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# digest

## RACING

THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW POLY** Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R2-(1)Kunghayfatchoy(4/1)**

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R7-(1) Oh Susanna (14/10)**

**DURBANVILLE** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R7-(3)Mumtaz(5/1)**

**SCOTTSVILLE** Sunday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R3-(1) Spring Fling (3/1)**

*You may have missed...*

Saturday 6 April  
Durbanville – race 6  
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Best Handicapped  
**Lucky Dancer**  
**WON 12/1** ☺



# The Forgotten Soldier

A past multiple SA champion jockey, Piere Strydom bounced back from riding one winner in March to a terrific SA Derby day double last month. Now he is considering a stint in Mauritius to give his flagging career a boost prior to a possible retirement in 2021.

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It's almost thirty seven years down the line since 29 September 1982. That was the day at Scottsville that a 16 year old Piere Strydom rode the Johnny Nicholson-trained Saadabad to victory.

He rewrote the record books when he became the first South African jockey to ride 5000 winners. That happened in the Selangor Cup on Act Of War on 22 November 2014 at Kenilworth. His trophy cabinet includes six SA championship trophies and countless other accolades – and he has ridden the

Pick Six and Jackpot on many occasions.

But this is 2019. We are all older and time waits for no man – not even a champion.

Determined to call it a day by the time he turns 55 on 7 June 2021, Piere Strydom reflected in an interview this week on the fickleness of human nature and how one wakes up one day and finds that what one took for granted yesterday is gone.

Talking to Julie Alexander on the Breeding To Win show, the man we have all learnt to admire as Striker

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## THE FORGOTTEN SOLDIER

- the jockey who can turn a slow horse into a winner - Strydom spoke philosophically about how the passage of time had eroded a position of power and the kingdom he once ruled over with majesty.

"The economic realities dictate that the smaller yards are getting smaller – and the bigger yards are getting bigger. The younger guys coming up through the ranks are hard working and hungrier – a lot of them have talent too. So from the days when I would phone and get 60% of the ride choices – and even the second choices would be accepted elsewhere and I would ride them too, I now have the fourth choices – if I'm lucky!"

Strydom added that the days when he used to travel far and wide and try and win the championship are also behind him.

"And out of sight, out of mind- people write you off quickly. I just don't get the chances. And what's frustrating is that even when I improve the ordinary horse's form, I sometimes don't get the ride back!"

He said that experiencing the rejection over and over and being knocked back all the time was soul destroying and not good for anybody. He said that he had young children, had been divorced twice and still had overheads.

"I am considering a stint in Mauritius to reinvigorate my mind and career. Doing the same old thing over and over in the same environment is not helping either."

And what about training horses one day?

"I admire all trainers. It's one of the toughest jobs on earth. Firstly you have to be an expert on many fronts – from selection of horses to feeding them to handicapping them. Then one has to be a psychologist and look after owners and make sure they don't leave. And you are financially dependant on other people. I will never train horses – as much as I would love to give something back to the game one day."

## Magic Winx

There is a realistic chance on Saturday that if Winx does record her 33rd consecutive win, her 25th at Group I level, it could fittingly be Chris Waller's 100th Group I success. He's currently trained 98 Group I winners and will saddle up Australian Oaks favourite Verry Elleegant in the race before Winx's final start.

Champion trainer Chris Waller is aware that his life will again change forever after Winx's farewell run in Saturday's \$4 million Gr1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick. Waller's life and career changed forever once Winx's greatness became apparent. Waller has suffered through the stresses and pressures of expectations that come with training one of the all-time greats but after Saturday, things will change again.

"It's hard to describe the pressure, which we put upon ourselves," Waller said.

"It's just constant, it's day after day, after day, after day. You put it all on yourself.

"We've chosen to come this extra preparation and we want to go out with this fairytale ending."

Randwick is set to be a sell-out for the first time in a long time and the eyes of the nation, as well as other parts of the world, are on Winx, her jockey Hugh Bowman and Waller's every move this week.

## SATURDAY RACING

## From One Princess...To Another

### Gr1 Empress Club Stakes Turffontein

**Reigning SA Horse Of The Year Oh Susanna adds glamour to a royal occasion at Turffontein on Saturday. The star filly takes on twelve rivals at weight-for-age in the R1 million HSH Princess Charlene Gr1 Empress Club Stakes.**



Oh Susanna | Chase Liebenberg

Her champion trainer has walked this road before. Justin Snaith's smashing grey Dancer's Daughter won the race in 2009 under Mark Khan and the powerful team will be hoping that Oh Susanna can repeat the feat. But there are reasons why the big gun Capetonians don't clean up on the Highveld – altitude and the energy sapping long road being just two of them.

And to add more caution into the equation, Oh Susanna comes in off an eleven week break since running unplaced in a bid to win the Sun Met for the second year in a row.

Jonathan Snaith told the Sporting Post that punters looking purely at the paper calculations should exercise caution and take cognisance of factors against her- like the altitude, the fact that she is coming off an 11 week rest- and that the mile is short of her best.

"Interestingly, this magnificent filly has never won over a mile and most of her wins are over 1800m and further. She has been at Summerveld for a month and in a bid to minimise the altitude impact, we will transport her to Turffontein on Friday evening," he added.

Oh Susanna will jump from the 1 draw and if running even to a margin of her best ability would beat this field. The Snaiths would not be making the trip if they felt she hadn't had sufficient work to keep her respectably competitive.

Fellow Capetonian Fresnaye has been in Gauteng a lot longer and has the benefit of a decent prep run under her belt. Joey Ramsden's Victress Stakes winner is held by Oh Susanna but her fitness and prep would certainly give her a shout if the Horse Of The Year doesn't come up to expectations.

Cascapedia has her third run after a rest and was beaten just out of the money against the boys in the Horse Chestnut Stakes last time out. She is held on past form by Oh Susanna and it is concerning that she made respiratory noises last time – not the first incident of

this kind. On her day, she is top-class though and Gavin Lerena knows her well.

Redberry Lane should strip fit after two good prep runs following a two month rest

### Gr1 Empress Club Stakes past winners

Year	Rank	Horse	Time	Weight	Age	Trainer
2016	1	Inara	60.0	(2)	11/10	
	2	Sensible Lover	60.0	(1)	14/1	
	3	Intergalactic	57.5	(5)	14/1	
2017	1	Nother Russia	60.0	(2)	61/10	
	2	Bella Sonata	60.0	(15)	12/1	
	3	Tahini	60.0	(4)	25/1	
2018	1	Nother Russia	60.0	(1)	19/20	
	2	Al Danza	60.0	(6)	55/1	
	3	Silvan Star	60.0	(3)	5/1	

START  
3:30PM  
TURFFONTEIN

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PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
Gr1 EMPRESS CLUB STAKES (F&M) - 1600M  
SAME TRAINER:(3-10-12)(4-11)

Street Cry	1	OH SUSANNA(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	1	60.0
Western Winter	2	FRESNAYE(J Ramsden) S Khumalo .....	9	60.0
High Chaparral	3	CASCAPEDIA(MF de Kock) G Lerena .....	2	60.0
Western Winter	4	REDBERRY LANE(SG Tarry) P Strydom .....	10	60.0
Captain Al	5	AL DANZA(GV Woodruff) C Maujean .....	3	60.0
Captain Al	6	IORELLA(DC Howells) C Zackey.....	7	60.0
Byword	7	CAMPHORATUS(RA Hill/SR Hill) G Wright .....	4	60.0
Fort Wood	8	CASHAL PALACE(AG Laird) R Danielson.....	13	60.0
Dynasty	9	FLYING FABLE(MG & AA Azzie) M v Rensburg .....	8	60.0
Exceed And Excel	10	NAFAAYES(MF de Kock) W Kennedy .....	11	57.5
Captain Al	11	CELTIC SEA(SG Tarry) L Hewitson .....	5	57.5
Var	12	GHAALLA(MF de Kock) R Simons.....	12	57.5
Brave Tin Soldier	13	RUNNING BRAVE(PF Matchett) D L Habib .....	6	57.5

## SATURDAY RACING

after her unplaced Ipi Tombe Stakes effort. Piere Strydom appears to get the best out of this capable Western Winter mare and she should be thereabouts.

Hardknocking Aussie bred Gauteng Fillies Guineas winner Nafaayes was not disgraced when following up and beaten 0,30 lengths behind subsequent Oaks star Return Flight in the SA Classic. That was a decent effort and she would have benefitted from the short break.

Al Danza returns to her own sex company after three tough races in mixed competition. She showed some pace when beaten just under 4 lengths by Soqrat in the Horse Chestnut Stakes last time out. Her last run against the girls saw her second in the Ipi Tombe when giving Nafaayes as much as 7kgs and finishing 2,80 lengths behind her.

Second of the Tarry duo, Celtic Sea has found good form when winning her last two starts in good style. She beat stablemate Redberry Lane last time by 3,80 lengths in receipt of 4kgs and comes in 1,5kgs worse off – but still looking very competitive!

KZN visitor and Daisy Fillies Guineas winner Fiorella ran a nice prep in the Fever Tree at Scottsville when she showed good pace to run the capable male Tribal Fusion to 1,50 lengths. She ran fourth in the Ipi Tombe Stakes over the course and distance last year but will need to improve on that.

Third of the De Kock trio, 2018 Fillies Mile winner Ghaalla has drawn wide out and looks to need to make up ground to challenge. This is her second start since an unsuccessful trip to the Cape for the Fillies Guineas.

Running Brave ran top-class seconds in the Three Troikas Stakes and the Gauteng Fillies Guineas but failed to reproduce her best when stumbling and running 3 lengths off Return Flight in the SA Fillies Classic last time out. It is possible that the mile may be her limit and she could earn place money again.

KZN visitor and Flamboyant Stakes winner Camphoratus improved again in the Jacaranda Handicap when chasing Insignis home to be beaten just under two lengths. She would have to improve to beat the likes of Oh Susanna.

Cashel Palace appears to have a big task at these weights. The daughter of Fort Wood has also drawn wide and even though she has kept an honest form profile for some time, she could battle against the stronger girls.

We are siding with the seasoned travelling Snaiths to get it all right and Oh Susanna to come up trumps. Fresnaye and Cascapedia are the obvious dangers, with Redberry Lane the value.

## A Great Cause

Hosting the Royal Race Day at Turffontein on Saturday, HSH Charlene, Princess of Monaco, will once again ensure that Gugulesizwe Primary School and Lesabe Primary School in Benoni will be the main beneficiaries, receiving a donation of R50,000 each.

The Princess launched her Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation at the Gugulesizwe Primary School grounds in 2012. She has also donated her childhood swimming medals to the school to inspire young learners who have an interest in pursuing a swimming career.

On her most recent visit to South Africa in February this year, Princess Charlene, who hails from Benoni, also visited the school, accompanied by her children, the royal four-year-old twins Princess Gabriella and hereditary Prince Jacques.

A number of learners from these two schools will be hosted at Turffontein on the Royal Race Day where they will play a significant role in welcoming Princess Charlene on her arrival.

Learners from Park Senior Primary School, Turffontein Primary, Die Mossie Primary School, Highveld Primary and Rosettenville Primary in the Turffontein-area will also be hosted on the day- where the focus will be on family entertainment – and great racing.

## Khan – It Could Be Six Weeks

**Veteran jockey Mark Khan is recovering after being operated on for a dislocated hip following a fall from his mount Noble Beat just after the pull-up of the first race at Greyville yesterday.**



Mark Khan

Khan, who recently relocated to KZN where he has been riding with plenty of success, finished third on Noble Beat in the Greyville opener.

He was rushed to hospital where x-rays revealed the injury.

A five-times South African Champion Jockey on 5 occasions, Khan announced his retirement from the saddle in 2010 after sustaining injuries in a fall the previous season. He made a short-lived comeback to the saddle at the beginning of last season and missed further race riding due to incurring a serious knee injury while riding work.

He has, however, been riding with renewed vigour since focussing on the coastal centre.

A reliable source told the Sporting Post that Khan came out of surgery just after 17h00 on Wednesday and had managed a smile.

He expects to be out of action for six weeks.



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LOT 17 - ANNA CAPRI



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LOT 82 - WINTER FLIGHT



c. WHAT A WINTER X FLY PHILLIPPA D39

LOT 139 - DESTINY



f. JACKSON X MAGICAL EVE (GER) E80

LOT 155 - FOREVER LIGHT



c. DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) X  
MURMURING SKY D40

LOT 190 - FORWARD MARCH



f. PATHFORK (USA) X  
RIGHT AND READY (GB) E79

LOT 258 - THE BLACK MANX



c. BLACK MINNALOUSHE (USA) X  
WORD PERFECT D41

LOT 269 - PRINCE ALF



c. DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) X  
ALVILDA D42

LOT 329 - STILL WATERS



c. DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) X  
COOL RIVER D43

LOT 331 - BON VIVEUR



c. DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE) X  
CUVEE BRUT D44

LOT 387 - PASSING STORM



c. SOFT FALLING RAIN X  
HONOUR ROLL (AUS) D45

LOT 399 - 17IRISH MAID



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LOT 428 - BECAUSE I CAN



f. SOFT FALLING RAIN X LAVISH GAL F77

LOT 444 - MOUNT GREYLOCK



c. COUP DE GRACE (USA) X  
MASSACHUSETTS D46

LOT 490 - HARLEQUIN JACK



c. COUP DE GRACE (USA) X  
PIRATE LADY D47

LOT 492 - PROMISE TO DREAM



c. JACKSON X PLEDGE D48

LOT 513 - SOFIA ERIN



f. VERCINGETORIX X  
SALSABEEL (AUS) F76

LOT 522 - HENLEY STREET



c. PATHFORK (USA) X  
SHAKESPEARE'S ROS D50

LOT 548 - ONE VOICE



c. COUP DE GRACE (USA) X  
SWEET ARIA (IRE) D51

## NEWS

## Hawwaam On Target

Star colt Hawwaam, who missed the recent Gr1 SA Derby after he got a fright and bolted from the parade ring, is on target to race in the R4-million Premiers Champion Challenge over 2000m on 4 May at Turffontein.

Twenty-two entries have been received for the race, including Hawwaam's Mike de Kock-trained stablemates Soqrat, Cascapedia, Barahin and Noble Secret – with other established names like Legal Eagle, Made To Conquer and Tilbury Fort also among the nominations.

Assistant trainer Mathew de Kock commented on Wednesday:

“Hawwaam is being pointed at the Champions Challenge and then we'll make a decision on his next race, which could possibly be the Daily News. We'll be entering him for the Durban July, but he is not certain to run there. “Our July horse at this point is Barahin, who may go into the big race via the Jubilee Handicap, he may not be ready for the Daily News. But we'll play it by ear, we'll see how things go.”

