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Five Minutes With Larry

The news of Racing Association CEO Larry Wainstein's bombshell resignation earlier this week threatened to overshadow the build up to the R3 million Gr1 Sun Met. But Larry can't understand what all the fuss is about and says it's business as unusual – and the show will go on.

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A passionate racing man, an owner and punter for 45 years, who enjoyed a somewhat stormy love - hate relationship with the Sporting Post, and the rest of the racing world, through his twelve year tenure at the helm of the Racing Association, he was pleased, even surprised, to take our call for a snap chat between meetings at his Turffontein office.

RA Chairman Michael Leaf announced Wainstein's resignation on Tuesday. The reasons given were that he is to focus on personal business interests.

"It's correct what you read – my family and I have business outside of racing and I now want to dedicate more time to the important people in my life. This has been on my mind for some time. I think this is as good a time as any, although I expect to still assist with the transition to my replacement – whoever that may be," he added, suggesting that at the age of 66 it was definitely not a premature move.

He points out that the RA was formed twenty years back to protect and support the interests of racehorse owners.

He genuinely feels that history shows that the organisation has succeeded in that regard, but says that it has become more and more difficult to attract and retain owners. He says that the industry is probably its own worst enemy most days, and that trainers are often a major part of the problem.

As a personal highlight, he says that the shift of focus emanating from the efforts of the Concerned Owners Group to cater for and respect the smaller owner in the game, would go down as a success.

He had to ponder for a while as to what he could single out as a lowlight.

"I think the uninformed folk that never contributed but sit on the sidelines throwing stones. I understand your job is to tell all sides and to sell papers.

We would like to wish all the Ridgemont Highlands bred horses the very best in running on 2020 Sun Met Day.

ALRAMZ | COUNT JACK | GOLD MEDAL | BAG OF TRICKS
IT'S COMPLEX | FRONT AND CENTRE | KELPIE
EYES WIDE OPEN | MAJESTIC MOZART
DYNASTY'S BLOSSOM | TWO FOR TEA | WINTER IS OVER

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FIVE MINUTES WITH LARRY

But why must people get so personal? My suits, my beard. It's my personal choice. I have been called 'the Don'. It makes me sound like some kind of 'Walter Mitty' character. I have never said to an owner or anybody that your hair looks ridiculous or that dress is too short. It just shows the level of desperation people will go to in order to insult and denigrate."

When pressed to get to the nub of what finally got him to walk away, he says that he has had the 'deepseated love and passion for the game sucked out' of him by negativity and negative people. It has progressively 'worsened over time'.

"I coached William Ntsele and when he took over the chair, I was ready then to go. But then they wanted me as CEO. In this job, one has to be an accountant, a marketer, understand owners, jockeys, trainers, punters, the graded races programme, stakes and more – and have the broad shoulders to take the flak for a wide spectrum of issues. We all know racing is under severe pressure. People see me on the podium smiling and handing over trophies – few have any idea what the job entails."

He agrees with our suggestion that it would be a positive step to find the right candidate of colour in a specialised position requiring racing and corporate knowledge.

The RA press release says that Larry's achievements have been 'innumerable' and they listed milestones:

- Overseeing a regular increase in stakes every year prior to 2020 despite adverse economic conditions;
- Prudent financial management of the purse strings of the RA in doubling its cash resources since his entry into the RA;
- Improving the Race Day Experience for owners;
- Overseeing the refurbishment of the various venues – Elevation Room, Paddock Room and the Garret Bar;
- Co-ordinating and managing new race initiatives such as Princess Charlene Race Day, Monaco Million Race Day and the Jockey's international;
- Introducing new benefits for members such as RA Bonus Races, Runner Notifications and Tellytrack live racing accessibility;
- Special Achievement Awards at the RA Feature Season Awards;
- Increased take-out from Sports Betting into the stakes pot;
- Facilitating support for the Export Protocols Programme as well as the Asian Racing Conference

Larry says he is looking forward to the Met on Saturday.

"I think Hawwaam is a massive runner, but the way Vardy won his last two, I keep hesitating. It's a terrific race and I hope the day goes well."

Larry says he will be attending the RA AGM at Kenilworth on 10 February.

"Once things have quietened down, we can spend some more time and cover the past few years in more detail if you'd like."

SATURDAY'S RACING

Bridging The Gap!

Gr1 Sun Met Kenilworth

The fourth running of the R3 million Gr1 Sun Met at Kenilworth on Saturday presents a tricky poser with a strong case to be made for the top five. Three weeks ago it was Hawwaam and by how far. After the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate the picture changed dramatically. So what to take as fact and what to throw out the window as fiction?

The late Peter Kannemeyer always preached that we shouldn't make excuses for beaten horses. We have three to consider here – Rainbow Bridge, Do It Again and Hawwaam.

Defending champion Rainbow Bridge's regular rider has been replaced by Ryan Moore – one of the world's greatest. Dual July winner Do It Again didn't enjoy a happy passage in the Green Point Stakes and then health issues were touted after his Queen's Plate unplaced run.

The mind boggling delay at the start of the prestigious weight-for-age mile threw the cat amongst the pigeons for all – and more so for the fragile personality, Hawwaam, who didn't appear too distraught behind the gates, but produced a flatter than expected effort when not settling. There was criticism of the ride too.

Through all the excuses being showered over the established stars, nobody really seemed too impressed by Vardy's terrific performance to win his first Gr1 – a superb follow up on the Green Point Stakes success and he is unbeaten this season. The gutsy son of Var should go close to winning this and silencing his detractors- if he stays the 2000m.

Do It Again was runner-up behind Rainbow Bridge last year, but his two prep runs into the Met have raised question marks again his invincibility. The son of Twice Over was cramped in the Green Point Stakes when clearly in need of the run and then a bit off colour around the Queen's Plate. The South African Horse Of The Year is too smart to discard.

Sporting Post top-rated Rainbow Bridge won the Champions Cup at the end of last season and his two running on thirds in the Green Point and the Queen's Plate were good efforts, without setting the world alight. Gavin Lerena has been jocked off in favour the British star – a bitter pill for the former SA champion jockey when his horse is having his peak

run over his correct trip with his season target in sight!

Despite the quiet L'Ormarins Queen's Plate effort by Hawwaam, Anton Marcus – one of the best judges in the country – said there is still no other horse he'd rather ride in



Rainbow Bridge | Chase Liebenberg

Gr1 Sun Met
past winners

2017		
1	Whisky Baron	57.5 (8) 6/1
2	Legal Eagle	60.0 (9) 2/1
3	Captain America	58.0 (10) 22/1
2018		
1	Oh Susanna	51.5 (4) 6/1
2	Last Winter	59.5 (18) 31/4
3	Marinaresco	60.0 (11) 5/1
2019		
1	Rainbow Bridge	59.5 (2) 17/4
2	Do It Again	59.5 (7) 15/10
3	Head Honcho	60.0 (10) 14/1

START
5:10PM
KENILWORTH

9

PA7/PICK SIX
GR1 THE SUN MET (WFA) - 2000M
SAME TRAINER:(1-9)(3-6)(10-11)(13-14)

Twice Over	1 DO IT AGAIN (J Snaith) R Fourie	11	60.0
Ideal World	2 RAINBOW BRIDGE (AE Sands) R Moore	5	60.0
Var	3 VARDY (AN Marcus) C Zackey	9	60.0
Silvano	4 HAWWAAM (MF de Kock) A Marcus	12	60.0
Captain Al	5 ONE WORLD (VH Marshall) M Byleveld	13	60.0
Master Of My Fate	6 TWIST OF FATE (AN Marcus) A Domeyer	3	60.0
Querari	7 HEAD HONCHO (A Nel) P Strydom	4	60.0
Captain Al	8 UNDERCOVER AGENT (BJ Crawford) C Orfter	6	60.0
Dynasty	9 BUNKER HUNT (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	2	60.0
Dynasty	10 EYES WIDE OPEN (GS Kotzen) W Kennedy	1	60.0
Philanthropist	11 PACK LEADER (GS Kotzen) M Winnaar	10	60.0
Fiero	12 ROY HAD ENOUGH (F Robinson) S Veale	8	60.0
Dynasty	13 MAJESTIC MOZART (C Bass-Robinson) K De Melo	14	60.0
Captain Al	14 MORE MAGIC (C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne	7	60.0

SATURDAY'S RACING



Do It Again | Chase Liebenberg



Vardy | Chase Liebenberg

this race and he gets the chance to set the record straight. This will be the son of Silvano's swansong appearance in this country and a line through his last start makes him a worthy favourite.

While not impressive in the Green Point when dropping out, Head Honcho ran a cracking third and under a length off Rainbow Bridge in the 2019 Met. He led for a long way and there were some schools of thought that he could have just about won it had Keagan de Melo capitalised. Piere Strydom takes the reins and there isn't a better man for the job of poaching the Cape's biggest prize from the front.

Undercover Agent ran fourth last year and comes in off two quiet efforts in the Green Point Stakes and the Queen's Plate. He ran a cracking third in the Matchem and may well be more effective over shorter.

One World never runs a bad race and ran on well in both his preparatory efforts behind Vardy. While the Adam Marcus runner appears to have his measure, it would be folly to write this fellow off with the in-form MJ Byleveld looking to overcome the 13 draw.

Vardy's stablemate Twist Of Fate looks held on recent form but is another in the mould of One World, who just doesn't know how to run a bad race.

Regarded by some as the dark horse in the race, Bunker Hunt faces his biggest challenge after running on steadily when beaten 2,25 lengths by Hawwaam in the Premier Trophy. He was placed in the Gr1 Cape Derby last year over the course and distance – but this is much tougher.

The Glen Kotzen duo of Eyes Wide Open and Pack Leader will run in the Chrigor Stud silks and both are capable of a big effort on their day. Eyes Wide Open is a course and distance Gr1 winner and has boxed at the top level with consistency. His recent runs suggest he will need to up his game, but as this is his season target, he will be ready.

Pack Leader has had three runs since a long rest. While his sole stakes success is a listed feature in the Eastern Cape, he has quartet kicker prospects.

The Candice Bass-Robinson duo of Majestic Mozart and More Magic are two genuine longshots who will both need to improve lengths to feature in the money.

More Magic carried only 52kgs when a 2,55 lengths fourth in the Peninsula Handicap behind Belgarion. He had excuses and a wide draw didn't facilitate his prospects.

Majestic Mozart was also poorly drawn there but ran on steadily and finished a length in front. He is 2kgs better off with his stablemate and showed some flashes of genuine promise in his 3yo career with regular places just off the best.

There is little to choose between Rainbow Bridge, Hawwaam, Do It Again and Vardy and it will come down to personal preferences and viewpoints on their lead-in races. Enjoy!

A Met Bet

According to Patrick Bradley from South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywoodbets, the big race betting has been 'a bit subdued' with no sustained pressure for any of the Met runners.

"Punters are nibbling at Hawwaam, but I think most are hoping for a drift from 18/10. But I don't believe this is likely to happen. Interestingly, there has been a bit of interest in Piere Strydom's mount Head Honcho (at 33/1), and Snaith's second stringer Bunker Hunt (at 40/1) earlier.

The Hollywoodbets hospitality team will be meeting visitors on arrival at Cape Town International Airport on Thursday and Friday with complimentary Sporting Posts and Winning Forms.

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The tote betting opened on Monday, with a host of betting options over the twelve race card.

The tote betting options include:

Race 2 : First Bipot: Leg 1- likely pool R600 000.

Race 3 : Place Accumulator Leg 1- likely Pool R1 600 000

Race 4: Pick 6: Leg1-Net Carryover R4 million- estimate pool R18 Million

Race 5: First Jackpot: Leg 1- Net Carryover R100 000- likely pool R1 500 000

Race 7: Trifecta- R100 000 Carryover- likely pool R400 000. Also Second Bipot: Leg 1- likely pool R400 000

Race 9: The Sun Met: Quartet Maxipool- R1 000 000 carryover, likely pool R8 000 000

Race 9 : Second Jackpot: Leg 1- R100 000 carryover, likely pool R1 000 000

Race 10: Pick 3 Leg 1- R100 000 carryover, likely pool R300 000

It's a long day! The first commences at 11h50, with the final event off at 18h55.

CAPE YEARLING SALE

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WINNER GR3 SEA COTTAGE STAKES

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The colt is by Futura.

This is the family of Tobe Or Nottobe.



SOURCE OF CHAMPIONS



SATURDAY'S RACING

Fox Chases Kasimir

Gr1 Cape Flying Championship Kenilworth

Equus champion sprinter Kasimir defends his Gr1 Cape Flying Championship title at Kenilworth on Saturday and takes on Brett Crawford's outstanding unbeaten Foxwedge filly Run Fox Run in what could be one of the races of the day.



Kasimir | Chase Liebenberg

A handsome athletic specimen, Captain Al's 5yo son Kasimir was our best sprinter last term and he could well hold the edge over his rivals in a bid to win this summer speed pinnacle for the second year running. He takes on some accomplished quickies, but if back to his best looks the closest thing to a Pick 6 banker on the day,

Dual stakes winner Run Fox Run has won five from five and steps into mixed company – and at the highest level, for the first time in her career. The daughter of Foxwedge has ground to make on Kasimir and she could well be more effective over the 1200m in this company. Her performance will be closely monitored and the historical success of the girls in this race suggests a victory is not beyond the realms of possibility.

He stablemate, the lightly campaigned Gr1 Computaform Sprint winner Pacific Trader, returned to action after a short rest with enthusiasm last time to chase Chimichuri Run all the way to the line. He ran a 2,35 length fourth in this race last year behind Kasimir.

Sean Tarry's Chimichuri Run beat Pacific Trader with authority over the course and distance of his campaign opening run here earlier this month. The son of Trippi will find Kasimir (beaten 2 lengths there) a different proposition in terms of fitness this time round though.

The hard-knocking Bold Respect is held by Chimichuri Run on his last start when beaten 1,50 lengths, but is sure to challenge for place money on his best form.

The superquick PE raider Princess Rebel was a doubtful starter as

we went to print on Tuesday in view of an AHS cloud hanging over Fairview.

Cape Merchants winner Russet Air might find the pace over the minimum trip a trifle hot in this company at these weights. That said, he looks sure to be running on into minor money.

Pleasedtomeetyou has been on

the fringes of the places but is battling to find a finishing effort.

Celestial Storm looks well held by Run Fox Run on her Southern

Cross Stakes third and she is up against it in this company.

Elusive Trader was a shock winner of the Southeaster Sprint last time but this will be much tougher,

Piere Strydom is an interesting jockey engagement for Machiavelli, who looks in at the deep end here.

We are siding with Kasimir to find his best stride and bounce back to winning ways. Run Fox Run and Pacific Trader look the dangers.

50 YEARS OF SPEED

The Cape Flying Championship was launched in 1969 over the Milnerton 1000m course and run for a stake of R4000.

In a 50 year history, the greatest 'Cape Flyer' is the 'Iron Horse' Sentinel, who won the race for three years in succession from 1973. Other multiple winners were Free Enterprise, Signor Amigo, Flobayou, Cordocelli, Laisserfaire, Nhlavini and present day Drakenstein stallion, What A Winter.

The race was switched to Kenilworth from 1996 and the brilliant Eric Sands trained Flobayou thus holds a rare distinction of being the only horse to win the Gr1 sprint at both Milnerton and Kenilworth.

The late Theo De Klerk, a true gentleman of Cape trainers, saddled the very first winner Benzol for his wife Lavinia.

The 1975 Jack Stubbs Memorial (then the name of the Cape Flying Championship) over 1000m at Milnerton is remembered by many as the cherry atop a fabulous career for Sentinel.

On a perfect Cape summer day, seven-year-old Sentinel whipped talented speedster Harry Hotspur, with two other precocious youngsters way back in third and fourth-Archangel and Yataghan.

The brilliant Jet Master won the race in 2000 and The ill-fated longstanding SA Champion sire Jet Master was the undisputed king among the milers, but used the 2000 Cape Flying Championship to prove that, given the right programme, he could also have been one of our greatest sprinters.

Anton Marcus who rode Jet Master that day, partners the unbeaten Run Fox Run on Saturday. The fairer sex have a good record. Carry On Alice won it in 2017, while Alboran Sea scored in 2015. Var's champion daughter Via Africa won the race in 2014, while yet another Var star in Val De Ra won it two years prior to that.

The Australian-bred Laisserfaire won the race in consecutive years in 2001 and 2002. Alec Soteriadis trained the Scott Brothers bred Leta under John Garcia to win in 1970.

Gr1 Cape Flying Champ. past winners

2017	1 Carry On Alice	57.5	(7)	3/1
	2 Trip To Heaven	60.0	(2)	28/10
	3 Red Ray	60.0	(1)	6/1
2018	1 Sergeant Hardy	60.0	(6)	10/3
	2 Trip To Heaven	60.0	(7)	9/2
	3 Live Life	57.5	(1)	13/1
2019	1 Kasimir	60.0	(5)	4/1
	2 Bold Respect	60.0	(9)	25/4
	3 Search Party	60.0	(2)	28/1

START
3:35PM
KENILWORTH

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3
GR1 CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP - 1000M
SAME TRAINER:(3-4-9)(6-8)

Captain Al	1 KASIMIR (J Snaith) R Fourie	6	60.0
Trippi	2 CHIMICHURI RUN (SG Tarry) G Lerena	3	60.0
Sail From Seattle	3 PACIFIC TRADER (BJ Crawford) C Orfter	7	60.0
Bold Silvano	4 BOLD RESPECT (BJ Crawford) G Cheyne	5	60.0
Querari	5 PLEASEDTOMEETYOU (A Nel) B Fayd'herbe	10	60.0
What A Winter	6 RUSSET AIR (C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	2	60.0
Elusive Fort	7 ELUSIVE TRADER (GW Ennion) M Byleveld	8	60.0
Silvano	8 MACHIAVELLI (C Bass-Robinson) P Strydom	11	60.0
Foxwedge	9 RUN FOX RUN (BJ Crawford) A Marcus	4	57.5
Rebel King	10 PRINCESS REBEL (Y Bremner) W Agrella	9	57.5
What A Winter	11 CELESTIAL STORM (GR Puller) M Winnaar	1	57.5

SATURDAY'S RACING

De Kock To Reign Supreme

Gr1 Majorca Stakes Kenilworth

The R1 Million Bidvest Majorca Stakes is one of the most important WFA races for the fairer sex on our racing calendar. The 2020 renewal on Saturday has all the makings of a vintage clash of the smart girls.



Celtic Sea | Chase Liebenberg

The late Terrance Millard made this race his own in the previous century, winning it seven times, and also celebrated a double with the Ben and Heather Braam's Peacable Kingdom filly Fast Piece – the Majorca winner in 1976 and 1977. Millard's first winner was Kentucky Belle in 1972 and he rounded off a golden era with Olympic Duel in 1990.

