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RACING THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW POLY Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(1) Princess Rebel (1/1)

TURFFONTEIN Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(7) Bold Ransom (2/1)

DURBANVILLE Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(4) General Franco (1/1)

HOLLYWOODBETS
SCOTTSVILLE Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(2) Marsanne (2/1)

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The sudden back peddling on the Kimberley closure earlier this week
has been a flicker of hope in a bleak few months for South African and international racing.

But is there any real comfort in the fact that we are not alone?

News of stakes cuts in Mauritius and at Newbury Racecourse in the UK, and a hard-line adopted by US authorities on conflicted interests by the management of Arlington Racecourse, as well as Happy Valley's loss of a midweek meeting due to external threats of political unrest, could well induce a false sense of comfort for us.

Talking straight, chaotic uncertainty is the only way to describe the Northern Cape situation.

Poorly handled in every public respect from the start, with reports varying and fingers wagging

in both directions as to whether Phumelela and the Racing Association were actually ever in agreement on the move in the first place, the Gauteng-based racing operator's 'delight' expressed in their press release on Tuesday seems patronising.

The essence of the news is that Phumelela is in negotiations with Gold Circle and other interested stakeholders to extend racing at Flamingo Park beyond December 2019.

We are all for Gold Circle stepping in as knights in shining armour and providing a change in philosophy and ethos with a lifeline for our friends in the Northern Cape to maintain their existence and continue providing their

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unique form of racing entertainment, while playing their vital role in the cog of the SA racing machinery.

But why are these ‘potentially viable options to continue racing at the venue’ only now being evaluated in conjunction with Gold Circle and other stakeholders, and not considered previously?

Closure of an historic racing centre and a community must surely have been an absolutely last resort?

Yesterday the Sporting Post was informed that the move to reduce the stakes burden on Phumelela following ongoing news of financial pressure on the company had now also started to take effect.

In a letter issued to trainers, Phumelela advised that in consultation with the Racing Association a decision had been taken to reduce the number of races scheduled midweek on both the Highveld and in Kimberley from nine to eight with effect from 1 October 2019.

This was part of an initiative to mitigate the imminent re-alignment of stakes that will be announced in due course in terms of the stakes agreement formula.

Midweek low grade 9th races added to the Highveld programmes will be cancelled from 1 October and Kimberley’s current nine-race programmes will be cut to eight races from the same date.

Due to the financial pressures, Phumelela state that they will generally not be splitting races in the foreseeable future – and then only in exceptionable circumstances.

While the provisional Highveld programme published for the three month period October to December 2019 does not include the minor race stakes at this stage, for the month of October these will be set at current winter stakes levels, whereafter the new minor race stakes levels will be published from November.

So some assertive action has been taken. But ... close the racing community...then hang on...there’s an idea to give them a reprieve ... then take more away from them, without any consultation?

Cut-backs in racing without any apparent turnaround strategy and no drive or effort to build the game means that death is inevitable – whether we go to 9 December or sometime in 2020.

Well-known racing man Paulo do Carmo wrote a common sense piece this week – it’s a logical step by step suggestion about facing reality and changing attitudes.

Please read it on page 3

But if everybody’s doing tomorrow what they did yesterday, they are really just delaying the inevitable and may as well close up shop.

SAVE THE DATE

Fairview’s annual double header on Friday 25 October and Sunday 27 October are dates worth pencilling in. Fashion and fun will headline the occasion with the spotlight on Sunday, from a racing perspective, falling on the Listed R350 000 Algoa Cup over 2000m on the turf track.

WEEKEND RACING

Meryl Tries The All-Weather

Walmer Handicap Fairview Friday

A non black-type feature tops the weekend national billing at Fairview on Friday. The fillies and mares Walmer Handicap has attracted a field of nine and should prove a competitive puzzle to unravel.



Meryl | Pauline Herman

Local champion trainer Alan Greeff has a powerful three-cornered hand for the 1800m contest, with recent Listed Jockey Club Stakes winner Meryl out for a double after her breathtaking victory last time out. The daughter of Tiger Ridge was left on a 101 rating by the NHRA handicappers after getting up in the final stride to beat Raven Girl. That run capped an excellent second on her East Cape debut and she is being kept in training for another season – a sign that she is loving her racing and will be very competitive. Charles Ndlovu, who rode such a pearler to win last time, is in the saddle again. She takes her time to find her feet and the change of surface and the 200m drop in trip are the only cautionaries for us.

Her stablemate Ontenderhooks, formerly with Candice Bass-Robinson, found her feet at just her third run in the Eastern Cape with a runaway success over Friday’s course-and-distance. This is tougher and Meryl stands in her way as a major centre stakes winner.

The SP top-rated, Jacques Strydom’s hardknocking 7yo Sao Paulo bounced back from an unsuccessful Flamingo Park raid early in August, when she ran on well to beat Double Black over the poly mile on 2 September. She tries the 1800m for the first time, but it is worth noting that her well-performed dam won up to 2000m.

Flying Squadron had no luck in the Jockey Club Stakes when cramped in running and being forced to ease. She has had four runs in this region and won her first start on the polytrack – so may warrant inclusion if she steps up further on the surface.

Seeking Wisdom ran a poor race in the Listed Jockey Club Stakes and dropped out to finish close on 24 lengths off Meryl. There was no official explanation for that strange effort and she could bounce back if finding her best form.

Delia’s Delight challenged strongly in the Jockey Club Stakes and was beaten a shade over a length into fourth behind Meryl. Her previous poly run was slightly below par. She is 3kgs better off with Meryl and must be a serious runner.

Former KZN-based Dean Kannemeyer charge Pearl Glow showed promising earlier form but has not run for 29 weeks and has her first run in the Eastern Cape.

Rocksette appears to have lost her better form of 2018 and was reported not striding out last time – that was only a fortnight ago.

Lateral’s Flash is the third of the

START 3:25PM FAIRVIEW	6	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 WALMER HCP (F&M)(NBT)(POLY) - 1800M - SAME TRAINER:(1-2-3)(8-9)
Tiger Ridge	1	MERYL(AC Greeff) X Ndlovu4 62.0
Dynasty	2	DELIA'S DELIGHT(AC Greeff) W Agrella8 60.0
Dynasty	3	ONTENDERHOOKS(AC Greeff) G Cheyne6 55.5
Elusive Fort	4	SEEKING WISDOM(SB Kotzen) L Mxothwa7 55.5
Querari	5	PEARL GLOW(G Paddock) C Maujean2 54.5
Trippi	6	SAO PAULO(JVA Strydom) W Kennedy5 53.5
Ideal World	7	FLYING SQUADRON(Y Bremner) T Gould9 52.0
Rock Of Rochelle	8	ROCKSETTE(GD Smith) J Mphanya1 52.0
Lateral	9	LATERAL'S FLASH(GD Smith) M Yeni3 52.0

WEEKEND RACING

handily weighted 52kg crew and the Gavin Smith charge loves the all-weather surface. She ran on steadily behind Ontenderhooks last time and even though well beaten by 4,50 lengths, she comes in on 4,5kgs better terms and should be held again.

If she doesn't get found too far out of her ground, Meryl looks likely to follow up. The dangers are Sao Paulo and Ontenderhooks.

Fast Donkeys & Slow Cars

The Friday feature is named for Walmer, a suburb of Port Elizabeth. The connection to racing is not clear, although it is an area that was well known for its donkeys. Until the 1940s, they were still freely wandering around Walmer and were raced through the valley by school children.

Research shows that the area has a colourful history dating to 1855 when it was renamed after Walmer Castle, seat of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

This is a historic series of coastal towns in Kent and Sussex which were originally formed for military and trade purposes.

William Adcock, the first mayor of Walmer, was quite a man about town and he had the distinction of being the first person to own a motor car in PE. It was a 4.5hp Benz Velo which took 15 hours to make the 128km trip to Grahamstown.

The coming of the train line to Walmer on Saturday 15 December 1906 saw 5000 people sample the new transport that day, despite bad weather.

Walmer was incorporated into the Port Elizabeth municipality on 1 September 1966.

Franco's Back

General Franco makes his eagerly-awaited reappearance in an MR 94 Handicap over 1400m at Durbanville on Saturday.

This is the son of the great Frankel, who looked a potential superstar when accelerating like a machine to romp away with his debut in April only to finish last when starting a prohibitive 7-20 for his follow-up a month later. He has not raced since.

"He has been doing very well at home, I have galloped him, he is ready and should give his full potential," Justin Snaith told Gold Circle's Michael Clower.

"If he wins on Saturday he is obviously a horse for the future but he will have to prove it here and whether he is mature enough to win against a field like this I'm not sure. It is very hard at this level. Also he has never seen Durbanville although I have galloped him round the turn at Kenilworth."

NEWS

SA Racing – The State Of Play

What now? Bottom up?

It is by now well documented that the horseracing industry and all its peripheral industries find themselves in dire straits, perhaps the greatest of crisis in the last 30 years, certainly since corporatization took place.

Many past experts, would be, want to be and actual experts have eloquently and not so eloquently been vociferous of their dissatisfaction with the current state of affairs using various forums and media platforms available, writes Paulo Do Carmo.

The voices are loud. What and whom has led us to the current status, and the disastrous path, down which we could potentially be heading has been discussed, finger pointed and announced with resonating echoes.

The reality is that the current status has been shaped by historical events, acts and omissions that were perpetrated over a long period of time and by the leaders of every one of these peripherals – all whilst the relevant stake holders (us), stood idle and inactive, a stark reminder of Nero fiddling whilst Rome burned.

Rome was the epicentre of the "world" at the time – What of racing?

There are many out there making suggestions – laymen, stakeholders of many origins and forms, on how it can be saved, changed, moved forward.

Some are meeting in secret, within closed networks, non inclusively and continually avoiding the lower ranks of the industry.

Several still in love with the idea of the Great Leader emerging, if only because we like reading biographies and fantastical history – focused on the myth that a perfect, virtuous and incorruptible leader will emerge from the clouds or the falling debris of what was once a thriving industry.

This has happened before, and never in a more extreme manner, than with the recent emergence of one Markus Jooste, and whilst many vilify and others defend, Markus Jooste for all his alleged crimes and doings, merely delayed the inevitable for an already obvious state of affairs, supporting a false economy within various sectors of the industry with allegedly ill gotten gains – the recipients continued with open arms and oblivious to the required action, aside from the blessing of the time.

The downward spiral of the racing industry had begun, albeit subtly, long before Markus Jooste was in full swing.

The fact is that we all ignored it and currently no-one has a definite plan or a clear cut strategy to present for support – not least the incumbents.

The incumbents is where it all starts – or so seems to be the conventional wisdom.

Factually though, it is known that in business, management and general organisational scenarios, "top-down" is always bad, "bottom-up" is always good – so why do stakeholders believe the good, the bad and the evil all starts with the incumbents (PGL, Gold Circle, The RA, NHRA and the Gambling Boards)?

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KZN Summer Challenge 2019

Lafferty Rocks

Paul Lafferty's Celebration Rock, an Australian-bred son of Excelebration, is a narrow leader of the 2019 KZN Summer Challenge after Sunday's Hollywoodbets Scottsville meeting.

The series, which runs from 4 August to 24 November, gives the average handicapper a chance to compete for a large stake of R150 000 per final and their trainers a chance to earn an incentive bonus.

Three finals will be run over 1200m, 1600m and 1 950m on 8 December at Hollywoodbets Scottsville.

[See the leaderboard per 15 September 2019](#)

All races (excluding Features, Maiden Plates & Maiden Juvenile Plates) run in KwaZulu-Natal between 4 August and 24 November will count as qualifying races to earn points provided that the nett Merit Rating of a horse (after WFA Allowance) may not exceed 102 in the race in which it participates.

A horse that has won a Maiden race in KZN needs to run in one further qualifying race to qualify to be entered to run in any final.

Horses that have won Maiden races outside of KZN need to run in two further qualifying races for consideration in one of the finals.

Simply Solvent!

The horse-crazy Ridgemont Highlands' Amanda Carey and her former Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup winner Balance Sheet have formed a winning partnership in the showing arena. The duo won the Ridgemont-Highlands sponsored Racehorse To Working Hunter class at the Western Cape Showing Championships held at Mistico in Paarl over the weekend.



Balance Sheet & Amanda in action

A passionate animal lover who used to babysit baboons and chimpanzees in between riding work for the late Pat O'Neill in her matric year, Amanda, a former Western Province junior showjumper, was thrilled about the big win for her new favourite baby, 'Bally'.

Balance Sheet was bred by Riyo Stud and is a son of Silvano out of the unraced Al Mufti mare Vita-Louise. He was purchased for R300 000 at the National Yearling and raced for leading Cape-based owners Marsh Shirtliff and Bryn Ressel.

