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With South African horseracing under the whip on all fronts, and the foundation of our national industry, the powerful Western Cape under a punishing ride, it took more than a spoonful of confidence on the part of the Kenilworth Racing board to issue a public invitation for all stakeholders and interested parties to attend a meeting at the historic racecourse on Monday evening.

It proved a watershed moment in a notoriously information-shy sport and certainly the first occasion in modern times that a racing operator had actually opened their hearts and home to anybody who was prepared to listen – and be heard.

But desperate times call for desperate measures and an audience of just over 100 turned up for the event hosted by Kenilworth Racing Co-chairs Robert Bloomberg and Mark Currie, together with fellow board members Faeza Heuwel, Bradley Ralphs and Dean Finder.

Phumelela CEO John Stuart and Rob Scott made up what many expected to be a herd of deer in the headlights.

The missing link? The Racing Association. CEO Larry Wainstein had seconded Michael Leaf to represent the organisation. He was missing in action. A great pity. Maybe a poor show is a better way of putting it. Horseracing has been through a tough few years – a massive loss of blood from the Markus Jooste scandal in December 2017 and the cherry on the cake being Phumelela's recent dreadful financial results.

Add to that the racing regulator's poor public relations record.

The latter being outlined by an incident on Summer Cup day that has been royally ignored – despite every man and his horse seemingly willing to discuss it with the Sporting Post.



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HIGHLANDS**

OPEN CARDS

Longstanding owner and breeder Peter de Beyer made a few classic points on Monday evening—one was that horseracing needs to manage information – and disinformation.

But back to racing's ills.

The long list of injuries includes flagging betting turnovers, a declining horse population, protracted legal battles and labour unrest via the Grooms.

With Kimberley given a reprieve recently, the loss of any racing region would have serious knock-on effects and the Cape is clearly strategic to the national wellbeing.

The racing centre where the surf meets the turf hosts 75 racemeetings a year, has 35% of its thoroughbred ownership overseas-based and boasts 12 of the country's top 15 stud farms.

It's also a longstanding preferred destination of a generation of overseas investors, dating all the way back to trainer Theo de Klerk in the early 1960's, who pioneered the 'swallows' – racing loving folk who followed the sun and the lifestyle offered in one of the greatest places to live and play in Africa.

The concept of Kenilworth Racing's joint or co-chairmen, introduced in December 2018 and frowned upon by many initially, appears to have gone some way to spanning the cultural divide between North and South.

The men sharing the hot seat, Robert Bloomberg and Mark Currie, in their own very different ways, emerged with plenty of credit from the meeting, with Currie showing statesmanship and diplomacy in dealing with a rather petulant walkout – a move in stark contrast to the 'agree to disagree' spirit of the evening – by a former Director

After giving an overview of the Gold Circle demerger, and how Kenilworth Racing had ended up under the stewardship of Phumelela, Bloomberg said South African racing was 'essentially bankrupt' but felt that a lot could be done to keep it afloat with a view to salvaging jobs and positioning it for a future turnaround.

"Phumelela has failed us dismally in the past. Kenilworth Racing needs its own management team to take over and do what is best for Cape Town," he said, before pointing out that the international sale of television rights to South Africa's 428 race meetings a year was crucial to keeping the local industry alive.

Apparently, if the number of local race meetings staged fall below 407, current broadcasting deals would be null and void.

In a view expressed by many on-course visitors and stakeholders, Cape racing clearly needs a hands-on and dedicated marketing and sales team.

Echoing the calls for greater transparency and information for the punter from Charles Faull, Peter de Beyer concurred that racing did not know its customer base, let alone how to cater to it and had done little to market or encourage new ownership or sell itself as a 'believable and credible sport'.

Rob Scott acknowledged the marketing shortcomings and conceded that 'the industry had not done a great job'. He also said that some retail outlets were not up to standard and that some of the loss-making shops had been closed in terms of their recent right-sizing exercise.

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SATURDAY RACING

Power Princesses Step Out

WSB Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas Kenilworth

Recent Magnolia Handicap winner True To Life is an interesting runner in Saturday's R1 million WSB Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas. The daughter of Duke Of Marmalade has produced her best form over the sprints but her connections are showing faith in her breeding, which suggests she will get the mile with ease.



True To Life | JC Photos

The SP top-rated True To Life turned on the jets late in the running of the 1160m fillies and mares handicap on Summer Cup Day to win well and after disappointing in the Golden Slipper and Thekwini, it is a bold move on the part of the Janse van Vuuren team to travel and take on the cream of the Cape with a first time in competition on a left-handed turn.

The Ridgemont Team have enjoyed a top season so far and will be looking to follow up on last year's sensational victory by the top-class Front And Centre.

Brett Crawford sends out their trio of Jackson daughters Pretty Young Thing and Flame Tree, and Anton Marcus' mount Kelpie. The latter has won four on the trot since shedding her maiden and appears to be improving with every start. There will be no questions about her seeing out the trip as she has already won twice over the mile.

Pretty Young Thing ran a courageous race from a wide draw when chasing Third Runway home in the Western Cape Fillies Championship. She tries 1600m for the first time and the draw gods have once again been unkind.

The least experienced of the Ridgemont attack, the poorly drawn Flame Tree is a winner on the Kenilworth mile winter course and is a half-sister to Gold Cup winner Dynasty's Blossom. She looks a very promising sort and can run into the money.

Corne Spies raider Cockney Pride, a winner of the Golden Slipper last season, will surely strip very fit after a tough November programme when she ran in three features. She produced a courageous effort last time out when staying on for third and 3,75 lengths behind Guineas and Met entry male Shango in the Dingaans. Her draw is likely to do her no favours, but she won't lack for experience and race-readiness.

Glen Kotzen's Third Runway has drawn wide but the smart daughter of Gimmethegreenlight for a fourth straight victory after winning the Listed Irridescence Stakes and Western Cape Fillies Championship (after a break) at her last two starts. The big question is whether she will be as effective at 1600m – but has all the credentials to produce a big effort again.

Eric Sands has always held Larentina in the highest regard and after



SATURDAY RACING

following up on her maiden win with an impressive late burst over the Durbanville 1400m, she was given the chance to show her ability in the Western Cape Fillies Championship. She was drawn very wide there but was not disgraced and ran on well to be beaten only 3,10 lengths into fifth. She stayed on well in a quality MR 100 Handicap last time out and with the pole position draw on Saturday, she can go very close.

Roll In The Hay goes the mile and in the opinion of our Personality Of The Week, Robert Khathi, she should relish the long straight and will have every chance from the draw.

Castellano, a maiden winner, was considered good enough to take her chances in the Gr1 Thekwini Stakes where she showed some pace before being beaten 4,90 lengths by Gabor. While she has failed to earn since, she did catch the eye when running on late in an MR 86 Handicap last time out over 1400m.

Driving Miss Daisy is another who goes the mile for the first time and had no luck in running when a fair fourth and 2,70 lengths off Third Runway in the Western Cape Fillies Championship.

Sailing Ship has drawn wide but tries the mile for the first time – a trip she has been crying out for based on the manner in which she has run on. She was beaten 3,40 lengths by Third Runway in the Western Cape Fillies Championship.

Mississippi Burning has won 3 of her 6 starts over the sprints and now tries the turn and the mile for the first time. Her top sire certainly gets them to go the ground, while her Australian-bred stakes placed dam won up to 1400m. She is an unknown quantity out to show her merits.

Drama Queen is not far off Third Runway at best and had excuses in the Western Cape Fillies Championship when staying on out of the money.

Follow The Star has maintained a consistent formline but may be marginally held by Flame Tree on their last meeting. She should enjoy the longer run-in of this track.

Fourth of the Woodhill Racing quartet, the lightly tried and beautifully-bred Dynastic Light is a maiden winner and has her first run in feature company. The

Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas past winners		
2016		
1 Just Sensual	60.0 (12)	11/2
2 Safe Harbour	60.0 (2)	8/1
3 Querari Falcon	60.0 (3)	7/2
2017		
1 Snowdance	60.0 (2)	11/10
2 Oh Susanna	60.0 (13)	14/1
3 Fresnaye	60.0 (1)	75/1
2018		
1 Front And Centre	60.0 (7)	18/10
2 Silvano's Pride	60.0 (10)	13/1
3 Clouds Unfold	60.0 (3)	15/10

R1 million buy could be anything and is worth including as a quartet kicker.

Justin Snaith has won this race four times in the past decade and he sends the Kingsbarns filly Casino Queen to post. She won her first two starts up the Kenilworth sprint track in good style but then went unplaced in the Western Cape Fillies Championship when possibly in need of the outing.

The draw could play a major part in the

outcome, despite the balancing factor of the long run for home. The Gauteng raiders True To Life and Cockney Pride should be thereabouts, but we are siding with the Brett Crawford – Ridgemont trio to have a serious say in the finish, with the gutsy Third Runway in the mix.

Answer On Saturday

True To Life, a daughter of Drakenstein Stud's resident Cartier Champion Duke Of Marmalade, became her sire's 43rd individual stakes winner when she won the 1160m Gr3 Gauteng Tourism Authority Magnolia Handicap at Turffontein on Summer Cup day.

But will she go the mile on Saturday? She is out of the Zimbabwe and SA seven-time winner Mina Salaam, who won the Zimbabwe Guineas, Queen Of The Sand and Bloodstock SA 2000 and achieved her victories from 1200m to 2000m. Mina Salaam is a Medaglia D'oro daughter of ten-time winning Equus Champion, Circle Of Life.

True To Life's five time Gr1 winning sire has produced international Gr1 winners Simple Verse, Big Orange, Star Of Seville, Nutan and Sound Of Freedom, and has sired graded winners in both of his first two South African crops, with six stakes winners already – including KZN Fillies Guineas winner Santa Clara and Cape champion Temple Grafyn.

Hawwaam – All Good

Mike de Kock told the Sporting Post that the decision to scratch superstar Hawwaam from Saturday's Green Point Stakes was taken as a precautionary measure and in the best interests of the top horse – and the racing public.

"He was supposed to run at Turffontein last Thursday. We cut back on his work and then the rains came. He is extremely fresh and given his temperament, I have to consider all the best options. I don't believe it was best that he ran on Saturday."

Hawwaam travelled to the Cape on Wednesday and it is planned that he will run in the Gr2 Premier Trophy (1800m) which is contested at weight-for-age plus penalties on 21 December. "Look it's not ideal, but it's the prudent best course of action right now and on the positive side, this way it also gives us a chance to give him a breeze on the left-handed Kenilworth track in advance of raceday. And we are all on course for the L'Ormarin's Queen's Plate," he confirmed.

STA RT 3:40PM Kenilworth	7	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 GR1 CAPE FILLIES GUINEAS (3YO FILLIES)-1600M - SAME TRAINER: (3-14-15-16)(4-8-11)(5-6)(7-9-12-17)		
Duke Of Marmalade	1	TRUE TO LIFE(JAJ v Vuuren) G Lerena	7	60.0
Querari	2	COCKNEY PRIDE(C Spies) S Randolph	15	60.0
Gimmethgreenlight	3	THIRD RUNWAY(GS Kotzen) M Winnaar	14	60.0
Jackson	4	PRETTY YOUNG THING(BJ Crawford) G Cheyne	17	60.0
Master Of My Fate	5	DRIVING MISS DAISY(AE Sands) D Dillon	3	60.0
Duke Of Marmalade	6	LARENTINA(AE Sands) K De Melo	1	60.0
Gimmethgreenlight	7	ROLL IN THE HAY(C Bass-Robinson) R Khathi	5	60.0
Dynasty	8	KELPIE(BJ Crawford) A Marcus	10	60.0
Duke Of Marmalade	9	SAILING SHIP(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	12	60.0
Captain Al	10	MISSISSIPPI BURNING(AN Marcus) C Zackey	2	60.0
Jackson	11	FLAME TREE(BJ Crawford) C Orffer	16	60.0
Ashaawes	12	DRAMA QUEEN(C Bass-Robinson) P Strydrom	4	60.0
Kingsbarn	13	CASINO QUEEN(J Snaith) R Fourie	11	60.0
Silvano	14	FOLLOW THE STAR(GS Kotzen) C Murray	9	60.0
Querari	15	CASTELLANO(GS Kotzen) M Byleveld	8	60.0
Dynasty	16	DYNASTIC LIGHT(GS Kotzen) B Fayd'herbe	6	60.0
Fortify	17	JOY MAISHA(C Bass-Robinson) - reserve	1..13	60.0

A CLASSIC DYNASTY

Dynasty, along with his sire Fort Wood, is one of only three stallions in the history of South African horseracing to celebrate three SA Horses of the Year. The champion, who sadly left us earlier this year, sired two of the past three winners of the Cape Fillies Guineas – a classic respected as a breeding ground of great families.

