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Sean Tarry's Warrior's Rest wins the Gr1 Golden Horse Sprint

# A SEASON OF CHAMPIONS

**The curtain came down on Friday on South Africa's overall most curtailed and traumatic racing season in history.**

**While the full extent of the collateral damage triggered by the spin-offs of the lockdown, but mostly inflicted by years of one-eyed and selective management of resources and stakeholders, will only be counted in the year ahead, we still enjoyed champions and heroes we can be proud of.**

The Racing Association's Merle Parker told the Sporting Post on Wednesday morning that a meeting had been convened for 12 August where industry bodies would be discussing the format for Equus 2020. So the all important acknowledgement of top achievers will proceed, albeit sans the black ties, acceptance speeches and glam of Emperors Palace.

The list of achievers is an exceptional one and some of the races were hard fought – others less so.

Trainer Sean Tarry made it five national trainer championships in the past six seasons, when he beat the only Cape trainer in the top five, Justin Snaith, by just over R3 million in stakes.

The Tarry yard enjoyed a number of big race successes this season,

## **Cover Pic**

*Warren Kennedy & Summer Pudding.  
The season's big winners.*

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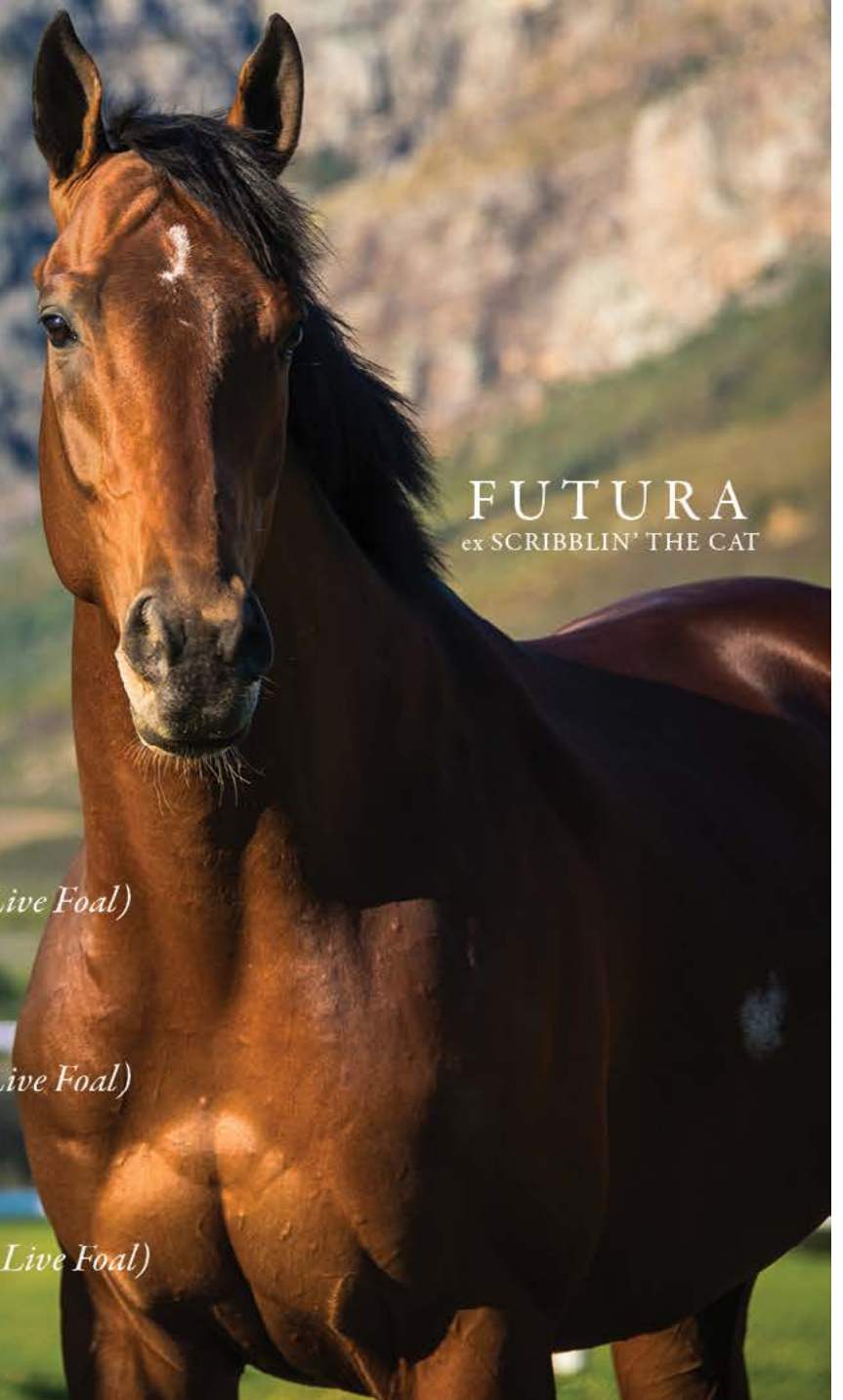
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with the stable landing the Gr1 Gauteng Chris Gerber Summer Cup with Zillzaal, the Gr1 South African Fillies Sprint with Celtic Sea, and the Gr1 Golden Horse Sprint on the same day with Warrior's Rest.

A notable performance in the top five was that of multiple East Cape Champion Alan Greeff, who trained more winners than anybody else nationally, unsaddling 169 times with a notable win strike-rate of 19,1%.

A past title holder, Snaith did his bit for the betting turnover lobbyists and saddled more runners than any other trainer – in fact, three short of 1000! In the jockey ranks, the Winning Form-sponsored Warren Kennedy bagged his maiden SA Champion title 22 years after booting home his first winner at Fairview in the Eastern Cape.

Living proof that it's never too late to do anything if you put your mind to it, Warren, aka 'Wagga', has walked a long road since he weighed just

28kgs and being threatened with dismissal if he didn't bulk up.

His success has been nothing short of phenomenal this past season and his is one of the most sweeping trophy lifts in living memory.

Riding with an 18% win strike-rate, Warren beat nearest rival Greg Cheyne by 62 wins and banked a total of R19,2 million in stakes in the 2019/20 season.



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Warren Kennedy - a super season

He also rode three Gr1 winners – he has four to his credit now.

And what was his secret to success?

Love and marriage – and a

beautiful daughter called Jamie, maybe? They all happened in 2019 and just look at how he is improving with age:

He finished in 28th place in the 2014/2015 season with 39 winners at a strike rate of 6,2%.

