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RACING THIS WEEKEND

FAIRVIEW Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R4-(7) Rock Aloe (1/1)

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE POLY Friday
Best Roving Banker:
R2-(9) Pafuri (4/1)

VAAL Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(1) Captain Hindsight (5/2)

KENILWORTH Saturday
Best Roving Banker:
R1-(9) Sing Out Loud (1/1)

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE Sunday
Best Roving Banker:
R5-(10) Star Vega (7/1)

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Chase Liebenberg

Bravo Karis!

South African racing is in desperate need of some good news. We got a taste yesterday courtesy of SAJA export Karis Teetan, who won his first Longines International Jockeys' Championship at Happy Valley in the company of the world's best.

It's been a rollercoaster year and things are somehow turning more bizarre as we hit the silly season.

The embarrassing Phumelela results presentation show last Friday, the Grooms protest on Saturday, coupled with something out of a Bud Spencer spaghetti western between elements of the game's leadership and trainers at Turffontein in the course of Gauteng's biggest raceday. What next?

But a massive three cheers to the horses and the punters who gave us something to feel good about.

The Summer Cup day Pick 6 pool hit a new record high, the day was a success as a social occasion and widely raved about – even by genuine racing people- and Denis Schwarz' ride on the never-say-die Zillaal, was top drawer magic.

But reading in the UK and Aussie press about the riot police, the rubber bullets and Mike de Kock's now seemingly very vindicated decision to establish a base Down Under, coupled with the export of two shows-stoppers in Hawwaam and Soqrat – and who knows how many more – really paints a bleak picture of a once proud industry, a shadow of the glory days.

So our 29 year old adopted son Karis' five star showing on Wednesday at Happy Valley in a star-studded line up that included Frankie Dettori, Zac Purton, Ryan Moore and Joao 'Magic' Moreira was a tonic that went down sweetly.

Presented with the coveted silver whip and a cheque in the equivalent of some R932 000, it was a deserved success for the South African-trained Mauritian with



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BRAVO KARIS!

the great work ethic and so much natural ability.

He will hope to carry the confidence into Sunday's LONGINES Hong Kong International Races card, where he has chances of Gr1 glory with Hot King Prawn in the Sprint and Ka Ying Star in the Mile.

Karis joined the South African Jockey Academy at the age of 14 and went on to be crowned South African Champion Apprentice in 2008. He graduated in 2009 with 147 wins to his credit. He also represented South Africa in the 2012 International Jockeys' Invitational in Seoul, Korea and in the 2008 Macau Apprentice Jockeys Invitation Races.

He was well established in the top 10 of the South African Jockeys' Championship when he left for Hong Kong in August 2013.

Keep flying the flag, KT!

Sun Met – The Start!

For those who missed the double digit odds on Sean Tarry's Shango in the Dingaans last Saturday, Hollywoodbets are offering 40-1 about the son of Captain Of All in their ante-post market for the R3 million Gr1 Sun Met to be run at Kenilworth on 1 February 2020.

South Africa's leading bookmakers have priced the 4yo Hawwaam up as favourite for the Cape flagship after 25 entries were received on Wednesday morning for the 2000m weight-for-age contest.

Shango is one of a trio of 3yo's in the initial entry – all from the Sean Tarry yard. Oh Susanna won the Met as a 3yo in its inaugural weight-for-age running in 2018. Prior to that, Horse Chestnut triumphed as a 3yo in 1999.

See the Hollywoodbets [Sun Met betting here](#)

Gr1 SUN MET 2020 - Entries

0	Bunker Hunt	Justin Snaith	120
0	Capoeira	Andre Nel	115
0	Charles	Brett Crawford	113
0	Do It Again	Justin Snaith	136
0	Eyes Wide Open	Glen Kotzen	119
0	Hawwaam	Mike de Kock	131
0	Head Honcho	Andre Nel	129
0	Kampala Campari	Andre Nel	119
0	Majestic Mozart	C Bass-Robinson	107
0	More Magic	C Bass-Robinson	99
0	On My Mind	Sean Tarry	89
0	One World	Vaughan Marshall	127
0	Putontheredlight	Sean Tarry	110
0	Rainbow Bridge	Eric Sands	134
0	Roy Had Enough (AUS)	Frank Robinson	115
0	Run Red	Andre Nel	104
0	Shango	Sean Tarry	120
0	Soqrat (AUS)	Mike de Kock	133
0	Sovereign Spirit	C Bass-Robinson	95
0	Tap O' Noth	Vaughan Marshall	119
0	The Sultans Bazaar	Dean Kannemeyer	100
0	Twist Of Fate	Adam Marcus	127
0	Undercover Agent	Brett Crawford	130
0	Vardy	Adam Marcus	128
0	Vikram	Andre Nel	100

SATURDAY RACING

It's Grand, Alright!

Grand Heritage Vaal

The action moves to Vereeniging this Saturday with a bumper ten-race Vaal card hosting 162 runners. The card is headlined by the R500 000 Grand Heritage – an acid test for punters halfway through what should be a healthy Pick 6.

The record Summer Cup day Pick 6 pool that ended up paying over R5 million will be fresh in the minds of players looking for a festive boost and big dividends look to be on the cards.



Dan The Lad | JC Photos

The 1475m feature sees a mixed bag of horses, including ten from the rampant Sean Tarry yard and three raiders- two from KZN and a lone visitor all the way from the Windy City.

But it is trainer Mike de Kock's Rock Of Gibraltar gelding Fired Up, a winner of his last two starts who looks to be spot on for

Saturday. A winner of 3 of 7 starts, the top trainer was bullish after the 4yo's last victory three weeks ago.

"This was a good win- he's always shown us some ability. He's on the up and the Vaal's Grand Heritage looks like the right race for him. He likes things his own way, he's a big, galloping horse and needs room to stride," said De Kock.

Two of the visitors are KZN-based with Glen Kotzen's joint topweight and stakes winner Elusive Heart looking overdue to register a fifth victory with two seconds – in mixed company – at her last two starts. She caught the eye at her penultimate jump when stretching the talented Pilou to a half length in the Listed Darley Arabian on Super Saturday.

Fellow Summerveld resident Desolate Road seldom runs a bad race and comes in off a good win on the poly at Hollywoodbets Greyville last month. On best form, he would have a big chance at his first Vaal start in the hands of the experienced Mark Khan.

Gavin Smith's Hooves Of Troy has travelled previously with a measure of success when going third to the highly rated African Warrior on July day at Hollywoodbets Greyville. The son of Vercingetorix missed a prep start due to the weather and comes in off a six week break following a disappointing effort in the Racing Association Stakes.

Trainer Sean Tarry has a power hand headed by joint topweight Social Order – a tricky customer on his day, but a gelding who has to be better than his litany of near misses suggest. Social Order last tasted success in the Kings Cup in March 2018 and was also placed next time in the Colorado King Stakes and the Jubilee Handicap. He ran well behind Tierra Del Fuego last time at this track over 75m shorter and could prove some value with Gavin Lerena in the irons.

The Ashaawes mare Aurelia Cotta, another Tarry runner, has won two on the trot and on her best form to the likes of Summer Cup placer Queen Supreme must have a serious place chance.

The stable's 4yo's Royal Italian and Cordillera would both need to up their game to have a say in the finish.

Dan The Lad is a hardknocking 6yo and a gutsy winner of the Heritage Match Race in 2018 when beating Tsitsikamma Dance over Saturday's course and distance. He recently registered his sixth career victory and comes in with a handy galloping weight.

Piere Strydom pilots the capable 4yo Captain Of Tortuga, one of two runners from the Azzie family yard. The son of Captain Al appeared to go wrong on July day but had really smart form around this trip prior to

SATURDAY RACING

START
3:35PM
VAAL

7

PA5/PICK SIX/JACKPOT3
GRAND HERITAGE (NBT) - 1475M
SAME TRAINER: (2-10-11-19-20-24-25-28-29-30)
(4-8)(5-9)(12-27)(15-17-22)(16)

Elusive Fort	1	ELUSIVE HEART	(GS Kotzen) S Randolph	15	60.0
Count Dubois	2	SOCIAL ORDER	(SG Tarry) G Lerena	23	60.0
Pathfork	3	DESOLATE ROAD	(AJ Rivalland) M Khan	28	58.0
Captain Al	4	CAPTAIN OF TORTUGA	(MG & AA Azzie) P Strydom	8	57.5
Oratorio	5	REGAL GRADUATION	(JAJ v Vuuren) not declared	20	57.5
Kahal	6	ROUGE ALLURE	(S Mofatt) S Brown	12	57.5
Mambo In Seattle	7	DANZA	(AG Laird) S Khumalo	7	57.0
Go Deputy	8	FULL MAST	(MG & AA Azzie) N Klink	11	57.0
Fastnet Rock	9	ANCIENT SPIRIT	(JAJ v Vuuren) C Maujean	10	56.5
Ashaawes	10	AURELIA COTTA	(SG Tarry) D L Habib	22	56.0
Curved Ball	11	AGAINST THE GRAIN	(SG Tarry) L J Ferraris	17	55.5
Kahal	12	D' ARRIVEE	(C Dawson) D Schwarz	25	55.5
Mogok	13	PREMIER SHOW	(C Binda) J Greyling	13	55.0
Right Approach	14	FINCHATTON	(GG Terzi) M v Rensburg	6	54.5
Fort Wood	15	BIEN VENUE	(PA Peter) K Steyn	14	54.0
Rock Of Gibraltar	16	FIRE UP	(MF de Kock) D De Gouveia	2	54.0
Jay Peg	17	FLORIDA QUAYS	(PA Peter) S Moodley	29	54.0
Admire Main	18	LONE SURVIVOR	(SW Kenny) C Storey	26	54.0
Pomodoro	19	ROYAL ITALIAN	(SG Tarry) M Thackeray	9	54.0
Skitt Skizzle	20	CORDILLERA	(SG Tarry) A Mgudlwa	5	54.0
Vercingetorix	21	HOOVES OF TROY	(GD Smith) K Zechner	1	53.5
Byword	22	RIVERSTOWN	(PA Peter) W Kennedy	24	53.5
Seventh Rock	23	GIMME HOPE JOHANNA	(MF de Kock) R Mungler	4	53.5
Elusive Fort	24	RUSSIAN BEAT	(SG Tarry) R Danielson	3	53.5
Pomodoro	25	CULTURE TRIP	(SG Tarry) A Arries	19	52.5
Dan De Lago	26	DAN THE LAD	(PF Matchett) J Penny	18	52.5
Fort Wood	27	EPIC DREAM	(C Dawson) C F Dicken	27	52.0
Captain Al	28	SEA AIR	(SG Tarry) K Matsunyane	30	52.0
Visionaire	29	IN CAHOOTS	(SG Tarry) - reserve 1	21	52.0
Seventh Rock	30	ROCKIN RUSSIAN	(SG Tarry) - reserve 2	16	52.0

that. He needed his last start behind Hawwaam.

One of a trio from the Paul Peter yard, the smart 3yo Riverstown ran a cracking third just over a length off Frosted Gold in the Graham Beck Stakes – the latter endorsed the form with a smart second behind shock winner Shango in Saturday's Dingaans.

Candice Dawson's gelded pair of Epic Dream and the year older D'Arrivee are both capable on their day. Epic Dream looks quite nicely in with 52kgs and he gets the blinkers fitted. Denis Schwarz will be a big asset after his Super Saturday!

Space constraints prevent us touching on the whole field. We are siding with Social Order to grab Fired Up, with a stampede for the places - Dan The Lad. Riverstown and Captain Of Tortuga the likely chief contenders.

Beautiful Sunday?

"Let the show begin!" John Moore said after Beauty Generation worked through his final fast gallop before Sunday's Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile.

The bay heads into the weekend with a chance to match Good Ba Ba's record of three wins in what nowadays is a HK\$25 million race. But he does so with his aura of invincibility replaced by an encroaching mist of doubt following two losses in the lead-up.

Moore, though, was upbeat after this morning's workout; satisfied in his belief that his stable's brightest star has not fallen.

The handler said after the Road To Rock gelding's defeat three weeks ago behind Waikuku in the Gr2 Jockey Club Mile that he would "tweak" a few things to ensure the world's top-rated miler arrives at his "Grand Final" in peak shape.

"We've done a few other things in the stable, which I sat down and discussed with the stable staff- routine things that we could implement to make sure that there was nothing left to chance. We've done all we can," he said.

28 & The Neighbours

The Grand Heritage is a conditions race for all horses with a maximum field size of 28 permitted. Twenty is the general maximum field size at certain tracks around the country. It is South Africa's equivalent of famous big field handicaps like The Cesarewitch, The Cambridgeshire and the Tote Ebor, which are three of the biggest annual betting heats in England.

The race was conceptualised in 2016 with the purpose of replacing the Emerald Cup on the now defunct Vaal sand.

In order to be considered for inclusion in the final field, every horse nominated must have had at least a minimum of one run from time of first entry up to and including the time of final supplementary entry.

A benchmark of 106 is applied to restrict entries.

Base Weights are determined at the sole discretion of the Handicapper, with additional penalties for a highest Graded/Listed win in the last eighteen months prior to date of First Entry:

Penalties are 3kgs for a Gr1, 2kgs for a Gr2 and 1kg for a Gr3 win, with a half kilo premium for a Listed victory.

The rails dividing the Inside and Outside Vaal racecourses will be taken down for the meeting, leaving one wide racecourse.

In The Action!

Hollywoodbets international racing correspondent, Neil Morrice, brings us an update from Hong Kong in the lead up to the Longines Hong Kong International Races.

Check out his videos and photos:

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NEWS

Phumelela's Black Friday

Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Limited rode an emotional rollercoaster from Friday into Saturday. An embarrassing financial results announcement on Friday, a Grooms protest on Saturday, a record Turffontein Pick 6 pool and a supremely successful Summer Cup day. Some good. Some bad. But there are serious problems that remain after the sun set on Saturday.



Chairman Kantor

The company is considering capital raising initiatives with B-BBEE equity ownership high on the agenda after enduring its worst year since the business was first incorporated in 1997.

Sounding like a man with few answers and many excuses, CEO John Stuart said at the live broadcast of their announcement on Friday that the sport of horseracing is 'at a crossroads – because that is where we are'.

Stakes and junior staff cuts seem

to have been the primary pressure points exerted by a management who appear to have no real strategy at hand.

Chairman Bernard Kantor blamed the industry for not working together and said that racing had to change its 'white elitist sport' label. He said that punters having an open bet were 'stealing money from owners'. He thought the Executive of the beleaguered company had done a 'helluva job'.

RA CEO Larry Wainstein also felt that 'Phumelela had done a remarkable job in trying times'.

Whilst international operations are continuing to perform at a high level the local operations, both horseracing and betting, had a terrible year. International operations contributed R223,4 million in pre-tax profit but local operations lost a combined R332,4 million, up from R51,9 million.

Subsequent to the year end, the Group's bankers condoned the breach of their debt covenant as at 31 July 2019 and the facility has not become immediately due and payable.

The condonement is subject to certain terms and conditions that include the provision of a full security package, to the satisfaction of the Lender, and revised debt covenants.

The indulgence provided extends Group facilities for a further year provided the requisite terms and conditions are adhered to.

In addition, a R50 million working capital standby credit facility with a 13-month term has been made available. The Group is keeping its bankers abreast of trading conditions and reports back regularly on cash flow. No dividend was paid.

Salient operational features:

An unusually high number of local and international sporting results favoured gaming customers, affecting margins at Betting World and Supabets

Betting operations struggled in a depressed economy

Horseracing under considerable pressure and facing regulatory uncertainty

PGI on the Isle of Man once again performed very well

Demand for live South African horseracing remains buoyant internationally

Rightsizing of headcount and footprint targeted to realise significant long-term savings

Salient financial features:

Withdrawal of the Gauteng betting levy is a R75 million annualised loss of income

Headline loss per share of 98,20 cents compared with headline earnings per share of 154,23 cents

Attributable loss per share of 92,32 cents compared with attributable profit of 153,78 cents per share

Equity accounted profits R163,3 million compared with R169,2 million

A 9% rise in international profits to R223,4 million

Net asset value per share reduces by 16% to 849,94 cents

No interim or final dividend per share declared

Net debt to equity ratio 33% compared with 23%

Attention is drawn to the emphasis of matter by the Group auditors

The Company remains under cautionary as engagements with the MEC and the Gauteng Gambling Board are still in progress.

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'Take It Or Leave It'

Allegations of threatening and intimidating behaviour on the part of senior racing officials at a meeting attended by trainers in the course of Saturday's Summer Cup meeting are yet to be officially verified.

South African racing gained negative press in the UK on Monday where the Racing Post reported that rubber bullets were fired by police at demonstrating stable staff at Johannesburg's biggest raceday of the year. The article states that the grooms used the occasion to stage a protest for better wages and it soon turned ugly.

The police were called in, and once bullets were fired the protestors quickly dispersed, but the first race had to be put back two hours. The protest served as a stark reminder that the dissatisfaction which resulted in a grooms' strike in June last year has not been sorted out to the satisfaction of Johannesburg-based stable staff.

The Sporting Post has received reports of alleged unacceptable behaviour on the part of top racing officials that includes foul and threatening language, and a general lack of courtesy and decency.

"It is outrageous that stakeholders are told to shut the f*@\$ up and take it or leave it. To be addressed in this arrogant and rude manner defies high school manners," said one source who confirmed that action and an inquiry had to follow.

