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A glaring oversight in what should be a routine safety check has been exposed after a shocking accident at Hollywoodbets Scottsville on Wednesday. When the starter sprung the gates for the third race, he sent horses and riders directly into the danger zone.

We put our lives in others hands every day. Especially on 11 September.

When you lie on that operating table, or even when buckling up on that Mango flight to Joburg, you have taken it for granted that the safety checks have been done – including clearance of foreign objects and oil slicks of whatever nature from the runway. It's not the kind of thing you are able to do yourself.

Jockeys are known to walk the track before race-meetings, in instances of weather concerns or even an unfamiliarity with the track.

But the Pietermaritzburg weather was beautiful on Wednesday and there was no reason for a red flag.

The first two races down the straight went off without incident. The third race was the first round the turn.

The inspection of the track revealed a clearly visible wet patch with divots, which inevitably led to the accident.

An angry trainer said it was time for the NHRA and the Racing Operator to tell the industry and the racing public how they had permitted a race to be run in obviously dangerous circumstances.

“The patch was wet and dangerous. Whether it was caused by irrigation or a pipe leaking, the blunt fact is that when the all clear is given for the start of the race, it is based on a blind man having done nothing. No senior officials from the regulator or the operator have inspected the track. The jockeys are riding in the dark and this accident could so easily have resulted in death for horse or rider. Racing doesn't need this kind of publicity. But heads need to roll and we are going

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 3 yo f Jackson x Crimson Blossom (IRE)
 Trainer Brett Crawford
 Owner Ridgemont (Nominee Wayne Kieswetter)

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to demand answers. Too many jobs are being protected," said the trainer.

The Sporting Post has learnt this morning that the bills for the veterinary care for the injured horses will be handed to Gold Circle for payment.

"We may regard ourselves as a first world racing jurisdiction but we are in reality closer to third world. We need the Australians out here to come and teach us the basics. And what about the knock-on effect of the delay in timetable and the potential reputational damage for SA racing in the eyes of international viewers?"

The Sporting Post mailed the NHRA and Gold Circle yesterday immediately after the race to attempt to determine whether any inspections are ever carried out ahead of racemeetings. We also asked whose responsibility the matter was and whether an inquiry would be opened.

We have had no response. The official stipes report makes no reference to any corrective action being taken either.

We hear that on Sunday at Hollywoodbets Scottsville, the jockeys will not ride without clearance and assurances that a process is in place.

Next time you buckle up and get set for take-off on that flight to Joburg, just hope and pray that people have done their jobs and fixed that crater in the runway.

The official stipes report tells what happened:

Approaching the 800 metre mark TWICE GOLDEN stumbled badly dislodging Jockey A Mgudlwa. As a result BAYVIEW EXPRESS (*A Arries) in attempting to jump the fallen rider, fell, dislodging Apprentice A Arries. Simultaneously JARENE (*T Gumede) stumbled, became unbalanced and was eased. Thereafter DUTCH ALLEY (K de Melo), BROOKLYN (*L Ferraris), LIGHTNING PARCADOR (E Ngwane), POWER TO COMMAND (S Moodley), QUATRO FIVE SIX (S Brown) and YUKTA'S DANCE (W Kennedy) were hampered, switched out and raced wide on the bend from the 800 metre mark. As a result of taking evasive action due to the above incident, the saddle on QUATRO FIVE SIX (S Brown) slipped sideways

Following a report from the NHRA Veterinary Surgeon a track inspection was carried out on an area of the track on the bend near the inside running rail.

Following this inspection a decision was made to move a section of the running rail out approximately 5 metres to avoid the area of concern. This caused a delay to the running of Race 4.

A Half Happy Ending

Ashton Arries and Athandiwe Mgudlwa) were rushed to hospital for observation after the race.

Arries said he had issues with the area around his collarbone and Mgudlwa said he had issues with his knee and shin.

Mgudlwa's mount tripped at about the 800m marker, dislodging his rider, who rolled on the ground and looked certain to be run over by Bayview Express. However, the latter jumped over the injured jockey, landing awkwardly and falling to the ground along with his rider Arries. This caused eleven of the fifteen jockeys to restrain their mounts, which essentially meant this turned into a four-horse race. If anything, had Bayview Express not jumped over Mgudlwa, one can't help but believe the jockey would have suffered way more injuries.

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Chase The Chestnut

Pinnacle Stakes Durbanville Saturday

The Cape champion combination of Justin Snaith and Richard Fourie have started the new term in good fashion. Their classy Star Chestnut returns from a seven month break when he carries the flag in Saturday's Durbanville topline and as a fellow who likes to run fresh, who is beating against them?

The Pinnacle Stakes weight structure favours the class and the seven-timer winning Star Chestnut is reportedly doing well at home and ready for a big run. He has been competitive against better than what he meets here.



Star Chestnut | Gold Circle

Vaughan Marshall's 2018 Kuda Sprint winner Agent Of Fortune is an interesting customer. He beat the high-class Cirillo on debut in the sales race but then chipped a knee and missed a SA Champions Season campaign.

He has only had three runs in the space of twenty months and showed his first flicker of life when beaten

under two lengths by Photocopy at this track last month. His smart dam won from 1400m to 1800m and he must improve over this trip.

Rested close on seven weeks, the talented Joey Ramsden 8yo Catkin missed a scheduled engagement last month as no suitable jockey was available to ride him. The stable indicate that he will need it.

The super consistent 5yo Ready Steady Go ran on smartly last time to finish under 1,50 lengths off the top class Elusive Silva. He has proven effective at this track and has the undeniable advantage of match fitness in his favour.

The 6yo course-and-distance specialist Zeb has his first run of the season after being withdrawn midway through August with an elevated temperature. A solid hardknocker, he gets the 1,5kg discount courtesy of top apprentice Sandile Mbhele and could be dangerous if overcoming his wide draw.

Mike Stewart has four runners in the race and Icon King appears to be clear stable elect after a welcome form return when winning his last start at Kenilworth. The 6yo is a dangerous front-runner who was highly regarded in his early career and could stretch them if allowed to dictate from the 4 draw.

The one-time winning 7yo Duchess Of Prussia looks outgunned in this line-up and does not appear to pose a threat on current form.

The formless 6yo Pergola has not run for 43 weeks and the

stable have said that he will need the run.

The fourth of the Mike Stewart quartet, the 7yo Celtic Charm has no recent form to

START
4:30PM
Durbanville

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PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
PINNACLE STAKES - 1400M
- SAME TRAINER: (4-5)(7-8-9-10)

Horse Chestnut	1 STAR CHESTNUT (J Snaith) R Fourie	5	60.0
Horse Chestnut	2 CATKIN (J Ramsden) C Orffer	1	58.5
Gimmethethegreenlight	3 READY STEADY GO (H/WJ Crawford/M Pix) G Cheyne	6	58.5
Pathfork	4 ZEB (VH Marshall) S Mbhele	10	55.5
What A Winter	5 AGENT OF FORTUNE (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	8	54.0
Black Minnaloushe	6 WAITING FOR RAIN (ELP Steyn) M Winnaar	2	54.0
Rebel King	7 ICON KING (JMT Stewart) D Ashby	4	54.0
Kahai	8 PERGOLA (JMT Stewart) S Cele	9	54.0
Silvano	9 DUCHESS OF PRUSSIA (JMT Stewart) not declared	3	51.5
Windrush	10 CELTIC CHARM (JMT Stewart) A Andrews	7	51.5

WEEKEND RACING

recommend her and would be a shock winner.

Star Chestnut should carry too many guns and he is the selection to beat Ready Steady Go.

Cape Of Storms

Getting the various entities and personalities to sit around the same campfire and bury personal perceptions and agendas is going to be a non-negotiable starting point to get Cape Racing back on track.

That emerged from a rather haphazardly convened meeting hosted by the Racing Association's Larry Wainstein at Kenilworth on Monday, 9 September 2019 that seems likely to achieve very little in the short term.

An invitation was extended to local owners and trainers by RA CEO Larry Wainstein a week earlier.

The note gave no notice of a specific agenda – this was instead handed to guests on arrival. And those who came in search of answers, left sorely disappointed.

Larry Wainstein sketched the background of the Gold Circle demerger, during which Cape Racing formed the standalone entity known today as Kenilworth Racing.

The structure and day to day management of Kenilworth Racing is not straightforward, as it is managed by Phumelela, in part of the agreements struck during the Gold Circle demerger process.

To give Larry credit, and even while it was his own party, he did have the guts to come out and face the music – to a degree. With figures presented by Wainstein showing the Cape to be in serious decline and the RA having to bridge ever increasing gaps, this is likely to become an increasingly large bone of contention as the industry's finances come under ever increasing pressure.

The figures presented raised justifiable concerns and questions among those present. But with no representation from either the WPRRA, Kenilworth Racing or Phumelela board, answers were in short supply. With no clear hand on the reins from the Chair to keep things in check, or counter-arguments or facts available, the meeting degenerated into speculation, accusation and recrimination. Was this a strategy or simply inept planning? Take your pick.

A meeting was convened at Kenilworth earlier in the day where discussions were held to find a best solution to massaging the stakes structure against the background of a reduced budget.

Wainstein said the Cape stakes were 'under review' – something we have all known for months.

He couldn't give us specifics and an announcement should be made in a few weeks. That was an anti-climax!

The charismatic Mike de Kock is a well-respected individual and he suggested that what was lacking is leadership. He

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recommended an urgent search for a CEO and didn't feel that the fact that KR have Co Chairmen was necessarily a positive. It's all well and good appointing a CEO, but when the present leadership is fractured, what's the point?

Hassen Adams, who apparently had a visit from Phindi Kema the previous week, didn't cover himself in glory or grace when he launched an attack on the absent KR Chairman Robert Bloomberg and was never challenged or countered in the process.

While some felt Bloomberg should have been present, had the two been in the same room and he defended himself and made his own allegations against Adams' own alleged lack of delivery, where would the line have been drawn in potential prejudicial breaches of confidentiality and exposing board-room strategy?

Racing historian and expert Charles Faull made an observation about the lack of transparency and accountability, while owner David Aberly impressed with his concise questions and points. He could be a man to play a more prominent role in time to come.

The lack of leadership at the meeting led to attacks on other KR board members and Phumelela.

A poor show that had labels of circus and free-for-all being attached to it by some. And we are no further.

Some owners told the Sporting Post that they came looking for answers and left with nothing. Disappointment in the lack of urgency amid the absence of leadership was the underlying thread.

Sadly the deep rifts are likely to have widened amid the stone throwing.

With many questions and no answers, one clear take-away was that those in charge are either not willing or able to sit around the same campfire.

With the industry under fire from the economy, the government and the Public Protector, it seems the biggest threat might be from itself.

If there are any leaders out there, would they please stand up?



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Let's Put More Lipstick On The Pig

Fact - it's the public that pay the purse

Last night I endured a Racing Association meeting at which the hoary chestnut of bringing back the crowds and growing the punters' base was regurgitated.

The "race day experience", dining-room quality and costs as well as food was discussed.

FFS!

Are we running a restaurant, asks Peter Wrensch in the SP Mailbag?

Or do we want punters, turnover and, especially, public confidence?

Roy Keane would have had a field day lampooning the prawn privileged remotely seated in their boxes.

Fact – it's the public that pay the purse.

Racing needs them to have full confidence in the betting product and remain fans.

In the halcyon 1980's there were crowds, large full stands and packed totes.

But most significantly, there were top horses. Lots of them. As there were trainers and owners.

These shared in the broad base of decent stock that paid it's way, or a portion thereof, through a career that kindled optimism.

Met gates were shut to keep people out. And the champions in.

From my foray into racing in 1977 there was a consistent conveyor belt of seriously good horses.

Household names like Politician, Over The Air, Quarrytown, Bold Tropic, Wolf Power and plenty others galvanised the fan base and attracted numbers seeking to watch the best.

No one goes to the Currie Cup rugby and cricket equivalent anymore. For the reason that it's not the best.

Run-of-the-mill racing today has emulated this.

In 1979 I recall Cape Top Division sprints boasting fields of 20 and the barrier to entry was 7 wins. The Guineas was 3.

The Eliminator, The Cruel Sea, Lovely Rhythm, Tucson, Horatius, Green Silver were then relieved by Lord Randolph, What A Beauty, Flobayou, Lurgan, Front Cover and a conveyor belt of top horses.

