Domeyer again takes the ride on recent runaway maiden winner Mendocino, who ran on smartly to beat Captain Anne Bonny going away over the course and distance last time out.

Fourth of the Greeff quartet, smart debut winner Edmonda was beaten 2,75 lengths by Brandina at her last start – but had excuses as she pulled up injured. The daughter of Crusade should enjoy the extra but she does look held – like the rest of them.

The only raider in the field, the Dan Katz trained Chasing Green ran on smartly on an unfancied debut (she started at 40-1) to chase the highly promising Cousin Liz home over the Kenilworth 1000m. The cross collateral form is difficult to assess, but it is unlikely that the Milnerton based trainer would have made the long road trip for the scenery and she is no doubt showing something.

The Greys Inn filly Law And Order hails from the George Uren yard and has run three very ordinary races to date. She does not appear to boast the credentials to threaten in this field.

Captain Anne Bonny has run two fair places and improved at her second start over the 1200m when staying on – albeit well beaten, behind Mendocino. She could improve again and has place prospects.

Sharon Kotzen's yard has been in good heart of late – they won last Friday's feature- and the former Ormond Ferraris assistant saddles Scarborough Fair and Just Amazing. Both have placed, with Scarborough Fair the more experienced with two fair efforts to her credit- although appearing to be held by Edmonda and Great Achievement.

Veteran George Uren saddles the second of his pair in World Squared who has run three ordinary races and was beaten 11,75 lengths by Mendocino last time.

Im Global is the second of the Gavin Smith duo. The daughter of Master Of My Fate was beaten 8,25 lengths by Mendocino on her course and distance debut and will need plenty of improvement to feature. The engagement of Richard Fourie is an interesting one – but probably not enough to swing the scales in her favour.

The Yvette Bremner trained Reason To Sing is a Fenix family home-bred who has her first run.

Barring a red-hot market springer, all the signs point to Brandina winning this well. It's a toss of the coin for second – but an Alan Greeff quartet will be a popular bet.

E-Cape Fillies Nursery (L) past winners

2016	1 The Merry Widow	60.0 (9) 17/10
	2 O Tamara	60.0 (4) 7/1
	3 Shizam	60.0 (5) 7/1
2017	1 Precious Pansy	60.0 (4) 50/1
	2 Widow's Lamp	60.0 (3) 13/1
	3 Singing In Seattle	60.0 (9) 22/1
2018	1 Carlita	60.0 (7) 1/3
	2 Madame Speaker	60.0 (2) 15/1
	3 Watsonia	60.0 (1) 11/1

START 4:30PM FAIRVIEW

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PAG/PICK SIXES/JACKPOT4 EAST CAPE FILLIES NURSERY (L) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(1-4-5-9)(7-11)(8-12)

Capetown Noir	1 BRANDINA (AC Greeff) G Cheyne	11	60.0
Captain Of All	2 CAPTAIN ANNE BONNY (T Laing) C Maujean	1	60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	3 CHASING GREEN (D Katz) M Byleveld	6	60.0
Crusade	4 EDMONDA (AC Greeff) T Gould	10	60.0
Potala Palace	5 GREAT ACHIEVEMENT (AC Greeff) W Agrella	3	60.0
Master Of My Fate	6 IM GLOBAL (GD Smith) R Fourie	2	60.0
Just As Well	7 JUST AMAZING (SB Kotzen) L Mxothwa	7	60.0
Greys Inn	8 LAW AND ORDER (GW Uren) J Penny	8	60.0
Gimmetheregreenlight	9 MENDOCINO (AC Greeff) A Domeyer	9	60.0
Jay Peg	10 REASON TO SING (Y Bremner) L Hewitson	4	60.0
Capetown Noir	11 SCARBOROUGH FAIR (SB Kotzen) R Munger	5	60.0
Ideal World	12 WORLD SQUARED (GW Uren) K Steyn	12	60.0



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NEWS

Barrier Trials - Who's Fooling Who?

A highly strung horse returning from injury and the legal use of a sedative under veterinary advice to avoid the animal injuring himself or others has landed Garth Puller with a hefty fine.

The National Horseracing Authority has confirmed Puller was charged with a contravention of Rule 73.2.4, read with sub-rule 73.4.1.1, in that he was the trainer of the horse Ryker when a specimen was taken from this horse after it had participated in a Barrier Trial at Greyville on 7 December 2018.

This specimen disclosed upon analysis the presence of 2-(1-Hydroxyethyl)promazine Sulfoxide (the metabolite of Acepromazine, a sedative), which is classified as a class 3 substance in terms of the Guidelines, and is a prohibited substance in terms of the Rules of The National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa.

As the trainer responsible for the horse, Puller pleaded guilty to the charge and was found guilty. The Inquiry Board imposed a fine of R34 000 of which R24 000 was suspended for a period of 12 months.

"I used the sedative under veterinary guidance. The use is recorded in the medical register. The excretion period is 3 days. Ryker was administered it 8 days prior to his barrier trial. I have now been informed that in view of the duration of the use, it is possible that this gave rise to the positive – even though we were strictly adhering to the protocols. While I am aware that Barrier Trials are subjected to testing, I feel it is time that this ridiculous situation be addressed – and the trials be scrapped."

He went on to say that far from being a tool to aid Joe Public, the trials in their present format could hardly be viewed as demonstrations of a horse's ability.

Puller questioned what anybody's motivation would be to give a horse a sedative to manipulate it in a trial. He also said he could merely instruct his jockey to ride the horse accordingly. And he would never have subjected a highly strung horse, such as Ryker, to a 1000m gallop in advance of racing him in the normal course of events.

Legal Support

Specialist Horseracing Attorney Robert Bloomberg agreed with Puller.

"We are not a first world racing jurisdiction where barrier trials work and the exact rationale behind the purported benefits which was to assist punters, is in fact having the opposite effect with the only real beneficiaries being the bookmakers. The average man in the street looks at formlines and horses being 'pulled up' and finishing unplaced and way back in barrier trials are reversing form and winning on debut after big market moves and betting coups."

He added that a perfect example is the horse Share Holder who could have easily won his barrier trial but had a rather large 'educational' run and was then backed from 10/1 – 12/10 on his debut.

"The trainer, who is the chief protagonist for barrier trials, kindly informed the public that the horse would win. But he was conveniently 15/10 already when that happened," he added.

Bloomberg said that Rule 62.1 states unequivocally that 'every horse shall be run and allowed to run to the best of its ability and on its merits'.

"Following hereon, Rule 62.2.1 states 'that the rider of a horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout a race to ensure that his horse is given a full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible placing' and in terms of Rule 62.2.3 'rides his horse out to the end of a race to the satisfaction of the stipendiary stewards'."

He asked how horses can be tested for barrier trials when the Rules are applied selectively by the NHA and as surely the very definition of what constitutes a real 'race' is not being adhered to – so can trials really be regarded as being races?

Bloomberg supported Puller's observation that a sedative is not a performance enhancing drug and would have the exact opposite effect to 'stopping a horse'.

"The horse duly won the trial unextended by 3,5 lengths and the trainer gets fined. Whilst some folk like to run around with bibles which is their entitlement, others prefer their Aussie rule books and a set of blinkers. Racing is on its knees and I'm not being melodramatic about this. Yet barrier trials and testing horses participating therein are some of the really unimportant matters focused upon which incurs further unnecessary costs for the cash-strapped Operators funding the NHA. I'm led to believe that there are only a handful of KZN trainers who actually back barrier trials so maybe the time is now right for the others to stand up and be counted and say no more!"

Position Vacant



Assistant Trainer

A well established industry leader, Bass Racing Stables seeks to employ a top rate Assistant Trainer at their Milnerton yard.

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THE NATIONAL HORSE TRUST

Horse Care *Appeal*

The Horse Care Units countrywide play an important role in the community but now find themselves under serious financial pressure after an undertaking by the previous CEO of the National Horseracing Authority failed to materialise.

In an open letter to the industry, Chairman Ronnie Napier writes:

All of you are aware of the fact that we have made approaches to the stakeholders in the racing industry for a more sustainable funding stream for the Trust and the three Horse Care Units operating under our umbrella.

These approaches have been in discussion for the last seven years.

The industry has told us that they agree with the approach in principle but that all stakeholders will need to contribute on a fair and proportionate basis to the NHT going into the future.

However a basis for this fair and proportionate payment has not yet been agreed by all stakeholders.

When the previous CEO of the National Horseracing Authority was appointed some two years ago he announced that horse welfare would be one of his major objectives for the NHA and that this was regarded as a priority objective.

We accordingly engaged with him on the issue of support for the NHA and the three Units.

As a result of these discussions we were told by Mr Lyndon Barends that the NHA had agreed in principle to take the lead in the industry to support horse welfare and that we could expect funding for the

National Horse Trust to commence in the second half of 2018.

Unfortunately it now appears that this information was not correct. However our cash flow expectation was that we would receive funding in 2018 and the result is that we are therefore now badly short of funds.

As a result the Board of the NHA had to make a decision at the end of 2018 to temporarily suspend the monthly payments that we were making to the Units until our financial position had improved. This is obviously highly detrimental to the Trust and the three Units.

We have however now reengaged with the new CEO of the National Horseracing Authority, Vee Moodley, and he is doing his best to see that sustainable support can be provided to the National Horse Trust in the near future.

However in the interim we have the shortfall that I have referred to and we are asking all of our traditional supporters and any other members of the racing industry to please URGENTLY support us in the short-term so that we can recommence the flow of funds to the Units to enable them to do their invaluable work for horse welfare.

We urge you to respond to this appeal and donations can be made to the following account:

Name: The National Horse Trust
Bank: FNB Johannesburg
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Branch: Southdale
Branch Code: 254205
Reference: [Surname] Special Letter

Caspar Can Spook Them...

Quality Hong Kong-based miler Southern Legend will be pointed west in search of an inaugural Dubai World Cup card victory for trainer Caspar Fownes.

Ever-consistent, the 6-year-old gelding ran second to dual Gr1 winner Exultant in the Gr1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup over 2000m at his most recent outing in mid-February and is taking dead-aim on the \$6 million Gr1 Dubai Turf.

Owned by Boniface Ho Ka Kui, the Australian-bred son of Not A Single Doubt has consistently laid his claim as a top-class competitor. During the 2017-2018 racing season, the gelding put his nose in front when it mattered, most notably winning the Gr1 Kranji Mile in Singapore, as well as beating Longines Hong Kong Mile victor Beauty Only and dual Gr 1 winner Pakistan Star in the Rapper Dragon Handicap over a mile in March 2018.

INTERNATIONAL

De Kock Trio For Big Night

Three South African horses are amongst the likely fields for the Dubai World Cup card to be run on Saturday 30 March at Meydan.

Mike de Kock's trio of Majestic Mambo, Yulong Prince (formerly Surchage) and July winner Marinaresco are the SA representatives on a bumper card which features six Group 1 and three Group 2 fixtures.

Stakes have increased from \$30 million to \$35 million!

[See the fields here](#)

Hawwaam Has World Watching

Mike de Kock's recent Gr1 SA Classic winner Hawwaam is ranked at joint tenth position on the first edition of the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings for 2019.

The 3yo son of Silvano is the youngest horse in the top 10.

Hawwaam's half-brother Rainbow Bridge (Ideal World) and the 3yo National Park (Gimmethelight) are at joint 14th position.

The LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings for 3yos and upwards, which raced between 1st January 2019 – 10th March 2019, features three well-known names at the top.

