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RACING THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW POLY Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(2)Hard Core(5/2)

FAIRVIEW Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(1)Dancing In Seattle(1/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(2) Caftan (5/2)

SCOTTSVILLE Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(10) Talia Al Ghul (16/10)

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Got The Time?

Horseracing is supposed to be the brain game.

It's not meant to be a lucky numbers hit-and-miss lottery. With sectional timing now an official additional tool, and freely available, is Joe Punter going to use it?

Straight race times may tell half the story but the breakdown of an event into 200m sections – with the aid of sectional timing- will tell the truer story of how it was run and whether it was a dawdle and dash, or an even tempered affair.

The pace and what happened where, is VERY relevant to the outcome and can indicate true or false form – over time. Favourites can come unstuck in a stop-start affair. Then the conspiracy theorists step out of the closet – the horse was given a bucket of water before the race. The jock is a crook. We have heard them all.

For years, our official timing system in this country only recorded the time taken by each horse for the full distance of the race. But on 2 March the NHA, the custodians of the sport's integrity, sanctioned the legitimacy of a process that has fallen at a few hurdles along the way- but now appears to be up and running and a way of life at Turffontein, Vaal, Fairview and Flamingo Park.

A condition of the NHA's approval is that the statistics are freely available and in the public domain for at least 48 hours after publication on www.tellytrack.com.

"For me the chief purpose of sectional timing is to provide an insight into how a race was run, which in turn

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GOT THE TIME?

leads to a better understanding of each horse’s performance,” says Phumelela’s Special Projects Manager Robert Garner. Garner says that the overall time of a race tells a story of its own and is invaluable in terms of comparing one horse’s performance to that of another in a different race on the same or another day.

“Sectional times add a new dimension to the overall time because they show how that time was accomplished – in very basic terms slow early and fast late, or fast early and slow late. That in itself is invaluable – a horse well placed in a slow early-fast late race has an obvious advantage over a horse trying to come from far back- whereas the opposite is true in a fast early-slow late scenario.”

He says that Phumelela have added two analytical tools to sectional times in order to enhance analysis. “One is commonly used with sectional times and based on a simple law of physics in that the fastest way to run from point A to point B is to run at an even pace- or to be totally technically correct, to expend energy at the same rate throughout.”

Garner confirms that to show to what degree a horse ran efficiently or inefficiently, they take a horse’s overall time for the distance and divide it by the number of 200m sections- excluding the first section because of the impact of a standing start and other factors.

“Let’s say a horse runs 1000m in 62 secs with first 200m section in 12 secs. Take 62 minus 12 = 50 and divide by 4 = 12.5 secs. Even pace for that horse 800m-600m; 600m-400m; 400m-200m; 200m-finish would be 12.5 sec per section – in sectional times we show by what percentage a horse strayed from even pace per section and overall. The greater the variance, the more inefficiently a horse has run – and the greater it’s potential to improve on the performance next time it runs.”

He cautions that as it stands, it’s a very basic figure because factors like bends, hills and the like obviously impact on running an even pace.

He suggests that the interpretation of a lot of the information is subjective but that the benefits will bear fruit in time, as the statistical bank builds sectional time averages over different course and distances. This variance from an even pace can then be more accurately calculated and interpreted.

Obviously passionate about his subject, Garner says that they also display a horse’s finishing speed (600m-finish; 400m-finish; 200m-finish) as a percentage of its overall time, with 100% equalling the same finishing speed as the rest of the race.

[Read more here](#)

Can Snaith Conquer?

A final field of twelve will contest the R500 000 Gr2 WSB 1900 at Greyville on 18 May.

An important Vodacom Durban July stepping stone, the winner of the race gets a preferential consideration ticket for the big one on 6 July.

Check the latest betting on [www.hollywoodbets.net](#)

See the [final field here](#)

SATURDAY RACING

Luck Of The Lizard? Unlikely!

East Cape Derby (L) Fairview

Former trainer Mitch Wiese and owner-breeder Albert Boshoff teamed up in 2009 to win the Gr3 East Cape Derby with the then relatively unknown Lizard’s Desire. A decade later, Wiese remains the last local trainer to raise the cup with Cape raiders having cleaned up in the ensuing years.



Cedar Man | Chase Liebenberg

It’s been a long cold lonely winter in some respects for the locals – although the outstanding Lizard’s Desire, who was ridden by S’manga Khumalo to win the Derby, carried the PE flag with great pride on the world stage. He would go to be pipped in the Dubai World Cup under the Mike de Kock banner before exacting sweet revenge over his conquerer Gloria De Campeao to win the

Gr1 Singapore Airlines International Cup at Kranji in Singapore a few months later in that memorable 2010 season.

The Cape is represented by five runners on Saturday in a race now ranked Listed, with Justin Snaith (3 Derby’s in the past ten years) leading Vaughan Marshall and Joey Ramsden on two apiece. The latter duo do not have runners this year.

But that’s all history and a brand new day dawns with 14 runners facing the start just before 16h00 on Saturday.

Greg Ennion has high regard for his charge Cedar Man, who is also the highest rated galloper in the field. The son of Pomodoro, who will go on to KZN for the SA Champions Season, has his first run at Fairview but has the form to back his winning claims. With two close-up seconds at his last two starts he is set to go very close under Gavin Lerena. Greg Ennion tells us more on page xx – including that his charge put up winning work earlier this week.

His major threat appears to be Brett Crawford’s St Vladimir, who is held by Cedar Man on their last clash. A classy looking son of Fort

Wood, St Vladimir reeled off three wins on the trot before blotting his copybook at his last start. He tries the 2400m for the first time.

The only filly in the race, the well-travelled Just Chaos was a bit one-paced late in the East Cape Oaks at her last start – but is all heart and has won 4 of her 11 starts. She looks likely to stay the trip and must have place prospects.

East Cape Derby (L) past winners		
2016		
1 Captain Splendid	60.0 (13)	16/1
2 Welsh Emperor	60.0 (8)	2/1
3 King Of Chaos	60.0 (3)	16/1
2017		
1 Dorset Noble	60.0 (3)	16/10
2 Story Of My Life	60.0 (6)	25/1
3 En Gee Oh	60.0 (9)	12/1
2018		
1 American Landing	59.0 (11)	26/10
2 Widow's Lamp	57.5 (9)	10/3
3 Run Red	59.0 (7)	15/

START 3:40PM FAIRVIEW

Pomodoro
Fort Wood
Judpot
Sail From Seattle
Rock Of Rochelle
Ideal World
Twice Over
Ideal World
Jay Peg
Black Minnaloushe
The Apache
Querari
Ideal World
Just As Well

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**PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
EAST CAPE DERBY (3YO'S)(L)(TURF) - 2400M
SAME TRAINER:(3-5)(10-12-13)**

1 CEDAR MAN(GW Ennion) G Lerena.....	6	60.0
2 ST VLADIMIR(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	7	60.0
3 DROP KICK(G Paddock) C Maujean.....	1	60.0
4 SAILING LIZARD(A Nel) B Fayd'herbe.....	9	60.0
5 COUNTRY ROCK(G Paddock) M Byleveld.....	5	60.0
6 IN A PERFECT WORLD(AC Greeff) G Cheyne.....	10	60.0
7 SWIFT SURPRISE(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	11	60.0
8 MERCURANA(C Bass-Robinson) L Hewitson.....	2	60.0
9 JAY'S HAWK(Y Bremner) D De Gouveia.....	8	60.0
10 TOM 'N JERRY(GD Smith) J Mphanya.....	14	60.0
11 CAPE LEOPARD(JVA Strydom) C Storey.....	4	60.0
12 WILDCAT(GD Smith) S Khathi.....	12	60.0
13 BRIGADOON ELY(GD Smith) S Khumalo.....	3	60.0
14 JUST CHAOS(SB Kotzen) L Mxothwa.....	13	58.5

Sailing Lizard travels from the Cape West Coast and carries the Plattner Racing flag. The son of Sail From Seattle gets the blinkers first time and

SATURDAY RACING

will be ridden by the in-form Bernard Fayd’herbe. He may have needed his last start and prior to that was just over 6 lengths off Atyaab in the Cape Derby. He was a fair fourth behind Friday evening’s KRA Guineas winner Twist Of Fate in the Politician Stakes – so isn’t without hope.

The former Alec Laird trained Drop Kick showed fair ability up in Gauteng , including a smart win in the Egoli Mile. The son of Judpot has shown fair enthusiasm at his two starts here for Grant Paddock and could be ready to run a big race – although held by In A Perfect World.

His stablemate Country Rock has been threatening for some time to register his second win and could be dangerous if he stays on. He interestingly won his maiden over 1200m in the Cape but has been running on as if he is crying our for more. A dark horse, maybe?

One of the major local hopes, In A Perfect World has won his last two starts and really appeared to enjoy the 2000m last time when winning with some authority. He would need to improve a lot to match the Cape’s top two, though.

Justin Snaith’s Swift Surprise is an interesting candidate. He may not have the exposed form of his hometown contemporaries but has improved steadily as he has tried a trip and has run on well at his recent starts. The jockey-trainer combination, together with the regard in which they hold their unexposed son of Twice Over, suggest that we can ignore the official ratings and include this one in all bets.

Candice Bass-Robinson won this race in 2017 with Dorset Noble and saddles Ideal World’s gelded son, Mercurana. The one-time winner is a half-brother to the stable’s Vodacom Durban July winner Marinaresco and is bred to go the trip. But he has not quite shown the signs yet.

Jay’s Hawk has only won on the polytrack and is well held by In A Perfect World on his last run.

First of the Gavin Smith trio, Tom ‘N Jerry hasn’t shown signs yet of being a likely Derby winner and is drawn widest of the lot.

A one-time winner, Wildcat looks an optimistic entry and tries the trip for the first time. He won his maiden over 1400m – so is difficult to assess.

Third of the Gavin Smith runners and still a maiden, Brigadoon Ely will be partnered by S’manga Khumalo who was aboard Lizard’s Desire all those years ago. A lightly raced son of Ideal World, he could be anything stepping up from the mile to the 2400m.

Jacques Strydom knows how to get the stayers fit and he saddles Cape Leopard. The son of The Apache won his maiden over 2200m on the all-weather, so obviously stays. But his form suggests that he could struggle against the stronger visitors.

We have to ride the Greg Ennion confidence and side with Cedar Man to confirm his status as a decent up-and-coming young stayer. St Vladimir and Drop Kick could be the main dangers – while In A Perfect World hails from a top local yard.

Hawwaam Not Sure To Run

Justin Snaith has six runners included in the initial log for the R4.25 million Gr1 Vodacom Durban July released earlier this week.

Last year’s winner Do It Again heads the log while stable companion and second last year, Made To Conquer is 15th on the initial list of the 18 preferred entries.

The Eric Sands-trained Rainbow Bridge, winner of the Gr1 Sun Met and a fast-finishing second in the Gr2 Independent On Saturday Drill Hall Stakes last Friday evening, is second on the log followed by last Saturday’s Gr1 Premier’s Champion Stakes winner Hawwaam.

Mike de Kock has cautioned that Hawwaam is not certain to take his place in the race but also has Gr1 Cape Derby winner Atyaab in fifth place and another smart three-year-old Barahin (15th).



Snaith duo July gallop | Candiese Marnewick

Sean Tarry has three entries in the top 18 headed by the crack filly Return Flight (4th) backed up Legal Eagle (10th) and Tilbury Fort (11th).

An updated VDJ log will be issued on Wednesday, May 22, following the running of the WSB 1900 on Saturday, May 18, at Greyville

Vodacom Durban July Log

1	Do It Again	(4g)	125	Justin Snaith
2	Rainbow Bridge	(4g)	124	Eric Sands
3	Hawwaam	(3c)	121	Mike De Kock
4	Return Flight	(3f)	106	Sean Tarry
5	Atyaab (Aus)	(3c)	105	Mike De Kock
6	Head Honcho	(5g)	122	Andre Nel
7	Twist Of Fate	(3c)	115	Joey Ramsden
8	Oh Susanna (Aus)	(4f)	118	Justin Snaith
9	Lady In Black	(4f)	117	Dennis Drier
10	Legal Eagle	(7g)	118	Sean Tarry
11	Tilbury Fort	(5g)	110	Sean Tarry
12	Made To Conquer	(5g)	108	Justin Snaith
13	Divine Odyssey	(4g)	105	J A Janse Van Vuuren
14	Hero's Honour	(4g)	107	Gary Alexander
15	Barahin	(3c)	108	Mike De Kock
16	Doublemint	(4c)	104	Justin Snaith
17	Magnificent Seven	(4g)	104	Justin Snaith
18	Miyabi Gold	(4f)	105	Justin Snaith
19	Charles	(3c)	104	Brett Crawford
20	Zillzaal	(3c)	105	Sean Tarry

Next 10 In Alphabetical Order

Bunker Hunt	(3g)	100	Justin Snaith
Camphoratus	(4f)	105	R A Hill/S R Hill
Dark Moon Rising	(5g)	105	Paul Lafferty
Dawn Assault	(5h)	106	St John Gray
Eyes Wide Open	(4c)	111	Glen Kotzen
Fiorella	(4f)	100	Duncan Howells
Flichty By Farr	(4f)	94	Alyson Wright
Fresnaye	(4f)	108	Joey Ramsden
Herodotus	(3c)	101	Glen Kotzen
\$Orpheus	(4g)	94	M G Azzie/A A Azzie

RIDGEMONT HIGHLANDS

MORE GRADED STAKES SUCCESS FOR POTALA PALACE

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2 yo f Potala Palace x First Whistle by Whistling Wood

GR3 STRELITZIA STAKES

Trainer: T Spies | Breeder: Mr N J Swart | Owner(s): Mr X Spies



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What July Weights Would Be Today

- left column is long handicap according to today's MR

- middle column weights to be carried according to race weight restrictions

60	60	DO IT AGAIN
59.5	59.5	RAINBOW BRIDGE
58.5	58.5	HEAD HONCHO
56.5	56.5	OH SUSANNA
56	56	HAWWAAM
55.5	55.5	LEGAL EAGLE
54	54	TWIST OF FATE
53.5	53.5	LADY IN BLACK
53	53	DIVINE ODYSSEY
52.5	53	TILBURY FORT
52	53	EYES WIDE OPEN
52	53	ROY HAD ENOUGH
51.5	53	BUNKER HUNT
51.5	53	MADE TO CONQUER
51	53	HERO'S HONOUR
50.5	53	DARK MOON RISING
50.5	53	DAWN ASSAULT
50	52	RETURN FLIGHT
50	52	CAMPHORATUS
50	53	NOBLE SECRET
50	52	MIYABI GOLD
49.5	53	DOUBLEMINT
49.5	52	FRESNAYE
49.5	53	DOOSRA
49.5	53	BARAHIN
49.5	53	MAGNIFICENT SEVEN
49	53	ELUSIVE SILVA
48.5	53	THANKSGIVING
48.5	52	SECRET POTION
48	53	RED CHESNUT ROAD
48	53	ZILLZAAL
48	53	ATYAAB
48	53	ALYAASAAT
47.5	52	IORELLA
47.5	53	CHARLES
47	53	THE DAZZLER
47	53	BANNER HILL
46	53	PLATINUM PRINCE
46	53	HERODOTUS
45	52	ROY'S RIVIERA
44.5	52	FLICHTY BY FARR
44.5	53	ORPHEUS
44.5	53	RUN RED
43	53	SILVA'S BULLET
42	52	ARIANOS SHADOW
42	53	SHENANIGANS
41.5	53	PROTEA PARADISE
41	53	SILVER GOD
40	53	TOP CLASSMAN

Breeders Levy To Support Export Drive

At the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 April 2019, it was agreed that an additional Breeder Foal Levy will be charged on all initial foal registrations to assist with the funding of SA Equine Health and Protocols NPC (SAEHP), in order to obtain direct export approval through the European Union.

This fee will be levied on all 2018 foals onwards.

Breeders who have already paid the 2018 foal fees are required to pay the shortfall amount of R1 150 (VAT incl) per foal, in order for passports to be issued.

These invoices will be forwarded to the respective breeders on 6 May 2019

Registration of a 2018 foal – R 3 138

NHA Admin and Passport Fee – R 318

Foal Identification Fee – R 792

Foal Levy for Equine Research – R 878**

Contribution to SAEHP – R 1 150**

**** TBA Breeder Levy (R2 028)**

Breeder levy enquiries can be directed to Catherine Hartley: catherine@tba.co.za.

What The Public Protector Said

The Public Protector's report on Gauteng Horseracing has been published.

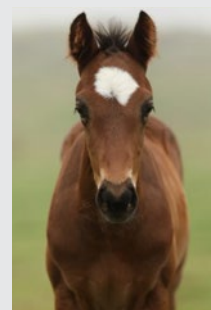
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SALES

Two Sales In May

The catalogues for both the 2019 Cape Mare & Weanling Sale and the Moutonshoek Dispersal Sale are available in hard copy and live online.



173 lots have been catalogued for the Cape Mare and Weanling Sale this year, with the one day sale set to take place at the lavish Mistico Equestrian Centre, just outside Paarl, on May 21.

This year's catalogue consists of 158 mares or fillies for stud, as well as 14 weanlings, and a single yearling.

The sale will feature mares in foal to high class stallions of the ilk of Canford Cliffs, Duke Of Marmalade, Elusive Fort, Erupt, Flower Alley, Futura, Gimmethegreenlight, Judpot, Master Of My Fate, Oratorio, Pathfork, Philanthropist and Pomodoro, amongst others.

The sale will be previewed in these pages next week.

Moutonshoek will hold their dispersal sale at the farm two days later, with 180 horses catalogued on the auction.

This dispersal sale, an auction where lots sell with no reserve, will offer buyers the chance to acquire some very exciting broodmares, weanlings and yearlings, with some former outstanding retired gallopers, such as Bezanova, Forest Indigo and Royal Bencher, also on offer.

There are a number of high class mares on offer at the Moutonshoek sale as well as weanlings by the likes of Admiral Kitten, Captain Of All, Dynasty, Elusive Fort, Flower Alley, Gimmethegreenlight, Mambo In Seattle, Marchfield, Rafeef, Red Ray, Silvano, Soft Falling Rain, Trippi, The United States, and Twice Over.

[Check both catalogues here](#)

GRADED WINNERS COUNTRYWIDE!



G1 COMPUTAFORM SPRINT
1st - PACIFIC TRADER
2nd - Princess Rebel
3rd - Chimichuri Run



BASADI FAITH, G2 SA FILLIES NURSERY



RETURN FLIGHT, G2 GERALD ROSENBERG



UNDERCOVER AGENT, G2 DRILL HALL S.



G2 FILLIES GUINEAS
1st SANTA CLARA
2nd Front & Centre
3rd Temple Grafm



TWIST OF FATE, G2 KRA GUINEAS



FREEDOM CHARTER, G3 POINSETTIA S.

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NEWS

Government Wanted Durbanville Cancelled

The cancellation of Wednesday's Election Day race meeting at Durbanville has evoked plenty of reaction from the public and stakeholders.

Kenilworth Racing Chairman Robert Bloomberg issued a statement on Monday in order to clarify the situation.

He wrote:

Due to all sorts of innuendos and falsities flying around, it is incumbent upon me to set the record straight.