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

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



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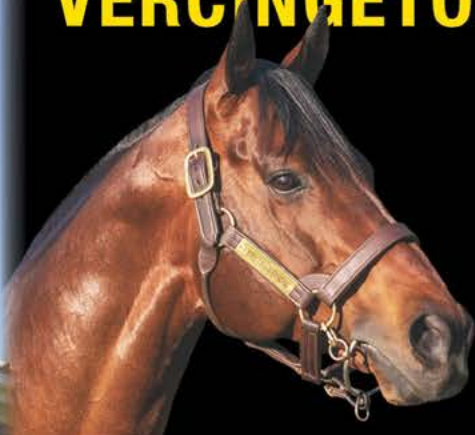
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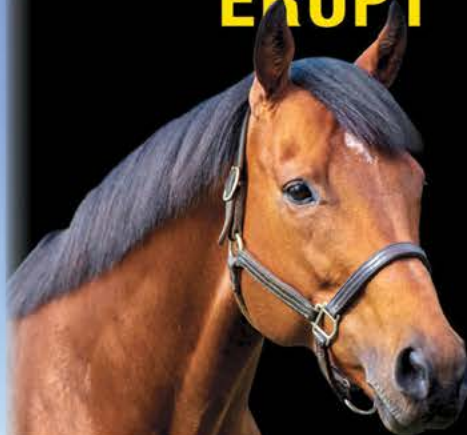
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Avontuur's Luke Ferraris - second consecutive title

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

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

Dean Kannemeyer's stable jockey Keagan de Melo, who booted home a career first Gr1 when Temple Grafin won the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes as the shadows lengthened on the old season, was the most improved rider, finding third on the log with 101 winners and R8,9 million in stakes.

The emergence of a few, with respect, 'lesser lights' in the jockey table top 20, was a clear indicator of the balancing effect of the lockdown travel restrictions on the minor centre residents.

Serino Moodley and Teaque Gould are two examples of riders who have graduated from race-riding work-riders, to jockeys who are taking the quality chances with both hands.

Avontuur-sponsored Luke Ferraris won his second consecutive SA Champion Apprentice title with 81 winners, a country mile 36 victories ahead of nearest rival Denis Schwarz.

Luke, who rode his maiden Gr1 in May 2019 on Miss Florida in the Allan Robertson Championship, hails from a family with a long and illustrious history in South African racing.

His grandfather Ormond Ferraris was the doyen of the Highveld racing scene until his recent retirement.

His father David has been based in Hong Kong as a trainer since the

2003/04 season, where he found early success with six-time Gr1 winner Vengeance Of Rain and has been plying his trade there ever since.

The leading SA owner title has changed hands with regularity since the Mayfair-Jooste dominance ended in 2016/17.

Sean Tarry stalwart Chris van Niekerk tops the charts with stakes of R6 554 013 ahead of owner-trainer St John Gray on R4 597 375, Mario Ferreira on R4 206 000 and West Coast kingpin Sabine Plattner on R3 786 663.

Regionally the owner championship looks somewhat different, with Ridgemont's Wayne Kieswetter, who took over the powerful Highlands Stud in January 2017, dominating the Cape on wins and stakes. The





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Ridgemont's Wayne Kieswetter - champion owner in the Cape

Kieswetter's also enjoyed feature success during the SA Champions Season and boast a powerful string heading into next season.

In KZN, Mario Ferreira, who has diversified his string amongst a range of trainers, continues to emerge as a force to be reckoned with, and he finished ahead of Sabine Plattner.

After a great season, owner-trainer St John Gray beat Chris van Niekerk in Gauteng – no mean achievement for the former banking lawyer who trains a lot of Graystone home-breds.

Klawervlei Stud pipped defending champions Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein on the national breeders championship table by under R800 000.

The evergreen Summerhill were just under R10 million back in

third, with Ridgemont Highlands and Drakenstein both enjoying good seasons in fourth and fifth, respectively.

The Horse Of The Year debate looks likely to go all the way down to the wire, with major contenders Hawwaam, Got The Greenlight, One World and, dare we suggest



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Joey Soma's Got The Greenlight - top notch talent



SA Triple Tiara winner Summer Pudding, all worthy challengers for the premier accolade.

Sun Met winner One World was SA's leading stakes earner, banking R 2 289 375 but retired straight after his Met victory. Will that early exit count against a fellow who beat Rainbow Bridge, Do It Again and Hawwaam?

Joey Soma's youngster Got The Greenlight is second highest earner on R1 565 000, and ran a cracking second behind Belgarion in the Vodacom Durban July. Like Hawwaam, he won two Gr1's in the season – but both against his own age group.

Hawwaam picked up two Gr1 trophies at his final two starts

in Gauteng before his quarantine for export. He was apparently not himself in the Cape when beaten in the Queen's Plate and Met. Should Olympic champions be allowed excuses – and can he only win Gr1's when Do It Again, Rainbow Bridge and Vardy are not in town? He must be favourite, despite the disappointments, to emigrate on a high.

SA Triple Tiara queen and trainer Paul Peter's first Gr1 winner, Summer Pudding ended her 3yo campaign undefeated in seven outings and a dual Gr1 winner. But she only ever faced her own sex and probably stumps herself on that score.

Empress Club and Igugu were both fairer sex past SA Horses Of The Year, but the 'galloping goldmine'

won both the boys and girls Guineas.

The first ever SA Triple Tiara winner, Igugu was nationally exposed, also travelling to the Cape, when placing behind Ebony Flyer in the Cape Fillies Guineas and winning the Gr1 Woolavington and the Vodacom Durban July of 2011.

So interesting times, with enough really glittering stars to brighten our night skies – but with the awful Phumelela storm cloud still casting dark shadows over the sport. Let's just hope that the talking turns to action, sooner rather than later so that we can move on with enjoying the game again. 🐾

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## THAT WAS ENCOURAGING



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Summerhill's Henning Pretorius signs for the top lot



**In an oblique year of living differently, and sometimes dangerously, the 2020 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale wound up in Germiston on Saturday with many feeling we may have dodged the core hail of bullets – but, not that we ever doubted it, commercial reality has clearly undergone a reset.**

Held over three months after its originally carded slot, the time-honoured platform of champions held up remarkably well in the circumstances. But with more Zoom than boom, stakes floundering and racing leadership in disarray, there is the clichéd long hard road that lies ahead.

The sales-topper, Hawwaam's full-brother Celestial City, fell to a

bid of R7 million by new Summerhill supremo Henning Pretorius on Friday and that remained the high water-mark after a quieter day 2 – aka the National 2yo Sale – on Saturday.

Top price on day 2 was the R2,3 million paid by Antony Beck for a Maine Chance-bred Silvano colt out of Pine Princess, a Gr1 SA Oaks winning daughter of Captain Al.

This good-looking well-related fellow with the fiery name of Pyromaniac, traces back in female line to top US mare Sunday Evening, ancestress of the likes of Medaglia D'Oro, Indian Skimmer and Bluebird.

And it was, in many respects, Silvano's sale, with the Maine Chance champion delivering the top five priced lots – all colts – and that

quintet grossing R17,2 million, or around 20% of the sale aggregate.

