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The weights favour Marchingontogether - but will he stay?

# SATURDAY!

There is nothing like the excitement of a really super Saturday at Hollywoodbets Greyville crammed with ten features to get the juices flowing and our minds off the heady numbers of business rescue - and rather on to the more important goals of finding six numbers to win the R8 million Pick 6 on the day.

Starting bright and early at 11h40, the bumper ten race feature programme includes four sensational Gr1 contests, and the 100th running of the 3200m magic marathon, the World Sports Betting Gold Cup. While still having a bearing on the Equus awards for the 2019/20 season, the programme represents a bright start to the new term in an age of desperate uncertainty for the game

While the Eastern Cape is not represented, stayers from all over the country are represented and Saturday's Gold Cup winner is almost assured to be crowned SA Champion Stayer at the virtual Equus Awards ceremony early next month.

The betting would suggest a relatively straightforward duel between Dean Kannemeyer's gallant past winning 8yo It's My Turn, and the as yet distance proven, Marchingontogether.

It's My Turn is the consummate stayer, having won the Track & Ball Derby and the Gold Vase leading up to his Gold Cup victory two seasons ago.

He missed last season through injury but Dean Kannemeyer has nursed him back to full fitness and he goes in here as a worthy favourite after his second in the Track & Ball Derby and creditable fifth in the recent Vodacom Durban July.

However, it may be the Derby result

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that holds the key to Saturday's race. Marchingontogether was giving It's My Turn 1kg over the Hollywoodbets Scottsville 2400m and on Saturday, Gavin van Zyl's runner will be in receipt of 2.5kg, a 3.5kg swing in favour of the son of Pathfork.

But while It's My Turn has had a race since, Gavin van Zyl has opted to keep Marchingontogether fresh for the Gold Cup.

It's My Turn is also proven over a trip that Marchingontogether has yet to try, so the tussle between these two may boil down to a case of stamina versus weight.

However, Marchingontogether is finally showing the form that he promised early in his career and if his Derby run is any indication, then he should see out the extra four furlongs comfortably.

Andrew Harrison writes on www.goldcircle.co.za that with some



rain predicted over the weekend, upcountry stayers, who have been pounding it over solid winter turf, may appreciate a little give in the ground and best of them could be Gold Bowl runner-up Factor Fifty and Gold Bowl winner Imperial Ruby, a head separating them at the end of that 3200m. Both have solid staying credentials and are sure to give the two more fancied runners a go.

Anton Marcus, successful on It's My Turn two seasons back, has been booked by David Nieuwenhuizen for his mare Factor Fifty who finished two lengths back to Dynasty's Blossom in the Gold Vase and a



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- Sace 2: BiPot Leg 1 likely pool R500,000
- Race 3: PA Leg 1 likely pool R1,000,000!
- Race 4: Pick 6 MEGAPOOL Leg 1 R1,000,000 carryover; likely pool R8,000,000!
- Race 5: Jackpot ONE Leg 1 R250,000 carryover; likely pool R2,500,000!
- Race 7: Quartet MAXIPOOL Gold Cup R500,000 carryover; likely pool R4,000,000! Jackpot TWO Leg 1 – likely pool R350,000!
- Race 8: Trifecta R200,000 carryover; likely pool R1,000,000!

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half-length back to Imperial Ruby who finished fourth.

Able to travel again, regular pilot Piere Strydom is back aboard Imperial Ruby while the blinkers go on Factor Fifty - and there should not be much between the two again.

Of the balance, Dark Moon Rising finished ahead of both Factor Fifty and Imperial Ruby in the Gold Vase and appears to have found his right trip. But there are others in with more than just hopeful chances including Shenanigans, Before Noon, Magnificent Seven and possibly Eyes Wide Open.

Our two big hitters, Do It Again and Rainbow Bridge go head to head

yet again in the Gr1 World Sports Betting Champions Cup over 1800m.

This will be the eleventh confrontation between Do It Again and Rainbow Bridge with the score currently level at 5-5. Do It Again has headed his rival in the last two Vodacom Durban Julys, the 2018 Green Point Stakes, the 2019 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and the 2019 Gold Challenge.

Rainbow Bridge has the advantage in two Sun Mets, and ironically, the 2019 Green Point Stakes, the 2020 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and the 2020 Gold Challenge.

Warren Kennedy felt the 2200m of the Durban July was just beyond

Rainbow Bridge's ambit, but the Champions Cup is over 1800m and there should not be much between them. Kennedy is back aboard Eric Sands' runner while Anton Marcus is once again on Justin Snaith-trained Do It Again.

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Rainbow Bridge is the defending champion, having beaten Cirillo - also in this event - in last year's race. Golden Ducat finished fourth in the Durban July and will have his supporters in the Champions Cup with Donovan Dillon reporting that his mount is working better than what he did before the VDJ.

The World Sports Betting Grade 1 Mercury Sprint over 1200m looks an intriguing contest because some of the fancied runners, Kasimir, Chimichuri Run and Russet Air, will need to overcome wide draws.

The Premiers Champion Stakes and the Thekwini Stakes are both over 1600m and are normally the two Grade 1 races for juveniles. This year, as the lockdown took out two months of racing, it will be a bunch of three-year-olds who will contest these races.

The exciting Avontuur-bred unbeaten Tempting Fate has been priced up as favourite to see out the mile and win the Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes. The Gold Medallion winner will answer many guestion Paul Matchett travels with Act Of War's progressive daughter War Of Athena for the Gr1 Thekwini Stakes.