[See the entries here](#)

## A Shoe In!

Farrier Declan Cronin and champion trainer Mike de Kock first observed that horses coming from farms situated in arid areas of South Africa had the best developed feet:

The horse's foot develops itself on criteria such as terrain, mileage, nutrition and climate.

For Mike de Kock, barefoot training – training horses unshod – was the right path to take towards foot development and long term soundness, looking back at years of experience gained in barefoot training. “The sooner you start, the better. I love to see horses without shoes. It is a good indication of foot soundness.”

Long term shoeing can create its own pathologies: shoes can create hoof contraction; a loss of architecture of the foot; bacteria formation and a diminution of the shock absorption as the hoof's movements get limited by the shoe and nails.

[Read the full story here](#)

## Phumelela - Off The Roll

**Phumelela Gaming & Leisure have published an update in respect of their urgent application to have the amendment to the Gauteng Gambling Regulations reviewed and set aside.**

As stated in an announcement on 29 March 2019, the Gauteng Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development (“the MEC”) has amended the Gauteng Gambling Regulations with effect from 1 April 2019.

This includes an amendment which has the effect of depriving Phumelela of its portion of a betting tax levied on punters' winnings on horseracing bets.

As a result, on 29 March 2019 Phumelela instituted:

an application to have the amendment to the Gauteng Gambling Regulations reviewed and set aside; and an urgent application to suspend the implementation of the amended Regulation 276, pending the outcome of the review application.

The urgent application has been opposed by the MEC and the Gauteng Gambling Board.

Although it was originally enrolled for hearing on 9 April 2019, the answering affidavit of the MEC and the Gauteng Gambling Board was delivered on 8 April 2019.

Accordingly, on 9 April 2019 the application was removed from the roll by agreement between the parties.

This removal will enable Phumelela to adequately consider and respond to the answering affidavit.

Phumelela intends to re-enrol the urgent application, once it has filed a replying affidavit.

## Island On Fire



**It seems that there is some discontent in Mauritius racing circles around the government's meddling in the sport.**

In a letter published in the Express newspaper of Wednesday 3 April, and translated from french, Edouard Nairac points out that an article written by Yahia Nazroo in the same journal on 24 March is both 'daring and accurate'.

He states that it clearly demonstrates that the Gambling Regulatory Authority (the government) wants at all costs to take control of racing in Mauritius, using the Mauritius Turf Club (MTC) as a supporting actor. This he says is bluntly said 'but alas very true'.

Nairac writes further:

We must know and let know that the MTC is globally recognized as the only organizer of horseracing in Mauritius and certainly not the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

As in any self-respecting country, there is no doubt that the best route to follow is healthy discussions leading to an agreement to advance horseracing and the organization of the sport. This would require an agreement between government and the MTC to assist progress and not to regress – as it seems to be happening today. In my humble opinion, the MTC should take the initiative and quickly!

This famous jockey having ridden in several countries in Asia, Europe and Dubai and Mauritius, is denied his license without any explanation! It should be noted that his request had already been accepted by the MTC without any problem. It should also be noted that the reasons for this refusal are not available: transparency where are you? I understand that other foreign jockeys have suffered the same refusal.

What is happening in this section of the relevant department? Enough is enough! This the kind of country we live in . Who controls what ? A word of warning.



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## NEWS

## Misguided & Breaking Rules?

**NHA CEO Vee Moodley's first 100 days in office have been marked by a refreshing positivity, general excitement at some dynamic hands-on management and an overall transparency that is to be commended.**

But has the energetic former Phumelela betting guru put his foot in it with his recent declaration that our much debated handicapping guidelines are 'guidelines not rules'?

A press release was sent out by the NHA explaining the merit rated changes made after the running of the SA Derby and SA Oaks and it was apparent that the handicappers had deviated from the guidelines – for 7 years the holy book that handcuffed our seemingly ordinary and unable to think for themselves, handicapping staff.

Moodley has agreed on a provisional date of Saturday 28 April where he will engage with interested parties on this topic after the last race at Kenilworth Racecourse.

Further details to follow – but if you would be keen to attend, please email [editor@sportingpost.co.za](mailto:editor@sportingpost.co.za)

[Read the original story here](#)

## The Handicappers Thoughts

**The NHA Handicappers have published their report after finalising adjusted merit ratings following last weekend's feature races.**

### Colorado King Stakes (Grade 2)

After thorough discussion between the NHA Handicappers, DIVINE ODYSSEY was given a new merit rating of 105 following his very easy win in the Grade 2 Colorado King Stakes at Turfontein on Saturday 6th April.

The Handicappers agreed that 4th placed CASH TIME was the correct line horse to use to rate the race, especially as he had been beaten by virtually the identical margin by DIVINE ODYSSEY when finishing fourth behind the Colorado King winner in the Drum Star Handicap in March. DIVINE ODYSSEY has clearly come to form, winning two successive Pattern Races, beating many of the same horses at worse weight terms on this occasion. His superiority over these horses can no longer be in doubt and as such he is fully worthy of the 10 pound adjustment from a rating of 95 to 105.

Runner-up THE DAZZLER goes up from 94 to 99, while third placed DAWN ASSAULT remains unchanged. The only other changes are that SECRET POTION has dropped from 107 to 102, and SOCIAL ORDER has been trimmed from 103 to 101.

### Sycamore Sprint (Grade 3)

SAN FERMIN was given a three pound increase from 93 to 96 following her success in the Grade 3 Sycamore Sprint (handicap) over 1160m. It was noted that SAN FERMIN had some difficulty in securing a clear run before flashing up late to win, and it is believed that in other circumstances the winning margin may well

have been a little more than the official 0.30 lengths. As such, SAN FERMIN was given a three pound rise instead of the minimum two pound increase that is mandatory for any handicap race win.

Runner-up SCHIPPERS has been highly consistent in races of this type and was considered to make for an ideal line horse. Third placed DANCING QUEEN remains unchanged on 93, while fourth placed DESERT RHYTHM was another of those horses who was baulked for a run for some considerable distance. As such, it is believed that she may well have otherwise finished closer and her rating remains unchanged.

Other changes made after this race were that COVERED IN SNOW drops from 94 to 93, LAWDY MISS CLAWDY goes down from 90 to 89, and PRETTY PENNY has been dropped from 92 to 90.

### Umzimkhulu Stakes (Grade 3)

TEMPLE GRAFIN saw her rating increase from 101 to 107 after she defied joint top weight to win the Grade 3 Umzimkhulu Stakes over 1400m at Greyville (turf) on Sunday 7th April. This was considered to be an impressive performance against some smart opponents, of whom the runner-up SANTA CLARA was used as the line horse. This way, TEMPLE GRAFIN emerges from the race rated higher than 3rd placed MARY'S PRIDE, who received 1.5 kgs from the winner and whose rating remains unchanged on 106.

Fourth placed PARENTAL CONTROL has clearly relished racing beyond sprint distances and had rating upped from 86 to 91, so that she would meet 5th placed ANNEKA (unchanged on 88) on the correct weight terms if they were to meet in a handicap. In similar vein, 7th placed SILENT CRUSADE goes from 83 to 87 and would meet 9th finisher STRAWBERRY WINE (who goes up from 80 to 82) on the correct weight terms in a handicap.

The only other change was ARIANOS SHADOW, who was dropped from 95 to 93.

### Byerley Turk (Grade 3)

TRISTFUL has seen his rating increased from 86 to 94 after he comfortably won the Grade 3 Byerley Turk, also over 1400m on the Greyville turf. The Handicappers felt that in readily winning a Grade 3 race TRISTFUL would not have run worse than the 94 he actually achieved when winning a progress plate over the same course-and-distance on 17th March and accordingly used that achieved mark to rate the Byerley Turk.

Runner-up and long-time leader SOLID GOLD goes up from 83 to 90 and third placed TRIPLE FATE LINE was upped from 80 to 87, which would ensure that these two horses would meet on the correct weight terms if they were to take each other on in a handicap race. In other changes, GENEROUS LADY drops to 93 from 95, DESOLATE ROAD was cut from 96 to 93 and is accordingly now rated lower than his winning stable companion TRISTFUL, and STREAM AHEAD drops to 82 from 85.

The Handicappers are well aware of the very large 13 pound difference between the rating of the filly TEMPLE GRAFIN and that of the gelding TRISTFUL.

However, in the Umzimkhulu Stakes there were more runners with established Graded race form than in the Byerley Turk. Furthermore, TEMPLE GRAFIN won with joint top weight of 60kgs as opposed to the Byerley Turk, where all the male runners met at level weights. Finally, it must be borne in mind that the first three finishers in the Byerley Turk were amongst the lower rated horses in the race, which is in total contrast to the Umzimkhulu Stakes.



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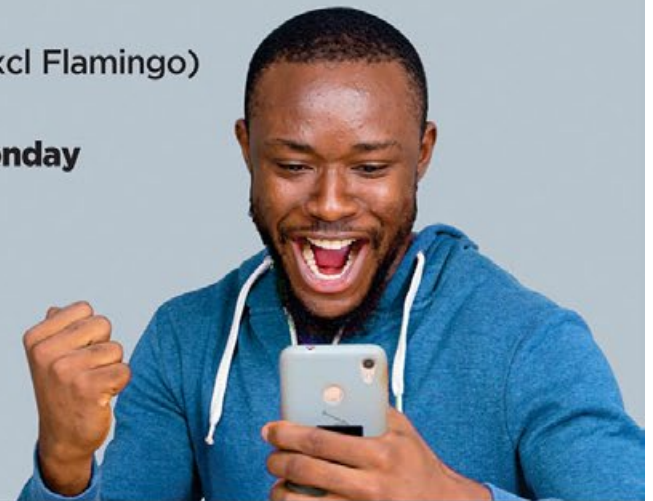


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## NEWS

## Charity Turf Challenge Is Here!

**Track & Ball Gaming are again sponsoring this year's Charity Turf Challenge which kicks off on 'The Independent On Saturday' Drill Hall Stakes Day on Friday 3 May and finishes on Saturday 27 July – the latter headlined by the Gr3 eLan Gold Cup with a supporting cast of top races featuring four Gr1 events.**

The Charity Turf Challenge is an exciting competition that offers fans of the sport of horseracing a unique opportunity to test their skill!

So, what's CHANGED this year?

- In these trying economic times, we've decided to "spread the love" with prize money (same quantum as in previous years) being paid out to 7th place:

1st – R75 000

2nd – R25 000

3rd – R15 000

4th – R10 000

5th – R7 500

6th – R5 000

7th – R2 500

- The stand-alone prize for the entry that earns the most points on Vodacom Durban July Day will be pitched at R10 000
- An extra bonus race (worth 5 points to the winner): Gr3 Track & Ball Derby on 22 June
- A new charitable beneficiary: Coastal Horse Care Unit

For those who are trying the competition for the first time, the aim of the Charity Turf Challenge is to select a team of 12 horses you feel are most likely to score points during the official period of the Champions Season.

Racing South Africa, the competition host, will provide a list of horses that are thought to be campaigning in KZN during Champions Season. Only horses from this list are eligible.

The final list of horses is expected to be available by Wednesday 17 April. To the best of its knowledge, Racing South Africa will attempt to keep players informed of horses that are NOT participating for whatever reason.

Additional INCENTIVES for racing enthusiasts:

- FREE BONUS entry for every 5 entries submitted for ONLINE users (sixth entry is free)
- Track & Ball Gaming, is offering ALL CTC entrants a betting credit worth R200 added to their next deposit (minimum deposit of R50) online. For more information about this promotion, please contact the Track And Ball team directly on: 031 314 1969 or email: [onlinesupport@trackandball.co.za](mailto:onlinesupport@trackandball.co.za) or visit the website: [www.trackandball.co.za](http://www.trackandball.co.za)
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## Oh What A Night!

**As a young racing photographer the opportunity to photograph the Dubai World Cup was just a pipe dream. Thanks to the Sporting Post and Hollywood Bets my pipe dream came true a fortnight ago!**



Jose Ortiz | Chase Liebenberg

*Chase Liebenberg writes that it was first overseas travel and the daunting prospect of being alone and catching connecting flights was frightening. But it turned out well.*

*I did have a small moment of worry when we could not land in Dubai on Friday morning and had to land in Muscat, which is the capital of Oman. But I can at least*

say I have been to Oman. Arriving at Meydan on Saturday was something of a surreal experience. The scale of the grandstand dwarfs Cape Town international Airport. Lines and lines of people in the classiest attire standing ready and waiting to move through the security gates into the grandstand. Once inside it is extremely organised- you move to the media section where there are countless amounts of journalists rooms. I have to say thanks to Liesl King for guiding me through it.

After set-up, the first goal was finding a spot on the rail and, being my first year I was pretty far down- but you make the most of it and figure out the best way to make your spot work for you, while the hundreds of other media angle for the same shot.

A few moments in the day stood out for me.

Coal Front's win beating the ever consistent Heavy Metal and Jose Ortiz's emotional reaction to his win through tears of joy. And seeing Marinaresco again! The 'little trooper' was in the parade ring with his team of Bernard Fayd'Herbe, part owner Marsh Shirliff and his former trainer and also co-owner Candice Bass Robison. I found the moment extremely sentimental and could not avoid the slightest lump in my throat as he went onto the track. He was not disgraced, running fifth to the Melbourne cup winner over a new trip.

The amazing filly Almond Eye, ridden by Christophe Lemaire, was the stand out of the day.

There is a sudden flurry of excitement before the World Cup and the on-course attendance seems to double. With every stride Thunder Snow made history becoming a back to back world cup champion beating Gronkowski. The roar of the crowd continued as the winner was led in. That's when the biggest fireworks display I have ever seen erupted and Gwen Stefani turned up the volume.

I had a phenomenal time and the bug has bitten.

A massive thank you to Liesl King, the Mike De Kock racing team for making me feel so welcome in Dubai, and also to Sporting Post and Hollywood Bets for opening the door.

I have booked for 2020!

## PERSONALITY

# Hip, Hip, Habib!

Calvin Habib

**Being the first to arrive in the mornings and the last to leave is a work philosophy that is paying dividends for Calvin Habib. The son of former jockey Donovan reached a career milestone with Divine Odyssey's Gr2 Colorado King Stakes win at Turffontein on Saturday.**

Things are falling into place for Calvin Habib.

Just a month ago he and girlfriend Shandre Hoffmann – a Mandela Rhodes Scholar who recently received her Honours Degree in Industrial Sociology Cum Laude and was also crowned Miss University of Johannesburg Varsity Cup Queen – moved into their first new home together on a centrally situated golf estate in Gauteng.

Shandre is the daughter of former jockey and stipe Andre Hoffmann and Calvin says that the couple are excited about their careers and their future.

