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**R2-(4) Feel The Thunder(4/1)**

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R8-(1) Approach Control (12/10)**

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
**R4-(3) Priceless Ruler(4/1)**

**HOLLYWOODBETS  
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**R7-(5) Rebel's Champ (16/10)**

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# Kimberley *to the* Cape!



Dual Northern Cape Champion trainer Corrie Lensley expects to saddle his first runners out of his new Milnerton base on 25 February. The lifetime horseman will retain his highly successful Flamingo Park yard as a satellite base.

Speaking to the Sporting Post Digest on the eve of his and wife and Assistant Trainer Emmie Le Grange's 'great trek' South in a few weeks, the uber positive Corrie said it's never too late in life to take up new challenges and break out of one's comfort zones.

"I was offered the boxes at Milnerton and the step is a strategic one for my business. I have trained plenty of winners on the turf in Gauteng and at Bloemfontein in the old days, so I probably won't be needing any coaching," he laughed as he stressed at the same instance that he wasn't making the move with 'stars in my eyes'.

A twice Northern Cape Champion, and current leader on the local trainer's log, the vastly experienced Corrie says that he is under no false illusions

about the poser of boxing amongst some of the best trainers in South Africa. It will be business as usual in Kimberley and he and Emmie will be commuting between the two yards.

The bright lights of Cape Town are a world away from the farming community of Ellisras where he grew up.

"Luckily there is no time to socialise – training horses is a 24/7 occupation, so I'm not concerned about being a square peg in a round hole in the dance clubs in the big city," he laughed as we asked him how the move came about.

"KR Chairman Robert Bloomberg and his colleague Jonathan Snaith were so accommodating and extended what I felt was a genuine hand of friendship. I realise that they need to bolster their fields, but I also believe the opportunity came at the right time for me.

We would like to thank all buyers and underbidders for their support at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale!

**RIDGEMONT  
HIGHLANDS**

## KIMBERLEY TO THE CAPE!

If one doesn't try something new, how will one ever know the outcome?" he suggests.

Obviously the Northern Cape Racing shake-up has influenced Corrie. 2019 was a forgettable year for the long established jurisdiction. But he doesn't believe there is any danger of racing ceasing to exist there.

"I was amazed with the manner in which the locals united when we were threatened with closure. People who had previously been our detractors put their hands up in support. Who knows what the future holds? But I honestly cannot see Flamingo Park disappearing from the SA landscape. It's too much of a strategic component," he adds.

Corrie has 33 boxes to fill at Milnerton. He has some lovely youngsters on the farm, bought for him by his loyal clients, and he will be taking some suitable horses down with him.

"In this age of cut-throat competition and general negativity, I have been bowled over by the words of kindness, support and encouragement that I have received from future colleagues, breeders and owners, and people I hardly know. It gives one a sense of hope for the sport, despite all the challenges around us."

While the 21st century Milnerton is no Summerveld or Randjesfontein, Corrie says that for him the new stabling will be something of a step up in the world.

"I love the boxes at Milnerton. They are so spacious compared to my 'matchboxes' at my present home-base. And we have sand to train on, too! One only fails to appreciate things when you take them for granted sometimes," he muses wisely.

Corrie got into racing via his uncle, Boet Horn, a farrier and small-time trainer. His uncle introduced him to Pat Shaw's father, Bernie and Charl du Toit, who trained for Frik Kroon. He says that his love for racehorses comes from old school conditioners like Willie de Beer and Nick Joubert.

Ironically, like some older Cape trainers came through the Cape Hunt ranks, Corrie cut his teeth in bush racing. He says it is nothing like the perceptions that some people project.

He joined Bill Human, first as a stable employee and then as an assistant. Seventeen years ago he trained from Bloemfontein before moving to a private facility in Potgietersrus, raiding to Bloemfontein and Kimberley. "I used to drive my own truck. It was 780km there and 780km back, but I wouldn't have done it unless I enjoyed it."

The rest is modern Flamingo Park history and the Cape rush-hour traffic should be a walk in the park for him!

Corrie has open boxes – email him at [corrie.lensley@vodamail.co.za](mailto:corrie.lensley@vodamail.co.za)

## SATURDAY'S RACING

## Saluting A July Hero

## Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes Turffontein

**A race named in honour of a legend of the South African turf, the R200 000 Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes headlines the Turffontein inside track programme on Saturday. A conditions contest for 3yo's, it could herald another classic prospect in advance of the Gauteng season.**

This feature dish up the Gr1 Daily News 2000 winner Majestic Mambo in 2018, and Mike de Kock won it with the good filly Orchid Island the previous year.

De Kock has two runners on Saturday – and the Visionaire filly Virtuosa tops the SP ratings. After Ryan Moore's fleeting visit to ride Rainbow Bridge, it is interesting to note that French rider Jerome Moutard takes the mount on the filly.

"Nothing strategic here! Jerome is on a working holiday and wanted to see the country. He was introduced to me by a friend of a friend," confirmed Mike de Kock.

Virtuosa must have a serious shout if one puts a line through her last outing against the boys when she ran some 7,75 lengths behind surprise winner Leopold in the Secretariat Stakes. The latter failed to frank the form when beaten under two lengths behind Florida Quays on Saturday, but the manner of Virtuosa's previous two wins in lesser company was convincing enough to suggest she could challenge.

Her stablemate Spero Optima carries joint topweight and has won 2 of his 4 starts in good style. The R800 000 National Yearling Sale graduate clearly stays the trip and caught the eye when beating establishing elder Glider Pilot last time – the latter coming out to win his first race in over two years last Saturday when holding off the battle hardened stakes winner, Dawn Assault.

Robbie Sage's Green Laser has run two fair races as a 3yo after showing good ability behind subsequent (disappointing) Gr1 Eden Roc early on. He should be much fitter on Saturday and from a good draw with Gavin Lerena up, he must go into exotics.

Corne Spies' Snow Palace is the highest weighted filly in the field and the only three-time winner in the race. The grey daughter of Potala Palace tries the 1800m for the first time. Her dam won to 2000m and she could threaten for the places.

The unexposed Argentinian-bred Mohican is the mount of top jockey Anton Marcus and is sure to stay the trip on breeding. He was running on from some way back over

shorter last time and previously shed his maiden at his second start in the manner of a horse with scope.

Joey Soma's Tiger's Rock returns from an unsuccessful Cape campaign and looks to have plenty to do on



Spero Optima | JC Photos

Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes  
past winners

<b>2017</b>		
1	Orchid Island	55.5 (10) 33/10
2	Furiosa	58.0 (1) 11/1
3	Pagoda	58.0 (7) 10/1
<b>2018</b>		
1	Majestic Mambo	58.0 (11) 8/10
2	Royal Crusade	58.0 (3) 11/2
3	Alshibaa	58.0 (6) 13/1
<b>2019</b>		
1	Chijmes	58.0 (10) 6/1
2	Atyaab	58.0 (13) 11/1
3	Owlinthetree	56.0 (2) 16/1

START  
4:15PM  
Turffontein

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PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
GR3 SEA COTTAGE STAKES (3YO'S) - 1800M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-10)/(2-3)

Dynasty	1	SPERO OPTIMA(MF de Kock) C Murray	9	60.0
Silvano	2	IMPERIAL RUBY(C Spies) M Thackeray	10	60.0
Potala Palace	3	SNOW PALACE(C Spies) M v Rensburg	8	59.5
Gimmethegreenlight	4	GREEN LASER(RR Sage) G Lerena	3	58.0
Campanologist	5	MOHICAN(JAJ v Vuuren) A Marcus	6	58.0
Rock Of Gibraltar	6	TIGER'S ROCK(JA Soma) K Matsunyane	2	58.0
Pomodoro	7	CORNISH POMODORO(SG Tarry) L J Ferraris	7	58.0
What A Winter	8	PAX ROMANA(PA Peter) W Kennedy	5	58.0
Silvano	9	WHISKYTANGOFOTROT(PF Matchett) D L Habib	1	58.0
Visionaire	10	VIRTUOSA(MF de Kock) J Moutard	4	57.5

## SATURDAY'S RACING

what he has shown to date.

Sean Tarry's recent Workriders maiden winner Cornish Pomodoro has his third start and could be anything. He is sure to stay the 1800m on breeding and could be the surprise package.

Whiskytangofox trot put it all together at his sixth start when running on well to beat Bravo One by 2,75 lengths at the Vaal. He looks out-gunned here.

Widely drawn, the second of the Corne Spies duo is the Silvano gelding Imperial Ruby, who proved his shock maiden win was no fluke when he followed up on Christmas eve. But he appears to be likely to be comfortable over further.

Pax Romana has his first run as a 3yo and his first since being gelded. A runaway maiden winner at the end of last season, his fitness after a 25 week break must be in doubt.

Spero Optima could be the horse to side with. His stablemate Virtuos-a has some class, while the lightly tried pair of Mohican and Cornish Pomodoro could be best of the balance.

## Sea - A Star!

Saturday's Turffontein feature honours the memory of one of the greatest horses to grace the turf in this country.

Despite his 20 wins from 24 lifetime starts, SA Champion 2yo and 3yo titles and dual Horse Of The Year accolades, Sea Cottage is probably most famously remembered as the favourite that was shot three weeks before the 1966 Durban July Handicap.

Approaching that year's race with 11 wins from 12 starts, he a 'racing certainty'. Bookmaker Sonny Chislett stood to lose his shirt if the horse won and in conjunction with Monaco Club proprietor Monty Labuschagne, hatched a plan to 'stop' the colt.

Local henchman Johnny Nel was hired and on the morning of 10 June 1966, he took aim from a concrete shelter on the Blue Lagoon bridge, hitting the star in the hindquarter. With the bullet lodged beyond the reach of veterinary instruments, there was not much that could be done, but the horse made such a remarkable recovery, that he resumed training and took his place in the July field three weeks later. Sea Cottage put up a courageous effort but, badly hampered at the 400m mark, he finished something of an unlucky 4th.

When Sea Cottage returned to the scene of his defeat at Hollywoodbets Greyville as a 4yo on 1 July 1967, he was set to concede his nearest market rival, the year younger Jollify, nearly two stone. But he wore the youngster down and got up to dead-heat in what is still the most talked about finish to the great race.

An interesting bit of trivia is that Sea Cottage was the first Summerveld-trained horse to win the Durban July all those 53 years ago.

Now South Africa's premier training centre, it had been opened at the beginning of that season. Jockey Robbie Sivewright, Sea Cottage's partner at 23 of 24 starts, remembered him as 'a horse with an unbelievable action and a devastating finish which he could sustain for 2½ furlongs. He was a horse the like of which is seen but rarely anywhere in the world'.

Sivewright was adamant Sea Cottage could have won the 1966 July three weeks after the shooting were it not for a bump from Cuff Link, which broke the champion's rhythm.

## NEWS

## All The Royal Writers

**The 2020 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate festival Writers Award entries closed at midnight last Saturday.**

Qualifying entries for this year's competition are listed below in alphabetical order.

They can be read on [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za)

*Alistair Brown – A Queen's Plate in More Ways Than One*

*Eve Carr – L'Ormarins Queen's Plate*

*Savannah Cozzi – This is no Dream*

*Mrs Decorum – A Regal Affair*

*Oscar Foulkes – Racing Through Generations*

*Caylynn Ismail – L'Ormarins Queen's Plate*

*Meagan Karsten – A Not So Blue Day at the Races*

*Robyn Louw – Being Loud*

*Molosi Mabeba – My Thought via social media*

*Karel Miedema – Annus Mirabilis*

*Tony Mincione – A Thousand Paces*

*David Mollett – Gaynor Rupert Takes Historic Race to New Level*

*Kaunda Selisho – Fashionistas On Front Line*

*Mark Smith – The Vardy Story*

*Liz Sommerville – Living The Dream*

*Kendra Stoffberg – Here's to the Champions*

*Elrine Stokes – L'Ormarins Queen's Plate*

*Chris Swart – Winning Takes Talent, To Repeat Takes Character*

The competition offers the sensational prize of a trip for two to Glorious Goodwood.

The winning entry will be announced in due course by the LQP Writers Award judges.

## Beach Of Gold

**The Snaith Racing beach outing has become a firm fixture on the calendar.**



Snaith Beach Outing | Snaith Racing

While this is usually scheduled before the running of the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate to give the press and selected guests the chance to see their big guns up close, this year's event was scheduled on the Monday after Queen's Plate weekend and with people comparing notes and highlights proved the perfect bridge from the festival to the serious business of the CTS Premier Sale.