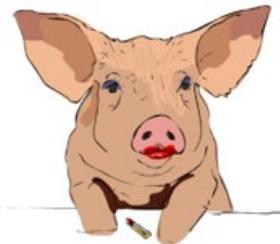
Nationally, compare every Top Division sprint race nowadays and name the star with Bolt-like attraction. Simply, racing does not put on a show of calibre.

Why not?

Three horses currently stand out and Sun Met 2020 will be a "kykweer" of the 2019 edition and the July.

In truth, this is the best in many years.

The reason being the costly failures at the Dubai Carnival as the European horses have moved in. [Read more here](#)



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PE's Top Trainers

East Cape champion trainer Alan Greeff's record-breaking win tally of 176 last season was a long-standing benchmark held by his good friend and arch-rival, Gavin Smith.



Gavin Smith with son Dean
pic by Pauline Herman

The two yards have dominated the East Cape racing landscape for 25 years.

Greeff was awarded an outstanding achievement acknowledgement for his feat, while Smith was also acknowledged for having held the previous record of 150 winners for 13 long seasons.

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Gavin Smith, whose smart Hooves Of Troy was crowned champion 2yo male, was both surprised and pleased with his award and congratulated Alan Greeff on his top season.

Gavin took over from his Dad Andy in 1995. A champion in his own right, Andy passed away in 2014 at the age of 76 after years of ill health.

"It's always an honour to be acknowledged and it was a wonderful evening amongst colleagues and friends. But I'd like to give a special mention of appreciation and a word of congratulations to Joyce Burggraaf, who travelled all the way to Port Elizabeth from Saudi Arabia to collect the award for Champion 2yo Colt / Gelding for Hooves Of Troy. That's a long round trip and it's a reflection of a passion and interest for this great game. They have a really lovely 3yo in Hooves Of Troy and we are set for a good season."

Bred by Hartley SA, the son of Vercingetorix went through the ring for just R60 000 at the KZN Yearling Sale

Hooves Of Troy is out of the seven-time winning Mogok mare, Secret Magok.

Gavin Smith loves the horse – "He's a dead ringer for probably the best horse I trained, called Bold Silvano!"

Top Racing Man Passes Away

Veteran Gauteng trainer Brian Wiid passed away in the Union Hospital last Friday.

He suffered a stroke over a week ago but was reported to be making progress.

The 72 year old Brian trained racehorses for 45 years and conditioned some top horses, including the likes of champion sprinter Knife Edge and Summer Handicap winner, the Jean Heming 'chuck out', Cardinal Fury.

The Sporting Post extends sincere condolences to his wife Ronel, their family and friends.

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Triple Crown Winner - Drug Shock

Extraordinary allegations have been made by the New York Times that US Triple Crown winner Justify failed a drug test prior to last year's Kentucky Derby that would have ruled him out of the race.

The New York Times alleges the Bob Baffert-trained star tested positive for drug Scopolamine after winning the Santa Anita Derby on April 7, adding the trainer was not informed until nine days before the first leg of the Triple Crown, with the case eventually being dropped.

Rick Arthur, an equine medical director for the California Horse Racing Board, has rubbished the claims. Baffert and the CHRB are due to make statements later on Thursday. Arthur said: "The fact of the matter is, even a high bute case can take 60-90 days to resolve. There's no way this case could have been resolved prior to the Kentucky Derby, which would have been the only grounds for removing the points [needed to qualify for the first leg of the Triple Crown]."

Justify, owned by China Horse Club, Head Of Plains Partners et al, followed success at Churchill Downs with wins in the Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes to become the 13th US Triple Crown winner, a feat achieved by greats such as Secretariat, American Pharoah and Affirmed.

According to the New York Times, 300 nanograms per millilitre of Scopolamine was found in the horse's system, an amount Dr Rick Sams, who ran the drug lab for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission between 2011 and 2018, felt "suggested the drug was intended to enhance performance".

The penalty for a trainer's first offence with a 4C drug – the least serious of drugs that are prohibited in the sport and the classification for Scopolamine – is a maximum \$500 fine. Scopolamine is found in jimson weed but its presence in a racehorse's system can result in disqualification.

Arthur said: "Jimson weed is a weed we see in California not infrequently. This is not a case of someone drugging a horse. This is a case of a horse poisoning. The source of it is a poisonous plant. The board, on my and the executive director's recommendation, made the correct, appropriate and the gutsy decision to dismiss the case."

Wrench Off The Mark

With a small string at his disposal, it's been a while in coming. But longstanding former workrider and assistant to the late Ronnie Sheehan, Peter Wrench opened his account as a trainer with a game win by the 3yo Captain Garrett in the opener at Kenilworth on Saturday.

Having only his second start after a good debut effort, the Klidprif Stud-bred Captain Garrett stayed on dourly after his good debut run when green and staying on.

"We will take any win and it's not easy winning any race in the Cape. Captain Garrett will be happier around the turn. He's a very leggy horse and his half brother won at 1450m in Mauritius. Jackie and Ronnie Sheehan would have been proud as the winner's dam Lola Budd raced for them when I worked for them. None of the breeders wanted her so Ronnie sent her off to Captain Of All as he couldn't afford Captain Al. It's quite an emotional win," said Wrench who also thanked his loyal owners.

The winner was given a good ride by former Cape workrider of the year, Andile Ndlele.

The Kennedy & Robinson Show

Cape superstar Richard Fourie had to wait until the final race of the Durbanville meeting on Tuesday to ride a winner as championship chasing KZN raider Warren Kennedy gave the locals something to think about when he rode the R465 jackpot at a sun-drenched country course.



Warren Kennedy
on Secret Depths
pic: Chase Liebenberg

The high-riding and unassuming Kennedy moved into second position on the national log and, while it is early days yet, his intentions to give the championship a full go this term have been fired to a new level.

His four winners on the day included a terrific maiden career treble for Philippi trainer Michael Robinson, who was naturally thrilled with his yard finding good form.

Robinson, son-in-law of veteran KZN conditioner Doug Campbell, has been training for his own account since 2013

and came through the ranks, cutting his teeth with Mike Stewart, Chris Snaith and Dennis Drier.

After a few years in charge of spelling and pre-training for Drakenstein Stud, as well as training a small string of horses off the farm for them, he has firmly established himself as a leading trainer in the Cape ranks – which is dominated by a handful of powerful operations.

His three winners were Lunar Tunes (22-10), Lady Abigail (9-1) and Secret Depths (11-4)

Kennedy, who has ridden six winners on a day, rode the final leg of the jackpot for Eric Sands when the improving Bellingham Bay rounded off a happy streak for the visiting jock.

Kennedy told Gold Circle's David Thiselton recently that it was a mixture of improved riding and better support which had enabled him to climb the ladder.

He added: "Getting rides in bigger races gives you more responsibility and if you ride well you get better support."

He now has the continued support of Gareth and Gavin van Zyl and others in KZN, of the increasingly prominent yard of Paul Peter and others in Gauteng, and of a number of trainers – including the Robinson family – in Cape Town.

His other advantage is his light weight. His official riding weight is 51kg.

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Whyte Lightning!

Douglas Whyte had only one runner on the Sha Tin card on Sunday but Hong Kong's newest trainer made it count as Big Fortune powered away in the Class 4 Tung Wah Group Of Hospitals Challenge Cup Handicap.

Ridden by Alberto Sanna, the son of Moshe broke well and made all to give Whyte his first cup race victory and the second win of his training career, remarkably from only eight runners for a 25% strike rate.

"It's going to sit well on the mantelpiece, my first cup ever. Again, it's not about the class of the race, it's about the particular horse that's let down for me today," Whyte said.

The 13-time champion jockey, 47, is utilising his talents in the saddle to aid the training of his horses and admitted the five-year-old has not been the most straightforward stable acquisition.

"He's proved a bit of a difficult horse in that he has been too keen. I think in some of his races it proved that he's over-raced maybe and he doesn't tend to hit the line as strongly as he can," the South African said.

The win, meanwhile, was Sanna's first success since 16 June, ending a three-month run of outs after returning from two injuries.

Diego Off The Mark

South African jockey Diego de Gouveia stepped into massive boots when he took over the post vacated by multiple champion jockey Piere Strydom at the Rameshwar Gujadhur yard just a week ago.

The talented 2019 Gr1 Cape Derby-winning rider showed his balance and strength in the finish when he extricated an extra ounce of enthusiasm out of former Sean Tarry-trained stakes winner Barrack Street to register his first win on the island in double quick time.

This was his only his sixth ride on the island.

The much anticipated duel between Barrack Street and Henry Tudor went all the way down to the wire in the Apex Group 15th Anniversary Trophy, with Diego getting one over fellow Gauteng-based rider Randall Simons, who ended the day with a beautifully taken double to take his win tally to three.

An elated Diego told the Sporting Post on Sunday that he was thrilled to have broken the ice – and equalled the 990m course record in the process.

"I am glad that I have got the first winner behind me. I am enjoying it here and while it is a different lifestyle, we are adapting quickly," he added when touching on the adventure that he and long-time girlfriend Jamie-Lee Oliveira have undertaken.

The Klawervlei Stud bred Barrack Street was a R500 000 2016 CTS Lanzerac Ready To Run sale graduate.

He is by Dynasty out of Laptop Lady – and thus a half brother to ill-fated Equus champion racer and sire Jay Peg (Camden Park).

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Singapore Success For Le Grange

South African trainer Ricardo Le Grange's high opinion of Field Marshal was given another boost following a second win from as many starts at Kranji in Singapore on Friday night.

The New Zealand-bred three-year-old by Sweet Orange made a thrilling winning debut under Le Grange's apprentice jockey Krisna Thangamani, getting up by a nose in a Restricted Maiden race over 1200m on turf on July 28, carrying only 50kgs.

Le Grange raised the ante by stepping up the Middle Kingdom Stable-owned galloper in the \$75,000 Novice race over 1200m, this time around on Polytrack.

The switch in surface was not the biggest worry. He was going to cross swords with other impressive debut winners like Diamond Ring and Coming Through while last week's winner Lord Of Light and last-start winner The Nutter were nothing to sneeze at either.

The 51.5kgs handicap was a big shot in the arm, though, and an ounce of luck in the running went a long way towards Field Marshal laying down the law for a second time.

Well ridden into a rails-hugging position by lightweight jockey Ben Thompson, Field Marshal was always well poised in a striking decision, around three lengths off leader and favourite Diamond Ring (Daniel Moor).

At the top of the straight, Thompson, however, elected to peel his mount out when he could have sweated for a rails gap, but bumped into Coming Through (Alysha Collett) at the 300m as he came out.

For a horse with so little exposure to racing, such impeded runs could have snuffed his lights out, but he maintained his composure and a strong gallop to gain the upperhand on the top pick, who even lost second place to Angel's Choice (Yusoff Fadzli) by a head.

The winning margin was half-a-length and the winning time was 1min 11.92secs for the 1200m on the Polytrack.

Field Marshal has already recouped his price tag of NZ60,000 as a two-year-old having now pocketed around \$80,000 in prizemoney for the Middle Kingdom Stable, which together with its affiliation with the Ultima Racing Stable, the new sponsor of Friday's Gr3 El Dorado Classic (2000m), gave their usual rapturous welcome to the winner at the weigh-in.

Millard Eyes The Big One

With US\$20 million on offer, the Saudi Cup on 29 February will be the world's richest race, and, while conceding that his charge Elusive State needs to keep improving to earn a place, Hong Kong-based Tony Millard remains upbeat.



Tony Millard | HKJC

Millard and jockey Joao Moreira, who rode a treble at Sha Tin on Sunday, had to settle for second place with Elusive State, first-up over a distance short of his best in the Class 2 Po Yan Handicap— Big Time Baby won the contest for trainer Manfred Man and jockey Matthew Chadwick.

But Millard is optimistic that his improved six-year-old can continue progressing towards an ambitious international target.

"I didn't expect him to run that well but in another two strides he's there. He never had a break the whole race but he still ran on and that's just his class and he could be an international horse. He needs a little help to get him to Dubai and what's also been thrown into the field now is the new race in Saudia Arabia," Millard said.

"No-one wants to say he's that good at this stage but what's good about the Saudi race is that it's over 1800m – and that is exactly what Elusive State wants. He's the type of horse who's progressive and if we can get him in the right spot you never know what might happen," he said.