"Shandre is busy on her second degree and we don't get in each other's way when it comes to work and studies. But she was there when Divine Odyssey won on Saturday and that was a great thrill for me."

Calvin explained that at the 150m marker Divine Odyssey was going so well to give him a career milestone that he won't forget.

"I just touched him once with the crop to ensure he kept his mind on it. As I reached the line I heard Shandre shouting us home and I saluted. It was pure adrenaline and joy. I shouldn't have but it was my biggest win so far and I was so happy. The stipes fined me R1000 for saluting prior to the line. I respect that," he says as he goes on to talk about his affinity with the son of Oratorio.

"He was always a talented horse but went off – horses do that. But he has turned the corner. Mr Johan Janse van Vuuren has done well with him – and Divine Odyssey improved further on Saturday."

We asked him if he would keep the ride and what it was like working for Johan Janse van Vuuren – a man rumoured to be ever so slightly tetchy before he has had his first cup of coffee in the early Randjesfontein mornings.

"Naturally I'd love to keep the ride. Divine Odyssey and I get on so well. I have never had an issue with Mr van Vuuren – he just expects the job to be done – and done properly, and then there's no issues. He has a powerful string so I'm just very happy to be associated with a big yard."

Calvin also rides work for Clinton Binda, who has given him many opportunities too.

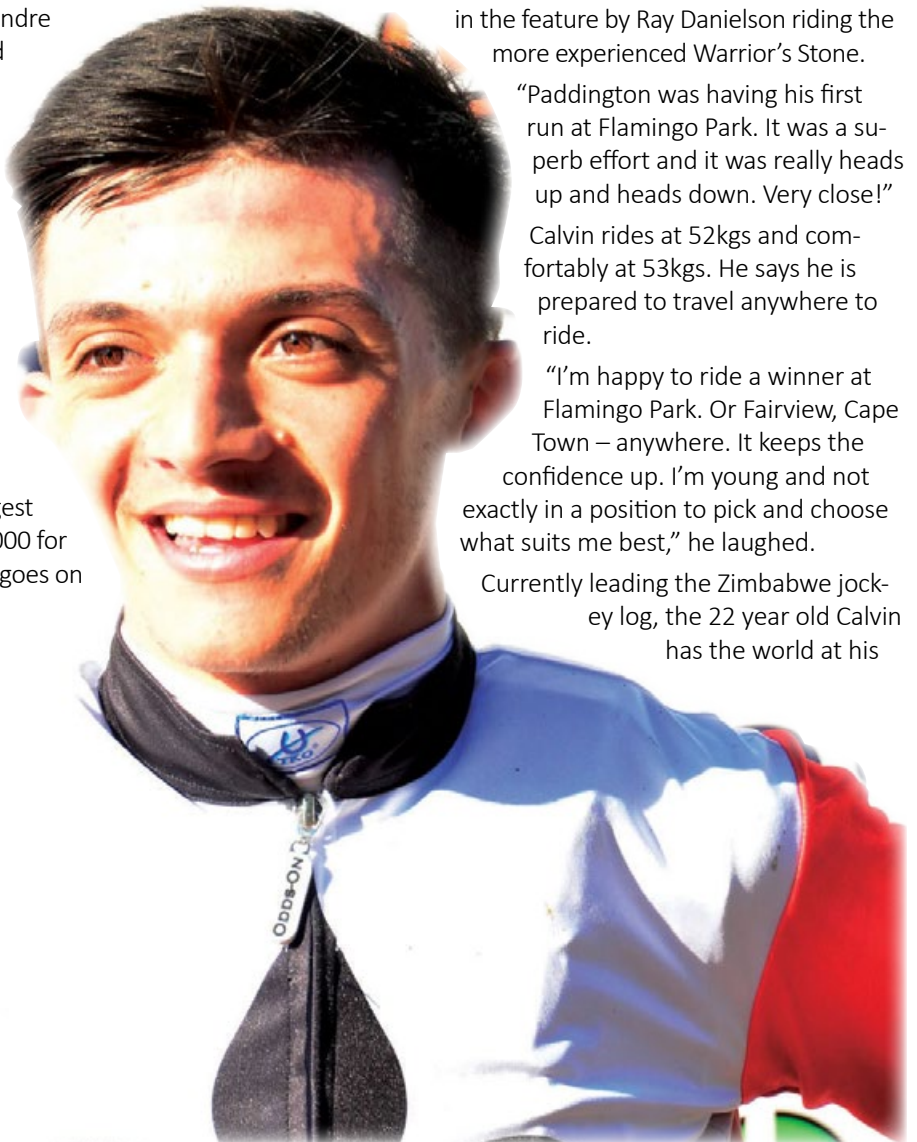
He travelled to Flamingo Park on Monday and while picking up a win on Phil's Power, was unlucky to be shaded in the feature by Ray Danielson riding the more experienced Warrior's Stone.

"Paddington was having his first run at Flamingo Park. It was a superb effort and it was really heads up and heads down. Very close!"

Calvin rides at 52kgs and comfortably at 53kgs. He says he is prepared to travel anywhere to ride.

"I'm happy to ride a winner at Flamingo Park. Or Fairview, Cape Town – anywhere. It keeps the confidence up. I'm young and not exactly in a position to pick and choose what suits me best," he laughed.

Currently leading the Zimbabwe jockey log, the 22 year old Calvin has the world at his



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## CALVIN HABIB

feet as he works hard on establishing the foundations of a career in the saddle – the dreams of which started shortly after birth.

“I grew up in a horseracing house. My Dad was a jockey and my cousin Derreck David is also a jockey. My Mom Amanda has been doing the jockey room catering at Turffontein and the Vaal for years. I recall as a ten year old going to work with Mom and just wishing I could put on the boots and the silks and go out and ride a winner. The atmosphere was intoxicating and my superheroes as a young boy were the jockeys, rather than the predictable Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the likes of Batman. So I was probably always predisposed towards a career in the game.”

But Calvin hit a bump in the road when first applying at the SA Jockey Academy.

“They rejected me and said they felt I would get too tall in time. So I joined Mr James Maree’s Workriders Programme with Lyle Hewitson and will never look back on that experience. I learnt so much and it formed my attitude towards my career – long before I knew I would actually even get accepted at the Academy!”

Calvin rode his first winner on 3 May 2014 at Turffontein. The filly’s name was Lucky Gambler for Devin Little and another eight winners followed as a workrider before his reapplying at SAJA.

“I walked on air through the doors of the SA Jockey Academy on 13 January 2015 alongside the likes of Denis Schwarz, Dylan Lere-na, Ashton Arries, Louis Burke, Khanya Sakayi, Sandile Mbhele and Leon Tarentaal. It was a tough year. My apprenticeship was only a three year stint and I was treated as a normal first year – with school, cleaning boxes and tack and the rest of it- but with the additional commitments of work riding and race-riding.”

He says he received plenty of assistance from the riding masters and quickly adapted to the rigours of academy life and it was only three months after starting that he rode his first winner as a professional apprentice jockey.

“It feels like yesterday. The date was 17 April 2015 and I won at Greyville on Missmasala for Mr Sean Tarry. It was a great thrill and I was geared up to ride many more!”

Asked to signal out some highlights, he says that he won on the Newbury Racing owned Muscatt to break the Scottsville course record in early 2016, a mark previously held by champion Captain Of All.

“Mr Michael Roberts trained Muscatt and had him fit to fly. He lowered the 1000m course record to 55,81 seconds.”

He also won the 2018 OK Grand Challenge at Borrowdale for trainer Bridget Stidolph and Gail and Denis Evans of Newbury Racing.

He is proud of the fact that he has done so well in Zimbabwe

“Flying to Zim is like flying down to Durban for me. I have enjoyed great support from Mr and Mrs Evans of Newbury Racing and it is wonderful to ride for people who make you feel appreciated and understand the game. They have been so good to me.”

As to future plans, Calvin says that he’d like to ride overseas one day but for now he and Shandre are focussed on building their respective careers.

“In late 2017 I did a stint riding in Bahrain. I rode about 7 winners from 50 odd rides. I was attached to the Al Afoo Racing Stable

under Trainer Hussain Al Daylani. The experience was invaluable but I think it’s important to establish myself now on home turf. South Africa has the best jockeys in the world and if I can prove my mettle here, then I can go anywhere into the big wide world with confidence – when the time is right.”

## Proud Dad Donovan

Calvin’s famous former jockey Dad Donovan has reverted to watching racing again since his son has started riding. Donovan, who cites the champion Goldmark as the best horse he rode during his 27 year career in the saddle, said that when he retired in 2010 after a knee injury he was ‘a bit heartsore’ to watch the racing.

“It’s a way of life. When it comes to an end too early, one can have issues coping with the finality of it. But my son’s success has filled the void and I can watch his progress with pride. He’s a well balanced rider and is dedicated to his profession. The world’s his oyster and I believe he will make it,” said Donovan.

## 74 For Trippi!

**Drakenstein Stud’s outstanding stallion Trippi, South Africa’s Champion Sire of 2015-2016, enjoyed yet another big weekend.**

Trippi was responsible for a trio of South African winners this weekend, with his trio of wins dominated by his promising 3yo son Tristful’s impressive victory in Sunday’s Gr3 Byerley Turk.

Tristful has now won three of his last four starts, and he is Trippi’s 74th individual stakes winner.

Trippi really made his mark in the Byerley Turk, as he is also broodmare sire of third place finisher Triple Fate Line.

A day earlier, Trippi’s top-class son Trip To Heaven picked up his ninth win when accounting for some top class sprinters to land a pinnacle stakes over 1000m at Turffontein for trainer Sean Tarry. Bred by Highlands, the classy seven-year-old powered home to account for 2018 G1 Computaform Sprint winner Attenborough by 1.3 lengths.

The four time graded stakes winning Trip To Heaven, who is likely to start next in the 2019 G1 Computaform Sprint, took his earnings to R2 495 000 with his impressive win, despite once again being slow away, on Saturday.

Trip To Heaven’s paternal half-sister African Sunbird provided Trippi with a Saturday double when winning her second race at Turffontein on Saturday.

Trippi has enjoyed another good season in 2018-2019, with his other notable performers including the graded stakes winners Chimichuri Run and Love To Boogie, Gr1 Cape Derby runner up Charles, as well as the very exciting two-year-old Vandah’s Spirit. The champion has ten lots on offer at the National Sale this month, including a colt (Lot 119) out of Gr3 Magnolia Handicap winner Kwinta, a half-sister (Lot 167) to exported Equus Champion Edict Of Nantes, and a half-sister (Lot 171) to G3 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery winner Wheredowego.

## Short Heads

# Magic Muzi

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Winning Form sponsored Muzi Yeneni'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.

## 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.

# 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.



## 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.

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.



Kris Elyer

## DUKE'S DAZZLING DAUGHTERS

Duke Of Marmalade's 3yo daughters Temple Grafin 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.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Grand National – The Risks



Tiger Roll wins | Aintree Racecourse

**The Grand National is a race that will always have supporters and detractors. But 70 000 people turned up at Aintree on Saturday to cheer home 9yo Tiger Roll in his record equaling back-to-back victory.**

On Saturday one horse was sadly lost. Following a fall at the first fence, Up For Review was immediately attended by veterinary professionals. Sadly, he had sustained a fatal injury.

Dickon White, who runs Aintree Racecourse as North West Regional Director for Jockey Club Racecourses, said: “As a sport of animal lovers, we wanted every horse to come home and sadly that’s not been the case with Up For Review. “All of us at Aintree extend our sympathies to Andrea and Graham Wylie and the team behind the horse. You have to go back to 2012 since we lost a horse in the Grand National, thanks in part to the huge amount of effort and investment we put into horse welfare. However, while you cannot remove all risk from our sport, we will analyse what happened and leave no stone in doing so.”

Some stats worth considering:

99.47% of runners in British racing complete their race without incurring any long-term injury. Moreover, the fatal injury rate has fallen by one third in the last 20 years to just 0.2%

Faller rates during jump races have decreased to an all-time low of 2.53%. That is a decrease of 30% in the last 20 years as a result of initiatives to make racecourses and jump racing safer

There had been no fatal injury in the Grand National since 2012, after which £1.5 million worth of changes were made to the Grand National Course including swapping the wooden cores of fences to an EasyFix plastic or natural birch

Sport horses are at no greater risk of injury when running and jumping on a race course, than when turned out in the field – a study by Liverpool University found that 62% of traumatic injuries in sport horses occurred in the field, compared to 13% while being ridden.

## Are You Climbing?

**Sales company Inglis is calling for official expressions of interest from connections of potential runners to fill its slot in this year’s A\$14m The Everest.**

Sydney’s Royal Randwick hosts the world’s richest race on turf on Saturday 19 October 2019. History will be made as twelve of the fastest horses compete for A\$14 million in stakes.

Inglis was one of the 12 original slot holders and has taken up the option of again extending its Everest contract for a further year, ensuring it remains a slot holder until at least the 2021 edition of the race.

Owners or trainers of Inglis graduates who are interested in competing in the 2019 The Everest are encouraged to express their interest in the near future by contacting Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster via [mark@inglis.com.au](mailto:mark@inglis.com.au).

Priority will be given to Inglis graduates that have paid up for an Inglis Race Series, past or present. Webster is excited about again being involved in what is Australia’s most lucrative race day.

“We feel we had the right horse last year in Santa Ana Lane, an A\$80,000 Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale graduate but the late heavy rain put an end to his chances. We saw in the TJ Smith Stakes on the weekend that Santa is still up there in the upper echelon of sprinters in the country but there are a lot of quality candidates for this year’s Everest from Australia and around the world.”

Webster enthused, “The journey to the race with the ownership group is a unique and thoroughly entertaining experience and I call on connections of all top quality sprinters from around the world to get in contact as we look to climb Everest together in 2019.”

A massive crowd of 40 578 packed into Royal Randwick last year as Redzel overtook Aussie turf legends Sunline, Northerly and Makybe Diva in the prizemoney stakes after claiming his second victory in the A\$13 million TAB Everest.

The six-year-old took his prize money total to A\$15,372,000 (second only to Winx) after claiming \$6 million of the stakes on offer.

### BREEDING

## Now For Some Peace!

**Takingthepeace, raced by Mathew de Kock, Michael Shea, Murray Makepeace, Craig and Ross Kieswetter, will be retiring to the Kieswetter family’s Ridgemont Highlands Stud.**

“She chipped a knee recently and we chose to retire her over knee surgery. She’s a filly that gave us and her owners an incredible amount of joy, their on-course antics at her races went viral a few times. We wish Ridgemont Highlands well with her future at stud,” said Mike on the website [www.mikedekockracing.com](http://www.mikedekockracing.com)

Takingthepeace was purchased for R280 000 off the CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale by Form Bloodstock.