Henning Pretorius also clinched the fairer sex purchase topper accolade, and this time with another Maine Chance evergreen in Querari (Oasis Dream).

The filly, nicely named Free As The Wind (#337), from the East Cape-based Botha family breeding operation, is a full-sister to Gr1 Thekwini Stakes winner Querari Falcon, and sold for R1,1 million.

On the face of it, things could have looked a lot worse.

Of the 479 lots catalogued for April, an unsurprising record 138 were withdrawn for mostly strategic reasons, and 295 sold.



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Day 2 topseller – Silvano colt from an SA Oaks winner



In view of the substantially reduced numbers through the ring year-on-year, the aggregate of R87 065 000 is largely academic.

The average of R295 136 was 7,2% down on last year.

The median of R160 000 was down 8,6% year-on-year.


Silvano sold 26 of his 37 lots for R26 980 000, a handsome average of R1 037 962.

The always-in-demand Dynasty (Fort Wood) had 5 of his catalogued 9 sell for R3 350 000 at an average of R670 000.

Top vendor on all measures was Wilgerbosdrift, who had 18 of their 20 travellers sell for an aggregate of R16 655 000, with a healthy average of R925 278.

Top buyer on aggregate was Form Bloodstock, with 26 lots bought at R18 895 000 and an average of

R726 731.

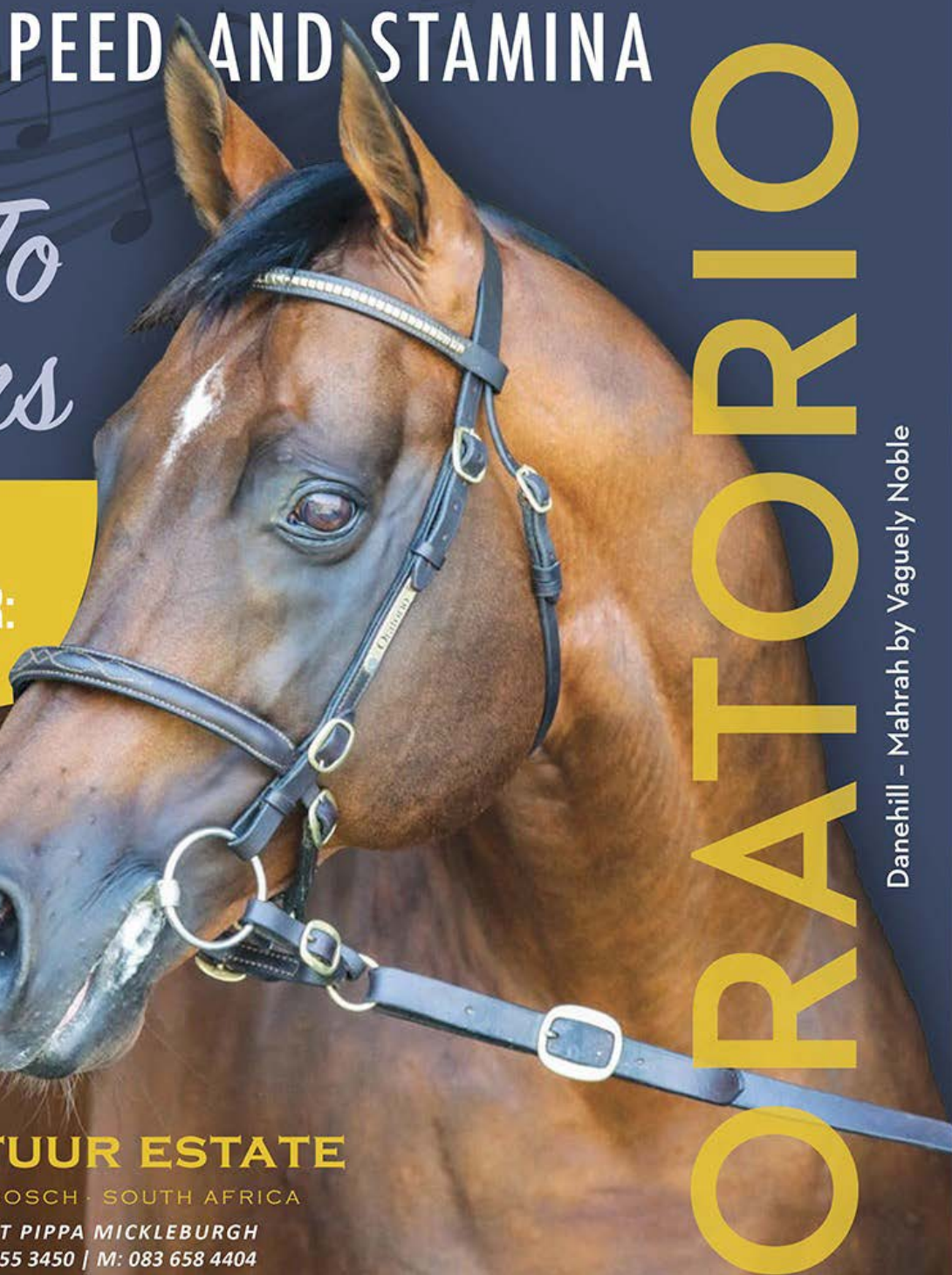
Henning Pretorius' Summerhill Equestrian picked up 3 for R8,8 million – an average of R2 933 333. 

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# GROOMS' CO-OP

## *Strikes Gold*

**Cheveley Stud owner Vaughan Koster has described the sale of his grooms' yearling for seven figures as a 'fairytale' come true, as the Futura colt ranked among the top ten lots at the Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale.**

The youngster went the way of Andre Nel of Plattner Racing for R1.2 million on Saturday and all proceeds from the sale will be shared between the group.

The colt had been raised and prepared as their own and boasts an attractive pedigree as a son of the 2014-15 Horse of the Year Futura and dual winner Siena's

Star, from the family of champion South African racemare Vesta.

"I'm over the moon for our staff," said Vaughan Koster in the aftermath.

"R1.2 million is way beyond what our expectations were. The guys are so super-chuffed and I don't think the reality has really kicked in yet."

Koster added: "This goes such a long way to uplifting their lives and uplifting their families. It's tremendous and such generosity from [buyer] Sabine Plattner. And of course to the outbidders too, who are an integral part of it.

"I got more excited about their horse selling for that money than my own horses. I'm extremely chuffed for them - it's a fairytale and a wonderful realisation for them. Let's hope it culminates in him being a talented racehorse!"

