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SUMMER PUDDING IS HORSE OF THE YEAR

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That fine fillies have been a hallmark of the famed Mauritzfontein Stud was underscored when Summer Pudding was crowned both Horse of the Year and Champion three-year-old filly of the 2019-2020 racing season at virtual Equus Awards on Sunday evening.

Counting the Gr1 Woolavington 2000 and the Triple Tiara amongst an unblemished seven-win streak, Summer Pudding is the latest success story from a family nurtured to such great effect by the Kimberley Stud.

A fourth generation homebred, this daughter of Silvano traces to Avila, who was acquired as a yearling for a then record R150 000 at the 1981 National Yearling Sale.

A high-quality daughter of champion

sire Persian Wonder, she justified her sizeable purchase price by claiming the Gr2 Natalia Stakes and finished runner-up in both the SA Oaks and Natal Oaks - at a time when both classics carried Gr1 status.

At the conclusion of her racing career, Avila returned to Mauritzfontein where regrettably, her broodmare career failed to mirror her racetrack achievements.

None of her nine foals possessed even a smidgeon of her ability and of the six that reached the track, only four managed to win, amongst which Maid Of Castile, who returned to Mauritzfontein after scoring once at three.

By Forli's top miler son Home Guard, she was to succeed where her dam had failed, producing a stakes winner with her third foal, the Fort Wood filly Carolina

Cherry, who in fact went one better than her grandam, winning the Oaks at Clairwood!

She also placed in a number of Graded stakes, notably when runner-up in the Gr1 Garden Province Stakes. As a broodmare, she has left a fine legacy and now features as both the dam and grandam of a Triple Tiara winner!

Summer Pudding's dam, the Strike Smartly mare Cherry On The Cake was an unraced two-year-old by the time Carolina Cherry dropped a striking Tiger Ridge filly named Cherry On The Top, who lived up to her name as the country's champion three-year-old filly following a sophomore season which saw her annex the Triple Tiara.

Remarkably, Cherry On The Cake scored a career best in the Gr3

FOAL ALERT

Canford Cliffs x Depeche (Colt)

“Once again we are delighted with the sort of foal Canford Cliffs is producing – and this smashing colt continues to excite us. Not only is this specific foal perfectly balanced and extremely well put together, but he offers oodles of class. It is fantastic for us on the farm to see such athletic moving foals by Canford Cliffs, especially from the type of mare we have been sending him. Depeche won two races as a filly in training and is out of Alignment – the mare who produced Potala Palace and Front And Centre, and is undoubtedly one of the top producing mares this country has seen.”

– Craig Kieswetter



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Cherry On The Top wins the Gr2 SA Oaks in 2013



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Jacaranda Handicap on the same day her illustrious half-sister captured the second leg of the Tiara, the Gr1 SA Fillies Classic.

Carolina Cherry died in 2017, but her daughters are now valued members of the Mauritzfontein broodmare band.

And while Cherry On The Top has made a fine start with her first two foals, the twice Gr1-placed Blossom (Silvano) and Gr3-placed colt Seventh Gear (Captain Al), Cherry On The Cake has eclipsed that in the paddocks as the dam of Summer Pudding.

She has a 2019 filly by Gimmethegreenlight, is due to foal to Silvano and will visit resident stallion Danon Platina. A champion son of Deep Impact, he is the sire of a filly foal out of Cherry On The Top, who now has a liaison with Silvano. 🐎

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SUMMER PUDDING'S JUST DESSERTS... THE STARS ARE OUT!

Despite never having taken on the older girls or the boys, the Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein-bred undefeated SA Triple Tiara winner of last term, Summer Pudding, was crowned SA Horse Of The Year at the unique virtual Equus Awards hosted by the Desch attired veteran broadcasters Neil Andrews and Nico Kritsiotis on Tellytrack on Sunday evening.

On a big evening for a dominant South African breeding dynasty, Mary Slack was acknowledged with a Lifetime Achievement Award, while Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein were voted outstanding SA Breeder.

In an outcome that went largely according to expectations, Sporting Post readers were on the button in the Horse Of The Year debate, after voting 41% in favour of Summer Pudding, with Joey Soma's Got The Greenlight (12%) and Hawwaam (11%) next best in the poll.