There is no shop talk from the hosts. No hard sell, no post Queen's Plate excuses or hard luck stories. It's simply a gathering for the time-honoured tradition of breaking bread with one another in the spirit of gratitude – for our horses, for the excuse to stand on a beach on a Monday morning and for the extraordinary privilege of simply being alive.

Not only a great excuse for a gathering, but a great attitude to life in general.

Read Robyn Louw's personal account of the event [here](#)

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LOT 135 ZAR 175 000

LOT 136 ZAR 150 000



**RIDGEMONT**

**HIGHLANDS**

## CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

# Premier By Name - Premier By Nature!



Lot 99

**In the current economic climate it was hardly surprising that the average and median prices were down on last year. But, truth be told, in the grand scheme of things the Cape Premier Yearling Sale leads the field in the South African sales arena in comparison to everything else.**

The average price per lot was down 25% on 2019, while the aggregate fell 32.4%.

In 2019 some 17 lots sold for R1 million or more, while this year just five passed the magic million mark.

"Considering the economic climate, both macro and micro, we came into the sale with limited expectations," conceded Wehann Smith, CEO of Cape Thoroughbred Sales.

"But all said and done, it's still a significant amount of money (sales totalled R56,490,000) and we still see a R3-million colt and a R2,2-million colt and two fillies over R1 million in trying times as positive. The most positive thing of all, as I went through the buyers' list, is that there's certainly new money and new international money- so internationals are faster to seize the opportunities than us locals, with exports opening up soon."

Maine Chance Farms' reigning champion South African sire Silvano's son I Want It All topped the sale. Consigned by Drakenstein Stud (As Agent), I Want It All (# 99) was knocked down to Nic Jonsen and Bjorn Nielsen for R3 million and will race for Justin Snaith.

Out of the Giant's Causeway mare Song Of Happiness, and thus bred on the same Silvano/Giant's Causeway cross as recent Gr1 Summer Cup winner Zillzaal, I Want It All is a half-brother to Dontworryhappy, who was knocked down for R3,2 million at last year's Premier Sale.

His sire had three other lots fetch R900 000 plus, and Silvano ended the 2020 Cape Premier Yearling Sale selling six lots for a gross total of R6 800 000. The triple Gr1 winning son of Lomitas is the sire of the record breaking Masaki, who was knocked down to Shadwell South Africa for R9 million to top the 2019 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale.

A 'first' for the sale is that a South African-bred yearling was bought specifically for the Australian market, and will be travelling to that country, after a stop in both Mauritius and the UK.

All That Jazz, bred by Avontuur, is a daughter Trippi out of former champion South African sprinter Val De Ra and was sold to New Zealand-based agent Ric Wylie, for R1,65-million.

Wylie earlier bought a Visionaire filly for R600 000.

"They've been bought for Australia, but they'll be going the long way, with a quiet summer in England being broken in," Wylie said. "It was my client's idea to try to buy some fillies here, and they were two of our best five."

There were some new sires on the sale and CTS's Wehann Smith was not unhappy with how they sold.

Ridgemont Highlands first season Redoute's Choice stallion Rafeef equalled the mark set by Vercingetorix at Nationals in 2018, when the hammer fell at R2,2 million for a colt (#145, see above) pur-

chased by international bloodstock agent, Amanda Skiffington.

"We've had some luck with first-crop sires before, and after going through a lot of horses, we thought he was the best colt. He wasn't cheap, though," said the agent, who confirmed the youngster would be going into training with Brett Crawford.

The R2,2 million was equalled by #174, the Gimmethgreenlight half brother to Sun Met hope Vardy, offered by Klawervlei Stud.

It only became apparent afterward that a bidding war had developed between two different partners in Adam Marcus's new star colt, with the stakes being raised by a table of Bernard Kantor, and another with EIB's Chris Santos, who was bidding on behalf of Jimmy Sarkis. Santos won the tussle and said: "I only got a late call about him, as Jimmy Sarkis owns some of Vardy and, I believe, some of the mare. He was a strong colt, and after Vardy did what he did, I knew that he would be popular."

232 lots were catalogued, after withdrawals 216 were offered and 173 were sold. In 2019 226 were catalogued, 216 offered 192 sold.

The aggregate was R56,490,000 (2019 – R83 560 000), the average R326,531 (2019 – R435 208) and the median R250,000 (2019 – R300 000). [See the full price list here](#)

## Cheyne Hits His 100

**Eight-times East Cape Champion jockey Greg Cheyne looks the man most likely to give runaway log-leader Warren Kennedy something to think about this season.**

The 43 year old Capetonian maintained the arms-length pressure on the Winning Form-sponsored Kennedy when he booted home his 100th winner of the season at Fairview yesterday. Kennedy is on 141 winners with his next engagements at Hollywoodbets Scottsville on Sunday.

Cheyne is in a solid second position, with the suspended Muzi Yeni and Cape star Richard Fourie tied on 64 winners in third.

Cheyne has ridden over 60% of his winners this term at his happy hunting ground of Fairview and he rode a typically professional race to get the second favourite Seattle Mermaid home for Alan Greef in the sixth.

It was a gutsy win in mixed company in wet conditions for the daughter of Sail From Seattle who races in the Sheckter, Parker and Puggia partnership.

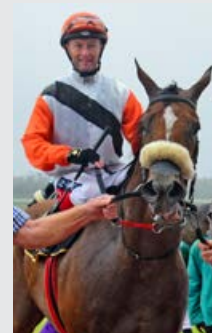
Cheyne's 100 came up at a win strike-rate of just under 22%. Close on 36% of his rides run places.

The Ridgemont-Highlands sponsored jockey told the Sporting Post that he was pleased to have achieved the milestone but would not be proactively chasing the national title just yet.

"I have a nice balance in my programme and will assess my situation in the final quarter of the season to see whether it is worthwhile travelling more extensively," he added.

Cheyne, who won the inaugural Sun Met on Whisky Baron for the Kieswetter brothers, rides longshot More Magic in the big race next Saturday.

He chats to the Sporting Post about his eleven feature day rides in next weekend's bumper Met issue.



Seattle Mermaid

# CAPE YEARLING SALE

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SUN MET

## Hawwaam - Change In Plans

**Plans to take star colt Hawwaam to Australia right after the 2020 Gr1 Sun Met have had to be altered, following a recent change of rules in Australia.**

Hawwaam will now be exported to the UK, via Mauritius.

“The Australians now require runners travelling from South Africa to spend six months in the UK en route to Australia. Residency in UK was 60 days, this changed three months ago to 180 days and I have no idea why. Hawwaam will go into quarantine two weeks after the Met, then on to Mauritius where he will spend three months and then on to the UK for a further six months,” said Mike de Kock.

“The change of Australian protocol has hurt our contingency plans and business plan for setting up an operation in Australia. In effect it will take Hawwaam more than nine months to get to Australia. He will be in training in the UK for his period of residency there and will be entered to race. After the six-month period it will be up to Sheikh Hamdan to decide whether he still wants Hawwaam to go to Australia.” Mike is not sure whether he would continue training the four-year-old in England.

## Met - All Set!

**The nationally representative assault on Kenilworth on Met day includes northern regulars Sean Tarry and Mike de Kock, with Lucky Houdalakis, Corne Spies, Joey Soma, Paul Peter and Ashley Fortune also bidding for the big money. Geoff Woodruff has a single entry – which will race out of his Milnerton satellite yard.**

Gavin Smith, Alan Greeff and Yvette Bremner are set to travel from the Eastern Cape, while Dennis Drier and Frank Robinson are the two KZN hopefuls in the mix.

Saftote betting on the big day opens on Monday 27 January with an anticipated Pick 6 pool of R18 million in the offing.

IOL reports that the likes of media mogul and business-woman Bonang Matheba as well as Miss Universe Zozibini Tunzi will be at the forefront of the fashion for the big day.

Under the theme African Luxury: Visionaries, Matheba is not only the face of the event but will also bring House of BNG MCC as the official celebration partner.

“We want to pay homage to the visionaries in 2020 by affording a platform at the Sun Met where creatives of all kinds can showcase their ideas through fashion, music, and horse racing – where imagination comes to life in all aspects,” said Anthony Leeming, Sun International Chief Executive Officer.

Visit [www.sunmet.co.za](http://www.sunmet.co.za) for ticket and event information

Sands Defends Met Decision

## Ryan – It’s Private, Ok!

**Milnerton trainer Eric Sands bids to win the Sun Met for the second consecutive year with Rainbow Bridge, who races under new ownership next Saturday.**

The veteran conditioner could hardly have anticipated the public reaction – positive and negative – to his discretionary engagement of Ballydoyle jockey and multiple British Champion Ryan Moore.

The Sporting Post broke the news on Saturday at lunch-time that Moore had been requested to ride Rainbow Bridge- with the obvious conclusion that Gavin Lerena had been given the boot.

Owner Mike Rattray explained to Gold Circle’s Michael Clower on Sunday that the decision had not been his, but that Sands had made the call as his trainer. [Read more](#)



Ryan Moore

## Lyle's A Happy Jock!

**Lyle Hewitson earned a long-awaited and deserved first Happy Valley win on Wednesday evening to help trainer David Ferraris continue his solid form this term, particularly with his stable’s old-stagers.**

The two-time South African champion jockey has had a stark introduction to Hong Kong racing, with his stats rolling into the nine-race card reading one win from 174 rides – a win strike rate of 0.57%.

But Hewitson has not buckled in the face of limited opportunities. After enduring a barren four months before sealing his breakthrough Hong Kong win at Sha Tin, the extra 24 days for his Valley follow-up must have seemed a breeze.

“It’s probably a lot more exciting here at the Valley with the atmosphere,” Hewitson said after driving the Ferraris-trained Kiram (116lb) to a neck verdict in the Class 3 Hung To Handicap (1650m).

“Without blowing my own trumpet, I feel I’ve been riding really well and getting positive results from limited opportunities. Obviously, when I get that little bit of a squeak I have to make the most of it.”

Ferraris, 56, was pleased for his 22-year-old countryman whose talent, he believes, deserves more success.

“It’s lovely,” the trainer said. “Lyle should have ridden a lot more winners, but as a client of mine said, this is a cruel place; and there’s no reason why certain jockeys should be riding winners and he isn’t, because he is, in my opinion, better than a lot of them riding here. But that’s the way it goes.” [Read more here](#)

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SUN MET

## Favourite Jumps From 12 Gate

Mike de Kock's big race favourite Hawwaam drew barrier gate 12 when the draws were announced on Tuesday afternoon in front of media and invited guests at the Grand West Hotel for the R3 million Gr1 Sun Met to be run at Kenilworth on Saturday 1 February 2020.



Chase Liebenberg

Rainbow Bridge winning 2019 Met

Hawwaam's big-race rider Anton Marcus told the Sporting Post that the 12 gate 'gives me options'. Sun Met Chairman Hassen Adams, a past winning Met owner, confirmed his support for racing and said that sponsors were 'like dinosaurs' but that Sun International was looking forward to a long association with the Cape flagship feature.

Racing Association CEO Larry Wainstein was also present and called the Met 'the race of South Africa'. He said racing was going through times but was resilient and reminded all those assembled that 'no one person was bigger than the game'.

Given the size of the field and the fair nature of the Kenilworth track, none of the draws allotted are likely to cause undue sleepless nights for the connections looking to win one of South Africa's most prestigious races.

Last year's winner Rainbow Bridge pulled a 5 gate and will be ridden by international rider, Ryan Moore, who will be having his first Met ride and only his third race at the scenic track.

Justin Snaith second-stringer Bunker Hunt drew 2, but the Cape champion trainer indicated he would have preferred a wider slot.

Follow all the Sun Met news on [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za)

## Sun Met Field

1	11	Do It Again	60	136	A	R Fourie	Justin Snaith
2	5	Rainbow Bridge	60	134	A	R Moore	Eric Sands
3	9	Vardy	60	134	A	C Zackey	Adam Marcus
4	12	Hawwaam	60	131	AM	A Marcus	Mike de Kock
5	13	One World	60	130	A	M Byleveld	Vaughan Marshall
6	3	Twist Of Fate	60	129	A	A Domeyer	Adam Marcus
7	4	Head Honcho	60	126	T A	P Strydom	Andre Nel
8	6	Undercover Agent	60	124	A	C Orffer	Brett Crawford
9	2	Bunker Hunt	60	122	A	B Fayd'Herbe	Justin Snaith
10	1	Eyes Wide Open	60	118	BA	W Kennedy	Glen Kotzen
11	10	Pack Leader	60	116	A	M Winnaar	Glen Kotzen
12	8	Roy Had Enough (AUS)	60	115	A	S Veale	Frank Robinson
13	14	Majestic Mozart	60	107	T A	K de Melo	C Bass-Robinson
14	7	More Magic	60	102	A	G Cheyne	C Bass-Robinson

## Sun Met - Racecard Here!

With a projected R18 million Pick 6 pool to play for and an R8 million quartet on the Sun Met (9th race), there will be plenty of interest in the big day at Kenilworth on 1 February.