The now 8yo gelding was trained by Dean Kannemeyer for his 4 wins from 1600m to 2400m from his 18 starts. He celebrates his birthday on 2 October.

Hollywoodbets Scottsville

All Really Well In The State Of Denmark?

After last Wednesday's horrific Hollywoodbets Scottsville accident, KZN racing operator Gold Circle issued a press release denying the fact that a wet patch and divots were to blame.

Yet on Sunday a walk of the track revealed that all is still not well and it may be time to face reality and take corrective action.

The release states that following the unfortunate incident last Wednesday when two jockeys came down and the subsequent criticism of the track on public forums, Gold Circle Management, the NHA and a trainer's representative made a thorough inspection of the track last Friday morning.

The inspection team consisted of Gold Circle Racing Manager Raf Sheik, National Horse Racing Authority Chairman in KZN, Shaun Parker, trainer's representative Paul Gadsby and Track Manager Michael Ndlovu. Ndlovu had not carried out repairs to the area where the falls occurred.

After a thorough inspection of the area and surrounds there was no evidence to suggest that the track surface could be blamed on the incident.

The so-called 'hole' or 'wet patch' that was reported on the day was a repaired divot that was measured 58 metres before where the incident took place and in no ways could have been responsible for the first horse stumbling.

Ndlovu rubbished claims that the track is not inspected before every race meeting.

"I personally walk the track to check that the rails are correctly position and three of my staff also walk the track to check for anything untoward and take the pen readings."

"Pen readings are taken in three places across the track after 100m and the average recorded and made public. With four of us on the track before the race meeting any obvious problems would be picked up," he said.

Gadsby was satisfied that the track was not at fault, in fact he said the surface was in excellent condition.

Parker was also complimentary of the track and felt that there was no way the incident could be blamed on the track.

On Sunday there was another incident of a faller and a walk of the track revealed a bone dry back straight and then wet patches – a highly dangerous state of affairs, with horses having to cope with dramatic changes in surface conditions.

We believe that Gold Circle are now investigating further.

NEWS

Peter Tops The Charts

Trainer Paul Peter, who saddles seven runners at the Vaal today, took his season tally to 21 winners when Date Palm won the first race under Warren Kennedy at his home base track, Turffontein, on Tuesday. Both Peter and Kennedy top their respective national logs at this stage.

In an interview with David Thiselton, he puts his climb to the top of the national trainers log chiefly down to a new member of his team, the legendary Ormond Ferraris, whom he hero worshipped as a racing-mad youngster. He also heaped praise on his first call rider Warren Kennedy.



Paul Peter | JC Photos

On his chances of staying at the top he reckoned he would be able to match the “big guns” in the three-year-old division.

He also has high hopes for his four-year-old filly Vistula.

He said:

“Moving to Turffontein put me closer to home and I have also been given a lot of input from Mr Ormonde Ferraris. He has become part of the team and his knowledge is priceless. He has taught me how to get horses supremely fit. His horses were always known for their fitness and I can now see why. I have latched on to his work patterns and his work ethic. He used to run his yard like a military base. I got all of his grooms too. We also have a treadmill and a walker and everyone’s happy. It’s a very happy team and we have a lovely bunch of owners.”

Peter scored a five-timer at Turffontein Standside on Saturday, three of them ridden by Kennedy and two by 4kg claimer Cole Dicken.

He said:

“I have a top jockey in Warren Kennedy. He has such good hands and settles a horse so well and is a good judge of pace. I don’t give him instructions. He analyses the horses and studies the form and a horse he has ridden just once he will know backwards. He is a major, major asset,”

He continued:

“Cole Dicken has a future, he has a good head, has good balance and punches them out nicely. He is definitely worth his 4kg claim.”

He added:

“Matthew Thackeray rides a lot of work for me and is my second choice rider most of the time. He is a good, underrated jockey with a lovely attitude and deserves more chances so I am going to give him more rides.”

Peter finished sixth on the national log last season on earnings in unrestricted races of R11,227,938.

This season he tops the log on earnings of close on R2 million, well clear of second-placed Alan Greeff. Justin Snaith is in third place and the reigning national champion trainer Sean Tarry is next best.

Peter said:

“The big guns have powerful strings but I have a very good crop of three-year-olds.”

Peter was most impressed with his older filly Vistula’s seasonal reappearance in which she easily won a Pinnacle Stakes

event over 1400m on the Turffontein Standside course by 2,25 lengths.

He said:

“She was only about 70% fit. I threw her out for a whole month after the Garden Province. They don’t like to give us grass at Turffontein, I don’t blame them because there’s so much racing, so she had just done a little bit of half pace work after her rest.”

The four-year-old Ideal World filly is being targeted at the Gr2 Jo’Burg Spring Fillies and Mares Challenge over 1450m on October 5 on the Turffontein Inside track. Peter said if she landed a good draw she would be a ‘massive’ runner.

Peter has 160 horses at present and among them are many promising unraced three-year-olds.

Of those three-year-olds to have raced he named Summer Pudding, Pax Romana (‘a good stayer’), Astrix, Arapaho, Atomic Blonde, Riverstown, Sarah, Lighthearted and Heartstwings as his best.

He has lost a few of his older horses to Mauritius but mentioned Rebel’s Champ, Winter Storm and Operetta as among those he had high hopes for. He said Winter Storm had run a bit below par in his last two races last season as he had needed a bit of a break and he regarded Operetta as unlucky on Saturday as she had been badly interfered with.

Peter grew up three kilometres from Turffontein racetrack and was from a family who were crazy about the game through all generations.

He loved the horses more than the punting side. He was regularly kicked off the course as a youngster in an era when under eighteens weren’t allowed, but would always be back for the next meeting. Fortunately, he looked eighteen as a fifteen-year-old. He recalls, ironically, being a particular fan of the Ormond Ferraris yard horses.

Peter learned the training ropes from James Maree, whom he was with for many years.

He said:

“He is a proper horseman and many of my workriders today come from his school.”

Peter recently admitted he did not run a punting stable. He is consequently one of the most transparent trainers in the country and this is much appreciated by the racing public.

His twenty one winners this season have come at a strike rate of over 16% and his place strike rate of 55% is the highest among the top twenty on the log.

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A feast of top-class action on Irish Champions Weekend and at Doncaster's William Hill St Leger Festival has ensured a shake up in the standings for this year's Cartier Racing Awards.



Aidan O'Brien

Magical (168 points) has regained top spot in the Cartier Horse Of The Year and Cartier Older Horse categories after securing her second Gr1 of the campaign in the QIPCO Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown on September 14, day one of Irish Champions Weekend.

Aidan O'Brien's star filly has yet to finish outside of the first two in seven starts in 2019 and the four-year-old is now set for a rematch with her chief rival Enable (128), who has had her measure twice this season, in the Gr1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 6.

Magical started the season with a hat-trick of wins in Ireland, headlined by a seven-length success in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh on May 26.

Star stayer Stradivarius (128) could be a contender for Cartier Horse Of The Year honours after a smooth victory in the Gr2 Magners Rose Doncaster Cup on September 13. Trained by John Gosden, Bjorn Nielsen's homebred is now unbeaten in his last 10 starts.

Gosden dominates the Cartier Stayer category, with Stradivarius joined in the standings by stablemates Logician (48) and four-year-old filly Enbihaar (36). Both horses were also in winning action at Doncaster- Logician captured the final Classic of the season, the Gr1 William Hill St Leger, in a track record time, while Enbihaar landed her third Gr2 prize of the season in the DFS Park Hill Stakes.

Another Gosden-trained runner Star Catcher (80) closed the gap on dual Classic winner Hermosa (112) in the Cartier Three-Year-Old Filly division. Star Catcher followed up her G1 Kerrygold Irish Oaks triumph with a front-running success in the Gr1 Qatar Prix Vermeille at Longchamp, France, on September 15. Hermosa meanwhile had gone down narrowly to Iridessa (66) in the Gr1 Coolmore "Fastnet Rock" Matron Stakes at Leopardstown the previous afternoon.

Read more & see the standings on www.sportingpost.co.za

Sad Day For Happy Valley

The Hong Kong Jockey Club abandoned the race meeting scheduled for Happy Valley Racecourse on Wednesday in view of the imminent threat to the safety of racegoers, jockeys and employees, and to the welfare of racehorses.

In a statement, the HKJC said that when organising race meetings, the Club always put safety as a top priority. It is our responsibility to ensure that racehorses, racegoers, jockeys and employees are safe at all times.

The Club has been monitoring the situation in Hong Kong closely. It has conducted a thorough risk assessment of the race meeting tonight and concluded that it should be cancelled in order to preserve the security and safety of people and horses.

"Our concerns are tied to potential social unrest in the vicinity tonight, the very real threat of a disturbance or possible violence at Happy Valley Racecourse, and uncertainty regarding transportation in and around Happy Valley and Causeway Bay for racegoers, jockeys and employees and horses entering or leaving the racecourse throughout the evening," a Club spokesperson said.

"This is a very difficult and most unfortunate decision to make, but public safety is of paramount importance to the Club. We hope the racing community and the Hong Kong public will understand our reasons for doing so," the spokesperson emphasised.

Newbury Stakes Under The Whip

Newbury racecourse has said it will be 'carefully reviewing' its investment in prize-money at the track due to the 'significant risk' of falling income caused by betting shop closures.

The Racing Post reports that the warning came as the course unveiled its interim results for the first six months of 2019 on Tuesday.

Betting shop numbers have started to fall following the implementation in April of the new £2 stake on FOBTs, which is expected to have a major effect on racecourse finances due to reduced income from media rights.

The importance of those rights was highlighted in Newbury's results which said it had received total media-related revenues of £2.39 million, an increase of four per cent on the same period in 2018, which was 'attributable to increased LBO [licensed betting office] revenues'.

Earlier in the year Newbury said it would maintain prize-money levels of £5m in 2019 despite the uncertainty over future income created by the government's crackdown on FOBTs.

However, prize-money levels at Newbury have already been criticised by trainers, including last month when a Listed race offered just £14,461 to the winner.

INTERNATIONAL

Grant Off The Mark

Cape-based jockey Grant van Niekerk arrived at Sha Tin on Sunday with a zero in his season's win column. He rectified that situation with victory in the afternoon's second trophy contest, the Class 4 Chinese Recreation Club Challenge Cup Handicap run over 1400m.

"I'm glad the monkey's off my back," he said after guiding the Ricky Yiu-trained Simple Elegant to victory.

"With the new jockeys and with Joao (Moreira) becoming a Club rider this season, things are competitive. I can feel it with the rides I've been getting I've had to battle for them. It hasn't been tough, it's just I wasn't riding great horses at the last couple of meetings. I do believe that if I get the chance, I can get the job done too."

The South African overcame gate 11, grabbed the lead, rolled along and kicked down the straight to a length and a quarter success in a Class record time of 1m 21.15s.

Champion trainer John Size was another to notch his first score of the term.

Moreira was the man who made sure Monkey Jewellery's head was first past the post in the Class 4 Sunbird Handicap run over 1200m. The Hong Kong International Sale graduate's short-head win took his tally to two wins from six starts.

Zac Purton rode four winners on the day.

· Hong Kong Jockey Club

Saudi Cup Drawcard

The world's richest race, the US\$20m Saudi Cup, will have a glittering support card for its inaugural running on 29 February 2020.

Three of the five new races on the undercard will be run on a new turf course, with the other two to be run on the highly acclaimed dirt track on which the 1800m Saudi Cup itself will be contested.

Prize money for the five races totals US\$6,800,000. They are:

A staying handicap on turf over 3000m, with a total race value of US\$2,500,000, a first prize of US\$1,500,000, and weights ranging from 62kg to 54kg.

A middle-distance turf race over 2100m for four-year-olds and upwards, with a total race value of US\$1,000,000 and a first prize of US\$600,000.

A turf sprint over 1350m for four-year-olds and upwards, with a total race value of US\$1,000,000 and a first prize of US\$600,000.

A dirt sprint over 1200m for three-year-olds and upwards, with a total race value of US\$1,500,000 and a first prize of US\$900,000.

A dirt mile race for three-year olds over 1600m, with a total race value of US\$800,000 and a first prize of US\$480,000.

Horseracing in the Kingdom stretches back more than five decades since the Jockey Club Of Saudi Arabia was formed in 1965.

"The introduction of the Saudi Cup as an international race is without doubt the most significant event in the history of horse racing in Saudi Arabia," said HRH Prince Bandar bin Khalid Al Faisal.

"It demonstrates our resolve to develop this great sport in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and also our ambition to become a leading player on horse racing's world stage."

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Early Birthday Surprise For Kantor

Trainer Ricardo Le Grange was repaid manifold for his decision to entrust hard-working apprentice jockey Krisna Thangamani with a first ride on Polytrack specialist Pennywise at Kranji on Friday night.