A runaway winner at home last time,

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she has to negotiate an awkward 11 draw at her first start at Hollywoodbets Greyville.

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### WATCH AND WIN

The general public will be barred from attending the meeting at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Saturday which will be held behind closed doors - but it will be streamed live via Gold Circle's YouTube channel and also covered by DStv and Tellytrack (new channel 249).

Tote betting for the big meeting opens in KZN on Thursday 27 August.

With a carryover of R1 million, the Pick 6 pool on the afternoon is projected to reach R8 million, while the Gold Cup quartet could get to R4 million. The first Jackpot, which starts with the running of the Gr1 Thekwini Stakes, has a R250 000 kickstart and should read a pool of ten times that.

The World Sports Betting Gr1 Mercury Sprint, the final leg of the bumper Jackpot hosts a Trifecta that should reach R1 million.

#### What you can play for:

Race 2: BiPot One Leg 1 - likely pool R500 000

Race 3: PA Leg 1 - likely pool R1 million

Race 4: Pick 6 MEGAPOOL Leg 1 -R1 million carryover; likely pool R8 million

Race 5: Jackpot ONE Leg 1 - R250 000 carryover; likely pool R2,5 million

Race 7: Quartet MAXIPOOL Gold Cup - R500 000 carryover; likely pool R4 million

Race 7: Jackpot TWO Leg 1 - likely pool R350 000

Race 8: Trifecta - R200 000 carryover; likely pool R1 million

## **BUSINESS RESCUE STOP PRESS!**

Never a dull moment! In a sensational development on Wednesday morning in the unfolding Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Limited Business Rescue saga, UK bookmakers Betfred have made a binding offer of between R875 million and R925 million for all of the assets.

In addition, Betfred is willing to make a loan of R650 million available. This should result in all creditors of the beleaguered entity receiving 100% of their claims. In addition, shareholders may receive value through the Betfred Offer.

To back up their loan offer, Betfred will encumber 20 million shares in William Hill, valued at R700 million.

In the original plan, it was stated MOD (Mary Oppenheimer Daughters) had provisionally acquired the horse racing assets and business from the embattled company – without mention of the head-to-head contest with Betfred.

Approval of the newly published modified business rescue plan, which brings Betfred into the public domain, will depend on the outcome of a Creditors meeting to be held electronically on the Zoom platform on Tuesday, 1 September 2020 at 11h00.

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### King Kannemeyer

Dean Kannemeyer is the winningmost Gold Cup trainer in Saturday's line-up. The 59 year old saddled past winners Colonial Girl (2000), In Writing (2012) and It's My Turn in 2018. The latter, now an 8yo, is back on Saturday in a bid to join a rare band of dual winners.





### **Top Trio**

Sean Tarry and Dennis Drier, with one win apiece, and Dean Kannemeyer (3 wins) are the only trainers in the 100th renewal of the Gold Cup to have won the race previously this century. Tarry saddled Aslan to win in 2011, while Dennis Drier scored with double hero Highland Night in 2004. The late Buddy Maroun saddled Highland Night the previous year.

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## **Dynasty Again?**

Champion sire Dynasty (Fort Wood) bids for his third consecutive success on Saturday and is represented by It's My Turn, Eyes Wide Open and Shenanigans. Dynasty also sired Mike de Kock's 2010 winner Ancestral Fore.





## **Magic Mike**

SA's eight-time Champion Trainer Mike de Kock doesn't have a Gold Cup runner but has won it four times - with Thundering Star (2007), Ancestral Fore (2010), Wild One (2015) and Enaad in 2016.

## Super Silvano

Multiple champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) has sired two past Gold Cup winners – Aslan in 2011 and Wavin' Flag in 2014. Like Dynasty, he is represented by a trio on Saturday in the shape of Sunshine Silk, Wealthy and Imperial Ruby.



### **Girls Can Run**

Colonial Girl (2000) and Dynasty's Blossom (2019) are the two fairer sex Gold Cup winners in the 21st century. Saturday's centennial renewal hosts the mares Sunshine Silk, Factor Fifty and Flichity By Farr, while Potala Palace' 4yo daughter Snow Palace is currently on the reserve bench. Looking back, Felix Coetzee and Terrance Millard were dominant with the lady stayers in the 80's and 90's – Bella Bianca (1998), Festive Forever (1996) and Devon Air (1984) all winning for the power pair.





### **The Pilots**

Only five jockeys riding in the Gold Cup on Saturday have won the race previously this century. Anton Marcus (Factor Fifty), Gavin Lerena (Eyes Wide Open), Piere Strydom (Imperial Ruby), S'manga Khumalo (Paths Of Victory) and Richard Fourie (Magnificent Seven) are the experienced quintet. Fourie is the only one amongst this group not to have won the SA championship title.

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### **Big 8**

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The leading Gold Cup jockey is the now retired Felix Coetzee who won the 3200m contest eight times! His honour rolls shows 1984 – Devon Air, 1985 – Voodoo Charm, 1986 – Occult, 1988 – Castle Walk, 1990 – Illustrador, 1996 – Festive Forever, 1998 – Bella Bianca and his final salute in 2012 when winning on In Writing.





Saturday's 100<sup>th</sup> renewal of the Gr3 World Sports Betting Gold Cup has drawn a competitive field dominated by the progeny of powerhouse stallions Silvano and Dynasty, who between them have stamped their mark on what is still considered to be the country's premier staying event.

Ante-post favourite for the 3200m race is 2018 winner It's My Turn, one of a trio of runners representing Dynasty.

