



Global High

Ascot Stud's Galileo sire Global View was the Leading First Crop Sire at the National 2yo Sale, with 20 of his 22 lots offered fetching R1 970 000. His top lot was the Danika Stud consigned Vista Nova (# 320) who was knocked down to Team G Racing for R450 000. Global View had a yearling last season make R1,3 million.

Injured

Marco van Rensburg suffered a nasty fall aboard Kildonan Princess in the first race at Flamingo Park on Monday. The Clifflie Miller-trained filly ducked inwards at the 800m marker, dislodging her rider, who was then almost run over. Young Marco suffered a sore arm and sore foot.

RICHEST

Leading ante-post fancies King's Advice and Withhold were among 56 five-day acceptors for the first £1-million Sky Bet Ebor at York this Saturday. The historic handicap takes place over 2800m on day four of the Yorkshire Ebor Festival and, thanks to a 100 per cent prize money increase in 2019, is now the richest Flat handicap run in Europe. Final declarations are made on Thursday. Watch the SP Digest and www.sportingpost.co.za for the latest.

MAKE YOUR CROSS

The SA Champions Season Ride Of The Season winner will be announced at the regional racing awards to be held in the Silver Ring at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Friday. The public are invited to vote for one of Keagan De Melo (African Warrior – 27 July), Richard Fourie (Rainbow Bridge – 27 July), Nooresh Juglall (Dynasty's Blossom – 27 July), Lyle Hewitson (Celtic Sea – 6 July) or Muzi Yeni (Running Brave – 27 July). Go to www.goldcircle.co.za

On The Up

The Arqana August Yearling Sale ended on Monday and saw turnover of €43,019,000 (+17 per cent), while the clearance rate also increased (76 per cent) with a slight decrease in the number of yearlings offered. The average registered a large rise at €187,039 (+17 per cent), the highest figure on record.

Great Start

Former KZN-based jockey Brandon Lerena made a dream start to his career in Australia when he won on his first ride on Saturday. Lerena shone aboard the Dundee gelding Mystery Trick for trainer Bjorn Baker in the seventh race at Kembla Grange.



GOLD CIRCLE

Var A Star

Avontuur sire Var, who is currently on top of the SA General Sires List for this season, enjoyed another good weekend with three winners. Var's treble included a smart debut winner in the form of Dispicable, who won first-time out at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday. Var's other winners included Henry Tudor at Champ de Mars on Saturday, and Okavango Delta, with the latter making it three wins on the bounce when victorious at Fairview on Friday. Champion Sire of 2yo's in both 2016/17 and 2017/18, Var had another great last season with graded stakes winners Eden Roc, Vardy, Schippers and Ghaalla.



SIMPLY IDEAL

Mauritzfontein's Ideal World produced three more winners over the past weekend. The son of Kingmambo's treble included a smart debut winner in the form of 3yo filly Mount Laurel, who scored first time out at Turffontein on Saturday. Ideal World also enjoyed success with daughter Soul Of Wit, who won Saturday's seventh race on the inside track. The Romeo Francis trained filly took her tally of wins to three with a comfortable win over 1450 metres. Ideal World's other success over the weekend came when his well-bred son Tom Tom shed his maiden by a whopping 11, 5 lengths at Fairview on Friday afternoon.

Good Man

While the set is jaded and the format is a tad predictable, Winning Ways on Tellytrack on Monday evening is our only racing television show that ever scratches below the surface. James Goodman has his regular digs, and while we don't agree with his barrier trial enthusiasm, his entertaining interview with Bradford Smith is worth a watch – find it on www.sportingpost.co.za, with part 2 next week.