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**RACING THIS WEEKEND**

**FAIRVIEW** Friday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R7-(1) Sail Smartly (15/10)**

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R9-(13) Smoking Hot (5/1)**

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R7-(3) Hildegarde(12/10)**

**HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE** Sunday  
*Best Roving Banker:*  
**R8-(7) Algarve (3/1)**

*You may have missed...*



Chase Liebenberg

# VARDY

## The Goals

The Gr1 Drill Hall Stakes at Hollywoodbets Greyville on 1 May could well be the SA Champions Season launch pad for Adam Marcus sensational L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner Vardy.

Currently quoted at 8,33-1 in the Hollywoodbets Vodacom Durban July ante-post market, the son of Var had no luck in the Sun Met when he was nearly brought down as he clipped the heels of Mike de Kock's favourite Hawwaam early on.

The charismatic athlete, who runs in the yellow Kantor flag, has captured the imagination of the South African racing public. But he was a bit worse for wear after an unhappy race in the Cape flagship.

Trainer Adam Marcus told the Sporting Post today that his star was near back to his old self but would be given a nice break at Milnerton before the transfer to Summerveld for South Africa's premier season.

"It's a well known fact that he is not an easy horse.

Besides his delicate mouth, things have to go his way. He got all the attention and care he needed. I put him on a soft feed, got him relaxed again and he has shown signs of being his old self again."

Adam said that, while nothing was cast in stone and plans with thoroughbreds were always fluid, the Drill Hall would be a good starting point for Vardy, with the July and other major races like the Gold Challenge and even the Champions Cup on the radar.

"Obviously the 2200m of the July remains an unknown. Given what happened in the Met, we still are none the wiser if he will get 2000m or beyond. And the July is a handicap, so we need to look at the overall picture – weight and quality of opposition being two chief factors," added Adam.

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## JACKSON

**LEADING SIRE S OF 3YO'S BY STAKES**  
season 2019/2020 \* 1 August - 9 February 2020

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/	plcs	plc/	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
						wnr/	wns	wns	wns	wns	
5,333,896	Jackson	47	113,487	178	16	24	34%	0	0	0%	Count Jack 2,652,511 39%
4,594,937	Twice Over	55	83,544	232	19	21	35%	0	0	0%	One World 2,289,375 25%
4,100,799	Vercingetorix	67	61,206	268	25	40	37%	1	2	4%	Prince Of Kahal 493,625 28%

**LEADING SIRE S BY AEPR**  
season 2019/2020 \* 1 August - 9 February 2020 with 20 or more runners

Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/	plcs	plc/	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
						wnr/	wns	wns	wns	wns	
6,726,646	Jackson	81	83,045	308	27	41	33%	0	0	0%	Count Jack 2,652,511 39%
9,153,135	*Captain Al	113	81,001	449	45	63	40%	4	5	9%	One World 2,289,375 25%
1,765,063	*Kahal	27	65,373	149	11	17	41%	1	3	9%	Prince Of Kahal 493,625 28%

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## VARDY - THE GOALS

He said that that on the flipside, Vardy's yard-mate Twist Of Fate had come through his fourth finish in the Sun Met with flying colours. The son of Master Of My Fate is currently at 12,5-1 with Hollywoodbets' long-term July betting market and ran third in last year's Vodacom Durban July behind Do It Again. His track record shows that he loves the Hollywoodbets Greyville circuit.

"If Twist Of Fate gets a nice weight in the July, he is a mature stronger horse this year and could be a serious runner. He is a genuine horse who never runs a bad race."

Adam, who is visiting KZN for the third time on his own account, having achieved plenty of success with his Dad Basil over many years earlier, said that his very select string would include his Cape Fillies Guineas victress Mississippi Burning, and the solid Geoff Woodruff stayer, Dharma.

"Mississippi Burning is on a well deserved break after her big victory in December and will have the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes on July day as her main mission. We will also likely target the WSB Fillies Guineas at the start of the season, and then possibly use the Tibouchina Stakes in June to keep her on the boil," he added, saying that he would be discussing all plans and ideas with his owners.

The Winter Derby and Cape Summer Stayers winner Dharma, who is looked after at Milnerton by Lucinda Woodruff for her Dad, Geoff, will probably target the Gold Cup on Super Saturday.

"He is a solid stayer and there are some nice distance races for him en route to the Gold Cup. He will be stabled with us," confirmed Adam.

The young trainer, who has had a dream season to date with two Gr1 trophies on his display cabinet, said that he would rather look after a small string of genuine feature race prospects and would not be considering additional horses at this stage of the game.

"It's not an inexpensive exercise to travel to KZN for the three months. But we have the firepower this season to be competitive and I'm looking forward to the challenge of taking on the best again."

## July – Early Odds

The R4,25 million Gr1 Vodacom Durban July will be run at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Saturday 4 July. Sun Met runner-up Rainbow Bridge has been quoted an early 5,56-1 ante-post favourite for the big race by South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywoodbets. Unplaced in the Sun Met, Justin Snaith's Do It Again bids for a hat-trick in the July and is quoted at 10-1.

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## SUNDAY'S RACING

## Life Marches On

## UmThombothi Stakes Hollywoodbets Scottsville

Hollywoodbets Scottsville is the lead venue on the local weekend racing programme with the only feature carded countrywide. The R120 000 UmThombothi Stakes is an all-horses conditions race contested over the Capital City track's 1950m on Sunday and hosts a competitive mixed bag line-up.

The statistical guru's may be pondering the fact that the corresponding meeting last year was washed out and then held in blazing sunshine at the same track four days later.

But positive thoughts rule with the long-term weather forecast suggesting temperatures in the high 30's and some cloud cover.

So we are not even going to contemplate delays or switches.

Of more interest is that last year's smart winner Marchingontogogether – together with his runner-up stablemate Blackball- is back to defend his title under regular pilot Warren Kennedy.

The son of Pathfork has probably not achieved the heights expected of him, although his programme shows - take the SA Derby and Charity Mile excursions- that a few people connected feel he is better than what he has shown. That said, he will need to up his game after four ordinary efforts – two with excuses, to be fair. He could easily find his feet with some luck from the pole position gate, so include him in a race where the pace could play into his hands.

His year older stable companion Blackball has shown better recent form but carries 3kgs more than he did in this race last year when chasing Marchingontogogether home and beaten three quarters of a length. He finished 12 lengths ahead of the same horse in the Michael Roberts Handicap and even the 7kgs worse off now, is probably not enough to turn the tables.

The Noble Tune grey White Lightning is the first of the Paul



Seattle Force | JC Photos

**START**  
**4:05PM**  
Scottsville

**7**

**PAG/PICK SIX/S JACKPOT4**  
**UMTHOMBOTHI STAKES (NBT) - 1950M**  
**SAME TRAINER:(1-13)(3-11)(8-10-12)**

Pathfork  
Mambo In Seattle  
Mogok  
Twice Over  
Vercingetorix  
Silvano  
Ideal World  
Noble Tune  
Silvano  
Ideal World  
Noble Tune  
Uncle Mo  
Balck Minnaloushe

**1 MARCHINGONTOGETHER**(G v Zyl) W Kennedy .....1 **55.0**  
**2 SEATTLE FORCE**(ST Pettigrew) M v Rensburg .....2 **59.0**  
**3 THE DAZZLER**(Gareth Van Zyl) D Dillon .....3 **58.0**  
**4 TWICE GOLDEN**(GB Puller) J Gates .....4 **51.0**  
**5 GREAT WARRIOR**(L Forbes) S Moodley .....5 **51.0**  
**6 WEALTHY**(DR Drier) S Veale .....6 **60.0**  
**7 ELLA'S WORLD**(DS Bosch) ES Ngwane .....7 **50.5**  
**8 WHITE LIGHTNING**(PV Lafferty) A Arries .....8 **51.0**  
**9 SILVER ROSE**(A Nel) D Schwarz .....9 **61.0**  
**10 DARK MOON RISING**(PV Lafferty) K De Melo .....10 **60.0**  
**11 PATHS OF VICTORY**(Gareth Van Zyl) A Mgodlwa .....11 **53.0**  
**12 OUR COYS**(PV Lafferty) C Habib .....12 **53.0**  
**13 BLACKBALL**(G v Zyl) R Danielson .....13 **60.0**



## SATURDAY'S RACING

Lafferty trio. He has the blinkers removed at his first run after gelding and returns from a short break of ten weeks. On his better earlier form he would have an undeniable chance of earning and was even rated as a classic prospect in the early days.

Stablemate Our Coys seems to have lost form but should improve a bit at his second run after a break.

Dark Moon Rising has yet to recapture his form since going unplaced in the Gold Cup last term. At his best he would have a shout, but pulled up lame after the Michael Roberts Handicap and looks to have his issues.

The Hollywood Syndicate have been in prime form and their 4yo Seattle Force makes his KZN debut on Sunday. The son of Mambo In Seattle loves to race up with the gallop and ran a really smart race last time, when despite not being able to find the front early, he finished right on top of accomplished performers Hero's Honour and Divine Odyssey. From the positive draw, he could make them gallop here.

Ella's World is the only filly in the race and looks to have it all to do.

Paths Of Victory has drawn wide. but is a fair sort who could assert his authority. But he likes to go up there and the fight up front could end up playng into the hands of the wait-and-see brigade.

Christmas Handicap winner The Dazzler has solid form and is always a consideration if things go his way. There should be little between him and Blackball.

Gallant 7yo Wealthy didn't enjoy the all-weather last time when defending his title in the Michael Roberts Handicap. He is at home at this track and is worth including in bigger permutations.

Like Wealthy, the 7yo Silver Rose seems better on the turf and faded late behind G G's Dynasty in the Michael Roberts Handicap last time. His duel out front with Seattle Force and others, should make for an interesting tactical sub plot.

The two 3yo's Twice Golden and Great Warrior run off a 51kg joint bottomweight.

Twice Golden appears to enjoy Scottsville and followed up on his maiden win with a rattling good effort over 2400m in an MR 82 Handicap last time. If he is not run off his feet, he would have a place chance here.

Suzette Viljoen's Great Warrior only has his third start and comes in straight out of a Hollywoodbets Greyville polytrack score. He is difficult to assess.

In a race where there seems to be some reasonable pace merchants ready to strut their stuff, we are siding with Marchingon-together and Seattle Force to fight it out, with quartet scope for Blackball and The Dazzler.

## BSA SALE

## Cape Yearling Sale 2020

**Exciting Boost For BSA Sale**

**With just over a fortnight to go to the 2020 renewal of the Cape Yearling Sale, interest amongst buyers is gaining momentum with the exciting prospect of finding a potential winner of the inaugural BSA Cape Yearling Sale Cup, scheduled to be run on the prestigious Cape Derby Day in February 2021.**

Held under the auspices of Bloodstock South Africa, the genuine value-for-money regional sale will be conducted at the scenic Mistico Equestrian Centre outside of Paarl on Friday 28 February.

The catalogue, comprising 181 yearlings hailing from some of South Africa's top breeders, is a broadly diverse one of some depth. And the opportunity to find the equivalent of the likes of recent Gr3 Lebelo Sprint winner Mr Flood – a R50 000 buy from the 2017 Cape Sale – or one of the smart gelding's fellow graded stakes winners of the ilk of Doosra, Elusive Heart, Final Judgement, Hack Green, Princess Peach, and Drakenstein Stud's exciting young stallion Gold Standard, is no further than a bid away.

The additional incentive of a linked sales race to be run for a minimum stake of R550 000 on the prestigious high-profile Cape Derby day in 2021 now raises the game for buyers.

"The attraction of this sale's historic record of generating stakes winners has now been enhanced by the added golden reward of a linked race for graduates. Hosting the race on a major Gr1 raceday in the height of the Cape Summer Of Champions provides a thrilling splash of glamour and excitement," added Bloodstock SA's Chris Haynes

He recalled that in the modern era, the Cape Derby has produced Met and July winners, as well as Equus Champions.

"It is an arena of champions and we are truly proud to be associated with Kenilworth Racing on a great day on the racing calendar," added Haynes.

He went on to remind buyers that graduates of the Cape Yearling Sale will also be in line to earn the R60 000 bonus payable by BSA to maiden winners of Juvenile races in South Africa.

The catalogue is available in hard copy and online and can be viewed live at [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za).

**Don't miss our Cape Yearling Sale preview in next weekend's bumper Cape Derby edition – or find it online [here](#)**

**SUPREME WIN**

3 b f Oratorio - Supreme Lecture (Lecture) **WON** Vaal, 1200m, 4 Feb

**LETABA**

4 b g Oratorio - Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois) **WON** Greyville, 1200m, 9 Feb

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## NEWS

## Chase Has His Moment!

SP photographer's prestigious acknowledgement

Each year, selected professional photographers are invited to capture the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate moment that epitomizes the royal racing festival, in the LQP Moments competition.

The Sporting Post is proud to announce that this year's winning image – of Adam Marcus' smashing Vardy – has been awarded to our Cape raceday photographer, Chase Liebenberg.



Craig Zackey's Vardy kiss sealed the winning slot for Chase Liebenberg

The talented young man, who keeps us in the picture all year round, wins a Leica D-Lux (Leica DC Vario-Summilux) Camera. Second place went to Esa Alexander, who won a R10,000 ORMS Voucher.

Third place was taken by Brent Abrahams who won a R5,000 ORMS Voucher.

This year's winning portfolio top prize went to Esa Alexander, winning a Leica Ultravid 8 x 42 HD Plus Binoculars. Martin van Staden won a R10,000 ORMS Voucher for second, while Yolanda Saayman received a R5,000 ORMS Voucher in third place.

The LQP organisers congratulated all the winners and each one of the talented participants.

## Sham & Maroun Sanctioned

Two well-known Gauteng racing personalities have been sanctioned by the National Horseracing Authority this past week.

Colour holder and stable employee Mr Mark Sham was charged with a contravention of rules 72.1.25 and 72.1.26.

The particulars being that he conducted himself in an improper manner on racecourse property, which might have had the effect of discrediting horseracing and which did or might have brought into disrepute the good name of the National Horseracing Authority on 15 January 2020 at the 138th Annual General Meeting held at its offices at Turffontein Racecourse.

[Read more here](#)

Trainer Grant J Maroun was charged with a contravention of Rule 72.1.18 in that he addressed the Senior Handicapper of the NHA in an abusive and intimidatory manner on 29 October 2019. [Read more here](#)

## Tonight: Meydan Actions Hots Up

Sultan Ali's Gr1-winning Capezzano, the beaten market favourite in last year's \$12 million Dubai World Cup sponsored by Emirates Airline, is scheduled to return to action this evening for the yard of Salem bin Ghadayer in the Gr3 \$200,000 Fire-break Stakes over 1600m.

The son of Bernardini was a one-sided winner of a pair of 1600m handicaps last DWC Carnival—by a combined 16¼ lengths—before dismissing Thunder Snow by 9½ lengths in the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 over 2000m. Last seen finishing last of 12 in the aforementioned Dubai World Cup astern said foe, Thursday's comeback test will be a stiff one meant to toughen him up for lucrative prizes down the road.