A winner of all of her seven starts, Summer Pudding earned R1 413 500, excluding her Tiara bonus, and proved the darling of the SA racing public in a testing season, with an heroic final effort when launching from what looked a beaten position to win the Gr1 Woolavington 2000 in dazzling style. She also, unsurprisingly, picked up the

Champion 3yo Filly title. Summer Pudding is by champion sire Silvano (Lomitas) out of the seven-time winning stakes winner Cherry On The Cake (Strike Smartly) – the latter a half sister to SA Triple Tiara winner Cherry On The Top (Tiger Ridge).

Her anticipated major threat for top honours, Joey Soma's smashing 4yo Got The Greenlight, didn't walk away unheralded and was crowned Champion 3yo Male and Champion Middle Distance after an extended season where he won the Gr1 SA Classic, Gr1 Daily News 2000 and ran second to Belgarion in the Gr1 Vodacom Durban July.

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Champion Two-year-old Colt - Tempting Fate

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The Avontuur-bred Tempting Fate, the Gr1 Golden Horseshoe winning son of Master Of My Fate was crowned Champion 2yo Colt, while Var's smashing daughter Anything Goes received the fairer sex equivalent.

Many may have felt that another of Master Of My Fate's offspring in the Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes winner Sentbydestiny, who beat the males in a thriller, may have swung the judges in her favour.

New Drakenstein stallion One World, who probably did his Horse Of The Year aspirations no favours by retiring after the Sun Met, clinched a hotly contested Champion Older Male category.

Captain Al was again to the fore when Five times SA Champion Sean Tarry saw his Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint winner Celtic Sea lift the silverware in the Champion Older Filly/Mare slot.

Milnerton trainers Candice Bass-Robinson and Adam Marcus celebrated in the Champion Sprinter and Champion Miler division, when Russet Air and Vardy were adjudged tops, respectively.

Vardy also gave Avontuur's evergreen champion Var two Equus winners.

Klawervlei were crowned Champion Breeders, with their supremo John Koster generously dedicating the award to all of his fellow winners.

Well done to the organisers and all the nominees. A superb effort in trying times!

Here are all the winners -

Champion Two-year-old Colt

- Tempting Fate (Master Of My Fate)

Nominees:

- Erik the Red (Captain Al)
- Mount Pleasant (Aus)
- Nourbese (Futura)

Champion Two-year-old Filly

- Anything Goes (Var)

Nominees:

- Sentbydestiny (Master Of My Fate)
- Vernichey (Vercingetorix)

Champion Three-year-old Colt

- Got The Greenlight (Gimme-thegreenlight)

Nominee:

- Golden Ducat (Philanthropist)

Champion Three-year-old Filly

- Summer Pudding (Silvano)

Nominee:

- Mississippi Burning (Captain Al)

Champion Older Male

- One World (Captain Al)

Nominees:

- Belgarion (Dynasty)
- Hawwaam (Silvano)
- Rainbow Bridge (Ideal World)
- Vardy (Var)

Champion Older Filly/Mare

- Celtic Sea (Captain Al)

Nominees:

- Clouds Unfold (What A Winter)
- Queen Supreme (Ire)
- Ronnie's Candy (King Of Kings)
- Temple Grafin (Duke Of Marmalade)

Champion Sprinter

- Russet Air (What A Winter)
- Nominees:
- Celtic Sea (Captain Al)
- Rivarine (Var)
- Van Halen (Oratorio)
- Warrior's Rest (What A Winter)

Champion Miler

- Vardy (Var)

Nominees:

- Hawwaam (Silvano)
- Rainbow Bridge (Ideal World)

Champion Middle Distance

- Got The Greenlight (Gimme-thegreenlight)

Nominees:

- Belgarion (Dynasty)
- Golden Ducat (Philanthropist)
- Hawwaam (Silvano)
- One World (Captain Al)
- Rainbow Bridge (Ideal World),
- Summer Pudding (Silvano)

Champion Stallion

- Silvano



Klawervlei's John Koster

Candiese Lenferna

Champion Breeder

- Klawervlei Stud

Champion Broodmare

- Halfway To Heaven (Mary Slack and Jessica Jell)

Outstanding South African Breeder Award

- Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Mary Slack

Champion Apprentice

- Luke Ferraris

Champion Jockey

- Warren Kennedy

Champion Trainer

- Sean Tarry

Champion Owner

- Chris van Niekerk

Horse of The Year

- Summer Pudding

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HAIL, MARY!