Robert Bloomberg

Following the protest action at Turffontein on Saturday, I wrote to management expressing for a variety of reasons my concerns about the scheduled meeting at Durbanville on Wednesday in the main pertaining to possible accusations of "white elitism" and "racism" being levied at us, particularly as there is a DA administered government in the WC.

Whilst this was a personal viewpoint given in my capacity as co-chair of KR and whilst others had previously raised concerns weeks ago about racing, I must emphasize that this was not a KR decision, nor did KR or I, cancel the meeting.

That decision was taken by Patrick Davis, who I did not personally discuss the matter with, in his capacity as Racing Executive Director of Phumelela who manage WC racing.

I will also add, that following my mail and unsolicited, I received a mail the following day from the Minister of Economic Opportunities in the WC government, requesting that the meeting be cancelled which vindicated my concerns echoed.

Whilst I fully understand the anger from local owners and trainers alike which I will take on the chin, I have always only attempted to assist WC racing and have always gone the extra mile and beyond. However, the bigger picture here was of paramount importance to me.

We may not have had issues racing at past elections, but that was pre-Markus Jooste/Steinhoff happenings and the EFF have been very vocal in their condemnation of racing. It must not be lost sight of that we are presently in discussions here with WCGRB and government seeking assistance for a company in a parlous financial predicament.

Right now, and particularly in the light of recent Public Protector reports, we are treading on very thin ice with government as it is.

Had it been up to me, I would have postponed the Durbanville meeting to Saturday when we aren't racing. But as Patrick has explained, due to the Turffontein meeting being substituted for the Durbanville meeting, this would necessitate an extra meeting being put on which makes no economic sense bearing in mind KR's dire financial position and the challenges that PGL faces.

The 8 'lost' races will however, he added back at future WC meetings.

**The meeting has since been scheduled for Sunday – see pg 28*

Groom Protest Sequel Goodbye To A Legend

The 87-year old former dual SA Champion Trainer Ormond Ferraris, upset and severely stressed by the grooms' actions at Turffontein on Saturday, had to be taken to hospital for a check-up and observation when his staff decided to desert the yard around 4am in the morning.

Turf Talk reports that a legend of the training ranks, Ferraris, who has served the horseracing industry with great distinction for 70 years, said that trainers at Turffontein were aware of the pending strike on Friday. "I arranged with my 20 grooms to come to work Saturday at 3am, an hour earlier, so they could attend their meeting which was scheduled for 5am.

"All I wanted them to do was the bedding, and to feed and water the horses. Just a few came along at three but soon disappeared leaving me and my Head Lad of 40 years, John Sibeko, to get by on our own. I was distressed, they had to take me to the Union Clinic but I am feeling better now. This is it, this is the third protest action of this nature we've had to endure recently and I am not prepared to put up with this any longer. I am out."

Ferraris said that there were "troublemakers" in the grooms' ranks who have stirred up the rest with a variety of demands, including higher wages and for an office to be allocated to one of their faction officials at Turffontein.

"I would love to pay the grooms what they want, big salaries, but it is simply not possible. The sport of racing cannot contain this. The costs of feeding and training horses today are astronomical and stakes haven't increased in proportion to the high expenses. The few millionaires in racing can afford it, but I fear for the middle man, the smaller owner. This kind of pressure is going to hit them and the smaller stables the hardest. They are battling to feed themselves, let alone their horses. There is just no way they can survive!" he told Turf Talk.

His son David Ferraris, a trainer in Hong Kong added: "I am horrified by what is going on. I spent R25-million at the SA Sales the last two years and to see how people are trying to bring the industry to its knees is disturbing. I hope these matters are addressed fast." [Read more here](#)

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WINNER GR3 GODOLPHIN BARB STAKES

By VERCINGETORIX

BRED BY BOLAND STUD



SUNSHINE SILK

R475 000

2016 NATIONAL YEARLING SALES GRADUATE

WINNER GR3 GOLD BOWL

By SILVANO

BRED BY GOLD STAR STUD



HAWWAAM

R1-MILLION

2017 NATIONAL YEARLING SALES GRADUATE

WINNER GR1 PREMIER'S CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE

By SILVANO

BRED BY WILGERBOSDRIFT & MAURITZFONTEIN



ARMANDO

R650 000

2018 NATIONAL YEARLING SALES GRADUATE

WINNER SOMERSET 1200 LISTED

By WHAT A WINTER

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NEWS

Hawwaam Stays A 121

The National Horseracing Authority handicappers have reported on their assessment of the past weekend's features.

The Premier's Champion Challenge (Grade 1)



Anton Marcus | Chase Liebenberg

HAWWAAM's rating of 121 remains unchanged in the wake of the three-year-old's comprehensive defeat of older rivals in the Grade 1 Premier's Champion Challenge over 2000m at Turffontein on Saturday, 4 May 2019.

The Handicappers were unanimous in their belief that runner-up CASCA-

PEDIA was the correct line horse to use in rating the race and as such her rating also remains untouched on 107. HAWWAAM ran to a 120 using this method to rate the race, but again the Handicappers were united in their belief that he should retain the 121 rating he took into the race, which marked the first time he had ventured outside of his own age group in feature race company.

Third placed DIVINE ODYSSEY continues his rich vein of recent form and the Handicappers had no hesitation in raising his rating from 105 to the achieved 111, whereas in contrast fourth placed LEGAL EAGLE was given a small drop from 118 to 116. Fifth placed DARK MOON RISING went up from 105 to 106, but no changes were made to any of the others in the 13 runner field.

The Computaform Sprint (Grade 1)

PACIFIC TRADER's rating was increased from 112 to 115 after he nabbed the flying filly PRINCESS REBEL in the last stride to win the Grade 1 Computaform Sprint over 1000m. Here, it was felt by all the Handicappers that third placed CHIMICHURI RUN was the appropriate line horse to use, so his rating remains unchanged while PRINCESS REBEL was raised from 107 to her achieved 109.

Fourth placed QUINLAN gives all the indications of being a 1000m "specialist" and was raised from 105 to 111 (which keeps him in line with SEARCH PARTY, who finished 0.30 lengths behind him and who remains on 110), while fifth placed PALACE CHAPEL goes up from 99 to 108.

In other changes, SPEEDPOINT was dropped from 114 to 111, REBEL'S CHAMP goes down from 114 to 112, last year's winner ATTENBOROUGH was trimmed from 107 to 106, and BULL VALLEY was dropped from 116 to 113 despite finishing lame as per the Veterinary Surgeon's report. This report notwithstanding, it was felt that some adjustment needed to be made to BULL VALLEY's rating and he was essentially dropped for the time being to a mark which is one pound lower than that of the race winner.

Gerald Rosenberg Stakes (Grade 2)

RETURN FLIGHT's rating was upped from 106 to 109 after Gauteng's stand-out three-year-old filly of the season led virtually throughout to win the Grade 2 Gerald Rosenberg Stakes for fillies and mares over 2000m. RETURN FLIGHT had won the SA Oaks at her most recent start and it was 2018 Oaks winner SECRET POTION who was used as the line horse, which naturally means that her rating remains unchanged on 102. [Read more here](#)

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Let's Break The Boring!

Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby is hoping to be able to upset the Coolmore hegemony in the British Classics, believing rival conditioner Aidan O'Brien's continued dominance in the three-year-old division could lead to racing becoming 'a bit boring'.

In winning the Investec Derby last year with Masar, Appleby stands out as one of only three trainers – along with Richard Hannon and John Gosden – to have deprived O'Brien in the last 12 Classics run in Britain.

O'Brien was triumphant again at Newmarket over the weekend when he won the 2000 Guineas with Magna Grecia and the 1000 Guineas with Hermosa, and Appleby likened the situation to that of Manchester United during the reign of Sir Alex Ferguson.

He said: "What you don't want is for [racing] to be like it was a few years ago with Manchester United when they were winning everything and it got a bit boring watching football as a result. We want to be competitive in the big races and at the big meetings – it's where we've got to be.

"It's a sport and I feel we're very sporting, as they are at Coolmore. We're the first to congratulate each other and it's great for the sport if we can both be competing at the top of the game."

Masar's victory at Epsom came after a strong start to the season for Appleby which had not translated into Classic success, and the trainer admitted to frustration at not being able to land the prizes while O'Brien carried off two of the first three races.

"Last year we had a fantastic spring with our Classic horses. We won both the trials at the Craven meeting and then Saxon Warrior came along and beat us in the Guineas and we didn't win the 1000 Guineas either," he said.

"We then had the favourite for the Oaks and we finished second to them again – the drive home that night wasn't the best I can tell you. I was thinking to myself what more can I do to win these races – and then the following day we show up and win the Derby. That's what's great about this sport."

Despite the Coolmore stranglehold on the Classics, Appleby insisted both he and Sheikh Mohammed would not be pressured into running horses in races such as the Derby just to be seen to be competing.

- *Racing Post*

INTERNATIONAL

Favourite Trumped By Longshot

The horse that crossed the finish line first in Saturday's Kentucky Derby, favourite Maximum Security, was disqualified for interfering with other horses after stewards ruled that he left his lane and cut off another horse.

The victory was ultimately given to race longshot Country House, the horse that crossed the finish line second.

President Donald Trump attributed this historic overturn to "political correctness."

"The Kentucky (sic) Derby decision was not a good one," Trump said in a Sunday morning tweet. "It was a rough and tumble race on a wet and sloppy track, actually, a beautiful thing to watch. Only in these days of political correctness could such an overturn occur. The best horse did NOT win the Kentucky Derby – not even close!"

150 000 People

USA Today reports that perhaps the most amazing part of horse racing's decline into relative obscurity among major American sports is that it manages to still pack 150 000 people into Churchill Downs every year for the world's biggest party on the first Saturday in May. It happens rain or shine, no matter how much they jack up ticket prices, regardless of how many \$15 mint juleps it takes to get a comfortable buzz.

And it only grows like that year after year apart from the sport's typical sinkage for one reason — the Kentucky Derby is special.

Every now and then, the best horse in the Derby doesn't win. It should never be robbed.

The history books will say that long shot Country House was the 145th Kentucky Derby winner on Saturday. But anyone who watched and remembers the race years from now will know that Country House was little more than the recipient of an egregious decision by the racing stewards at Churchill Downs, who disqualified the horse that finished under the wire first and was much the best running 1-1/4 miles around the famed oval.

Controversial

That horse was Maximum Security, and now he's the poster boy of the biggest controversy in the history of American horse racing — an outcome horse racing didn't need amidst a months-long public relations debacle resulting from 23 horse fatalities in California over the winter, and, frankly, wasn't warranted under the circumstances of the race.

Then, about 2 1/2 hours after the race, the three people who made that decision didn't even bother to defend it. Instead, they chose the gutless route by reading a prepared statement in the media center at Churchill Downs and refusing to answer questions about the biggest overturned result in the history of the sport.

"They'll be talking about the result of this race from now until they run the next Kentucky Derby and the next 10 Kentucky Derbys and the next 20 Kentucky Derbys," said Bill Mott, the trainer of Country House. "There's always a lot of controversy in this



Country House

sport, and we're probably going to be involved in it from now on, but you know, I'm going to take it."

Don't blame Mott for thinking that justice was done by taking down Maximum Security and placing him 17th due to an incident halfway around the final turn that compromised the chances of the two horses who were racing between Maximum Security and Country House. Mott, like every trainer who has been successful in this business, has been on both sides of these situations dozens of times. For him, it's just part of the business.

But there's a reason the Derby, which is always a roughly run race with plenty of bumping and jostling throughout, has never had a winner disqualified due to interference: Unless the foul was egregious enough to clearly change the result, the horse that finished first under the wire should stand.

That standard wasn't met on Saturday. Not by a wide margin.

A Winner - In 17th Place!

Following a drama filled Kentucky Derby on Saturday, South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywood paid all straight winning bets out on the favourite Maximum Security.

Maximum Security crossed the line first but was placed 17th by the stewards after being disqualified for interference and stripped of his title.

All enquiries – visit www.hollywoodbets.net

Life Of O'Brien!

Hermosa, considered the third string for trainer Aidan O'Brien by many, made every yard to win the Qipco 1000 Guineas Stakes, the first fillies' Classic of the UK and Irish Flat racing season.

The victory came a day after O'Brien-trained Magna Grecia won the 2000 Guineas for colts – giving the Irish master trainer an uncommon Newmarket double.

Sporting the second colours of Michael Tabor, Hermosa, who was supported into 14-1 from an early show of 25-1, made virtually all the running in the smaller far-side group to win under jockey Wayne Lordan.

Lady Kaya, who set the pace in the nearside group, finished second for trainer Sheila Lavery, while 7-2 favourite Qabala did the best of those coming from off the pace to finish third.

Lordan said: "She's a good filly and was competing at Group 1 level last year, including taking on the colts. She likes to bowl along and saves a little bit. When they came to me she battled well.

"She's a beautiful filly by the right sire and finds plenty. It was good."

Lady Kaya looked the winner for a long way but perhaps did not stay the final 200m as well as the eventual winner.

Owner Joanne Lavery said about her runner-up's effort: "She's got so much heart and she puts everything out there. It's unbelievable. She's done us proud and it feels like we've won."

Hermosa was cut to 7-1 (from 25) for the Investec Oaks by Paddy Power.

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Short Heads

Only In Africa?

With the Asian Racing Conference just 9 months away, we need to start getting our house in order. An excerpt from Saturday's Champions Day stipes report:

"During the race, two Phumela staff members ran across the course whilst fleeing from protesting grooms who had invaded the course. Although the field was advancing, no horses were affected by this incident."



First Dance

Yulong Investments, who bought Surcharge – now Yulong Prince-out of the Stuart Pettigrew yard last year, enjoyed their first South African winner courtesy of the Mike de Kock-trained Stage Dance, who won a Maiden Juvenile Plate over 1600m under jockey Collen Storey on Champions Day.

SILVANO TREBLE

Maine Chance Farms' multiple champion sire Silvano enjoyed a Super Saturday at Turffontein on Champions Day, with his progeny winning three of the 12 races carded. Silvano's Turffontein treble was highlighted by a brilliant display by Hawwaam, who romped to a facile four length score in the Gr1 Premier's Champions Challenge. He is a second Champions Challenge winner for Silvano, whose July winning son Heavy Metal won the race back in 2013. Silvano also produced Gr3 Gold Bowl winner Sunshine Silk. His third success came when his 2yo son Tree Tumbo got off the mark when romping home over 1600m for trainer Sean Tarry. Silvano, whose own sister Shina is the dam of Friday's Gr2 KRA Fillies Guineas winner Santa Clara, has also made waves as a sire of sires this season, with his Equus Champion Vercingetorix currently South Africa's Leading First Crop Sire for 2018-2019.

No Barriers

The often maligned KZN Barrier Trials received some positive media this weekend with the news that 10 horses have left the Ormond Ferraris yard for Durban. They are owned by Hong Kong Syndicates who apparently want to see their runners in barrier trials. The owners chose Summerveld based Garth Puller from a list of KZN trainers.

Go-Karts Galore

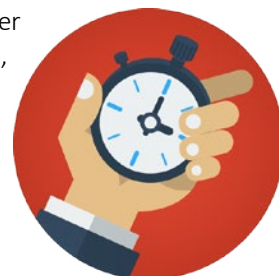
Mike de Kock's powerful owner Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum of Dubai recovered a chunk of the R17-million he spent at the recent National Yearling Sale when his rising star Hawwaam posted a sensational win in the Gr1 Premier Champions Challenge on Saturday. Hawwaam and stable companion Soqrat will be entered for the Gr1 Gold Challenge, the Gr1 Champions Cup and the Gr1 Daily News. Mike said: "We'll be looking at the draws. Greyville has become a go-kart track. We made a mistake racing Soqrat from a wide draw in the KZN Guineas on Friday and we won't make the same mistake again."

UNBIASED

Champions Day was a success for the De Kock team with Frosted Gold's win in the Gr2 SA Nursery a first feature success out of the yard for Durban-based owner Dave MacLean. "Dave gave us the go-ahead to buy one horse at the 2018 Inglis Melbourne Yearling Sale and Jehan Malherbe and I found this one. Frosted Gold's sire All Too Hard has gone a bit quiet, but he's a hard-knocking horse with a Gr2 under his belt now, and he has a future" said Mike who added that Frosted Gold would possibly go for the Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion at Scottsville at the end of May - but that he will stay at home if there is a track bias. "I'm not sure how many more runs we'll give him as a two-year-old."

Ernie – Who Else?

Just hours after his sister Freedom Charter won the Gr3 Poinsettia Stakes at Greyville, former Cape based 2016 Sophomore Sprint winner Ernie broke the Champ de Mars 1450m record in Mauritius on Saturday. He clocked 1 m 27,53 secs. This was Ernie's fourth victory since arriving on the island in 2017. He is trained by Jean Michel Henry and was piloted by Cédric Ségeon. Ernie was purchased by Mike Bass Racing for just R80 000 on the 2014 CTS March Yearling Sale and is a second crop son of Fort Wood stallion Elusive Fort out of the one-time winning Captain Al mare, Betty Burke.



Time Flies

Start putting that outfit together! Monday 13 May hails the first declaration stage for the R4,25 million Gr1 Vodacom Durban July. The race is run on 6 July.



Online

The catalogues for both the 2019 Cape Mare & Weanling Sale and the Moutonshoek Dispersal Sale are available in hard copy and live online and can be viewed at www.bsa.co.za. 173 lots have been catalogued for the Cape Mare and Weanling Sale at the Mistico Equestrian Centre on 21 May. Moutonshoek will hold their dispersal sale at the farm two days later, with 180 horses catalogued on the auction.

PERSONALITY

Rockin' Round The Clock

Greg Ennion

An institution in Cape racing for longer than most of us care to remember, the 70 year old Greg 'Genuine' Ennion travels up the Garden Route on Thursday to raid the East Cape Derby at Fairview on Saturday with his good staying 3yo, Cedar Man.

An 'old beebopper', in his own words, the energetic septuagenarian speaks enthusiastically about his plans for the Hemel 'n Aarde Stud-bred Pomodoro 3yo, who, like his greying boss, has been a model of consistency over testing trips.

"He's a lovely horse and was a touch unlucky to run second at his last two starts. He was a little green and hesitated late in the running. He ran second in the Kenilworth Cup and was fourth behind Snaith's older hardknocker Magnificent Seven in the Western Cape Stayers. I rate him and in the staying ranks one always has a shout. I think he and Brett Crawford's St Vladimir are the pair to beat. And the Cape raiders have historically done well in this race."

And the first time on the right-handed track?

"That doesn't worry me. We work right-handed on the cinders here at Milnerton anyway. By the way, he worked like a jet on Monday. Very encouraging!"

Asked about his plans for Cedar Man, Greg says that he is looking ahead to the R1,25 million Gold Cup at Greyville on 27 July.

Greg had one previous Gold Cup runner in the top-class Sangria Girl, who ran a cracker when finishing fifth behind Ancestral Fore in 2010 after being cut into and almost severing a tendon.

"Look, if I wasn't intending going on to Durban on Monday with him, I probably wouldn't have raided the Fairview feature. I take my hat off to the likes of the Snaiths and Kotzens and the other guys who do it with reg-

ularity. It costs a lot of money – about R20 000- entails 14 days in quarantine, then there are bloods that have to be taken and the horse is out of work. Maybe I'm getting grumpy, but that is a lot of rigmarole!" he laughs.