The Drakenstein owned and bred Inara also achieved a Majorca double in 2015 and 2016. Running in the same silks, Clouds Unfold looks to emulate her. She looked star material as a 3yo and duly achieved the distinction of winning this race last year when beating the very accomplished Lady In Black. Things went wrong at Summerveld last season and she never stepped out during the SA Champions Season. Her two runs as a 4yo have indicated though that she could be coming back to something of her better self and she ran on steadily to be beaten by 2,5 lengths by Celtic Sea in the Sceptre Stakes last time. She has a wide draw to beat on Saturday but is a serious contender.

The top-class Celtic Sea's presence in this field after a good win over the sprints last time is an endorsement of confidence by her trainer who tended to be leaning towards sticking to the shorter

game. This will be her first try over the course and distance in the Cape, but she is the class filly and in prime form – and the horse to beat.

Brett Crawford's Cape Fillies Guineas winner Front And Centre looked dangerous in the final stages of the Paddock Stakes, but hit a flat spot and was beaten just under 3 lengths by Queen Supreme. She drops back to the

mile and will have every opportunity of turning the tables.

Mike de Kock's Irish-bred Queen Supreme caught the world's attention when

storming to victory in the Paddock Stakes a matter of weeks ago. That was an excellent step up from her Summer Cup fourth and she was even spoken about as a possible Sun Met candidate. She is clearly the filly with the most upward potential at this point and, despite the fact that she is six months behind her local contemporaries, she could safely make it a Gr1 double here.

Candice-Bass Robinson's Santa Clara has proven to be a bit disappointing this season and looks held by the likes of Front And Centre and Queen Supreme on recent form. Her wide draw will not assist her chances and she cannot be fancied with any confidence.

Ridgmont Racing and Brett Crawford's second string, Kelpie, has drawn against the paint and looks to improve again on her half-length third to Principesa in the Jamaica Handicap. Her earlier form suggests that the mile is her top game.

Heading the Snaith attack, ast season's Woolavinton winner Silvano's Pride looks to be part of the forward charge in a race loaded with pace. She looks held by Queen Supreme on her Paddock Stakes third, but is another that will be tuned to the moment on the day.

Her stablemate, the talented Miyabi Gold should also be right at peak fitness, after her three lead-in runs into this race. She was hampered when a 2,7 length fourth behind Queen Supreme in the Paddock Stakes last time. She is 1kg better off with Mike De Kock's progressive 4yo – but will that be enough to turn the tables?

Paul Reeves' very game Helen's Ideal is likely to be in the mix in the final stages as she is a big-hearted galloper who likes to be up there. She must have a minor place chance if things go her way.

First of the Kotzen duo, Temple Grafyn, was disappointing in the Sceptre Stakes when dropping out to almost 10 lengths behind Celtic Sea. Her form suggests she is well held by the Tarry star, but she certainly has a quartet chance at her best.

The second of only two 3yo's in the line-up, Glen Kotzen's Third Runway has pulled a wretched draw at 12 and, while very game, looks stretched at a mile. That said, her form is difficult to fault and she strips fit on the big day.

Star Fighter is the third of the Candice Bass-Robinson trio and on paper the daughter of Argonaut appears outgunned in this company.

Sleeping Single is the third of the Snaith trio and gets the value-added services of top jock, Piere Strydom. The UK-bred daughter of Australia has maintained a superbly consistent form line against weaker but faces her biggest test at unfavourable weight conditions.

The Dennis Drier trained Stelvio has pulled a perfect draw at 2, but the daughter of Pathfork's recent form hardly inspires confidence. Her trainer knows what it takes to win a race like this and it is interesting to see him throw her in at the deep end.

Queen Supreme's clash with Celtic Sea and Front And Centre, together with defending champion Clouds Unfold in the mix, is mouthwatering stuff. De Kock suggested Queen Supreme was Gr1 material earlier on – she could double that on Saturday and even realise hopes to send her to the USA.

Gr1 Majorca Stakes past winners

2017		
1	Nightingale	60.0 (12) 8/1
2	Star Express	60.0 (11) 5/1
3	Goodtime Gal	60.0 (3) 15/1
2018		
1	Snowdance	55.0 (9) 1/4
2	Star Express	60.0 (2) 28/1
3	Rose In Bloom	55.0 (5) 30/1
2019		
1	Clouds Unfold	55.0 (7) 21/4
2	Lady In Black	60.0 (1) 71/20
3	Front And Centre	55.0 (4) 17/10

START
4:15PM
KENILWORTH

8

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4
GR1 MAJORCA STAKES (F&M)(WFA) - 1600M
SAME TRAINER:(2-4-9)(3-13)(5-6-12)(7-14)

Captain Al	1	CELTIC SEA(SG Tarry) G Lerena	8	60.0
What A Winter	2	CLOUDS UNFOLD(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer	13	60.0
Dynasty	3	FRONT AND CENTRE(BJ Crawford) A Marcus	7	60.0
Duke Of Marmalade	4	SANTA CLARA(C Bass-Robinson) K De Melo	14	60.0
Silvano	5	SILVANO'S PRIDE(J Snaith) R Fourie	11	60.0
Silvano	6	MIYABI GOLD(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe	10	60.0
Duke Of Marmalade	7	TEMPLE GRAFYN(GS Kotzen) W Kennedy	5	60.0
Ideal World	8	HELEN'S IDEAL(PD Reeves) D Dillon	3	60.0
Argonaut	9	STAR FIGHTER(C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews	6	60.0
Pathfork	10	STELVIO(DR Drier) S Veale	2	60.0
Exceed And Excel	11	QUEEN SUPREME(MF de Kock) C Murray	9	59.5
Australia	12	SLEEPING SINGLE(J Snaith) P Strydom	4	59.5
Dynasty	13	KELPIE(BJ Crawford) G Cheyne	1	56.0
Gimmethgreenlight	14	THIRD RUNWAY(GS Kotzen) M Winnaar	12	56.0

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

SATURDAY'S RACING

Stay All Day!**New Turf Gr2 Western Cape Stayers Kenilworth**

A traditional crowd spectacle on Sun Met day as the start is in front of the main stand, the R350 000 New Turf Gr2 Western Cape Stayers is a 2800m test of stamina, courage and heart.



Snapscan | Chase Liebenberg

The 2019 Cup Trial winner Kampala Campari is the SP top-rated and runs fresh following a twelve-week break after the Woolavington. He finished under a length third behind Strathdon carrying top weight there and has run well fresh in the past. He is nicely drawn and is a classy sort who could be the one to beat.

Glen Kotzen's smart Oratorio filly

Snapscan ran third in the KZN Oaks last term and now tries the 2800m for the first time. A winner of the Jamaica Handicap at her penultimate outing, she was a little outclassed in the Paddock Stakes but looks to be potentially very competitive here – if she stays.

It could be a measure of frustration that sees Vaughan Marshall sending Tap O'Noth over even more ground, after the son of Captain Al failed to feature in the Chairman's Cup last time. On a line through his Silvano half-brother, Strathdon, there could be plenty of rationale in the thinking that the past Cape Guineas winner could prove competitive over a testing trip.

Snaith won the race last year and has a typically strong hand. Topweight Doublemint was a gutsy winner of the Chairman's Cup at his last start when staying on doggedly to get the better of Crome Yellow. He ran in the 2019 Met when he wasn't disgraced and finished 3,50 lengths off Rainbow Bridge. He is the class and fit form horse in the field.

Master conditioner Mike De Kock has enjoyed success in this race in the past and he takes his chances here with the 2019 Cape Derby winner

two starts in the Cape and will be looking for a decent gallop to produce his best effort.

Woolavington winner Strathdon ran on well behind stablemate Doublemint in the Chairman's Cup and will be looking to improve on his third behind his stablemate Magnificent Seven last year.

The 2019 Gold Cup winner Dynasty's Blossom has had two prep runs and looks to go one better after going down narrowly to Magnificent Seven in the 2019 running. Top jockey Ryan Moore will give the classy mare every chance.

Gimme One Night is drawn on the wide outside of the field but stays really well and he is better than his last outing when failing to kick on in the Chairman's. He ran a fair fifth in this race last year and will have a place chance at best.

Coral Bay is the second of the Kotzen fairer sex coupling and tries the ground for the first time. On breeding she could enjoy it but is difficult to assess on exposed form.

Geoff Woodruff's Cape Summer Stayers Handicap winner Dharma failed to show in the Chairman's Cup in his last start and has a tough task here.

Crome Yellow came off second best in a dual with Doublemint in the final stages of the Chairman's Cup and is 5kg worse off under the conditions of this race. A tough call!

Third of the Snaith runners, Swift Surprise ran on steadily when trying ground in the Chairman's Cup and finished fifth and under 4 lengths behind stablemate Doublemint. This is a bit tougher.

Kampala Campari looks the one to be with and he is selected to beat Doublemint, with Atyaab a big runner if the pace is a true one.

**Gr2 Cape Stayers
past winners**

2017	
1	Krambambuli 59.0 (7) 8/1
2	Helderberg Blue 59.0 (10) 11/2
3	Ovidio 60.0 (2) 1/1
2018	
1	Let It Rain 60.0 (2) 11/1
2	Master's Eye 60.0 (10) 57/20
3	Ollivander 58.5 (1) 5/1
2019	
1	Magnificent Seven 57.5 (2) 29/4
2	Dynasty's Blossom 55.0 (6) 22/1
3	Strathdon 59.0 (13) 7/4

START
5:45PM
KENILWORTH**10**GR2 CAPE STAYERS - 2800M
SAME TRAINER:(1-5-9)(3-7)(6-10-12)(11-13)

Twice Over	1	DOUBLEMINT (J Snaith) R Fourie.....	8	60.0
Dundeel	2	ATYAAB (MF de Kock) C Murray.....	6	59.5
Querari	3	KAMPALA CAMPARI (A Nel) A Domeyer.....	3	59.0
Captain Al	4	TAP O' NOTH (VH Marshall) M Byleveld.....	4	59.0
Silvano	5	STRATHDON (J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe.....	11	59.0
Gimmethereenlight	6	GIMME ONE NIGHT (BJ Crawford) K De Melo..	13	59.0
Trippi	7	CROME YELLOW (A Nel) G Cheyne.....	2	59.0
Royal Air Force	8	DHARMA (GV Woodruff) A Andrews.....	1	57.5
Twice Over	9	SWIFT SURPRISE (J Snaith) S Khumalo.....	9	57.5
Dynasty	10	DYNASTY'S BLOSSOM (BJ Crawford) R Moore.....	7	56.5
Oratorio	11	SNAPSCAN (GS Kotzen) M Winnaar.....	10	55.0
Duke Of Marmalade	12	PRINCESS IRENE (BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	12	55.0
Ideal World	13	CORAL BAY (GS Kotzen) W Kennedy.....	5	55.0

Atyaab. The son of Dundeel has not had the best of luck at his last

Playing Bridge

Milnerton veteran Eric Sands won his first Met last year with Rainbow Bridge and bids for a double on Saturday.

His previous best is a playback from way back! Karl Neisius, who piloted Grand Jete for Eric Sands at his best previous result when second in the 2002 Met, turned 63 on Monday.

So is Rainbow Bridge ready after a hard race in the Queen's Plate?

"He got caught in the front with Hawwaam and they were fighting head to head for about 600m so it was a great effort for him to still stay on for third. So we had to ease back on him a little after the race, but he has now come well, I am very happy with him," said Sands in a report.

Rainbow Bridge rider Ryan Moore was in Florida last Saturday to ride in the Pegasus World Cup, where he finished second on the Aidan O'Brien-trained Magic Wand, he then finished second on Monday on the KW Lui-trained More Than This in the Hong Kong Classic Mile at Sha Tin's Chinese New Year meeting, and was riding work in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday ahead of the US\$20 Million Saudi Cup on 29 February.

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She's Simply Supreme!

Majorca fancy Queen Supreme's impressive win in the Gr1 Paddock Stakes at Kenilworth early in January to qualify for the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Keeneland in November not only represented a triumph for Irish breeding but also the first top-flight success for her breeder.

Tom Hassett bred the four-year-old Exceed And Excel filly out of the Juddmonte-bred Gone West mare Call Later, whose six-year-old Casamento gelding Contango ran away with the prestigious Crown Prince Cup in Saudi Arabia in late December.

"We bred Queen Supreme and sold her at the Goffs Orby Sale," recalls Hassett, who keeps a nine-strong broodmare band at Monksland Stables in County Waterford.

"She was very impressive in the Paddock Stakes and she'd be our first homebred runner at the Breeders' Cup if she makes it there."

Jehan Malherbe of Form Bloodstock sourced Queen Supreme from Monksland as a E130,000 yearling, with Mike de Kock training the chestnut filly for a partnership led by Jessica Slack's Mauritzfontein Stud.

Queen Supreme has now won five of her seven starts in South Africa with Callan Murray in the plate for four of those including the Paddock Stakes.

The global run of success for Monksland Stables was underpinned when Commanding, a three-year-old Camacho colt also bred by Hassett, landed the UAE 2,000 Guineas Trial at Meydan earlier this month for trainer Satish Seemar.

Commanding is now two from three at Meydan having been acquired by his owner Nasir Askar for E55,000 at last year's Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-Up Sale.

"It's great for a small breeder like ourselves," says Hassett. "It's nice to have the good days because you'll have enough of the bad days."

"It's a family affair with Clodagh and myself, and our three children – Maebh, Orla and Richie – are all interested in the horses."

Hassett purchased Call Later from Gerry Mullins for E26,000 at the 2008 Goffs February Sale and has since bred eight foals from her.

Remarkably the first six have all won – three of those with stakes wins to their names – with Queen Supreme joined by Be Ready, a son of New Approach who landed the Listed Flying Scotsman Stakes at Doncaster, and Call Me Handsome, a son of Kodiak who struck in the Listed Heatherlie Stakes at Caulfield.

Not long after her purchase, Call Later received a significant pedigree update as her Chester House half-sister Ventura went on to become a four-time Grade 1 winner in North America and ran second to Informed Decision in the 2009 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf on her penultimate start.

"Call Later has been a very lucky mare for us – we had offers to sell her at that time and I wouldn't," recalls Hassett.

"Her Kodiak colt Call Me Handsome sold very well as a yearling at Goffs, where he made E325,000. Be Ready was also a very good horse and showed high-class form at two."

"She's in foal to Zoffany and we have a Caravaggio yearling filly out of her, as well as her three-year-old Kodiak filly Merci Layan, who we will cover this year."

Ana Shababiya, the first daughter of Call Later and a three-time winner in handicap company, has already shown early promise as a broodmare.

Her first foal, the Authorized colt Emirates Flyer, has won twice for his owner-breeder Ahmad Al Shaikh and earned a Racing Post Rating of 93.

On a possible trip to the States for his flying filly, a typically prudent trainer Mike de Kock suggested that Queen Supreme be given an opportunity to earn her stripes. "I'm not convinced that it was the strongest Paddock Stakes renewal we have seen," he added.

Politicians & Power

City Of Cape Town Gr3 Politician Stakes Kenilworth

With names like Twist Of Fate, Doublemint and Jackson on the honour roll, the R200 000 City Of Cape Town Gr3 Politician Stakes is a notebook race for some potential big names of tomorrow. There looks to be some serious talent lurking in the 2020 renewal.



Sir Michael | Chase Liebenberg

The City Of Cape Town could not have chosen a more aptly named race to open their sponsorship account with Western Cape Racing and they shouldn't be disappointed with the quality of contest that is served up by the 3yo set weights contest.

While Justin Snaith and Brett Crawford saddle seven of the eleven runners between them, it is their Milnerton colleague Dean Kannemeyer that saddles the SP top-rated Sir Michael for Gaynor Rupert's Drakenstein team. Sir Michael, a promising son of the ill-fated Kingsbarns showed good early form to the likes of Viva Rio and has won 2 of his 7 starts. He appeared to enjoy the extra last time when staying on strongly to be beaten 1.50 lengths by Saint West.

The lightly raced Late At Night is the first of the Brett Crawford quartet. He could be held by stablemate Bag Of Tricks on his last start. Anton Marcus partners Dynasty's good-looking grey son for Ridgemont Racing. He was only 2,25 lengths behind year older Met runner More Magic (who gave him 8kgs) last time and has won over the 1800m.

Another Crawford runner, Parterre relished the 2000m last when running on well to beat Tillieangus by a length. He meets the latter on a kilo better terms here.

Top-rated runner is Viking Moon, who ran a decent race in the Cape Guineas when fading late to finish just over 5 lengths off Kilindini. A stakes winner in the Eastern Cape as a 2yo, he has been specifically prepared for the extra 200m here. Greg Cheyne said

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that he galloped him a fortnight back and he worked well. If he settles and gets the trip, he must be a competitive runner.

Super Silvano is the most experienced of the eleven runners and has held his form well in the handicaps.

Snaith's R1 million Nationals graduate Bayberry will enjoy the increase in trip and may just have needed his last run when failing to show behind Cabo da Cruz over 1400m.

Tillieangus could marginally be held by stablemate Silver Host and riding arrangements suggest that to be likely. That said, this full brother to Black Arthur has the form to challenge.

Vaughan Marshall's recent course and distance maiden winner It's Complex has drawn against the paint and is clearly enjoying the step up in trip. He could be anything.

Third of the Snaith trio, Silver Host is a R2,6 million National Yearling Sale graduate and a course and distance winner of two of his last three starts, ranks as a serious threat.



Pray For Rain | Chase Liebenberg

ago when he came out shunting over Saturday's course and distance and stormed clear to beat Bowie by 10,25 lengths. A repeat of that performance will see him go very close.

Dad's Catch is the only two-time winner in the race. The daughter of Captain Of All has run on smartly at both her starts under Bernard

Fayd'herbe and the fact that the leading heavyweight stays loyal is a good sign.

Twice raced maiden Thumbs Up was beaten 5,25 lengths by Dad's Catch last time and is 2kgs better off – perhaps not enough to turn the tables.

Erik The Red hails from the Snaith yard – winners of this race for five years in a row from 2012 to 2016. After a disappointing debut where he ran green, he bounced back to beat Thomas Henry by 4,75 lengths next time out.

Thomas Henry is 3kgs better off with Erik The Red.

Captain's Flo is the first of the Piet Botha runners. She beat Thomas Henry on her 900m debut in November by 1,25 lengths but is now 3kgs worse off.

Stuck On You was beaten 5,75 lengths by Erik The Red last time and is now 3kgs better off with her stablemate.

Emblem Of Hope ran third and 1,30 lengths behind Joseph Barry on debut and meets the Marshall horse on 3kgs better terms.

Vaughan Marshall's Joseph Barry won well on his 900m debut in December. The son of Captain Al is very likely to improve further.

PE raiders Eternal Hope and Global Drummer both won impressively on their respective debuts. Gavin Smith's Global Drummer beat the consistent Wangan Midnight by 5,75 lengths, while the filly Eternal Hope was more workmanlike.

Atkinson Grimshaw looks held on a disappointing first run.

Pray For Rain was super im-

pressive last time and if showing the same kind of speed, he could be difficult to peg back.

