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**RACING**  
 THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** Friday  
 Best Roving Banker:  
**R1-(5) Black Knight (5/1)**

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
 Best Roving Banker:  
**R3-(4) Mississippi Burning (15/10)**

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
 Best Roving Banker:  
**R7-(1) Just Cruised In (7/1)**

**HOLLYWOODBETS**  
**GREYVILLE** POLY Sunday  
 Best Roving Banker:  
**R7-(3) Triple Fate Line (3/1)**



*You may have missed...*

Friday 16 August  
 Fairview – race 7  
 Sporting Post  
**Best Handicapped**  
**Burnt Rock**  
**WON 25/1**☺

## Remember This Star?

A nursery of champions for the past forty-five years, Varsfontein Stud is awash with all the signs of spring in the shape of the arrival of their next generation of champions - and a dazzling carpet of spring flowers.

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With 102 foals due and 13 on the ground, Carl de Vos and his team have been burning the midnight oil and putting in the long hours.

And one of their most exciting newbies is a Gimmethegreenlight daughter (pictured above) of Equus champion and multiple Gr1 winner Bela-Bela.

A product of Cheveley Stud, the grey daughter of Dynasty was purchased by Varsfontein at the 2014 BSA National 2yo Sale for R1,4 million. She went on to earn close on R3 million in a terrific career in the care of Justin Snaith. The beautiful grey hails from

an outstanding female line and is out of the prolific winner producing former Broodmare Of The Year, Mystic Spring (Royal Academy).

Bela-Bela sadly lost her first foal, but the gorgeous filly arrived at 4am on 6 August to much excitement.

“As one would expect from a first foal, she is not big but has plenty of quality. It was a no-brainer sending Bela to Gimmethegreenlight and we are sending her back to him this season,” said Varsfontein’s Carolyn Erasmus, who added that the signs were there that the little lady would eventually turn grey like her illustrious Mom.

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## NEW FOALS



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**Gold Standard ex Looking At Stars**  
born 2 August 2019

## Setting The Standard

**Equus Outstanding Breeder for the 2018/19 season Drakenstein Stud's first foal this year looks likely to have set the 'gold standard', in more ways than one.**

Born on 2 August, the handsome young athlete is a first foal for the top farm's new sire Gold Standard. He is out of Looking At Stars (Philanthropist), a daughter of the former champion 3yo and Gr1 winning mare, Lady Windermere, who raced with such success for trainer Glen Kotzen.

In fact the Paarl-based Kotzen was also trainer of Gold Standard, the only son of Drakenstein Stud's champion resident sire Trippi at stud in South Africa.

The new man who has settled in like a professional, hails from a superb female line, with his dam Olympic Dam a daughter of two of South Africa's greatest equine athletes – Model Man and Olympic Duel. The latter, dam of Gr1 Daily News 2000 winner Flying Duel and second dam of Equus Champion Thundering Star, won 12 races, with her seven Gr1 wins including all of the Gr1 J&B Met, Gr1 Champion Stakes and Gr1 Mainstay International.

Gold Standard ranked among the best horses of his generation as a 3yo when he beat a high class field to win the Gr2 Selangor Cup. He earned nearly R1 000 000 during his career and also finished second in the 2016 Gr1 Cape Guineas and a close fourth, behind older rivals, in the 2017 Gr1 Sun Met.

**DRAKENSTEIN  
STUD FARM**



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**Silvano ex Val De Ra**  
born 7 August 2019

## Here's Something Special!

**When it comes to their award-winning wines and champion racehorses, the Avontuur principle has always been quality over quantity, and marrying class with class.**

A handsome colt who arrived at the farm outside of Somerset West on 7 August looks set to continue the proud legacy!

By Silvano (Lomitas), who was recently crowned SA Champion sire for the fourth time, when finishing over R3,8 million clear of runner up Captain Al, the colt is out of the Avontuur-bred Equus Champion Sprinter Val De Ra (Var - Minelli by Elliodor).

The magnificent Val De Ra won 11 of her 13 starts, including four Gr1's. Crowned Equus Champion Sprinter for the 2010/11 season, her career peak came when she beat fellow champion What A Winter in the 2012 Cape Flying Championship.

Val De Ra, whose famous stakes-winning daughter Miss Frankel is likely to be seen in action in the Cape Summer Season, is by perennial champion producer Var out of a daughter of Avontuur's outstanding broodmare Minelli- whose dam Lupin was a six time stakes winner by multiple champion Zimbabwean sire Tilden. The granddaughter of outstanding broodmare sire Lyphard has been represented by nine runners, eight of whom have won and include five black-type winners.

Minelli's other notable winners include dual Gr2 Cape Merchants winner Tevez, Cue The Music, Mitra and Palladium. Remarkably, each of Minelli's five stakes winners were sired by a different stallion.

## WEEKEND RACING

# A Chase For Black Type

## Jockey Club Stakes (L) Fairview Friday

**Justin Snaith and Richard Fourie set out at Fairview on Friday on the long road of what is likely to be yet another big season. The former SA champion trainer is going for what could be a record fourth consecutive exacta in the R150 000 Listed Jockey Club Stakes.**



Meryl | Gold Circle

Snaith has won the race, a traditional last chance saloon for black type, and finished second for the last three runnings – Fourie was aboard two of the three winners, with Louis Mxothwa riding the third.

On Friday they are back with a competitive coupling in the weight-for-age plus penalties contest – South Africa's first stakes feature of the new term.

The 2017 Listed Devon Air Stakes winner Meryl is one of seven Alan Greeff acceptors and on her best form, including a major centre Gr1 placing, she must be a big runner – despite a shocker of a draw. The SP top-rated daughter of Tiger Ridge ran a cracking prep in mixed company over a too short 1100m just three weeks ago, and will strip sharp and ready.

Richard Fourie and Justin Snaith team up with the Twice Over mare Libra, who has won in this centre and has been very consistent in the Cape. Her wide draw should not hamper her prospects as she likes to be dropped in and run at them late.

Delia's Delight was reported not striding out last time when going for a fourth consecutive win but running downfield in the Listed Paddock Stakes. A winner of 5 of her 8 recent starts, she looks likely to challenge the top two.

The supremely consistent and versatile Twice Over mare Studio Blues just doesn't know how to run a poor race and should once again be involved in the finish and is a serious runner.

Raven Girl is the first of the Tara Laing duo. The daughter of Philanthropist may have needed her last run and is a serious runner on her sparkling earlier form.

A full-sister to exciting new sire Vercingetorix, Perfectproportions looks overdue for a big run after a string of good placed efforts. Her turf form here shows that she has the ability and can go very close on Friday.

Second of the Snaith duo, Red Ginger has not won in ages and her recent form does not inspire a lot of confidence.

Esteemal was checked in running when finishing 4,35 lengths off Maverick Girl in the Paddock Stakes last time. She has some ground to make up on these weight terms and has a tough draw to beat.

Love Supreme ran a below-par first run here but could have been in need of the outing when running just under six lengths behind Maverick Girl in the Listed Paddock Stakes last time. On her better Cape form, she would be a runner.

Cape raider Pearl Jam has not managed a second win, but she was thereabouts all of last season. With a decent draw she could surprise on her best form and secure that elusive black type score.

With a wide draw to contend with, the Go Deputy mare Widow's Lamp should battle to resurrect her promising earlier form. At best, she could challenge over this trip.

The consistent Just Chaos will be ridden by Mauritius returnee Karl Zechner. She gets the blinkers fitted after staying on steadily to run just out of the money in the East Cape Paddock Stakes last time.

Her stablemate Seeking Wisdom ran on well to beat the very capable

male Story Of My Life last time out. Her wide draw is a deterrent. Woodstock Fairy produced a good effort at her debut in the Easter Cape when beating the boys to win well in an MR 72 Handicap over a mile. She has lots to do at the weights but must have a shout.

Former Cape-based Flying Squadron dropped out and may not have stayed the 2400m of her last run. Both her starts in the Eastern Cape were decent prior to that – including a victory on the polytrack – and from the best of the draw under the in-form Warren Kennedy, she can step up to challenge.

The 6yo staying mare Onesie returns from an unsuccessful bid on the Gold Cup at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Super Saturday. She ran 9 lengths off Dynasty's Blossom but reeled off three

consecutive wins over ground at home prior to that. She stays well, but this looks a bit short.

The race is wide open and while it is difficult to overlook the Snaith dominance, there are a few with big chances. They include Meryl, Raven Girl, Studio Blues and Delia's Delight.

### Jockey Club Stakes (L) past winners

#### 2017

1 Harvard Crimson	60.0 (8) 8/1
2 Nima	60.0 (7) 4/1
3 Crackpot	60.0 (3) 8/1

#### 2018

1 Konkola	59.0 (1) 113/20
2 Esteemal	58.0 (15) 22/1
3 Fresnaye	59.0 (10) 14/10

START  
4:10PM  
Fairview

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PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (F&M)(LISTED)(TURF) - 2000M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-10)(2-16)(4-6-9-12-14-15-17)  
(5-7)(8-11)

Philanthropist	1 RAVEN GIRL(T Laing) C Maujean	8 60.0
Go Deputy	2 WIDOW'S LAMP(Y Bremner) R Munger	15 60.0
Ideal World	3 ONESIE(JVA Strydom) C Storey	12 60.0
Tiger Ridge	4 MERYL(AC Greeff) X Ndlovu	17 59.0
Twice Over	5 LIBRA(J Snaith) R Fourie	13 59.0
Dynasty	6 DELIA'S DELIGHT(AC Greeff) D Ashby	10 59.0
Elusive Fort	7 RED GINGER(J Snaith) K Steyn	7 59.0
Just As Well	8 JUST CHAOS(SB Kotzen) K Zechner	3 59.0
Twice Over	9 STUDIO BLUES(AC Greeff) W Agrella	9 59.0
Captain Al	10 ESTEEMAL(T Laing) M Byleveld	16 59.0
Elusive Fort	11 SEEKING WISDOM(SB Kotzen) L Mxothwa	14 59.0
Silvano	12 LOVE SUPREME(AC Greeff) G Cheyne	11 59.0
Horse Chestnut	13 PEARL JAM(C Bass-Robinson) S Mbhele	5 59.0
Silvano	14 PERFECTPROPORTIONS(AC Greeff) M Thackeray	4 59.0
Var	15 WOODSTOCK FAIRY(AC Greeff) T Gould	2 59.0
Ideal World	16 FLYING SQUADRON(Y Bremner) W Kennedy	1 58.0
Dynasty	17 ONTENDERHOOKS(AC Greeff) - reserve 1	6 59.0
Fort Wood	18 REDBERRY WOOD(GD Smith) - reserve 2	18 59.0

## Jockey Club Tribute

Friday's Fairview feature is the third leg of the prestigious Eastern Cape Fillies and Mares Challenge for 2019. Besides the total stake monies of R450 000 on offer, a Challenge bonus of R250 000 is offered to the winning connections, should a filly or mare win all three races. Furthermore, Phumelela undertook to approach breeders across the country to donate a free stallion service, should there be a series victress.

The bonus and stallion service will not be awarded in 2019 though as Snowdance' full sister Juniper Spring won the first leg, the R150 000 Listed East Cape Breeders Stakes run over 1200m, while the second leg, the R150 000 Listed East Cape Paddock Stakes, was won by Rebel King daughter Maverick Girl. Neither are back to contest the 2000m final leg on Friday.

While carded for turf, both the first two leg races were switched to the polytrack in view of inclement weather having impacted on the condition of the racing surface. The final leg is named in recognition of the fact that the Jockey Club- now known as the National Horseracing Authority- was founded in Port Elizabeth in 1882.

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## OPINION

# If Maiden Handicaps Are The Answer...

## What's The Question?

**Everyone knows what's wrong with racing. Everyone has an opinion, and that's the way of the world. But do you ever get the feeling that the world isn't as thoughtful as it once was?**

Not that we get things right or wrong more, just that we haven't mulled it over as much, that we arrive at answers by choosing a side?

*Tony Mincione writes* that in his opinion, nothing highlights racings' problems more than have a MAIDEN PLATE offered as a MAIDEN HANDICAP.