Cedar Man is likely to have a prep start at Greyville in the Gold Vase – the same route taken by It's My Turn last season. He may also ship the stakes placed CTS 1200 runner-up Elusive Trader up to KZN.

The conversation turns to the inevitable state of racing.

"It's the worst I have ever experienced things. We are in dire straits here in the Cape. There are probably 400 boxes standing vacant just here at Milnerton. I blame the programmers as a start. We have been talking for years. Nobody listens. We need lower-rated MR Handicaps here. The empty boxes used to be occupied by those mediocre horses who have emigrated to PE, Durban and

Joburg, where they are properly catered for. Even my

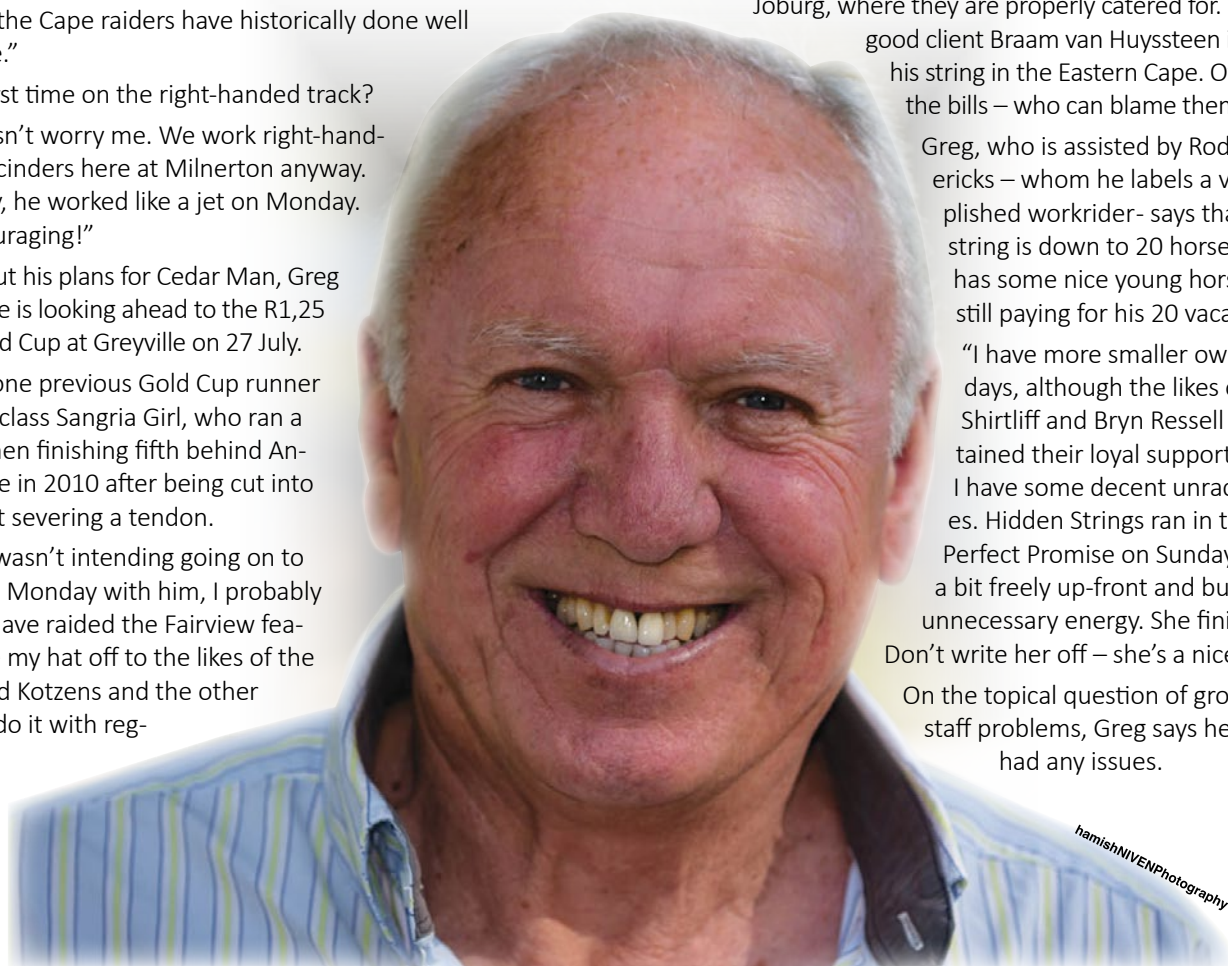
good client Braam van Huyssteen is focussing his string in the Eastern Cape. Owners pay the bills – who can blame them?"

Greg, who is assisted by Roderick Fredericks – whom he labels a very accomplished workrider- says that his own string is down to 20 horses. While he has some nice young horses, he is still paying for his 20 vacant boxes.

"I have more smaller owners these days, although the likes of Marsh Shirliff and Bryn Ressel have maintained their loyal support.

I have some decent unraced horses. Hidden Strings ran in the Listed Perfect Promise on Sunday. She raced a bit freely up-front and burnt up unnecessary energy. She finished fifth. Don't write her off – she's a nice sort."

On the topical question of grooms and staff problems, Greg says he has never had any issues.



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GREG ENNION

"I have had the same team with me for the past 25 years. They work hard and get the job done. I believe in sorting out issues when they arise – we communicate readily and I think we sometimes forget that respect is a two-way street. If you demand and expect it, then you should be prepared to give it."

With horses and music his passion, Greg, a talented rock 'n roll singer, still does gigs on invitation and says it's a great outlet for life's everyday frustrations and stresses.

Always known as a top conditioner of a stayer, Greg was tagged 'Genuine' by the charismatic Marsh Shirliff thirty years ago when he was the first trainer for the Motor Insurance tycoon.

Greg's grandfather, George Ennion was a trainer and a farrier in the early 1900's and his father started out as an apprentice jockey, but didn't go through with it. Dad became the South African representative for Black & White Whiskey, which is where the famous Ennion silks originated.

Greg was a journalist for the first half of his professional life, working for a motoring magazine, and for SA Associated Newspapers.

The young journalist got involved in Cape Hunt racing. "Lionel Witkowski taught me to ride short on a sack of oats with a pair of reins tied to a chaff cutter," he reminisces.

"I became the leading rider in the Cape Hunt. In fact, the rest of the guys signed a petition against me for being too professional. I used to get up at 4am and go and ride work for guys like Lionel Witkowski, Johnny Cawcutt, Lesley Cawcutt, Terence D'Arcy, Baby Killa- all those guys. I rode 6 winners on a card once," he recalls proudly.

After being banned from Cape Hunt racing he took out an owner-trainer's license which you could still do in those days, and that was his entrance ticket into racing.

His first horse was called Galilee.

"I bought him for R500 as a one-time winner. He was a full brother to Ocean City and I won 8 races over ground with him. I had another good horse called Symbolize that I bought as a 5yo for R3 000. He was by Brer Rabbit and had been campaigning over sprint distances. I put him over 2000m and won 9 features with him. He won the Ralph Price Handicap over 2000m at Milnerton and broke the course record. He won the Syd Garrett and broke Occult's unbeaten streak when downing him in the Appeal Court Handicap. He also ran 5th in the Met. He was drawn wide and raced wide and was only 3 lengths off Wild West at the finish – it was only the draw that beat him. His next start after the Met, he won the Milnerton Administrator's Trophy beating Shu Shine Boy and then went to Joburg for the Sun International. Gary Alexander helped me and he dead-heated for 5th with Mauritzfontein. Freddie Macaskill rode him for me that day."

His foundation patrons were the likes of Giuseppe Mercorio, Wouter Brink and Fred and Mariaane Ilze who owned Model School. She won the Gr1 Paddock Stakes and was Model Man's first Gr1 winner. Greg trained her 3-parts brother too – Dramdor. He was a good stayer and I won 8 races with him, including the Gr3 Abe Bloomberg Handicap.

Greg is married to Nazley Heuvel and lives on the West Coast.

"Naz worked for the turf club and used to do the cheques after races – that's how we met. We've been together a long time and she's a wonderful person."

He's 70- what about retirement?

"I'm still fit and going fairly strong. And retirement will only be an option when I can afford it. So I will probably be around for quite awhile yet!"

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Striker's Waiting Game

Multiple past SA champion jockey Piere Strydom produced his vintage skills from the saddle and entertained the enthusiastic Gins 'n Roses crowd at Turffontein on Saturday to some serious world-class race riding to win the Gr1 Computaform Sprint on Cape raider, Pacific Trader.

Fast approaching his mid-fifties, Strydom gave the top class young gun and reigning SA Champion Lyle Hewitson a bit of a surprise when he appeared with a powerful surge in the final stride to snatch victory from Princess Rebel.

The top jock, disillusioned with a lack of support from local trainers, was recently granted clearance from the Mauritius Turf Club to take up a contract with the Rameshwar Gujadhur yard. He is now sitting in limbo awaiting formal authority to pack his tooth-brush in to his suitcase and head to OR Tambo.

"I haven't heard anything further, so I am waiting. But life goes on. The bills don't stop and we have to earn a living," he laughed when talking to the Sporting Post on Tuesday.

"You know, it's quite a performance. There is paperwork, medicals, x-rays, NHA clearance, approval from the Prime Minister- and the rest. My side is all done and dusted and the MTC have given me the green light. So now it's a case of waiting – and waiting – but I'm taking rides and carrying on as normal."

He said that he accepted his Champions Day rides with a firm commitment to fulfil them. He also added that things had looked up a bit with a touch more support from owners and trainers since he went public.

"I think some guys may hesitate as I'm probably not going to be able to stick with the ride – especially if it's a horse with a feature programme. I notice I didn't get the nod again for Return Flight in the Gerald Rosenberg. But we take what we can and life goes on," he said philosophically.

Thirty seven years since he rode his first winner, Striker felt his career flagging and some professional boredom setting in, riding at the same Highveld tracks three times a week, every week. That's what initiated the Mauritius adventure.

He intends to call it a day in 2021.

He has only ever ridden in Mauritius in the international races at the end of their season.

"I really hope it comes together. The track is tight and fast. The horses racing there are all experienced though. The racing is exciting – there's an atmosphere too. And the stable has the likes of the talented White River and Nebula. So we have the capacity to be very competitive."

He said that his sons would be staying with his ex-wife but would be coming out to visit him.

"I'd love to have taken them with. But they're at school and I don't want to disrupt things and set them back."

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ADRENALINE SHOT

A Week In Hong Kong

"Hong Kong will give you goose bumps." The declaration came matter-of-factly, in between bites of the excellent Hainan Chicken at the Hyatt's Grand Café, by Hans Ebert, former Racing B*tch, maestro of Happy Wednesday and long-time Hong Kong local.

"It's the most sophisticated and international city in the world." Rather than being reassuring, these are words to strike fear into the heart of a South African 'plaasjaapie' who is happiest covered in horse hair and associated detritus!

But they say a change is as good as a holiday and it's fair to say, I needed a break. They also say if you don't risk the unusual, you settle for the ordinary. As it was coming up to FWD Champions Day, Tuesday, 24 April saw me landing at Hong Kong International muttering carpe diem under my breath.

After checking into my hotel spitting distance from the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the first port of call (after the Hong Kong institution that is the Grand Hyatt, of course)- the HKJC's famous Happy Wednesday experience at Happy Valley.

We arrived early, to allow me to take in the setting, get my bearings and watch the sunset paint the skyscrapers all kinds of beautiful before the city lights took over. We raced from Adrenaline, one of several hospitality options, overlooking the track. The band – who only play together at Adrenaline- were setting up, so there was time to chat and get to know lead vocalists Jennifer Palor and Kel – plus personalised advice from Jennifer Cheung and racing specialist, Winnie Shum to make sure I had everything I needed.

It's always fun to see old friends in new places and it was great to catch up with former NHA Chief Vet Eugene Reynders (now stationed at Conghua) and jockeys Chad Schofield, Karis Teetan, Grant van Niekerk and Tshwaro Appie- visiting for the evening en route to his new job in Macau. It was my first opportunity to see the likes of Zac Purton, riding with tremendous confidence and composure (sitting on the world's best does that for you!) who posted a treble on the night, as well as 'Magic Man' Joao Moreira. The Beer Garden was buzzing with their Korean night and it was staggering to learn that they see a crowd of around 16,000 through the doors for a mid-week meeting. I had a quick peek at

their merchandise stand and not only can you get a plushie, you can even have them personalised with a name of your choice! Finally, to round off the evening, HKJC CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges joined us for a post-race drink and chat about the Yearling Sale results, the R9 million sales topper and their purchase out of Cherry On The Top.

Meeting place

If you hang around long enough, one seems to meet EVERYONE in Hong Kong. People seem to gravitate towards the Grand Hyatt's Champagne bar and my highlights reel included racing legend Brent 'The Babe' Thomson (four time winner of the Cox Plate and now part of NZ Bloodstock), Hugh Bowman, the connections of HK Sprint hopeful, Viddora, and the crew from Magic Millions.

A media outing to Sha Tin track work on Saturday morning, delivered Perth Racing Chairman Colin Brown and CEO John Yovich and a chance to shake Joao Moreira by the hand. Oh – and to watch the international horses put through their paces, of course! Amphitheatre of dreams

After the relative tranquillity of Saturday morning, Champions Day with new headline sponsor FWD, saw Sha Tin transformed with red carpets and velvet rope parties and cars and crowds wherever you looked (a queue to get into the racecourse? How marvelous!). My friend Jennifer from Happy Wednesday met me at the door to deliver badges and brochures and I was all set for the day.

The Sha Tin air is thick with South African racing memories. It has been the site for some of our greatest international triumphs starting with London News smashing the track record in the 1997 QEII, all the way through J J The Jet Plane in the 2010 Cathay Pacific Sprint, to Variety Club wiping the floor with the 2014 Hong Kong mile field. And our jockeys have left an equally large legacy. To single out just a few, Felix Coetzee and Silent Witness were Hong Kong legends and Bartie Leisher, Basil Marcus and Robbie Fradd graced the Champion Jockey roster before the 13 year 'Whyte-wash' by Douglas from 2001-2014. Hallowed ground indeed.

Pausing by the parade ring, I made the acquaintance of a Japa-

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nese racing fan. Despite our language difficulties (although his English was a lot better than my Japanese!), I established that he had come specially to support Lys Gracieux. I confessed my allegiance to the gorgeous Win Bright, we traded smiles and racing mementos and parted friends.

World's Best Horses, World's Best Races

With a card boasting four of the current top 10 World's Best racehorses in Beauty Generation, Santa Ana Lane, Exultant and Beat The Clock, three of the top 10 jockeys in Oisin Murphy, Hugh Bowman and Zac Purton, as well as Japanese hero Yutaka Take and fan favourite 'Magic Man' Joao Moreira, FWD Champion's Day lived up to its billing.

My racing venue for the day was the Hay Market restaurant on the second floor of the public stand and was quite simply unbelievable. Designed by one of Hong Kong's top young talents, the venue is as beautiful as it is user friendly. From the food, to the table location to the complimentary iPads pre-loaded with all the day's racing information, Blue Lee and his team could not have been more attentive. My friend Winnie arrived to guide us through the iPad functions and our form study options as well as giving us a tour to the parade ring and taking us to watch a race from the finish line.

The crowds were fantastic and they were everywhere – poring over their form guides, packing the stands around the parade ring as well as vocally shouting their horses home.

Top Drawer

The Chairman's Sprint Prize was a tactical affair, with Chad Schofield jumping Rattan out smartly to overcome their 8 draw and lead from the rail. Yutaka Take followed the same line, placing Nac Venus on Rattan's left flank, while Little Giant tracked Rattan on the rail with Moreira slotting Beat The Clock on his outside. Santa Ana Lane was less lucky- with a wall of horses between them and the front runners, Hugh Bowman settled his horse and bided his time. With Chad sending Rattan for home coming out of the bend, the rest of the field had to commit. Vincent Ho and Little Giant kept close order in his slipstream, Moreira pulled outside of Nac Venus to give chase and with the front runners getting away and no gaps in sight, Hugh was out of options on the favourite. He aimed wide and pressed the button. A flying Beat The Clock got his head in front at the 50m mark, with Rattan gritting his teeth to keep second, Little Giant sticking his neck between the two and having clawed his way to within 2.25 lengths, the post came just too soon for the courageous Santa Ana Lane who had to settle for fourth.

Beauty Domination

Next up was the FWD Champions Mile. I was curious to see what the World No 1 looked like in the flesh and with his pink blinkers, Beauty Generation cut a distinctive figure on parade. However, his raw power can only be fully appreciated in motion and it is, quite simply, relentless. I can say without fear of contradiction that he is the most powerful galloper I've seen and Zac Purton had to do little more than stay on his horse to collect a second Champions Mile trophy.

There will always be a debate as to how greatness is measured and despite the murmurs that he has merely been beating the

same opposition, Beauty Generation's achievements are beyond dispute. He is the only horse to achieve 8 wins in a single Hong Kong season and having banked HK\$84,770,000 to date, has replaced Viva Pataca as Hong Kong's all-time leading money earner. Most pleasing for me is the gloss it adds to Singapore Sling's second place finish, particularly as the mile is on the sharp side for him. Well done, Team SA!

Glory for Japan

My standout highlight of the day was the FWD QEII Cup. Not only was the first and third result a huge feather in the cap for Japanese breeding, jockey Matsami Matsuoka and trainer Yoshihiro Hatakeyama deserve an avalanche of praise for a raiding masterclass. Not only did they win at their first attempt at Sha Tin, they smashed the track record in the process. Win Bright may be a high quality individual, but is clearly the product of expert handling, and Matsuoka deserves singling out for a beautifully judged ride- the handshake from Oisin Murphy just after the line spoke volumes.

It was a feat of sporting endeavour and the unbridled joy of the post-race celebrations show-cased the shining best of why we pursue this crazy sport. With the racing treadmill occasionally lapsing into the monotonous and predictable, it was good to be reminded.

It was a thrill to join the Millards in the parade ring for the last and support SA runners Cot Campbell, Graceandmercy (formerly Monks Hood) and Seerite Dragon (formerly Seerite) on their Hong Kong debuts. Although none earned a tour of the winner's enclosure this time round, Grant van Niekerk scored for the home team, flying from the clouds to take the laurels and close the meeting on Flying Thunder. Nice one!

There was just time to take in one more Happy Valley meeting on Wednesday and it was a proudly South African moment watching Aldo Domeyer make a statement debut with two winners from three rides for Tony Millard. Grant van Niekerk also struck with a long shot, bringing the SA tally to 3 – not a bad haul for the notoriously tricky track. It was a festive party, including proud dad Andrew Fortune, that left Happy Valley on Wednesday night.

Debrief

Racing in Hong Kong is at the top of any fan's bucket list for a reason. It's good. It's very good. And never more so than during the big meetings like Champions Day. But what makes it really special is all the things that go around it- the long lunches at the Grand Café, the drinks at the Champagne bar, old friends and memories revisited and new ones made.

I saw Tony Cruz in the flesh, shook Joao Moreira by the hand, had Brent Thomson as my personal City guide, and watched legends born at Sha Tin. I saw barrier trials, had a tour of David Ferraris' Olympic Stables and met a real life Pikachu. But perhaps my favourite moment was one shared with my new friend Winnie- a South African and a Canadian, standing side by side on the Sha Tin steps, watching a horse race.