Gr3 Politician Stakes past winners

2017	
1 Horizon	60.0 (4) 3/4
2 Newlands	60.0 (1) 3/1
3 Olivander	57.0 (5) 15/1
2018	
1 Doublemint	55.5 (7) 13/2
2 The Sun Also Rises	55.5 (10) 13/2
3 Steel Rose	57.0 (1) 11/1
2019	
1 Twist Of Fate	61.0 (12) 17/4
2 Senatla	54.0 (1) 28/1
3 Belgarion	54.0 (9) 9/1

Glen Kotzen's Sockeroo won his maiden at his third start but then failed to follow through in a lowly rated handicap next time. The son of Byword is sure to prefer the 1800m.

It's a classy competitive field with a host of likely winners. We are leaning towards Sir Michael – but its more open than that.

START
3:00PM
KENILWORTH

6

PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2
GR3 POLITICIAN STAKES (3YO'S) - 1800M
SAME TRAINER:(3-4-5-6)(8-9-10)

Vercingetorix	1 VIKING MOON(JL v Heerden) G Cheyne.....	2	60.0
Kingsbarns	2 SIR MICHAEL(D Kannemeyer) K De Melo.....	3	58.5
Flower Alley	3 PARTERRE(BJ Crawford) B Fayd'herbe.....	8	58.5
Dynasty	4 BAG OF TRICKS(BJ Crawford) A Marcus.....	9	57.0
Soft Falling Rain	5 LATE AT NIGHT(BJ Crawford) C Murray.....	6	57.0
Bold Silvano	6 SUPER SILVANO(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	11	57.0
Dynasty	7 IT'S COMPLEX(VH Marshall) M Byleveld.....	1	57.0
Flower Alley	8 BAYBERRY(J Snaith) P Strydom.....	4	55.5
Silvano	9 SILVER HOST(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	10	55.5
Silvano	10 TILLIEANGUS(J Snaith) S Khumalo.....	7	55.5
Byword	11 SOCKEROO(GS Kotzen) M Winnaar.....	5	54.0

Rain Looks Likely!

Smmer Juvenile Stakes (L) Kenilworth

The first leg of a projected R1,6 million Place Accumulator, the Wesgro R150 000 Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes gives the stars of tomorrow a chance to strut their stuff on a big day.

History shows that the fairer sex hold the edge over the boys over the past decade and it would hardly surprising to see them make it a double after Candice Bass-Robinson's Miss Honey beat Emerald Band last year.

Dennis Drier's Pray For Rain was awestruck at his first time at the races in December when beaten just under two lengths over the 800m by Joseph Barry. It was a different story two weeks

Summer Juvenile Stakes (L) past winners

2017	
1 Call To Account	54.5 (1) 18/1
2 Kasimir	57.0 (5) 4/1
3 Dutch Philip	60.0 (7) 11/10
2018	
1 Traces	57.0 (5) 16/1
2 Carlita	57.5 (1) 31/10
3 Royal Italian	57.0 (4) 16/1
2019	
1 Miss Honey	57.5 (5) 16/1
2 Emerald Band	60.0 (8) 11/2
3 Brandina	57.5 (4) 20/1

START
1:05PM
KENILWORTH

3

PA1
SUMMER JUVENILE STAKES (L) - 1000M
SAME TRAINER:(1-11)(6-9)(8-10-12)

Captain Al	1 ERIK THE RED(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	5	60.0
Global View	2 GLOBAL DRUMMER(GD Smith) M v Rensburg.....	11	60.0
Captain Al	3 JOSEPH BARRY(VH Marshall) M Byleveld.....	6	60.0
Soft Falling Rain	4 PRAY FOR RAIN(DR Drier) S Veale.....	12	60.0
Captain Of All	5 DAD'S CATCH(GR Puller) B Fayd'herbe.....	2	59.5
Captain Of All	6 CAPTAIN'S FLO(Piet Botha) D Dillon.....	4	57.5
Soft Falling Rain	7 ETERNAL HOPE(AC Greeff) G Cheyne.....	8	57.5
Judpot	8 ATKINSON GRIMSHAW(GS Kotzen) K De Melo.....	3	57.0
Captain Of All	9 EMBLEM OF HOPE(Piet Botha) S Brown.....	1	57.0
Querari	10 THOMAS HENRY(GS Kotzen) M Winnaar.....	7	57.0
What A Winter	11 STUCK ON YOU(J Snaith) S Khumalo.....	10	54.5
Gimmethgreenlight	12 THUMBS UP(GS Kotzen) W Kennedy.....	9	54.5

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R18 Million Up For Grabs

The CTS 1200 Kenilworth

What a way to start a potential R18 million Pick 6 lifechanger! Twenty horses, including some smart raiders from Gauteng and KZN, chasing a R2,5 million golden carrot down the Kenilworth 1200m straight.

We are not going to debate the merits or demerits of sales linked races and these look to be the end of the line- for now anyway – of the \$1 million dollar incentive spawned all those years ago to attract buyers from near and far. So let's enjoy them while we can.

Warren Kennedy and Paul Peter have been in a rich vein of form in Gauteng and KZN and the duo will be looking to take the Cape by storm. Their cracking What A Winter filly Sarah – at one point the highest rated 3yo in the country – is very fast and has some fair form in mixed company. She finished only 2,50 lengths behind African Warrior in the Gr2 Umkhomazi Stakes on Super Saturday and comes in here having won 3 of her last 4 starts – and very fit.

Mike De Kock's Alramz is the highest rated runner in the race, and while he is yet to follow up on his maiden victory on debut in April, his feature form suggests that he is a horse to be taken very seriously. This will be his first run at Kenilworth but he should be right thereabouts and gets the blinkers for the first time. De Kock also saddles two capable sorts in Vaseem and the Monaco Million Maiden winner, Battleoftrafalgar. Vaseem put up a cracking showing in the Listed Secretariat Stakes when stretching Leopold all the way to the wire. A repeat of that effort could see him fight out the top cheque honours.

Sean Tarry has enjoyed great success in these sales races and he saddles the newly blinkered Putontheredlight. While he showed signs of promise as a 2yo, his 3yo season has not proven flattering. He was beaten over 9 lengths in the Cape Guineas but could well be better down the straight track.

His stablemate Pure State was an end-to-end winner of the CTS Ready To Run Stakes but failed to show in the Cape Guineas.

The Ashley Fortune yard have freshened up Invidia in advance of his run on Saturday and have told the Sporting Post that we can put a line through his last disappointing effort. At best he is a major contender for honours.

The enigmatic General Franco has been an unwitting newsmaker by virtue of his mixed performances since his sensational debut win nine months ago. He would need to up his game to win here.

START 1:50PM KENILWORTH	4	PA2/PICK SIX1 THE CTS 1200 (3YO'S)(NBT) - 1200M SAME TRAINER:(1-7-9)(2-3-17)(5-13)(8-11-20) (10-14)(12-18)
Soft Falling Rain	1	ALRAMZ(MF de Kock) B Fayd'herbe..... 6 60.0
Pomodoro	2	PUTONTHEREDLIGHT(SG Tarry) G Lerena... 17 60.0
Jackson	3	PURE STATE(SG Tarry) P Strydom 11 60.0
Twice Over	4	INVIDIA(Ashley Fortune) A Domeyer..... 12 60.0
What A Winter	5	THREE TWO CHARLIE(C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne... 20 60.0
Captain Of All	6	CARTEL CAPTAIN(DR Drier) S Veale 8 60.0
Vercingetorix	7	VASEEM(MF de Kock) C Murray..... 18 60.0
Frankel	8	GENERAL FRANCO(J Snaith) R Fourie..... 9 60.0
Captain Al	9	BATTLEOFTRAFALGAR(MF de Kock) M v Rensburg... 14 60.0
What A Winter	10	RING OF FIRE(PA Peter) M Winnaar 19 60.0
Trippi	11	STOPALLTHECLOCKS(J Snaith) S Khumalo... 10 60.0
Var	12	GROUND CONTROL(VH Marshall) S Mbhele... 3 60.0
What A Winter	13	MR COBBES(C Bass-Robinson) K De Melo 15 60.0
What A Winter	14	SARAH(PA Peter) W Kennedy..... 13 57.5
Vercingetorix	15	WISTERIA WALK(M Houdalakis) C Zackey..... 4 57.5
Captain Of All	16	WHAT YOU ARE(C Spies) C Orffer..... 2 57.5
Trippi	17	SPRING BREAK(SG Tarry) R Moore..... 5 57.5
Captain Al	18	MIRAGE(VH Marshall) M Byleveld..... 1 57.5
Querari	19	CALYPSO BEAT(BJ Crawford) A Marcus..... 7 57.5
Captain Al	20	SOMEWHERE IN TIME(J Snaith) L Mxothwa... 16 57.5

Sophomore Sprint winner Three Two Charlie has smart course and distance form and there is little to choose between him and Cartel Captain on their last clash.

Green Means Go

The CTS 1600 Kenilworth

The joint richest race on the big afternoon, the R5 Million CTS 1600 has attracted a quality field and should be one of the most hotly contested races on the Met day programme.

A rare visitor to the Cape, Gauteng veteran Joey Soma will fancy his chances of banking the big cheque courtesy of his Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes winner Got The Greenlight. The Nadeson Park product was rested five months after his 2yo season and produced a quiet effort on his return, when clearly in need of it. The joint highest rated runner in the race he must be classed as the one to beat if coping on his first attempt on a left-handed track.

Justin Snaith has a handful of runners headed by the Trippi colt, Wild Coast, who ran on for 4th and 3,8 lengths behind Kilindini in the Cape Guineas. He will no doubt be given every chance from his wide draw by Bernard Fayd'herbe and will be running at them late. His stablemate Sachdev has pulled a far more favourable draw but finished over 4 lengths behind Wild Coast in the Cape Guineas. If we ignore that last run, his penultimate second behind King of Gems in the Concord Cup brings him into the picture.

Vaughan Marshall's Cane Lime 'N Soda was baulked in the Guineas when 1,25 lengths behind Sachdev. He is probably a bit better than that and had a shocking draw to overcome that day.

Sean Tarry has three runners in the race, headed by the Pomodoro filly, Invisible, who jumps from the pole position draw. Ryan Moore warms up for his Met engagement but she looks to have a minor place chance at best.

Tarry also saddles On My Mind, a runaway Vaal maiden last season, who has run three fair races down in the Cape.

Candice Bass-Robinson's Langerman-winner Snow Report hasn't produced the goods this season and will need to show more to win this.

His stablemate Gold Medal does not have the worst post-maiden form and even though held by the likes of Count Jack, could earn.

Third of the Bass-Robinson trio, reserve runner Turn It Up Harvey now gets a run but would be something of a shock as a maiden taking on a Gr1 winner.

Glen Kotzen's duo of Prince Of Persia and Dynastic Light don't have much to recommend either of them. However, both are well-bred individuals and must be better than their current form suggests.

Brett Crawford's Count Jack is another who is very widely drawn but has won three of his five starts and is a colt on the up. He loves

START 2:25PM KENILWORTH	5	PA3/PICK SIX2/JACKPOT1 THE CTS 1600 (3YO'S)(NBT) - 1600M SAME TRAINER:(2-4-10-16-17)(3-5)(6-12-18) (7-15)(9-13-14)
Gimmethgreenlight	1	GOT THE GREENLIGHT(JA Soma) G Lerena... 7 60.0
Trippi	2	WILD COAST(J Snaith) B Fayd'herbe 14 60.0
Silvano	3	SILVER OPERATOR(VH Marshall) scratched... 17 60.0
Silvano	4	SACHDEV(J Snaith) R Fourie 3 60.0
Gimmethgreenlight	5	CANE LIME 'N SODA(VH Marshall) M Byleveld... 2 60.0
What A Winter	6	SNOW REPORT(C Bass-Robinson) A Domeyer... 5 60.0
Captain Al	7	PRINCE OF PERSIA(GS Kotzen) W Kennedy... 18 60.0
Jackson	8	COUNT JACK(BJ Crawford) C Orffer 16 60.0
Querari	9	ON MY MIND(SG Tarry) P Strydom 12 60.0
Dynasty	10	PINKERTON(J Snaith) scratched..... 11 60.0
Pomodoro	11	BHALTAIR(GD Smith) M v Rensburg 6 60.0
Dynasty	12	GOLD MEDAL(C Bass-Robinson) K De Melo... 15 60.0
Trippi	13	NAMAQUALAND(SG Tarry) C Murray..... 10 60.0
Pomodoro	14	INVISIBLE(SG Tarry) R Moore..... 1 57.5
Dynasty	15	DYNASTIC LIGHT(GS Kotzen) M Winnaar 9 57.5
Dynasty	16	SOVEREIGN SECRET(J Snaith) G Cheyne..... 4 57.5
Captain Al	17	PEACEFUL DAY(J Snaith) S Khumalo..... 8 60.0
Duke Of Marmalade	18	TURN IT UP HARVEY(C Bass-Robinson) - S Mbhele... 13 60.0

the course and distance and should be right there. Got The Greenlight is the one to beat and will be a popular choice ahead of Snaith's duo of Wild Coast and Sachdev.

PERSONALITY

More *Met* Magic?

Greg Cheyne

The inaugural running of the Sun Met in 2017 gave Ridgemont-Highlands sponsored jockey Greg Cheyne a memorable high in an illustrious 28 year career in the saddle.

The multiple East Cape champion jockey rides longshot More Magic in the 2020 renewal of the Cape flagship feature on Saturday.

The 43 year old, who rode his 100th winner of the season last Wednesday at Fairview, chatted to the Sporting Post and reflected back on some wonderful days.

In the past decade his 2009 Durban July success on Big City Life, and then Whisky Baron's perfectly planned big race assault that gave brothers Craig and Ross Kieswetter an early dizzying high in a fiercely competitive sport, are two that stand out.

"For a jockey every win is important as every horse has an owner, trainer, breeder and stable staff working hard towards a goal. But these major days are extra special. Whisky Baron was a classically planned team effort every step of the way. A 'soft' approach that worked perfectly. And then on that sunny Saturday afternoon after 4pm, we were in the starting stalls and then it was all over to me and the Aussie. When he pulled me through late and the crowd erupted, it was a spine tingling moment. What a horse and what an incredible honour and privilege to give the Kieswetters their first major race success and Brett Crawford his third Met win."

Former England international Craig Kieswetter backed up Greg's description of the magic moment at the time.

"It's a very different feeling. I was very lucky to play cricket internationally, but the Met win topped it all. To celebrate it with my family made it an even prouder moment."

The Australian-bred Whisky Baron's Met success made it five straight wins after his gelding six month earlier. While many doubted the Manhattan Rain galloper's ability to take on the likes of Legal Eagle, he proved them all so wrong.

Greg rides longshot Captain Al gelding More Magic – around 66 to 1 with Hollywoodbets when we last looked – for owners Jagesar Limited and trainer Candice Bass-Robinson on Saturday.

"It's a class field and the top-rated quartet speak for themselves. On the weight-for-age terms of the race, More Magic is not well in. But he is a young relatively unexposed horse on the way up and I believe he has the capability to run above his rating. I have ridden him twice previously. At his last run in the Peninsula Handicap, he had no luck in running from a wide draw but still stayed on well and was beaten 2,55 lengths by Justin Snaith's highly regarded Belgarion. This is the big league – but we won't go down without our best shot," he added enthusiastically.

Greg said he could not complain about his 7 draw.

"I am not concerned about the pace either. There are a few horses who could go up and do the work. I expect it to be fair and Head Honcho could well be the pacesetter – he ran from the front last year when staying on for third. But conditions on the day, from the weather to luck at the gates, can change plans in the blink of an eye."

He says More Magic is a fit and versatile horse. In terms of race placement, this would give him more options as the contest unfolded.



Greg & the Baron! Craig & Ross Kieswetter with Brett Crawford (far left) and Justin Carey (right)

GREG CHEYNE

We asked him to step into the shoes of a member of the public looking to have a bet or win the R8 million quartet on the race.

“Rainbow Bridge is the title holder. He has done nothing wrong and his prep looks to have gone really well. He is the horse to beat in my book.”

And does Ryan Moore influence that decision at all?

“Look, there is absolutely no harm in having the world’s current second highest rated jockey in the driving seat!” he smiles.

We asked Greg whether he had ridden with the British star and if he felt Moore’s lack of familiarity with the Kenilworth track would be of any consequence.

“When I rode Whisky Baron in England in the Shadwell Joel Stakes, Ryan rode in the same race. And we have ridden in Hong Kong. As for his unfamiliarity with Kenilworth, one only has to look at his international Gr1 track record to understand how top guys adapt to conditions. He has won Gr1 races in both hemispheres at a variety of tracks.”

A Big Day Ahead!

Beyond his Met engagement, Greg has 10 other rides on Sun Met Day:

Race 1

Bad Habit runs in the Maiden Plate (F & M)

I have not ridden her previously but she is consistent. Even if one or two others may have stronger form, I expect her to be competitive and she looks a fair each way bet.

Race 3

Eternal Hope runs in the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes

Alan Greeff has had success in this race in the past. Eternal Hope won easily on her Fairview debut in good time. But given the varying rates of improvement, the 2yo form is very difficult to unravel. I can tell you that she is a nice filly and won’t disgrace herself.

Race 4

Three Two Charlie runs in the CTS 1200

He is a horse with a nice future. Looking at his recent form- he was not ready for the 1400m Cape Classic but ran a decent race. Then he was run off his feet in the Need For Speed Sprint last time. This is the course and distance he won the Sophomore over – he is perfectly suited to the track and trip. He must be included in all calculations.

Race 5

Sovereign Secret runs in the CTS 1600

She is a beautifully bred filly and we have a decent draw in

our favour. On paper she appears held, but I would be happy to get her to earn a cheque – they pay up to fifth.

Race 6

Viking Moon runs in the Gr3 Politician Stakes

He is an interesting runner. I thought he may be a sprinter- I won the Nursery on him last season. He stayed on smartly for 6th and about 6 lengths off Kilindini in the Cape Guineas last time. The handicapper liked that run too as he went up from a 105 to a 109. He has been prepared for the extra 200m here and I galloped him a fortnight back. He worked well. If he settles and gets the trip, he is a competitive runner.

Race 7

Bold Respect runs in the Gr1 Cape Flying Championship

He is a Gr1 winning sprinter and a lovely horse. I rode him for the first time at his last start. We finished 3rd behind Chimichuri Run and ahead of Kasimir. That was a good prep. But one only has to look at the likes of unbeaten Run Fox Run and the- now fitter- defending champion Kasimir to see that the race is very competitive. I nevertheless expect Bold Respect to give a good account of himself.