The late Highlands standout has built an exemplary record in this marathon event ever since first-crop son Ancestral Fore scored by two lengths in 2010 as the first three-year-old winner in over 20 years!

Following an eight-year hiatus, It's My Turn lived up to his name to clinch the stayers championship and twelve months later, recently-retired daughter Dynasty's Blossom took the honours at the expense of paternal half-brother Made To Conquer.

Should It's My Turn repeat his 2018 success, he will not only continue Dynasty's dream run with a unique hat-trick and a fourth Gold Cup success, he will also become the first dual winner since Highland Night completed the double in 2003.

The eight-year-old, whose career has been bedeviled by injury, put up a cracking effort in the Gr1 Vodacom Durban July when a fast-finishing fifth and trainer Dean Kannemeyer will no doubt have him razor-sharp on Saturday. Former Cape Derby hero Eyes Wide Open and 'Consolation' July winner Shenanigans round out the Dynasty trio.

Dynasty's sire Fort Wood also counts a Gold Cup winner amongst his impressive tally in 2007 winner Thundering Star. On Saturday, the influence of this ubiquitous stallion continues, as he is also the grandsire of Magnificent Seven and Out Of Your League.

The former, a son of Horse Chestnut, will be looking to regain the form which saw him crowned the country's Champion Stayer two seasons ago.

Fort Wood's underrated son Elusive Fort is the sire of Out Of Your League, a first Gold Cup runner for trainer Fabian Habib. The newly-turned four-year-old has not raced since his upset win in the Gr1 SA Derby, where he flashed his stamina by making virtually all.

Chasing his third Gold Cup winner will be the mighty Silvano, whose first winner was champion son Aslan in 2011.

Successful with Wavin' Flag three years later, he was denied a third winnner when Balance Sheet



2019 NYS R1,3-Million graduate CAPTAIN FONTANE (full brother to SNOWDANCE bred by Cheveley) wins by 5 lengths for Hong Kong connections Mr Hui and David Ferraris, trained by Garth Puller.

**CHAMPIONING CHAMPIONS** 





Super Silvano has a superb record in the Gold Cup

chased Wild One home in 2015.

On Saturday, the Maine Chance champion also fields a trio of runners and will rely on Imperial Ruby and the mare Sunshine Silk to break a six-year drought. Both proven stayers, the former captured last season's Gr3 Gold Bowl over the Gold Cup distance, while Sunshine Silk is a previous winner of the Gr3 Caradoc Gold Cup. Ideal World dominated the 2017 Gold Cup when two of his offspring fought out a humdinger finish, with Gold Bowl and Gold Vase winner Hermoso Mundo nosing out paternal half-sister Zante to make it a clean sweep of staying events, a feat which earned him the Equus Champion Stayer award.

Twelve months later, he was denied the double when runner-up to It's My Turn. This year, the Mauritzfontein stallion is represented by Dark Moon Rising, who gave notice of his Gold Cup aspirations when third, beaten under a length, in the Gr3 Gold Vase.

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A runner capable of spoiling the party is Marchingontogether, who enters the race off scintillating victories in the Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup and Gr3 Track and Ball Derby.

As a son of the speedy and precocious Pathfork, he is somewhat of an anomaly in the staying ranks. However, his dam is by Montjeu out of a Darshaan mare, a cross that screams stamina.

The manner in which he defeated It's My Turn in the Track and Ball Derby under a hand ride was impressive to say the least and it would come as no surprise to see him claim the handsome winning trophy.

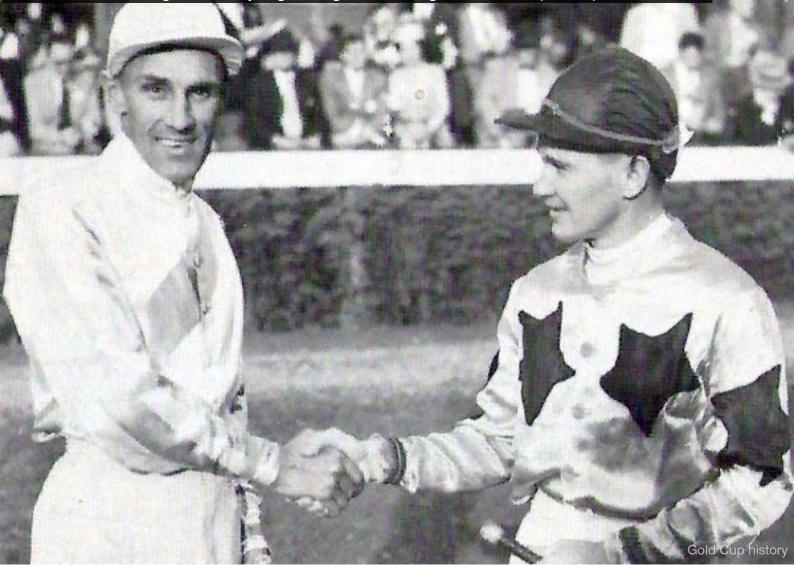


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Charlie Barends congratulated by 'Tiger' Wright on winning his first Championship in 1955/6



## A CENTURY OF STAYERS

First run in 1921 for a stake of 2000 pounds, the Gold Cup will be run at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Saturday and is an equine marathon that boasts a proud history and captures the public imagination on a wide scale.

The race is run over 3200m and starts at the 400m mark in the short

Hollywoodbets Greyville straight.

There's plenty of jockeying for position as the runners pass the winning post for the first time before turning sharply right and heading towards the Drill Hall.