Le Grange's Malaysian apprentice does all the hard yards on the Argentinian-bred son of Pure Prize, but for some reason, never got a chance to partner him in a race.

Better late than never, as when that opportunity finally came his way in the SG\$85,000 Class 2 race over 1000m at the six-time winner's (all on Polytrack) 16th start, Krisna did not let it go begging.

Despite cutting the breeze three to four wide, Pennywise stuck on gamely inside the last furlong with his rider coaxing him to the line at a balanced rhythm, along with a few well-synchronised smacks on the rump.

"I have to thank Bernard Kantor. It's his big birthday in a couple of days (70 on 27 September), and he and Pat Shaw (Le Grange's ex mentor for 16 years at Kranji before he took over him) are in Portugal celebrating with other friends," said Le Grange.

"I'm also very happy for Krisna. For two years he only rode trackwork on this horse and never got a chance to sit on him in a race. Tonight, he got the chance and he gave him a great ride. Yes, they were trapped wide, but Krisna kept him rolling and they were nice and strong to the line. Krisna rides this horse every morning in trackwork because he's been a handful. He dropped Barend Vorster and Nooresh Juglall before, but Krisna gets along well with him and has done all the hard work on him."

Following that seventh Polytrack win, Pennywise has now taken his prizemoney level past the SG\$330,000 mark for Kantor.

Pure Logic!

Logician maintained his unbeaten record to win the prestigious St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday and give jockey Frankie Dettori his sixth win in the Gr1 race.

The 5-6 favourite won by four lengths to give trainer John Gosden his fifth success at the meeting. The BBC reports that Sir Ron Priestley, ridden by 49-year-old Franny Norton, finished second with 40-1 shot Nayef Road in third.

The one-mile-and-six-furlong race was Logician's fifth win in succession. "He's amazing. He's the favourite. There are 30,000 people here and he delivered. It's great for the sport," Dettori told ITV Racing.

Trainer Aidan O'Brien, who had three horses in the field, was aiming for a third win in three years, but his best place was Sir Dragonet in fourth.

Dettori's five previous wins in the showpiece race came in 1995, 1996, 2005, 2006 and 2008.

The Juddmonte Farms-bred Logician (GB) is by Frankel (GB) out of the Daylami mare, Scuffle (GB). He is unbeaten in five starts.

Cape Star's Quiet UK Debut

The 2018 Sun Met runner-up Last Winter made his long awaited international debut at Sandown on Wednesday.

Ridden by Ryan Moore he finished sixth of six runners and 6,75 lengths off the winner in the Listed Chasemore Farm Fortune Stakes over a mile. He was ridden by Ryan Moore.

Now trained by Sir Michael Stoute, the Khaya Stables owned 6yo Western Winter entire had been off the track for 20 months and run up multiple voyager miles on his travels to Mauritius, England, Dubai and then back to England.

And the lightly raced star, once the highest rated SA galloper on the Longines International Rankings, has had little luck along the way.

He jarred himself on the off fore while in quarantine in Mauritius.

After arriving at Mike de Kock in Dubai in November 2018, he appeared well on track for the DWC but then jarred himself on the near fore at the beginning of January this year.

Lady Christine Laidlaw of Khaya Stables then made the decision to move Last Winter to Sir Michael Stoute at Newmarket.

Dean Kannemeyer said he was thrilled that the talented athlete had appeared to come through his run unscathed.

"I was chatting to Dr John Mcveigh recently. He had the opportunity to have a look at Last Winter in the flesh a few weeks ago and was very happy with him and said that he was moving well. He was pulling hard early and never quickened – but he is top class and there is plenty to come yet, I believe," he said.

Last Winter only raced six times here, winning his first four on the trot. He was then stepped up in the Gr2 Premier Trophy in December 2017, where he was beaten a nostril by a clever Gavin Lerena ride on the Bill Prestage handicapper, Milton.

His sixth outing came in the Sun Met, where he made up lengths in the final 150m under Piere Strydom to be beaten a half length by subsequent SA Horse Of The Year, Oh Susanna.



Short Heads

Wild Thing!

Beach Beauty got off the mark as a broodmare when her son Wild Coast scored at Durbanville on Saturday. Having his second start, the 3yo colt romped to an easy win over 1250m. A son of Drakenstein Stud's champion sire Trippi, the Drakenstein Stud bred Wild Coast is the first runner produced by Beach Beauty-South Africa's Equus Champion Older Female in both 2012-2013 and 2013-2014. Trained by Dennis Drier, Beach Beauty won 17 races during her illustrious career, winning from 1000-2000m. Her 12 graded wins including five Gr1's. The Dynasty champion recently foaled a Silvano colt, and she is booked to visit War Front's Gr1 Tattersalls Gold Cup winner Lancaster Bomber in 2019.

Wild Coast
(Richard Fourie)
led in by Kevin
Sommerville



Chase Liebenberg

Stakes Cut

Mauritius Turf Club CEO Mike Rishworth issued a press release on Monday confirming that the club is in a financial predicament which it blames on off-course bookmakers not being able to work for 27 of the 37 racing fixtures in 2019. Stakes payable on all races will be reduced by 10 percent with effect from 19 October. This represents a reduction of Rs 2 million on the remaining races for this season, and will mean that by the end of 2019 total stakes paid will be Rs 98 million- same as those paid in 2018.



West Australian apprentice Jade McNaught has written her name into the record books, becoming the first apprentice in the west to ride six winners on the same programme. The 30-year-old, who has only been riding since May 2018, achieved the feat at Belmont on Saturday. Following her record-breaking achievement, which now has her leading both the apprentice and senior jockey premierships on 17 winners, McNaught said she wouldn't be affected by the big day out and would remain grounded.

KEAGAN'S OKAY

KZN rider Keagan de Melo is 'very sore but seemingly fine' after falling off his mount Silent Crusade in the sixth at Hollywoodbets Scottsville on Sunday. De Melo, who has made a good start to the term with 10 winners from 85 rides, and rode the third race winner on the afternoon, came off at the 200m mark, just when making his run. The Mark Dixon-trained Silent Crusade, who looked a likely winner, appeared to peck and lose her balance and the young rider fell head first in a shocking sight. He was rushed to hospital and subsequent x-rays revealed that he had no fractures. He will undergo a CT scan to as an extra precaution on the higher part of the spine.

Chief Stipe Goes

Chief Stipendiary Steward in Kwa-Zulu Natal Shaun Parker has resigned. He commenced his career with the NHA as a Stipendiary Steward in Port Elizabeth in 1995. During his 24 year career as a Stipendiary Steward, he has held a number of senior positions in the Eastern Cape, Central Provinces and Kwa-Zulu Natal. Parker will assume the position of Head Of Stewarding with the BHA and will be based in London.

Great Cause

AP McCoy returned to the saddle to ride a winner on Quizical in the Pat Smullen Champions Race For Cancer Trials Ireland at the Curragh on Sunday. McCoy, 45, who retired in 2015, finished ahead of old friend and rival Ruby Walsh, on Aussie Valentine. Smullen, the nine-time Irish champion flat jockey, who is being treated for pancreatic cancer, persuaded McCoy and eight other former top jockeys to come out of retirement to take part in the flat race which has raised more than 2m Euro for cancer research. He could not fulfil plans to ride himself because of his illness.

Winter Blitz

Drakenstein Stud's four time Gr1 winning stallion What A Winter has made a blistering start to the 2019/20 season. The triple Equus Champion produced three smart winners on Saturday.



Drakenstein Stud

PERSONALITY

Turning THE CORNER!

Duncan Howells

The trainers lounge was like a morgue. Lips were hanging on the ground, the faces were glum and the vibe was in stark contrast to the laughter and banter emanating from the jockey room.

Maybe jockeys have less stress than trainers, generally. But veteran Ashburton trainer Duncan Howells suggests it's high time to make racing fun again – it's the reason the game started and why most people got into it in the first place.

The 53 year old Winning Form-sponsored conditioner, a twice KZN Champion, says that racing is a sport and trying too hard to run it like a business is a recipe for failure.

"It's always going to be a game of chance. We are dealing with flesh and blood. If you're not enjoying it and feel like pointing fingers every time things go pear-shaped, go play golf or something rather," he says as he recalls his colleagues' faces in that morbid room at the races.

Fact is that Duncan is the one man who should be entitled to be as miserable as sin. His yard has just come out of the worst virus that they have ever experienced. He says it's been two years of disappointments, head-scratching, frustration and agony – and plenty of questioning and more questioning.

He tells how his young horses would work up a storm and then go in the wind or start bleeding. He lost a lot of youngsters as a result of the virus.

"One starts to get paranoid and question your sanity! The horses are not reproducing their work on the track. Then the Vet suggests it could be the feed. The feed merchant suggests it's not the feed- you're just not feeding correctly. Then the whispers are out – 'Howells has lost it – he has forgotten how to train horses'. But you know you are not doing anything differently – but then you do start wondering whether you have lost it!" he smiles as he recalls a testing stretch that is now behind him.

A straight-shooting guy, who concedes to sometimes getting frustrated at the way officialdom handle apparently simple things, Duncan says that he has no excuses for not training winners being based at what he believes to be the best and most horse-friendly training centre in the country. He also lives nearby, so has a little time to take his mind off things

and follow his side hobby of gardening. Although starting work at 04h30 and finishing after 17h30, means it's a long day, most days.

"Our training tracks are excellent and comparable with anything I have experienced anywhere. Winters are perhaps the one tough aspect of Ashburton – but nothing's perfect and we can live with that," he muses as he points out that in earlier years the viruses were not as prevalent as they are today.

"We have a lot more traffic and movement of horses as well as new strings here, and that may well be a contributing factor to the viruses," he contemplates as he proudly states that he took a tough decision as a seasoned professional to stop the bus and start all over again.

"Let's be honest – its human nature to try and find blame. I'm not blaming anybody- I have gone back to basics and am feeling a lot more positive right now."

On training horses in KZN, Duncan says he wouldn't choose to be anywhere else on earth, but would like to see them revisiting the programme and racing on turf at least once a week in the holiday province.

"Horses, owners, trainers and punters need the variety and a balance between poly and turf. I am not convinced we are utilising our racecourse facilities to the optimum.

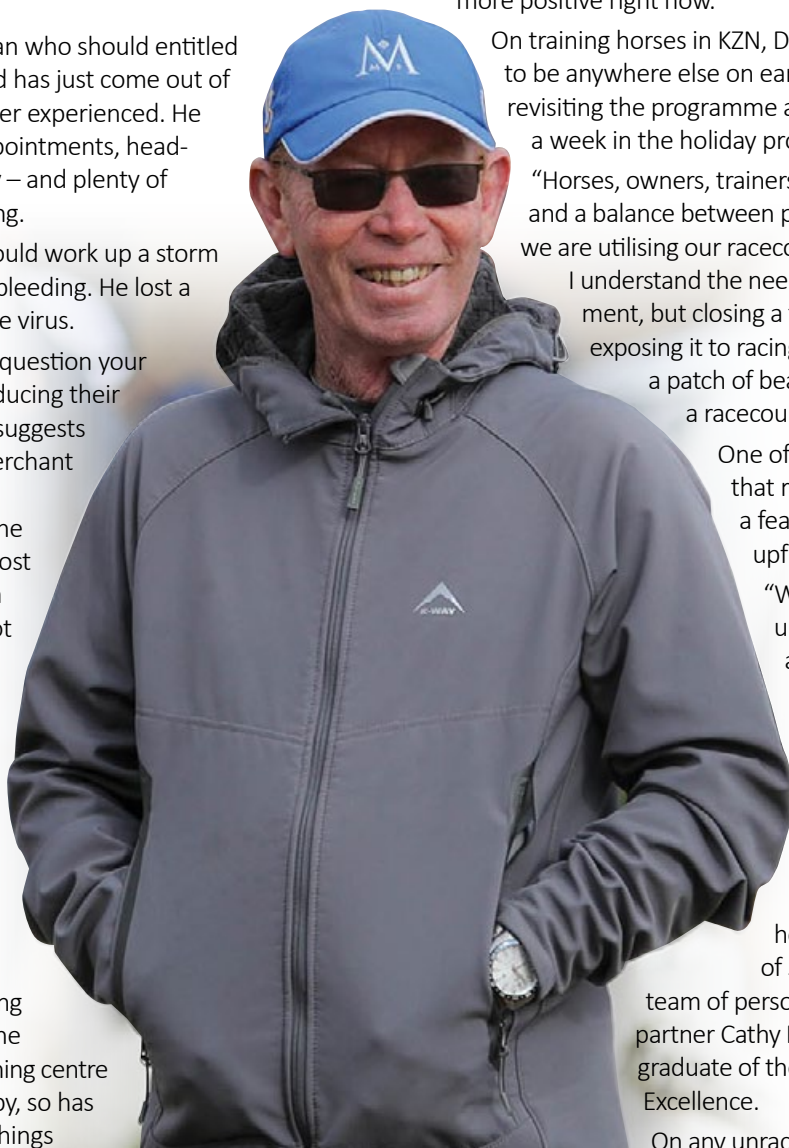
I understand the need for seasonal breaks and treatment, but closing a track for three months and then exposing it to racing can cause damage. It becomes a patch of beautifully green grass, more than a racecourse in the end."