An independent informant confirmed the incident which is said to have clouded a tense meeting following the protest action. And once again the lack of proactive action on the part of racing authorities was condemned as bordering on negligence.

The meeting that took place was not recorded in the official Stipes report for 30 November.

The Sporting Post would prefer to hear both sides of what happened but has had no response or acknowledgement of questions addressed in this regard to the NHRA, RA and Phumelela.

NEWS

Who Is Protecting Who?

Except for global warming, the Phumelela leadership were able to identify a plethora of adverse external factors that contributed to a dismal set of results for the financial year ending 31 July 2019.

Brendon writes in the Sporting Post Mailbag that the fact that the Phumelela leadership did not acknowledge their efforts or lack thereof that contributed to the devastation, reaffirms a leadership team that is in denial of their collective responsibility.

Having one cheerleader in the audience to applaud the destruction of R1.2 billion of value when people around the country were shell-shocked by the results and the utterances of the Chair and the CEO, is the patronising cocktail that Phumelela Shareholders ordered and were served.

Who is the Thoroughbred Horseracing Trust that has to date played the waiting game (like every other bystander in the industry, hoping for the self-correction)?

Why would any investor want the current leadership in office for another second when technical insolvency and business rescue is, in no uncertain terms, your destiny?

Is the Thoroughbred Horseracing Trust going to lead the charge in terms of the provisions of section 71(1) of the Companies Act to remove the directors by ordinary resolution with 50,01% majority at the shareholders meeting?

This may be the only way to lead the urgent change required with a recapitalisation of the balance sheet that would see the existing shareholding block of a few individuals being diluted to a point that redresses the power imbalance that continues to threaten the sustainability of the sport.

It is unfortunate that the majority of the Phumelela directors and executives lack what is required of a person holding office in a fiduciary capacity, of a JSE listed entity.

It remains a mystery why these directors and prescribed officers of Phumelela have not stepped down voluntarily and whether they fully understand the provisions of section 77 of the Companies Act that covers liability of directors and prescribed officers. Who is protecting who and at what cost?

Who is responsible for the betting operations reduction in profitability of R201.7 million?

Let me surprise you all by saying that Rob Scott is definitely not responsible for this mess.

I will stand by this statement. Read on!

Could John Stuart be responsible? Maybe.

Ordinarily, any reasonable person would deduce that the Board of Directors are responsible.

But this is no ordinary company and from what I have observed, it may be the only company that is not obliged to operate within the laws, rules and regulations that ordinarily apply to a South African Listed company that operates in a highly regulated environment.

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Apology

Tellytrack has humbly apologised to all the sponsors of the Gauteng Chris Gerber Summer Cup, proudly brought to you by Bidvest, for the supply of the programme guide information to MultiChoice and the subsequent display thereof on the i-plate.

Last year the sponsor was G-Bets but apparently an earlier sponsor – Sansui – was shown on Saturday.

Cup's International Interest

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On that occasion Mike de Kock spoke of being confronted by "300 weapon-wielding, threatening grooms" and added: "It has left me questioning my own loyalty to South African racing."

He has since decided to open a satellite yard in Australia that will be operated by his son and assistant Matthew.

The Sporting Post has had reports of possible inquiries to follow after allegations that senior officials were verbally abusive towards trainers in a meeting convened to discuss the incident.

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INTERNATIONAL

Getting Ahead

French challenger Be Ahead is chasing Fast-Track Qualifier success in the £14,000 Ladbrokes 'Play 1-2-Free' On Football Conditions Stakes at Wolverhampton on Saturday.

The 1200m Tapeta contest hands the winner a free and guaranteed start in the £150,000 Ladbrokes Three-Year-Old All-Weather Championship over the same distance at Lingfield Park on Finals Day, Good Friday, 10 April.

Be Ahead (Eoghan O'Neill/Franny Norton) is aiming for a second course success at Wolverhampton, having landed a five-furlong auction maiden in decisive fashion on her All-Weather debut in October.

Prior to that, the daughter of Dream Ahead ran three times on turf in France, hitting the frame on each occasion in six-furlong maidens at Chantilly and Deauville.

Trainer Eoghan O'Neill said today: "Be Ahead is fine and that is why we are bringing her over again.

"I don't know too much about the form of the opposition, but I would imagine she is going to be a bit of an outsider because the form of her last win is not strong.

"She will have to step up again to be competitive, so let's see how she gets on."

Three horses come into the race on the back of successes in novice contests on the All-Weather- Wolverhampton scorer Auchterarder (Mark Johnson/Jason Hart), Kempton Park victor Raaeb (Saeed bin Suroor/Jim Crowley) and Lingfield Park winner Dancin Inthetstreet (William Haggas/Tom Marquand).

Maystar (Archie Watson/Hollie Doyle) captured a Fibresand novice race at Southwell in August before finishing second in a valuable sales race at the Curragh on Irish Champions Weekend in September. He has been gelded since his last run in October, when he disappointed in a Listed race on turf at Deauville.

Tony Carroll is represented by stable debutant Kondratiev Wave (James Doyle). He raced three times in Ireland for Kieran Cotter, winning a Curragh maiden on testing ground prior to a fourth in the Listed Legacy Stakes on October 13.

Others to note include course and distance scorer Stone Soldier (James Given/Barry McHugh) and the lightly-raced Zim Baby (Paul George/Luke Morris), who has not raced since capturing a turf maiden in June.

Lexington Rebel (Richard Hannon/Clifford Lee), Get Boosting (Keith Dalglish/Joe Fanning) and Lincoln Blue (Jane Chaple-Hyam/Richard Kingscote) complete the 11 runners.



Franny Norton | Twitter

Is It Her Time?

Cape stallion Time Thief's daughter In Her Time will run in the Gr1 Longines Sprint at Sha Tin on the big raceday on Sunday.

A $\frac{3}{4}$ brother to SA Champion Sprinter Laisserfaire, the son of Redoute's Choice stood his first season at stud in Australia in 2010 and relocated to South Africa in 2015. An A\$2 million yearling buy, Time Thief is one of five stakes horses produced by the Gr3 Tristarc Stakes winning Procrastinate, one of the best broodmares to have graced the Australian paddocks in recent years

In Her Time will be ridden by Jockey Brenton Avdulla who enjoyed a momentous 2018- winning the AU\$3.5 million Gr1 Golden Slipper Stakes and both principal jockeys' premierships in his adopted home New South Wales; securing a riding contract in Japan and marrying Taylor Paine, daughter of former jockey Neil Paine.

However, 2019 is ending on a similar high with the birth of his first child on Sunday and the opportunity next Sunday to claim a first International Gr1 win, aboard In Her Time, in the LONGINES Sprint at his first ride in Hong Kong.

"After a long weekend Taylor and I are proud to welcome our amazing little man Hunter James Avdulla born Sunday at 6.04 pm, weighing 3.5 kg. Both mum and bub are doing well," reported Avdulla who plans to leave on Saturday, after racing in Sydney, and return on Monday.

This will be the first time Avdulla has ridden in Hong Kong but not the first time he's been racing at Sha Tin.

"I took advantage, if that's the right word, of getting suspended in Sydney and came up to see Chautauqua win the Chairman's Sprint (Prize). He's a horse I'd ridden a few times and it was fantastic to see what he did that day, producing his big, big finish," he said.

"So I've seen the track first hand and plenty of it, of course, on television. It's a nice, big, fair course and it's no issue to ride there for the first time. You tend to know the horses there as well, especially the sprinters, as we see them regularly and that's a plus as well."

So, what does he make of In Her Time's prospects against the Hong Kong sprinters?

"You know there's a lot of depth among the Hong Kong sprinters. They're all very decent horses and now we've got the up and coming three-year-old Aethero who looks pretty special so maybe we're up against it.

"However, the Australian sprinters almost always measure up wherever they go and she (In Her Time) is very consistent. You can forgive her run in the Everest when she returned this season and then her second-up run at Flemington was full of merit. She beat home Group 1 winners like Santa And Lane and Alizee.

"The draw will be important. I know everyone says that but in her case, I'd want her to get as cosy a run as possible. I don't know whether she can win but I am really looking forward to riding her and whatever happens, I don't think she'll be disgraced," he said.

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Nunes & Daby In Control

It was a one-horse race in both the Jockeys' and Trainers' competitions in the Attitude Hotels International Jockeys Weekend at the Champ de Mars in Port Louis, with Manöel Nunes and Preetam Daby coming out on top, after having led all the way.

Manöel Nunes was crowned champion jockey with 52 points. He won three races on Sunday, including the feature race on board Haylor.

England's Jason Watson finished in 2nd with 38 points, while native Nooresh Juglall finished on the final podium step with 31 points.

Winless on Saturday, Derreck David got his sole win in Sunday's meeting on Patrol Officer, while Dinesh Sooful was the sole reserve jockey to have won a race- that with Wordbuster in the 5th race on Sunday.

Thanks to his Sunday hat-trick, Preetam Daby ran away with it in the Trainers' standings. He won with 57 points, 24 points ahead of Gilbert Rousset, while Shirish Narang completed the podium with 32 points.

Amar Sewdyal, champion trainer in last year's competition, finished 4th with 26 points, while Simon Jones was the only trainer to score points in just one race, as he saddled Haylor to victory in the feature race.

While this past weekend would traditionally signal the end of the season, the MTC will host one further meet on Saturday 7 December.

Pure Gold

An impressive 1065 lots has been confirmed by vendors for the first five days of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, including a record equalling 888 lots to be offered across Book 1 of the sale from Wednesday 8 January.

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Friday Destiny - Hollywoodbets Greyville!

After the great start to the Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge this past weekend, all roads lead to Hollywoodbets Greyville on Friday for another night of top quality horseracing under lights.

This will also be the second race meeting in the KZN Sizzling Summer Challenge.

Warren Kennedy, our SA Championship leading jockey will be looking to extend his 15 point lead at the top of the competition log.

Kennedy took the lead on Sunday as he booted home a treble on the card to lead second placed S'manga Khumalo by a whopping 15 points. Hollywoodbets wasted no time by shortening Kennedy in the betting market to 14/10 favourite. Anton Marcus, who was the ante-post favourite at Hollywoodbets to win the Sizzling Summer Challenge Jockey competition, endured a disappointing Sunday by his high standards, but will be trying hard to cut down his 35 point deficit this Friday.

Racing can sometimes be tough, but the team at Winning Form always do their best to help you find winners, and they should get your weekend off to a winning start this Friday. Jimmy The Rich, who is now sharing the reins with PeTeBe's Magic Tips in the Winning Form, has made his best bet on the card Master Of Destiny in the fourth race for Stuart Randolph and trainer Dennis Drier. He improved nicely in his second start, and if repeating that run should be able to break the maiden.

Jimmy The Rich's value bet Railtrip comes in the sixth race where Summer Cup winning jockey Denis Schwarz takes the ride. If the promising young apprentice rides her as well as he rode Zillzaal he will go close.

Watching top quality racing under the lights at Hollywoodbets Greyville can make one hungry, but Hollywoodbets has you covered with our world famous bunny chows which are available at the bunny bar which is situated on course.

If you are thinking about what to do this Friday evening, look no further than Hollywoodbets Greyville!

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KZN Racing Diaries



The Return Of Hollywoodbets Scottsville

Racing returns to the capital of KwaZulu-Natal this weekend with a nine race programme planned for Hollywoodbets Scottsville. With Hollywoodbets promising a guaranteed 10% for all winning pick 6 tickets taken on course one can be sure that the Mariannhill Toll Plaza on the N3 will have a backlog of traffic with Durban racing fanatics rushing up for a piece of the action, especially with the Pick 6 pool guaranteed to reach R1.6million.

Scottsville which is known for being a sprinters paradise in KZN, thanks to its long sprint straight, will see four out of the nine races being sprint trips. Over the years, inside draws have been preferred on these trips, but in more recent times it has become fair regardless of the draw you receive. Those 4 races look open, hence the reason our in-house tipsters have gone for the best and value bets on races which are around the bend.

The Magic Tips Page by PeTeBe best bet comes in the last race with Twice Golden. The son of Twice Over has gone close in his last two starts and with Marcus up he should be able to finally crack his maiden. PeTeBe's value bet comes in race 7 with Paths Of Victory. Luke Ferraris rides and after his double on Summer Cup day last Saturday, he should definitely be able to get this one into the shake-up.

Jimmy The Rich, also went for Anton Marcus as his best bet. Rich went for him in race 4 on Jackson Wells. This daughter of Jackson ran on well on debut finishing under a length to the winner. With the natural improvement to come from that run, she looks hard to oppose in this contest. His value bet comes up in race 6 with The Master. The son of Master Of My Fate has his second run after a rest on Sunday and should strip much better than his latest when just missing out in second.

Sunday will also be the third raceday of the KZN Sizzling Summer Challenge and top quality racing is guaranteed. So look no further than the 'Sleepy Hollow' where racing at Hollywoodbets Scottsville will be sure to liven up the town.

Or visit www.winningform.co.za for more information regarding anything racing related.

The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)

NEWS

KZN Racing's Festive Pick 6 Boost

In a further boost to horseracing, Hollywoodbets in association with Gold Circle, has announced that, for the month of December, all KwaZulu-Natal Pick 6 pools generated by the betting public will have a guaranteed minimum.

This means that if the gross pool does not reach the declared minimum the shortfall will be made up by Hollywoodbets adding the balance into the pool.

This potential boost to the pools is in respect of racing at the two KwaZulu-Natal courses, Hollywoodbets Greyville and Hollywoodbets Scottsville.

As an additional incentive to the loyal racegoers and on-course punters at both of KZN's racecourses, all winning Pick 6 bets taken with TabGold on-course during December will be rewarded with an additional 10% bonus winnings (over and above the dividend they collect).

This initiative, courtesy of Hollywoodbets, is a thank you from the betting company to the people, for showing their active support of horse racing at Hollywoodbets Greyville and Hollywoodbets Scottsville.

Although Pick 6 bets will be payable on the day of the race, the 10% bonus will only be redeemable at the following KZN race meeting from the oncourse Hollywoodbets kiosk, on presentation of the TabGold payout receipt (bonuses will not be paid on the same race day or at off-course Hollywoodbets retail branches).

"It is holiday season in KwaZulu-Natal and spending an afternoon or evening at the races is part of the holiday fun, and the more people on course, the more festive the occasion.

The guaranteed Pick 6 pool along with a 10% bonus if your winning Pick 6 ticket is taken on course, will encourage punters to join in the fun and spend their leisure time at the racecourse," commented Hollywoodbets Brand and Communications Manager, Devin Heffer.

Raf Sheik, Gold Circle's Racing Executive noted "The Pick 6 pools will be boosted by anything up to 15% over the estimated pools for December. We are proud of our association with Hollywoodbets and welcome their initiative which will benefit all racegoers in the Province."

Terms & Conditions – Guaranteed Pick 6 Value and Bonus Payout:

The Guaranteed Pick 6 and Bonus Payout promotion will run for the month of December 2019.

This promotion applies only to race meetings held at Hollywoodbets Greyville and Hollywoodbets Scottsville.

The promotion will benefit punters in two ways

guaranteeing a minimum pool for the Pick 6 at the two sponsored race tracks above

providing a 10% bonus to winning Pick 6 punters, who placed their bets at the hosting racecourse on the day of the race meeting.

Guaranteed Pools

a minimum guaranteed pool will be declared for each race meeting at both of the sponsored racetracks. The guaranteed pool will be advertised in all the Winning Media publications (Winning Form, Sporting Post and Top Turf) for the KZN meetings and at all Gold Circle and Hollywoodbets outlets.

Racecourse Bonus

winning punters who placed their bets with TabGold at the hosting racecourse, on the day of the race meeting, will be eligible for a 10% winners' bonus. This amount will be calculated as an additional 10% of the punter's dividend.

the winning punter will be required to cash in the winning ticket through Gold Circle before claiming the bonus 10%. The punter will get a ticket receipt from Gold Circle indicating the payout.

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Participants must be over the age of 18 in order to participate in the Promotion.

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· Press release issued by Gold Circle & Hollywoodbets on 29 November

NEWS

Summer Set To Sizzle!

Hollywoodbets has launched a new competition for Jockeys, Trainers and Owners – with R750 000 up for grabs!

The Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge, which awards points for every runner in every race, started on Sunday.

In yet another groundbreaking initiative, the partnership have introduced this new competition to reward other key stakeholders in the Horse Racing industry, the Trainers, Jockeys and Owners.

Together with the Grooms' R1 000 award per race over the three months – these programmes will inject One Million Rand into racing in KwaZulu-Natal.

The Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge will run on a points system, with points awarded according to the finishing position for each runner taking part in a race. The total points available in each race is determined by how many runners are taking part. Therefore, if there are 10 runners in a race, there will be 10 points for 1st place, 9 points for 2nd place, and so on, down to 10th place receiving 1 point. If there are only 6 runners in a race, there will be 6 points for a win, 5 points for 2nd, and so on.

The points will be awarded to the Jockey, the Trainer, and that particular horse (representing the Owner/s).

The competition will run for three months, covering all KZN race meetings from 1st December 2019 to 28th February 2020. A prize pot of R250,000 will be awarded to each of the categories, totalling R750,000 in the competition.