We must ask: if this is the answer, then what is the question? Whose side is it?

### Entry Level

So maiden races are for horses that have never won a race. It's racing's entry-level. Sure there are some practical concessions, there is a simple WFA formula so that 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds meet, there is a sex allowance to encourage fillies to race against colts, and we keep 2 year- olds separate until they are closer to 3.

But in principle, the entry-level of the sport is to be able to win a race before choosing your career path. You can compete, without worrying about merit ratings or conditions, and always against horses who have never won.

Over time it has proven to be an excellent system. Roughly speaking, the horse population has been divided into two groups, horses who never win a race and those that win 1 and more.

The South African racing we are all so proud of when our horses go overseas and shock them, from London News, Sun Clasique, Victory Moon, Ipi Tombe to JJ the Jet Plane and Variety Club etc, are horses that are standing on the shoulders of a system that asked only one condition: that the first test that everyone goes through is the same entry exam for all, a not negotiable benchmark where your first victory is fair, without concessions or handicap advantages.

### It's About Credibility

The brilliance of this is that as a breeding country we can trust that a winner in the studbooks is exactly that.

That if a mare has a winner, we understand what it means. If a stallion has a winner over a mile, we know what that means. We know what it means if you win in your first two runs - Met

and July fields consist of horses where 9 out of 10 have won in their first two starts.

It's a basic separating the wheat from the chaff.

This may not seem a big deal, but horse racing is a game of so many variables that after so many advances, after great statistical improvements in form guides, after digital timing, after computer analysis, money still doesn't guarantee anyone success. So the benefit of an entry benchmark gives you the kind of security you see in UK racing where certain pointer races go back 100 years or more. It's not tradition for tradition's sake - but keeping some things that are tried and tested, and true.

Other than the individuals who would benefit in a race from being weighted to win in a maiden, who would want this? Now altering conditions so that you do not win because you are ready and able, but because you have failed in your previous runs. Again, who wants this, and why? I suspect operators and not fans or participants. And probably not punters who had given up on handicaps and mainly play on maiden races.

### Where's The Justice?

Breeders must hate this - your mare has a horse who should have won but doesn't because a proven bad horse gets a 2 or 3 or 8kg advantage. To make it even worse, you then enter the handicapping system (post maiden handicapping system) with an advantage that you keep. If you did receive 8kgs, and you win by a short head, the horse you beat will still have to give you say 7kgs.

We started with a tiered system of racing in South Africa and introduced merit for handicapping believing that it would only affect handicapping. *What actually happened is it consumed everything between Maiden races and Feature races. It changed the whole landscape at the expense of good horses, and at the expense of smaller yards.*

Part of horse racing is competition and consequently the pursuit of excellence. The competition part comes alive because there is this 1 in 10 attrition factor. Most races have about 10 runners and only 1 can win. As you win you move up with horses that did the same as you. By the time you are a 4 or 5-time winner (without handicapping), you are part of the top 5%. With handicapping some other horse will get your spot.

Each Maiden Handicap we have will make rewarding success fairly, more difficult. If this were a school system, there is a time to help the battler, but also a time to hold back those who haven't made the grade.

Maiden Handicaps is how you promote those who haven't grasped reading yet. Who wants that?

*Ed - Phumelela Racing Executive Patrick Davis confirmed earlier this week that Maiden Handicaps were being run on a trial basis on the Highveld*



## NEWS

## Randjesfontein

**Brad Said...**

**Former jockey Bradford Smith left South Africa in a changing political climate and has been Manager at Qatar Racecourse for the past twenty years.**

On a recent visit to South Africa, he was 'horrified' to see the state of one of our leading training centres.

He made a few straightshooting observations in a refreshingly frank and honest interview with James Goodman on Monday's Winning Ways Show.

[Watch that here](#)

**The Reaction...**

Trainers Mike de Kock and Alec Laird repudiated remarks made by the former Randjesfontein track manager that the tracks were not properly maintained.

Talking to Tabnews, both Mike de Kock and Alec Laird said they are disappointed with comments made by former track manager Bradford Smith about the condition of the Randjesfontein track during a visit he made to the centre last year.

Speaking on Winning Ways to James Goodman, Smith, who is now the track manager in Abu Dhabi, said he was at Randjesfontein last October.

"To be honest I was actually shocked at what I saw last October. You know, it wasn't the place I had left behind."

He added: "I was horrified. I don't think it is maintained well."

Laird said he had seen Smith at Randjesfontein during his visit but had not spoken to him. "He comes here for one day, the new track was still being laid and the tracks we were using were under pressure.

"I don't think they were any better when he was here. They take a lot of traffic and I'm very happy with the effort they are putting in.

"I will say that Bradford did have the advantage that as a former jockey, he could ride the course and get a better idea of the track conditions."

Smith also commented that track managers in South Africa just learn from the previous manager without learning new skills and that also was the reason for the lack of improvement.

"The guy who took over from Bradford was Navesh Ramdhani. He was very active on the internet and would do research from all over the world if he had a problem. He was amazing. Today he is the course manager at Royal Randwick in Sydney," said Laird.

De Kock agreed with Laird overall. "Bradford came in October when we were preparing the new track. I've got to know him very well and I have to say that Bradford is an excellent track manager, but he's wrong about Randjesfontein. I have travelled all over the world and I have seen many training facilities and Randjes is a world-class facility.

"Bradford probably came on a bad day and sadly has based his thoughts on that. If he came to Randjesfontein today he would have a different opinion.

"The guys who maintain the tracks are thorough gentleman and are hardworking. They do their job well and we have no room to complain. We can be very proud of our tracks. "The only thing I would change is to remove the aluminium railings because they're a health hazard."

Responding to De Kock's comments, Patrick Davis, Phumelela Racing Executive, said: "We are planning to address the aluminium rails issue at all our venues with either hedges or plastic rails.

"But this is an expensive exercise given the extent of our facilities – and given current cash constraints will take time to roll out."

*Ed – the second instalment of the Bradford Smith interview will be shown on Winning Ways at 22h00 on Monday 26 August*

**Gone Fishing...Not Quite!**

**Jockey Ian 'Fish' Sturgeon was booked off permanently from riding in April this year due to a hip problem but is already thriving in various business ventures.**

Gold Circle reported that Sturgeon was found to have a labrum tear as well as tears in the joint capsule and joint ligament. He was operated on three times without success and still experiences some pain and discomfort just from walking around. However, this has not stopped him playing golf at least once a week.

He and his girlfriend Clare Steele have started a pre-training centre in Hammarsdale. They are building a new track and hope to increase their clientele, which to date has included Robbie and Shannon Hill and Kevin and Alyson Wright.

Sturgeon has also started a paving business whose headquarters will shortly be moving to Hillcrest. During his jockey years he completed his qualifications in pest control and has taken over some of the business his father started in this industry.

He said, "It is a tough economic climate but, like jockeyship or anything else, if you have the right attitude you will be alright."



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## NEWS

## Callan's Back In Style

**Six months in Hong Kong and an hour in Johannesburg. That's how long it took him to ride two winners in two different worlds and a living indictment of the rollercoaster life in the saddle experienced by 22 year old Callan Murray, who made a triumphant return to his old stomping ground of Turffontein on Saturday with a double for Mike de Kock.**

For his relative youth, Murray has had enough character building to last a lifetime!

He rode four winners in six weeks with David Hayes in Melbourne in 2017 and rode two Gr3 winners in Hong Kong in the 2016/2017 season.

He returned to Hong Kong in August last year but moved to Singapore in February 2019 after riding just two winners and battling his way on 100-1 shots week in and week out at Happy Valley and Sha Tin. Murray cut his Singapore contract short earlier this month after clocking up just five winners and twenty-two placings from 160 odd rides.

On Saturday, back on African soil, he booted home the Vercingetorix debutante Tallinn on his first ride back. The Maine Chance Farms-bred R225 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase beat a mixed field to win well.

The De Kock-Murray combination were at it again in the next race when Port Key won to shed her maiden at her second start.

Murray's third ride Sammi Moosa ran unplaced.

So a great start for the young man who will be now looking to stabilize his career.

## 'Abandoned' Doesn't Mean Lost

**The Cape racing programme last had a fixture on Tuesday 13 August, with the next local racemeeting scheduled for Kenilworth on 24 August.**

The meeting scheduled for Kenilworth on 30 July was abandoned due to a weather affected surface and a question has been raised as to when it will be run.

Phumelela Racing Executive Patrick Davis and WCRRA Chairman Jonathan Snaith have explained the situation after the Sporting Post received the following note from a Cape trainer:

"We are not happy as meeting abandoned last week and no race meeting coming up on the 17th! This is our livelihood and we are complaining and clients are complaining as we nominate to run our horses! We don't nominate for the sake of it, and I think something needs to be said and done!" Jonathan Snaith explained that the stakes from any abandoned meeting are not lost as they are held in reserve.

"Mostly these funds are used to split races on a card – so a full maiden is split and the R80k is taken from this reserve / slush fund. What the trainer needs to understand is that we do not lose these stakes. They are held in reserve for Kenilworth Racing."

Patrick Davis said that the National policy was available to the public on the SA Horseracing website.

"The bottom line is we don't postpone meetings – we abandon them if the weather intervenes. The exceptions to this rule are well covered in the policy. The reason being that the annual fixture list is set up to optimize betting turnover in the interests of everybody involved in the sport. To add or postpone a meeting alongside another scheduled meeting is quite frankly commercial suicide, as your costs to stage the additional meeting far outweigh any financial benefits," he said

He added that should a region's racing however be 'severely disrupted' by the weather, the Racing Operator may decide to add a meeting in the interests of stakeholders – even if it doesn't make commercial sense to the operator.

"In this instance, the loss of a single meeting would not be construed as severely disrupting the race programme in the region, which is why the Kenilworth meeting lost last week has not been replaced. As the Racing Operator contracted to manage racing in the Western Cape, we as Phumelela have to make sensible commercial decisions, especially at a time when the industry is under such financial pressure. As Jonathan points out, if there is a specific demand to split a race due to opportunities lost, this will be considered in the interests of all stakeholders"

## Striker Out For 6 Weeks

**The tale of the unhappy association between South African jockeys and Mauritius horseracing in recent years saw another sequel this week when the National Horseracing Authority confirmed that it has received notification from The Mauritius Turf Club that Jockey Piere Strydom incurred a fine and a suspension whilst riding in that country.**

Jockey Strydom was fined Rs. 50,000 and suspended from riding in races for a period of 6 (six) weeks in terms of their Rules of Racing.

The particulars being that he was found guilty of contravening MTC Rule 160 A (j) in that as the rider of Man From Seattle, he failed to ride to the satisfaction of the Stewards from the 400m in the second on Saturday 3 August 2019.

Mauritius is a Specified Racing Authority in terms of Rule 91.1.2 and as such, the suspension will be reciprocated by the National Horseracing Authority.

Strydom is suspended from riding in races from 6 August 2019 and may resume race riding on 18 September 2019.





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## Short Heads



# 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.



## 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.

## STRONG!

Writing in his eNews earlier this week, top Bloodstock man John Freeman says that breeders at last week's National 2yo Sale were expressing doubt as they face investing in the production of another new crop.

He writes: This is not the first time our industry has faced an economic crisis and/or political interference and upheaval. In my 45 odd years working in this game I have seen worse – much worse.

[Read his thoughts here](#)

## 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

## 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 - check it out on [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za), with part 2 next week.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Enable vs Magical - Ladies Day Today



### Enable and Magical will renew rivalry at York today after featuring among just four horses declared for the Darley Yorkshire Oaks.

The brilliant Enable has suffered just one defeat in 13 career starts and is unbeaten in her last 11, a sequence which includes back-to-back wins in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and high-profile victories in the Breeders' Cup Turf, the Coral-Eclipse, the English and Irish Oaks and this race in 2017.

John Gosden's superstar mare will be a red-hot favourite to add to her top-level tally on what is set to be her final competitive appearance in Britain before she bids to become the first three-times Arc winner in history at ParisLongchamp in October.