The Equus Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed on Wilgerbosdrift's leading lady of the SA Turf on Sunday evening is a small gesture from an industry indebted to one of its longest serving patrons.

Mary Slack has indelibly carved her name into the South African racing and breeding landscape.

Her late parents Harry and Bridget Oppenheimer gave her a kickstart when the 2yo colt Henry Higgins won his debut over 1200m at Newmarket

on 31 March 1965. Mrs Slack recalled on Sunday evening that her partners Evelyn de Rothschild and Jim Joel were screened by the then Jockey Club. In those days one had to prove financial credentials and affordability to become an owner.

"It's really quite stupid that they made inquiries about the finances, thinking back," said an obviously thrilled recipient of the prestigious award on Sunday evening.

Henry Higgins won in the famous Joel silks – black body with a scarlet cap – and

he eventually gave Mrs Slack the colours to use in South Africa. Today the silks are an institution in our racing.

Speaking on Sunday evening, the champion breeder and leading owner played down her surprise at the acknowledgement.

"It's a great honour and it's been more years than I care to remember. And today I enjoy breeding a winner just as much as owning one."

Mary Slack has served on countless



committees and has made an enormous contribution in many respects. She labelled the Workriders programme, which she initiated with Alison Mckenzie, as her most rewarding.

“The clubs took it over and James Maree has been a major force in ensuring its success,” she added.

Times have changed for the good and the worse in racing. Until 1929, Jockey Club rules prevented women from having an interest in racehorses.

Females weren't allowed to own or lease racehorses and were certainly not allowed to train or ride them.

Mrs D. Rosenberg was the first lady owner to win a classic, when her filly Compliments won the SA Oaks at Turffontein on 2 January 1937. Hilda Knaupp became our first lady trainer in 1940, Joan Ruffel was the first female steward and Mary Slack's Mom Bridget

Oppenheimer was the first female to grace the members quarters at Turffontein in the early 80's. Affectionately dubbed 'Mrs O', she became one of the best loved characters in local racing and Mauritzontein Stud produced a great number of champions, not least of which was the mighty Horse Chestnut.

Mary Slack may have been born into a racing and breeding dynasty, but her interests mainly lay in the show-jumping arena and it was not until she gave up riding in the early 90's that she turned her attention to breeding. She acquired a small number of mares which she boarded at Mauritzfontein. Blakes Affair, who most know as dam of the late super sire Dynasty, was an early purchase. “So much of horses is luck,” she once told the Sporting Post.

“I bought her for practically nothing on a funny little sale. Michael Clarke ran my stables in Johannesburg and I sent her to Michael to race a few times before sending her to Mauritzfontein.”

The idea to start her own farm came a few years later when her parents were downsizing Mauritzfontein. With the help of Derek Southey, she found a prospect just outside Piketberg.

“Up to that point, I'd really only been looking at farms over the fence. This was the first one I went and looked at properly and thought it was 100% wonderful. Of course, that was in August when it was green and lovely.

The next time I saw it was in December and it was a desert and about 1000 degrees! Everyone thought I was mad, but it's all worked out.”

It has indeed. Initially purchased in 1997, the Wilgerbosdrift site has slowly and meticulously been developed into a masterpiece. The original layout was planned by Mrs Slack, Derek Southey and architect Haydn Ellis. John Everett designed the American-style barns, featuring three different layers of ventilation to cope with the severe



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The late Bridget Oppenheimer with Mary and Jessica Jell



summer temperatures, as well as the shelters and sprinkler systems spread throughout the post-and-rail paddocks.

Mrs Slack also credits Mike de Kock, Jehan Malherbe, Dr John McVeigh and daughter Jessica with valuable contributions on various fronts.

She told us that the first person who

influenced her was Tremayne Toms who managed Mauritzfontein for years and taught her the value of feed especially, and odd bits of breeding lore.

"Then along came Jehan Malherbe who has taught me the importance of statistics and pedigrees and tries his best to temper my sentimentality about my horses," she adds.

While she credits her early success to her parents' generosity in giving her access to Fort Wood, the farm has long been earning its stripes on its own merit.