Normally many runners are under pressure before the turn into the

home straight and it takes a special type of horse and jockey to win the event.

One of the greatest Gold Cup riders of all time was Charlie Barends, who won the race seven times. He partnered favourite Chez Monty, who in 1950 became the first horse to win the race two



years running. Felix Coetzee broke Barends' long-standing record in 2012, when he won his eighth Gold Cup on In Writing for Dean Kannemeyer.

To date, four horses have won the Gold Cup twice, but the last horse to win in consecutive years was Highland Night , who won the race in 2002 and 2003.

The first horse to win the Gold Cup on two occasions was Humidor, who was victorious in 1933 and 1935.

Humidor scored his first win carrying just 50kgs, winning as a 5 year old. Runner up, Candican, was giving the winner over two stone! Two years later, the imported son of Galloper Lad carried 52.5 kgs to ensure himself a place in the record books.

Humidor was more impressive in his second win – winning by a

length, with another five lengths back to the third placed finisher.

While Candican put up one of the greatest weight carrying achievements ever seen in the race, another gallant effort came in 1930, when Glen Albyn ran second under 9 stone 10 – or 136 lbs. He was beaten just half a length, giving the winner, Artist Glow, one stone.

Since 1945, the greatest winning margin in the Gold Cup has been the four and a half lengths put up by Devon Air, who triumphed in 1984.

Only once, has there been a dead heat in the race – that was back in 1977 when Don The Stripe and Pacer shared the spoils.

Fillies and mares have enjoyed some success in the Gold Cup, without ever dominating their male rivals. The last female to capture the race was in the most recent running when Dynasty's Blossom won under Mauritian rider, Nooresh Juglall. Prior to that, Glen Hatt rode Colonial Girl , who defeated Fairfields Fancy by three parts of a length back in 2000.

Other fillies and mares to win South Africa's most famous staying race include Devon Air (1984), Festive Forever (1996) and Bella Bianca (1998). Both Festive Forever and Devon Air enjoyed success at stud, with the former producing the Gr1 winning champion Fearless and the latter throwing two stakes winners.

Devon Air is also the granddam of the high-class performers, She's On Fire and August Rush.

Famous for producing a number of upsets, and not a race which has been kind to favourites over the years, the Gold Cup has been won by longshots Stateway (33-1), Rack 'n Ruin (25-1), Fauvist (33-1), and Milleverof (25-1).





Gold Circle have honoured the memory of the late great Terrance Millard's dominance of the Gold Cup and have named a feature event on their big day at Hollywoodbets Greyville in tribute to the legend who passed away last year.

The Terrance Millard Listed Umngeni Handicap will be run as one of ten feature events on the Saturday programme.

Our greatest modern era conditioner, Terrance Millard trained six Gold Cup winners, in addition to his six Met victories and an equal number of Durban July successes. He also achieved a top three in the July twice.

Millard's Gold Cup sextet was Hawkins, Devon Air, Occult, Castle Walk, illustrador, Icona

At the time of his retirement in 1991, Terrance Millard had trained over 2500 winners. He won 117 Gr1 races, 44 Gr2 races and 37 Gr3 races.

His extraordinary record of 117 Gr1 winners was surpassed by Mike de Kock when Soqrat won the Cape Guineas in 2018.

### LA STAR, NOMZAMO MBATHA,

#### SPENDS A DAY AT THE RACES WITH



Renowned South African actress and philanthropist, Nomzamo Mbatha, joined the Hollywoodbets team on Monday, 24 August at the Hollywoodbets Greyville Racecourse for some horse racing action! Excitement was in the air for Mbatha as she was on course to witness the filly she had named "Zulu Citation\*" have her official debut.

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"This experience was surreal! I chose the name "Zulu Citation" because I wanted something that ties back to me. The Zulu tribe is my birth tribe, and this is something that will remind the world of where I come from. The citation part of the name is inspired by an American Triple Crown-winning thoroughbred racehorse named Citation who won 16 consecutive races making him the first horse in history to win one million dollars! Whilst at the races, I kept saying that Zulu Citation's personality and temperament reminded me of myself.

It was her small characteristics that made me laugh and say, 'woah, that's so me!' Meeting her was so intimidating because she is a force of power. Watching her make her debut was a feeling I will always remember. A sure bet, and a sure winner!" Mbatha explained.

The actress spent the first part of the national lockdown in Los Angeles, away from her family. Her return to South Africa was exciting as she got to experience a day at the Hollywoodbets Greyville Racecourse. "This is an unrelenting feeling of home! I missed the hustle and bustle of seeing the horses race and the enjoyment of the racecourse ambiance. Hollywoodbets Greyville is a landmark that signifies the business and glory of the beautiful city of Durban. A day at the races brings cheer, laughter and joy, and it is a day where we can all wear our Sunday best and be enthralled by the power of freedom. The adrenalin that comes with watching the races is something that definitely gets me excited, and it truly does bring people together," Mbatha said.

My whirlwind trip culminated in a morning spent at the beautiful Summerveld Training Centre outside Durban, where the sheer size and proficiency of the South African Horse Racing Industry became apparent. Demonstrations at the Summerveld Equine Hospital and South African Jockey Academy was incredibly enlightening and provided me with a newfound respect for race horses and all the stakeholders involved in the sport. It is without doubt a sport that I hope to become more involved in, in the future!



\*''Zulu Citation'' is one of 84 horses owned by the Hollywood Syndicate.



