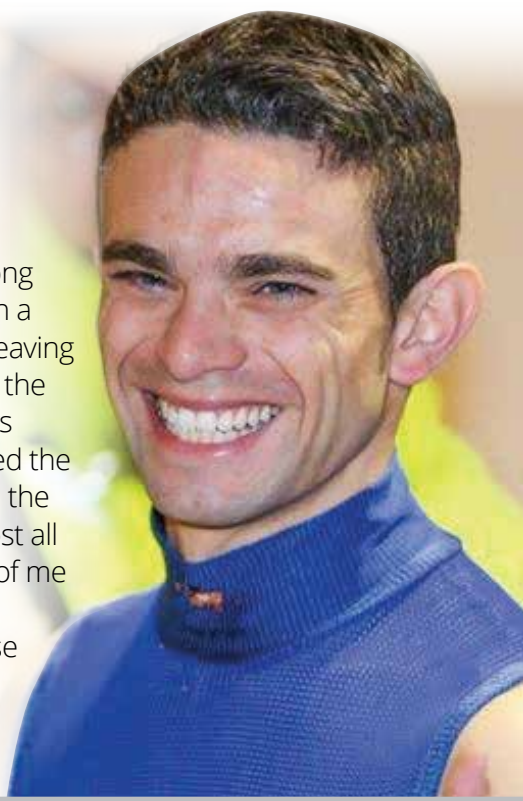


# One Bullet

Umberto Rispoli climbed off the Hong Kong premiership bottom rung with a first win of the season on Sunday, leaving Lyle Hewitson, Ben So, Alex Lai and the injured Victor Wong the only jockeys without a win this term. Rispoli noted the difficulties for Hong Kong's riders in the Joao Moreira-Zac Purton era: "Almost all the time I do what the trainer asks of me but you only have one bullet in the gun so you have to use it - otherwise the big boys take the ride away."



# STRANGLEHOLD

The final Gr1 race of the British Flat season, the Vertem Futurity Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday, will be one horse away from a private sweepstake for Aidan O'Brien's Ballydoyle stable after the trainer was responsible for 11 of the 12 runners left in the race at Monday's five-day stage. This appears to be record dominance of a Gr1! O'Brien has won the Vertem Futurity, which was run for many years as the Racing Post Trophy, nine times and will equal Sir Henry Cecil's record if he can saddle the winner for the third year running.

# Skin Deep?

It was supposed to be a procession for Beauty Generation at Sha Tin on Sunday but, as Enable and more recently Stradivarius, showed there is no such thing as a certainty in racing. Sent off a short-priced favourite in the G2 Oriental Watch Sha Tin Trophy Handicap to make it 11 wins in a row, and 17 overall in Hong Kong, Beauty Generation had no answer to the finishing flourish of Rise High and runner-up Waikuku, so suffering his first defeat since April 2018.

# Dad's Back

Former Cape Champion jockey Aldo Domeyer is back home from Hong Kong this week for the birth of his baby. Word is that he has been retained by Drakenstein Stud and is likely to be here for three months. He will certainly bolster the local riding ranks.

# Another Speaker

Irish champion Pathfork produced three good winners over the weekend and on Monday his 3yo daughter Verbarium, a full-sister to East Cape champion Madame Speaker, romped to a seven length win over 1200m. Trained by part-owner Alan Greeff, Verbarium was bred by Hermanus - based veteran Stanley Bennett.



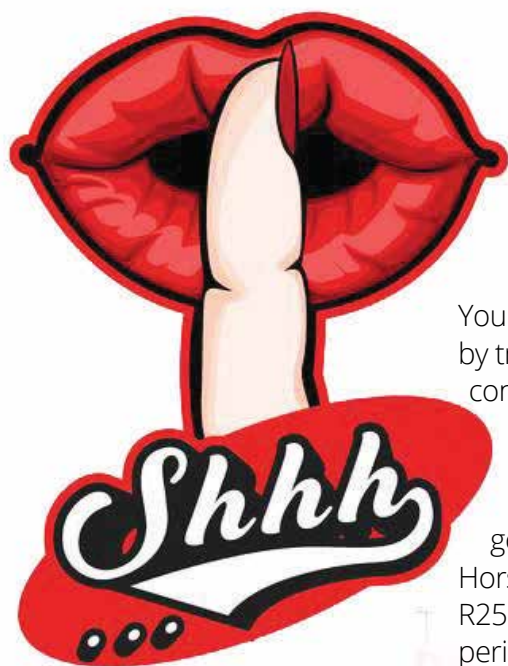
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# Vardy In Work

Last season's impressive Gr3 Winter Classic winner Vardy (128) is likely to follow the well-worn route of the Green Point Stakes into the L'Ormarin's Queen's Plate and Sun Met this summer. The 4yo son of Var has not been seen out since comprehensively downing recent Matchem Stakes winner One World in the classic back in May. He had a small knee chip removed and is back in work.

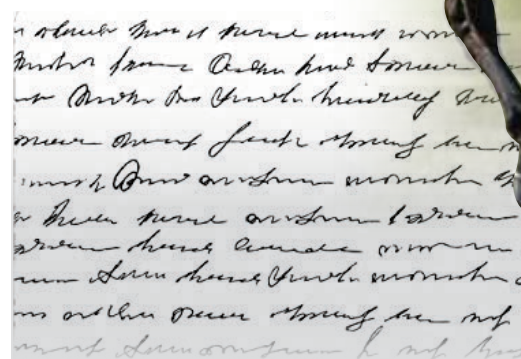


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# Mind Your P's & Q's

You can't say what you like! Comments made by trainer Lola Crawford during a telephonic conversation with a staff member of the NHRA, where she conducted herself in a manner which might have had the effect of bringing into disrepute the good name of the CEO of the National Horseracing Authority of SA, saw her fined R2500 which was wholly suspended for a period of eighteen months on condition she is not found guilty of a contravention of Rule 72.1.26 during that period.



# Notebooker

Vercingetorix daughter, the Mike de Kock trained Tallinn, made it three from three at Turffontein on Saturday and looks set to be tested in feature waters. Bred by Maine Chance Farms, the 3yo filly showed her class when stretching clear, under jockey Callan Murray, to post a facile 3.25 length over some promising male rivals in a MR 91 handicap for 3yo's. Out of the Pivotal mare Tumbelini, Tallinn was a R225 000 buy from the 2018 Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

# Have Your Say

The Cape Breeders Club will be holding a meeting with Vee Moodley and Hazel Kayiya from the NHRA on 21 November 2019 at Durbanville Racecourse. The meeting will start at 10h30. All should make a concerted effort to attend this meeting. Please RSVP to Wendy at secretary@capebreeders.co.za before 16 November 2019.