Bred by Summerhill Stud, she is a daughter of Visionaire (Grand Slam) out of the three-time winner, Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer).

Takingthepeace won 6 career races with 5 places from 13 starts for stakes of R1 751 525. Her wins included the Gr1 SA Fillies Classic, the Gr2 Gauteng Guineas and the Gr3 Victory Moon Handicap.

HERE &amp; ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

# The Key To The Big Door!

**Galileo, the world's premier stallion, turned 21 this year. But this great producer's legacy appears safe through a growing number of top class broodmare daughters and increasingly successful stallion sons.**

His champion sons Teofilo, Frankel, and New Approach have all proved to be high class sires, while another son, the multiple Gr1 winner Nathaniel, is the sire of the outstanding seven time Gr1 winner Enable and the Gr1 winning God Given.

Yet another son by Galileo, the former Investec Derby winner Ruler Of The World, made a pleasing start with his first 2yos last year including Gr1 bet365 Fillies' Mile winner Iridessa, while Galileo's French Derby winning son Intello made a very bright start with his first crop headed by Gr1 Prix Jean Prat hero Intellogent.

## On A Mission

Frankel's triple Gr1 winning son Noble Mission also made a splash with his first crop. The Lane's End based Noble Mission's first crop includes Gr2 Fountain Of Youth Stakes winner and likely Kentucky Derby starter Code Of Honour.

Teofilo, the most accomplished Galileo sire son thus far in terms of numbers of both stakes winners and Gr1 winners, is already the sire of a Gr1 producing sire in the form of his Prix Jean Prat winner Havana Gold.

To date, Teofilo, who like another unbeaten top class Galileo sire son Frankel is out of a Danehill, has more than 80 stakes winners to his name, with his progeny having won such major international races as the Melbourne Cup, Irish 1000 Guineas, Irish Derby, Hong Kong Vase, Prix du Cadran and Maktoum Challenge

While Teofilo has proved a consistent producer of high-class performers, his paternal half-brother Frankel looks likely to surpass his achievements in the coming years. The unbeaten superstar got off to the widely expected good start at stud, and to date Frankel's 37 stakes winners (from 220 odd runners) include six Gr1 winners plus the exciting filly East. Frankel's outstanding four time Gr1 winning son Cracksman retired to stud for 2019 and that blue blooded star (he is directly descended in female line from Mumtaz Begum, the dam of Nasrullah) looks more than capable of furthering his sire's legacy.

The Galileo sired Epsom Derby winner New Approach made a blistering start to his stud career, when his first 2yos included three winners at Royal Ascot. While he has not maintained that start, New Approach has proved a successful stallion, and his 40 plus stakes winners include the English classic winners Dawn Approach, Talent and Masar-who emulated his sire when landing the Epsom Derby. Dawn Approach has also come up with some smart sorts early in his stud career, with the former 2000 Guineas winner already responsible for group winners Musis Amica and Madhmoon, as well



**Galileo**

as 2018 Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes runner up Alyaasaat.

Other sons of Galileo to have sired at least one Gr1 winner include Heliostatic, Roderic O'Connor, Soldier Of Fortune and Sixties Icon, and this list looks sure to grow substantially in coming seasons.

## Down Under

Galileo's latest stallion son to make a big impression is the classically bred Australia. Not only one of the

best bred sons of his sire to retire to stud, Australia also ranked as one of the very best sons of Galileo –the handsome chestnut (sparingly raced) won five of only eight outings with Australia scoring handsome wins in all of the Gr1 Epsom and Irish Derbies and Gr1 Juddmonte International and looking a little unlucky not to win the Irish Champion Stakes as well. Never out of the money, Australia always looked a popular sire prospect, as a dual Classic winning son of two outstanding performers in Galileo and Ouija Board respectively.

He made an instant impression with his first 2yos in 2018, including dual group winner Beyond Reason, and the Gr1 performers Broome, Sydney Opera House (a half-brother to KZN sire Golden Sword) and Western Australia.

Australia enjoyed success in both Ireland and South Africa on Saturday, with his British bred daughter Sleeping Single becoming her sire's first South African winner (she is Australia's first runner in South Africa) when shedding her maiden emphatically by three and a quarter lengths at Durbanville on Saturday.

In Ireland, Australia had a pair of winners at Leopardstown on Saturday with his son Buckhurst making a winning debut over a mile and more importantly his promising son Broome scoring a decisive eight length win in the G3 P.W. McGrath Ballysax Stakes (a race won by previously by Galileo himself), with another Australia son, Sydney Opera House taking fourth.

With a number of highly rated 3yos set to represent him this year, Australia could be set for a very big year in 2019.

As a side note, Australia's champion dam Ouija Board was sired by Cape Cross, who also ranks as the damsire of New Approach's Derby winning son Masar.

His outstanding sire Galileo inevitably made his mark in this country, with the Equus Champions Igugu and Mahbooba- both dams of smart recent overseas winners- and his sons currently standing at stud here include Flying The Flag, Global View, The Assayer, and The United States.

With a plethora of top class sons yet to be represented on the track, including the likes of The Gurkha, Highland Reel, Churchill and Gleneagles and a growing number of high class grandsons retiring to stud, the Galileo legacy looks set to go from strength to strength in the coming years.

## BREEDING

## Hermosa For Oaks

**Talented 3yo Hermosa, a full-sister to Moutonshoek's Gr1 winning stallion The United States, is one of 60 fillies who have been entered for the Gr1 Investec Oaks this May.**

Arguably the premier classic for 3yo fillies in the world, the Oaks is set to be run at Epsom on May 31 this year.

A daughter of Galileo- whose offspring include such Epsom Oaks winning fillies as Was, Minding and Forever Together- the Aidan O'Brien trained Hermosa won or placed in five of her seven starts at two, with her record including a fluent two and a half length win in the Gr3 Weld Park Stakes. Also runner up in both the Gr1 bet365 Fillies' Mile and Gr1 Criterium International, Hermosa has already banked prize money of over £230 000 –with the promise of more to come!

Hermosa, currently second favourite for the 2019 Investec Oaks, also holds entries in all of the Gr1 Qipco 1000 Guineas, Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas and Darley Irish Oaks.

The filly is a full-sister to the Gr1 winners The United States (Ranvet Stakes) and Hydrangea (Matron Stakes, Qipco British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes), and is one of four group winners produced by the Gr3 winning Pivotal mare Beauty Is Truth.

Her full-brother The United States won 8 times and earned more than \$2 000 000 in stakes, in a career which saw the chestnut win or placed in 11 group races.

## Eruption!

**Maine Chance Farms stallion Erupt comes from one of the best families in the stud book, and this remarkable female line was again to the fore on the first day of the 2019 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale on Tuesday.**

Consigned by Coolmore Stud (as Agent), a bay daughter of Fastnet Rock, from the same female line as Erupt, was knocked down to Asian Bloodstock Services for an even A\$1 000 000.

The filly, lot 185, is an own sister to a multiple winner and her dam Port Augusta- intriguingly inbred to Fanfreluche – fourth dam of Erupt- is a half-sister to four stakes winners notably dual Gr1 winner and top class sire Holy Roman Emperor.

The latter, twice Champion Sire in Hong Kong, is the sire of 80 stakes winners at the time of writing, including the Gr1 winners Romanised, Morandi, Homecoming Queen, Sheidel, Mongolian Khan, Rich Tapestry and Horse Of The Year Designs On Rome.

Port Augusta's granddam is Canadian Horse Of The Year and US champion Fanfreluche (one of Northern Dancer's greatest daughters), whose numerous high class descendants include not only the aforementioned top sires Holy Roman Emperor and Encosta De Lago but also Australian champion sire Flying Spur and she is also the fourth dam of Erupt.

The latter, who proved highly popular in his first season at Maine Chance last year, is one of nearly 40 G1 winners sired by outstanding stallion Dubawi, whose current flagbearers include unbeaten Cartier Champion Too Darn Hot, 2019 Gr1 Dubai Sheema Classic winner Old Persian and the very exciting Ghaiyyath – a brilliant winner of the recent Gr2 Prix d'Harcourt.

See the sale report on page 16

## Ascot's Grand Mary

The Ascot Stud based Grand Mary, whose progeny include the smart performers Grand Silvano and Mary O' Reilly, recently gained a handsome boost to her impressive pedigree page when her close relative Invincible Army landed the Listes Unibet Cammidge Trophy Stakes over 1200m at Doncaster.

Trained by James Tait, the talented four-year-old romped home under jockey PJ McDonald to land the Listed Cambridge Trophy by two lengths and is now likely to be aimed at both the Gr1 Haydock Sprint Cup and Gr2 Duke Of York Stakes.

A son of Invincible Spirit, Invincible Army has won or placed in nine of 12 starts, with his previous victories including both the 2017 Gr3 totepool Sirenia Stakes and 2018 Gr3 Meriebelle Stable Pavilion Stakes.

He is out of the Gr1 Falmouth Stakes winner Rajeem – a half-sister to Grand Mary.

The latter, a daughter of Kyllachy, is out of the Cadeaux Genereux mare Magic Sister, a full-sister to short-lived Gr1 Prix Morny winner Hoh Magic.

Grand Mary has a beautiful weanling filly by Global View and is back in foal to that exciting son of Galileo.

## National Yearling Sale

Drakenstein Stud's resident stallion Philanthropist was in the news today when his daughter Rachel made a winning debut over 1200 metres at the Vaal. The Leading All Weather Sire in North America in 2014, Philanthropist has 14 yearlings on offer at the upcoming National Yearling Sale to be held in Johannesburg on 24,25 and 26 April.

*Watch this space for our National Yearling Sale preview next week!*

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A beautifully related **GLOBAL VIEW** (Galileo) filly - out of a half-sister to champion **Bold Silvano**  
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#47 Right Choice (Global View – Bold Choice by Lecture)

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## LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rnrns	AEPR	runs	wnrns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
17,419,872	Klawervlei Stud	385	45,246	1757	122	148	32%	2	3	2%	456	26%	5	One World 2,909,375 17%
17,140,245	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	202	84,853	994	95	137	47%	3	6	3%	316	32%	9	Rainbow Bridge 3,270,000 19%
12,002,634	Summerhill Stud	253	47,441	1431	86	119	34%	3	3	3%	381	27%	5	Africa Rising 443,750 4%
9,341,211	Drakenstein Stud	110	84,920	511	45	66	41%	8	12	18%	164	32%	7	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 13%
9,131,447	Highlands	139	65,694	683	58	83	42%	5	5	9%	206	30%	6	Front And Centre 895,625 10%
6,325,472	Varsfontein Stud	99	63,894	456	47	67	47%	3	3	6%	157	34%	6	Doosra 252,850 4%
5,905,349	Favour Stud	81	72,906	449	32	53	40%	3	4	9%	144	32%	1	Twist Of Fate 1,552,500 26%
5,900,588	Riverton Stud	34	173,547	174	15	24	44%	1	2	7%	47	27%	1	Cirillo 4,100,000 69%
5,817,286	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	112	51,940	503	35	45	31%	1	1	3%	139	28%	4	Samurai Warrior 1,341,525 23%

## LEADING SIREs by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnrns	AEPR	runs	wnrns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
13,141,616	*Captain Al	144	91,261	648	62	80	43%	6	8	10%	227	35%	10	One World 2,909,375 22%
11,961,186	Silvano	187	63,964	811	69	95	37%	6	8	9%	257	32%	12	Hawwaam 1,978,125 17%
10,015,361	Var	171	58,569	841	76	94	44%	4	4	5%	279	33%	8	Vardy 939,700 9%
9,728,673	Gimmethegreenlight	144	67,560	695	61	84	42%	4	7	7%	228	33%	11	National Park 1,119,775 12%
9,527,925	Ideal World	93	102,451	517	42	62	45%	3	4	7%	142	27%	4	Rainbow Bridge 3,270,000 34%
9,237,709	Dynasty	131	70,517	630	53	77	40%	3	3	6%	187	30%	10	Front And Centre 895,625 10%
7,327,336	Pomodoro	51	143,673	195	17	24	33%	1	2	6%	56	29%	2	Cirillo 4,100,000 56%
7,231,024	What A Winter	127	56,937	614	52	75	41%	2	4	4%	176	29%	3	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 17%
7,065,474	Trippi	113	62,526	529	49	73	43%	4	4	8%	171	32%	5	Chimichuri Run 351,250 5%

## LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnrns	AEPR	runs	wnrns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
7,046,711	Pomodoro	43	163,877	181	14	21	33%	1	2	7%	51	28%	2	Cirillo 4,100,000 58%
6,955,631	*Captain Al	56	124,208	272	30	42	54%	3	3	10%	103	38%	3	One World 2,909,375 42%
5,157,049	Silvano	58	88,915	215	20	28	34%	1	3	5%	65	30%	4	Hawwaam 1,978,125 38%
4,934,487	Master Of My Fate	69	71,514	346	28	37	41%	2	3	7%	107	31%	2	Twist Of Fate 1,552,500 31%
4,825,312	Gimmethegreenlight	56	86,166	266	26	35	46%	2	3	8%	89	33%	4	National Park 1,119,775 23%
4,671,287	Var	68	68,695	351	33	43	49%	1	1	3%	112	32%	2	Vardy 939,700 20%
4,599,224	What A Winter	61	75,397	335	30	45	49%	2	4	7%	96	29%	1	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 27%
4,569,048	Dynasty	49	93,246	235	26	37	53%	2	2	8%	63	27%	4	Front And Centre 895,625 20%
3,391,798	Elusive Fort	54	62,811	289	18	22	33%	0	0	0%	76	26%	2	Elusive Trader 1,235,500 36%

## LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by AEPR

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with 20 or more rnrns

Stakes	Sire	rnrns	AEPR	runs	wnrns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
7,046,711	Pomodoro	43	163,877	181	14	21	33%	1	2	7%	51	28%	2	Cirillo 4,100,000 58%
6,955,631	*Captain Al	56	124,208	272	30	42	54%	3	3	10%	103	38%	3	One World 2,909,375 42%
2,679,822	Potala Palace	27	99,253	155	16	25	59%	0	0	0%	39	25%	2	Palace Chapel 789,586 29%
4,569,048	Dynasty	49	93,246	235	26	37	53%	2	2	8%	63	27%	4	Front And Centre 895,625 20%
5,157,049	Silvano	58	88,915	215	20	28	34%	1	3	5%	65	30%	4	Hawwaam 1,978,125 38%
4,825,312	Gimmethegreenlight	56	86,166	266	26	35	46%	2	3	8%	89	33%	4	National Park 1,119,775 23%
3,039,133	Pathfork	39	77,926	203	19	23	49%	0	0	0%	80	39%	4	Skye Lane 621,275 20%
4,599,224	What A Winter	61	75,397	335	30	45	49%	2	4	7%	96	29%	1	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 27%
3,285,513	Ideal World	45	73,011	248	19	24	42%	1	1	5%	60	24%	1	Samurai Warrior 1,341,525 41%