The prize money will be broken down for the top 6 positions, with R100k going to 1st place, R50k to 2nd place, R40k to 3rd place, R30k to 4th place, R20k to 5th place, and R10k to 6th place.

"This is a way to encourage Owners, Trainers and Jockeys to be part of racing in Gold Circle country and reward them for their efforts throughout the KZN Summer season," said Devin Heffer, Brand and Communication Manager for Hollywoodbets.

"We view this competition as a great opportunity to encourage trainers to enter more of their horses in KZN races, as well as an incentive to get them running more often. Trainers from outside the province might find this as an ideal opportunity to target a string of their horses for the KZN Summer season."

"The beauty of this competition is that it won't necessarily be the best horses in the province winning the competition. It will be the horses that run more often and perform more consistently."

"This also applies to Jockeys and Trainers who ride and train more horses in KZN. They give themselves a better chance of placing in the prize money. It also encourages Jockeys to ride out their mounts in every race. Every position gained is an extra point for their position on the leader board."

"As there are 6 places in the prize money, the competition will go all out until the end of the three-month period."

Gold Circle has also announced that racing will take place on the first three Friday nights in December, adding to the festivities of the holiday season!

Big Winners Aplenty!



Billy Jacobson's expression sums it up! | Candiese Lenferna

The Hollywoodbets-Gold Circle Pick 6 minimum pool and bonus payout initiative was the talking point of a competitive Sunday's racing at the theatre of dreams with the popular exotic paying a healthy dividend of R66 126.

The Hollywoodbets partnership with Gold Circle is clearly starting to pay dividends as South Africa's leading bookmaker's initiatives with the local racing operator have set KZN racing apart as a flagbearing pacesetter on the SA racing landscape.

You can't please all the people all the time, but there is change for the better happening in the holiday province and the mere fact that the dynamics show that nothing is cast in stone and that every effort is being made to raise the bar for all stakeholders – from punters to owners and grooms. It's a sign that racing is being given every opportunity to thrive.

And Sunday hailed the start of the brand new R750 000 KZN Sizzling Summer Challenge, a three month chase for glory for owners, trainers and jockey.

The leaderboard can be accessed [here](#)

SA championship leading jockey Warren Kennedy and trainer Dennis Bosch lead the standings after the first day of action.

The guaranteed Pick 6 pool of R2 million, along with a 10% bonus if your winning Pick 6 ticket is taken on course, proved a boon for those punters who would have collected R51 256 but ended up with a payout of R66 126-90 – plus a further 10% if it was taken on course!

Also commencing on Sunday was the new trial barrier draw order where the carded horse number reflects the barrier draw of the horse.

You can do nothing – or you can do something. KZN racing is alive and trying. It makes all the difference!

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Short Heads

Scream Of The Crop

The NHRA's puzzling crop penalties saw Summer Cup winning apprentice Denis Schwarz fined R2500 after he struck Zillzaal more than twelve times in the race. Their official report states that when assessing this penalty, the Board took into account the Gr1 status of the race. Then this week Callan Murray received his second 7 day holiday in a fortnight for the same offence. We have tried to understand how they apply their minds.



JC Photos

GO WITH THE FLO

Saturday's first Cape baby race was won by the Millstream Farm-bred Captain's Flo, who continued trainer Piet Botha's form resurgence. The R30 000 purchase got the better of the fancied Querari colt, Thomas Henry. Botha intends aiming Captain's Flo at the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes on Sun Met day. It was a good day for the filly's sire Captain Of All, who produced his first graded stakes winner when Shango won the Gr2 Dingaans at Turffontein.

Pike Aims High

William Pike will be out to win his second Gr1 of the Ascot Masters on Saturday when he partners current favourite Tuscan Queen. Pike took out the Gr1 Railway Stakes aboard Regal Power, but has elected to ride three-year-old filly Tuscan Queen in the Kingston Town over 1800m. Tuscan Queen was a brilliant winner of the Gr3 WA Champion Fillies Stakes at her latest outing.

Bailey Beetles It



Racecaller and Tellytrack presenter Brandon Bailey has had his detractors, but the young man deserves every credit for playing dual roles at Flamingo Park on Monday. He calls, he interviews, he reviews, he fills air time. It can't be an easy task or a particularly pleasant job – and a lifetime away from the glam boys at Turffontein on Saturday.

Young Gun

Apprentice Denis Schwarz became the youngest rider to win the new age Summer Cup – he only turned 20 on 6 July this year. Lyle Hewitson was 21 when he won it on Tilbury Fort last year.

Eye Out

Champion Japanese mare Almond Eye will not take her place in the Gr1 Hong Kong Cup, one of four events that comprise Sunday's Gr1 Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin. According to scmp.com, Sakae Kunieda, who trains the 4YO daughter of Lord Kanaloa, advised the Hong Kong Jockey Club that an elevated temperature by the multiple Gr1 winner lay behind the decision not to fly her to the Territory. She will be retired.

Super Q

Maine Chance Farms stallion Querari, whose progeny have already earned in excess of R3.2 million this season, enjoyed another good weekend with three victories. The Gr1 winning son of Oasis Dream's first success came when his daughter Queen Of Soul ran out a comfortable winner of the first race at Turffontein. Bred by the Gary Player Stud, Queen Of Soul is out of the Jet Master mare Rush For John. Querari's second winner came when his progressive 3yo daughter Fleeced flew up late to win at Kenilworth by a length and a quarter of 1200m. Bred by Normandy Stud, Fleeced was winning for a second time in a row. Querari's winner of the weekend came when his 3yo son Querari's Cowboy got off the mark for trainer Johan Janse Van Vuuren at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday afternoon. South Africa's Leading Sire of 2yo's of 2018-2019, Querari has 13 lots on offer at January's Cape Premier Yearling Sale.



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Weather Woes

Musselburgh's card on Monday was cancelled due to frozen ground following a second morning inspection at the Scottish track. The cancellation was the second British card to fall foul of the cold weather in as many days after frost put paid to Carlisle's meeting on Sunday. Last Friday's card at Leicester was also called off owing to a waterlogged track.

PERSONALITY

Gift Of The Gab

Loving The Game

Gabby Soma

Tough times have a scientific and education value, says South Africa's newest Bloodstock Consultant Gabriel 'Gabby' Soma. The Jeppe High School graduate has the pedigree and racing experience to change the world. And now he has taken the leap of faith at the age of 31 after almost a decade under the skilled direction of his Uncle, Joey Soma.

Many would say that the personable horseracing student, who rode grandstand finishes on the couch in the lounge of the late Cecelia's and Gary Soma's home, needs his head read diversifying into bloodstock sales. But he is determined to provide a unique professional service to the market at the right price.

And that starts at 12h00 at Turffontein next Wednesday when MGAS Bloodstock conducts its inaugural sale with Clyde Basel and Alistair Cohen wielding the gavel.

But let's get to know Gabby the man, first.

"I have been assistant trainer to my Uncle Joey Soma for close on ten years and the wise counsel and lessons that he has passed on are priceless and will, I believe, stand me in good stead for a lifetime. He is one of the greatest pound-for-pound trainers in the world and no doubt one of the greatest judges of horseflesh ever," adds Gabby proudly as he reflects on his move from the stable yard into the sales ring.

"We had six Gr1 winners in the last six years from shoestring budgets. Uncle Joe picked them all as single buys at the various sales, including Happy Landing and Lobo's Legend. But after analysing our success over the last 8 years and the continuous lack of support I've decided a that a new challenge would be most refreshing and take me down my next road in this wonderful game."

Gabby is retained by Phumelela as a race programmer for Gauteng and the Cape- a position he has held since 2016.

"This is a role which includes providing the entire population with the opportunity to participate as often as possible over their preferred distance. A complete understanding of the MR system is a necessity to do the job and in order to achieve key performance, and to be able to respond to any queries from trainers and owners. I monitor and access SA horses and their form on a daily basis," he adds.

The sports mad youngster, who has two sisters, Tanya and Kelly, and a brother Dylan, completed two years of an intended B.Com Accounting degree at UJ before deciding to focus solely on the racing game. He says that when he looks back today, he has no regrets about his decision.

The Soma family's love for the game goes back many decades. Gabby's late grandfather Gabriel Soma was one of the greatest judges and

personalities to grace the game. He is still spoken about today by many high profile people- the same folk who taught Gabby.

"My late Dad Gary was one of the best form studiers around. He was agent to Anton Marcus for over ten years and the multiple champion jockey will attest to his feeling for the game. My late mom Cecelia was an avid enthusiast and was born into the game. Her parents were owners for many years and her passion and love for the game was with her to the end."

Gabby has followed in his Dad's footsteps in the role of guiding top jockeys. He has assisted Anton Marcus for over ten years; S'manga Khumalo when winning the championship for a second time; Gavin Lerena when breaking ' Muis ' Roberts record for number of wins as an apprentice and Muzi Yeni last year, when the Winning Form jock was second in the National championship.

Married to Natasha, Gabby lives in the Bruma Lake area. He describes his hobbies as travelling and golf.

"I am also an avid boxing fan but love watching all sports including soccer, cricket, rugby and athletics. I enjoy punting because of the thrill and satisfaction one gets when



GABBY SOMA

finding a winner,” he adds.

So the man has impeccable credentials for his next challenge and he believes his ability to adapt to trying times and the fact that he has worked in different aspects of the game, gives him an empathy and grasp of the predicament owners and trainers find themselves in on a daily basis.

“I am a realist and don’t like to brag but, I have confidence in my ability to pick yearlings and the knowledge I have built up over years of studying form, will help greatly in buying, selling and moving horses. I have also tried to make it attractive through the reduction of costs. An innovation is that there are 20 horses from the Cape and KZN to be sold in absentia,” he says of next Wednesday’s sale.

“I am grateful for the unbelievable support as the response from a diverse spectrum of racing people has been phenomenal. We have decent horses from Mike de Kock, including Only To Win and Indy Ice, a good few from Andrew Fortune, including Monaco Maiden who was second placed Captain Hindsight and two runners-up in baby races. Joey Soma has sent several, including African Adventure and Roll Of Drums, while Geoff Woodruff’s Baron Rodney is a nice horse. Top man Glen Kotzen has entered nine, while the red hot Paul Peter has got 13 on the sale with Bold Matador and Casual Wear among them. Grant Knowles is offering an unraced Dynasty colt, while Sean Tarry’s Gr2 winner Purple Diamond is on the sale, along with a few other decent stablemates. There are some really nice buys to look forward to,” he adds enthusiastically.

Gabby says the concept is a winner as Owners are getting a good deal and Trainers are clearing stables for new arrivals.

On the inevitable standard question of the future of the game, he has a few good ideas and says that racing will be here ‘long after we are gone’.

“But the big question is what standard of racing are we prepared to accept? We all need to realize and be humbled about the fact that we are part of such a wonderful game – very importantly, decisions that are made need to be in the best interests of the game as a whole and not for any individual benefit.”

Horses-In-Training Sale

The inaugural MGAS Bloodstock Sale will be held at Turffontein on Wednesday 11 December at 12h00 in the back parade ring at Turffontein.

With over 90 horses catalogued, Gabby Soma is elated and describes it as ‘an incredible turnout’ for their first sale, which is proving popular with some smart innovations.

“We have reduced the owner’s and trainer’s expenses by not charging an entry fee as well as providing transport for local horses. We are also selling horses in absentia. I believe that this is one of the first times this has been done. For these horses a video as well as a veterinary certificate will be available on the day,” he confirms.

Horses will be at the sale by 09h00 for viewing. As for any horses-in-training sale, payment is due on fall of the hammer. A card machine will be available as well as options for eft / cash payment – that is unless credit has been granted. Supplementary entries will be accepted up until 12h00 on

Monday 9 December. All inquiries to gabriel@mgas.co.za or on mobile 076 724 0585.

Some of the standouts:

- 1) Accomplished – 2yo (c)- one run to date and finished a cracking second
- 2) Sultans Daughter- 2 yo (f)- one run to date , also finished second and carded to run on 5 Dec.
- 3) Captain Hindsight –3yo (c) finished a great second to Battleoftrafalgar in the Monaco million maiden
- 4) Margot Magic-3 yo (f), very good form including a good second in Graduation latest start
- 5) Clouded Hill- absentia –solid form including 3rd to Met hopeful Belgarion
- 6) Stream Ahead- absentia – won recently- solid form
- 7) Roll Of Drums – good quality form against some of the best around, recent runs encouraging
- 8) Indy Ice – Nice staying type who looks to be maturing, good recent form including beating quality stayer Dromedaris
- 9) Palace Green – very expensive yearling- looks to be strengthening up – ran on strongly in his latest run over 2000m and could be a lovely stayer in the future.
- 10) Purple Diamond – Gr2 winner- very consistent and has very good form
- 11) Baron Rodney – consistent type with some decent form- could be a nice buy for Mauritius
- 12) Anuchka’s Wings – good form & looks very progressive – at 4 could earn blacktype and be a nice buy for breeders
- 13) Two Of Us- finished second recently and looks like a winning run is right around the corner
- 14) Casual Wear – ran 3rd recently- was very unlucky-has won 4 and has a couple more in the tank , possible attraction for breeders
- 15) Heart Of A legend- solid form and has won 4 = again blacktype is possible and another attraction for breeders
- 16) Sullenberger- 3yo- very good form- outstanding run on 28/11 when short head second achieving a much higher rating than he has, could be very decent.
- 17) African Adventure – massive horse who has taken time to mature- 3 lovely runs and a horse that will be seen at his best when he runs over 2000m- could be anything
- 18) Vision On Ice – Unraced 2yo f by Visionaire out of lcy Air- outstanding pedigree and was bought off 2019 Nationals
- 19) Mezuzha – Unraced 2yo c by What A Winter out of Seat Of Power- purchased for R225 000 at 2019 Nationals
- 20) Unnamed 2yo c by Dynasty out of blacktype performer Nova Zembla- outstanding pedigree

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Bremner The Brave

No good deed goes unpunished. Just ask Fairview trainer Yvette Bremner and the super rigid local Stipendiary team who failed to dish out a Black Friday discount on a hefty fine incurred for a good deed.

Just prior to the Fairview fifth on Friday, Yvette's Calla Lily, one of a quartet of her runners in the Glendore Sprint, dislodged Collen Storey and bolted.

The lead pony, a well-known former Gr1 winner called Villandry, who was assigned to accompany Calla Lily to the start, also dislodged his rider as he also wanted to play the 'let's race again' game.

This is where Black Friday goes wrong for Yvette,

Being an accomplished rider, the top trainer, seeing the dangers and risks of loose horses and doing her utmost to ensure punters and her owners weren't disappointed, handed her mobile phone to Hedley McGrath, clipped her hair up and jumped aboard the lead pony in an attempt to assist Calla Lily back to the start.

It was a brave act of initiative that the Stipes didn't find funny or helpful.

The official Stipes report says:

Trainer Y Bremner mounted the lead pony without a body protector and a skull cap in an attempt to take Calla Lily back to the start when this gelding was already scratched. This caused a delay to the start.

Trainer Y Bremner signed an admission of guilt for a contravention of Rules 58.11 and 58.9.2 in that as a licensed Trainer whilst mounted on a lead pony failed to ensure that she had both a body protector and a serviceable skull cap on, when attempting to take CALLA LILY to the start. A penalty of a R3000 fine was imposed.

Calla Lily's part owner Hedley McGrath said that they thought that the NHRA would at least have given them a 50% Black Friday discount on the fine!



Yvette Bremner

Just Like Taking Candy...

The KZN-bred Ronnie's Candy put her hand up at Turffontein on Saturday for some silverware at the KZN Breeders Awards at the Fordoun Hotel on 14 December.

The tough chestnut added yet another Gr2 to her impressive list of wins, taking the Ipi Tombi Challenge last Saturday. The daughter of the late King Of Kings, still making his presence felt, is another stellar achievement for St John Gray, who bred, owns and trains the 4yo filly.

Raised at Cathy and Jonathan Martin's Hadlow Stud in Mooi River for St John's Graystone Stud, the chestnut is out of Jet Master mare Bennie And the Jets. Ronnie's Candy has a Mogok half-sister (2yo) who has just entered pretraining, and her dam has a yearling by Bezrin.

Cathy reports that unfortunately Bennie and the Jets didn't have a foal this year, but she is in foal to Potala Palace for the 2020 season.

Ronnie's Candy is a nominee at the KZN Breeders Awards, where she is in the category for Champion 3YO Filly and Champion Middle Distance Filly.

Her Race Record is 4 wins and 7 places – including the Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery where she beat Celtic Sea, the Gr3 Starling Stakes where she again beat Celtic Sea and Running Brave, a win at the Vaal before her Saturday Gr2.

Gordon Joins BSA

In line with their focus on maintaining open lines of communication and serving the needs of thoroughbred breeders, Bloodstock South Africa have announced the appointment of Alistair Gordon as their Vendor Liaison Officer.

An accomplished and respected horseman, and a trainer of top horses over 45 years, Alistair Gordon will be visiting vendors throughout the year with the intention of building bridges and enhancing the relationship between Bloodstock South Africa and breeders.