Enable is joined by stable companion Lah Ti Dar, who has been successful on each of her two previous visits to York – running out a brilliant winner of the Galtres Stakes at this meeting last season and making a successful reappearance in the Middleton Stakes in May.

She was last seen finishing a close-up third behind another stablemate in Coronet in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in late June.

The Aidan O'Brien-trained Magical has given Enable more to think about than most over the past couple of seasons, pushing her to three-quarters of a length at the Breeders' Cup last November and in the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown last month.

The field is completed by another Ballydoyle in-mate in South Sea Pearl, who makes a quick reappearance after finishing down the field at Deauville last Sunday.

*Watch it live on Tellytrack (Dstv 239) this afternoon at 16h35*

## Japan – Big On Day 1!

**Winning the Juddmonte International on Wednesday is likely to push the Cox Plate into the background for Japan with the Irish Champion Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe possible assignments for the son of Galileo.**

The British-bred colt continued his seemingly relentless ascent with a thrilling victory in the Gr1 Juddmonte International Stakes at York after the Aidan O'Brien-trained runner had already won the Gr2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Gr1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp in July.

Japan's latest Gr1 triumph came at the expense of the world's highest rated horse Crystal Ocean (Sea The Stars) and Elarqam (Frankel) – all UK-bred.

Joining battle with favourite Crystal Ocean with two furlongs to run, Japan was equal to the task with a hard-fought head win.

Also placed in the Gr1 Epsom Derby, the 1.6 million guineas Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate has an obviously bright future at stud, underpinned by being out of one of the most in-demand broodmares in the world, the Newsells Park-owned Shastye whose progeny are commanding telephone figures through the ring.

O'Brien, who also saddled the winner's 3.4 million guineas full-brother Mogul for a debut second a week ago, said of Japan's future prospects for the season: "The race we were thinking of after this was the Irish Champion Stakes. The Arc and the Breeders' Cup are also possibilities."

Japan's victory in the 2000m race gives O'Brien a record-equalling sixth International Stakes win and in an interview with ITV Racing, jockey Ryan Moore added: "Crystal Ocean is a very good horse and it was a very hard battle. Japan has not put a foot wrong his whole life and will just continue to get better."

Japan is a bay son of Galileo (IRE) out of the Danehill mare Shastye (IRE).

## The Tin Man In Red Again

**The Gr1-winning 3yo's Ten Sovereigns and Advertise headline 26 acceptors for the £300 000 Gr1 32Red Sprint Cup to be run at Haydock Park on 7 September – Sprint Cup Day – following the latest scratchings deadline.**

Having met with defeat on his first two starts of the campaign, Ten Sovereigns (Aidan O'Brien IRE) bounced back to his best last month with a scintillating display in the Gr1 Darley July Cup at Newmarket, when the Classic generation filled the first five places.

Ten Sovereigns heads to the Knavesmire on Friday for the Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes. This will be the first time he's tackled the minimum trip.

Gr1 Commonwealth Cup victor Advertise (Martyn Meade) has since notched a third top-level success in the Gr1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville, France, on 4 August and Ten Sovereigns' Gr1-winning stablemate Fairyland.

Fellow three-year-old Forever In Dreams (Aidan Fogarty IRE) has been kept fresh since finishing second to Advertise in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot, a race in which Ten Sovereigns finished fourth.

Forever In Dreams, a daughter of 2011 Sprint Cup hero Dream Ahead, had previously made her first start in Britain a winning one when landing the six-furlong Listed EBF British Stallion Studs Cecil Frail Stakes at Haydock Park in May. [Read more here](#)

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

## PERSONALITY

# A Tale Of Two Winners

## Cole Dicken

**Cole 'Frost' Dicken remembers the day he saw the light and his life changed forever. Nothing overly dramatic really. It was a chandelier in Candice and Anthony Delpech's home. But it set him on a path he has never looked back from.**

The 22 year old second year apprentice stepped into the limelight at Turffontein on Saturday with a terrific double – the first of his career, but underlined in the scope of a milestone, as he had only ever ridden 3 winners - his 4th on Princess Nicole on Tuesday.

In an exclusive chat with the Sporting Post earlier this week, Cole explained how his job working for his Dad's business created an opportunity.

"My Dad, Gift, is an electrician and runs his own business in Pinetown. I was working for him as an assistant and it was a routine call-out to install a chandelier. My first impression when walking into the Delpech household was of trophies and silverware. I had never seen so many awards or ever heard of the champion jockey, but said to my Dad that I wanted to do whatever this guy did for a living!"

Told to mind his own business by his father-boss and carry on with the job, Cole set about placing the ladder in the right place and getting on with the project. That is until Candice Delpech walked in.

"Mrs Delpech asked me how old I was and if I was going to take over the business from my Dad. She also said that my stature made me a perfect candidate to become a jockey and she suggested I approach the SA Jockey Academy if I was keen."

I thanked her and made a mental note of it. That evening I did a bit of research and was taken aback. I had met one of the greatest riders in the world without realising it and the seed of possibly becoming a jockey had been planted.

Having grown up just fifteen minutes from the SA Jockey Academy, Cole saw the irony in the fate of the chance meeting.

"I had never really heard of Summerveld or taken any interest in horses or racing. The more I read up,

the more I thought I have to give it a go. Look, I appreciate too that my Dad had given me a job – but being a professional sportsman appealed a touch more than carrying an electrical toolbox around all day – and that's said with every respect to my Dad, who has been a role model, mentor and a really successful businessman!"

Growing up in a family of some diversity, Cole is the second youngest of four children – he has an older brother and sister and a younger sister – and this has equipped him with important life survival tools.

He proudly explains his heritage – his Grandfather is coloured and his Mom, Sibongile Elizabeth, is Zulu.

"We were brought up in an English-speaking home with something of a mixed culture. My folks have friends from across the spectrum and I think it is this balance that helped me cope with a wide range of friends at Crossmoor Secondary School in Chatsworth. I am not defined by cultural specific paradigms or stereotyping," he laughs as he tells that he was also a middle of the road student.

"I wasn't the worst. I wasn't the best. My parents encouraged us to do well and guided us. I was given plenty of tutoring by my older siblings. We had a happy home and my family have fashioned the Cole you are chatting to today. I think I am pretty balanced and normal. But that doesn't sound too modest," he mused as he told us his nickname is 'Frost'.

We asked where that comes from.

"Calm, cool, unflustered. I sound like I am talking about myself all the time! Can we talk about some racing rather, please?"

When Cole arrived at the Academy on 8 January 2018, he had never been close to or even touched a horse.

"It was a bit of an eye-opener. But luckily my schoolmates Jeff Syster, Grabriel Peters, Joshwin Solomons and Tyrell Maharaj were in much the same boat. Having completed my matric

I was able to get into the riding quickly as I wasn't distracted by schooling. I am glad I ended up doing my training that way. Being more mature and focussed helps a lot, I feel."



## COLE DICKEN

A broken finger this year saw him transferred back to Durban to recover but he is back at the Johannesburg Academy and loving his life.

“Our master-in-charge Mr Robert Moore has been a massive source of inspiration and assistance to us. He is always available to help and to talk us through issues. The trainers have been helping too – and while I have ridden work at a range of yards, I have ridden my winners for smaller operations - two of them have been for Mr Coenie de Beer. He has been so kind to me.”

Cole rode his first winner at the Vaal on 6 August on Princess Nicole. Not bad just 20 months after touching a horse for the first time!

On Saturday his double was the 25-1 Comet Crystal for Weiho Marwing and Jenny Mcgee (5-1) for Coenie de Beer.

Cole, who goes to scale at 48kgs, says his goal is to ride a further ten to fifteen winners by the end of the year.

“I don’t want to get ahead of myself, but hopefully I will be able to secure a few more rides now – and then prove myself. I have plenty to learn and race-riding and winners will be key to building my confidence and skills set.”

He tinkered with electricity as a school-boy and is a hobby artist. He keeps busy doing sketches in his spare time. One of his works hangs proudly at the Academy in Summerveld.

“I ride work Monday to Saturday - and even on Sundays if a trainer requests it. So we are kept busy but I find the sketching relaxing and therapeutic. I am not a party animal and don’t even have a girlfriend. I talk to my family a lot and look forward to getting the chances to go home and visit Pinetown.”

Cole says that his great bugbear is injury.

“I only broke my finger but it was so boring and a real setback. I realise it’s part of the game. On the flipside, the highs of riding winners and seeing thrilled connections in the winners box could become addictive and it makes the hard work worthwhile.”

His trip to the UK earlier this year broadened his mind and his experience. He describes it as an invaluable experience to see how the experts do things.

Put the name Cole Dicken in the ‘jock to watch’ blackbook!

## A Lifechanger!

**Cole Dicken and Tyrell Maharaj jetted off to the British Racing School in April for 4 weeks, to complete the International Apprentice Course at the BRC campus in Newmarket.**

It’s an experience that both young men say changed their lives forever.

The South African Jockey Academy (SAJA) has partnered with the British Racing School (BRS), through funding from The Childwick Trust, which allows two Apprentices to be able to get an opportunity annually to travel to the UK and broaden their horizons.

Cole and Tyrell were the fourth set of South African Apprentice Jockeys selected and it is hoped that going forward more South African Apprentices will continue to be given this opportunity.

Cole and Tyrell, were initially under the guidance of National Jockey Coach, Robert Moore. As SAJA Headmaster, Graham Bailey, explained: “We have a wonderful symbiotic relationship with the BRS and to date our Nursing Sister Debbie Butt, Jockey Coach Nicky Roebuck and I have been across to the BRS as part of a programme of information and knowledge sharing that has benefited both institutions.”

Tyrell rode his first winner just over a week before Cole broke the ice. He piloted Moon Rock to victory for Paul Reeves in the MR72 Handicap over 1000m at Kenilworth on Saturday 27 July. Cole’s turn came at the Vaal on Tuesday 6 August.

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date	close	high	low	volume
21Aug	220	220	201	52,357
20Aug	220	220	200	78,921
19Aug	230	230	230	798
16Aug	220	220	200	81,150
15Aug	200	260	149	277,004
14Aug	260	260	234	1,101
13Aug	234	258	215	16,088
12Aug	260	260	248	3,453
08Aug	248	248	248	985

## BREEDING

## Breeder ‘Happy’ With R800k

**Cheveley Stud’s former Equus Champion Broodmare Mystic Spring produced the joint sales topper at last week’s National two-year-old sale and this full-brother to the former Equus Champion three-year-old filly Bela-Bela will be trained by Gavin van Zyl, who had a monumental sale.**

The grey Dynasty colt, who was knocked down for R800,000, was too immature to go to the National Yearling Sale and Vaughan Koster, owner of Cheveley Stud, said, “In the current climate it was pretty good money taking into account he was from an old mare. He wasn’t a wild sales horse, a bit on the small side, so we are happy.”

Van Zyl said, “That whole family are not big and he will grow. He has a lot of quality and a beautiful head and eye.”

He will be the second last sales horse of Mystic Spring’s glittering career. She has produced two Equus champion three-year-olds, Rabiya and Bela-Bela, as well as three other Graded winners, Secret Captain, Secret Of Victoria and Spring Lilac, and two Listed winners Touch The Sky and Rafiya.

She has passed on her excellence to her daughters. Secret Of Victoria has produced two Grade 1 winners, including Equus Champion two-year-old filly All Is Secret, and a Listed winner, and Spring Lilac has produced twice Grade 1-winner Snowdance and a Listed winner.

Mystic Spring’s last sales horse will be a Wylie Hall filly, who is currently a yearling. Wylie Hall stands at Cheveley and had an outstanding season with his first two-year-olds.

Three of the best of them, Twilight Moon, De La Cruz and Ponciana, have all been sold overseas. Twilight Moon is off to Hong Kong and the other two are going to Mauritius, although De La Cruz would also have been on his way to Hong Kong had he not failed the piroplasmiasis test.

Those three sales will affect Wylie Hall’s figures next season, but Koster was pleased his progeny had attracted interest on the international market, who paid good money for them. [Read more here](#)

HERE &amp; ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

# Café Corners The Winners

## One of the forgotten heroines of the South African racing season in 2018/19 is the mare Roxy Cafe.

The daughter of July winner and Horse Of The Year, Royal Chalice, left behind just six foals, with all four of her runners having won at least once, and two becoming black type performers.