## LEADING SIREs of 2YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnrns	AEPR	runs	wnrns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
756,150	What A Winter	23	32,876	49	7	8	30%	0	0	0%	22	45%	0	Sarah 150,500 20%
623,700	Gimmethegreenlight	16	38,981	28	7	7	44%	0	0	0%	14	50%	4	Emerald Tiara 94,375 15%
581,925	Master Of My Fate	13	44,763	24	6	8	46%	1	1	17%	4	17%	0	Basadi Faith 225,000 39%
486,275	Captain Of All	19	25,593	43	3	3	16%	1	2	33%	19	44%	0	Captain Anne Bonny 110,400 23%
483,250	Var	12	40,271	26	6	6	50%	0	0	0%	13	50%	0	Cavivar 79,375 16%
448,325	Vercingetorix	13	34,487	21	6	7	46%	0	0	0%	7	33%	0	Viking Moon 93,750 21%
429,700	Pathfork	11	39,064	21	4	5	36%	1	1	25%	7	33%	1	Miss Honey 152,050 35%
419,625	Soft Falling Rain	11	38,148	20	3	3	27%	0	0	0%	15	75%	1	Gin Fizz 138,750 33%

## LEADING SIREs by STAKES On Polytrack

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Stakes	Sire	rnrns	AEPR	runs	wnrns	wns	wnr/ rnr%	SW wnrs	SW wns	SW/ wnr%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,665,900	Gimmethegreenlight	53	31,432	152	17	20	32%	0	0	0%	49	32%	0	O' Keeffe 186,200 11%
1,589,275	Oratorio	46	34,549	142	16	21	35%	0	0	0%	46	32%	0	Euphoric 156,625 10%
1,360,000	Var	48	28,333	149	16	17	33%	0	0	0%	40	27%	0	Valeriana 99,225 7%
1,325,125	Pathfork	43	30,817	113	11	16	26%	0	0	0%	37	33%	0	Gorgeous Guest 239,150 18%
1,321,363	Querari	47	28,114	122	13	15	28%	0	0	0%	42	34%	0	Playlist 152,625 12%
1,282,650	Crusade	41	31,284	120	15	15	37%	0	0	0%	44	37%	0	Kilvington 113,125 9%
1,278,100	*Captain Al	35	36,517	107	14	16	40%	0	0	0%	38	36%	0	Flight Captain 137,900 11%
1,261,775	*Sail From Seattle	55	22,941	163	14	16	25%	0	0	0%	45	28%	0	Seattle Oak 111,550 9%

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Day 1

RECORD

At the conclusion on Wednesday of the two day 2019 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, A\$122,235,500 had been traded, making it the second-best Easter Sale ever, behind only the 2008 phenomenon. The Day 1 trade of A\$63,990,500 was a southern hemisphere record for an individual day's yearling sale turnover.

A total of 19 lots realised A\$1m or more, purchased by 13 different buying groups and represented by 11 different sires (Snitzel, Fastnet Rock, Deep Impact, Exceed And Excel, I Am Invincible, Lonhro, Redoute's Choice, Not A Single Doubt, Zoustar, Pierro and Brazen Beau). 75 lots sold for A\$500,000 or more - up from 72 last year.

Seven stallions recorded their highest ever individual sale price - Snitzel (A\$2,800,000), Exceed And Excel (A\$1,700,000), Lonhro (A\$1,400,000), Brazen Beau (A\$1,150,000), Vancouver (A\$950,000), Rubick (A\$900,000) and Time For War (A\$800,000).

Arrowfield Stud was again leading vendor by aggregate on A\$21,470,000. Day-2's top lot doubled as Tyreel's first A\$1m yearling, an Exceed And Excel x Written Dash colt (lot 337) they offered which Aquis Farm purchased for A\$1,700,000.

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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	918	117	13%	162	18%	34%	97	11%	407	44%	20,444,504	22,271
J Snaith	742	104	14%	154	21%	34%	83	11%	342	46%	14,189,888	19,124
MF de Kock	458	72	16%	116	25%	29%	75	16%	238	52%	13,976,456	30,516
BJ Crawford	561	90	16%	116	21%	35%	60	11%	285	51%	8,959,100	15,970
AC Greeff	768	116	15%	171	22%	32%	99	13%	365	48%	8,062,938	10,499
PA Peter	476	69	14%	100	21%	35%	61	13%	222	47%	7,275,420	15,284
C Bass-Robinson	566	52	9%	57	10%	32%	65	11%	236	42%	7,206,500	12,732
Y Bremner	561	78	14%	86	15%	33%	78	14%	268	48%	6,837,563	12,188
A Nel	376	59	16%	57	15%	30%	56	15%	203	54%	6,243,275	16,604
VH Marshall	345	36	10%	41	12%	32%	39	11%	150	43%	5,959,775	17,275
GD Smith	826	64	8%	58	7%	21%	71	9%	307	37%	5,205,650	6,302
JAJ v Vuuren	320	44	14%	67	21%	39%	48	15%	153	48%	4,982,671	15,571
DR Drier	307	51	17%	65	21%	35%	34	11%	156	51%	4,933,450	16,070
GS Kotzen	535	46	9%	56	10%	23%	63	12%	197	37%	4,714,525	8,812
J Ramsden	285	31	11%	19	7%	26%	24	8%	110	39%	4,578,562	16,065
GV Woodruff	290	34	12%	56	19%	34%	35	12%	133	46%	4,465,799	15,399

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
A Marcus	470	142	30%	291	62%	36%	81	17%	328	70%	22,968,062	48,868
L Hewitson	921	142	15%	178	19%	28%	140	15%	495	54%	16,478,798	17,892
M Yeni	1200	141	12%	174	15%	28%	155	13%	568	47%	13,138,832	10,949
G Lerena	459	122	27%	221	48%	37%	67	15%	289	63%	13,885,752	30,252
R Mungler	1034	101	10%	92	9%	29%	113	11%	430	42%	9,401,071	9,092
G Cheyne	592	100	17%	171	29%	32%	94	16%	337	57%	8,171,025	13,802
R Fourie	440	95	22%	158	36%	34%	65	15%	275	63%	13,612,550	30,938
W Kennedy	825	91	11%	88	11%	38%	100	12%	388	47%	11,220,836	13,601
A Domeyer	365	72	20%	95	26%	37%	58	16%	224	61%	7,633,900	20,915
K De Melo	599	63	11%	62	10%	21%	72	12%	278	46%	7,580,326	12,655
L J Ferraris	612	63	10%	61	10%	30%	53	9%	228	37%	6,582,736	10,756
C Zackey	736	55	7%	51	7%	20%	75	10%	271	37%	7,208,711	9,794
S Veale	432	52	12%	61	14%	34%	35	8%	185	43%	5,416,975	12,539
M v Rensburg	455	50	11%	41	9%	27%	40	9%	181	40%	5,175,599	11,375
M Khan	439	49	11%	35	8%	29%	46	10%	181	41%	5,307,262	12,089
D Schwarz	534	45	8%	26	5%	27%	46	9%	173	32%	4,864,673	9,110
C Maujean	699	44	6%	40	6%	25%	55	8%	239	34%	4,765,285	6,817

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

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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	59	23	39%	32	54%	41%	11	19%	4,333,710	73,453
GB Puller/A Marcus	28	10	36%	21	75%	33%	4	14%	750,050	26,788
PA Peter/G Lerena	28	10	36%	19	68%	47%	6	21%	1,321,436	47,194
BJ Crawford/A Marcus	100	32	32%	50	50%	44%	19	19%	3,202,300	32,023
MG & AA Azzie/G Lerena	34	11	32%	17	50%	47%	1	3%	862,548	25,369
A Nel/A Domeyer	44	12	27%	16	36%	50%	9	20%	968,525	22,012
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	86	22	26%	48	56%	35%	18	21%	2,251,087	26,175
J Snaith/R Fourie	340	81	24%	135	40%	36%	54	16%	11,490,025	33,794
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	287	68	24%	142	49%	31%	60	21%	4,634,125	16,147
MG & AA Azzie/M v Rensburg	42	10	24%	1	2%	0%	4	10%	1,082,911	25,784
S von W Smit/D R Lerena	56	13	23%	7	13%	71%	7	13%	613,375	10,953
Gareth Van Zyl/W Kennedy	80	17	21%	13	16%	69%	11	14%	1,452,475	18,156
PA Peter/W Kennedy	61	13	21%	12	20%	58%	4	7%	1,037,750	17,012
RR Sage/M Yeni	82	16	20%	15	18%	53%	5	6%	1,953,886	23,828

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New family man Warren Kennedy is riding with confidence

**Modern Family**

It seems that marriage and family are a winning tonic for Warren Kennedy. The KZN based rider recently tied the knot and announced that his wife Barbara (nee Badehorst) was expecting a baby. Kennedy has been riding at the top of his game and booted home a genuine 86 to 1 hat-trick at Greyville on Wednesday – for Kumaran Naidoo, Glen Kotzen and

Gavin van Zyl. Warren is only 6 winners short of his century this season and is well established in the national top ten. He rides Nafaayes in the Gr1 Empress Club Stakes on Saturday.



Gokhan Terzi has persevered in his new venture

**The Lion Roars**

Former Zimbabwe based Gokhan Terzi saddled the Barton Hall Stud-bred Golden Lion to win the final race at the Vaal on Tuesday. Despite a wide draw, he gave owner Mr Goksel the confidence to travel from Zim to lead his horse in. Gavin Lerena rode a cracker on the son of Visionaire to register his third win

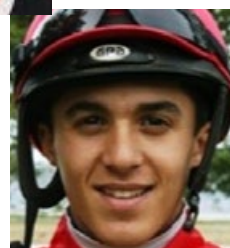
from 9 starts. It's been a tough slog for Terzi who opened at the Vaal in January 2017. His biggest win to date came via Tandava's victory in the Gr2 Senor Santa Stakes last season. Golden Lion was his 13th winner here – let's hope that's a lucky turning point!

**Classic Comeback?**

Dean Kannemeyer and Keagan de Melo enjoyed a welcome winning double at Greyville on Wednesday after a prolonged drought. "I hope this will be the turning point," said Kannemeyer, who used to be known



Dean Kannemeyer and Keagan de Melo have been finding their feet in recent weeks



as the 'King Of The Classics' but has endured a few quiet seasons. He says that he has some 'nice stock on the shelf' – an indicator that his big ticket

purchases from last year could be ready to fire soon. De Melo has lifted his own game recently and has improved his personal strike-rate to 11%. Watch this combination in the next few months.

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## BEST RATINGS

Mon 25 Mar 2019 - Wed 10 Apr 2019

# Trip To Heaven On A High

## Top Sprinter, all of seven years old, is back on top for the week

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
108	Trip To Heaven	7	Trippi	Highlands	6Apr	1	Cnd	1000	Turffontein	117/108/-/-/-
103	Attenborough	5	Western Winter	PLV Mickleburgh	6Apr	2	Cnd	1000	Turffontein	105/90/-/-/-
102	Sniper Shot	4	Judpot	Birch Bros	7Apr	4	MR104	1100	Greyville	102/98/-/-/-
101	Sir Frenchie	4	Choisir	bred in Australia	29Mar	1	Cnd	1200	Fairview	103/92/-/-/-
101	Chimichuri Run	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	30Mar	3	Cnd-3	1100	Turffontein	102/100/-/-/-
100	Speedpoint	4	Var	Drakenstein Stud	6Apr	5	Cnd	1000	Turffontein	105/81/-/-/-
99	Vardy	3	Var	Tawny Syndicate	3Apr	1	MR95	1400	Kenilworth	74/99/-/-/-
99	Van Halen	3	Oratorio	Limpo Retail	30Mar	1	Cnd-3	1100	Turffontein	99/72/-/-/-
97	Rebel's Champ	4	Rebel King	Nine Bridges Association	6Apr	7	Cnd	1000	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
94	Bwana	4	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	30Mar	1	MR93	1000	Durbanville	94/-/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
102	Neptune's Rain	4	Antonius Pius	Highlands	31Mar	2	Cndfm	1000	Scottsville	102/98/-/-/-
99	Schippers	4	Var	G van Lear	6Apr	2	MR99f	1160	Turffontein	99/69/-/-/-
96	Temple Grafin	3	Duke Of Marmalade	MF Cowe	7Apr	1	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	91/96/-/-/-
95	Vision To Kill	5	Kildonan	MJR Mauvis	31Mar	3	Cndfm	1000	Scottsville	100/-/-/-/-
94	Dancing Queen	3	Mambo In Seattle	Boland Stud	26Mar	1	MR84f	1000	Vaal	94/-/-/-/-
94	San Fermin	4	Charge Forward	bred in Australia	6Apr	1	MR99f	1160	Turffontein	95/89/-/-/-
92	Santa Clara	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	7Apr	2	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	83/95/-/82/-
91	Dawn Calling	5	Trippi	AW & Mrs Procter	29Mar	6	MR86f	1200	Greyville	91/92/78/-/-
90	Desert Rhythm	4	Mambo In Seattle	Nutfield Stud	6Apr	4	MR99f	1160	Turffontein	91/92/-/-/-
90	Silvano's Pride	3	Silvano	AC Peter	7Apr	3	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	58/92/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
106	Soqratt	3	Epaulette	bred in Australia	30Mar	1	WFA	1600	Turffontein	82/109/-/-/-
104	Cirillo	3	Pomodoro	Riverton Stud	30Mar	2	WFA	1600	Turffontein	101/104/-/-/-
99	Unagi	5	Admire Main	Summerhill Stud	30Mar	3	WFA	1600	Turffontein	77/101/100/84/-
98	Tilbury Fort	5	Horse Chestnut	GJ Armitage	30Mar	4	WFA	1600	Turffontein	63/100/96/98/-
98	Divine Odyssey	4	Oratorio	LMF Wernars	6Apr	1	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	15/86/93/98/-
97	Legal Eagle	7	Greys Inn	Avontuur Farm	30Mar	7	WFA	1600	Turffontein	103/116/116/116/104/
96	Pietro Mascagni	4	Silvano	Varfontein Stud	30Mar	1	MR102	1600	Turffontein	81/96/97/-/-
94	Zouaves	5	Sail From Seattle	Danika Stud	30Mar	8	WFA	1600	Turffontein	90/106/87/-/-
94	Pilou	5	Western Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	30Mar	4	MR102	1600	Turffontein	64/95/91/72/-
94	Alyaasaat	3	Dawn Approach	bred in Australia	30Mar	9	WFA	1600	Turffontein	71/94/59/-/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
96	Return Flight	3	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	30Mar	1	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	-/97/95/-/96/
93	Blossom	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	30Mar	2	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	-/83/93/-/93/
93	Cascapedia	5	High Chaparral	bred in Ireland	30Mar	5	WFA	1600	Turffontein	-/102/99/102/-
92	Al Danza	5	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	30Mar	6	WFA	1600	Turffontein	86/101/96/84/-
92	Miss Smarty Pants	4	Horse Chestnut	IW Longmore	27Mar	1	MR86f	1600	Greyville	75/92/-/-/-
92	Seville Orange	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	30Mar	3	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	69/77/-/88/92/
91	Flying Fable	4	Dynasty	Highlands	26Mar	1	MR84f	1600	Vaal	80/91/-/-/-
90	Bize	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	30Mar	4	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	-/65/-/74/90/
90	Cashel Palace	4	Fort Wood	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	30Mar	3	MR102	1600	Turffontein	-/90/86/-/70/
90	Camphoratus	4	Byword	R & Mrs Pickering	30Mar	2	MR100	1800	Turffontein	71/83/90/-/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
106	Soqratt	3	Epaulette	bred in Australia	30Mar	1	WFA	1600	Turffontein	82/109/-/-/-
104	Cirillo	3	Pomodoro	Riverton Stud	30Mar	2	WFA	1600	Turffontein	101/104/-/-/-
101	Chimichuri Run	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	30Mar	3	Cnd-3	1100	Turffontein	102/100/-/-/-
99	Vardy	3	Var	Tawny Syndicate	3Apr	1	MR95	1400	Kenilworth	74/99/-/-/-
99	Van Halen	3	Oratorio	Limpo Retail	30Mar	1	Cnd-3	1100	Turffontein	99/72/-/-/-
94	Alyaasaat	3	Dawn Approach	bred in Australia	30Mar	9	WFA	1600	Turffontein	71/94/59/-/-
93	Russian Prince	3	Potala Palace	Highlands	30Mar	2	Cnd-3	1100	Turffontein	93/71/-/-/-
93	Samurai Warrior	3	Ideal World	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	30Mar	1	Cnd-3	2450	Turffontein	54/72/-/77/93/
92	Zillzaal	3	Silvano	Al Adiyaat	30Mar	2	Cnd-3	2450	Turffontein	63/92/84/-/92/
91	Atyaab	3	Dundeel	bred in Australia	30Mar	4	Cnd-3	2450	Turffontein	-/82/86/94/91/