The great news for punters is that the Sporting Post racecard covering selections and ratings for all twelve races is now available online.

[Visit our racecard zone here](#)

Meanwhile, Hawwaam remains favourite for the Sun Met and is reportedly looking good despite his disappointing run in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate.

Mike de Kock's advice? "Just put a line through that race. Things did not go his way."

He added: "The Sun Met betting is as ridiculous as the Queen's Plate betting. Given Vardy's form and impressive manner of winning, how is he not favourite for the race?"

See the Hollywoodbets [betting here](#)



## Met - Watch The Wind

Three-time Met-winning jockey Garth Puller was non-committal on whether hiring an overseas jockey to ride a fancied Sun Met contender was a good idea but he had no doubt about Ryan Moore's ability to adapt to any horse or any track.

Moore has been declared to ride the Eric Sands-trained stalwart Rainbow Bridge in the big race on February 1 and Puller said:

"He is a renowned rider and was voted by his peers as the best jockey in the world. I have watched him ride and he is definitely one of the five best jockeys in the world. [Read more here](#)

### Wilgerbosdrift

### Mauritzfontein

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MOROCCAN FLAME  
GLORY DAYS  
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4 b g MAMBO IN SEATTLE - Susanna (Tiger Ridge) **WON** Flamingo Park, 1800m, 13 Jan  
4 b f NOORDHOEK FLYER - Wild Almond (Fort Wood) **WON** Scottsville, 1000m, 15 Jan  
4 b f IDEAL WORLD - Tagine (Strike Smartly) **WON** Vaal, 2000m, 16 Jan  
3 b f VERCINGETORIX - Dream Of Gold (IRE) (Sadler's Wells) **WON** Fairview, 1300m, 17 Jan  
3 gr g FLOWER ALLEY - Ilha Bela (Fort Wood) **WON** Kenilworth, 1800m, 18 Jan  
3 b f QUERARI - Weasel (Tiger Ridge) **WON** Turffontein, 1600m, 18 Jan  
3 ch g SOFT FALLING RAIN - Erin (Fort Wood) **WON** Turffontein, 1600m, 18 Jan

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Vardy? Try Waady!

One of the more admirable performers this season has been HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Waady, a hard-knocking sprinter who hails from the yard of leading trainer Doug Watson.



The front-runner returns to turf this evening after three excellent runs on dirt and warrants a good look by analysts—especially given his past successes, including a win in the 2015 Gr3 Sprint Stakes at Sandown. The task at hand for the 7-year-old son of Approve is the 1000m \$175,000 Listed Dubai Dash down the straight turf chute in front of the Meydan Grandstand.

"We're going to give it a go with him," Watson said. "He's improved so much mentally and that's really helped him improve on dirt. He's rated about 100 on dirt and we think we should give him a chance to get his rating back up on turf. He used to be rated about 109 or so on the grass back in Europe. The way he's moved forward mentally, it would be nice to see if he's changed all-around—plus his forte used to be five furlongs on the turf. He's a Group winner, he's doing great and he just really likes to run."

Waady began the season on 7 November with a good-looking defeat of Pop the Hood, who would go on to win sharply last Saturday over the same 1200m. Sent off at 14/1 on the international market that day, he did not get much more respect next out in the Garhoud Sprint (Listed), but still ran a fine second to Ibn Malik, one start before finishing fourth in the Gr3 Dubawi on 2 January astern Gladiator King, Ibn Malik and Drafted.

## Mauritius Stocks Up

About two months before the launch of the new season, 121 new horses have been acquired by Mauritian owners.

Of these, 92 are already there, while the other 29 are awaiting quarantine in South Africa before being shipped to Mauritius.

Those belonging to the last 4 cargo batches of 2019 (September, October, November and December) have logically not yet started at the Champ de Mars.

The horses previously arrived, in May, July and August, have practically all already run here, except for Aegean Aire (May), Bound By Duty, Giant Cruise, New Abbey, Perpetual Flame, Time Is Gold, Var Express (July) and 15 of the 18 arrivals in August.

All told, Gujadhur has the largest number of new horses on site (15) ahead of Hurchund (11) and Sewdylal (11).

Olmecca Black is the only new member of Perdrau currently in Mauritius, while J M Henry, Jones and Raj Ramdin Stables have 3 each.

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## PERSONALITY

# Wagga's Eyes Are Wide Open!

Warren Kennedy

**South African national log-leading jockey Warren Brian Kennedy reflects back on 2019 as a life-changer of a year. He got married, had a daughter, rode his first Gr1 winner and has not been headed in the chase for his maiden national championship title.**

2020 hasn't started half badly either. Warren, aka 'Wagga', recently became a Winning Form-sponsored rider and is looking forward to being an ambassador for the popular brand, and for racing.

A journeyman who became a championship contender. That's the likely title of the Warren Kennedy renaissance saga.

And at age 39, the Hillcrest resident says he has never felt better. If Uruguay number eight Diego Ormaechea could score a try – even if it was against Spain – at the 1999 Rugby World Cup having already turned 40, Warren says there is nothing stopping him picking up his first national title at an age when most of us are suffering the wear and tear, facing a midlife crisis and generally questioning the meaning of it all.

"I'm feeling good and am fit and strong. Confidence is the ultimate race-riding elixir. It's a whole different ball-game when one is contented in life and riding winners. I have always enjoyed good support from loyal trainers, but am now making more of the right decisions and things are falling into place. I'm thrilled

to have been given the Winning Form opportunity – I was keen to link with a sponsor who is well established and involved in the racing game," he adds as he chats to the Sporting Post ahead of another busy week.

Warren has been engaged to ride Eyes Wide Open in the Sun Met and Temple Grafyn – both for Glen Kotzen – in the Majorca Stakes next Saturday. He finished a decent fourth on Eyes Wide Open in the 2019 July, where he had to ease off the heels of the winner Do It Again at the 250m marker.

Kotzen said at the time that owner Hugo Hattingh had made the sporting decision not to object. But the Paarl conditioner also felt that one paragraph of 30 odd words in the official report had hardly done the incident justice.

"In terms of the American rules, it would have been worth our while to object as Do It Again could have been considered for disqualification. But the South African rules dictate that we would have to show that, but for the interference, Eyes Wide Open would have finished ahead of Do It Again. I am not suggesting my horse could have beaten Do It Again. But I'd estimate the incident cost him a length," he told us at the time.

Warren says that it's an honour just to have a ride in one of the country's great races.

"He is a course and distance Gr1 winner and the Kenilworth summer course straight suits him beautifully," adds Warren, who says that he will be doing his best in a strong field.

We asked him whether his recent rise to prominence has made any difference in his life.

"Not materially or emotion-



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## WARREN KENNEDY

ally – I’m still the same person. But I get the feeling that more people recognise me at the airport and in public places. I also know now how a guy like Anton Marcus feels as the public on course now ask about practically every ride I’m on. But that’s the price and pressure of the position I’m in, and I try to project a positive image of the sport in every environment I find myself in,” he adds maturely.

Warren has ridden 141 winners so far this term at a strike rate of 18%. His statistics make for interesting reading – 375 places at a strike-rate of 50%! He is almost 40 winners ahead of East Cape champion Greg Cheyne, and over 70 ahead of Cape star Richard Fourie.

He looks virtually unstoppable.

He tells us that his goal is to try and surpass the 300 winner mark. Anthony Delpech holds the SA season record at 334 winners. Is that in danger?

“I’d really be very happy to achieve my personal target of 300 winners, to be quite frank. My intention is to assess my position in April and then make a decision as to whether I should travel more and also further afield. I have enjoyed success in the Eastern Cape and may even look at the Western and Northern Cape. This opportunity doesn’t present itself often given the enormous depths of talent in our jockey ranks. So I need to do my very best when I have the winning post in sight,” he adds modestly.

Warren already spends a lot of time in the air and confirms that he flies with whatever carrier is available.

“Mango, Kulula and SAA are much of a muchness to me. I am enjoying the hard work and commitment, even if the travelling is pretty taxing and keeps me away from Barbara and Jamie more than I’d really like to be. But I do ensure that I spend all of my free time with them.”

As to the demands of being a father, he says he is ‘absolutely loving it’.

“Jamie is not even eight months old yet and she is sitting up and crawling. And Barbara has been a star Mom with the help of my Mother-in-Law. So I have had things quite easy so far. Wait till she starts walking and really gets mobile!” he laughs nervously, but clearly proudly.

A natural lightweight at 51kgs, Warren, a son of a jockey, signed up at the SA Jockey Academy in 1995 and came out of his time in 2000.

He has walked a long road since he weighed just 28kgs and was threatened with the boot if he didn’t bulk up. His move to the then newly opened Port Elizabeth academy changed his life. His first winner was for the late Oom Nic Claassen in the Lady’s Pendant at Fairview on 15 May 1998 on Coded Missile.

His fortunes began changing for the better when joining the Gavin van Zyl operation at Summerveld a few years ago. He was the sixth surviving Van Zyl stable jockey, but became the longest standing. That was a sign of his ability to absorb and learn.

A top former jockey, Gavin van Zyl is on record, summing Warren up:

“When he joined us he was prepared to work with me in becoming what I was looking for in a jockey. We were going to start from a point and make it a work in progress and iron out

certain aspects. One of Warren’s strongest points is that he doesn’t get offended- even with criticism or on the occasions I have had to jock him off. He has never sulked and has been prepared to stick it out for the long haul. We have thus been able to build together. He has always had the talent. He was silverware, but just needed polishing. It has been rewarding to see him grow in confidence as a rider.”

It was towards the end of the last season that Warren decided he could lift his game and have some fun chasing a national title.

The season ended on a high. He rode six of eight winners at the Vaal on 4 July . Then scored his first Gr1 win, riding the Gavin van Zyl-trained Gabor to victory in the Thekwini Stakes at Greyville on eLan Gold Cup day.

Warren enjoys the continued support of Gareth and Gavin van Zyl and others in KZN, and importantly of the powerful yard of Paul Peter and others in Gauteng.

“Nobody can do this without the backing of top owners and trainers. I am in a fortunate position and am thankful to the loyal support of so many people who make my success possible. It starts at home with my family, to the hardworking stable staff and the trainers, to the owners who invest and pay the bills, and to the punting public who love the game. I hope I can do my bit, with Winning Form, to build racing up again,” he adds.

## The Stats Don’t Lie!

Just look at this improvement! Warren finished in 28th place in the 2014/2015 season with 39 winners at a strike rate of 6,2%.

In the 2015/2016 season he rode 67 winners at a strike rate of 8,8% for 17th place.

In the 2016/2017 season he rode 84 winners at a strike rate of 11,9% for 17th place.

In the 2017/2018 season he rode 79 winners at a strike rate of 10,6% for 14th place.

Last season he broke through the 100 winner mark for the first time, riding 139 winners at a strike rate of 12,2% and finished 7th on the log.

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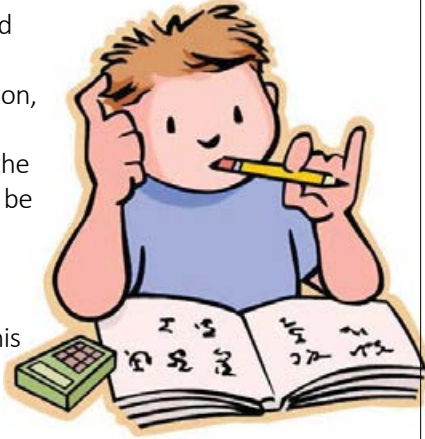
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## Short Heads

### Sizing It Up

Cape field sizes remain under pressure. But what's the real problem? Racing used to be held on Saturdays and Wednesdays. These days, fans – and stakeholders- don't know when the next meeting is scheduled. Even some of the local trainers and jockeys admit that they get confused. Poor communication, unilateral decisions, and an apparent absence of data – the census information is said to be over seven months old – has meant that the current race programme is 'square peg in a round hole' stuff. Watch this space.