One of his bugbears is that he feels that racing generally appears to have a fear of being transparent and upfront.

"When there is a problem, man up and come clean. It's the apparent lack of communication and transparency that leads to conspiracy theories, frustration and stone-throwing on the social media forums."

While he has a few boxes open, and would welcome new horses, Duncan says that he would like to settle on a string of 50 horses. He tells of his top team of personnel – headed by himself, his partner Cathy Rymill and Dela Naidoo, a proud graduate of the Summerhill School of Equine Excellence.

On any unraced lurkers in the Howells Racing



DUNCAN HOWELLS

BREEDING

string, Duncan says that he expects a few could still put up their hands. He mentions a Trippi gelding that may be worth following.

Looking at the prospect of chasing the big trophies in the Cape during the forthcoming summer, Duncan says that he would only consider travelling South if he genuinely believed he had 'the right horse' and that he could go down early, as he did when the Var flyer Via Africa won the 2014 Gr1 Cape Flying Championship.

"I have tried the road trip ten days before the race. Eric Sands has always been a massive help. But it didn't work as well as going down well in advance and settling in properly. I also used to be busy managing a big string at home – I would be happy to take our chances whether this season or in future – but, as I say, on the right terms, with the right horse."

One of the most experienced and knowledgeable men in the game, Duncan's first runner was a winner. Her name was Whispering Magic.

It was the opening day of the 1999/2000 season, and his now Summerveld-based colleague Robbie Hill did the riding honours in the pre-polytrack days at Greyville. Still staunch supporters today, Avison and Mary Carlisle were his first owners

Duncan was always destined to follow a life with horses and was born into a racing family. His track record dates back to his years as a leading amateur jockey and his first job with Eric Sands at Milnerton. He lists his late Uncle Andy Smith (father of his cousin and top PE trainer Gavin), Roy Curling, Eric Sands and the now Australia-based David Payne as some of the biggest influences on his career.

On his best horses, Duncan doesn't hesitate that Mogok's daughter Gypsy's Warning 'was really brilliant!'

Zeeno providing him with his first Gr1 success in the 2006 Gold Medallion at Scottsville was an inspirational turning point in his career.

His other Gr1's include the brilliant Gypsy's Warning victory in the 2008 Thekwini Stakes at Clairwood, his favourite racecourse. Dual Gr1 champion Same Jurisdiction won the same race six years later, while Lauderdale completed Duncan's treble in 2015.

Via Africa won the SA Fillies Sprint in 2013 and 2014, as well as the Cape Flying Championship in that memorable summer seven months later. Duncan can be contacted via www.duncanhowellsracing.co.za

Is Your Champ On The Log?



Enjoy The View | Candiese Marnewick

The race is on for places in the R1 million Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup to be run over 1400m at Turffontein on Saturday 2 November.

The race is restricted to eligible graduates of the 2018 Emperor's Palace Summer Ready To Run Sales.

The increase in stakes this year was the product of a collective spirit of co-operation between all stakeholders, which included Emperors Palace, Phumelela, the Racing Association and BSA.

The race aims to engage the best of the three-year-olds purchased at that sale and in order to achieve that goal, the handicappers will be producing a weekly log of the best performers.

The field size will be limited to 16 runners plus two reserve runners. The final field will be determined by a panel appointed by the racing operator.

Topping the first log is Visionaire filly Spiritofthegroove who is trained by Sean Tarry. She is a winner of one race and has placed in three other features. She has a merit rating of 106.

There is a tie for second place and that is shared by Gaian Glory, trained by Gary Alexander, and Seemyvision, who is under the care of Roy Magner.

It is also good to see horses from all over the country on the log, including KZN-based Enjoy The View, trained by Michael Roberts, and Yvette Bremner-trained Blushing Bride, who is based in Port Elizabeth.

Currently 17 of the top 27 on the log are fillies. All to horses will carry 60kg but there will be a northern hemisphere allowance as well as a sex allowance of 2.5kg. [View the log standings](#)

Entries close at 11h00 on 21 October, supplementary entries close at 09h00 on 28 October with declarations having to be in by 11h00 on 29 October.

Fiso Chases Big Bids!

Budding Auctioneer Fiso Hadebe was ready to take on some tough competition in the next round of the South African Auction Championships in Parys on Wednesday.



The 19 year old Fiso, who has been sponsored by Bloodstock South Africa, was bitten by the 'gavel bug' during his days as a student at the Weston

Agricultural College and has since made massive strides in one of the most specialised and pressured occupations on earth.

"It's an amazing rush and a challenge to go up on to the podium and determine the price and destiny of a particular product. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction to know that I have been instrumental in achieving a win-win for vendor and purchaser," he says, as he recalls how he has overcome his initial shyness.

"I came second in 2017 and won in 2018 and can feel that with the professional input and coaching of top men like Steve Davis, I have grown dramatically. I attended the BSA sales at Sibaya and Germiston and must say that the heady dynamics of the thoroughbred arena is a whole new exciting world. I was restricted to bid-spotting but learnt so much from the exposure, I hope to be at the Ready To Run Sale on 3 November," he said.

One of the most respected men in the profession, New Zealander Steve Davis is a regular member of the BSA team. It was once said that the veteran brings 'Joie De Vivre' to the sale arena.

Fiso, who has demonstrated that he has a sensible head on his young shoulders and built-in ambition, is pursuing his Human Resources studies at Varsity College while he enjoys the world of auctioneering and develops his skills.

BSA CEO Michael Holmes, who himself has wielded the gavel, wished Fiso every success today and said that he was an outstanding young man who had a bright future.

"Conducting an auction requires a host of skills from a knowledge of your customers, the product and the industry, to a witty mouth and a sharp mind. Like an airline pilot on take-off, the pulse never stops racing when the bidding begins! We at BSA are doing our utmost to encourage and assist Fiso and we are appreciative of Steve Davis' guidance and mentorship," he said.

HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

Miesque Matters!

The legacy of the outstanding racemare and producer, Miesque, continues to be felt, with her numerous high-class descendants continuing to excel at the highest level around the world.

Not only is Miesque's son, Kingmambo, a strong presence in pedigrees of top-class thoroughbreds through numerous high-class broodmare daughters as well as his high-class sire sons, King Kamehameha, King's Best and Lemon Drop Kid, but Miesque also features prominently in the pedigrees of several promising two-year-olds this season.

Night Of Thunder

The dual Breeders' Cup Mile winning daughter of Nureyev is the fourth dam of smart two-year-old, Molatham (Night Of Thunder), who made it two wins from just three starts when victorious in Friday's Listed Weatherbys Global Stallions App Flying Scotsman Stakes at Doncaster.

The promising Molatham- who holds entries in the Gr2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge Stakes, Gr1 Darley Dewhurst Stakes and Gr1 Vertem Futurity Trophy- is out of the Pivotal mare, Cantal, whose granddam is Miesque's dual French classic winning granddaughter, East Of The Moon (Private Account).

Molatham's half-sister, Perfection (Dutch Art), won the Listed EBF Stallions Highfield Farm Flying Fillies' Stakes earlier in the year to give a further boost to her remarkable female line. East Of The Moon is also granddam of the very smart two-year-old filly, Alpine Star (Sea The Moon). The latter, a half-sister to Cartier Champion and four time Gr1 winner, Alpha Centauri (Mastercraftsman), has won two of her first three starts, including the Gr2 Debutante Stakes. The well-bred Alpine Star holds entries in both the Gr1 bet365 Fillies' Mile and G2 Shadwell Rockfel Stakes.

Miesque's triple Gr1 winning son, and deceased star sire, Kingmambo, is the sire of outstanding broodmare Love Me True, whose sons, Norway (Galileo) and Ruler Of The World (Galileo) both made waves at Leopardstown on Saturday.

Last season's Listed Godolphin Flying Start Zetland Stakes winner, Norway, claimed the Gr3 Paddy Power Betting Shop Stakes to garner a first group win (the colt had been third to stablermate, Sovereign, in the Gr1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby earlier this year), while Norway's own brother, Ruler Of The World, is the sire of Saturday's Gr1 Coolmore 'Fastnet Rock' Matron Stakes winner, Iridesa. Iridesa has now won 3 Gr1 races, with her previous Gr1 victories coming in last year's bet365 Fillies' Mile and the 2019 Juddmonte Pretty Polly Stakes.

Family Ties

Love Me True's sire, Kingmambo, is also broodmare sire of promising sire, and four time Gr1 winner Camelot, whose son, Sir Dragonet, ran fourth in Saturday's St Leger, and Kingmambo is also broodmare sire of Sky Crystal, whose son, Space Traveller, won both Saturday's Gr2 Clipper Logistics Boomerang Stakes, and June's Gr2 Jersey Stakes. Kingmambo's successful sire sons, Lemon Drop Kid and King's Best- a three-parts brother to the remarkable Urban Sea- have both proved top-class damsires, and King's Best is broodmare sire of this season's high-class 3yo, Headman, as well as 2019 group/graded stakes winners, I'm So Fancy, Nomandel, and Juliet Foxtrot.



Birch Bro's based Judpot (USA) - AP Indy x Miesque (Nureyev)

This year's Listed Ruby Stakes winner, Lady Wannabe (whose dam was sired by Drakenstein Stud resident sire, Duke Of Marmalade) is inbred to Kingmambo, damsire of her own sire, Camelot, as well as Duke Of Marmalade.

Kingmambo's own brother, Miesques Son, (best known in South Africa as the sire of KZN based Breeders' Cup Mile winner, Miesque's Approval) is the sire of Whipper, whose son, Lord Glitters, captured the 2019 Gr1 Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot. Miesque's own dam, Pasadoble, also ranks as the fourth dam of Saturday's Gr1 Northern Dancer Turf Stakes winner, Old Persian- who was also victorious in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic earlier this year.

Mile Magic

Miesque's great-grandson, and fellow Breeders' Cup Mile winner, Karakontie (Bernstein), has made a pleasing start with his first two-year-olds this season, with his early runners including Tyro Stakes winner, Karak. Another from Karakontie's first crop is high-class Russian performer, Great Winner, who is closely inbred to Miesque. This grandson of Storm Cat could well further enhance Miesque's magnificent legacy over time, as could Miesque's 2018 Gr1 French Derby winning grandson, Study Of Man (Deep Impact).

Miesque's A.P. Indy sired son, Judpot, has enjoyed success in South Africa, through the likes of Gr1 winners as Along Came Polly, Coral Fever, Forest Indigo, and Juxtapose, and it is surely only a matter of time before Judpot makes his mark as a broodmare sire. His half-brother, Kingmambo, is currently damsire of more than 140 individual stakes winners.

Winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile in both 1987 and 1988, Miesque to this day rates as the most influential female BC Mile winner of all, although 2003 Mile winner, Six Perfections (whose dam is a half-sister to Miesque) is the dam of four black type horses to date, including Australian Gr2 winner, Yucatan (Galileo), French Gr2 winner, Planet Five (Storm Cat), Gr3 winner, Faufler (Galileo), and Mount Everest (Galileo). The latter ran second to subsequent multiple Gr1 winner, Japan (Galileo), in the 2018 Gr2 Beresford Stakes.

NEW FOALS



New foals

filly

What A Winter ex Trip Poker

born 22 August 2019

It's Winter Forever

The Drakenstein maxim of quality above quantity is outlined every week as we field a host of outstanding foal submissions from the Equus Outstanding Breeders.

This week we feature a lovely filly by Equus Champion Sprinter What A Winter (Western Winter) out of Trip Poker.

The twice-winning and stakes placed Trip Poker is a daughter of champion sire Trippi (End Sweep) out of the US-bred Skip Away mare Skip Poker. The latter won three times from a mile to 1800m and is a half-sister to Huambo (USA) and Chimichurra (USA). She has produced five winners, including Joey Ramsden stakes winners Liquid Mercury (exported to Dubai) and Captain Gambler.

What's there to be said that hasn't already been repeated aplenty about the top-class What A Winter?

Looking back at the past weekend, the four-time Gr1 winner sired three winners to maintain his terrific opening burst. SA national log-leading trainer Paul Peter sent out two impressive What A Winter winners on Saturday – the Narrow Creek Stud-bred stakes-placed Ring Of Fire really catching the eye. His stable-mate and paternal half-sister Sarah showed her class, winning a 1000m Pinnacle Stakes.

Glen Puller takes the credit for the third What A Winter strike last Saturday – the Favour Stud-bred Celestial Storm accounting for fellow What A Winter filly Hildegard.