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
96	Return Flight	3	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	30Mar	1	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	-/97/95/-/96/
96	Temple Grafin	3	Duke Of Marmalade	MF Cowe	7Apr	1	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	91/96/-/-/-
94	Dancing Queen	3	Mambo In Seattle	Boland Stud	26Mar	1	MR84f	1000	Vaal	94/-/-/-/-
93	Blossom	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	30Mar	2	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	-/83/93/-/93/
92	Santa Clara	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	7Apr	2	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	83/95/-/82/-
92	Seville Orange	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	30Mar	3	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	69/77/-/88/92/
90	Silvano's Pride	3	Silvano	AC Peter	7Apr	3	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	58/92/-/-/-
90	Bize	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	30Mar	4	Cnd3f	2450	Turffontein	-/65/-/74/90/
88	Che Bella	3	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	4Apr	1	MR84f	1200	Vaal	88/61/-/-/-
87	Parental Control	3	Judpot	Daytona Stud	7Apr	4	Cnd3f	1400	Greyville	76/89/-/-/-

## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

## TURFFONTEIN

Saturday, 6 April

Course Variant: 1.24s slow (straight) – 2.64s slow (bend)  
12mm of irrigation was added to the track in the seven days leading up to this meeting, and with 23.8mm of rain in the same period the penetrometer read 24 and the going was posted as Good to Soft. The rail was set at zero in the back straight moving out to 3m on the bend, with a 3m spur at the 700m mark. There was a light north westerly cross/head wind of around 11km/h.

## Gr2 Colorado King Stakes

R400,000

## Divine!

Avontuur stallion Oratorio has been a model of consistency with a host of diverse winners recently. His son Divine Odyssey stepped up from his Listed success three weeks ago and spreadeagled his field to score an eye-catching win in the R400 000 Gr2 Colorado King Stakes.

Divine Odyssey was a third winner in this race for trainer Johan Janse van Vuuren, who achieved a similar feat with Brazuca in 2016 – another winner out at the weights.

It was all so straightforward for the easy-to-back Divine Odyssey. Jockey Calvin Habib has formed a happy partnership with the smart 4yo and he had him tucked away in fifth as Dawn Assault led Fort Ember and Liege. Young Habib said that he felt his mount moving up a bit early at the 500m.

"I thought wait a bit longer – but when he accelerated he went away from them."

In a formality, Divine Odyssey streaked ahead at the 400m and stayed on strongly to beat The Dazzler by 3,10 lengths in a time of 126,74 secs. Dawn Assault was beaten a further 1,75 lengths back into third.

Bred by Lawrence Wernars, Divine Odyssey is a son of Oratorio (Danehill) out of the four-time winning Dynasty mare, Divine Right. He went through the Cape Premier Yearling Sale ring where the hammer fell at R500 000. He has won 5 races with 5 places from 15 starts for stakes of R636 825.

## Gr2 Colorado King Stakes 2000m

Winner Divine Odyssey raced 4th; led 380m; won well

Runner-up The Dazzler raced 7th; ran on; no chance with winner

Third Dawn Assault (3rd best handicapped) set the pace; well beaten

**Time:** The time on the day was a fair one. We gave the runner-up (prev 85/85/85/92/92) 92 which makes the winner (prev 86/86/80/80/93) 98 and the third (prev 97/98/99/99/90) 89

98	1	0.00	DIVINE ODYSSEY	(5)	58.0	C Habib	9/1
4 b f Oratorio - Divine Right (Dynasty)							
92	2	3.10	THE DAZZLER	(9)	58.0	W Kennedy	5/1
4 b g Mogok - Glamorous Guest (Northern Guest)							
89	3	4.60	DAWN ASSAULT	(8)	58.0	M v Rensburg	8/1
5 b h Call To Combat - Cayman Ridge (Al Mufti)							
89	4	4.85	Cash Time	(2)	58.0	P Strydom	71/10
90	5	6.55	Liege	(1)	60.0	R Danielson	22/1
82	6	6.65	Secret Potion	(4)	56.5	G Lerena	5/1
79	7	7.15	Sylvan On Fire	(10)	55.5	D De Gouveia	31/4
81	8	8.85	Social Order	(6)	58.0	L Hewitson	71/10
73	9	10.25	Fort Ember	(3)	55.5	S Khumalo	6/1
55	10	22.75	True Words	(7)	58.0	S Brown	18/1
<b>Time:</b> 126.74s (63.37s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 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 van Vuuren Racing (Pty) Ltd B: LMF Wernars							

## Gr3 Sycamore Sprint (F&amp;M) R250,000

## Fermin Flying

After jumping slowly in Saturday's Gr3 Sycamore Sprint, San Fermin looked to have it all to do as Gavin Lerena had the favourite Schippers in the clear as the improving Dancing Queen threw her name into the hat.

But switched in for a run, San Fermin made her way through the traffic and found the gaps.

The high-riding Marco van Rensburg is at the top of his game and registered another feature success as San Fermin flew up late to nab the fancied Schippers by 0,30 lengths in a time of 68,12 secs.

The 3yo Dancing Queen was in third, a further 0,80 lengths adrift.

Van Rensburg said he was stuck on the outside and had not intended to leave his bid so late. "She showed the heart and courage to take the gap that wasn't there. She quickens well and she is talented," he said.

Adam Azzie said that their charge was temperamental and she enjoyed the patient handling by Van Rensburg. He thanked the owners Drakenstein Stud and 'Sean and the lead pony'.

The Drakenstein Stud owned San Fermin made it 5 wins with 3 places from 13 starts for stakes of R504 937.

## Gr3 Sycamore Sprint (F&amp;M) 1160m

Winner San Fermin was positioned 10th at 400m, not more than 3 lengths off the pace; baulked for a clear run 400-250m; ran on best to lead close home

Runner-up Schippers (2nd best handicapped) raced in midfield; led 250m; piped late

Third Dancing Queen (best handicapped) raced in the back rank along with the winner; ran on

**Time:** Slowest of the afternoon's two sprint races, the time was a fair one. We gave the runner-up (prev 83/85/99/89/82) 99 which makes the winner (prev 78/86/74/91- has done 95) 94 and the third (prev 87/79/73/87/94) 87

94	1	0.00	SAN FERMIN	(9)	57.0	M v Rensburg	10/1
4 b f Charge Forward - Choice Blend (AUS) (Redoute's Choice)							
99	2	0.30	SCHIPPERS	(6)	60.0	G Lerena	57/20
4 ch f Var - Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois)							
87	3	1.10	DANCING QUEEN	(4)	55.0	D Schwarz	10/1
3 b f Mambo In Seattle - Jet Princess (Jet Master)							
90	4	1.40	Desert Rhythm	(8)	57.5	L Hewitson	27/4
75	5	3.40	Pool Party	(3)	54.5	C Storey	18/1
70	6	3.90	See You Tyger	(7)	52.0	J Penny	16/1
64	7	5.50	Carioca	(13)	52.0	M Yeni	15/1
73	8	5.80	Covered In Snow	(5)	57.5	S Brown	15/1
72	9	6.00	Mary O' Reilly	(2)	56.5	W Kennedy	9/1
56	10	7.50	Summer Afternoon	(10)	52.0	R Munger	16/1
58	11	8.50	Lawdy Miss Clawdy	(11)	55.5	C Maujean	36/1
60	12	8.55	Pretty Penny	(12)	56.5	R Danielson	31/4
6	13	24.75	Frederico's Dream	(1)	60.0	S Khumalo	25/1
<b>Time:</b> 68.87s (59.37s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 115%							
1st T: MG & AA Azzie O: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)							
B: bred in Australia							

## 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 6 April 2019)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Soqrat	3	c	252	5
Kasimir	4	c	200	3
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	168	4
Do It Again	4	c	166	3
Tilbury Fort	5	c	142	3
Clouds Unfold	3	f	142	4
Cascapedia	5	f	111	4
Return Flight	3	f	100	2
Hawwaam	3	c	100	2
Head Honcho	5	c	90	2
Coral Fever	6	c	88	2
Atyaab	3	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
Samurai Warrior	3	c	70	1
Dawn Assault	5	c	69	2
Captain Aldo	8	c	62	2
Undercover Agent	4	c	62	3
Gimme One Night	5	c	50	2
Zouaves	5	c	50	1
Magnificent Seven	4	c	50	1
Chimichuri Run	3	c	50	3
Divine Odyssey	4	c	50	1
Lady In Black	4	f	50	2
Doublemint	4	c	50	1
Mardi Gras	4	c	50	1
One World	3	c	48	2
Arctica	6	c	48	2
Cirillo	3	c	42	1
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
Pacific Trader	4	c	26	1
Trip To Heaven	7	c	26	1
Blossom	3	f	25	1
Sylvan On Fire	5	f	25	1
Rebel's Champ	4	c	25	1
Zillaal	3	c	25	1
Down To Zero	4	c	25	1
Takingthepeace	4	f	25	1
Sunshine Silk	4	f	25	1
Alyaasaat	3	c	24	1
Speedpoint	4	c	24	1
Marchingtogether	3	c	23	1
Kampala Campari	5	c	23	1
Twist Of Fate	3	c	22	1
Doosra	5	c	22	1
Dynasty's Blossom	4	f	21	1

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**GREYVILLE (turf)****Sunday, 7 April**

Course Variant: 1.62s slow

With over 42mm of rain adding to 5mm of irrigation in the seven days leading up to this meeting, the going off a penetrometer reading of 26 was posted as Good to Soft. The false rail was out 8m, and there was a moderate north easterly head wind of around 15km/h.

**Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes****R250,000****Kotzen Swoops**

Reportedly showing some good work at home the previous week, Temple Grafina was remarkably easy to back on her return to the track following an unplaced run behind Cirillo in the CTS 1200 on Sun Met day ten weeks ago.

Anton Marcus, who had run two seconds aboard the chestnut flyer during the Cape Summer, did duty on Sunday and finally got lucky. He had Temple Grafina relaxed a few lengths off the gallop set by Silvano's Pride, Runaway Girl and Santa Clara.

Into the final 300m Temple Grafina was switched out for a run as Santa Clara made her move to take over the lead from the enthusiastic Silvano's Pride.

In a three-cornered drive to the wire Marcus got Temple Grafina to produce a sustained finish from her unfavourable draw and she beat Santa Clara by 0,40 lengths in a time of 84,87 secs.

Snaith's Silvano's Pride became tight between the top two late and had to be marginally taken back by Richard Fourie as she finished a further 0,75 lengths adrift.

All the top trio last ran on Met day, so the form could see reversals in the months ahead.

Kotzen assistant John Buckler saddled the winner – his first feature success for them.

A R300 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Temple Grafina was bred by Fran Cowe and is a daughter of Drakenstein stallion Duke Of Marmalade (Danehill) out of the one-time winner Inner Temple (Greys Inn).

She has won 3 races with 2 places from 8 starts for stakes of R508 375 – and she really enjoys Greyville.

**Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes (3yo fillies) 1400m**

Winner Temple Grafina was drawn 12th of 13; raced midfield in 7th; ran on strongly to get up close home; shifted in late Santa Clara (best handicapped) raced 3rd; led 220m; ran on; rolled out late

Third Silvano's Pride (2nd best handicapped) set the pace 2 lengths clear; had to steady late due to movement of first two

**Time:** This was the fastest of the three 1400m races. We gave the 5th horse (prev best 83) 83 which makes the winner (prev 91/90/87/79/75) 96, the runner-up (prev 84/85/84/95/82) 92, and the third (prev 65/78/87/92/73) 90

96	<b>1</b>	0.00	<b>TEMPLE GRAFIN</b>	(12)	60.0	A Marcus	7/1
<i>3 ch f Duke Of Marmalade - Inner Temple (Greys Inn)</i>							
92	<b>2</b>	0.40	<b>SANTA CLARA</b>	(2)	58.5	A Domeyer	71/20
<i>3 ch f Duke Of Marmalade - Shina (GER) (Lomitas)</i>							
90	<b>3</b>	1.15	<b>SILVANO'S PRIDE</b>	(10)	58.5	R Fourie	10/3
<i>3 ch f Silvano - Mary's Pride (Jet Master)</i>							
87	<b>4</b>	2.15	<i>Parental Control</i>	(1)	58.5	D De Gouveia	10/1
83	<b>5</b>	3.40	<i>Anneka</i>	(4)	58.5	L Hewitson	6/1
86	<b>6</b>	3.45	<i>Inverroche</i>	(5)	60.0	B Lerena	12/1
81	<b>7</b>	4.10	<i>Silent Crusade</i>	(6)	58.5	S Randolph	18/1
77	<b>8</b>	5.35	<i>Arianos Shadow</i>	(3)	58.5	S Veale	16/1
74	<b>9</b>	6.35	<i>Strawberry Wine</i>	(7)	58.5	M Yeni	28/1
73	<b>10</b>	6.60	<i>Runaway Gal</i>	(9)	58.5	C Orffer	16/1
68	<b>11</b>	8.30	<i>Railtrip</i>	(11)	58.5	C Zackey	12/1
66	<b>12</b>	9.10	<i>Ella's World</i>	(8)	58.5	W Kennedy	25/1
64	<b>13</b>	9.60	<i>Reactive Glaze</i>	(13)	58.5	J Samuel	50/1
<b>Time:</b> 84.87s (60.62s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 123%							
<i>1st T:GS Kotzen O:Chrigo Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh) B:MF Cowe</i>							

**Gr3 Byerley Turk (3yo's)****R250,000****Happy Tristful!**

Sean Veale rode a confident race on the 4-1 Tristful as they tracked the leader Solid Gold. Gareth Wright also rode a clever race on the pacesetter – slowing the pace up and looking to have pulled off a major surprise as they went through the 250m.

But Sean Veale knows that Tristful is loaded with ability and shook his mount up with a light smack.

The handsome gelding took off and won going away by 1,10 lengths in a time of 85,19 secs – notably slower than the girls' equivalent run a half hour earlier.

Solid Gold never let up trying all the way to the wire and he looks one worth following as does third placed Triple Fate Line, who finished 1,60 lengths further back.

The favourite Thanksgiving was left with quite a bit to do off the muddling pace but came on late to grab fourth. He will be better over further.

A R250 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale

Book 1 graduate, the winner was bred by Gary Player Stud from the champion Trippi (End Sweep) out of the one-time winning Jet Master mare, Hear The Rain.

He has won 3 races with 1 place from 5 starts for stakes of R312 800.

**Gr3 Byerley Turk (3yo's)****1400m**

Winner Tristful raced 6th; led 50m; won going away

Runner-up Solid Gold set the pace; ran on strongly in the straight, but no chance with winner

Third Triple Fate Line raced 5th; stayed on

**Time:** Although run 0.32 seconds slower than the Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes over the same distance, the time was a good one. We gave the third (prev 70/59/81/77) 81 which makes the winner (prev 62/76/70/83) 89, and the runner-up (prev 68/73/66/78/65) 86

89	<b>1</b>	0.00	<b>TRISTFUL</b>	(5)	60.0	S Veale	17/4
<i>3 b g Trippi - Hear The Rain (Jet Master)</i>							
86	<b>2</b>	1.10	<b>SOLID GOLD</b>	(8)	60.0	G Wright	28/1
<i>3 ch g Rock of Gibraltar - Penny's Gold (USA) (Kingmambo)</i>							
81	<b>3</b>	2.70	<b>TRIPLE FATE LINE</b>	(1)	60.0	B Lerena	18/1
<i>3 b c Master Of My Fate - Tina's Trip (Trippi)</i>							
80	<b>4</b>	3.05	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	(3)	60.0	C Zackey	29/10
74	<b>5</b>	3.15	<i>Generous Lady</i>	(4)	57.5	M Yeni	11/1
78	<b>6</b>	3.90	<i>Hudoo Magic</i>	(10)	60.0	C Orffer	12/1
77	<b>7</b>	4.05	<i>Desolate Road</i>	(6)	60.0	S Randolph	20/1
72	<b>8</b>	5.80	<i>Stream Ahead</i>	(9)	60.0	W Kennedy	16/1
68	<b>9</b>	7.30	<i>Rip It Up</i>	(2)	60.0	R Fourie	19/4
66	<b>10</b>	7.70	<i>Crown Towers</i>	(11)	60.0	L J Ferraris	22/1
50	<b>11</b>	13.20	<i>Carbon Atom</i>	(7)	60.0	L Hewitson	21/4
<b>Time:</b> 85.19s (60.85s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) <b>SP Total %:</b> 118%							
<i>1st T:AJ Rivalland O:Mrs M D J Liley B:Gary Player Stud</i>							

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**Doing The Splits****Turffontein, 6 April**

	<b>1st call</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>fin</b>	<b>avg/1000</b>	<b>1st call /400</b>	<b>400 /fin</b>
<b>1400m</b>						
Maiden Plate	9.06	62.64	88.14	(62.9)	53.58	25.50
Maiden Plate (f&m)	8.77	62.89	87.97	(62.8)	54.12	25.08
MR73 Hcp	8.88	61.91	86.65	(61.9)	53.03	24.74
<b>2000m</b>						
Gr2 Colorado King	45.77	102.69	126.84	(63.4)	56.92	24.15
MR74 Hcp (f&m)	45.02	102.65	128.95	(64.5)	57.63	26.30
<b>2400m</b>						
Maiden Plate	72.74	132.05	157.81	(65.8)	59.31	25.76
Middle Stakes	73.09	130.21	156.82	(65.3)	57.12	26.61

Comparatively, the MR73 Handicap over 1400m in which the poorly drawn Silvez set a brisk pace before compounding was the quickest of the seven races around the turn. The Gr2 Colorado King Stakes was the fastest of the four races over 2000m and more.

## NEWS

## The Spies Initiative!

**If we had more trainers like Tobie Spies, maybe we would all be whinging less about field sizes as our equine athletes languish in their boxes and don't pay their way.**

While Brett Crawford and Justin Snaith lifted the training honours with a double apiece on a sunny Durbanville afternoon – where field sizes were reasonable with 98 horses running over the eight races – it was the shrewdly strategized strike by the well-backed Tobie Spies trained and owned Singfonico which caught the eye.

The quick Bezrin gelding has been round the block. He has run 23 times at such diverse venues as Turffontein, Flamingo Park, Vaal, Kenilworth and Durbanville for his 3 wins and 5 places.

Backed from 5-2 to 13-10 on Saturday, Singfonico was never headed under regular man Anthony Andrews in the 1000m MR70 Handicap. Carrying 56kgs off an MR of 62, he beat Skidoo by 1,50 lengths in a time 58,75 secs.

Fact of the matter is that when chasing Bwana home under sufferance last Saturday in an MR 93 Handicap over the same course and distance, and earning a 19 point penalty to 81, Singfonico was already in the weights for this meeting.

Only winners can be adjusted in the interim – he thus earned an ‘amnesty’ that his astute trainer-owner took full advantage of. There was no breach of the rules. So why don't more trainers try this potential ‘safe space’ and get a little more enthusiastic about running their horses more often?

Spies Assistant trainer Johannes Dlamini confirmed that his charge doesn't work particularly hard between his races and said that he was always confident when Anthony Andrews was aboard.

“And I am so happy for Mr Tobie Spies. He is the owner and the trainer – he is an old man and is supposed to be happy!”

The Bidvest McCarthy Toyota NI City sponsored Anthony Andrews said that his mount comes back far better than he goes to start. “He has got a lot of gate speed. When we are in front at this track they tend to race in single file and leave us alone out front. At Kenilworth he fights them from the 800m. So it's much more in his favour at this track. I hope they don't give him a big penalty.”

## If The Shoe Fits

**Farrier Declan Cronin and champion trainer Mike de Kock first observed that horses coming from farms situated in arid areas of South Africa had the best developed feet: the horse's foot develops itself on criteria such as terrain, mileage, nutrition and climate.**

For Mike de Kock, barefoot training – training horses unshod – was the right path to take towards foot development and long term soundness, looking back at years of experience gained in barefoot training. “The sooner you start, the better. I love to see horses without shoes. It is a good indication of foot soundness.”

Long term shoeing can create its own pathologies: shoes can create hoof contraction; a loss of architecture of the foot; bacteria formation and a diminution of the shock absorption as the hoof's movements get limited by the shoe and nails.

Charlotte Rinckenbach of Godolphin's Flying Start has investigated the science of hoof reconstruction and ‘barefoot training’ alongside Mike and renowned farrier and horseman Declan Cronin. Read the full story [here](#)

## Black Type Changes

**The European sub-committee of the International Cataloging Standards Committee and the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers has agreed upon changes to a pair of catalogue rules.**

From 1 January 2020 all fourth-position finishes will no longer count as placed.

The change will not be retrospective, so fourth-place finishes prior to 1 January 2020 will still be described as placed in catalogues.

From 1 January 2019 certain Graded AQPS flat races have been admitted to Part IV of the International Cataloguing Standards and performances and can therefore be allocated Restricted Jumps Black Type in Jumps/ National Hunt Catalogues from 1 May 2019.

This change will be retrospective to include 2018 AQPS Graded Races.

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## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Sat 13 April	<b>Gr1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club S.</b> (3yoF) 1600m Turffontein (S)
Fri 19 April	<b>(L) East Cape Oaks</b> (3yoF) 2000m Fairview (T)
Sun 21 April	<b>(L) The Sledgehammer</b> 1750m Scottsville <b>(L) The Scarlet Lady</b> (F&M) 1750m Scottsville
Fri 26 April	<b>(L) East Cape Nursery</b> (2yo's) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sat 27 April	<b>Gr3 Winter Guineas</b> (3yo's) 1600m Kenilworth <b>(L) Sweet Chestnut S.</b> (3yoF) 1400m Kenilworth
Sun 28 April	<b>Gr3 Poinsettia S.</b> (F&M) 1200m Scottsville <b>Gr3 Godolphin Barb S.</b> (2yo's) 1100m Scottsville <b>Gr3 Strelitzia S.</b> (2yoF) 1100m Scottsville <b>(L) In Full Flight Hcp</b> 1100m Scottsville
Fri 3 May	<b>Gr2 Daisy Guineas</b> (3yo's) 1600m Greyville (T) <b>Gr2 Drill Hall Stakes</b> 1400m Greyville (T)

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08Apr	695	710	605	39,300
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04Apr	819	825	750	42,450
03Apr	819	835	819	2,420
02Apr	840	843	801	3,151
01Apr	842	878	800	4,959
29Mar	885	992	810	114,904
28Mar	994	994	840	6,200
27Mar	922	927	922	10,000
26Mar	1038	1039	1000	16,100
25Mar	1050	1050	1045	546
22Mar	1079	1079	1079	0
20Mar	1079	1079	1079	0
19Mar	1079	1079	1079	0
18Mar	1079	1079	1079	0

# SIGNPOSTS

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

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

Union Castle 2c (National Seeker by National Assembly)  
[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

Royal salute 2f (Women's Rights by Al Mufti)  
[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

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

What You Are 2f (Twinkle Star by Counter Action)  
[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(13/04\)](#)

Ice Imperial 2f (Glorious Moment by Count Dubois)  
[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

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

True To Life 2f (Mina Salaam by Medaglia d'Oro)  
[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(13/04\)](#)

Dark Duchess 2f (Ebony Flyer by Jet Master)  
[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(13/04\)](#)

### **JACKSON** (Dynasty)

Franks Petal 2f (Evening Rose by Silvano)  
[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

### **LINGARI** (Indian Ridge)

Wishful Girl Linn 2f (Winter Wish by Western Winter)  
[Scottsville 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

### **POTALA PALACE** (Singspiel)

Singforafa 2f (First Whistle by Whistling Wood)  
[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(13/04\)](#)

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

Blessed Rain 2f (Amaridian by Cape Cross)  
[Turffontein 1 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1160m \(13/04\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### **ATO** (Royal Academy)

Chijmes 3g (Sophie's Choice by Russian Revival)  
[Turffontein 10 MR 94 Handicap 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

At The Opera 3g (Opera Diva by Dynasty)  
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/04\)](#)

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

Seville 3g (Valdivia by Var)  
[Fairview 5 MR 66 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(12/04\)](#)

Nastergal 3g (Royale Noir by Black Minnaloushe)  
[Durbanville 2 MR 80 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(13/04\)](#)

Chouette 3g (Bois De Boulogne by Trippi)  
[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

Myrrh 3g (Mirth by Encosta de Lago)  
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/04\)](#)

### **JACKSON** (Dynasty)

Cirencester Rose 3g (Lady Captain by Captain Al)  
[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1300m \(12/04\)](#)

Larry Jack 3g (Weather Report by Silvano)  
[Fairview 5 MR 66 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(12/04\)](#)

Ex's 'n Oh's 3g (Jahazi by Green Desert)  
[Turffontein 6 Assessment Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(13/04\)](#)

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

Gold Pact 3g (Golden Dawn by Goldmark)  
[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate 1250m \(13/04\)](#)

Magic's First 3g (Magic Smoke by Fort Wood)  
[Turffontein 8 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 2400m \(13/04\)](#)

Master Of Fire 3g (Forty Fires by Western Winter)  
[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

Land Of Mystery 3g (Royal Reserve by Elliodor)  
[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

Master Of The Sea 3g (Ocean Island by Counter Action)  
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/04\)](#)

Master George 3g (Wild Swan by Fort Wood)  
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/04\)](#)

Little Audrey 3g (She Wolff by Captain Al)  
[Scottsville 7 MR 82 Handicap \(F&M\) 1950m \(14/04\)](#)

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

Wait A Sec 3g (In A While by Rakeen)  
[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1300m \(12/04\)](#)

Noble Leader 3g (Take The Lead by Al Mufti)  
[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(12/04\)](#)

Suspicious Minds 3g (Summer Angel by Jet Master)  
[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

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

Pomaceous 3g (Festive Fantasy by Special Preview)  
[Fairview 4 MR 77 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(12/04\)](#)

Countless Awards 3g (Countless by Count Dubois)  
[Fairview 8 MR 62 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1300m \(12/04\)](#)

Sparkling Gold 3g (Clear Gold by Royal Academy)  
[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

Cedar Man 3g (Dharmasala by Fantastic Light)  
[Durbanville 5 MR 86 Handicap 2000m \(13/04\)](#)

My Dream Chaser 3g (Valley Of Rubies by Mogok)  
[Turffontein 6 Assessment Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(13/04\)](#)

Shadrack 3g (Supalicious by Deep Sleep)  
[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

Call To Duty 3g (Beyond by Martinelli)  
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/04\)](#)

### **POTALA PALACE** (Singspiel)

Basilius 3g (Fashion Queen by Spectrum)  
[Turffontein 5 Assessment Plate 1160m \(13/04\)](#)

### **REDOUTE'S PROMISE** (Redoute's Choice)

Chipofftheoldblok 3g (She-Var by Var)  
[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

### **SKITT SKIZZLE** (Jet Master)

Engadine 3g (Delaware Eve by Rakeen)  
[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(12/04\)](#)

Tierra Del Fuego 3g (Night Ritual by Fahal)  
[Turffontein 10 MR 94 Handicap 1400m \(13/04\)](#)

Mount Everest 3g (Modern Age by Modern Day)  
[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(14/04\)](#)

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

Rochester 3g (Jane Eyre by Saumarez)  
[Durbanville 6 MR 80 Handicap 1600m \(13/04\)](#)

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

Saggiatore 3g (Bend The Bough by Rakeen)  
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/04\)](#)

### **WHERE'S THAT TIGER** (Storm Cat)

Icon Princess 3g (Icon Lady by Model Man)  
[Durbanville 7 MR 68 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(13/04\)](#)

# SIGNPOSTS

## Notable Maiden Winners

### ORATORIO

Rated **AR 81 Rio's Winter** (2f Winter Ade by Western Winter)  
*Maiden Juvenile Plate (fillies) Vaal (1200m) (4/4)*  
 Freely available at 36/1 on the off, Stephen Moffatt's newcomer clearly surprised. Always handy, this daughter of Oratorio ran on stoutly at the business end of the race and won with authority by three.