Race 8

Kelpie runs in the Gr1 Majorca Stakes

This is a quality race as it always is. I have won three races on Kelpie. She is a smart filly and one of only two 3yo’s in the race. She is fit and nicely drawn, so ticks the boxes. I would like to see a top three finish from her. My stablemate Front And Centre is the horse to beat

Race 10

Crome Yellow runs in Gr2 Western Cape Stayers

I’d regard him as one of the most improved horses in the Cape. He has been maintaining a consistent line of form and we only went down narrowly in the Chairmans last time. Tries the 2800m for the first time and is poorly handicapped here. So he is up against it. But he is a real trier.

Race 11

What A Flirt runs in a Maiden Plate (F & M)

I have ridden her at all four starts. She needed her last run and moved up late before tiring. But she pulled up well and she must go close here.

Race 12

Congo Compaq runs in an MR 85 Handicap

I rode him earlier on. He won his maiden at his fifth start last time. So this is first time out of the maidens. He is still an immature horse. Probably a back end of the quartet chance.

Short Heads



Met Master

Candice Bass-Robinson is yet to win the Met and has two longshots in Majestic Mozart and More Magic representing her on Saturday. What a fairytale if she could do it and give her Dad Mike Bass a memorable early 75th birthday gift for Sunday. Mike, the leading Met trainer of the new millenium, won with Bunter Barlow ridden by Glen Hatt in 2001, and then four times on the trot from 2007 to 2010. Pocket Power won three of those and his sister River Jetez, again with Hatt up, won in 2010.

Fancy A Favourite?

Eight-times SA champion trainer Mike de Kock saddled the last favourite to win the Met – that was the champion filly Igugu all the way back in 2012. The pressure is back on ‘Magic’ Mike on Saturday – Hawwaam carries the favourite mantle.

PICK A TRAINER

Mike de Kock and Brett Crawford are the winningmost Met trainers in the class of 2020 with three winners each. Vaughan Marshall, who saddles One World, has won it twice – he is also the ‘oldest’ of the winning group – La Fabulous having scored in 1996. Justin Snaith and Eric Sands have one Met winner each on their cv’s – and are the two most recent winners.

JUMP A JOCK

Only five of the fourteen jockeys riding on Saturday have won the Met previously. Anton Marcus (Hawwaam) and Bernard Fayd’Herbe (Bunker Hunt) have ridden three winners while Piere Strydom (Head Honcho), Greg Cheyne (More Magic) and Aldo Domeyer (Twist Of Fate) have each won it once.

Aussie Rules?

Australian-bred gallopers have won the Met three times in the past eight renewals – Igugu (2012), Whisky Baron (2017) and Oh Susanna (2018). The Aussies have only one representative on Saturday in the shape of Pierro’s son Roy Had Enough. Frank Robinson’s runner also carries the sole KZN flag. He was a A\$95,000 Magic Millions purchase.

Owning Up

Sabine Plattner, Bernard Kantor and Suzanne Hattingh of Chrigor Stud each have two runners on Saturday. Mrs Plattner won it previously with Martial Eagle (2013) and Angus (2003). Piere Strydom rode the latter, and he wears the famous Plattner flag again – this time on Head Honcho on Saturday.



Paddock Power

Only two breeders are represented by more than one runner on Saturday. Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein have the half-brothers Rainbow Bridge and Hawwaam, while Ridgemont Highlands will be shouting for Eyes Wide Open and More Magic.

Sex?

Four members of the fairer sex have won the Met in the 21st century. They are sadly not represented in Saturday’s field. Interestingly, given the fact that they have avoided the unkindest cut of all, six of the fourteen runners are potential stallions.

World Class Mauritzfontein’s Kingmambo sire Ideal World has the best Met strike rate in recent times of local sires. He sired Smart Call (2016) and Rainbow Bridge (2019). The latter bids for the double on Saturday. Sires with past winners and 2020 representatives include Captain Al, who sired Hill Fifty Four (2014). He has three runners. Dynasty produced Futura to win in 2015 and he also has three flagbearers. Silvano has high hopes for Hawwaam to give him another after Martial Eagle (2013). Jet Master has five Met winners to his name – his son Master Of My Fate has Twist Of Fate on Saturday.

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THE MET

First Run in 1883

A Met Double . . . Very Rare!



Pocket Power won The Met 4 years on the trot

Can 2019 champion Rainbow Bridge emulate the likes of Pocket Power, Politician, Zamora and Royal Chaplain, and write his name into the Met history books on Saturday?

Back-to-back Met winners are usually once-in-a-lifetime horses.

While Pocket Power was the King Of Kenilworth and won the great race four years on the trot

from 2006 to 2009, we have to go back thirty years to the great Politician prior to that. And Zamora and Royal Chaplain won the Met during the second World War – so we are talking a different generation for many of us.

Every Met week, the Sporting Post gets requests to publish the clip of that extraordinary 1979 finish where the late Bert Hayden extricated Politician from an almost impossible position to get up in the shadow of the post to catch Ralph Rixon's game filly Festive Season.

It's a finish imprinted on many a fan's mind as one of the greatest we have seen.

Politician won the 2000m contest for the first time in 1978 – the year J&B stepped in as sponsor and the J&B Met was born.

He was the boom horse of South African racing and a horse the public wanted to see. The crowds streamed into the course drawn by the aura of this all-conquering athlete and he never let them down. With 'Big Race' Bertie Hayden in the irons, he cruised home by 3,25 lengths.

With a stake of R50 000 that year and a sensational finish, the large crowd went home satisfied and waiting more. The foundation was thus set for the development of the J&B Met – on its termination in 2016 one of the longest running sports sponsorships in our history.

Syd Laird returned in 1979 with Politician and jockey Bertie Hayden and South Africa watched in awe as possibly the greatest performance by a thoroughbred in South African history was played out before an even greater crowd than the year before. Carrying top weight again – this time under 58,5kg – Politician became boxed as they swept into the home straight. There was nowhere for him to go and with 200m of the race left the chances of him getting a run let alone winning looked impossible.

But the strapping chestnut was not to be denied and virtually finding his own way through the horses ahead of him he produced an explosive burst of breathtaking acceleration to catch the champion filly Festive Season just short of the post and beat her by half a length.

As Hayden remarked afterwards: "I couldn't ride him in the end, I had all this horse under me and we had nowhere to go. There was nothing I could do so I just threw the reins at him and let him do what he could. It was just amazing, he took off and fought his way through to the front."

And trainer Syd Laird, nicknamed "The Bear" and not one too liberal with words of praise, said Politician "combined his strength with a great action and terrific fighting spirit to be a truly outstanding racehorse."

It was a performance not seen before or since.

The first recorded winner of the Metropolitan Mile, as it was originally known in 1883, was Sir Hercules and, while the race had a chequered existence for many years in the early 1900's, by the 1960's it was firmly established as one of the 'big three' races in the country along with the Vodacom Durban July and the Summer Cup in Gauteng.

WORLD RECORD



Snaitth won 8 races on Met Day 2016 - equalling a world record

Justin Snaitth will saddle 35 runners on Met day, including Do It Again and Bunker Hunt in the day's headliner.

When Snaitth won what is thought to be a world-record equalling eight races on Met day 2016, in his podium speech after Baritone's win in the

last of the afternoon he stated he'd gladly swap the eight wins for a victory in the Met, resolving to apply himself even harder.

It took him two years, but on 27 January 2018, he did it, not only winning his first Sun Met with Oh Susanna, but saddling five winners on the day, including three Gr1's. A daughter of Street Cry, Oh Susanna was the first 3yo fairer sex winner of the Met in over a century!

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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.

"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. No new track or horse will make any difference to him. Whether it's a good idea to bring him in instead of sticking to a rider who knows the horse I don't know but it is up to the connections to decide. But Ryan Moore is not the sort of rider who is going to ride the horse blind, he will watch the re-runs and will probably give the horse a blow out on the Thursday before the race. But the draw is going to be very important. For a top jockey to find a good position from a good draw is a piece of pie. He will also have more chance of overcoming a bad draw than a lesser jockey will. But the draw is nevertheless still very important."

Kenilworth looks to be a difficult track to ride from the armchair and that is due to the amount of jostling which takes place before they finally settle into racing order.

However, Puller pointed out:

"That has nothing to do with the track or the fact that it's a left hand track, it has all to do with the prevailing South-Easter. In fact horses are naturally much more suited to left hand tracks than right hand ones. You saddle from the left, hold the horse on its left, get on and off on the left and horses are generally much more comfortable leading with their left leg. The reason there is often a lot of jostling at Kenilworth is because jockeys want to find cover from the South Easterly wind, so they have that in mind from the jump and with everybody trying to hide from the wind the field takes some time to sort itself out."

The pace also plays a big part.

In a good paced race it is easier for the wider drawn horses to slot in as there will likely be a few gaps opening. Those capable of running on from behind will also be happy to drop in behind horses. However, wide drawn horses who enjoy leading are disadvantaged by a fast early pace as they will have to use up a lot of fuel to get to the front.

Puller, who leads the KZN Trainers Championship at present, is Sands' brother-in-law and spoke of the hard task the latter would have to get Rainbow Bridge to the race at his peak.

He said: "Rainbow Bridge pulled for a long way in the Queen's Plate and yet still found enough to run on into third. So it was a great run but he had a very hard race and it is not going to be easy for Eric with just three weeks between that race and the Met."



2005 - Garth Puller & Sean Tarry after Alastor's win

Met Favourite's Swansong

Win, lose or draw on Saturday, Hawwaam will be seen in the flesh by his SA fans for the very last time.

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

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

Mike de Kock confirmed the news and explained on his website:

"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," he said.

"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.

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

Mike'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?"

Smart Alec?

Some trivia to impress your guests if the conversation dries up on Saturday. What do Alec Laird, Yogas Govender, Sean Tarry and Geoff Woodruff have in common? They are past winners of this race in the 21st century who are still training – but have no runner on Saturday.

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NHA's Met Police Team

The National Horseracing Authority has confirmed the members of the Stipendiary Board that will officiate at the Sun Met Race Meeting on Saturday.

Ernie Rodrigues- the NHA's most experienced Stipendiary Steward with some thirty-three years' in this role, most of which have been in senior positions. Ernie has been the Chief Stipendiary Steward in the Western Cape since 2010 after being an integral member of the KZN Stipendiary Board for many years, prior to this.

Nicholas Shearer- after a successful career as a professional Jockey, Nick commenced employment with the NHA in 2007 and has served in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and in the Western Cape as the Deputy Chief Stipendiary Steward since 2014.

Cecil van As- a vastly experienced Racing man, with a lifetime spent in the industry. Cecil's career includes race riding at the highest level, being a natural horseman and enhancing the start as the Chief Starter in Cape Town and officiating as a Stipendiary Steward since 2006 in the same region.

Lyle Anderson- a former Trainer and Administrator that has earned respect as an official tasked with upholding the integrity of the Horseracing Industry. Lyle has risen to the top of the Stipendiary Steward ranks in a relatively short period of time, largely due to his natural leadership skills. Lyle is the Chief Stipendiary Steward, Central Provinces and recently benefited from spending a fortnight with the Stipendiary Steward panel in Hong Kong.

Deanthan Moodley- Deanthan is a qualified attorney that has found a career that enables him to utilize his talents and passion. Having started his career as a Stipendiary Steward in Johannesburg, Deanthan has been based in the Eastern Cape as a Senior Stipendiary Steward and presently is the Chief Stipendiary Steward, Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Purple Power!

The Hollywoodbets Team welcomed Sun Met visitors at Cape Town International Airport today with a complimentary Sporting Post & Winning Form. They are there on Friday morning too.

Here Miss SA Sasha-Lee Laurel Olivier poses with the team.



What's It Cost?

Do you have to spend money to buy a Met runner?

Not really, it seems.

Of those that went through a sales ring, Do It Again was the priciest with his NYS tag of R1,1 million. On the bright side he has already banked R8,4 million.

The 'cheapie' is Twist Of Fate, who cost all of R20 000 off the CTS Yearling Sale. He has earned R3 175 000.

A World Of Value

Vaughan Marshall has named his best runner on Met day as Cane Lime 'N Soda in the CTS 1600. He is drawn two and wears first-time blinkers.

He also named Joseph Berry (Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes), Mirage (CTS 1200) and Tap O' Noth (Grade 2 New Turf Carriers Western Cape Stayers) as competitive runners on the day in a report on the Gold Circle website.

Marshall won the Sun Met six years ago with Hill Fifty Four and there are a number of similarities between that horse and the yard's contender this year, One World.

Marshall said about One World, "I am very happy with him, he is very well, and all we need now is a bit of luck."

The first similarity with Hill Fifty Four is that he is by Captain Al, although he is a four-year-old colt whereas Hill Fifty Four was a five-year-old gelding.

The second similarity is that their respective damsires impart stamina. Hill Fifty Four was out of a Sportsworld mare, while One World is out of a Giant's Causeway mare.

Marshall said, "There must be a slight stamina doubt but he was running on well in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and we will take our chances."

In One World's only attempt beyond a mile he finished a 2,25 length second to Vardy in the Grade 3 Winter Classic over 1800m at Kenilworth.

The next similarity with Hill Fifty Four is that One World is drawn wide.

He is drawn in barrier 12 out of the 13 remaining runners, while Hill Fifty Four's Met win came from a draw of 15 out of 18.

Hill Fifty Four was admittedly given a ride by Anton Marcus which can genuinely be described as brilliant.

One World looks to be a genuine Gr1 weight for age class horse and on pure form lines should be the second favourite instead of the 10/1 fifth favourite. He has finished second to Vardy three times in succession, over 1800m and then twice over 1600m, and this pair have had Do It Again and Rainbow Bridge beaten twice and Hawwaam once.

INTERNATIONAL

Tiger Hunts History

History seeker Tiger Roll headlines 105 entries for the £1-million Randox Health Grand National at Aintree on Saturday, 4 April, details of which were revealed yesterday.



Tiger Hunt

The Randox Health Grand National is the world's richest Jump race and takes place for the 173rd time this year on day three of the Randox Health Grand National Festival.

In 2019, Tiger Roll became the first horse since Red Rum to win back-to-back Grand Nationals and the 10-year-old now has the chance to become only horse to land three consecutive runnings of the world's greatest chase.

Trained in Ireland by Gordon Elliott and owned by Michael O'Leary's Gigginstown House Stud, Tiger Roll is due to begin his campaign in either the G2 Boyne Hurdle at Navan on 16 February or in the Glenfarclas Cross Country Chase at the Cheltenham Festival on 10 March, where he was won four times previously.

Tiger Roll is the 7/1 clear favourite with Betway, official betting partner of the Randox Health Grand National Festival.

Elliott accounts for 18 of the 45 Irish-trained entries in total, the most of any handler, as he chases a fourth success in the race. If victorious, he would emulate Fred Rimmell and Ginger McCain as the most successful trainer in Grand National history.

Elliott's team also features leading Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup fancy Delta Work and the exciting novice Champagne Classic. Both horses are owned by Gigginstown House Stud.

Other G1 performers among the entries are Cheltenham Gold Cup heroes Native River (Colin Tizzard) and Sizing John (Jessica Harrington IRE), plus two-time Betfair Chase victor Bristol de Mai, one of seven contenders for dual Grand National-winning trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies.

Irish Grand National victor Burrows Saint is one of 10 entries for Willie Mullins, who landed the spoils in 2005 with Hedgehunter. The Mullins contingent also includes last year's impressive Randox Health Topham Chase victor Cadmium and recent Thyestes Chase scorer Total Recall.

Last year's runner-up Magic Of Light (Jessica Harrington IRE) and impressive Munster National heroine Cabaret Queen (Willie Mullins IRE) are the pick of four mares engaged. No mare has won the Grand National since Nickel Coin in 1951.

Tiger Roll is not the only previous Randox Health Grand National winner among the entries, with that honour also held by One For Arthur (Lucinda Russell) who in 2017 became only the second Scottish-trained scorer after Rubstic in 1979. Only four horses have regained the Grand National- Red Rum (1973, 1974, 1977), Manifesto (1897 & 1899), The Lamb (1868 & 1871) and Peter Simple (1849 & 1853).

Mambo Runs This Evening

Barney Roy breaks from the outside post seven this evening. William Buick will be in the saddle against a field that includes Gr1-winning defending champ Dream Castle, Gr2-winning stablemate Loxley and Gr1-placed Mike de Kock trainee Majestic Mambo.

There is no doubting the class of Charlie Appleby-trained Barney Roy. In 10 lifetime starts, the Godolphin-owned gelding has shown immense form, including winning the 2017 Gr1 St James's Palace Stakes and placing in three other Gr1's.

What is a query is whether he will be able to return to the same level that saw him once rated as high as 120 (currently 115) and finishing a nose astern multiple G1 winner Ulysses in the Coral-Eclipse (Gr1) and a length behind champion Churchill in the 2000 Guineas (Gr1).

Now age six, he has made only three starts since a failed experiment at stud that precluded him from the entirety of 2018. He was a smart second to Zaaki (subsequently eighth in the G1 Hong Kong Mile) in the Ascot Shop Paradise Stakes (Listed) before winning the Prix de Montretout (Listed) at Longchamp in late May and faltering to eighth as the lukewarm favourite in Royal Ascot's Queen Anne Stakes (Gr1).

This evening the son of Excelebration is set to return in Meydan's \$250,000 Gr2 Al Rashidiya, a race won by the likes of Right Approach, Presvis and Benbatl, who all went on to win the Gr1 Dubai Turf sponsored by DP World. If things go well for the earner of \$793,503 in the 1800m grass test, his will subsequently point to Super Saturday's \$400,000 Gr1 Jebel Hatta on March 7 before his own attempt at the Dubai Turf over the same trip.

"He had that summer campaign (in 2019) and we purposely gave him a break with the Carnival in mind," Appleby said. "Where we are at the moment, we are working backward from the Jebel Hatta and obviously Benbatl not being declared now has opened that race."

The future remains a mystery for the charge, as coming back from failed stud tenures often seems to dull the shine of top-tier trainees, but there appears to be enough confidence resonating from his yard to assume that he has shown at least a portion of his previous brilliance. If that is the case, the future appears quite promising, per Appleby.

"If he were to bring his 'A-game,' or whatever he does Thursday evening, he's going to step forward for it," he concluded. "He's the class animal in the field there and he might just be good enough to get away with that slight lack of race fitness on Thursday. Hopefully that'll springboard him onto Super Saturday."



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Hong Kong Lockdown

The Hong Kong Jockey Club have implemented additional security and logistical controls to reduce the risk of spreading the Wuhan coronavirus.

This past Monday's Lunar New Year race meeting at Sha Tin went ahead as scheduled, but the fans were effectively locked out.

The meeting is traditionally one of the biggest on the calendar – last year 105,716 attended across the two tracks – but only patrons with existing bookings, owners with horses running and staff were allowed on course.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club said in a statement that they have been closely following the development of the novel coronavirus. The Club thus carefully reviewed arrangements for Chinese New Year Raceday, taking account of community views as well as the interests of customers and employees. They said that they were particularly aware that Chinese New Year Raceday was a very important part of community life during the Chinese New Year holidays, providing racing and betting entertainment to around one million racing fans.

