

The Lion Roars

Former Cape-based Para Handy won first time out at Fairview on Friday by 5 lengths in the dazzling 'rampant lion of Scotland' silks of new owner Tara Laing. It was a first win as an owner in 46 years for the PE trainer. She thanked her partners Etienne Braun and Gavin Venter for getting involved in the Rock of Rochelle gelding. It was also a top ride by Chase Maujean after losing lengths at the gate.



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Good Greeff!

Trainer Alan Greeff marched relentlessly towards yet another East Cape Championship title as he saddled six of the eight winners on the Fairview card on a memorable Monday at the final East Cape meeting of the 2018/19 season. Five of the Greeff winners were ridden by Greg Cheyne, and the combination showed their dominance as their win strike-rate averages at 26%. Greeff saddled 177 winners – versus 148 last term.



Cheveley Stud's multiple G1 winning sire Wylie Hall, unraced at two, has made

a fine start with his first crop of 2yo's this season, and the son of Redoute's Choice was responsible for a fifth first crop winner when Bernardo won at Fairview on Monday afternoon. Bred by the Piemonte Stud, the gelded Bernardo had run third last time out, and he made amends for that defeat with a courageous win on Monday. Wylie Hall has five lots on the Emperors Palace National 2yo Sale.

Icebreaker

The 19yo apprentice Tyrell Maharaj stole the show at Kenilworth on Saturday. He rode his first winner going start to finish on Moon Rock for Paul Reeves in the MR72 over 1000m. "Mr Reeves said I mustn't pull the stick. But I was getting nervous as I saw the other horse coming. But here I am" said a delighted Maharaj afterwards. Maharaj, with his colleague Cole Dicken, flew to the UK in March to spend 4 weeks at the British Racing School to complete the International Apprentice Course at the BRS campus in Newmarket.

Unprotected

Against the background of our Public Protector's unsteady footing on shaky ground, Phumelela are going for the jugular and have launched an urgent application in the Pretoria High Court to interdict Busisiwe Mkhwebane from forcing the company to implement sweeping remedial action contained in a report released by the Public Protector in May 2019. They are citing amongst other things, prescription and a 'reasonable apprehension' that the embattled Advocate has not brought an impartial mind to bear on the adjudication of the case and has thus forfeited her independence. But read more on www.sportingpost.co.za



Bump Chums

The battle for the national jockey championship between Muzi Yeni and Lyle Hewitson was not lacking needle and it spilled over in the second at Greyville on Saturday. The two came together repeatedly during the running of the race with the Stipes taking a dim view of some potentially unprofessional riding by both jockeys. The official stipes report does not go into detail but both riders will face an inquiry. An unfortunate ending to some great entertainment provided by both riders.



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Anton Out

After a remarkable season where he maintained a 30% win strike rate and rode 6 Gr1 winners, Anton Marcus is expected to be out of action for two months. He goes in for an operation on Thursday to have a plate removed from his wrist and tendon cut away from his elbow.



CHASE LIEBERBERG

VALE DEEP IMPACT

Super stallion Deep Impact has died, aged 17. The Japanese star

had to be euthanised after it was found he was unable to stand due to a cervical fracture on Tuesday morning. A seven-time G1 winner, Deep Impact was a champion both on and off the track. Deep Impact won 12 of his 14 career starts, including the highly coveted Japan Cup in 2006. He was twice a winner of the Japanese Horse Of The Year (2005-2006) and was inducted into the JRA Hall Of Fame in 2008. He was crowned Japanese Champion Sire for seven consecutive years from 2012 to 2018 and sired stars including Gentildonna, Real Steel and A Shin Hikari. New Mauritzfontein stallion Danon Platina is the first son of Deep Impact to stand in South Africa.



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