In 2016, the Joey Ramsden trained Just Sensual, a R2 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale Klawervlei bred daughter of Dynasty won the classic. She is out of the Gr1 Golden Slipper winner Consensual (by Camden Park), who raced out of the Mike Bass yard and was SA's 2008 Champion 2yo filly.

Marcus was again to the fore last year when the Highlands bred R300 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale buy Front And Centre, a half sister to Ridgemont Highlands Gr1 winning sire Potala Palace (Singspiel), won for Brett Crawford.

Dynasty has two representatives on Saturday in the shape of the Glen Kotzen-trained Dynastic Light, and the Highlands-bred Kelpie. The latter is ridden by Anton Marcus who bids for a rare Gr1 hat-trick

For the Ridgemont Highlands team, the excitement of a possible Gr1 double will be well supported as the Dynasty legacy is also well represented by his fast ascending son Jackson, who has two representatives for Ridgemont Racing in the shape of Western Cape Fillies Championship runner-up Pretty Young Thing (who never gets a decent draw) and the lightly raced two-time winner, Flame Tree.

The Cape Fillies Guineas honour roll includes many great racers.

They number the likes of the great mare, Party Time, whose great-great granddaughter, In The Fast Lane, won the race in 2013, Petrava, dam of 2000 Fillies Guineas winner, Hoeberg, as well as champion sire, Jallad, and fellow Gr1 producers Olympic Duel (dam of Gr1 Daily News 2000 winner, Flying Duel), Shadow Dancing (dam of dual Gr1 winner Thunder Dance), Festive Season (dam of Gr1 Gold Cup winner Festive Forever, dam of champion, Fearless), Kendal Green (dam of Gr1 winning 2yo, This England), and Wild Ash (dam of Met winner Wild West). Dance Every Dance (Northern Guest), winner of the Fillies Guineas in 1995, is granddam of Equus Champion and triple Gr1 winner, Capetown Noir (Western Winter), while Sparkling Gem, winner of the race in 2008, is out of a daughter of former Cape Fillies Guineas winner, Flying Snowdrop.

A Way With The Fillies!

Terrance Millard, who passed away last month, trained an extraordinary nine Cape Fillies Guineas winners, including the very first running of the race – the 1969 Benson & Hedges Cape Fillies Guineas – with a filly called Cilaneum.

Cilaneum was a chestnut bred by the Birch Bros. She carried Millard's grey and black silks and was piloted to victory by Bert Abercrombie.

Mr Millard recalled in an interview of a few years ago with the Sporting Post: "It was exciting to win the first running of the race and even



Cilaneum

nicer that I had her on

lease. She was a typical Birch filly – sound as iron and beautiful to train. And she took a lot of racing. I was doing okay at the time, but to have a filly like her that could earn regularly was wonderful. She won me a lot of races, I was very lucky to have her. She had a very short burst and then she'd stop, so she had to be held up and only asked at the very last minute. She was perfect for Bert to ride and he got it exactly right and they won the first Fillies Guineas. Two weeks later was the Paddock Stakes which was going to be very difficult for her as she was more of a sprint/miler. Because of the weights I got Duncan Alexander to ride – he was a lightweight that rode the same as Bert. He rode a wonderful race and put her head on the post at precisely the right time."

He teamed up with Abercrombie for his second win in 1974. This time it was for Tony Kalmanson with the Godfrey Gird-bred Kendal Green, who would go on to become one of Varsfontein's foundation mares. The Millard-Abercrombie team were back again the following year, with the Cohen-bred Party Time. The daughter of Filipepi ran in the Millard silks and has also become a stud book mainstay.

The 1977 winner, Artist's Pride was owned by Abe Swersky and ridden to victory by Basil Marcus. Incidentally, Millard also saddled the second past the post in Fast Piece. The 1979 winner was Wild Ash for owner-breeder Paulie de Wet and she later became the dam of Met winner, Wild West.

The year 1983 heralded the start of the Felix Coetzee era when In Camera beat What A Beauty by 2.75 lengths.

In 1984 year Mr Millard trained the first three past the post. The winner, Flying Snowdrop, had been purchased for Graham Beck in the USA. Being bred to Northern Hemisphere time, she was 6 months behind her local contemporaries.

Nevertheless, she developed into a big, strong filly and Millard mentioned to Beck that he thought they could win the Fillies Guineas.

Millard won it again for Beck in 1986 with the Argentinian import, Bimbina and then for the last time in 1990 with 'the Iron Filly', Olympic Duel.

Platform Of Power

WSB Gr2 Green Point Stakes Kenilworth

While it is a well established preparatory race for the two bigger Gr1 prizes that lie ahead, the last Queen's Plate - Met winner produced by the R350 000 Gr2 Green Point Stakes was Pocket Power back in 2008. Judging on Saturday's power-packed renewal, now sadly without Hawwaam, it would not be surprising to see the Mike Bass champion's feat emulated.



Do It Again | Chase Liebenberg

The Green Point Stakes was the talking race of last season and that memorable four-cornered finish that spanned just a long head and gave magic miler Legal Eagle a third consecutive victory in this event will live on in our memories for years. The dual SA Horse

Of The Year beat Undercover Agent and Do It Again, with Rainbow Bridge in fourth. While the winner does not return on Saturday, the placed horses take on the 4yo duo Vardy and One World in what promises to be a cracker.

The race is run at weight-for-age plus penalties and Justin Snaith's SP top-rated and reigning Equus Horse Of The Year Do It Again is the senior rated galloper at 136. While he has not seen action since his historic second consecutive Durban July victory, his 23 week break will not be of too much concern as he has run well fresh in the past. He had an easy gallop on his own at Kenilworth a week ago. His trainer told Gold Circle's Michael Clower, prior to the news of Hawwaam's withdrawal, that his charge had been on the grass twice.

"Both were nice gallops and he is 80% ready. What worries me is that we are going straight into a mile against the strongest horses in South Africa. Your comeback run shouldn't be against horses like these but in Cape Town we don't have a choice."

He meets Gr1 Champions Cup winner Rainbow Bridge, his conqueror at level weights in the Sun Met earlier this year, but a horse who he has twice beaten in the interim. Rainbow Bridge's 20 week break means they clash on level ground in terms of fitness.

The loss of a Turffontein meeting last week and plenty of rain was a super-fresh Hawwaam withdrawn from this race just prior to us going to print on Tuesday.

A Met entry, Head Honcho ran a smashing third in the Sun Met behind Rainbow Bridge and Do It Again in January, but failed in the July. He won his first outing this term with a measure of authority in mid October, but could be stretched over a mile in this illustrious company.

Originally destined for stud this season, but kept in training, Undercover Agent was beaten out of the money when 2,55 lengths behind Do It Again in the Gr1 Gold Challenge last term. He ran on well at his first start as a 5yo when 1,65 lengths off

One World in the Matchem. He is a half kilo better off with the Marshall flyer and there should be little between them.

The top-class One World is unbeaten as a 4yo with two good wins under the belt – including an eye-catching effort in the Gr3 Matchem Stakes in October. He has been taught to relax and run at them late and, while Anton Marcus favoured Hawwaam, replacement MJ Byleveld knows this capable fellow very well.

The 2019 Winter Classic winner Vardy has been out of action since that emphatic walloping of One World, having had a small chip removed from a knee. A versatile winner from 1200m to 1800m, his main targets are the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and Sun Met and he is likely to need the outing.

Pack Leader returned from a sixteen month break and ran on well to finish 3,80 lengths off Russet Air in the Cape Merchants last month. The son of Philanthropist showed his wellbeing over

the 1200m and, while he is likely to need another few runs to find peak fitness, he will also be better over slightly further.

Stablemate to Head Honcho, La Favourari is held by his opponents at the weights and his recent form is not inspiring.

Do It Again has the experience and undoubted talent to show his class.

Gr2 Green Point Stakes past winners

2016	1 Legal Eagle	60.0 (3) 1/1
	2 Marinaresco	60.0 (6) 7/2
	3 Captain America	59.0 (1) 9/1
2017	1 Legal Eagle	60.0 (2) 15/10
	2 Edict Of Nantes	60.0 (4) 21/10
	3 Captain America	60.0 (5) 11/1
2018	1 Legal Eagle	60.0 (3) 47/20
	2 Undercover Agent	60.0 (6) 57/20
	3 Do It Again	60.0 (1) 9/1

**START
3:05PM**

Kenilworth

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**PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2
GR2 GREEN POINT STAKES - 1600M
- SAME TRAINER:(5-9)**

Twice Over	1 DO IT AGAIN (J Snaith) R Fourie	3	60.0
Ideal World	2 RAINBOW BRIDGE (AE Sands) G Lerena	6	60.0
Silvano	3 HAWWAAM (MF de Kock) A Marcus	7	60.0
Captain Al	4 UNDERCOVER AGENT (BJ Crawford) C Orffer	4	60.0
Querari	5 HEAD HONCHO (A Nel) A Domeyer	5	59.0
Captain Al	6 ONE WORLD (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	1	59.0
Var	7 VARDY (AN Marcus) C Zackey	8	58.0
Philanthropist	8 PACK LEADER (GS Kotzen) M Winnaar	9	58.0
Querari	9 LA FAVOURARI (A Nel) A Andrews	2	58.0

What's The Point?

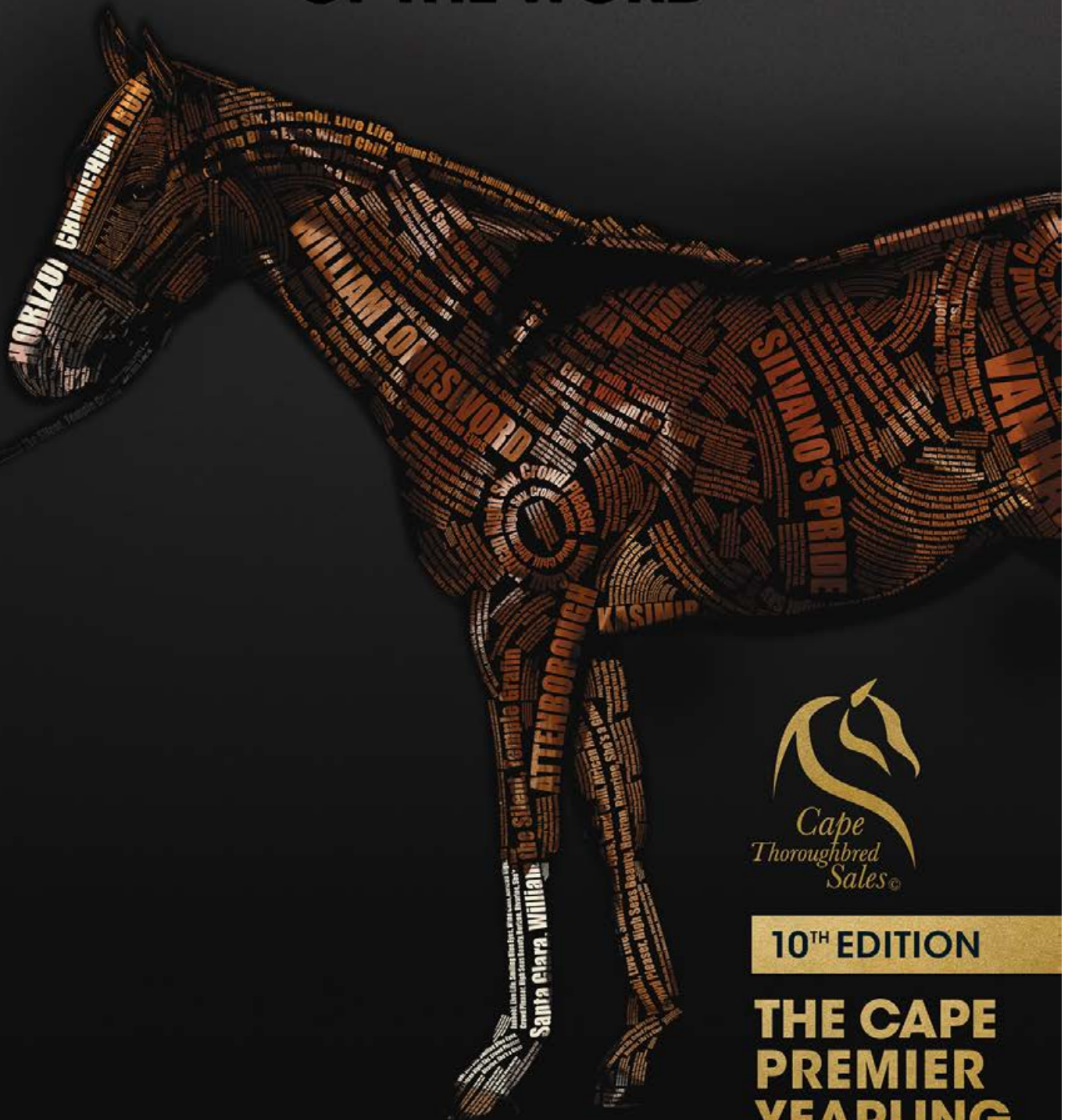
Racing began in Cape Town on the Green Point Common in September 1797. One of the first champions was Tumbler, born in 1824, who stood only 14.3 hands high. After dominating the local racing scene, he was exported to India where he won races against blue-blooded British imports from 800m to 3600m!