Her daughters have ensured that Roxy Cafe's name is unlikely to fade away anytime soon.

Roxy Cafe's star performer was Gr1 Thekwini Stakes winner, Roxanne (Western Winter), whose son Putontheredlight (Pomodoro) ran second in last season's Gr2 Durban Golden Horseshoe and who appears a natural classic contender for 2019-2020.

Remarkably, Putontheredlight was not the only high-class runner last season descended in female line from Roxy Cafe. Roxanne is also dam of Swallow Stakes winner Sting Operation (Captain Al), whose progeny include the promising Cape based colt, Silver Operator (Silvano). The latter impressed when romping home on debut (over 1400 metres), before going down just a short head, when only beaten by Snow Report (What A Winter), in the Gr3 Langerman.

### Class Act

Another daughter of Roxy Cafe to make her presence felt in 2018/19, was the stakes placed Se Agabor (Trippi). Third in the Listed Breeders Guineas, Se Agabor hit the mark with her very first foal being none other than Equus Champion, and Gr1 Thekwini Stakes heroine, Gabor (Kingsbarns). Beaten just once last season, Gabor, who is also an exceptionally attractive future broodmare prospect, clearly ranks among the front runners for some of the bigger 3yo races this season.

With a number of young mares still representing Roxy Cafe, she could well continue to make her mark on the South African turf, and her descendants look set to do her proud this season. A smart performer, who won five times up to 1600m, Roxy Cafe was produced by the high-class race mare, Jungle Class, a daughter of multiple champion sire, Jungle Cove (Bold Ruler).

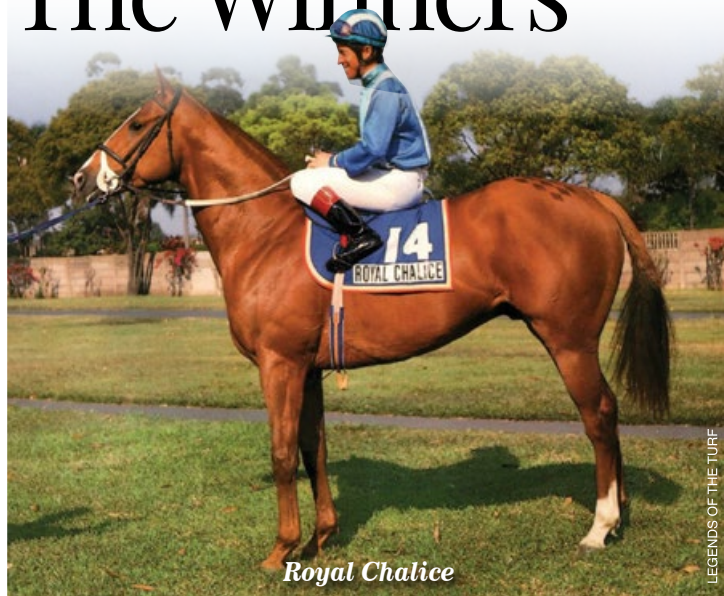
Jungle Class' own sister Classy Play is the granddam of Horse Of The Year and four time Gr1 winner, Legislatelate (Dynasty).

Other notable performers to have emerged from this family include Equus Champion, Forward Filly (National Assembly), SA Fillies Guineas heroine, She's A Treat (Harry Hotspur), and Germiston November Handicap winner, Northern Princess (Northern Guest).

### Chalice Of Gold

One of the best sons of Champion Sire, Royal Prerogative, Roxy Cafe's sire Royal Chalice enjoyed relatively moderate success at stud, siring approximately 17 black type winners from 387 registered foals (or just over 4% of his foals were stakes winners).

He did, however, sire Gr1 Administrator's Champion Futurity winner, Morisco (one of the better members of his crop), Gr1 Cape Guineas second, Superior Service, and the SA Oaks winning own sisters, Royal Prophecy and Noble Destiny, as well as the latter's outstanding broodmare own sister Gypsy Queen.



Royal Chalice

Daughters of Royal Chalice have enjoyed some notable success at stud, with the likes of Gypsy Queen responsible for a trio of graded winners, including Gr1 Matriarch Stakes heroine, Gypsy's Warning (Mogok). Other notable horses produced by a daughter of Royal Chalice include Gr1 Vodacom Durban July winner, Hunting Tower (Fort Wood), G1 Cape Fillies Guineas winner, Sparkling Gem (Joshua Dancer), the aforementioned Roxanne (Western Winter), and Grr1 Champions Cup victor, Master Plan.

Royal Chalice's stakes winning daughter, Supreme Duel, was another daughter of the sire to make good as a broodmare – the Java Handicap winner was responsible for a trio of stakes winners, notably the graded stakes winning own sisters, Supreme Sunset (G2 Joburg Spring F&M Challenge) and Northern Heritage (Gr3 Champagne Stakes). Both Northern Heritage and Supreme Sunset were sired by Western Winter, also the sire of Roxanne!

### Ice Cool

Remarkably, Royal Chalice was damsire of another stakes winner by Western Winter in the form of UAE Oaks winner, Imperial Ice.

However, Royal Chalice's prowess as a broodmare sire lags well behind his own sire, Royal Prerogative (Relko). The latter, a son of outstanding broodmare, Bride Elect (Big Game), was damsire of a slew of top-class performers, notably July winner and champion, Spanish Galliard (Gay Fandango), Met winners, Imperious Sue (dam of Gr1 winner Imperious Star) and Angus (both by Northern Guest), Garden Province Stakes winner, Lyrical Linda (dam of Gr1 Summer Cup winner, Liege and stakes winning sire, Lance), and top sprinter, Fov's Favourite (Foveros).

Royal Prerogative was also damsire of outstanding broodmare, Dancing Flower, whose progeny include UAE Derby winner, and Gr1 sire, Victory Moon (Al Mufti) and Equus Champion, Kelly (Ethique). Dancing Flower is also granddam of the Gr1 winning half-siblings Real Princess (Trippi) and William Longsword (Captain Al), while the sire's champion daughter, Scented Royal, is ancestress of a host of graded stakes winners, including Janoobi (Silvano), Sedge (Silvano), Philippa Johnson (Joshua Dancer), Chekilli (Greys Inn), Sweet Sanette (Jallad), and Franny (Trippi).

## BREEDING

## Hartley Dispersal

The catalogue for the Hartley SA dispersal sale of mares and yearlings is now online and can be viewed at [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za)

This is one of two Hartley SA dispersal sales set to take place, and it will be held at the Four Cousins Restaurant in Robertson on 28 August. All lots will be sold in absentia at this auction which is set to get underway at 13h00.

The second dispersal sale, made up of Hartley SA's horses in training and unraced two-year-olds, will be held at Randjesfontein on 4 September. A time will be confirmed at a later date for this sale. A more detailed profile of each Lot will be published including sales history and photographs. Please visit [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za).

For more information, please contact Peter Gibson at [pgbloodstock63@gmail.com](mailto:pgbloodstock63@gmail.com) or on 083 406 4881. For information on the auction, contact Michael Holmes on 082 552 6524 or at [michael@equine.co.za](mailto:michael@equine.co.za).

## Boland Bombs

**Boland Stud enjoyed a tremendous last season, with the Ceres farm ending the season with their 44 runners, of which 27 won, banking in excess of R3.5 million. Boland's Average Earnings Per Runner for last season was the very respectable R80 601.**

Boland's principal flagbearer for the season was the talented and durable two-year-old African Warrior.

From the first crop of the Maine Chance Farms' based Equus Champion Vercingetorix, African Warrior won four of his six starts, with his victories including scores in all of the Gr2 Haval Motors South Africa Umkhomazi Stakes, Gr3 Godolphin Barb Stakes and KZN Yearling Sale Million.

The Dean Kannemeyer trained gelding banked an impressive R1 032 375 during his first season of racing – a superb return on the R100 000 price ticket from the 2018 KZN Yearling Sale!

African Warrior, who could contest the Gr3 Matchem Stakes at the beginning of his 3yo campaign, was produced by the regally bred Jet Master mare Allez Afrique, a winning half-sister to Gr1 Cape Flying Championship winner O Caesour and to the dam of Listed Derby Trial third Dante's Legacy- who was sired by Vercingetorix's own sire Silvano.

Further back, this is the family of champions Enchantress and National Currency, both of whom were sired by National Assembly, the broodmare sire of Vercingetorix.

Allez Afrique is currently in foal to Galileo's Gr1 winning son The United States and she is set to return to Vercingetorix in 2019.

## Sales Calendar - 2019

Bloodstock South Africa will host two further sales this year.

On 3 November the Ready To Run Sale and the Johannesburg Mixed Sale will be held at the TBA Sales Complex in Germiston.

Enquiries – [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za)

## Emperors Palace National 2yo Sale

### Looking Up!

**When the going gets tough, the tough get bidding! The 2019 Emperors Palace National 2yo Sale wrapped up on Friday with some pleasing numbers – and the highest aggregate in five renewals.**



Joint topseller, a full brother to Bela-Bela & Rabiya  
| Candiese Marnewick

Comparisons can be misleading and we are not out of the woods yet.

But if any Bookmaker had offered odds on the 2019 final statistics projections prior to Thursday, it would have been a case of how much of that do you want!

In the final analysis, 316 of the 392 catalogued lots found a buyer, with an aggregate of R32 575 000

(10% up on 2018 when 328 lots sold), an average of R103 085 (15% up on 2018) and a median of R60 000 (20% up on 2018).

Last year's top-price of R1,2 million was out of reach, with R800 000 (the lowest top mark in seven years) the joint top ticket for a Silvano colt (#89) on day 1, and equalled on day 2 by # 267, the Cheveley Stud-bred handsome grey full-brother to past graduate and Equus champion Bela-Bela and the champion male, Rabiya.

The well-related Dynasty colt was always the potential sale benchmark on paper and was signed for by Kestorm Investments. Skhwelemthini Investements were Leading Buyers at the 2019 National 2YO Sale, purchasing five two-year-olds for R2,36 million. Their tally included the Dynasty colt Victor Emmanuel (Lot 385) – a R700 000 buy from Wilgerbosdrift.

Klipdrif Stud, as agent, ended up as the Leading Vendors, with the Robertson based farm selling 15 of their 20 lots offered for a gross amount of R3,65 million.

Short-lived Equus champion Soft Falling Rain, whose first crop winners last season included Gr2 Gagasi FM Debutante winner Montreal Mist, was the top Sire at the sale, with all of his 14 lots on offer selling for R2,74 million. His top lot was the Wilgerbosdrift consigned colt named Herecomestherain (Lot 46) who made R600 000.

Bloodstock South Africa's Gary Grant was understandably upbeat after the sale, commenting, "I think it is safe to say that this sale was a resounding success. It gave vendors some hope in what can best be described as uncertain times in this industry. One of the most pleasing aspects of the sale was the significant part played by several newcomers to the racing industry."

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## Duke Son On Fire

**Drakenstein Stud's Cartier Champion Duke Of Marmalade enjoyed an excellent season in South Africa in 2018-2019, and the five time Gr1 winning son of Danehill was once again to the fore on Sunday – this time in France.**

Duke Of Marmalade's remarkable son Marmelo picked up the fifth group win of his career, and his seventh win overall, when he won the Gr2 Darley Prix Kergorlay (a race he won in 2017 and finished second in last year) at Deauville on Sunday. The ever-green six-year-old, sent off a 4-5 favourite for Sunday's Gr2 race, had finished an unlucky second in the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil last time out – but made amends impressively on Sunday.

Reunited with Christophe Soumillon once more, Marmelo looked the class act in the race – and so it proved, with Soumillon sitting motionless as he cruised through the field early in the straight. Second in the corresponding race 12 months ago, and winner in 2017, he struck the front and gained a decisive advantage over the rest – which was to prove crucial. In the end, the Hughie Morrison trained Marmelo accounted for 2018 G1 Qatar Prix du Cadran winner Call The Wind by three-parts of a length.