Capezzano

"I delayed this horse and didn't use him at all in training until the end of September," Bin Ghadayer said. "He's a Bernardini, is always keen and I made a program for him that is just February and March to keep his big performances saved for the big nights. At the end of the day, he was invited to (the Group 1 \$20 million) Saudi Cup and it's only two weeks until that race, but he will need the race and I think the two weeks is enough time for recover."

"I think he can be 100% for Saudi and then Dubai World Cup, but this race will not be an easy race," Bin Ghadayer continued. "We will go and try to win this race, but we must be very careful with him and his mentality. We have tried to keep him happy and relaxed, which is not easy, but he has trained and galloped well and he's healthy and sound. Last year, he ran in a mile handicap and won just two weeks before he won Round 3."

It will be an off-the-bench baptism by fire for the emblazoned bay gelding, but Bin Ghadayer will have reserves in the HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum-owned duo of 2018 winner Heavy Metal and the consistent Matterhorn, a Listed winner looking to transfer his solid all-weather form to the sandier Meydan dirt course on UAE debut. [Read more here](#)

## Legends & Love

Legends Of The Turf are sharing the love this Valentine's Day by gifting fans a free episode from their series.

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Then grab your popcorn, go to the Episodes page, sit back and find out why Renounce is our Valentine's crush!

## NEWS

# Oratorio Gelding Tops Derby Field

**A field of thirteen will line up for the R1 million ARF Commemorative Gr1 Cape Derby in a new slot of 22 February at Kenilworth, after declarations were done earlier today.**

Mike de Kock, who won the race last year with Atyaab, has no runners, but Sean Tarry steps up to the plate with On My Mind and the only filly in the race, Invisible.

The latter, a daughter of Pomodoro, ran on steadily under Ryan Moore, for fourth in the recent CTS 1600.

Top-rated in the field is Glen Kotzen's Viva Rio, a son of Oratorio, who ran a cracker for second in the Cape Guineas.

The race was first run as the Western Province Derby in 1925 over 2400m for a stake of £600 including £200 donated by the Jockey Club of SA when won by the filly Desert Born.

## ARF Commemorative Gr1 Cape Derby Field

1	3	Viva Rio	60	118	A	M Winnaar	Glen Kotzen
2	4	King Of Gems	60	109	T A	A Domeyer	Brett Crawford
3	10	Sachdev	60	108	A	S Khumalo	Justin Snaith
4	1	Silver Host	60	102	A	R Fourie	Justin Snaith
5	11	Cane Lime 'n Soda	60	100	BA	A Marcus	Vaughan Marshall
6	6	Parterre	60	100	A	B Fayd'Herbe	Brett Crawford
7	8	Super Silvano	60	100	A	C Orffer	Brett Crawford
8	13	Sir Michael	60	99	A	K de Melo	Dean Kannemeyer
9	7	Azores	60	92	A	.....	Dean Kannemeyer
10	9	It's Complex	60	91	T A	M Byleveld	Vaughan Marshall
11	2	Golden Ducat	60	89	a	C Zackey	Eric Sands
12	12	On My Mind	60	89	T A	.....	Sean Tarry
13	5	Invisible	57.5	95	T A	G Lerena	Sean Tarry

## Speed Duel

**The Cape Flying Championship top three of Russet Air, Bold Respect and Kasimir return for the R350 000 Khaya Stables Gr2 Diadem Stakes on the Cape Derby undercard.**

The Diadem is run over 1200m.

The inaugural running of the Diadem WFA Stakes was on Saturday, 30 Nov 1957, when it was won by Mr J.W. Hill's 3yo filly Tetrina.

It changed to a conditions race in 2015, when the fairer sex filled the top two places—Mike Bass-trained Lanner Falcon beating stablemate Fly By Night.

The only filly in the 2020 renewal is the Australian-bred Run Fox Run, who tasted defeat for the first time when finishing just over a length fourth in the Cape Flying Championship last time.

## Khaya Stables Gr2 Diadem Stakes Field

1	7	Kasimir	60	128	A	R Fourie	Justin Snaith
2	11	Chimichuri Run	60	126	TBA	G Lerena	Sean Tarry
3	1	Russet Air	60	123	A	A Domeyer	C Bass-Robinson
4	6	Undercover Agent	59	122	T A	C Orffer	Brett Crawford
5	3	Bold Respect	58	122	AM	G Cheyne	Brett Crawford
6	5	Search Party	58	115	A	D Dillon	Brett Crawford
7	2	Pleasedtomeetyou	58	112	A	S Khumalo	Andre Nel
8	10	Fabian	58	108	BA	B Fayd'Herbe	C Bass-Robinson
9	8	Elusive Trader	58	106	A	M Byleveld	Greg Ennion
10	4	Ready Steady Go	58	105	A	C Zackey	HWJ Crawford/M Rix
11	9	Run Fox Run (AUS)	56.5	122	A	A Marcus	Brett Crawford

## INTERNATIONAL

## Dubai History For Uruguay

**Belle Fever, unbeaten in four starts in her native Uruguay, made some history at Meydan last Thursday night when she became the first Uruguayan-bred to win in Dubai. Dubai World Cup winner Invasor was originally trained in Uruguay, but he was bred in Argentina.**

Belle Fever contested the \$100,000 Meydan Classic Trial over 1400m, her first attempt beyond 1000m, and she ran on strongly under a well-timed ride from jockey Dane O'Neill to win by a neck, but was going away in the last few stride and looks progressive.

A three-year-old filly by Texas Fever, Belle Fever joined Mike de Kock's barn in Dubai last year, following a trip via Jane Chapple-Hyam's yard at Newmarket, where she had surgery and was looked after in recovery.

Mike commented: "This was an amazing win for Uruguay, well done to owners Jorge Wagner and Victor Azambullu. They took a gamble, had the courage to send her here when they knew how arduous the trip would be and seeing that they could've kept her in Uruguay where she was beating everything.

"This reminded us of days gone by when we visited South America often and came back with horses that were competitive in Dubai.

"Belle Fever was courageous after she played up a bit at the start, she's a nice filly and was well prepared by our Dubai team of Declan Cronin, Shorty Feni and Thomas Ncume."



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## INTERNATIONAL

## Tiger Tanks Up

The weights were unveiled on Tuesday for the £1-million Randox Health Grand National, the world's greatest and richest chase, which is run for the 173rd time at Aintree on Saturday, 4 April.

The Weights Lunch was held at the historic St George's Hall in Liverpool and hosted by Ed Chamberlin of ITV Racing, with connections of several leading contenders for the 2020 Randox Health Grand National present.



Tiger Roll | [Racingpost.com](https://www.racingpost.com)

Trainer Gordon Elliott is keen to target a historic third Randox Health Grand National triumph with Tiger Roll.

Tiger Roll has the chance to emulate the great Red Rum as a three-time winner of the Randox Health Grand National and, if successful, he would become the first horse to do so in successive years.

Tiger Roll has been allotted top weight of 11st 10lb alongside stablemate Delta Work, who is a dual G1 winner in Ireland this season, latterly taking the G1 Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown on 2 February.

The 10-year-old Tiger Roll, owned like Delta Work by Michael O'Leary's Gigginstown House Stud, is set to reappear this Sunday, 16 February, in the G2 Boyne Hurdle at Navan, a contest he captured in 2019.

Elliott said: "If it is left down to me, Tiger Roll will definitely be running in the Randox Health Grand National. He is a household name, and this is the most famous race in the world. I am very keen to run him. Tiger Roll is only 4lb worse off with the second horse from last year (Magic Of Light, 10st 12lb). Martin [Greenwood, handicapper] and his team have a job to do, and I respect everything that he does. I think Martin has done his job well.

"Tiger Roll will go for the Boyne Hurdle on Sunday. He has been back cantering since the 1 January, so he will come on from the run. Cheltenham is the plan and then hopefully, with Michael O'Leary's blessing, the Randox Health Grand National. Tiger Roll is the horse of a lifetime. Everybody who comes into the yard, the first horse they want to see is Tiger Roll, whether it's a 90-year-old man or 10-year-old child. We are very lucky to have him. He gets quite low [over his fences], he just measures them. In his early days you would not have said that he is going to be a Grand National horse. As Donald McCain says, "he might not have got around in Red Rum's day," but as long as Donald is alive, Ginger will never be dead!

"The cut off to qualify for the Grand National is 16 March, so if Tiger Roll doesn't run at Cheltenham, it will be a disaster as he won't be qualified. There is a maybe a race in Down Royal the same week that he could be entered for, but all being well it will be Cheltenham."

## Cheltenham Fields Take Shape

Defending champions Al Boum Photo, Altior, Frodon, Paisley Park and Roksana headline a host of stars on course for The Festival™ presented by Magners following the latest scratchings deadline for the six non-novice G1 races, details of which were revealed yesterday.

Al Boum Photo provided Ireland's champion trainer Willie Mullins with a first success in the G1 Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup in 2019 and the eight-year-old heads 20 acceptors for the feature race on day four of The Festival, Friday, 13 March.

His rivals in chasing's blue riband are set to be headed by Santini (Nicky Henderson), who comfortably accounted for Bristol De Mai (Nigel Twiston-Davies) in the G2 Paddy Power Cotswold Chase at Cheltenham on Festival Trials Day.

Delta Work (Gordon Elliott IRE) finished third in the G1 RSA Novices' Chase at The Festival in 2019, but the seven-year-old will return to Cheltenham on the back of two G1 victories at Leopardstown this term.

The 2018 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Native River (Colin Tizzard) will be bidding to emulate the mighty Kauto Star and become only the second horse to regain the chasing crown.

Tizzard has also left in G1 Betfair Chase winner Lostintranslation, while Kauto Star's trainer Paul Nicholls has engaged dual Ladbrokes G1 King George VI Chase victor Clan Des Obeaux as he seeks a record-equalling fifth success in the race.

This year's G1 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase on day two, Wednesday, 11 March, could provide one of the most-eagerly awaited clashes of the week between Altior and Defi du Seuil, after the latter was taken out of the Ryanair Chase.

Altior, whose four wins at The Festival for Nicky Henderson include back-to-back victories in the two-mile showpiece in 2018 and 2019, returned to winning ways over his favoured distance in a G2 chase at Newbury on 8 February.

Defi du Seuil is also no stranger to the winner's enclosure at The Festival, having taken the 2017 G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle and last year's G1 Novices' Chase, and is unbeaten in three starts for Philip Hobbs this season, including two G1 successes.

The 18 remaining contenders also include up-and-coming star Chacun Pour Soi (Willie Mullins IRE), who beat Defi Du Seuil at Punchestown in May and heads to The Festival on the back of victory in the G1 Ladbrokes Dublin Chase at Leopardstown on 1 February.

Frodon provided one of the moments of last year's Festival when gamely taking the G1 Ryanair Chase under Bryony Frost and the Paul Nicholls-trained chaser features among 29 horses remaining in the two-mile, five-furlong contest on day three, Thursday, 12 March.

Other horses going forward include Frodon's stable-companion Cyrname, the highest-rated chaser in Britain, as well as A Plus Tard (Henry de Bromhead IRE) and Min (Willie Mullins IRE), who have both scored at G1 level in Ireland this season.

J P McManus is seeking a fourth consecutive G1 Unibet Champion Hurdle (31 acceptors) and the legendary Irish owner is responsible for this year's favourite Epatante, who is 3/1 with Unibet following a decisive victory in the G1 Ladbrokes Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park in December. McManus is the most successful owner of all time in the Unibet Champion Hurdle with eight wins.



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## INTERNATIONAL

## Munger Breaks The Ice

**After a first couple of weeks finding his way around the office, South African jockey Ryan Munger hit the target for the first time in Singapore with Pindus in the \$50,000 Class 4 Division 2 race over 1000m last Friday evening.**

The 24-year-old began his local stint on January 26, failing to salute from 17 rides in three meetings, but did come quite close with two minor placings and seven fourths.

Unfortunately, the promising start was spoiled by a careless riding three-day suspension (on Broadway Success) he will serve after this past Sunday's meeting, but at least, the 600-odd race winner won't have to wait it out before getting the monkey off his back.

The conditions for an ice-breaker didn't actually look all that auspicious with Pindus posted out wide from his awkward alley, but the lightweight jockey had the Ricardo Le Grange-trained Exceed And Excel four-year-old travelling on the bridle throughout before clicking him up for the supreme effort at the top of the straight.

Taking the widest path to the line, Pindus finished right over the top of his rivals in the last bounds to defeat favourite Man Of Mystery (Simon Kok Wei Hoong) by a neck. Sun Step (Ruan Maia) ran third another half-length away.

The winning time was 59.96 secs for the 1000m on the Polytrack. With wife Kelsey on hand to lead him in, a delighted Munger could barely contain his joy at the winner's circle.

"The last few days, I've run in the money at a strike rate of around 50%. I was wondering when one of them would break the ice for me," said Munger.

"This horse had good form and was in a good place. I actually made him one of my better chances to get my first win, but he was also jumping from a tricky barrier.

"When he saw daylight at the top of the straight, he attacked the line very well. He dug down deep and won a nice race.

"Big thanks to Ricardo, I work for him in the morning and he helps me out a lot. We work as a team, and the good results are showing.

"Singapore is a different set-up from back home, but it's all very efficient and clean. I'm in a very good space now."

Le Grange was glad he could finally share the spoils with a jockey he had been longing to have on the team. The South African trainer had pledged support to Munger from the day he was granted a one-year licence in November, but the work permit took an unusually long time to get approved – almost two months.

"I can say a lot about this kid. He has a great work ethic and he ticks all the boxes," said Le Grange.

"He was stiff on California last week (beaten a nose), and I'm glad he won tonight. He was never affiliated to a big stable in South Africa, didn't have a chance to ride top horses, but that win will give him the confidence now, and I'm sure all the guys will grab him now.

"As for Pindus, he was a bit of a conundrum when he came. People kept bagging him for being a non-trier, but I think we got into his head, and he scored another good win tonight.

"I'm really happy for the team, Paolo and Rudy Mendoza."

Despite the early stigma on Pindus, he has now silenced his critics with three wins and two placings from seven starts for prizemoney that has hit around the SG\$80,000 mark for Paolo De Villa Mendoza.

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## Coronavirus Hits HK Racing



**Only 400 people will be allowed to attend this coming weekend's dual Gr1 card at Sha Tin as the Jockey Club acquiesces to a government demand to further reduce crowds at Hong Kong race meetings.**

Just trainers, jockeys, key personnel and horse owners with runners will be admitted on course for the next three meetings – on 12, 16 and 19 February – to help prevent any further spreading of the coronavirus.

It means only two rooms were open at Happy Valley on Wednesday night and those who do turn up will be subjected to temperature screening while being advised to wear medical masks. There will be no cross-betting at the opposing track.

Jockey Club chief executive Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges says the measures are necessary in the current environment and enforcing them as requested is the only way to ensure racing continues.

"We think that by having 400 people or less on track means there is minimal risk of spreading the virus," Engelbrecht-Bresges said.

"With 700 000 to 800 000 fans watching our races on TV, it helps keep people at home rather than out on the streets and therefore helps to contain the situation.

"We really think it is important to keep racing and provide a source of entertainment in these circumstances. If we stop racing, it is likely we won't be back for about three months."

These moves come after the Jockey Club has already closed all 101 of its off-course betting branches and nine of its Teletbet lines. Automated and online services are still running.