Drakenstein Stud's first-crop sire Futura has enjoyed a great run of success lately recording his two first stakes winners, with Nourbese having landed the Gr2 Golden Horseshoe at Greyville and Dindingwe winning the Gr3 Champion Juvenile Cup at Borrowdale Park in Zimbabwe. 🐾



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# A PALACE OF DREAMS

**The unpredictable nature of breeding is illustrated by Potala Palace, a Gr1 winner who, as a stallion, was in danger of fading into obscurity, but has had his fortunes rekindled by unbeaten son Katak. The colt recently recorded his fifth win on the bounce while becoming just the third winner of what used to be the Winter Series.**

Potala Palace first hit the limelight when knocked down to trainer Mike Azzie for R3,6-million at the

2010 National Yearling Sale, a price only surpassed by the then record R4-million given for Divine Jet.

Conceived in the UK, he is by champion racehorse Singspiel, a half-brother to Rahy and Rakeen.

After proving himself a racehorse of the very highest order - he won the Dubai World Cup, Coronation Cup and Juddmonte International - this grandson of Sadler's Wells subsequently became an eminent stallion, siring high-class horses of

the ilk of Confidential Lady (French Oaks) and Yorkshire Oaks winner Dar Re Mi (who became the dam of champion English juvenile Too Darn Hot).

Considering that Singspiel's progeny generally showed a tendency to thrive over ground and took some time to come to hand, Potala Palace proved an exception, excelling as a juvenile, rare for a horse inbred 4 x 3 to English Derby winner Shirley Heights.



Potala Palace - a well bred and talented racehorse

As a juvenile, Potala Palace stamped himself a potential superstar with a sublime front-running performance in the Gr1 Premier's Champion Stakes at Hollywoodbets Greyville, scoring by a length, with favoured Gimmethegreenlight back in third.

Remarkably, this was just his third start and came on the back of a six-length maiden romp at

Turffontein. A subsequent winner of the Gr3 Joburg Spring Challenge, he returned to birthplace Highlands to embark on the next chapter of his career.

A half-brother to Italian Stakes-performer Allegoria, Potala Palace is out of the Gr3-placed Irish import Alignment. Purchased at the Tattersalls December sale, she visited Singspiel after foaling down

and was sent to South Africa. The foal, a filly by French Gr1 winner Whipper, was named Right And Ready and is now the dam of Dynasty's talented daughter Fortune Flies, who was recently beaten a long head in the Gr3 Final Fling Stakes. Dynasty is also sire of Alignment's second Gr1 winner Front And Centre. She capped an unbeaten four-win streak when defeating subsequent Gr1 winners



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Silvano's Pride and Clouds Unfold in the Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas.

This is the high-class family of English Derby hero North Light and the Gr1 winners Golan and Gamut.

Despite his good looks and fine pedigree, Potala Palace failed to grab the imagination of Western Cape breeders and to say that he received scant support, would be an understatement. NHRA statistics show that his first crop of 35 foals was his biggest, while his most recent crop of runners, newly-turned three-year-olds, number only 21.

Nevertheless, his first crop yielded Palace Chapel, a close-up third behind champions Kasimir and Celtic Sea in the Gr1 Mercury Sprint at three, Russian Prince, who ran Gr1 winner Van Halen to a neck in the Gr3 Man O'War Sprint, while Senatla chased

home Twist Of Fate in the Gr3 Politician Stakes.

Potala Palace struck with his second crop, his then juvenile daughters Palace Of Dreams and Singforafa, respective winners of the Gr3 Pretty Polly Stakes and Gr3 Strelitzia Stakes. The latter also finished third in a tight, three-way finish to the Gr1 Allan Robertson Championship, while Snow Palace earned Gr1 black type with a third in the Thekwini Stakes won by champion Gabor. The season just ended saw Singforafa claim the Listed Bauhinia Handicap and miss out on a third stakes success when demoted to second in the Listed Gardenia Stakes.

In one of the best comeback stories of the year, it has been Katak who has firmly put the spotlight on his young sire.

Successful from 1200 to 2400m, the sky looks the limit for this triple Gr3

winner, who, just like his sire, was bred at Highlands. Out of the Win-drush mare Sapphire Silk, he is the sole black type winner in the first two generations. Singforafa too, has clearly risen above her humble pedigree, considering one has to go back four generations to find black type.

It would therefore be safe to state that Potala Palace has the ability to upgrade his mares. Breeders take note.

The unbeaten 4yo is having a well-deserved break after an impressive campaign last term.

Trainer Piet Steyn's share has been bought out by his partners Messrs Shirtliff and Ressel. The Potala Palace colt will likely line up in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and the Met before export to Singapore to continue his career on the global stage. 🐾

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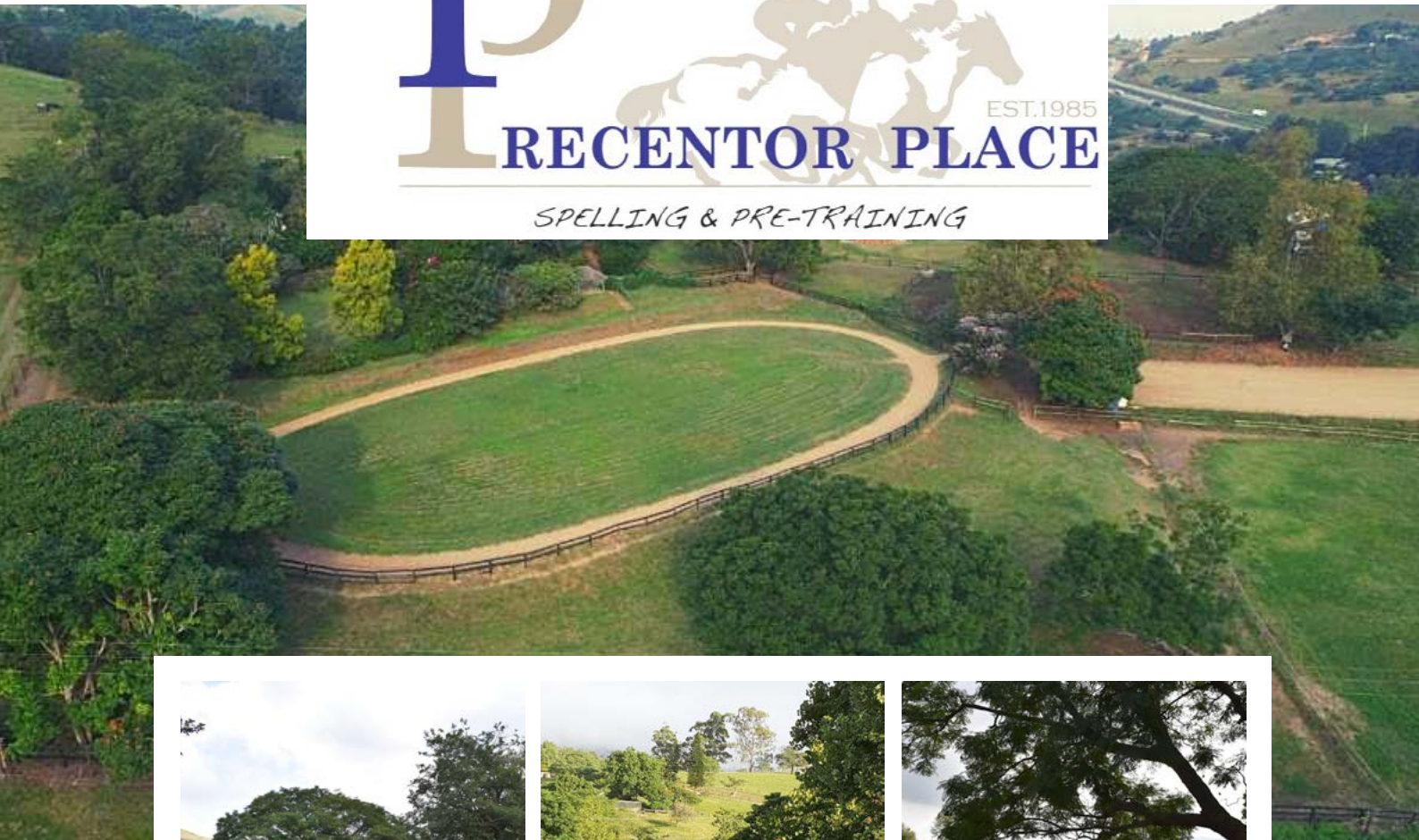
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Unbeaten Katak has raised the Palace profile!