The entire, runner up in the 2018 Gr1 Lexus Melbourne Cup and winner of the G3 John Porter Stakes earlier this year, has banked in excess of £1 000 000 and is now likely to head back to Australia for another tilt at the Melbourne Cup.

Morrison said after Sunday's win, "It was a perfect, nice run. He won it a bit cosily – and it's off to Melbourne now, I hope. He's broken two track records, so ground doesn't matter. He's a very good horse."

Marmelo is one of 42 stakes winners sired by Duke Of Marmalade thus far, with the latter's progeny having already banked in excess of \$37 000 000.

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Fri 23 Aug	<b>(L) Jockey Club Stakes</b> 2000m Fairview (T)
Sat 31 Aug	<b>Gr3 Spring Spree Stakes</b> 1200m Turffontein (I)
Sat 7 Sep	<b>(L) Sophomore Sprint</b> 1200m Kenilworth
Sat 28 Sep	<b>(L) Settlers Trophy</b> 2000m Durbanville

## SCORE CARD

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

### TOP SCORERS for 2018/2019

(complete season to 31 July 2019)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	370	8
Do It Again	4	c	366	5
Soqrat	3	c	330	7
Kasimir	4	c	308	5
Hawwaam	3	c	270	4
Chimichuri Run	3	c	188	5
Celtic Sea	3	f	186	4
Undercover Agent	4	c	176	6
Tilbury Fort	5	c	142	3
Clouds Unfold	3	f	142	4
Oh Susanna	4	f	139	4
Cirillo	3	c	137	4
Twist Of Fate	3	c	132	5
Return Flight	3	f	130	3
Pacific Trader	4	c	126	2
Cascapedia	5	f	121	5
Front And Centre	3	f	120	3
Nafaayes	3	f	110	4
Eden Roc	2	c	100	2



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## BREEDING

## Buy German - It's The Smart Way

**The big back story to the 2019 Epsom Derby was that 12 of the 13 runners were sons or grandsons of Galileo – and the 13th runner descended from his sire Sadlers Wells.**

Oscar Foulkes writes that it seems to strike a killer blow for those believing in the superiority of certain male lines.

However, one cannot give Sadlers Wells 100% of the credit for Galileo.

After all, he had a dam, and an extraordinary one at that, in the form of the Arc-winning Urban Sea (also the dam of the sensational Sea The Stars). Technically, it's a 50/50 contribution.

Things get more interesting as one goes back another generation on the female side, via Urban Sea's parents.

Her sire, Miswaki was US-bred, with a pedigree comprising some of the greatest names in the American Stud Book. Her dam, Allegretta, has a pedigree that couldn't be more German if it tried. In the pedigree of Galileo we have to give equal value to his granddam Allegretta as his grandsire Northern Dancer.

For all the genetic research that has been undertaken, and all the tabulated pedigrees that have been compiled, there is more we don't know than that which we know for certain.

### Dam Undestimated

My belief is that we underestimate the influence of dams' contributions to stallions' genes.

A case in point is the hugely important supporting role played by Shirley Heights, so often present in the pedigrees of classic horses through his daughters and granddaughters, despite comparatively limited representation.

That being the case, evidence points to us needing to take very seriously the impact of what one might call 'the German influence'.

One of the objections I faced in 1988, when working on syndacating our stallion Comic Blush, was related to his German granddam.

I spoke until I was blue in the face about him being a top-class sprinting son of Blushing Groom, but the fixation was on those foreign-sounding names.

Ultimately, it was infertility that got in the way of his stud record, but not before he sired the champion filly Spook Express. If only I could have enlisted Marty McFly to travel forward in time to fetch me information about Galileo!

Thanks to Andreas Jacobs, South African breeders now have plenty of that kind of influence, via both Silvano and Querari.

For good measure, Andreas has also imported German mares, and as the Maine Chance broodmare band has grown, fellow breeders have had the opportunity of dipping into that gene pool, too, by picking up the discards. We've been enthusiastic buyers of all things Maine Chance (although unfortunately for Andreas, at the bottom end of the market).

I'll leave the proper explanations to people who know German racing and breeding better, but to my outsider's view there are a

few factors that seem to be significant.

Firstly, Germany has been something of a closed system, based on bloodlines that deliver the right kind of durability and stamina. Whether by coincidence or – most likely – selected by the racecourse, there is a big throwback to names that were prominent in the middle and first half of the 20th century.

It's almost as if – in a botanical sense – we are accessing a seed bank of long-lost varieties that are important for maintaining diversity.

While these bloodlines are effectively an outcross for 'modern' pedigrees, many of the foremost conduits (both mares and stallions) were highly inbred.

Another apparently important factor is the German breeders' premium for the progeny of approved stallions (hint: racing on medication is a fast-track to non-approval).

### Quite A Buy

So there I was at the recent National 2yo sale, when a German-bred colt by the dual Grade I winner Maxios- sire in August of a Grade I winner in his first crop of three-year-olds- was being led around the sales ring.

Not the biggest, but in all other respects well-conformed, there was just no interest in him. I couldn't bear to see him being led out at the minimum bid, and with one wave of the catalogue he was mine. He'll be part of our 25-strong Ready-to-Run draft, where you can see my folly for yourself.

An interesting feature of this colt's pedigree is that his dam is by Areion (four-time Champion Sire in Germany), himself by Big Shuffle (six-time Champion Sire). Both of these horses were top-class sprinters, which seems like a convenient explanation for their success in a country where the indigenous bloodlines are stamina-laden. What I find more interesting than this, though, is that these are from a branch of Bold Ruler that does not exist anywhere else in the world. You see, Big Shuffle was by Super Concorde, a stallion of moderate success. He, in turn, was by Bold Reasoning (himself the sire of Seattle Slew in a short career, although I would designate that as its own branch).

The other Nasrullah-line stallions to be Champion Sire (once each) were Dashing Blade and Nebos. Considering the global potency of Nasrullah over the past 70 years, that seems like a limited impact.

Just one Northern Dancer line stallion has ever been Champion Sire of Germany. Let that sink in. After more than five decades of Northern Dancer ubiquity it's a phenomenon that seems inconceivable – although, in fairness, Lomitas stood in Britain for several seasons (i.e. outside Germany). Could the 'German influence' be a contributing factor to Lomitas being the Nijinsky branch's flag bearer?

The only Mr Prospector line stallion to have achieved that honour, Miswaki's son Tertullian, is a three-parts brother to Urban Sea, and therefore a conduit of Allegretta.

Whatever prejudices are out there, the evidence – in the form of Allegretta and many others – is overwhelmingly against them.

Buying German is a smart thing to do.

**LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES**

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ wn%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wn%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
29,808,970	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	254	117,358	1487	129	213	51%	6	16	5%	461	31%	13	Hawwaam 5,628,125 19%
24,882,733	Klawervlei Stud	468	53,168	2645	164	220	35%	4	5	2%	708	27%	16	One World 3,115,625 13%
17,323,108	Summerhill Stud	297	58,327	2049	106	159	36%	4	4	4%	550	27%	8	Running Brave 847,424 5%
14,788,860	Drakenstein Stud	143	103,419	776	63	100	44%	12	19	19%	263	34%	10	Kasimir 1,813,000 12%
12,880,359	Highlands	168	76,669	986	77	112	46%	6	6	8%	301	31%	11	Front And Centre 1,195,625 9%
9,826,647	Varsfontein Stud	119	82,577	689	63	96	53%	6	7	10%	228	33%	10	Eden Roc 915,625 9%
9,272,199	Favour Stud	97	95,590	680	43	72	44%	3	6	7%	213	31%	5	Twist Of Fate 2,777,500 30%
8,539,235	Maine Chance	145	58,891	829	59	84	41%	4	4	7%	216	26%	9	Santa Clara 515,250 6%
7,829,625	Ascot Stud	102	76,761	602	45	72	44%	4	4	9%	178	30%	7	Pacific Trader 840,000 11%
7,822,561	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	130	60,174	730	50	69	38%	1	1	2%	192	26%	4	Samurai Warrior 1,341,525 17%
7,695,747	Scott Bros	152	50,630	949	50	72	33%	1	1	2%	249	26%	5	The Dazzler 465,837 6%
7,244,988	Riverton Stud	37	195,810	259	21	35	57%	2	3	10%	70	27%	2	Cirillo 4,476,000 62%
6,722,447	Lammerskraal Stud	78	86,185	488	40	61	51%	4	5	10%	165	34%	10	Insignis 423,437 6%
6,654,259	Moutonshoek	141	47,193	818	46	61	33%	3	3	7%	216	26%	5	Undercover Agent 830,000 12%
6,351,900	La Plaisance Stud	81	78,419	434	36	58	44%	4	4	11%	156	36%	6	Head Honcho 839,750 13%

**LEADING SIREs by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ wn%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wn%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
21,007,110	Silvano	203	103,483	1188	92	137	45%	8	15	9%	398	34%	15	Hawwaam 5,628,125 27%
19,892,391	*Captain Al	170	117,014	910	78	123	46%	12	17	15%	316	35%	15	One World 3,115,625 16%
14,781,684	*Dynasty	150	98,545	916	71	113	47%	8	8	11%	271	30%	16	Front And Centre 1,195,625 8%
14,591,686	Var	191	76,396	1172	92	132	48%	6	8	7%	376	32%	12	Vardy 1,145,950 8%
14,206,309	Gimmethgreenlight	170	83,567	1032	80	120	47%	9	12	11%	335	32%	16	National Park 1,239,775 9%
13,508,487	Ideal World	114	118,496	770	50	89	44%	5	9	10%	200	26%	5	Rainbow Bridge 4,895,000 36%
11,704,574	Twice Over	126	92,893	788	48	67	38%	4	5	6%	227	29%	5	Do It Again 5,102,500 44%
10,817,624	What A Winter	157	68,902	906	74	116	47%	4	7	5%	263	29%	5	Clouds Unfold 1,300,000 12%
10,566,638	Querari	163	64,826	860	63	96	39%	7	7	11%	239	28%	9	Head Honcho 839,750 8%
10,316,186	Trippi	130	79,355	776	61	95	47%	5	6	8%	260	34%	9	Chimichuri Run 1,082,750 10%
9,961,812	Master Of My Fate	119	83,713	657	50	76	42%	3	6	6%	216	33%	4	Twist Of Fate 2,777,500 28%
9,826,174	Oratorio	139	70,692	826	62	93	45%	4	5	6%	270	33%	5	Divine Odyssey 836,950 9%
9,099,174	Pomodoro	64	142,175	346	24	33	38%	1	3	4%	100	29%	4	Cirillo 4,476,000 49%
8,185,360	Elusive Fort	130	62,964	849	47	70	36%	1	1	2%	248	29%	9	Elusive Trader 1,253,000 15%
8,104,346	*Sail From Seattle	115	70,473	840	57	84	50%	2	2	4%	241	29%	3	Pacific Trader 840,000 10%

**LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ wn%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wn%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
11,160,998	Silvano	60	186,017	345	31	47	52%	2	6	6%	116	34%	4	Hawwaam 5,628,125 50%
9,472,868	*Captain Al	59	160,557	360	33	56	56%	5	7	15%	129	36%	4	One World 3,115,625 33%
8,497,061	Pomodoro	49	173,409	295	20	29	41%	1	3	5%	82	28%	2	Cirillo 4,476,000 53%
8,327,412	Master Of My Fate	73	114,074	530	39	62	53%	2	4	5%	181	34%	2	Twist Of Fate 2,777,500 33%
6,366,248	*Dynasty	53	120,118	348	29	54	55%	3	3	10%	90	26%	8	Front And Centre 1,195,625 19%
6,251,574	What A Winter	65	96,178	466	39	66	60%	2	4	5%	131	28%	1	Clouds Unfold 1,300,000 21%
6,160,286	Gimmethgreenlight	58	106,212	387	32	46	55%	3	4	9%	131	34%	5	National Park 1,239,775 20%
5,928,774	Var	70	84,697	480	38	56	54%	2	2	5%	149	31%	3	Vardy 1,145,950 19%
4,921,463	Duke Of Marmalade	60	82,024	417	27	44	45%	6	6	22%	126	30%	4	Seville Orange 520,725 11%
4,886,160	Elusive Fort	58	84,244	438	29	39	50%	0	0	0%	122	28%	3	Elusive Trader 1,253,000 26%