The \$20m Saudi Cup, to be run at King Abdulaziz Racetrack in Riyadh is now the world's richest race.

The prize for the winning horse will be US\$10,000,000 with finishers down to 10th place sharing another US\$10 000 000 between them.

The Saudi Cup will take its place on the international calendar and will be run four weeks after the Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park, and four weeks prior the Dubai World Cup at Meydan.

Cape Thoroughbred Sales

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Welcome Back

Piere Strydom

Striker!

At the age of 53 and with six SA champion titles amongst a host of illustrious achievements on his impressive CV, Piere Strydom is treating his recent stint in Mauritius as a positive experience, despite the obvious disappointment of having his contract abruptly terminated.

The man, whose legion of adoring fans know as 'Striker', a name christened by a PE journalist who wrote under the name Rob Roy, will go down in history as one of our greatest riders of all time. Piere picked up the tag from his wait-and-swoop style of race riding, an art he mastered on the windswept tracks of Arlington and Fairview in the 1980's.

He rewrote the record books when he became the first South African jockey to ride 5000 winners. That momentous occasion came in the Selangor Cup on Act Of War on 22 November 2014 at Kenilworth.

He spoke to the Sporting Post while sitting out his Mauritius suspension at his partner's home in Fourways, in advance of his return to race

Piere was fined Rs.50 000 and suspended from riding in races for a period of 6 weeks in terms of the MTC Rules of Racing after he was found guilty of contravening MTC Rule 160 A (j). The stipes felt that he failed to ride Man Of Seattle to their satisfaction from the 400m in the second race on Saturday, 3 August. He was also suspended from riding in races from 6 August 2019, but will be riding at the Vaal on 19 September.

"Having been off for over a month now, and with a few weeks left before I resume race-riding, I feel refreshed and ready to bounce back into the swing of things. My life is in a really good place and I think the breakaway on the island has done me well – despite the fact that it ended quite suddenly," he mused.

Striker took up a contract with the powerful Rameshwar Gujadhur yard in May and rode ten winners and twelve seconds from his 51 rides in five odd weeks there.

He started in fine style riding Danger Rock to victory at his opening meeting at the Champ de Mars – his first at the oldest racecourse in the Southern Hemisphere since his last appearance all the way back in 2001.

He said he loves the country, the lifestyle and the tangible and animated passion for racing and life of the ordinary Mauritian people. He concedes he even considered acquiring a prop-

erty on the island.

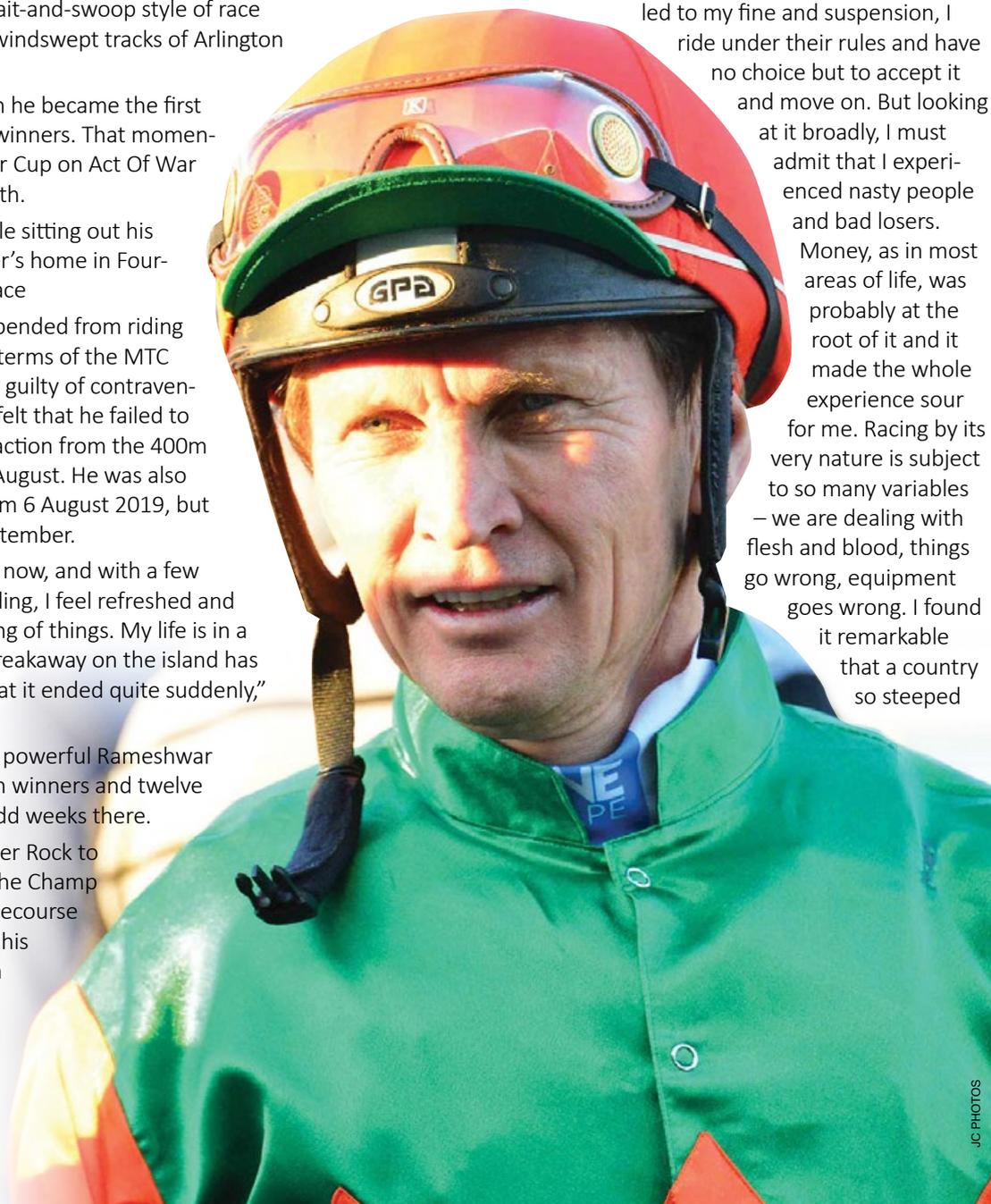
But he is less complimentary about some of the racing folk, and said bluntly that it seemed that fingers had to be pointed and blame absolutely had to be leveraged every time a horse didn't produce what was expected.

"The Stipes have their job to do and as a professional jockey you learn to accept and respect that fact. While I don't necessarily agree with their decision and findings on Man From Seattle, that

led to my fine and suspension, I ride under their rules and have no choice but to accept it and move on. But looking

at it broadly, I must admit that I experienced nasty people and bad losers.

Money, as in most areas of life, was probably at the root of it and it made the whole experience sour for me. Racing by its very nature is subject to so many variables – we are dealing with flesh and blood, things go wrong, equipment goes wrong. I found it remarkable that a country so steeped



PIERE STRYDOM

in racing history had so many bad losers. It's a great pity, and believe me, I was well aware of what happened to my colleagues in the past – so wasn't going in blind when I set out in May," he added.

The top jockey said that he had reached a point of going stale prior to taking up his Mauritius contract.

"The economic realities dictate that the smaller yards are getting smaller – and the bigger yards are getting bigger. The younger guys coming up through the ranks are hard working and hungrier – a lot of them have talent too. So from the days when I would phone and get 60% of the ride choices – and even the second choices would be accepted elsewhere, and I would ride them too, I now have the fourth choices – if I'm lucky!" he said early in May.

The twice divorced Dad's days of travelling far and wide to chase championships are also over. He says that racing is a fickle sport – people write one off quickly. With his support waning he reflected that experiencing the rejection over and over, and being emotionally knocked back all the time, was soul destroying and 'not good for anybody'.

So Mauritius came along at the right moment and was an opportunity to reinvigorate his mind and career.

Striker said it has sharpened him up dramatically – and proved a good refresher crash course for a veteran of the track.

"As our guys will experience in Hong Kong, the races are run faster. They are quicker out the stalls. You need to be razor sharp. The stiping is stricter and so they have to be to ensure optimal safety. But take Cape Town, as a local example. The jockeys jump out and cut each other off to squeeze into position. It seems to be regarded as acceptable. Try it at your peril in Mauritius or Hong Kong!" he smiled.

But he says that the Mauritius rollercoaster had the adrenalin pumping and all senses on full alert. Something he feels will stand him in good stead on his return next week.

"Look, I have children at school, a mortgage to pay and a life to live. So I am keen and hungry and have had a few phone calls from trainers. So that is encouraging. I have kept myself fit with spinning sessions and race-riding fitness will come. I had always aimed at stepping down at 45. That all changed when my children came along. Now 55 remains a moving target. I have plenty of time to win a few more Gr1's and take on the young guns," he laughed.

Pieré Johan Strydom is the eldest of 5 children and was born in Port Elizabeth on 7 June 1966.

The likes of Glen Hatt, Robbie Fradd, Nicholas Shearer, Eric Chelin and Hemant Ramlugaan were his classmates at the SA Jockey Academy. Piere rode his first winner on Saadabad at Scottsville in 1982.

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The Cup - Now A Cool Million!

The twelfth renewal of the Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup to be run on Charity Mile day at Turffontein has received a handsome shot in the arm with the news that the stake for the 1400m event has been boosted to R1 million with immediate effect.

The 3yo contest, run on 2 November, is restricted to eligible graduates of the 2018 Emperors Palace Ready to Run Sale and the news that the stake – payable all the way down to tenth finisher in a likely capacity sixteen horse field- has been effectively doubled, will be well received by all stakeholders.

Announcing the exciting increase on Tuesday, BSA CEO Michael Holmes said that the positive outcome was the product of a collective spirit of co-operation between all stakeholders, which included Emperors Palace, Phumelela, the Racing Association and BSA.

"The stakes increase is a testimony to what can be achieved through a unified and collaborative effort in the very best interests of this sport that we are so passionate about. The willingness to put heads together and increase the stake, thus rewarding our loyal owners and investors, was never in question, and augurs well for racing's ongoing association with another winner in their own industry in Emperors Palace," said Holmes, who lauded all role players.

It's well documented that the Ready To Run Cup and the Ready To Run Sale, which will be held at the TBA Sales Complex in Germiston on 3 November, have been inexorably associated with Emperors Palace for much of the prestige entertainment destination's over two decades in business.

Peermont Emperor's Palace Chief Operating Officer Bob Yearham echoed Holmes' sentiments and said that the Charity Mile Day had become a foundation event for his company. He added that the news of the stakes boost was to be hailed as a 'major plus'.

"I have become very familiar with the benefits of the ready to run concept in our well established association with the auction and the associated race, and, coupled with a great day of quality horseracing and the enormous benefits to charity, we welcome the great news of the Cup stake going up to R1 million. It is an honour and a privilege to once again add our name to the event and we are looking to achieving new heights this year," said Yearham, a very familiar face in the racing community.

Michael Holmes confirmed that progress logs reflecting the standings of the possible final field contenders would be issued in the build-up to the race, as has become the norm in years past.

"Sixteen horses and two reserve runners will be carded. We would encourage trainers to optimise their focus on qualifying their candidates. It is always a high-quality sale and competition for a final field slot on the big payday is bound to be hot as we approach the first race entry date of 21 October."

Watch the media for all the big race updates!

All enquiries regarding the sale itself may be directed to Ashley de Klerk on Tel 031 – 303 1017 or via email on bsa@equine.co.za

Short Heads

Kewing Up

Aidan O'Brien's top stayer Kew Gardens has been assigned the top-weight of 58kg for the AU\$8 million Lexus Melbourne Cup. Racing Victoria unveiled the weights on Tuesday for Australia's two richest handicap races, the Melbourne Cup and the AU\$5.15 million Stella Artois Caulfield Cup, which was won last year by Godolphin's Best Solution. Should he travel to Melbourne for the 2019 Victorian

Spring Racing Carnival, Kew Gardens - a winner of two Group 1 races including last year's St Leger - will set the benchmark for the 159th Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, 5 November at Flemington.