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Vercingetorix x Blizzard Belle

born 22 August 2019

Belle Of Speed!

A nursery of champions over the years, Lammerskraal Stud was founded in 1983 by Mike Rattray, still a leading owner today- most notably of Gr1 Champions Cup star, Rainbow Bridge.

The scenic farm is situated at the foot of the Swaarmoed Pass, in the Ceres valley. Five years ago, Pieter and Jolanda Graaff purchased the stud with the adjoining farms, Quains, Pofaddersfontein and Wanganella.

This week they proudly show a smashing colt by boom sire Vercingetorix (Silvano) out of the super-fast Lammerskraal Stud-bred Western Winter mare Blizzard Belle – a full sister to Gr2 winner Bichette (in foal to Dynasty) – who set up a new Fairview 1000m course record of 54,55 secs in January 2016 when trained by Yvette Bremner,

At the time, it was the fastest ever run by a racehorse in South Africa over the turf 1000m in the modern era, and broke Mythical Flight's 54,96 secs set at Turffontein on 5 May 2007 in the Gr1 Computaform Sprint.

Blizzard Belle, who produced a Visionaire colt first up, is out of the smart Gr1 producing Badger Land mare Bardot, who won 5 races from a mile to 2000m – including the Gr3 Jacaranda Handicap in the care of Geoff Woodruff.

Read a Vercingetorix update on page 22.



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The Path Of Glory

Irish Champion Pathfork, who hails from the same family as Saturday's unbeaten Gr1 William Hill St Leger winner Logician, enjoyed another good weekend, with a trio of winners.

Pathfork had double success on Saturday, with his son Viking Trail winning in Mauritius, and daughter Promise winning at Turffontein.

One of five winners on the day for trainer Paul Peter, the five-year-old Promise made much of the running to claim victory in a FM 83 handicap by a length, with regally bred Exceed And Excel daughter Queen Supreme a beaten favourite back in third and Met winner River Jetez's daughter Jeterio back in fourth spot.

Bred by Willem Engelbrecht JR, Promise has now won four of her last five starts, and has won or placed in 11 of 16 outings.

Her Gr1 Vincent O'Brien National Stakes winning sire Pathfork also enjoyed success at Hollywoodbets Scottsville the following day, when the stallion's son Marchington-together landed a Pinnacle Stakes over 1400m impressively.

The Pathfork gelding, third in last season's G1 SA Derby, has now won four times and has already earned in excess of R500 000.

Bred by Jagessar Limited, Marchington-together was named Champion 3YO Colt/Gelding for 2018-2019 at the recent KZN Racing Awards ceremony.

Pathfork, whose previous notable performers include graded stakes winners as Mighty High, Red Chesnut Road and My Friend Lee, is from one of the hottest families in the stud book – with Pathfork being a half-brother to 2019 Gr1 Preakness Stakes winner War Of Will, and from the same family as 2019 Gr1 winners Romanised, Siskin and Almond Eye, as well as red-hot sire Bated Breath.

Imbongi Comes Home

A super star graduate of the 2006 Ready To Run Sale, Imbongi has returned to his place of birth at Summerhill Stud, to retire.



A #kznbred son of Russian Revival out of a fabulous mare Garden Verse by Foveros, he won the Gr2 Gauteng Guineas, Gr2 KZN Guineas and the Gr2 Drill Hall Stakes.

Imbongi, whose name means Praise Singer, was exported – going on to win in the Gr3 Criterion Stakes in the UK and a win in Dubai in the Gr2 Zabeel Mile. He concluded the Dubai season with a gutsy third in the Dubai Duty Free on World Cup Night. He earned over R8-million in stakes. He is a half-brother to Spring Garland, the dam of Highly Decorated. This is also the family of Oracle News, Victory Moon, Imperious Sue, William Longsword and another winning export in the USA, Mahubo.

Other #kznbreds to excel overseas include the likes of Gypsy's Warning, The Apache and Wolf Whistle to mention but a few.

Racing stars Imbongi and Pierre Jourdan will be on show to the public at the end of September, at a race meeting in aid of the Coastal Horse Care Unit.

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Forces Favourite Arrives

The R1,7 million Captain Al colt Regimental, owned by an illustrious group of owners, caught the eye on debut at Durbanville on Saturday when he went all the way at odds-on to seal a coup for his backers.

Ridden by the SMG Cape Town-sponsored Corne Orffer, Regimental proved too strong for the persistent and more experienced Gold Medal in the second race, a 1250m Maiden Plate, and went on to win by 0,40 lengths in a time of 76,23 secs. He was purchased for R1,7 million at the 2017 Cape Premier Yearling Sale and is out of US six-time winner Crazy About Me (Lawyer Ron).

He is owned by former Mayfair Speculators Racing Manager Derek Brugman in partnership with an international mix of owners, including Mr and Mrs Antony Beck, Anna Doyle, Kip Elser of US-based Kirkwood Stables, Dr Jill Warner of Carry On Alice fame and Henry Bozo of French-based Ecurie des Monceaux.

The Brett Crawford stable comments, published by courtesy of Phumelela Publishing, caught some punters wrong-footed as they had indicated that the obviously smart colt 'should need the run'. He behaved like a professional and won easily.

The Klawervlei Stud-bred galloper was snapped up from 7-2 and backed into the red before easing to an official starting price of 11-10.

On the Brett Crawford Racing website, it is stated that Regimental is 'a nice colt, and may be green on debut. Each way chance'.

Assistant Barry Donnelly was quoted on Saturday suggesting that Regimental 'was going places and should have a money chance.'

The topline of the sunny afternoon was a scratching decimated R140 000 Pinnacle Stakes run over 1400m.

The deceptive style of East Cape Champion Greg Cheyne produced the goods as he showed cracking judgement to get Ready Steady Go home, ahead of Catkin, Zeb and the gallant Star Chestnut, who was returned from an eight month break. It was a thriller with only 0,55 lengths separating the top four. Agent Of Fortune was never in the hunt and he looks much better than this.

Richard Fourie and Justin Snaith were in fine form again, with a well-taken four-timer. Fourie picked up five winners, and eight in two days after his hat-trick at Fairview on Friday!

What Magic!

A daughter of Galileo and a full sister to Bush Hill Stud's Flying The Flag, Magical landed a gamble to provide Aidan O'Brien with a remarkable 1-2-3 in in the QIPCO Gr1 Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown on day one of Longines Irish Champions Weekend on Saturday.

The well-backed favourite was perfectly positioned throughout under Ryan Moore to pounce coming into the straight and establish a race-winning move, though backers of Deirdre will wonder what might have happened had she enjoyed a clear run.

RTE reports that the first Japanese-trained horse to run in Ireland was caught in last place when the race developed and, pulled out by rider Oisin Murphy, flashed home to finish fourth.

However, the 11-10 favourite Magical still won readily by two and a quarter lengths.

Having finished second to Enable three times over the past 12 months, the mare was finally happy to meet a field that did not include that other star mare.

Magic Wand was second, Anthony Van Dyk third as O'Brien won his first Champion Stakes since 2011, but his domination was remarkable, as he also won three of the first four races.

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date	close	high	low	volume
18Sep	250	250	250	32,000
17Sep	270	270	250	29,362
16Sep	270	270	270	0
13Sep	270	275	255	38,100
12Sep	285	292	270	10,419
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

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Sat 28 Sep	(L) Settlers Trophy 2000m Durbanville
Sat 5 Oct	Gr3 Matchem Stakes 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.

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

TOP SCORERS for 2018/2019

(complete season to 31 July 2019)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	370	8
Do It Again	4	c	366	5
Soqratt	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

SEASON 2019/2020 * 1 August - 15 September 2019

Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
3,014,500	Klawervlei Stud	205	14,705	309	35	36	17%	0	0	0%	92	30%	0	Seattle Skyline	125,000 4%
2,356,075	Summerhill Stud	122	19,312	229	27	30	22%	0	0	0%	65	28%	0	Before Noon	122,750 5%
1,890,150	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	132	14,319	197	20	21	15%	1	2	5%	58	29%	0	Meryl	114,750 6%
1,606,150	Maine Chance	63	25,494	96	20	24	32%	0	0	0%	21	22%	0	Prince Of Venice	124,375 8%
1,201,175	Highlands	75	16,016	134	14	15	19%	0	0	0%	30	22%	0	Stream Of Kindness	86,250 7%
947,525	Drakenstein Stud	62	15,283	91	11	11	18%	0	0	0%	35	38%	2	Miss Jagger	65,625 7%
901,125	Nadeson Park Stud	51	17,669	82	10	11	20%	0	0	0%	26	32%	0	Lighthearted	110,000 12%
760,050	Moutonshoek	62	12,259	101	7	8	11%	0	0	0%	31	31%	0	Takatul	106,900 14%
739,100	Varsfontein Stud	47	15,726	72	7	8	15%	0	0	0%	24	33%	0	Bellingham Bay	105,000 14%
733,775	Lammerskraal Stud	41	17,897	53	10	10	24%	0	0	0%	11	21%	0	Mastagambit	76,250 10%
698,850	IR Heyns	32	21,839	48	9	9	28%	0	0	0%	14	29%	0	Star Vega	73,100 10%
679,188	Piemonte Stud	32	21,225	44	9	9	28%	0	0	0%	17	39%	0	Filippo	78,750 12%
608,425	Graystone Stud	20	30,421	50	5	6	25%	0	0	0%	17	34%	0	Lake Kinneret	157,500 26%
588,500	Avontuur Farm	21	28,024	35	8	9	38%	0	0	0%	10	29%	0	Before The Dawn	121,875 21%
582,250	Scott Bros	55	10,586	100	5	5	9%	1	1	20%	28	28%	0	Angel's Power	103,125 18%

LEADING SIREs by STAKES

SEASON 2019/2020 * 1 August - 15 September 2019

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
1,335,300	Var	79	16,903	129	15	17	19%	0	0	0%	41	32%	0	Takatul	106,900 8%
1,322,175	Silvano	82	16,124	117	15	18	18%	0	0	0%	34	29%	0	Port Key	114,375 9%
1,279,500	Oratorio	66	19,386	106	13	15	20%	0	0	0%	37	35%	0	Before The Dawn	121,875 10%
1,115,925	What A Winter	78	14,307	114	12	13	15%	1	1	8%	37	32%	0	Three Two Charlie	102,350 9%
1,091,050	Pathfork	47	23,214	91	12	12	26%	0	0	0%	33	36%	0	Promise	92,400 8%
1,072,650	Twice Over	80	13,408	127	11	11	14%	0	0	0%	48	38%	1	Studio Blues	83,750 8%
1,042,713	Gimmethgreenlight	74	14,091	121	9	11	12%	0	0	0%	42	35%	1	Lighthearted	110,000 11%
1,022,925	*Sail From Seattle	53	19,300	80	9	11	17%	0	0	0%	31	39%	1	Bright Flame	132,500 13%
1,014,475	Master Of My Fate	65	15,607	88	11	11	17%	0	0	0%	30	34%	0	Mastagambit	76,250 8%
1,005,550	Querari	70	14,365	98	13	13	19%	0	0	0%	25	26%	0	Elusive Quest	86,625 9%
982,725	*Dynasty	54	18,199	83	13	13	24%	0	0	0%	23	28%	0	Statute	81,550 8%
951,675	*Captain Al	58	16,408	83	10	10	17%	0	0	0%	34	41%	0	Ehsaan	70,000 7%
902,950	Philanthropist	74	12,202	117	9	10	12%	0	0	0%	31	26%	1	Stream Of Kindness	86,250 10%
869,825	Duke Of Marmalade	43	20,228	62	10	11	23%	0	0	0%	20	32%	0	Dancing Feather	120,625 14%
829,500	*Seventh Rock	51	16,265	76	11	11	22%	0	0	0%	24	32%	0	Pidgeon Rock	69,375 8%

LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2019/2020 * 1 August - 15 September 2019

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
774,775	Vercingetorix	23	33,686	37	9	12	39%	0	0	0%	7	19%	0	Prince Of Venice	124,375 16%
673,450	What A Winter	38	17,722	53	8	8	21%	1	1	13%	15	28%	0	Three Two Charlie	102,350 15%
577,175	Oratorio	28	20,613	46	7	9	25%	0	0	0%	10	22%	0	Before The Dawn	121,875 21%
576,050	Querari	33	17,456	45	8	8	24%	0	0	0%	14	31%	0	Tuyuca	68,450 12%
490,825	*Captain Al	24	20,451	35	6	6	25%	0	0	0%	13	37%	0	Ehsaan	70,000 14%
447,525	Twice Over	36	12,431	53	5	5	14%	0	0	0%	20	38%	0	Twice As Special	69,875 16%
413,575	Gimmethgreenlight	28	14,771	39	4	5	14%	0	0	0%	9	23%	1	Lighthearted	110,000 27%
399,850	Philanthropist	34	11,760	45	4	4	12%	0	0	0%	14	31%	0	Lady Secret	65,625 16%
370,800	Master Of My Fate	31	11,961	44	4	4	13%	0	0	0%	15	34%	0	All The Way Up	65,625 18%
360,200	*Dynasty	22	16,373	29	5	5	23%	0	0	0%	7	24%	0	Monarchy	65,625 18%