The cancellation of the Chinese New Year Raceday would have therefore not only impacted those who choose to visit the racecourses but all those who stayed at home or elsewhere to enjoy the races on TV or via other platforms. Indeed, some 800,000 fans, that is the overwhelming majority of fans, hold a betting account with the Club and were able to participate in racing outside the racecourses via online and phone platforms. In addition, the Chinese New Year Raceday created jobs for as many as 11000 part-time employees and provides additional income for duty racing staff. Any cancellation of the race meeting would therefore have had an adverse economic impact on all stakeholders.

All customers and staff received temperature screening before entry and will be advised to wear medical masks.

The above arrangements for racecourses and OCBBs will continue for all subsequent race meetings until further notice. The Club will continue to monitor the situation of the novel coronavirus on a day-to-day basis and in line with this will determine if further measures are needed.

Vorster Out For Three Months

Barend Vorster will be out of action for some time with a confirmed broken collarbone after an accident at Moonee Valley on Friday.

He had just asked his mount, Manuel, to pick it up and he was responding. But when, with 275m to travel, Vorster moved him out, at that precise moment Dan Stackhouse on Begood Toyour Mother and James Winks on Ashlor moved their mounts too.

The timing of the three individual incidents was astonishing. And poor old Manuel just had no where to go while running at top speed. He went down on his nose in a very heavy fall throwing Vorster just as hard to the turf.

The jockey had trouble breathing and complained of chest pains for a lengthy period of time after the crash.

He was taken to hospital and x-rays confirmed the break.

He will be sidelined for at least 3 months.

Manuel won the Gr 1 CF Orr Stakes and was also a winner in South Australia and stakes placed in NSW. He was euthenized.

NEWS

Ashley Parker On NHA Board

In terms of Chapter 4 of the Constitution of the National Horseracing Authority the Nominations Committee, consisting of past chairmen Adv. Altus Joubert, Mr Andrew O'Connor, Mr Larry Nestadt and Mr Jonathan Witts-Hewinson has appointed Dr Ashley Parker to fill the vacancy on the National Board in terms of clause 15.4.5.4 of the Constitution, effective from 22 January 2020.

Dr Parker holds a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree. He is domiciled in the Eastern Cape and is a registered Owner since 1989 and as a Thoroughbred Racehorse Breeder (Ascot Stud) since 1983.

Dr Parker served as a Steward of East Cape Racing Club (prior to the Club's merger with Phumelela) and also as Deputy Chairman of the Eastern Cape Regional Board until 2004 when the Constitution was amended and the Regional Boards were dissolved.

As a qualified Veterinarian, Dr Parker is the Eastern Cape representative on the South African Equine Veterinary Association for the past 20 years.

SGM Minutes

The National Horseracing Authority of South Africa held a Special General Meeting on Wednesday 15 January immediately following their Annual General Meeting.

The National Board had called the meeting to consider amendments to the Constitution as set out in the Notice of the Meeting.

The minutes are now available for viewing on www.nhra.co.za

Head Start

Former top trainer and present day Tellytrack manager Dominic Zaki's chirp on last Saturday's morning show on Tellytrack was a gem. Previewing the sixth race, he said: "If I had to put my head on a block I'd go for Anne Boleyn."

Show host Alistair Cohen was uncharacteristically slow on the retort. Anne Boleyn, Queen of England in the 1500's, was the second wife of King Henry VIII. Their marriage and her sad end made her a key figure in the start of the English Reformation

As for Dominic Zaki, he is missing in action as Anne Boleyn, sent off favourite, ran fourth.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary: Brian Clive de Villiers

An Old School Gentleman

Veteran horseman Brian de Villiers passed away at his daughter Cathy Beyers and husband Louis Beyers' home in Port Elizabeth on Sunday, 19 January 2020. He was 80 years old and had suffered from cancer of the stomach.



Brian de Villiers

Brian's children made every effort to spend good quality time with him before he passed away whilst he was in Port Elizabeth. His son Shaun, who lives in the US, spoke to his father twice every day as he was not able to get to see him in time.

Born in East London on 12 June, 1939, Brian Clive de Villiers always adored horses. He started his career at the age of 12 as an apprentice jockey to trainer H.E. "Cookie"

Amos in Cape Town, where he was associated with horses like Top Gallant and Grand Rapids.

Brian resided with the Amos family and was considered to be the son they never had, according to Irene de Villiers. He rode for Amos and various other trainers in the company of erstwhile top riders like Stanley Amos and Johnny Cawcutt before hanging up his boots in the late 1960s.

Brian became the assistant trainer to Cookie Amos until leaving his employ at the end of 1973 and moving to Johannesburg to set up his own training establishment, based at the old Newmarket training centre alongside Henry Eatwell, Jim Brady, Roy Unsworth and JF Coetzee.

Former trainer James Goodman recalls: "Brian and I were close since the day he started training. When I moved to Randjesfontein in the mid-1980s he was soon to follow. Brian, Spike Lerena, Robbie Sage and I were the first four to set up camp at the North Rand Training Centre.

"Brian was a top man, a kind and humble individual with time for everyone. I never saw him agitated or angry once. He took everything in good spirits. He was a shrewd horseman too, he knew how to line his runners up for a win, he was very good at that.

"One day Brian and I drove to Gosforth Park together, end of the 1980s. I had two runners I thought would win, one I remember was called Princess Titania. Brian had a horse in the last race of the day. I took a few Pick 6 bets and banked our three runners in various combinations, while Brian also took one on his own.

"As it happened all three of them arrived. However, I had a bad headache that day and wasn't feeling well, I messed things up terribly. I filled in all my betting slips incorrectly and as a result didn't win a penny! The Pick 6 paid a whopping R256,000 and Brian collected a full winning ticket. I was told over dinner that night that I looked so distressed my face had pulled to one side, it looked as if I had an awkward smile!"

Goodman said that Brian used the funds from his big win to start a restaurant with his son-in-law in Pretoria. "He enjoyed cooking and needed a break away from racing but the venture didn't work out in the long run and he returned as a trainer."

Brian trained on his own again for a while, then worked as as-

sistant to Pat Shaw before Shaw left for Singapore. Later he was appointed facilities manager at the North Rand Training Centre.

Brian trained a number of leading runners of his time, including SA Oaks winner Seven Stars, champion sprinting fillies Panache and Marischal, Greensome, American Flyer, Affirmation, Royal Flush and Villandry.

He went out of his way to assist young apprentice jockeys starting their careers including multiple international champion Jeff Lloyd, the late, brilliant Lawrence Riley and later internationally well-performed Johnny Geroudis, multiple champion jockey of Mauritius.

Lloyd was distressed on hearing of Brian's death and commented: "I am terribly sorry to hear of the passing of my first boss, Mr de Villiers. He was a wonderful gentleman and a boss that any young apprentice could hope for. I am forever indebted to him as I believe he had a massive impact on how my career eventuated. It saddens me that he will be will never be able to read my biography, he would've loved it." Lloyd rode his first of over 5,500 career winners on Panache (noted above), at the Vaal on January 1978, Cathy Beyers summed it up: "My father devoted his life to horseracing, one way or another. We will miss you, our Pops. You were always someone we could depend on and look up to!"

Indeed, the entire racing fraternity will miss Brian de Villiers, one of the last remaining old-school gentlemen of the South African industry.

Brian leaves behind his children Shaun de Villiers, Cathy Beyers, Lynne Van Zyl and Graeme de Villiers, his grandchildren Michelle, Michael, Andre and Darryl, Travis and Jay, his wife Laura and his ex-wife Irene (a good friend).

A memorial service will be held on Friday, 31 January at 15h00, at Christ Church, 11th Road, Noordwyk, Midrand. All are welcome to attend.

Gold Circle Honour A Legend

Gold Circle will honour the memory of a late legend of the saddle at the Hollywoodbets Greyville racemeeting on Friday evening.



Jimmy Anderson

The 1981 Durban July winning rider Jimmy Anderson passed away at the King Edward Hospital on the evening of Sunday 22 December 2019. He was 71 and had been ill for some time.

Described as one of the greatest judges of pace by a friend and champion rider of the same era, Garth Puller, Jimmy Anderson was an old school horseracing character who lived his life on and off the track at full pace.

Born at Addington Hospital on 18 August 1948, he grew up in the working

class suburb of Sherwood, Durban.

He came out of his time in Rhodesia in 1969 and was champion jockey as an apprentice in 1969 and a few more times in the 1970's.

Jimmy rode for many a year in Johannesburg until visiting trainer Roy Magner, travelled to Turffontein from the then Rhodesia.

He met Jimmy, was impressed by the young man and offered him a

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career back in Rhodesia. The rest is African turf history!

Jimmy rode in 6 internationals against the best in the world, representing Rhodesia and the great Lester Piggott said "Jimmy is the one jockey he didn't want to meet in a finish."

He won Rhodesia's biggest race, the Castle Tankard and also did the double with the Queen Elizabeth stakes on Celean in 1969.

His partnership with Sir Raymond Stockhill and Benny Loebel was the stuff of dreams and horses like Lucky Joe and Numerator come to mind. He also had many an entertaining tussle on the track with Ivan Moore.

On returning to South Africa he rode as a freelance and in the latter part of his career he was stable jockey to Ivan Pickering, who also had the champion Jeff Lloyd on his books.

While Jimmy rode countless feature winners, his major claim to fame was winning the Rothmans Durban July Handicap in 1981 aboard Big Charles for Dr Louis Naude. He also went on to win another five consecutive big races in the following weeks, clearly a purple patch in his career.

According to his family, Jimmy had many friends – some close and some 'less close'.

His family was always first in his life and as they were not very wealthy and lived average lifestyles, Jimmy was known as a kind soul who would always help out financially.

According to his son Ashley, close friends that come to mind were from the 'brotherhood of jockeys' and included Gerald Turner, Bert Hayden, Jeff Lloyd, David Payne, Garth Puller, Muis Roberts, Roddy England, Dennis McCreedy and Basil Marcus.

Trainers Ivan Pickering, Roy Magner and the late Ronnie Sheehan also got a mention, while his personal friends were Morton Smith, Butch Eriksson, Phil Harmsworth, Leigh Hall, Felix Finch, Harry Cohen, Neville Melville and many more – and of course 'many lady friends'.

In the latter part of the 1990's, Jimmy fell ill and his riding career ended.

The advent on a trial basis of Harness racing in South Africa in 2009 gave him a second lease on life.

Jimmy rode in a few trial races but sadly the 'chariots' never really took off here – no doubt as a result of public apathy, unsuitable tracks and a limited horse population.

He decided to retire gracefully and spent the latter years of his life at Bartle House.

Jimmy is survived by his sister Irene, her husband Peter and daughter Merridy, as well as his brother Greg and wife Colleen, who live in Assagay. They also have stepdaughters Adrian and Ingrid. Their son Jesse (Jimmy's nephew) lives in New Zealand

Jimmy's son Ashley is married to Tina who have two daughters, Tayla 10 and Casey 4.

Jimmy's daughter Heidi resides in the UK, and she has a daughter Jessica (Jimmy's granddaughter), who is 22. Kate Wrathall was Jimmy's first wife and the mother of Ashley and Heidi.

A memorial service attended by family and close friends was held at Bartle House Umbilo, on Friday 17 January.

NEWS

Exports - Good News On Eve Of Met

The long-awaited European Union (EU) audit date for the South African Bloodstock Industry has been announced.

Officials from the EU will be conducting the audit between 20 April and 1 May 2020. The South African Equine Health & Protocols (SAEHP) confirmed on Monday via MD Adrian Todd that the dates were finalised last Friday and said: "The South African Department of Agriculture were officially notified by the EU's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO), the entity responsible for conducting audits."

Todd expressed his delight and commented: "We've been planning this for many years and the announcement is a culmination of our efforts.

"To have finally reached this stage is a potential watershed for South African breeding and racing. It wouldn't have been possible without working hand in hand with the South African government, and we thank them.

Todd explained the logistics of the audit last month, saying: "Audits in any sector seldom return flawless results. Nobody ever gets a 100% clear report. There will be additional recommendations from the EU team after the audit. They will send a report and we will implement what they suggest. I am 100% confident that the audit will be successful for us. We have done everything we can, everything humanly possible, to comply with what is needed."

The question everybody is asking is what is the timeline?

Todd explained: "I would expect that once any additional recommendations have been implemented, we should be looking at the reinstatement of direct exports to the EU by September/October."



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Sizzler-One Month Left!

“What Hollywoodbets are doing for racing is like a breath of fresh air.” That is the word from leading jockey on the Hollywoodbets KZN Sizzling Summer Challenge jockeys log, Anton Marcus.

Marcus, who is nine points ahead of Warren Kennedy, was happy that he is leading but is wary of the challengers.

“The lead can change in the space of one meeting- anything can happen,” he explained.

Marcus, who has ridden 28 winners from 80 rides in the competition, hopes that he can go all the way and did mention that if he is in contention with a few meetings to go, he will try and get more rides.

Winning Form-sponsored and Championship leading jockey Warren Kennedy said that he will challenge all the way to the last racemeeting, as he is focused on the competition.

Kennedy, who has 16 winners from his 98 rides in the competition, said that what Hollywoodbets are doing for racing ‘is amazing’.

“It’s very nice. The fields are growing and it’s great for racing,” he explained.

Leading trainer Garth Puller, who has a 52 point lead ahead of trainer Paul Lafferty, is pleased with his results.

Puller, who has had 12 winners from his 84 runners, is pleased that he is at the top of the log and says that being sponsored by Hollywoodbets makes it feel even better.

“It feels really good. I am happy with the results,” said Puller.

Puller is another that is aware that a lead in this competition cannot be taken for granted.

“On a Sunday I have 13 runners, then on a Wednesday I have two- it can change very easily,” Puller explained.

Puller is another that praised Hollywoodbets for the competition.

Trainer Paul Lafferty said that the Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge is the best thing that has happened to racing.

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KZN Racing Diaries



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Lights On At Hollywoodbets Greyville

After a break of over a month, Friday night racing returns to Hollywoodbets Greyville, where an eight race programme is carded on the polytrack.

The meeting will also mark the last chance to build a kitty for Africa’s Richest Raceday, and our in-house tipsters have done their best to point you in the right direction.

Jimmy The Rich was ultra-impressive at Fairview last week. His value bet Jay’s Hawk and top bet Sunshine Mint both landed. His value bet was priced up at a whopping 16/1 with Hollywoodbets.

He has made Path To The Stars in the first race his value bet. She gets apprentice Thabiso Gumede in the saddle Jimmy The Rich’s top bet is War Office in race four with Ashton Arries aboard.

PeTeBe was also in top form as he tipped six winners at the Vaal last Thursday. He also tipped the Place Accumulator eight times at Turffontein last Saturday. It paid R1050-60. Do the sums!

His advice last week was to follow him with the exotics and based on his current form, that should be taken note of as we go into another bumper weekend with massive pools expected.

After racing on Friday, all roads will lead to Kenilworth, where the Sun Met Raceday will take centre stage with 12 top quality races carded.

Both our in-house tipsters have made their best bet the Mike de Kock-trained Queen Supreme in the Gr1 Bidvest Majorca Stakes. With the Pick 6 pool estimated to get to R18 million, she could be the banker of the day.

With blockbuster racing this weekend, don’t forget to pick up your Winning Form to keep you in the know.

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If The Saddle Fits

Jochen Schleese's Destiny Light Launch

There is a cute little cartoon captioned with the Richard Weiss quote "Dressage (although I'd extend that to include any equestrian pursuit) is the art of teaching the horse to carry you. Riding is the art of learning to be a good load to carry."

Of course this applies literally as well as figuratively and part of learning to be a good load to carry is to remain curious, to not accept when things are not going well and to keep working to improve yourself, your riding and your horsemanship. It provided much food for thought at the launch of Jochen Schleese's Destiny Lite training saddle at Turffontein last November.

I loved the science behind the saddle design, the meticulous way the team measured and custom fitted the saddle for each horse and above all, Jochen's hands on approach throughout the process. However, while I went in with an open mind, I have seen a fair bit of 'revolutionary' gear in my time, and was not expecting to be overwhelmed.

Good thing humble pie comes with zero calories !

But let's start at the beginning.

Who is Jochen Schleese?

A high level 3-day event rider, Jochen qualified for the European Championships in 1984, with ambitions for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics before his horse sadly went lame. It was a mysterious and intermittent lameness that no amount of diagnostics or veterinary advice could get to the bottom of and eventually the horse had to be retired. Years later, Jochen realised the lameness stemmed from damage caused by an ill-fitting saddle. While devastating at the time, it was the event that would shape the rest of his life.

They say one person can make a difference, and everyone should try. Determined to advocate for the horse by improving saddle design and educating riders and equine professionals about correct saddle fit, put Jochen on the path to where he is today- and landed us all at Turffontein on a hot November afternoon.

With his competitive ambitions curtailed, Jochen threw his energies into pursuing his career as a saddler. He qualified as Europe's youngest ever master saddler and went on to work at all the major saddle manufacturers worth mentioning. More recently, he has received recognition for acknowledging that male and female anatomy are entirely different in the saddle area and incorporated these important principles into the design and manufacture of his anatomically correct range of Schleese saddles. Having had the privilege of trying one, I can personally attest to the fact that the difference is mind-blowing.

Jochen is critically acclaimed for his book, "Suffering in Silence: The Saddle Fit Link To Physical and Psychological Trauma In Horses" and has distilled his decades of knowledge and quantified it into a formal methodology, which he teaches world-wide under the banner of Saddleft4Life, his international equine ergonomist academy.

Now you are wondering what any of this has to do with you. As interesting as it all sounds, racehorses all train and race in the same saddles and one size fits all, right? Sadly no. We spend all our time training and conditioning our horses so that they are able to carry weight over distance as fast and effectively as possible. With mere fractions of centimetres separating the winners from the also rans (and the winner's cheque from the rest), it makes sense to try and give our horses every possible advantage to develop and perform at their peak. As Thoroughbreds in training come in all ages, shapes, sizes and levels of soundness, fitness and development, it becomes clear that one type of saddle cannot possibly cater adequately to all.

Which brings us to the Destiny Light.

It would be impossible to describe everything that makes Jochen so incredibly good at what he does, but the key ingredient is considering the basic anatomy of both the horse as well as the rider when building and fitting a saddle.

The Science Bit

Peter Gray wrote, "We have almost forgotten how strange a thing it is that so huge and powerful and intelligent an animal as a horse should allow another, and far more feeble animal, to ride upon its back."

It IS a strange thing and it is an extraordinary privilege that should never, ever be taken for granted, because sitting up there incorrectly can do devastating damage.

A human spine runs vertical to the ground and the vertebrae are stacked one on top of one another. When carrying weight, the columnar arrangement lends strength and stability and helps make it easier. Being a quadruped, the horse's spinal column runs horizontal to the ground with its vertebrae situated one next to the other, creating a structure more like a train with a series of carriages attached. Putting weight on that structure is therefore quite a different prospect altogether.