The history of horse breeding in South Africa began shortly after the arrival in 1652, of the Dutch explorer Jan van Riebeeck, who imported horses from as far afield as Java, South America and Persia. But it was not until 1792 that the first horses deemed thoroughbreds were imported.

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In this, the 10th edition of the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, we aim to build even further on our pedigree. Having already produced 36 individual Gr1 winners, more than any other Sale in South Africa over the same period, and running at better than an unparalleled 10% stakes winners to runners, we're looking to be out of the gate faster than ever before.

SATURDAY RACING

The Fox & The Princess...

WSB Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes Kenilworth

East Cape trainer Yvette Bremner, just recently returned from a trip to Hong Kong to watch the Longines International Races, is one of the most accomplished travellers in a nationally competitive industry. She returns to Kenilworth on Saturday in defence of the lightning fast Princess Rebels' Gr2 Southern Cross Trophy.



Run Fox Run | Chase Liebenberg

One of the best daughters of sprint champion Rebel King, Princess Rebel is a lightly raced speedball who runs well fresh and will be primed for a big effort on Saturday. She has only run four times in the ensuing year, but showed her class when pipped by Pacific Trader in the Gr1 Com-

putaform Sprint at her penultimate start. She had a season pipe-opener on the Fairview poly when slow off and staying on well behind her accomplished stablemate Mary O'Reilly – conceding 6kgs.

The class in the race is Candice Bass-Robinson's Majorca Stakes winner Clouds Unfold who has not run for near 8 months. She travelled to KZN but was injured at Summerveld and never ran. She is versatile and is a course-and-distance winner, but fitness may just catch her out.

Her stablemates Nous Voila and Freedom Charter were second and third respectively behind Princess Rebel last year and the preference is for the latter, who has held her form smartly and is almost getting better with age. She won the Poinsettia Stakes in an Elusive Fort 1-2 during the KZN season. She was runner-up behind Cape Fillies Guineas winner Front And Centre in the Diana Stakes at her penultimate start and will strip fit.

The Listed Olympic Duel Stakes winner Run Fox Run is unbeaten in four outings and if near fit will have a say here after a 29 weeks holiday. The daughter of Foxwedge has shown terrific speed and must be included.

Canukepitsecret has not been at her best of late but was only beaten 3,40 lengths by Casual Diamond in the Laisserfaire Stakes and comes in 5,5kgs better off with the winner.

Jockey Robert Khathi has made Casual Diamond his best of the day. The Laisserfaire winner has been on the fringes in the last two years and is said to have never been in better shape.

Nursery winner Cousin Liz has won 2 from 3 starts and ran on nicely at her first start as a 3yo. She should not be discounted.

The super-quick Celestial Storm gets the blinkers fitted but needs to show more fight at the business end of affairs.

Nastergal is yet to show at her two starts as a 4yo. She was well beaten in the Laisserfaire Stakes and may want more ground to show her best.

Gr1 Allan Robertson winner Miss Florida has had one run as a 3yo and was beaten just under 5 lengths in the Laisserfaire Stakes. She is 3kgs better off with stablemate Casual Var on that run.

Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes past winners

2016		
1	Jo's Bond	58.0 (7) 22/1
2	Carry On Alice	60.0 (9) 15/10
3	Scandal	58.0 (10) 8/1
2017		
1	Just Sensual	60.0 (12) 9/1
2	Hoist The Mast	58.0 (1) 66/1
3	Live Life	59.0 (2) 11/1
2018		
1	Princess Rebel	59.0 (7) 9/1
2	Nous Voila	55.0 (8) 10/3
3	Freedom Charter	59.0 (3) 11/1

In The Stars made a fair start to her 2019 Cape Summer campaign when staying on late for fourth in the Laisserfaire Stakes. She will find this a bit tougher but improved fitness gives her a place chance.

It's a race loaded with speed. Princess Rebel is the one to beat, but Run Fox Run and Clouds Unfold cannot be discounted on class.

START
2:30PM
Kenilworth

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PA3/PICK SIX2/JACKPOT1
GR2 SOUTHERN CROSS STAKES (F&M) - 1000M
- SAME TRAINER:(1-3-5-9-12)(7-11)

What A Winter	1	CLOUDS UNFOLD (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	6	60.0
Rebel King	2	PRINCESS REBEL (Y Bremner) W Agrella	4	59.0
Elusive Fort	3	FREEDOM CHARTER (C Bass-Robinson) B Fayd'herbe	12	58.0
Foxwedge	4	RUN FOX RUN (BJ Crawford) A Marcus	2	58.0
Judpot	5	NOUS VOILA (C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews	1	58.0
Captain Al	6	CANUKEEPISECRET (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	3	58.0
Var	7	CASUAL DIAMOND (J Snaith) R Khathi	8	58.0
What A Winter	8	CELESTIAL STORM (GR Puller) C Orffer	10	58.0
Duke Of Marmalade	9	NASTERGAL (C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne	9	58.0
Master Of My Fate	10	IN THE STARS (DR Drier) S Veale	5	58.0
Captain Al	11	MISS FLORIDA (J Snaith) R Fourie	7	56.0
Captain Al	12	COUSIN LIZ (C Bass-Robinson) C Zackey	11	54.0

Cross Of The Captain

With three runners in Saturday's WSB Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes, Captain Al (Al Mufti) can add to his impressive record in the race over the past decade.

Dance With Al (2008), Carry On Alice (2015) and Jo's Bond (2016) are the Captain's trio of Southern Cross Stakes winners over the past ten years.

His representatives in Saturday's renewal are the 4yo Canukepitsecret, as well as the 3yo pair of Miss Florida and the R2,9 million National Yearling Sale graduate, Cousin Liz.

Captain Al passed away at Klawervlei in 2017 at the age of 20.

Beginning his stud career with a less than stellar book of mares, he made an instant impression – with his first crop including 12 stakes horses headed by the graded stakes winners Captain In Command, Captain Cook and Captain Courageous.

The big bay, who is presently our leading sire of 3yo's by stakes, went on to garner a Champion Sires title (2014) and eight consecutive 2yo sires titles, and is one of the most prolific producers of 2yo stakes winners ever to stand at stud in South Africa.

One of his trio of Southern Cross Stakes runners on Saturday is Canukepitsecret, a full sister to All Is Secret, one of Captain Al's Equus Champions – a roll that included Always In Charge (2YO Colt), current leading sire of 2yo's Captain Of All (Sprinter), Cloth Of Cloud (2YO Filly) and Captain's Lover (3YO Female Miler).



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INTERNATIONAL

Japan Big As Turnovers Soar

The LONGINES Hong Kong International Races delivered fantastic sporting action at Sha Tin with Japan winning three of the four Gr1 features against the home team's one.



Win Bright | Chase Liebenberg

Win Bright fought off Ireland's game filly Magic Wand in a thrilling LONGINES Hong Kong Cup to cap the event, which began with Glory Vase storming away with the LONGINES Hong Kong Vase, and continued with

emotional wins for the local champion Beat The Clock in the LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint and Admire Mars in the LONGINES Hong Kong Mile.

HKJC CEO Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges hosts the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races post-race press briefing

Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Chief Executive Officer said: "The outcome of today's races shows that it was a fantastic international race meeting. Our Irish friends missed out on a little bit of luck in the Cup but really it was a day for our Japanese friends. They have supported us with a lot of horses coming for this meeting.

"The quality and the excitement we have seen shows what Hong Kong racing is all about. It's about world class sport and that is what makes us a unique value proposition."

Turnover was a record for the meeting at HK\$1.71 billion.

"We are more than delighted about the turnover. We could not have expected turnover like we had today," Mr. Engelbrecht-Bresges said.

"The interesting part is that the local turnover, even though we had to close down some of our Off-Course Betting Branches, was above last year at HK\$1.376 billion. The major growth seen today came from commingling turnover, which has been amazing. This shows that our strategy of globalisation, of making Hong Kong racing – with our integrity, with all the excitement, with the deep liquidity in our pool – available to the world, is working.

"The commingling turnover was HK\$334 million, which is up by nearly 30% from HK\$258 million last year.

"But today was not about the turnover," he noted, "it was about the sport and also how it showed the resilience of Hong Kong racing, and the excellence of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. It is a day to celebrate because despite a lot of challenges we have staged something that I don't think many organisations in the world could have done."

The afternoon's event went ahead at a difficult time for Hong Kong, and, with a major protest planned and taking place on Hong Kong Island at the same time as the races, a crowd of

27,965 was well down on the usual figure.

Mr. Engelbrecht-Bresges said: "We deliberately were not pushing our attendance. We wanted to be absolutely sure that everybody who came to the races would be able to go home safely because we knew there was a big demonstration on the island and we didn't want to take a risk. We had a lot of in-depth planning for this meeting.

"For us to be able to stage this international event when all other major sporting events here have been cancelled, we have demonstrated that we manage what we do extremely professionally, with a real risk assessment."

Mr. Engelbrecht-Bresges thanked the Club's staff, the media in attendance and particularly the international horsemen who demonstrated their faith in the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

He said: "Thanks firstly to our outstanding people here in Hong Kong and second of all the international connections who have put their trust in us and have brought some of the best horses in the world to compete and put on a race meeting of real excellence.

"I thank the media for trusting us and coming here, and our colleagues and the media here in Hong Kong who have covered the race meeting exceptionally well. I thank all of you."

Lady Jockeys - Not The First Choice

The 23-year-old Hollie Doyle set a new benchmark when clocking up her 107th victory of 2019 at Southwell last week- the most British winners in a year for a woman.

That put her in the top 10 for all British flat riders in a year when Rachael Blackmore was runner-up in the race to be Irish champion jump jockey.

The BBC reports that racing is a rarity in elite sport in having women and men competing against each other on a seemingly level playing field. But while more than half of the people entering racing schools are women, only 14% of jockeys in Britain are female, says Women In Racing chair Tallulah Lewis.

In 2018 they got 8.2% of the rides but only 1% at the top Group or Grade One level, so the interest is there but something is stopping them reaching the top.

Is it down to ability, resilience or opportunity? The suspicion is that some trainers and owners remain wary of turning to a woman when there are a plethora of men available.

Doyle, along with Hayley Turner and Josephine Gordon- the only other women to have reached the century mark- is helping to change attitudes.

"Given the opportunities, females can compete on equal terms. I just think racing was stuck in the dark ages and was a bit of a man's world but there's enough evidence and results now to show females are just as good as males," says Doyle.

Her target next year is to ride a winner at Group level, but why are more women not getting plum rides in the biggest races?

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Le Grange Ends 2019 On A High

Pennywise, one of Kranji's toughest gallopers, scaled new heights to take out the final feature event of the year, the SGD\$175,000 Gr3 Colonial Chief Stakes over 1600m on the Polytrack on Sunday.

The Argentinian-bred four-year-old son of Pure Prize entered uncharted waters stepping out over the mile on this particular surface for the first occasion but it proved to be a winning move for trainer Ricardo Le Grange.

Pennywise recorded his eight victory in 18 outings taking his career prizemoney

beyond the SGD\$430 000 mark for prolific South African owner Bernard Kantor.

Drawing the widest barrier of them all certainly didn't help Pennywise's bid for feature glory. Newly-crowned Singapore champion jockey Vlad Duric was forced to ride the gelding cold to obtain cover.

A genuine tempo was set in the early stages with a number of notable on-pace runners in the field. Duric's confidence further sky-rocketed when the gelding was able to settle and travel so comfortably.

When the final feature of 2019 started to heat up at the 600m mark, Pennywise still had six lengths to find. Entering the straight, leading pair Super Dynasty (Beau Mertens) and Predator (John Powell) began to tire

which enabled Black Jade (Daniel Moor) to momentarily hit the lead inside the concluding stages with Pennywise pouncing late to make a race of it. The gallant pair broke away from their challengers to go stride for stride over the final fifty metres and hit the wire locked together in a close photo finish, but it was Pennywise who asserted his authority right where it counted.

Le Grange has openly spoken about the trials and tribulations of 2019 for his stable but with a strong finish to the year, he's looming ominously for a bigger and better 2020.

"Bernard is such a gentleman and a great man to train for. This horse deserves something like this because he's been such a gutsy horse," said the South African handler.

"It all started off like a fairytale, getting 65 winners at my first season. Then, things went pear-shaped, but it taught me to go out of my comfort zone.

"There are times you feel a little down, but you bounce back and you just get back on with it again.

"To the staff at home, they put in all the hard work all the time, and I appreciate it and thank them all."