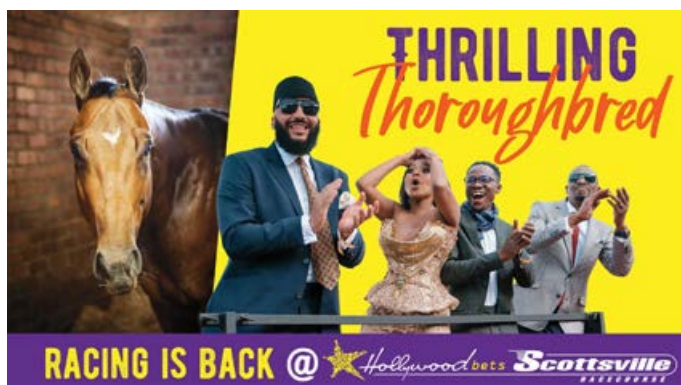
In welcoming Alistair to South Africa's oldest sales company, BSA CEO Michael Holmes said that the intention was always to continue innovating in finding best local solutions for both buyers and vendors.

"It is no secret that we are trading in tough times. Adding value for buyers means ensuring world-class and professional sales facilities and a quality product. Although overlapping in some respects, our breeders also face their own challenges. They live, eat and sleep the process for 365 days a year. We need to ensure that we are providing them with the tools to optimise their returns. That is in respect of a spectrum of needs from sales programming, right through to infrastructural support."

Holmes went on to add that Alistair Gordon's appointment was key to strengthening ties between BSA and breeders.

"Alistair is an extremely popular and well liked member of the racing and breeding community. He knows and understands the game and speaks the language of the industry. He is looking forward to the challenge," he added.

Alistair commences in his new position with immediate effect.



HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

Third Summer For Silvano

Zillzaal, winner of Saturday's Gr1 Gauteng Chris Gerber Summer Cup, is a horse lacking little in terms of pedigree. He is a son of Silvano, South Africa's reigning champion sire, who was also responsible for Summer Cup third place finisher, Al Mutawakel.

Zillzaal is the third Summer Cup winner for Silvano thus far, with the four times South African champion sire also sire of past winners Aslan and Flirtation. Zillzaal and Al Muawakel's feat of finishing first and third in a Summer Cup was matched by their paternal half-siblings, Flirtation and Rudi Rocks, who filled the same spots in the 2010 Summer Cup, when Aslan finished fourth.

Silvano's dominance of South Africa's top middle distance races has been consistent over the past few years, with his quality underlined in particular when his sons, Power King, Punta Arenas and Tellina finished first, second and third in the 2015 Gr1 Vodacom Durban July. Power King is one of four July winners for Silvano, the others being Bold Silvano, Heavy Metal and Marinaresco.

Silvano's tally of individual G1 winners stands at 23, and he is fast approaching the benchmark of having sired 100 black type winners. Silvano is currently responsible for 91 black type winners, including Zillzaal. Once again heading the General Sires List following Zillzaal's win in the Summer Cup, Silvano looks on course to record a fifth South African General Sires title this season, with his other notable current performers headed by Equus Champion, Hawwaam, unbeaten Gr3 The Citizen Fillies Mile winner, Summer Pudding, Gr1 winning filly, Silvano's Pride, Cape Classic winner, Silver Operator, and Gr2 Concorde Cup runner up, Sachdev. With sire sons headed by the very exciting Vercingetorix possibly the impressive Hawwaam, Silvano's legacy should well continue for years to come.

Dam Line

Not only by one of the best sires to have stood in South Africa for many a year, Zillzaal also hails from an impressive female line, with his first three dams sired by Giant's Causeway, Seattle Slew and Seeking The Gold respectively. Not only are they top sires, but they have all become outstanding broodmare sires and rank among the better maternal grandsires in recent times. Interestingly, his dam, Zulaal, is closely inbred to champion, Storm Bird, being sired by the latter's brilliant grandson, Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat) and having Storm Bird mare, Starlet Storm, as her third dam. Inbreeding to Storm Bird has already been seen to good effect, with this doubling up found in the pedigrees of such notable Gr1 winners as Summer Bird (Belmont Stakes), Faint Perfume (VRC Oaks), Lovely Maria (Kentucky Oaks), Mind Control (Hopeful Stakes), Sioux Nation (Phoenix Stakes), and Giant's Causeway's outstanding son, Bricks And Mortar (likely US Horse Of The Year for 2019).



Silvano

Zillzaal's broodmare sire, Giant's Causeway, has had a huge year in 2019, with the deceased triple US Champion Sire having marked success as a sire, sire of sires and broodmare sire this year. It was more of the same for Giant's Causeway over the weekend, when he was not only damsire of the 2019 Summer Cup winner but also of Tom's D'Etat (Smart Strike) – an impressive winner of the Gr1 Clark Stakes at Churchill Downs.

While Zulaal was unraced, she has an exceptional pedigree, being a daughter of a multiple champion sire son of Storm Cat and having been produced by a champion daughter of outstanding racehorse and sire, Seattle Slew. Her dam, Surfside, (among the best daughters of Triple Crown winner, Seattle Slew) was North America's Eclipse Champion 3-Year-Old Filly of 2000 and won Gr1 races at both two and three. Perhaps her most impressive performance came when Surfside, runner up in the 2000 G1 Breeders' Cup Distaff, won the then Gr2 (now Gr1) Clark Handicap, beating Kentucky Derby runner up, and subsequent Jockey Club Gold Cup winner, Aptitude (A.P. Indy) among others. Retired to stud, the regally bred millionaire failed to produce anything approaching her own merit, although her Gr3 Cougar II Handicap winning son, Irish Surf (a full-brother to Zulaal) is now standing at stud in Florida and Surfside's Storm Cat daughter, High Surf, is dam of French Gr3 winner, High Celebrity (Invincible Spirit).

US Champions

Remarkably, Zulaal's dam and her granddam, Flanders, were both official US champions, with Flanders first past the post in each of her five starts (she was disqualified after winning the Matron however), and scoring a remarkable win over outstanding racemare and producer, Serena's Song, in the 1994 Gr1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. She never ran again. Flanders is not only dam of a champion in Surfside, but is also dam of Gr2 New Orleans Handicap winner, and Japanese sire, Battle Plan (Empire Maker).

Other notable performers from this family include champion Ashford sire, Air Force Blue (War Front), Flower Alley's high-class daughter, My Wandys Girl, and Gr3 winner, and successful sire, Dodge (Mr Prospector). The latter also made his mark in South Africa as the sire of dual Gr1 winner and Equus Champion, Rat Burana.

BREEDING

Premier Catalogue Online Now

The catalogue for the 2020 Cape Premier Yearling Sale is now available for viewing and is currently online at www.capethoroughbredsales.com

Set to take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town, the Premier Sale is a relatively young auction on the sales calendar, but has established itself in a short space of time- it was first held in 2011- as a prime source of G1 winners.

Among the Gr1 winners to have come off past Cape Premier Sales are the likes of Attenborough, Cloth Of Cloud, Chimichuri Run, Lady Of The House, Real Princess, Soft Falling Rain, William Longsword and Yorker.

The sale is set to take place on 16 January 2020, with 232 yearlings catalogued.

Top sires Dynasty, Gimmethegreenlight, Oratorio, Querari, Silvano, Trippi, Var, Vercingetorix, and What A Winter all have strong drafts on offer at this year's sale, while the Irish based Gr1 winner Zoffany, whose progeny include this year's Gr1 Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac winner Albigna, has a half-sister to Gr1 Hollywood Gold Cup winner Rail Trip.

Querari's Gr3 winning half-brother Quasillo, Computaform Sprint winner Rafeef, Western Winter's brilliant son Red Ray, and former Premier Sale graduate William Longsword are among the first year sires represented at this year's sale.

[View the catalogue here](#)

Music To The Ears

Avontuur's triple G1 winning sire Oratorio had a tremendous few days over the past weekend, with the son of Danehill responsible for five individual winners in South Africa from Friday to Sunday.

Oratorio also dominated the finish to Saturday's Gr2 New Turf Carriers Merchants, where his sons Mardi Gras, Van Halen and Ultra Magnus ran 1-3-4 in that 1160m sprint.

The winner of the feature was the 5yo Mardi Gras, who was bred by Avontuur, has now won seven of 16 outings.

His sire Oratorio, responsible for a trio of South African winners on Friday, also enjoyed success on Sunday when his daughter Love Theme scored a courageous win over 1000m at Hollywoodbets Greyville.

A dual champion sire in Italy, Oratorio is currently responsible for 99 black type horses, with his progeny having earned in excess of \$65 000 000! He is currently fourth on the South African General Sires List, with Oratorio's local runners having already banked over R3.9 million for the 2019-2020 racing season.

Oratorio has two well bred colts on January's Cape Premier Yearling Sale – a full-brother (# 138) to Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes runner up Ancestry, and a half-brother to Kings Cup hero Dark Moon Rising.

Dispersal Sale

The Dispersal Sale of Aegean Prince Racing will be held under the auspices of Bloodstock South Africa after the Grand Heritage raceday at the Vaal on Saturday.

Prospective buyers are urged to make arrangements to view the lots prior to the sale.

The sale will be conducted under the standard Bloodstock South Africa Conditions of Sale.

Enquiries regarding the horses belonging to Aegean Prince Racing may be made to Grant Maroun on mobile 082 802 5017.

Visit www.bsa.co.za to see the catalogue

Big Bonus



The Hunter Valley-based Newgate Farm will again offer a substantial cash incentive for buyers at all 2020 Magic Millions and Inglis Yearling Sale Series sales that purchase a horse by their first crop sires Capitalist, Extreme Choice, Flying Artie and Winning Rupert.

Newgate Farm will pay a A\$250,000 bonus to the recorded buyer as listed in the official Magic Millions and Inglis sales results for all of their yearling sales (not online) for any two year-old by Capitalist, Extreme Choice, Flying Artie or Winning Rupert that can win the 2021 Magic Millions 2YO Classic or 2021 Inglis Millennium Race.

Newgate is one of the leading farms in Australia encompassing 1700 acres of prime Hunter Valley land. Within a few short years, Newgate has become a major force within the Australasian Thoroughbred Industry. Newgate established a stallion division in 2012, which has grown exponentially since the acquisition of the high-class Gr1 winning sprinter Foxwedge.

NEW FOALS



New foals

filly

Visionaire ex Gathering Fame

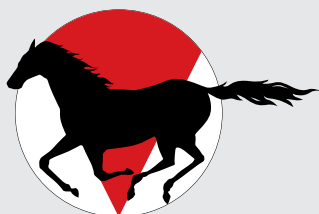
What A Looker!

If this was a beauty contest, there would be no seconds! Sally Bruss of Lammerskraal Stud says she is thrilled with this outstanding filly - and if the daughter of Gr1 winning Gr1 sire Visionaire (Grand Slam) retains that magnificent colour she will certainly have the bonus of additional admirers in the sales ring.

A proven sire, whose top performers include graded stakes winners Takingthepeace, Africa Rising, The Thinker and Heaps Of Fun, Visionaire had everybody talking when he sired the top three home in the 2019 R1 million Ready To Run Cup. He also sired the 2018 winner, Vi Va Pi Pa.

South Africa's Leading First Crop Sire of 2014-2015 and Leading Second Crop Sire a year later, Visionaire was sent back to the stakes winning Jet Master daughter Gathering Fame – who boasts the rare distinction of a Jamaica Handicap double. Trained by Dennis Drier, and racing in the famous Rattray red and white, she won four races from a mile to 2000m. She is out the Western Winter stakes winner, Googol.

Her brother Vision Of Fame was purchased by Bass Racing at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale earlier this year for R550 000.



colt

Louis The King ex Moonlit Venice

King Of All

SA Triple Crown winner Louis The King (Black Minnaloushe) has a stunning group of foals from his third crop enjoying the beautiful sunshine at the Andrews family's Sorrento Stud in Paarl.

Annabel Andrews of Sorrento says that they are excited by what they have seen.

"Look at the lovely colt in the photo. His youngsters on the ground all look magnificent. They are big and strong and they are wonderful to work with. Louis The King has thrown them smart, good looking and the fact that his 2yo's move so well is a big plus for us," said the seasoned horsewoman.

Louis The King won six of his seven starts as a three year old, from 1400m to 2400m, and the Gr1 Summer Cup at four. He won R6,8-million in stakes

The colt in the photo is a first born for Moonlit Venice (Windrush), who is out of the well-related Raise A Man mare, Via Condotti. Moonlit Venice, a beautiful grey, raced under the Azzie banner and won once.

Seeking The Gold's son Windrush produced the champion Mother Russia and his offspring include 30 black type performers.

KJB

KERRY JACK BLOODSTOCK

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

TURFFONTEIN (standside)**Saturday, 30 November**

Course Variant: 0.04s slow (straight) – 0.55s slow (bend)
 With just 5mm of rain in the seven days leading up to this meeting, some 27mm of irrigation was added to the track. As a result the penetrometer read 21 and the going was posted as Good. There was a 22km/h Northerly cross/head wind. The false rail was out 5.5m on the bend with a 5.5m spur at the 700m mark.

Gr1 Summer Cup**R2 000,000****Sizzling Summer Hat-Trick**

Powerhouse players Sean Tarry and Mike de Kock dominated the 2019 Summer Cup as anticipated, albeit in the popular wrong order, with Tarry registering a glorious hat-trick courtesy of a peach of a front-running ride by 20 year old apprentice Denis Schwarz, who was celebrating a career-first Gr1 success.

Tarry won the Cup in 2017 with Liege and last year with Tilbury Fort, and put the cherry on the top of a wonderful day at the office with his 56th Gr1 winner.

Placed in all three legs of the SA Triple Crown last season, Zillzaal (28-1) is something of a tricky customer and an enigmatic fellow at best. After a puzzlingly poor run in the Charity Mile following a winning first start as a gelding, the often fancied galloper, who was 1,5kg under sufferance today, kept at his task to lead most of the way to finally find some of the flashes of ability that made him a talking 3yo.

Schwarz brought Zillzaal across from his 15 draw and after brief exchanges with Queen Supreme and Atyaab, he had Zillzaal relaxed in front all the way. At the 300m Zillzaal looked beaten as he plugged away hard against the inside rail with his stablemate Al Mutawakel threatening to go on by and Queen Supreme and favourite Soqrat – the latter on the wide outside – found their best efforts. But the young rider didn't panic and at the 50m Zillzaal seemed to find a second breath – which allowed him to hold off the flying Soqrat by 0,40 lengths in a time of 123,96 secs. Soqrat's finish appears to suggest he stays the 2000m, but unfortunately Mike de Kock will have to extend his Summer drought to a decade after Flirtation was his last success in 2010.

The lightly raced and inexperienced Al Mutawakel – also for Al Adiyaat SA – ran a great race a neck back in third, with De Kock's Irish-bred 4yo Queen Supreme back in fourth.

The top trainers also filled fifth with Cape Derby winner Atyaab banking the R50 000 cheque for that position.

Winning rider Denis Schwarz said that he undertook to get his weight down when approached by Sean Tarry.

“When I saw the draw, I was a little taken back and thought about it – but realised that it was an honour to have a ride in a great race like this. To win it is absolutely fantastic,” he added.

Bred and raced by Al Adiyaat SA, Zillzaal is son of champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of the unraced Giant's Causeway mare, Zulaal.

He has won 3 races with 8 places from 13 starts for stakes of R2 100 650.

Gr1 Summer Cup 2000m

Winner Zillzaal carried 0.7kg overweight and was drawn wide; set the pace and was 2.5 lengths clear at 400m; kept on; jockey Schwarz was fined R2500 for striking this horse more than 12 times

Runner-up Soqrat was drawn wide; raced 10th then 6th at 400m, some 6 lengths behind the leader; ran on very well

Third Al Mutawakel raced 4th and was 3rd at 400m, some 3 lengths behind the leader; ran on well

Time: The pace was steady in parts, causing the overall time to be (comparatively) the fourth fastest of the nine races around the turn. We gave the runner-up (prev 106/113/117/119/124) 124 which makes the winner (prev 106/100/105/92/87) 108 and the third (prev 73/79/88/89/92) 106

108	1	0.00	ZILLZAAL	(15)	52.5	D Schwarz	28/1
4 b g	Silvano - Zulaal(USA) (Giant's Causeway)						
124	2	0.40	SOQRAT	(14)	60.0	A Marcus	2/1
4 b c	Epaulette - Elzeeza(AUS) (Hussonet)						
106	3	0.60	AL MUTAWAKEL	(2)	52.0	L J Ferraris	20/1
4 b c	Silvano - Alderry (Al Mufti)						
104	4	1.60	Queen Supreme	(10)	52.0	C Murray	9/2
104	5	2.25	Atyaab	(13)	52.5	D De Gouveia	22/1
102	6	2.40	Roy Had Enough	(5)	52.0	M v Rensburg	22/1
102	7	2.75	Green Haze	(11)	52.0	R Munger	33/1
117	8	2.85	Barahin	(8)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	21/4
103	9	3.10	Camphoratus	(17)	53.0	M Khan	40/1
99	10	4.00	Sunshine Silk	(16)	52.0	M Klink	70/1
99	11	5.00	Tilbury Fort	(3)	53.0	R Danielson	28/1
98	12	5.25	Divine Odyssey	(9)	52.5	C Majeau	14/1
93	13	7.25	Flying Winger	(6)	52.0	M Mjoka	55/1
90	14	9.00	Insignis	(20)	52.0	C F Dicken	90/1
85	15	11.50	Marchingontgether	(7)	52.0	W Kennedy	60/1
83	16	12.75	Dawn Assault	(18)	52.0	K Zechner	28/1
82	17	13.00	Shenanigans	(1)	52.0	G Cheyne	45/1
85	18	13.05	Infamous Fox	(12)	53.5	M Byleveld	40/1
67	19	21.00	Bize	(19)	52.0	S Khumalo	36/1
0	20	99.99	Cascapedia	(4)	52.5	C Zackey	18/1

Time: 123.96s (61.98s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 122%
1st T: SG Tarry **O:** Al Adiyaat South Africa (Pty) Ltd **B:** Al Adiyaat

Doing The Splits**Turffontein, 30 November**

	1st call	2nd call	400	fin	avg/1000	1st/2nd call	2nd call /400	400 /fin
1400m								
Maiden Plate (f&m)	-----	30.42	63.14	87.56	(62.5)	-----	32.72	24.42
Maiden Plate	-----	28.60	60.77	85.41	(61.1)	-----	32.17	24.64
1600m								
Gr2 Dingaans	-----	38.82	71.47	96.66	(60.4)	-----	32.65	25.19
Gr2 Ipi Tombe Challenge (without Running Brave)	-----	39.27	71.68	96.91	(60.6)	-----	32.41	25.23
MR88 Handicap	-----	39.74	72.96	98.00	(61.3)	-----	33.22	25.04
1800m								
MR74 Handicap (f&m)	-----	53.87	87.96	113.66	(63.1)	-----	34.09	25.70
2000m								
Maiden Plate	38.70	66.39	100.69	126.80	(63.4)	27.69	34.30	26.11
Gr1 Summer Cup	37.47	64.83	98.58	123.83	(61.9)	27.36	33.75	25.25
3200m								
Racing Assoc Hcp (L)	117.55	147.80	183.65	208.94	(65.3)	30.25	35.85	25.29

The Gr1 Summer Cup went at a steady pace for most of the journey, and comparatively was only the fifth fastest of the nine races around the turn.