The saddle forms the interface between the two and in order to make that interface a happy one, there are a number of basic principles that need to be adhered to.

First and foremost, one has to ensure that a horse is fitted with the correct length of saddle. It should not encroach on the sensitive area on the horse's wither (which Jochen calls the 'wither cap'), nor extend past the 18th thoracic vertebra onto the lumbar region. but sit squarely on the horse's saddle support area (which is individual to every horse).

The saddle needs to have sufficient spinal clearance to avoid impeding or compressing the spinal column and spinal nerves. Of particular import and interest to the racing fraternity, is that the saddle should allow complete freedom of the shoulders for maximum stride length.

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HERE & ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

Dubawi – More Meydan Magic

The outstanding Dubawi has a superb record all around the world. His progeny have won Gr1 races in all of North America, Britain, France, South Africa, Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Germany, and Canada.

To date, his progeny- which are headed by 41 individual Gr1 winners- have earned in excess of \$207 million, a total which stands scrutiny with the world's leading sires. By comparison, Pivotal, who retired to stud nine years before Dubawi, has been responsible for the earners of in excess of \$134 million, Oasis Dream runners have banked over \$92 000 000, and Invincible Spirit runners have earned well over \$113 000 000.

Dubawi, however, has a truly remarkable strike rate in Dubai, and his success continued at Meydan last Thursday evening.

He featured in the pedigrees of four of the six winners at Meydan on Thursday night. His four-year-old son Dubai Future won Thursday's first race, while Dubawi sons Glorious Journey and George Villiers won the Gr2 Al Fahdi Fort and Jebel Ali Port Handicap respectively on the night.

Glorious Journey, a group or graded stakes winner at two, three, four and five, is out of Gr1 Coronation Stakes winner Fallen For You – whose sire Dansili has already enjoyed success with Dubawi. The Dubawi/Dansili cross has produced three group winners thus far including Gr1 Pretty Polly Stakes winner Nezwaah and four time group winning sire Time Test.

Dubawi's 2000 Guineas winning son Night Of Thunder, one of the world's most exciting young stallions, also came to the fore on Thursday when his first crop daughter Dubai Love captured the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas.

In winning the 2020 UAE 1000 Guineas, Dubai Love became the eighth stakes winner to have emerged from Night Of Thunder's first crop, which also includes a further five black type performers. Night Of Thunder's first crop stakes winners include the group winners Under The Stars, Pocket Square and Night Colours.

Night Of Thunder added to his tally when his two-year-old daughter A Beautiful Night captured Saturday's Gr3 Neds Blue Diamond Preview over the weekend.

His sire Dubawi has already enjoyed notable success in Dubai this season, with Glorious Journey and impressive Gr2 Singpiel Stakes winner Benbatl- who was repeating having won the Singpiel Stakes in 2018- having both scored notable Dubai graded triumphs this year.

Benbatl has an excellent record in Dubai, with the Dubai Turf winner having also won the 2018 Gr2 Al Rashidiya and finished second in the 2018 Gr1 Jebel Hatta.

A son of outstanding Dubai World Cup winner Dubai Millennium, Dubawi has a formidable record in Dubai's major feature races.

Dubawi's sons Monterosso and Prince Bishop won the Gr1 Dubai World Cup in 2012 and 2015 respectively, and they are by no means their sire's only major winners on World Cup night. His sons Postponed and Old Persian won the Gr1 Dubai Sheema Classic in 2016 and 2019, and the aforementioned Benbatl



Glorious Journey wins the Gr2 Al Fahdi Fort | Dubai Racing Club

triumphed in the 2018 Gr1 Dubai Turf.

The sire's subsequent Gr1 Awesome Again Stakes winning son Mubtaahij scored a memorable, eight length victory for trainer Mike de Kock when he won the Gr2 UAE Derby back in 2015.

Dubawi, whose sire won the Maktoum Challenge Round 3 in 2000 has enjoyed particular success in the third round of the Maktoum Challenge (a Gr1 contest since 2012). The triple Gr1 winner is currently the sire of three Maktoum Challenge Round winners in the form of Hunter's Light, subsequent World Cup winner Prince Bishop and North America respectively. Dubawi has also supplied three winners of the Gr2 Dubai City Of Gold, with sons Monterosso, Postponed and Old Persian (all subsequent Gr1 winners) landing the race in 2011, 2016 and 2019 respectively.

Dubawi's son Safety Check added to his sire's Dubai legacy when he won both the Gr2 Zabeel Mile and Gr2 Al Fahdi Fort in both 2015 and 2016, while Dubawi son D'bai provided his sire with yet more graded success in Dubai when he downed Mythical Magic by a length and three quarters to win the 2019 Al Fahdi Fort. Dubawi sons have thus won the Al Fahdi Fort three times since 2015.

Fittingly enough, the Dubai Millennium Stakes- run over 2000m at Meydan- was won by Dubawi's Gr1 winning sons Hunter's Light and Zarak in 2015 and 2017 respectively, while Dubawi sons North America and Muntazah captured Dubai's Gr3 Firebreak Stakes in 2017 and 2019 respectively.

The sire's versatility has also been highlighted in no uncertain terms in Dubai, with Dubawi responsible for Gr1 winners on all-weather, dirt and turf in Dubai.

Dubawi's broodmare daughters have also enjoyed top level success in Dubai, with Dubawi mare Patroness responsible for 2018 Gr1 Jebel Hatta winner Blair House (Pivotal), and Dubawi's Gr2 winning daughter Sand Vixen the dam of 2019 Gr1 Jebel Hatta winner Dream Castle (Frankel). The latter also triumphed in the 2019 Gr2 Al Rashidiya and 2019 Gr3 Singpiel Stakes.

BREEDING

Shongweni Catalogue Available

18 February - 11h00

The catalogue for the 2020 Shongweni Mixed Sale is now available.

The sale includes unraced and horses-in-training and will be held under the auspices of Bloodstock SA at the Shongweni Club on 18 February from 11h00.

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VAR

There will be plenty shouting for Vardy in the Sun Met on Saturday and his Avontuur sire Var continues to maintain a run of winning form.

The son of Forest Wildcat produced a pair of winners at the Vaal on Tuesday.

His 2yo daughter Varina, outclassed her rivals and drew clear to win as she liked over 1000 metres.

Out of the Victory Moon mare Hidden Beauty, Varina looks another above average two-year-old for Var, who is once again leading the Leading Sires of 2yo's List.

His second winner was Hear The Trumpet. The Gold Star Stud bred filly was winning for a second time in a row, now having won four times in all.

South Africa's Leading Sire of 2yo's in both 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, Var looks to have a strong hand in several Met day feature races this Saturday. Var is also broodmare sire of leading Summer Juvenile Stakes fancy Pray For Rain.

New Sire Off The Mark - Act Of War

Summerhill Sire Strikes Early

Summerhill Stud's Act Of War, whose first crop are two-year-olds this season, was one of the very best sons of former SA Horse Of The Year and champion producing sire Dynasty.

He produced his first winner from his first runner at Fairview on Friday when his Piemonte Stud-bred son Daichi made a winning debut over 1000m for Gavin Smith in impressive fashion.

Under jockey Marco Van Rensburg, the Act Of War colt kept going gamely to record a half length win in a time of 57,42 secs.

A R70 000 buy from the 2019 Emperors Palace National 2YO Sale, Daichi is out of the two time winning Captain Al mare Darrie. His connections picked up a R60 000 Bloodstock SA Value Added Bonus for the victor.

His sire Act Of War won eight of only 12 starts for Joey Ramsden, with his six graded victories including a triumph in the 2014 G1 Cape Guineas, as well as scores in all of the Gr2 Selangor Cup, Gr3 Kuda Matchem Stakes, Gr3 Langerman and Gr3 Cape Classic.

Unplaced once from 12 starts, Act Of War earned R1 820 500.

Act Of War, who won graded races at two, three and four, is one of seven winners produced by the stakes placed Cordoba mare Si Seniorita. The latter, also dam of Gr3 Langerman winner Subastador and Listed Off To Stud Handicap winner Luna De Victoria, was South Africa's Broodmare Of The Year in 2014-2015.

Act Of War stands at Summerhill – his fee is available on application.

DIGEST DIARY

Features To Come

Sat 1 Feb	Gr1 Sun Met 2000m Kenilworth
	Gr1 Majorca Stakes 1600m Kenilworth
	Gr1 Cape Flying Championship 1000m Kenilworth
	Gr2 Western Cape Stayers 2800m Kenilworth
	Gr3 Politician Stakes 1800m Kenilworth
	(L) Summer Juvenile S. 1000m Kenilworth
Sat 8 Feb	Gr2 Gauteng Guineas 1600m Turffontein (S)
	Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas 1600m Turffontein (S)
	Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Hcp 1000m Turffontein (S)
	(L) Wolf Power 1600 1600m Turffontein (S)

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date	close	high	low	volume
29Jan	150	155	138	256,599
28Jan	152	178	148	57,122
27Jan	160	175	160	980,808
24Jan	160	175	159	92,201
23Jan	170	185	169	17,754
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

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Saturday, 25 January

Course Variant: 2.45s slow

24.9mm was the combined total of rain and irrigation in the seven days leading up to this meeting. The penetrometer read 25 and the going was posted as Good to Soft. There was a 20km/h westerly head wind, and the false rail was out from 2m in the back straight to 5m on the bend with a 6m spur at the 500m mark.

Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes (3yo's) R200 000

Lerena's Sage Advice

With the more fancied pair of Spero Optima and Mohican folding to nothing, the rampant Gavin Lerena got the Robbie Sage-trained Green Laser to launch half-way down the home straight and register his maiden stakes success with an eye-catching victory in the R200 000 Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday. Trying the 1800m for the first time and bred to go a trip, Green Laser burst through a gap at the 350m after the grey filly Snow Palace had set the fractions. With both Mohican and Spero Optima given every chance as they tracked the leader all the way around and down the strip, Green Laser (13-2) was the stand-out as he burst through from two lengths off in fifth and ran on powerfully beat recent maiden winner Cornish Pomodoro (11-1) by 2,25 lengths. It was Gavin Lerena's third winner of the afternoon. Imperial Ruby (40-1) ran a cracker from a wide draw to run third a half length further back, with the rest well beaten and Whiskytangofoxtrot (44-1) rounding off a R7 769 quartet. The fancied Mohican (5-1), who apparently needs time to mature, and joint topweight Spero Optima (8-10) ran 17 and 23 lengths off the winner respectively. Placed third in the Listed Secretariat Stakes last time, Green Laser, a R100 000 National Yearling Sales graduate, has now won 2 races with 3 places from 7 starts for stakes of R244 150. Bred by Varsfontein Stud, Green Laser is a son of SA's leading first crop sire of 2015/16 Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready), out of the Parade Leader mare, Dance Domain.

Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes 1600m

Winner Green Laser raced 5th; led 350m; ran on strongly
 Runner-up Cornish Pomodoro raced 6th about a length behind the eventual winner; ran on
 Third Imperial Ruby raced at the back of the ten, some four lengths behind the eventual winner; ran on

Time: Although this was the quickest of the four 1600m races, comparatively it was only the fifth fastest of the nine races on the card. We gave the winner (prev 90/91/91/80/87) 91 which makes the runner-up (prev 81/79) 87 and the third (prev 46/62/73/83/80) 9

91	1	0.00	GREEN LASER	(3)	58.0	G Lerena	13/2
3 b c	Gimmethgreenlight - Dance Domain (Parade Leader)						
87	2	2.25	CORNISH POMODORO	(7)	58.0	L J Ferraris	11/1
3 b c	Pomodoro - Splinter (Casey Tibbs)						
90	3	2.75	IMPERIAL RUBY	(10)	60.0	M Thackeray	40/1
3 ch g	Silvano - Ruby Necklace (IRE) (Sadler's Wells)						
80	4	5.75	Whiskytangofoxtrot	(1)	58.0	D L Habib	44/1
78	5	5.85	Virtuosa	(4)	57.5	J Moutard	18/1
69	6	11.25	Tiger's Rock	(2)	58.0	K Matsunyane	44/1
63	7	14.25	Pax Romana	(5)	58.0	W Kennedy	18/1
57	8	17.00	Mohican	(6)	58.0	A Marcus	5/1
49	9	23.00	Spero Optima	(9)	60.0	C Murray	8/10
44	10	25.00	Snow Palace	(8)	59.5	M v Rensburg	17/2
Time:	113.11s (62.84s avg/1000m, or 57km/h)					SP Total %: 122%	
1st T:RR	Sage O: Messrs M Lieveaux & J R van der Linden						
B:	Varsfontein Stud						

Green Laser
Up To 96

The Robbie Sage-trained Green Laser has had his rating upped from 94 to 96 after his win in the Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

The Handicappers took this view of the race due to the fact that Snow Palace and Spero Optima failed to run to form and consequently used Green Laser to the nett figure of 84 which he achieved when finishing third in the Listed Secretariat Stakes (also against three-year-olds) at his most recent start.

With the WFA differential between the 1400m of the Secretariat Stakes and the 1800m of the Sea Cottage Stakes, this has Green Laser running to a gross rating of 96 and as such, that was the figure which he has been allocated.

It should be noted that Green Laser was weighted to beat Cornish Pomodoro, Imperial Ruby and Whiskytangofoxtrot at these terms.

Runner-up Cornish Pomodoro goes up from 87 to 91, while third placed Imperial Ruby was raised from 86 to 94. Fourth finisher Whiskytangofoxtrot goes up from 82 to 84.

Two horses were given a rating's drop, with Virtuosa being trimmed from 96 to 95 and Tiger's Rock dropping from 89 to 85.

· Press release issued by NHA on Monday 27 January 2020

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TOP SCORERS for 2019/2020

(updated to 26 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

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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
12,218,410	Klawervlei Stud	356	34,321	1245	96	119	27%	3	4	3%	364	29%	4	One World 579,375 5%
10,497,347	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	209	50,227	811	79	107	38%	6	7	8%	253	31%	9	Barahin 593,250 6%
7,000,837	Summerhill Stud	206	33,985	851	54	71	26%	0	0	0%	217	25%	1	Chijmes 350,900 5%
5,882,310	Highlands	140	42,017	548	59	77	42%	2	2	3%	163	30%	4	Kelpie 224,937 4%
5,200,237	Varsfontein Stud	96	54,169	373	40	51	42%	3	3	8%	120	32%	4	Kilindini 761,625 15%
4,360,624	Drakenstein Stud	110	39,642	381	38	47	35%	2	2	5%	127	33%	5	King Of Gems 244,750 6%
4,338,074	Maine Chance	110	39,437	405	33	55	30%	1	1	3%	116	29%	3	Wisteria Walk 206,375 5%
3,754,675	Lammerskraal Stud	68	55,216	231	32	43	47%	1	1	3%	62	27%	5	Russet Air 308,750 8%
2,900,687	Moutonshoek	108	26,858	431	26	33	24%	0	0	0%	117	27%	1	Le Tigre 138,450 5%
2,748,875	Nadeson Park Stud	82	33,523	341	26	31	32%	0	0	0%	98	29%	3	Orchid Street 170,750 6%
2,703,600	Ascot Stud	75	36,048	300	26	33	35%	0	0	0%	96	32%	3	Jack Of Hearts 193,300 7%
2,662,225	Scott Bros	95	28,023	453	23	24	24%	2	2	9%	108	24%	1	Latest Craze 184,500 7%
2,413,999	Favour Stud	76	31,763	323	19	29	25%	0	0	0%	80	25%	3	Windy Flight 135,900 6%
2,375,787	Normandy Stud	44	53,995	180	17	22	39%	1	1	6%	56	31%	1	Rio Querari 605,350 25%
2,335,500	Al Adiyat	24	97,313	82	11	15	46%	1	1	9%	18	22%	1	Zillzaal 1,275,625 55%
2,138,112	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	87	24,576	345	17	24	20%	0	0	0%	92	27%	1	Glacier Girl 158,825 7%
2,052,675	La Plaisance Stud	71	28,911	214	17	19	24%	0	0	0%	79	37%	3	Crome Yellow 236,250 12%

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
8,226,573	Silvano	162	50,781	573	56	73	35%	6	6	11%	169	29%	8	Zillzaal 1,275,625 16%
6,617,935	*Captain Al	113	58,566	416	42	56	37%	3	3	7%	155	37%	5	Mississippi Burning 790,062 12%
6,063,038	Gimmethgreenlight	138	43,935	529	44	59	32%	3	3	7%	148	28%	9	Barahin 593,250 10%
5,838,949	Oratorio	110	53,081	465	49	68	45%	3	3	6%	141	30%	3	Viva Rio 485,375 8%
5,689,425	Var	124	45,882	492	43	58	35%	2	3	5%	146	30%	3	Vardy 1,156,250 20%
5,323,073	What A Winter	134	39,724	516	39	55	29%	4	4	10%	179	35%	6	Russet Air 308,750 6%
5,167,173	Querari	135	38,275	500	44	52	33%	2	2	5%	137	27%	4	Rio Querari 605,350 12%
5,052,100	*Dynasty	111	45,514	423	40	57	36%	3	4	8%	136	32%	5	Belgarion 381,250 8%
4,426,950	Master Of My Fate	126	35,135	482	37	43	29%	0	0	0%	140	29%	2	Driving Miss Daisy 477,500 11%
4,074,813	Pathfork	88	46,305	374	41	51	47%	3	4	7%	100	27%	1	Jet Start 209,400 5%
3,994,273	Jackson	78	51,209	285	25	36	32%	0	0	0%	78	27%	1	Pure State 1,328,875 33%
3,875,387	Twice Over	116	33,409	447	35	38	30%	1	1	3%	139	31%	1	Invidia 315,750 8%
3,804,386	Ideal World	92	41,352	364	29	36	32%	3	4	10%	121	33%	3	Vistula 359,500 9%
3,613,562	Duke Of Marmalade	105	34,415	366	33	40	31%	1	1	3%	113	31%	1	Larentina 192,000 5%
3,530,712	Elusive Fort	112	31,524	484	29	36	26%	1	1	3%	147	30%	1	Elusive Fortune 146,375 4%
3,382,338	Visionaire	112	30,199	403	21	26	19%	0	0	0%	94	23%	0	Spiritofthegroove 566,000 17%
3,071,549	Vercingetorix	68	45,170	240	23	37	34%	1	2	4%	64	27%	3	Ikigai 274,375 9%

LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES

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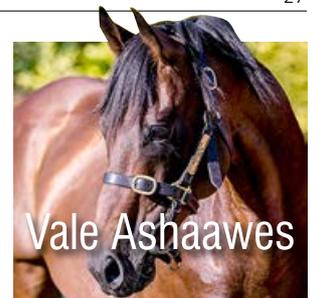
Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/rnr%	plcs	plc/rnr%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
3,446,073	Querari	70	49,230	285	31	35	44%	1	1	3%	78	27%	1	Rio Querari 605,350 18%
3,369,811	*Captain Al	49	68,772	185	23	30	47%	1	1	4%	67	36%	2	Mississippi Burning 790,062 23%
3,009,049	Vercingetorix	67	44,911	239	22	36	33%	1	2	5%	64	27%	3	Ikigai 274,375 9%
2,716,948	Jackson	47	57,807	164	14	21	30%	0	0	0%	37	23%	1	Pure State 1,328,875 49%
2,615,062	Captain Of All	49	53,369	187	22	27	45%	1	1	5%	52	28%	0	Shango 350,000 13%
2,547,362	Gimmethgreenlight	64	39,803	213	21	30	33%	2	2	10%	54	25%	5	Third Runway 336,250 13%
2,485,375	Silvano	59	42,125	204	16	22	27%	3	3	19%	58	28%	2	Kilindini 761,625 31%
2,465,525	Master Of My Fate	74	33,318	274	23	23	31%	0	0	0%	79	29%	1	Driving Miss Daisy 477,500 19%
2,460,475	Duke Of Marmalade	66	37,280	244	20	27	30%	1	1	5%	85	35%	0	Larentina 192,000 8%
2,332,762	Oratorio	51	45,740	204	19	27	37%	1	1	5%	61	30%	1	Viva Rio 485,375 21%
2,175,537	*Dynasty	44	49,444	167	21	29	48%	0	0	0%	62	37%	1	Kelpie 224,937 10%
2,157,462	What A Winter	62	34,798	256	17	21	27%	2	2	12%	90	35%	1	Sarah 264,500 12%
2,038,513	Visionaire	58	35,147	173	10	11	17%	0	0	0%	43	25%	0	Spiritofthegroove 566,000 28%
2,026,237	Twice Over	55	36,841	214	17	19	31%	0	0	0%	63	29%	0	Invidia 315,750 16%
1,944,312	Flower Alley	48	40,507	173	19	25	40%	0	0	0%	57	33%	2	Rock Aloe 140,275 7%

LEADING SIRES by AEPR

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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
1,690,013	*Kahal	27	62,593	140	11	16	41%	1	3	9%	48	34%	0	Prince Of Kahal 493,625 29%
6,617,935	*Captain Al	113	58,566	416	42	56	37%	3	3	7%	155	37%	5	Mississippi Burning 790,062 12%
5,838,949	Oratorio	110	53,081	465	49	68	45%	3	3	6%	141	30%	3	Viva Rio 485,375 8%
3,994,273	Jackson	78	51,209	285	25	36	32%	0	0	0%	78	27%	1	Pure State 1,328,875 33%
8,226,573	Silvano	162	50,781	573	56	73	35%	6	6	11%	169	29%	8	Zillzaal 1,275,625 16%
3,024,950	*Sail From Seattle	63	48,015	262	26	41	41%	1	1	4%	89	34%	2	Dancing In Seattle 258,625 9%
4,074,813	Pathfork	88	46,305	374	41	51	47%	3	4	7%	100	27%	1	Jet Start 209,400 5%
5,689,425	Var	124	45,882	492	43	58	35%	2	3	5%	146	30%	3	Vardy 1,156,250 20%
5,052,100	*Dynasty	111	45,514	423	40	57	36%	3	4	8%	136	32%	5	Belgarion 381,250 8%
2,808,237	Captain Of All	62	45,294	208	24	30	39%	1	1	4%	60	29%	0	Shango 350,000 12%
3,071,549	Vercingetorix	68	45,170	240	23	37	34%	1	2	4%	64	27%	3	Ikigai 274,375 9%
6,063,038	Gimmethgreenlight	138	43,935	529	44	59	32%	3	3	7%	148	28%	9	Barahin 593,250 10%
838,450	*Await The Dawn	20	41,923	83	7	11	35%	0	0	0%	24	29%	0	Master And Man 192,250 23%
3,804,386	Ideal World	92	41,352	364	29	36	32%	3	4	10%	121	33%	3	Vistula 359,500 9%
5,323,073	What A Winter	134	39,724	516	39	55	29%	4	4	10%	179	35%	6	Russet Air 308,750 6%

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Sandown Stud bid farewell to resident stallion Ashaawes, when he passed away at the age of 17.

Ashaawes, who shared his French classic winning sire Kingmambo with such top stallions as King Kamehameha, Lemon Drop Kid and King's Best, showed plenty of promise during his brief racing career.

The handsome bay, whose full-brother Meydan City was sold for \$11.7 million at the 2006 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, won 3 of only 7 starts, from 1400m to 2000m. Retired to Sandown in 2008, Ashaawes was quick to make his mark. His very first crop yielded 16 winners from just 28 runners, headed by Gr3 Champagne Stakes/Gr3 Prix du Cap winner Priceless Jewel and Racing Association Stakes winner Way Clear.

The real star of Ashaawes' first crop was the remarkable Sanshaawes, a bargain R30 000 buy, who shone in Dubai after a stellar local racing career.

Third, to subsequent Equus Champion Cape-town Noir, in the 2013 Gr1 Investec Cape Derby, Sanshaawes won four times in Dubai and finished runner up, to subsequent Dubai World Cup winner Prince Bishop in the 2014 Gr1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3.

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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	518	71	14%	107	21%	33%	64	12%	240	46%	10,788,388	20,827
J Snaith	617	74	12%	101	16%	33%	80	13%	286	46%	7,339,946	11,896
MF de Kock	317	50	16%	75	24%	35%	41	13%	153	48%	7,190,750	22,684
PA Peter	434	72	17%	86	20%	31%	39	9%	204	47%	6,641,025	15,302
BJ Crawford	364	69	19%	82	23%	39%	46	13%	191	52%	6,561,844	18,027
AC Greeff	535	94	18%	136	25%	40%	72	13%	280	52%	5,774,188	10,793
GS Kotzen	420	45	11%	51	12%	39%	49	12%	170	40%	4,667,820	11,114
Y Bremner	443	46	10%	43	10%	40%	48	11%	191	43%	3,739,650	8,442
JAJ v Vuuren	260	36	14%	41	16%	39%	32	12%	117	45%	3,303,375	12,705
C Bass-Robinson	377	30	8%	32	8%	34%	40	11%	154	41%	3,137,847	8,323
GD Smith	546	41	8%	26	5%	19%	43	8%	182	33%	2,871,775	5,260
GB Puller	227	30	13%	25	11%	36%	29	13%	91	40%	2,797,250	12,323
AN Marcus	94	14	15%	11	12%	45%	11	12%	44	47%	2,735,674	29,103
VH Marshall	216	30	14%	27	13%	37%	27	13%	95	44%	2,712,036	12,556
SD Gray	242	24	10%	25	10%	24%	30	12%	103	43%	2,640,400	10,911
A Nel	265	25	9%	37	14%	27%	30	11%	129	49%	2,632,136	9,933
GM Alexander	192	23	12%	16	8%	50%	20	10%	73	38%	2,592,125	13,501
DR Drier	226	26	12%	26	12%	50%	20	9%	98	43%	2,521,025	11,155
D Kannemeyer	201	26	13%	42	21%	29%	31	15%	103	51%	2,490,525	12,391
AG Laird	170	22	13%	29	17%	41%	24	14%	83	49%	2,360,550	13,886
PF Matchett	314	23	7%	21	7%	19%	29	9%	120	38%	2,323,150	7,399
G v Zyl	159	23	14%	36	23%	36%	16	10%	75	47%	2,138,125	13,447
RR Magnier	195	14	7%	14	7%	36%	23	12%	73	37%	1,945,825	9,979
Ashley Fortune	211	14	7%	24	11%	17%	21	10%	64	30%	1,909,425	9,049
GV Woodruff	188	21	11%	23	12%	39%	15	8%	66	35%	1,877,062	9,984
M Houdalakis	170	16	9%	19	11%	26%	16	9%	69	41%	1,687,925	9,929

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	797	146	18%	178	22%	37%	100	13%	430	54%	12,938,675	16,234
G Cheyne	482	101	21%	145	30%	41%	64	13%	271	56%	6,435,400	13,351
R Fourie	339	65	19%	104	31%	35%	55	16%	201	59%	5,746,047	16,950
M Yeni	656	64	10%	91	14%	20%	87	13%	293	45%	6,339,638	9,664
S Khumalo	548	60	11%	62	11%	32%	74	14%	244	45%	6,263,025	11,429
A Marcus	181	58	32%	113	62%	40%	36	20%	129	71%	5,669,623	31,324
K De Melo	418	58	14%	71	17%	34%	56	13%	225	54%	5,472,997	13,093
C Maujean	545	56	10%	47	9%	36%	53	10%	231	42%	4,863,975	8,925
C Murray	329	50	15%	65	20%	35%	33	10%	140	43%	6,033,175	18,338
R Munger	552	46	8%	39	7%	26%	48	9%	206	37%	3,833,738	6,945
R Danielson	289	44	15%	61	21%	34%	38	13%	135	47%	3,978,100	13,765
M v Rensburg	431	43	10%	47	11%	23%	46	11%	178	41%	4,054,000	9,406
G Lerena	191	38	20%	56	29%	34%	21	11%	103	54%	4,115,650	21,548
D Schwarz	385	38	10%	32	8%	47%	38	10%	155	40%	5,494,525	14,271
M Byleveld	374	37	10%	29	8%	38%	36	10%	153	41%	3,422,947	9,152
L J Ferraris	363	37	10%	31	9%	29%	40	11%	141	39%	4,143,200	11,414
C Zackey	320	36	11%	23	7%	35%	29	9%	129	40%	4,879,687	15,249
C Orffer	220	26	12%	33	15%	30%	27	12%	107	49%	2,772,686	12,603
B Fayd'herbe	192	25	13%	25	13%	24%	23	12%	94	49%	2,100,461	10,940
C F Dicken	249	25	10%	10	4%	20%	20	8%	96	38%	2,147,038	8,623
L Mxothwa	292	24	8%	18	6%	44%	28	10%	111	38%	1,949,836	6,678
N Klink	238	24	10%	25	11%	36%	21	9%	89	37%	1,546,325	6,497
S Veale	311	23	7%	34	11%	35%	27	9%	120	39%	2,600,950	8,363
D Dillon	313	23	7%	25	8%	36%	31	10%	136	43%	2,866,536	9,158
S Randolph	279	22	8%	16	6%	31%	26	9%	111	40%	2,346,225	8,409
M Winnaar	179	22	12%	25	14%	32%	27	15%	88	49%	2,606,571	14,562
S Moodley	239	21	9%	5	2%	60%	19	8%	71	30%	1,983,775	8,300
W Agrella	147	20	14%	19	13%	42%	17	12%	80	54%	1,606,500	10,929



Warren Kennedy is red hot at the moment

Open Sesame

Eyes Wide Open is priced around 50-1 for the Sun Met on Saturday. His pilot, Winning Form-sponsored Warren Kennedy is worth lengths at the moment. The SA log-leading rider rode eight winners in two days earlier this week at Vaal and Hollywoodbets Scottsville and is on 154 winners ahead of this afternoon at the Vaal. He is the form jockey and Eyes Wide Open could be the value kicker in the R8 million big race quartet.



Chase Liebenberg

Adam Marcus only has the Met duo on Saturday

Adam(ant)

The 30 year old Adam Marcus has enjoyed his best season to date with two Gr1 successes in the bag. He could write his name into the record books on Saturday when he sends out his first two Met runners – Vardy and Twist Of Fate, both serious contenders for top honours in the Cape extravaganza. Marcus, who is based at Milnerton, has only the two runners on the big day – so it's clear what his focus is.



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Justin Snaith & Richard Fourie are major day merchants

Big Guns

What price a Snaith-Fourie Sun Met day Gr1 treble? Defending champ Kasimir (Cape Flying Championship), Silvano's Pride (Majorca Stakes) and Do It Again (Sun Met). Kasimir takes on the unbeaten Run Fox Run, but is fitter than last time. Silvano's Pride is going to be ridden with more restraint- and we all know what Do It Again is capable of. Might be worth considering as the major



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AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
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/-/-/-/-
109	Mr Flood	4	Pathfork	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	16Jan	1	Cnd	1200	Vaal	109/-/-/-/-
108	Rebel's Champ	5	Rebel King	Nine Bridges Association	26Jan	1	Cnd	1200	Scottsville	113/-/-/-/-
105	Social Order	6	Count Dubois	Boland Stud	18Jan	3	MR104	1400	Turffontein	100/105/106/106/-
104	Fabian	4	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	25Jan	1	MR104	1200	Kenilworth	104/95/-/-/-
101	Dutch Philip	5	What A Winter	Rex Stud	24Jan	4	MR104	1200	Fairview	119/104/-/-/-
101	Kimberley Star	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	24Jan	1	MR104	1200	Fairview	101/101/-/93/61/
99	Priceless Ruler	4	Pathfork	Highlands	25Jan	1	Cnd	1500	Kenilworth	90/101/91/-/-/-
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
109	La Bella Mia	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	25Jan	1	MR99f	1200	Turffontein	109/83/-/-/-
103	Elusive Heart	5	Elusive Fort	Narrow Creek Stud	24Jan	2	MR104	1200	Fairview	103/101/82/97/-
101	Larentina	3	Duke Of Marmalade	GJ Armitage	25Jan	2	MR100	1200	Kenilworth	101/97/-/-/-
95	Pool Party	6	Kahal	The Flying Stud	25Jan	6	MR99f	1200	Turffontein	99/99/-/-/-
95	Candy Galore	4	Noordhoek Flyer	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	15Jan	1	MR85f	1000	Scottsville	95/-/-/-/-
93	Too Phat To Fly	5	Bezzin	Limestone Thoroughbred Trust	21Jan	3	MR92f	1400	Vaal	101/101/-/-/-
93	Saragon	5	Ideal World	SJD Mynhardt	18Jan	2	MR104	1400	Turffontein	80/94/77/-/-/-
92	Stellar Motion	3	Captain Of All	IR Heyns	25Jan	1	MR78f	1200	Turffontein	92/-/-/-/-
92	Ooh La La	4	Querari	AC Dickerson	15Jan	1	MR86f	1400	Scottsville	66/92/-/-/-
92	Luna Wish	3	Querari	B Le Roux	17Jan	2	MR95f	1300	Fairview	92/92/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
110	Tierra Del Fuego	4	Skitt Skizzle	Bosworth Farm Stud	25Jan	2	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	-/110/-/-/-
108	Dawn Assault	6	Call To Combat	Graystone Stud	18Jan	2	Cnd	2400	Turffontein	59/92/106/106/108/
106	Blackball	5	Black Minnaloushe	Shirluck Stud	19Jan	4	MR109	1800	Greyville	84/105/106/103/83/
106	Cirillo	4	Pomodoro	Riverton Stud	25Jan	8	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	110/116/114/-/-/-
105	Tristful	4	Trippi	Gary Player Stud	19Jan	2	MR109	1800	Greyville	79/105/105/-/-
105	Zouaves	6	Sail From Seattle	Danika Stud	25Jan	7	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	109/112/94/-/-/-
104	Viva Rio	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	14Jan	1	Cnd	1600	Kenilworth	63/104/-/-/-
103	The Dazzler	5	Mogok	Scott Bros	19Jan	5	MR109	1800	Greyville	91/106/103/101/-
98	Captain Of Tortuga	4	Captain Al	Drakenstein Stud & Team Valor Int	25Jan	3	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	89/99/-/-/-
97	G G's Dynasty	4	Dynasty	Normandy Stud	19Jan	1	MR109	1800	Greyville	56/99/97/-/-/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
104	Return Flight	4	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	21Jan	3	Cndfm	1800	Vaal	-/104/104/104/103/
100	Seville Orange	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	21Jan	2	Cndfm	1800	Vaal	76/84/100/98/99/
97	Camphoratus	5	Byword	R & Mrs Pickering	25Jan	6	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	76/104/99/104/-
96	Fidelity By Farr	5	Go Deputy	Lammerskraal Stud	21Jan	1	Cndfm	1800	Vaal	68/93/97/98/98/
96	Jet Start	5	Pathfork	PT & P Dimakogiannis	21Jan	4	Cndfm	1800	Vaal	82/86/102/95/89/
95	Lady Of Steel	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	25Jan	1	MR84f	1600	Turffontein	89/95/-/-/-
93	Statute	5	Dynasty	Cheveley Stud	26Jan	4	MR90f	1600	Scottsville	94/93/-/-/-
91	Labyrinth	3	Oratorio	AN Foster	25Jan	1	MR92f	1600	Kenilworth	71/91/-/-/-
89	On The Double	4	Twice Over	Avontuur Farm	26Jan	1	MR90f	1600	Scottsville	78/89/-/-/-
88	Arizona Sunset	5	Mogok	R Plersch	19Jan	1	MR76f	1600	Greyville	50/88/83/72/84/

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
104	Viva Rio	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	14Jan	1	Cnd	1600	Kenilworth	63/104/-/-/-
95	Al Borak	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadeson Park Stud	25Jan	3	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	79/95/-/-/-
95	Eden Roc	3	Var	Varfontein Stud	16Jan	2	Cnd	1200	Vaal	107/100/-/-/-
94	Western Fort	3	Elusive Fort	Ten Einde Farm	18Jan	1	MR72	2000	Turffontein	-/49/76/94/-
94	King Of Gems	3	Kingsbarns	Drakenstein Stud	25Jan	3	Cnd	1500	Kenilworth	92/97/-/-/-
94	Enjoy The View	3	Capetown Noir	GC Kalil	15Jan	1	Cnd	1200	Scottsville	94/93/-/-/-
92	Bohica	3	Capetown Noir	Summerhill Stud	25Jan	4	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	64/92/-/-/-
92	Snow Report	3	What A Winter	Limestone Thoroughbred Trust	14Jan	2	Cnd	1600	Kenilworth	90/92/-/-/-
92	Master Of Illusion	3	Master Of My Fate	Varfontein Stud	26Jan	8	MR90	1400	Scottsville	96/92/-/-/-
91	Green Laser	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Varfontein Stud	25Jan	1	Cnd-3	1800	Turffontein	91/91/91/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
101	Larentina	3	Duke Of Marmalade	GJ Armitage	25Jan	2	MR100	1200	Kenilworth	101/97/-/-/-
95	Lady Of Steel	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	25Jan	1	MR84f	1600	Turffontein	89/95/-/-/-
92	Stellar Motion	3	Captain Of All	IR Heyns	25Jan	1	MR78f	1200	Turffontein	92/-/-/-/-
92	Luna Wish	3	Querari	B Le Roux	17Jan	2	MR95f	1300	Fairview	92/92/-/-/-
92	Rio's Winter	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	21Jan	2	MR92f	1400	Vaal	94/92/-/-/-
91	Labyrinth	3	Oratorio	AN Foster	25Jan	1	MR92f	1600	Kenilworth	71/91/-/-/-
91	Binoche	3	Vercingetorix	DBR Consulting	25Jan	2	MR100	1200	Kenilworth	94/-/-/-/-
90	Risk Taker	3	Frankel	Klawervlei Stud	25Jan	2	Cnd	1450	Turffontein	88/90/-/-/-
88	El' Zara	3	Captain Al	Boland Stud	25Jan	4	MR99f	1200	Turffontein	94/57/-/-/-
88	Querari Ferrari	3	Querari	Royal Albatross Inv	25Jan	2	MR84f	1600	Turffontein	69/88/-/-/-