Unsurprisingly, turnover continues to take huge hits, with Saturday's Sha Tin meeting down HK\$410 million (R800 million) on last year's corresponding fixture to HK\$1.166 billion (R2.26 billion).

A partial lockout has been in place since the Lunar New Year fixture on 27 January and it continues to be tightened.

There are two Gr1 races scheduled for Sunday's card – the Hong Kong Gold Cup featuring Exultant while stars Beauty Generation and Beat The Clock will go head-to-head in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup. · South China Morning Post

## NEWS

# Yeni Saga Nears End De Kock Slams Phantoms

**Jockey Muzi Yeni, who was runner-up to Lyle Hewitson in the national championship title race last season, is currently serving a ninety day suspension for intimidation and interference related to an in-race incident involving Hewitson.**

This occurred when Yeni took his hand off his left side rein and placed it on Hewitson's arm in the second race at Hollywoodbets Greyville Racecourse on 27 July 2019.

A subsequent appeal failed and Yeni is due back in the saddle on 1 March 2020.

The National Horseracing Authority has now confirmed that at an Inquiry held over the dates of Thursday, 15 August 2019, Thursday, 10 October 2019, and Friday, 31 January 2020, Yeni was charged with various further rule contraventions.

These were:

## **Rule 72.1.26**

In that Mr Yeni made comments during a post-race interview on Tellytrack, after the running of the 4th race run at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Wednesday 31 July 2019, which might have had the effect of discrediting horseracing and which did or might have brought into disrepute the good name of the NHA.

Jockey Yeni pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Board after considering the evidence found Mr Yeni not guilty of the charge.

## **Rule 72.1.43**

In that on 1 August 2019, on a social media platform being Facebook, he posted a comment which could reasonably be construed to be offensive with respect to the NHA.

Jockey Yeni pleaded not guilty to the charge but was found guilty of the charge.

The Board after considering the record, and taking into account the arguments in aggravation and mitigation, ruled that Jockey Yeni be fined the sum of ten thousand rand (R10,000.00), of which five thousand rand (R5000) is suspended for a period of 12 months, provided that Jockey Yeni is not found guilty of a similar offence under this Rule during this period.

**Multiple champion trainer Mike de Kock has had his fill of keyboard phantoms who almost demand transparency and then sling off behind the mask of a pseudonym.**

"One of my most insightful mottos in life is, 'Suspicion haunts the guilty'. My message to the consistently bitter, obstructive commentators, who often suggest skulduggery in the racing industry is, 'If racing is so bad, why are you still around? Why don't you do us all a favour and get out?'"

Speaking on his website, [www.mikedekockracing.com](http://www.mikedekockracing.com), De Kock referred to negativity among "faceless internet trolls", who complain about a lack of transparency and then criticize those who reveal stable information and offer reasons for disappointing runs.

He said: "People are quick to sling off, but they don't really have the facts. I challenge anybody to come from Cape Town to Johannesburg and to do what we do coming the other way. Never mind acclimatisation, it works both ways.

"Having said all of this, I'm not sure we owe anyone an explanation about runners running below par. Whatever gets into the press in the interest of transparency seems to get twisted, especially on racing forums.

"We've tried to inform the racing public with transparent comments in everyone's interest, but we have to suffer for that at the hands of internet trolls, many of whom have little understanding of the industry and feel it's their right to sling off at trainers, jockeys, horses and administrators whilst hiding behind pseudonyms.

"We're suffering abuse for our transparency. It's often the same individuals slinging off, week after week. They contribute no value whatsoever. There are several trainers who are re-considering their stance on transparency. We've tried to help the punters and racing fans, those who really love racing, but all we get back in return is ridicule. Why should we continue?"

"This is not the racing media's fault, they have reported our words, but there are a few negative people out there who misconstrue or purposefully misrepresent our comments and it's doing the industry no good."

## Brand New Stipe

**Former jockey and longstanding assistant trainer Ricardo Sobotker has been appointed a Stipendiary Steward in the Eastern Cape.**

While the NHA have made no announcement of it, the 47 year old Sobotker's, who is also popularly known as Ricky or Avo, name appears as an ordinary entry in the latest racing calendar.

Sobotker took out his assistant trainers licence in 2002 and only ever worked for Joey Ramsden. They enjoyed great success with top horses, amongst others, the like Winter Solstice, Major Bluff, Bravura, Variety Club and King Of Pain.

Ricardo enjoyed a solid grounding in the racing game.

One of the first trainers he rode for, after completing his apprenticeship, was Ramsden, who in 1990 was running Vaughan Marshall's yard in Port Elizabeth.

He then tried his luck in Cape Town but had no success so he returned to PE where he first rode for Dumas Coetzee and then ended his riding career with Gavin Smith.

Ricardo, a born and bred Capetonian, decided to return to his home town where he kept in touch with Joey by riding work and helping out in the yard.

In between his time with Joey he worked for Des McLachlan and Glen Puller.

Ramsden closed up shop last November and emigrated to Australia.

## PERSONALITY

# Harnessing A Passion

Devonne Govender

**In a country boasting world-class jockeys and some great race commentators, it's a reality that both disciplines slot perfectly into the sitting duck line of fire often targetted by horseracing's diverse cognoscenti.**

Mike de Kock has already expressed his opinion of our peanut gallery professors. But let's face it- the back of a horse and sitting behind the binoculars are just two very lonely places to be in this game.

At the age of 31, Devonne Govender became South Africa's newest racecaller at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday when he stepped up from the nursery experience of calling the low-key barrier trials to his first 'big school' professional race.

It wasn't exactly a 'mission impossible' type baptism of fire with just seven horses in the line up.

But in-race tongue twisters like Wall Of Dubrovnik and Zave De Grace, and the climax of a short head finish between those two, kept the former harness racing jockey on his toes for the full 65 seconds of the maiden contest.

The man with the calm demeanour, who loves reef fishing to unwind and relax, didn't break into a cold sweat, but conceded there 'were some nerves' tempered by the innate confidence of being well prepared.

"I had a wisdom tooth removed a few days before. So the timing was not ideal. But that was the least of my worries. The barrier trial calls had given me a good feel of things and I just pretended I was sitting at home and calling it from my couch, remembering of course that the world is listening. Overall, I would describe the dominant emotion of that wonderful moment as excitement and an immense sense of achievement," he adds quietly.

Like many promising youngsters in the ranks of the top heavy age demographic of the South African racing pyramid, Devonne says that Sunday's milestone was another day just living his dream in a sport he is passionate about.

While he has had his fair share of international travel, he still lives in Verulam, 27km north of Durban, where he grew up and went to school.

In his mid teens he got the opportunity of a lifetime that was to fashion his future. His Dad, a Telecommunications Engineer, secured a contract in New Zealand. It was to be Devonne's eye-opener and passport into the wonderful world of the sport of kings.

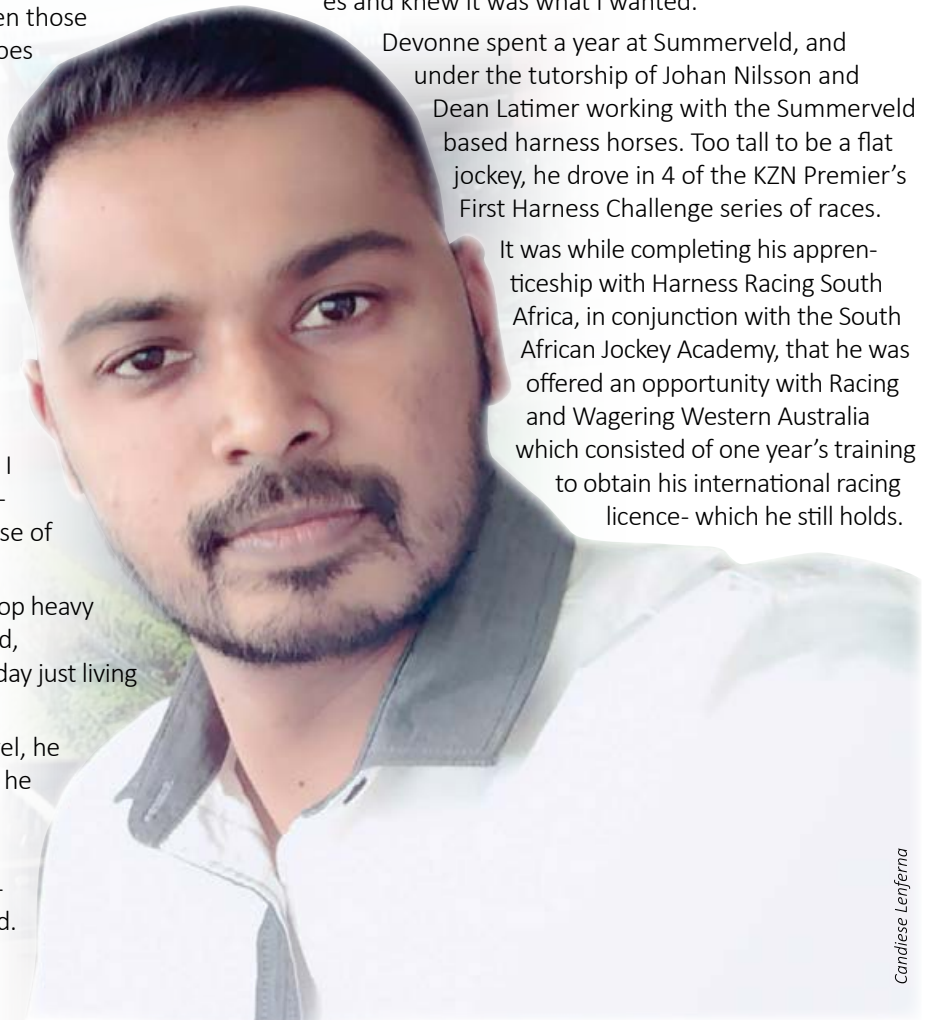
"I was sixteen years old and racing was in our faces 24/7. It was all over the media and, unlike South Africa, New Zealand has an abundance of racetracks all over the country. In fact they have 52 racecourses, from Ascot Park at Invercargill in the South to Rukakaka at Whangarei in the North. That was when I decided I had to get involved in this great game – and harness racing became a particular favourite for me."

But all good things come to an end, and the finalisation of his Dad's contract saw Devonne back on Mother Earth – Verulam, to be precise – where he, somewhat reluctantly it seems, commenced his first year IT studies at Varsity College in Durban.

"My parents were always sensibly intent on me getting a qualification. But I had this yearning to get into racing and packed up the timetable and my text books and joined the SA Jockey Academy. This was frowned upon by my folks, but they respected my wishes and knew it was what I wanted."

Devonne spent a year at Summerveld, and under the tutorship of Johan Nilsson and Dean Latimer working with the Summerveld based harness horses. Too tall to be a flat jockey, he drove in 4 of the KZN Premier's First Harness Challenge series of races.

It was while completing his apprenticeship with Harness Racing South Africa, in conjunction with the South African Jockey Academy, that he was offered an opportunity with Racing and Wagering Western Australia which consisted of one year's training to obtain his international racing licence- which he still holds.





## DEVONNE GOVENDER

“What a thrilling experience! During this I time was based at Byford Harness Racing Complex, a premier Harness training facility in Western Australia. I was hosted by a number of licensed trainers with whom I worked closely. Trevor Warwick, multiple champion trainer/driver in Oz and America, was my mentor and Driving Master. When I was initially licensed as a Cadet Driver I was allowed to drive in trial races, where I did very well. Following the requisite number of approved trial drives, I was awarded a professional licence, which enabled me to drive in races, excluding Friday night meetings at Metropolitan tracks.”

Devonne also spent approximately six months with Aldo Cortopassi Pacing Stables. During this time he performed the duties of a stable hand and track work driver and was involved in all aspects of general stable duties, including stable management and daily routines.

“I learnt so much- from feeding up in the morning, jogging horses, exercising horses on the horse-walker, grooming, washing horses, preparing them for races as well as maintenance of the stable area, gear etc. I then spent four months at Noel Keily’s Pacing Stables. Mr Keily, who had 35 horses, specialises in training and breaking-in of younger horses- yearlings and 2 year olds. Some of my duties included track work driving, assisting with the breaking in, exercising of young horses for the first time on a horse walker, preparing horses for races, gearing and un gearing of horses at races. My 12 months training with RWWA was completed and I returned to South Africa in September 2013, with a whole world of understanding, knowledge and basic experience of these wonderful animals – plus that teenage ambition nurtured in New Zealand,” he recollects proudly.

Veteran racing journalist Andrew Harrison, a fairly talented fisherman himself when he can break away from his keyboard, runs a tight ship at Gold Circle Publishing at Greyville where Devonne is based.

“It’s a great environment. A happy team and it’s racing 24/7. So I love work and there’s no clockwatching or rush at 4pm,” laughs Devonne. He explains that he does editing, writing reviews for race meetings, and proofreading content for online as well as newspaper and race card /magazine publications.

“I play a diverse role in the media department as Sub-Editor, GTV Presenter, and I also get my hands involved in the design side of things- and now commentating! I also have some fun muting the tv and doing some race calls for the boys in the office. Some good practice in front of a critical audience!”

And does he punt? “Only the odd bet, now and again,” he says.

For his quiet external demeanour, Devonne is empowered with a six-pack of confidence and self-belief as a result of taking every ounce of his experience and training seriously.

From sweeping the stable yard at 4am on icy mornings, he is now in a position of responsibility behind the binoculars at one of South Africa’s historic racecourses.

“I have to pinch myself still, but I believe I have what it takes. My wide scale exposure to racing locally and internationally in both the practical and administrative side has given me a wealth of knowledge as I continue to learn. In this game learning never stops. I have been told by many trainers that I’ve worked for that I have the ‘Master’s Eye’ when it comes to racing. Other professionals have given my voice and elocution the thumbs up. So now it’s up to me to build on that foundation,” he adds.

He says that he’s had help along the way from many different people and the list is too long to mention, adding that Gold Circle’s Graeme Hawkins, one of our greatest racecallers, is his mentor.

“Terry Spargo is my role model. You would know he is famous for calling in Meydan and he’s now back in his home country calling in Australia. I think he is absolutely brilliant on the world stage. Then when it comes to a favourite, I’d have to say Australian, Chris Barsby.”

We asked Devonne the standard gloomy question on SA racing’s future.

“In this current time everyone knows it’s been difficult. But we have to make every effort to preserve, sustain, regulate and promote this beautiful sport that we all love so much to ensure it continues to thrive into the future.”

Watch Devonne’s first commentary - [click here](#)

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## Short Heads

# Because We Said So...

The NHA in KZN are focussed on antiquated rules rather than the more important issues at play. This was the general consensus from trainers spoken to by Short Heads after it was noted that the Stipes report of the racemeeting at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday contained an unprecedented over 50 verbal warnings issued to trainers for not saddling their runners in the front boxes at the parade ring. The trainers feel the rule is antiquated and bad for the horses – and thus for racing. Surely a half hour meeting between the parties could solve the impasse and aggravation?



## Treble Q

Maine Chance Farms' stallion Querari enjoyed a treble over the weekend, with his daughter Luna Wish winning the Breeders Guineas Plate on Friday, while Calvary and Enrapture both scored on Sunday at Hollywoodbets Greyville. South Africa's Leading Sire of 2yo's in 2018-2019, Querari has had another good season, with his runners having already banked more than R5,3 million in stakes.