Duric bagged four winners on the final programme of the year, two of those being for Le Grange (Golden Dash took out the opening event), to cap a third consecutive premierships-winning season.

"He drew the widest barrier. It was very fast early and in the middle stages of the race, I bit the bullet and went right back on him, just that I couldn't get any cover with him early," said Duric.

"To his credit, he switched off for a couple of furlongs, and then I set him alight as I was a fair way off.

"He was staggering late over the mile on the Polytrack for the first time but he fought hard. It was a really good training effort by Ricardo and I'm pleased for him."

Racing resumes at Kranji on Wednesday 1 January 2020 for the New Year Cup meeting.



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Rain Rain Go Away!

For a racing fan, life without racing is tantamount to life without air. It doesn't exist!

With inclement weather leading to the abandonment of four local racemeetings this past week, many punters were left disappointed.

What does one do in the event of no horseracing?

When one's in love with the sport of horseracing, we will do anything to get involved. Thanks to the wide variety of betting on offer at Hollywoodbets, you can find yourself betting in England, France, Ireland and even Hong Kong, with the click of a button and over the past couple days that seemed to be the way South African punters were playing.

Overseas racing may not always be everyone's cup of tea but with the weather in KZN forecasting rain for the next couple of days, one can only hope that racing goes ahead as planned. However, rain or shine, the team at Winning Form have you covered.

Friday night at Hollywoodbets Greyville will probably see many scratchings as the change of surface and interrupted preparations will prevent many horses from participating. The racing experts at Winning Form have advised that the bad weather in the province would have hampered the training regimes back at home and that will definitely influence performances on the track.

The advice from our in-house tipsters is to dip into the exotics. "With weather this bad my advice to punters is to play with caution and take a Pick 6," said Jimmy The Rich.

With Hollywoodbets guaranteeing the Pick 6 pool at R1,1million, one has to agree that is the play of the day on Friday Sunday's racemeeting at Hollywoodbets Scottsville is another that may encounter a few issues due to the rainy weather predicted. However, the team at Winning Form have advised that cognisance be taken of the horses form in the wet as that could be the best possible guide.

In life we can control many things, but unfortunately not the weather! We are crossing fingers and hoping that everything goes according to plan. We have to trust the people who are in charge to make these decisions as safety of horse and rider is the main priority.

From all of us at [Winning Form](#) we wish you a successful long weekend punting.

Makes You Think, Doesn't It?

Racing is a sport that has historically punched above its weight in the media. It has always generated coverage beyond the sum of its parts, probably because it was populated by people who ran or owned the country.

Those days are fast becoming a distant memory. The only realistic conclusion is that it will take a super-human effort to turn the ship around and sail it back into port.

Julian Muscat writes on www.racingpost.com that the dismay at the news that Cornelius Lysaght's long career as racing's voice on BBC radio is set to end in April, was tangible.

The message for the sport was very clear – an esteemed broadcaster had been engulfed by a tide that is sweeping the sport and all who sail with her out to sea. And he is far from alone.

Lysaght, 54, joins the likes of Jim McGrath, his former BBC colleague whose tenure as Hotspur, The Daily Telegraph's racing correspondent, was abruptly terminated after three decades in 2014. And Alan Lee, racing correspondent at The Times, was not replaced when he died unexpectedly the following year.

There could be no clearer indication that racing is losing its lustre. Its predicament becomes bleaker and bleaker, as was illustrated by a sorry snapshot at last week's Horserace Writers and Photographers Association awards lunch. With the axe hovering above his head, Lysaght introduced a new award in memory of Lee, a journalistic heavyweight from a newspaper which now accords racing next to no editorial coverage. How times have changed.

Ask a dozen diehards the reasons for this and you will get a dozen different answers. One of them argues that the Derby's move from the first Wednesday to the first Saturday in June marked the start of the decline. They were obviously not at Epsom in 1994 for the last Wednesday Derby. For this writer, then working for The Times, it was a seminal experience.

Derby day was one of two annual occasions when you were assured of a morning phone call from the sports editor – and just occasionally, from the editor himself. Together with the Grand National, it was seen as a defining sporting occasion. You needed to be on your mettle, and were encouraged to phone in throughout the afternoon with any little snippet you had gleaned.

An hour after the race I came across a light-hearted story of peripheral interest and duly relayed it back to the office. But the top brass had long since tuned out, having watched the coverage on television. "The winning owner didn't seem particularly excited," I was told. "Why should we be?"

Taken aback, I stepped out on to the press-room balcony with panoramic views of the racetrack. The Downs seemed almost deserted. There could not have been 20,000 where 200,000 enthralled spectators once stood cheek to cheek. And I remember thinking that perhaps the sports editor had a point.

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O, What A Flyer!

Avontuur's internationally proven Danehill sire Oratorio produced an impressive Happy Valley winner on Wednesday when the leading farm's classically bred SA graded stakes winner and Gr1-placed Cue The Music rounded off a great double for champion jockey Zac Purton.



Oratorio

by Mr & Mrs Julian Chow Kai Wo, Chow Wing Shuen and Chow Cheuk Wai.

A half-brother to Equus champion Val De Ra (Var), Cue The Music was a R1,6 million 2017 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale graduate.

He was bred by Avontuur from their international stakes producing sire Oratorio (Danehill) out of the prolific winner producing Minelli (Elliodor).

Avontuur are offering All That Jazz (#120) at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale next month. She is a daughter of Trippi out of Minelli's champion multiple Gr1 winning daughter, Val De Ra.

Hong Kong racing continues at Sha Tin on Sunday, 15 December.

Now trained by David Ferraris, who saddled a double at the meeting, the former Dennis Bosch speedster went all the way and showed plenty of fight in the finish to win the Class 3 Sea Eagle Handicap over 1200m.

Cue The Music, the 2017/18 KZN Champion 2yo male, only arrived in Hong Kong in May this year and made it a commendable victory and two places from his four starts there. Raced here by Mario Ferreira, he is owned

Tiger's On A Roll!

Having become the first horse since Red Rum to win back-to-back Grand Nationals in April, Tiger Roll was unsurprisingly crowned Horse of the Year at the Horse Racing Ireland awards, writes David Jennings.

The pint-sized pocket rocket, who even has a book written about him, not only won the world's most famous race in 2019, but the previous month he claimed a fourth success at the Cheltenham Festival when a runaway winner of the Glenfarclas Cross Country Chase under Keith Donoghue.

There was a standing ovation for Pat Smullen and Ruby Walsh, who were announced as the Irish Racing Hero award winners.

The pair are recognised as two of the greatest riders that Ireland has ever produced and retired within days of each other earlier this year.

Nine-time Flat champion Smullen hung up his boots in early May and was then central to a celebrated fundraising campaign for pancreatic cancer trials and awareness of pancreatic cancer research, culminating with the Pat Smullen Champions Race for Cancer Trials Ireland at the Curragh and a sum raised for charity in excess of €2.5m.

The award winners:

HORSE OF THE YEAR

Tiger Roll

IRISH RACING HERO

Pat Smullen & Ruby Walsh

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UK Apprentices - Money Talks

Leading British trainer Andrew Balding, the original master of star jockeys Oisin Murphy and William Buick, has decided to stop accepting apprentices into his stable, reports racing.com.

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) have imposed new rules granting apprentice jockeys a greater slice of earnings and riding fees from March next year.

The BHA decision has been supported by the Professional Jockeys Association but not the National Trainers Federation, with other leading British trainers such as Richard Fahey, Richard Hannon and Mark Johnston against the move.

"I can safely predict that under your new amendments, the young jockeys of the future will almost all be related to trainers as nepotism will be the only reason that trainers are incentivised to give young inexperienced jockeys rides," Balding wrote in an open letter to BHA CEO Nick Rust.

Hollywoodbets Greyville - Friday 13th

The racemeeting programmed on the turf tomorrow evening has been switched to the polytrack in view of the heavy rainfall experienced in KZN over the past five days.

NEWS

Kimberley Lives On

Glasses were raised at Flamingo Park on Monday as those connected with the Kimberley course celebrated Phumelela's decision to lift the axe that for the past three months has been hanging over the track like the sword of Damocles.

Michael Clower writes that few are more entitled to celebrate than Cliffie Miller who apparently played a major, and largely unheralded, part in saving the course which has been his life for more than four decades.

Miller, leading trainer at Flamingo Park last season and second on the log at the moment, said: "When they announced at the end of August that the course was to close after this week's meeting I said 'Nonsense. It can't happen like that. We have our houses here, it's not simply a matter of packing up and going somewhere else. I personally have been at Kimberley for 42 years.'

"I decided to get the ball rolling and I went to see the people who have stepped in to save the course- Gold Circle, Mary Slack and Hollywoodbets- and thankfully they decided to get together to keep us going for at least another year. They are the real heroes of all this."

Miller is confident that, thanks to the new backers, the course has a future well beyond the next 12 months- "They say that they are looking at much further than a year."

When Phumelela announced the closure they pointed out that the course was losing R23.5 million a year and had the lowest TAB turnover in the country at around R3 million. But without Flamingo Park's 36 meetings a year, mostly on a Monday, the country could struggle to race every day in times of bad weather. South Africa would be down to just seven racecourses- at one time there were more than 90 racing clubs, each with their own racecourse.

Miller points out that the course's importance to the racing industry should not be measured purely in terms of betting turnover, saying: "We are the only sand track left in South Africa and it is one that is very kind to horses. We buy horses that are bred to race on sand and many of those we get here would only win on sand – you can count on the fingers of one hand those that can also compete on grass. Also there is nowhere else that they can race. We couldn't take them to Johannesburg because many of them come from there and they did nothing at Turffontein or the Vaal."

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Mary Slack

Randjes Gets All Clear

South African Equine Health & Protocols (SAEHP) released an update on Tuesday regarding the case of AHS reported near Randjesfontein early in November.

A confirmed case of African Horse Sickness was reported in the Nooitgedacht area of Gauteng in November and control measures were immediately instituted.

This affected direct movement into the AHS controlled area for a lot of Kyalami and Randjesfontein, among other areas.

Confirmation has been received from the State Veterinary services that Randjesfontein is now open after no further suspect or confirmed cases of AHS reported to the state in the area in the last 40 days. This will allow horses to travel to the Cape for the summer season at this time.

The AHS season may still properly start earlier than expected and it would be advised that any horses that need to get to the controlled area over the coming months make arrangements to do so while the borders are open. Enquiries for movement permits can be sent to move@myhorse.org.za. SAEHP CEO Adrian Todd thanked all stakeholders for their co-operation in ensuring a resolution to the process.

NHRA's New Director

With the resignation of Adv P Stais SC, a position became vacant on the National Board of Directors of The National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa.

In terms of Chapter 4 of the Constitution of the NHA, the Nominations Committee has appointed Mr Laurence Wernars to fill the vacancy on the National Board in terms of clause 15.1.1 of the Constitution.

Mr Wernars is an entrepreneur and a highly skilled negotiator who is currently the Owner and Chairman of the Studio 88 Group of Companies which comprises just over 560 stores in Africa.

He is also heavily invested in the sport of horseracing for 30 years and his current string of horses in racing and breeding is in excess of 250. He has also served on multiple Boards within the Horseracing Industry with his recent resignation being from the Racing Association Board on 9 December 2019.

The NHRA welcomed Mr Wernars to the National Board and said that his passion for the sport of horseracing would stand him in good stead to ensure that the NHRA's objectives would continue to be met.

This appointment is effective from 10 December 2019.

· Press release by the NHRA on Tuesday 10 December 2019

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Mauritzfontein

CHRISTMAS FLOWER 3f FLOWER ALLEY - Saint Mary (IRE) (Holy Roman Emperor) **WON** Vaal, 1600m, 3 Dec
 CHE BELLA 4f SAIL FROM SEATTLE - La Bella Donna (BRZ) (Tremolino) **WON** Vaal, 1000m, 3 Dec
 MERCURANA 4bg IDEAL WORLD - Gay Fortuna (Fort Wood) **WON** Kenilworth, 2400m, 4 Dec
 AZORES 3c FLOWER ALLEY - Ilha Bela (Fort Wood) **WON** Kenilworth, 1600m, 4 Dec
 CRIMEA 4f IDEAL WORLD - Cuir De Russie (Strike Smartly) **WON** by 2.9L at Greyville, 2000m, 6 Dec
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Short Heads



Star Man

Frankie Dettori, who has enjoyed such a magnificent 2019, picked up another honour in Hong Kong last Friday when he was named Longines World's Best Jockey at a swanky gala dinner. Dettori, who also scooped the award 12 months ago, becomes the first rider to earn back-to-back titles and it crowns a stellar year for the evergreen 48-year-old, who has recorded an annual personal-best 19 Gr1 winners.