See all the weights on www.sportingpost.co.za



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NZ Champ

With a sensational five Gr1 victories to her name during the 2018/19 season, superstar Karaka graduate - Commands daughter Melody Belle (NZ) - was a runaway winner of the New Zealand Horse of the Year title and the Champion Sprinter-Miler trophy at Sunday night's awards ceremony at Ellerslie Racecourse. Melody Belle has had 22 starts in her career for 12 wins, seven of them at Gr1 level. She has earned NZ\$1.75 million - more than 30 times her purchase price.

Purring

The new kid on the Borrowdale Park block, Thomas Mason of Tomcat Racing, saddled three winners at the Sunshine Cup meeting on Saturday. Quite an achievement with such a small string in an 8-race card!



HUGH OUT

Sydney jockey Hugh Bowman has a broken finger and underwent surgery on Tuesday. Bowman was involved in a trackwork fall at Randwick and was taken to Prince Of Wales Hospital.

O On Fire!

Avontuur's triple Gr1 winning sire Oratorio had another good weekend, with the son of Danehill producing four Southern African winners. Oratorio's first local success came when his Drakenstein Stud bred and owned filly Speechmaker got off the mark at Fairview. Her sire struck twice in Southern Africa on Saturday, with the Oratorio sired Some Song scoring at Borrowdale, and the sire's son Viva Rio victorious at Kenilworth on the same day. Oratorio rounded off his quartet at Hollywoodbets Greyville the following day, where his son Dickens romped home to shed his maiden by nearly six lengths.

Visionary

Lammerskraal Stud's resident stallion Visionaire (Grand Slam) had a pair of relatives make headlines on the first day of the 2019 Keeneland September Yearling Sale on Monday. Visionaire's Gr1 Santa Margarita Stakes winning half-sister Tara's Tango was responsible for a Medaglia D'Oro colt (Lot 138) who made \$2.15 million - making the regally bred colt the second top lot sold on Monday, while Visionaire's outstanding dam Scarlet Tango had a Curlin colt (Lot 68) sell for \$800 000. Both colts were consigned by Denali Stud on behalf of Stonestreet, with the Medaglia D'Oro colt knocked down to Godolphin, and the Curlin colt sold to Mike Ryan, as agent.

Protest A Payne

The World Premiere of the highly-anticipated biopic *Ride Like A Girl* took place in Melbourne on Sunday. The film tells the true story of Michelle Payne (played by Teresa Palmer), who beat the longshot odds to become the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. A small, but vocal group of anti-racing protestors made their way into the cinema, interrupting the screening three times. Police were not called to the event and the affected moviegoers were offered free tickets to another showing when it's released on September 26.



FOUR-TIMER

The Oratorio gelding Dickens was the first leg of a four-timer at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday for Gauteng-based trainer Johan Janse van Vuuren. The 8yo mare Ginger Biscuit, Prince Of Venice and What A Thrill completed the romp. Dickens and What A Thrill, were the mounts of Keagan de Melo with Ashton Arries riding a particularly good race on Ginger Biscuit. Warren Kennedy rode Prince Of Venice.

HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

Daylami — The Broodmare Sire!

Outstanding racehorse, Daylami, who stood in South Africa briefly, could be on track for British classic success as a broodmare sire this coming weekend.

The son of 2000 Guineas winner Doyoun (a half-brother to former KZN sire Dolpour) is damsire of unbeaten three-year-old, Logician (Frankel), who currently tops the betting for Saturday's William Hill St Leger- the fifth and final British classic to be run this year.

A very impressive winner of the Gr2 Sky Bet Great Voltigeur Stakes last time out, and now unbeaten in four starts, Logician has been given quotes ranging from 6-5 to 11-8 to land the 2019 St Leger.

The oldest of all five British classic races, the St Leger is set to be run at Doncaster on September 14th.

Logician is out of the Daylami sired Scuffle, a three time winner who ran third in the Listed Snowdrop Stakes, during a brief racing career. Logician is the second pattern race winner produced by Scuffle to date, with the mare, a half-sister to Gr1 winner, Cityscape, and hot sire, Bated Breath, having also produced triple graded stakes winner, and Gr1 E.P. Taylor Stakes runner up, Sufused - the latter by Champs Elysees.

Different Ball-Game

Daylami, whose daughter, Madonna Lily, is dam of this year's Gr1 Prix de Diane third, Grand Glory (Olympic Glory), has been a considerably more successful broodmare sire than sire. His outstanding half-brother, Dalakhani, was a far better sire, and is also now enjoying success as a broodmare sire.

An exceptional racehorse, who won seven Gr1 races in four different countries and who was Horse Of The Year in Europe in 1999, Daylami has left behind 14 stakes winners from 542 runners- 3% of his runners winning black type races- with his progeny headed by Irish Derby winning sire, Grey Swallow, and Italian champion and Gr1 Premio Roma winner, Voila Ici.

His multiple Gr1 winning son, Grey Swallow (also victorious in the Gr1 Tattersalls Gold Cup) has failed to make much of an impact at stud—from more than 80 runners in Australasia, thr now USA-based Grey Swallow failed to leave behind a single stakes winner, although his daughter, Ungrateful Ellen, did finish second to none other than Winx (Street Cry) in the 2015 Gr1 Queensland Oaks.

In South Africa, Daylami sired 88 registered foals, but they included just a single stakes winner in the form of Gr3 Diana Stakes/Gr3 Victress Stakes winner, Super Elegant. Another daughter, Kalami, did finish a head second in the Gr1 SA Fillies Classic of 2012.

Broodmare Boom

In contrast to this rather ordinary record, especially in light of the quality of mare he received, Daylami is compiling a steadily consistent record as a broodmare sire.



Daylami

While Logician could well rate up there with the best of progeny produced by Daylami mares, he is by no means the only significant performer produced by a Daylami daughter. At the time of writing, Daylami is damsire of more than 30 black type performers, and his presence remains to the fore in Australia, thanks to the exploits of his outstanding maternal grandson, Pierro (Lonhro).

Australia's Champion 2YO Of 2011-2012, Pierro won 11 of his 14 races, with his five GR1 victories including the 2012 Golden Slipper. Since retiring to Coolmore in 2013, Pierro- who currently sports a stud fee of A\$88 000 has made a considerable impact and was Australia's Leading First Crop Sire of

2016-2017. To date, he has been responsible for 260 runners, of which 17 have won black type races, with Pierro's star performers including the Gr1 winners Pinot, Levendi, Pierata and Arcadia Queen, as well as Hong Kong Derby victor, Furore. In South Africa, Pierro's handful of runners includes July contender and Gr3 Track And Ball Derby winner, Roy Had Enough.

Pierro, very closely related to dual Gr1 winner, Laverock (by Lonhro's sire Octagonal) is out of the dual winning Daylami daughter, Miss Right Note, whose three other winners include Gr2 Wakeful Stakes winner and Gr1 Australian Oaks runner up Ambience (Street Cry).

Another Gr1 winning two-year-old produced by a Daylami mare, who has enjoyed success as a stallion this year is former Prix Morny winner, Arcano (Oasis Dream). The sire of nearly 30 black type performers to date, Arcano is the sire of recent Gr3 Prix de Meautry winner, Spinning Memories, who is being aimed at the Gr1 Prix de l'Abbaye and Hong Kong Sprint. Other group winners sired by Arcano include Just Glamorous, Tajaanus, Abel Handy, and Italian champion Kathy Dream.

French Flair

One of Daylami's most prolific daughters is the French stakes placed, Roscof, the dam of 3 black type performers thus far, including Italian champion, Hero Look (Lope De Vega) and the latter's smart 3yo full-sister, Manuela de Vega. The latter captured the Silver Tankard Stakes at two, and ran fourth in the 2019 Gr1 Investec Oaks.

Multiple group winner, James Garfield (Exceed And Excel), who is now standing at the Rathbarry Stud in Ireland, is out of Daylami's Chesham Stakes winning daughter, Whazzat. James Garfield won the Gr2 Mill Reef Stakes at two and Gr3 Greenham Stakes at three, before finishing second in the Gr1 Prix Maurice de Gheest. Daylami's granddaughters are also now coming to the party and making their presence felt.

Talented four-year-old, Mrs. Sippy (Blame), who won the recent Gr2 Glen Falls Stakes, is out of the stakes winning Encosta De Lago mare, Qushchi, herself in turn out of a daughter of Daylami.

NEW FOALS



New foals

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Canford Cliffs ex Fair Rosalind
born 24 August 2019

Another Lear Jet?

There is an element of arms-length synergy between our two foals of the week.

Hendrik Winterbach Snr was the recipient of The Equus Broodmare of the Year award in 2006 and the Winner of the Exceptional International Achievement Award for Irridescence and Perfect Promise. The latter is the dam of sire Redoute's Promise, who produced the Bush Hill filly foal, alongside. Pure coincidence!

The little beauty's mum is 2010 Gr3 Magnolia Handicap winner, the Highlands-bred Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois). She also produced the multiple stakes winner Schippers (Var), herself a winner of the Magnolia! Both raced by ardent owner and breeder Geoff van Lear.

Her sire Canford Cliffs was an exceptional racehorse who won five Gr1's on the trot – and group races three years running at Royal Ascot. He has proven himself with stakes winners worldwide.

Winterbach Stud was started in 2011 by Hendrik Winterbach Snr. Situated close to Paarl, Franschhoek, Somerset West and Stellenbosch, the beautiful establishment nestles between all the world renowned wine farms. Winterbach Stud is a boarding farm specialising in mare & foal care, as well as yearling preparation for sales.

It is run by Hendrik Winterbach and his son, Hendrik Winterbach Jrn. Between them they have over 25 years of experience of stud management, including foaling and sales prep.



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Redoute's Promise ex Gunship
born 4 August 2019

A Perfect Promise

Take a look at this curious madam peeking at our photographer in the lush confines of the Bush Hill paddock!

She is a daughter of Redoute's Promise out of Gunship, a two-time winning daughter of Sail From Seattle out of the Fort Wood mare, Tristram's Fortress.

Bush Hill Stud in the KZN Midlands is owned and run by Warwick and Karin Render and has been a successful commercial operation for over forty years, with the Render's having taken it over in 1998. Between them Warwick and Karin have in excess of fifty years of experience in the horse breeding industry in South Africa.

From limited runners to date, Redoute's Promise, the first son of champion Redoute's Choice at stud here, has had his winners and is producing striking and handsome individuals.

His sire Redoute's Choice has been a phenomenon at stud with three Champion Sire titles, 32 individual Gr1 winners and a sire of sires at stud – he has been crowned the best son of Danehill at stud today.

His sons at stud are excelling with the likes of Snitzel, Not A Single Doubt, Stratum and Beneteau.



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Jackson Double

Brett Crawford and Ridgemont Highlands rider Greg Cheyne were in a rich vein of form at Kenilworth on Saturday. Two legs of Cheyne's personal treble presented a double for Ridgemont's triple Gr1 winning sire, Jackson.

Both of the Jackson winners race in the dark green, blue and white of Ridgemont Racing and look like fillies with a bright future. Crawford also trained Jackson.

First up was Flame Tree, a Highlands and Georgina Jaffee bred half-sister to recent Gold Cup winner Dynasty's Blossom. Easy to back, Flame Tree produced a professional performance to beat yet another Jackson daughter in Blue Gangsta in the third race, a maiden 1400m.

Jackson's daughter Pretty Young Thing was a facile winner of the last race, with Cheyne just pointing her to post.

Bred by Highlands, she is out of the twice winning Commands mare, Nona In Command and made it two wins (both over the Kenilworth 1400) from five starts.

Trainer Brett Crawford indicated afterwards that the Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship on 26 October will be Pretty Young Thing's target.

A half brother to Gr3 winning sprinter Jade Bay and full-brother to Gr3 Byerley Turk winner Heartland, Jackson hails from the immediate family of multiple champion sire Smart Strike – whose son Lookin At Lucky is the sire of this year's Kentucky Derby winner Country House.

The best classic horse in SA in 2013, the handsome and athletic Jackson has made a god start with some decent stakes performers. He stands for a fee of R15 000.

Amanda Carey can be contacted for assistance with transport arrangements on 082 465 4020 / amanda@ridgemont.co.za

Fired Up!

A colt, from the immediate family of Wilgerbosdrift's well bred new sire Fire Away, proved popular on the third day of trading at Keeneland's September Yearling Sale on Wednesday.

Consigned by Dromoland Farm, Agent IV, the Into Mischief colt (Lot 532) was knocked down to Godolphin for \$850 000 making him one of the top lots sold on Wednesday's sale.