Race-favourite Soqrat unusually raced from off the pace and, running on well, was beaten half a length by the front running Zillzaal who had stolen a march early in the home straight. Given the moderate overall pace Soqrat seemingly was left with too much to do.

The Gr2 Dingaans was marginally the fastest of the three 1600m races and was run at a fair pace.

In the Gr2 Ipi Tombe Challenge front running Running Brave held a big lead, but went way too fast and compounded 400m out, to finish last.

Splits for the race are shown without her, and are on a par with the Dingaans.

The MR88 Handicap over the same distance was false run and decided in a sprint home.

Slowly run throughout, the Racing Association Handicap (L) over 3200m resembled a cavalry charge in the sprint for home.

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Gr2 Merchants R350 000

Festive Mardi Gras!

The Nassif and Zackey family's favourite grey flyer Mardi Gras bounced back from a 27 week break and underlined his enormous ability when winning the Gr2 feature. It was a superb race for Avontuur's internationally proven stallion Oratorio - the son of Danehill sired first, third and fourth in a memorable contest and showed again that he can sire stakes winners over sprints and ground.

Having his first run for the Sean Tarry team, who saddled the exacta, the 2019 Gr2 Senior Santa Stakes winner Mardi Gras was beautifully conserved early in the running as KZN raider Ultra Magnus and the winner's stablemate Warrior's Rest cut out the early fractions.

Racing on the wide outside, Gavin Lerena let the big grey go at the 200m and the 5yo charged clear to a popular victory by 2,25 lengths in a time of 66,04 secs. His stablemate Warrior's Rest (14-1) stayed on stoutly for second, ahead of the flying Van Halen with Ultra Magnus hanging on to fourth.

Originally the joint top-seller at R3,2 million at the 2016 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale, Mardi Gras changed hands following the Mayfair Speculators unbundling. Bred by Avontuur, he is a son of champion racehorse Oratorio (Danehill) out of the classy Gr1 winner Sarabande, a powerful daughter of Goldmark, who won six races in the care of Joey Ramsden from a mile to 2000m. Mardi Gras has won 7 races with 6 places from 16 starts for stakes of R930 037. He could be set for a big season!

Gr2 Merchants 1160m

Winner Mardi Gras raced midfield; led 150m; won going away

Runner-up Warrior's Rest raced handy; led 400m; outpaced by winner

Third Van Halen raced in the rear; was two lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on

Time: This was the fastest of the three sprint races, with the field very tightly bunched throughout. We gave the runner-up (prev 95/101/93/79/103) 101 which makes the winner (prev 99/103/111/103/98) 116 and the third (prev 92/96/108/108/110) 113

116	1	0.00	MARDI GRAS	(14)	57.0	G Lerena	7/2
5 gr g	Oratorio - Sarabande (Goldmark)						
101	2	2.25	WARRIOR'S REST	(9)	54.0	R Danielson	14/1
5 b g	What A Winter - Bardot (Badger Land)						
113	3	2.50	VAN HALEN	(11)	60.0	C Zackey	17/2
4 b g	Oratorio - Rock Concert (Lecture)						
93	4	3.50	Ultra Magnus	(3)	52.5	C Murray	11/1
92	5	4.50	Down To Zero	(13)	54.0	D De Gouveia	44/1
88	6	4.55	Gimme A Wave	(16)	52.0	S Khumalo	7/1
90	7	5.25	Wynkelder	(10)	54.5	M v Rensburg	15/1
91	8	5.35	Clever Guy	(6)	55.0	C Maujean	70/1
78	9	7.50	Valbonne	(2)	53.0	M Khan	60/1
93	10	8.00	Prince Of Kahal	(12)	60.5	D Schwarz	7/1
90	11	8.30	Rebel's Champ	(8)	59.5	W Kennedy	18/1
84	12	8.50	Sunset Eyes	(1)	57.0	A Marcus	11/2
76	13	8.75	Basilius	(7)	54.0	R Munger	60/1
75	14	10.00	Sir Frenchie	(5)	55.5	C Storey	6/1
57	15	15.00	William The Silent	(15)	56.0	L J Ferraris	13/1
47	16	18.00	Captain Aldo	(4)	57.0	P Strydom	40/1

Time: 66.04s (56.93s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) **SP Total %:** 119%
1st T:SG Tarry O:Messrs L & W Zackey, G J Nassif, J Nassif & Z L Nassif B:Avontuur Farm

Gr2 Dingaans (3yo's) R500,000

Classic Can Opener

Sean Tarry is a master on the big days but he delivered something of a curved ball for punters in the R500 000 Gr2 Dingaans when the lesser fancied of his duo stormed home at any price.

We didn't learn from the King Of Gems curved ball in last week's Gr2 Concorde Cup at Kenilworth!

Unfancied at 50-1, the 95 rated Shango looked to have plenty to do to beat his Gr1 winning 114 rated stablemate Eden Roc. But after things went Shango's way and Eden Roc proved a touch enthusiastic in the running, the record Pick 6 bomb dropped as Gavin Lerena claimed his second Gr2 success on a day that looked less than promising when the sun rose on Saturday.

Shango finished full of running under the former SA Champion to storm through his field late and win going away by 2,75 lengths in a time of 96,57 secs.

Mike de Kock's Frosted Gold was given every chance by Craig Zackey and ran on steadily without being a match for the Tarry galloper.

The smart and gutsy Corne Spies-trained filly Cockney Pride ran a great race a length further back in third. Disappointments beyond Eden Roc included Astrix (7,75 lengths), Promiseofamaster (8 lengths) and the previously undefeated Marshall (14 lengths).

The Heritage Stud-bred Shango was a R425 000 CTS Ready To Run graduate and has won two races with three places from six starts for stakes of R399 625.

He is a first graded stakes winner for former SA Champion Sprinter Captain Of All, a son of the legendary Captain Al.

A triple Gr1 winner, Captain Of All was crowned South Africa's Champion First Crop Sire for 2018-2019.

Shango is out of the four-time winning Jet Master mare, Scorched. Sean Tarry has enjoyed plenty of success with the family. The top trainer appeared surprised and apologetic when he explained that he had genuinely expected Eden Roc to beat Shango.

As Geoff Woodruff quipped in an interview with the Sporting Post last week.- 'we wouldn't run races if we knew the results...'

Gr2 Dingaans (3yo's) 1600m

Winner Shango raced midfield; led 100m; won going away

Runner-up Frosted Gold (2nd best handicapped) was slow into stride; raced in the rear; 4th at 400m; outpaced late by winner

Third Cockney Pride raced third; held every chance

Time: Comparatively this was the fastest of the nine races around the turn. We gave the runner-up (prev 107/107/106/96/103) 103 which makes the winner (prev 75/81/83/90/75) 109 and the third (prev 101/90/90/89/93) 96

109	1	0.00	SHANGO	(3)	60.0	G Lerena	36/1
3 b c	Captain Of All - Scorched (Jet Master)						
103	2	2.75	FROSTED GOLD	(6)	60.0	C Zackey	28/10
3 gr g	All Too Hard - Mary d'Or(FR) (Verglas)						
96	3	3.75	COCKNEY PRIDE	(2)	57.5	P Strydom	18/1
3 b f	Querari - Lovely Jubbly (Rakeen)						
99	4	4.75	Battle Of Alesia	(10)	60.0	C Maujean	70/1
98	5	5.00	Eden Roc	(5)	60.0	R Danielson	33/10
97	6	5.75	John Hancock	(1)	60.0	L J Ferraris	45/1
95	7	6.50	Donderweer	(7)	60.0	S Khumalo	40/1
92	8	7.75	Astrix	(8)	60.0	W Kennedy	10/1
92	9	8.00	Promiseofamaster	(4)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	15/1
81	10	13.00	Steak And Ale	(1)	60.0	M v Rensburg	70/1
79	11	14.00	Marshall	(9)	60.0	C Murray	22/10
61	12	22.00	Oyster King	(12)	60.0	M Khan	80/1

Time: 96.57s (60.36s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 113%
1st T:SG Tarry O:Messrs C J H van Niekerk & B G Gardner B:Heritage Stud

Reminder

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04Dec	200	200	195	103,025
03Dec	200	210	200	29,086
02Dec	220	220	207	3,739
29Nov	220	220	220	100,806
28Nov	220	230	208	12,011
27Nov	218	220	215	44,801
26Nov	220	220	210	84,060
25Nov	220	220	207	61,763
22Nov	220	220	220	115,000
21Nov	220	235	207	46,565
20Nov	219	219	205	105,250
19Nov	220	230	210	39,091
18Nov	230	230	210	2,000
15Nov	205	230	205	177,100
14Nov	230	230	230	0
13Nov	230	230	230	0

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Gr2 Ipi Tombe Challenge R350,000**Sweet As Honey**

St John Gray's hardknocking chestnut Ronnie's Candy has a penchant for reserving her best for the big days. The daughter of King Of Kings turned up in a galloping mood on Saturday and duly ran them down, coming from near last off a decent pace. Relaxed as she enjoys racing, Ronnie's Candy had ten lengths to make up in the R350 000 Gr2 Ipi Tombe Challenge at the halfway mark of the home straight, after Running Brave had gone quickly and stretched them.

As the 3yo Wisteria Walk glided into the lead at the 400m, Ronnie's Candy (13-2) was hooked outside for a run by the promising Luke Ferraris. She picked it up powerfully with daylight ahead and ran on with resolution to beat fellow 4yo In The Dance (17-4) by 1,75 lengths in a time of 96,86 secs. Wisteria Walk (9-2) stopped late but was not disgraced in third.

Ferraris saluted triumphantly at the line, the win obviously meaning plenty to him. As for the fancied Vistula, the Stipes reported that shortly after the start, she and Pretty Border came together and bumped on a number of occasions when awkwardly placed between In The Dance, which rolled out and Wisteria Walk which was carried in by Running Brave who was hanging in throughout.

A Graystone Stud home-bred, Ronnie's Candy is by the ill-fated King Of Kings (Sadler's Wells) out of the three-time winner Bennie And the Jets (Jet Master). She has won 4 races with 7 places from 15 starts for stakes of R842 775.

Gr2 Ipi Tombe Challenge (f&m) 1600m

Winner Ronnie's Candy (2nd best handicapped) raced 10th of 11 entering straight, and was 7th at 400m; led 150m; won going away

Runner-up In The Dance was slow into stride; raced midfield; was 5th at 400m; ran on Third Wisteria Walk raced 3rd; led 300m; outrun latter stages; cast shoe in running

Time: This comparatively was the second fastest of the nine races around the turn. We gave the fourth (prev best 102) 101 which makes the winner (prev 74/85/84/104 has done 107) 107, the runner-up (prev 91/91/100/95/90) 103, and the third (prev 81/89/93) 98

107	1	0.00	RONNIE'S CANDY	(8)	59.0	L J Ferraris	13/2
4	ch f	King Of Kings - Bennie And the Jets (Jet Master)					
103	2	1.75	IN THE DANCE	(4)	59.0	P Strydom	17/4
4	b f	Gimmethereenlight - Akinfeet (Fort Wood)					
98	3	2.00	WISTERIA WALK	(7)	52.0	M v Rensbur	93/20
3	b f	Vercingetorix - Wooden Doll (Fort Wood)					
101	4	2.75	Perfect Tigress	(10)	59.0	C Murray	40/1
101	5	4.00	Schippers	(1)	60.0	C Maujean	16/1
98	6	4.10	Pretty Border	(5)	59.0	R Munger	40/1
98	7	4.25	Roy's Riviera	(11)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	20/1
96	8	5.25	Chitengo	(3)	59.0	G Lerena	15/1
92	9	7.75	Vistula	(6)	60.0	W Kennedy	29/10
81	10	10.00	Snow Palace	(2)	52.0	C Zackey	9/1
84	11	11.75	Running Brave	(9)	60.0	S Brown	11/1

Time: 96.86s (60.54s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st T:SD Gray O:Mr St John D Gray B:Graystone Stud

Gr3 Magnolia Handicap R200 000**A Record Pick 6**

Despite a rocky start to the 2019 Summer Cup day, the Turffontein Pick 6 pool rocketed to a record nett R21,2 million with the tote favourite True To Life cruising to a first stakes success to open proceedings in the R200 000 Gr3 Magnolia Handicap.

The Northfields Stud-bred 3yo daughter of Drakenstein sire Duke Of Marmalade (Danehill) showed her appreciation of the course-and-distance to register a smart victory in the 1160m handicap under Chase Maujean and prove again that just when it looked a 'field' race in the big exotic, it was hardly needed to go more than a handful.

Maujean had the Johan Janse van Vuuren-trained galloper just off the pace set by the enthusiastic Singforafa and he brought her through her field at the 300m marker to win going away at 3-1 by three lengths in a time of 66,19 secs. Roy Magner's longshot Dancing Queen (28-1) chased late to keep the gallant Sarah out of second position. Tony Peter's pre-race observation that Sarah was lumping 5,5kgs more than the same age True To Life came home to roost – but it was a handicap, after all!

Another Magner charge in Pool Party (13-1) rounded off the quartet. The winner was offered by Lammerskraal Stud on the 2018 National Yearling Sale where Greenstreet Bloodstock signed the slip at R180 000.

She is out of Zim 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. She is a Medaglia D'oro daughter of ten-time winning Equus Champion, Circle Of Life.

True To Life has won 4 races with 1 place from 7 starts for stakes of R369 625. She was thought to have been likely to enjoy more ground but her worst run ever was in the 1600m Gr1 Thekwini Stakes last term. Sprinting is obviously her game.

Gr3 Magnolia Handicap (f&m) 1160m

Winner True To Life was slow into stride; raced midfield; led 200m; won going away Runner-up Dancing Queen carried 0.9kg overweight; raced midfield; ran on, but no chance with winner

Third Sarah raced handy; outpaced by first two

Time: Run only 15/100th of a second slower than the Gr2 Merchants, the time

SCORE CARD

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TOP SCORERS for 2019/2020

(updated to 31 November 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
King Of Gems	3	c	30	1
Ronnie's Candy	4	f	30	1
Third Runway	3	f	30	1
Shango	3	c	30	1
Vistula	4	f	30	1
One World	4	c	25	1
Soqrat	4	c	25	1
True To Life	3	f	25	1
Queen Supreme	4	f	25	1
Infamous Fox	5	c	24	1
Chijmes	4	c	24	1
Zouaves	6	c	23	1
Chimichuri Run	4	c	21	1
Gin Fizz	3	f	12	1
Sachdev	3	c	12	1
Ready Steady Go	5	c	10	1
Pleasedtomeetyou	4	c	6	1
Cabo da Cruz	5	c	2	1
Macthief	3	c	2	1
Warrior's Rest	5	c	2	1

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was a good one. We gave the runner-up (prev 101/94/71/76/89) 93 which makes the winner (prev 98/98/95/89/101) 105 and the third (prev 70/102/90/102/104) 105

105	1	0.00	TRUE TO LIFE	(14)	53.0	C Maujean	13/4
3	b f	Duke Of Marmalade - Mina Salaam(USA) (Medaglia d'Oro)					
93	2	3.00	DANCING QUEEN	(3)	56.0	G Lerena	28/1
4	b f	Mambo In Seattle - Jet Princess (Jet Master)					
105	3	3.25	SARAH	(13)	58.5	W Kennedy	13/2
3	ch f	What A Winter - Sylvie (Dupont)					
89	4	3.75	Pool Party	(12)	55.5	M Khan	13/1
82	5	5.00	Operetta	(2)	54.5	M Byleveld	16/1
77	6	5.05	Double 'O' Eight	(9)	52.0	S Khumalo	12/1
82	7	7.25	Singforafa	(7)	55.0	C Zackey	7/1
72	8	7.35	Via Seattle	(8)	54.0	C Storey	22/1
85	9	7.40	Green Plains	(6)	60.0	R Danielson	11/1
72	10	7.50	Nicky Noo	(15)	54.0	D Schwarz	15/1
69	11	8.75	Mary O' Reilly	(1)	55.0	D De Gouveia	25/1
57	12	11.00	Ancient Spirit	(11)	53.5	K Zechner	33/1
55	13	13.25	Desert Rhythm	(16)	56.5	L J Ferraris	40/1
50	14	13.30	Lesedi La Rona	(4)	54.0	C Murray	44/1
47	15	14.00	Ulla	(10)	54.0	M v Rensburg	9/1
35	16	18.00	Dalai's Promise	(5)	55.5	G Cheyne	55/1

Time: 66.19s (57.06s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st T:JAJ v Vuuren O:Messrs J F & L M F Wernars & Mrs T J Wernars
B:Northfields Stud

BLACK TYPE RESULTS

Racing Association Hcp (L) R150,000

True Blue

Chase Maujean was at the top of his game at Turffontein on Saturday. His hat-trick included a Gr2 win and a hard fought Listed success in the Racing Association Handicap – the longest race on Summer Cup day – on the 7yo mare, Bondiblu. The final leg of the record-breaking Pick 6 produced a grandstand finish as two girls took on the opposite sex.