Beauty Generation(NZ) [125], City Of Light(USA) [125] and Winx(AUS) [125] are equally rated for their efforts at the beginning of the year.

Winx, the co-2018 Longines World's Best Racehorse, has continued her winning ways. Her victories in 2019 include the Tab Gr1 Chipping Norton Stakes and Gr2 The Star Apollo Stakes and she has now won 31 consecutive races overall.

Beauty Generation has remained dominant in Hong Kong, taking The Gr1 Stewards' Cup in January and The Gr1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup in February.

City of Light, meanwhile, finished his career by winning the Gr1 Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes and has retired to stud.

Happy Clapper (AUS) [123] sits in the fourth spot just behind the leaders after finishing second to Winx in both of their meetings in 2019.

PERSONALITY

CAUTION

The Lady Can Snap!

Candiese Marnewick

British author William Thackeray said that the two most engaging powers of a photograph are to make new things familiar and familiar things, new. The life of a racing photographer is thus not simply that of a happy snapper leaning against the rails waiting for the next stampeding blaze of colour.

One of the fastest rising stars in the South African thoroughbred photography firmament, Durban-based Candiese Marnewick was awarded the Anita Akal Industry Award at the 2018 KZN Breeders Awards. She is a lady with a permanent smile and a work ethic second to none and it's difficult to digest that she only started taking photos 'properly' – in her words- from about 2015 and bought her first professional camera in April last year.

And beyond the auctioneers, the bid spotters and the crew of handlers, she toiled her way through over six hours of the Cape Yearling Sale on Sunday under the blazing hot Paarl sun at Mistico. All while the gathered audience enjoyed their refreshments and snacks and hardly noticed the Duracell Bunny with the snazzy camera darting from ring to door to table, and back to the ring.

The three time Midmar Mile swimmer caught our eye as the perfect unhailed heroine type character for our personality of the week slot.

Candiese started out working for the KZN Breeders Club and says that she owes Mike McHardy and Warwick Render, who took a leap of faith to employ a 'nobody' in the industry, a big word of thanks.

"I needed pictures for my articles, so the only way to get them was to do them myself – so I started going to farms and I really enjoyed it – and one thing lead to another. The KZN Breeders asked me to start going to sales to promote the #kznbred and it all really went from there!"

She says that the Sales are hard work for all involved.

"I do the photography, the live social media updates and try to edit and upload images in between the sale to keep our followers in the loop. It is very pressurized but at the end it's great satisfaction that you get through it," said Candiese as she smiled and answered our prompts between lots and a buzz of noise from the auctioneers and the buyers.

And to show she is no shrinking violet one dimensional arty type, she proved to be on top of the stats too.

"The sale, from the numbers I saw, finished up stronger than last year – a good sign as there is no denying we are facing tough economic times for all, and in all industries. So the results were very pleasing I'd think," said the 40 year old soon-to-be married again single mother of two.

We asked how she juggled the 24/7 job with her two daughters- Julia (13) and Mia (9).

"It is a tough one balancing the kids and travelling, and a little bit more testing now that my eldest is in high school so it's juggling two different school times. Fortunately my ex-husband Michael and I get on very well and he is understanding and helps me when I can't be around and vice versa when he travels for his job, and we share our kids equally. Having said that, I am very conscious of the fact that a lot of my work eats into normal family weekend time, so if racing is generally on a Sunday, Saturday is family day."

She says she has never been the kind of Mom that is very good with sitting and entertaining the children.

"I love taking them out and giving them new experiences and that's what we do. I also make a point of getting everyone around the table at least once a week and having good sit down dinner and catching up on news – one of my favourite things to do. I do make the effort to be at every school and sport function I can be which I believe is important to them, to know that their parents are there to support them. I do have to thank Warren (Lenferna) especially – he supports me 100% in everything I do, and if I have a problem with anything or need help with the kids, he is right there."

So who's her boss?

"I have a few! But I am self-employed and took the plunge in 2014 after leaving the industry for 10 months and realizing that

a stereotypical 9-5 job was not really my thing. I work for the KZN Breeders Club, Bloodstock South Africa, Gold Circle, the Thoroughbred Breeders Association, and several private farms and stallion owners. I have never looked back and have so many people supporting me. I will work all night

for my clients if that is what is needed," she added with a sincerity and warmth that is her trademark – and probably sets her apart.



Candiese in focus | photo: Candiese Marnewick



CANDIESE MARNEWICK

Besides the sales ring, Candiese is on the rail at most KZN race-meetings. Work is a passion for her – born out of a deep love of the horse.

Raised and schooled in Durban, the bug bit when she was 12.

“My friend Loryn started riding lessons in Yellowwood Park, and I just tagged along. I was sporty and was busy every afternoon with something or the other- chess, drama and athletics – that’s until the horses came along!”

She recalls the first horse that she ‘got involved with’.

“He was a beautiful bay with spots down his neck named Harry’s Affair. Whilst I didn’t come from a horsey background per se, my grandmother had leisure horses in Lesotho where they owned a trading station, and my great grandfather was a Vet- so I suppose it had to pop out somewhere in the pedigree!”

She says that riding was always an expensive sport and together with some help from her folks she used to work around the stables pulling mains and plaiting, and going to shows to assist on weekends- which helped to pay her. That was the start of the work ethic.

“While still a child growing up in Yellowwood Park, a very fancy showjumper moved in named Minton Way, and with him came Charles Baker. I could say I owe my career to two people – the first was Charles and the second was Mike McHardy. One day, Charles handed me a pedigree of the horse I was riding, and my interest in the Thoroughbred was immediate. I went to a little horse show at Newmarket stables, and the yearling sales had just ended. I picked up all the left over catalogues – Scott Bros, Aldora Stud spring to mind, and went home and found connections to my horses pedigrees and those. – and I remember the first common horse I discovered was Riverman. It totally blew my mind that my horse was related to unbelievable champions and they were all over the world.”

That was the flame that stoked a lifelong passion and she recalls meeting the legend Terrance Millard.

“I was lucky enough to meet Mr Millard in that little suburban stable. He had imported a beautiful black carriage horse and he kept him there until the KZN season was over. Another man who made an early impact on me was the legend Robin Scott. I began to do his conformation and sales catalogues. It felt surreal really, and I owe him so much for teaching me about advertising and how to photograph a horse correctly.”

Candiese graduated to Showjumping and on her Mom’s guidance – she saw an office job wouldn’t work for her daughter- joined Mitch Hansen’s Stonhurst Horsemanship course and met people and friends who she has kept for life.

“The experience of being previously ‘horsey’ also helps me to read horses’ behaviour today when I photograph them and anticipate their next move if they are on edge, and when it comes to photographing yearlings especially.”

Candiese travels to Mauritius on 1 April for a family 50th birthday celebration with her future husband, Warren Lenferna – her ‘rock’. She is going armed with laptop and camera and will go racing at the Champ de Mars.

Asked to name one great thing about her job, she says it’s being able to follow horses from foals, to the sales, and then to the winner’s enclosure.

“I enjoy it so very much. I may sound batty, but I recently ‘bumped’ into a horse that I photographed racing at Greyville and always use

to give him a pat after he had won. I saw him retired on a road trip to Kimberley recently. And when I walked up to his paddock I swear he recognized me. He just seemed to have a surprised expression and walked up to the fence to greet me. A wonderful feeling!”

She has also had a few nerve wracking moments.

“Greyville can be tricky to photograph on and Anton Marcus has caught me out a few times where he flies up at the last second. One can end up with a beautiful image of the second placed horse and the winner is a blur. I was also standing on the inside track at Scottsville and I heard Craig Peters shouting, that there is just 300m to go. I looked up the track and saw no horses. To my utter horror, it was a sprint up the straight. I was under the railings so fast and sprinted. I got a beautiful image of the winner as she crossed the finish. Needless to say, one bookmaker has never let me forget it – now I triple check the race card!”

Candiese says that one photographer that she admires the most is the overseas based Michele MacDonald.

“I’ve followed her work for years and actually got to meet her at a Vodacom Durban July two years ago which blew me away. She hit a ‘like’ button on my one of images and I nearly did flick flacks! But locally, John Lewis is a magician with a camera. And Chase Liebenberg’s work is outstanding.”

Look out for Candiese at Nationals at Germiston next month.

Grand National Field Takes Shape

There is just over a fortnight until the 172nd running of the world’s greatest and most valuable chase, the £1-million Randox Health Grand National.

A total of 81 horses, up from 73 at the same stage in 2018, remain engaged in the famous four mile, two furlong and 74-yard handicap chase, which takes place at Aintree at 5.15pm on Saturday, April 6, day three of the Randox Health Grand National Festival.

Tiger Roll (Gordon Elliott, 11st 1lb) captured the 2018 Randox Health Grand National and appeared in the form of his life when sauntering to a facile 22-length in the Glenfarclas Cross Country Chase at Cheltenham on March 13. The Gigginstown House Stud-owned nine-year-old won the same contest in 2018 ahead of his Aintree victory.

[Read more here](#)



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RACING

KZN Operator Ups Their Media Game

Even though on course attendances countrywide are down, KZN racing operator Gold Circle have upped their social media game dramatically to promote the sport to existing and prospective new fans and even at a relatively low key meeting they will attract a healthy crowd.

“We have seen results – the Durban View room is packed out most Friday nights – the competitions are swelling – on course attendance on a Friday at Greyville and some Sundays too are better – we find people coming to Greyville are enjoying what we offer them,” suggests media team player Warren Lenferna.

The passionate Gold Circle media team, headed up by Andrew Harrison, have for a while now attacked the social media market in a big way to help promote the sport of horse racing and betting.

[Read more here](#)

Derby Goal For Hawwaam

Hawwaam will be aimed at the R2-million SA Derby over 2400m at Turffontein on Saturday 30 March.

Speaking on his website, Mike de Kock has announced immediate plans for his star colt Hawwaam and said on Monday: “I have discussed Hawwaam’s next few races with Angus Gold and Sheikh Hamdan and we have decided to race him in the Grade 1 SA Derby on 30 March, followed five weeks later by the Champions Challenge.

“Those will possibly be his only races for what is left of this season, though we will enter him for the Durban July and make a call on that after the Champions Challenge.

“We changed our plans with Hawwaam because our original Derby contender Barahin has a minor muscle strain and will miss the Derby as a result. Barahin is to be aimed at the KZN Champions Season. We have the Daily News and the July in mind for him, he could come into the ‘July’ quite well handicapped.”

Of Soqrat, the stable’s third three-year-old ace, De Kock commented: “Graded races over a mile are in short supply. We’ll be pointing him at the Horse Chestnut Stakes, possibly followed by Grade 1 Rising Sun Gold Challenge at Greyville. He will also be entered for the Champions Challenge, it all depends on his well-being.”



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ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE

Putting The Heart In Art

A Morning with Charlie Langton

I am forever indebted to the great, now late, Les Carlyon for his wonderful words "When horses, or those who ride or train them, do rare things, they make the people who were present that day feel good," because they are cross-my-heart true.

However, it's not only the horses and the folks who ride and train them who qualify. While horse folk really do cover the full spectrum, no matter which part they occupy, our best really are very good indeed – the horses demand it. This means being around good horses and good horse people – regardless of discipline- is endlessly rewarding and it remains a privilege that in exchange for giving up a few hours' sleep and producing some hieroglyphics on a computer screen (my super power!), I get access to the best in the business- which means I get to borrow some of the gloss and, if I do my job properly, share it with all of you.

My most exciting recent find was Charlie Langton, equine artist extraordinaire, who attended Diadem day at Kenilworth a few weeks ago. But then one meets all the best people at the races!