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Stallone Naidoo salutes as Global Drummer charges home



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# DRUMMING UP A STAR

**Global View's smart son Global Drummer looks to have sealed the East Cape Champion Juvenile title for this season and made it three feature strikes on the trot with an end-to-end victory in the R85 000 Listed Champion Juvenile Cup at Fairview on Friday.**

The final feature of the turbulent 2019/20 season crowned a memorable start to the stud career of Ascot's Global View, a graded stakes winning son of the world's premier sire Galileo, whose progeny have been winning across the length and breadth of the country.

Allowed to start at a generous 5-2 at his first time beyond the sprints, Global Drummer was always in charge under Stallone Naidoo and ground his opposition into the turf in the 1400m contest with a powerful display – holding Snaith's Cape raider Tarantino (9-4) to 3,75 lengths in a time of 85,6 secs.

The bonus-chasing KZN raider Walls Of Dubrovnik was never sighted, A smart winner on debut, Global Drummer was a R250 000 buy from the 2019 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale.

The winner was bred by Ascot Stud out of the four-time winning Kilconnel mare, Royal Drummer.

A winner of 4 of 5 starts for Hollywoodbets sponsored Gavin Smith, Global Drummer has earned R187 800.

The one positive spin-off of the NHRA's puzzling jockey travel curfew has been the emergence of talented jockeys like Stallone Naidoo, who has now won three stakes races on Global Drummer – more than he could ever have achieved as a perpetual second stringer to some of his more illustrious colleagues. 🐾

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# GLOBAL IMPACT!

**Ascot Stud's well performed stallion Global View is South Africa's Leading First Season Sire of 2019-2020.**

Global View, who ended the season in eighth spot on the Leading Sires of 2YO's list, was responsible for 11 winners during the past season, with his first-two-year-olds banking R610 500 in prize money.

The son of Galileo ended 2019-2020 with eight South African first crop winners to his credit, with his tally headed by Friday's Listed Champion Juvenile Cup winner Global Drummer.

The latter, bred by Ascot, has won four of just five starts, with Global Drummer also victorious in this season's Listed Dahlia Plate and Listed East Cape Nursery.

Other promising sorts found in Global View's first crop include East Cape Nursery second Fireview, Lady's Slipper Stakes runner up Storyland and Klawervlei Farm Sale Graduate Race runner up Tanzanite Queen.

Winner of the Gr3 Generous Stakes at two, and the Gr2 American Turf Stakes at three, Global View shares his

outstanding sire Galileo with this season's Gr1 Investec Oaks winner Love and Investec Derby hero Serpentine, as well as the top stallions Frankel, New Approach and Teofilo.

At the National Yearling Sale last week, 21 of the 23 Global View progeny sold for an aggregate of R3 520 000, an average of R167 619.

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# DEAR DIARY

## WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!



Gabriell is led in on his first career winner, Spring Breeze

**Gabriell Pieterse is not your routine SA Jockey Academy apprentice. The 17 year old is a motor sports fanatic who has competed at the highest levels, winning 3 Zambian Motocross Championships and 1 Southern African Motocross Championship in the 65 and 85cc classes.**

He also used to play polocrosse competitively for the Leopards Hill Club in Zambia until his motocross success forced him to dedicate all his free time to two-wheel racing. Now he is building a career as a jockey and after a topsy turvy few months thanks to lockdown, he hopes to be back race-riding soon.

With two winners to his credit, Spring Breeze at Hollywoodbets Greyville on 30 October 2019 for Nathan Kotzen being his first, Gabriell, who previously lived in Midrand, Johannesburg and attended Briandale Primary School, is balancing a budding career in his third year at the top rider training institution, as well as lockdown - and with a matric examination just around the corner.

He admits that it has not been an easy year but enjoys the support of a close and very supportive family that includes his Mom, Candice, Dad, Rudy, and younger sister, Jade.

"Thankfully we are back in classes.

I didn't do too well with the online learning and battled to adapt. I'm confident that with some hard work I will get through the year and then can focus on riding plenty of winners," he laughs.

After an extraordinary few months, Gabriell returned to the Academy after a four months lockdown imposed absence in Zambia - a country he describes fondly as a 'beautiful and safe place to live'.

**Here's the 'Diary of an Appie kid and his Mama Covid 19 2020' as described by his number 1 fan, Mommy Candice.**



On 18 March my daughter and myself headed to Johannesburg from Lusaka Zambia where we reside on our way Durban to visit my son Gabriell in his school holidays. Appies can't leave the academy in holidays as they still work ride. I ignored all the media regarding COVID-19 thinking it was just flu. Africa's numbers seemed so low, that I did not feel worried.

Now the fun begins.... We woke up on 19 March in Joburg to an email from my airline - ALL FLIGHTS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

That was a blow but we quickly got over the shock as I was so happy to be with my mom and step dad who we hadn't seen in over a year - and of course I was going to see my boy! In my mind I knew I could make alternate plans to get back to Zambia.

On 20 March we drove to Durban to a lovely campsite in Queensborough. We got to the camp site and were promptly told we were the last guests they were receiving and that we were not allowed to invite guests into the venue. Another blow - Gabriell could not relax and spend time with us at our campsite!

On 21 March we went to SAJA to fetch Gabriell after work-riding to spend the day with him. We got to the gate at SAJA and unfortunately we were denied entry into the Academy (rightly so) another blow.