He is out of the stakes placed Distorted Humor mare Mary Rita, whose granddam is unbeaten Gr1 Breeders' Cup Distaff winning champion and former US Broodmare Of The Year Personal Ensign.

Fire Away, whose outstanding sire War Front has had yearlings make up to \$2.9 million at this year's Keeneland September Sale, was a high-class performer whose seven victories including a trio of stakes wins notably a score in the Gr3 Dixie Stakes.

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11Sep	290	290	270	126,000
10Sep	290	295	290	2,293
09Sep	289	300	260	34,083
06Sep	289	295	255	79,194
05Sep	295	295	295	2,880
04Sep	295	295	295	0
03Sep	295	295	295	2,500
02Sep	270	270	270	1,382
30Aug	250	270	230	7,139
29Aug	230	230	230	2,000
28Aug	210	230	200	291,805
27Aug	230	230	212	3,300
26Aug	230	230	230	14,345
23Aug	230	230	230	10,250
22Aug	230	230	205	77,500

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BLACK TYPE RESULTS

KENILWORTH (old)**Saturday, 7 September**

Course Variant: 2.68s slow (straight)

With clear skies and no wind, temperatures exceeded 30°C. No rain had fallen in the seven days leading up to this meeting, which allowed the track to dry out somewhat. As a result of this the penetrometer read 23, and the going was posted as Good. The false rail was out 2m from the 1700m mark, and there was a 4m spur at the 470m mark.

Sophomore Sprint (Listed) R150,000**Bring On The Big Guns**

Former 61 Mechanised Battalion Gunner and long-suffering owner Rod Mattheyse pulled rank at Kenilworth on Saturday when he shouted his What A Winter gelding Three Two Charlie home from the 600m marker, before the 'gross' galloper swept forward late to win the R150 000 Listed Sophomore Sprint.

It was something of a pleasing plan come together for Rod Mattheyse, who bred the 3yo in partnership with Beaumont Stud's Anton Shepherd and others.

"I didn't feel that we were getting enough money for him when he went through the ring at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale – so I bought him," said a broad-smiling Mattheyse, who confirmed that he had named the yearling – built like a tank – after his military unit.

Trainer Candice Bass-Robinson described Three Two Charlie as a horse blessed with a super temperament – but quite a gross specimen – and that's just why she could afford to give him a run ten days earlier.

Gross in equine terminology indicates that he is a big strong upstanding heavy horse – and can takes lots of work.

Ridgemont-Highlands jockey Greg Cheyne rode a confident race – on a horse he admitted he knew little about.

"He is an unassuming, lovely, big gross fellow. He was travelling well early and we got a bit cramped. So I gave him a chance. Our stablemate Constable pulled us through late. He should go a mile, I think," said the recently crowned multiple East Cape Champion rider.

After King Of Gems, Finding Camelot and Captain Tatters had looked to attack going into the final stages, Three Two Charlie (6-1) scythed through the traffic from some way off the gallop and stayed on best to beat Captain Tatters by 1,50 lengths in a time of 75,07 secs.

King Of Gems was a neck back in third, with the winner's stablemate Constable showing he needed it in fourth.

Djokovic was a further 1,50 lengths back in fifth.

The rest were well beaten.

A R250 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Three Two Charlie has won 2 races with 3 places from 5 starts and stakes of R188 350.

Bred by Beaumont Stud, Three Two Charlie is a gelded son of triple Equus Champion What A Winter (Western Winter) out of the four-time winner, Mairingi Bay (Joshua Dancer).

It's amazing how some glorious sunshine, a smart horse and a smiling owner can make us forget the racing politics – for a while, anyway!

Sophomore Sprint (3yo's) (L) 1200m

Winner Three Two Charlie raced in midfield; led 200m; won going away
 Runner-up Captain Tatters (best handi-capped) was brushed at the start; raced level with winner in midfield; ran on
 Third King Of Gems was slow into stride; carried inwards 900m; raced fifth; kept on strongly

Time: Only the second fastest of the three sprint races, the time was not a fast one, and the field resembled a cavalry charge 250m out. Read the result and ratings in that context. We gave the runner-up (prev 88/95) 93 which makes the winner (prev 88/88/89/83) 98 and the third (prev 85/83/95/85) 92

98	1	0.00	THREE TWO CHARLIE (6)	60.0	G Cheyne	6/1
3 b g	What A Winter - Mairingi Bay (Joshua Dancer)					
93	2	1.50	CAPTAIN TATTERS (9)	60.0	R Fourie	21/10
3 b g	Gimmethgreenlight - Lady Tatty (Solskjaer)					
92	3	1.70	KING OF GEMS (1)	60.0	D Dillon	10/1
3 ch c	Kingsbarns - Sapphire Gem (Trippi)					
91	4	2.10	Constable (8)	60.0	K De Melo	4/1
85	5	3.60	Djokovic (10)	60.0	O Noach	28/1
72	6	7.35	Call Me Al (4)	60.0	A Andrews	36/1
68	7	8.35	Warrior Tiger (2)	60.0	G Behr	22/1
63	8	9.85	Finding Camelot (3)	60.0	C Orffer	13/2
61	9	10.35	Ground Control (7)	60.0	M Byleveld	12/1
21	10	21.60	Hardfallingrain (5)	60.0	M Winnaar	16/1

Time: 75.07s (62.56s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 113%
 1st T:C Bass-Robinson O:Mr R T Mattheyse B:Beaumont Stud

Sophomore Sprint Handicappers Ratings

THREE TWO CHARLIE has had his merit rating upped from 94 to 102 following his very comfortable win in the Listed Sophomore Sprint for three-year-olds over 1200m at Kenilworth on Saturday, 7 September.

This rating is a very good fit as, in assessing the race this way, 3rd placed KING OF GEMS, 4th placed CONSTABLE and 5th placed DJOCKOVIC all run to their marks and are therefore effectively all line horses. Accordingly, none of their ratings have changed, however, runner-up CAPTAIN TATTERS is raised from 96 to 99.

Only two drops were made to unplaced horses, with WARRIOR TIGER being cut from 90 to 87 and GROUND CONTROL dropping from 93 to 90.

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Features To Come

- Sat 28 Sep **(L) Settlers Trophy**
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1400m Durbanville
- Gr3 Diana Stakes**
1400m Durbanville
- *Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge**
1400m Turffontein (I)
- *Gr2 Joburg Spring F&M Challenge**
1400m Turffontein (I)

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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.

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TOP SCORERS for 2018/2019

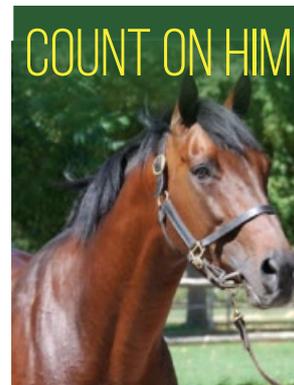
(complete season to 31 July 2019)

horse	age sex	points	aces
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
Got The Greenlight	2 c	90	2
Silvano's Pride	3 f	90	2
Head Honcho	5 c	90	2
Atyaab	3 c	88	2
Coral Fever	6 c	88	2
Legal Eagle	7 c	87	3
Camphoratus	4 f	84	2
Eyes Wide Open	4 c	80	2
Bold Respect	4 c	79	4
Princess Rebel	4 f	79	2
Running Brave	3 f	78	3
Snowdance	4 f	78	4

LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,443,050	Klawervlei Stud	182	13,423	249	28	29	15%	0	0	0%	75	30%	0	Seattle Skyline 125,000 5%
2,080,325	Summerhill Stud	111	18,742	191	24	27	22%	0	0	0%	54	28%	0	Before Noon 122,750 6%
1,719,550	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	114	15,084	162	19	20	17%	1	2	5%	49	30%	0	Meryl 114,750 7%
1,423,075	Maine Chance	59	24,120	81	18	21	31%	0	0	0%	19	23%	0	Prince Of Venice 124,375 9%
1,036,500	Highlands	67	15,470	111	12	13	18%	0	0	0%	23	21%	0	Stream Of Kindness 86,250 8%
844,175	Drakenstein Stud	53	15,928	72	10	10	19%	0	0	0%	28	39%	2	Miss Jagger 65,625 8%
690,750	Moutonshoek	59	11,708	90	7	8	12%	0	0	0%	26	29%	0	Takatul 91,500 13%
673,375	Nadeson Park Stud	48	14,029	70	7	8	15%	0	0	0%	23	33%	0	Lighthearthed 110,000 16%
648,850	IR Heyns	30	21,628	44	8	8	27%	0	0	0%	14	32%	0	Star Vega 73,100 11%
623,888	Piemonte Stud	31	20,125	40	8	8	26%	0	0	0%	16	40%	0	Filippo 78,750 13%
603,675	Graystone Stud	19	31,772	46	5	6	26%	0	0	0%	16	35%	0	Lake Kinneret 157,500 26%
577,025	Varsfontein Stud	44	13,114	60	6	6	14%	0	0	0%	21	35%	0	In The Stars 66,250 11%
563,000	Lammerskraal Stud	34	16,559	39	7	7	21%	0	0	0%	9	23%	0	Mastagambit 76,250 14%
554,625	Scott Bros	49	11,319	83	5	5	10%	1	1	20%	26	31%	0	Angel's Power 103,125 19%
525,250	Avontuur Farm	17	30,897	29	7	8	41%	0	0	0%	8	28%	0	Before The Dawn 121,875 23%
459,150	Cheveley Stud	30	15,305	44	3	4	10%	0	0	0%	16	36%	0	Princess Nicole 129,375 28%
447,038	La Plaisance Stud	32	13,970	36	4	5	13%	0	0	0%	13	36%	0	Crome Yellow 123,750 28%



Former Gr1 winner and Equus Outstanding Stallion Count Dubois is enjoying increasing success as a broodmare sire and a pair of his daughters have enjoyed success as far afield as Australia. The Count Dubois sired Equus Champion Asylum Seeker, whose four wins included a triumph in the 2006 Gr1 Golden Slipper, is the dam of a pair of very smart winners sired by short-lived champion Sebring. Asylum Seeker's daughter Seeking Asylum won four times in Australia, while Seeking Asylum's four-year-old full-sister Scarlet Dream ran second in a 1500m handicap at Randwick on Saturday. Another high-class daughter of Count Dubois to retire to stud in Australia was Gr3 Pretty Polly Stakes winner Ethics - subsequently re-named Miss Ethics. A winner of 3 of her 7 starts, with her wins including the Ruffian Stakes, Ethics had success in Australia on Sunday, when her four-year-old son Ethical Dilemma (by Shamus Award) won at Devonport. Now a winner of 2 of only 7 starts, Ethical Dilemma had won two starts back when he shed his maiden over 1350 metres.