Despite worrying that I might be a fish out of water in one of the most exotic cities in the world, it seems the waters of Victoria Harbour have room for everyone after all.

Cheers, Hong Kong. And thanks for the goose bumps.

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)

HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITELOW

IT'S GREENER On The Other Side!

In 1986, the 2000 Guineas was won by one of the greatest racehorses ever seen on the British turf in the form of Dancing Brave.

Few people at the time would have thought that Green Desert, a well beaten second to Dancing Brave in the 2000 Guineas, would surpass the brilliant Dancing Brave as a sire and sire of sires, but that is exactly what has happened.

The July Cup winning Green Desert- second only to Danehill as the greatest sire son of the legendary Danzig- went on to sire 94 stakes winners, with his tally headed by 12 Gr1 winners. Green Desert's stars include the remarkable champion sprinter, Sheikh Albadou, the brilliant but ill-fated filly, Bint Allayl, French 1000 Guineas heroine, Rose Gypsy, and star miler, Desert Prince, and he built a reputation for siring high-class, precocious stock who were, by and large, best up to a mile.

Family

However, it was as a sire of sires that Green Desert will forever be remembered, with his sons including multiple New Zealand champion, Volksraad, and the very successful trio of Cape Cross, Oasis Dream, and Invincible Spirit. Other sons of Green Desert to sire Gr1 winners included Byron, Desert Prince, and Desert Style.

One of Green Desert's very best sire sons, Invincible Spirit, a $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to another outstanding sire in Kodiak, had a big pay day on Saturday when his sons, Magna Grecia and Digital Age won the Gr1 Qipco 2000 Guineas and Gr2 American Turf Stakes respectively. While Magna Grecia, now a winner of three of only four starts, including the 2018 Gr1 Vertem Futurity Trophy Stakes, is out of a mare by Galileo (Sadler's Wells), Digital Age's second dam, Time Control, was sired by Sadler's Wells.

Invincible Spirit is showing signs of becoming at least as influential a sire as his own sire, if not more so. Already the sire of 120 stakes winners, the Gr1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup winner has 18 Gr1 winners to his name, although Magna Grecia is his sire's very first British classic winner- two sons of Invincible Spirit, Kingman and Territories, finished second in their respective 2000 Guineas. Invincible Spirit is also shaping up to be a very successful sire of sires. His son, I Am Invincible, is currently one of Australia's very best sires and he recently equalled an Australian record when his daughter, Miss Leonidas, became his 26th stakes winner of the 2018-2019 Australian season.

Spirited

Another successful sire son of Invincible Spirit is French Derby winner, Lawman, whose 29 stakes winners include five Gr1 winners, notably recently deceased Irish 1000 Guineas winner, Just The Judge, and St Leger hero, Harbour Law. Invincible Spirit's champion son, Kingman, has made an exceptional start to his stud career, with his early group winners including the very exciting colts Persian King and Calyx, while the triple Gr1 winner, Charm



Green Desert

Spirit (Invincible Spirit –L'Enjoleuse) has come up with group winners in both the Northern and Southern Hemisphere already.

Prior to Magna Grecia, Green Desert has made his mark on the 2000 Guineas as a broodmare sire- he is damsire of 2010 2000 Guineas winner, Makfi- and sire of sires. Cape Cross is responsible for brilliant 2009 winner, Sea The Stars, while Green Desert sired Desert Style is the grandsire of 2000 Guineas winner, Galileo Gold.

The Green Desert influence has been felt in South Africa, through the Oasis Dream sired Gr1 winner and sire, Querari, while Quasillo (a Sea The Stars' close relative of Querari) could yet play a part in making this potent male line effective in this country. The Green Desert sired Great Britain- an own brother to Cape Cross - came up with the stakes winners Al Mariachi, Wrecking Ball, Queen Laurie and Hashtag Strat in a relatively brief stud career in South Africa.

Magna Grecia is also a further nod to the remarkable dominance that his broodmare sire, Galileo, has had on the 2000 Guineas. To date, Galileo has sired three 2000 Guineas winners (including Frankel –arguably the greatest 2000 Guineas winner of all time), and Coolmore's brilliant sire is also broodmare sire now of four 2000 Guineas winners, with Magna Grecia joining Night Of Thunder, Galileo Gold and the 2018 winner, Saxon Warrior. Galileo's son New Approach is also sire of 2013 winner, Dawn Approach.

Seventh Heaven

Remarkably, Galileo has now appeared in the pedigree of the 2000 Guineas winner for the last seven years in a row!

Intriguingly, the 2019 Qipco 2000 Guineas winner, who must now rate an exceptional commercial future stud prospect, is directly descended in female line from one of the greatest mares in history –Selene. The latter, who won 16 races in two seasons of racing, produced the breed shaping sires Hyperion, Pharamond II, and Sickle, and is also ancestress of champion sires, Mossborough and Sir Tristram; Selene is also the ancestress of triple Equus Champion and prominent South African sire, What A Winter.

Magna Grecia, now a Gr1 winner at both two and three, also hails from the immediate family of South African mare, Strait To Bed, whose Pomodoro colt made R180 000 at the recent National Yearling Sale.

INTERNATIONAL

Top Jock Retires

Nine-time Irish champion jockey and Epsom Derby-winning rider Pat Smullen has announced his retirement from the saddle after completing an inspirational recovery from pancreatic cancer.

Smullen's decision not to return to competitive action brings the curtain down on a glittering career that yielded 12 European Classic victories, including a memorable triumph in the 2016 Investec Derby at Epsom aboard Harzand for long-time allies Dermot Weld and the Aga Khan.

The Racing Post reports that Smullen, who will turn 42 in two weeks' time, said: "I had hoped to resume my riding career, but I've taken the decision to retire on medical advice.

"My treatment has been completed and I will be having regular check-ups to keep on top of the situation as there is always the chance the cancer could return.

"My decision is a sad one, but it is the right thing to do and it's a case of putting my body, my health and my family first."

Joey Thought He 'Would Die In SA'

News that former Cape champion trainer Joey Ramsden had been given the green light to move to Singapore came as a shock to many locals who rate him as one of the greatest exponents of one of the most complex professions in a tricky industry.

Ramsden is believed to have flown out to Singapore earlier this week on a reconnaissance mission to survey the world-class facilities. It must be stressed that nothing has been finalised as yet.

He told Michael Clower in an article carried in the Racing Post that the Singapore training facilities are 'different class'.

"The prize-money is huge, owners' incentives are massive and there is the opportunity to trade, which is just not possible in South Africa," he added.

Ramsden has sent out more than 1750 winners since taking out a licence in Cape Town in 1996-97, including 26 Gr1's headed by The Conglomerate in the 2016 Durban July and dual horse of the year Variety Club, whose overseas victories with Ramsden included the Godolphin Mile at Meydan in 2014.

In an email to owners, Ramsden said: "I have dire concerns about the future of Cape racing and racing in South Africa in general." [Read more](#)

BREEDING

Innovative Stallion Fee Terms

Allan Bloodlines have announced a newly structured payment system for services to Elusive Fort the Gr1 sire and the only son of Fort Wood now standing.

Mare owners will be able to choose between a Live Foal fee of R20,000 + VAT (down from R30,000 for his recent Full Books) or R25,000 + VAT "Pay When You Sell".

The successful AllanStallions Scales of Fees will apply to either option, enabling lower fees to be paid for multiples.

"We as stakeholders in our SA industry must make efforts to rebalance the equation for beleaguered breeders without whose products there will be too few horses for racing in South Africa" said David Allan. "Paying stallion fees 16-18 months before selling is increasingly difficult and a decline in the NYS median is what defines the market for the majority".

He continued "One move we as stallion people can make is to bring benefit to breeders' cash flows – hence Pay When You Sell – and take the cash flow hit in the syndicate's and management's earnings. We also reduce the fee level to something mutually workable in tricky times".

Elusive Fort sires Gr1 winners, other Stakes Winners, winners at sprinting, miling and middle distances as well as juveniles. He is one of many stallions suffering at the sales for lack of enough buyers having sold a Million Rand Yearling in 2018 then this year one as good or better for R400,000. "It's a fact of life and we are in good stallion company," said Allan.

"Yes, we await his next Grade 1 winner but the first of his three Full Books are only coming through as 2 year olds now, so we can expect a lot of action in 2019/20/21 from many more mares covered than up to now, and more good ones".

Under the AllanStallions Scales of Fees, nobody paid full price for multiple mares and now the fees look extremely reasonable plus the Pay When You Sell option – whether sold as weanlings or yearlings at the breeder's discretion – or a discount for Live Foal.

"I am very grateful to the Syndicate Principal and shareholders for supporting this industry initiative which we shall also announce for other stallions in a different bracket" added Allan.

For information email David Allan: davidallan@allanbloodlines.com / symvanniekerk@allanbloodlines.com

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LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019

Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
20,950,582	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	215	97,445	1107	103	153	48%	4	8	4%	354	32%	11	Hawwaam	4,378,125 21%
19,156,472	Klawervlei Stud	411	46,609	1967	127	161	31%	4	5	3%	517	26%	8	One World	3,065,625 16%
13,205,509	Summerhill Stud	267	49,459	1576	93	128	35%	3	3	3%	420	27%	6	Running Brave	510,387 4%
10,134,798	Drakenstein Stud	118	85,888	568	48	72	41%	10	14	21%	183	32%	8	Clouds Unfold	1,300,000 13%
9,923,759	Highlands	145	68,440	745	64	91	44%	5	5	8%	224	30%	7	Front And Centre	995,625 10%
7,200,472	Varsfontein Stud	104	69,235	512	52	75	50%	4	4	8%	176	34%	9	Bunker Hunt	278,750 4%
7,014,524	Favour Stud	87	80,627	501	32	58	37%	3	6	9%	161	32%	2	Twist Of Fate	1,927,500 27%
6,472,973	Maine Chance	130	49,792	632	50	67	38%	3	3	6%	149	24%	6	Santa Clara	515,250 8%
6,403,875	Ascot Stud	88	72,771	454	37	54	42%	3	3	8%	140	31%	7	Pacific Trader	840,000 13%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
15,712,223	Silvano	191	82,263	902	75	106	39%	7	11	9%	292	32%	12	Hawwaam	4,378,125 28%
14,825,791	*Captain Al	155	95,650	731	69	93	45%	8	11	12%	259	35%	12	One World	3,065,625 21%
11,379,774	Var	177	64,293	924	83	106	47%	4	5	5%	304	33%	12	Vardy	989,700 9%
10,817,461	Gimmethgreenlight	152	71,168	785	64	91	42%	4	7	6%	264	34%	14	National Park	1,239,775 11%
10,343,312	Ideal World	97	106,632	574	44	69	45%	5	6	11%	155	27%	5	Rainbow Bridge	3,370,000 33%
10,266,559	Dynasty	134	76,616	699	59	86	44%	4	4	7%	210	30%	12	Front And Centre	995,625 10%
7,960,249	What A Winter	134	59,405	677	54	82	40%	3	5	6%	199	29%	3	Clouds Unfold	1,300,000 16%
7,902,036	Pomodoro	56	141,108	234	18	26	32%	1	3	6%	68	29%	2	Cirillo	4,150,000 53%
7,766,649	Trippi	119	65,266	587	51	78	43%	5	5	10%	195	33%	7	Chimichuri Run	451,250 6%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
7,920,911	Silvano	58	136,567	248	23	32	40%	1	4	4%	78	31%	4	Hawwaam	4,378,125 55%
7,590,011	Pomodoro	44	172,500	210	15	23	34%	1	3	7%	60	29%	2	Cirillo	4,150,000 55%
7,423,131	*Captain Al	56	132,556	297	31	46	55%	3	4	10%	112	38%	4	One World	3,065,625 41%
5,932,112	Master Of My Fate	69	85,973	395	32	44	46%	2	4	6%	128	32%	2	Twist Of Fate	1,927,500 32%
5,170,525	Gimmethgreenlight	57	90,711	299	26	36	46%	2	3	8%	105	35%	4	National Park	1,239,775 24%
5,061,337	Var	69	73,353	382	36	47	52%	1	1	3%	121	32%	3	Vardy	989,700 20%
5,008,574	What A Winter	62	80,783	369	32	50	52%	2	4	6%	107	29%	1	Clouds Unfold	1,300,000 26%
4,977,573	Dynasty	50	99,551	261	26	39	52%	3	3	12%	72	28%	6	Front And Centre	995,625 20%
3,799,960	Elusive Fort	55	69,090	334	20	26	36%	0	0	0%	91	27%	2	Elusive Trader	1,235,500 33%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by AEPR

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with 20 or more rnr

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
7,590,011	Pomodoro	44	172,500	210	15	23	34%	1	3	7%	60	29%	2	Cirillo	4,150,000 55%
7,920,911	Silvano	58	136,567	248	23	32	40%	1	4	4%	78	31%	4	Hawwaam	4,378,125 55%
7,423,131	*Captain Al	56	132,556	297	31	46	55%	3	4	10%	112	38%	4	One World	3,065,625 41%
2,922,246	Potala Palace	27	108,231	168	17	28	63%	0	0	0%	41	24%	2	Palace Chapel	820,786 28%
4,977,573	Dynasty	50	99,551	261	26	39	52%	3	3	12%	72	28%	6	Front And Centre	995,625 20%
5,170,525	Gimmethgreenlight	57	90,711	299	26	36	46%	2	3	8%	105	35%	4	National Park	1,239,775 24%
5,932,112	Master Of My Fate	69	85,973	395	32	44	46%	2	4	6%	128	32%	2	Twist Of Fate	1,927,500 32%
3,155,733	Pathfork	39	80,916	212	19	23	49%	0	0	0%	83	39%	4	Skye Lane	621,275 20%
5,008,574	What A Winter	62	80,783	369	32	50	52%	2	4	6%	107	29%	1	Clouds Unfold	1,300,000 26%

LEADING SIRES of 2YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
1,136,500	*Captain Al	25	45,460	50	10	12	40%	1	1	10%	20	40%	1	Victoria Paige	156,250 14%
1,019,525	Gimmethgreenlight	23	44,327	51	8	10	35%	0	0	0%	23	45%	6	Got The Greenlight	201,125 20%
955,075	Master Of My Fate	19	50,267	39	6	9	32%	1	2	17%	11	28%	1	Basadi Faith	475,000 50%
915,950	What A Winter	29	31,584	67	7	9	24%	1	1	14%	28	42%	0	Sarah	150,500 16%
821,300	Vercingetorix	18	45,628	38	8	11	44%	2	2	25%	9	24%	1	African Warrior	201,125 24%
715,875	Var	17	42,110	40	8	8	47%	0	0	0%	17	43%	2	Cavivar	159,375 22%
642,500	**All Too Hard	1	642,500	4	1	3	100%	1	2	100%	1	25%	1	Frosted Gold	642,500 100%
630,650	Captain Of All	24	26,277	61	4	4	17%	1	1	25%	24	39%	0	What You Are	127,750 20%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES on Polytrack

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
1,903,850	Gimmethgreenlight	60	31,731	175	20	23	33%	0	0	0%	53	30%	0	O' Keeffe	186,200 10%
1,687,925	Oratorio	48	35,165	154	16	21	33%	0	0	0%	54	35%	0	Charlyman	160,750 10%
1,589,100	Var	50	31,782	166	17	20	34%	0	0	0%	44	27%	0	Collabro	119,850 8%
1,493,300	Crusade	44	33,939	135	16	18	36%	0	0	0%	49	36%	0	Kilvington	120,725 8%
1,465,325	Pathfork	43	34,077	122	12	18	28%	0	0	0%	42	34%	0	Gorgeous Guest	249,150 17%
1,454,825	*Captain Al	38	38,285	119	16	18	42%	0	0	0%	45	38%	0	Flight Captain	137,900 9%
1,418,100	*Sail From Seattle	59	24,036	187	15	18	25%	0	0	0%	53	28%	0	Seattle Oak	111,550 8%
1,404,475	Master Of My Fate	37	37,959	81	13	16	35%	0	0	0%	36	44%	0	Lickerio	177,500 13%

The FULL Statistics ONLINE <http://www.sportingpost.co.za/horse-racing-statistics/> *Stallion dead or Retired **Stallion Not Standing in RSA

**Breeding operations not based in RSA - Statistics for Breeders & Sires reflect ALL earnings, incl. restricted races & handicap races



The Cape Breeders Club will be hosting their annual Stallion Auction Dinner at the Pearl Valley Golf Estate this month.

This auction will offer breeders the chance to acquire services to proven and exciting sires as Canford Cliffs, Danon Platina, Fire Away, Flower Alley, Gimmethgreenlight, Ideal World, Lancaster Bomber, Master Of My Fate, Oratorio, Pomodoro, Querari, Twice Over, Vercingetorix, Visionaire, What A Winter and William Longsword - the majority of whom are already booked full for 2019- so this will be the only way to access them for the 2019 season.

See the full list on www.capebreeders.co.za

There is accommodation available, with a special rate for the one bedroom suite of R1700 per single or R1200 per person sharing.

The Stallion Services Auction is set to commence, following a lavish dinner, after a golf-day on Monday 27 May. Interested parties are asked to contact Wendy Probert at secretary@capebreeders.co.za before 22 May.