Who Is Charlie?

While the word 'artist' conjures up images of wild, colourful people, the unassuming young man with the blue eyes and shy smile introduced himself simply as Charlie, and it took a good bit of pressing and a stealthy Google session to figure out that this was, in fact, THE Charlie Langton, one of the most sensational equine artists of recent times. The first surprise was that he is only 35, which seems almost absurd given his accomplishments, and the second that he is so down to earth and, well, normal. But, as so often in life, the magic is on the inside.

Charlie's most recent high profile sculpture was the gorgeous tableau of HM Queen Elizabeth with her mare and foal which graces Birdcage Walk in Newmarket. However, he has either painted or sculpted some of the very best in the business, with his back catalogue including the likes of Giant's Causeway, Sadler's Wells, Galileo, Montjeu, Goldikova, Treve, the full size plus sculpture of Yeats that graces the parade ring at Ascot, Fastnet Rock and one of my personal favourites, Kauto Star. He is also responsible for the breath-taking Pegasus, part of the memorial to those killed serving in the Parachute Regiment at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.



Charlie Langton | photo Amanda Lockhart

Unable to pass up the opportunity to find out a bit more about his work, I strong-armed Charlie into an interview. But where to take someone to who the best horseflesh and most beautiful facilities in the world come as standard? If you're in Cape Town, there's only one choice – Mike Stewart's magnificent Dunes training outfit in Noordhoek.

Bucket List

Noordhoek's endless expanse of beach has always been something of a special place for me. I don't know much about ley lines or any of that stuff, but there is ancient magic in that particular stretch of mountains and wind and beach that clears the cobwebs and always leaves you feeling better than when you arrived. Add a string of racehorses and one of the most stupendously talented people in the world and you're talking bucket list stuff.

Unfortunately, road works on the N1 conspired against my arriving on time, but there is a little internet meme that advises 'You are exactly where you need to be'. Whether one believes in fate or karma or a greater plan or not, I always find it a comforting thought, particularly when I am stuck in traffic.... A little further ahead- or further back- and who knows, your day might end quite differently. So I try not to sweat the small stuff. It's the journey, right? Plus, I did finally make it in time for second string and we spent some quality time chatting to Mike and watching him put his horses through their paces.

After thank yous and good-byes, we adjourned for an excellent 'Hangover Breakfast' at the newly opened Dark Horse, where I got to know the man behind the art.

Anatomy of an artist

Charlie grew up in Wiltshire and developed a fascination for horses at an early age, spending happy childhood days being dumped off a Welsh pony called Whizz. Both his great uncle and mother bred Thoroughbreds and it was an easy transition into an appreciation for the racehorse. What started out as doodling bits of horses in school class books, saw Charlie progress to studying fine art at Edinburgh and then spending a year and a half at the Charles Cecil Studios in Florence, which helped nurture and shape his Classical instincts as well as his

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interest in sculpting. As soon as he got home, Charlie started taking portraiture commissions and applied himself in earnest to getting his career off the ground, focussing on equine work whenever he had a spare moment.

A sculpture he contributed to the Sir Peter O'Sullivan annual charity fundraiser was sold to J P McManus, not only raising a good sum for the charity, but giving Charlie the encouragement and conviction he needed to invest more in his sculpting.

In June 2008, Charlie took a huge leap of faith, taking a bank loan to finance his first solo exhibition at London's Tryon Gallery. Taking arguably an even bigger leap, he contacted Coolmore and asked to study Galileo for a sculpture. They said yes and Charlie spent a week studying the champion sire. The resulting sculpture formed the centrepiece of his exhibition- which proved a runaway sell-out success- and the young man was well on his way.

One of the paintings sold at the Tryon caught the attention of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing's Harry Herbert, prompting him to commission a portrait of 2005 Epsom Derby winner, Motivator. Herbert still lists the work as his favourite painting- and he has remained instrumental in Charlie's career.

Summer of amazing opportunity

It was Harry who mentioned that Ascot were planning to commission a life size sculpture of Yeats. Charlie won the commission and the sculpture was unveiled by the Queen during Royal Ascot week in 2011. It was a particularly poignant moment for Charlie as his father had passed in November 2010. "It's the piece that got me through a pretty difficult time," he says quietly. And it remains one of the pieces closest to his heart.

At around the time of the Yeats commission, the Epsom Derby was changing sponsors from Vodafone to Investec. As the race had never had a permanent trophy, Charlie approached Investec with the idea of creating one. Teaming up with Asprey, their combined talents saw him winning the commission for the new trophy (as well as one for the Epsom Oaks) which was officially inaugurated in 2011. What is perhaps most remarkable is that Charlie achieved all that at the age of 25.

After that incredible three month period which he terms the summer of amazing opportunity, the commissions started rolling in and have led to him measuring – and being measured- because art is a two way relationship- by some of the greatest horses of our time. Charlie feels it is important to have an accurate visual reference of our really great horses to record, preserve and share them for posterity. But what makes it important? Yes, one wants a physical representation in order to capture and record them in order to work out what made them great. But I think it's possibly as simple as Churchill's wonderful words that there is some-



Yeats in the Ascot parade ring | Charlie Langton

thing about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.

Amo amas amat

Many superlatives have been heaped on Charlie – 'ridiculously young and talented', 'supremely gifted', 'the most exciting sculptor of horses', 'the golden boy of equine art'. One need only look at his work to know they are all true. His work is extraordinary. It is not only technically accomplished, it is elegant and painstakingly accurate. But there's more.

Charlie loves horses. He has done his entire life. And horse people – the real ones- are different. Once a horse has touched you, nothing is ever the same again. Speaking as one of the afflicted, it happens down at cellular level and it's there for life. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, It is a grand passion. It seizes a person whole and once it has done so, he/she will have to accept that his life will be radically changed'.

In Charlie's case, that translates into an intense study of the horse's anatomy and physiology, the interplay of bones, muscles and sinews and the incredible feat of engineering that horses embody. Like the best of the old English masters (and fittingly, Charlie shares a birthday with George Stubbs), Charlie has made studying his subject his life's work. If it is true that you are what you repeatedly do and that excellence is not an act, but a habit, then it is fair to say that Charlie is excellent at portraying horses in all his chosen mediums.

Of course, it is possible to get all the technical aspects correct and only end up with a very correct, but sterile piece.

Horse people know that if you don't give your whole heart, you don't get your whole horse and Charlie has learnt the art of giving his whole heart to each and every one of his subjects. I think it is this singular distinction that makes him such a rare talent.

Digesting it all

They often say horses find you and it seems interview subjects are the same. Like good art, good artists inform, enrich and most importantly, teach. Our conversation meanders across art, horses, horse people and beyond and I leave reluctantly and with much to mull over.

The office day goes a lot faster with sandy toes, salty skin and fairy knots braided on the Noordhoek breeze. As I head home and hit a traffic jam in the unseasonal summer rain, I sink back in my seat with a smile. I am exactly where I am supposed to be.

Charlie will be back in South Africa later this year to work on a private commission.

For more information about Charlie and his work, visit www.charlielangtonart.com



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Short Heads

On Fire

Maine Chance Farms' multiple Gr1 winning stallion Vercingetorix has made a great start to his stud career, and the former Equus Champion was at it again at Greyville on Sunday. Vercingetorix had a pair of eye catching 2yo winners with his son African Warrior winning the first race, and fellow Vercingetorix son Padre Pio landing Greyville's second race. Both African Warrior and Padre Pio are out of mares by Jet Master-also damsire of the Silvano sired Gr1 SA Classic winner Hawwaam. Vercingetorix, whose yearlings made up to R1 100 000 at January's Cape Premier Yearling Sale, has 12 lots on offer at the 2019 National Sale.



Farewell To Top Sire

Multiple Gr I winner and star stallion Pioneer of the Nile (Empire Maker—Star of Goshen), perhaps best known for siring 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, has died suddenly at the age of 13. WinStar Farm announced that Pioneer of the Nile bred a mare Monday morning and started acting uncomfortably once he was back in his stall. He was en route to the clinic when he died. Bred and owned by Zayat Stables during his racing career, Pioneer of the Nile won both the 2008 GrI CashCall Futurity and GrI Santa Anita Derby and was runner-up in the 2009 GrI Kentucky Derby. He entered stud at Vinery in 2010 and spent three years there before transferring to WinStar in 2013. He was perennially among the leading sires and was represented by Eclipse 2-Year-Old champion Classic Empire in 2016.

Part of The Game?

An Aussie website has asked punters to list the most annoying things about punting. The long list includes Tipsters congratulating themselves by congratulating others. E.g. "Brilliant ride by that jockey (who just happened to be on the horse I've been tipping all week)." "Great training performance (with that horse I mentioned was over the odds)." Also high on the needle list was taking the field in what looks a tricky exotic leg only to watch the favourite win like Black Caviar. Or when you've backed the winner and then get the 'hold all tickets, race review' announcement.

Writing On The Wall

Philippi trainer Riaan van Reenen has packed it in and moved across the Peninsula to work as an assistant for his former boss, Glen Puller. He told Michael Clower on Saturday: "I only had ten horses at the end and it just wasn't financially viable to continue but the writing was on the wall a long time ago. The market has gone to the big trainers." There are now only three trainers left at Philippi and there seems no solution in sight to save the small guy.

A Good Habit!

Is punting just once a year the answer? That seems to be the logic after one racegoer left the racecourse more than £180,000 richer last Tuesday evening after a day of shocks at Cheltenham produced the second-biggest Placepot dividend of all time. The spectacular windfall was all the more impressive for having been scooped with just a single £2 line. The holder of the £2 winning ticket wanted to remain anonymous, but is a local man who makes a coach trip to the first day of Cheltenham every year.



OLD vs NEW

The old and the new generation meet again at Turffontein on Saturday 30 March. Legal Eagle and Soqrat are amongst 11 entries for the R1,25 million Gr1 HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes to be run over 1600m. Legal Eagle has made this race his own over the past three years but supporters of the Australian-bred Cape Guineas winner Soqrat may feel that the multiple SA Horse Of The Year is beatable this time. Declarations are due on Monday 25 March.



DERBY COUNTDOWN

There are just over 10 weeks until the 240th running of the Gr1 Investec Derby, the premier Classic and the Greatest Flat Race in the World, at Epsom Downs Racecourse on Saturday, June 1. The 2019 renewal of the historic race over a mile and a half, Britain's richest at £1.5 million, has 96 contenders remaining following the March 5 scratchings' deadline.

Hot Water

Toowoomba trainer Ben Currie has lodged a stay application against a decision to stand him down and hopes to have it heard by the end of the week. Queensland's leading trainer on overall winners, Currie was stood down after stewards charged him last month with seven offences including the use of a jigger. The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's internal reviewer, Kane Ashby, confirmed the stewards' decision to stand Currie down pending a result in the case. Unless Currie gets a stay he will be unable to train after next Monday.

RACING

Current System Is Broken

Watershed Moment In Racing

What has happened at Santa Anita over the last few weeks is beyond heartbreaking. It is unacceptable to the public and, as people who deeply love horses, to everyone at The Stronach Group and Santa Anita - Letter from Santa Anita Park

The sport of horse racing is the last great sporting legacy platform to be modernized. If we expect our sport to grow for future generations, we must raise our standards writes Belinda Stronach, Chairman and President of the Stronach Group

I'm announcing The Stronach Group will take the unprecedented step of declaring a zero tolerance for race day medication at Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields. These Thoroughbred racetracks will be the first in North America to follow the strict International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) standards.