**LEADING SIREs of 2YO'S by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ wn%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wn%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,558,575	Querari	55	46,520	185	18	22	33%	2	2	11%	61	33%	3	Cockney Pride 440,625 17%
2,531,050	*Captain Al	37	68,407	103	17	23	46%	3	3	18%	40	39%	2	Miss Florida 534,375 21%
2,526,375	Vercingetorix	31	81,496	101	13	21	42%	3	4	23%	31	31%	2	African Warrior 1,032,375 41%
2,496,825	Gimmethgreenlight	38	65,706	112	16	23	42%	3	3	19%	38	34%	6	Got The Greenlight 773,000 31%
2,070,250	What A Winter	49	42,250	154	17	22	35%	2	3	12%	51	33%	2	Armando 268,750 13%
2,049,100	Var	29	70,659	78	11	13	38%	1	2	9%	30	38%	2	Eden Roc 915,625 45%
1,889,600	Captain Of All	38	49,726	143	14	16	37%	2	2	14%	52	36%	2	What You Are 360,250 19%
1,634,400	Master Of My Fate	46	35,530	127	11	14	24%	1	2	9%	35	28%	2	Basadi Faith 475,000 29%
1,610,850	*Soft Falling Rain	35	46,024	86	14	17	40%	1	1	7%	30	35%	2	Montreal Mist 429,625 27%

**LEADING SIREs by STAKES on Polytrack**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/ wn%	SW wns	SW wns	SW/ wn%	plcs	plc/ rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,229,675	Visionaire	72	30,968	219	15	20	21%	0	0	0%	66	30%	0	Pollard 208,225 9%
2,203,688	Oratorio	64	34,433	199	19	26	30%	0	0	0%	68	34%	0	Chantryman 269,000 12%
2,121,025	Master Of My Fate	56	37,875	127	22	26	39%	0	0	0%	48	38%	0	Lickerio 177,500 8%
2,070,350	Gimmethgreenlight	64	32,349	210	20	24	31%	0	0	0%	64	30%	0	O' Keeffe 186,200 9%
1,939,550	Var	62	31,283	202	20	25	32%	0	0	0%	55	27%	0	Collabro 142,725 7%
1,904,088	*Crusade	52	36,617	184	18	23	35%	0	0	0%	61	33%	0	Lady Abigail 145,650 8%
1,830,100	*Captain Al	47	38,938	146	17	22	36%	0	0	0%	57	39%	0	BelieveThisBeauty 163,275 9%
1,770,275	Pathfork	50	35,406	156	14	21	28%	0	0	0%	50	32%	1	Gorgeous Guest 269,150 15%
1,764,613	Querari	63	28,010	172	18	21	29%	0	0	0%	54	31%	0	Playlist 152,625 9%

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Flexibility, discretion and a positive approach by Australia's Department of Angiculture has paved the way for dual Gr1 winner Lys Gracieux (Heart's Cry-Lilside, by American Post) to run in the A\$5 million MVRC Gr1 W.S. Cox Plate to be run over 2040 m at Moonee Valley Race-course on 26 October.

As Lys Gracieux had competed in Hong Kong in late April, the mare was initially barred from entry to Australia. A joint submission from Racing Victoria and global horse transporters IRT saw the Department of Agriculture conduct a detailed biosecurity assessment. Approval was granted on the basis of the existing stringent biosecurity requirements in place for horses travelling to Victoria via the Werribee International Horse Centre. Lys Gracieux will be required to undergo additional pre-export testing. Racing Victoria said the decision was a vote of confidence in the Werribee International Horse Centre, which is an industry-owned quarantine facility for horses in training, and the approved pre-export quarantine facilities in Japan.



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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	1380	165	12%	232	17%	33%	157	11%	606	44%	30,710,838	22,254
J Snaith	1101	159	14%	233	21%	34%	125	11%	535	49%	25,196,313	22,885
MF de Kock	672	109	16%	179	27%	30%	102	15%	355	53%	23,013,867	34,247
BJ Crawford	834	122	15%	177	21%	34%	103	12%	418	50%	13,702,050	16,429
AC Greeff	1128	177	16%	249	22%	34%	140	12%	545	48%	12,563,363	11,138
PA Peter	816	120	15%	158	19%	35%	103	13%	382	47%	11,662,505	14,292
C Bass-Robinson	829	82	10%	86	10%	34%	93	11%	349	42%	10,563,975	12,743
Y Bremner	842	109	13%	116	14%	30%	112	13%	401	48%	9,719,476	11,543
J Ramsden	399	42	11%	34	9%	26%	38	10%	162	41%	8,251,524	20,681
A Nel	522	76	15%	82	16%	30%	70	13%	271	52%	8,069,425	15,459
GS Kotzen	788	74	9%	79	10%	28%	86	11%	299	38%	8,037,938	10,200
GD Smith	1203	87	7%	84	7%	24%	110	9%	434	36%	7,511,063	6,244
VH Marshall	506	49	10%	56	11%	30%	59	12%	217	43%	7,449,263	14,722
GV Woodruff	438	52	12%	75	17%	36%	55	13%	203	46%	6,903,485	15,761
DR Drier	464	68	15%	89	19%	38%	49	11%	220	47%	6,799,075	14,653

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four %	stakes	stks/ rides
L Hewitson	1559	219	14%	299	19%	27%	229	15%	816	52%	27,540,172	17,665
M Yeni	1822	215	12%	267	15%	27%	237	13%	854	47%	20,304,443	11,144
A Marcus	640	189	30%	396	62%	36%	102	16%	440	69%	33,084,637	51,695
G Lerena	724	172	24%	316	44%	35%	109	15%	445	61%	21,265,538	29,372
G Cheyne	881	160	18%	257	29%	33%	133	15%	510	58%	12,960,925	14,712
R Fourie	644	140	22%	218	34%	35%	85	13%	397	62%	22,783,462	35,378
W Kennedy	1138	139	12%	128	11%	39%	144	13%	547	48%	17,169,973	15,088
R Munger	1333	127	10%	101	8%	32%	143	11%	549	41%	11,786,233	8,842
K De Melo	828	97	12%	91	11%	26%	100	12%	391	47%	11,693,839	14,123
B Fayd/herbe	453	88	19%	86	19%	41%	51	11%	238	53%	10,116,588	22,332
L J Ferraris	844	81	10%	69	8%	30%	77	9%	299	35%	9,990,111	11,126
C Zackey	1044	78	7%	79	8%	24%	108	10%	377	36%	10,468,136	10,027
M v Rensburg	689	77	11%	71	10%	23%	64	9%	275	40%	8,151,311	11,831
A Domeyer	385	77	20%	105	27%	37%	61	16%	237	62%	8,001,675	20,784
S Veale	621	72	12%	83	13%	35%	51	8%	257	41%	7,632,325	12,290
R Simons	624	68	11%	82	13%	26%	53	8%	252	40%	8,974,671	14,382

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
JAJ v Vuuren/A Marcus	36	18	50%	27	75%	59%	5	14%	1,355,662	37,657
PA Peter/C T Ndlovu	26	11	42%	16	62%	63%	5	19%	797,125	30,659
PA Peter/G Lerena	63	21	33%	36	57%	42%	10	16%	2,172,197	34,479
GB Puller/A Marcus	34	11	32%	23	68%	35%	5	15%	837,300	24,626
GS Kotzen/A Marcus	35	11	31%	27	77%	33%	6	17%	1,037,675	29,648
BJ Crawford/A Marcus	132	40	30%	66	50%	44%	24	18%	4,096,725	31,036
MF de Kock/G Lerena	82	25	30%	41	50%	37%	14	17%	5,458,485	66,567
MG & AA Azzie/G Lerena	37	11	30%	19	51%	42%	1	3%	864,923	23,376
SD Gray/G Lerena	36	10	28%	19	53%	37%	10	28%	921,325	25,592
AC Greeff/B Fayd/herbe	41	11	27%	15	37%	40%	4	10%	799,825	19,508
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	414	108	26%	195	47%	33%	75	18%	7,167,425	17,313
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	109	27	25%	59	54%	36%	23	21%	3,185,187	29,222
A Nel/A Domeyer	51	13	25%	19	37%	47%	9	18%	1,047,875	20,547
A Nel/B Fayd/herbe	48	12	25%	11	23%	55%	7	15%	1,002,400	20,883
J Snaith/R Fourie	477	113	24%	186	39%	35%	68	14%	19,010,175	39,854
C Dawson/G Lerena	41	10	24%	16	39%	19%	4	10%	1,036,324	25,276

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Callan Murray – talented rider

**Time To Travel**

Callan Murray made a terrific start at Turffontein on Saturday to his homecoming after a tough time of things in Hong Kong and Singapore. He makes a return to Kenilworth this Saturday after an absence of fifteen months. The young rider will be looking to build on his double for Mike de Kock last Saturday when he takes six rides for four different yards

at the Cape track and the word is that he is keen to build his momentum by travelling. Cape racing offers plenty of opportunity as the summer approaches.



Coenie de Beer – Dicken sure works for him!

**Coenie & Cole**

Trainer Coenie de Beer has formed a unique partnership with our SP Personality of the Week Cole Dicken (see pg 12) this season. De Beer has provided the 22 year old with 3 of his 4 career winners to date – the most recent being Princess Nicole who won at the Vaal on Tuesday.

The Cheveley bred daughter of Soft Falling Rain was also Cole's first winner when shedding her maiden on 6 August. De Beer has had 3 winners this term – all ridden by Apprentice Dicken – at a strike rate of 43%.



Garth Puller &amp; Jabu Jacobs produced the surprise on Sunday

**Like A Boeing**

Former multiple champion jockey Garth Puller has been a mentor for many young apprentices trying to establish themselves. Puller, who trains out of Summerveld, gave young Jabu Jacobs a winning opportunity which he took with both hands at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday. Jacobs rode a confident race to get the longshot Boeing City home. This was

his first winner of the term – making it 5 in total. Puller has provided 2 of those winners.

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## Little Of Significance On Our Radar