## THE CAPTAIN'S ON TOUR!

Former Cape champion trainer Joey Ramsden is the defending Gold Cup champion trainer after Dynasty's Blossom's victory last year. He also won the marathon in 2005 with the Jallad gelding, Major Bluff.

He celebrates his 52nd birthday today with fiancé Stephanie Grentell and their daughter Ruby at Bribie Island in the south of Queensland, as the trio continue on their incredible Australian journey.

Joey aka 'The Captain' left South Africa in January this year after a long and distinguished career as a multiple Gr1 winning trainer.

He was thrilled to hear from the Sporting Post and to send a birthday message back to the cold and wet Cape, while enjoying all the fun the warm Australian winter has to offer.

"I'm missing my girls Holly and Zara more than words can say. It certainly wasn't my plan to have not seen them since we left. They're very good at keeping in touch, but I must say I quite often get teary on ending our calls.

They're turning into beautiful young ladies," he added proudly, saying that he was 'also missing everyone and the Cape'.

Joey, Steph and Ruby started their travels in Tasmania but 'got curtailed', stayed a while in Victoria and have now wound their way up the East Coast.

"Steph and I got engaged in Tasmania, but as our trip there was cut short there's definitely unfinished business. We might wait for the weather to warm up there before venturing back down!

But at this stage we plan to just keep going north and then eventually head west to continue 'The Big Lap'," says the popular former Milnerton-based horseman.

He adds that, as with everyone else,

COVID-19 has 'put a little pause on our lives'.

"But we're lucky enough to be fairly free regarding movement now and Australia is the most beautiful country.

Every place we stop we think it just can't get any better - but it does every time!" he reflects in his typically positive manner.

They are travelling in a motor-home, and Joey says enthusiastically:

"We called her The Mystery Machine... Ruby/ScoobyDoo! And Steph and Ruby are well, happy and loving it. But we think Ruby could be the naughtiest, most stubborn child to have ever lived but then, look at her parents!"

Joey quips in closing that they will 'continue on in this changed world of ours and just take it day by day'.

Happy birthday JR!





# **SOUNDNESS, STAMINA & WEIGHT THE KEY**



It's been thirty nine years since Garth Puller came within a heartbeat of what would have been his only Gold Cup victory. It was August 1981 and the 'Head Waiter' arrived a second too late after traffic issues on Big Charles and just failed to collar Brave Persian.

Fresh off his dramatic victory under Jimmy Anderson in the Rothmans Durban July, Big Charles ran his heart out but just couldn't get there.

"His July win meant he carried some weight in the Gold Cup. That told in the end. But he was a helluva workmanlike horse – he would just do the job and he ran from the sprints to the 3200m of the Gold Cup," Puller told the Sporting Post on Monday.

Garth recalled how at the 1981 Durban July pre-race dinner, he was quizzed as to who could beat his mount, the favourite Over The Air.

"They laughed at me when I said

Big Charles was the danger. The horse that lived out of an old wooden container – those that they used to use on the ships – in a dusty sand paddock in Malmesbury. They had to walk to get his water and the guy that fed him was a local woodcutter.

His early days weren't exactly a finishing school kickstart for a future July winner. And that's what I said to the guys at the July dinner – the horse doesn't know he comes from a humble smallholding in Malmesbury. But he could run and had a massive heart. That counts in the end."

As to what it takes to win the World Sports Betting Gold Cup on Saturday, Garth was clear:

"You have to have a sound horse who stays, and you don't want too much weight on the back.

Interestingly, a 1000m sprint and the 3200m of the Gold Cup are the two distances that one can use time as a genuine yardstick. Over 1000m, they are usually at full tilt – so a 2yo who runs it in say 56 secs could beat his

elder. And in the Gold Cup, times are a good measure, as it's a race where a horse will reach his top end at some point. So time is a reliable indicator," he added.

The Hollywoodbets-sponsored Garth only has one runner on the day.

Ishnana runs in the Terrance Millard Listed Umngeni Handicap, run over 1000m on the polytrack. We asked him if Bipot players should include the son of Al Miqdaam in their excotics.

"Look, I have him fit but it's a step up for him so he will have to be at his best to have a winning chance. But he is drawn nicely at 5, Craig Zackey is in good form and he is a course and distance winner."

Garth was hoping to run his smart colt Captain Fontane – a horse he describes as the 'best of his age in South Africa' - in the Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes on the day.

But things didn't pan out as





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planned as the impressive debut winning now 3yo was eliminated from a Hollywoodbets Greyville handicap recently.

"I entered Captain Fontane in an MR 88 Handicap where he was allotted 52,5kgs. But there were 29 acceptors

and as my boy is a nett 73, he got the chop. So I went to Gold Circle management and asked them to split the race – they split maidens, so why not handicaps? But it was a no go, sadly. So we shelved the target of the Gr1 on Saturday and, as you saw, he really won smartly on Sunday. Lyle never showed him the crop – he settled well and then ran away from them. He had seen Hollywoodbets Greyville previously as I had him galloping there over 1400m the Monday after the July.

It was not ideal that morning as the track was still knitting. But he acquitted himself well."

Garth explained how it was touch and go for Sunday's run.

"As he had done prior to his debut, he suffered an overreach during the week. I was applying the poultices and changing the dressing multiple times every day.

On Sunday morning there was no pain between the overreach and the hoof. So I felt happy to run him. He proved us right."

Not one given to frivolous adjectives, Garth says simply that Captain Fontane is a superstar'.