"My number one aim has always been to breed classic horses. I want to win the Guineas and the other top three-year-old races and I really don't



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care a damn about the handicaps.” But whether it’s handicaps or Classics, the results have come thick and fast.

Her first stud stallion was the son of Forty Niner, Rich Man’s Gold, who joined the farm in 2001 and stood just 6 seasons before succumbing to a heart attack in 2005. However, his South African progeny included Kildonan as well as Dubai World Cup runner Lucky Find, and he is also the broodmare sire of Wagner, Cape sire Louis The King and Athina.

Next to join the stallion roster was Right Approach. Tiger Ridge joined in 2006 and was champion first season sire in 2010. His progeny included the likes of Kavanagh, Wagner, Maybe Yes and Triple Tiara heroine, Cherry On The Top.

When Tiger Ridge passed on in 2014, the search began for a replacement.

“No-one wanted Right Approach,” she said matter-of-factly. “Even though

his progeny were winning all the time, he was not commercial, so I thought to myself, ‘get two.’”

Her first acquisition was international sprint superstar, Soft Falling Rain who had a Timeform Rating of 129. He passed away in 2018 after a short time at stud.

Her second acquisition was the Distorted Humor horse, Flower Alley. While history focuses on big race winners, it is worth mentioning the 2005 Kentucky Derby.

Flower Alley, who was trained by Todd Pletcher and had the services of Angel Cordero Jr. as his exercise rider, had catapulted from a maiden victory, to a Gr2 victory, to the starting gates of the Kentucky Derby.

It proved a brutal contest, with front-running Spanish Chestnut setting blistering opening fractions. Flower Alley, sitting just off the pace throughout, was poised to strike when Spanish Chest-

nut suddenly dropped back, causing Flower Alley to check and costing him his run, if not his race. Some industry insiders still maintain that Flower Alley was robbed.

However, he exacted revenge where it mattered most, proving 3 lengths superior in the Gr1 Travers Stakes, relentlessly pushing Saint Liam to the wire in the Breeders’ Cup Classic and was finally vindicated when son I’ll Have Another (now at stud in Japan) took home the roses in 2012.

And the latest is the very talented Fire Away, a son of Claiborne Farm’s outstanding stallion War Front.

Wilgerbosdrift’s multiple Equus Champion Broodmare Halfway To Heaven is in foal to Fire Away. How bright is the future!

The dynasty lives on. 🐎



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Nominee Snapscan (Oratorio)



EQUUS STAYER VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE

Since the powers-that-be at Equus decided not to present an Award this year to Stayer Of The Year, social media and chat groups have been buzzing with comment, mostly adverse, about their lack of insight and care.

John Freeman wrote in his Enews letter this week that trainer Justin Snaith felt the Equus Committee had slipped-up in not honouring the breeder, groom, trainer, jockey, owner and most importantly – the horse – in the stayer category this year.

The Equus Committee cited the following reason “it was felt that there was no outright deserving winner in this category.”

To discourage owners and breeders not to race stayers is not in the best interest of our sport.

There has never been a more important time to acknowledge achievements.

The racing community will award a trophy to the winning owner and a cash gift of two thousand rand to the

stable hand of the best stayer in South Africa. We proudly present the four nominees in his category which we felt deserved a special mention and invite you, the fans, to elect the worthy winner:

The Nominees:

OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE was just that when producing one of the most phenomenal performances of the season when beating multiple Gr1 winner and Horse of the Year candidate, Got the Greenlight, in the Gr1 South African Derby. This

horse gave it his all while making his trainer Fabian Habib an incredibly proud conditioner. This performance was so spectacular that the handicappers felt a 23-point penalty was warranted.

Breeder Mr. W. Nel will be delighted with his Elusive Forts achievement along with owners Messrs JJ Habib, Est Late SFG Habib, GJ Nassif, JNassif, NJ Nassif, Miss NK Nassif, Mr WC Nassif & Mrs CNassif & Tri-DealSixteenCC (Nom: Mr ZL Nassif).