We have arrived at a watershed moment. The Stronach Group has long been a strong advocate for the abolishment of race-day medication, but we will wait no longer for the industry to come together as one to institute these changes. Nor will we wait for the legislation required to undertake this paradigm shift. We are taking a stand and fully recognize just how disruptive this might be.

This mandate encompasses a complete revision of the current medication policy to improve the safety of our equine and human athletes and to raise the integrity of our sport.

These revisions comprise best practices currently employed at racetracks around the world:

- Banning the use of Lasix
- Increasing the ban on legal therapeutic NSAIDS, joint injections, shockwave therapy, and anabolic steroids.
- Complete transparency of all veterinary records.
- Significantly increasing out-of-competition testing.
- Increasing the time required for horses to be on-site prior to a race.
- A substantial investment by The Stronach Group in diagnostic equipment to aid in the early detection of pre-existing conditions.
- Horses in training are only allowed therapeutic medication with a qualified veterinary diagnosis.

Additionally, it is time to address the growing concern about use of the riding crop. A cushion crop should only be used as a corrective safety measure. While we firmly believe our jockeys have not purposely been mistreating their mounts, it is time to make this change.

These modernizations are in addition to the previously announced commitment to the continued engagement of outside experts to regularly review our dirt, turf and synthetic courses for consistency, composition and compaction to create the safest racing surfaces in the world.

We will be continuing our daily conversations with industry stakeholders to further define these transformative guidelines. But make no mistake: these changes will be implemented. The time to discuss "why" these advancements must take place is over. The only thing left to discuss is "how."

There are some who will take a stand and tell us that it cannot be done. To them we say "the health and welfare of the horses will always come first." We also say "not only can it be done, it is what we are doing." Racing at Santa Anita and Golden Gate is a privilege, it is not a right.

Ultimately, we recognize the owners and trainers of these horses have the final responsibility to assess their fitness for racing and training. Our goal is to make every resource available to aid them in that determination. We are all in this together to make the horse the first priority.

Our COO, Tim Ritvo, has been a horseman for almost four decades. As he said, "The time has come for this industry to evolve. It must do so for the sake of the horses and the people who depend on this sport for their livelihoods. Moving to international standards will help to set the right foundation for racing and fairness. We love the sport of horse racing and want it to succeed today, tomorrow and long into the future."

We've spoken with the California Horse Racing Board and they will be holding a meeting on March 21 at which the situation at Santa Anita Park will be addressed. In the interim, Chairman Chuck Winner told us he personally appreciates the initiatives that The Stronach Group announced today. The Chairman said, "The safety of horses and riders has been, is, and will be the primary concern of the CHRB. The CHRB has been working with The Stronach Group and the various stakeholders to achieve a common objective, which is the best possible conditions for the health and safety of our equine competitors."

Organizations who advocate for animal welfare have also affirmed their support for these measures. Kathy Guillermo, Senior Vice President for PETA said, "PETA thanks Santa Anita for standing up to all those who have used any means to force injured or unfit horses to run. This is a historic moment for racing and PETA urges every track to recognize that the future is now and to follow suit. This groundbreaking plan will not bring back the 22 horses who have died recently, but it will prevent the deaths of many more and will set a new standard for racing that means less suffering for Thoroughbreds."

These initiatives are a seismic shift in how the sport has been conducted for centuries. We are pleased that Stuart S. Janney III, Chairman of The Jockey Club, which has long supported the Horseracing Integrity Act, said, "We applaud The Stronach Group for its announcement today to effect sweeping changes at Santa Anita, which would bring them on par with the strict standards seen in major international racing jurisdictions."

Joe Harper, CEO of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club said, "Del Mar has and will continue to support discussions and implementation of measures that enhance the safety and welfare of our athletes. We are committed to working with Santa Anita, The Stronach Group and other industry stakeholders to continue to improve."

We recognize this will impact our field size as horses and horsemen adjust to this new standard. There will be horses that will not be able to race because they have required medication to do so. For those horses, we are prepared to dedicate the capital required to rehabilitate, retrain, rehome and provide aftercare for them. They deserve nothing less.

We are taking a step forward and saying, quite emphatically, that the current system is broken.

While the cause of the injuries on the racetrack might be varied, they have one thing in common: the industry has yet to do everything that can be done to prevent them. That changes today.

First and foremost, we must do right by the horse. When we do right by the horse, everything – everything – will follow.

HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

The Dynasty Of Stars

Outstanding racehorse and sire Dynasty, has passed away and left an indelible mark on the South African turf.

Not only did Dynasty leave his mark through numerous high class sons and daughters, but his consistent success at stud - both on the track and in the sales ring - has opened the door ever wider for more and more South African bred colts to retire to stud.

The likes of Captain Al, Dynasty and Jet Master's success at stud has ensured a growing belief in the merit of the South African bred stallion, with the above mentioned trio all represented by a number of sire sons at stud.

Dynasty has already emulated his sire by siring three Horse Of The Year champions – Futura, Irish Flame and Legislate- all of whom are now standing at stud.

One of the finest South African racehorses to retire to stud, Dynasty won nine of 12 outings, with perhaps his finest hour coming in when scoring a spectacular (against the odds) win in the 2003 Gr1 Vodacom Durban July. Despite pulling hard, and racing wide from the widest draw of all, Dynasty showed his true class when downing subsequent Horse Of The Year Yard-Arm by three-parts of length, while giving the runner up weight.

Highlands

Retired to stud at Highlands, where he spent his entire stud career, Dynasty made an instant impression with his first crop. This crop of just over 70 foals contained seven individual black type winners, notably Horse Of The Year, and multiple G1 winner Irish Flame – who is now standing at the Bush Hill Stud in KZN.

Dynasty's first crop also yielded the Gr1 Gold Cup winner Ancestral Fore, millionaire Blake, and the stakes winning 2yo Squashy Joy.

His second crop produced four more black type winners, headed by multiple Equus Champion and Gr1 winner Beach Beauty and Gr1 Vodacom Durban July runner up Run For It- who despite never winning a graded race earned over R1.8 million in stakes.

Dynasty's success ensured he covered a high quality of mare, and his subsequent crops have yielded a flood of high class performers, including Equus Champions Futura, Legislate, Just Sensual, Lady In Black and It's My Turn.

Jallad

The champion enjoyed a remarkable record with daughters of former champion sire Jallad. When mated to daughters of Jallad, Dynasty produced the likes of Liege (Gr1 Summer Cup), It's My Turn (Champion), Eyes Wide Open (Gr1 Cape Derby, Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes), Run For It, Solid Speed (Gr2 Betting World 1900), and Wild Wicket (Michael Roberts Handicap).

He also enjoyed success with daughters of champion US sire



Cozzene- who was from the same female line as Dynasty's own sire- with the Dynasty/Cozzene cross producing triple Gr1 winner and sire Jackson, Winter Series winner African Night Sky and Gr3 Byerley Turk winner Heartland.

However, one of the notable aspects to Dynasty's success, is that he produced Gr1 winners out of mares sired by a host of different sires from a variety of sire lines. The likes of Pole Position, Re-structure, Badger's Drift, Jet Master, Camden Park, Alzao, Cordoba, Royal Academy, Arch, Capture Him and Flaming Rock are all broodmare sires of Gr1 winners by Dynasty.

Not surprising, given his own consistent high level of success, breeders have flocked to use sons of Dynasty. He is already well represented as a sire of sires, with all of Act Of War, Futura, Horizon, Irish Flame, Jackson and Legislate now at stud, and this list is likely to still grow further in coming months.

A son of champion sire and multiple champion broodmare sire Fort Wood, Dynasty also appears likely to become a successful broodmare sire. His relatively young broodmare daughters are also responsible for the smart performers Charles (2nd Cape Derby) and Frank Lloyd Wright (2nd Langerman), and with a large number of well performed and bred Dynasty mares yet to be represented on the track, Dynasty looks poised for more success as a maternal grandsire.

Marchetta

Dynasty was one of numerous descendants of the mare Marchetta to become successful stallions, with other notable sires descended from her including Scat Daddy, Bustino, Irish River and the magnificent Turn-To – that is the male line ancestor of such as sires as Halo, Sir Ivor, Lonhro, Sunday Silence, Deep Impact, Roberto and More Than Ready, to name a few.

Marchetta is also ancestress of high class sprinter West Man, who is broodmare sire of the Dynasty sired stakes winner Paddy O' Reilly.

The champion has some exceptionally well bred juveniles and yearlings to represent him over the coming season, with his two-year-olds this season including full-siblings to the likes of Legislate and Fillies Guineas winner Alexis, and half-siblings to the Gr1 winners Snowdance, French Navy, Yorker, and Viva Maria, while such top racemares as River Jetez, Europa Point and Happy Archer are all represented by 2yos by Dynasty this season.

The last word in the Dynasty success story is a long way from being penned!