LEADING SIREs by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,297,675	Silvano	75	17,302	101	15	18	20%	0	0	0%	31	31%	0	Port Key 114,375 9%
1,192,825	Var	71	16,800	111	14	16	20%	0	0	0%	35	32%	0	Okavango Delta 103,800 9%
1,106,850	Oratorio	60	18,448	88	12	14	20%	0	0	0%	28	32%	0	Before The Dawn 121,875 11%
886,750	Master Of My Fate	59	15,030	76	10	10	17%	0	0	0%	26	34%	0	Mastagambit 76,250 9%
871,525	*Dynasty	47	18,543	68	12	12	26%	0	0	0%	19	28%	0	Statute 81,550 9%
857,000	Querari	62	13,823	82	11	11	18%	0	0	0%	19	23%	0	Elusive Quest 86,625 10%
828,525	Philanthropist	67	12,366	97	8	9	12%	0	0	0%	29	30%	1	Stream Of Kindness 86,250 10%
812,550	*Sail From Seattle	51	15,932	68	8	8	16%	0	0	0%	26	38%	1	Bright Flame 84,375 10%
792,500	*Seventh Rock	50	15,850	69	11	11	22%	0	0	0%	20	29%	0	Pidgeon Rock 69,375 9%
779,750	What A Winter	64	12,184	87	9	10	14%	1	1	11%	29	33%	0	Three Two Charlie 102,350 13%
769,238	Gimmethgreenlight	66	11,655	97	6	7	9%	0	0	0%	36	37%	1	Lighthearthed 110,000 14%
767,500	Pathfork	41	18,720	74	8	8	20%	0	0	0%	25	34%	0	Final Assembly 67,975 9%
732,275	Duke Of Marmalade	37	19,791	46	10	10	27%	0	0	0%	14	30%	0	Dancing Feather 65,625 9%
718,025	*Captain Al	52	13,808	66	7	7	13%	0	0	0%	28	42%	0	Mississippi Burning 66,000 9%
713,525	Twice Over	71	10,050	102	5	5	7%	0	0	0%	42	41%	1	Studio Blues 83,750 12%
705,775	Vercingetorix	23	30,686	32	9	11	39%	0	0	0%	5	16%	0	Prince Of Venice 124,375 18%
678,200	*Kahal	15	45,213	31	6	8	40%	1	1	17%	12	39%	0	Prince Of Kahal 184,375 27%

LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
705,775	Vercingetorix	23	30,686	32	9	11	39%	0	0	0%	5	16%	0	Prince Of Venice 124,375 18%
556,175	Oratorio	24	23,174	39	7	9	29%	0	0	0%	7	18%	0	Before The Dawn 121,875 22%
473,050	Querari	29	16,312	40	6	6	21%	0	0	0%	12	30%	0	Tuyuca 68,450 14%
458,600	What A Winter	27	16,985	35	6	6	22%	1	1	17%	10	29%	0	Three Two Charlie 102,350 22%
381,850	Philanthropist	28	13,638	37	4	4	14%	0	0	0%	13	35%	0	Lady Secret 65,625 17%
354,925	Master Of My Fate	30	11,831	40	4	4	13%	0	0	0%	13	33%	0	All The Way Up 65,625 18%
345,950	Gimmethgreenlight	26	13,306	34	3	4	12%	0	0	0%	9	26%	1	Lighthearthed 110,000 32%
282,750	*Soft Falling Rain	19	14,882	27	3	4	16%	0	0	0%	4	15%	0	Princess Nicole 129,375 46%
278,575	*Captain Al	20	13,929	25	3	3	15%	0	0	0%	9	36%	0	Mississippi Burning 66,000 24%
264,625	Visionaire	21	12,601	28	2	2	10%	0	0	0%	11	39%	0	Blonde Babe 65,625 25%
254,375	Jackson	20	12,719	26	a4	4	20%	0	0	0%	3	12%	0	Leicester Square 68,250 27%
251,000	*Dynasty	16	15,688	20	4	4	25%	0	0	0%	3	15%	0	Monarchy 65,625 26%
246,575	Silvano	20	12,329	23	2	3	10%	0	0	0%	7	30%	0	Sachdev 103,750 42%
233,375	Duke Of Marmalade	19	12,283	22	3	3	16%	0	0	0%	6	27%	0	Dancing Feather 65,625 28%
232,575	*Seventh Rock	18	12,921	24	4	4	22%	0	0	0%	4	17%	0	Aristachus 68,425 29%

LEADING SIREs by AEPR

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
705,775	Vercingetorix	23	30,686	32	9	11	39%	0	0	0%	5	16%	0	Prince Of Venice 124,375 18%
732,275	Duke Of Marmalade	37	19,791	46	10	10	27%	0	0	0%	14	30%	0	Dancing Feather 65,625 9%
415,775	Irish Flame	22	18,899	37	4	4	18%	0	0	0%	14	38%	0	Irish Wonder Girl 84,900 20%
767,500	Pathfork	41	18,720	74	8	8	20%	0	0	0%	25	34%	0	Final Assembly 67,975 9%
871,525	*Dynasty	47	18,543	68	12	12	26%	0	0	0%	19	28%	0	Statute 81,550 9%
1,106,850	Oratorio	60	18,448	88	12	14	20%	0	0	0%	28	32%	0	Before The Dawn 121,875 11%
1,297,675	Silvano	75	17,302	101	15	18	20%	0	0	0%	31	31%	0	Port Key 114,375 9%
1,192,825	Var	71	16,800	111	14	16	20%	0	0	0%	35	32%	0	Okavango Delta 103,800 9%
335,575	*Rebel King	20	16,779	35	4	4	20%	0	0	0%	11	31%	0	Rabia The Rebel 70,000 21%
647,050	Trippi	39	16,591	58	6	8	15%	0	0	0%	20	34%	0	Crome Yellow 123,750 19%
368,300	Brave Tin Soldier	23	16,013	42	4	5	17%	0	0	0%	12	29%	0	Hidden Agenda 94,700 26%
812,550	*Sail From Seattle	51	15,932	68	8	8	16%	0	0	0%	26	38%	1	Bright Flame 84,375 10%
792,500	*Seventh Rock	50	15,850	69	11	11	22%	0	0	0%	20	29%	0	Pidgeon Rock 69,375 9%
648,700	Mambo In Seattle	42	15,445	73	6	6	14%	0	0	0%	26	36%	0	Seattle Skyline 125,000 19%
410,575	Pomodoro	27	15,206	40	4	5	15%	0	0	0%	16	40%	0	Culture Trip 92,400 23%

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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
AC Greeff	120	22	18%	27	23%	33%	16	13%	59	49%	1,523,088	12,692
PA Peter	104	14	13%	19	18%	26%	17	16%	53	51%	1,406,675	13,526
J Snaith	110	12	11%	24	22%	17%	15	14%	57	52%	1,145,450	10,413
SG Tarry	73	15	21%	17	23%	47%	4	5%	34	47%	1,132,925	15,520
BJ Crawford	65	12	18%	9	14%	22%	7	11%	33	51%	877,125	13,494
MF de Kock	48	8	17%	12	25%	33%	6	13%	25	52%	742,375	15,466
Y Bremner	104	6	6%	12	12%	8%	12	12%	49	47%	731,125	7,030
SD Gray	63	7	11%	5	8%	20%	7	11%	30	48%	725,125	11,510
JAJ v Vuuren	41	9	22%	7	17%	86%	5	12%	18	44%	692,800	16,890
GD Smith	142	8	6%	8	6%	38%	9	6%	40	28%	683,525	4,814
GM Alexander	47	9	19%	8	17%	50%	6	13%	23	49%	662,150	14,088
DR Drier	49	7	14%	11	22%	64%	4	8%	21	43%	632,775	12,914
A Nel	49	6	12%	4	8%	0%	7	14%	26	53%	610,400	12,457
GB Puller	49	5	10%	7	14%	29%	7	14%	23	47%	592,400	12,090
RR Magnier	50	5	10%	5	10%	40%	4	8%	22	44%	561,650	11,233
DS Bosch	28	7	25%	3	11%	67%	2	7%	13	46%	510,550	18,234
VH Marshall	51	7	14%	7	14%	43%	6	12%	23	45%	506,650	9,934
T Laing	52	5	10%	7	13%	29%	9	17%	24	46%	477,075	9,175
G Maroun	58	5	9%	1	2%	0%	5	9%	22	38%	471,550	8,130
GV Woodruff	25	7	28%	4	16%	75%	0	0%	12	48%	458,250	18,330
G v Zyl	29	5	17%	8	28%	50%	3	10%	14	48%	455,575	15,709
AJ Wright	33	5	15%	6	18%	33%	5	15%	20	61%	442,375	13,405
SB Kotzen	62	6	10%	4	6%	25%	4	6%	25	40%	434,125	7,002
Ashley Fortune	31	6	19%	9	29%	33%	2	6%	14	45%	429,000	13,839
M Houdalakis	41	4	10%	5	12%	40%	3	7%	19	46%	394,275	9,616
G Paddock	28	7	25%	3	11%	33%	2	7%	15	54%	375,600	13,414

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
M Yeni	240	31	13%	40	17%	25%	37	15%	122	51%	2,663,225	11,097
W Kennedy	204	28	14%	41	20%	34%	34	17%	101	50%	2,680,050	13,138
G Cheyne	99	27	27%	30	30%	37%	8	8%	56	57%	1,692,513	17,096
C Maujean	129	18	14%	13	10%	62%	17	13%	67	52%	1,558,775	12,084
R Munger	176	16	9%	17	10%	18%	16	9%	79	45%	1,423,075	8,086
R Danielson	65	14	22%	16	25%	56%	8	12%	37	57%	1,139,425	17,530
D Schwarz	78	14	18%	11	14%	64%	8	10%	42	54%	1,145,725	14,689
S Veale	55	9	16%	11	20%	64%	5	9%	23	42%	767,950	13,963
M Byleveld	66	8	12%	9	14%	56%	7	11%	29	44%	597,738	9,057
R Fourie	47	8	17%	21	45%	19%	10	21%	31	66%	696,825	14,826
K De Melo	66	8	12%	20	30%	35%	10	15%	32	48%	783,675	11,874
S Khumalo	44	7	16%	7	16%	14%	10	23%	29	66%	761,125	17,298
X Ndlovu	40	7	18%	3	8%	33%	4	10%	17	43%	468,700	11,718
L Mxothwa	75	7	9%	5	7%	20%	11	15%	33	44%	644,350	8,591
C Murray	41	7	17%	9	22%	44%	3	7%	21	51%	546,850	13,338
K Matsunyane	78	7	9%	12	15%	17%	6	8%	30	38%	545,175	6,989
C F Dicken	39	7	18%	1	3%	100%	4	10%	15	38%	541,075	13,874
M Khan	29	6	21%	4	14%	75%	3	10%	12	41%	468,575	16,158
S Moodley	44	6	14%	1	2%	0%	3	7%	15	34%	489,575	11,127
M Thackeray	45	6	13%	1	2%	100%	1	2%	14	31%	308,300	6,851
C Habib	83	6	7%	4	5%	25%	6	7%	27	33%	554,100	6,676
S Mbhele	53	6	11%	2	4%	50%	4	8%	26	49%	466,250	8,797
T Juglall	60	6	10%	6	10%	33%	5	8%	15	25%	398,775	6,646
N Klink	45	6	13%	5	11%	20%	5	11%	22	49%	443,950	9,866
M v Rensburg	56	5	9%	6	11%	0%	4	7%	19	34%	411,550	7,349
T Gould	41	5	12%	1	2%	0%	8	20%	19	46%	414,800	10,117
C Storey	67	5	7%	4	6%	25%	7	10%	18	27%	405,225	6,048



Warren Kennedy is riding at the top of his game

No Curse Kennedy

Our star of the week is KZN-based Warren Kennedy, who booted home the jackpot at Durbanville On Tuesday and rode another winner at Hollywoodbets Scottsville yesterday. Warren, whose wife Barbara gave birth to a baby girl Jamie on 30 May, has gone from strength to strength. Kennedy's fortunes began

swinging upward when joining the Gavin van Zyl operation at Summerveld a few years ago. He is on track for a big bid for the national champion title.



Mike Robinson set a new personal benchmark on Tuesday

Mike's A Mechanic

Philippi trainer Michael Robinson boasts one of the best pedigrees in the book to train winners and he celebrated the first three-timer of his six seasons of training for his own account when Warren Kennedy booted home his trio – which included Lady Abigail who was formerly trained by his father in law

Doug Campbell- at Durbanville on Tuesday. Mike is supported by his wife Luella, who does duty as chief workrider, and daughter Caitlin.



Wendy Whitehead & Stuart Randolph have enjoyed plenty of success over the years

Wendy Ahead

Spiffy (12-1) and San's Dancer (36-1) gave Wendy Whitehead a big hitting double at Hollywoodbets Scottsville on Wednesday. The first winner was ridden by Sherman Brown, while

Stuart Randolph did the honours on San's Dancer. Last month, the Summerveld-based Wendy celebrated her eighteenth year training horses. She is on record saying

that the person who most inspired her is former boss Tony Furness, a great horseman, a man of good morals and a person who says it like it is. She says racing needs more people like him.