MARCHINGONTOGETHER is a son of Pathfork bred by Jagessar Limited. This Gavin Van Zyl gelding had a wonderful season winning three races including two Group 3 features, both over 2400m. The standout being the Track and Ball Derby when beating Gr1 winner, It's my Turn convincingly. This five year old also romped home by 3.5 lengths in the Lonsdale Stirrup Cup beating a host of highly regarded stayers including Gr.1 Guineas winner Tap O' Noth. This stayer was beautifully handled by Warren Kennedy in all his wins and proudly owned by Messrs E Budlender, B Bracher, M Bracher, P Rencken, Dr R Katzwinkel, Team G Racing & Purple Kingdom Syndicate

(Nom: Mr U Nagadoo)

PATHS OF VICTORY found himself in the winner's box on no less than four occasions this season. His pinnacle was producing a monumental effort to fight of all challenges to win the Gr3 Gold Cup. In doing so he beat THREE Gr1 winners in It's my Turn, Eyes Wide Open and Out Of Your League. This was enormous for new sire Noble Tune as well as breeders Rathmor Stud.

This was a well-deserved win for owner Mario Ferreira who is a massive contributor to racing. The planning and heartache that goes into producing a Gold Cup is incomprehensible – the reason we breed stamina – a great feat by trainer Gareth Van Zyl. S'Manga Khumalo produced one of the most exciting finishes to bring down the curtain of the season – what an exciting race.

DYNASTY'S BLOSSOM the Queen of the staying ranks and last year's Gold Cup winner deserves a mention.

Her win the Gr3 Gold Vase was full of merit taking on the boys while carrying 56kg's, not an easy task. Brett Crawford gets this mare at the top of her game, year in year out, for owners Mrs John Magnier, Jagessar Limited (Nom: Mr Alan Cooper)

& Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs). This daughter of Dynasty bred by Ridgemont Highlands is sure to produce a serious stayer one day at stud.

SNAPSCAN is an interesting nominee having won three races and is another impressive mare in this lineup. This Drakenstein Stud bred filly is fierce and the boys fear her for a reason – she is all heart.

Her victory in the Gr2 New Turf Carriers Cape Stayers against the boys was breathless and a superb preparation by Glen Kotzen. The daughter of Oratorio is as feisty as they come and can hold her head high in this category. Her owners, Chrigor Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh), Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) & Mr & Mrs A Georgiou, should be proud of their girl. 🐎

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OUR NEW GENERATION!

Bush Hill Stud's smart young resident sire New Predator (AUS) has his first foals arriving this season, and there is an aura of excitement as the grandson of the world champion Galileo is passing on his substance and quality to his foals.

This has also inspired Laurence Wernars to send his Gr1 winning chestnut mare, Temple Grafin, to his multiple Group winner this season for her first cover. The daughter of Duke Of Marmalade will provide the successful international cross of Galileo to Danehill, which has produced a plethora of Gr1 winners, including sire Frankel and amongst Galileo's

additional four Gr1 winners this past weekend, Mogul.

Temple Grafin will also inject precocity, being the only 2yo Group winner Duke Of Marmalade has ever produced. She took the Gr3 Debutante in her fourth start as a two year old and had five wins in total, placing to the likes of the brilliant multiple Gr1 fillies and Equus Award winning Celtic Sea and Clouds Unfold, only to defeat them both in her last start at Hollywoodbets Greyville.

Temple Grafin turned the tables to win the Gr1 Garden Province where she was victorious amongst a strong field of the country's best fillies, including Gr1 winner

Ronnie's Candy and the likes of Mill Queen, Pretty Young Thing and Driving Miss Daisy. Recently crowned Equus Champion Sprinter Celtic Sea finished second.

Temple Grafin, who possesses a very level headed temperament and is already letting down well and looking quite relaxed as she heads into her next chapter, has already paid a visit to Bush Hill's son of New Approach this season. Other mares to have been covered include the dam of the talented Gr1 placed Neptune's Rain - Water Is Gold.

The beautifully bred Polzeath

(Singspiel) is another early cover, the dam of Dean Kannemeyer trained Miss Minver who was a very exciting prospect for Champions Season in her year, was a winner of 4 races before her untimely passing. Winter Passion, a stakes winning daughter of Var and a full sister to Le Var has also paid a visit this year.

A star studded line up of mares booked for this season include Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas and Gr3 Three Troikas winner Go Indigo, already the dam of a winner with CK Racing. Cassie O'Malley, a 3-time winning daughter of Jet Master who also placed in the Gr3 Flamboyant, is booked. This is the immediate female line of Successful Bidder and Gold Flier.