BEST RATINGS

Mon 4 Mar 2019 - Wed 20 Mar 2019

It's Close At The Top

Just one pound separates two 4yo males from a 2yo filly

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
103	Mardi Gras	4	Oratorio	Avontuur Farm	16Mar	1	Cnd	1160	Turffontein	103/93/-/-/-
97	Juan Two Three	6	Var	Haras Del Carmo	18Mar	1	Cnd	1200	Fairview	107/78/-/-/-
94	Prince Of Kahal	4	Kahal	Clifton Stud	16Mar	2	Cnd	1160	Turffontein	94/90/-/-/-
94	Frosted Gold	2	All Too Hard	bred in New Zealand	9Mar	1	Cnd-2	1000	Turffontein	94/-/-/-/-
93	Valbonne	4	Var	Varsfontein Stud	16Mar	1	MR92	1000	Turffontein	97/-/-/-/-
92	Trip To Heaven	7	Trippi	Highlands	16Mar	8	Cnd	1160	Turffontein	117/108/-/-/-
91	Isphan	7	Tiger Ridge	Mauritzfontein Stud	16Mar	2	MR92	1000	Turffontein	101/89/-/-/-
91	Down To Zero	4	Judpot	TD Forsyth	16Mar	5	Cnd	1160	Turffontein	96/88/-/-/-
91	Breakfast Club	6	Visionaire	Summerhill Stud	18Mar	2	Cnd	1200	Fairview	91/91/-/-/-
90	Basilus	3	Potala Palace	Pecan Hill Stud Farm	9Mar	2	MR89	1100	Turffontein	90/57/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
102	Basadi Faith	2	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	9Mar	1	Cnd2f	1000	Turffontein	102/-/-/-/-
97	Celtic Sea	3	Captain Al	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	16Mar	1	Cndfm	1400	Turffontein	96/97/-/-/-
94	Helen's Ideal	3	Ideal World	PG de Beyer	16Mar	1	MR92f	1250	Durbanville	94/93/83/-/-
90	Pretty Penny	4	What A Winter	RD Forsyth-Thompson	9Mar	2	MR92f	1000	Turffontein	90/-/-/-/-
90	Generous Lady	3	Philanthropist	Highlands	17Mar	2	MR80f	1400	Greyville	69/90/-/-/-
90	Redberry Lane	5	Western Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	16Mar	2	Cndfm	1400	Turffontein	-/102/82/-/-/-
88	Celestial Storm	3	What A Winter	Favour Stud	16Mar	1	MR80f	1000	Durbanville	88/51/-/-/-
88	Maverick Girl	5	Rebel King	Optima Trust	15Mar	1	MR80f	1400	Fairview	84/88/-/-/-
88	Che Bella	3	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	14Mar	1	MR74f	1200	Vaal	88/61/-/-/-
87	Carioca	3	Var	Avontuur Farm	14Mar	1	MR84f	1400	Vaal	83/87/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
102	Hero's Honour	4	Await The Dawn	Summerhill Stud	16Mar	6	MR107	1800	Turffontein	72/91/102/-/92/
95	Pietro Mascagni	4	Silvano	Varsfontein Stud	16Mar	3	MR107	1800	Turffontein	81/92/97/-/-
93	Divine Odyssey	4	Oratorio	LMF Wernars	16Mar	1	MR107	1800	Turffontein	15/86/93/86/-
92	The Dazzler	4	Mogok	Scott Bros	16Mar	2	MR107	1800	Turffontein	83/85/92/92/-/-
91	Pilou	5	Western Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	16Mar	5	MR107	1800	Turffontein	64/95/91/72/-/-
90	Dawn Assault	5	Call To Combat	Graystone Stud	16Mar	8	MR107	1800	Turffontein	52/85/99/99/83/
90	Cash Time	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	16Mar	4	MR107	1800	Turffontein	25/79/94/97/89/
89	Gift For The Gap	3	Master Of My Fate	Oldlands Stud	9Mar	1	MR93	2000	Turffontein	-/73/83/89/83/
88	Streak Of Silver	6	Silvano	Highlands	18Mar	2	Cnd	1600	Fairview	83/90/80/-/-
88	Protea Paradise	3	Dynasty	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	9Mar	7	MR93	2000	Turffontein	33/76/75/88/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
88	Sunshine Silk	4	Silvano	Gold Star Stud	9Mar	1	MR82f	2400	Turffontein	-/68/66/79/88/
88	Seville Orange	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	9Mar	2	MR87f	2000	Turffontein	69/77/-/88/-
82	Star Fighter	3	Argonaut	Dream World Investments	8Mar	1	Cnd3f	1600	Fairview	59/82/-/-/-
81	Grecian Laurel	3	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	6Mar	1	MR68f	1600	Greyville	72/81/-/-/-
81	Second To None	3	Twice Over	E Yates	10Mar	4	MR72f	2000	Greyville	69/73/73/81/-
80	Studio Blues	4	Twice Over	Daytona Stud	8Mar	2	Cndfm	1600	Fairview	68/80/67/66/-/-
79	Pretty Ballerina	4	Crusade	Tawny Syndicate	16Mar	3	MR80f	1800	Turffontein	-/75/79/79/78/
79	Madame Speaker	3	Pathfork	SE Bennett	8Mar	2	Cnd3f	1600	Fairview	87/96/-/-/-
78	Fariha	3	Fiorente	bred in Australia	16Mar	1	MR80f	1800	Turffontein	-/71/78/76/-
77	Esteemal	4	Captain Al	Nutfield Stud	8Mar	1	Cndfm	1600	Fairview	70/77/81/87/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
90	Basilus	3	Potala Palace	Pecan Hill Stud Farm	9Mar	2	MR89	1100	Turffontein	90/57/-/-/-
89	Cirillo	3	Pomodoro	Riverton Stud	16Mar	9	Cnd	1160	Turffontein	101/95/-/-/-
89	Gift For The Gap	3	Master Of My Fate	Oldlands Stud	9Mar	1	MR93	2000	Turffontein	-/73/83/89/83/
88	Marchingontgether	3	Pathfork	Jagessar Limited	17Mar	6	Cnd	1400	Greyville	64/89/92/-/-
88	Protea Paradise	3	Dynasty	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	9Mar	7	MR93	2000	Turffontein	33/76/75/88/-
88	Old Man Tyme	3	Announce	Graystone Stud	9Mar	1	MR89	1100	Turffontein	88/76/-/-/-
85	Benji	3	Elusive Fort	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	5Mar	2	Cnd	1200	Vaal	85/66/-/-/-
84	American Hustle	3	Sail From Seattle	Riyo Stud	9Mar	6	MR89	1100	Turffontein	92/-/-/-/-
84	Winter Storm	3	What A Winter	SR Rosseau	14Mar	1	MR80	1000	Vaal	84/60/-/-/-
83	Tristful	3	Trippi	Gary Player Stud	17Mar	1	Cnd	1400	Greyville	70/83/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
97	Celtic Sea	3	Captain Al	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	16Mar	1	Cndfm	1400	Turffontein	96/97/-/-/-
94	Helen's Ideal	3	Ideal World	PG de Beyer	16Mar	1	MR92f	1250	Durbanville	94/93/83/-/-
90	Generous Lady	3	Philanthropist	Highlands	17Mar	2	MR80f	1400	Greyville	69/90/-/-/-
88	Seville Orange	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	9Mar	2	MR87f	2000	Turffontein	69/77/-/88/-
88	Che Bella	3	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdriif & Mauritzfontein	14Mar	1	MR74f	1200	Vaal	88/61/-/-/-
88	Celestial Storm	3	What A Winter	Favour Stud	16Mar	1	MR80f	1000	Durbanville	88/51/-/-/-
87	Vistula	3	Ideal World	Riethuiskraal Stud	16Mar	2	MR84f	1160	Turffontein	87/84/-/-/-
87	Dancing Queen	3	Mambo In Seattle	Boland Stud	7Mar	1	Cndfm	1000	Vaal	87/-/-/-/-
87	Carioca	3	Var	Avontuur Farm	14Mar	1	MR84f	1400	Vaal	83/87/-/-/-
84	Boeing City	3	Sail From Seattle	Ambiance Stud	10Mar	4	MR87f	1000	Greyville	89/-/-/-/-

LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 17 March 2019

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/runs
SG Tarry	807	103	13%	147	18%	35%	86	11%	355	44%	17,878,068	22,154
J Snaith	687	96	14%	145	21%	34%	79	11%	317	46%	13,524,138	19,686
MF de Kock	410	65	16%	102	25%	29%	62	15%	210	51%	12,187,507	29,726
BJ Crawford	519	82	16%	110	21%	33%	55	11%	263	51%	8,386,975	16,160
AC Greeff	704	106	15%	152	22%	31%	88	13%	332	47%	7,280,688	10,342
C Bass-Robinson	535	50	9%	55	10%	33%	59	11%	222	41%	6,893,750	12,886
PA Peter	428	61	14%	88	21%	34%	56	13%	197	46%	6,515,683	15,224
Y Bremner	512	71	14%	77	15%	32%	72	14%	241	47%	6,272,438	12,251
A Nel	345	56	16%	53	15%	30%	52	15%	187	54%	5,901,375	17,105
VH Marshall	316	35	11%	39	12%	33%	37	12%	143	45%	5,827,225	18,441
DR Drier	288	47	16%	59	20%	36%	30	10%	142	49%	4,526,050	15,715
GD Smith	748	56	7%	51	7%	22%	59	8%	275	37%	4,505,250	6,023
JAJ v Vuuren	299	41	14%	63	21%	41%	46	15%	142	47%	4,491,909	15,023
J Ramsden	263	29	11%	18	7%	28%	22	8%	101	38%	4,392,987	16,703
GS Kotzen	502	43	9%	52	10%	21%	59	12%	185	37%	4,334,175	8,634
SD Gray	370	29	8%	21	6%	19%	34	9%	145	39%	4,183,849	11,308

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 17 March 2019

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/rides
A Marcus	446	135	30%	277	62%	36%	79	18%	311	70%	22,351,812	50,116
M Yeni	1122	132	12%	169	15%	28%	146	13%	536	48%	12,249,095	10,917
L Hewitson	785	122	16%	150	19%	29%	123	16%	414	53%	14,092,874	17,953
G Lerena	401	106	26%	184	46%	38%	55	14%	251	63%	12,306,678	30,690
R Mungier	954	97	10%	89	9%	30%	101	11%	399	42%	8,766,484	9,189
R Fourie	405	91	22%	152	38%	34%	62	15%	258	64%	13,192,075	32,573
G Cheyne	554	89	16%	154	28%	29%	90	16%	311	56%	7,455,000	13,457
W Kennedy	751	78	10%	78	10%	37%	90	12%	344	46%	9,730,474	12,957
A Domeyer	334	65	19%	87	26%	38%	53	16%	204	61%	7,069,050	21,165
K De Melo	569	59	10%	57	10%	21%	67	12%	262	46%	7,052,401	12,394
L J Ferraris	552	58	11%	55	10%	33%	46	8%	200	36%	5,631,649	10,202
C Zackey	669	52	8%	47	7%	21%	70	10%	251	38%	6,710,361	10,930
S Veale	397	45	11%	52	13%	33%	31	8%	166	42%	4,729,400	11,913
M Khan	413	44	11%	32	8%	25%	43	10%	168	41%	4,918,562	11,909
S Khumalo	319	43	13%	45	14%	33%	33	10%	133	42%	5,601,943	17,561
D Schwarz	498	42	8%	23	5%	30%	44	9%	161	32%	4,270,348	8,575

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 17 March 2019

trainer/jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/runs
JAJ v Vuuren/A Marcus	31	17	55%	23	74%	65%	4	13%	1,214,412	39,175
MF de Kock/G Lerena	51	20	39%	28	55%	39%	8	16%	3,967,998	77,804
GB Puller/A Marcus	28	10	36%	21	75%	33%	4	14%	750,050	26,788
BJ Crawford/A Marcus	93	30	32%	47	51%	43%	18	19%	3,058,250	32,884
MG & AA Azzie/G Lerena	31	10	32%	15	48%	47%	1	3%	791,061	25,518
A Nel/A Domeyer	35	10	29%	13	37%	54%	8	23%	801,750	22,907
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	82	22	27%	45	55%	38%	16	20%	2,177,137	26,550
J Snaith/R Fourie	323	78	24%	131	41%	35%	54	17%	11,224,825	34,752
S von W Smit/D R Lerena	49	12	24%	5	10%	80%	5	10%	551,800	11,261
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	263	60	23%	129	49%	29%	56	21%	4,112,550	15,637
Gareth Van Zyl/W Kennedy	72	16	22%	12	17%	67%	11	15%	1,364,450	18,951
RR Sage/M Yeni	75	16	21%	15	20%	53%	4	5%	1,885,936	25,146
DR Drier/S Veale	175	33	19%	42	24%	36%	19	11%	3,227,750	18,444
A Nel/G Wright	115	22	19%	24	21%	17%	22	19%	2,026,050	17,618
Y Bremner/L Hewitson	173	32	18%	39	23%	28%	37	21%	2,589,038	14,966
AG Laird/R Danielson	150	26	17%	43	29%	37%	18	12%	2,586,862	17,246

The Games Begin

Reigning SA champion trainer Justin Snaith marked a nice hat-trick of winners at a sunny Durbanville last Saturday and is now 4 winners short of his century mark this season. He trained 162 winners last season. Two of the Snaith winners on Saturday were ridden by Richard Fourie and with a 24% strike rate currently, the top team will launch their SA Champions Season campaign on Sunday at Greyville with some confidence. Platinum Prince steps out in the Listed Kings Cup – a race he ran second in last year.



Justin Snaith commences his away campaign on Sunday at Greyville



Randall Simons is enjoying a great run of form in the saddle

Purple Patch

2018 Gr1 Cape Guineas winning rider Randall Simons was in prime form at Turffontein on Saturday with a four winner haul that included an armchair chance on the handsome Mardi Gras in the Gr2 Senior Santa Stakes. Simons rode his winners for three different trainers – Roy Magner (2), Mike de Kock and Johan Janse van Vuuren. Simons banged home another win at the Vaal on Tuesday to take his tally to 37 – and he frankly looks much better than his current below 10% win strike-rate.