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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	1026	125	12%	181	18%	32%	112	11%	452	44%	22,345,066	21,779
MF de Kock	505	81	16%	133	26%	29%	81	16%	268	53%	18,562,893	36,758
J Snaith	833	121	15%	177	21%	34%	94	11%	395	47%	15,759,963	18,920
BJ Crawford	634	98	15%	132	21%	34%	72	11%	321	51%	10,725,725	16,918
AC Greeff	865	133	15%	191	22%	32%	111	13%	417	48%	9,290,238	10,740
C Bass-Robinson	642	62	10%	67	10%	33%	77	12%	272	42%	8,493,700	13,230
Y Bremner	628	86	14%	92	15%	30%	88	14%	307	49%	7,928,788	12,625
PA Peter	529	74	14%	108	20%	34%	71	13%	246	47%	7,914,719	14,962
A Nel	418	65	16%	65	16%	31%	59	14%	223	53%	6,744,200	16,134
VH Marshall	388	41	11%	45	12%	36%	40	10%	166	43%	6,437,788	16,592
GD Smith	931	70	8%	69	7%	20%	80	9%	343	37%	5,795,975	6,226
JAJ v Vuuren	349	46	13%	72	21%	36%	50	14%	162	46%	5,744,070	16,459
DR Drier	343	57	17%	72	21%	38%	37	11%	176	51%	5,490,000	16,006
GS Kotzen	589	53	9%	61	10%	26%	71	12%	223	38%	5,466,663	9,281
J Ramsden	313	35	11%	22	7%	27%	27	9%	126	40%	5,285,362	16,886
GV Woodruff	322	36	11%	59	18%	34%	39	12%	145	45%	5,282,723	16,406

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS												
SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019												
jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
M Yeni	1351	160	12%	196	15%	27%	174	13%	633	47%	14,909,156	11,036
A Marcus	513	155	30%	317	62%	37%	88	17%	363	71%	27,763,387	54,120
L Hewitson	1047	153	15%	207	20%	27%	158	15%	555	53%	18,173,373	17,358
G Lerena	525	133	25%	249	47%	35%	76	14%	328	62%	16,136,364	30,736
G Cheyne	666	113	17%	185	28%	33%	105	16%	380	57%	9,284,300	13,940
R Mungler	1107	113	10%	96	9%	30%	121	11%	471	43%	10,361,646	9,360
R Fourie	497	109	22%	177	36%	34%	73	15%	315	63%	14,904,237	29,988
W Kennedy	902	100	11%	97	11%	37%	111	12%	424	47%	12,354,161	13,696
K De Melo	671	76	11%	71	11%	25%	84	13%	318	47%	8,735,926	13,019
A Domeyer	378	75	20%	99	26%	37%	59	16%	230	61%	7,827,475	20,708
L J Ferraris	675	67	10%	63	9%	29%	62	9%	248	37%	7,289,661	10,799
S Veale	481	61	13%	69	14%	36%	39	8%	212	44%	6,218,625	12,929
C Zackey	788	58	7%	55	7%	22%	78	10%	283	36%	7,707,686	9,781
M v Rensburg	509	56	11%	44	9%	25%	44	9%	200	39%	5,765,861	11,328
C Orffer	381	51	13%	64	17%	36%	51	13%	185	49%	5,444,900	14,291
C Maujean	776	50	6%	45	6%	27%	64	8%	269	35%	5,423,022	6,988
M Khan	440	49	11%	35	8%	29%	46	10%	182	41%	5,317,762	12,086

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %										
SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 5 May 2019										
trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
JAJ v Vuuren/A Marcus	32	17	53%	24	75%	63%	5	16%	1,294,412	40,450
PA Peter/C T Ndlovu	23	10	43%	14	61%	64%	4	17%	718,750	31,250
MF de Kock/G Lerena	66	23	35%	34	52%	38%	13	20%	5,127,460	77,689
GB Puller/A Marcus	30	10	33%	21	70%	33%	5	17%	780,550	26,018
PA Peter/G Lerena	37	12	32%	22	59%	45%	8	22%	1,520,323	41,090
MG & AA Azzie/G Lerena	34	11	32%	17	50%	47%	1	3%	862,548	25,369
BJ Crawford/A Marcus	107	32	30%	54	50%	41%	20	19%	3,331,200	31,133
A Nel/A Domeyer	49	13	27%	18	37%	50%	9	18%	1,035,875	21,140
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	91	24	26%	50	55%	36%	19	21%	2,891,087	31,770
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	317	80	25%	154	49%	32%	64	20%	5,350,175	16,878
J Snaith/R Fourie	380	93	24%	152	40%	36%	61	16%	12,561,425	33,056
S von W Smit/D R Lerena	63	13	21%	8	13%	63%	9	14%	647,075	10,271
MG & AA Azzie/M v Rensburg	56	12	21%	1	2%	0%	4	7%	1,259,861	22,498
Gareth Van Zyl/W Kennedy	88	18	20%	14	16%	64%	12	14%	1,554,350	17,663
J Ramsden/S Khumalo	51	10	20%	6	12%	33%	5	10%	1,867,500	36,618

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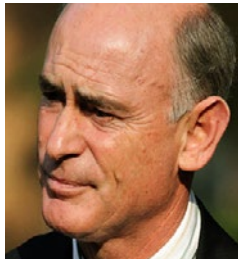


Gavin Lerena has been riding with confidence

Lerena Gets The Vote

Former SA Champion jockey Gavin Lerena was at his brilliant best at Turffontein on Election Day when he banged home five winners on the eight race card. Lerena scored his 139th winner of the season at a win strike-rate of 25.93% and moved into fourth position on the national log with just under three months left of the term. He rode two winners

apiece for Paul Peter and Lucky Houdalakis, and one for St John Gray.



Geoff Woodruff has two good fillies on his hands – watch them on the East Coast!

Guv & The Gold

Top trainer Geoff Woodruff has not enjoyed the best of seasons but struck back with a well-taken Champions Day double on Saturday. Both his winning fillies could make their mark down in KZN in the next few months. Promising Var flyer Schippers won the Camellia Stakes and now goes to the SA Fillies Sprint. Silvano's fast ascending stayer Sunshine

Silk won the Gr3 Gold Bowl and could have the Gold Cup as her main mission. The Guv is currently at 15th position on the log with 36 winners and R5,3 million in stakes.



Glen Kotzen and Morne Winnaar have formed a winter alliance that could pay dividends

Woodhill Warriors

Woodhill trainer Glen Kotzen and underrated jockey Morne Winnaar have struck up a nice partnership in the past few weeks. Kotzen's powerhouses are up in KZN for the SA



Champions Season and without a dedicated stable jockey, Winnaar has stepped into the winter breach down at home base for the Paarl-based outfit. On Sunday the

Silvano gelding Six Degrees became the duo's sixth winner of the term- and with Winnaar likely to get the better chances, it could be an interesting few months ahead.

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Older Generation Still Has The Edge

Rainbow Bridge and Undercover Agent stay ahead of 3yo Hawwaam – if only just

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
121	Rainbow Bridge	4	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	3May	2	Cnd	1400	Greyville	81/121/99/122/-
121	Undercover Agent	4	Captain Al	Moutonshoek	3May	1	Cnd	1400	Greyville	121/121/110/118/-
115	Will Pays	7	Imperial Stride	Northfields Stud	3May	5	Cnd	1400	Greyville	114/115/-/-/-
111	Zouaves	5	Sail From Seattle	Danika Stud	3May	6	Cnd	1400	Greyville	97/113/94/-/-
111	Cirillo	3	Pomodoro	Riverton Stud	3May	3	Cnd	1400	Greyville	110/113/-/-/-
110	Wynkelder	5	Kahal	Kjell Foundation	3May	1	Cnd	1200	Greyville	110/86/-/-/-
110	Pacific Trader	4	Sail From Seattle	Ascot Stud	4May	1	WFA	1000	Turffontein	117/-/-/-/-
109	Frosted Gold	2	All Too Hard	bred in New Zealand	4May	1	Cnd-2	1160	Turffontein	109/-/-/-/-
107	Infamous Fox	4	Foxwedge	bred in Australia	3May	7	Cnd	1400	Greyville	63/108/-/78/-
106	Hard To Play	4	Curved Ball	IR Heyns	3May	4	Cnd	1200	Greyville	106/102/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
112	Clouds Unfold	3	What A Winter	Drakenstein Stud	5May	1	Cnd	1000	Kenilworth	112/109/-/-/-
111	Schippers	4	Var	G van Lear	4May	1	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	111/74/-/-/-
109	Cavivar	2	Var	Lammerskraal Stud	4May	2	Cnd2f	1160	Turffontein	109/-/-/-/-
109	Basadi Faith	2	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	4May	1	Cnd2f	1160	Turffontein	110/-/-/-/-
105	Princess Rebel	4	Rebel King	Favour Stud	4May	2	WFA	1000	Turffontein	108/-/-/-/-
104	Mighty High	3	Pathfork	Maine Chance	4May	2	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	111/-/-/-/-
103	Green Plains	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Gary Player Stud	4May	3	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
103	Lady In Black	4	Dynasty	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	3May	4	Cnd	1400	Greyville	75/110/110/100/-
103	Freedom Charter	4	Elusive Fort	PG de Beyer	3May	1	Cndfm	1200	Greyville	103/97/-/-/-
99	Elusive Heart	4	Elusive Fort	Narrow Creek Stud	3May	2	Cndfm	1200	Greyville	99/101/82/97/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
118	Hawwaam	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	4May	1	WFA	2000	Turffontein	-/107/115/118/-
112	One World	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	27Apr	1	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	-/116/-/-/-
111	Twist Of Fate	3	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	3May	1	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	102/111/111/-/-
110	National Park	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Missing U Syndicate	3May	2	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	76/114/101/-/-
108	Bunker Hunt	3	Dynasty	Varsfontein Stud	3May	3	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	90/108/-/98/-
108	Vardy	3	Var	Tawny Syndicate	27Apr	2	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	83/108/-/-/-
106	Zillzaal	3	Silvano	AI Adiyaat	4May	7	WFA	2000	Turffontein	72/101/93/106/101/
106	Thanksgiving	3	Dynasty	Gary Player Stud	3May	5	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	76/106/-/84/-
106	Soqrat	3	Epaulette	bred in Australia	3May	4	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	91/118/-/-/-
106	Divine Odyssey	4	Oratorio	LMF Wernars	4May	3	WFA	2000	Turffontein	23/94/101/106/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
111	Santa Clara	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	3May	1	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	90/111/-/89/-
105	Front And Centre	3	Dynasty	Highlands	3May	2	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	86/106/-/-/-
104	Return Flight	3	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	4May	1	Cndfm	2000	Turffontein	-/104/102/104/103/
103	Temple Grafina	3	Duke Of Marmalade	MF Cowe	3May	3	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	98/103/-/-/-
101	Cascapedia	5	High Chaparral	bred in Ireland	4May	2	WFA	2000	Turffontein	-/106/103/106/-
100	Silvano's Pride	3	Silvano	AC Peter	3May	4	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	65/100/-/-/-
100	Running Brave	3	Brave Tin Soldier	Summerhill Stud	3May	5	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	95/102/96/-/-
98	Nafaayes	3	Exceed And Excel	bred in Australia	3May	6	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	87/106/101/-/-
96	Moon In June	3	Twice Over	B Kantor	3May	8	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	65/96/87/-/-
96	Celtic Sea	3	Captain Al	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	3May	7	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	103/104/-/-/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
118	Hawwaam	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	4May	1	WFA	2000	Turffontein	-/107/115/118/-
112	One World	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	27Apr	1	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	-/116/-/-/-
111	Cirillo	3	Pomodoro	Riverton Stud	3May	3	Cnd	1400	Greyville	110/113/-/-/-
111	Twist Of Fate	3	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	3May	1	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	102/111/111/-/-
110	National Park	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Missing U Syndicate	3May	2	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	76/114/101/-/-
108	Bunker Hunt	3	Dynasty	Varsfontein Stud	3May	3	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	90/108/-/98/-
108	Vardy	3	Var	Tawny Syndicate	27Apr	2	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	83/108/-/-/-
106	Thanksgiving	3	Dynasty	Gary Player Stud	3May	5	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	76/106/-/84/-
106	Zillzaal	3	Silvano	AI Adiyaat	4May	7	WFA	2000	Turffontein	72/101/93/106/101/
106	Soqrat	3	Epaulette	bred in Australia	3May	4	WFA-3	1600	Greyville	91/118/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
112	Clouds Unfold	3	What A Winter	Drakenstein Stud	5May	1	Cnd	1000	Kenilworth	112/109/-/-/-
111	Santa Clara	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	3May	1	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	90/111/-/89/-
105	Front And Centre	3	Dynasty	Highlands	3May	2	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	86/106/-/-/-
104	Return Flight	3	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	4May	1	Cndfm	2000	Turffontein	-/104/102/104/103/
104	Mighty High	3	Pathfork	Maine Chance	4May	2	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	111/-/-/-/-
103	Temple Grafina	3	Duke Of Marmalade	MF Cowe	3May	3	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	98/103/-/-/-
100	Silvano's Pride	3	Silvano	AC Peter	3May	4	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	65/100/-/-/-
100	Running Brave	3	Brave Tin Soldier	Summerhill Stud	3May	5	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	95/102/96/-/-
98	Nafaayes	3	Exceed And Excel	bred in Australia	3May	6	WFA3f	1600	Greyville	87/106/101/-/-
96	Vistula	3	Ideal World	Riethuiskraal Stud	30Apr	1	Cndfm	1400	Vaal	94/96/-/-/-

The KRA Guineas was the second fastest, but they ran quicker in the first half of the race there. The Fillies Guineas was slowly run before developing into a sprint.

Gr2 Drill Hall Stakes R500,000

Thrill Hall

In a thrilling finish to the R500 000 Gr2 Drill Hall Stakes, the 2018 runner-up Undercover Agent made amends in gallant style when he rallied right back after leading most of the way to beat Sun Met winner Rainbow Bridge in a grandstand finish.

After going up to take his customary front-running role, where he was stalked by Cirillo, Lady In Black and Rainbow Bridge, Undercover Agent showed guts as he was headed by Cirillo at the 200m marker.

But Corne Orffer breathed deep for a final plunge and the 4yo colt showed his courage to hold off a flying Rainbow Bridge, who was switched in late.

At the line Undercover Agent held a neck advantage in a time of 83,39 secs.

A R325 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Undercover Agent is a winner of 7 races with 5 places from 16 starts and stakes of a healthy R5 721 875.

Bred by Moutonshoek, whose first Gr1 winner he was when winning the Gold Challenge last term, the winner is a son of deceased champion Captain Al (Al Mufti) out of the twice winning Secret Risk (London News).

Undercover Agent looks likely to bid for the Gr1 Gold Challenge double, while the Rattrays will be pleased with Rainbow Bridge's cracking run – his first in their famous red and white silks. The son of Ideal World is bound to shorten in the Vodacom Durban July betting.

Gr2 Drill Hall Stakes 1400m

Winner Undercover Agent set the pace; ran on
Runner-up Rainbow Bridge (best handicapped) raced 4th; ran on; was hanging in last 300m, shifting in
Third Cirillo (2nd best handicapped) raced 2nd; led entering straight; ran on strongly
Time: Comparatively, this was the fastest of the four races beyond sprint distances. We gave the winner (prev 110/121/121/112/118) 121 which makes the runner-up (prev 102/111/117/115/122) 121 and the third (prev 104/103/110/98/113) 111

121	1	0.00	UNDERCOVER AGENT	(2)	60.0	C Orffer
15/104	b c		Captain Al - Secret Risk (London News)			
121	2	0.15	RAINBOW BRIDGE	(9)	60.0	A Marcus
4 b g			Ideal World - Halfway To Heaven (Jet Master)			
111	3	0.35	CIRILLO	(3)	55.0	L Hewitson
3 b c			Pomodoro - Miss Wordsworth (Lake Coniston)			
103	4	2.10	Lady In Black	(1)	54.5	S Veale
115	5	2.25	Will Pays	(6)	60.0	C Zackey
111	6	2.40	Zouaves	(8)	58.5	M v Rensburg
107	7	2.70	Infamous Fox	(5)	57.0	M Byleveld
104	8	4.70	Sniper Shot	(4)	58.5	K De Melo
98	9	5.45	Sand And Sea	(7)	57.0	S Randolph
94	10	7.05	Matador Man	(10)	57.0	ES Ngwane
Time: 83.39s (59.56s avg/1000m, or 60km/h)						SP Total %: 115%
1st T:BJ Crawford O:Messrs Greg Bortz & A J van Huyssteen						B:Moutonshoek

Gr3 Poinsettia Stakes (F&M) R250,000

Fort's 1-2

Deputising for the Cape's recent Hong Kong export Aldo Domeyer, Bernard Fayd'herbe teamed up with Candice Bass-Robinson for a SA Champions Season opening feature double on Friday evening at Greyville.

After Santa Clara's impressive victory in the KRA Fillies Guineas, Fayd'herbe showed his great value as a thinking man's jockey when he grabbed the advantage halfway down the straight on the 2018 Gr3 Champagne Stakes winner who ran on powerfully to win the Gr3 Poinsettia Stakes by 1.10 lengths in a time of 71,31 secs.

Glen Kotzen's Elusive Heart made it a profitable race for winning breeder and part owner Peter de Beyer when she stayed on for second 0,30 lengths ahead of a flying Sugar Girl, who showed encouraging improvement.

Bred by Peter de Beyer, Freedom Charter is a daughter of Elusive Fort (Fort Wood) out of the once winning Captain Al mare, Betty Burke.

A R275 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, Freedom Charter has won 4 races with 8 places from 20 starts for stakes of R577 225.

Gr3 Poinsettia Stakes (F&M) 1200m
Winner Freedom Charter was cramped alongside the inside rail at the 900m; raced 4th; led 200m; ran on
Runner-up Elusive Heart lost 1 length at the start; raced 6th; ran on
Third Sugar Girl raced 7th; ran on; hanging out over the final 250m
Time: This was the second fastest of the five sprint races. We gave the winner (prev 103/98/102/92/91) 103 which makes the runner-up (prev 101/97/92/101/82) 101 and the third (prev 82/95/87/85/85) 95

105	1	0.00	FREEDOM CHARTER	(1)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe
4 ch f			Elusive Fort - Betty Burke (Captain Al)			
101	2	1.10	ELUSIVE HEART	(3)	60.0	G Cheyne
4 b f			Elusive Fort - Redeem My Heart (Indigo Magic)			
97	3	1.40	SUGAR GIRL	(8)	58.5	K De Melo
4 b f			Trippi - Ilha Grande (Tiger Ridge)			
98	4	2.15	Rose In Bloom	(9)	60.0	L Hewitson
94	5	2.20	Anime	(6)	58.5	S Veale
85	6	3.70	Juniper Spring	(5)	56.5	R Fourie
87	7	4.15	Township Melody	(2)	58.5	L J Ferraris
87	8	4.20	Neptune's Rain	(10)	58.5	A Marcus
85	9	4.70	Champenois	(7)	58.5	T Godden
83	10	5.20	Inverroche	(4)	58.0	B Lerena
78	11	6.70	Vision To Kill	(12)	58.5	W Kennedy
77	12	7.10	Isingamoya	(11)	58.5	S Randolph
Time: 71.31s (59.43s avg/1000m, or 61km/h)						SP Total %: 118%
1st T:C Bass-Robinson O:Messrs M F Bass, P G de Beyer, B Lemos & Wehann Smith B:PG de Beyer						

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TOP SCORERS for 2018/2019

(to 5 May 2019)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Soqratt	3	c	252	5
Kasimir	4	c	200	3
Hawwaam	3	c	200	3
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	192	5
Do It Again	4	c	166	3
Tilbury Fort	5	c	142	3
Clouds Unfold	3	f	142	4
Return Flight	3	f	130	3
Pacific Trader	4	c	126	2
Cascapedia	5	f	121	5
Undercover Agent	4	c	112	4
Nafaayes	3	f	110	4
Head Honcho	5	c	90	2
Chimichuri Run	3	c	88	4
Coral Fever	6	c	88	2
Atyaab	3	c	88	2
Front And Centre	3	f	88	2
Legal Eagle	7	c	87	3
Oh Susanna	4	f	83	2
Princess Rebel	4	f	79	2
Camphoratus	4	f	70	1
Samurai Warrior	3	c	70	1
Dawn Assault	5	c	69	2
Cirillo	3	c	64	2
Captain Aldo	8	c	62	2
Divine Odyssey	4	c	58	2
Lady In Black	4	f	54	3
Twist Of Fate	3	c	52	2
Magnificent Seven	4	c	50	1
Sunshine Silk	4	f	50	2
Doublemint	4	c	50	1
Mardi Gras	4	c	50	1
Gimme One Night	5	c	50	2
Zouaves	5	c	50	1
Running Brave	3	f	48	2
One World	3	c	48	2
Arctica	6	c	48	2
National Park	3	c	38	2
Quinlan	4	c	37	1
Palace Chapel	3	c	35	1
Bold Respect	4	c	34	2
Charles	3	c	33	1
Basadi Faith	2	f	30	1
Frosted Gold	2	c	30	1
Santa Clara	3	f	30	1
Schippers	4	f	30	1
Search Party	6	c	28	1
Trip To Heaven	7	c	26	1
Sylvan On Fire	5	f	25	1
Rebel's Champ	4	c	25	1
Zillzaal	3	c	25	1
Down To Zero	4	c	25	1

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Gr3 Strelitzia Stakes (2yo Fillies) R200,000

Tobie's Flyer

Trainer Tobie Spies celebrated a cracking start to his SA Champions Season campaign at Greyville on Friday evening when the lightning fast Potala Palace filly Singforafa went all the way to beat her stablemate Me Time in the R200 000 Gr3 Strelitzia Stakes.