We were thus forced to hang out in malls and public places with this covid 19 looming over our heads.

On 23 March Cyril Ramaphosa addressed the nation regarding full lockdown and people had a few days to return to their places of residence and prepare for the lockdown - another blow.

After the address I called the head

nurse at the Academy to ask what we should do about Gabriell - should he stay or return back with us to Zambia? She assured me that he should stay. I felt very uneasy but agreed. I then managed to book myself and Jade the second last flight out to Zambia with another airline.

On 24 March we went to SAJA to say our goodbyes to Gabriell. When we arrived we were told we could take him back to Zambia. We quickly booked him back on the same flight and I was super relieved that we were all together.

On 25 March we left SA. We flew Durban to Ndola, Zambia. My car was in Lusaka and was driven up to Ndola and we drove 8 hours back to Lusaka.

So from 26 March to 10 April we were in self-isolation.

Covid Life in Zambia was a bit

different than that experienced in SA. We were not in lockdown. We were advised to keep our distance, sanitise and wear a mask.

On 7 April Gabriell's online matric classes began. This experience of online schooling is not easy for most families and students. It requires trust, discipline and loads of self motivation.

As Gabriell writes matric this year, for us as parents we were concerned how and when he would be able to get back to SA and complete his matric.

At the end of May repatriation flights were introduced. The flight was marked for 19 June. We quickly started planning Gabriell's return to SAJA. And we were blocked - no unaccompanied minors were allowed to travel, another blow!

At this stage we were feeling glum and unsure of Gabriell's future in



Candiese Lenferna





The Pieterse family

both his career and getting his matric.

Two days afterwards we were denied travel. The SA government changed the law again. Another blow, as we lost Gabriell's seat on the 19 June flight. A few days later another repatriation flight was offered. We booked, paid and organised all travel documentation - we were relieved!!

At the time of booking the average stay in quarantine was 5 to 6 days and then travellers were released after negative test results. Two weeks before Gabriell travelled, the SA government changed the law again. The intake of travellers he was in had to do 14 days mandatory quarantine.

On 10 July we ventured off to Kenneth Kaunda Airport in Lusaka to get Gabriell back to SA. I as his mother was just devastated and heart broken.

And then during his actual

quarantine period the SA Government changed the law - new intakes only had to quarantine for 8 to 10 days.

We as parents living in Zambia are relieved and extremely worried at the same time.

When will we ever be reunited is the big question!

But we have to do what we have to do.

We wish our boy all the best and hope he stays safe, gets his matric and continues his wonderful apprenticeship in becoming a Jockey. 🐎



Gabriell and his top fan – Mum, Candice!





**Hollywoodbets**

## BACK ON TRACK PUNTERS' CHALLENGE

# WINNERS REVEALED



The Hollywoodbets Back On Track Punters' Challenge reached an exciting climax at the Vodacom Durban July, on 25th July. Hollywoodbets and GoldTab punters were given the opportunity to win their share of R1 million in prizes throughout the horse racing season. The final challenge in the series gave punters the chance to win a share of R100 000.

The top three punters who won cash prizes for the final July day challenge went by their player names, with Madise 76, who came in first place winning R50 000, Timetoshine who became R20 000 richer in second place, and third prize winner TheoD who took home R10 000. An additional R20 000 was shared amongst the remaining top 20 punters on the leaderboard.

This challenge was aimed at horse racing punters and was free to enter. It involved picking one horse to win per race for all race meetings held at Hollywoodbets Greyville and Hollywoodbets Scottsville race courses. Points were awarded in relation to where the selected horse was placed in its race.

First place winner, Madise 76 from Mpumalanga, was a first-time Durban July punter who ended up on top thanks to his selections! "I first heard about the challenge through a newspaper article and signed up for a Hollywoodbets betting account. At the time I was hoping to make some extra money and so tried my luck on the Hollywoodbets Back On Track Punters' Challenge. I was extremely happy and emotional, and it was a massive weight off my shoulders after hearing that I was the first-place winner of R50 000! Hollywoodbets is doing a great job of taking care of their punters during this time with these types of competitions where we can win money!" he said.

Timetoshine from KwaZulu-Natal came in second with a R20 000 win. "With some influence from my husband, I chose to take my chance on the Hollywoodbets Back On Track Punters' Challenge. I simply just selected the names of the horses that caught my eye, which turned out to be a great move on my side! At first, I was in shock which quickly changed into excitement when I found out that I was a lucky winner. This is my first ever big win with the company and I believe that they are doing a great job with these competitions," she explained.

In third place was TheoD from Gauteng. "Since I am a Hollywoodbets mobile punter, I first heard about this challenge through their advertising on the betting site. It immediately grabbed my attention because of how straightforward it looked. After hearing that I was the third-place winner of R10 000, I was extremely excited because it was month end and I was receiving more money than I had expected! This challenge offered us a chance to take part on the Vodacom Durban July, but in a safe way due to the COVID-19 pandemic as we could participate from our homes and continue to be safe by betting online!" he explained.



# Grant On Fire!

Grant van Niekerk rode 4 of the 5 Justin Snaith winners on the eight race Durbanville card on Tuesday – the first meeting of the new season at the country course. Van Niekerk returned from Hong Kong last term after having his licence withdrawn. He is clearly on a mission this term!



Chase Liebenberg

## Friday Meet Moved

Yarmouth's Friday fixture has been switched to Wolverhampton after Monday's meeting at the seaside course was abandoned due to concerns over the racing surface. The rest of Monday's card was called off after jockey Gabriele Malune was knocked unconscious when his mount Lord Chapelfield fell fatally inside the final furlong of the 1m2f handicap.



## Cox Entries

This year's Cox Plate entries have been released with some high-profile internationals featuring despite uncertainty surrounding their involvement in the spring. A total of 182 horses - including 28 internationals - were nominated for the A\$5 million race, to be held over the famous 2040m trip at Moonee Valley on Saturday, 24 October.



## Nasty

Phumelela's decision to boot Nico Kritsiotis out of the commentary box after the veteran commentator took a voluntary retrenchment package recently is another sad indictment of the schoolboy mindset that prevails. When will they start playing the ball?

## Re-rated

The Hong Kong Handicapping team have completed their end of season rating review which is used as an opportunity to re-examine the ratings of all horses in training in advance of the next racing season. The performances of a total of 1194 horses were evaluated and the ratings of 47.7% of the rated population have been reduced.





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# Hidden Gold

The 100th renewal of the 3200m Gold Cup at Hollywoodbets Greyville on 29 August will be held as a broadcast only event on a similar basis to the recent Vodacom Durban July. In addition to the R400 000 Gold Cup, the race meeting features four Gr1 races in the Champions Cup, Mercury Sprint, Premiers Champions Stakes and the Thekwini Stakes, which together form part of a bumper 10 feature race card. Entries are due on 11 August.