DURIC IS CHAMP

Australian jockey Vlad Duric won his third consecutive title in the Singapore Jockeys' Premiership on Sunday, cementing his already excessive lead with seven wins at Kranji over the weekend- a treble on Friday night and four on the final meeting of the season. He completed the year with a total of 88 wins, beating his previous best of 83 in 2017, and clearing out by an enormous 19 wins to defeat runner up Benny Woodworth (69) and fellow Australian Michael Rodd (64). The season has been outstanding for Duric, and includes local Gr1 victories in the Lion City Cup, the Singapore Guineas and the QE2 Cup.

Perfect 10

In New Zealand, Wyndspelle became the tenth individual Gr1 winner for the Haunui Farm-based sire Iffraaj, when he recorded a well deserved triumph in the Gr1 Captain Cook Stakes over a mile at Trentham on Saturday. Iffraaj now has 71 stakes-winners worldwide. He is serving just under 80 mares this year and will be well represented at Karaka. He's got 41 in Book 1.

Island Style

The Mauritius season ended later than usual on Saturday with jockey Manoel Nunes (47 winners) and trainer Rameshwar Gujadhur (stakes of Rs 12 250 100) crowned champions. The stable's Trippi gelding White River won 6 from 6 and was the top earning horse with Rs 3 965 000 in stakes.



Path Of Glory

Ridgemont's Gr1 winner and former Irish Champion Pathfork had a good weekend, with the Gr1 boylesports.com Vincent O'Brien National Stakes winner producing a trio of local winners, and his close relative Frankel Light fetching €1.3 million to top the opening day of the 2019 Arqana Breeding Stock Sale. Catalogued as lot 153, the Frankel daughter was sold to the Watership Down Stud, while signed for by Charlie Gordon-Watson. The lightly raced mare, who sold in foal to Dark Angel, won twice in just four starts including the Listed Prix La Sorellina, and Frankel Light has been pencilled in to visit three time G1 winner, and champion, Too Darn Hot in her first season at stud.



Leading commentator Simon Holt has backed trainer Olly Murphy's call for a change to the colour of racing's stop-race flag from yellow to red to help prevent a repeat of the calamitous conclusion to Saturday's London National. Seven jockeys were given ten-day bans, which they are appealing, after continuing to ride in Sandown's final race despite a yellow flag, meaning jockeys should stop riding, being shown on the turn for home. There has been criticism that the stop-race flag was not actively waved and that the way it was pointed confused jockeys into bypassing the fence.

Watch The Weather



The long-term forecast for the opening day of the Cape Summer Season at Kenilworth on Saturday is rain. While the weather man often gets it wrong, it's worth noting as it could change the dynamics.

RA AGM The Twenty First Annual General Meeting of The Racing Association NPC (which has been delayed) will be taking place at Kenilworth Racecourse on Monday 10 February 2020 at 18h00. A video link will be arranged simultaneously at Turffontein Racecourse. The formal notice of this meeting giving details of items on the agenda, have been published on the www.sportingpost.co.za

PERSONALITY

Married With Children

— And Winning!

Robert Khathi

The Winning Form-sponsored Robert Khathi celebrated his 35th birthday at Kenilworth on Saturday with a 200-1 double for the Snaith Racing Team.

The Umlazi-born rider says that there is no greater motivation for hard work and success than a wife and four young children. Private schools, soccer coaching and ballet lessons, amongst the everyday 'modern family' demands, don't come cheap, he says.

So it's no surprise that his dedication and commitment knows no bounds- and his first word is that he'd absolutely love nothing more than to win the Cape Fillies Guineas on Saturday.

Robert is thrilled to have an engagement in the Cape's first Gr1 contest of the summer. He rides Gimmethegreenlight's daughter Roll In The Hay for owners Candice Bass-Robinson in the R1 million classic.

"I ran second on her in a sprint at Durbanville and she was also placed in the Western Cape Fillies Championship. She is a lovely filly with a touch of class and, while we are boxing in the big league and there are some really smart horses in the field, I think she deserves a place in the field and a chance to show her ability. It's her first attempt at a mile and she should enjoy the long run-in of the summer course. We are also fortunate to have a nice barrier draw. At the end of the day, it's a Gr1 and we all want to win it," he says matter-of-factly.

On his possible best ride of the day, he points to Snaith's Var mare Casual Diamond in the Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes.

"I won the Listed Laisser-faire Stakes on her last month over the 1100m. She has run close-up fourth and fifth in this race in the past two years. She is a kilo better off with last year's winner Princess Rebel for a 3,60 length beating in 2018. That may not be a winning turnaround on paper, but she is really so well that I must fancy our chances!"

For a young man who joined the SA Jockey

Academy in 2001 with a 'dodgy command' of the English language, and not knowing the front from the back end of a horse, Robert has matured light years into a polished sportsman and a talented jockey – and he values his position as a second choice rider to the powerful Snaith outfit.

Married to Simone, who does the fetching and carrying to schools and extra-mural activities, and with four children ranging in age from ten years to two months, Robert has developed a work ethic second to none and, depending on whether there is racing at Kenilworth in midweek, he travels from his Blou-berg home to the Cape champions across the other end of the Peninsula at Philippi, and also rides work for Candice Bass-Robinson at nearby Milnerton.

"A large factor in any jockey's success is being associated with the right stables and I have been very fortunate to cement my credibility and build faith in my ability with some of the best around."

We asked him what he felt were the fundamentals of being a successful jockey.

"Live clean. Stay healthy. Go to bed at a sensible time. Set the alarm clock. Get out of bed and go to work. Get there on time. Apply yourself and become part of the professionalism. On raceday, listen to instructions and carry them out. And don't lose your head and do stupid things, if you can avoid it," he smiles broadly as he recounts how he 'really and truly earned his riding fee' on Tango With Tigers, who blew most of mankind out of the Pick 6 at Kenilworth on Saturday.

"He just wasn't playing ball. He didn't want to know about co-operating on the afternoon. He wouldn't canter down. I had to lead him down. Then he didn't want to go into the stalls. He is a gelding who behaves like a colt. But Justin (Snaith) is a master at getting them fit and he gave him plenty of the right kind of work. It did the trick. It was only Tango With Tigers' fifth start and he must have some ability to exert all that raw energy before the race and still win," he mused as he told how well his next winner Nexus had done.

"He hadn't run since the Winter Derby almost six months ago.



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ROBERT KHATHI

The 1400m was also a bit short for him. But I worked him and he felt well. He is a classy sort. I was really thankful to get the ride and felt that, on the summer course, that he was going to be my birthday present winner! We didn't have the easiest of passages in running – we were bumped and carried in, and close to the line I had to take evasive action to avoid running on to the heels of the pacemaker. All the while I knew that Nexus was cantering underneath me. I felt we only needed half a gap to get there. I'm not sure my birthday would have felt as good as it did, had we not gotten there. This kind of horse really makes any jockey look alright," he smiled.

Robert is focussed on delivering the best he can for the Cape trainers that support him so well. But he is happy to travel if he gets the call.

"My family is young. I love Cape racing. So it makes sense not to stretch oneself too thin and rather to focus here. But I am happy to travel to PE and anywhere else that I may get the opportunity," he says as he tells that his year younger brother Sandile is based in the Eastern Cape.

Sandile has had his weight issues, which haven't made life easy for him.

"Ironically, when we attended the SA Jockey Academy interviews, I weighed 35kgs and Sandile weighed 33kgs. Sandile was their first choice as they were worried I'd get too heavy. But they said I could come along to the final interview and in the end we both got in."

The brothers Khathi joined the 2001 intake at the world renowned jockey training centre alongside the likes of Mauriti-
us-based Randall Simons, Chase Maujean, Sihle Cele, Lance Pagel, Sean Veale, Beth Martin and the late Sylvester Mtshali. Robert signed his papers in his first year and rode his first winner for the late Cyril Naidoo at Clairwood on 22 December 2002 aboard Teeny Bopper.

He was transferred to Cape Town in 2003, initially boarding with Gwen Heyns as there was no Cape Town Academy at the time. He was Champion Apprentice of the Western Cape in his final year.

After coming out of his time in 2006, Robert transferred to Port Elizabeth and worked for Gavin Smith, before veteran Milnerton trainer Billy Prestage persuaded him to return to the Cape.

"I won for Mr Prestage at my first meeting back on Moonlight Gambler in the Sophomore Sprint," he remembers.

He has also clocked up some international experience along the way.

This includes Kenya in 2015, where his wins in the beautiful country included three of the 'majors' – the Kenya Derby, the St Leger and the Fillies Guineas. He also enjoyed a short stint in Bahrain in 2016 but cut his visit short and moved to Mauritius for the Shirish Narang stable.

On looking back on his 16 years in the saddle, he says that, while personal drive and motivation come from within, he couldn't have gotten to where he is without his family, friends, loyal support from top yards – as well as the staunch support of his sponsors, Winning Form.

"I wouldn't change a thing if I had the chance to turn back time. I love this sport and am so fortunate to be a part of it all."

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Fort Wood ex Hope Downs

Another Gem

"I've prepared horses here like Big City Life and Elusive Trader. This filly is one of the best that's gone through my hands. She can go in, race and win tomorrow."

Those were the words of Sorrento's veteran horsewoman Annabel Andrews prior to the CTS Cape Ready To Run Sale. She was referring to Louis Gem, SA Triple Crown winner Louis The King's first ever foal, who fetched R200 000.

On Annabel's birthday today, we are privileged to publish a photo of the full-brother.

He is the third foal of Fort Wood's one-time winning daughter, Hope Downs.

"He's gorgeous – a real beauty," says Kerry Jack, who has looked at a few horses in her life!

Hope Downs is out of the London News stakes placed three-time winner, Hancock News – a daughter of the New Zealand-bred stakes winner Hancock Park (Pompeii Court). The latter raced for the Jaffees and was trained by David Payne.

This hot little number is another impressive third crop product of Louis The King (Black Minnaloushe), who won six of his seven starts as a 3yo, from 1400m to 2400m, and the Gr1 Summer Cup at four. He won R6,8-million in stakes.

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HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

Minnaloushe Mares Make Magic

Former Irish 2000 Guineas winner Black Minnaloushe, a son of Storm Cat and now standing at Riethuiskraal Stud, has enjoyed a solid spell of success as a broodmare sire in recent months.

The half-brother to 2000 Guineas winner Pennekamp- broodmare sire of such Gr1 winners as Jan Vermeer, Together, Lily Of The Valley, Prince Gibraltar, and Muhtaahij, and G1 Oak Tree Invitational hero Nasr El Arab (Al Nasr)- has been firing on all cylinders as a broodmare sire, and the best could well be still to come for Black Minnaloushe as a broodmare sire.

The likes of Third Runway and Cat Daddy appear primed to keep their broodmare sire in the spotlight, and there could be more of their ilk coming through the ranks.

This year, Black Minnaloushe mares have produced stakes winners in Australia, Canada and South Africa, and that total could increase substantially in coming months.

Third Runway (Gimmethgreenlight), winner of the recent Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship as well as last season's Irri-descence Stakes, was produced by Black Minnaloushe daughter Outrage while Black Minnaloushe also features as the damsire of this season's Algoa Cup winner Cat Daddy (Ideal World) and last season's Gr3 Champagne Stakes winner Nastergal (Duke Of Marmalade). He is also damsire of recent winner Celtic Voyager (Vercingetorix), who has won three of seven outings including his last three races in a row.

Third Runway's dam Outrage and Cat Daddy's dam Eyona are both inbred to Nijinsky II's son Green Dancer, and that pattern could be worth following in the coming seasons.

At the time of writing, Black Minnaloushe is currently above the likes of Dynasty (Fort Wood), Elliodor (Lyphard), Badger Land (Codex), and Northern Guest (Northern Dancer), on the Leading Broodmare Sires in South Africa log.

Internationally, Black Minnaloushe is damsire in 2019 of Gr3 Victorian Handicap winner Streets Of Avalon (Magnus), and high-class two-year-old Chapalu (Flatter). The latter has won two out of three starts, with his wins including a half length score in the Gr3 Grey Stakes – one of Canada's biggest races for two-year-olds, while Australian galloper Streets Of Avalon has won seven times and earned over AUS\$750 000 in stakes.

Global Glory

Black Minnaloushe also previously featured as the broodmare sire of high-class stakes winners Stolen Dance (Gr1 Thorndon Mile), Bangkok (Gr3 Valedictory Stakes), Little Wonder (Gr3 King's Plate), Trump (Gr3 Gunsynd Classic), Amarula (Gr2 Hawke's Bay Guineas) and Alfeo (Dahlia Plate). To date, Black Minnaloushe mares have produced stakes winners in all of Australia, Canada, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA.

His daughter Madame Blackfoot is the dam of Gr2 performer



Black Minnaloushe

Power Foot (Powerscourt) as well as the latter's stakes winning own brother Power Ped.

