

Magic Muzi

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Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeni's two winners at Flamingo Park on Monday boosted the Northern Cape champion to lead the national log on 143 winners. Reigning champion Lyle Hewitson and the lethal strike-rater Anton Marcus are in joint second on 142 winners - with past champion Gavin Lerena 20 adrift in fourth. With about 15 weeks left of the season, the race is wide open - and the ink won't be dry on this page before the lead could change again.

Fond Farewell

Superstar Street Cry mare Winx will face eight rivals for her final race in Saturday's A\$4 million Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick. The champion, who is shooting for her 33rd straight win, will jump from the outside gate after drawing barrier nine.

ON A ROLL

While the favourite Tiger Roll's back-to-back win in Saturday's Grand National is believed to have inflicted the biggest painful result in history for the bookmakers, owner Michael O'Leary confirmed on Sunday that a historic bid for a third consecutive Grand National next year was very unlikely. That would be an attempt to equal Red Rum's three wins in 1973, 1974 and 1977. "He will be carrying top weight and he is a small horse. Every time he runs now, I'm getting nervous and would hate for anything unfortunate to happen while he is racing. There's huge public affection and we're duty bound to mind him now," said the Ryanair boss.

UPSIDE DOWN

A bizarre tote payout in the fourth race at Borrowdale on Sunday has caught the attention of our readers. The tote favourite Rose Diamond, trained by Mrs Fisher and ridden by Ryan Munger, paid R2-20 for a win and R12-50 a place. There were only seven runners in the race with two place payouts declared off a pool of R2300. We have requested clarity on the issue from Saftote.

Prince Karl

Gauteng based jockey Karl Zechner took his chances this season in the very uncertain waters of Mauritius racing and broke the ice with his first winner for Preetam Daby at the Champ de Mars on Sunday. Former Joey Ramsden charge Prince Of Thieves last won in August 2017, but finished full of zest to win the feature, the Noble Salute - Yu Lounge Race To Excellence Cup.

The Millstream Farm based Gr1 winner Ato, a high class son of Royal Academy, was at it again over the weekend, when responsible for a trio of winners, including a Zimbabwean feature race winner and a two-year-old first time winner. Ato's talented son Sygone will bid to give his sire a first crop Triple Crown winner when he lines up in the upcoming Zimbabwe Derby. Sygone, bred, like his sire, by Maine Chance Farms, picked up his fourth victory when landing the Zimbabwe 2000 at Borrowdale on Sunday. Sygone has now won his last two on the bounce for trainer Bridge Stidolph.

Ato Boy!



What A Master

Varsfontein Stud's young stallion Master Of My Fate enjoyed another good weekend with three winners. The magnificent son of champions Jet Master and Promisefrommyheart had two impressive winners on Saturday, a juvenile winner on Sunday, and another son, the progressive 3yo Triple Fate Line, also caught the eye when third in Sunday's Gr3 Byerley Turk at Greyville. Lucky Dancer, one of his sire's very first winners, improved over ground and picked up the second win of his career when scoring a one length win over 2000m at Durbanville on Saturday. Master Of My Fate has 26 lots on offer at the 2019 National Sale, including yearlings out of stakes winning mares Aquila Rapax, Blushing Fairy, My Kazzie, Size Em Up, Sovereign Beat, Townsend and Valor Red.



DUKE'S DAZZLING DAUGHTERS

Duke Of Marmalade's 3yo daughters Temple Grafyn and Santa Clara - both from the champion's first South African crop - finished 1-2 in Sunday's Gr3 Umzikhumulu Stakes at Greyville, giving Duke Of Marmalade a clean-sweep in the finish to one of the major KZN Fillies Guineas trials. Duke Of Marmalade has 16 yearlings on offer at the 2019 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale, including a half-brother (Lot 26) to the stakes winners Arezzo and Insignis, a filly (Lot 132) out of Gr2 winning millionaire Louvre, and a colt (Lot 331) out of Gr3 Prix du Cap winner Cuvee Brut.

Save The Date

The Cape Breeders Club will be hosting the 2019 CBC Golf Day at Pearl Valley Golf Estate on May 27. The golf day will be followed by the annual stallion services auction and dinner, which will take place after the golf. For more information, please contact Wendy Probert on: 074 375 4018, or email secretary@capebreeders.co.za