## Tabcorp Plunge

Just days after Racing Victoria signalled a welcome return to full stakes, Monday's announcement by Tabcorp to the Australian Stock Exchange that profit is forecast to drop by 32 percent for the 2019-2020 financial year will have raised eyebrows among the nation's racing executives. Contextually, that drop expects to see profits fall to a point around A\$270 million, some A\$126 million less than the year before. COVID-19 has been fingered as the main reason for the plunge in profits.



## Marco On Mend

Hardworking rider Marco van Rensburg is doing his utmost to be back in the saddle by 1 September 1 after fracturing his collar bone in a fall from Green Gunston, who tragically broke down at the Vaal on 14 July. Marco had broken the same collar bone in March.

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The late Avison Carlisle seen leading in a winner

# AVISON CARLISLE

## DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE

**Tributes have poured in for Avison Carlisle, one of KZN's most passionate horseracing men and long-time chairman of the board of the South African Jockeys Academy, who passed away on Saturday 1 August.**

David Thiselton writes that Avison and his wife Mary are testimony to the enjoyment that can be derived

from owning, breeding and watching thoroughbreds and Avison cared so deeply for the health of the industry that he became involved beyond the call of duty.

The couple were introduced to racing by Scotch Ferrie, who was the assistant headmaster at their son Keyan's school Weston Agricultural College, and three years later they

bought their first horse Rebel Patriot for R75 000 at the Yearling Sales in Durban.

Avison was also a compassionate man and the family adopted a street child named Ronald Khumalo. This soon looked to be another fairytale story as Ronald was not only accepted into SAJA but became the first of his year to



make it to track and the first to race ride.

However, with a bright future beckoning Ronald's attitude changed for the worse and the Carlisle family's sadness was later compounded when he passed away at a young age.

Avison's connection to SAJA had started with Ronald and in 2009 he was voted in as Chairman of the Academy Board. He vowed to stamp out the conceited attitude which had crept into the Academy students and which had led to Ronald's decline in fortunes

Mary confirmed SAJA became Avison's passion and he poured a tremendous amount of energy and love into this world renowned institution. He enjoyed a fine working relationship with headmaster Graeme Bailey and was still the Chairman upon his passing yesterday.

Avison also attempted at one stage to start an organisation which would represent the collective wishes of KZN owners, trainers and breeders, but after a year of effort it did not get off the ground.

He never missed a Scottsville racemeeting and the Carlises enjoying the day in the members

area together with the Ferries and two other veteran KZN racing families The Gibsons and the Elliots became a familiar sight. KZN racing will miss Avison's presence but he leaves behind a legacy in many areas of the sport.

A celebration of the life of Avison Carlisle will have to be delayed due to COVID-19 but he has left many good memories for Mary and their children Keyan, Kristy, Duncan and Tan, and for the eight grandchildren he doted on. 🐾



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# THE FLAG'S UP!

**Bush Hill Stud sire Flying The Flag came up with his first winner, when his newly turned three-year-old daughter Cecca won at Fairview on Monday.**

Bred by the Piemonte Stud, the Alan Greeff trained Cecca got off the mark at the fourth time of asking, when scoring a facile win over 1200m.

Under jockey Teaque Gould, Cecca pulled clear to score by two and a quarter lengths, with the filly having contest-

ed the Listed East Cape Fillies Nursery at her most recent start.

Out of the Windrush mare Rush To Stardom, Cecca hails from the first crop of her well performed sire.

Flying The Flag, a son of the world's premier stallion Galileo, won three times with his victories including a four length romp in the 2013 Gr3 eFlow "You First" International Stakes at the Curragh where his beaten rivals included Gr1 St James's Palace Stakes winner Most

Improved.

One of 322 stakes winners sired by Galileo, Flying The Flag is a full-brother to multiple Gr1 winners Rhododendron and Magical, with Magical recently having captured the Gr1 Tattersalls Gold Cup for a second year running.

The blue blooded Flying The Flag is out of Pivotal's top-class daughter Halfway To Heaven, who won all of the Gr1 Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Nassau Stakes and G1 Sun Chariot Stakes. 🐾



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Mohaather wins under Jim Crowley in style

# GREEN AT GOODWOOD

**Not for the first time in recent years, the Green Desert male line came to the fore in a major race meeting.**

At last week's Qatar Goodwood Festival, Green Desert's heirs came to the fore in a number of that meeting's features.

His July Cup winning son Oasis Dream, whose son Querari has headed South Africa's Leading Sires of 2YO's list for the past two seasons, really made his presence felt in Wednesday's Gr1 Qatar Sussex Stakes.

His Gimcrack Stakes winning son Showcasing is the sire of the 2020 Sussex winner Mohaather, while Sussex third Siskin (victorious in the Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas earlier this year) is out of the Oasis Dream mare Bird Flown.

Mohaather was one of two Goodwood winners for Showcasing this year. Showcasing was also responsible for promoting two-year-old Alkumait - a fluent winner at Goodwood on Tuesday.

Oasis Dream, whose outstanding daughter Midday captured Goodwood's

Gr1 Nassau Stakes three times from 2009 to 2011, enjoyed success when his daughter Tomorrow's Dream captured the very first race at the meeting - the British European Breeders Fund EBF Fillies' Handicap.

Another Gimcrack Stakes winning son of Oasis Dream, Approve, also enjoyed success at the Goodwood meeting, with Approve's son Only Spoofing capturing Tuesday's Qatar Handicap.

Another Green Desert son, Invincible Spirit, whose sons Born To Sea and Zebedee sired the second and third placed finishers respectively in Saturday's Unibet Stewards' Cup, also made his mark at Goodwood this year.

Invincible Spirit, whose half-brother Kodiak supplied the runner up finishers in both the Gr2 Richmond and Gr3 Molecomb Stakes, had his son Society Lion capture Saturday's Qatar Handicap.

His Gr1 Tattersalls Falmouth Stakes winner daughter Nazeef ran third in Thursday's Gr1 Qatar Nassau Stakes,

while Invincible Spirit's French Derby winning son Lawman is damsire of Friday's brilliant Gr2 King George Stakes winner Battaash.

Another son of Invincible Spirit, Cable Bay, was responsible for Thursday's Goodwood winner Glamorous Anna.

Green Desert's deceased son Cape Cross, whose son Hochfield won at Goodwood on Saturday, made his mark primarily this year through his greatest son Sea The Stars. The latter, whose daughter Raabihah captured the Gr3 Prix de Psyche on Saturday, is the sire of outstanding stayer Stradivarius - victorious in the Gr1 Qatar Goodwood Cup for a fourth straight year - as well as Friday's TDN Australia Handicap winner Cepheus.