### Skin Deep

Hong Kong champ Beauty Generation's days as an indomitable champion could be over. The seven-time Gr1 winner, and one-time world's top-rated miler, was beaten by Waikuku in the Gr1 Steward's Cup at Sha Tin on Sunday.

### Quality Check

All racecourses in Britain have been accredited as good or better for their racecourse experience in 2019 as part of the Racecourse Association's (RCA) Quality Assured Racecourse Scheme (QARS). Each racecourse was visited by an assessor from VisitScotland or LiveTourism who considered the overall customer experience, including pre and post-event information. Shouldn't we be implementing this here – or wouldn't we want to know the outcome?

### Close!



Anton Marcus nosed ahead of Warren Kennedy in the R750 000 Hollywoodbets KZN Sizzling Summer Challenge after riding a treble at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday. On the trainer's log Hollywoodbets sponsored conditioner Garth Puller closed the gap on Paul Lafferty to just 5 points after his Sunday double. There is no KZN racing until Sunday and there are 12 meetings left in this novel competition that has captured the imagination of the participants and the public.

### Watson's 600

In a dramatic finish to the Azizi Mina Handicap at Meydan last Thursday, trainer Doug Watson won his 600th race in the UAE when Cool Silk Partnership's Midnight Sands beat Gr1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile alumnus Ambassadorial. The milestone comes 10 weeks after Watson made history by sweeping an entire card of six races—the first trainer to either sweep a card or win six races on one card in the UAE. A native of Centerville, Ohio, USA, Watson took the reins of Red Stables in 2004. In just his third season as head trainer, he won the first of six UAE championships.

### World's His Oyster!

Ideal World, who bids for a third Met winner next Saturday, has a smart sort in the form of Geoff Woodruff's Worlds Your Oyster. The Klawervlei-bred grey gelding made it win number two from as many starts when landing the final race over 1200m at Kenilworth on Saturday. Out of the Highest Honor mare Woodland Beauty, the 3yo gelding won on debut in December. He should go 2400m on breeding! Ideal World has two yearlings at the 2020 Cape Yearling Sale – a filly (#77) whose dam is closely related to Horse Of The Year Celtic Grove and the stakes placed dam of July winner Marinaresco, and a colt (# 180) from the family of Epsom Derby runner up Glacial Storm.

### TEMPTING FATE

A racegoer invaded the track during the last race at Cranbourne racecourse in Australia on Friday and narrowly avoided being hit by runners as they rounded the home bend. The shirtless man jumped the rail just before the start and was tackled by a security guard. With the help of a friend he wriggled away



and ran back towards the runners as they rounded the home bend, narrowly being missed, before hopping back over the rail and being congratulated by his friend. Cranbourne Turf Club CEO Neil Bainbridge said: "It's the club's view that the individuals involved should be banned from all Victorian racecourses."

### Online

The BSA Cape Yearling Sale catalogue is [now online](#) in pdf format to download. The 2020 Cape Yearling Sale, set to take place at the lavish Mistico Equestrian Centre just outside of Paarl on 28 February, has drawn a deep and competitive looking catalogue of 181 yearlings from some of the country's top breeders. Visit [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za) for more.

## Jackpot Quickmix – TAB Apology

**The payout of R759- 40 for Jackpot Quickmix Two on Sunday 19 January 2020 was correct, but the incorrect net pool was displayed.**

TAB apologises for the confusion and consternation this caused to TAB and TABGold customers.

The error arose from a R11,178 carryover from Jackpot Quickmix One on Sunday 19 January 2020, which was removed and added to TAB's Jackpot carryover reserve in terms of TAB's carryover policy.

The system, however, added this carryover to the Jackpot Quickmix Two net pool for display purposes.

It was mistakenly not deleted with the result that the final net pool displayed was R32,545 and not R21,367-20 as should have been the case.

The system did not take the carryover into account in calculating the dividend and the official payout of R759-40 to 28.136 winning tickets was correct as displayed.

*- Press release published by Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Ltd on Wednesday 21 January 2020*

## Phumelela - Kantor Steps Down

Moses Tembe takes over

**Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Limited shareholders were advised on Monday via a SENS announcement that Mr Bernard Kantor has retired with effect from 21 January 2020 after serving the Board for the past 20 years.**

Mr Moses Tembe, currently serving as Lead Independent Director, has been appointed chairman of the Board with immediate effect.

The Board thanked Mr Kantor for his contribution and leadership as chairman and welcomed Mr Tembe in his new role. The Board also wished Mr Kantor every success in his future endeavours.



Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Limited new Chairman – Moses Tembe

## Be Surprised!

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## KZN Racing Diaries



WINNING FORM

### Be With The Champ On Sunday

**It's been a tough week for punters with some favoured horses not running to their true potential. But with the Sun Met just around the corner, the team at Winning Form have done their best to try and get you back on top of the game and to help you build a kitty for the big day.**

Another bumper weekend awaits and there are many chances to make money, especially down in KZN on Sunday when eight race races are carded, headlined by the Marula Sprint.

The feature sees the return of Rebel's Champ to the province and this time he meets a field he should be able to get the better of. He has recently run two seconds behind two top sorts. He met Ultra Magnus in his penultimate start at Hollywoodbets Scottsville and most recently Mr Flood, a horse that looks to be going places, at the Vaal.

Rebel's Champ ran on strongly in those two starts and he should be finishing best of all with Winning Form-sponsored jockey Warren Kennedy in the saddle.

Sunday also marks another leg of the Hollywoodbets KZN Sizzling Summer Challenge which is currently quite tight at the top of the various logs. Just two points separate the top two jockeys, while just five points separate the top two trainers. It is set to be another closely contested affair and the leaderboard should be considered when taking any bets.

Our in-house tipsters have both advised that their top bet and value bets, which feature in the Winning Form, should be followed very closely this weekend.

*\*The Winning Form Sun Met racecard will be available from 23 January for R25 at Hollywoodbets branches and selected stores nationwide*

HERE &amp; ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

## A.P.'s Super Saturday

**Descendants of pensioned champion sire A.P. Indy were to the fore in North American stakes races last Saturday. A.P. Indy male line descendants won nine stakes races and collected all three graded races run in the USA on the day.**

His grandson Tapit was the principal party responsible for Saturday's success, being sire of Saturday's graded stakes winners Enforceable (Gr3 Lecomte Stakes) and Silver Dust (Gr3 Louisiana Stakes). The Gainesway Farm resident was also responsible for Saturday's Wayward Lass Stakes winner Jehozacat. The latter out of a multiple Gr1 winning half-sister to outstanding sire Kitten's Joy, Jehozacat must rate as a hugely valuable broodmare prospect!

Triple US champion sire Tapit is also broodmare sire of Saturday's Silverbulletday Stakes winner Finite (Munnings), while his Gr3 winning son Bandbox is the sire of the same day's Geisha Stakes winner Artful Splatter.

In winning the Silverbulletday Stakes, Finite beat Tapit's daughter Ursula into second place, thus denying Tapit a notable feature race four-timer.

### Jubilee

Other A.P. Indy horses to win stakes races on Saturday were Gr1 E. P Taylor Stakes winner, and dual Canadian champion Starship Jubilee, who won the Sunshine Millions Filly And Mare Turf Stakes, as well as Gr1 Hopeful Stakes winner Mind Control, who landed the Gr3 Toboggan Stakes.

Starship Jubilee was sired by A.P. Indy's multiple stakes winning son Indy Wind, while Mind Control was sired by A.P. Indy's Travers Stakes winning grandson Stay Thirsty (by Bernardini). Stay Thirsty also enjoyed a feature race double on Saturday with his gelded son Alwaysmining landing the Jennings Stakes on the same day. Bernardini sire sons enjoyed a good day on Saturday, with the sire's multiple Gr1 winning son To Honor And Serve responsible for Fire Plug Stakes winner Honor The Fleet.

Like his sire, Bernardini has become an excellent broodmare sire, and is already damsire of the Gr1 winners Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Serengeti Empress (Alternation), Wicked Whisper (Liam's Map), Maxfield (Street Sense), Angel Of Truth (Animal Kingdom) and Dunbar Road (Quality Road).

### Fast

Yet another from the A.P. Indy male line to impress on Saturday was Fashionably Fast (by Lucky Pulpit) who made it five wins in a row when he claimed the California Cup Sprint Stakes at Santa Anita Park.

A.P. Indy, champion sire in North America in both 2003 and 2006, remains the primary source for the once powerful Bold Ruler male line.



Seattle Slew's outstanding son left behind 156 stakes winners, and has become a highly successful sire of sires and an outstanding broodmare sire. A.P. Indy is also damsire of the unbeaten Khozan –whose son Liam's Lucky Charm won the Pasco Stakes on Saturday.

Inbreeding to A.P. Indy is also becoming a noted factor in pedigrees, and this pattern has already produced graded stakes winners like American Anthem (Bodemeister), Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), and Once On Whiskey (Bodemeister).

The 'A.P.' influence is seen to good effect on the North American Sires Lists –Tapit finishing third on last year's US general sires list, while Tapit sons Constitution

and Tapiture finished second and fifth respectively on the Leading First-Crop Sires List.

There were no fewer than 7 A.P. Indy male line descendants on the top 20 of the 2019 Leading US First-Crop Sires List. The A.P. Indy sired Florida Derby winner Take Charge Indy, who was recently repatriated to North America, ended 2019 as the Leading Third-Crop Sire (by stakes) with his progeny banking more than \$6.1 million last year.

Already sire of top US stallions Bernardini, Flatter, Malibu Moon and the ill-fated Pulpit, A.P. Indy has another potentially successful sire son to his name in the form of champion Honor Code (a half-brother to Cape stallion Noble Tune), while the sire's Belmont Stakes runner up Commissioner, whose first crop are now three, is responsible for recent Gr3 Kitten's Joy Stakes winner Island Commish.

### On Tap

Tapit in particular looks set to ensure the ongoing success of the A.P. Indy male line, with the multiple champion sire already responsible for Gr1 producing sires Concord Point, Flashback and Tapizar, while his Belmont Stakes winning son Tonalist, who is from the same female line as A.P. Indy, is also showing signs of promise as a sire. Frosted, one of Tapit's best sons, will be represented by his first runners this year.

The sire of 25 Gr1 winners, Tapit enjoyed another tremendous year in 2019, with the son of Pulpit responsible for 26 black type winners including 13 individual graded stakes winners. He ended 2019 with more stakes winners for the year than champion sire Into Mischief, as well as the likes of such star sires as Curlin, Giant's Causeway, Quality Road, Kitten's Joy and Candy Ride, and Tapit appears to be headed for another tremendous year in 2020. Tapit's tally of stakes winners now stands at more than 130.

This male line's success, however, has by and large, been limited to North America, with A.P. Indy's sire sons having enjoyed mixed success elsewhere.

## BREEDING

## Africa At Inglis

**Avontuur's super sire Var is set to make his presence felt at the 2020 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.**

His champion daughter Via Africa is represented at the 7 and 8 April sale by a colt sired by Arrowfield Stud's multiple champion sire Snitzel.

Consigned by Newhaven Park, as Agent, the Snitzel colt (# 271) is the second foal produced by Var's outstanding daughter Via Africa – South Africa's Champion Sprinter of 2013-2014.

The brilliant Via Africa, one of ten Gr1 winners sired by Var, won ten of only 18 outings, with her notable triumphs including scores in all of the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship, Gr1 South African Fillies Sprint (twice), and the Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes.

Her sire Var is enjoying another tremendous season in 2019-2020 and is currently third on the South African General Sires List, with his progeny having already banked over R5.5 million this season.

The sire of brilliant recent Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner Vardy, Var has three lots on the 2020 Cape Yearling Sale. These include a colt out of a dual winning daughter of high-class sprinter Shoot The Booze, a filly from the family of Mother Russia, Nother Russia and Winter Solstice and a colt out of Captain Al's Fillies Guineas runner up Reason To Believe.

## Again, Again - & Again!

**Klawervlei's European champion, and four time Gr1 winner Twice Over enjoyed another good weekend, when the son of Observatory sired a trio of winners at three different racecourses.**

Twice Over's first winner this past weekend came when his son Forged In Flame ran on strongly to shed his maiden over 1400m at Kenilworth on Saturday afternoon. Bred by the Waterford Stud, the three-year-old Glen Puller trained gelding flew up close home to score by a short head in courageous fashion.

Fourth in his two previous starts, Forged In Flame is out of the Parade Leader mare Smouldering.

Twice Over had a quick double the following day, with son Double Tap winning at Borrowdale and daughter Royal View scoring at Hollywoodbets Greyville respectively.