Black Minnaloushe is broodmare sire of stakes winners sired by a variety of stallions who in turn hail from different male lines. Among the sires to have thrown stakes winners out of a daughter of the Irish classic winner are Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready), Alamosa (O'Reilly), Powerscourt (Sadler's Wells), Ideal World (Kingmambo), Crusade (Mr. Greeley), Flatter (A.P. Indy), Duke Of Marmalade (Danehill) and Thorn Park (Spinning World).

Black Minnaloushe's sire Storm Cat and broodmare sire Green Dancer both enjoyed massive success as broodmare sires, with Storm Cat currently damsire of more than 270 stakes winners, while French classic winner Green Dancer also features as the broodmare sire of such notable Gr1 winners as Quest For Fame (Epsom Derby, successful sire), Halling (Champion, successful sire), Sandpit (Champion, multiple Gr1 winner), Macoumba (Gr1 Prix Marcel Boussac-dam of top sire Malibu Moon), Peaks And Valleys (Canadian Horse Of The Year), Kalanisi (Gr1 Breeders' Cup Turf), and successful sire Pursuit Of Love.

Year Of The Cat

Storm Cat, who is currently Leading Broodmare Sire by Stakes for 2019 in North America, also numbers top class broodmare sires among his sire sons, with this list including Tale Of The Cat, Hennessy, Stormy Atlantic, Giant's Causeway, Forest Wildcat, and Forestry (the latter is damsire of, among others, the Kentucky Derby winning champion Nyquist).

Another Storm Cat son, Yankee Gentleman, is broodmare sire of US Triple Crown winner and hugely exciting sire American Pharoah (Pioneerof The Nile).

While well known as the sire of such star male gallopers as Louis The King (Triple Crown, Summer Cup), Dancing In Silks (Breeders' Cup Sprint), Kochka (Champion), Jokers Wild (Champion), and Gold Onyx (Premier's Champion Stakes), Black Minnaloushe also numbers a number of above average racemares among his 40 black type winners. Among them are US Gr1 winner Black Mamba, Gr1 SA Oaks heroine Ash Cloud, Final Fling Stakes heroine Cat And The Moon, and dual Gr3 winner Jazzella.

With a number of relatively young daughters yet to be represented on the racetrack, it seems safe to say that Black Minnaloushe should enjoy more success as a broodmare sire in years to come.

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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 2019/2020

(updated to 6 December 2019)

horse	age sex	points	races
Russet Air	4 c	50	1
Barahin	4 c	50	1
Prince Of Kahal	5 c	50	1
Mardi Gras	5 c	50	1
Shango	3 c	30	1
Vistula	4 f	30	1
King Of Gems	3 c	30	1
Ronnie's Candy	4 f	30	1
Third Runway	3 f	30	1
True To Life	3 f	25	1
Queen Supreme	4 f	25	1
One World	4 c	25	1
Soqrat	4 c	25	1
Chijmes	4 c	24	1
Infamous Fox	5 c	24	1
Zouaves	6 c	23	1
Chimichuri Run	4 c	21	1
Sachdev	3 c	12	1
Gin Fizz	3 f	12	1
Ready Steady Go	5 c	10	1
Pleasedtomeetyou	4 c	6	1
Warrior's Rest	5 c	2	1
Cabo da Cruz	5 c	2	1
Macthief	3 c	2	1

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Premier The Stats Show It!

The catalogue for the 2020 Cape Premier Yearling Sale has been published online, and printed copies will be distributed worldwide next week.

CPYS 2020 will be held on Thursday 16 January 2020, with sales week starting the day after the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate festival so as not to clash with either the Magic Millions Sale in Australia, nor the Karaka Sale in New Zealand.

The 2020 sale will mark its 10th renewal, and the stats are quite staggering. The 2018 Sale crop have just turned 3, so considering the 7 Sales prior to 2018 some of the highlights are as follows: -156 stakes winners from 1740 horses catalogued, i.e. more than 9% stakes winners to horses catalogued, almost double any other sale in South Africa!

Even more staggering is that CPYS has produced 36 Gr1 winners in the same period, more than any other sale in the country, despite less than half the number of horses catalogued.

While the local breeding industry has lost some star stallions and is in a transition phase, CPYS continues to boast some serious sire power at the 2020 sale. The catalogue includes 10 yearlings by Silvano, 12 by Trippi, 8 by Var, 6 by Dynasty and 1 by Zoffany.

As for the next generation of champion sires, the line-up includes 20 Gimmethegreenlight's, 13 Querari's and 23 What a Winter's.

In addition, four freshman sires will be represented in Quasillo (2 yearlings), Rafeef (11), Red Ray (2) and William Longsword (13).

[View the catalogue here](#)

Features To Come

Sat 14 Dec	WSB Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas (3yo's) 1600m Kenilworth
	WSB Gr2 Green Point St. 1600m Kenilworth
	WSB Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes (F&M) 1000m Kenilworth
	WSB Gr3 Cape Summer Stayers Handicap 2500m Kenilworth
Sat 21 Dec	Gr1 Cape Guineas (3yo's) 1600m Kenilworth
	Gr2 Premier Trophy 1800m Kenilworth
	Gr3 Victress Stakes (F&M) 1800m Kenilworth
	(L) Secretariat Stakes (3yo's) 1400m Turffontein (S)
Thurs 26 Dec	Gr3 Flamboyant Stakes (F&M) 1600m Greyville (T)
	(L) Christmas Handicap 1600m Greyville (T)
Fri 27 Dec	(L) Memorial Mile 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 28 Dec	(L) Southeaster Sprint 1100m Kenilworth
	Gr3 Lebelo Sprint 1000m Turffontein (S)
Fri 3 Jan	(L) Lady's Bracelet (F&M) 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 4 Jan	Gr3 London News Stakes 1800m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Tony Ruffel S. (3yo's) 1400m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes (3yoF) 1400m Turffontein (S)



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Talking Turkey!

Gr1 Epsom Derby winning stallion Authorized (Montjeu-Funsie, by Saumarez) is the latest high-profile sire sold to Turkey.

According to the Racing Post, the Turkish Jockey Club are looking to reinvigorate their stallion ranks for the 2020 season, and debatably Authorized is their most significant purchase yet.

Trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam in the UK, the 15 year old Gr1-producer sired Australian champions Hartnell, Complacent and Pounamu, yet his fame in Turkey has preceded his purchase, including local champions Toruk Macto and Bici Bici.

He will join stallions Bodemeister and Super Saver from North America and Myboycharlie from France.

Woodruff Buys Top Lot

With his maiden sale under the belt, an exhausted but thrilled Gabby Soma declared the first MGAS Bloodstock Sale at Turffontein on Wednesday a success and great experience and said he was looking forward to the next edition.

Alistair Cohen and Clyde Basel did the gavel honours at the inaugural and innovative sale that enjoyed a good turnout in weather that played ball.

While no statistical analysis is yet available, the top price was the R280 000 paid by Geoff Woodruff for the unraced Visionaire filly, Vision On Ice (#66), consigned by Roy Magner.

She is out of the Jallad multiple Oaks winner and Equus Champion, Icy Air. [See the prices here](#)



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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	353	50	14%	72	20%	31%	41	12%	161	46%	6,928,888	19,629
MF de Kock	227	38	17%	60	26%	35%	27	12%	111	49%	5,281,550	23,267
J Snaith	443	61	14%	76	17%	39%	58	13%	213	48%	4,977,760	11,236
PA Peter	321	48	15%	61	19%	28%	27	8%	147	46%	4,415,225	13,755
BJ Crawford	273	54	20%	59	22%	41%	32	12%	146	53%	4,413,896	16,168
AC Greeff	384	65	17%	96	25%	39%	52	14%	195	51%	4,250,063	11,068
GS Kotzen	309	32	10%	31	10%	39%	36	12%	125	40%	3,195,184	10,340
Y Bremner	334	35	10%	33	10%	33%	39	12%	150	45%	2,917,275	8,734
JAJ v Vuuren	192	23	12%	28	15%	36%	29	15%	92	48%	2,384,825	12,421
A Nel	204	21	10%	32	16%	25%	24	12%	102	50%	2,143,262	10,506
C Bass-Robinson	270	18	7%	22	8%	32%	28	10%	107	40%	2,068,786	7,662
GB Puller	154	21	14%	22	14%	36%	21	14%	69	45%	2,048,125	13,300
GD Smith	371	26	7%	21	6%	24%	31	8%	122	33%	2,029,725	5,471
D Kannemeyer	152	21	14%	38	25%	29%	26	17%	79	52%	2,016,775	13,268
GM Alexander	134	16	12%	14	10%	43%	17	13%	54	40%	1,981,075	14,784

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 8 December 2019

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
W Kennedy	606	107	18%	132	22%	38%	71	12%	323	53%	9,364,800	15,453
G Cheyne	352	78	22%	108	31%	40%	43	12%	194	55%	5,050,550	14,348
M Yeni	656	64	10%	91	14%	20%	87	13%	293	45%	6,339,638	9,664
R Fourie	259	58	22%	81	31%	42%	39	15%	155	60%	4,136,423	15,971
S Khumalo	370	53	14%	43	12%	40%	55	15%	180	49%	4,917,225	13,290
C Murray	249	45	18%	56	22%	38%	23	9%	113	45%	4,864,450	19,536
C Maujean	378	44	12%	32	8%	41%	35	9%	169	45%	3,772,925	9,981
K De Melo	300	42	14%	60	20%	33%	47	16%	163	54%	4,032,549	13,442
R Danielson	225	39	17%	54	24%	33%	31	14%	113	50%	3,476,750	15,452
R Munger	475	38	8%	36	8%	22%	42	9%	179	38%	3,249,588	6,841
L J Ferraris	270	27	10%	22	8%	27%	28	10%	104	39%	3,059,300	11,331
A Marcus	89	26	29%	48	54%	42%	18	20%	62	70%	2,595,249	29,160
M v Rensburg	269	26	10%	33	12%	27%	32	12%	105	39%	2,754,000	10,238
D Schwarz	249	26	10%	25	10%	44%	26	10%	103	41%	4,288,175	17,222
C F Dicken	236	24	10%	7	3%	14%	19	8%	89	38%	2,064,438	8,748
N Klink	185	23	12%	23	12%	39%	19	10%	80	43%	1,403,000	7,584

LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %

SEASON 2018/2019 • 1 August - 8 December 2019

trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	48	14	29%	10	21%	30%	4	8%	952,475	19,843
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	160	45	28%	77	48%	40%	23	14%	2,568,113	16,051
MF de Kock/C Murray	103	29	28%	40	39%	43%	9	9%	3,414,450	33,150
S von W Smit/D R Lerena	38	10	26%	8	21%	50%	3	8%	446,925	11,761
AG Laird/S Khumalo	67	17	25%	15	22%	60%	10	15%	1,370,150	20,450
Y Bremner/R Fourie	47	11	23%	14	30%	43%	4	9%	694,225	14,771
J Snaith/R Fourie	196	43	22%	64	33%	41%	31	16%	3,116,598	15,901
LJ Human/N Klink	85	18	21%	19	22%	42%	12	14%	821,650	9,666
PA Peter/W Kennedy	161	32	20%	45	28%	29%	17	11%	2,882,175	17,902
SG Tarry/R Danielson	140	28	20%	39	28%	33%	18	13%	2,460,950	17,578
G v Zyl/W Kennedy	89	18	20%	26	29%	42%	10	11%	1,594,700	17,918
C Lensley/M Yeni	61	12	20%	14	23%	21%	8	13%	610,350	10,006
BJ Crawford/C Orffer	103	17	17%	24	23%	33%	13	13%	1,327,661	12,890
D Kannemeyer/K De Melo	109	17	16%	35	32%	29%	20	18%	1,620,550	14,867
S Miller/R Munger	74	12	16%	11	15%	27%	13	18%	613,988	8,297
GS Kotzen/M Winnaar	99	15	15%	12	12%	25%	15	15%	1,560,185	15,759



Candiese Marnewick

Anton Marcus has a great recent record in the Fillies Guineas

The Marcus Dynasty

Anton Marcus has won the WSB Cape Fillies Guineas twice in the past three years. He won it in 2017 on Just Sensual, a daughter of Dynasty for Joey Ramsden. Last year he celebrated for Ridgemont and Brett Crawford on another daughter of Dynasty in Front And Centre. If you believe in omens, his mount on Saturday, Kelpie, again for Ridgemont and Crawford, is yet another Dynasty! That would be something of a minor record.

Sands Of Time

Eric Sands has serious Gr1 aspirations again this term

Eric Sands currently boasts one of his best strings in years and saddles two serious contenders in Driving Miss Daisy and Larentina in the fillies' classic on Saturday. His last Cape Fillies Guineas victory dates all the way back to Perfect Promise in 2002. Peter Cowley's Caesour filly was ridden by Derek Martin. Perfect

Promise went on to become the first SA-bred galloper to win a Gr1 in Australia or New Zealand when scoring in the A\$300,000 C.F. Orr Stakes at Caulfield in February 2006. She – and her Gr1 winning sister Irridescence – were bred by Henrik Winterbach, then assistant manager at Varsfontein Stud.