And it is likely that we have seen the last of the impressive galloper as he heads to Hong Kong in three months for owners Ferraris and Hui.

Captain Fontaine won on his debut against older horses at Hollywoodbets Scottsville on 11 July over 1000m, clocking 58,51 secs.

The second horse (the upwardly mobile Hail Columbia), the third, fifth and seventh finishers have all gone on to win next time.

Garth said at the time that Captain Fontane didn't know where he was on debut.

"He missed the break, ducked to the

inside and back. He's smart, but he's immature. The 1000m was on the sharp side but his class prevailed. Great merit as he had overreached in a gallop the previous day."

Captain Fontane is by Captain Al from Spring Lilac, by Joshua Dancer. He's a brother to champion filly Snowdance, from one of the best families in the stud book, including Rabiya, Bela Bela, All Is Secret and the like. He was raised at Vaughan Koster's Cheveley Stud.

Ormond Ferraris and his daughter-in-law Pam Puller bought the 3yo for David Ferraris and Hong Kong-based David Hui at the National Yearling Sale of 2019, paying R1,3-million.

Bosworth Farm looked after Captain Fontane before he came into training with Puller at Summerveld.

We asked Garth how many Captain Fontane's he'd like to train?

"I only need three to box with the







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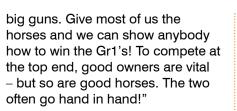
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Garth said that he was pleased that things were beginning to normalise post the COVID-19 peak.

"I still own too many of my own horses and the normal clean out of

weaker horses is not as straightforward as it was when Kimberley was open. So I still have too many! But the Mauritius market is still strong for the right profile of horse, and I will be transferring a few to the East Cape where they should be able to win."

Garth went on to thank all who had helped his yard come through the rocky road of the lockdown. "We are not through it yet. But I just want to thank my staff, my sponsors Hollywoodbets, and all my owners, as well as the Ferraris family for showing faith in me with their horses. It's an honour and privilege to work with horses like Captain Fontane and I have no doubt he will make a massive impact in Hong Kong."

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An astute judgement call by Summerveld trainer Michael Roberts to secure some paddock-boosting black-type for Dr Nic Labuschagne and Vaughan Koster's beautifully bred mare Statute came together in fairytale fashion at Fairview on Friday when the daughter of Dynasty won the R85 000 Listed Jockey Club Stakes on her swansong appearance.

Black-type on the catalogue page can be a dealmaking lifechanger for any breeder, and when they are as beautifully bred and well-related as former SA Horse Of The Year Legislate's 6yo sister Statute, then the deep satisfaction felt by her trainer Michael Roberts as he watched his charge cruise home under the full-of-confidence Shadlee Fortune, is well understood.

"She is a very smart sort but her high suspensory lameness has plagued her career. She had to be treated and rested between races. So she never had a genuine chance to show her true ability.

When we ran out of time and I saw the Paddock Stakes and the Jockey Club Stakes on the East Cape programme, I recommended to Dr Labuschagne and Vaughan Koster that we stop on the way to stud and take in these two races," said the elated trainer.

The traditional KZN last chance saloon of the Listed Off To Stud Handicap has been moved on a few months into the new term.

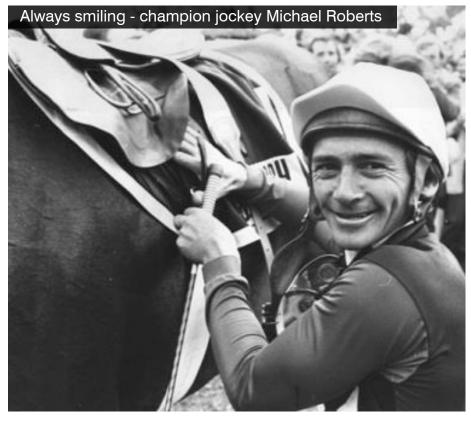
"She will be pregnant by then hopefully. So it made plenty of sense to travel and I must thank the owners, as well as Alan Greeff and his staff who looked after and saddled her, and jockey Shadlee Fortune, who rode a mature race on her." The man known as 'Muis' to generations of international racing fans, said he had been 'quietly confident' after the switch to the all-weather.

"She has quite small feet, so soft going on the grass would not have been ideal. The jockeys are very complimentary about the Fairview polytrack, so I wasn't concerned about that aspect. And after they went quite slow for the first quarter, they played into her hands and any doubt about seeing out the 2000m was not an issue. Shadlee (Fortune) had her nicely placed and she really won so well," he enthused.

With the East Cape Derby winning favourite American Princess failing to kick on, Statute had the race at her mercy in the final stages and powered clear to beat the pacy Je Ne Sais Quoi by 1,25 lengths in a time of 121,32 secs.







The fancied American Princess finished 4 lengths back in fifth.

For Shadlee Fortune, the victory would have been particularly pleasing as he had stepped down from American Princess on whom he won two races on the trot, including the Derby, in favour of champion returnee, Greg Cheyne.

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purchase, the Cheveley Stud-bred Statute is a daughter of late champion Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of Restucture's four-time winner, Champers.

She retires with a stats CV of 4 wins and 7 places from 22 lifetime starts for stakes of R336 500.

Her brother Legislate was South Africa's Horse Of The Year, Equus Champion 3YO Colt and Equus Champion Middle Distance Horse in 2014, and South Africa's Equus Champion Miler the following season.

He won seven times, and emulated his sire Dynasty by landing the Gr1 Vodacom Durban July, Gr1 Cape Derby and Gr1 Daily News 2000.