The Klawervlei Stud bred Royal View was rewarded for consistency when the Wendy Whitehead trained 3yo romped home to shed her maiden by 1.75 lengths over 1200m.

Out of the Casey Tibbs mare Special Thatch, Royal View has now won or finished in the money in all seven of her starts.

A dual winner of the Gr1 Emirates Airline Champion Stakes, Twice Over made a blistering start to his stud career with his very first crop producing all of reigning South African Horse Of The Year Do It Again, Gr1 Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion winner Sand And Sea, Jet Master Stakes winner Run Red and the gallant Doublemint. The latter picked up his fourth graded victory when he was victorious in the recent Gr3 Heineken Chairman's Cup, and Doublemint has now earned in excess of R1 000 000 in prize money.

Twice Over, whose yearlings made up to R775 000 at last week's Cape Premier Yearling Sale, has a single lot on offer at February's Cape Yearling Sale.

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Sat 25 Jan	<b>Gr3 Sea Cottage S.</b> (3yo's) 1800m Turffontein (S)
Sat 1 Feb	<b>Gr1 Sun Met</b> 12000m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr1 Majorca Stakes</b> 1600m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr1 Cape Flying Championship</b> 1000m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr2 Western Cape Stayers</b> 2800m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr3 Politician Stakes</b> 1800m Kenilworth
	<b>(L) Summer Juvenile S.</b> 1000m Kenilworth
Sat 8 Feb	<b>Gr2 Gauteng Guineas</b> 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas</b> 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Hcp</b> 1000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Wolf Power 1600</b> 1600m Turffontein (S)

## Phumelela Shareprice

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22Jan	184	185	184	46,955
21Jan	200	200	171	38,800
20Jan	180	200	170	78,829
17Jan	178	189	178	16,600
16Jan	185	209	185	50,111
15Jan	200	216	187	90,399
14Jan	190	215	183	7,520
13Jan	190	190	190	34,014
13Jan	190	190	190	34,014
10Jan	190	190	190	739
09Jan	190	205	180	174,672
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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**GREYVILLE (polytrack)****Sunday, 19 January**

Course Variant: 0.55s fast

With the track regularly being watered even during the course of a meeting, irrigation is not disclosed for the poly track. Just 2mm of rain fell in the seven days leading up to this meeting, and as a result the going was posted as Standard. However, there was a tail wind of around 26km/h, and as can be seen by the course variant, the track was running fast.

**Michael Roberts Handicap (L) R150 000****We Just Love The G G's!**

While the Michael Roberts tribute raceday didn't play out entirely to the script, with the weather forcing a late switch from the Pietermaritzburg turf to the Hollywoodbets Greyville polytrack, Brett Crawford's progressive 4yo G G's Dynasty saved the day for favourite backers when he stormed to a popular victory in the R150 000 feature.

Overnight rain and the forecast of more downpours initiated the move to abandon the Hollywoodbets Scottsville plans and the eight-race card moved to the Durban city track, with the feature distance adjusted from the original 1750m to 1800m.

The move would have not pleased a few, including trainer Dennis Drier and his patrons, who were defending their feature title with the 7yo Wealthy – a good few lengths more effective on the Scottsville turf – but who sportingly took their chances.

Winning rider Anton Marcus made the observation that he was never really worried about G G's Dynasty taking to the poly – but was more concerned about the dice falling in the favour of his major opponent, Born To Perform, who has proven his ability on both surfaces. But after Amor Adiente had made most of the running, with Born To Perform relaxed some way off the pace, as is his preference, Marcus needn't have worried as G G's Dynasty stormed to the lead at the 250m and ran on strongly under an easy ride to win by a half length in a time of 106,23 secs - a new course record.

Tony Rivalland's once promising 3yo of last term Tristful (13-1) came out of the pack and ran on well to shade the late finishing Born To Perform (53-20), with Blackball (15-2) only finding his feet late for fourth, a length off the winner.

Christmas Handicap winner The Dazzler (14-1) was thereabouts for a long way but faded to a 2,75 length fifth.

Guest of honour Michael Roberts thanked Gold Circle for hosting the tribute - although he added that he was naturally disappointed that the meeting was lost to Hollywoodbets Scottsville – a course close to his heart. The Smyrna Maiden Plate opened the programme and it was at the age of 14 in

1968 that the legend won his first race – at Scottsville on a horse called Smyrna.

Anton Marcus said that he couldn't thank assistant trainer Peter Muscutt enough. He recalled looking up to Michael Roberts as a champion in his younger days. "It's a real privilege for me to win this race," he added. Peter Muscutt, who runs the Crawford operation at Summerveld, called the winner an honest and genuine 'push-button' horse, and thanked owners Greg Bortz and Braam van Huyssteen. He endorsed Marcus' thoughts on the honour of standing on the winner's podium and said he had also looked up to Roberts as a youngster. A R300 000 purchase from the 2017 CTS Ready To Run Sale, G G's Dynasty took his earnings to R467 875 at his sixth win with 4 places from 14 starts.

He was bred by Normandy Stud from Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the twice winning Right Approach mare, Genteel Approach. The latter is a half-sister to the well performed stakes winners Fabiani and Star Empire, who also performed well in Dubai.

**Michael Roberts Handicap (L) 1800m**

Winner G G's Dynasty raced 5th; led 300m; ran on strongly

Runner-up Tristful raced 4th; ran on; hanging from the 200m; cast o/f shoe in running and overreached off fore

Third Born To Perform lost one length at the start; raced in the rear; ran on

**Time:** Comparatively the second fastest of the afternoon's eight races, this was run in new course record time. We gave the runner-up (prev 93/88/102/77/105) 105 which makes the winner (88/88/88/89/99) 97 and the third Born To Perform (72/86/91/93/92) 93

S 367 **1 0.00 G G'S DYNASTY** (1) 55.0 A Marcus 49/20  
4 b g Dynasty - Genteel Approach (Right Approach)  
D 349 **2 0.50 TRISTFUL** (7) 59.0 S Randolph 13/1  
4 b g Trippi - Hear The Rain (Jet Master)  
D 349 **3 0.75 BORN TO PERFORM** (3) 53.5 C Zackey 53/20  
5 gr g Silvano - Dancer's Daughter (GB) (Act One)  
D 349 **4 1.00 Blackball** (4) 60.0 W Kennedy 15/2  
D 349 **5 2.75 The Dazzler** (12) 60.0 D Dillon 14/1  
D 234 **6 2.80 Silver Rose** (2) 57.5 D Schwarz 25/1  
S 299 **7 4.05 Wealthy** (5) 54.5 S Veale 13/1  
D 349 **8 5.30 Amor Adiente** (11) 54.5 G Wright 22/1  
D 151 **9 8.30 Dark Moon Rising** (6) 62.5 K De Melo 20/1  
S 298 **10 9.80 Noble Joshua** (8) 54.0 ES Ngwane 20/1  
D 351 **11 12.80 Tommy Grand** (9) 52.0 A Arries 45/1  
D 349 **12 13.30 Marchingontoegether** (10) 62.0 S Brown 20/1  
**Time:** 106.23s (59.02s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%  
1st T:BJ Crawford O:Messrs Greg Bortz & A J van Huyssteen  
B:Normandy Stud

## SCORECARD

**SCORE CARD**

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

**TOP SCORERS for 2019/2020**

(updated to 19 January 2020)

horse	age sex	points	races
Vardy	4 c	150	2
Queen Supreme	4 f	95	2
One World	4 c	78	3
Mississippi Burning	3 f	70	1
Hawwaam	4 c	67	2
Russet Air	4 c	50	1
Barahin	4 c	50	1
Prince Of Kahal	5 c	50	1
Mardi Gras	5 c	50	1
Rainbow Bridge	5 c	42	2
Third Runway	3 f	32	2
Shango	3 c	30	1
Vistula	4 f	30	1
Run Fox Run	4 f	30	1
King Of Gems	3 c	30	1
Twist Of Fate	4 c	30	1
Ronnie's Candy	4 f	30	1
Celtic Sea	4 f	30	1
True To Life	3 f	25	1
Jet Start	5 f	25	1
Mr Flood	4 c	25	1
Dharma	4 c	25	1
Soqrat	4 c	25	1
Chijmes	4 c	24	1
Infamous Fox	5 c	24	1
Zouaves	6 c	23	1
Chimichuri Run	4 c	21	1
Driving Miss Daisy	3 f	15	2
Sachdev	3 c	12	1
Gin Fizz	3 f	12	1
Ready Steady Go	5 c	10	1
Silvano's Pride	4 f	9	1
Miyabi Gold	5 f	8	1
Front And Centre	4 f	8	1

**Smart G G Goes To 103**

**A decisive victory in Sunday's Listed Michael Roberts Handicap at Hollywoodbets Greyville has seen Brett Crawford's G G's Dynasty's rating increased from 100 to 103.**

The race was scheduled to take place at Hollywoodbets Scottsville. However, due to heavy rains in Pietermaritzburg, was relocated to Greyville.

The Handicappers agreed that ultra-consistent third placed BORN TO PERFORM made for the correct line horse, which of course means that his rating remains unchanged, but runner-up TRISTFUL goes up from 108 to 109. Fourth placed BLACKBALL also runs to his mark despite some traffic difficulties and also remains unchanged.

Several horses were given a rating's drop. SILVER ROSE goes from 104 to 103, AMOR ADIENTE is down from 98 to 97, DARK MOON RISING was trimmed from 114 to 113, NOBLE JOSHUA drops from 98 to 96, TOMMY GRAND is down from 89 to 85, and MARCHINGONTOGETHER goes from 114 to 111.

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## LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES

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Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
11,613,385	Klawervlei Stud	349	33,276	1190	89	110	26%	3	4	3%	349	29%	4	One World	579,375 5%
10,210,347	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	208	49,088	786	76	104	37%	6	7	8%	245	31%	8	Barahin	593,250 6%
6,804,837	Summerhill Stud	204	33,357	811	52	68	25%	0	0	0%	211	26%	1	Chijmes	350,900 5%
5,687,335	Highlands	139	40,916	533	56	74	40%	2	2	4%	159	30%	4	Kelpie	224,937 4%
4,954,437	Varsfontein Stud	96	51,609	356	39	48	41%	2	2	5%	117	33%	4	Kilindini	761,625 15%
4,265,924	Drakenstein Stud	109	39,137	368	38	46	35%	2	2	5%	124	34%	5	King Of Gems	233,750 5%
4,222,074	Maine Chance	110	38,382	299	32	53	29%	1	1	3%	113	29%	3	Wisteria Walk	206,375 5%
3,498,325	Lammerskraal Stud	67	52,214	313	32	39	48%	1	1	3%	59	27%	5	Russet Air	308,750 9%
2,818,337	Moutonshoek	105	26,841	412	25	32	24%	0	0	0%	114	28%	1	Le Tigre	138,450 5%
2,653,025	Ascot Stud	75	35,374	287	26	32	35%	0	0	0%	93	32%	3	Jack Of Hearts	193,300 7%
2,607,425	Nadeson Park Stud	82	31,798	321	24	29	29%	0	0	0%	93	29%	3	Orchid Street	170,750 7%
2,507,375	Scott Bros	94	26,674	431	21	22	22%	2	2	10%	103	24%	1	Double 'O' Eight	137,950 6%
2,360,187	Normandy Stud	42	56,195	175	17	22	40%	1	1	6%	55	31%	1	Rio Querari	605,350 26%
2,358,024	Favour Stud	74	31,865	311	19	28	26%	0	0	0%	78	25%	3	Windy Flight	135,900 6%
2,282,400	Al Adiyaat	24	95,100	80	10	14	42%	1	1	10%	18	23%	1	Zillzaal	1,275,625 56%