Chase Liebenberg

Justin Snaith & Richard Fourie could produce the surprise with Casino Queen

The Young Ones

Justin Snaith and Richard Fourie, who boast a current win strike-rate of 22%, partner with Drakenstein's Casino Queen in Saturday's R1 million WSB Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas. The

duo are the winning-most combination in the field. They almost don't look old enough but won the classic in 2007 and 2008 – with Captain Al daughters Sparkling

Gem and Captain's Lover, and in 2013 with In The Fast Lane. Snaith also won it in 2010 with Ebony Flyer, and with Snowdance in 2017. Both were ridden by Bernard Fayd'herbe.

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Speed Is The Key

Captain Of All, What A Winter, Oratorio showing up big time

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
116	Mardi Gras	5	Oratorio	Avontuur Farm	30Nov	1	MR122	1160	Turffontein	116/101/-/-/-
113	Van Halen	4	Oratorio	Limpo Retail	30Nov	3	MR122	1160	Turffontein	113/81/-/-/-
102	Fabian	4	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	4Dec	1	Cnd	1100	Kenilworth	102/95/-/-/-
101	Dutch Philip	5	What A Winter	Rex Stud	29Nov	2	MR108	1000	Fairview	119/104/-/-/-
101	Warrior's Rest	5	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	30Nov	2	MR122	1160	Turffontein	103/101/92/95/-
100	Winter Storm	4	What A Winter	SR Rosseau	26Nov	1	MR96	1000	Vaal	100/69/-/-/-
99	Goliath Heron	4	Master Of My Fate	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	8Dec	3	MR98	1200	Scottsville	99/72/-/-/-
98	La Favourari	7	Querari	La Plaisance Stud	29Nov	5	MR108	1000	Fairview	110/86/-/-/-
98	Exclusive Quantity	4	Elusive Quality	Team Valor International	1Dec	5	Cnd	1400	Greyville	98/98/-/-/-
97	Elusive Trader	4	Elusive Fort	TD Andrews	4Dec	2	Cnd	1100	Kenilworth	98/92/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	True To Life	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Northfields Stud	30Nov	1	MR111	1160	Turffontein	105/95/-/-/-
105	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	30Nov	3	MR111	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
104	Master Keys	4	Master Of My Fate	Ms Nothemba Mlonzi	8Dec	1	MR110	1400	Scottsville	74/104/-/-/-
102	Silvano's Pride	4	Silvano	AC Peter	27Nov	1	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	65/102/-/104/-
100	Shamrock Wind	4	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	30Nov	5	MR104	1200	Kenilworth	100/97/-/-/-
98	Che Bella	4	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	3Dec	1	MR92f	1000	Vaal	98/68/-/-/-
98	Star Fighter	4	Argonaut	Dream World Investments	27Nov	3	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	66/98/-/84/-
96	Golden Chance	4	Dynasty	GJ Armitage	27Nov	2	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	91/98/-/-/-
96	Winter Sun	3	What A Winter	H & V Pratt	8Dec	4	MR110	1400	Scottsville	81/96/-/-/-
95	Santa Clara	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	27Nov	4	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	90/106/-/91/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
124	Soqrat	4	Epaulette	bred in Australia	30Nov	2	MR133	2000	Turffontein	91/119/124/124/-
117	Barahin	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	30Nov	8	MR133	2000	Turffontein	87/118/111/117/-
109	Shango	3	Captain Of All	Heritage Stud	30Nov	1	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	81/109/90/-/-
108	Zilzaal	4	Silvano	AI Adiyaat	30Nov	1	MR133	2000	Turffontein	72/101/93/108/101/
106	Al Mutawakel	4	Silvano	AI Adiyaat	30Nov	3	MR133	2000	Turffontein	73/89/92/106/-
104	Atyaab	4	Dundee	bred in Australia	30Nov	5	MR133	2000	Turffontein	-/91/95/104/108/
103	Frosted Gold	3	All Too Hard	bred in New Zealand	30Nov	2	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	107/103/-/-/-
102	Green Haze	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	30Nov	7	MR133	2000	Turffontein	94/96/105/102/-
102	Roy Had Enough	5	Pierro	bred in Australia	30Nov	6	MR133	2000	Turffontein	80/111/108/105/103/
101	Wealthy	7	Silvano	KL Thomas	8Dec	2	MR96	1950	Scottsville	68/77/101/99/94/

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
107	Ronnie's Candy	4	King Of Kings	Graystone Stud	30Nov	1	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	105/107/104/-/-
104	Queen Supreme	4	Exceed And Excel	bred in Ireland	30Nov	4	MR133	2000	Turffontein	-/87/96/104/-
103	Camphoratus	5	Byword	R & Mrs Pickering	30Nov	9	MR133	2000	Turffontein	76/104/99/104/-
103	In The Dance	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	30Nov	2	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	95/103/-/-/-
101	Schippers	5	Var	G van Lear	30Nov	5	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	111/101/-/-/-
101	Perfect Tigress	4	Where's That Tiger	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	30Nov	4	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	79/102/102/-/-
99	Sunshine Silk	5	Silvano	Gold Star Stud	30Nov	10	MR133	2000	Turffontein	-/75/91/99/95/
98	Wisteria Walk	3	Vercingetorix	Maine Chance	30Nov	3	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	89/98/-/-/-
98	Pretty Border	4	Lateral	OA Ferraris	30Nov	6	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	55/98/86/96/94/
98	Roy's Riviera	5	All Too Hard	bred in Australia	30Nov	7	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	67/101/101/101/100/

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
109	Shango	3	Captain Of All	Heritage Stud	30Nov	1	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	81/109/90/-/-
103	Frosted Gold	3	All Too Hard	bred in New Zealand	30Nov	2	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	107/103/-/-/-
99	Battle Of Alesia	3	Vercingetorix	Haversham Stud	30Nov	4	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	-/99/-/-/-
98	Eden Roc	3	Var	Varfontein Stud	30Nov	5	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	107/100/-/-/-
97	John Hancock	3	Toreador	DGM Southey	30Nov	6	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	81/97/-/-/-
95	Williams Land	3	Trippi	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	6Dec	1	MR78	1700	Greyville	90/81/95/-/-
95	Donderweer	3	Soft Falling Rain	Pecan Hill Stud Farm	30Nov	7	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	91/95/-/-/-
94	Cartel Captain	3	Captain Of All	Klawervlei Stud	4Dec	4	Cnd	1100	Kenilworth	94/94/-/-/-
94	Rock The Globe	3	Seventh Rock	Klawervlei Stud	26Nov	2	Cnd	1500	Vaal	92/98/-/-/-
93	Sir Michael	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	27Nov	2	MR82	2000	Kenilworth	76/85/83/93/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	True To Life	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Northfields Stud	30Nov	1	MR111	1160	Turffontein	105/95/-/-/-
105	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	30Nov	3	MR111	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
98	Wisteria Walk	3	Vercingetorix	Maine Chance	30Nov	3	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	89/98/-/-/-
96	Cockney Pride	3	Querari	Ambiance Stud	30Nov	3	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	90/101/-/-/-
96	Winter Sun	3	What A Winter	H & V Pratt	8Dec	4	MR110	1400	Scottsville	81/96/-/-/-
94	Dancing Feather	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	6Dec	2	MR84f	1600	Greyville	-/94/93/-/-
93	Mirage	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	30Nov	2	MR86f	1200	Kenilworth	93/75/-/-/-
91	Capitiana	3	Captain Of All	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	30Nov	1	MR76f	1000	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-
90	Sailing Ship	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	30Nov	3	MR104	1200	Kenilworth	90/88/-/-/-
89	Dive Captain	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	29Nov	3	Cndfm	1100	Greyville	89/-/-/-/-

SIGNPOSTS

2nd season sires - 3yo's

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Straight Shooter 3g (Bindella by Jallad)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate 1600m \(13/12\)](#)

Scarborough Fair 3g (Olympic Affair by Tamburlaine)

[Fairview 6 MR 82 Handicap \(Turf\) 1600m \(13/12\)](#)

Crazy Charlie 3g (Conne Mara Black by Kahal)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1400m \(14/12\)](#)

Capetown Affair 3g (Romantic Drama by Model Man)

[Turffontein 8 Graduation Plate 1160m \(14/12\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Ice Imperial 3g (Glorious Moment by Count Dubois)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(15/12\)](#)

Holy Guacamole 3g (Fort Belvedere by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 4 Qualified Maiden Plate 1400m \(15/12\)](#)

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Smiley Kylie 3g (Yourethetops by Captain Al)

[Greyville 8 MR 84 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(13/12\)](#)

Milford Sound 3g (Fort Sylvia by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(14/12\)](#)

KINGSBARN (Galileo)

The Cambo 3g (Allagain by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate 1600m \(14/12\)](#)

Casino Queen 3g (Monte Carlo Girl by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas \(3yo Fillies\) 1600m \(14/12\)](#)

LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

Magari 3g (Magic Potion by Malhub)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate 1600m \(13/12\)](#)

Stop For Nothing 3g (Sols Gold by Solskjaer)

[Turffontein 8 Graduation Plate 1160m \(14/12\)](#)

Apache Mountain 3g (Ice Pageant by National Emblem)

[Scottsville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate 1400m \(15/12\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Friends Forever 3g (Juror by Strike Smartly)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1400m \(14/12\)](#)

Donderweer 3g (Fashion Queen by Spectrum)

[Turffontein 7 Sophomore 1000 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1000m \(14/12\)](#)

Alramz 3g (Valdivia by Var)

[Turffontein 8 Graduation Plate 1160m \(14/12\)](#)

Horatius 3g (Laverna by Parade Leader)

[Kenilworth 10 MR 76 Handicap 1400m \(14/12\)](#)

Captive Gold 3g (Circle Of Gold by Al Mufti)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(15/12\)](#)

TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

The It Factor 3g (Vishna by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1400m \(14/12\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Sarafina 3g (Sehaba by Galileo)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(14/12\)](#)

Tribal Air 3g (Ocean's Swift by Captain Al)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(15/12\)](#)

Mai Tai 3g (Mirth by Encosta de Lago)

[Scottsville 6 MR 92 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(15/12\)](#)

WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Dads Roots 3g (Fairs Fair by Dynasty)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(13/12\)](#)

Lady Of Choice 3g (Bold Choice by Lecture)

[Fairview 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 2000m \(13/12\)](#)

Signed And Sealed 3g (Autograf by Becker)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(14/12\)](#)

Pay Pay 3g (Jolly Along by Silvano)

[Kenilworth 4 Ready To Run Stakes \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1400m \(14/12\)](#)

Wylie's Choice 3g (Queen's Command by Commands)

[Scottsville 3 Qualified Maiden Plate 1400m \(15/12\)](#)

Wylie's Wonder 3g (Wonder Glow by Windrush)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(15/12\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

GREYS INN

Rated **AR 77 Inn A Minute** (3f Ballykissangel by Count Dubois)
Maiden Plate (F&M) Scottsville (1200m) (8/12)

Priced up as rank-outsider in the sixteen horse party at 66/1, Garth Puller's charge was a little slow into stride and raced at the back early on. She quickened well when given rein and after striking the front 120m from home, won going away.

IRISH FLAME

Rated **AR 75 Slievanorra** (3f Bluebell Wood by Jallad)

Maiden Plate (f&m) Scottsville (1400m) (8/12)

After losing two lengths at the start over shorter in her only previous outing, Gareth Van Zyl's charge ran on strongly to finish a close up fourth. She was poorly drawn here, and again a little slow into stride, raced fourteenth of the fifteen turning for home. Once in the straight though she ran on best of all, and under a well-judged ride from Dennis Schwarz she got up close home.

DYNASTY

Rated **AR 83 Sing Out Loud** (3f Super Singer by A.P. Indy)

Maiden Plate (f&m) Kenilworth (1200m) (7/12)

Sent off deep in the red after making a very promising debut, Brett Crawford's charge was soon positioned close to the speed here. She only had to be pushed out in order to take up the running 300m out, and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by seven and a half.

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.

SIGNPOSTS CONTINUED

Horses To Follow

WHAT A WINTER

Rated **AR 102 Fabian** (4g Furina by Parade Leader)

Graduation Plate Kenilworth (1100m) (4/12)

The lessor fancied of Candice Bass-Robinson's two runners in the event, Fabian was making his seasonal debut here. Freely available at 33/1 on the off, this son of champion sprinter What A Winter raced at the back of the eleven early on. He ran on stoutly from halfway and only having to be pushed out, won going away by a length and a half.