Going into the final 200m, it was any one of Ali Bon Dubai (4-1), Factory Fifty (7-2) and the flying Bondiblu (7-1), but Maujean had timed it sweetly and the 7yo picked up a deserved first stakes victory when she got the better of Ali Bon Dubai by a quarter length in a time of 208,82 secs. Factor Fifty stayed on 0,75 lengths back in third.

Trainer Weiho Marwing has been through a quiet patch but he has few peers getting them ready to win over ground. The mar was formerly with the late Stan Ferreira. A R100 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Bondiblu was bred by Vanree Stud and is by stakes winner Seul Amour (Zabeel) out of the five-time winner Blue Paradise (Jallad).

Bondiblu has won 9 races with 18 places from 52 starts for stakes of R887 975. The Pick 6 paid a mouthwatering total of R5 016 220,50.

Racing Association Handicap (L) 3200m

Winner Bondiblu jumped awkwardly leaving the stalls; raced in the rear; 3rd at 400m; led 200m; kept on strongly

Runner-up Ali Bon Dubai raced 8th; was 4th at 400m; challenged strongly final 200m
Third Factor Fifty raced fifth; led 600m; hanging in, in the straight; ran on

Time: Run at a sedate pace throughout, the field resembled a cavalry charge 700m out and the race developed into a sprint. We gave the third (prev 79/82/82/87/89) 89 which makes the winner (prev 84/91/89/81/87) 90 and the runner-up (prev 92/94/96/60/80) 98

90	1	0.00	BONDIBLU	(3)	55.5	C Maujean	7/1
7 b m Seul Amour - Blue Paradise (Jallad)							
98	2	0.25	ALI BON DUBAI	(1)	59.5	M Khan	4/1
6 b g Lateral - Zundra (Count Dubois)							
89	3	1.00	FACTOR FIFTY	(2)	55.0	K Zechner	69/20
4 ch f Marchfield - Tanover (Model Man)							
78	4	5.00	Diamond Dancer	(10)	53.5	W Kennedy	10/1
76	5	13.00	Flichy By Farr	(5)	58.0	G Lerena	8/1
63	6	14.00	Calls To Heaven	(8)	52.0	K Matsunyane	30/1
59	7	15.50	Earth Sky	(4)	52.0	N Klinik	20/1
42	8	26.50	Tirzan	(6)	52.0	C Zackey	17/2
52	9	35.50	Noble Secret	(9)	52.5	C Murray	5/1
0	10	99.99	Hit For Six	(7)	52.0	R Munger	25/1

Time: 208.82s (65.26s avg/1000m, or 55km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%
1st T:WH Marwing O:Mesdames C Marks, S Marks, J Peimer & L C A Bouwer B:Vanree Stud

Doing It - Again



Do It Again | Candiese Lenferna

Reigning Equus Horse Of The Year Do It Again is the senior rated galloper at 136 for the Gr2 Green Point Stakes at Kenilworth on Saturday 14 December.

The son of Twice Over had a 'nice easy' gallop on his own at Kenilworth yesterday ahead of his seasonal reappearance.

The Snaith star faces a class field, including Mike de Kock's Hawwaam, who lost out on an intended Queen's Plate prep today at Turffontein, as racing was abandoned.

As reported on www.goldcircle.co.za, trainer Justin Snaith said a lot more thought had been put into the Cape Summer Season this year as there were some Cape representatives on the programming panel. He is thus very happy with the season's layout, but he lamented the lack of preparation opportunities for his top older horses with a good example being Equus Champion Sprinter Kasimir, who was going to have to wait until Queen's Plate day to get a run.

[See the Gr2 Green Point Stakes field here](#)

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Sat 14 Dec	Gr1 WSB Cape Fillies Guineas (3yo's) 1600m Kenilworth
	Gr2 WSB Green Point St. 1600m Kenilworth
	Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes (F&M) 1000m Kenilworth
	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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RESULTS

Summer Ratings – The Ups ‘n Downs

The handicappers were kept busy on Summer Cup day. They have published their feature race assessments.

Gauteng Chris Gerber Gr1 Summer Cup

ZILLZAAL has had his rating increased from 114 to 120 after he led virtually throughout to win the Gauteng Chris Gerber Summer Cup over 2000m at Turffontein (standside track) on Saturday 30 November. Runner-up SOQRAT was used as the line horse when assessing the race, but ZILLZAAL was 1.5 kgs under sufferance at the weights and also carried 0.5 kg overweight on top of that, so a six-pound increase in his rating actually amounts to the minimum possible raise. SOQRAT'S rating, of course, remains unchanged.

Third placed AL MUTAWAKEL was fully 14 pounds under sufferance and accordingly goes up by that amount from 103 to 117, while fourth placed QUEEN SUPREME (who was 10 pounds under sufferance) goes up from 110 to 117.

The only other raise was to GREEN HAZE, who goes up from 107 to 111, but numerous horses were given a drop in ratings. ROY HAD ENOUGH goes from 116 to 115, CAMPHORATUS was trimmed from 118 to 116, TILBURY FORT also goes from 118 to 116, DIVINE ODYSSEY drops from 117 to 116, INSIGNIS drops from 112 to 110, SHENANIGANS goes from 107 to 106, and INFAMOUS FOX was cut from 119 to 117.

TAB/Betting World Gr2 Dingaans

SHANGO has seen his rating jump from 95 to 120 after he ran out an emphatic winner of the Grade 2 TAB/Betting World Dingaans for three-year-olds over 1600m at Turffontein on Saturday. There was no reason to believe that runner-up FROSTED GOLD had run below his rating of 114, and he accordingly was used as the line horse. As such, his rating remains unchanged.

There is nothing unusual about later-developing three-year-olds making major improvement at around this time of the year and the handicappers saw no reason not to take SHANGO'S impressive performance at face value.

Third placed COCKNEY PRIDE remains unchanged on 110, but fourth finisher BATTLE OF ALESIA was upped from 94 to 108. Other changes were to the ratings of JOHN HANCOCK, who goes up from 99 to 101, to DONDERWEER, who is up from 95 to 100, and to ASTRIX, who was raised from 103 to 104. This makes ASTRIX equal to PROMISEOFAMASTER, who finished behind ASTRIX here and who was also beaten by ASTRIX in a graduation plate back in September. It was felt that this entitles ASTRIX to a rating which is at least equal to PROMISEOFAMASTER'S.

New Turf Carriers Gr2 Merchants

MARDI GRAS has had his rating increased from 116 to 124 after he returned from an absence of over six months to run out a very easy winner of the Grade 2 New Turf carriers Merchants over 1160m at Turffontein on Saturday. The handicappers felt that fourth placed ULTRA MAGNUS would not have run worse in a race of this stature than his rating which was earned in off-season KwaZulu-Natal races and used him as the line horse, which naturally means that his rating remains unchanged on 107.

Runner-up WARRIOR'S REST goes up from 110 to 113, while third placed VAN HALEN was raised from 122 to 124.

Two horses were given a drop in ratings, with CLEVER GUY going from 112 to 110 and VALBONNE from 108 to 106.

WSB Gr2 Ipi Tombe Challenge

RONNIE'S CANDY has had her rating raised from 112 to 115 after she ran out a comfortable winner of the Grade 2 Ipi Tombe Challenge for fillies and mares over the Turffontein 1600m on Saturday. In rating the race this way, runner-up IN THE DANCE, third placed WISTERIA WALK and fourth placed PERFECT TIGRESS all run to their ratings, effectively making line horses out of all three of them.

The winner aside, the only change made to the rating of any horse here was to ROY'S RIVIERA, who was trimmed from 109 to 108.

Gr3 Magnolia Handicap

TRUE TO LIFE has had her rating increased from 107 to 117 after she ran out a very easy winner of the Magnolia Handicap for fillies and mares over 1160m at Turffontein on Saturday. Fourth placed POOL PARTY was used as the line horse, so her rating remains on 102, however runner-up DANCING QUEEN was raised from 101 to 104 and third placed SARAH goes up from 118 to 119.

Several horses were given a drop in their ratings. GREEN PLAINS is down from 111 to 108, DESERT RHYTHM drops from 104 to 102, Cape Town challenger LESEDI LA RONA drops from 99 to 97, and DALAI'S PROMISE goes from 102 to 100.

Listed Racing Association Handicap

BONDIBLUE has had her rating increased from 97 to 100 after she landed the Listed Racing Association Handicap over 3200m at Turffontein on Saturday. Here, the Handicappers felt that third placed FACTOR FIFTY made for the correct line horse, and as such her rating remains unchanged on 99, but runner-up ALI BON DUBAI was raised from 105 to 107.

Only two horses were given a ratings' drop, with FLICHITY BY FARR going from 102 to 100, and NOBLE SECRET dropping from 111 to 110. Given the paucity of races over this sort of distance the handicappers were reluctant to make too many widespread changes to the ratings of any of the runners.

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8,039,474	Klawervlei Stud	326	24,661	876	70	83	21%	2	2	3%	254	29%	0	Battleofrafalgar 500,000 6%
7,181,548	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	195	36,828	578	62	74	32%	3	3	5%	188	33%	5	Barahin 593,250 8%
5,599,612	Summerhill Stud	187	29,944	602	43	55	23%	0	0	0%	170	28%	1	Gaian Glory 296,625 5%
4,121,698	Highlands	126	32,712	374	41	55	33%	1	1	2%	107	29%	1	Kelpie 209,937 5%
3,458,800	Maine Chance	99	34,937	278	30	45	30%	0	0	0%	85	31%	2	Wisteria Walk 204,375 6%
3,365,612	Drakenstein Stud	100	33,656	264	34	38	34%	1	1	3%	91	34%	4	King Of Gems 233,750 7%
2,800,212	Varsfontein Stud	83	33,737	247	26	31	31%	1	1	4%	74	30%	1	Third Runway 218,750 8%
2,420,563	Lammerskraal Stud	62	39,041	152	22	24	35%	1	1	5%	39	26%	4	Russet Air 293,750 12%
2,206,400	Nadeson Park Stud	69	31,977	220	19	24	28%	0	0	0%	71	32%	3	Orchid Street 170,750 8%
2,164,462	Moutonshoek	93	23,274	308	19	23	20%	0	0	0%	87	28%	1	Takatul 126,350 6%
2,093,225	Al Adiyaat	22	95,147	60	8	11	36%	1	1	13%	13	22%	1	Zillzaal 1,275,625 61%
1,975,675	Scott Bros	88	22,451	303	17	18	19%	1	1	6%	77	25%	1	Mokoko 128,125 6%
1,951,150	Ascot Stud	67	29,122	208	18	22	27%	0	0	0%	66	32%	2	Jack Of Hearts 193,300 10%
1,685,050	La Plaisance Stud	67	25,150	157	15	17	22%	0	0	0%	58	37%	3	Crome Yellow 156,250 9%
1,599,187	Favour Stud	71	22,524	228	15	19	21%	0	0	0%	63	28%	0	Coyote Girl 134,900 8%
1,562,000	Clifton Stud	40	39,050	125	11	16	28%	1	3	9%	38	30%	1	Prince Of Kahal 493,625 32%
1,501,250	Graystone Stud	26	57,740	109	9	13	35%	1	1	11%	34	31%	1	Ronnie's Candy 308,625 21%

LEADING SIRES by STAKES

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 1 December 2019

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
5,726,649	Silvano	151	37,925	385	43	54	28%	4	4	9%	115	30%	3	Zillzaal 1,275,625 22%
4,487,938	Gimmethgreenlight	120	37,399	343	32	40	27%	2	2	6%	103	30%	7	Barahin 593,250 13%
4,162,636	*Captain Al	104	40,025	283	31	39	30%	1	1	3%	111	39%	3	Battleofrafalgar 500,000 12%
4,031,399	Oratorio	103	39,140	315	40	49	39%	2	2	5%	96	30%	1	Viva Rio 229,125 6%
3,684,613	What A Winter	120	30,705	351	32	40	27%	2	2	6%	117	33%	2	Russet Air 293,750 8%
3,409,725	*Dynasty	104	32,786	287	30	39	29%	2	2	7%	98	34%	1	Kelpie 209,937 6%
3,381,450	Var	118	28,656	351	33	40	28%	1	1	3%	114	32%	3	Okavango Delta 138,100 4%
3,291,611	Querari	124	26,545	332	34	39	27%	1	1	3%	83	25%	3	Spring Breeze 175,750 5%
2,845,925	Master Of My Fate	113	25,185	314	27	31	24%	0	0	0%	91	29%	0	Goliath Heron 163,500 6%
2,750,788	Visionaire	99	27,786	289	15	20	15%	0	0	0%	68	24%	0	Spiritofthegroove 546,500 20%
2,698,500	Pathfork	78	34,596	245	29	33	37%	1	1	3%	75	31%	0	Path Of Choice 127,850 5%
2,533,437	Duke Of Marmalade	91	27,840	237	25	28	27%	1	1	4%	73	31%	1	True To Life 174,000 7%
2,491,687	Elusive Fort	104	23,959	320	22	25	21%	0	0	0%	100	31%	1	Elusive Fortune 142,625 6%
2,455,175	Twice Over	107	22,946	309	25	27	23%	0	0	0%	99	32%	1	Twice To Sydney 124,125 5%
2,278,874	Ideal World	81	28,134	237	16	20	20%	2	2	13%	79	33%	1	Vistula 303,500 13%
2,154,225	*Crusade	82	26,271	262	20	24	24%	0	0	0%	69	26%	0	Madame Patrice 164,700 8%
2,112,750	*Sail From Seattle	62	34,077	197	19	25	31%	0	0	0%	70	36%	2	Coyote Creek 149,950 7%



Gold Circle

Klawervlei sire, and former Equus Champion Sprinter, Captain Of All, sire of Saturday's Dingaans winner Shango, enjoyed further success at Kenilworth yesterday when his 2yo daughter Dad's Catch made an eye-catching winning debut over 900 metres.

A R150 000 buy from the 2019 Cape Premier Yearling Sale, the Ten Einde Stud-bred Dad's Catch is owned by Messrs Carruthers, Marais, Nel, Puller and Robinson.

She is the second Captain Of All sired 2yo to win on debut recently, with her paternal half-sister Captain's Flo winning first time out at Kenilworth last Saturday.

South Africa's Leading First Crop Sire of 2018-2019, triple Gr1 winner Captain Of All has made a flying start to his stud career, with his first crop headed by three individual stakes winners.