Green Desert also features as the paternal grandsire of triple Gr1 winner Paco Boy - sire of Saturday's Unibet Stewards' Sprint Handicap winner Treacherous 🐾



# STATS

## NHRA LOG LEADERS

End of 2019/20 season standings

### TRAINERS

Name	Runs	Wins	Win%	2nd	3rd	Other	Places	Place %	Win Stake	Total Stakes
Mr S G Tarry	934	120	12.8	113	82	289	484	51.8	9,386,500	14,538,988
Mr S J Snaith	997	122	12.2	129	115	191	435	43.6	7,204,500	11,689,175
Mr M F de Kock	549	84	15.3	83	64	142	289	52.6	6,939,225	10,945,825
Mr P A Peter	765	114	14.9	79	86	200	365	47.7	7,895,700	10,926,150
Mr A C Greeff	883	169	19.1	115	106	252	473	53.6	6,441,650	9,229,863

### JOCKEYS

Name	Runs	Wins	Win%	2nd	3rd	Other	Places	Place %	Win Stake	Total Stakes
Mr W B Kennedy	1165	209	17.9	141	146	278	565	48.5	14,078,025	19,224,350
Mr G M Cheyne	714	147	20.6	102	81	172	355	49.7	6,548,763	10,598,100
Mr K de Melo	717	101	14.1	84	89	142	315	43.9	5,719,750	8,935,063
Mr S Khumalo	845	95	11.2	106	100	240	446	52.8	5,209,025	9,440,100
Mr R D Fourie	533	94	17.6	78	71	109	258	48.4	5,791,250	9,876,125

### BREEDERS

Name	Runrs	Runs	AEPR	Wnrs	Wins	Winrs/Rnrs %	Places	B.T. Wins	B.T. Wins	Total Stakes
Klawervlei Stud	453	2116	44,235	152	207	33.6	959	9	13	20,038,613
Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	259	1375	74,488	113	180	43.6	640	14	22	19,292,300
Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd	250	1403	39,091	82	117	32.8	610	0	0	9,772,863
Highlands Farms Stud (Pty) Ltd	137	802	59,499	72	110	52.6	364	6	10	8,151,425
Drakenstein Stud	141	656	56,38	56	80	39.7	306	9	10	7,949,525
(Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)										

### SIRES

Name	Runrs	Runs	AEPR	Wnrs	Wins	Winrs/Rnrs %	Places	B.T. Wins	B.T. Wins	Total Stakes
Silvano (GER)	179	897	72,452	76	115	42.5	389	12	18	12,968,988
* Captain Al	134	702	87,848	63	98	47	334	7	12	11,771,575
Gimmethegreenlight (AUS)	193	923	54,475	68	96	35.2	421	8	9	10,513,638
What A Winter	166	884	57,39	65	97	39.2	402	7	8	9,526,738
Var (USA)	154	792	57,257	65	103	42.2	378	6	7	8,817,575

See all the detailed standings - [Click here](#)





# CITY LOOK SLICK!

**After a five-month stoppage due to the coronavirus pandemic, the second leg of the final four UEFA Champions League fixtures take place this weekend with plenty still on the line.**

Jesse Nagel writes that hot favourites for the tournament, Manchester City, have a 2-1 lead to hold onto against the competition's most successful club in Real Madrid. Cristiano Ronaldo will have to turn things around for Juventus if he is to try lift his sixth UEFA Champions League trophy as the Old Lady have a 1-0 deficit against Lyon. Elsewhere, Bayern Munich have one foot in the quarter-finals after beating Chelsea 3-0 in the first leg, while Barcelona have it all to do against Napoli.

## Friday 7 August

**7/10 Manchester City | Draw 32/10 | Real Madrid 31/10 (21:00)**

Manchester City will be looking to put their domestic troubles behind them when they hope to complete the job they started in the first leg of the Round of 16 against Spanish La Liga champions, Real Madrid. Pep Guardiola's men showed that history doesn't win you games as his side claimed an emphatic 2-1 win at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Kevin De Bruyne produced yet another masterclass and comes into this tie in red-hot form after equalling the assist

record of 20 in the Premier League. Since that defeat to City, Real Madrid went on to beat Barcelona in the El Clasico and pipped their rivals to clinch a record-breaking 34 league titles. This tie should be just as interesting as the first leg encounter, but like the previous game, City should come through on top. **Take Manchester City to Win & Both Teams to Score at 17/10.**

**9/20 Juventus | 33/10 | Lyon 57/10 (21:00)**

Juventus head into their second leg tie against Lyon as overwhelming favourites after going down 1-0 in France in the reverse fixture. The Old Lady will be confident of getting the job done in Turin, especially after winning all three of their previous home games in the competition earlier this campaign.

Lyon have lost two of their three away games in the UEFA Champions League this term and will have to defend for their lives in Italy, with Juventus expected to throw everything at them from the first whistle of the game. Cristiano Ronaldo tends to shine the most when his team need him, with this fixture being set up for another masterclass from one of the world's greatest footballers ever. **Back Juve to qualify at 8/10.**

## Saturday 8 August

**7/20 Bayern Munich | 17/4 | Chelsea 6/1 (21:00)**

Complacency could be a key factor here as many would suggest that Bayern Munich wrapped up the tie over Chelsea in the first leg, winning 3-0 at Stamford Bridge. The Bavarians really stamped their authority in that tie and became many pundits' personal favourites to go on and win the competition for the first time since 2013.

Frank Lampard has done an exceptional job, given the tools he's had throughout the campaign, finishing in the top four to book a spot for Chelsea in next season's UEFA Champions League, while they also reached the FA Cup final. This delay may have benefitted Bayern with Robert Lewandowski initially scheduled to miss the second leg due to injury, but will now be fit and ready to fire against Chelsea again. The Blues, on the other hand, have suffered crucial injuries to the likes of Cesar Azpilicueta and Christian Pulisic, while Willian's future remains unclear. **Over 2.5 Goals seems the sensible bet here at 4/10 – goals are a given between these two sides.**

**6/10 Barcelona | 3/1 | Napoli 38/10 (21:00)**

The mandate is simple for Barcelona. A victory by any scoreline would send them through after the Blaugrana earned a 1-1 draw at Napoli in the first leg of their tie. As simple as it may sound, it certainly won't be a straightforward game for Barca with Napoli well and truly capable of causing an upset on their day. This season, Napoli are unbeaten in the UEFA Champions League, impressively winning at FC Salzburg whilst they had all their star-studded players, while they also managed a 1-1 draw at Anfield against Liverpool. Barca are also unbeaten this term, and I'm expecting both sides' unbeaten run to continue, with a massive upset expected at the Camp Nou. **My money is on a draw.**

**Friday DOUBLE @ 4/1**  
Man City Win & BTTS 17/10  
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Bayern vs Chelsea Over 2.5 Goals 4/10  
Barcelona vs Napoli Draw 3/1





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