Without major runners prepping for big events there's not much to report

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
104	Prince Of Kahal	5	Kahal	Clifton Stud	10Aug	1	Cnd	1000	Turffontein	104/98/-/-/-
103	Elusive Silva	7	Silvano	Nutfield Stud	13Aug	1	Cnd	1400	Kenilworth	-/103/105/105/93/
102	Wonderwall	5	Querari	Maine Chance	10Aug	1	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	99/104/-/-/-
99	Puget Sound	5	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	10Aug	3	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	84/101/-/95/-
99	Man About Town	5	Gitano Hernando	Eclipse Racing & Breeding	13Aug	3	Cnd	1400	Kenilworth	52/99/94/99/83/
96	Ready Steady Go	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	13Aug	4	Cnd	1400	Kenilworth	98/98/-/-/-
96	Platinum Prince	6	Silvano	Patricia Devine Inv	13Aug	2	Cnd	1400	Kenilworth	-/104/98/93/-
95	Rock Of Africa	6	Seventh Rock	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	10Aug	2	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	94/95/-/-/-
95	Astrix	3	Vercingetorix	Riverton Stud	17Aug	1	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	94/95/-/-/-
95	Flying Winger	5	Alado	Alado Project	10Aug	4	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	99/97/97/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
100	Casual Wear	4	What A Winter	Cheveley Stud	8Aug	4	MR84f	1000	Vaal	100/-/-/-/-
95	Master Keys	4	Master Of My Fate	Ms Nothemba Mlonzi	14Aug	1	MR90f	1400	Greyville	74/95/-/-/-
95	Lawdy Miss Clawdy	5	Bold Silvano	DA Sham	8Aug	1	Cndfm	1200	Vaal	95/83/-/-/-
94	Boeing City	4	Sail From Seattle	Ambiance Stud	18Aug	1	MR96	1000	Greyville	96/-/-/-/-
92	Vivir	4	Philanthropist	Ditro Bloodstock	9Aug	2	MR89f	1000	Fairview	92/97/-/-/-
92	Winter Watch	5	Ashaawes	GJ Armitage	8Aug	2	MR84f	1000	Vaal	97/-/-/-/-
90	Afrostar	4	Judpot	Connemara Stud	8Aug	3	Cndfm	1200	Vaal	93/93/-/-/-
90	In The Stars	4	Master Of My Fate	Varsfontein Stud	7Aug	1	MR85f	1200	Scottsville	90/-/-/-/-
89	World Radar	3	Soft Falling Rain	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	16Aug	1	Cndfm	1200	Fairview	89/-/-/-/-
88	Queensbarns	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	10Aug	1	MP-3f	1200	Kenilworth	88/-/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
93	Mangrove	6	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	16Aug	3	Cnd	1900	Fairview	-/95/95/95/90/
91	Born To Perform	5	Silvano	Highlands	11Aug	1	MR87	1600	Greyville	-/91/72/-/-/-
90	Streak Of Silver	7	Silvano	Highlands	9Aug	5	MR88	1600	Fairview	89/96/86/-/-/-
90	Finchatton	8	Right Approach	Wilgerbosdrift	6Aug	1	MR80	1600	Vaal	90/104/90/97/-
89	Jack Of Hearts	4	Jackson	Ascot Stud	11Aug	2	MR78	2000	Greyville	30/-/80/89/-
89	Nordic Rebel	6	Rebel King	Normandy Stud	6Aug	2	MR80	1600	Vaal	71/89/84/-/-
88	Story Of My Life	6	Soar With Eagles	IR Heyns	16Aug	1	Cnd	1900	Fairview	92/98/92/85/81/
87	Free Agent	7	Warm White Night	Klawervlei Stud	16Aug	2	Cnd	1900	Fairview	65/84/88/93/-
85	Liverpool Champ	3	Capetown Noir	Summerhill Stud	14Aug	1	MP	1900	Greyville	-/73/85/-/-/-
84	Seventh Of June	6	Starcraft	bred in Australia	17Aug	2	MR80	1800	Turffontein	55/81/84/83/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
89	Bondiblu	7	Seul Amour	Vanree Stud	8Aug	3	MR86	2400	Vaal	-/76/77/83/91/
88	Red Al	4	Captain Al	Riverton Stud	7Aug	9	MR84f	1600	Scottsville	-/88/92/84/88/
85	Scent Of Evening	4	Jackson	Highlands	8Aug	4	MR84f	1600	Vaal	71/85/-/-/-
84	Stelvio	5	Pathfork	JM Goodman & Cyan Equine	7Aug	3	MR84f	1600	Scottsville	79/88/-/79/-
84	I Like It	4	Solskjaer	Takemore Stud	8Aug	6	MR84f	1600	Vaal	83/102/95/-/-
84	Cold Cash	7	Bankable	Summerhill Stud	6Aug	4	MR82f	2000	Vaal	33/90/87/90/-
84	Principessa	4	Querari	Maine Chance	10Aug	1	MR82f	2000	Kenilworth	48/76/81/84/-
83	Pilgrim's Progress	5	Await The Dawn	Summerhill Stud	6Aug	2	MR82f	2000	Vaal	-/91/91/91/81/
83	Secret Depths	4	Elusive Fort	PG de Beyer	10Aug	3	MR82f	2000	Kenilworth	85/86/85/86/-
82	Factor Fifty	4	Marchfield	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	6Aug	3	MR82f	2000	Vaal	-/78/88/82/79/

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
95	Astrix	3	Vercingetorix	Riverton Stud	17Aug	1	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	94/95/-/-/-
89	Johnny Hero	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Varsfontein Stud	17Aug	7	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	-/91/-/-/-
86	Bay Tibbs	3	Bold Silvano	Riyo Stud	7Aug	1	MP	1400	Scottsville	74/86/-/-/-
85	Liverpool Champ	3	Capetown Noir	Summerhill Stud	14Aug	1	MP	1900	Greyville	74/85/-/-/-
84	Prince Of Venice	3	Vercingetorix	Maine Chance	7Aug	1	MP	1000	Scottsville	84/-/-/-/-
84	Etched In Blue	3	Oratorio	TD Andrews	17Aug	6	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	77/84/-/-/-
82	Cane Lime 'n Soda	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	10Aug	1	MP-3	1600	Kenilworth	64/82/-/-/-
81	Matterhorn	3	Marchfield	Lammerskraal Stud	14Aug	1	MP	1400	Greyville	-/81/-/-/-
81	Bag Of Tricks	3	Dynasty	Highlands	13Aug	1	MP	1200	Kenilworth	81/-/-/-/-
80	Winter Chill	3	What A Winter	GJ Royden-Turner	7Aug	2	MP	1000	Scottsville	80/-/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
89	World Radar	3	Soft Falling Rain	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	16Aug	1	Cndfm	1200	Fairview	89/-/-/-/-
88	Queensbarns	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	10Aug	1	MP-3f	1200	Kenilworth	88/-/-/-/-
85	Casino Queen	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	10Aug	1	MR74f	1200	Kenilworth	85/-/-/-/-
85	Athalia	3	Oratorio	B Marcus	13Aug	1	Cnd3f	1200	Kenilworth	85/-/-/-/-
83	Mirage	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	13Aug	2	Cnd3f	1200	Kenilworth	92/-/-/-/-
81	Wisteria Walk	3	Vercingetorix	Maine Chance	8Aug	1	MPfmw	1200	Vaal	81/-/-/-/-
80	Howl	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	13Aug	1	MP-3f	1400	Kenilworth	73/80/-/-/-
79	Tallinn	3	Vercingetorix	Maine Chance	17Aug	1	MP	1200	Turffontein	79/-/-/-/-
79	Orferd's Flash	3	Main Aim	PT Zeeman	10Aug	1	MP-3f	1200	Kenilworth	79/66/-/-/-
78	Duchess Of State	3	Silvano	Drakenstein Stud	10Aug	2	MP-3f	1200	Kenilworth	78/-/-/-/-

# SIGNPOSTS

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

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

Mr Mogambo 3g (Angel Bells by Labeeb)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

Norina 3g (Plush by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

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

Promising Of All 3g (Budding Beauty by Lambent Light)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(23/08\)](#)

Brooklyn's Choice 3g (Red Azalea by Redoute's Choice)

[Kenilworth 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m \(24/08\)](#)

Captain Garrett 3g (Lola Bud by Mogok)

[Kenilworth 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m \(24/08\)](#)

Captain Hindsight 3g (Uber Rock by Rock of Gibraltar)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

Self-Mastery 3g (Shanti by Pissaro)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(25/08\)](#)

### **DIVINE JET** (Jet Master)

Xtreme Air 3g (Come Play by Seul Amour)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(23/08\)](#)

### **FLOWER ALLEY** (Distorted Humor)

Petersham 3g (Traveller's Cheque by Right Approach)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

Rosemary Meadow 3g (Julietta by National Assembly)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(24/08\)](#)

Hawthorn 3g (Emerald Lake by Tiger Ridge)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

Flowerscape 3g (Refined Gold by Rich Man's Gold)

[Kenilworth 5 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1400m \(24/08\)](#)

### **KINGSBARNs** (Galileo)

Queen Of Quiet 3g (Cape Sugarbird by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(24/08\)](#)

### **LINGGARI** (Indian Ridge)

Trial Run 3g (Dummy Run by Mogok)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(23/08\)](#)

Blushing Bride 3g (Marry Me Mullins by Mullins Bay)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(23/08\)](#)

Levi 3g (Beloved Jean by Jallad)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 2000m \(25/08\)](#)

Lamberti 3g (Spider Spider by Danske)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 2000m \(25/08\)](#)

Swanking 3g (Silwood by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(25/08\)](#)

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

Rain Keeps Falling 3g (Southern Cross by Mutakddim)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(24/08\)](#)

Horatius 3g (Laverna by Parade Leader)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 85 Handicap 1400m \(24/08\)](#)

Mighty Sandstorm 3g (Desert Breeze by Right Approach)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1000m \(25/08\)](#)

### **TIME THIEF** (Redoute's Choice)

Clock Stopper 3g (Herathenavigatrix by Henrythenavigator)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(24/08\)](#)

### **VERCINGETORIX** (Silvano)

Brave Warrior 3g (Auspicious Anette by National Emblem)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1600m \(23/08\)](#)

Marshall 3g (Musayha by Not For Sale)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

Lady Of Arveni 3g (Foreshadow by Captain Al)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

Cherry Road 3g (Monroe by Model Man)

[Greyville 6 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(25/08\)](#)

### **WYLIE HALL** (Redoute's Choice)

Signed And Sealed 3g (Autograf by Becker)

[Turffontein 4 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1160m \(24/08\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### **VERCINGETORIX**

Rated **AR 79 Tallinn** (3f Tumbelini by Pivotal)

*Maiden Plate Turffontein (inner) (1200m) (17/8)*

Despite being pitched in against males here on debut, Mike De Kock's charge found good support and was eventually sent off favourite. She raced handy throughout, and went on to score very comfortably after striking the front 300m from home.

### **VAR**

Rated **AR 73 Dispicable** (4g Daily Flight by Jet Master)

Maiden Plate Greyville (poly) (1200m) (18/8)

Always top of the boards, Tony Rivalland's newcomer was taken straight to the front and led throughout. He was always in command and won going away.

## Horses To Follow

### **SOFT FALLING RAIN**

Rated **AR 89 World Radar** (3f Advance Warning by Strike Smartly)

*Novice Plate Fairview (poly) (1200m) (16/8)*

Now unbeaten in two starts, Alan Greeff's charge had been given a high MR 105 by the official handicappers after trouncing her rivals on debut. She led from pillar to post here and only having to be pushed out, she won with total authority.

**Is Your Horse One To Follow?**

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

## INTERNATIONAL

## Betfair Takes In Hong Kong

**Betfair is set to start exchange betting on Hong Kong racing from September 1, with the wagering operator hopeful the move will help stop the flow of Australian money to illegal offshore exchanges.**

Racing.com reports that punters will now be able to use the full range of Betfair products on Hong Kong, offering an alternative to the co-mingled totalisator pools with Tabcorp or fixed-odds products currently offered by wagering operators.

Betfair provides the opportunity to back or lay, bet in play and also a starting-price product, which will have a 100 per cent overround.

"For a number of years Betfair has respected the views of the Hong Kong Jockey Club which was to only have totalisator betting on their product and therefore did not offer the product on the Betfair betting exchange," said Betfair Australia chief executive Tim Moore-Barton.

"However, with current online in-play restrictions under the Interactive Gambling Act (IGA) and the introduction of Point of Consumption (POC) taxes in Australia, we saw the need to stop the flow of Australian customers moving their activity offshore to illegal exchanges.

"The impact of Australian POC taxes in an already heavily taxed environment, and the prohibition of online in-play betting on sports under the IGA, are the two biggest impediments for keeping Australian customers betting onshore.

"We will continue to fight for fairer fees and taxes for Australian punters and for the removal of the online in-play prohibition, but within our control was offering Hong Kong racing, which our customers have been crying out for.

"We are increasingly aware that illegal offshore operators are capturing the share of wallet from large and/or price-sensitive customers. These operators do not contribute funding towards Australian racing and sports bodies, taxes to state or federal governments, and offer no consumer protection to Australian residents. We're confident that by offering Hong Kong racing on the Betfair betting exchange, some Australian customers will return their activity to Australia, which will benefit Australian racing and sports bodies by reinstating product fees that they would have received had the customers stayed onshore."

The Hong Kong racing season starts on Sunday, September 1 with the first meeting at Sha Tin.



## SPORTS AND BETTING

## The Season Of Transformation

Liverpool vs Arsenal | Saturday 24 August | Anfield | 18:30



The headline fixture in the Premier League this weekend sees European champions, Liverpool, do battle with UEFA Europa League finalists, Arsenal. Two colossal football

names fighting for contrasting fortunes with Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool fighting for the title, while Unai Emery's Arsenal will just be happy to get back into the UEFA Champions League. A home trip against the Gunners has always been a fixture that the Reds favour, although with this being the season of transformation, perhaps Arsenal will be looking to take advantage of Liverpool's recent errors in defence and give them a game to remember.