The daughter of Ridgemont Highlands' massive value Singspiel sire Potala Palace, who is set to stand this season again for a fee of R5000, made it two wins from four starts when she burst away from her field under Craig Zackey to score at 10-1 by 1,25 lengths in a time of 65,92 secs.

Her more experienced stablemate Me Time made good late headway to hold off the Cape raider and favourite Vandah's Spirit, who had every chance.

Bred by NJ Swart from the thrice winning Whistling Wood mare First Whistle, the winner races in the silks of the trainer's Grandson Xander Spies, who has proven a lucky owner.

She took her stakes earnings to R199 500 and was described by jockey Craig Zackey as one of the quickest fillies he has ridden.

Gr3 Strelitzia Stakes (2yo fillies) 1100m

Winner Singforafa was very quickly 2 lengths clear, setting the pace; kept on strongly

Runner-up Me Time (3rd best handicapped) raced 5th; was bumped and cramped 1000m; ran on

Third Vandah's Spirit raced at the back 8 lengths off the pace entering the straight; ran on very well

Time: A relatively slow time on the day, this comparatively was the second slowest of the five sprinting events. We gave the runner-up (prev 76/85/76/73) 83 which makes the winner (prev 74/84/69) 87 and the third (prev 74/65/82) 84

87	1	0.00	SINGFORAFA	(3)	58.0	C Zackey	10/1
2 b f	Potala Palace - First Whistle (Whistling Wood)						
83	2	1.25	ME TIME	(2)	58.0	M Yeni	14/1
2 b f	Gimmetheregreenlight - What About Me (Tiger Ridge)						
84	3	2.55	VANDAH'S SPIRIT	(4)	60.0	A Marcus	53/20
2 b f	Trippi - Mana Mou (Captain Al)						
78	4	3.05	Naoshima	(5)	58.0	S Veale	14/1
81	5	3.45	Miss Honey	(8)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	5/1
72	6	5.05	Yessiricanboogie	(7)	58.0	W Kennedy	53/20
67	7	6.80	Elnora	(1)	58.0	L Hewitson	55/1
50	8	12.30	Her Royal Majesty	(6)	58.0	B Jacobson	4/1
Time: 65.92s (59.93s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: T Spies O: Mr X Spies B: NJ Swart							

Gr3 Godolphin Barb Stakes (2yo's) R200,000

Barb Wired!

Just a week after his stakes strike with a 1-2 in the Listed East Cape Nursery, Maine Chance stallion Vercingetorix produced his first graded winner in the shape of Dean Kannemeyer's very smart African Warrior, who sustained an early forward effort to win the R200 000 Gr3 Godolphin Barb.

A first feature winner for the DK Racing Syndicate, African Warrior started a weak 3-1 favourite and was last of the field of seven as they spun for home. He ducked down the inside rail for his run and at the 200m nothing looked to be going better – until Master Of Illusion clicked what it was all about.

In a drive to the wire, the Kannemeyer galloper held on by a nose to beat Master Of Illusion in a time of 66,58 secs.

African Warrior was bred by Boland Stud and was astutely picked up for R100 000 at the KZN Yearling Sale. He is out of the one-time winning Jet Master mare, Allez Afrique.

African Warrior has now won 2 of his 3 starts for 1 place and stakes of R201 125.

Dean Kannemeyer lauded the merits of Vercingetorix and would have been thrilled to have broken the SA Champions Season ice so early!

Gr3 Godolphin Barb Stakes (2yo's) 1100m

Winner African Warrior (2nd best handicapped) lost 1 length at start; raced at the back; ran on well to challenge 200m

Runner-up Master Illusion raced 2nd and challenged strongly

Third High Voltage lost 1 length at the start; raced 3rd; ran on

Time: Steady throughout, this was comfortably the slowest of the five sprint races. We gave the 4th (prev 87) 92 which makes the winner (prev 84/89) 95, the runner-up (prev 76) 95 and the third (prev 80/83) 89

95	1	0.00	AFRICAN WARRIOR	(7)	60.0	K De Melo	3/1
2 b g	Vercingetorix - Allez Afrique (Jet Master)						
95	2	0.05	MASTER OF ILLUSION	(5)	60.0	S Veale	4/1
2 b g	Master Of My Fate - Victorian Secret (Captain Al)						
89	3	0.55	HIGH VOLTAGE	(2)	58.0	C Zackey	7/2
2 b c	Querari - Heliane (Captain Al)						
92	4	1.05	Wave	(6)	60.0	W Kennedy	5/1
85	5	3.55	Padre Pio	(1)	60.0	L Hewitson	8/1
79	6	3.80	Ei' Zara	(4)	57.5	J Gates	13/1
67	7	6.05	Katie's Treasure	(3)	55.5	D De Gouveia	8/1
Time: 66.58s (60.53s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 113%							
1st T: D Kannemeyer O: D K Racing Syndicate (Nom: Mr D M Kannemeyer) B: Boland Stud							

In Full Flight Handicap (L) R150,000

On And On!

Summerveld trainer Tony Rivalland and jockey Sean Veale enjoyed the honour of winning the first feature of the SA Champions Season when the consistent On That Boulevard romped home to win the R150 000 Listed In Full Flight Handicap at Greyville on Friday evening.

In the keenly contested Bipot opener, the Gauteng raider Mardi Gras failed to quicken after being outpaced early and was well beaten into fourth.

Sean Veale rode a quietly confident race in the Mary Liley silks and showing a terrific turn of foot, On That Boulevard burst clear at the 250m marker to beat the late finishing Ishnana by 2,50 lengths in a time of 64,18 secs.

On That Boulevard, a former Mayfair Speculators owned galloper, has won 5 races with 5 places from 14 starts for stakes of R432 575.

Bred by Klawervlei Stud, On That Boulevard was originally purchased by Charles Laird for R900 000 off the 2016 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale.

He is by Trippi (End Sweep) out of the well performed Street Cry mare, Hollywoodboulevard.

In Full Flight Handicap (L) 1100m

Winner On That Boulevard (3rd best handicapped) raced 7th; led 250m; won well

Runner-up Ishnana (best handicapped) was slow into stride; 9th of 9 entering the straight; ran on

Third Sunset Eyes race 6th; ran on

Time: Comparatively this was the fastest of the five sprint races. We gave the runner-up (prev 90/93/94/94/99) 94 which makes the winner (prev 65/77/83/95/95) 100 and the third (prev 103/97/107/105/87) 103

97	1	0.00	ON THAT BOULEVARD	(4)	52.0	S Veale	4/1
4 b g	Trippi - Hollywoodboulevard(AUS) (Street Cry)						
91	2	2.50	ISHNANA	(9)	53.5	L J Ferraris	6/1
4 b g	Al Midaam - Bird Strike (Northern Guest)						
100	3	2.80	SUNSET EYES	(2)	58.5	C Orrfer	4/1
5 ch g	Western Winter - Winning Eyes (Qui Danzig)						
100	4	3.90	Mardi Gras	(8)	60.0	R Simons	2/1
83	5	4.00	Premier Show	(1)	52.5	C Habib	45/1
80	6	4.40	Whorly Whorly	(3)	52.0	L Hewitson	18/1
97	7	4.60	Romi's Boy	(5)	60.0	M Yeni	11/1
81	8	4.90	Goliath Heron	(6)	53.0	K De Melo	16/1
66	9	8.10	Il Mazzio	(7)	52.0	J Gates	36/1
Time: 64.18s (58.35s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 112%							
1st T: AJ Rivalland O: Mrs M D J Liley, Messrs I M Espitalier Noel & A S Potts B: Klawervlei Stud							

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

TURFFONTEIN (stand side)
Saturday, 4 May

Course Variant: 0.36s fast (straight) – 2.86s slow (bend)
With no rain and just 6mm of irrigation added to the track in the seven days leading up to this meeting, the penetrometer read 21, and the going was posted as good. There was a very moderate 11km/h cross/head wind. The false rail was out from 2.5m in the back straight to 7m on the bend, with a 7m spur at the 700m mark.

Gr1 Computaform Sprint

R1000,000

Trading Up!

Multiple SA champion Piere Strydom won the R1 million feature for the fifth time this century when he rode a finely judged race to get the Cape raider Pacific Trader home for Brett Crawford under the lights on Saturday. Strydom had Pacific Trader out the stalls quickly and he tracked the lightning fast Princess Rebel all the way. At the 200m mark Strydom hesitated as he seemed to want to go in but then opted to come outside of the little chestnut speed machine. Producing his peak career performance at his first start here, the 6-1 Pacific Trader responded and nabbed the 36-1 Princess Rebel on the line to win by a short head in a time of 56.66 secs. Bred by Ascot Stud, Pacific Trader is by Sail From Seattle (Gone West) out of the Cape Cross mare, Agbalat – an unraced daughter of Irish Gr2 2000m winner Tarfshi (Mtoto). He was bought for R150 000 by trainer Brett Crawford on the 2016 CTS Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale and took his earnings with his first group victory to R967 313. This was his fifth win and he has clocked up 4 places from 11 starts.

Gr1 Computaform Sprint 1000m

Winner Pacific Trader (2nd best handicapped) raced 2nd; got up late
Runner-up Princess Rebel set the pace and was almost 2 lengths clear at 400m; kept on strongly; piped very late
Third Chimichuri Run raced 6th some 3 lengths off the pace at 400m; ran on
Time: The time was a good one, although it was comparatively the slowest of the four sprint races. We gave the 8th (beaten 2 lengths – prev best 102) 102 which makes the winner (prev 51/103/107/117/112) 110, the runner-up (prev 105/100/108/58/88) 105 and the third (prev 109/97/97/107/110) 103

110	1	0.00	PACIFIC TRADER	(11)	60.0	P Strydom	21/4
4 b g	Sail From Seattle - Agbalat(GB) (Cape Cross)						
105	2	0.10	PRINCESS REBEL	(1)	57.5	D De Gouveia	36/1
4 ch f	Rebel King - First Wave (Waldoboro)						
103	3	1.20	CHIMICHURI RUN	(4)	58.5	A Marcus	4/1
3 ch c	Trippi - Spiced Gold (Kahal)						
105	4	1.30	Quinlan	(17)	60.0	W Agrella	36/1
102	5	1.50	Palace Chapel	(15)	58.5	W Kennedy	36/1
104	6	1.60	Search Party	(16)	60.0	C Offer	22/1
102	7	2.00	Prince Of Kahal	(14)	60.0	M Yenii	22/1
97	8	3.30	Speedpoint	(9)	60.0	R Fourie	15/2
96	9	3.50	Down To Zero	(6)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	30/1
92	10	4.00	Van Halen	(8)	58.5	D Schwarz	11/1
93	11	4.25	Trip To Heaven	(2)	60.0	L Hewitson	8/1
92	12	4.50	Rivarine	(12)	60.0	G Cheyne	28/1
90	13	4.65	Basilius	(5)	58.5	J Penny	25/1
90	14	5.00	Rebel's Champ	(7)	60.0	G Lerena	11/1
89	15	5.30	Clever Guy	(3)	60.0	S Brown	36/1
88	16	5.50	Attenborough	(13)	60.0	S Khumalo	17/1
68	17	10.50	Bull Valley	(10)	60.0	C Habib	44/1

Time: 56.66s (56.66s avg/1000m, or 64km/h) **SP Total %:** 113%
1st T:BJ Crawford O:Messrs M J Maritz & F van Wyk B:Ascot Stud

Gr1 Premier's Champion Chall. R4000,000

Ha...Wham!

Mike de Kock's star 3yo Hawwaam put the cherry on top of a R7,2 million Pick 6 prize at Turffontein on Saturday when he streaked clear to an impressive victory in the R4 million Gr1 Premiers Champions Challenge. Hawwaam, who started a red hot odds-on order, was always in a good position and he won his biggest prize to date amid roars of approval from the festive Champions Day crowd. Hawwaam and stable companion Soqrat, who ran a fast finishing fourth in Friday evening's KRA Guineas, will be entered for the Gr1 Rising Sun Gold Challenge, the Gr1 Champions Cup and the Gr1 Daily News. Hawwaam won unextended by 4 lengths in a time of 124.13 secs. The good mare Cascapedia tried her heart out in second, with the vastly improved Divine Odyssey a further quarter length back in third. The 2016 champion Legal Eagle made up lengths from last to stay on into fourth. A R1 million National Yearling Sale graduate, the half-brother to Sun Met winner Rainbow Bridge-who ran such a cracker in Friday evening's Drill Hall Stakes –

Hawwaam was bred by Mauritzfontein & Wilgerbosdrift, and is a son of multiple champion Silvano (Lomitas) out of the seven-time winner, Halfway To Heaven (Jet Master). He took his win total to 5 from 6 starts with 1 place and stakes of R4 378 125.

Gr1 Premier's Champions Challenge 2000m

Winner Hawwaam (2nd best handicapped) raced 3rd; got to lead 250m out; won comfortably
Runner-up Cascapedia (3rd best handicapped) raced 10th entering the home straight, almost 5 lengths behind the eventual winner; ran on
Third Divine Odyssey raced 8th entering home straight, some 3 lengths behind the eventual winner; ran on;
Time: Comparatively this was marginally the fastest of the eight races around the turn. We gave the third (prev 94/88/88/101/106) 106 which makes the winner (prev 102/107/102/107/115) 118 and the runner-up (prev 106/103/106/97/86) 101.

115	1	0.00	HAWWAAM	(7)	57.5	A Marcus	3/7
3 b c	Silvano - Halfway To Heaven (Jet Master)						
98	2	4.00	CASCAPEDIA	(5)	57.5	G Lerena	15/1
5 b m	High Chaparral - Janoubi(GB) (Dansili)						
103	3	4.25	DIVINE ODYSSEY	(9)	60.0	C Habib	20/1
4 b g	Oratorio - Divine Right (Dynasty)						
102	4	5.20	Legal Eagle	(12)	60.0	L Hewitson	12/1
101	5	5.25	Dark Moon Rising	(10)	60.0	W Kennedy	50/1
100	6	6.00	Unagi	(2)	60.0	C Zackey	55/1
103	7	6.10	Zillzaal	(8)	57.5	L J Ferraris	28/1
99	8	6.50	Dawn Assault	(6)	60.0	D L Habib	36/1
97	9	7.75	Noble Secret	(4)	60.0	R Simons	36/1
91	10	11.00	Red Chesnut Road	(11)	60.0	M v Rensburg	50/1
81	11	16.00	Tilbury Fort	(13)	60.0	P Strydom	17/2
79	12	17.00	Odd Rob	(3)	60.0	D Schwarz	150/1
64	13	22.00	Fort Ember	(1)	57.5	R Fourie	55/1

Time: 124.87s (62.44s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st T:MF de Kock O:Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum
B:Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Doing The Splits

Turffontein, 4 May

	1st call	400	fin	avg/ 1000	1st call /400	400 /fin
1600m						
Maiden Juv	20.58	77.99	101.92	(63.7)	57.41	23.93
Maiden Juv (f&m)	20.04	75.52	100.63	62.9)	55.48	25.11
MR94 Hcp	20.33	74.57	99.29	(62.1)	54.24	24.72
MR80 Hcp	20.90	75.36	100.12	(62.6)	54.46	24.76
2000m						
Gr2 Gerald Rosenbrg	46.60	102.34	126.33	(63.2)	55.74	23.99
Gr1 Champions Chlg	44.32	100.77	124.93	(62.5)	56.45	24.16
MR74 Hcp	43.93	100.90	126.84	(63.4)	56.97	25.94
3200m						
Gr3 Gold Bowl	133.55	192.00	215.49	(67.3)	58.45	23.49

The Gr1 Champions Challenge was comparatively the fastest of the eight races around the turn. In the main the pace was an honest one, although it did slow somewhat on the bend and Hawwaam was far from fully extended over the final 400m. The Gold Bowl was run at a very steady pace throughout, then developed into a sprint, recording the fastest time over the final 400m!

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Gr2 Gerald Rosenberg Stakes R500,000

Flyer!

Last season’s Equus Champion Two Year Old Filly Return Flight continues to make giant strides and set herself up for a likely bid on the Woolavington 2000 at Greyville next month, when running out an easy winner of Saturday’s R500 000 feature.

Sean Tarry and Anton Marcus teamed up again after Piere Strydom deputised in Marcus’ absence at the Dubai World Cup for her courageous victory in last month’s SA Oaks.

Marcus rode a typically brave and confident race from the front and obviously knowing what he had under him, never panicked as he pushed the bargain buy out ahead of the chasing bunch up the long Turffontein home straight.

Return Flight stayed on relentlessly under a well judged ride to beat Insignis by 1,25 lengths in a time of 126,33 secs.

A R20 000 CTS 2017 March Yearling Sale buy by Chris Van Niekerk’s Rainbow Beach Trading, Return Flight was bred by Mike Sharkey and is out of the four-time winner Heading Home (Special Preview). She has won 6 races with 4 places from 11 starts for impressive stakes earnings of R2 210 975.

Gr2 Gerald Rosenberg St. (F&M) 2000m
Winner Return Flight set the pace; kept on strongly
Runner-up Insignis raced 4th; 3 lengths behind the eventual winner entering home straight; ran on
Third Secret Potion (3rd best handicapped) raced 2nd a length behind the eventual winner entering home straight; no extra
Time: Particularly slowly run in the first half of the race, the overall time was not a good one. Assumed to be a false run race, with suspect ratings. We gave the 4th (prev best 94) 94 which makes the winner (prev 104/70/96/102/103) 104, the runner-up (prev 89/88/88/83/89) 94 and the third (prev 92/100/98/86/87) 93

104	1	0.00	RETURN FLIGHT	(1)	58.5	A Marcus	27/20
3 b f	Pomodoro - Heading Home (Special Preview)						
94	2	1.25	INSIGNIS	(5)	59.0	M v Rensburg	29/4
4 ch f	Go Deputy - Alula (Western Winter)						
93	3	2.75	SECRET POTION	(7)	60.0	G Lerena	11/1
4 b f	Elusive Fort - Lemon Drop Girl (Parade Leader)						
94	4	2.90	Pretty Border	(9)	56.5	L Hewitson	36/1
88	5	4.50	Fresnaye	(3)	59.0	S Khumalo	93/20
90	6	5.00	Ghaalla	(6)	56.5	R Simons	15/1
84	7	6.25	Jet Start	(2)	59.0	L J Ferraris	81/10
84	8	6.50	Sylvan On Fire	(4)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	9/1
85	9	8.00	My Dream Chaser	(8)	56.5	R Fourie	36/1
0	10	99.99	Cold Cash	(10)	59.0	D Schwarz	36/1
Time: 126.33s (63.17s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: SG Tarry O: Mr C J H Van Niekerk B: M Sharkey							

Gr2 Camelia Stakes (F&M) R400,000

G & G - Hot!

Geoff Woodruff and Gavin Lerena are a red hot combination and they produced a lovely Champions Day feature double at Turffontein on Saturday. The first of these was the Geoff van Lear owned and bred 4yo Schippers, who really showed her class when accounting for a quality field of stakes winners to win the R400 000 Gr2 Camellia Stakes run over the 1160m straight. Allowed to bowl just off the pace early on, Schippers finished with an electrifying burst to beat the smart Pathfork 3yo Mighty High by 2,50 lengths in a time 66,72 secs. Green Plains and Pretty Penny completed the quartet.