He has nine yearlings on offer at January's Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 1 December 2019

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
2,300,899	*Captain Al	45	51,131	127	18	23	40%	0	0	0%	51	40%	1	Battleofrafalgar 500,000 22%
2,183,436	Querari	68	32,109	186	25	28	37%	1	1	4%	49	26%	1	Querari Ferrari 121,875 6%
2,049,512	Vercingetorix	59	34,737	149	16	26	27%	0	0	0%	38	26%	2	Wisteria Walk 204,375 10%
1,767,838	Visionaire	48	36,830	117	8	9	17%	0	0	0%	31	26%	0	Spiritofthegroove 546,500 31%
1,728,312	Captain Of All	42	41,150	123	12	16	29%	1	1	8%	30	24%	0	Shango 292,000 17%
1,667,725	What A Winter	59	28,267	175	16	18	27%	1	1	6%	58	33%	1	Sarah 177,500 11%
1,648,137	Gimmethgreenlight	55	29,966	124	15	19	27%	1	1	7%	36	29%	3	Third Runway 218,750 13%
1,602,550	Duke Of Marmalade	53	30,237	148	13	16	25%	1	1	8%	54	36%	0	True To Life 174,000 11%
1,523,387	Oratorio	48	31,737	136	15	20	31%	1	1	7%	36	26%	0	Viva Rio 229,125 15%
1,511,962	*Dynasty	41	36,877	105	14	19	34%	0	0	0%	44	42%	0	Kelpie 209,937 14%
1,431,200	Master Of My Fate	62	23,084	177	15	15	24%	0	0	0%	54	31%	0	Silva Magic 110,500 8%
1,284,350	Silvano	54	23,784	123	11	14	20%	2	2	18%	34	28%	1	Sachdev 173,750 14%
1,232,325	Flower Alley	43	28,659	121	12	13	28%	0	0	0%	43	36%	2	Rock Aloe 96,775 8%
1,192,187	Elusive Fort	50	23,844	149	14	15	28%	0	0	0%	36	24%	0	Oyster King 131,625 11%
1,182,975	Twice Over	50	23,660	135	12	13	24%	0	0	0%	46	34%	0	Double The Fun 118,075 10%

LEADING SIRES by AEPR

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 1 December 2019 with 20 or more rnr

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,333,138	*Kahal	25	53,326	101	9	13	36%	1	3	11%	31	31%	0	Prince Of Kahal 493,625 37%
4,162,636	*Captain Al	104	40,025	283	31	39	30%	1	1	3%	111	39%	3	Battleofrafalgar 500,000 12%
4,031,399	Oratorio	103	39,140	315	40	49	39%	2	2	5%	96	30%	1	Viva Rio 229,125 6%
5,726,649	Silvano	151	37,925	385	43	54	28%	4	4	9%	115	30%	3	Zillzaal 1,275,625 22%
1,781,637	Captain Of All	47	37,907	128	13	17	28%	1	1	8%	31	24%	0	Shango 292,000 16%
4,487,938	Gimmethgreenlight	120	37,399	343	32	40	27%	2	2	6%	103	30%	7	Barahin 593,250 13%
695,625	Traffic Guard	20	34,781	73	6	8	30%	0	0	0%	24	33%	0	Liquid Irish 188,850 27%
2,049,512	Vercingetorix	59	34,737	149	16	26	27%	0	0	0%	38	26%	2	Wisteria Walk 204,375 10%
2,698,500	Pathfork	78	34,596	245	29	33	37%	1	1	3%	75	31%	0	Path Of Choice 127,850 5%
2,112,750	*Sail From Seattle	62	34,077	197	19	25	31%	0	0	0%	70	36%	2	Coyote Creek 149,950 7%
3,409,725	*Dynasty	104	32,786	287	30	39	29%	2	2	7%	98	34%	1	Kelpie 209,937 6%
1,004,525	Irish Flame	31	32,404	100	11	11	35%	0	0	0%	33	33%	0	Drunken Sailor 97,225 10%
3,684,613	What A Winter	120	30,705	351	32	40	27%	2	2	6%	117	33%	2	Russet Air 293,750 8%
2,107,036	Jackson	70	30,101	199	20	27	29%	0	0	0%	56	28%	1	Jacko Boy 207,500 10%
1,251,275	*Mogok	43	29,099	118	11	13	26%	0	0	0%	31	26%	1	Mokoko 128,125 10%

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LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 1 December 2019

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	348	49	14%	72	21%	31%	41	12%	159	46%	6,879,988	19,770
MF de Kock	223	38	17%	60	27%	35%	27	12%	110	49%	5,274,500	23,652
J Snaith	420	55	13%	74	18%	38%	56	13%	203	48%	4,656,760	11,088
PA Peter	314	46	15%	59	19%	29%	27	9%	144	46%	4,292,475	13,670
BJ Crawford	260	52	20%	54	21%	41%	29	11%	138	53%	4,263,146	16,397
AC Greeff	365	60	16%	88	24%	36%	49	13%	184	50%	3,993,413	10,941
GS Kotzen	280	32	11%	29	10%	41%	34	12%	114	41%	3,097,559	11,063
Y Bremner	322	34	11%	33	10%	33%	38	12%	144	45%	2,850,075	8,851
JAJ v Vuuren	188	23	12%	27	14%	37%	28	15%	89	47%	2,345,575	12,476
A Nel	193	20	10%	29	15%	24%	24	12%	98	51%	2,057,637	10,661
GD Smith	358	26	7%	21	6%	24%	30	8%	117	33%	1,992,425	5,565
GM Alexander	134	16	12%	14	10%	43%	17	13%	54	40%	1,981,075	14,784
C Bass-Robinson	253	16	6%	21	8%	33%	26	10%	102	40%	1,938,161	7,661
AG Laird	120	19	16%	19	16%	53%	16	13%	61	51%	1,910,850	15,924
SD Gray	150	17	11%	14	9%	29%	19	13%	64	43%	1,861,950	12,413
GB Puller	147	18	12%	19	13%	32%	21	14%	65	44%	1,850,625	12,589
DR Drier	150	18	12%	19	13%	53%	13	9%	67	45%	1,720,775	11,472
VH Marshall	148	21	14%	16	11%	38%	14	9%	65	44%	1,713,786	11,580
D Kannemeyer	139	16	12%	34	24%	26%	25	18%	70	50%	1,710,400	12,305
G v Zyl	111	18	16%	28	25%	39%	11	10%	57	51%	1,668,750	15,034
PF Matchett	208	15	7%	15	7%	13%	17	8%	73	35%	1,506,175	7,241
RR Magner	146	9	6%	9	6%	33%	15	10%	52	36%	1,361,275	9,324
DS Bosch	98	18	18%	12	12%	42%	5	5%	38	39%	1,351,475	13,791
DA Sham	142	15	11%	4	3%	25%	12	8%	50	35%	1,297,650	9,138
D Nieuwenhuizen	112	11	10%	7	6%	43%	13	12%	47	42%	1,256,950	11,223
GV Woodruff	115	13	11%	11	10%	55%	10	9%	41	36%	1,199,725	10,432

LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 1 December 2019

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
W Kennedy	586	105	18%	127	22%	39%	69	12%	314	54%	9,142,200	15,601
G Cheyne	333	72	22%	100	30%	38%	42	13%	185	56%	4,771,000	14,327
M Yeni	656	64	10%	91	14%	20%	87	13%	293	45%	6,339,638	9,664
R Fourie	244	55	23%	79	32%	41%	37	15%	150	61%	3,975,423	16,293
S Khumalo	352	50	14%	42	12%	38%	53	15%	172	49%	4,664,575	13,252
C Murray	249	45	18%	56	22%	38%	23	9%	113	45%	4,864,450	19,536
C Maujean	368	43	12%	32	9%	41%	35	10%	167	45%	3,718,025	10,103
R Danielson	225	39	17%	54	24%	33%	31	14%	113	50%	3,476,750	15,452
R Munger	457	37	8%	36	8%	22%	41	9%	175	38%	3,192,813	6,986
K De Melo	277	35	13%	56	20%	32%	45	16%	145	52%	3,536,674	12,768
M v Rensburg	251	26	10%	31	12%	29%	28	11%	96	38%	2,675,500	10,659
D Schwarz	232	24	10%	25	11%	44%	25	11%	95	41%	4,083,175	17,600
L J Ferraris	255	24	9%	19	7%	21%	28	11%	95	37%	2,832,250	11,107
C F Dicken	223	23	10%	7	3%	14%	17	8%	84	38%	1,996,788	8,954
N Klink	174	22	13%	20	11%	40%	17	10%	74	43%	1,328,550	7,635
S Veale	232	21	9%	29	13%	38%	21	9%	99	43%	2,204,200	9,501
A Marcus	71	20	28%	37	52%	41%	17	24%	49	69%	2,198,999	30,972
M Byleveld	232	20	9%	16	7%	44%	19	8%	91	39%	1,806,861	7,788
C Orrfer	151	20	13%	27	18%	33%	18	12%	78	52%	1,657,324	10,976
D Dillon	243	20	8%	23	9%	39%	28	12%	111	46%	2,288,224	9,417
S Randolph	205	19	9%	13	6%	31%	20	10%	90	44%	1,938,850	9,458
L Mxothwa	241	19	8%	14	6%	36%	23	10%	90	37%	1,584,474	6,575
C Zackey	151	17	11%	11	7%	45%	14	9%	57	38%	1,685,037	11,159
M Winnaar	123	16	13%	13	11%	31%	18	15%	60	49%	1,682,872	13,682
X Ndlovu	109	15	14%	11	10%	36%	11	10%	49	45%	1,018,500	9,344
G Lerena	83	14	17%	24	29%	25%	5	6%	45	54%	1,750,175	21,086
P Strydom	132	14	11%	22	17%	23%	24	18%	71	54%	1,800,750	13,642
S Brown	191	13	7%	5	3%	60%	8	4%	57	30%	1,246,475	6,526



Gold Circle

Riaan van Reenen's vast experience counts

Full Circle

Outspoken Riaan van Reenen is doing a top job as assistant to Glen Puller. The former Philippi trainer was on his own for 13 years – the latter period in tandem with Carl Burger – before calling it a day due to a lack of support and the dominance of the power yards, who have squeezed the small man out of the game. Riaan has gone full circle – he spent some years with Puller before branching out on his own. He saddled first-timer Dad's Catch to win the first at Kenilworth yesterday.



Devin Ashby broke the ice on Wednesday

Will Do

Devin Ashby produced a strong ride to get the green as grass Will Scarlett (20-1) home in the second race at Kenilworth yesterday for his father-in-law, trainer Paul Reeves. It's been a tough season – it was Devin's first winner in 88 rides this term. But, to be fair, he doesn't get the cream of the rides. Devin qualified from the South African Jockey Academy in December 2009. He has spent a few stints on the beautiful Pacific island of New Caledonia.



Gavin Lerena and St John Gray don't team up often, but...

Shades Of Gray

When Gavin Lerena takes a ride for trainer St John Gray, it is worth sitting up and taking note. Lerena booted Stately Home (6-1) to victory in the third at the Vaal on Tuesday. The

winner was backed from 10's. Their win strike-rate, from admittedly small numbers, is 43%, with a 28% strike last season. Owner-Trainer St John

Gray enjoyed feature success on Saturday when Ronnie's Candy won the Gr2 Ipi Tombe Stakes under Luke Ferraris.

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... but where will the best of the classic 3yo's turn up?

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	Limpot Retail	30Nov	3	MR122	1160	Turffontein	113/81/-/-/-
109	Russet Air	4	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	23Nov	1	MR114	1200	Kenilworth	109/98/-/-/-
106	Pleasedtomeetyou	4	Querari	La Plaisance Stud	23Nov	3	MR114	1200	Kenilworth	107/106/-/-/-
103	Invidia	3	Twice Over	Klawervlei Stud	23Nov	2	Cnd	1400	Kenilworth	96/103/-/-/-
102	Pack Leader	5	Philanthropist	Hallmark Thoroughbreds	23Nov	7	MR114	1200	Kenilworth	102/103/106/102/-
101	Warrior's Rest	5	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	30Nov	2	MR122	1160	Turffontein	103/101/92/95/-
101	Dutch Philip	5	What A Winter	Rex Stud	29Nov	2	MR108	1000	Fairview	119/104/-/-/-
101	Socrates	5	Horse Chestnut	Beaumont Stud	24Nov	2	MR100	1000	Greyville	102/92/-/-/-
100	Ready Steady Go	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	23Nov	2	MR114	1200	Kenilworth	100/99/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	30Nov	3	MR111	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
105	True To Life	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Northfields Stud	30Nov	1	MR111	1160	Turffontein	105/95/-/-/-
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	Star Fighter	4	Argonaut	Dream World Investments	27Nov	3	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	66/98/-/84/-
98	Che Bella	4	Sail From Seattle	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	3Dec	1	MR92f	1000	Vaal	98/68/-/-/-
96	Golden Chance	4	Dynasty	GJ Armitage	27Nov	2	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	91/98/-/-/-
95	Santa Clara	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	27Nov	4	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	90/106/-/91/-
95	Dynamic Diana	5	Dynasty	Highlands	27Nov	6	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	98/98/89/-/-
94	Platinum Class	5	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	27Nov	8	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	93/102/96/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
124	Soqratt	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	Zillzaal	4	Silvano	AI Adiyaat	30Nov	1	MR133	2000	Turffontein	72/101/93/108/101
106	AI Mutawakel	4	Silvano	AI Adiyaat	30Nov	3	MR133	2000	Turffontein	73/89/92/106/-
104	Atyaab	4	Dundeel	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/
99	Battle Of Alesia	3	Vercingetorix	Haversham Stud	30Nov	4	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	-/99/-/-/-

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	Helen's Ideal	4	Ideal World	PG de Beyer	23Nov	5	Cndfm	1800	Kenilworth	101/100/104/90/-
104	Queen Supreme	4	Exceed And Excel	bred in Ireland	30Nov	4	MR133	2000	Turffontein	-/87/96/104/-
104	Miyabi Gold	5	Silvano	Daytona Stud	23Nov	1	Cndfm	1800	Kenilworth	59/100/104/104/-
103	In The Dance	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	30Nov	2	WFAfm	1600	Turffontein	95/103/-/-/-
103	Camphoratus	5	Byword	R & Mrs Pickering	30Nov	9	MR133	2000	Turffontein	76/104/99/104/-
102	Madame Speaker	4	Pathfork	SE Bennett	22Nov	1	Cndfm	1600	Fairview	94/103/-/-/-
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/

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/-/-/-
103	Invidia	3	Twice Over	Klawervlei Stud	23Nov	2	Cnd	1400	Kenilworth	96/103/-/-/-
100	Padre Pio	3	Vercingetorix	BAM Giddy	20Nov	3	MR90	1400	Kenilworth	86/100/95/-/-
99	Battle Of Alesia	3	Vercingetorix	Haversham Stud	30Nov	4	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	-/99/-/-/-
99	Ikigai	3	Vercingetorix	Klawervlei Stud	19Nov	1	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	99/99/-/-/-
98	Eden Roc	3	Var	Varsfontein Stud	30Nov	5	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	107/100/-/-/-
97	King Of Gems	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	23Nov	1	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	92/97/-/-/-
97	John Hancock	3	Toreador	DGM Southey	30Nov	6	Cnd-3	1600	Turffontein	81/97/-/-/-
97	Pearl Of Asia	3	Pathfork	Riverton Stud	24Nov	1	MR88	1200	Greyville	97/-/-/-/-

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/-/-/-
95	Summer Pudding	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	23Nov	1	Cnd3f	1600	Turffontein	-/95/-/-/-
94	Keep Smiling	3	Flower Alley	Varsfontein Stud	23Nov	2	Cnd3f	1600	Turffontein	80/94/-/-/-
94	Cousin Liz	3	Captain Al	Riverton Stud	23Nov	3	MR86f	1000	Kenilworth	94/-/-/-/-
94	Marygold	3	Flower Alley	Clifton Stud	23Nov	3	Cnd3f	1600	Turffontein	-/94/-/-/-
94	El' Zara	3	Captain Al	Boland Stud	19Nov	1	MR84f	1200	Turffontein	94/57/-/-/-
93	Mirage	3	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	30Nov	2	MR86f	1200	Kenilworth	93/75/-/-/-

SIGNPOSTS

1st & 2nd season sires - 2yo's

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Cianna 2f (Lady Silvia by Silvano)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 800m \(06/12\)](#)

COUP DE GRACE (Tapit)

Hidden War 2c (Jambalaya by Holy Roman Emperor)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 800m \(08/12\)](#)

WILLOW MAGIC (Dubawi)

Magicallee 2f (Lee Danzig by Qui Danzig)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 800m \(08/12\)](#)

2nd season sires - 3yo's

CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Eugenio 3g (Moving On Up by Jallad)

[Greyville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(06/12\)](#)

Blue Spark 3g (Royal Purse by King of Kings)

[Vaal 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Crazy Charlie 3g (Conne Mara Black by Kahal)

[Vaal 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Annatjie 3g (Dancer's Delight by Rambo Dancer)

[Vaal 9 MR 79 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(07/12\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Chief Officer 3g (Scholarship by Fanatic Dane)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(06/12\)](#)

Lundy's Lad 3g (Lundy's Lass by Lundy's Liability)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(06/12\)](#)

Captain Anne Bonny 3g (Coco by Royal Air Force)

[Fairview 7 MR 92 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(06/12\)](#)

Captain Hindsight 3g (Uber Rock by Rock of Gibraltar)

[Vaal 1 Maiden Plate 1000m \(07/12\)](#)

Storm Commander 3g (Icywinterstorm by Western Winter)

[Vaal 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Holy Guacamole 3g (Fort Belvedere by Fort Wood)

[Vaal 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Rock Aloe 3g (Art Of Africa by Elliodor)

[Fairview 4 MR 86 Handicap 2000m \(06/12\)](#)

Blacksage Alley 3g (Levantera by Goldmark)

[Vaal 1 Maiden Plate 1000m \(07/12\)](#)

Forget O' Girls 3g (Captain's Corner by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(07/12\)](#)

Rille 3g (Plata Parana by Rich Man's Gold)

[Kenilworth 7 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1800m \(07/12\)](#)

Pomander 3g (Pure Spice by Black Minnaloushe)

[Vaal 9 MR 79 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(07/12\)](#)

Hawthorn 3g (Emerald Lake by Tiger Ridge)

[Vaal 10 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(07/12\)](#)

LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

Blushing Bride 3g (Marry Me Mullins by Mullins Bay)

[Fairview 5 MR 78 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(06/12\)](#)

Parkdale 3g (Belle Of Calgary by Rich Man's Gold)

[Greyville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 2000m \(06/12\)](#)

Grey Linngari 3g (Corre Solta by Ski Champ)

[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1750m \(08/12\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Friends Forever 3g (Juror by Strike Smartly)