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### TO WIN

Liverpool 5/10

Draw 37/10

Arsenal 5/1

### LIVERPOOL

Liverpool head into this weekend's action being one of two teams with a 100 percent record so far, the other side being their opponents, Arsenal. The fixture list has been relatively kind to Liverpool with the Reds facing Norwich and Southampton in their opening two games, two sides expected to fight for survival.

Nevertheless, Liverpool did what Liverpool usually do, collecting maximum points against the league's minnows, giving them the confidence needed to host Arsenal this Saturday without any hiccups. In between those two ties, Klopp's men did go the distance with Chelsea in the UEFA Super Cup, netting all five penalties to win the tournament via a shootout.

### ARSENAL

Arsenal won their opening two games for the first time since the 2009/10 season after wins over Newcastle and Burnley. Like Liverpool, the fixture list has been kind to the Gunners, but this is the big test.

In recent times, Arsenal have gone away to the big grounds and have got absolutely smashed. In the last two trips to Anfield, the aggregate scoreline is 9-1 in favour to Liverpool. In fact, Arsenal's away form has been well-documented as being their Achilles heel, losing eight times on the road last season. After a superb transfer window, the Gunners now feel that they have the squad to reach their targets, which is to get back into the Champions League. Arsenal have lacked defenders with leadership, but have acquired the services of David Luiz who fits the bill, while further forward, Unai Emery's men are spoilt for choice.

**PREDICTION:** Firmino To Score Anytime & Liverpool To Win (29/20)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Three Lucky Lines

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Bred To Perform

**Hollywoodbets Greyville 11 August**

Favourite backers got off to a nice start on Sunday's turf card when OONA did the business in the opening maiden plate for the girls over 1400m. Content to sit in the middle of what was a very tightly bunched field early on, Stuart Pettigrew's charge ran on best of all in the short home straight, and under a well-judged ride from Keagan De Melo she got up late to deny ICE IMPERIAL.

The MR78 Handicap was not surprisingly the faster of the two races over 1400m and here we saw a comfortable victory for the former Cape Town campaigner CAESURA. Nibbled at into 13/2 from 11's, Alyson Wright's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 200m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by a length and three quarters.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1000m where the faster of the two handicaps was the MR84 affair won by the easy to back TWEED VALLEY. Allowed to drift right out to 16/1 from 17/2, the Pathfork mare was soon positioned close to the speed. She put her head in front 160m out and comfortably accounted for the front running favourite OCEAN CITY by a length and a half.

**Titbits** Now a winner of four from six, BORN TO PERFORM won the bill topping MR87 Handicap over 1600m with authority by two.

## Silva Lining

**Kenilworth 13 August**

The going was still soft in Cape Town on Tuesday. Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1400m and in the fastest of these, a pinnacle stakes, we saw a smart performance from the 2018 Durban July third placed runner ELUSIVE SILVA. Shouldering no less than 61,5kg here, Justin Snaith's heavily burdened runner was positioned in the backend of midfield as the thirteen runners turned for home.

Once in the straight though this 7yo son of Silvano soon began to make headway and in what proved to be a real thriller, he got up late to deny his more fancied stable companion PLATINUM PRINCE.

1200m was the only other distance to stage more than one race and surprisingly the faster of these was the opening maiden plate won by the lightly raced Dynasty colt BAG OF TRICKS. Always handy, Brett Crawford's charge ran on strongly at the business end of the race and with the rest some two and a half lengths adrift, he got the better of the running on BRONZED by a half.

Race five was a very smart looking progress event over 1200m and in a time 0,37 seconds slower than that of Bag Of Tricks, we saw an eye catching performance from the lightly raced ORATORIO filly ATHALIA. Finishing best of all, Adam Marcus' charge struck the front 60m out and won going away from the odds on favourite MIRAGE.

**Titbits** Confidently ridden by apprentice Sandile Mbhele, TATTOED ROCKER came from the back when winning the MR70 Handicap over 1600m going away by three and a quarter.

## European Champs

**Hollywoodbets Greyville 14 August**

Racing returned to the turf track on Wednesday afternoon where the best bet on the card for most, LIVERPOOL CHAMP did the business in the maiden plate over 1900m. Adopting a change of tactics here, Gavin Van Zyl's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead going through the 300m and went on to score with authority from the ultra-consistent VELVET SEASON.

Four of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1400m and comfortably the quickest of these was the bill topping MR90 Handicap won by MASTER KEYS. Always handy, the daughter of Master Of My Fate got the better of SPAM ALERT 70m out and won going away by three quarters.

**Last Week's Top Rated SPEED RATINGS winners incl.**

Elusive Silva .....	won 20/1
Path To Glory .....	won 13/1
Britannia Queen .....	won 25/4
Master Keys .....	won 17/4
Bellingham Bay .....	won 26/10
Day Trip .....	won 26/10
Duchess Lane .....	won 21/10
Oona .....	won 7/4

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (7) Queen Of Pop 16  
 Race 2: (1) JJ The Wolf 18  
**Race 3: (6) Blushing Bride 33 (NAP\*)**  
 Race 4: (7) Cloud Atlas 64  
 Race 5: (5) Founding Father 46  
 Race 6: (2) Dutch Philip 82  
**Race 7: (4) Meryl 68 (nb)**  
 Race 8: (2) Epic Storm 46

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (8) Clock Stopper 10  
 Race 2: (3) Strikeitlikeamatch 41  
 Race 3: (11) Mr Mogambo 16  
 Race 4: (7) Fireworks 1  
 Race 5: (9) Only To Win 53  
 Race 6: (2) The Sash 42  
 Race 7: (2) Dromedaris 66  
 Race 8: (3) Kurt's Approval 26  
 Race 9: (6) Norland 44

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (10) Warrior Tiger 36  
 Race 2: (1) Platinum Prince 64  
 Race 3: (5) Queen Of Quiet 30  
 Race 4: (3) Watch Me Now 13  
 Race 5: (1) Path Of Choice 7  
**Race 6: (1) Nasty Harry 60 (EW)**  
 Race 7: (6) Gimme Katrina 41  
 Race 8: (12) Purple Mountains 55

### HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (5) Blonde Babe 12  
 Race 2: (3) Samsonite 46  
 Race 3: (3) Velvet Season 25  
 Race 4: (5) Perfect Air 68  
 Race 5: (11) Alphamikefoxtrot 37  
 Race 6: (1) Accidental Tourist 44  
**Race 7: (2) Triple Fate Line 71 (NAP\*\*)**  
 Race 8: (3) Red Hot Night 25

### Nap bets

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

**Notebook** *Horses worth following at their next few starts...*

**BORN TO PERFORM** (D Bosch, KZN)  
**WORLD RADAR** (A Greeff, E-Cape)

## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

Race six on the card was a MR76 Handicap over 1600m and here we saw a very easy victory for the column's top rated runner PATH TO GLORY. Freely available at 13/1 on the off, Mike Miller's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She put her head in front shortly after passing the 300m pole and won going away by just over three from the hat-trick seeking SCARLET CHILL.

**Titbits** Backed into odds on at the track, lightly raced MATTERHORN quickened well below the distance when getting up in the very last stride to open his account in the maiden plate over 1400m.

## Strangers In The Night

Vaal 15 August

Thursday's action took place on the classic track where the only race down the straight was the opening work rider's maiden plate over 1000m won by the easy to back OLD BLUE EYES. Freely available at 16/1 on the off, Candice Dawson's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 400m marker and won well by a length and a half from the second favourite DANCING FLAME.

Three of the afternoon's nine races were run over 1200m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was THE SANDS when causing a bit of an upset in the MR88 Handicap. Positioned in the rear early on, Gary Alexander's charge ran on strongly from halfway and after striking the front 110m from home, he comfortably accounted for the well-supported favourite CULTURE TRIP by a length and three quarters.

They also ran three races over 1500m and quickest home here was CATEGORY FOUR in the MR68 Handicap. Allowed to drift right out to 13/1 from 15/2, the top weighted Twice Over gelding raced fourth for most of the journey. He quick-

ened well at the business end of the race and despite ROCKY PATH (raced 7th – led 300m) having the benefit of first run, he got the better of that one 50m from home to score by a half.

**Titbits** After running on stoutly from the rear, HARTLEYFOUR won the MR72 Handicap over 1200m with authority by a length and a half.

## Steeplechase Margin

Fairview 16 August

All eyes on Friday afternoon were on WORLD RADAR in the novice plate over 1200m. Rated an incredibly high 105 by the official handicapper when winning her only previous outing in impressive fashion, Alan Greeff's charge started at 3/10 here. She got away well when the gates opened and soon at the head of affairs led throughout. She raced a couple of lengths clear for most of the journey and only having to be pushed out over the final 400m, she went on to score with total authority by three and a quarter. This was the fastest of the three races over the distance, but it is worth noting that this was only 0,21 seconds faster (just over a length) than the opening maiden plate won by DUET.

2200m was the only other distance to stage more than one race on the card and surprisingly the faster of these was the maiden plate won by TOM TOM. Sent off a strong favourite at 5/4, the former Gauteng campaigner raced sixth early on. He began to take closer order rounding the home turn and after striking the front 300m out, he bolted clear to score by eleven and a half.

A very competitive looking pinnacle stakes over 1900m topped the bill and here it was nice to see the ultra-consistent 6yo STORY OF MY LIFE register a fifth career victory. Taken straight to the front by Musi Yeni, the Soar With Eagles gelding

led throughout. He was always a couple clear and although both FREE AGENT and MANGROVE chased hard in the home straight, they could only make minimal impression.

**Titbits** At the back of the thirteen turning for home, BURNT ROCK ran on best of all when getting up in the very last stride to win the MR68 Handicap over 1300m.

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### GREYVILLE (TURF) 11 AUGUST

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,86s slow	
1000m (2) Tweed Valley	59,11
1200m (1) Eternal Words	71,70
1400m (2) Caesura	85,28
1600m (1) Born To Perform	97,73
2000m (1) Before Noon	126,08
2200m (1) Deposition	142,16

### KENILWORTH (OLD) 13 AUGUST

Penetrometer 27 – Going Soft	
Course Variant: 4,75s slow	
1000m (1) Bellingham Bay	63,20
1200m (2) Bag Of Tricks	78,01
1400m (3) Elusive Silva	92,33
1600m (1) Tattooed Rocker	106,47
2000m (1) Day Trip	135,88

### GREYVILLE (TURF) 14 AUGUST

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,70s slow	
1200m (1) Duchess Lane	72,91
1400m (4) Master Keys	84,19
1600m (1) Path To Glory	97,38
1800m (1) Techno Captain	111,87
1900m (1) Liverpool Champ	119,01

### VAALE (CLASSIC) 15 AUGUST

Penetrometer 20 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,20s slow	
1000m (1) Old Blue Eyes	58,23
1200m (3) The Sands	69,74
1500m (3) Category Four	90,76
1800m (1) Burindi	110,49
2400m (1) Il Mondo	150,32

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 16 AUGUST

Going Standard	
Course Variant:	
1200m (3) World Radar	70,98
1300m (1) Burnt Rock	75,85
1600m (1) Stream Of Kindness	96,42
1900m (1) Story Of My Life	116,85
2200m (2) Tom Tom	138,43

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# R1.9 MILLION WIN FOR R5

**BET TAKEN IN SECUNDA,  
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14 AUGUST 2019

This Women's Month a 42-year-old woman from PMB had extra reason to celebrate when she won an amazing R1.9 million after placing a 35-leg soccer multiple for only R5! She took the bet in Secunda while visiting her family but was able to conveniently cash it in her home town of PMB. The winner is still in shock and is overwhelmed by the enormity of her win especially because it is her first ever win with Hollywoodbets! She plans to use

these funds to open an educational trust for her three children, to build a house and also invest some of her winnings. She started betting on weekends with Hollywoodbets in 2018 and loves the service, support and advice she gets from them. "I was most happy that I was able to place a bet in Secunda but get the payout in my home town because of Hollywoodbets being all over the country," she said.