## LEADING SIREs by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
8,040,323	Silvano	161	49,940	554	55	71	34%	6	6	11%	160	29%	7	Zillzaal	1,275,625 16%
6,455,810	*Captain Al	112	57,641	402	40	54	36%	3	3	8%	149	37%	5	Mississippi Burning	790,062 12%
5,702,938	Gimmethgreenlight	136	41,933	503	42	53	31%	2	2	5%	145	29%	9	Barahin	593,250 10%
5,671,925	Var	124	45,741	477	43	58	35%	2	3	5%	144	30%	3	Vardy	1,156,250 20%
5,632,049	Oratorio	110	51,200	449	47	64	43%	3	3	6%	137	31%	3	Viva Rio	485,375 9%
5,180,098	What A Winter	133	38,948	500	39	53	29%	4	4	10%	174	35%	6	Russet Air	308,750 6%
5,097,673	Querari	135	37,761	483	44	52	33%	2	2	5%	130	27%	4	Rio Querari	605,350 12%
5,002,975	*Dynasty	111	45,072	408	40	57	36%	3	4	8%	133	33%	5	Belgarion	381,250 8%
4,224,250	Master Of My Fate	126	33,526	458	34	39	27%	0	0	0%	136	30%	2	Driving Miss Daisy	477,500 11%
3,985,673	Jackson	77	51,762	275	25	36	32%	0	0	0%	77	28%	1	Pure State	1,328,875 33%
3,883,188	Pathfork	87	44,634	361	39	48	45%	3	4	8%	97	27%	1	Jet Start	203,400 5%
3,746,087	Twice Over	116	32,294	434	33	36	28%	1	1	3%	138	32%	1	Invidia	315,750 8%
3,623,911	Ideal World	91	39,823	346	27	34	30%	3	4	11%	117	34%	3	Vistula	359,500 10%
3,457,112	Duke Of Marmalade	105	32,925	352	33	38	31%	1	1	3%	106	30%	1	Larentina	180,000 5%
3,380,837	Elusive Fort	112	30,186	463	28	34	25%	1	1	4%	142	31%	1	Out Of Your League	144,675 4%

## LEADING SIREs of 3YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
3,406,973	Querari	70	48,671	275	31	35	44%	1	1	3%	74	27%	1	Rio Querari	605,350 18%
3,276,911	*Captain Al	48	68,269	181	21	28	44%	1	1	5%	66	36%	2	Mississippi Burning	790,062 24%
2,913,699	Vercingetorix	66	44,147	226	21	35	32%	1	2	5%	60	27%	3	Ikigai	274,375 9%
2,711,248	Jackson	46	58,940	159	14	21	30%	0	0	0%	36	23%	1	Pure State	1,328,875 49%
2,438,012	Captain Of All	47	51,873	176	19	24	40%	1	1	5%	51	29%	0	Shango	350,000 14%
2,413,975	Silvano	59	40,915	196	16	22	27%	3	3	19%	52	27%	1	Kilindini	761,625 32%
2,350,275	Master Of My Fate	74	31,760	261	21	21	28%	0	0	0%	77	30%	1	Driving Miss Daisy	477,500 20%
2,328,025	Duke Of Marmalade	66	35,273	231	20	25	30%	1	1	5%	79	34%	0	Larentina	180,000 8%
2,308,012	Gimmethgreenlight	63	36,635	200	20	27	32%	1	1	5%	52	26%	5	Third Runway	336,250 15%
2,237,612	Oratorio	51	43,875	198	18	25	35%	1	1	6%	59	30%	1	Viva Rio	485,375 22%

## LEADING SIREs of 2YO'S by STAKES

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
193,175	Captain Of All	13	14,860	21	2	3	15%	0	0	0%	8	38%	0	Dad's Catch	96,875 50%
186,200	Var	2	93,100	4	1	3	50%	0	0	0%	1	25%	0	Miracle Flight	168,200 90%
148,150	Gimmethgreenlight	5	29,630	8	2	2	40%	0	0	0%	5	63%	0	Favorita	61,875 42%
144,000	What A Winter	9	16,000	13	1	1	11%	0	0	0%	8	62%	0	Princekresh	62,500 43%
137,625	*Soft Falling Rain	3	45,875	4	3	3	100%	0	0	0%	1	25%	0	Garden Party	52,200 38%
130,900	Judpot	4	32,725	6	1	2	25%	0	0	0%	2	33%	0	War Room	116,000 89%
98,750	*Captain Al	2	49,375	3	2	2	100%	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	Erik The Red	51,875 53%
79,500	Querari	8	9,938	11	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	7	64%	0	Thomas Henry	31,000 39%
74,600	Global View	3	24,867	3	2	2	67%	0	0	0%	1	33%	0	Delicasea	34,800 47%

## LEADING SIREs by STAKES on Polytrack

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes	
1,400,200	Oratorio	45	31,116	116	18	19	40%	0	0	0%	37	32%	0	Song Of The Forest	112,500 8%
1,283,450	Var	49	26,193	116	13	17	27%	0	0	0%	44	36%	0	Okavango Delta	136,900 11%
1,151,725	Master Of My Fate	60	19,195	123	9	11	15%	0	0	0%	43	35%	0	Goliath Heron	137,500 12%
989,700	*Sail From Seattle	31	31,926	84	11	16	35%	0	0	0%	31	37%	0	Coyote Creek	131,025 13%
898,125	Querari	44	20,412	92	9	11	20%	0	0	0%	24	26%	0	Spring Breeze	168,750 19%
863,350	Duke Of Marmalade	28	30,834	63	11	12	39%	0	0	0%	18	29%	0	Seville	87,775 10%
817,600	Pathfork	35	23,360	75	10	13	29%	0	0	0%	16	21%	0	Gentleman's Way	121,875 15%
786,000	*Crusade	40	19,650	90	8	8	20%	0	0	0%	26	29%	0	Noemi	103,725 13%
688,075	Visionaire	39	17,643	79	7	8	18%	0	0	0%	23	29%	0	What A Blast	127,400 19%

The FULL Statistics ONLINE <http://www.sportingpost.co.za/horse-racing-statistics/> \*Stallion dead or Retired \*\*Stallion Not Standing in RSA  
 \*\*Breeding operations not based in RSA - Statistics for Breeders & Sires reflect ALL earnings, incl. restricted races & handicap races



Happy Days  
 Maine Chance Farms' reigning champion sire Silvano's daughter Happy Valentine is set to be represented at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, which will be held on April 7th and 8th.

Consigned by Arrowfield Stud (As Agent), Happy Valentine has a Redoute's Choice filly (# 481) on the two day sale.

This filly is the third foal produced by the Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship winner, a half-sister to G2 Senor Santa Handicap winner Happy Forever.

Happy Valentine, bred on the same Silvano/National Assembly cross as boom sire Vercingetorix, won three times during her racing career, in both South Africa and France. She won two of just three starts at two, including the 2013 Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship where she accounted for subsequent Equus Champion Along Came Polly.

Silvano, whose multiple Gr1 winning son Hawwaam is current favourite for the 2020 Gr1 Sun Met, is having another outstanding season in 2019-2020 with his six black type winners thus far headed by Summer Cup winner Zillzaal and Cape Guineas victor Kilindini.

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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	492	66	13%	102	21%	31%	59	12%	225	46%	10,336,388	21,009
J Snaith	605	73	12%	99	16%	33%	78	13%	280	46%	7,245,571	11,976
MF de Kock	301	48	16%	73	24%	34%	38	13%	145	48%	7,003,950	23,269
BJ Crawford	356	69	19%	81	23%	40%	46	13%	190	53%	6,548,344	18,394
PA Peter	412	67	16%	78	19%	31%	39	9%	196	48%	6,305,575	15,305
AC Greeff	514	89	17%	130	25%	41%	72	14%	269	52%	5,544,338	10,787
GS Kotzen	416	45	11%	50	12%	40%	48	12%	169	41%	4,645,820	11,168
Y Bremner	422	45	11%	41	10%	41%	47	11%	185	44%	3,667,025	8,690
JAJ v Vuuren	252	34	13%	40	16%	38%	32	13%	113	45%	3,165,425	12,561
C Bass-Robinson	372	29	8%	30	8%	33%	39	10%	152	41%	3,058,597	8,222
GD Smith	514	37	7%	26	5%	19%	40	8%	171	33%	2,678,000	5,210
AN Marcus	90	13	14%	11	12%	45%	10	11%	42	47%	2,673,049	29,701
GB Puller	214	28	13%	25	12%	36%	29	14%	88	41%	2,666,000	12,458
A Nel	262	25	10%	37	14%	27%	29	11%	126	48%	2,597,136	9,913
VH Marshall	209	28	13%	24	11%	33%	25	12%	90	43%	2,582,411	12,356
SD Gray	226	24	11%	25	11%	24%	28	12%	96	42%	2,569,750	11,371

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
W Kennedy	777	140	18%	169	22%	37%	100	13%	419	54%	12,509,125	16,099
G Cheyne	465	99	21%	139	30%	42%	63	14%	263	57%	6,328,325	13,609
R Fourie	331	64	19%	100	30%	36%	52	16%	194	59%	5,633,297	17,019
M Yeni	656	64	10%	91	14%	20%	87	13%	293	45%	6,339,638	9,664
S Khumalo	534	60	11%	60	11%	33%	74	14%	240	45%	6,228,125	11,663
K De Melo	407	58	14%	71	17%	34%	55	14%	219	54%	5,429,122	13,339
A Marcus	173	56	32%	109	63%	41%	35	20%	125	72%	5,502,373	31,806
C Maujean	519	54	10%	44	8%	36%	50	10%	223	43%	4,720,425	9,095
C Murray	320	50	16%	64	20%	36%	31	10%	135	42%	5,963,525	18,636
R Munger	552	46	8%	39	7%	26%	48	9%	206	37%	3,833,738	6,945
R Danielson	278	44	16%	61	22%	34%	37	13%	131	47%	3,931,600	14,142
M v Rensburg	402	39	10%	46	11%	24%	45	11%	167	42%	3,860,775	9,604
D Schwarz	359	38	11%	32	9%	47%	34	9%	146	41%	5,391,325	15,018
G Lerena	176	33	19%	50	28%	32%	19	11%	94	53%	3,709,500	21,077
M Byleveld	359	33	9%	27	8%	33%	36	10%	145	40%	3,192,122	8,892
L J Ferraris	346	32	9%	31	9%	29%	38	11%	132	38%	3,772,150	10,902

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
BJ Crawford/A Marcus	44	17	39%	27	61%	48%	10	23%	1,485,136	33,753
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	210	60	29%	102	49%	43%	35	17%	3,296,313	15,697
S von W Smit/D R Lerena	46	12	26%	9	20%	44%	4	9%	532,750	11,582
C Bass-Robinson/A Domeyer	38	10	26%	9	24%	44%	7	18%	921,811	24,258
MF de Kock/C Murray	136	34	25%	46	34%	41%	12	9%	4,404,400	32,385
BJ Crawford/G Cheyne	59	14	24%	12	20%	25%	6	10%	1,035,225	17,546
Y Bremner/R Fourie	47	11	23%	14	30%	43%	4	9%	694,225	14,771
PA Peter/W Kennedy	210	47	22%	59	28%	34%	28	13%	4,388,125	20,896
C Lensley/M Yeni	61	12	20%	14	23%	21%	8	13%	610,350	10,006
J Snaith/R Fourie	262	49	19%	81	31%	35%	42	16%	4,583,660	17,495
SG Tarry/R Danielson	153	29	19%	44	29%	32%	19	12%	2,578,500	16,853
LJ Human/N Klink	99	19	19%	21	21%	38%	14	14%	881,750	8,907
AG Laird/S Khumalo	95	18	19%	20	21%	45%	15	16%	1,625,700	17,113
G v Zyl/W Kennedy	116	21	18%	32	28%	38%	12	10%	1,884,200	16,243
S Miller/R Munger	77	12	16%	11	14%	27%	13	17%	619,188	8,041
D Kannemeyer/K De Melo	147	22	15%	39	27%	28%	24	16%	2,061,050	14,021



Phila Mxoli – the most confident 4kg claimer yet!

**Phila'ng Groovy!**

What a week so far for 20 year old apprentice Philasande 'Phila' Mxoli! On Monday he rode the first winner of his career at Flamingo Park and followed up on Tuesday at the Vaal with another thrilling victory. The second year South African Jockey Academy (SAJA) apprentice, who is currently based at the Gauteng Jockeys Academy,

competed in thoroughbred rural races since the age of thirteen and has ridden in excess of 90 winners in the Eastern Cape.



Garth Puller – a fine horseman and the hardest working trainer in KZN

**KZN Leader**

He has been racing long than most of us have been on this earth. He was SA champion jockey in the 1978/79 season and rode the winners of every top race in the country in an illustrious career in the saddle. Summerveld trainer Garth Puller is the current deserved pacesetter on the KZN Trainer's Log, and while he is unlikely to box

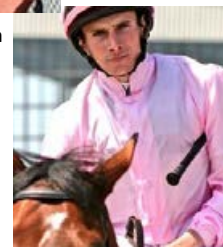
in the big league in the SA Champions Season – which starts in May – it's surely only a matter of time before he finds a Gr1 horse!