## GOOD NAME

The interestingly named Mandela Effect, a son of Turffontein (by Johannesburg), won the A\$100 000 Listed Thomas Lyons at Hobart on Sunday. The 5yo gelding is out of the West Quest mare, Morell. The winner was an A\$18,000 yearling at the 2016 Magic Millions Tasmania Sale.



**Save The Date** The Cape Breeders Club have announced a 'Save the Date' for 6 March for the first of a series of relaxed field days that the Club will be hosting to discuss a variety of topics on breeding. The first topic will be deworming and yearling preparation. Food and drinks will be served. Venue: To be decided. Time: 14h30

## BHA UPS RETIREE CONTROLS

The British Horseracing Authority has announced changes to the way retired racehorses are registered in a drive to further improve the traceability of horses leaving the sport. The new system, which is integrated into the existing racing admin site, involves opening up the ability to register the new homes of newly retired racehorses to trainers as well as owners. It is designed to ensure that there is as much traceability as possible for horses who are permanently retired from racing.

## Moore Magic

A record-breaking trailblazer in Hong Kong since gaining his licence in 1985, John Moore saddled his 1700th winner at Sha Tin on Saturday when Savvy Seven won. He is Hong Kong's longest-serving and winning-most trainer, netting an all-time record prize money haul of HK\$2.03 billion (R3.88 billion) since taking over from his legendary father George Moore. The seven-time champion trainer's lengthy honour roll of winners includes training the last six Horse of the Year winners, and a hatful of Gr1 wins, including four overseas- notably Sterling City's victory in the Gr1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

## What A View!

Ascot Stud's Galileo stallion Global View has made a flying start and produced his third winner from his first five runners when Fireview won for Yvette Bremner at Fairview last Friday afternoon. Bred by the Riyo Stud, the 2yo was third on debut. Fireview is out of the Sail From Seattle mare Spellfire, and was a R40 000 bargain buy from the 2019 Emperors Palace National 2yo Sale. Currently South Africa's Leading First Crop Sire, Global View was a high-class racehorse who won the Gr3 Generous Stakes at two and Gr2 American Turf Stakes the following year. Global View has 3 lots on offer at the upcoming Cape Yearling Sale.

## Call – Then The Fall

Those who relied on the commentary when trading in-play on Betfair were left counting the cost after the second at Morphetville on Saturday. Over A\$7000 was traded at A\$1.01 on Dexter You Devil after the 5yo gelding was incorrectly called as the horse sprinting to the lead at the 100m and subsequently the winner. It was actually Jester Halo, sporting similar red silks, who took out the M&J Chickens Handicap. Commentator Brett Davis had correctly identified the pair for much of the race before confusing the two at the 200m.





## NEWS

## Schwarz – All Okay

Jockey Dennis Schwarz, who took a terrible fall at Turffontein on Wednesday evening in the running of the Gr2 Gauteng Guineas when his mount Al Borak broke down, looks to be on the road to recovery.

His Stepfather Pieter Brown told the Sporting Post earlier today that all scans are clear and that the Doctors were waiting for the Specialist to check Denis' neck.

"But all looks good and we will keep you informed. We appreciate the interest," he said.

Al Borak was humanely euthanased.

## Kennedy Leads

**One of the great innovations in South African horseracing in 2019, the inaugural R750 000 Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge is set to go all the way to the wire.**

The last meeting is at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Friday 28 February.

High-riding Warren Kennedy maintained his lead at the top of the leaderboard over Anton Marcs, despite having to stand down on Wednesday in KZN in favour of Turffontein – where he won the Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas on Summer Pudding.

The next KZN meeting is carded for Hollywoodbets Scottsville on Sunday.

The Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge, which awards points for every runner in every race, got underway on 1 December 2019.

A prize pot of R250,000 will be awarded to each of the categories, totalling R750,000 in the competition.

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

[See the latest leaderboard here](#)

## I'm Incredible Is Singapore Horse Of The Year

**In a season that has seen the emergence of many top-notch horses, I'm Incredible was given the nod for the Singapore Horse of the Year award at the 2019 Racing Appreciation Awards night held at Zouk, Clarke Quay last Thursday night.**

The son of Lope De Vega won five races on the trot last year, including the last three at Group level.

The haul at elite level began with the Gr3 Committee's Prize (1600m), followed by the Gr3 Ultima El Dorado Classic (2000m) and finally, the highlight, the second Leg of the Singapore Triple Crown series, the Gr1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (1800m) in October, all in his favourite on-pace running style. [Read more here](#)

## KZN RACING DIARIES

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WINNING FORM

### May The Force Be With You @ Hollywoodbets Scottsville

**Racing returns to the KZN capital on Sunday for an eight-race programme. With the Hollywoodbets Sizzling Summer Challenge drawing to a close, it is a meeting that should not be missed.**

The UmThombothi Stakes is the non black-type feature race of the day and it will see the Hollywood Syndicate's talented frontrunner Seattle Force make his provincial debut.

The gutsy gelding was unlucky when odds-on in a small but top quality field at Turffontein last time when finishing fourth. He didn't manage to get to the lead there and that arguably cost him.

Looking at the field on Sunday, all things should be in the 4 year old's favour as he is drawn well and should be able to get to the front much easier as there does not appear to be much pace in the race. And with the manner in which he normally kicks away, this son of Mambo in Seattle should be the one they all have to beat in the run down to the line.

With racing at the big 'T' abandoned last Saturday all the focus was on Kenilworth and our in-house tipsters performed exceptionally well. PeTeBe tipped the place accumulator which paid R264.90. He got it 12 times! And Jimmy The Rich tipped the first four winners on the card.

The advice from the tipsters this week is to follow their selections closely as they are on a good run of form.

This weekend promises to be another intriguing one. Make sure you get your Winning Form to keep you in the know!

*\*The Winning Form publication is sold for R25 at Hollywoodbets branches and selected stores nationwide.*

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



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# Regal River Runs Deep!

## The dominance of the deceased Japanese superstar, Deep Impact (Sunday Silence), was well and truly felt on the 2019 Japanese Sires List.

Not only was Deep Impact Champion Sire in Japan for an eighth consecutive time, but the former Japan Triple Crown winner was Japan's Leading Sire of 2Yos for 2019, and also topped the country's Leading Sire of 3Yos List.

### Before The Storm

Deep Impact had 89 individual 3yo winners (11 stakes winners among them) last year, with his star representatives headed by Gr1 Kikuka Sho (St Leger) first and second World Premiere and Satono Lux, Tokyo Yushun (Derby) hero, Roger Barows, Oka Sho (1000 Guineas) winner, Gran Alegria, and Yushun Himba (Oaks) winner, Loves Only You.

The latter is out of a Storm Cat mare, with Storm Cat now broodmare sire of no fewer than eight of Deep Impact's Gr1 winners –he is also found in the pedigree of the sire's high-class gallopers Beauty Parlour and Contrail.) His two-year-olds earned a whopping ¥703,360,000 in 2019, with Deep Impact's 46 individual juvenile winners in 2019 headed by Gr1 Hopeful Stakes winner, Contrail.

Deep Impact's success last year was by no means restricted to Japan, with his son, Glory Vase, capturing the Gr1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, another son, Fierce Impact, lifting two Gr1 races in Australia, 2yo fillies Fancy Blue and Savarin, winning the Staffordstown Stud Stakes and Gr3 Prix d'Aumale respectively, and his 3yo, Love So Deep, landing the Listed British Stallions Studs EBF Chalice Stakes at Newmarket.

The former Japan Cup winner also made his mark on the 2019 Japanese Leading First Crop Sires List for 2019, with Deep Impact's Tokyo Yushun winner, Kizuna (out of Storm Cat's daughter Catequil) the Leading First Crop Sire of 2019, with Kizuna also finishing second to his own sire on the 2019 Leading Japan 2YO Sires List.

Deep Impact was also responsible for Real Impact and World Ace, who were third and fifth respectively on last year's Leading First Crop Sires' list, and the champion had no fewer than five sons in the top twelve.

Kizuna, whose dam is a half-sister to the dam of Japanese champions, Biwa Hayahide and Narita Brian, had 27 first crop 2yo winners and two stakes winners last season, and he looks a bright prospect for his sire going forward.

### Well Connected

Deep Impact also made his presence felt on Japan's Leading Second Crop Sires list for 2019, with his sons, Danon Ballade and Tosen Ra, finishing seventh and eighth respectively on that list.

Incidentally, both Danon Ballade and Tosen Ra have connections



Danon Platina - only son of Deep Impact at stud in SA | John Lewis

to either current or past South African stallions, with Danon Ballade hailing from the same family as former SA sire, Rakeen, (Northern Dancer), and Tosen Ra a half-brother to the Wilgerbosdrift based, Flower Alley (Distorted Humor.)

Deep Impact's dominance in Japan is well viewed in terms of comparison to some of the world's other leading stallions. His own record of eight consecutive sires titles lags not far behind Galileo (11 times champion sire in GB/Ireland, with ten consecutive titles), and is well clear of the likes of modern day US champion sires, A.P.

Indy, Deputy Minister, Giant's Causeway, Kitten's Joy, Smart Strike, Storm Cat, and Tapit.

The last horse to dominate the North American Sires List as completely as Deep Impact was the legendary Bold Ruler (Nasrullah), who was champion sire eight times from 1963-1973. With an excellent crop of two-year-olds to his name, Deep Impact could well dominate this year's sire standings in Japan once again.

Some outstanding racemares have already foaled to Deep Impact this year, suggesting his legacy is set to continue for years to come. His classic winning sons, Saxon Warrior and Study Of Man, are now standing at stud in Ireland, shuttling to Australia and Britain.

### So Close!

Deep Impact went close to registering another major victory, when his son, Fierce Impact, (previously victorious in both the Gr1 Kennedy Cantala and Gr1 Toorak Handicap) ran a close second in Saturday's Gr1 Neds C.F. Orr Stakes at Caulfield.

Fierce Impact joins the likes of Real Impact and Tosen Stardom as Australian Gr1 winners sired by Deep Impact. While Deep Impact's dominance of Japan is impressive, he has a long way to go to match his own sire, Sunday Silence, whose remarkable record includes Japan's Leading Broodmare Sire for 2019- Sunday Silence mares produced the earners of a staggering ¥4,400,736,500.

Sunday Silence is the male line ancestor of no fewer than ten of the top 20 on the 2019 Japanese General Sires List. Sunday Silence and his sons have headed the Japanese General Sires List a stunning 23 times in the past 25 years, a truly remarkable achievement for a stallion rejected by North American breeders.

North America's Horse Of The Year in 1989, Sunday Silence (now deceased) topped the Japanese Sires List no fewer than 13 times in a row, and, Deep Impact aside, is also the sire of Japan champion sires, Agnes Tachyon, and Manhattan Cafe. A truly exceptional sire and broodmare sire, Sunday Silence's dominance of Japan's racing industry is quite remarkable, and it looks set to continue for decades to come.

Deep Impact's only son at stud in South Africa is the Mauritzfontein based G1 Asahi Hai Futurity winner, Danon Platina, who is bred on the same Deep Impact/Unbridled's Song cross as 2019's star two-year-old Contrail.

## BREEDING

## Another Avontuur Queen?

Avontuur's evergreen sire Var looks to have another really smart sort to his credit in the form of the exciting Kenilworth Fillies Nursery entry, Delta Queen. She made an eye catching debut in the Khaya Stables silks at Kenilworth on Saturday, when making all to score over 1100m.

Trained by Dean Kannemeyer, Delta Queen had shown plenty at home and was backed down to start a 17-10 tote favourite.

Quickly into stride, under Keagan De Melo, the Amm and Avontuur bred filly was always up with the pace, and when De Melo asked the question, Delta Queen kicked clear before going on to score a decisive and impressive three and a half length debut win.

Delta Queen is out of Jet Master star River Jetez, a full-sister to Triple Horse Of The Year Pocket Power, whose victories included both the 2010 Gr1 J&B Met and Dubai's Balanchine Stakes.

A full-sister to Gr3 Lebelo Sprint winner Rivarine, Delta Queen- bred on the same cross as recent G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner Vardy and the exciting Miracle Flight- was a R2 million buy from the 2019 Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

The filly is the third juvenile winner (from 4 runners thus far) for Var, South Africa's Leading Sire of 2Yos in both 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, this season. Var is also sire of the promising two-year-old Miracle Flight an impressive winner of each of first three starts.

The sire of more than 20 G1 horses, Var has three lots on the upcoming Cape Yearling Sale.

## Inglis Classic's Upward Trend

Average price of A\$87,833

The Inglis Classic Yearling Sale ended on Tuesday with significant increases across the board, not only in Book 1 but the popular Highway Session as well.

Book 1 closed with an average of A\$87,833 – a 16% year-on-year increase – while the Highway Session's healthy average of A\$38,178 was a 51% jump on the inaugural session of 2019.

All told, 168 horses across the catalogue realised A\$100,000 or more, up from 150 in 2019, despite over 200 less horses being catalogued for the sale.

The final 73 lots of the main book kick-started Day 3 with lot 563 topping the day, a Deep Field x Wind Shift colt from Canning Downs Stud selling to Regal Farm Partnership/Upper Bloodstock/Teng Long and McKeever Bloodstock for A\$230,000.

The colt will likely be pinhooked back through the Inglis Ready2Race Sale at Riverside in October.

Shane Crawford of Regal Farm revealed the partnership of mates came together during the week as the desire to land a Deep Field colt grew.

"Deep Field is definitely a sire on the move, I've looked at a few and I am happy to finally get one. It hasn't been easy," Crawford said.

"He has a good scope, clean x-rays, so he ticked all those boxes. He looks like a real runner as he is a really nice mover.

"We weren't confident of being able to get him, but we were hopeful, and we went quite hard on the horse. We went a little bit over budget." [Read more](#)

## Drakenstein's Futura Opens His Account

One of the multiple Equus champion Dynasty's best sons, former SA Horse Of The Year Futura celebrated his first winner on the rescheduled Gauteng Guineas raceday at Turffontein on Wednesday, when Corne Spies' 2yo gelding Karnallie scored at his third start.

The winner, a R75 000 BSA 2019 National 2yo Sale graduate, had placed on debut and after a quiet second start put it all together in the manner of a horse with a future. He got the better of the backed South East after a brief tussle over the final 200m to win well under Craig Zackey.

Karnallie clocked 68,21 secs for the 1160m on ground posted as 'good' with a pen reading of 22.

He was consigned to sale by Ambiance Stud and was bred by Heritage Stud from the Parade Leader mare Ariza, who won three times at 2000m. She has had 5 previous foals, with her 4 runners including 2 winners.

Karnallie, who races in the scarlet and crimson of Corne Spies Racing, should be effective over ground.

South Africa's Horse Of The Year, Champion Older Male, and Middle Distance Horse of 2014-2015, Futura was an exceptional athlete whose nine wins (grossing R4,3 million) from 18 outings, included triumphs in both the Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and Gr1 J&B Met, as well as back to back scores in the Gr1 Champions Cup. He is a son of Badger's Drift mare, Scribblin' The Cat.