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MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
109	Zouaves	6	Sail From Seattle	Danika Stud	31Aug	3	MR118	1200	Turffontein	109/112/94/-/-/
107	Will Pays	8	Imperial Stride	Northfields Stud	31Aug	7	MR118	1200	Turffontein	114/115/-/-/-/
106	Prince Of Kahal	5	Kahal	Clifton Stud	31Aug	1	MR118	1200	Turffontein	106/98/-/-/-/
104	Filippo	5	Toreador	Piemonte Stud	28Aug	1	MR104	1200	Scottsville	105/-/-/-/-/
99	Clever Guy	6	Argonaut	DGM Southey	31Aug	6	MR118	1200	Turffontein	103/97/-/-/-/
99	Ishnana	5	Al Miqdaam	RM Smith	28Aug	3	MR104	1200	Scottsville	99/75/-/-/-/
98	Three Two Charlie	3	What A Winter	Beaumont Stud	7Sep	1	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	98/-/-/-/-/
96	Angel's Power	7	Miesque's Approval	Scott Bros	31Aug	1	MR118	1200	Turffontein	100/92/-/-/-/
96	Social Order	6	Count Dubois	Boland Stud	31Aug	5	MR118	1200	Turffontein	100/103/106/106/-/
94	Bright Flame	5	Sail From Seattle	Riyo Stud	9Sep	1	Cnd	1200	Flamingo Park	96/90/-/-/-/

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
104	Vistula	4	Ideal World	Riethuiskraal Stud	7Sep	1	Cndfm	1400	Turffontein	94/104/-/-/-/
98	La Bella Mia	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	31Aug	4	MR118	1200	Turffontein	103/83/-/-/-/
96	Outlandos d'Amour	4	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	30Aug	1	MR88f	1200	Fairview	96/-/-/-/-/
95	Che Bella	4	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	7Sep	2	MR96	1160	Turffontein	95/68/-/-/-/
94	Spiritofthegroove	3	Visionaire	Tmen Studs	31Aug	2	MR104	1200	Turffontein	94/-/-/-/-/
93	Mushi Sterek	4	Stratum	bred in Australia	27Aug	1	MR90f	1250	Durbanville	93/-/-/-/-/
91	Gaian Glory	3	Visionaire	Summerhill Stud	31Aug	2	Cndfm	1450	Turffontein	82/91/-/-/-/
91	Regal Graduation	5	Oratorio	AC Dickerson & DJ Fraser	28Aug	4	MR104	1200	Scottsville	94/98/-/-/-/
91	Ancient Spirit	5	Fastnet Rock	bred in Australia	1Sep	1	MR92f	1200	Greyville	91/85/-/-/-/
90	Crowded House	4	Elusive Fort	The Alchemy	27Aug	5	MR90f	1400	Durbanville	87/90/-/-/-/

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
106	Union Jack	7	Captain Al	Ridgemont	30Aug	3	MR103	1600	Fairview	103/106/-/-/-/
102	Lake Kinneret	5	Kahal	Graystone Stud	29Aug	1	Cnd	1600	Vaal	85/102/-/-/-/
99	Puget Sound	5	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	29Aug	3	Cnd	1600	Vaal	84/101/-/95/-/
99	Unagi	6	Admire Main	Summerhill Stud	29Aug	5	Cnd	1600	Vaal	84/108/107/103/-/
97	Belgarion	4	Dynasty	AN Foster	7Sep	1	MR96	1600	Kenilworth	83/97/90/89/-/
96	Silver Operator	3	Silvano	Klawervlei Stud	7Sep	2	MR96	1600	Kenilworth	-/96/-/-/-/
95	Full Mast	5	Go Deputy	Lammerskraal Stud	29Aug	2	Cnd	1600	Vaal	-/105/97/-/-/
91	Bohica	3	Capetown Noir	Summerhill Stud	31Aug	3	MR72	1600	Turffontein	64/91/-/-/-/
90	Lets Play Ball	4	Curved Ball	B Le Roux	30Aug	4	MR103	1600	Fairview	88/90/-/-/-/
89	Flash Burn	4	Byword	Haras de Saint Pair	29Aug	4	Cnd	1600	Vaal	68/89/-/75/-/

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
94	Twice As Smart	5	Twice Over	Riverton Stud	28Aug	5	MR98f	1600	Scottsville	88/99/-/82/-/
93	Heart Of A Legend	5	Antonius Pius	Riverton Stud	28Aug	2	MR98f	1600	Scottsville	83/93/-/-/-/
91	Red Al	4	Captain Al	Riverton Stud	28Aug	3	MR98f	1600	Scottsville	-/91/92/84/88/
85	Statute	5	Dynasty	Cheveley Stud	28Aug	1	MR98f	1600	Scottsville	94/86/-/-/-/
84	Stelvio	5	Pathfork	JM Goodman & Cyan Equine	28Aug	4	MR98f	1600	Scottsville	79/88/-/79/-/
83	Virginia	4	Philanthropist	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	3Sep	1	MR84f	1600	Turffontein	-/83/-/-/-/
82	Sao Paulo	7	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	2Sep	1	MR82f	1600	Fairview	81/84/-/-/-/
82	Double Black	5	Twice Over	Ridgemont Stud	2Sep	2	MR82f	1600	Fairview	78/82/-/-/-/
81	Orient Express	4	Duke Of Marmalade	TD Andrews	8Sep	2	MR74f	2000	Greyville	-/75/75/81/-/
79	Jacko Boy	4	Jackson	Wicklow Stud	7Sep	2	MR76f	2000	Turffontein	65/71/70/79/-/

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
98	Three Two Charlie	3	What A Winter	Beaumont Stud	7Sep	1	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	98/-/-/-/-/
96	Silver Operator	3	Silvano	Klawervlei Stud	7Sep	2	MR96	1600	Kenilworth	-/96/-/-/-/
94	Macthief	3	Time Thief	Millstream Farm	27Aug	1	MR77	1250	Durbanville	94/-/-/-/-/
93	Captain Tatters	3	Gimmethgreenlight	GJ Royden-Turner	7Sep	2	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	95/-/-/-/-/
92	King Of Gems	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	7Sep	3	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	92/95/-/-/-/
91	Bohica	3	Capetown Noir	Summerhill Stud	31Aug	3	MR72	1600	Turffontein	64/91/-/-/-/
91	Winter Chill	3	What A Winter	GJ Royden-Turner	28Aug	1	MP	1200	Scottsville	91/-/-/-/-/
91	Constable	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	7Sep	4	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	91/-/-/-/-/
88	Favour	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	8Sep	1	MR78	2000	Greyville	-/75/-/88/-/
85	Succession	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	3Sep	1	MP-3	1160	Turffontein	85/-/-/-/-/

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
94	Spiritofthegroove	3	Visionaire	Tmen Studs	31Aug	2	MR104	1200	Turffontein	94/-/-/-/-/
91	Gaian Glory	3	Visionaire	Summerhill Stud	31Aug	2	Cndfm	1450	Turffontein	82/91/-/-/-/
90	Pretty Young Thing	3	Jackson	Highlands	7Sep	1	MR75f	1400	Kenilworth	80/90/-/-/-/
88	Athalia	3	Oratorio	B Marcus	4Sep	1	MR78f	1200	Kenilworth	88/-/-/-/-/
86	Mawsool	3	Soft Falling Rain	IR Heyns	7Sep	2	Cndfm	1400	Turffontein	90/93/-/-/-/
85	Calyпсо Beat	3	Querari	Maine Chance	4Sep	2	MR78f	1200	Kenilworth	85/-/-/-/-/
80	Black Ferrari	3	Querari	Cape Leopard Trust	3Sep	1	MP-3f	1160	Turffontein	80/-/-/-/-/
80	Way Of The World	3	Var	Ditro Bloodstock	31Aug	4	Cndfm	1450	Turffontein	71/80/-/-/-/
79	Clock Stopper	3	Time Thief	Nadeson Park Stud	7Sep	1	MPfmw	1000	Turffontein	79/-/-/-/-/
78	What A Lover	3	What A Winter	Favour Stud	7Sep	1	MP-fm	1000	Kenilworth	78/-/-/-/-/

SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Brandina 3g (Bedouin by Var)

[Fairview 6 Graduation Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(13/09\)](#)

Doublethink 3g (Oochee Agent by Cataloochee)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate 1160m \(14/09\)](#)

Capetown Affair 3g (Romantic Drama by Model Man)

[Turffontein 5 MR 80 Handicap 1000m \(14/09\)](#)

Annatjie 3g (Dancer's Delight by Rambo Dancer)

[Turffontein 8 MR 83 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(14/09\)](#)

Earth Shaker 3g (Maritime Mist by Parade Leader)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate 1800m \(14/09\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Awilda 3g (Annet by National Emblem)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(14/09\)](#)

Indy Go 3g (Go Indigo by Indigo Magic)

[Turffontein 4 Graduation Plate 1160m \(14/09\)](#)

Greattobecaptain 3g (Phenomenal by Windrush)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate 1200m \(15/09\)](#)

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Christmas Flower 3g (Saint Mary by Holy Roman Emperor)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1160m \(14/09\)](#)

Consol Queen 3g (Solo Dancer by Al Mufti)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(14/09\)](#)

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

[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/09\)](#)

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

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate 1800m \(14/09\)](#)

Painting The Sky 3g (Seeking The Wind by Jallad)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate 1200m \(15/09\)](#)

LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

Parkdale 3g (Belle Of Calgary by Rich Man's Gold)

[Scottsville 4 Maiden Plate 2400m \(15/09\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Seeunextuesday 3g (Juror by Strike Smartly)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate 1160m \(14/09\)](#)

Marmara Sea 3g (Alboran Sea by Rock of Gibraltar)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate 1160m \(14/09\)](#)

Fairy Godmother 3g (Pumpkin Ridge by Tiger Ridge)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(14/09\)](#)

TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

Sir Caleb 3g (Servilia by Caesour)

[Fairview 8 MR 80 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(13/09\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Saipan 3g (She's A Stunner by Toreador)

[Scottsville 4 Maiden Plate 2400m \(15/09\)](#)

WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Gina's Girl 3g (Giant's Slipper by Giant's Causeway)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(13/09\)](#)

Wylie's Flame 3g (Happy Hostess by Western Winter)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1900m \(13/09\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winner

VERCINGETORIX

Rated **AR 85 Ikigai** (3c Al Shiba by Al Mufti)

Maiden Plate Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (7/9)

The word was clearly out about Sean Tarry's first-timer as he was backed into 6/10 from 22/10. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, Ikigai raced 7th of the nine early on. He ran on best of all and with plenty in hand won going away by a length and three quarters.

Horses To Follow

DYNASTY

Rated **AR 97 Belgarion** (4g Riva by Acatenango)

MR96 Handicap Kenilworth (old) (1600m) (7/9)

Now a winner of three from five, Justin Snaith's charge showed his well-being on his return from a 32 week break here in no uncertain terms. Always handy, Belgarion produced a nice turn of foot below the distance, and with the rest some five and a quarter lengths adrift he won going away from the promising Silver Operator.

WHAT A WINTER

Rated **AR 98 Three Two Charlie** (3g Mairingi Bay by Joshua Dancer)

Sophomore Sprint (3yo's) (L) Kenilworth (old) (1200m) (7/9)

Candice Bass-Robinson's charge had showed flashes of real ability in his three races as a juvenile last season and he confirmed that promise with a good win here. Positioned towards the rear of what was always a very tightly bunched field, the gelding quickened best of all and won going away by a length and a half in the sprint for home.home.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

What A Thrill (AUS) 4f Medaglia d'Oro- Buckleupbuttercup(USA) (Najran)

Greyville 1400m (08/09)

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.

NEWS

A Punter Speaks To The Ivory Tower

Let's see if anyone, who has the authority to take some action, takes serious note of this!

Right alongside the Horses, the Breeders that breed them, the Owners that own them, the Trainers that train them, the jockeys that ride them and the whole horse racing fraternity of whatever nature and stake holding, stands the Punter – the betting public, who invest millions of rands at every single race meeting, tens of millions every month, and hundreds of millions every year in their bets wagered.

One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to calculate the numbers. Each race clearly shows what has been invested by the public, venue by venue – each and every day.

If you don't keep the Punter happy, you lose. Your business will die. It may take some time, but eventually it will.

Why? Because they, the punter, will take their money (the millions) elsewhere if they are unhappy, this meaning very empathically, that racing turnovers will decrease and / or won't keep up with inflationary expenditure.

You'll have to start cutting back, on expenditures, salaries and wages, stake monies, number of employees employed and a whole lot of other major things, such as staff retrenchments and shutting down loss making branches (venues), just to survive.

It won't be pleasant, for anyone, believe me, I've been there! Also it won't be easy to get YOUR customer (the punter) back. That's the really lousy part. There is a lot of truth in that old saying "Once bitten, Twice shy".

It's much easier to fix the problem, and fix it quick – extra fast – before the "you know what", really hits the fan.