Eric Sands and Ryan Moore – 2020 Met winning duo?

**Bridge To Fame**

The 63 year old Milnerton-based Eric Sands has been training horses for close on 35 years and has had his stars – including champion sprinter Flobayou. He bids for his second consecutive Sun Met win



with the Ideal World gelding Rainbow Bridge. But since he engaged the world's second highest rated jockey – multiple British champion Ryan More – Sands

has become hot property on social media. We wish them both well and hope the bold plan pans out in their favour.

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After L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Ratings  
Comes Sun Met Day

... but still no 3yo's to be competitive

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
116	Chimichuri Run	4	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	11Jan	1	Cnd	1000	Kenilworth	116/109/-/-/-
114	Van Halen	4	Oratorio	Limpo Retail	16Jan	3	Cnd	1200	Vaal	117/81/-/-/-
113	Rebel's Champ	5	Rebel King	Nine Bridges Association	16Jan	2	Cnd	1200	Vaal	113/-/-/-/-
113	Pacific Trader	5	Sail From Seattle	Ascot Stud	11Jan	2	Cnd	1000	Kenilworth	117/-/-/-/-
110	Bold Respect	5	Bold Silvano	Ascot Stud	11Jan	3	Cnd	1000	Kenilworth	117/106/-/-/-
109	Mr Flood	4	Pathfork	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	16Jan	1	Cnd	1200	Vaal	109/-/-/-/-
108	Kasimir	5	Captain Al	Drakenstein Stud	11Jan	4	Cnd	1000	Kenilworth	121/109/-/-/-
105	Social Order	6	Count Dubois	Boland Stud	18Jan	3	MR104	1400	Turffontein	100/105/106/106/-
98	Chief Of State	4	Toreador	Barton Hall Stud	11Jan	1	MR96	1000	Turffontein	98/-/-/-/-
97	Epic Dream	4	Fort Wood	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	21Jan	1	MR88	1100	Vaal	97/98/-/65/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
116	Celtic Sea	4	Captain Al	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	10Jan	1	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	116/115/-/-/-
107	Clouds Unfold	4	What A Winter	Drakenstein Stud	10Jan	2	Cndfm	1200	Kenilworth	112/109/-/-/-
105	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	11Jan	1	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
102	In The Dance	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	7Jan	3	Cndfm	1500	Vaal	95/103/-/-/-
98	Vistula	4	Ideal World	Riethuiskraal Stud	7Jan	4	Cndfm	1500	Vaal	94/106/-/-/-
98	Helen's Ideal	4	Ideal World	PG de Beyer	10Jan	3	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	101/100/104/90/-
95	Point Of Sale	3	Var	Drakenstein Stud	10Jan	2	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	88/95/-/-/-
95	Candy Galore	4	Noordhoek Flyer	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	15Jan	1	MR85f	1000	Scottsville	95/-/-/-/-
93	Esteemal	5	Captain Al	Nuffield Stud	10Jan	1	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	75/93/88/92/-
93	Too Phat To Fly	5	Bezrin	Limestone Thoroughbred Trust	21Jan	3	MR92f	1400	Vaal	101/101/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
117	Vardy	4	Var	Tawny Syndicate	11Jan	1	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	83/117/112/-/-
115	Rainbow Bridge	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	11Jan	3	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	81/121/119/124/-
115	One World	4	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	11Jan	2	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	-/116/112/-/-
113	Twist Of Fate	4	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	11Jan	4	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	102/113/114/113/-
110	Hawwaam	4	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	11Jan	5	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	122/110/120/118/-
108	Dawn Assault	6	Call To Combat	Graystone Stud	18Jan	2	Cnd	2400	Turffontein	59/92/106/106/108/
108	Do It Again	5	Twice Over	Northfields Stud	11Jan	6	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	81/121/-/125/-
107	Roy Had Enough	5	Pierro	bred in Australia	11Jan	5	MR118	1800	Kenilworth	80/111/108/105/103/
106	Eyes Wide Open	5	Dynasty	Highlands	11Jan	12	MR118	1800	Kenilworth	83/111/111/108/-
106	Pack Leader	5	Philanthropist	Hallmark Thoroughbreds	11Jan	7	WFA	1600	Kenilworth	102/107/106/102/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Queen Supreme	4	Exceed And Excel	bred in Ireland	11Jan	1	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	-/87/105/104/-
104	Kelpie	3	Dynasty	Highlands	10Jan	3	MR104	2000	Kenilworth	71/96/-/104/-
104	Return Flight	4	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	21Jan	3	Cndfm	1800	Vaal	-/104/104/104/103/
103	Miyabi Gold	5	Silvano	Daytona Stud	11Jan	4	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	59/100/104/104/-
102	Snapsan	4	Oratorio	Drakenstein Stud	11Jan	6	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	85/92/102/95/97/
102	Silvano's Pride	4	Silvano	AC Peter	11Jan	3	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	65/102/102/104/-
102	Front And Centre	4	Dynasty	Highlands	11Jan	5	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	86/112/102/104/-
100	Seville Orange	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	21Jan	2	Cndfm	1800	Vaal	76/84/100/98/99/
99	Driving Miss Daisy	3	Master Of My Fate	Ditro Bloodstock	11Jan	2	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	91/99/99/-/-
98	Santa Clara	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Maine Chance	11Jan	7	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	90/106/98/91/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Shango	3	Captain Of All	Heritage Stud	11Jan	1	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	81/109/90/-/-
104	Viva Rio	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	14Jan	1	Cnd	1600	Kenilworth	63/104/-/-/-
97	Youcanthurrylove	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Varsfontein Stud	9Jan	1	MR104	1800	Vaal	66/82/97/-/-
95	Eden Roc	3	Var	Turffontein Stud	16Jan	2	Cnd	1200	Vaal	107/100/-/-/-
95	Rio Querari	3	Querari	Normandy Stud	11Jan	2	MR96	1400	Kenilworth	89/98/-/-/-
94	Western Fort	3	Elusive Fort	Ten Einde Farm	18Jan	1	MR72	2000	Turffontein	-/49/76/94/-
94	Indy Go	3	Captain Of All	GJ Royden-Turner	11Jan	3	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	93/94/-/-/-
94	Enjoy The View	3	Capetown Noir	GC Kallil	15Jan	1	Cnd	1200	Scottsville	94/93/-/-/-
92	Captain Demonami	3	Master Of My Fate	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	12Jan	2	MR79	1400	Greyville	88/92/-/-/-
92	Snow Report	3	What A Winter	Limestone Thoroughbred Trust	14Jan	2	Cnd	1600	Kenilworth	90/92/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
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105	Sarah	3	What A Winter	PG de Beyer	11Jan	1	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
104	Kelpie	3	Dynasty	Highlands	10Jan	3	MR104	2000	Kenilworth	71/96/-/104/-
99	Driving Miss Daisy	3	Master Of My Fate	Ditro Bloodstock	11Jan	2	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	91/99/99/-/-
95	Point Of Sale	3	Var	Drakenstein Stud	10Jan	2	Cndfm	1400	Kenilworth	88/95/-/-/-
94	By Chance	3	Byword	AJ McNabb & E Miliotis	11Jan	2	Cndfm	2000	Turffontein	-/73/-/94/-
93	Castellano	3	Querari	Ambiance Stud	11Jan	8	WFAfm	1800	Kenilworth	77/93/93/-/-
92	Rio's Winter	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	21Jan	2	MR92f	1400	Vaal	94/92/-/-/-
92	Luna Wish	3	Querari	B Le Roux	17Jan	2	MR95f	1300	Fairview	92/92/-/-/-
91	True Charm	3	Captain Al	Ascot Stud	11Jan	4	Cnd3f	1160	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-
90	Ruby And Roses	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	13Jan	1	MR78f	1400	Flamingo Park	72/90/79/-/-

# SIGNPOSTS

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

### ACT OF WAR (Dynasty)

Daichi 2c (Darrie by Captain Al)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(24/01\)](#)

### GLOBAL VIEW (Galileo)

Fireview 2c (Spellfire by Sail From Seattle)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(24/01\)](#)

Caelian 2c (Winter Rose by Western Winter)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(24/01\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Bohica 3g (Wysiwyg by Mullins Bay)

[Turffontein 8 Graduation Plate 1450m \(25/01\)](#)

### CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

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

[Fairview 6 MR 85 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(24/01\)](#)

Goluckygo 3g (Lucky Mojo by Right Approach)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate 1000m \(25/01\)](#)

Storm Commander 3g (Icywinterstorm by Western Winter)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1600m \(25/01\)](#)

Capitana 3g (Sunshine Girl by Northern Guest)

[Turffontein 5 MR 99 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(25/01\)](#)

Stellar Motion 3g (Majestic Star by Doowaley)

[Turffontein 6 MR 78 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(25/01\)](#)

Captain's Assembly 3g (Supalicious by Deep Sleep)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate 1000m \(26/01\)](#)

Elementary 3g (Our Dizzy Emblem by National Emblem)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Plate 1000m \(26/01\)](#)

Simply Russian 3g (Russian Foxtrot by National Emblem)

[Scottsville 4 MR 90 Handicap \(F&M\) 1600m \(26/01\)](#)

### FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Galactic Storm 3g (Move The Stars by Elliodor)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(24/01\)](#)

Rock Aloe 3g (Art Of Africa by Elliodor)

[Fairview 4 MR 91 Handicap 2000m \(24/01\)](#)

Pomander 3g (Pure Spice by Black Minnaloushe)

[Turffontein 9 Middle Stakes 2600m \(25/01\)](#)

### KINGSBARNs (Galileo)

The Cambo 3g (Allagain by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(25/01\)](#)

King Of Gems 3g (Sapphire Gem by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 4 Pinnacle Stakes 1500m \(25/01\)](#)

Queen Of Quiet 3g (Cape Sugarbird by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 100 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(25/01\)](#)

Queensbarns 3g (My Sanctuary by Antonius Pius)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 100 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(25/01\)](#)

### LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

Linnbara 3g (Nontanda by Al Mufti)

[Scottsville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

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

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(26/01\)](#)

### SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Rain Keeps Falling 3g (Southern Cross by Mutakddim)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(25/01\)](#)

Power To Command 3g (Lavender Sky by Elliodor)

[Scottsville 5 Maiden Plate 2400m \(26/01\)](#)

### TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

Time For Launch 3g (Moon Mission by Victory Moon)

[Fairview 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m \(24/01\)](#)

Good Times Roll 3g (Gouldikova by General Nediym)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(24/01\)](#)

### VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Don Pelayo 3g (Cantabria by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1600m \(25/01\)](#)

Moonlightstranger 3g (Spring Blaster by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate 1600m \(25/01\)](#)

Binoche 3g (Jenna The Pink by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 100 Handicap \(F&M\) 1200m \(25/01\)](#)

Main Dreamer 3g (Cool Dreamer by Encosta de Lago)

[Scottsville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

### WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Walton Hall 3g (Magical Cove by National Assembly)

[Scottsville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

Bleu Royale 3g (Danish Zealot by Danehill Express)

[Scottsville 2 Apprentice Maiden Plate 1400m \(26/01\)](#)

Wylie's Lass 3g (Cashel Leaf by Bernardini)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(26/01\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### SOFT FALLING RAIN

Rated **AR 93 Pray For Rain** (2c Kitco by Var)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Kenilworth (1000m) (18/1)*

Caught in the latter stages when odds-on in his only previous racecourse appearance, Dennis Drier's charge was again taken straight to the front here. He was soon in command with a three lengths advantage, and cruised clear from halfway to score by ten and a quarter.

### SILVANO

Rated **AR 77 Voice Of Reason** (3f Valdovino by Al Mufti)

*Maiden Plate (f&m) Kenilworth (1600m) (18/1)*

Pipped close home when trying a mile for the first time in her second start last time out, Gavin Van Zyl's charge was again positioned close to the speed here. She only had to be pushed out in order to take up the running 100m from home, and won going away by a length and a half.

## Horses To Follow

### JUDPOT

Rated **AR 96 War Room** (2c Magnificent Maggie by Joshua Dancer)

*Juvenile Plate Vaal (1000m) (16/1)*

Now unbeaten in two starts, Paul Peter's charge couldn't have been more impressive here. Taken straight to the front, War Room led throughout. He was three and a half lengths clear going through the 400m and with jockey Warren Kennedy looking around for opposition from the 300m mark cruised in by six and a half.