The current record holder for 1600m at Kenilworth, Legislate won a total of six graded races including the 2015 Gr1 Gold Challenge.

### ONE WORLD LIKELY

Top breeder Vaughan Koster told the Sporting Post on Monday that Statute is likely to be sent to fellow first season producer One World, who stands at Drakenstein. "I really like the mating and, as she is not a big girl, I feel a sire like One World could give the offspring some size," said Vaughan.

One World is a multiple Gr1 winning son of local champion South

African sire, Captain Al. He won 10 of his 13 starts, including the 2020 Gr1 Sun Met, Gr2 Concorde Cup, Gr3 Winter Guineas, Gr3 Matchem Stakes, Gr2 Green Point Stakes and Gr3 Winter Classic.





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Former Northern Cape Champion trainer Tienie Prinsloo got off the mark in his new home province of KwaZulu-Natal on Monday when Richard Fourie steered the super-quick Philanthropist filly Miss Generosity to win the final event on the Hollywoodbets Greyville programme.

Dedicating Miss Generosity's victory to his former colleague Corrie Lensley, who trained the filly in the Cape, the 47 year old ex-Kimberlite gave Richard Fourie the simple instructions 'to go down slow and come back fast', and duly celebrated an important icebreaker, with his wife Elsa on course to enjoy the watershed.

Fourie rode a typically confident race from the widest draw out front, and paying R23-50 for a tote win and over R7 a place, Miss Generosity left the remnants of a part carryover Pick 6 in her wake, as she powered home for Northern Cape owner Johann Liebenberg to beat Noemi by a length in a nippy 57,54 secs.

The win crowned a memorable day for the now Ashburton-based Tienie Prinsloo, who saddled a fifth, fourth and a winner from his quartet of runners.

He recalled how he and Elsa stood

on the grandstand before the race and she said – "Maybe this is the race that gets our KZN dream under way?"

An emotional Tienie said that he hadn't won the July – yet – but the win by Miss Generosity felt like a major!

"I am so fortunate also to have a jockey like Richard Fourie on my horses. His agent phoned and I said we'd love to have him aboard.

He is such a humble and likeable guy – and a top rider – a real role model for his profession,"added Tienie.

Tienie told the Sporting Post that he and his wife were 'loving KZN'.

"We are so thankful for the help and could not have made the move without Gold Circle and the owners who supported us in making the transition. I have trimmed my string down and now have 23 horses with boxes open for more," said Tienie, as he confirmed that he had sold his house in the Diamond City and was now resident in Pietermaritzburg.

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"The training facilities are excellent at Ashburton. And it's not like Kimberley where the small town environment means that everybody knows everything. We are enjoying the liefstyle and are here to stay. All I need are some more horses. We can't win races without horses and owners!"he laughed.

And Tienie is one man who has achieved the near impossible when it comes to doing wonders with limited numbers. He won his champion title in the Northern Cape with a string of just 13 horses!

Tienie is keeping things personalised and competitive and he invited any inquiries to email at: <u>elsa.prinsloo@hotmail.com.</u>

Watch the race & interview here



## SETTING THE Standard!

This beautiful filly by Drakenstein sire Gold Standard (Trippi) was foaled down on 5 August at Sorrento Stud on behalf of Woodhill Racing.

She is out of Shangri La, a daughter of Ideal World from the same family as Glen Kotzen's Gr1 star, Temple Grafin.

Trained by Glen Kotzen, Gold Standard was ranked by Form Merit Ratings as the second best colt of his generation. An exceptional athlete and a grand looking son of champion sire, Trippi, his dam, Olympic Dam, was out of the big, powerful filly Olympic Duel. Typical of both her sire Dancing Champ (USA) and her damsire New South Wales (GB) and bred by Luke Bailes and Shaun McCarthy out of their now famous mare, Mashka, Olympic Duel raced from two to five and had one start in August at six. She was trained by the legendary Terrance Millard and ridden to all of her 13 wins by Felix Coetzee.

Read more about Gold Standard <u>here</u>

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## WHAT A BOMBER

This magnificent colt, born on 17 August, marked a milestone as the first foal of the Gr1 winning international champion son of War Front, Lancaster Bomber, to be born at Drakenstein Stud.

He is out of the dual Gr1 winning Captain Al mare, Snowdance, who is out of Gr3 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery winner Spring Lilac (Joshua Dancer) – which makes her a full sister to exciting Hollywoodbets Greyville Sunday winner, Captain Fontane.

Lancaster Bomber was trained by Aidan O'Brien for Coolmore partners.

<u>Read more</u> <u>about</u> <u>Lancaster</u> <u>Bomber</u> <u>here</u>

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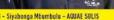
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#### As he has in many of racing's top festivals, the great Galileo built last week on his excellent record at York's Ebor meeting.

The Coolmore legend has a fine record in the Ebor meeting's Gr1 Juddmonte International, with Galileo sons Rip Van Winkle, Frankel, Australia, Ulysses and Japan winning the Juddmonte International in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017 and 2019 respectively.

Galileo added to his stellar record this year when his maternal grandson Ghaiyyath (Dubawi) scored a hugely impressive win in the 2020 Juddmonte International -while accounting for Galileo's six time Gr1 winning daughter Magical.

A third Juddmonte International winner for Dubawi, Ghaiyyath (one of two G1 winners thus far out of Galileo's Irish 1000 Guineas winning daughter Nightime) was winning for a fourth time at the highest level with the five-year-old having previously collected all of the Gr1 Grosser Preis von Baden (in 2019) and this year's Gr1 Hurworth Bloodstock Coronation Cup and Gr1 Coral-Eclipse.