Greg Cheyne and Alan Greeff are hitting the boards with regularity

This Team Works

East Cape Champion duo Alan Greeff and Greg Cheyne celebrated a winning hat-trick at Fairview on Monday after a quiet few weeks and can now be watched to produce the results. The power combo are operating at a 23% win strike-rate, with a dazzling 45% place strike! The Ridgemont sponsored Cheyne has ridden 92 winners and is sixth on the national log. For a 'minor centre' trainer, Greeff is holding a commendable fifth spot on the national log with 109 winners and R7,5 million in stakes.



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DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Fri 22 March	(L) EC Fillies Nursery (2yo's) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sun 24 March	Gr3 Kings Cup 1600m Greyville (T)
Fri 29 March	(L) East Cape Sprint Cup 1200m Fairview (T)
	(L) EC Guineas (3yo's) 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 30 March	Gr1 SA Derby (3yo's) 2450m Turffontein (S)
	Gr1 HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes 1600m Turffontein (S)
	Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks (3yoF) 2450 Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Caradoc Gold Cup 2850m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Man O' War Sprint (3yo's) 1100m Turffontein (S)
	(L) Jacaranda Hcp (F&M) 1800m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Protea Stakes (2yo's) 1100m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Pretty Polly S. (2yoF) 1100m Turffontein (S)
Sun 31 March	(L) KZN Stakes (F&M) 1000m Scottsville

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date	close	high	low	volume
15Mar	1079	1079	1079	360
14Mar	1079	1079	1079	20
13Mar	1088	1088	1087	11,200
12Mar	1089	1089	922	1,387
11Mar	1090	1100	1090	3,150
8Mar	1130	1130	1040	11,151
7Mar	1040	1129	1040	25,164
6Mar	1130	1150	1105	14,793
5Mar	1115	1180	1115	5,909
4Mar	1180	1180	1000	20,724
1Mar	1005	1005	1000	22,136

The Ferraris Factor

The Gr1 SA Derby will be run at Turffontein next Saturday. To saddle the first four finishers in this race is an achievement of rare merit. To do it twice in four years is near science fiction!

Still training winners today, Ormond Ferraris can lay claim to just such a record. He saddled Launching Pad to beat a trio of stable companions in 1992, and on 22 April 1995 he again rounded off a Derby quartet saddling the first four past the post in Travel North, Alpine Chief, Sparkling Taxi and Pinehurst.

He first took out his licence in 1952 and holds a record of ten SA Oaks and eight SA Derbies, having twice been SA champion trainer. He does not have a Derby runner this year but could run Blossom in the SA Oaks.

Farewell Warm White Night

Yellow Star Stud have reported that Warm White Night has lost his struggle with a painful hoof condition in horses, namely Laminitis, and passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning.

KZN Breeders reprot that the speedy son of Western Winter from the leading family of Thousand Nights (by Foveros) which produced Prince Asad, Highland Night and Night Watch, also has Clifton Stud's family of Prince Of Kahal, Fort Vogue, Whatalady featured.

He had produced the likes of Gr2 winner in South Africa and Gr1 winner in Mauritius, Hard Days's Night, Gr3 horse Executive Power and Gr3 winner Harlem Shake, as well as Buffalo Soldier.

Warm White Night had stood at Klawervlei Stud prior to relocating to Yellow Star.

He was a 7-time winner over 1000-1200m, at 2 to 4 and earned R1.6 million. Merit Rated at 114, he won the Gr1 Gold Medallion (1200m), Gr2 SA Nursery (1160m), Gr3 Protea S. (1100m) and Gr3 Man O'War Sprint (1100m).

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 19 March 2019)

horse	age sex	points	races
Kasimir	4 c	200	3
Rainbow Bridge	4 c	168	4
Do It Again	4 c	166	3
Soqrat	3 c	152	4
Clouds Unfold	3 f	142	4
Tilbury Fort	5 c	124	2
Hawwaam	3 c	100	2
Cascapedia	5 f	94	3
Head Honcho	5 c	90	2
Coral Fever	6 c	88	2
Front And Centre	3 f	88	2
Legal Eagle	7 c	87	3
Nafaayes	3 f	87	3
Oh Susanna	4 f	70	1
Return Flight	3 f	70	1
Atyaab	3 c	70	1
Dawn Assault	5 c	69	2
Captain Aldo	8 c	62	2
Undercover Agent	4 c	62	3
Doublemint	4 c	50	1
Mardi Gras	4 c	50	1
Gimme One Night	5 c	50	2
Zouaves	5 c	50	1
Magnificent Seven	4 c	50	1
Chimichuri Run	3 c	50	3
Lady In Black	4 f	50	2
One World	3 c	48	2
Arctica	6 c	48	2
Bold Respect	4 c	34	2
Charles	3 c	33	1
National Park	3 c	30	1
Princess Rebel	4 f	30	1
Search Party	6 c	28	1
Trip To Heaven	7 c	26	1
Pacific Trader	4 c	26	1
Blossom	3 f	25	1
Sylvan On Fire	5 f	25	1

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

TURFFONTEIN (stand side)**Saturday, 16 March****Course Variant: 1.07s fast (straight) – 0.73s slow (bend)**

Rain and irrigation totalled 19mm in the seven days leading up to this meeting. The penetrometer read 22 and the going was posted as good. There was a southerly cross wind of around 13km/h. The false rail was out from 2.5m in the back straight to 8.5m on the bend, with an 8.5m spur at the 700m mark.

Gr2 Senior Santa Stakes R400,000**A Festive Bash!**

A dashing son of an internationally proven sire out of a Gr1 darling of the Cape turf, the 4yo Mardi Gras is a horse going places and he registered his biggest win with an eye-catching victory in the Gr2 Senior Santa Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

On a memorable afternoon for many folk associated with the handsome 4yo grey gelding, including jockey Randall Simons, who was registering his fourth winner of the meeting, and a large group of enthusiastic owners who had put their money down in double quick time after the former Mayfair Speculators galloper had – according to trainer Johan Janse van Vuuren – failed a scope en route to Mauritius, Mardi Gras' grinding display of power also marked the first leg of a terrific feature double for his champion sire, Oratorio.

Facing his first big test and dropping marginally in ground after two good wins over 1200m, Mardi Gras raced prominently for the first half of the race behind Romi's Boy and Down To Zero.

At the 500m it was clear that nothing was going better and the 4yo simply pulled his in-form jockey into the lead before drawing clear with a measure of authority to beat the gallant Prince Of Kahal in a time of 65.65 secs.

The Sean Tarry mare Exquisite Touch made up many lengths inside the 200m and stormed through to grab third ahead of another daughter of Var in the year younger Schippers, who ran a cracker.

Mardi Gras, who is likely to be aimed at the Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint at Scottsville on 25 May, has won 6 races with 5 places from 13 starts for stakes of R719 527.

Originally the joint top-seller at R3,2 million at the 2016 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale, he changed hands following the Mayfair Speculators unbundling.

Bred by Avontuur, he is a son of champion racehorse Oratorio (Danehill) out of the classy Gr1 winner Sarabande, a powerful

daughter of Goldmark, who won six races in the care of Joey Ramsden from a mile to 2000m.

Gr2 Senior Santa Stakes 1160m

Winner Mardi Gras raced up with the pace throughout; won well

Runner-up Prince Of Kahal raced in mid-field; 3 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on

Third Exquisite Touch (3rd best handi-capped) was slow into stride; raced in the rear; 7.5 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; running on strongly at finish

Time: This was comfortably the fastest of the three sprint races. We gave the runner up (prev 87/78/90/91/94) 94 which makes the winner (prev 82/90/81/91/95) 103, and the third (prev 89/94/8688/82) 83.

103	1	0.00	MARDI GRAS	(15)	54.0	R Simons	7/1
4 gr g Oratorio - Sarabande (Goldmark)							
94	2	2.50	PRINCE OF KHAL	(4)	54.0	M Yeni	27/4
4 ch g Kahal - Vogue (Model Man)							
83	3	3.75	EXQUISITE TOUCH	(6)	51.5	W Kennedy	22/1
5 b m Var - Lavender Sky (Elliador)							
82	4	4.25	Schippers	(10)	51.5	C Maujean	15/1
91	5	4.50	Down To Zero	(11)	56.0	M v Rensburg	28/1
90	6	4.75	Rivarine	(1)	56.0	G Lerena	22/1
81	7	4.80	Billy Silver	(12)	52.0	D De Gouveia	71/10
92	8	5.25	Trip To Heaven	(13)	58.0	L Hewitson	13/1
89	9	5.35	Cirillo	(2)	56.0	A Marcus	71/20
76	10	6.75	Green Plains	(16)	53.5	L J Ferraris	10/1
81	11	7.00	Romi's Boy	(8)	56.0	R Danielson	22/1
73	12	7.25	Champagne Haze	(9)	53.0	D Schwarz	22/1
71	13	7.30	Donny G	(7)	52.0	R Munger	50/1
72	14	7.70	Tandava	(5)	53.0	S Khumalo	50/1
67	15	10.00	Red Chesnut Road	(3)	55.0	P Strydom	28/1
75	16	11.00	Bull Valley	(14)	60.0	C Zackey	22/1

Time: 65.65s (56.59s avg/1000m, or 64km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%
1st T:AJ v Vuuren O: Messrs J Nassif, Andre Fouche, A Joannides, M

Liontarides, GJ Nassif, ZL Nassif, L&W Zackey & Mrs H Kuhn B: Avontuur Farm

Drum Star Hcp (Listed) R150,000**Divine Double**

Leading Gauteng owner Lawrence Wernars celebrated his birthday on Saturday as longshot Divine Odyssey, a horse he bred and part owns, bounded home to win the R150 000 Listed Drum Star Handicap to give Avontuur stallion Oratorio a superb feature double on the day.

"Lawrence (Wernars) was saying recently that he doesn't have runners in a lot of the features. I asked him if he wanted runners or winners," chirped trainer Johan Janse van Vuuren who saddled the feature double a half hour after the yard's Mardi Gras had cruised in to win the Gr2 Senior Santa Stakes.

Racing under sufferance off bottom weight of 52kgs, Calvin Habib had Divine Odyssey relaxed in midfield off a muddling pace set by Pilou, who led Dawn Assault, The Dazzler and Cash Time.

At the 500m Divine Odyssey commenced his move as The Dazzler and Pietro Mascagni looked dangerous.

Riding a confident race, Calvin Habib let the 4yo gelding go at the 250m and he drew clear at 28-1 to beat the consistent

Doing The Splits**Turffontein, 16 March**

	<i>f/call</i>	<i>f/rail</i>	400	<i>finish</i>	<i>/1000</i>	<i>fc/400</i>	<i>400/fin</i>
1400m							
Maiden (f&m)	8.74	44.14	61.80	85.89	(61.4)	53.06	24.09
Conditions Plate	9.14	44.64	60.86	83.90	(59.9)	51.72	23.04
Maiden Plate	-----	46.27	63.30	86.93	(62.1)	-----	23.63
1800m							
MR80	33.27	73.02	90.52	113.72	(63.2)	57.25	23.20
Drum Star Hcp (L)	31.74	69.65	87.23	110.28	(61.3)	55.49	23.05
MR64 Hcp (f&m)	31.36	69.86	87.61	111.87	(62.2)	56.25	24.26

At first glance the listed Drum Star Handicap appears to be a fast run race, and the quickest of the three 1800m events. One of those, the 5 runner MR80 Handicap was very slowly run early on, and developed into a sprint.