### POMODORO

Rated **AR 78 Putontheredlight** (2c Roxanne by Western Winter)  
*Maiden Juvenile Plate Vaal (1200m) (4/4)*  
 Nibbled at on course to go off a joint second favourite, Sean Tarry's newcomer was soon up handy. He moved up to tackle De Kock's heavily supported 9/20 favourite Jash some 100m out, and after a thrilling tussle below the distance got the upper hand late.

## Horses To Follow

### CHARGE FORWARD

Rated **AR 94 San Fermin** (4f Choice Blend by Redoute's Choice)  
*Gr3 Sycamore Sprint (F&M) Turffontein (stand side) (1160m) (6/4)*  
 Highlighted after losing her way when winning in handicap company last time out, Michael and Adam Azzie's charge had shown considerable promise earlier in her career. She was baulked for a run between the 400m-250m marks here, and did very well to get up late.

### DUKE OF MARMALADE

Rated **AR 96 Temple Grafyn** (3f Inner Temple by Greys Inn)  
*Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes (3yo fillies) Greyville (turf) (1400m) (7/4)*  
 The winner of two of her three starts as a 2yo last season, Glen Kotzen's charge wound up her first campaign with victory in the Gr3 Debutante Stakes. She ran a creditable second in the Gr2 Fillies Championship at Kenilworth on her return, but then seemed to lose her way. All that was forgotten here, as she bounced back to best after a three month break, running on from off the pace to win.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Booms A Daisy** (AUS) 3f Zoustar- Fuddle Dee Duddle(AUS)  
 (Red Ransom)  
*Kenilworth 1000m (03/04)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Run Fox Run** (AUS) 3f Foxwedge- Victory Cry(AUS)  
 (General Nediym)  
*Kenilworth 1200m (03/04)*

**Sleeping Single** (UK) 3f Australia- Weekend Fling(USA)  
 (Forest Wildcat)  
*Durbanville 1600m (06/04)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**San Fermin** (AUS) 4f Charge Forward- Choice Blend(AUS)  
 (Redoute's Choice)  
*Turffontein 1160m (06/04)*

## SPORTS AND BETTING

# A Super Sunday Humdinger

Liverpool vs Chelsea | Sunday 14 April | Anfield | 17:30



Liverpool and Chelsea do battle in a Super Sunday humdinger as the Reds chase their first-ever Premier League title, while the Blues will be hoping to avoid a second consecutive

season without Champions League football. The race for the top four seems to be just as interesting as the title race, so both teams will be pushing all the way for a victory here. Any slip-ups and you're gone. It's been that close this season. Jurgen Klopp's men lead the standings with 82 points, while Maurizio Sarri's charges reclaimed their place in the top four, moving to third with a 2-0 win over West Ham on Monday night.

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### TO WIN

Liverpool 6/10  
 Draw 33/10  
 Chelsea 9/2

### LIVERPOOL

With just five games to go, Liverpool will surely feel like they're almost there as Jurgen Klopp's side look for their first piece of silverware under the tutelage of the German mentor. The Reds have made two European finals, but have still never looked this good. If Liverpool do eventually miss out on the league title, it would really be unfortunate and perhaps Klopp's men will forever be known as the best runner-up England has ever seen. The Reds are complete in every area, with Alisson Becker being the safe hands in goal, while Virgil Van Dijk provides the much-needed steel in their backline, not to mention the frightening full-back pairing of Andrew Robertson and Trent Alexander-Arnold.

### CHELSEA

Chelsea moved one step closer in their quest to return to the UEFA Champions League after a well-deserved 2-0 victory over London rivals, West Ham, on Monday night. It was positives all round for the Blues as they kept yet another clean sheet, while Eden Hazard stole the show, netting a brace, including a brilliant solo effort, taking his tally up to 16 league goals. Along with Hazard's excellent assist record, the Belgian has contributed to 28 goals this term, having a hand in 12 goals finished off by his teammates. That's a goal contribution of just under 50% of Chelsea's goals for the magical wizard. If Hazard were to continue his sublime form this weekend, it wouldn't be the first time that Chelsea's number 10 has tormented the Liverpool team, with the Belgian national team captain producing yet another superb solo goal which knocked the Reds out of their first domestic tournament, the Carabao Cup.

**PREDICTION:** Draw (33/10)

**Is Your Horse One To Follow?**

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners & Horses for the Notebook** on this page see how promising the Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** say they are.

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Early Money The Key

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Powerful Frontrunners

Fairview 1 April

Three of the nine races on Monday's poly track card took place over 1900m. The MR66 Handicap was by far the fastest of the three and here victory went to the 4yo Sail From Seattle filly SEATTLE SOUND. Nibbled at on course into 8/1 from 12's, Sharon Kotzen's charge was soon up handy. She took command early in the short home straight and won comfortably by a length and a quarter.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1600m and in the faster of these, the MR87 Handicap, SILVER BLADE registered his fifth career victory. Taken straight to the front by Lyle Hewitson, the son of Jay Peg led throughout. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race and although his more fancied stable companion MANGROVE chased hard, he did have that one held by three quarters at the wire.

A pinnacle stakes over 1400m topped the bill and here we saw another powerful front running performance from MAVERICK GIRL. Completing a hat-trick here, the Rebel King mare increased her one length advantage to two entering the home straight, and although the strongly fancied DELIA'S DELIGHT ran on stoutly over the final 400m, she couldn't get nearer than a length and a half.

**Titbits** IN A PERFECT WORLD ran on well from midfield when registering his second career victory in the MR70 Handicap over 1600m.

## That's The Way

Turffontein 2 April

A maiden juvenile plate for the girls over 1450m got proceedings underway on the inner track on Tuesday and here we saw a very easy victory for the favourite WAY OF THE WORLD. Making only her second racecourse appearance here, the daughter of Var raced a length clear for most of the journey. She began to assert her authority

at the top of the short home straight and won going away by four and a half.

There were four races over 1450m in total and in a time 1,9 seconds faster than that of Way Of The World the quickest home amongst these was O LUCKY MAN in the MR74 Handicap. Always handy, Sean Tarry's charge put his head in front 150m out and kept on strongly late to beat the rallying pacemaker RAMBO by a half.

The boy's division was the faster of the two maiden plates over 1600m and here victory went to the 5/1 shot FEITAS FLYER. Another to race handy, Erico Verdonese's charge ran on strongly over the final 200m, and after a thrilling tussle with the more fancied LASAIR, he got the verdict by 0,3 lengths.

**Titbits** Returning from a 33 week layoff here, LA BELLA MIA only had to be pushed out when winning the assessment plate over 1200m very easily by two and three quarters.

## Outfoxed Again

Kenilworth 3 April

After a long spell at Durbanville racing returned to Kenilworth on Wednesday. A MR95 Handicap for 3yo's over 1400m topped the bill and here we saw another smart performance from the up and coming VARDY. Now a winner of three from five, Adam Marcus' charge raced in the rear for most of the trip. He ran on best of all in the long new course straight and under a well-judged ride from Craig Zackey he got up late to deny RUSSET AIR.

The MR83 Handicap over the same distance was run in a faster time surprisingly and here victory went to the Andre Nel trained CHATUCHAK. Soon positioned close to the speed, the son of Tiger Ridge ran on strongly over the final 400m and in a thrilling three way finish he got the verdict by a neck over the ultra-consistent veteran WAITING FOR RAIN.

The MR91 affair was not surprisingly the faster of the two handicaps over

Last Week's Top Rated  
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

In The Game .....	won 16/1
Seattle Sound .....	won 8/1
Seattle Force .....	won 6/1
La Bella Mia .....	won 17/4
Trojan Winter .....	won 71/20
Hit For Six .....	won 61/20
Rock A Roll Dancer .....	won 19/10
Boomps A Daisy .....	won 6/10

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (1) Cirencester Rose 3  
Race 2: (10) Silviri 18  
Race 3: (6) The Goon Show 48  
Race 4: (9) Captain Marooned 52  
Race 5: (8) Pacifista 37  
Race 6: (9) Candy Crush 40  
Race 7: (7) Sao Paulo 66  
Race 8: (12) Keep It Green 44  
Race 9: (14) Josie 45

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (4) True To Life 24  
Race 2: (3) Zillzaal 65  
**Race 3: (1) Eskimo Kisses 24 (NAP\*)**  
Race 4: (20) Union Castle 22  
Race 5: (2) Naafer 69  
Race 6: (9) Bid Before Sunset 62  
Race 7: (3) Cascapedia 82  
Race 8: (9) Flying Fantasy 25  
Race 9: (8) Whosethebosnow 41  
Race 10: (10) Kings Archer 76

### DURBANVILLE (SAT)

- Race 1: (1) Captain Of Stealth 18  
**Race 2: (1) Celestial Storm 43 (NAP\*)**  
Race 3: (1) Bella Summer 27  
Race 4: (4) Gold Pact 11  
Race 5: (1) Gyre 53  
Race 6: (5) Strikeitlikeamatch 50  
Race 7: (1) Icon Princess 30  
Race 8: (5) Power Grid 64

### SCOTTVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (7) Wishful Girl Linn 13  
**Race 2: (6) Fiorano 21 (NAP\*)**  
Race 3: (1) Spring Fling 14  
Race 4: (10) Mr Fitz 51  
Race 5: (3) Twice As Smart 60  
Race 6: (9) Constantine 57  
Race 7: (11) Arizona Sunset 60  
Race 8: (5) Final Attempt 41

### Nap bets

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

## Notebook

Horses worth following  
at their next few starts...

**BOOMPS A DAISY** (B Crawford, W-Cape)  
**RUN FOX RUN** (B Crawford, W-Cape)  
**VARDY** (A Marcus, W-Cape)



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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

1200m and here we saw another impressive performance from the unbeaten RUN FOX RUN. Nicely positioned in second for the first part of the race, the daughter of Foxwedge put her head in front 300m out and after quickly going clear she was eased right down to win by just three quarters. She looks top class.

**Titbits** The best bet on the card for many, BOOMP'S A DAISY opened her account with authority when winning the maiden plate for the girls over 1000m going away by three and a quarter.

## All 9 Races - Sprints

### Vaal 4 April

Very unusually all nine races at the Vaal on Thursday were sprinting events and amazingly, seven of these were staged over 1200m. The not so lucky last was very marginally the fastest of these and here the column's top rated runner IN THE GAME gained his third career victory. Freely available at 16/1 on the off the son of Windrush raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He ran on best of all over the final 400m and got up late to win going away.

The two remaining races were both staged over 1000m and in the quicker of these the 3yo WINTER STORM completed a hat-trick. Now a winner of four from twelve, Paul Peter's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front as they approached the 300m marker and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to fend off a determined challenge from the always handy SCOOP.

In terms of prize money, the MR84 Handicap over 1200m topped the bill and here the combination of Paul Peter and

Warren Kennedy were again on the mark when CHE BELLA completed a hat-trick. Shouldering top weight, the well-supported favourite also raced handy. She took the helm 300m out and won well by a half from the running on TWELVE OAKS.

**Titbits** Taken straight to the front by apprentice Matsunyane, PHOENIX SUN kept up a strong gallop throughout when showing improvement to win the MR66 Handicap over 1200m.

## Heavy Rain Throughout

### Greyville 5 April

On a night when rain fell heavily throughout most of the races, the course was running surprisingly fast. A MR82 Handicap over 1000m topped the bill and in a race where the rain was particularly heavy victory went to the 5yo JUST VOGUE. Always handy, Gavin Van Zyl's charge was ridden to lead 150m out and won going away from the easy to back CELESTINA.

The MR66 Handicap was the faster of the two 1600m events and here a bit of an upset was to be had when GIBRALTAR GREEN landed the spoils. Freely available at 15/1 on the off, the 4yo son of Gimmethegreenlight raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He quickened well at the top of the short home straight and comfortably accounted for his running on stable companion MARK TAPLEY by a length and a quarter.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1400m where victory in the MR70 Handicap for the girls went to the favourite WAITING FOR CHANGE. The third of three winners in the pouring rain for Anton Marcus, the daughter of Await The Dawn was always in touch with the

leaders. She began to take closer order 400m from home and got up nicely under a well-judged ride to deny MIESQUE SUNRISE close home.

**Titbits** Now a winner of two from five, MOON IN JUNE ran on well from midfield when winning the MR71 Handicap over 1800m going away.

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 1 APRIL

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,50s slow	
1200m (1) Exaltation	73,27
1300m (1) Angel Jolee	78,09
1400m (1) Maverick Girl	82,98
1600m (2) Silver Blade	96,57
1900m (3) Seattle Sound	117,36

### TURFFONTEIN (INNER) 2 APRIL

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,38s slow	
1200m (1) La Bella Mia	71,33*
1450m (4) O Lucky Man	88,55
1600m (2) Feitas Flyer	99,47
2600m (1) Seattle Force	168,04

### KENILWORTH (NEW) 3 APRIL

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,66s slow	
1000m (2) Boomp's A Daisy	58,90
1200m (2) Run Fox Run	72,10
1400m (2) Chatuchak	87,90
1600m (1) Madonna	100,62
2000m (1) Transylvania	127,45

### VAAL 4 APRIL

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant:	
1000m (2) Winter Storm	56,96
1200m (7) In The Game	69,92

### GREYVILLE (POLY) 5 APRIL

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,61s fast	
1000m (1) Just Vogue	56,79
1200m (1) Putchini	69,81
1400m (2) Waiting For Change	82,92
1600m (2) Gibraltar Green	94,60
1800m (1) Moon In June	109,14
2000m (1) Sea Sponge	120,72

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