SIGNPOSTS

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

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Captain's Flo 2f (Tiger Flo by Tiger Ridge)

[Kenilworth 3 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(01/02\)](#)

Emblem Of Hope 2c (Eternal Sunshine by National Emblem)

[Kenilworth 3 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(01/02\)](#)

Dad's Catch 2f (Westerns by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 3 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(01/02\)](#)

FUTURA (Dynasty)

All Sorts 2f (Candy Vous by Candy Stripes)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1000m \(31/01\)](#)

GLOBAL VIEW (Galileo)

Global Drummer 2c (Royal Drummer by Kilconnel)

[Kenilworth 3 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(01/02\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Eternal Hope 2f (Hope Forever by El Prado)

[Kenilworth 3 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(01/02\)](#)

Pray For Rain 2c (Kitco by Var)

[Kenilworth 3 Summer Juvenile Stakes \(Listed\) 1000m \(01/02\)](#)

2nd season sires - 3yo's

CAPTOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Brunilda 3g (Sully's Landing by Jet Master)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(31/01\)](#)

Numerical 3g (Roman Dream by Jallad)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Holy Guacamole 3g (Fort Belvedere by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(31/01\)](#)

Captain Yolo 3g (Encora de Lago by Encosta de Lago)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Cartel Captain 3g (Ruby Cartel by Mogok)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

What You Are 3g (Twinkle Star by Counter Action)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Giant's Garden 3g (Cinnamon Sugar by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

Noele Pag'e 3g (Cosmogenic by Miesque's Approval)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

Milford Sound 3g (Fort Sylvia by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(01/02\)](#)

Parterre 3g (Square Dance by Oasis Dream)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Politician Stakes \(3yo's\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

Bayberry 3g (Berry Blaze by Danehill Dancer)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Politician Stakes \(3yo's\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

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

[Kenilworth 11 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

KINGSBARN (Galileo)

Sir Michael 3g (Archerfield by Arch)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Politician Stakes \(3yo's\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

Swanking 3g (Silwood by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

Grey Linngari 3g (Corre Solta by Ski Champ)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

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

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

Magari 3g (Magic Potion by Malhub)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 2000m \(31/01\)](#)

SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Rain Dance 3g (Temple Goddess by Pulpit)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 2000m \(31/01\)](#)

Friends Forever 3g (Juror by Strike Smartly)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

Pluviophile 3g (Miss Virgo by Fastnet Rock)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

Alramz 3g (Valdivia by Var)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Late At Night 3g (Clandestine by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Politician Stakes \(3yo's\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

Enrique 3g (Erin by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 7 MR 94 Handicap \(3yo's\) 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

Congo Compaq 3g (District Six by Mujadil)

[Kenilworth 12 MR 85 Handicap 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Great Warrior 3g (Glowing Amber by Deputy Minister)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

Glory Days 3g (Dream Of Gold by Sadler's Wells)

[Fairview 2 Sophomore Plate \(3yo's\) 1400m \(31/01\)](#)

Hooves Of Troy 3g (Secret Magok by Mogok)

[Fairview 2 Sophomore Plate \(3yo's\) 1400m \(31/01\)](#)

Saipan 3g (She's A Stunner by Toreador)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

Nan 3g (Classical by Galileo)

[Fairview 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(31/01\)](#)

Uptotrix 3g (Nocturne by Captain Al)

[Greyville 8 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(31/01\)](#)

Hot Gossip 3g (Hot Number by Sportsworld)

[Turffontein 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

Meet At The George 3g (Nu by Sadler's Wells)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Sultanah 3g (Urooj by Galileo)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(01/02\)](#)

Wisteria Walk 3g (Wooden Doll by Fort Wood)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Vaseem 3g (Giant's Bounty by Giant's Causeway)

[Kenilworth 4 The CTS 1200 \(3yo's\)\(Non-Blacktype\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Viking Moon 3g (Touch The Moon by Untouchable)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Politician Stakes \(3yo's\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

Marshall 3g (Musayha by Not For Sale)

[Turffontein 7 MR 94 Handicap \(3yo's\) 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

War Jewel 3g (Perfect Diamond by Captain Al)

[Turffontein 7 MR 94 Handicap \(3yo's\) 1450m \(01/02\)](#)

Academic Gold 3g (Gold Academy by Goldkeeper)

[Kenilworth 11 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1800m \(01/02\)](#)

WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Miss Kylie 3g (Miss K by Kahal)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

Silver Wisp 3g (Silverstick by Strike Smartly)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(31/01\)](#)

Lady Wylie 3g (Hard Lady by Hard Up)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Bollinger 3g (Champagne 'n Roses by Goldmark)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate 1200m \(01/02\)](#)

Anika The Angel 3g (Cochineal by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

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

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

El Ballero 3g (Malaguena by Cordoba)

[Greyville 3 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(02/02\)](#)

Notable Maiden Winners

PHILANTHROPIST

Rated **AR 79 Rasputin's Remedy** (3g Tickle My Fancy by Fort Wood)*Maiden Plate Scottsville (inside) (2400m) (26/1)*

Although it took this one seven runs to win his maiden, he did catch the eye on a number of occasions, running on strongly. In the rear turning for home here, Rasputin's Remedy ran on best of all in the straight and won going away after getting up late.

Horses To Follow

GIMMETHGREENLIGHT

Rated **AR 95 Lady Of Steel** (3f Fair Maiden by Western Winter)*MR84 Handicap Turffontein (inner) (1600m) (25/1)*

Now unbeaten in three starts, this 3yo has showed good improvement with each outing. Always handy, she took up the running 200m from home and won well from another progressive sort in Querari Ferrari, with the rest some five lengths adrift.

ORATORIO

Rated **AR 91 Labyrinth** (3f Wheredowego by Captain Al)*MR92 Handicap (f&m) Kenilworth (new) (1600m) (25/1)*

Now a winner of three from six, Vaughan Marshall's charge has shown considerable improvement since returning from a three month break in November. She quickened nicely after striking the front 350m out and won well by a length and three quarters.

Winners Bred Abroad

Sunshine Mint (IRE) 5m Dawn Approach- Marble Silver(IRE)
(Notnowcato)

Fairview 1200m (24/01)

SPORTS AND BETTING

English Premier League

Tottenham vs Manchester City | Sunday 2 February |**Tottenham Hotspur Stadium | 18:30**

The Premier League returns with a mouth-watering set of clashes, with the highlight fixture of the round taking place at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Sunday as Spurs lock horns with Manchester

City, which will see Jose Mourinho and Pep Guardiola renew their long-standing rivalry. Despite Spurs playing at home, the Citizens are favourites going into the match and will certainly back themselves to collect maximum points. Which team will come out victorious? Here's our preview and prediction.

*Please note that this article was written prior to the Manchester derby in the Carabao Cup on Wednesday 29 January.

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TO WIN

Tottenham 9/2

Draw 7/2

Man City 11/20

TOTTENHAM

Spurs face City in the Premier League for the first time at the new Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and Mourinho will be hoping to give the fans some much-needed cheer after a string of frustrating results. Spurs were held to a 1-1 draw against Southampton at St Mary's in the FA Cup fourth round last Saturday to force a replay. The north Londoners went up thanks to Son Heung-Min's superb goal in the second half, but conceded a late goal to Sofiane Boufal.

MANCHESTER CITY

Manchester City booked their place in the fifth round of the FA Cup after an emphatic 4-0 win against Fulham last Sunday with goals from Ilkay Gundogan, Bernardo Silva and a brace from Gabriel Jesus. That win was City's seventh from their last eight games in all competitions.

Guardiola's men currently sit second in the Premier League – 16 points shy of Liverpool. By their own mighty standards, they've fallen some way short, but it could still turn out to be a memorable season for the Citizens as they find themselves in good stead in the FA Cup, Carabao Cup and the Champions League, a trophy that has eluded the blue side of Manchester.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

Tottenham: 4-2-3-1

Lloris; Aurier, Sanchez, Alderweireld, Vertonghen; Winks, Lo Celso; Son, Alli, Lamela; Moura.

Manchester City: 4-3-3

Ederson; Walker, Fernandinho, Laporte, Mendy; Rodri, D. Silva, De Bruyne; Mahrez, Aguero, Sterling.

PREDICTION: Manchester City **(11/20)**

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

Plenty of Value

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

Better Watch This One

Hollywoodbets Greyville 19 January

This meeting was originally scheduled to take place at Hollywoodbets Scottsville. The first division was the quicker of the two 1400m maiden plates for the girls that got proceedings underway and here victory went to the well-exposed MISS CHARLOTTE. Sent off second in the betting market at 15/4, Garth Puller's charge led throughout. She was two lengths clear coming off the bend and in what proved to be a real thriller, she only held on by the narrowest of margins from the 7/10 favourite LADY OF LUTETIA.

The MR92 Handicap was by far the faster of the two 1200m events on the card and here the stable of Garth Puller were again on the mark when the front running GEORGINA ROSE landed the spoils. A length and a quarter clear for most of the journey, the daughter of Just As Well kept on strongly over the final 400m and with the rest some three and a half lengths adrift, she beat the always handy PETRA by three quarters.

The two 1600m races were both handicaps and in the faster of these, the MR79 affair, the lightly raced 3yo SKOLLIE gained his second win from just three outings. In the rear turning for home, Gareth Van Zyl's charge ran on best of all and in another classic finish he did well to collar the odds on favourite BABY SHOOZ in the very last stride.

Titbits Both running on from the rear, BLUSH OF DAWN and EXPLOSIVE BEAUTY had the rest four and three quarter lengths adrift when dead-heating in the second division of the maiden plate for the girls over 1400m.

Classic Finishes

Vaal 21 January

Five of the nine races at the Vaal on Tuesday were staged over 1400m and in the fastest of these, a MR92 Handicap,

the Seventh Rock mare ROCKIN RUSSIAN registered her third career victory. Always handy, Sean Tarry's charge fought out a thrilling finish with both RIO'S WINTER and TOO PHAT TO FLY below the distance and got the verdict by a neck.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1800m where marginally the faster of the two was the pinnacle stakes won by FLICHITY BY FARR. Backed into second favourite during the afternoon, David Nieuwenhuizen's charge raced in the rear for most of the trip. Just seven had gone to post though and other than the 3 lengths advantage held by the front running SEVILLE ORANGE, the rest were quite tightly bunched. She ran on strongly over the final 400m and in another three way finish she got up late.

In terms of distance the easiest victory on the card was that of EPIC DREAM when winning the MR88 Handicap over 1100m. Positioned in the backend of midfield during the early part of the race, Candice Dawson's charge quickened nicely at the business end of the race and won going away by two and a half after striking the front 100m from home.

Titbits Running on from the rear after being a little slow into stride, lightly raced FRANKLIN won the maiden plate over 1400m going away.

Nice And Easy Does It

Fairview 22 January

There were a number of very easy victories on Wednesday's poly track card and none more so than that of SCOLDING in the maiden plate over 1000m. Soon positioned close to the speed, the daughter of Oratorio took up the running 200m out and despite being eased down late, she cruised in by six.

Another to win with authority was CALANDRA in the MR64 Handicap over 1400m. A facile winner in the maiden ranks

Last Week's Top Rated SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Rockin Russian won 30/1
 Jay's Hawk won 16/1
 Master Newton won 9/1
 Epic Dream won 8/1
 Latest Craze won 13/2
 Natural Jade won 5/1
 Miss Charlotte won 77/20
 Blush Of Dawn won 13/4

Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (10) Sloane 1
 Race 2: (6) Glory Days 58
 Race 3: (1) Little Drummer Boy 35
 Race 4: (9) Born A Bully 56
 Race 5: (4) Via Seattle 64
 Race 6: (4) Onesie 65
 Race 7: (1) Madame Speaker 67
 Race 8: (2) Elusive Green 35

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (2) Hopskipandjump 15
 Race 2: (6) Grey Linnari 22
Race 3: (11) Duchess Of Malfi 13 (nb)
Race 4: (4) War Office 30 (NAP*)
 Race 5: (5) Gentleman's Wager 66
 Race 6: (9) Red Chesnut Road 71
 Race 7: (8) Amber Furst 39
 Race 8: (13) La Bastide 46

TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Viper Jet 30 (nb)
Race 2: (12) Sultanah 23 (NAP*)
 Race 3: (10) Turf Master 14
 Race 4: (6) Duke Of Spin 78
 Race 5: (6) Wild Thoughts 46
 Race 6: (1) Winter Watch 53
 Race 7: (5) Follow My Path 46
 Race 8: (5) Written In Stone 53
 Race 9: (1) Tombola 41

KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (2) Bad Habit 24
 Race 2: (5) Senor Don 21
 Race 3: (5) Dad's Catch 46
 Race 4: (14) Sarah 68
 Race 5: (4) Sachdev 66
 Race 6: (7) It's Complex 56
 Race 7: (1) Kasimir 101
 Race 8: (1) Celtic Sea 91
 Race 9: (1) Do It Again 107
 Race 10: (11) Snapscan 101
 Race 11: (1) Silver Tiara 26
 Race 12: (11) Black Belt 56

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (8) Jay Fizz 15
 Race 2: (7) Alfonse Baby 21
 Race 3: (1) Master Of Destiny 16
 Race 4: (5) Born To Perform 70
 Race 5: (3) Peter Piper 40
 Race 6: (11) Royal Rustler 35
 Race 7: (7) Sherman 39
 Race 8: (5) All The Way Up 67
 Race 9: (15) La Bastide 37

Nap bets

* Fancied ** Strongly fancied
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CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

last time out, Alan Greeff's charge adopted a change of tactics here and raced handy. She put her head in front going through the 200m and won going away from the always handy MICROBE by two and a quarter.

The MR68 Handicap was the faster of the two 1000m events on the card and here the stable of Alan Greeff were again on the mark when SEATTLE MERMAID completed a smart hat-trick. Positioned in the backend of midfield at the top of the short home straight, the daughter of Sail From Seattle ran on strongly over the final 400m and just got the better of the heavily supported ULTRA BOOST by a quarter.

Titbits KINDRED COUNTESS was always clear when winning the opening maiden plate over 1600m for the girls very easily by four and three quarters.

6 Favourites

Vaal 23 January

All of the races on Thursday were for work riders and amazingly six of the races were won by the favourite. Two 1000m maiden plates got the meeting underway and in the faster of these, the first division, TOWARDS THE SUN opened her account, Soon up handy, the daughter of Trippi was ridden to lead approaching the 200m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by two and a quarter.

Two maiden plates over 1200m followed and in the quicker of these the easy to back LATEST CRAZE got off the mark. Positioned in midfield during the early part of the race, Stephen Lerena's charge ran on best of all and won going away by a length and a half after striking the front 120m or so from home.

In what proved to be by far the faster of

the two maiden events over 2400m the even money favourite NIMITZ recorded the biggest winning margin on the card. Running on from midfield, Mike De Kock's charge had the remainder some fourteen lengths adrift when getting the better of the well-exposed MAROON BELLS by three and three quarters.

Titbits The best bet on the card for many, THE JOCELYN TREE ran out a very easy winner of the maiden plate for the girls over 2400m.

Fairview Star

Fairview 24 January

The non-black type Fairview Merchants topped the bill on Friday's turf card and in what proved to be the fastest of the afternoon's four 1200m races, the easy to back KIMBERLEY STAR caused a bit of an upset. Freely available at 18/1 on the off, the lesser fancied of Alan Greeff's three runners raced in midfield early on. He ran on best of all over the final 400m and won comfortably by a length and a quarter from the well supported favourite ELUSIVE HEART.

The opening work rider's race was surprisingly the quicker of the two 1000m maiden events that opened up the meeting and here the former Cape Town campaigner NATURAL JADE got off the mark. Soon in command of a two lengths advantage, Juan Nel's charge led throughout. She kept on strongly at the business end of the race and ran out a very easy winner by five.

Just 1/100th of a second separated the times of the two 2000m race winners, the faster being the MR91 Handicap won by Palo Alto. Always handy in what wasn't a fast run race, the 5yo son of Silvano got the verdict on the nod after a thrilling tussle with SEEKING WISDOM.

Titbits Making her first appearance since relocating from Cape Town, DON'T BE BLUE won the maiden plate for the girls over 1200m with total authority by three and a quarter.

FASTEST TIMES

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

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (POLY)

19 JANUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,55s fast	
1000m (1) Di Mazzio	56,46
1200m (2) Georgina Rose	68,92
1400m (2) Miss Charlotte	82,42
1600m (2) Skollie	94,34
1800m (1) G G's Dynasty	106,23

VAAL 21 JANUARY

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,43s fast	
1100m (1) Epic Dream	62,11*
1400m (5) Rockin Russian	80,67
1600m (1) Dual At Dawn	94,48
1800m (2) Flichty By Farr	108,73

FAIRVIEW (POLY) 22 JANUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,16s slow	
1000m (2) Seattle Mermaid	57,83
1300m (1) Master Newton	76,62
1400m (2) Calandra	82,91
1600m (1) Kindred Countess	98,40
1900m (1) Wylie's Flame	116,26
2000m (1) Fiery Fort	122,98

VAAL 23 JANUARY

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,05s slow	
1000m (2) Towards The Sun	57,26
1200m (2) Latest Craze	70,54
1800m (2) Nebraas	110,27
2400m (2) Nimitz	151,69

FAIRVIEW (TURF) 24 JANUARY

Penetrometer 27 – Going Soft	
Course Variant:	
1000m (2) Natural Jade	56,94
1200m (4) Kimberley Star	67,43
2000m (2) Palo Alto	125,35

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

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Gauteng woman shatters payout record with Hollywoodbets biggest win to date - R5.7 million! The week started off in a remarkable way for our latest lucky winner when she logged into her Hollywoodbets cellphone betting account to see her new balance - R5 700 030! Thrilled and overwhelmed she had to leave the room to confirm that it wasn't all a dream she said. The 41-year-old police officer has big plans for her huge win - she is going to buy a new house, start her own business, and can now afford to put her children in a better school! The lucky winner bet on the Greece Powa Numbers draw, choosing four winning numbers and one bonus ball number at random.

This wife and mother of three is a long-time Hollywoodbets fan. She loves betting on lotteries and used to only play on the SA lottery until she discovered Hollywoodbets and the large amount of Lucky Numbers markets available to bet on (over 1001 Lucky Numbers Draws weekly!). She plays with Hollywoodbets daily, betting on her phone because she likes the convenience and ease to place her bets. Before becoming an instant millionaire with this incredible win, her biggest previous win was R13 000 with Hollywoodbets - of course.

"When I saw the money in my account I felt like I could sing. I am so so excited! Thank you very much to Hollywoodbets for giving me the chance to win like this. You have changed my life," she said.

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