The Drum Star was run only marginally faster than the MR64 Handicap for the first 1400m, and although it was overall the second fastest of the six events around the turn, it was not a fast run race.

On the other hand, the six runner Conditions Plate over 1400m was run at an honest pace throughout, and the splits between the first call and the 400m marker highlight the difference between the two races.

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

The Dazzler by 2 lengths in a time 110.37 secs.

The winner, another son of Oratorio (Danehill) to win on the day, is out of the four-time winning Dynasty mare, Divine Right – who won to a mile.

Bred by Lawrence Wernars, he went through the Cape Premier Yearling Sale ring where the hammer fell at R500 000.

Divine Odyssey has won 4 races with 5 places from 14 starts for stakes of R286 825.

Drum Star Handicap (L) 1800m

Winner Divine Odyssey raced 6th; led 150m; won well

Runner-up The Dazzler (best handicapped) raced 3rd; hanging out; brushed by Pietro Mascagni 150m out

Third Pietro Mascagni raced 5th; led 300m; hanging in; brushed the runner-up 150m out

Time: Although this was by far the fastest of the three 1800m events, and the second fastest of the six races around the turn, it was not a fast run race – it was only marginally faster than the MR64 Handicap for the first 1400m. We gave the runner up (prev 85/85/85/85/92) 92 which makes the winner (prev 85/86/86/80/80) 93 and the third (prev 90/92/88/97/81) 95. Not a result to put strong faith in.

93	1	0.00	DIVINE ODYSSEY	(4)	52.0	C Habib	28/1
4 b g Oratorio - Divine Right (Dynasty)							
92	2	2.00	THE DAZZLER	(5)	53.5	W Kennedy	5/1
4 b g Mogok - Glamorous Guest (Northern Guest)							
95	3	3.00	PIETRO MASCAGNI	(3)	55.5	G Lerna	4/1
4 b g Silvano - Jodie (Western Winter)							
90	4	4.75	Cash Time	(8)	55.0	P Strydom	9/1
91	5	4.85	Pilou	(10)	55.5	L Hewitson	15/1
102	6	5.25	Hero's Honour	(9)	61.0	D Schwarz	113/20
84	7	9.25	Romany Prince	(11)	56.5	L J Ferraris	44/1
90	8	9.50	Dawn Assault	(6)	59.5	S Khumalo	11/1
80	9	10.50	Liege	(1)	55.5	M Yerii	28/1
86	10	11.00	Noble Secret	(2)	59.0	R Simons	6/1
78	11	14.00	Social Order	(7)	58.0	A Marcus	6/1
Time: 110.37s (61.32s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 114%							
1st T:JAJ v Vuuren O: Messrs J F & L M F Wernars, B R Binnie, C Gordon, Estate Late Mr M C Gerber & Janse v Vuuren Racing (Pty) Ltd B: LMF Wernars							

CAPE YEARLING SALE RESULTS

Wilgerbosdrift Filly Tops The Charts

Pomodoro Tops Sale Aggregate

A typical everyman's regional sale of genuine quality and value, the Cape Yearling Sale lived up to its solid reputation at the picturesque Mistico Equestrian Centre in Paarl last Sunday.

Puller Racing Stables hooked the big fish of the day when the hammer fell at R360 000 for Wilgerbosdrift's lot 167 – a daughter of the ill-fated Soft Falling Rain from the family of Master Of My Fate.

Named Soft Day, the lovely filly is closely inbred to Storm Cat, this filly is out of a mare who won five and her Gr3 placed second dam is a half-sister to champion Promisefrommyheart – the dam of promising sire Master

Of My Fate, Gr1 winner Covenant and Gr1 performer Secret Heart – dam of Breeders' Cup winning sire Pluck.

The recently deceased Equus Champion Soft Falling Rain is from the same female line as Smart Strike and the globe-trotting star, whose wins included the Gr2 Joel Stakes and Gr2 Godolphin Mile, first crop includes impressive debut winner Gin Fizz – runner up in the Ruffian Stakes and debut scorer Mawsool

Soft Falling Rain topped the sires averages with 6 of his 7 lots selling for an aggregate of R860 000 for an average of R143 333.

But Klawervlei stallion Pomodoro proved the star sire attraction on aggregate. He was the Leading Sire with the Vodacom Durban July winner's 12 lots to sell- from 13 on the sale- grossing a total of R1 210 000.

The son of Jet Master averaged well above the average at the sale, with Pomodoro's top lot being a colt out of Crissy Sanchez who was sold to Rainbow Beach Trading for R200 000.



Soft Falling Rain filly - top lot 167 | Candiese Marnewick

Gauteng based Paul Peter Racing Stables were the big buyers, taking home 24 lots for an aggregate of R1 025 000 and an average of R42 708.



Pomodoro Tops Sale Aggregate

Besides selling the top lot of the day, Wilgerbosdrift also topped the vendor charts overall with 13 of their 14 lots selling for an aggregate of R1 615 000 and an average of R124 231

A total of 144 of the 186 lots catalogued found buyers with an aggregate of R9

275 000 – 125% up on 2018, but bearing in mind that double the number of horses were sold.

The average of R64 410 was up 10% year on year, with the median staying constant at R50 000.

See the Cape Yearling Sale prices

The show now moves on to the National Yearling Sale to be held in Johannesburg on 24,25 and 26 April.

See the National Yearling Sale catalogue online

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

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Brandina 2f (Bedouin by Var)

[Fairview 7 East Cape Fillies Nursery \(Listed\) 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Scarborough Fair 2f (Olympic Affair by Tamburlaine)

[Fairview 7 East Cape Fillies Nursery \(Listed\) 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Enjoy The View 2c (Dream Model by Pissaro)

[Greyville 1 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(24/03\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Captain Anne Bonny 2f (Coco by Royal Air Force)

[Fairview 7 East Cape Fillies Nursery \(Listed\) 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Black Knight 2c (Royale Noir by Black Minnaloushe)

[Fairview 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/03\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Alright Jack 2c (Undine by Western Winter)

[Fairview 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/03\)](#)

Lisa Marie 2f (Summer Passion by Captain Al)

[Turffontein 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(23/03\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Im Global 2f (Global Trade by Silvano)

[Fairview 7 East Cape Fillies Nursery \(Listed\) 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Master Of Illusion 2g (Victorian Secret by Captain Al)

[Greyville 1 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(24/03\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Fairyland 2f (Tinseltown by Modus Vivendi)

[Fairview 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/03\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

Bound By Duty 2c (Saddle Me Up by Asaal)

[Greyville 1 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(24/03\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Great Achievement 2f (Full Performance by Al Mufti)

[Fairview 7 East Cape Fillies Nursery \(Listed\) 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Mawsool 2f (Imperial Rose by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(23/03\)](#)

Makara 2f (Varuna by Var)

[Turffontein 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(23/03\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Viking Moon 2c (Touch The Moon by Untouchable)

[Fairview 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/03\)](#)

Hooves Of Troy 2c (Secret Magok by Mogok)

[Fairview 1 Juvenile Plate 1000m \(22/03\)](#)

2nd season sires - 3yo's

ATO (Royal Academy)

At The Opera 3g (Opera Diva by Dynasty)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(24/03\)](#)

Corazon 3g (Spanish Wisdom by Rakeen)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(24/03\)](#)

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Seville 3g (Valdivia by Var)

[Fairview 8 MR 66 Handicap 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Orange Bitters 3g (Sangria Girl by Wolfhound)

[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

Sierra Line 3g (Strawberry Line by Western Winter)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

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

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

Mornington Sheila 3g (Scarlet Sheila by Red Ransom)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(23/03\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Cirencester Rose 3g (Lady Captain by Captain Al)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Reymundo 3g (Taj Mahal Trip by Trippi)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(22/03\)](#)

Uncle Tom 3g (Brilliant Brook by Argosy)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(23/03\)](#)

Mary Moon 3g (Mary Hinge by Second Empire)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

Big Suze 3g (Rydethecreek by Parade Leader)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

Targaryen Queen 3g (Howhighcanufly by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(23/03\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Bushiri 3g (Bushra by Badger Land)

[Fairview 6 Oaks Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1800m \(22/03\)](#)

Lucille 3g (Lizabella by Sinndar)

[Durbanville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

Dark Fate 3g (Moonlite 'n Roses by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(24/03\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Brevin 3g (Borrego Honey by Borrego)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Romanesca 3g (Touch Of Nobility by Elusive Quality)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(24/03\)](#)

I Write The Songs 3g (African Love by Fantastic Light)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(24/03\)](#)

Paths Of Victory 3g (Victory Garden by Solskjaer)

[Greyville 6 MR 84 Handicap 1900m \(24/03\)](#)

White Lightning 3g (Thunderous Belinda by Fanatic Dane)

[Greyville 6 MR 84 Handicap 1900m \(24/03\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

Countless Awards 3g (Countless by Count Dubois)

[Fairview 5 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(22/03\)](#)

Ex Nihilo 3g (Break The Branch by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 8 MR 66 Handicap 1200m \(22/03\)](#)

Destruction Boy 3g (Silver Skies by Captain Al)

[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate 2000m \(23/03\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Imvusa Palace 3g (Nantucket by Badger's Drift)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate 1250m \(23/03\)](#)

Imperial Royal 3g (Irish Royal by Kalanisi)

[Greyville 8 MR 64 Handicap 1800m \(24/03\)](#)

REDOUTE'S PROMISE (Redoute's Choice)

Mahogany Bond 3g (Red Delicious by Casey Tibbs)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(23/03\)](#)

SKITT SKIZZLE (Jet Master)

Engadine 3g (Delaware Eve by Rakeen)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(22/03\)](#)

SIGNPOSTS

Mount Everest 3g (Modern Age by Modern Day)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(24/03\)](#)

THE ASSAYER (Galileo)

Whispering Hill 3g (Whispering Reeds by Lecture)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(24/03\)](#)

WHERE'S THAT TIGER (Storm Cat)

Ingwe 3g (French Girl by National Assembly)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate 1250m \(23/03\)](#)

Golden Tippy 3g (Tiawana by Saumarez)

[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate 1250m \(23/03\)](#)

Icon Princess 3g (Icon Lady by Model Man)

[Durbanville 8 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(23/03\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

WHAT A WINTER

Rated **AR 84 Fly Away** (2f Ignition Lady by Argonaut)

Maiden Juvenile Plate Vaal (1000m) (14/3)

Backed into odds on to make a winning debut here, Paul Peter's charge couldn't have been more impressive. Soon up with the speed, the aptly named Fly Away did just that in the closing stages of the race and won easing down by four and three quarters.

Horses To Follow

ORATORIO

Rated **AR 103 Mardi Gras** (4g Sarabande by Goldmark)

Gr2 Senor Santa Stakes Turffontein (stand side) (1160m) (16/3)

Now a winner of six from thirteen, this grey son of Oratorio has silently been progressing very nicely this season and was completing a smart hat-trick here. There should be more to come.

WHAT A WINTER

Rated **AR 79 Mr Watson** (3g Antigua by National Emblem)

Assessment Plate Vaal (1000m) (14/3)

Now unbeaten in two starts, Geoff Woodruff's charge was coming off a three month break here. Always handy, Mr Watson showed a nice turn of foot late to get the better of some promising young horses.