LEADING SIREs by STAKES ON SAND

SEASON 2019/2020 * 1 August - 15 September 2019

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
242,775	Mambo In Seattle	10	24,278	17	3	3	30%	0	0	0%	7	41%	0	Seattle Skyline	125,000 51%
151,625	Var	5	30,325	10	2	3	40%	0	0	0%	4	40%	0	Takatul	106,900 71%
132,500	*Sail From Seattle	5	26,500	6	1	2	20%	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	Bright Flame	132,500 100%
129,925	Silvano	3	43,308	12	2	3	67%	0	0	0%	5	42%	0	Silvan Saint	77,725 60%
126,100	Trippi	6	21,017	12	1	2	17%	0	0	0%	4	33%	0	Trifecta	75,000 59%
117,575	Pomodoro	3	39,192	8	2	3	67%	0	0	0%	3	38%	0	Call To Duty	79,700 68%
110,300	*Great Britain	6	18,383	14	1	2	17%	0	0	0%	6	43%	0	Queen Rachel	61,250 56%
100,325	Kildonan	6	16,721	16	2	2	33%	0	0	0%	5	31%	0	Kildonan Princess	43,525 43%
94,475	What A Winter	6	15,746	9	1	2	17%	0	0	0%	3	33%	0	Glacier Girl	75,675 80%

LEADING BREEDERS by AEPR

SEASON 2019/2020 * 1 August - 15 September 2019

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wnrs	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
406,450	GJ Royden-Turner	13	31,265	21	4	4	31%	0	0	0%	10	48%	1	Eightfolds Lass	94,400 23%
280,575	Wicklow Stud	9	31,175	20	4	5	44%	0	0	0%	9	45%	0	Silvan Saint	77,725 28%
608,425	Graystone Stud	20	30,421	50	5	6	25%	0	0	0%	17	34%	0	Lake Kinneret	157,500 26%
389,475	Al Adiyaat	13	29,960	25	5	6	38%	0	0	0%	3	12%	0	Marshall	114,375 29%
323,550	Riyo Stud	11	29,414	20	2	4	18%	0	0	0%	4	20%	0	Bright Flame	132,500 41%
588,500	Avontuur Farm	21	28,024	35	8	9	38%	0	0	0%	10	29%	0	Before The Dawn	121,875 21%
1,606,150	Maine Chance	63	25,494	96	20	24	32%	0	0	0%	21	22%	0	Prince Of Venice	124,375 8%
141,150	Nutfield Stud	6	23,525	10	2	2	33%	0	0	0%	1	10%	0	Elusive Silva	75,000 53%
430,750	Riethuiskraal Stud	19	22,671	36	5	5	26%	0	0	0%	8	22%	0	Vistula	81,250 19%

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NO Doubt



Given the amount of jostling for positions near the top of the Australian General Sires Table in the first five weeks of the season, last weekend's significant feature racing saw no change to the pecking order of the top seven stallions, albeit Pierro closed to within A\$581 of ousting I Am Invincible from the Top three.

Not a Single Doubt (Redoute's Choice) tops the charts on A\$1,752,640, ahead of Sebring (More Than Ready) on \$1,520,975, with I Am Invincible (Invincible Spirit) third on \$1,471,740.

Last season's champion Snitzel (Redoute's Choice) is in sixth position on A\$1,200,985.

For the first time in 2019-20, all of the top 10, plus eleventh-placed Smart Missile have progeny earnings of A\$1 million or more.

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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
PA Peter	123	20	16%	21	17%	24%	20	16%	67	54%	1,912,875	15,552
AC Greeff	135	25	19%	32	24%	34%	17	13%	66	49%	1,699,138	12,586
J Snaith	146	18	12%	31	21%	26%	20	14%	77	53%	1,612,400	11,044
SG Tarry	92	17	18%	22	24%	36%	5	5%	39	42%	1,296,775	14,095
BJ Crawford	81	13	16%	12	15%	25%	10	12%	41	51%	1,009,225	12,460
Y Bremner	118	9	8%	13	11%	15%	16	14%	56	47%	969,750	8,218
MF de Kock	60	10	17%	15	25%	33%	7	12%	31	52%	909,450	15,158
GB Puller	65	8	12%	8	12%	25%	8	12%	31	48%	846,900	13,029
JAJ v Vuuren	47	9	19%	8	17%	75%	8	17%	22	47%	771,050	16,405
SD Gray	70	7	10%	5	7%	20%	7	10%	32	46%	738,675	10,553
GD Smith	157	8	5%	8	5%	38%	9	6%	44	28%	704,550	4,488
GM Alexander	53	9	17%	8	15%	50%	7	13%	25	47%	693,350	13,082
DR Drier	59	7	12%	13	22%	54%	5	8%	24	41%	669,325	11,344
A Nel	57	6	11%	6	11%	0%	7	12%	27	47%	617,025	10,825
G v Zyl	36	7	19%	10	28%	50%	3	8%	16	44%	591,825	16,440
RR Magner	53	5	9%	6	11%	33%	5	9%	23	43%	581,650	10,975
VH Marshall	57	7	12%	9	16%	33%	6	11%	26	46%	533,650	9,362
SB Kotzen	74	7	9%	5	7%	40%	5	7%	30	41%	516,975	6,986
DS Bosch	29	7	24%	3	10%	67%	2	7%	13	45%	510,550	17,605
T Laing	59	5	8%	7	12%	29%	9	15%	27	46%	499,550	8,467
G Maroun	67	5	7%	1	1%	0%	5	7%	24	36%	489,425	7,305
AJ Wright	35	6	17%	7	20%	43%	5	14%	21	60%	486,125	13,889
GV Woodruff	28	7	25%	4	14%	75%	0	0%	13	46%	468,625	16,737
WGC Miller	65	6	9%	6	9%	33%	8	12%	28	43%	451,925	6,953
PF Matchett	71	5	7%	4	6%	25%	3	4%	24	34%	445,050	6,268
C Lensley	86	8	9%	9	10%	33%	6	7%	26	30%	440,625	5,124

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
W Kennedy	247	40	16%	47	19%	36%	37	15%	125	51%	3,552,775	14,384
M Yeni	292	34	12%	46	16%	24%	40	14%	143	49%	3,003,925	10,287
G Cheyne	119	30	25%	37	31%	35%	10	8%	66	55%	1,921,163	16,144
C Maujean	143	19	13%	14	10%	57%	18	13%	74	52%	1,677,750	11,733
R Munger	203	18	9%	19	9%	16%	20	10%	88	43%	1,649,150	8,124
R Danielson	79	17	22%	21	27%	48%	9	11%	44	56%	1,352,325	17,118
R Fourie	70	17	24%	28	40%	29%	14	20%	47	67%	1,274,075	18,201
D Schwarz	83	14	17%	11	13%	64%	9	11%	43	52%	1,164,725	14,033
K De Melo	85	10	12%	21	25%	33%	13	15%	40	47%	983,425	11,570
S Khumalo	71	9	13%	9	13%	22%	15	21%	38	54%	998,800	14,068
S Veale	67	9	13%	14	21%	50%	7	10%	28	42%	822,350	12,274
L Mxothwa	93	9	10%	7	8%	43%	12	13%	42	45%	809,150	8,701
C Murray	55	9	16%	13	24%	38%	3	5%	27	49%	710,125	12,911
C F Dicken	51	9	18%	1	2%	100%	4	8%	22	43%	725,350	14,223
M Byleveld	85	8	9%	10	12%	50%	8	9%	37	44%	671,288	7,898
N Klank	55	8	15%	6	11%	33%	7	13%	26	47%	533,450	9,699
K Matsunyane	93	8	9%	14	15%	14%	6	6%	34	37%	592,950	6,376
X Ndlovu	45	7	16%	4	9%	25%	5	11%	20	44%	492,050	10,934
T Gould	47	7	15%	2	4%	50%	8	17%	21	45%	506,200	10,770
S Moodley	56	7	13%	1	2%	0%	3	5%	17	30%	561,350	10,024
T Juglall	67	7	10%	6	9%	33%	5	7%	18	27%	436,650	6,517
S Brown	48	6	13%	1	2%	100%	3	6%	21	44%	493,425	10,280
M Khan	29	6	21%	4	14%	75%	3	10%	12	41%	468,575	16,158
C Storey	81	6	7%	4	5%	25%	9	11%	25	31%	512,700	6,330
M Thackeray	57	6	11%	2	4%	50%	2	4%	17	30%	340,600	5,975
C Habib	98	6	6%	4	4%	25%	9	9%	33	34%	615,200	6,278
S Mbhele	68	6	9%	2	3%	50%	5	7%	33	49%	531,500	7,816



Pieter Strydom is back on home turf today

Striker's Back

Pieter Strydom returned to South African racing at the Vaal today with two rides on the classic track card. It will be his first rides on African soil since departing for Mauritius in May to ride for the Rameshwar Gujadhur yard. Despite riding ten winners, things didn't work out as planned and he Pieter was fined Rs.50 000 and suspended from riding in races for a period of 6 weeks. He left the island shortly afterwards. He will be welcomed back today!



Cliffie Miller is plugging away

Diamonds Are Forever

Despite the stresses of a life of training horses in the Northern Cape, reigning champion trainer Cliffie Miller saddled a nice double at Flamingo Park on Monday. Promise Of Dawn (Calvin Habib) and Alraune (Collen Storey) were the two winners for the Hollywoodbets-sponsored Miller, who was the only local to breach the R3 million mark in stakes at his ninth champion title last term. He has been a part of the Kimberley furniture for 43 years!



Sean Tarry and Raymond Danielson are worth watching in the feature season

Rocking

The 4yo gelding African Rock's victory at Turffontein on Tuesday gave the combination of SA champion Sean Tarry and his journeyman jockey Raymond Danielson their tenth winner of the season at a strike rate



of close on 24%. The Tarry jockey job is the most sought after riding position in SA racing and it will be interesting to see how the relationship unfolds

into the Highveld season. Danielson has been something of a big-race 'super sub' for the Tarry yard and is much better than his stats suggest.

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Divine Odyssey leads two other 5yo's and a 4yo – while 3yo's sleep

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
110	Divine Odyssey	5	Oratorio	LMF Wernars	14Sep	2	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	23/110/101/106/-/
107	Marchingontoegether	4	Pathfork	Jagessar Limited	15Sep	1	Cnd	1400	Scottsville	73/107/101/-/100/
106	Infamous Fox	5	Foxwedge	bred in Australia	14Sep	3	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	63/115/112/78/-/
105	Sir Frenchie	5	Choirir	bred in Australia	13Sep	1	Cnd	1200	Fairview	111/100/-/-/-/
101	Approach Control	4	Potala Palace	Ralphs Syndicate	14Sep	1	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	-/101/91/-/-/
98	Three Two Charlie	3	What A Winter	Beaumont Stud	7Sep	1	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	98/-/-/-/-/
98	Star Chestnut	7	Horse Chestnut	Drakenstein Stud	14Sep	4	Cnd	1400	Durbanville	97/110/96/81/-/
98	Doosra	6	Captain Al	Varsfontein Stud	14Sep	7	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	101/106/100/-/-/
98	Sniper Shot	5	Judpot	Birch Bros	15Sep	3	Cnd	1400	Scottsville	110/106/-/-/-/
97	Pilou	6	Western Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	14Sep	5	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	71/104/98/79/-/

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/-/-/-/
102	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	14Sep	1	Cndfm	1000	Turffontein	102/-/-/-/-/
95	Celestial Storm	4	What A Winter	Favour Stud	14Sep	1	Cndfm	1000	Durbanville	98/58/-/-/-/
95	Che Bella	4	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	7Sep	2	MR96	1160	Turffontein	95/68/-/-/-/
91	Regal Graduation	5	Oratorio	AC Dickerson & DJ Fraser	15Sep	2	Cnd	1400	Scottsville	94/98/-/-/-/
90	Pretty Young Thing	3	Jackson	Highlands	7Sep	1	MR75f	1400	Kenilworth	80/90/-/-/-/
89	Double 'O' Eight	5	Eightfold Path	Scott Bros	7Sep	1	MR96	1160	Turffontein	90/74/-/-/-/
88	Athalia	3	Oratorio	B Marcus	4Sep	1	MR78f	1200	Kenilworth	88/-/-/-/-/
87	La Bella Mia	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	14Sep	4	Cndfm	1000	Turffontein	103/83/-/-/-/
87	Captain's Darling	3	Captain Al	Patricia Devine Inv	14Sep	1	MR78f	1000	Durbanville	87/-/-/-/-/