Futura has proven popular at sale, with his colt Castle On The Hill topping the 2019 Emperors Palace Ready To Run Sale, when knocked down to EIB Bloodstock for R1,3 million. Futura stood at Drakenstein for a fee of R12 000 in 2019. He has 5 lots on the Cape Premier Yearling Sale on 28 February.



# They're On Fire!

## Global View's 5 runners - 3 winners

**Fireview:** 2c Global View – Spellfire (Sail From Seattle)  
**WON** at Fairview on Friday 7 Feb at second start

**Global View** has 3 well-related progeny on the **Cape Yearling Sale** on 28 February!

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**TURFFONTEIN**  
**Wednesday, 12 February**
**Gr2 Gauteng Guineas R1000 000**
**On The Way Up!**

Sean Tarry's Vercingetorix colt Ikigai set a poser for the SA Triple Crown forecasters when he cruised to victory in the first leg, the R1 million Gr2 Gauteng Guineas, at Turffontein on Wednesday evening.

While he is bred to stay beyond the 1800m of the second leg SA Classic, trainer Sean Tarry observed that the 3yo would be 'at home in the Computaform Sprint'!

Winning rider, apprentice Luke Ferraris also expressed some doubts about a more testing trip, saying that Ikigai was 'quite keen'. But talk is cheap and time will tell and at this stage, the 2450m of the SA Derby is a lifetime away.

The victory by the handsome chestnut signalled a feature double on the evening for the Tarry-Ferraris-Van Niekerk-Klawervlei combination after Silver God won the Listed Wolf Power 1600 earlier.

A promising sort, Ikigai had largely been kept under wraps by Tarry until winning the Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes in early January, whereafter the handicappers sat up and gave him an overdue MR hike from 98 to a 114.

On Wednesday evening, he went through the motions and, starting a popular 22-10 favourite, beat the De Kock grey Frosted Gold (4-1) by 1,75 lengths in a time of 97,99 secs.

Recent Gr3 Sea Cottage Stakes winner Green Laser (16-1) won the hard-fought race for third a further two lengths adrift, with the always thereabouts Astrix (22-1) a neck back in fourth.

Al Borak appeared to clip heels at about the 800m marker and unseated Denis Schwarz, who was on his way to hospital for observations after the race. There was no news on the condition of the promising gelding.

Ikigai is from the first crop of the exciting Maine Chance stallion Vercingetorix (co-incidentally bred by Klawervlei) out of the one-time winning Al Mufti mare, Al Shiba. Ikigai is thus bred on a similar cross to the Silvano sired Gr1 winners Al Sahem, Bold Silvano, and Kings Gambit.

Ikigai has won 4 races with 2 places from 6 starts for stakes of R854 375.

The R6-million SA Triple Crown for 3-year-olds is the richest series of races in Africa. The second leg is the R1,5 million Gr1 SA Classic run over 1800m on the Turffontein Standside on Saturday 7 March. The third leg is the R1,5 million Gr1 SA

Derby run over 2450m on the Turffontein Standside on Saturday 4 April.

A bonus of R2 million will be paid to the owners of the horse that wins all three legs of the SA Triple Crown.

**Gr2 Gauteng Guineas 1600m**

T 514	1	0.00	<b>IKIGAI</b>	(6)	60.0	L J Ferraris	22/10
3 ch c	Vercingetorix - Al Shiba (Al Mufti)						
T 391	2	1.75	<b>FROSTED GOLD</b>	(2)	60.0	C Zackey	4/1
3 gr g	All Too Hard - Mary d'Or(FR) (Verglas)						
T 584	3	3.75	<b>GREEN LASER</b>	(4)	60.0	M v Rensburg	16/1
3 b c	Gimmethegreenlight - Dance Domain (Parade Leader)						
T 391	4	3.80	Astrix	(7)	60.0	C Murray	22/1
T 558	5	4.00	Leopold	(5)	60.0	C Maujean	22/1
V 466	6	5.25	Riverstown	(10)	60.0	W Kennedy	11/1
V 548	7	5.35	Eden Roc	(1)	60.0	R Danielson	14/1
V 532	8	5.75	Youcanthurrylove	(3)	60.0	S Khumalo	22/10
T 585	9	12.00	Bohica	(11)	60.0	N Juglall	66/1
T 176	10	15.00	Arapaho	(8)	60.0	R Simons	55/1
T 585	11	99.99	Al Borak	(9)	60.0	D Schwarz	55/1
<b>Time:</b>	97.99s (61.24s avg/1000m, or 59km/h)					<b>SP Total %:</b> 117%	
<b>1st:</b>	T:SG Tarry O:Mr C J H Van Niekerk B:Klawervlei Stud						

**Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas R500 000**
**Another Cherry Blossoms!**

The drama of a rein dropped late in running failed to unhinge the SA Triple Tiara dream for the high-riding combination of Warren Kennedy and Paul Peter! And the Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein teams celebrated a dramatic first leg victory for the magnificent undefeated Silvano filly Summer Pudding at Turffontein on Wednesday evening.

Mike de Kock's Galileo flyer Igugu was the first filly to win the Triple Tiara. That was in 2011 and Ormond Ferraris-trained Cherry On The Top emulated the feat in 2013. It has not been won since and the dream is surely on now with Summer Pudding only likely to get better as the distances step up from Wednesday's R500 000 Wilgerbosdrift Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas. Warren Kennedy had the 23-10 favourite Summer Pudding about five lengths off the gallop set by Querari Ferrari and Virtuosa, with Rio's Winter in the mix.

In the run for home, Virtuosa loomed dangerously as Kennedy got to work on Summer Pudding, who was taking her time to find her stride.

Piere Strydom, who has walked the Triple Tiara road with plenty of emotion in the past, scented blood and Rio's Winter (9-1) came forward looking a winner.

But Kennedy can do little wrong and he kept Summer Pudding focussed as the daughter of Silvano came right back to gain a neck verdict in a time of 99,39 secs.

Oratorio daughter Rio's Winter ran the race of her life in second and managed to hold off an unlucky Victoria Paige (15-2), who jumped from the widest draw and had her path blocked late.

Running off a rest of 14 weeks, David Nieuwenhuizen's Mill Queen just tired late but held on gallantly for fourth,

Warren Kennedy said that they slowed the pace and he had to get to work on his mount early on 'when the others were still sitting'.

"Rio's Winter passed me, but testimony to Summer Pudding's class she came right back at her. She came through the mile test. It's now at her mercy, I think!" added the red hot Kennedy.

Trainer Paul Peter inherited Summer Pudding from his mentor Ormond Ferraris.

"I have been driving him crazy. I was worried she was underdone. Mr Ferraris came to see her today and gave her the thumbs up. And to my ex-boss James Maree. Wonderful owners. My son Tony. I have so many people to thank," he added emotionally.

Jessica Jell – who recently gave birth to a daughter – and her Mom Mary Slack, were on course.

The winner is by champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of seven-time winning stakes winner Cherry On The Cake (Strike Smartly) – the latter a half sister to SA Triple Tiara winner Cherry On The Top (Tiger Ridge). They were daughters of the top-class Carolina Cherry.

Summer Pudding has made it a perfect four from four and took her earnings to R520 375.

The Wilgerbosdrift SA Triple Tiara is the richest series of races for fillies in Africa. The second leg is the R1-million Wilgerbosdrift Gr1 SA Fillies Classic to be run over 1800m on the Turffontein Standside on Saturday 7 March.

The third leg is the R750 000 Wilgerbosdrift Gr2 SA Oaks to be run over 2450m on the Turffontein Standside on Saturday 4 April. A bonus of R1 million will be paid to the owners of the filly that wins all three legs of the Triple Tiara.

**Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas 1600m**

T 369	1	0.00	<b>SUMMER PUDDING</b>	(1)	60.0	W Kennedy	23/10
3 b f	Silvano - Cherry On The Cake (Strike Smartly)						
V 598	2	0.25	<b>RIO'S WINTER</b>	(6)	60.0	P Strydom	9/1
3 b f	Oratorio - Winter Ade (Western Winter)						
T 513	3	0.75	<b>VICTORIA PAIGE</b>	(16)	60.0	L J Ferraris	15/2
3 b f	Captain Al - Miss Respect(GB) (Mark of Esteem)						
T 292	4	1.00	Mill Queen	(5)	60.0	G Lerena	7/2
T 513	5	2.75	Marygold	(11)	60.0	N Juglall	40/1
T 369	6	3.25	Kayla's Champ	(4)	60.0	D L Habib	25/1
T 584	7	3.75	Virtuosa	(14)	60.0	C Murray	65/1
T 539	8	3.85	Keep Smiling	(7)	60.0	R Danielson	25/1
T 580	9	4.00	Querari Ferrari	(10)	60.0	J Gates	65/1
T 513	10	4.50	Shivers	(9)	60.0	C Maujean	25/1
T 513	11	5.00	Spiritofthegroove	(3)	60.0	C Habib	14/1
T 513	12	5.25	Magic School	(15)	60.0	D Schwarz	16/1
V 568	13	6.00	Flying High	(8)	60.0	M v Rensburg	40/1
T 584	14	11.50	Snow Palace	(2)	60.0	C Zackey	20/1
T 585	15	13.00	Risk Taker	(13)	60.0	R Simons	18/1
T 554	16	19.00	Christmas Flower	(12)	60.0	S Khumalo	25/1
<b>Time:</b>	99.39s (62.12s avg/1000m, or 58km/h)					<b>SP Total %:</b> 120%	
<b>1st:</b>	T:PA Peter O:Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs J B Jell)						
<b>B:</b>	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein						

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

## Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap R200 000

## Flash Flood!

Lucky Houdalakis' Pathfork gelding Mr Flood is one of the great comeback from absolutely nowhere success stories.

The gelding registered his fifth successive victory with a dazzling display of guts and speed to lift the honours in the R200 000 Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap at Turffontein on Wednesday.

Bloodstock South Africa could not have scripted a better mobile advert for their Cape Yearling Sale on 28 February. Mr Flood cost just R50 000 on the great value regional sale in 2017, and took his earnings to over the half million mark at only his eighth start.

And it was just six weeks ago that the classy 4yo returned from a 417 day break to win the R200 000 Gr3 Lebelo Sprint at the same venue. He had been rested after dual knee chip operations, and made it a return hat-trick with his terrific victory here.

Regular pilot Marco van Rensburg, fresh off a double at Fairview 24 hours earlier, had Mr Flood flashing his natural speed early on as the filly Fly Away, her stablemate Chief Of State, and Gimme A Wave, led the charge. At the 300m it was clear that Mr Flood (5-4) was spewing venom, and despite a late charge from off the speed by Sean Tarry's 8yo Mombela (25-1), there was no stopping the Houdalakis flyer who galloped all the way to the post to win by half a length in a nippy 56,58 secs.

Rivarine (35-1) ran another honest race to bank third cheque, with Romi's Boy (16-1) competing the quartet.

The rest were well beaten, with the Spies runner Basilius unfortunately pulled out of the race just before halfway.

Bred by Willempie Engelbrecht Jnr, Mr Flood is a son of Ridgemont Highlands sire Pathfork (Distorted Humor) out of the three-time winning Jallad mare, Last Word Pam. He is now a winner of 6 of his 8 starts and, having banked R501 574, he has proven enormous value for his R50 000 BSA 2017 Cape Yearling Sale price tag.

## Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap 1000m

V 549	1	0.00	MR FLOOD	(3)	60.0	M v Rensburg	5/4
4 b g			Pathfork - Last Word Pam (Jallad)				
V 549	2	0.50	MOMBELA	(11)	52.5	K Matsunyane	25/1
8 b g			Trippi - National Banker (Fort Wood)				
T 494	3	1.75	RIVARINE	(8)	57.0	G Lerena	35/1
6 b g			Var - River Jetez (Jet Master)				
V 549	4	2.25	Romi's Boy	(2)	55.0	D Schwarz	16/1
T 540	5	3.25	Chief Of State	(5)	52.5	L J Ferraris	11/2
T 494	6	4.25	Valbonne	(9)	55.0	P Strydom	25/1
T 297	7	4.75	Quinlan	(10)	62.0	W Agrella	14/1
T 390	8	6.00	William The Silent	(1)	59.5	R Simons	20/1
T 494	9	7.25	Gimme A Wave	(12)	55.5	S Khumalo	12/1
V 506	10	8.50	Look To The Sky	(7)	52.0	J R Syster	20/1
V 286	11	8.75	Fly Away	(6)	52.0	W Kennedy	11/2
V 549	12	99.99	Basilius	(4)	56.5	C Zackey	25/1

Time: 56.58s (56.58s avg/1000m, or 64km/h) SP Total %: 119%  
1st T:M Houdalakis O:Mr K A Waterston B:WJ Engelbrecht Jnr

## Wolf Power 1600 (Listed) R150 000

## Silver God Rules

While he has taken forever to break the stakes ice, Sean Tarry's well-related Silver God benefitted from a confident ride by apprentice Luke Ferraris to win the Listed Wolf Power 1600 at Turffontein on Wednesday evening.

He cost a packet at sales and is not in the same league as most of his family, but Silver God gave Chris and Eric van Niekerk plenty to smile about at a meeting that looked to be in the balance for a good few days.

The Avontuur-sponsored Ferraris was riding his 41st winner of the season and always had Silver God in touch as Captain Of Tortuga led Approach Control at a fairly sedate gallop, with the favourite Green Haze near the rear.

With D'Arrivee (38-10) dashing out of the pack under the rampant Warren Kennedy and looking a winner late, Ferraris kept Silver God (7-1) at his task up the inside rail and he went on doggedly to hold D'Arrivee to three quarters of a length in a time of 97,40 secs.

Green Haze (9-2) had no chance off the sedentary gallop and the Alec Laird topweight had to again be content with a frustrating place cheque a further 1,50 lengths away in third.

Approach Control faded out of contention late in the race after showing plenty of enthusiasm.

Bred by Klawervlei, the well-related Silver God is a son of Silvano (Lomitas) out of the one-time winner Pagan Princess (Fort Wood). He is thus a half-brother to Klawervlei Cape Guineas winning sire William Longsword and the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint winner, Real Princess.

A R2 million Cape Yearling Sale graduate, the 5yo gelded Silver God has won 5 races with 3 places from 27 starts for stakes of R377 112.