### PATHFORK

Rated **AR 109 Mr Flood** (4g Last Word Pam by Jallad)

*Pinnacle Stakes Vaal (1200m) (16/1)*

Out of the pens in a flash, this lightly raced 4yo was very quickly two lengths clear. He kept on strongly at the business end of the race and although the useful Rebel's Champ tried his best to make a race of it, he still had a length and a quarter to spare at the wire. Mr Flood has won both starts in very good style since returning from a 13 month absence, and in total has now won five from seven.

### ELUSIVE FORT

Rated **AR 94 Western Fort** (3c Westerns by Western Winter)

*MR72 Handicap Turffontein (stand side) (2000m) (18/1)*

A facile winner over 1900m at Greyville last time out at the second time of asking, Paul Peter's charge raced in midfield here. He was baulked for a run when looking to make headway 550m out and from there onwards raced very green. Once seeing daylight, though, he quickly reduced the deficit. Striking the front 300m from home, he won going away by four.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Freedom Seeker** (AUS) 3f Stratum- Asylum Seeker  
(Count Dubois)

*Kenilworth 1000m (14/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Explosive Beauty** (AUS) 3f Smart Missile- Goolash(AUS)  
(Encosta de Lago)

*Greyville 1400m (19/01)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Di Mazzio** (AUS) 6g Bernardini- Gold Chant(AUS) (El Moxie)

*Greyville 1000m (19/01)*

## FA Cup Fourth Round

### Selected Matches Preview

The FA Cup returns to our screens this weekend and our Editor has selected a couple of matches that are definitely worth watching and betting on in the fourth round. While it seems like a straightforward set of fixtures, there's some big calls. So, without further delay, let's get to it!



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### SATURDAY 25 JANUARY

**3/1 Brentford | Draw 26/10 | Leicester City 17/20 (14:45)**

The Foxes have suffered a dip in form over the last few weeks and I'm backing the London outfit to cause an upset.

**18/10 Southampton | 49/20 | Tottenham 27/20 (17:00)**

I'm backing them to make a statement and knock Spurs out of the competition.

**5/1 Hull City | 34/10 | Chelsea 9/20 (17:00)**

I'm expecting a comfortable win for Lampard's side. For more value, back them on the (-1) Handicap at 23/20.

### SUNDAY 26 JANUARY

**1/8 Manchester City | 8/1 | Fulham 16/1 (15:00)**

I'm expecting a comfortable victory for the Citizens. If you're looking for more value, I suggest taking the Home to Win to Nil market at 9/10.

**52/10 Shrewsbury Town | 37/10 | Liverpool 9/20 (19:00)**

Still, you can back the Merseysiders to win this tie.

### MONDAY 27 JANUARY

**29/10 Bournemouth | 26/10 | Arsenal 17/20 (22:00)**

Back the Gunners to see off Eddie Howe's side to advance to the next round.

### TREBLE @ 13/2

Chelsea (-1) Handicap 23/20

Man City – Home to win to Nil 9/10

Arsenal Win 17/20

**Is Your Horse One To Follow?**

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners & Horses for the Notebook** on this page - see how promising the Sporting Post ability ratings (AR) say they are.

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# All On The Double

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## On The Calendar

### Kenilworth 14 January

A maiden plate over 1200m got proceedings underway in Cape Town on Tuesday and here we saw a smart performance from the newcomer KATAK. Nicely positioned in third 2,5 lengths off the pace early on, Piet Steyn's charge quickened well below the distance and got up 30m from home to deny the front running favourite BOLLINGER.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1000m. The bill topping MR95 Handicap was the fastest of these and here APOLLO ACE registered his fourth career victory. All five held chances as the What A Winter gelding struck the front 200m out and in a thrilling three way finish he held on by a neck.

At the other end of the scale the biggest winning margin on the card was recorded by VIVA RIO in the progress plate over 1600m. Thrown in at the weights, Glen Kotzen's charge was not surprisingly deep in the red. He raced close to the pace throughout and won going away by two and a quarter after striking the front 350m from home.

#### Titbits

Now a winner of two from four, the 3yo FREEDOM SEEKER quickened nicely late when getting the better of the speedy PIPPIELANGKOUS close home in the MR72 Handicap over 1000m.

## Golden Fort

### Hollywoodbets Scottsville 15 January

Not for the first time in recent months the going was posted as Good to Soft in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday, and yet the course variant tells a completely different story. A MR86 Handicap topped the bill and in what proved to be much the faster of the two 1400m events, OOH LA LA registered her fourth career victory. Soon up handy, the daughter of Querari was ridden

to lead going through the 300m and kept on strongly late to beat the running on SANSKRIFT by three quarters.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1200m where the faster of the two was the novice plate won by ENJOY THE VIEW. Taken straight to the front by Serino Moodley, Michael Roberts' charge led throughout. He was always in command and won with some in hand by two.

In terms of distance the easiest victory on the card was recorded by HEROIC DEED when getting off the mark in the opening maiden plate over 1200m. Soon positioned close to the speed, the son of Black Minnaloushe took up the running 300m out and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by four and a quarter.

#### Titbits

Positioned 12th of the thirteen turning for home, TWICE GOLDEN ran on best of all in the MR82 Handicap over 2400m and won going away by three and three quarters.

## Flood Of Talent

### Vaal 16 January

Four of the eight races at the Vaal on Thursday were run over 1200m. The pinnacle stakes was by far the fastest of these and here we saw another smart performance from the lightly raced 4yo MR FLOOD. Now a winner of five from seven this son of Pathfork flew out of the pens and was soon a couple clear. He kept up a healthy gallop throughout and despite the efforts of the running on REBEL'S CHAMP, he couldn't get closer than a length and a quarter at the wire. Returning from a seven months absence fifth placed MOMBELA caught the eye running on strongly from the rear in the closing stages of this race.

Another impressive performance was to be had in the opening juvenile plate over

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

Candy Galore .....	won 25/1
Glider Pilot .....	won 12/1
Heroic Deed .....	won 46/10
Apollo Ace .....	won 3/1
Imperial Rage .....	won 5/4
Viva Rio .....	won 8/15
War Room .....	won 1/5
Miracle Flight .....	won 1/3

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

#### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (7) Natural Jade 26
Race 2: (7) Wangan Midnight 4
Race 3: (6) Pollymania 10
Race 4: (7) Seattle Swing 67
Race 5: (2) Jay's Hawk 43
<b>Race 6: (3) Sunshine Mint 54 (NAP*)</b>
Race 7: (12) African Victory 79
Race 8: (7) Gimme Katrina 41

#### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (4) Storm Commander 12
Race 2: (2) Double Hearts 19
Race 3: (4) Lady Of Steel 46
Race 4: (5) Unagi 90
Race 5: (1) La Bella Mia 72
Race 6: (4) Tombola 47
Race 7: (3) Snow Palace 50
<b>Race 8: (1) Approach Control 76 (NAP*)</b>
<b>Race 9: (12) Pomander 64 (nb)</b>

#### KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Senor Don 21
Race 2: (2) Long Reign 24
Race 3: (1) Over The Way 32
Race 4: (1) Search Party 87
Race 5: (2) Secret Depths 59
Race 6: (4) Binoche 65
Race 7: (1) Phil's Dancer 46
<b>Race 8: (3) Fabian 82 (NAP*)</b>

#### SCOTTVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (8) Forest Jump 17
Race 2: (15) On The Bayou 17
Race 3: (14) Collabro 66
Race 4: (10) Classic Guard 53
<b>Race 5: (13) Rasputin's Remedy 33 (nb)</b>
Race 6: (16) Belton Road 38
<b>Race 7: (5) Rebel's Champ 83 (NAP*)</b>
Race 8: (9) Lady Of Lutetia 31

#### Nap bets

\* Fancied \*\* Strongly fancied  
\*\*\* Very strongly fancied

## Notebook

Horses worth following  
at their next few starts...

**MR FLOOD** (M Houdalakis, Gauteng)  
**TWICE GOLDEN** (G Puller, KZN)  
**WAR ROOM** (P Peter, Gauteng)  
**WESTERN FORT** (P Peter, Gauteng)



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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

1000m when WAR ROOM made it two from two. Deep in the red at 1/5 on the off, Paul Peter's charge also led throughout. He was three and a half lengths clear going through the 400m and with jockey Kennedy looking around for the opposition from the 300m mark, he cruised in by six and a half.

Run in a faster time was the juvenile plate for the girls over 1000m won by War Room's stable companion MIRACLE FLIGHT. Now unbeaten in three starts this daughter of Var also made all. Just 2,75 lengths covered all going through the 400m and challenged strongly by the fancied DUBAWI PRINCESS all the way to the wire, she was made to work to score by just over a length.

**Titbits**

OH MERCY ME ran on well from midfield when winning the MR76 Handicap over 1500m going away.

**Holding The Aces****Fairview 17 January**

Friday's action took place on the poly track where the fastest of the afternoon's three 1300m events was the MR90 Handicap won by the talented, but not so consistent THE HIGHWAY MAN. Soon in his favourite position at the head of affairs the son of Querari led throughout. He kept on strongly in the short home straight and although the odds on favourite BOLD COAST did make some headway over the final 400m, he still had a length and a half to spare at the wire.

1200m was the only other distance to stage more than one race and in the faster of these, a MR68 Handicap, the 3yo DUKE OF CARDS gained his second victory from just six starts. Always handy, Alan Greeff's charge ran on strongly over the final 300m and with the rest well beaten he got the better of his more fancied stable companion ELUSIVE DIVA by a quarter.

The stable of Alan Greeff were also on the mark when KEEPER OF THE KEYS opened her account in the maiden plate over 1300m. Backed into 6/10 from 11/10 before the off, the daughter of Dynasty led throughout. She was a length and a quarter clear turning for home and only having to be pushed out in the straight, she cruised clear to score by seven.

**Titbits**

Positioned fifth of eight turning for home, GLORY DAYS ran on well over the final 400m when beating the useful LUNA WISH fair and square in the bill topping Aloe Handicap (non-black type) over 1300m.

**Impregnable Fort****Turffontein 18 January**

They raced on the old stand side track on Saturday where we saw an impressive performance from the lightly raced WESTERN FORT when winning the MR72 Handicap over 2000m. Now a winner of two from three, the son of Elusive Fort raced in midfield for most of the journey. He was baulked for a run 550m out when starting up his engines and then raced very green. Despite that though, he cut through the field like a knife and won going away by four.

Four of the afternoon's nine races were staged over 1600m and in the fastest of these, a MR72 Handicap, the 3yo CAPE-TOWN AFFAIR registered his second career victory. Way below best in his six previous starts this season, Ashley Fortune's charge was soon up handy. He was ridden to lead 100m from home and with the rest well beaten he got the better of the front running WAQAAS by just over a length.

A pinnacle stakes over 2400m topped the bill and here it was nice to see the once highly regarded GLIDER PILOT find the winner's enclosure. Soon close to the speed, Tyrone Zackey's charge took up the

running 350m out and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to beat the running on favourite DAWN ASSAULT by a length.

**Titbits**

Now a winner of two from five, MACHALI ran on well from midfield when winning the graduation plate over 1600m going away.

**FASTEST TIMES**

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

**KENILWORTH (NEW) 14 JANUARY**

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,70s slow	
1000m (3) Apollo Ace	58,70
1200m (2) Katak	73,20
1400m (1) Cruise Along	86,61
1600m (1) Viva Rio	98,16
1800m (1) Flatware	114,65

**HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 15 JANUARY**

Penetrometer 24 – G/Soft	
Course Variant: 0,01s fast	
1000m (1) Candy Galore	56,13
1200m (2) Enjoy The View	68,40
1400m (2) Ooh La La	83,33
1600m (1) Living Waters	97,16
1950m (1) Imperial Rage	121,62
2400m (1) Twice Golden	150,23

**VAAL 16 JANUARY**

Penetrometer 20 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,46s fast	
1000m (2) Miracle Flight	56,91
1200m (4) Mr Flood	67,89
1500m (1) Oh Mercy Me	88,50
2000m (1) 122,50	

**FAIRVIEW (POLY) 17 JANUARY**

Going Standard	
Course Variant:	
1000m (1) Aloysius	57,81
1200m (2) Duke Of Cards	70,55
1300m (3) The Highway Man	75,13
1600m (1) Lord Marshal	97,06
1900m (1) Gina's Girl	118,01

**TURFFONTEIN (STAND SIDE) 18 JANUARY**

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,18s slow	
1000m (1) Sweet Trial	57,32
1400m (2) Rooi Tom	86,13
1600m (4) Capetown Affair	99,16
2000m (1) Western Fort	127,05
2400m (1) Glider Pilot	156,32

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