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
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/-/-/-/
92	Marshall	3	Vercingetorix	Al Adiyaat	12Sep	1	MR72	1600	Turffontein	83/92/-/-/-/
88	Favour	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	8Sep	1	MR78	2000	Greyville	-/75/-/88/-/
87	Toltec	5	Jay Peg	Bosworth Farm Stud	13Sep	1	MR82	1600	Fairview	80/87/87/93/-/
84	Fact	4	Elusive Fort	Connemara Stud	5Sep	1	MR85	2600	Turffontein	-/65/70/74/84/
82	Wildlife Safari	6	Querari	Maine Chance	8Sep	3	MR78	2000	Greyville	84/81/66/82/-/
82	Snorting Bull	5	Traffic Guard	Summerhill Stud	5Sep	6	MR85	2600	Turffontein	65/67/-/81/82/
82	Crimson God	3	Brave Tin Soldier	Summerhill Stud	3Sep	2	MR80	1600	Turffontein	81/82/-/-/-/
81	Before Noon	5	Await The Dawn	Summerhill Stud	5Sep	4	MR85	2600	Turffontein	44/70/79/79/81/

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
96	Intothelimeight	5	Your Song	bred in Australia	10Sep	5	MR100	1600	Durbanville	91/96/85/86/-/
95	Talitha Borealis	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	10Sep	7	MR100	1600	Durbanville	86/95/90/90/-/
93	Dancing Feather	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	11Sep	1	MR74f	1750	Scottsville	-/81/93/-/-/
92	Miss Plumcake	4	Byword	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	10Sep	6	MR100	1600	Durbanville	69/92/-/-/-/
91	Sleeping Single	4	Australia	bred in UK	10Sep	2	MR100	1600	Durbanville	72/91/-/-/-/
90	My Dream Chaser	4	Pomodoro	Snyman Stud	12Sep	1	MR92f	1800	Turffontein	70/86/90/85/-/
87	Secret Depths	4	Elusive Fort	PG de Beyer	10Sep	1	MR100	1600	Durbanville	85/87/85/86/-/
85	Pilgrim's Progress	5	Await The Dawn	Summerhill Stud	12Sep	3	MR92f	1800	Turffontein	-/91/91/91/81/
84	Water Spirit	4	Jackson	Highlands	10Sep	4	MR100	1600	Durbanville	84/86/79/-/-/
83	Virginia	4	Philanthropist	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	3Sep	1	MR84f	1600	Turffontein	-/83/-/-/-/

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	Ehsaan	3	Captain Al	Shadwell Stud	12Sep	1	MR88	1450	Turffontein	94/94/-/-/-/
93	Captain Tatters	3	Gimmethgreenlight	GJ Royden-Turner	7Sep	2	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	95/-/-/-/-/
92	Marshall	3	Vercingetorix	Al Adiyaat	12Sep	1	MR72	1600	Turffontein	83/92/-/-/-/
92	King Of Gems	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	7Sep	3	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	92/95/-/-/-/
91	Constable	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	7Sep	4	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	91/-/-/-/-/
91	Ring Of Fire	3	What A Winter	Narrow Creek Stud	14Sep	1	MR80	1000	Turffontein	94/46/-/-/-/
88	Favour	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	8Sep	1	MR78	2000	Greyville	-/75/-/88/-/
87	Riverstown	3	Byword	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	12Sep	1	MP	1450	Turffontein	-/87/-/-/-/

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
102	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	14Sep	1	Cndfm	1000	Turffontein	102/-/-/-/-/
93	Dancing Feather	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	11Sep	1	MR74f	1750	Scottsville	-/81/93/-/-/
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/-/-/-/-/
87	Captain's Darling	3	Captain Al	Patricia Devine Inv	14Sep	1	MR78f	1000	Durbanville	87/-/-/-/-/
86	Mawsool	3	Soft Falling Rain	IR Heyns	7Sep	2	Cndfm	1400	Turffontein	90/93/-/-/-/
86	Tropic Sun	3	Skitt Skizzle	Klawervlei Stud	14Sep	1	MP-fm	1160	Turffontein	86/-/-/-/-/
86	Flying High	3	Judpot	Varsfontein Stud	14Sep	2	MR83f	1400	Turffontein	82/86/-/-/-/
85	Calypso Beat	3	Querari	Maine Chance	4Sep	2	MR78f	1200	Kenilworth	85/-/-/-/-/
84	Brandina	3	Capetown Noir	Piemonte Stud	13Sep	1	Cndfm	1400	Fairview	88/84/-/-/-/

SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

- Brunilda 3g (Sully's Landing by Jet Master)
[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(22/09\)](#)
- Soiree 3g (True Lily by Joshua Dancer)
[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(22/09\)](#)
- Johnny Jet 3g (Luxurious Jet by Jet Master)
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(22/09\)](#)
- Straight Shooter 3g (Bindella by Jallad)
[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(22/09\)](#)
- Straight Up 3g (Deal A Double by Muhtafal)
[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(22/09\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

- Brooklyn's Choice 3g (Red Azalea by Redoute's Choice)
[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate 1250m \(21/09\)](#)
- Little Rain 3g (Lute Of Jade by Western Winter)
[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate \(3yo Fillies\) 1450m \(21/09\)](#)

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

- Parahelio Alley 3g (Pounce by Right Approach)
[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1300m \(20/09\)](#)
- Rock Aloe 3g (Art Of Africa by Elliodor)
[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1300m \(20/09\)](#)
- Forget O' Girls 3g (Captain's Corner by Captain Al)
[Durbanville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1250m \(21/09\)](#)
- Keep Smiling 3g (Queen Of All by Jallad)
[Turffontein 4 Graduation Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(21/09\)](#)
- Rille 3g (Plata Parana by Rich Man's Gold)
[Durbanville 7 MR 83 Handicap \(F&M\) 1400m \(21/09\)](#)

KINGSBARNs (Galileo)

- The Cambo 3g (Allagain by Captain Al)
[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate 1250m \(21/09\)](#)
- Sir Michael 3g (Archerfield by Arch)
[Durbanville 5 MR 78 Handicap 1600m \(21/09\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

- Cottage Garden 3g (Rosier by Kildonan)
[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(22/09\)](#)
- Power To Command 3g (Lavender Sky by Elliodor)
[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(22/09\)](#)

TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

- Tom Bombadil 3g (Aqua Star by Saumarez)
[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(22/09\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

- Blue Ground 3g (Bejewelled Spring by Elliodor)
[Durbanville 1 Maiden Plate 1250m \(21/09\)](#)
- Tribal Warrior 3g (Entice The Wind by Elliodor)
[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1600m \(22/09\)](#)

WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

- Pay Pay 3g (Jolly Along by Silvano)
[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(21/09\)](#)
- Lady Of Choice 3g (Bold Choice by Lecture)
[Durbanville 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(21/09\)](#)
- Newhaven 3g (Desert Fields by Salaadim)
[Durbanville 8 Maiden Plate 1400m \(21/09\)](#)
- Wylie's Lass 3g (Cashel Leaf by Bernardini)
[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(22/09\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

BYWORD

Rated **AR 87 Riverstown** (3c Carraig Aonair by Fastnet Rock)
Maiden Plate Turffontein (inner) (1000m) (12/9)
Paul Peter's newcomer found good support during the morning and although he did ease back considerably before the race, there was clearly no smoke without fire. Soon up handy, Riverstown took up the running early in the short home straight, and cruised clear in the closing stages to beat what looked to be a better than average maiden field.

SKITT SKIZZLE

Rated **AR 86 Tropic Sun** (3f Caribbean Dream by Captain Al)
Maiden Plate (F&M) Turffontein (Stand side) (1160m) (14/9)
Sent off second in the betting market at 6/1, Sean Tarry's charge raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She was ridden to lead as they approached the 400m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race.

Horses To Follow

VERCINGETORIX

Rated **AR 92 Marshall** (3c Musayha by Not For Sale)
MR72 Handicap Turffontein (inner) (1600m) (12/9)
Now unbeaten in two starts, Mike De Kock's charge was soon positioned close to the speed here. He put his head in front going through the 300m and went on to score with authority by two and a quarter.

BOLD SILVANO

Rated **AR 86 Bay Tibbs** (3c Bretton Woods by Casey Tibbs)
MR87 Handicap Scottsville (inside) (1400m) (15/9)
Now a winner of two from four, Bay Tibbs is improving with each outing. Easily ten lengths adrift of the leaders turning for home, Garth Puller's charge quickened well at the top of the straight and did well to get up close home.

Winners Bred Abroad

another AUSHORSE winner	
Effortless Reward (AUS) 6m Reward For Effort- Sharna Cabarna(AUS) (Dolphin Street)	<i>Scottsville 1000m (11/09)</i>
another AUSHORSE winner	
Sir Frenchie (AUS) 5g Choisir- Volando(AUS) (Viscount)	<i>Fairview 1200m (13/09)</i>
another AUSHORSE winner	
Celebration Rock (AUS) 4g Excelebration- Gibraltar'sGem(AUS) (Rock of Gibraltar)	<i>Scottsville 1200m (15/09)</i>

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

The Warriors Can Run!

Veringetorix looks to have yet another good prospect on his hands in the form of Wisteria Walk.

The latter, a ten length winner on debut, made it two wins from as many starts when romping home over 1200m on the Turffontein inside track on Tuesday to maintain her unbeaten record.

Bred by Maine Chance Farms, the Lucky Houdalakis trained Wisteria Walk looked most impressive, with the 3yo filly easily holding off a challenge from older rival Soul Of Wit to run out a 1.25 length winner of Tuesday's contest.

Maine Chance Farms' young stallion Veringetorix has made a blistering start to the 2019-2020 South African racing season.

The former Equus Champion and Gr1 Jebel Hatta winner has been responsible for a host of impressive recent winners, with Veringetorix's flagbearers including impressive debut winner Ikigai, the unbeaten pair of Tallinn and Marshall, and the smart Prince Of Venice – a winner of two of only three starts to date.

Veringetorix, whose impressive first crop also include the likes of Gr2 Umkhomazi Stakes winner African Warrior, East Cape champion Hooves Of Troy and unbeaten East Cape Nursery hero Viking Moon, is without doubt one of the most promising stallions currently standing in South Africa.

Masterful

Varsfontein Stud's Master Of My Fate has made an excellent start to his stud career, and the son of seven times South African champion sire Jet Master looks to have yet another bright prospect on his hands in the form of American Princess.

A three-year-old filly bred and owned by Varsfontein, she made an eye catching debut at Hollywoodbets Greyville yesterday when winning first time out.

Under jockey Sean Veale, the Glen Kotzen trained

American Princess justified favouritism when scoring a short-head win over 1400m.

American Princess hails from the second crop of Gr2 Premier Trophy/Gr2 Peninsula Handicap winner Master Of My Fate, as does Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery winner Basadi Faith, Irridescence Stakes runner-up Driving Miss Daisy, and Gr3 Godolphin Barb second Master Of Illusion.

The son of Equus Champion Promisefrommyheart made a dazzling start with his first crop including Guineas winner Twist Of Fate, Kenyan Triple Crown hero Silverstone Air, Derby Trial winner Gift For The Gap, and the smart pair of Triple Fate Line and Mastagambit.



American Princess | Candiese Marnewick

SPORTS AND BETTING

Premier League

Chelsea vs Liverpool | Sun 22 Sept | Stamford Bridge | 17:30



Jurgen Klopp's table-top-pers will look to maintain their winning start to the season when they travel to Stamford Bridge on Sunday to face Frank Lampard's young vibrant

Chelsea side. Rarely do you see a visiting team head to the Bridge and be made favourites, but for Liverpool it makes plenty of sense. The Reds are fighting to win the Premier League, while the Blues' objectives are to finish in the top four. But as good as Klopp's men are, Lampard's wildly talented group of young players cannot be underestimated.

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TO WIN

Chelsea 51/20

Draw 28/10

Liverpool 1/1

CHELSEA

Chelsea head into Sunday's clash high on confidence following their emphatic 5-2 statement victory away to Wolves. Last season the Blues along with Manchester United, Arsenal and Manchester City failed to win at the Molineux Stadium in the Premier League, but Lampard's side outclassed Nuno Espirito Santo's men last Saturday. The major positive was that Chelsea's young academy graduates Fikayo Tomori, Tammy Abraham – scorer of a hat-trick – and Mason Mount all got on the scoresheet, proving that Lampard's faith in them is paying off.

Despite Lampard's shaky start to life at Stamford Bridge, he has managed to turn around the tides, with the west London side currently sitting sixth on the log, level on eight points with rivals Tottenham, Manchester United and Arsenal – two behind Manchester City.