[Vaal 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Donderweer 3g (Fashion Queen by Spectrum)

[Vaal 6 Sophomore 1000 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1000m \(07/12\)](#)

Gail Force 3g (Icy Air by Jallad)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(08/12\)](#)

Power To Command 3g (Lavender Sky by Elliodor)

[Scottsville 9 Maiden Plate 1750m \(08/12\)](#)

TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

Good Times Roll 3g (Gouldikova by General Nediym)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(06/12\)](#)

Pafuri 3g (Kruger Park by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(06/12\)](#)

Tom Bombadil 3g (Aqua Star by Saumarez)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(06/12\)](#)

Congo Compaq 3g (District Six by Mujadil)

[Kenilworth 5 Maiden Plate 1800m \(07/12\)](#)

Rooi Tom 3g (Eskimo Inn by Greys Inn)

[Vaal 8 Heritage Consolation \(Non-Blacktype\) 1475m \(07/12\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Kings Road 3g (Kimberley Coast by Danehill)

[Greyville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1200m \(06/12\)](#)

Mount Anderson 3g (Gilded Minaret by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(06/12\)](#)

Jetrix 3g (Internet Jet by Jet Master)

[Greyville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 2000m \(06/12\)](#)

Perfectly Putt 3g (Nandi by Danehill Dancer)

[Greyville 7 MR 78 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1700m \(06/12\)](#)

Soul Connection 3g (Intimateconnection by Lake Coniston)

[Vaal 1 Maiden Plate 1000m \(07/12\)](#)

War Jewel 3g (Perfect Diamond by Captain Al)

[Vaal 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Arminius 3g (Rainbow Flag by Model Man)

[Vaal 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Blue Ground 3g (Bejewelled Spring by Elliodor)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Academic Gold 3g (Gold Academy by Goldkeeper)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(07/12\)](#)

Hooves Of Troy 3g (Secret Magok by Mogok)

[Vaal 7 Grand Heritage \(Non-Blacktype\) 1475m \(07/12\)](#)

Empress Ella 3g (Ella Es Asia by Sunray Spirit)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(08/12\)](#)

Special Blend 3g (Mabola Plum by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 6 KZn Summer Challenge 1600 Final Handicap \(Non-Blacktype\) 1600m \(08/12\)](#)

WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Bhakka 3g (Golden Island by Selkirk)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(06/12\)](#)

Wylie's Flame 3g (Happy Hostess by Western Winter)

[Fairview 5 MR 78 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(06/12\)](#)

Miss Kylie 3g (Miss K by Kahal)

[Vaal 3 Maiden Plate 1400m \(07/12\)](#)

Flatware 3g (Family Silver by Silvano)

[Kenilworth 7 MR 72 Handicap \(F&M\) 1800m \(07/12\)](#)

Wiley Kim 3g (Kimberley Club by Fort Wood)

[Vaal 10 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\) 2000m \(07/12\)](#)

Bleu Royale 3g (Danish Zealot by Danehill Express)

[Scottsville 3 Maiden Plate 1200m \(08/12\)](#)

SIGNPOSTS CONTINUED

Notable Maiden Winners

GIMMETHEGREENLIGHT

Rated **AR 77 Lady Of Steel** (3f Fair Maiden by Western Winter)

Maiden Plate (F&M) Vaal (1200m) (28/11)

Supported throughout the morning, Johan Janse Van Vuuren's newcomer was eventually sent off favourite. She was a little slow into stride when the gates opened, and raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She made up the ground quickly when given rein though, and after striking the front 120m from home, she won easing down by two.

CRUSADE

Rated **AR 82 Whizz Of Odds** (3f Against The Odds by King's Apostle)

Maiden Plate (F&M) Greyville (poly) (1000m) (29/11)

Sent off a well-supported favourite, Gavin Van Zyl's newcomer was soon at the head of affairs. She kept up a healthy gallop throughout, and won without any anxious moments by two and a quarter.

CAMPANOLOGIST

Rated **AR 89 Mohican** (3fg Most Advanced by Put It Back)

Maiden Plate Turffontein (stand side) (1400m) (30/11)

Swiftly guided over from a wide draw, this Argentine-bred son of Campanologist made all. He was always in command and with the rest five lengths adrift, he had the favourite well held by two and a half.

Horses To Follow

CAPTAIN OF ALL

Rated **AR 109 Shango** (3c Scorched Lady by Jet Master)

Gr2 Dingaans (3yo's) Turffontein (stand side) (1600m) (30/11)

The lesser fancied of Sean Tarry's two runners in the event, Shango had silently been progressing very nicely, and would no doubt have been in need of his only previous outing this season. He ran on well from midfield and, in what proved comparatively to be the fastest of the nine races around the turn, won going away by two and three quarters.

CAPTAIN OF ALL

Rated **AR 91 Capitiana** (3f Sunshine Girl by Northern Guest)

MR76 Handicap (F&M) Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (30/11)

Now a winner of two from three, Geoff Woodruff's charge has shown good improvement with each outing. Soon up handy, Capitiana took up the running shortly after passing the 200m marker and won going away by two and a quarter.

SILVANO

Rated **AR 93 Born To Perform** (5g Dancer's Daughter by Act One)

Pinnacle Stakes Greyville (turf) (1400m) (1/12)

Now a winner of five of his seven career starts to date, this 5yo gelding is still improving. He ran on well from off the pace, to score with authority by a length and three quarters.

Winners Bred Abroad

Sunshine Mint (IRE) 5m Dawn Approach- Marble Silver(IRE) (Not-nowcato) *Fairview 1200m (29/11)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

Lord Balmoral (AUS) 6g Star Witness- Balmoral Belle(NZ) (Zabeel) *Fairview 1000m (29/11)*

Mohican (ARG) 3g Campanologist- Most Advanced(ARG) (Put It Back) *Turffontein 1400m (30/11)*

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Man City vs Man United | Saturday 7 Dec | Etihad Stadium | 19:30



Gameweek 16 of the Premier League serves up a massive showdown as the red and blue halves of Manchester come head to head at the Etihad on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's team, in pursuit of a third straight title, are heavy favourites to win. But United will try to derail their title train and get their own hopes of finishing in the top four back on track.

*Please note that this article was written prior to these sides' gameweek 15 fixtures.

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TO WIN:

Man City 3/10

Draw 9/2

Man United 8/1

MANCHESTER CITY

Manchester City will be confident of putting United to the sword on Saturday, having completed a league double over their city rivals last season. The Citizens will have their sights on catching Liverpool and claiming a third straight league title, and Guardiola knows his team can't afford to drop anymore points.

The Etihad Stadium is one of the toughest places to go to in world football and City will fancy their chances of victory over their rivals. The defending champions will be seeking a fourth consecutive home win following victories against Aston Villa, Southampton and Chelsea.

MANCHESTER UNITED

The betting suggests City are a certainty to win, but the Red Devils will be out to defy the odds. For all United's struggles this season, they've done quite well in the big games, beating Chelsea and Leicester and drawing with Arsenal and Liverpool. However, it's important to note that all of those results came at Old Trafford.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer knows his side will need a near perfect performance against the champions if they are to come away with a point, let alone three. Last season under Jose Mourinho, United were beaten 3-1 at the Etihad Stadium.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

Man City: 4-3-3

Ederson; Cancelo, Stones, Fernandinho, Mendy; Rodri, Silva, De Bruyne; Bernardo, Sterling, Jesus.

Man United: 4-3-3

De Gea; Wan-Bissaka, Lindelof, Maguire, Shaw; Pereira, Pogba, Fred; Rashford, Martial, James.

PREDICTION: Manchester City (-1) Handicap (8/10)

City are a formidable force at home and given the level of talent at Guardiola's disposal, I'm confident they'll beat United quite comfortably. With little value on the home win, I suggest backing the Citizens on the (-1) Handicap at 8/10.

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

No Looking Back

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Shopping For Success

Hollywoodbets Greyville 24 November

By far the fastest of the three 1200m races on Sunday's turf card was the MR88 Handicap in which the 3yo PEARL OF ASIA kept his unbeaten record in-tact. Easy to back at 13/2 on the off the son of Pathfork raced in midfield early on. He ran on best of all in the short home straight and won well from the improving MR FITZ by a half. They also ran three races over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these was LADY LEGEND when winning the MR76 Handicap. Swiftly guided over from a wide draw by Gareth Wright, the Captain Of All filly raced prominent throughout. She ran on strongly over the final 400m and comfortably accounted for the always handy MITRA MUSIC.

The bill topping MR100 Handicap over 1000m was comparatively the fastest race on the card and here it was nice to see the speedy CALVARY bounce back to form. Taking full advantage of Jabu Jacobs' 4kg allowance Glen Kotzen's charge led throughout. He kept on determinedly in the straight and won well from the 19/10 favourite SOCRATES.

Titbits Always top of the boards, the Duncan Howells trained newcomer TRIP TO AFRICA won the maiden plate over 1200m with authority by three and a quarter.

Not By Chance

Vaal 26 November

A MR96 Handicap over 1000m topped the bill on Tuesday and in what proved to be the fastest of the three races over the distance, the top weighted WINTER STORM registered his fifth career victory. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, Paul Peter's charge raced in the rear early on. He quickened well over the final 400m and under a well-judged ride from the national jockey's log leader Warren Kennedy, he got up close home.

1600m was the only other distance to stage more than one race and in the quicker of the two, the MR72 Handicap, the 4yo Skitt Sklzzle gelding ICE LORD kept his unbeaten record in-tact. A facile winner of his maiden in his only previous racecourse appearance, Sean Tarry's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead 200m out by Raymond Danielson and comfortably accounted for the running on IN THE GAME.

A maiden plate for the girls over 2000m brought proceedings to a close and here we saw an impressive performance from the Robbie Sage trained BY CHANCE. Well supported on course to go off second favourite at 57/20, the lightly raced daughter of Byword raced sixth for most of the journey. She put her head in front going through the 400m and with a ton in hand she cruised clear to score by seven.

Titbits Easily ten lengths adrift of the leaders early on, the 3yo VALETORIO was flying at the business end of the race when a three and a quarter length third in the maiden plate over 1000m.

Finding Earlier Form

Kenilworth 27 November

Four of the eight races in Cape Town on Wednesday were staged over 1400m. The conditions plate for the girls was the fastest of these and here victory went to the Justin Snaith trained SILVANO'S PRIDE. Making her first appearance of the season here, the daughter of Silvano led throughout. She was always in command and won well by a half from the always handy GOLDEN CHANCE.

The MR86 affair was the faster of the two handicaps over 2000m and here it was nice to see the Ideal world filly CORAL BAY find her earlier form. Freely available at 22/1 on the off, Glen Kotzen's charge raced handy early on before taking up the running at the halfway mark. She kept on determinedly at the business end of the

Last Week's Top Rated SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Calvary	won 9/1
Duchess Of Prussia	won 9/1
Cordillera	won 27/10
Touch Of Fate	won 5/2
Green Top	won 19/20
Warrior Tiger	won 19/20
Baby Shooz	won 8/10
Doppio Oro	won 8/10

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

- Race 1: No Qualifiers
- Race 2: (8) World Squared 15
- Race 3: (2) King Capone 19
- Race 4: (3) Desert Chief 54
- Race 5: (2) Silvery Heights 46
- Race 6: (10) Strawberry Wine 56
- Race 7: (1) Outlandos D'amour 61
- Race 8: (2) Lord Marshal 49 (EW)**

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (FRI)

- Race 1: (5) Quant Master 26
- Race 2: (9) Pafuri 21
- Race 3: (4) Mount Anderson 24
- Race 4: (6) Tom Bombadil 19
- Race 5: (3) Excessive Grace 18
- Race 6: (8) Railtrip 58
- Race 7: (7) High Green 52
- Race 8: (6) Dancing Feather 45

VAAL (SAT)

- Race 1: (1) Captain Hindsight 29 (NAP*)**
- Race 2: (1) Blue Spark 27
- Race 3: (11) Dual At Dawn 24
- Race 4: (3) Martha 8
- Race 5: (2) My Dream Chaser 66
- Race 6: (7) Fly Away 77 (nb)**
- Race 7: (12) D'Arrivee 74
- Race 8: (9) Rockin Russian 73
- Race 9: (11) Itsmydarlin 42
- Race 10: (12) Passion Peach 30

KENILWORTH (SAT)

- Race 1: (9) Sing Out Loud 22
- Race 2: (6) Alfred's Girl 35
- Race 3: (2) Themadishsheriff 15
- Race 4: (4) Possibility 22
- Race 5: (8) Morse 28
- Race 6: (7) Black Belt 40
- Race 7: (1) Rille 32
- Race 8: (1) Priceless Ruler 68

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE (SUN)

- Race 1: No Qualifiers
- Race 2: (15) Single Red Rose 19
- Race 3: (10) Heroic Deed 28
- Race 4: (12) At Your Request 16
- Race 5: (8) Twice As Smart 70
- Race 6: (8) Gimme Peace 66
- Race 7: (6) White Lightning 71
- Race 8: (12) Graduate 73
- Race 9: (11) Twice Golden 23

Nap bets

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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

race and comfortably accounted for the much more fancied ELUSIVE FORTUNE by three quarters.

A maiden plate over 1000m had gotten proceedings underway and here we saw a comfortable victory for the favourite WARRIOR TIGER. A close up second in a MR78 Handicap last time out, it was no surprise to see Piet Botha's charge priced up in the red at the off. He was soon up handy and after taking up the running 200m from home, he went on to score with authority by a length and a half.

Titbits Now a winner of two from six, the 3yo GIMME GIMME GIMME won the MR78 Handicap over 1400m going away.

Green For Go

Vaal 28 November

Racing returned to the Vaal on Thursday where just 0,59 seconds separated the winners of the four 1200m races. The maiden plate for the girls was surprisingly the quickest of these and here we saw a smart performance from the newcomer LADY OF STEEL. Well supported to go off second in the betting market, the daughter of Gimmethgreenlight wasn't the quickest into stride and raced in midfield during the early part of the race. She was ridden to lead 120m from home and eased late, won very cosily by two.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1400m and in marginally the faster of these, a graduation plate, another of the progeny of Gimmethgreenlight, GREEN TOP found the winner's enclosure. Well overdue for her second win, Alec Laird's charge was taking a big drop in class here. She raced prominent throughout, and won with authority after taking up the running 400m from home.

In terms of prize money the graduation plate over 1000m topped the bill and here the 3yo son of Pathfork LOOK TO THE SKY

bounced back to form. Nibbled at into 13/1 from 22's, Clinton Binda's charge led throughout. He kept on strongly over the final 400m and in a thrilling finish he only held on by a short head from the always handy SULLENBERGER (55/1).

Titbits The improving 4yo FITZWILLIAM ran on well from midfield when winning the MR86 Handicap going away.

Course And Distance

Fairview 22 November

Two non-black type events topped the bill on Friday's turf card and in the first of these to be run, the Glendore Sprint over 1000m, the former Cape Town campaigner LORD BALMORAL caused an upset. Easy to back at 20/1 on the off Duncan McKenzie's charge raced in the rear early on. He ran on best of all from halfway and got up late to deny the costly to follow DUTCH PHILIP.

There was also a major upset in the non-black type November Stakes when BOLD VIKING registered his seventh career victory. Positioned in the backend of midfield in what proved to be by far the fastest of the three events over the distance, the Black Minnaloushe gelding didn't find the clearest of passages down the long home straight. Once into stride though he ran on best of all and got up very late to win in a three way photo. More often than not seen out over further, Bold Viking is now unbeaten in two starts over this course and distance.

Very marginally the faster of the two 1000m races was the novice plate won by the 5yo Dawn Approach mare SUNSHINE MINT. Heavily supported in this her first outing since relocating to the province, Alan Greeff's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She put her head in front going through the 300m and won well by a length and a quarter from the running on AFLEET FLYER.

Titbits The recent maiden winner BEYOND TEMPTATION ran on well from the backend of midfield when third beaten just a neck in the MR64 Handicap over 1400m.

FASTEST TIMES

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

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (TURF) 24 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 24 – Going G/Soft Course Variant: 0,36s fast	
1000m (1) Calvary	57,20
1200m (3) Pearl Of Asia	70,30
1400m (3) Lady Legend	83,70
1600m (1) Clouds Of Witness	123,64
2000m (1) Baby Shooz	97,85

VAAL 26 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good Course Variant: 0,30s slow	
1000m (3) Winter Storm	56,22*
1400m (1) Dan The Lad	83,31*
1500m (1) Cordillera	88,42*
1600m (2) Ice Lord	95,30*
2000m (1) By Chance	123,35*

KENILWORTH (OLD) 27 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good Course Variant: 0,64s slow	
1000m (1) Warrior Tiger	59,00*
1400m (4) Silvano's Pride	85,40
1600m (1) Count Jack	98,06
2000m (2) Coral Bay	124,64

VAAL 28 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good Course Variant: 0,09s fast	
1000m (1) Look To The Sky	56,69
1200m (4) Lady Of Steel	69,25
1400m (2) Green Top	83,57
2000m (1) Fife 121,47	

FAIRVIEW 29 NOVEMBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good Course Variant: 2,17s slow	
1000m (2) Lord Balmoral	57,66
1200m (2) Sunshine Mint	70,68
1400m (3) Bold Viking	85,55
1600m (1) Sunday Falls	99,88

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

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