Winners Bred Abroad

Our Moon Shadow (AUS)

5g Pluck- Saigon Moonlight(NZ) (Stravinsky)

Flamingo Park 1000m (11/03)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Fariha (AUS)

3 ch f Fiorente- Goody Two Shoes(IRE) (Encosta de Lago)

Turffontein 1800m (16/03)

another **AUSHORSE** winner

SPORTS AND BETTING

Afcon Qualifier

Libya vs South Africa Preview



South Africa head to Tunisia to face Libya needing to avoid defeat to book a place in this year's African Cup of Nations. For Libya to secure a place in this year's continental tournament, they need nothing short of a victory in a home game they will play on foreign soil due to political unrest.

SUNDAY 24 MARCH | Stade Taieb Mhiri | 19:00

To Win

Libya 19/10

Draw 43/20

South Africa 29/20

We've seen South Africa struggling against lesser opposition in the past and their draw at Seychelles must have been a wake-up call. Libya will try and frustrate the visitors by employing defensive tactics but they're the ones who need a victory more so they will have to attack at some point which will leave them open at the back. **Put your money on Stuart Baxter's men.**

LIBYA - The Libyans would have loved to play such a crucial match in their own backyard but they must be accustomed to staging international tournaments in their neighbouring countries since they were banned from hosting them in 2011. The authorities have made traveling arrangements for 3000 fans with Tunisia open to allowing up to 10 000 Libyans to attend the match.

The Mediterranean Knights currently lie third in Group E standings and they're two points behind their opponents which means they need a victory to leapfrog them into second place and qualify for this year's AFCON. Newly-appointed coach Fawzi Al-Essawi humiliated Seychelles 8-1 in his first qualifier in charge of the side.

SOUTH AFRICA - Bafana Bafana had no answers to Libya's resolute defence when they met at Moses Mabhida last year in a match that ended goalless. Stuart Baxter's men have won two and drawn three of their five games so far, conceding only one goal in the process. Their most disappointing result was the goalless draw at Seychelles after smashing them 6-0 in Johannesburg.

Darren Keet or Ronwen Williams will start in goals in the absence of Itumeleng Khune and either of the two goalkeepers will be good enough to compete at this level. It should be interesting to see whether Keagan Dolly and Bongani Zungu start as they face late fitness tests. Up front, the team has Percy Tau, Lebogang Maboe, Thembinkosi Lorch and Lebo Mothiba who are doing superbly for their respective clubs at the moment.

To catch up with Benedict Ngwenya previews [CLICK HERE](#)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Scenic Adventures

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Let It Rain

Greyville 10 March

Three 1000m events got proceedings underway on Sunday afternoon's poly track card. By just two one hundredth's of a second the MR73 Handicap was the fastest of these and here the 4yo BRAVO ZULU very narrowly recorded his fourth career victory. Positioned sixth of the eight when the race developed into a 400m sprint coming off the bend, Louis Goosen's charge finished best of all, and in a race where only a quarter of a length covered the first four home, he got the verdict on the nod.

They also ran three races over 1600m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was COLLABRO in the MR81 Handicap. Allowed to drift out to 5/1 from 3's at the track, the 5yo Var gelding was soon up handy. He put his head in front 400m out, and with the rest well beaten he kept on strongly late to beat the running on HIGH GREEN by a half.

A MR87 Handicap over 1000m topped the bill and in a race in which rain fell heavily throughout, the well-bred MISS FRANKEL gained her second win from just five starts. Another to race close to the speed, Dennis Drier's charge ran on strongly in the short home straight and got the verdict by a half over the always handy QUEEN OF ALAMO.

Titbits The limited maiden ELUSIVE DIVA got off the mark at the fifteenth attempt when making all to win over 1200m.

Couple To Follow

Turffontein 12 March

This was the meeting originally scheduled to take place at the Vaal. The first two events on the inside track were maid-

en plates over 1200m and in the quicker of these we saw a smart performance from the Sean Tarry trained newcomer CULTURE TRIP. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, the 3yo son of Pomodoro raced at the back early on. He ran on best of all in the short home straight and won going away after striking the front 150m from home.

Another Sean Tarry trained 3yo to win well in the maiden ranks on this card was PALACE GREEN in the boy's division over 1700m. He too was a little slow into stride and came from well off them. He quickened well at the top of the short home straight and after hitting the front 150m out, he won cosily by just over a length.

There were three races staged over 1700m in total and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was D'ARRIVEE in the bill topping MR83 Handicap. Sent off a well-supported favourite at 11/4, Candice Dawson's charge raced sixth for most of the journey. He was ridden to lead going through the 200m and won well by two and a quarter from the fancied RUSSIAN BEAT.

Titbits Aptly named GONE WITH THE WIND comfortably accounted for his twelve rivals when registering his second career victory in the MR74 Handicap over 1800m.

The Wind Factor

Greyville 13 March

Racing returned to the poly track on Wednesday afternoon and whereas there had been a tail wind on Sunday, there was a head wind here. This of course (as can be seen by the course variants) made an enormous difference to the times.

A MR80 Handicap topped the bill and in what not surprisingly proved to be

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

Multi Gold	won 71/10
Collabro	won 21/4
Sea Urchin	won 4/1
Mokoko	won 61/20
Rumbleinthejungle	won 21/10
Gimme Katrina	won 18/10
Duke's Dozen	won 1/1
Elusive Diva	won 9/10

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (POLY) 10 MARCH

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,84s fast	
1000m (3) Bravo Zulu	56,74
1200m (1) Elusive Diva	71,26
1600m (3) Collabro	95,12
2000m (1) Jo Mambo	122,84

TURFFONTEIN (INSIDE) 12 MARCH

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,69s slow	
1200m (2) Culture Trip	73,16
1450m (1) Tammany Hall	87,68
1700m (3) D'Arrivee	104,85
1800m (1) Gone With The Wind	111,09
2600m (1) Live In Love	169,57

GREYVILLE (POLY) 13 MARCH

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 2,21s slow	
1200m (2) Sea Urchin	71,01
1400m (1) Mokoko	85,13
1600m (3) Philos	96,98
1900m (1) Duke's Dozen	116,83
2000m (1) Zanzibarian	121,63

Vaal 14 MARCH

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,06s slow	
1000m (4) Winter Storm	56,58
1200m (1) Che Bella	69,74
1400m (3) Private Ruler	82,08
2400m (1) Lunico	151,31

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 15 MARCH

Penetrometer 24 – Going G/Soft	
Course Variant:	
1000m (2) Gimme Katrina	55,90
1200m (1) Gold Dragon	69,52
1400m (3) Maverick Girl	82,96
1600m (1) Adalfieri	97,62
2000m (1) Angel Of Athens	123,64
2400m (1) Multi Gold	152,15

Notebook *Horses worth following at their next few starts...*

CULTURE TRIP (S Tarry, Gauteng)
FLY AWAY (P Peter, Gauteng)
PALACE GREEN (S Tarry, Gauteng)



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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

the faster of the two 1200m events, the 7yo SEA URCHIN extended his winning sequence to four. Soon up handy in what was always a very tightly bunched field, the son of Fort Beluga was always poised to strike. He did so as they approached the 200m marker and won well again by two.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1600m where quickest home was PHILOS in the not so lucky last, a MR66 Handicap. Soon positioned close to the speed, Sean Tarry's charge took up the running coming off the bend. He was all out over the final 200m and somehow held on from a wall of horses by the narrowest of margins.

At the other end of the scale the easiest victory on the card was recorded by DUKE'S DOZEN when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1900m. Always handy in what was a very tightly bunched field, Louis Goosen's charge only had to be pushed out to take up the running 200m out and won going away by three and three quarters.

Titbits The newcomer ISIKHWAMI SAMI ran on well from the back when a 2,5 length runner up in the opening maiden plate for the girls over 1600m.

Fly Away Peter, Fly....

Vaal 14 March

Four of the nine races at the Vaal on Thursday took place over 1000m. The MR80 Handicap was the fastest of these and here we saw a very comfortable victory for the improving 3yo WINTER STORM. Completing a double here, Paul Peter's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead going through the 400m and easing down at the finish won cosily by two.

The stable of Paul Peter were also on the mark in the opening maiden juvenile plate over 1000m when the heavily supported newcomer FLY AWAY did the business. Eventually sent off in the red, the daughter of What A Winter was soon positioned close to the speed. She took up the running 400m out and also a winner

easing down, she cruised in by four and three quarters.

The three 1400m races were all handicaps and somewhat surprisingly the MR66 affair won by PRIVATE RULER was the quickest. Freely available at 28/1 at the off Paul Matchett's charge raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He quickened well over the final 400m and with the rest some four lengths adrift, he got the better of SUPA MUFTI by three quarters.

Titbits Now unbeaten in two starts, MR WHATSON quickened very nicely late when beating a useful looking field over 1000m in an assessment plate.

Gimme The Money

Fairview 15 March

The well-supported GIMME KATRINA was the column's nap on Friday's turf card and she did the business in the MR68 Handicap over 1000m in very good fashion. Backed into 18/10 from 3/1 at the track, Yvette Bremner's charge raced in the backend of midfield during the early part of the race. She cut through the field with ease when given rein and won going away by a length and a quarter. This was by far the faster of the two events over the distance

Another Bremner inmate to win well on this card was MAVERICK GIRL in the fastest of the three 1400m events, a MR80 Handicap. Taken straight to the front by Lyle Hewitson, the gutsy Rebel King mare led throughout. She was five lengths clear entering the straight and although the hat-trick seeking odds on favourite DEILA'S DELIGHT did make good headway below the distance, she still had a length and a quarter to spare at the line.

The non-black type Lakeside Handicap over 2400m topped the bill and here we saw a comfortable victory for the Sharon Kotzen trained MULTI GOLD. Positioned in midfield early on, the Ideal World gelding ran on stoutly over the final 400m and won well by a length from the more fan-

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (2) Viking Moon 28 (NAP*)

Race 2: (2) Fashion Force 15

Race 3: (4) Tommy The Builder 15

Race 4: (9) Ruby Two Shoes 13

Race 5: (14) Abbeleigh 40

Race 6: (1) My Miracle 28 (nb)

Race 7: (1) Brandina 40

Race 8: (19) Oracle Kingdom 43

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (7) Ticktacktoe 7

Race 2: (5) Royal Honour 74

Race 3: (2) Sarah 18

Race 4: (1) Urban Oasis 25 (NAP*)

Race 5: (2) Western Oasis 3

Race 6: (2) Winter Watch 67

Race 7: (8) Whitehaven 57

Race 8: (5) Rockin Russian 56

Race 9: (1) Jungle Jane 12

DURBANVILLE (SAT)

Race 1: (2) In Full Power 8

Race 2: (1) Louisa May 26

Race 3: (6) Bold Assassin 54

Race 4: (3) Middle Wood 8

Race 5: (1) Je Ne Sais Quoi 22

Race 6: (5) Hemero 71 (NAP*)

Race 7: (8) Machiavelli 70 (EW)

Race 8: (9) Hammie's Fan 32

GREYVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (1) Bound By Duty 12

Race 2: (4) Spring Breeze 29

Race 3: (1) Fairbanks 15 (NAP*)

Race 4: (1) Whispering Hill 3

Race 5: (5) O'Keeffe 72

Race 6: (7) The Sultans Bazaar 59

Race 7: (6) Roy's Riviera 90

Race 8: (8) Sea Sponge 39

Race 9: (11) Big Si 43

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied

*** Very strongly fancied

cied EVOLVER (raced in the rear – led 300m).

Titbits The Gavin Smith trained newcomer GOLD DRAGON ran on well from midfield when getting up in the very last stride to win the maiden juvenile plate over 1200m.



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