

Ride A Rainbow?

It's been 31 long winters since Eric Sands saddled Champions Stakes winner Jungle Warrior and the Milnerton trainer is looking to end his season on a high with July runner-up Rainbow Bridge in the Gr1 Champions Cup next Saturday at Hollywoodbets Greyville. But with his July rider Gavin Lerena's likely sponsor commitments to Buffalo Bill Cody, who will partner the Ideal World gelding?



Cape Pride

Cape jockeys Aldo Domeyer and Grant van Niekerk are winging their way home from Hong Kong after the season finale on Sunday. Van Niekerk enjoyed a promising first season on the island with 31 winners, a Top 10 finish and \$45 million (R80 million) in gross stake earnings. He wouldn't have earned that at home! Domeyer, who only arrived in April 2019, rode 13 winners for \$14,3 million (R25,3 million) in stakes.

BETTER THAN ...?

The 4yo Buffalo Bill Cody (Redoute's Choice) smashing return to action on 7 July, when he made the accomplished Cirillo look ordinary after a 7 month break, sets him up for his biggest date in the Gr1 Champions Cup on 27 July at Hollywoodbets Greyville. "I've always thought that Buffalo Bill Cody is a little better than Hawwaam. He is very good and the win over Cirillo proves it. We'll be taking Buffalo Bill and Soqrat to Durban for the Champion Stakes. Hawwaam and Barahin will be rested," said trainer Mike de Kock recently. The feature declares on Thursday 18 July.

The Everest

Coolmore Stud has been dealt a decent hand ahead of The Everest to be run during Sydney's Spring Carnival. Talented No Nay Never 3yo colt Ten Sovereigns bounced back from his recent fourth placing in the Gr1 Commonwealth Cup to land a knock-out blow for Ballydoyle in Newmarket's Gr1 Darley July Cup on Saturday. While last year's July Cup winner US Navy Flag subsequently disappointed in The Everest, that hasn't deterred Coolmore from giving serious consideration to using their slot to run the son of No Nay Never in the A\$14 million feature sprint at Randwick.

12

Maine Chance Farms - based Equus Champion and multiple Gr1 winner Vercingetorix has made a blistering start with his first 2yo's this season, and the son of Silvano produced a 12th first crop winner when his daughter Gallic Princess got off the mark at Turffontein on Saturday. Trained by Tobie Spies, Gallic Princess was far too good for her rivals when romping home, in open company. Bred by The Alchemy, Gallic Princess, who is out of the Jallad mare Julliard, had finished fourth at her previous outing. She has a What A Winter half-brother on offer at the 2019 National 2yo Sale. Vercingetorix has 17 lots on offer at the August sale.



Wilgerbosdrift's established sire Flower Alley marked a sixth winner from his first South African crop when his 2yo daughter Pomander shed her maiden emphatically at Turffontein on Saturday afternoon. Trained by Mike de Kock, Pomander caught the eye when romping home to post a 4.5 length maiden victory over 2000m. Out of the Black Minnaloushe mare Pure Spice, Pomander - whose full-sister comes up for sale at the 2019 National 2yo Sale - was bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein. The sire of 40 stakes horses internationally - including Kentucky Derby winning champion I'll Have Another - Flower Alley has 21 lots on the National 2yo Sale.

Top Gear

Dean Kannemeyer's Hollywoodbets Scottsville impressive Sunday winner Seventh Gear, a R4,75 million 2018 National Yearling Sale purchase, will probably be put away and prepped for the Cape summer with the Gr1 Cape Guineas and Gr1 Cape Derby - now run in late February - the likely targets. The Mauritzfontein Wilgerbosdrift bred son of Captain Al is a real looker and won easily for Khaya Stables.



Brand New

Bush Hill Stud will be presenting their new stallion New Predator on 26 July at a luncheon at the farm. The first son of New Approach to stand in SA, the multiple stakes winner is out of a winning Fastnet Rock mare. For info please email bushhillstud@futurenet.co.za