JACKSON

Rated **AR 83 Down To Earth** (3f Earth's Orbit by Captain Al)

MR84 Handicap (f&m) Greyville (poly) (1600m) (6/12)

Now a winner of two from five, Gavin Van Zyl's charge showed considerable improvement here. Easy to back at 12/1 on the off, this daughter of Jackson was positioned at the back of the twelve as they came off the bend. She quickened in good style at the top of the straight and with a ton in hand won going away from her more fancied stable companion (the odds-on favourite) Dancing Feather.

NEXAS

Rated **AR 96 Nexus** (4c Mystery Dame by Jet Master)

MR104 Handicap Kenilworth (1400m) (7/12)

Now a winner of four of his ten career starts to date, Justin Snaith's charge has shown flashes of real ability on a number of occasions. He quickened in good style here after not finding the clearest of passages, and in eye catching fashion won going away by a length.

Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Celebration Rock (AUS) 4g Excelebration- Gibraltar's Gem(AUS)
(Rock of Gibraltar)

Scottsville 1200m (08/12)



SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Barcelona vs Real Madrid | Wednesday 18 December | Camp Nou (21:00)



It's that time of the year once again when two of the biggest clubs in La Liga and world football, Barcelona and Real Madrid, face each other in the El Clasico.

Postponed from its original date in October, the much-anticipated fixture will take place on Wednesday at Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium. It's so tight at the top in La Liga that a win for either side could have a huge bearing on the rest of the season.

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TO WIN

Barcelona 15/20

Draw 31/10

Real Madrid 29/10

BARCELONA

This is a fixture that Barca can legitimately claim they've had the upper hand in, in recent years. Certainly, in La Liga in any case. The Catalans are unbeaten in the last six league Clasico's – home and away – and have only lost against Real Madrid four times in the last 22 La Liga meetings, stretching back to December 2008.

Antoine Griezmann has always enjoyed his battles against Real and he'll be looking to impress on his El Clasico debut, while Lionel Messi – the highest scorer in the historic fixture with a staggering 26 goals – aims to extend his sensational goalscoring record over their bitter rivals.

REAL MADRID

Real Madrid's recent record against Barcelona certainly doesn't bode well, especially as they suffered a heavy defeat at the Camp Nou last campaign. However, Zinedine Zidane and his side have been impressive in La Liga this season and will fancy their chances of pulling off a victory.

The French boss is unbeaten at the Camp Nou as a manager and he'll be hoping to keep that record intact, while helping Los Blancos regain the La Liga title. But there will be no Eden Hazard for the El Clasico showdown, which is a major blow to their chances.

Marcelo is also a doubt, with Madrid confirming the Brazilian defender has suffered a calf injury. It means that Los Blancos could be without both first-choice left-sided players against the Catalans.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

Barcelona: 4-3-3

Ter Stegen; Roberto, Pique, Lenglet, Firpo; Rakitic, De Jong, Arthur; Messi, Suarez, Griezmann.

Real Madrid: 4-4-2

Courtois; Carvajal, Varane, Ramos, Marcelo; Modric, Casemiro, Kroos, Isco; Benzema, Bale.

PREDICTION: Barcelona (15/20)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

Busy Weekend

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Sparkling Performance

Hollywoodbets Greyville 1 December

They raced on the turf on Sunday where three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1400m. The bill topping pinnacle stakes was the fastest of these and here victory went to the aptly named BORN TO PERFORM. Now a winner of five of his seven career starts to date, this 5yo Silvano gelding sat sixth of the nine for most of the journey. He quickened well at the top of the short home straight and won going away from the progressive G G'S DYNASTY (4 wins from ten starts coming into the race) by a length and three quarters.

The MR68 affair was the faster of the two handicap races over 1000m and here we saw a smart front running performance from another 5yo in WASHINGTON SQUARE. Allowed a comfortable length and a quarter advantage for most of the trip, Andre Nel's charge stepped on the gas coming off the bend, and cruised clear in the straight to score by five and a half.

They also ran two races over 1600m and in the quicker of these, a MR66 Handicap, IN JEST registered her second career victory. Freely available at 8/1 on the off this daughter of Silvano raced in the rear early on. She ran on best of all over the final 400m and after striking the front 130m from home, she won going away by a length and a half.

Titbits Hampered early on, ROY'S MAGIC (racing off a mark 13 points below that of his earlier best) was sat at the back of the fourteen going through the 300m. He fairly flew from there onwards and did very well indeed to finish runner up beaten just a quarter of a length in the MR79 Handicap over 1400m.

In Full Bloom

Vaal 3 December

With the other two races over the distance being maiden plates for the girls, it was no surprise to see that the MR84 Handicap for fillies & mares was the fastest of the afternoon's three 1600m events and

here we saw another smart performance from CHRISTMAS FLOWER. An eye catching winner in the maiden ranks in just her second outing last time out, this daughter of Flower Alley was again slow into stride and came from the rear. She ran on best of all at the business end of the race and with the rest well beaten she got the better of the hard knocking KAPAMA (led 300m) by a length.

Two maiden plates over 1200m had opened up proceedings and in the faster of these, the work rider's event, the Geoff Woodruff trained newcomer CAPTAIN CHORUS opened his account. Nibbled at into 6/10 from 10's during the morning, the son of Captain Al was a little slow into stride and raced in the rear during the early part of the race. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and with his jockey later fined for using the crop more than 12 times he got the better of his stable companion IVALO'S PRINCE (also a newcomer) by a quarter of a length.

The MR68 affair for apprentice riders was surprisingly the faster of the two 1000m handicaps and here victory went to the friendless FLORENCE. Allowed to drift in the betting market as if a win was out of the question (14/1 out to 33/1), Clinton Binda's charge was soon up with the speed. She kept up a healthy gallop throughout and won well by a length from the regular place getter CLAREMORRIS.

Titbits The 4yo CHE BELLA ran on well from midfield when getting up in the very last stride to win the bill topping MR92 Handicap over 1000m.

Fifties Teen Idol

Kenilworth 4 December

A very smart field contested the graduation plate over 1100m on Wednesday and in what proved comparatively to be the fastest of the four sprint races on the card, we saw a smart performance from the lesser fancied of Candice Bass-Robinson's two runners FABIAN. Freely available at 33/1 on the off, the 4yo son of champion

**Last Week's Top Rated
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.**

Florence	won 33/1
Alfred's Girl	won 13/2
Ladder Man	won 21/4
Rille	won 4/1
Washington Square	won 32/10
Velvet Season	won 23/10
Twice Golden	won 17/10
Mount Anderson	won 1/1

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (4) Divine Law 13

Race 2: (2) Evermore 15

Race 3: (7) Gimme Katrina 41

Race 4: (6) Para Handy 47

Race 5: (8) Alpine Glacier 63

Race 6: (7) Seattle Swing 55

Race 7: (5) Just My Style 58 (NAP*)

Race 8: (7) World Squared 17

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (FRI)
Race 1: (6) Duchess Of Windsor 21 (NAP*)

Race 2: (1) Brilliant Disguise 17

Race 3: (9) All The Way Up 53

Race 4: (10) Brighteyebushytail 48

Race 5: (1) Janice's Secret 39

Race 6: (3) Born To Perform 62 (nb)

Race 7: (5) Path To Glory 54

Race 8: (2) Hurricane Silva 49 (EW)
TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (2) Crazy Charlie 14

Race 2: (1) Tuscan Light 27

Race 3: (1) Saragon 61 (NAP*)

Race 4: (2) At Hand 47

Race 5: (9) Secret Potion 87

Race 6: (9) Hit For Six 39

Race 7: (7) Fly Away 77 (nb)

Race 8: (1) Mythical Bolt 59

Race 9: (3) Approach Control 80

Race 10: (11) Passion Peach 35

KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (3) Alpha Pappa 23

Race 2: (1) Kursk 27 (EW)

Race 3: (1) Celtic Sea 89

Race 4: (2) Invidia 63

Race 5: (4) Run Fox Run 89

Race 6: (1) Do It Again 107

Race 7: (1) True To Life 69

Race 8: (2) Strathdon 77

Race 9: (7) Miss La Dee Da 23

Race 10: (3) Aqua Bolt 46

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (14) Solid Gold 52

Race 2: (13) Lady Of Lutetia 22

Race 3: (8) Divine Hugh 26

Race 4: (7) Holy Guacamole 16

Race 5: (3) Cuvara 66 (NAP*)

Race 6: (10) Candy Galore 58

Race 7: (3) Fire Faerie 36

Race 8: (1) Ruby Cove 20

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied

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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

sprinter What A Winter raced at the back earlier on. He only had to be pushed out in order to lead 170m from home and won going away by a length and a half.

1200m was the only distance on the card to stage more than one race and in the faster of the two, a MR76 Handicap, the Twice Over gelding LADDER MAN registered his second career victory. Always handy, Justin Snaith's charge quickened well below the distance and in a thrilling four way finish he got the verdict by a quarter.

A maiden juvenile plate for the girls over 900m had been first up and here we saw a nice performance from DAD'S CATCH. In touch with the leaders throughout, Glen Puller's charge put her head in front 50m from home and with some in hand won going away.

Titbits Fifth beaten 1,8 lengths in the MR80 Handicap over 2400m, the well-supported favourite MIRACULOUSLY OURS ran on well very late after finding no kind of a run in the straight.

Ready To Pounce

Hollywoodbets Greyville 6 December

A maiden juvenile plate over 800m was first up Friday and in what proved to be a real thriller the favourite TIGER IN THE SUN landed the spoils. In excess of four lengths behind the leaders going through halfway, Alan Greeff's charge fairly flew below the distance and got the verdict by a whisker.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 2000m and in very marginally the fastest of these, a MR78 Handicap for the girls, the former KZN campaigner RED HERRING caused a major upset. Freely available at 25/1 on the off, Tara Laing's charge raced sixth for most of the journey. She quickened nicely in the long home straight and won well by a half from the dead-heaters for second FOOLS GARDEN and BLUSHING BRIDE.

Run in a time 0,95 seconds faster than that of the MR74 Handicap, the maiden plate for the girls won by QUERENCIA was the faster of the two 1400m events. A two length leader throughout, the daughter of Querari only had to be pushed out at the business end of the race and won without any anxious moments.

Titbits Baulked for a run en-route from the rear, MISS JACKSONVILLE showed a nice turn of foot below the distance when easily accounting for her eleven rivals in the MR74 Handicap over 1400m.

6 Favs

Fairview 22 November

The only distance to stage more than one race on Friday's poly track card was 1400m where the faster of the two maiden plates was the first division won by the even money favourite MOUNT ANDERSON. Soon up handy, Dean Kannemeyer's charge was ridden to lead going the 200m and won with authority by two from the always Handy AL JAZEERA.

In terms of prizemoney a progress plate over 1800m topped the bill and here victory went to the improving 4yo POL-LARD. Taken straight to the front in a race devoid of pace, Tony Rivalland's charge led throughout. He kept on strongly when the race developed into a 400m sprint and held on by a length from the always handy JE NE SAIS QUOI.

A maiden plate over 1000m had gotten proceedings underway and here we saw a very comfortable victory for the well-supported favourite QUANT MASTER. The first of six favourites to win at the meeting, this son of Master Of My Fate was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front 200m out and won well by two and a half.

Titbits The 3yo WILLIAMS LAND only had to be pushed out when running on from the rear to win the MR78 Handicap over 1700m.

FASTEST TIMES

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

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (TURF)

1 DECEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,99s slow	
1000m (2) Washington Square	58,84
1400m (3) Born To Perform	84,05
1600m (2) In Jest	97,70
2000m (1) Velvet Season	124,18

VAAL 3 DECEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,5s fast	
1000m (2) Florence	56,44
1200m (2) Captain Chorus	70,15
1600m (3) Christmas Flower	94,62
2000m (1) Meeraas	122,51

KENILWORTH (OLD) 4 DECEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,55s slow	
900m (1) Dad's Catch	55,09
1100m (1) Fabian	65,64
1200m (2) Will Scarlet	73,87
1400m (1) Whisky Tango	88,35
1600m (1) Azores	98,42
2000m (1) Rocamadour	126,02
2400m (1) Mercurana	149,62

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 6 DECEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 1,22s slow	
800m (1) Tiger In The Sun	47,02
1000m (1) Racine	56,92
1400m (2) Querencia	85,87
1600m (1) American Landing	97,32
2000m (3) Red Herring	124,37

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (POLY)

6 DECEMBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,31s slow	
1000m (1) Quant Master	58,93
1200m (1) Great Guy	71,04
1400m (2) Mount Anderson	83,01
1600m (1) Down To Earth	95,01
1700m (1) Williams Land	100,40
1800m (1) Pollard	109,12
2000m (1) Crimea	123,10

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

BORN TO PERFORM (D Bosch, KZN)
CHRISTMAS FLOWER (A Laird, Gauteng)
FABIAN (C Bass-Robinson)

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