Galileo enjoyed more York success as a broodmare sire this year when his maternal grandson Certain Lad (out of the Galileo daughter Chelsey Jayne) captured Saturday's Gr3 Sky Bet And Symphony Group Strensall Stakes.

Galileo's success at this year's Ebor meeting, however, was not restricted to his broodmare daughters.

His outstanding daughter Love (bred, like South African stallions Flying The Flag and The United States, on the potent Galileo/Pivotal cross) collected her fourth G1 win when sauntering to a five length win in Thursday's G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks.

Alpinista, runner up to Love, is a daughter of Galileo's greatest son Frankel, and four of the six runners in this year's Yorkshire Oaks were sired by either Galileo or Frankel.

In the process, Love became the fourth daughter of Galileo to land the

Yorkshire Oaks following Lush Lashes (2008), Tapestry (2014) and Seventh Heaven (2016).

Galileo's star granddaughter Enable captured the Yorkshire Oaks in both 2017 and 2019, while his son Teofilo is the sire of 2015 winner Pleascach.

Galileo's unbeaten son Teofilo also got in the act at this year's Ebor festival, with Teofilo supplying Wednesday's Gr3 Tattersalls Acomb Stakes winner Gear Up, while another son of Galileo, Nathaniel, is the sire of Saturday's Sky Bet Ebor Handicap runner up Glencadam Glory.

However, perhaps the best example of Galileo's ever increasing dominance can be seen in the pedigree of Saturday's surprise Gr2 Galileo EBF Futurity Stakes winner Mac Swiney.

The latter was sired by Galileo's Derby winning son New Approach and his dam, Halla Na Saoire, is a daughter of Galileo's unbeaten son Teofilo.







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#### The impressive Ghaiyyath



### **WORLD'S NUMBER 1**

Ghaiyyath (Dubawi-Nightime, by Galileo) has been declared the best horse in the world by both the Racing Post Ratings and the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) handicappers after his win in last week's Gr1 Juddmonte International at York, reports <u>racingpost.com</u>.

The BHA's head of handicapping Dominic Gardiner-Hill gave Ghaiyyath a mark of 130, the equal of Golden Horn (Cape Cross-Fleche d'Or, by Dubai Destination) and Cracksman (Frankel-Rhadegunda, by Pivotal), and said that he is "now responsible for the two best performances in the world this year", and noting that "his new mark has been bettered in that race this century by only seven-length winners Frankel (140) and Sakhee (133)".

Ghaiyyath's win was his third consecutive Gr1 victory in 2020, and he was given a Racing Post Rating of 131; the joint-second best figure since the start of 2015 alongside Cracksman and just a pound shy of Golden Horn's best in the 2015 Coral-Eclipse.

#### Proud trainer Charlie Appleby

No plans have been announced by trainer Charlie Appleby for Ghaiyyath's next step, however, he is the 6-1 third favourite for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October and a 5-2 chance for the Qipco Champion Stakes at Ascot in late October.

Ghaiyyath has won nine of his twelve starts including 2019's Gr1 Grosser Preis von Baden, and 2020's Gr1 Coronation Cup, Gr1 Sandown Eclipse Stakes, and Gr1 York International Stakes.



## 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	291	486	52	9,386,500	14,551,988
Mr S J Snaith	997	122	12.2	129	115	194	438	43.9	7,392,000	11,950,175
Mr P A Peter	765	114	14.9	80	85	200	365	47.7	7,958,200	11,063,650
Mr M F de Kock	549	84	15.3	83	64	143	290	52.8	6,939,225	10,950,825
Mr A C Greeff	883	169	19.1	115	106	252	473	53.6	6,441,650	9,229,863

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Name	Runs	Wins	Win%	2nd	3rd	Other	Places	Place %	Win Stake	Total Stakes
Mr W B Kennedy	1165	209	17.9	142	145	285	572	49.1	14,204,775	19,495,850
Mr G M Cheyne	714	147	20.6	102	81	173	356	49.9	6,548,763	10,651,725
Mr K de Melo	716	101	14.1	84	88	146	318	44.4	5,784,000	9,095,563
Mr S Khumalo	845	96	11.4	105	100	248	453	53.6	5,267,025	9,587,975
Mr R D Fourie	533	94	17.6	78	71	110	259	48.6	5,978,750	10,117,875

#### BREEDERS

Name	Runrs	Runs	AEPR	Wnrs	Wins	Winrs/ Rnrs %	Places	B.T. Winrs	B.T. Wins	Total Stakes
Klawervlei Stud	453	2115	43,812	152	206	33.6	966	9	13	19,846,863
Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfonteir	n <b>2</b> 59	1375	74,619	113	180	43.6	644	14	22	19,326,425
Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd	250	1403	39,439	82	117	32.8	614	0	0	9,859,738
Highlands Farms Stud (Pty) Ltd	137	801	59,883	72	110	52.6	364	6	10	8,203,925
Varsfontein Stud	122	660	66,254	53	74	43.4	320	8	10	8,083,000

#### **SIRES**

Runrs	Runs	AEPR	Wnrs	Wins	Winrs/ Rnrs %	Places	B.T. Winrs	B.T. Wins	Total Stakes
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134	701	89,515	63	98	47	338	7	12	11,994,950
193	923	55,576	68	96	35.2	422	8	9	10,726,138
166	884	57,91	65	97	39.2	403	7	8	9,612,988
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