On this performance, and based on her showings this season, Schippers looks a lively candidate for the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint later this month. She had previously tasted graded success when victorious in the 2018 Gr3 Magnolia Handicap. Bred and raced by Geoff van Lear, she's a daughter of our Leading Sire of 2YO's in South Africa the past two years running, Var (Forest Wildcat) out of four-time winner Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois). She's won 6 races with 7 places from 15 starts for stakes of R870 950.

Gr2 Camellia Stakes (F&M) 1160m
Winner Schippers (2nd best handicapped) raced 5th; led 150m; won going away
Runner-up Mighty High (best handicapped) raced 8th 2 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on
Third Green Plains (3rd best handicapped) raced 2nd and got lead at 400m; outpaced latter stages
Time: Comparatively, this was the fastest of the afternoon's four sprint races. We gave the front running 4th (prev best 95) 95 which makes the winner (prev 90/10494/87/104) 111, the runner-up (prev 95/109/111/104/94) 104 and the third (prev 101/105/99/105/81) 103

111	1	0.00	SCHIPPERS	(3)	59.0	G Lerena	9/2
4 ch f	Var - Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois)						
104	2	2.50	MIGHTY HIGH	(8)	59.5	A Marcus	9/2
3 b f	Pathfork - Bold Nymph(AUS) (Shamardal)						
103	3	2.75	GREEN PLAINS	(10)	60.0	L J Ferraris	12/1
4 b f	Gimmethgreenlight - Savannah Leigh (Jet Master)						
95	4	4.25	Pretty Penny	(5)	59.0	R Danielson	30/1
95	5	4.35	San Fermin	(13)	59.0	M v Rensburg	6/1
85	6	6.25	Comaneci	(9)	57.5	R Fourie	18/1
85	7	7.00	La Bella Mia	(1)	59.0	M Yeni	33/4
83	8	7.50	Frederico's Dream	(7)	59.0	S Khumalo	36/1
80	9	7.55	Che Bella	(2)	57.5	W Kennedy	28/1
80	10	7.65	All At Once	(11)	57.5	C Zackey	14/1
71	11	10.00	Dancing Queen	(6)	57.5	D Schwarz	28/1
73	12	10.10	Exquisite Touch	(14)	59.0	L Hewitson	17/2
49	13	16.50	Covered In Snow	(12)	59.0	R Simons	28/1
47	14	17.00	Desert Rhythm	(4)	59.0	P Strydom	12/1
Time: 66.72s (57.52s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: GV Woodruff O: Mr Geoffrey van Lear B: G van Lear							

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Sat 11 May	(L) WSB East Cape Derby (3yo) 2400m Fairview (T)
Sat 18 May	Gr2 World Sports Betting 1900 1900m Greyville (T) (L) East Coast Cup (F&M) 2000m Greyville (T)
Sun 19 May	(L) Syringa Hcp (F&M) 1600m Turffontein (I)
Fri 24 May	(L) Dahlia Plate (2yo) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sat 25 May	Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint 1200m Scottsville Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint (F&M) 1200m Scottsville Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion (2yo) 1200m Scottsville Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship (2yoF) 1200m Scottsville Gr3 Winter Classic (3yo's) 1800m Kenilworth (L) Olympic Duel S. (F&M) 1200m Kenilworth (L) Stormsvlei Mile (3yoF) 1600m Kenilworth

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date	close	high	low	volume	
07Apr	645	645	645	6,288	
06Apr	674	674	611	7,244	
03Apr	674	674	674	0	
02Apr	674	674	674	0	
30Apr	674	675	602	6,144	
29Apr	620	719	620	15,742	
26Apr	660	660	655	1,955	
25Apr	700	700	700	285	
24Apr	700	700	675	3,200	



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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery (2yo's) R400,000

Faithful

Paul Matchett’s speedy Basadi Faith booked her Allan Robertson Championship berth at Scottsville later this month when she kept her perfect record intact when winning the R400 000 Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery at Turffontein on Saturday.

While she stepped up a notch on Champions Day and didn’t have things as easy as she did in the Ruffian Stakes, the smart filly showed resolution and a dash too much speed when registering her biggest victory to date.

Devin Habib, who has been in the saddle at all her four victories, once again showed that he has plenty of ability and confidence when given the opportunities.

The young rider was unflustered in his handling of his favourite filly and produced a polished performance as Basadi Faith galloped on relentlessly to make it four wins from four starts, going on powerfully to beat the improved again Cavivar by 66,98 secs.

Another good winner bred by Favour Stud, Basadi Faith was the second leg of a weekend feature double for Varsfontein stallion Master Of My Fate.

A bargain R45 000 Cape April Yearling Sale graduate, the very smart 2yo took her earnings to R475 000 and looks to have a very bright future.

Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery 1160m
Winner Basadi Faith (best handicapped) set the pace 1 length clear; kept on strongly; hung in from the 300m
Runner-up Cavivar raced 4th 1.5 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on Third True To Life raced in the rear early; 5th 2 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; no impression on first two
Time: This was the second fastest of the afternoon’s four sprint races. We gave the 4th (prev best 97) 97 which makes the winner (prev 86/92/110) 109, the runner-up (prev 92/91/74) 109 and the third (prev 89/97) 97

109	1	0.00	BASADI FAITH	(9)	60.0	D L Habib	16/10
2 b f Master Of My Fate - Coral Colour (Captain Al)							
109	2	0.30	CAVIVAR	(8)	60.0	P Strydom	13/1
2 ch f Var - Control Freak (Tamburlaine)							
97	3	4.00	TRUE TO LIFE	(6)	60.0	R Simons	15/4
2 b f Duke Of Marmalade - Mina Salaam(USA) (Medaglia d'Oro)							
97	4	4.25	Gin Fizz	(3)	60.0	G Lerena	6/1
94	5	5.25	What You Are	(2)	60.0	R Fourie	18/1
93	6	5.50	Rio's Winter	(10)	60.0	S Brown	8/1
64	7	15.00	Seemyvision	(7)	60.0	D Schwarz	66/1
61	8	16.25	Upcloseandpersonal	(4)	60.0	L Hewitson	11/1
57	9	17.50	Emerald Tiara	(5)	60.0	C Habib	22/1
46	10	21.00	Fly Away	(1)	60.0	W Kennedy	22/1
Time: 66.98s (57.74s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T:PF Matchett O:Mr J Abreu & Miss J Van Der Merwe B:Favour Stud							

Gr2 SA Nursery (2yo's) R750,000

Gold!

Mike de Kock and Anton Marcus enjoyed a profitable Champions Day at Turffontein on Saturday and their run commenced with a courageous victory by the New Zealand bred Frosted Gold in the R750 000 Gr2 SA Nursery.

The good looking grey showed plenty of early speed behind his stablemate Battleoftrafalgar and his Protea Stakes conqueror Twilight Moon, from his inside draw.

At the 250m marker, Marcus buckled down and Frosted Gold went on too strongly to beat the obviously smart Twilight Moon by 1,50 lengths in a time of 67,26 secs.

The winner’s stablemate Battleoftrafalgar ran a terrific race and showed plenty of pace to finish an excellent third under two lengths off the winner.

A winner of 3 races with 1 place from 4 starts, Frosted Gold took his earnings to R642 500. He was purchased by Form Bloodstock off the Blandford Lodge draft at the 2018 Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale for A\$180 000.

He is by Vinery Stud’s All Too Hard, the Champion Three-Year-Old Colt in Australia in 2012/13 and a half-brother to Australia’s famous galloper Black Caviar. Frosted Gold is out of the Verglas mare Mary Dór – a winner in France and a full sister to Gr1 performer, Stormy River.

Gr2 SA Nursery 1160m
Winner Frosted Gold (best handicapped) raced midfield early; 5th at 400m; led 100m; won going away
Runner-up Twilight Moon (2nd best handicapped) raced 2nd at 400m; led 300m; outpaced late
Third Battleoftrafalgar (debut run) jumped inwards and bumped Guantanamo Bay at the start; set the pace; outpaced latter stages
Time: The third fastest of the four sprint races; the time was a good one. We gave the runner-up (prev 85/100/105) 105 which makes the winner (93/106/106) 109 and the third 104

109	1	0.00	FROSTED GOLD	(1)	60.0	A Marcus	4/1
2 gr c All Too Hard - Mary d'Or(FR) (Verglas)							
105	2	1.50	TWILIGHT MOON	(12)	60.0	D Schwarz	71/20
2 b c Wylie Hall - Vanilla Twilight (Qui Danzig)							
104	3	1.75	BATTLEOFTRAFALGAR	(11)	60.0	R Simons	8/1
2 b c Captain Al - Gibraltar Blue(IRE) (Rock of Gibraltar)							
102	4	2.50	Got The Greenlight	(7)	60.0	S Khumalo	41/10
98	5	3.75	Invidia	(4)	60.0	P Strydom	28/1
94	6	5.00	Rock The Globe	(9)	60.0	L Hewitson	15/1
93	7	5.00	Putontheredlight	(6)	60.0	G Lerena	28/1
93	8	5.60	Guantanamo Bay	(10)	60.0	C Maujean	36/1
92	9	5.75	De La Cruz	(8)	60.0	M Yeni	13/1
72	10	10.75	Sarah	(5)	57.5	W Kennedy	10/1
61	11	16.00	Succession	(3)	60.0	L J Ferraris	36/1
52	12	19.00	Hertog	(2)	60.0	K Matsunyane	36/1
49	13	20.00	Lyntys Legacy	(13)	60.0	R Fourie	16/1
Time: 67.26s (57.98s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T:MF de Kock O:Mr D D MacLean B:bred in New Zealand							

Gr3 Gold Bowl R500,000

Smooth

The Lerena-Woodruff team made it SA Champions Day feature number two when the very progressive Silvano filly Sunshine Silk stayed on powerfully to beat a solid field of stamina hardknockers in the R500 000 Gr3 Gold Bowl.

Completing a nice hat-trick of features after the Sun Chariot and Caradoc Gold Cup, Sunshine Silk has relished the step up in ground and showed resolve and courage when pegging back the perpetual motion machine Dromedaris late in the 3200m contest.

Gavin Lerena knows her well and timed the effort to perfection as Sunshine Silk beat the year older gelding by a convincing half length in a time of 215,44 secs.

Sunshine Silk was bred by Gold Star Stud from champion Silvano (Lomitas) out of the Al Mafti mare, Vanilla Silk. She was purchased for R475 000 at the National Yearling Sale and took her stakes total to R926 200 with her sixth win and 12 places from 21 starts.

Bred on the same Silvano/Al Mufti cross as Gr1 winners Al Sahem, Bold Silvano and Kings Gambit, Sunshine Silk is an exciting player in our thin staying ranks

Gr3 Gold Bowl 3200m
Winner Sunshine Silk (3rd best handicapped) raced 7th; led 50m; won going away
Runner-up Dromedaris set the early pace; led again 400m; ran on strongly
Third Tirzan raced 4th; beaten 3 lengths
Time: Run at a sedate pace throughout, the time was a very slow one. We gave the third (prev 73/72/8160/81) 81 which makes the winner (prev 84/84/79/93/84) 95 and the runner-up (prev 63/81/82/70/85) 87

95	1	0.00	SUNSHINE SILK	(3)	57.0	G Lerena	9/2
4 ch f Silvano - Vanilla Silk (Al Mufti)							
87	2	0.50	DROMEDARIS	(5)	54.0	M Yeni	16/1
5 b g Global One - Nautical (Fort Wood)							
81	3	3.00	TIRZAN	(7)	53.0	S Khumalo	6/1
5 b g Seventh Rock - Tirza (Silvano)							
79	4	3.10	Bondiblu	(1)	52.0	M v Rensburg	25/1
94	5	4.75	Liege	(4)	60.0	R Danielson	14/1
74	6	6.75	Earth Sky	(6)	52.0	W Kennedy	18/1
73	7	7.00	Storm Warning	(13)	52.0	K Matsunyane	16/1
73	8	7.25	Royal Honour	(10)	52.0	J Penny	36/1
92	9	7.50	Walter Smoothie	(14)	61.0	D De Gouveia	29/4
72	10	8.00	Africa's Gold	(9)	52.0	C Maujean	16/1
76	11	9.75	Top Shot	(11)	55.0	D Schwarz	36/1
63	12	14.00	Seeking Gold	(2)	52.0	L J Ferraris	28/1
62	13	21.00	Whatabeauty	(12)	52.0	K Steyn	100/1
39	14	30.00	Forest Express	(8)	52.0	L Hewitson	63/20
Time: 215.44s (67.33s avg/1000m, or 53km/h) SP Total %: 112%							
1st T:GV Woodruff O:Mrs A Devachander B:Gold Star Stud							

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

KENILWORTH (new)**Sunday, 5 May**

Course Variant: 1.88s slow (straight)

With just 4mm of rain falling in the seven days leading up to this meeting, some 25mm of irrigation was added to the track. There was a 17km/h head wind and the false rail was out 2m from the 1800m mark, with a 6m spur at the 600m mark.

Perfect Promise Sprint (Listed) R150,000**Promising**

The well-related Amy Johnson had Snaith Racing spokesman Jono Snaith speaking in terms of the Cape Fillies Guineas after her dashing last gasp win in the R150 000 Listed Perfect Promise Sprint at Kenilworth on Sunday.

An elated Susan Rowett of the champion nursery Varsfontein, was over the moon – although it was tight.

“We don’t normally keep them out of young mares, but we couldn’t repeat the mating with Captain Al so it worked out well! Although she looked like a little bush pony early on,” she laughed.

After following her six opponents for much of the race, Amy Johnson flew up the outside and got the verdict by a short head from Drama Queen in a time of 74,72 secs.

A winner of 1 race from 2 starts, Amy Johnson took her stakes earnings to R101 750.

A grey daughter of Captain Al, Amy Johnson is a three parts sister to Bela-Bela. She is out of the four-time winning Jet Master mare, Touch The Sky, who won up to 2200m. Touch The Sky is out of the prolific winner producer Mystic Spring, a daughter of Royal Academy.

Perfect Promise Sprint (2yo fillies) (L) 1200m

Winner Amy Johnson (2nd best handicapped) raced 7th of the seven; ran on strongly; got verdict on the nod Runner-up Drama Queen raced 6th; led 200m

Third Sanskrift raced 4th; ran on

Time: Comfortably the slowest of the five sprint races on the card, six of the seven runners were virtually in line at the front 250m out We gave the third (prev 74/77) 79 which makes the winner (prev 80) 78 and the runner-up (prev 70/74/78) 82

78	1	0.00	AMY JOHNSON	(6)	58.0	R Fourie	71/20
2	gr f	Captain Al - Touch The Sky (Jet Master)					
82	2	0.05	DRAMA QUEEN	(3)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	4/1
2	b f	Ashaawes - Taking It Deep (Bushmanland)					
79	3	1.30	SANSKRIFT	(2)	60.0	K De Melo	6/1
2	b f	Duke Of Marmalade - Shina(GER) (Lomitas)					
66	4	4.30	Captain's Darling	(4)	58.0	R Khathi	9/1
68	5	5.30	Hidden Strings	(1)	60.0	C Orffer	9/1
51	6	9.80	Sailing Ship	(7)	58.0	L Hewitson	26/10
17	7	23.80	Ferrari Red	(5)	60.0	L Mxothwa	18/1
Time: 74.72s (62.27s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 109%							
1st T: J Snaith O: Varsfontein Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr J S Kalmanson)							
B: Varsfontein Stud							

Somerset 1200 (2yo's)(Listed) R150,000**A Grade!**

The Brett Crawford Racing Team crowned a memorable feature weekend when the What A Winter colt Armando proved too strong for his rivals and bounded clear to maintain his unbeaten record in the R150 000 Listed Somerset 1200 at Kenilworth on Sunday.

With a Gr2 win at Greyville on Friday evening and a big Gr1 score by the speed merchant Pacific Trader at Turffontein on Saturday, Armando completed the run and only won a listed race – but caught the eye in the process.

Owned by Hong Kong interests, Armando started a hot order at 9-10 and duly confirmed his impressive Durbanville debut win last month with a facile win – albeit by just a length.

Brett Crawford, who had a busy weekend saddling winners out of a suitcase, thanked the owner and Tony Millard for the privilege of training a horse who could be headed East in time to come.

A R650 000 National Yearling Sale buy, Armando has won 2 from 2 and took his stakes earnings to R143 750. Bred by Lammerskraal, the winner is a son of Equus champion What A Winter (Western Winter) out of the Yes It's True mare, Big Mona.

Somerset 1200 (2yo's) (L)

Winner Armando raced 3rd; brushed Ground Control 100m out; led 100m; ran on Runner-up Captain Tatters raced 6th of the eight 3 lengths off the pace; ran on Third Ground Control (best handicapped) set the pace; brushed winner 100m out; out-run latter stages

Time: The third fastest of the afternoon's five sprint races, and the time on the day was a moderate one. We gave the third (prev 87/91) 90 which makes the winner (prev 87) 95 and the runner-up (prev 86) 93

95	1	0.00	ARMANDO	(2)	60.0	C Orffer	9/10
2	b c	What A Winter - Big Mona(USA) (Yes It's True)					
93	2	1.00	CAPTAIN TATTERS	(6)	60.0	R Fourie	5/1
2	b c	Gimmethgreenlight - Lady Tatty (Solskjaer)					
90	3	2.00	GROUND CONTROL	(1)	60.0	G Cheyne	14/1
2	b c	Var - Pan Amm (Jet Master)					
85	4	3.75	Minnesota Dream	(7)	60.0	K De Melo	16/1
71	5	9.00	Tutorial	(5)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	28/1
70	6	9.20	Fearless Warrior	(8)	60.0	M Byleveld	4/1
61	7	12.45	Mister Vargus	(4)	60.0	R Khathi	36/1
54	8	15.20	Hexatonic	(3)	60.0	M Winnaar	20/1
Time: 74.22s (61.85s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 113%							
1st T: B J Crawford O: Mr R Ng B: Lammerskraal Stud							

Notice - Durbanville Sunday

A meeting at Durbanville on Sunday 12 May has been added to the racing calendar – to compensate for the cancelled Election Day meeting at the same venue.

The programme for that 8 May Wednesday meeting stands- but new entries were called for. Entries closed today at 12h30 and declarations were made at 13h30.