## Wolf Power 1600 (Listed) 1600m

V 524	1	0.00	SILVER GOD	(8)	54.5	L J Ferraris	7/1
5 b g			Silvano - Pagan Princess (Fort Wood)				
T 581	2	0.75	D'ARRIVEE	(10)	54.0	W Kennedy	38/10
5 b g			Kahal - We Have Lift Off (Jet Master)				
T 515	3	2.25	GREEN HAZE	(4)	60.0	S Khumalo	9/2
4 b g			Gimmethegreenlight - Mizzzen Mist (Western Winter)				
T 581	4	3.25	Full Mast	(5)	54.0	M v Rensburg	10/1
T 558	5	3.75	Social Order	(11)	58.0	G Lerena	25/4
T 585	6	4.00	Approach Control	(6)	58.5	P Strydom	13/2
T 581	7	5.50	Greek Fire	(2)	54.5	N Jugfall	30/1
T 581	8	6.00	Captain Of Tortuga	(9)	55.0	C Murray	16/1
V 524	9	6.10	Shukamisa	(3)	53.0	C Habib	16/1
V 548	10	6.75	Carbon Atom	(1)	54.5	R Danielson	25/1
T 581	11	22.00	Unagi	(7)	55.5	D Schwarz	22/1

Time: 97.4s (60.88s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 111%  
1st T:SG Tarry O:Mr C J H Van Niekerk B:Klawervlei Stud

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Sat 22 Feb	<b>ARF Commemorative Gr1 Cape Derby</b> 2000m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr2 Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes</b> 1200m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr3 Vasco Prix du Cap</b> 1400m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr3 Cape of Good Hope Nursery</b> 1200m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr3 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery</b> 1200m Kenilworth
	<b>(L) Selangor Jet Master S.</b> 1600m Kenilworth
Fri 28 Feb	<b>(L) Ibhayi Stakes</b> 1400m Fairview (T)
Sat 29 Feb	<b>(L) Kenilworth Cup</b> 3200m Kenilworth
Fri 6 Mar	<b>(L) Breeders Guineas</b> 1600m Fairview (T)

## Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
12Feb	150	150	140	2,756
11Feb	150	150	145	16,746
10Feb	150	150	140	10,026
07Feb	150	153	150	131,000
06 Feb	179	179	140	312,055
05Feb	150	150	150	82
04Feb	150	150	149	106,275
03Feb	149	149	149	8
31Jan	150	158	149	20,501
30Jan	149	149	135	113,874
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



## NEWS

## Lerena Opens Fairview Base

**Former Gauteng based trainer Stephen Lerena has quietly relocated to the Eastern Cape, and had his first runners at the Fairview polytrack meeting on Tuesday.**

Tabnews reports that all three Lerena runners earned a cheque, with battle hardened mare Samarra in the FM66 going closest, beaten a neck into second.

"The horses only arrived last Thursday so I was very happy with the way it went" said Lerena on Wednesday.

"We've brought ten horses down, and have a 28 box barn, so there's lots of space for expansion. Things are very competitive in Johannesburg, and you have to be proactive, so we are trying something new.

"Two who should do well in their new surroundings are Flaming Opal and Miss Lexi. I expect Flaming Opal to love the poly. Her last two have been in Joburg features so back in the handicaps she should be very competitive.

"Miss Lexi will like the better going on turf at Fairview. But we will have to see about how she takes to the poly.

"It's all new to me – I've never lived in PE or raced there. But all of the trainers have been super helpful and welcoming."

And horses on the fringes in major centres usually come good in PE, so the stable should be followed with interest over the next few months.

## Love & Fairview

The next meeting at Fairview is on the turf tomorrow, Valentine's Day.

The first of eight races is off at 12h40.

The Greg Cheyne-Alan Greeff combination partner with the SP Top Bet for the day, Sail Smartly.

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## SCORECARD

## SCORE CARD

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

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### TOP SCORERS for 2019/2020

(updated to 9 February 2020)

horse	age	sex	points	races
One World	4	c	178	4
Vardy	4	c	150	2
Russet Air	4	c	150	2
Queen Supreme	4	f	95	2
Rainbow Bridge	5	c	90	3
Hawwaam	4	c	80	3
Mississippi Burning	3	f	70	1
Clouds Unfold	4	f	70	1
Run Fox Run	4	f	68	2
Celtic Sea	4	f	62	2
Chimichuri Run	4	c	52	2
Bold Respect	5	c	50	1
Snapsan	4	f	50	1
Barahin	4	c	50	1
Prince Of Kahal	5	c	50	1
Mr Flood	4	c	50	2
Mardi Gras	5	c	50	1
Kasimir	5	c	42	1
Twist Of Fate	4	c	40	2
Third Runway	3	f	32	2
Shango	3	c	30	1
Vistula	4	f	30	1
Ikigai	3	c	30	1
King Of Gems	3	c	30	1
Ronnie's Candy	4	f	30	1
Summer Pudding	3	f	30	1
True To Life	3	f	25	1
Jet Start	5	f	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
Tap O' Noth	5	c	22	1
Kampala Campari	6	c	21	1
Temple Grafyn	4	f	20	1
Crome Yellow	5	c	20	1
Kelpie	3	f	19	1
Strathdon	6	c	16	1
Driving Miss Daisy	3	f	15	2
Miyabi Gold	5	f	14	2
Gin Fizz	3	f	12	1
Sachdev	3	c	12	1
Rio's Winter	3	f	12	1
Bunker Hunt	4	c	10	2
Ready Steady Go	5	c	10	1
Silvano's Pride	4	f	9	1
Victoria Paige	3	f	8	1
Front And Centre	4	f	8	1
Pleasedtomeetyou	4	c	6	1
Mill Queen	3	f	5	1
Warrior's Rest	5	c	2	1
Cabo da Cruz	5	c	2	1



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Stakes	Breeder	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
20,190,460	Klawervlei Stud	370	54,569	1348	101	128	27%	3	5	3%	390	29%	4	Invidia 2,815,750 14%
12,167,647	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	213	57,125	869	85	114	40%	6	7	7%	274	32%	12	Rainbow Bridge 785,000 6%
8,902,285	Highlands	146	60,975	597	64	84	44%	2	2	3%	177	30%	4	Count Jack 2,652,511 30%
7,561,737	Summerhill Stud	210	36,008	923	57	76	27%	0	0	0%	234	25%	1	Chijmes 350,900 5%
5,650,924	Drakenstein Stud	110	50,909	411	40	52	36%	4	5	10%	138	34%	6	Clouds Unfold 695,000 12%
5,556,712	Varsfontein Stud	98	56,701	403	41	53	42%	4	4	10%	132	33%	4	Kilindini 761,625 14%
4,709,149	Maine Chance	115	40,949	441	37	60	32%	1	1	3%	122	28%	3	Wisteria Walk 206,375 4%
4,429,575	Lammerskraal Stud	68	65,141	247	32	44	47%	1	2	3%	66	27%	5	Russet Air 933,750 21%
3,560,187	Normandy Stud	44	80,913	200	18	25	41%	1	1	6%	62	31%	1	Sachdev 1,173,750 33%
3,271,487	Moutonshoek	111	29,473	467	30	39	27%	0	0	0%	126	27%	1	Takatul 160,000 5%
3,012,250	Ascot Stud	77	39,120	323	26	33	34%	0	0	0%	106	33%	5	Bold Respect 223,000 7%
2,906,025	Nadeson Park Stud	83	35,012	365	26	33	31%	0	0	0%	102	28%	3	Techno Captain 188,000 6%
2,880,950	Scott Bros	97	29,701	487	24	25	25%	2	2	8%	119	24%	1	Latest Craze 185,250 6%
2,668,699	Favour Stud	76	35,114	346	20	30	26%	0	0	0%	85	25%	3	Twist Of Fate 263,000 10%
2,398,900	Al Adiyat	25	95,956	85	11	16	44%	1	1	9%	19	22%	1	Zillzaal 1,275,625 53%
2,338,987	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	92	25,424	379	18	26	20%	0	0	0%	100	26%	1	Glacier Girl 158,825 7%
2,229,850	Graystone Stud	37	60,266	191	12	19	32%	1	1	8%	68	36%	1	Ronnie's Candy 320,625 14%

**LEADING SIRES by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
9,868,548	Silvano	165	59,809	614	58	76	35%	7	7	12%	182	30%	9	Zillzaal 1,275,625 13%
9,153,135	*Captain Al	113	81,001	449	45	63	40%	4	5	9%	164	37%	8	One World 2,289,375 25%
7,874,685	What A Winter	138	57,063	567	45	62	33%	5	6	11%	195	34%	7	Russet Air 933,750 12%
6,726,648	Jackson	81	83,045	308	27	41	33%	0	0	0%	80	26%	1	Count Jack 2,652,511 39%
6,691,987	Twice Over	119	56,235	482	39	43	33%	1	1	3%	148	31%	1	Invidia 2,815,750 42%
6,380,674	Oratorio	111	57,484	501	51	73	46%	3	4	6%	149	30%	3	Viva Rio 485,375 8%
6,326,238	Gimmethgreenlight	141	44,867	567	47	62	33%	3	3	6%	155	27%	9	Barahin 593,250 9%
6,202,050	Var	127	48,835	529	47	66	37%	2	3	4%	156	29%	3	Vardy 1,186,250 19%
6,089,950	*Dynasty	112	54,375	454	41	58	37%	3	4	7%	145	32%	5	Sovereign Secret 826,900 14%
5,638,423	Querari	136	41,459	546	46	57	34%	2	2	4%	148	27%	4	Rio Querari 605,350 11%
5,000,025	Master Of My Fate	130	38,462	529	43	49	33%	0	0	0%	153	29%	2	Driving Miss Daisy 477,500 17%
4,739,736	Ideal World	94	50,423	397	32	41	34%	3	4	9%	129	32%	3	Rainbow Bridge 785,000 17%
4,411,413	Pathfork	91	48,477	402	45	57	49%	3	4	7%	110	27%	1	Jet Start 209,400 5%
4,225,799	Vercingetorix	69	61,243	270	27	42	39%	1	2	4%	75	28%	3	Vaseem 832,200 20%
4,099,587	Duke Of Marmalade	108	37,959	402	37	46	34%	1	1	3%	125	31%	2	Larentina 192,000 5%
3,977,337	Captain Of All	67	59,363	230	25	31	37%	1	1	4%	68	30%	1	Cartel Captain 1,097,750 28%
3,856,162	Elusive Form	118	32,679	521	31	39	26%	1	1	3%	162	31%	1	Secret Dream 164,300 4%

**LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
5,333,898	Jackson	47	113,487	178	16	24	34%	0	0	0%	38	21%	1	Count Jack 2,652,511 50%
4,594,937	Twice Over	55	83,544	232	19	21	35%	0	0	0%	66	28%	0	Invidia 2,815,750 61%
4,100,799	Vercingetorix	67	61,206	268	25	40	37%	1	2	4%	75	28%	3	Vaseem 832,200 20%
3,753,262	Captain Of All	52	72,178	204	23	28	44%	1	1	4%	59	29%	0	Cartel Captain 1,097,750 29%
3,742,275	Silvano	62	60,359	223	18	25	29%	4	4	22%	64	29%	2	Sachdev 1,173,750 31%
3,716,573	Querari	71	52,346	314	32	38	45%	1	1	3%	84	27%	1	Rio Querari 605,350 16%
3,475,361	*Captain Al	49	70,926	198	25	32	51%	1	1	4%	69	35%	2	Mississippi Burning 790,062 23%
3,251,937	What A Winter	63	51,618	285	19	23	30%	2	2	11%	100	35%	1	Three Two Charlie 609,850 19%
3,020,037	*Dynasty	45	67,112	180	22	30	49%	0	0	0%	65	36%	1	Sovereign Secret 826,900 27%
2,720,425	Master Of My Fate	75	36,272	302	27	27	36%	0	0	0%	86	28%	1	Driving Miss Daisy 477,500 18%
2,693,662	Gimmethgreenlight	64	42,088	229	23	32	36%	2	2	9%	57	25%	5	Third Runway 336,250 12%
2,617,575	Duke Of Marmalade	69	37,936	267	21	28	30%	1	1	5%	95	36%	0	Larentina 192,000 7%
2,469,312	Oratorio	52	47,487	221	20	29	38%	1	1	5%	64	29%	1	Viva Rio 485,375 20%
2,136,013	Visionaire	59	36,204	193	11	12	19%	0	0	0%	46	24%	0	Spiritofthegroove 566,000 26%
1,973,512	Flower Alley	51	38,696	184	19	25	37%	0	0	0%	59	32%	3	Rock Aloe 140,275 7%

**LEADING SIRES by AEPR**SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 9 February 2020 *with 20 or more rnr*

Stakes	Sire	rnr	AEPR	runs	wnr	wns	wnr/wnr%	SW wnr	SW wns	SW wnr/wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
6,726,648	Jackson	81	83,045	308	27	41	33%	0	0	0%	80	26%	1	Count Jack 2,652,511 39%
9,153,135	*Captain Al	113	81,001	449	45	63	40%	4	5	9%	164	37%	8	One World 2,289,375 25%
1,765,063	*Kahal	27	65,373	149	11	17	41%	1	3	9%	50	34%	0	Prince Of Kahal 493,625 28%
4,225,799	Vercingetorix	69	61,243	270	27	42	39%	1	2	4%	75	28%	3	Vaseem 832,200 20%
9,868,548	Silvano	165	59,809	614	58	76	35%	7	7	12%	182	30%	9	Zillzaal 1,275,625 13%
3,977,337	Captain Of All	67	59,363	230	25	31	37%	1	1	4%	68	30%	1	Cartel Captain 1,097,750 28%
6,380,674	Oratorio	111	57,484	501	51	73	46%	3	4	6%	149	30%	3	Viva Rio 485,375 8%
7,874,685	What A Winter	138	57,063	567	45	62	33%	5	6	11%	195	34%	7	Russet Air 933,750 12%
6,691,987	Twice Over	119	56,235	482	39	43	33%	1	1	3%	148	31%	1	Invidia 2,815,750 42%
6,089,950	*Dynasty	112	54,375	454	41	58	37%	3	4	7%	145	32%	5	Sovereign Secret 826,900 14%
4,739,736	Ideal World	94	50,423	397	32	41	34%	3	4	9%	129	32%	3	Rainbow Bridge 785,000 17%
6,202,050	Var	127	48,835	529	47	66	37%	2	3	4%	156	29%	3	Vardy 1,186,250 19%
4,411,413	Pathfork	91	48,477	402	45	57	49%	3	4	7%	110	27%	1	Jet Start 209,400 5%
3,053,700	*Sail From Seattle	63	48,471	278	26	41	41%	1	1	4%	92	33%	2	Dancing In Seattle 258,625 8%
990,975	*Await The Dawn	21	47,189	92	9	13	43%	0	0	0%	26	28%	0	Master And Man 192,250 19%

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A reminder that the 2020 Shongweni Mixed Sale will be held at 11h00 on Tuesday 18 February at the Shongweni Showgrounds, near Durban.

The catalogue – an update is now available online- is made up of proven racing prospects, potential breeding prospects, two-year-olds who are ready to run, and a selection of unraced horses of various ages.

Among the two-year-olds on offer is a Willow Magic half-brother (#87) to star filly, and millionaire, Takingthepeace and an Act Of War half-brother (#90) to dual Gr1 winning sire Rabada.

A recent winner, Calvary (#16) is a super quick four-time winner who is lethal over 1000m.

Dennis Drier trained Via Sacra (#73) – a four time winning mare hails from the family of Cape Guineas winner Kilindini and could be worth a second look.

