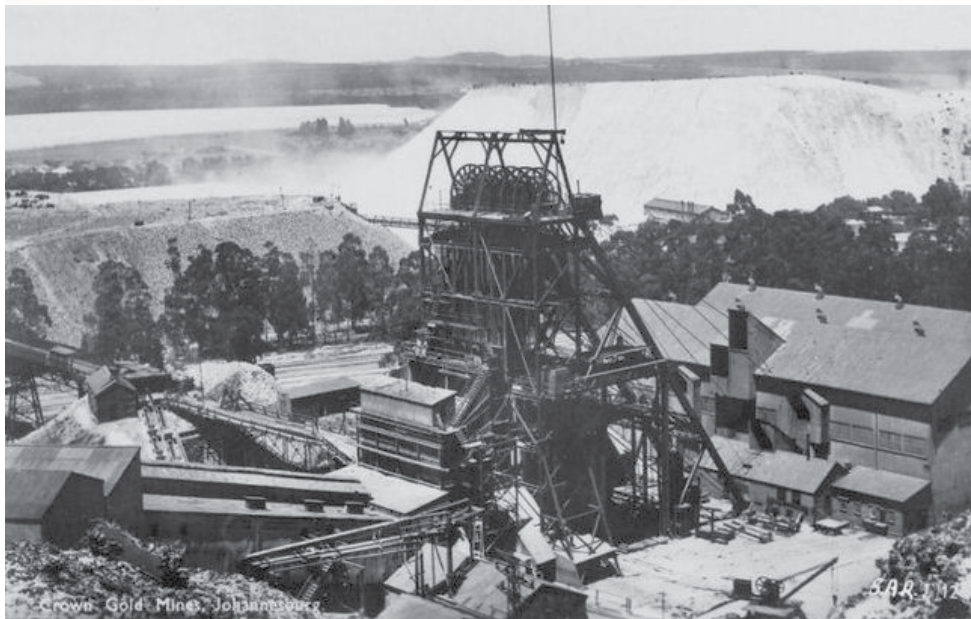


# SUMMER CUP

## WHAT A HISTORY!



### 132 Years Ago

The inaugural Summer Cup was run in 1887 as the Johannesburg Handicap. The race was won by outsider Haco, a five-year-old trained by a Mr Du Plessis and ridden by J Bundy. Second, the badly named 13-8 favourite, finished fourth.

### Java Jive

One horse who really grabbed the public's attention was Java, trained by Jack Butler. He pulled off a remarkable Summer Cup hat-trick from 1956 as a four-year-old before going on to claim the honours again the following two years.

### Superstar

Elevation was to repeat Java's exploits almost 20 years later. Trained by George Azzie, the chestnut landed his first victory in 1972, when the race was run as the Holiday Inns for the first time. He went on to score again in 1973 before completing a hat-trick under a big weight in 1974.



Elevation

### Famous Fellows

Many famous horses have won down the years and they include Pamphlet (1917), Lenin (1940), Cuff Link (1963), Caradoc (1966) and Home Guard (1970).

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On Saturday, the 20 runners hail from 10 different stables. Previous winners are Sean Tarry (3 times) and the SA Champion is bidding for a hat-trick after Liege (2017) and Tilbury Fort (2018). Other past winning trainers are Mike de Kock (9 times – 6 in modern era), Geoff Woodruff (6 times), while Alec Laird and St John Gray have won it once each.

### Change Of Guard

After Cape challenger King's Guard's victory in 1971, the name of the race was changed to accommodate a sponsor. As the years rolled by further changes to the name, conditions and date diminished the event's glitter and it eventually became the Champion Stakes, run in April.

### Then...

In 1999 Phumelela reintroduced the Summer Cup to the racing calendar in its traditional format and the event is now firmly established as one of majors on our racing calendar. The racing operator offers a bonus of R1 million to any horse capable of winning the Summer Cup and Sun Met in the same season. That's a tough ask!

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Only 3 of the 20 jockeys carded on Saturday have won the Summer Cup previously. Anton Marcus (Soqrat) won it in 2013 on Yorker. Raymond Danielson (Tilbury Fort) won it in 2017 on Liege. S'manga Khumalo (Bize) won the 2000m handicap in 2012 on longshot Wagner.

### The Prince

Robbie Hill, who saddles the Byword mare and KZN raider Camphoratus, is the only trainer in the 2019 renewal, to have won the race as a jockey. He was aboard El Picha for Geoff Woodruff in 1999.



### IMPORTS

Internationally bred horses have a fair record in the race – but interestingly haven't won for 11 years. El Picha (1999), Delta Form (2000), Eventuail (2002), Ilha da Vittoria (2005) and Strategic News (2007) are the imports to have won. On Saturday, the internationals are represented by Soqrat, Infamous Fox, Cascapedia, Atyaab, Roy Had Enough and Queen Supreme.

### Gate?

The favourite Soqrat is drawn at 14. The last runner to win it from a double digit barrier gate was Wagner (12) in 2012.

### Fairer Sex

Ilha da Vittoria (2005), Flirtation (2010) and Dancewiththedevil (2011) are the three roses amongst the thorns to win. There are six ladies in Saturday's race.