

# Island Reality

The latest episode of Survivor – Mauritius sees Eric Ngwane as the newest SA rider to get the ‘island axe’. Mauritius trainer Amar Sewdyal severed ties with Ngwane on Saturday after a six week stint during which he rode two winners from 23 rides. Ngwane beats the same path walked by Karl Zechner, Diego de Gouveia, and Piere Strydom – and that’s just this season. Derreck David (29 winners) and Eric Simons (5 winners) are our two representatives who have two weeks left of the current season.



# Path Of Variety

Pathfork, whose first 2yo runner of the 2019-2020 racing season, Sultan’s Daughter, ran second at Turffontein on Saturday, has two colts on offer at Friday’s CTS Ready To Run Sale. The Irish champion, a son of US champion sire Distorted Humor, had winners at four different racetracks this past weekend, with his runners scoring at Hollywoodbets Greyville, Fairview, Ngong and the Champ De Mars.



TRACEY ROBERTSON

# 12

Maine Chance stallion Querari, whose progeny include Gr1 Thekwini Stakes winner Querari Falcon, as well as promising three-year-olds Cockney Pride, Mill Queen and Liberty Hall, has 12 lots on offer at this Friday’s CTS Ready To Run Sale. South Africa’s Leading Sire of 2yo’s in 2018-2019 enjoyed a double at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday, when his son High Voltage won the afternoon’s first race, and daughter Spring Breeze won the fourth.



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# FILL YOUR WALLY

Dave Mollett is back in the Tellytrack fold and will be tipping on UK racing. Earlier this year, Molly was abruptly bulletted by the racing channel after 17 years. “Life is a rollercoaster ride and you have to take the rough with the smooth. But I’m delighted to have got the green light to return. Hopefully, I’ll find a few winning jackpots and PA’s in the next few weeks to help punters with festive season expenses,” he told Short Heads. As our SP website regulars will be aware, Molly fancied Prince Of Arran for the recent Melbourne Cup. Charlie Fellowes’ stayer ran a gallant race to finish second at 18-1. So short priced favourites are not his game!

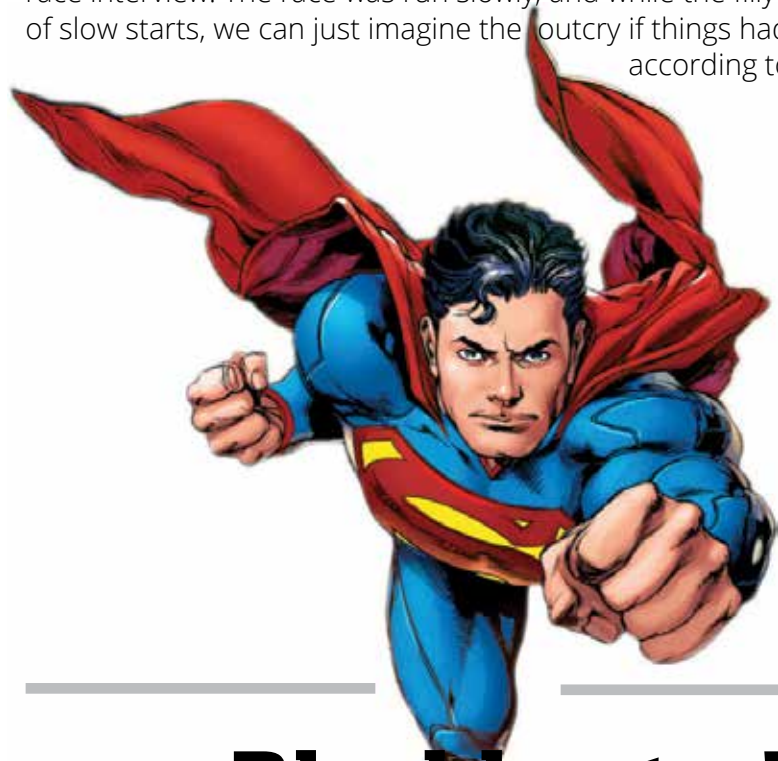
# Safer By Train?

With air travel a hot topic here, anything related catches the attention as never before. Like the news that a Melbourne flight carrying 18 Perth carnival-bound horses had to be cancelled on Monday night due to a fuel leak. All horses had been loaded onto the plane when the issue was detected. “We loaded the horses up, we were all ready to go, the paperwork signed and about to push back and they noticed a fuel leak,” said transporter Chris Calthorpe. Irony is that some of them are running in Saturday’s Gr1 Railway Stakes at Ascot.



# All’s Well...

Anton Marcus’ great – some labelled it overconfident - ride to win the Hollywoodbets Greyville fifth race on Sunday on the consistent placegetter favourite Magic Mountain after the filly lost lengths at the stalls was hailed as the ‘ride of the year’ by Sheldon Peters in the post-race interview. The race was run slowly, and while the filly has a history of slow starts, we can just imagine the outcry if things had not gone according to plan.



# Blockbuster!

It’s been labelled a blockbuster clash between the two highest rated horses in Britain at Ascot on Saturday. Nicky Henderson’s 9yo 175-rated Champion Chase hero Altior and Paul Nicholls’ 7yo 176-rated Cyrname, who won the Gr1 Betfair Ascot Chase by 17 lengths from Waiting Patiently over course and distance in February, are on track to square off. Catch up with the full story in the Sporting Post Digest on Thursday.