LIVERPOOL

After winning their final nine games of last season, Liverpool have extended that sequence by a further five matches and sit five points clear at the top of the Premier League table. The European champions will aim to continue their flawless start, but they face arguably their toughest test of the season so far.

Yes, they've played Arsenal already and no disrespect to the Gunners, but that was at Anfield, where the Merseysiders went the entirety of last season unbeaten there. Liverpool are the favourites to come out victorious at the Bridge on Sunday, but as tough as it will be for Chelsea to halt the Reds' excellent start to the campaign, Klopp's men will know his side have to turn up or they will surely end up dropping points here.

PREDICTION: Double Chance & Both Teams to Score – Home-Draw/Yes (15/10)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

The Price Of Success

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Gentlemanly Conduct

Hollywoodbets Greyville 8 September

Sunday's action took place on the poly track where victory in the opening maiden plate over 1100m went to the 4yo Pathfork gelding GENTLEMAN'S WAY. Beaten almost 20 lengths in his only previous outing some 68 weeks earlier, Dennis Bosch's charge was not surprisingly very easy to back in the betting market. He got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. He got the better of the favourite QUANT MASTER 50m out and won going away by 0,3 lengths.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were run over 2000m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was PRINCESS ANALIA when winning the MR74 Handicap. Another to race handy, Frank Robinson's charge took up the running early in the straight and in what proved to be a real thriller she held on in a three way finish by a quarter.

The MR78 Handicap was the faster of the two 1000m races and here victory went to the rapidly improving 3yo PRINCE OF VENICE. Now a winner of two from three, this son of Vercingetorix sat fourth during the early part of the race. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and went on to score a bit more easily than the official winning margin of just half a length would suggest.

Titbits Now a winner of two from four, FAVOUR completed a double over the course and distance when running on from the backend of midfield to win the MR78 Handicap over 2000m.

Classic Start

Durbanville 10 September

With a strong tail wind the track at the country course was running fast on Tuesday. The MR90 Handicap proved to be the faster of the two 1000m races on the card and here the 4yo BELLINGHAM BAY completed a double. Soon positioned close to the speed, Eric Sands' charge put his head in front 150m out and kept on strongly late to beat the always handy SKIDOO by a half-

length. Third placed RIO QUERARI raced at the back of the nine turning for home and finished best of all in this race.

The bill topping MR100 Handicap was the fastest of the three 1600m races and here victory went to the second favourite SECRET DEPTHS. Always handy, the daughter of Elusive Fort was ridden to lead going through the 400m and with the benefit of first run she got the better of the running on favourite SLEEPING SINGLE by just under a half.

The opening maiden plate over 1000m was priced up as a boat race between BROADSIDE and GOLDEN TRACTOR and so it proved to be. They raced first and second in that order throughout and were together over the final 200m. They drew some six lengths clear of the remainder and it was only very late that Broadside asserted his authority.

Titbits The newcomer BINDI had the field well strung out at the finish when comfortably accounting for her ten rivals in the maiden plate for the girls over 1250m.

Catch Me If You Can

Hollywoodbets Scottsville 11 September

With the other two races over the distance being maiden plates, the bill topping pinnacle stakes won by the lightly weighted EFFORTLESS REWARD was not surprisingly the fastest of the three 1000m races. Set to shoulder the featherweight of just 46kg with the benefit of apprentice Ramzan's 4kg allowance, the Reward For Effort mare led throughout. She raced two lengths clear for most of the journey and that proved to be only just enough to hold off the always handy GOLIATH HERON by a short head.

The MR74 Handicap was by far the faster of the two 1750m events and here we saw an impressive performance from the heavily supported DANCING FEATHER. An easy four length winner of her maiden last time out, this daughter of Duke Of Marmalade was soon cosily positioned in

Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Mystic Dreamer won 17/2
Prince Of Venice won 5/1
We Light The Fire won 51/20
Lunar Tunes won 22/10
Flatware won 2/1
Brandina won 37/20
Readyssetglo won 31/20
Wylie's Flame won 14/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (3) Andrea 18
Race 2: (1) Princess Rebel 84
Race 3: (1) Cradleofgratitude 21
Race 4: (6) Falcon Rock 66
Race 5: (12) Torio Lake 45
Race 6: (3) Ontenderhooks 64
Race 7: (9) Onesie 65
Race 8: (8) Finley Hill 42

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (7) Bold Ranson 21 (NAP*)
Race 2: (4) Circle Of Latitude 44
Race 3: (15) Musaytara 5
Race 4: (3) Green Top 63
Race 5: (1) My Dream Chaser 63
Race 6: (8) Sunshine Silk 82
Race 7: (2) Three Stars 43
Race 8: (5) Queen's Jet 32
Race 9: (1) The Sands 48

DURBANVILLE (SAT)

Race 1: (9) Kilindini 29
Race 2: (3) Frank Lloyd Wright 55
Race 3: (3) Point Of Sale 29
Race 4: (4) Pay Pay 25
Race 5: (10) Cyber Law 44
Race 6: (7) Purple Mountains 56
Race 7: (5) Faye 43
Race 8: (9) Pacific Rim 8

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (6) Cersei 14
Race 2: (1) Krishnies Jet 25
Race 3: (2) Great Guy 13
Race 4: (5) La Bella 43
Race 5: (2) Candy Galore 56
Race 6: (7) Blaze Of Silk 58
Race 7: (5) Stream Ahead 60
Race 8: (1) Noble Joshua 52
Race 9: (4) Mighty Smart 20

Nap bets

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

Notebook

Horses worth following
at their next few starts...

DANCING FEATHER (G Van Zyl, KZN)
MARSHALL (M De Kock, Gauteng)
RIVERSTOWN (P Peter, Gauteng)



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third. She took up the running early in the straight and after quickly skipping clear she won very well by four.

A maiden plate over 1000m had gotten proceedings underway and here we saw a comfortable victory for the Corinne Bestel trained MYSTIC DREAMER. Easy to back at 17/2 on the off, the daughter of Visionaire raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She quickened well from halfway and comfortably accounted for the well-exposed BLING A DING DING by two.

Titbits Not disgraced in the R1M non-black type KZN Yearling Sale Million last time out, WE LIGHT THE FIRE made all when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1000m.

Marshalling The Troops

Turffontein 12 September

They raced on the inner track on Thursday where we saw a smart performance in the faster of the two 1600m events (a MR72 Handicap) from the progressive MARSHALL. Far from extended when opening his account on debut last time out, Mike De Kock's charge again raced handy. He was ridden to lead as they approached the 300m marker and went on to score with authority from the well-exposed PELICAN BAY.

Another to win in good style on this card was MY DREAM CHASER when registering her third career victory in the bill topping MR92 Handicap over 1800m. Content to race in the rear of what proved to be the fastest of the three races over the distance, David Nieuwenhuizen's charge cut through the field like a knife in the short home straight and won going away by three and a half after striking the front 200m from home.

They also ran three races over 1450m and quickest home amongst these was EHSAAN in the MR88 Handicap. Always handy, this 3yo son of Captain Al ran on strongly at the business end of the race and held off a determined challenge from LONE SURVIVOR to score by a half.

Titbits Making his debut in what looked to be a fair maiden event over 1450m, the newcomer RIVERSTOWN cruised clear in the straight to score decisively by three and three quarters.

Change As Good As A Rest

Fairview 13 September

They raced on the poly track on Friday where a half of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1200m. The pinnacle stakes was the fastest of these and here victory went to the heavily supported SIR FRENCHIE. Backed into the red before the off, Yvette Bremner's charge raced in the backend of midfield for most of the journey. He quickened best of all from halfway and won with plenty in hand after striking the front 200m out.

1900m was the only other distance to stage more than one race. The MR62 Handicap was comfortably the quicker of the two and here victory went to the well-supported SALUBRIOUS. Always handy, the daughter of Golden Sword took up the running 250m out and went on to score with authority from the in-form OASIS QUEEN.

There were a number of very easy victories on the card and none more so than that of TOLTEC in the MR82 Handicap. Having his first outing since relocating to the Eastern Cape, Toltec was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front early in the short home straight and

cruised clear over the final 400m to win with a ton in hand by six and a quarter.

Titbits Pitched in against mainly boys in this only her second outing, TAWNY JET won the opening maiden plate over 1200m much easier than the official winning margin of half a length would suggest.

FASTEST TIMES

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

GREYVILLE (POLY) 8 SEPTEMBER

Going Standard	
1000m (2) Prince Of Venice	58,96
1100m (1) Gentleman's Way	65,85
1400m (2) Bestday Of Mylife	84,43
2000m (3) Princess Analia	123,56

DURBANVILLE 10 SEPTEMBER

Penetrometer 20 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,01s fast	
1000m (2) Bellingham Bay	56,91
1250m (1) Bindi	75,73
1400m (1) Hurricane Harry	85,99
1600m (3) Secret Depths	97,71
1800m (1) Lunar Tunes	111,96

SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 11 SEPTEMBER

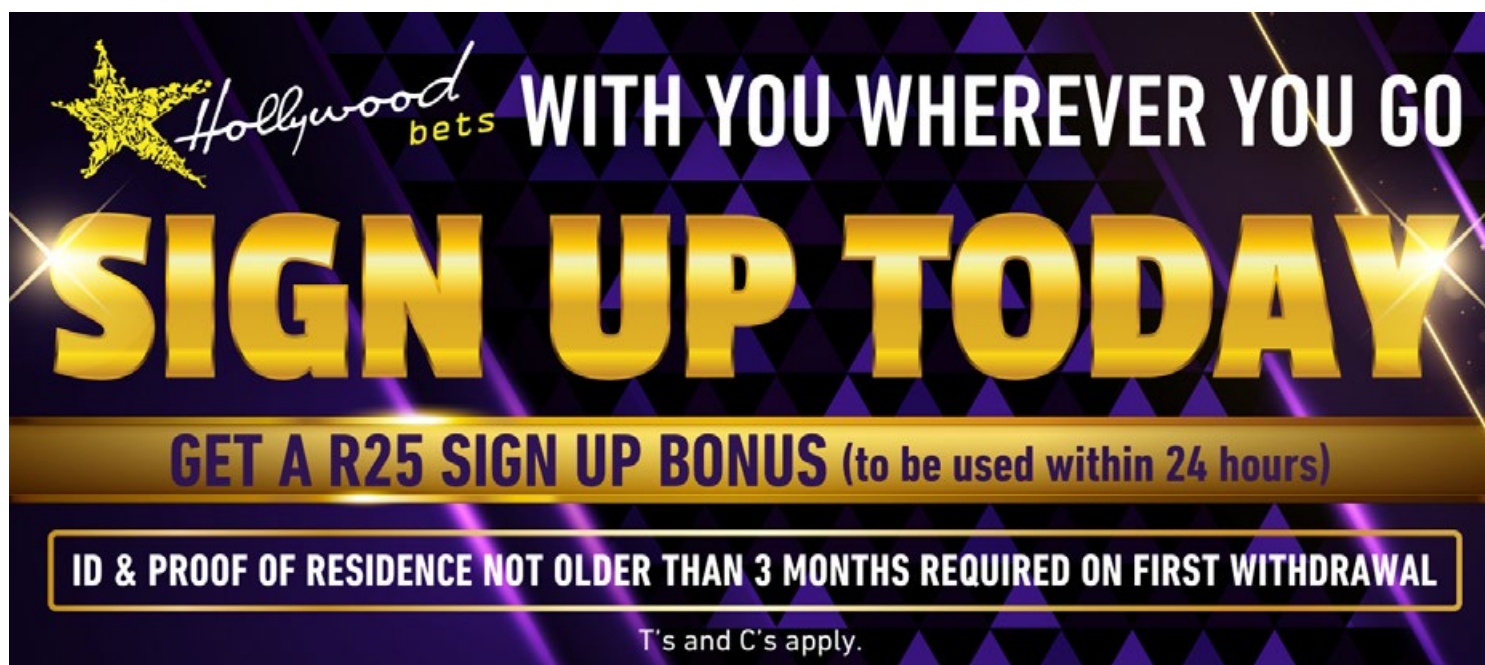
Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,2s fast	
1000m (3) Effortless Reward	55,88
1200m (1) San's Dancer	69,03
1400m (2) Spiffy	84,00
1750m (2) Dancing Feather	105,88

TURFFONTEIN (INSIDE) 12 SEPTEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,21s slow	
1200m (1) Over The Limit	73,36
1450m (3) Ehsaan	87,57
1600m (2) Marshall	98,25
1800m (3) My Dream Chaser	110,99

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 13 SEPTEMBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,32s slow	
1200m (4) Sir Frenchie	69,83
1400m (1) Brandina	83,63
1600m (1) Toltec	95,40
1900m (2) Salubrious	117,93



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