Drakenstein sire Futura celebrated his first winner on Wednesday at Turffontein – he has a half-sister (#92) to Gr1 three-year-old Macthief

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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	552	74	13%	110	20%	33%	66	12%	252	46%	11,768,638	21,320
J Snaith	666	77	12%	104	16%	32%	84	13%	303	45%	9,703,296	14,570
BJ Crawford	390	71	18%	85	22%	38%	51	13%	204	52%	9,575,594	24,553
MF de Kock	333	52	16%	78	23%	35%	43	13%	162	49%	8,414,650	25,269
PA Peter	455	77	17%	91	20%	33%	41	9%	214	47%	6,964,325	15,306
AC Greeff	584	108	18%	148	25%	41%	80	14%	313	54%	6,488,863	11,111
C Bass-Robinson	403	35	9%	37	9%	35%	42	10%	166	41%	5,507,072	13,665
GS Kotzen	455	48	11%	56	12%	38%	50	11%	181	40%	5,210,070	11,451
Ashley Fortune	238	16	7%	26	11%	19%	24	10%	75	32%	4,562,075	19,168
VH Marshall	230	31	13%	28	12%	36%	29	13%	100	43%	4,528,286	19,688
Y Bremner	471	49	10%	44	9%	39%	49	10%	204	43%	3,948,675	8,384
DR Drier	254	29	11%	27	11%	48%	23	9%	109	43%	3,803,650	14,975
JAJ v Vuuren	288	40	14%	44	15%	41%	33	11%	126	44%	3,578,300	12,425
GD Smith	584	43	7%	28	5%	18%	47	8%	193	33%	3,045,325	5,215
AN Marcus	97	15	15%	12	12%	50%	11	11%	46	47%	2,959,424	30,510
GB Puller	248	31	13%	25	10%	36%	32	13%	99	40%	2,934,125	11,831
SD Gray	263	27	10%	27	10%	30%	33	13%	117	44%	2,918,650	11,098
GM Alexander	204	28	14%	17	8%	53%	20	10%	79	39%	2,872,775	14,082
A Nel	290	26	9%	40	14%	28%	30	10%	138	48%	2,786,386	9,608
D Kannemeyer	224	29	13%	49	22%	31%	31	14%	115	51%	2,720,150	12,144
PF Matchett	331	24	7%	22	7%	23%	31	9%	127	38%	2,451,500	7,406
G v Zyl	173	26	15%	38	22%	34%	21	12%	83	48%	2,424,375	14,014
AG Laird	179	22	12%	33	18%	36%	25	14%	87	49%	2,397,800	13,396
AE Sands	106	14	13%	13	12%	62%	14	13%	68	64%	2,349,450	22,165
RR Magner	208	16	8%	17	8%	41%	23	11%	80	38%	2,093,325	10,064
PV Lafferty	180	18	10%	22	12%	9%	20	11%	83	46%	1,895,325	10,530

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd four	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
W Kennedy	860	159	18%	195	23%	37%	107	12%	466	54%	14,027,225	16,311
G Cheyne	521	113	22%	155	30%	43%	70	13%	297	57%	8,499,575	16,314
A Marcus	213	67	31%	135	63%	39%	36	17%	148	69%	6,585,123	30,916
R Fourie	358	67	19%	106	30%	34%	57	16%	209	58%	7,121,047	19,891
K De Melo	471	66	14%	79	17%	35%	58	12%	250	53%	6,255,434	13,281
M Yeni	656	64	10%	91	14%	20%	87	13%	293	45%	6,339,638	9,664
S Khumalo	578	61	11%	64	11%	31%	79	14%	257	44%	6,457,025	11,171
C Maujean	584	59	10%	50	9%	36%	57	10%	245	42%	5,113,125	8,755
C Murray	341	50	15%	67	20%	34%	33	10%	144	42%	6,805,375	19,957
M v Rensburg	473	47	10%	51	11%	24%	52	11%	198	42%	4,347,250	9,191
R Danielson	305	46	15%	64	21%	36%	39	13%	144	47%	4,168,400	13,667
R Munger	552	46	8%	39	7%	26%	48	9%	206	37%	3,833,738	6,945
D Schwarz	449	45	10%	34	8%	44%	45	10%	180	40%	6,117,575	13,625
G Lerena	215	43	20%	66	31%	33%	24	11%	117	54%	4,691,200	21,820
L J Ferraris	389	41	11%	32	8%	28%	42	11%	152	39%	4,454,650	11,452
M Byleveld	408	39	10%	32	8%	38%	39	10%	164	40%	5,354,347	13,123
C Zackey	342	37	11%	23	7%	35%	29	8%	138	40%	5,030,287	14,708
B Fayd'herbe	225	27	12%	29	13%	24%	27	12%	109	48%	2,436,636	10,829
C Orrer	233	27	12%	34	15%	29%	30	13%	116	50%	5,403,936	23,193
D Dillon	338	25	7%	26	8%	35%	33	10%	142	42%	3,040,411	8,995
S Moodley	268	25	9%	7	3%	71%	22	8%	80	30%	2,317,025	8,646
C F Dicken	249	25	10%	10	4%	20%	20	8%	96	39%	2,147,038	8,623
S Veale	337	24	7%	37	11%	32%	31	9%	130	39%	3,790,200	11,247
L Mxothwa	309	24	8%	19	6%	42%	29	9%	117	38%	1,992,936	6,450
N Klink	255	24	9%	25	10%	36%	21	8%	92	36%	1,573,225	6,170
W Agrella	161	23	14%	20	12%	40%	18	11%	89	55%	1,779,250	11,051
S Randolph	306	23	8%	18	6%	28%	28	9%	114	37%	2,454,725	8,022
M Winnaar	195	23	12%	26	13%	31%	27	14%	90	46%	2,864,071	14,688



Gold Circle

Yogas Govender – great job with small string

**Yogi Bears It**

Summerveld trainer Yogas Govender enjoyed a double at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday. Enrapture (18 -1) won the fourth under Sherman Brown, while Anton Marcus booted home a popular winner in Bayview Express (9-10) in the last. A former Met winning trainer, Govender has maintained a 16% win strike-rate from limited runners.



Tara Laing – the winners have continued

**Team Tara Tops**

From a string of just 40 horses, Tara Laing saddled her 23rd winner of the season (strike-rate of 11%) at Fairview on Tuesday when Apollo Rock shed her maiden, winning the first under national top ten rider, Chase Maujean. Tara saddled 54 winners last term from 497 runners and the former Mayfair Speculators conditioner has continued to maintain solid form.



Candiese Lenferna

Marco van Rensburg and Gavin Smith have formed a strong team

**Fairview Double**

Marco van Rensburg, currently in the national top ten, and Hollywoodbets sponsored Fairview trainer Gavin Smith, enjoyed a great double in the Eastern Cape on Tuesday when Born To Be Great (33-10) and Viva Le Bleu (10-1) won. The combination – not always a regular team – enjoy a 13% win strike-rate and have partnered with 16 winners this term so far. They had zero winners last season.



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Triple Crown races leave questions unanswered for 3yos

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
112	Mr Flood	4	Pathfork	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	12Feb	1	MR115	1000	Turffontein	112/-/-/-
112	Russet Air	4	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	1Feb	1	WFA	1000	Kenilworth	112/98/-/-
112	Bold Respect	5	Bold Silvano	Ascot Stud	1Feb	2	WFA	1000	Kenilworth	117/106/-/-
109	Kasimir	5	Captain Al	Drakenstein Stud	1Feb	3	WFA	1000	Kenilworth	121/109/-/-
105	Chimichuri Run	4	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	1Feb	5	WFA	1000	Kenilworth	116/109/-/-
103	Wave	3	Mogok	Scott Bros	31Jan	2	MR96	1200	Greyville	106/93/-/-
102	Sir Frenchie	5	Choisir	bred in Australia	11Feb	2	Cnd	1000	Fairview	113/110/-/-
99	Rivarine	6	Var	Avontuur and CA & Mrs Amm	12Feb	3	MR115	1000	Turffontein	109/90/-/-
98	Quinlan	5	Sail From Seattle	K Fourie	12Feb	7	MR115	1000	Turffontein	111/57/-/-
97	Calvary	4	Querari	Maine Chance	9Feb	1	MR98	1000	Greyville	104/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
102	Run Fox Run	4	Foxwedge	bred in Australia	1Feb	4	WFA	1000	Kenilworth	110/-/-/-
98	Outlandos d'Amour	4	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	31Jan	1	Cndfm	1000	Fairview	98/-/-/-
98	Gin Fizz	3	Soft Falling Rain	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	12Feb	2	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	98/98/-/-
97	Green Plains	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Gary Player Stud	12Feb	2	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	105/-/-/-
95	Rio's Winter	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	30Jan	1	Cndfm	1450	Vaal	94/96/-/-
95	Running Brave	4	Brave Tin Soldier	Summerhill Stud	12Feb	5	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	95/102/96/99/-
94	Carlita	4	Oratorio	Piemonte Stud	31Jan	2	Cndfm	1000	Fairview	102/96/-/-
94	Celestial Storm	4	What A Winter	Favour Stud	1Feb	6	WFA	1000	Kenilworth	100/58/-/-
93	Double 'O' Eight	5	Eightfold Path	Scott Bros	12Feb	1	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	93/74/-/-
93	Luna Wish	3	Querari	B Le Roux	7Feb	1	Cnd3f	1300	Fairview	93/92/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
119	One World	4	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	1Feb	1	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	-/116/112/119/-
119	Rainbow Bridge	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	1Feb	2	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	81/121/119/124/-
112	Hawwaam	4	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	1Feb	3	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	122/110/120/118/-
112	Twist Of Fate	4	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	1Feb	4	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	102/113/114/113/-
111	Bunker Hunt	4	Dynasty	Varsfontein Stud	1Feb	5	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	90/108/112/111/-
110	Hero's Honour	5	Await The Dawn	Summerhill Stud	1Feb	1	MR112	1800	Turffontein	80/96/110/-/100
110	Divine Odyssey	5	Oratorio	LMF Wernars	1Feb	2	MR112	1800	Turffontein	23/110/110/106/-
109	Vardy	4	Var	Tawny Syndicate	1Feb	6	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	83/117/112/109/-
107	Green Haze	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	12Feb	3	MR111	1600	Turffontein	94/107/106/102/-
107	Pack Leader	5	Philanthropist	Hallmark Thoroughbreds	1Feb	7	WFA	2000	Kenilworth	102/107/106/107/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
110	Clouds Unfold	4	What A Winter	Drakenstein Stud	1Feb	1	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	112/110/-/-/-
110	Celtic Sea	4	Captain Al	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	1Feb	2	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	116/115/-/-/-
107	Temple Grafyn	4	Duke Of Marmalade	MF Cowe	1Feb	3	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	98/107/-/-/-
105	Kelpie	3	Dynasty	Highlands	1Feb	4	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	71/105/-/104/-
104	Miyabi Gold	5	Silvano	Daytona Stud	1Feb	5	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	59/104/104/104/-
104	Silvano's Pride	4	Silvano	AC Peter	1Feb	6	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	65/104/102/104/-
101	Sleeping Single	4	Australia	bred in UK	1Feb	7	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	72/101/-/90/-
100	Meryl	5	Tiger Ridge	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	11Feb	1	Cndfm	1900	Fairview	90/96/100/99/98/
98	Star Fighter	4	Argonaut	Dream World Investments	1Feb	8	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	66/98/88/84/-
96	Summer Pudding	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	12Feb	1	WFA3f	1600	Turffontein	-/96/-/-/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
103	Wave	3	Mogok	Scott Bros	31Jan	2	MR96	1200	Greyville	106/93/-/-/-
99	Ikigai	3	Vercingetorix	Klawervlei Stud	12Feb	1	WFA-3	1600	Turffontein	99/106/-/-/-
97	Count Jack	3	Jackson	Highlands	1Feb	1	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	75/97/-/-/-
97	Invidia	3	Twice Over	Klawervlei Stud	1Feb	1	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	97/100/-/-/-
96	Sachdev	3	Silvano	Normandy Stud	1Feb	2	Cnd-3	1600	Kenilworth	84/97/-/-/-
96	Frosted Gold	3	All Too Hard	bred in New Zealand	12Feb	2	WFA-3	1600	Turffontein	107/103/-/-/-
95	Cartel Captain	3	Captain Of All	Klawervlei Stud	1Feb	2	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	95/94/-/-/-
94	Marshall	3	Vercingetorix	Al Adiyaat	1Feb	1	MR94	1450	Turffontein	83/94/-/-/-
94	Baby Shooz	3	Jackson	Wicklow Stud	12Feb	1	MR79	2000	Greyville	94/90/-/94/-
93	Vaseem	3	Vercingetorix	Klawervlei Stud	1Feb	3	Cnd-3	1200	Kenilworth	93/93/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
105	Kelpie	3	Dynasty	Highlands	1Feb	4	WFAfm	1600	Kenilworth	71/105/-/104/-
98	Gin Fizz	3	Soft Falling Rain	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	12Feb	2	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	98/98/-/-/-
96	Summer Pudding	3	Silvano	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	12Feb	1	WFA3f	1600	Turffontein	-/96/-/-/-
96	Rio's Winter	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	12Feb	2	WFA3f	1600	Turffontein	94/96/-/-/-
95	Rio's Winter	3	Oratorio	Gold Star Stud	30Jan	1	Cndfm	1450	Vaal	94/96/-/-/-
95	Victoria Paige	3	Captain Al	Ascot Stud	12Feb	3	WFA3f	1600	Turffontein	-/95/-/-/-
94	Mill Queen	3	Querari	Digteby Stud	12Feb	4	WFA3f	1600	Turffontein	85/94/-/-/-
93	Luna Wish	3	Querari	B Le Roux	7Feb	1	Cnd3f	1300	Fairview	93/92/-/-/-
92	Heart Swings	3	Mambo In Seattle	Moutonshoek	1Feb	1	MR83f	2000	Turffontein	-/86/87/92/-
90	Galic Princess	3	Vercingetorix	The Alchemy	12Feb	1	Cndfm	1160	Turffontein	90/88/-/-/-

# SIGNPOSTS

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

### ACT OF WAR (Dynasty)

Rubondo 2g (Londoloza by Muhtafal)

[Scottsville 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1000m \(16/02\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### CAPETOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Numerical 3g (Roman Dream by Jallad)

[Turffontein 3 Maiden Plate 2600m \(15/02\)](#)

Capetown Dream 3g (Dreambeliever by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(15/02\)](#)

Enjoy The View 3g (Dream Model by Pissaro)

[Scottsville 4 Pinnacle Stakes 1200m \(16/02\)](#)

Bordeaux 3g (Fair Finn by National Emblem)

[Scottsville 5 MR 87 Handicap 1200m \(16/02\)](#)

### CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Captain Charger 3g (Polar Charge by Polar Falcon)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1200m \(14/02\)](#)

Royal Splurge 3g (Judbury by Judpot)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(14/02\)](#)

Golden Tractor 3g (Sausalito Bay by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 6 MR 96 Handicap 1000m \(15/02\)](#)

Aye Aye 3g (Murmuration by Miswaki)

[Kenilworth 8 MR 78 Handicap \(F&M\) 1100m \(15/02\)](#)

### FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Milford Sound 3g (Fort Sylvia by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(15/02\)](#)

Adorable Alley 3g (Red Dor by Elliodor)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(15/02\)](#)

Fayrooz 3g (Diamond Game by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(15/02\)](#)

Consol Queen 3g (Solo Dancer by Al Mufti)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(16/02\)](#)

### LINNGARI (Indian Ridge)

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

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(16/02\)](#)

Mission Beach 3g (West Coast Way by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 8 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1750m \(16/02\)](#)

### SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Fairy Godmother 3g (Pumpkin Ridge by Tiger Ridge)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(15/02\)](#)

Hot Tin Roof 3g (Kitti Cat by Tiger Dance)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(16/02\)](#)

Frilly Sox 3g (Menorah by Var)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(16/02\)](#)

### TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

Good Times Roll 3g (Gouldikova by General Nediym)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(14/02\)](#)

A Moment Apart 3g (Five Star Landing by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(15/02\)](#)

### VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Just Judy 3g (Scent From Above by Diesis)

[Turffontein 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1600m \(15/02\)](#)

Tostada 3g (Zabrina by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(15/02\)](#)

Prince Of Venice 3g (Princess Stephanie by Kahal)

[Turffontein 7 MR 88 Handicap 1000m \(15/02\)](#)

Sarafina 3g (Sehaba by Galileo)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(15/02\)](#)

High And Mighty 3g (Educated by Black Minnaloushe)

[Turffontein 9 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(15/02\)](#)

Great Warrior 3g (Glowing Amber by Deputy Minister)

[Scottsville 7 UmThombothi Stakes \(Non-Blacktype\) 1950m \(16/02\)](#)

### WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Lady Of Choice 3g (Bold Choice by Lecture)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 2000m \(14/02\)](#)

Anika The Angel 3g (Cochineal by Fort Wood)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(16/02\)](#)

Silver Wisp 3g (Silverstick by Strike Smartly)

[Scottsville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(16/02\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### PATHFORK

Rated **AR 74 Scented Garden** (3f Syrian Sonja by Damascus Gate)

*Maiden Plate (f&m) Fairview (poly) (1200m) (7/2)*

Sent off a well-supported favourite, Alan Greeff's newcomer was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead going through the 300m and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by five and three quarters.