The meeting will thus not be carried in our weekend print edition but find a racecard from Friday 10 May on sportingpost.co.za

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

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Scarborough Fair 2f (Olympic Affair by Tamburlaine)

[Fairview 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Enjoy The View 2c (Dream Model by Pissaro)

[Scottsville 2 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

Straight Shooter 2g (Bindella by Jallad)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

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

[Fairview 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Promising Of All 2f (Budding Beauty by Lambent Light)

[Fairview 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Self-Mastery 2c (Shanti by Pissaro)

[Scottsville 2 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Black Knight 2c (Royale Noir by Black Minnaloushe)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(11/05\)](#)

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Parterre 2c (Square Dance by Oasis Dream)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(11/05\)](#)

Floribunda 2f (Bourbon Rose by Requiem)

[Turffontein 8 Workriders Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(11/05\)](#)

LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

Trial Run 2c (Dummy Run by Mogok)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(11/05\)](#)

Bold Linngari 2c (Heartbreaker by Sapieha)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(11/05\)](#)

Blushing Bride 2f (Marry Me Mullins by Mullins Bay)

[Fairview 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

Lucio 2g (Laura's Gift by Manshood)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(11/05\)](#)

Alaskan Fate 2f (Iditarod by Western Winter)

[Fairview 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Talia Al Ghul 2f (Royal Yacht by Caesour)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(12/05\)](#)

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Fairyland 2f (Tinseltown by Modus Vivendi)

[Fairview 3 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Blush Of Dawn 2f (Pink West by Manshood)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(12/05\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Justinian 2c (Secret Pledge by Black Minnaloushe)

[Scottsville 2 Juvenile Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

Saipan 2g (She's A Stunner by Treador)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

Special Blend 2c (Mabola Plum by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Poincia 2c (Kiss From A Rose by Eyeofthetiger)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

2nd season sires - 3yo's

ATO (Royal Academy)

Charlie-Fox 3g (Marquise by Right Wing)

[Scottsville 6 MR 72 Apprentice Handicap 1000m \(12/05\)](#)

DUKE OF MARMALADE (Danehill)

Someone's Secret 3g (Pemba Island by Trippi)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1300m \(10/05\)](#)

Country Squire 3g (Counter Foil by Eliodor)

[Turffontein 2 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m \(11/05\)](#)

JACKSON (Dynasty)

Cirencester Rose 3g (Lady Captain by Captain Al)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1300m \(10/05\)](#)

Larry Jack 3g (Weather Report by Silvano)

[Fairview 5 MR 72 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1300m \(10/05\)](#)

Suzie Mayweather 3g (Blackeyed Susan by Wolfhound)

[Fairview 2 Workrider's Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(11/05\)](#)

Reymundo 3g (Taj Mahal Trip by Trippi)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Tasty Jack's 3g (Full Flavor by Smart Strike)

[Turffontein 5 Workriders Maiden Plate 1600m \(11/05\)](#)

Uncle Tom 3g (Brilliant Brook by Argosy)

[Turffontein 5 Workriders Maiden Plate 1600m \(11/05\)](#)

MASTER OF MY FATE (Jet Master)

One Destiny 3g (Lady Asrai by Flaming Rock)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)

Turf Master 3g (Couturier by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 6 Workriders Maiden Plate 2000m \(11/05\)](#)

Destinys Game 3g (Bay Of Desire by Red Ransom)

[Turffontein 8 Workriders Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(11/05\)](#)

Little Audrey 3g (She Wolff by Captain Al)

[Scottsville 4 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1750m \(12/05\)](#)

Mastagambit 3g (Keyra by Western Winter)

[Scottsville 5 MR 90 Handicap 1400m \(12/05\)](#)

Master Of Fire 3g (Forty Fires by Western Winter)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate 1200m \(12/05\)](#)

SIGNPOSTS

NOBLE TUNE (Unbridled's Song)

Brevin 3g (Borrego Honey by Borrego)
[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(11/05\)](#)
Born Rich 3g (Vestalia by Caesour)
[Turffontein 6 Workriders Maiden Plate 2000m \(11/05\)](#)

POMODORO (Jet Master)

Pomaceous 3g (Festive Fantasy by Special Preview)
[Fairview 5 MR 72 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1300m \(10/05\)](#)
Gus 3g (Gina by Al Mufti)
[Turffontein 5 Workriders Maiden Plate 1600m \(11/05\)](#)
Slay The Dragon 3g (Lute Of Jade by Western Winter)
[Turffontein 6 Workriders Maiden Plate 2000m \(11/05\)](#)
Cedar Man 3g (Dharmsala by Fantastic Light)
[Fairview 7 East Cape Derby \(3yo's\)\(Listed\)\(Turf\) 2400m \(11/05\)](#)
Rose D'ore 3g (Ebony Rose by Dynasty)
[Turffontein 8 Workriders Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(11/05\)](#)

POTALA PALACE (Singspiel)

Imperial Royal 3g (Irish Royal by Kalanisi)
[Scottsville 4 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1750m \(12/05\)](#)

SKITT SKIZZLE (Jet Master)

Engadine 3g (Delaware Eve by Rakeen)
[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate 2200m \(10/05\)](#)

THE APACHE (Mogok)

Cape Leopard 3g (Darley Rose by Fusaichi Pegasus)
[Fairview 7 East Cape Derby \(3yo's\)\(Listed\)\(Turf\) 2400m \(11/05\)](#)

THE ASSAYER (Galileo)

Pinky Pie 3g (Mary's Jet by Toreador)
[Fairview 2 Workrider's Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(11/05\)](#)
Flirty Girty 3g (Power Attraction by Dominion Royale)
[Turffontein 7 Workriders Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(11/05\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

CAPETOWN NOIR

Rated **AR 87 Capetown Affair** (2c Romantic Drama by Model Man)
Maiden Juvenile Plate Vaal (1100m) (2/5)
Having his second career start here, Ashley Fortune's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 100m marker and kept on strongly late to fend off a determined challenge from the favourite El Patron.

SILVANO

Rated **AR 81 Tree Tumbo** (2c Welwitschia by Oasis Dream)
Maiden Juvenile Plate Turffontein (1600m) (4/5)
Trying a mile after running on stoutly from the rear over 1400m last time out, Sean Tarry's charge showed considerable improvement. Racing much closer to the pace here, Tree Tumbo took up the running 380m out and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by three.

Horses To Follow

VERCINGETORIX

Rated **AR 95 African Warrior** (2g Allez Afrique by Jet Master)
Gr3 Godolphin Barb Stakes Greyville (turf) (1100m) (3/5)
Now a winner of two from three, Dean Kannemeyer's charge wasn't the quickest into stride here, and raced at the back. He ran on stoutly in the short home straight and narrowly got the verdict over what looked to be a very promising field.

ALL TOO HARD

Rated **AR 109 Frosted Gold** (2c Mary D'or by Verglas)
Gr2 SA Nursery Turffontein (1600m) (4/5)
Now a winner of three from four, Mike De Kock's charge raced in midfield early on. He took closer order as they approached the 400m pole, and won going away after striking the front 150m out.

SILVANO

Rated **AR 118 Hawwaam** (3c Halfway To Heaven by Jet Master)
Gr1 Premier's Champions Challenge Turffontein (2000m) (4/5)
Beaten just once in five starts coming into the race, Mike De Kock's charge was taking on older horses for the first time here. Now ridden by Anton Marcus, Hawwaam surprised many by racing much closer to the speed than previously. He only had to be pushed out in order to take up the running 250m from home, and with plenty in hand he went on to score by four.

WHAT A WINTER

Rated **AR 112 Clouds Unfold** (3f Montelissima by Montjeu)
Pinnacle Stakes Kenilworth (1000m) (5/5)
Beaten just twice in nine starts, Candice Bass Robinson's charge has been going from strength to strength in recent months. Confidently ridden by Bernard Fayd'Herbe here, the daughter of Western Winter sat at the back early on. She cut through the field like a knife when given rein and drew clear in good style late on to win by a length and three quarters.

Winners Bred Abroad

- Sun up** (IRE) 4f Dawn Approach- Arabian Mirage(GB) (Oasis Dream)
Fairview 1600m (29/04)
- State Star** (IRE) 5m High Chaparral- Ursula Minor(IRE)
(Footstepsinthesand)
Vaal 1600m (30/04)
another **AUSHORSE** winner
- Street Flyer** (AUS) 7g Flying Spur- Rue Des Reves(USA)
(Royal Academy)
Vaal 1600m (30/04)
another **AUSHORSE** winner
- Effortless Reward** (AUS) 5m Reward For Effort- Sharna Cabarna(AUS)
(Dolphin Street)
Greyville 400m (03/05)
another **AUSHORSE** winner
- Anse Lazio** (AUS) 3g Camelot- Port Elizabeth(IRE) (Danehill Dancer)
Kenilworth 2500m (05/05)

Andreas Jacobs – 'We Need Market To Open'

The Jacobs family are among the leading owner-breeders in Europe having raced four Deutsches Derby winners as Gestut Fahrhof in Germany and are also custodians of Enable's sire Nathaniel and golden goose Shastye at Newsells Park Stud in Britain.

But they have also come to dominate the breeding landscape in South Africa, where Dr Andreas Jacobs acquired Maine Chance Farms in 2002.

Jacobs is acutely aware of the challenges facing the South African industry, particularly the need to renegotiate the direct trade of horses between the country and the European Union (EU), which could open up direct trade between South Africa and other non-EU countries.

"Trade always means moving horses in two directions, it's not one-sided," he says. "Both continents and countries benefit hugely from exchanging bloodlines.

"Since coming to South Africa, I have brought about 60 to 80 European mares here, to bring fresh blood and quality to the mare band. I've also brought four or five stallions to improve and diversify the gene pool, which has always been the biggest driver for me.

"I think that was very beneficial for the industry here. The fact this country can breed tough horses has been proven in Dubai and Hong Kong, with South African bred winning big races in those two destinations." [Read more here](#)



SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Game week 38 Preview



The Premier League draws back its curtain for one final time this season, with not much left to fight for besides the league title this Super Sunday. The top four was all but confirmed last weekend with Chelsea distancing themselves from Manchester United and Arsenal, who were both held to 1-1 draws. Elsewhere, Cardiff's relegation was also set in stone after their 3-2 home defeat against Crystal Palace. Now, all heads turn to the top of the table as Manchester City look to successfully defend their league title, while Liverpool lie in waiting hoping for their first-ever Premier League trophy.

To catch up with Jesse Nagel previews [CLICK HERE](#)

SUNDAY 12 MAY

22/10 Leicester City | Draw 5/2 | Chelsea 12/10 (16:00)

Brendan Rodgers' men beat Arsenal 3-0 in their last home tie and are tipped to claim maximum points over Chelsea.

49/20 Burnley | 11/4 | Arsenal 1/1 (16:00)

Take the home win here at 49/20.

2/9 Manchester United | 57/10 | Cardiff 10/1 (16:00)

Manchester United are tipped on the (-1) Handicap at 11/20.

17/10 Fulham | 5/2 | Newcastle 15/10 (16:00)

Take Both Teams to Score here at 6/10.

9/10 Tottenham | 51/20 | Everton 31/10 (16:00)

Put your money on the Away Win/Draw Double Chance at 17/20.

18/1 Brighton | 17/2 | Manchester City 1/8 (16:00)

Back the champions-elect to Score In Both Halves at 9/20.

3/10 Liverpool | 9/2 | Wolves 9/1 (16:00)

I'd back Liverpool to Win & Both Teams to Score here at 7/4!

9/10 Crystal Palace | 28/10 | Bournemouth 28/10 (16:00)

For this one, I'll be backing Over 2.5 Goals at 6/10.

4/10 Southampton | 38/10 | Huddersfield 13/2 (16:00)

With home advantage, Southampton should come out on top.

11/10 Watford | 26/10 | West Ham 47/20 (16:00)

My money is on Over 2.5 Goals here at 6/10.

TREBLE @ 12/1

Burnley Win 49/20

Liverpool Win & BTTS 7/4

Southampton Win 4/10

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Looking For Early Gain

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Daylight Robbery

Greyville 28 April

The three 1600m races on Sunday afternoon's poly track card were maiden events, and in the fastest these the strongly fancied JACQUELINE got off the mark. The best bet on the card for many, Dennis Drier's charge was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead early in the straight, and with some in hand won very cosily by three and a half.

1400m was the only other distance to stage more than race and in the quicker of two, a juvenile plate MASTER JAY gained his second win from just three starts. Another to race handy, the son of Jay Peg struck the front 200m out and just had enough in hand to beat the running on KNIGHT WARRIOR by a neck. The runner up came from the back of the midfield and was gaining quickly at the finish.

The listed Sledgehammer topped the bill and in new course record time Sporting Post's best handicapped runner ORPHEUS ran out a very easy winner. Allowed a soft lead going into the first bend, Michael & Adam Azzie's charge quickly went clear. Indeed, he was still eight lengths to the good going through the 300m. The pack chased hard in the closing stages of the race, but they barely made any impression.

Titbits Racing in open company, the 2yo KAYDENS PRIDE ran on well from midfield when winning the maiden plate over 1600m going away by three and a half.

Powerful Storm

Fairview 29 April

They raced on the poly track on Monday where victory in the faster of the two maiden events over 1000m that opened up proceedings went to the favourite SIR CALEB. Backed into odds on at the track, Gavin Smith's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m marker and drew clear easily in

the closing stages of the race to score by three and a half.

Two 1300m events were next up and the faster of these, a MR66 Handicap, the Dynasty gelding DYNASTY'S BOY ran out a very easy winner. Another to race handy, he took up the running 300m out and cruised clear in the latter stages to score by four.

The MR62 affair for the girls was the faster of the two handicaps over 1900m and here we saw a comfortable victory for the well supported EPIC STORM. Backed into second favourite, Alan Greeff's charge raced at the back of the twelve early on. She quickened best of all when given rein, and after striking the front 150m from home, she won going away by a length.

Titbits Backed into odds on, SOLEMN PROMISE only had to be pushed out when winning the MR61 handicap over 1600m going away.

Weighted To Win

Vaal 30 April

Three of the eight races at the Vaal on Tuesday were staged over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was VISTULA in the Assessment Plate. Sent off second favourite, the best weighted runner in the field was soon positioned close to the speed. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race and comfortably accounted for the second best weighted runner ANNEKA by two.

They also ran three races over 1600m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these, a MR71 Handicap, was the 7yo STREET FLYER. Easy to back at 22/1 on the off, the lightly weighted Flying Spur gelding was always handy. He was ridden to lead 250m out, and after a thrilling tussle with the much more fancied PRIVATE RULER, he only got the verdict by the narrowest of margins.

Two 1000m events made up the after-

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Orpheus	won 15/2
Topmast	won 27/4
Grey Missile	won 9/2
Take My Word	won 4/1
Dalai's Promise	won 61/20
Master Jay	won 18/10
Jacqueline	won 12/10
Sir Caleb	won 3/4

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (4) Ferrari's Moon 1
- Race 2: (1) Cirencester Rose 3
- Race 3: (2) Mindmymoooo 5
- Race 4: (3) Travel In Style 33
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TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (4) Kindavar 17
- Race 2: (3) Country Squire 14
- Race 3: (1) Baron Rodney 14
- Race 4: (2) Caftan 1
- Race 5: (4) Royal Pursuit 1
- Race 6: (1) Slay The Dragon 3
- Race 7: (1) Shezahotti 3
- Race 8: (2) Destinys Game 18

FAIRVIEW (SAT)

- Race 1: (3) Big Bay 10
- Race 2: (1) Dancing In Seattle 4
- Race 3: (1) Captain Anne Bonny 42 (NAP*)
- Race 4: (2) Tarique 3
- Race 5: (3) Make It Raine 61
- Race 6: (1) Juan Two Three 75
- Race 7: (6) In A Perfect World 49
- Race 8: (10) Don't Stop Dancing 53
- Race 9: (8) River Delta 46

SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (10) Talia Al Ghul 16 (NAP*)
- Race 2: (1) Into The Future 35
- Race 3: (4) Perpetual Flame 54
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Nap bets

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Notebook *Horses worth following at their next few starts...*
MARSANNE (D Howells, KZN)



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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

noon’s fare and in marginally the faster of these (on my clock) the 3yo Sail From Seattle gelding TOPMAST registered a well overdue second success. Priced up at 7/1 to win this MR80 Handicap, Dorrie Sham’s charge raced prominent throughout. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and with the rest comfortably beaten he got the better of a determined WHAT A CAPTAIN by a neck.

Titbits Sent off third in the betting market, the well supported newcomer EDEN ROC only had to be pushed out when beating the Gr3 Protea Stakes third placed runner GREEN LASER in the juvenile plate over 1400m.

Full Of Heart

Greyville 1 May

Racing returned to the poly track on Wednesday, and assisted by a 30km/h tail wind the times were faster than at the previous meeting on Sunday. Three of the afternoon’s eight races were staged over 1400m and in the fastest of these, a MR64 Handicap the favourite HIDDEN INFLUENCE registered his second career victory. Nicely positioned in third turning for home, Dean Kannemeyer’s charge took up the running 200m out, and comfortably accounted for the improving TRUST IN GOLD by a length.

A MR84 Handicap topped the bill and in what proved to be the faster of the two 1600m events HEART OF A LEGEND completed a quick double. Nicely positioned in third early on, Glen Kotzen’s charge initially struck the front shortly after passing halfway. She was headed by BE YOURSELF 150m out, but rallied gamely below the distance to get the verdict on the nod.

The maiden plate was surprisingly the faster of the two 1200m events on the card and here the well-exposed DALLAS deservedly opened his account. A runner up in four of his last five outings, the A P Arrow gelding made all. He kept on strongly in the short home straight and just held on by the narrowest of margins from the always handy RED HOT NIGHT.

Titbits Sent off favourite after the late scratching of ISIKHWAMI SAMI, the newcomer MARSANNE drew clear easily over the final 400m when winning the maiden event over 1400m going away by three.

Greener Pastures

Vaal 2 May

Quickest home in the three 1100m events at the Vaal on Thursday was MOON WARRIOR when winning the MR68 Handicap. Up with the speed throughout, the 3yo son of Elusive Fort ran on strongly over the final 400m and comfortably accounted for the running on MOSHAV by just over a length.

They also ran three races over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was BULLSADE in the MR92 Handicap. Soon up handy in what was always a very tightly bunched field, Roy Magner’s charge put her head in front 200m out. She kept on strongly late and beat the very steadily gaining CORDILLERA by a neck.

The MR80 Handicap was the faster of the two 1600m events and here the former Cape Town campaigner CARIOCA made it two from three since relocating. Always handy, Joey Ramsden’s charge ran on strongly at the business end of

the race, and with the rest comfortably beaten she got the better of the nibbled at SANS REGRETS by a quarter.

Titbits Running on from midfield, SEA DANCE won the MR68 Handicap over 1400m in good style going away.

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (POLY) 28 APRIL

Going – Standard	
Course Variant: 0,14s slow	
1200m (1) Mai Tai	71,87
1400m (2) Master Jay	83,36
1600m (3) Jacqueline	95,68
1800m (1) Orpheus	106,64
1900m (1) Gimme A Cohiba	114,67
2000m (1) Zagara	124,03

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 29 APRIL

Going – Standard	
Course Variant: 0,52s slow	
1000m (2) Sir Caleb	58,13
1200m (1) Sun Up	70,85
1300m (2) Dynasty’s Boy	75,48
1600m (1) Solemn Promise	97,61
1900m (2) Epic Storm	117,55

VAAL 30 APRIL


Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,09s slow	
1000m (2) Topmast	56,64*
1400m (3) Vistula	82,99
1600m (3) Street Flyer	95,56

GREYVILLE (POLY) 1 MAY

Going – Standard	
Course Variant: 0,34s fast	
1000m (1) Emerald Band	56,95
1200m (2) Dallas	69,70
1400m (3) Hidden Influence	81,50
1600m (2) Heart Of A Legend	94,06

VAAL 2 MAY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,46s slow	
1100m (3) Moon Warrior	63,37*
1400m (3) Bullsade	82,66*
1600m (2) Carioca	95,93
2000m (1) Seattle Force	123,70



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