Most Punters are unhappy about losing their millions invested, week after week, on difficult and unpredictable races. They eventually stop betting on those races – maybe stop betting entirely – Say Goodbye to Turnover!

If you want to increase or at least maintain your racing turnovers you'll need to really start assisting the Punter to win more often. There are ways to do this, but that is another complicated (more than one person involvement) subject all together. And don't think it has already been done, because the fact is, it has not. The proof – what's happening to racing turnovers?

There's a lot to be done and a change in attitude and focus is required, from all stakeholders, no exceptions. Start focusing (correctly!) on the Punter (the millions).

We may all, just be surprised, at what can successfully be achieved. I've been there, too. I'm sure you've heard that old saying, "I've been poor, I've been rich – Rich is better". (A rich horse racing industry is, by far, better).

To start the process, here are some suggestions to seriously consider:

Step 1: Stop bickering amongst yourselves, stop insulting each other, stop the blame game, and really start focusing on the "customer".

[Read more here](#)

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Preview



The Premier League returns after the first FIFA break of the season, while the European transfer window also closed in that time with teams now settled and well

prepared for the rest of the 2019/20 campaign. As expected, Liverpool and Manchester City are the early pacesetters, and despite it still being early days in the Premier League, the two giants have distanced themselves amongst the rest and can be considered among the elite teams across Europe. The pair have fairly easy fixtures to attend to this weekend with Liverpool hosting Newcastle, while Manchester City face Norwich. The rest of the fixture list? Hard as nails. And that's where I come in...

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

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

1/7 Liverpool | Draw 15/2 | Newcastle 19/1 (13:30)

Its fairly short, but a banker in all multiples – back the Reds on the (-1) Handicap at 7/20.

8/10 Manchester United | 11/4 | Leicester City 7/2 (16:00)

It may seem bold and this could backfire, but I'll take Leicester City to Score In Both Halves at a valuable 9/2.

23/20 Brighton | 9/4 | Burnley 26/10 (16:00)

For safety measures, back Both Teams to Score at 17/20.

31/20 Sheffield United | 43/20 | Southampton 39/20 (16:00)

If you're bold enough, I'd encourage you putting your money on the home side.

7/20 Tottenham | 4/1 | Crystal Palace 7/1 (16:00)

I fancy Tottenham winning, but with both teams finding the back of the net in the process – a market you could back at 7/4.

39/20 Wolves | 23/10 | Chelsea 29/20 (16:00)

I'm backing Wolves on the Win/Draw Double Chance & Both Teams to Score at 31/20.

13/1 Norwich | 15/2 | Manchester City 1/6 (18:30)

At even money, Manchester City to Win & Both Teams to Score seems a sensible bet – perhaps one for the multiples too.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

2/1 Bournemouth | 5/2 | Everton 13/10 (15:00)

Back Everton to come out on top here at 13/10.

26/10 Watford | 28/10 | Arsenal 19/20 (17:30)

The Away Team Totals – Over 1.5 Goals – do look a certainty nevertheless at 15/20.

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

16/10 Aston Villa | 26/10 | West Ham 16/10 (21:00)

Over 2.5 Goals are tipped here at 6/10.

TREBLE @ 8/1

Wolves Win/Draw & BTTS 31/20

Man City Win & BTTS 1/1

Arsenal Totals Over 1.5 Goals 15/20

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Sailing To Victory

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Star Performance

Hollywoodbets Greyville 1 September

They raced on the poly track on Sunday where victory in the fastest of the three 1600m races that got proceedings underway, went to the easy to back PLYMOUTH ROCK. Freely available at 14/1 to win the MR78 Handicap, Doug Campbell's charge raced in the rear during the early part of the race. He ran on strongly when the race developed into a sprint in the short home straight and after striking the front 100m from home he just held on by the narrowest of margins from the 9yo NICKLAUS. Beaten just over a length into third, the hat-trick seeking WHAT A BLAST was positioned at the back turning for home and was baulked twice in the straight.

Race six on the card was a MR82 Handicap over 1400m and in a time no faster than that of the maiden plate over the distance we saw an impressive performance from STAR VEGA. At the back of the eleven coming off the bend, the lightly raced daughter of Oratorio cut through the field like a knife in the straight and won going away by a length and a quarter, after striking the front 50m from home.

Another to win well on this card was AN-CIENT SPIRIT in the faster of the two 1200m events, a MR92 Handicap. Backed into favouritism at the track, this fastnet Rock mare was visibly cruising throughout. She took up the running shortly after passing the 400m marker and won going away by three and a half.

Titbits Lightly raced ARRABIATA ran on well from the backend of midfield when a 1,1 length runner up in the maiden plate for the girls over 1600m.

Queen For The Day

Fairview 2 September

Monday's action took place on the poly track where five of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1600m. The MR66 Handicap for the girls was the fastest of

these and here the well-supported outsider OASIS QUEEN (12/1 into 13/2) registered her sixth career victory. Running on stoutly from off the pace, the column's top rated selection struck the front 150m out and won going away by three.

Another to win very easily on this card was ONTENDERHOOKS in the graduation plate over 1800m. Always handy in a race where there was no pace at all early on, the former Cape Town campaigner cruised clear in the short home straight and came home lonely by five.

A MR82 Handicap over 1600m topped the bill and in a time over half a second slower than that of Oasis Queen, the 7yo SAO PAULO took her tally of wins to five. In the rear along with the runner up DOUBLE BLACK turning for home, the Trippi mare finished the strongest late and got up in the very last stride.

Titbits At the back turning for home, VICTORY MARCH ran on best of all when comfortably accounting for his ten rivals in the MR68 Handicap over 1600m.

Easy For Succession

Turffontein 3 September

Four of the eight races on the old stand side track on Tuesday afternoon took place over 1600m and in the fastest of these, a MR84 Handicap, we saw a smart front running performance from the 4yo daughter of Philanthropist VIRGINIA. A length clear for most of the journey, Alec Laird's charge asserted her authority over the final 400m and ran out a comfortable winner by two and three quarters.

Two maiden plates for 3yo's opened up proceedings and in the faster of these, the boy's affair, we saw an eye catching performance from the lightly raced SUCCESSION. Returning from a four months break here, the son of Captain Al led throughout. He had only to be pushed out over the final 400m and won with plenty in hand by three and three quarters.

The only other distance to stage more

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Lady Secret	won 11/1
Oasis Queen	won 13/2
What A Lover	won 4/1
Clock Stopper	won 3/1
Viva Rio	won 3/1
Floribunda	won 5/2
Black Ferrari.....	won 49/20
Ontenderhooks.....	won 21/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: (1) Gold Pact 15
 Race 2: (1) Cape Ash 13
 Race 3: (10) Wylie's Flame 14
 Race 4: (2) Redberry Wood 43
 Race 5: (3) In A Perfect World 52
Race 6: (6) Brandina 44 (EW)
 Race 7: (2) Dutch Philip 80
 Race 8: (10) Founding Father 54

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

- Race 1: (11) Razna 14
Race 2: (5) Doublethink 30 (EW)
 Race 3: (1) Tuscan Light 27
 Race 4: (2) Crown Guardian 66
 Race 5: (6) Alex The Great 53
 Race 6: (1) La Bella Mia 80
 Race 7: (1) Infamous Fox 83
 Race 8: (5) Artemisia 49
Race 9: (14) Nimitz 21 (NAP*)

DURBANVILLE (SAT)

- Race 1: (1) Stormin Norman 1
 Race 2: (1) Gold Medal 5
 Race 3: (1) Over The Way 21
 Race 4: (7) Forbach 22
 Race 5: (11) Magic Mary 45
 Race 6: (2) Catkin 75
 Race 7: (4) Lesedi La Rona 67
 Race 8: (7) Gimme Katrina 44

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: (6) Brass Bell 17
 Race 2: (1) Jayden's Shreya 12
 Race 3: (1) Waywood 54
 Race 4: (6) Saipan 7
 Race 5: (6) Admiral's Guest 61
 Race 6: (9) Isingamoya 84
 Race 7: (14) Eccellerate 37
 Race 8: (6) Centre Stage 14

Nap bets

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

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

BLACK KNAP (V Marshall, W-Cape)
SACHDEV (J Snaith, W-Cape)
STAR VEGA (A Rivalland, KZN)
SUCCESSION (S Tarry, Gauteng)



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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

than one race was 1000m where the faster of the two handicaps was the MR84 affair won by the easy to back NICKY NOO. Freely available at 36/1 in a seven runner field at the off, the Horse Chestnut mare was soon positioned close to the speed. She was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m marker and went on to score with authority by three and a half from the rank outsider of the party MERCER GIRL (44/1).

Titbits Beaten five lengths into fourth, lightly raced MARMARA SEA caught the eye running on nicely at the finish of the maiden 1600m.

Couple To Follow

Kenilworth 4 September

We saw some smart performances in Cape Town on Wednesday and none more so than that of SACHDEV in the fastest of the four 1200m events, a MR82 Handicap. Confidently ridden by Richard Fourie, the Silvano gelding raced in the backend of midfield early on. He produced a nice turn of foot below the distance and won going away by two after striking the front just 60m or so from home.

Race four on the card was a maiden plate over 1800m and here we saw an impressive performance from the 3yo Dynasty colt BLACK KNAP. Having only his second career outing here, Vaughan Marshall's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 300m marker and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by nine and a quarter.

The MR80 Handicap over 1600m was not surprisingly the faster of the two 1600m races on the card and here we saw a very comfortable victory for the consistent son of Jay Peg JAY ROCK. Nicely positioned in second when the race began in earnest,

Glen Puller's charge put his head in front early in the short old course home straight and won well by a length and a quarter from the well-supported odds on favourite CANE LIME 'N SODA.

Titbits Ridden to lead 400m out, KELPIE only had to be pushed out when winning the maiden plate for the girls over 1600m with authority by three and a quarter.

Unbeaten In Two

Turffontein 5 September

They raced on the inner track on Thursday where once again the course at Turfontein was running a little fast. Four of the eight races were staged over 1450m and in the fastest of these, a MR76 Handicap, MELCHIZEDEK registered a second victory. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, Paul Peter's charge raced in the rear early on. He quickened well coming off the strip and under a well-judged ride from Mathew Thackeray he got up late to deny the nibbled at outsider ROYAL CITY.

2600m was the only other distance to stage more than one race and in the faster of the two handicaps, the MR70 affair, the veteran CRANBERRY CRUSH took her tally of wins to five. Soon at the head of affairs, the Kahal mare kept on doggedly at the business end of the race and got the verdict by a half over the determined GLAMOROUS SCANDAL. Finishing best of all, third placed MERENGUE didn't find the clearest of passages in the closing stages of this race.

TALLINN in the MR76 Handicap over 1450m was the best bet on the card for most and the daughter of Vercingetorix didn't let down her supporters. A fluent winner of her only previous racecourse appearance, Mike De Kock's charge was

soon up handy. She was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m pole and won with some in hand from the running on KAPAMA.

Titbits Pitched in against a rather moderate bunch, top weighted SEGONTIUM won the maiden handicap over 1450m a little more easily than the official winning margin of a length and a quarter would suggest.

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (POLY) 1 SEPTEMBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,39s slow	
1200m (2) Leslies Pathtofame	70,76
1400m (2) Star Vega/Vartanium	83,57
1600m (3) Plymouth Rock	95,83
2000m (1) Elusive Quest	124,23

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 2 SEPTEMBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,94s slow	
1000m (1) Ambra	58,55
1200m (1) Seville	70,37
1600m (5) Oasis Queen	96,76
1800m (1) Ontenderhooks	113,45

TURFFONTEIN (STAND SIDE) 3 SEPTEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,02s fast	
1000m (2) Nicky Noo	57,18
1160m (1) Succession	67,76
1600m (4) Virginia	99,09
1800m (1) Prince Of Promise	113,41*

KENILWORTH (OLD) 4 SEPTEMBER

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 5,66s slow	
1200m (4) Sachdev	76,15
1400m (1) Veratrum	90,37
1600m (2) Jay Rock	101,39
1800m (1) Black Knap	114,43

TURFFONTEIN (INNER) 5 SEPTEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,12s fast	
1000m (1) Pearl Of Siberia	57,60
1450m (4) Melchizedek	88,00
1600m (1) Plum Field	101,48
2600m (2) Cranberry Crush	169,09



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