### VAR

Rated **AR 76 Delta Queen** (2f River Jetez by Jet Master)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate (fillies) Kenilworth (1100m) (8/2)*

A clear favourite at 17/10 on the off, this R2m purchase was soon in command of a two lengths advantage. She only had to be pushed out at the business end of the race and with plenty in hand won by three and a half. She is a full sister to highclass sprinter Rivarine.

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can be purchased [here](#)**



# SIGNPOSTS

## MASTER OF MY FATE

Rated **AR 81 Tempting Fate** (2c Miss October by Var)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Kenilworth (1100m) (8/2)*

Allowed to ease out to 10/1 as money came in buckets for newcomer Purple Cloud, Dennis Drier's charge was soon positioned up with the speed. The money horse went with him as the pair drew clear of the remainder below the distance and although the winning margin was only a neck, he quickened very nicely late and won a bit more easily than the form book will reflect.

## JACKSON

Rated **AR 82 Bayview Express** (3c Captain's Lullaby by Captain Al)

*Maiden Plate Greyville (poly) (2000m) (9/2)*

The mount of Anton Marcus, this son of Jackson showed considerable improvement here. Positioned in midfield in what soon became a very strung out field, Bayview Express cut through the field like a knife early in the straight. He put his head in front 250m from home and looked like going on to win by a steeplechase margin before being eased down to flatter the remainder.

## Horses To Follow

### SOFT FALLING RAIN

Rated **AR 81 Purple Cloud** (2c La Volta by Var)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Kenilworth (1100m) (8/2)*

Heavily supported into odds on, Candice Bass-Robinson's newcomer was soon positioned up with the speed. He left the remainder trailing in his wake whilst challenging the eventual winner over the final 200m, but on the day that one proved to be the stronger in the closing stages. His day will come.

## Winners Bred Abroad

**Ration My Passion** (NZ) 5m Cape Blanco- Feelin' Pretty(AUS)  
(Thorn Park)

*Vaal 2000m (04/02)*

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Roy's Physco** (AUS) 5g Casino Prince- Mrs Bobo(AUS) (Fuji Kiseki)  
*Greyville 1600m (09/02)*

### 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.

## SPORTS AND BETTING

# English Premier League Humdinger Expected

**Chelsea vs Man United | Mon 17 Feb | Stamford Bridge | 22:00**



If the last time these two giants met on the opening day of the Premier league was any indicator of how this fixture is going to play out, we are in for a humdinger. The scoreline read Manchester

United 4-0 Chelsea – but the story of the game was completely the opposite.

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### TO WIN

Chelsea 17/20

Draw 26/10

Man United 33/10

### CHELSEA

Chelsea would desperately want to avenge the loss in the first league game and to pull away from United and the chasing pack for the fourth UEFA Champions League spot. The Blues haven't enjoyed playing against the top six teams and have found it difficult to get the desired results. Nevertheless, the Londoners deservedly sit fourth, having dominated the other teams, and are on course to reach their targets for this season. Given their circumstances with the transfer ban saga, they would gladly take fourth and a strong showing in the UEFA Champions League. Plenty of homegrown talent have been nurtured at the club but very few have been given a chance to become first-team players for Chelsea. Lampard intends to buck that trend by playing the youngsters who he thinks are good enough and he has shown everyone what type of football he envisages his team on playing. I must say, it is impressive and is only going to get better.

### MANCHESTER UNITED

Plagued with injuries to key players, United have struggled to find consistency. The Reds have accumulated their worst points tally ever in the Premier League era, winning nine, drawing nine and losing eight times. Scott McTominay, Paul Pogba and Marcus Rashford are all long-term injury absentees and Solsjkaer will be sweating on their fitness. The Reds new fiery 25-year-old Portuguese star Bruno Fernandes was signed to help United's under-strength midfield that have failed to be as dynamic and creatively lethal as the top team Liverpool. After failing to score during the last three Premier League games – 2-0 losses to Liverpool, Burnley and most recently the goalless draw against Wolves, lifelong Manchester United fan Odion Ighalo was shockingly signed on transfer deadline day.

**PREDICTION: Winning Margins – Chelsea by One Goal (27/10)**

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Highly Competitive Weekend

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Flying Rascal

Hollywoodbets Greyville 2 February

Five of the nine races on the poly track on Sunday were staged over 1400m and in the fastest of these, a pinnacle stakes, the Visionaire gelding CALIENTE registered his fourth career victory. Freely available at 8/1 on the off, Dennis Drier's charge was always handy. He was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 200m marker and kept on strongly late to beat the staying on pace-maker HIGH VOLTAGE by a length.

The only other distance to stage more than one race on the card was 1600m. The MR89 affair was not surprisingly the faster of the two handicaps and here victory went to CAESURA. Always handy, the son of Oratorio ran on strongly in the short home straight and got up late to beat BLACKBURN ROC by a length.

In terms of distance, the easiest victory on the card was registered by RALPH THE RASCAL when getting off the mark in the maiden plate over 1400m. Runner up when finishing strongly from midfield in his only previous racecourse appearance, Alyson Wright's charge raced in the rear early on. Once given rein though he quickened in good style and despite having to switch 350m from home, he won going away by three and a half.

**Titbits** The 4yo OPENSEA came from the rear when winning the twelve runner MR69 Handicap over 1400m going away.

## Not So Elusive

Vaal 4 February

Fifty percent of the races on the Vaal's classic track on Tuesday were run over 1200m with the fastest of the four being the graduation plate won by the Elusive Fort gelding BENJI. Soon positioned close to

the speed, Paul Peter's charge took up the running 400m out and kept on strongly late to beat the running on SMOKE by 0,3 lengths.

The bill topping MR96 Handicap was by far the faster of the two 1600m races on the card and here victory went to the 3yo SECRET DREAM. Also sired by Elusive Fort, Lucky Houdalakis' charge led through-out. She was a length and a half clear going through the 400m and although the always handy AURELIA COTTA chased hard in the closing stages of the race, she couldn't get closer than 0,4 lengths at the wire.

At the other end of the scale the biggest winning margin on the card was just the 2,5 lengths recorded by UNDISCLOSED when getting off the mark in the opening maiden plate over 1200m. Sent off a warm favourite at 2/1, St John Gray's charge also made all. He was always in command and won comfortably from the unfancied BARISTA.

**Titbits** Now a winner of two from five the aptly named SUPREME WIN came from the rear when getting up late to land the MR76 Handicap over 1200m.

## Promising Start

Hollywoodbets Scottsville 5 February

Off a penetrometer reading of 25 the going was originally posted as Good to Soft in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday. However, after the running of race one it was changed to Good, and the winning times during the afternoon did confirm this. A maiden juvenile plate over 1000m got proceedings underway and here followers of the money got off to a nice start when the Lezeanne Forbes trained newcomer SOFIA ERIN did the business. Backed throughout the morning into 2/1 from 13/2, this well regarded daughter of

Last Week's Top Rated SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

On The Bayou .....	won 16/1
Royal Rustler .....	won 16/1
Thandekhile .....	won 28/10
Razna .....	won 2/1
Undisclosed .....	won 2/1
Still Tappin .....	won 13/20
Al's My Daddy .....	won 6/10
Jay Fizz .....	won 4/10

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1:	(1) Andrea 14
Race 2:	(2) Ascending Heights 14
Race 3:	(2) Bridesmaid Blues 7
Race 4:	(7) Tom Tom 45
Race 5:	(4) Gold Pact 38
Race 6:	(4) Born A Bully 42
Race 7:	(7) Twin Falls 41
Race 8:	(8) Gimme Katrina 42

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1:	(2) Double Hearts 17
Race 2:	(2) General Jackson 19
Race 3:	(3) Binky 12
Race 4:	(1) Chijmes 88
Race 5:	(3) Regal Graduation 77
Race 6:	(1) Matador Man 100
Race 7:	(5) Isphan 70
Race 8:	(1) Our Man In Havana 42
Race 9:	(3) Varquera 18

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1:	(1) On Captain's Side 23
Race 2:	(1) Diva's Express 15
Race 3:	(1) The Second Wave 24
Race 4:	(1) Long Reign 22
Race 5:	(4) Over The Odds 58
Race 6:	(3) Dragon Power 61
Race 7:	(3) Hildegard 62
Race 8:	(12) Rebels Spirit 52

### HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTVILLE (SUN)

Race 1:	(6) Kinskey's Tune 4
Race 2:	(1) Anika The Angel 15
Race 3:	(10) Wave 71
Race 4:	(2) Tribal Fusion 81
Race 5:	(7) Quick Star 53
Race 6:	(10) La Valette 32
Race 7:	(1) Marchingontgether 94
Race 8:	(5) Excessive Grace 18

### Nap bets

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

## Notebook

Horses worth following at their next few starts...

**RALPH THE RASCAL** (A Wright, KZN)  
**SCENTED GARDEN** (A Greeff, E-Cape)  
**SOFIA ERIN** (L Forbes, KZN)



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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

Vercingetorix broke well and was already at the head of affairs going through the 600m. She ran on strongly from there onwards and with the rest well beaten she won well by a length and a half from the always handy KINSKEY'S TUNE. Also supported in this race was another newcomer NIRVANA GIRL. She was staying on nicely at the finish after racing in midfield.

The only other race over 1000m was a MR78 Handicap and in a much faster time than that of Sofia Erin, the course and distance specialist BLAZE OF SILK made it four from twelve over the trip. Soon up handy, Corinne Bestel's charge was ridden to lead as they approached the 200m pole and comfortably accounted for the pacemaker LA BELLA by just over a length.

Two maiden plates over 1500m brought the meeting to a close and in the faster of these BLACK FOX opened his account. Drawn widest of the twelve that went to post, the son of Black Minnaloushe raced in the rear early on. Once in the home straight though he ran on best of all, and in a classic finish he got up late to deny the supported KING JULIAN.

**Titbits** The uneasy favourite CAPTAINS FORT ran on well from midfield when winning the maiden plate over 1200m very easily by four and a quarter.

## Flashing Home

**Vaal 6 February**

Racing returned to the classic track on Thursday where the last race had to be abandoned due to a severe electrical storm.

Three of the seven races that did take place were run over 1000m and in the fastest of these, a MR80 Handicap, STARFLASH landed a gamble. Backed throughout the day into 11/2 from 16/1, Barend Botes' charge raced in midfield during the early part of the race. He produced a nice turn of foot below the distance and in what proved to be a real thriller he got up in the very last stride.

They also ran three races over 1450m and quickest home here was the sparingly

raced RIVONIA BOULEVARD in the MR88 Handicap. Having only his second outing following a 14 month layoff, Sean Tarry's charge was soon up handy. He ran on strongly at the business end of the race and with the rest comfortably beaten he got the better of the hard knocking 8yo TOKYO DRIFT by a neck.

The one remaining race was a graduation plate over 2000m and here a bit of an upset was to be had when the odds on favourite WESTERN FORT got rolled. The best bet on the card for many, Paul Peter's charge adopted a change of tactics here and made the running. He rallied gamely after being headed by the Mambo In Seattle filly DIORAMA 300m out, and in what proved to be a real thriller he went down by a quarter.

**Titbits** Freely available at 16/1 on the off, the St John Gray trained newcomer PERSICA ran on well from the rear when a length and a quarter runner up to the heavily supported newcomer HERSTEL in the opening work rider's maiden plate over 1000m.

## Smelling Of Roses

**Fairview 7 February**

This meeting was originally scheduled to take place on the turf. A maiden juvenile plate over 1000m was first up on the poly track on Friday and here we saw a smart performance from the Yvette Bremner trained FIREVIEW. Nibbled at on course to go off second favourite at 5/2, the son of Global View led throughout. He only had to be pushed out in the short home straight and cruised in by three.

Another to win with authority on this card was the newcomer SCENTED GARDEN in the maiden plate for the girls over 1200m. Soon up handy, Alan Greeff's charge was ridden to lead approaching the 300m marker and drew clear easily in the closing stages of the race to score by five and three quarters.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1300m and in the fastest of these, the MR92 Handicap, the What A Winter mare FOREHAND gained her first

win since relocating to the province. Easy to back at 8/1 on the off Alan Greeff's charge led throughout. She kept on determinedly over the final 400m and just held on from her gaining stable companion CHAKRI (the favourite) by a half.

**Titbits** One of four winners on the card for trainer Alan Greeff, LUNA WISH ran on well from the backend of midfield when getting up late to win the Breeders Guineas Plate for 3yo fillies over 1400m.

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (POLY) 2 FEBRUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,36s slow	
1100m (1) Jay Fizz	65,33
1400m (5) Caliente	82,72
1600m (2) Caesura	96,15*
2000m (1) Joseph Jagger	122,79

### VAAL (CLASSIC) 4 FEBRUARY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,78s slow	
1200m (4) Benji	69,22
1450m (1) Louvain	86,58
1600m (2) Secret Dream	95,97
2000m (1) Ration My Passion	123,41

### HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 5 FEBRUARY

Penetrometer 25 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,29s slow	
1000m (2) Blaze Of Silk	56,58
1200m (2) Tarocco	69,95
1400m (1) Diadala	84,65
1500m (2) Black Fox	91,24
1950m (1) Slievanorra	121,30

### VAAL (CLASSIC) 6 FEBRUARY

Penetrometer 24 – Going G/Soft	
Course Variant: 0,18s slow	
1000m (3) Starflash	56,61
1450m (3) Rivonia Boulevard	87,40
2000m (1) Diorama	125,52

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 7 FEBRUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant:	
1000m (2) Wild Move	57,12
1200m (1) Scented Garden	70,49
1300m (3) Forehand	75,14
1600m (1) Travetire	97,63
2000m (1) Hopeful	121,80



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