New Predator was supported in 2019 with a quality first book of mares, and has seen the arrival of a first foal for Cold Cash (Bankable), a Stakes Placed dam, who has produced a very smart, good sized filly who is clearly stamped by her sire in looks and colour.

Culture Queen (High Chapparral) has produced a quality colt inbred to Sadlers Wells – which is reminiscent

by the mark on the colts forehead of his mighty great grand sire. He has plenty of presence, size and bone at his young age.

The flashy African Goshawk has produced a flashy chestnut colt, not forgetting that New Predator's own sire is an imposing chestnut with two stockings. The daughter of Tiger Ridge is a half-sister to Halve The Deficit out of Gr3 winner National Banker, and her third dam is Lorehana, of Arabian Lass, Prairie Breeze and Princely Affair fame.

Exceed And Excel imported Irish mare, Faraway Island, again is a pedigree that repeats the success of the Gr1 producing Galileo / Danehill nick, from the female line of the mighty Derby and Arc winning Generous.

When Bush Hill Stud introduced New Predator in 2019, one of the many appeals to breeders was the versatility of his pedigree, which is proof of the scope of mares he has received in his first book.

Described by his trainer Johan Janse Van Vuuren as having a fine turn of foot and plenty of speed, New

Predator exhibited true Gr 1 form as in his two Gr2 wins – the Drill Hall Stakes at Greyville and the Charity Mile at Turffontein, along with his Gr1 places in the Horse Chestnut Stakes (Twice) and the Mercury Sprint he defeated the likes of Vodacom Durban July winners Legislate and The Conglomerate, as well as Gold Onyx and Mac De Lago, along with multiple Gr1 winners Abashiri, Rabada, Deo Juvente. Further to this his speed was reiterated by him defeating the Gr1 winning sprinters Rafeef, Will Pays, Attenborough and Talktothestars.

His sire New Approach has a lifetime percentage of 68% winners to runners, with 55 Stakes Winners – five Group winners this year alone. A sire of sires, his sons at stud include the sharp racehorse Dawn Approach, a 4-time Gr1 winner and a Timeform Rating of 132.

New Predator's pedigree doesn't come much stronger – with his broodmare sire, Fastnet Rock (Danehill), producing 39 Gr1 winners and seven of his sons at stud already producing their own individual Gr1 winners. As a broodmare sire he has a phenomenal



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stakes winning strike rate of 25% when crossed with Galileo.

New Predator represents a golden opportunity for breeders to access a stallion that has proved his courage, speed and class, is the only son of 5-time Gr1 winning New Approach at stud in South Africa, and already showing through his foals that he is passing on his substance, strength and good looks, for a very accessible fee of R10 000.

Bruce Le Roux of Spring Valley Stud is raving about his filly out of Stakes Winner of 7, The Angelus.

Crest Of Pearls, a half-sister to Gr1 winner Chestnuts And Pearls has a smart filly on the ground, whilst the well bred Little Sparrow, out of Gr1 winner Bambina Stripes, has a colt first foal. Other mares due to foal are Scripture (Stakes Winner of 9), Raw Deal (a half-sister to Close The Gap, Hilti and Rawl Plug), Rhythmic Roxy (5 time winner with Black Type) and Fair Archer, a half-sister to Gr1 winner Happy Archer.

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JOSH, JUSTIN & A JACKPOT!

Manenberg-born apprentice Joshwin Solomons enjoyed a career milestone first treble, when he booted home three winners for the powerful Snaith Racing Team at a chilly Durbanville on Monday.

The 4kg claiming son of senior Cape rider Morne Winnaar only rode his first winner ten months ago at Hollywoodbets Greyville, but is growing in confidence and took his new term tally to 7 winners at a strike-rate of just over 12%.

Joshwin rode three legs of the sensational Justin Snaith jackpot, which paid R427. He certainly is

impressing the right people!

He opened the exotic on Shinnecock (3-1), then saw Richard Fourie book home favourite Hyde Park (16-10), after which Joshwin grabbed the final two legs on Hurricane Harry (5-1) and Half And Half (3-1).

A thrilled Justin Snaith was impressed. "Joshwin is a quiet and polite young man who is a beautifully balanced rider. If He stays focussed he could have a bright future," Snaith told the Sporting Post.

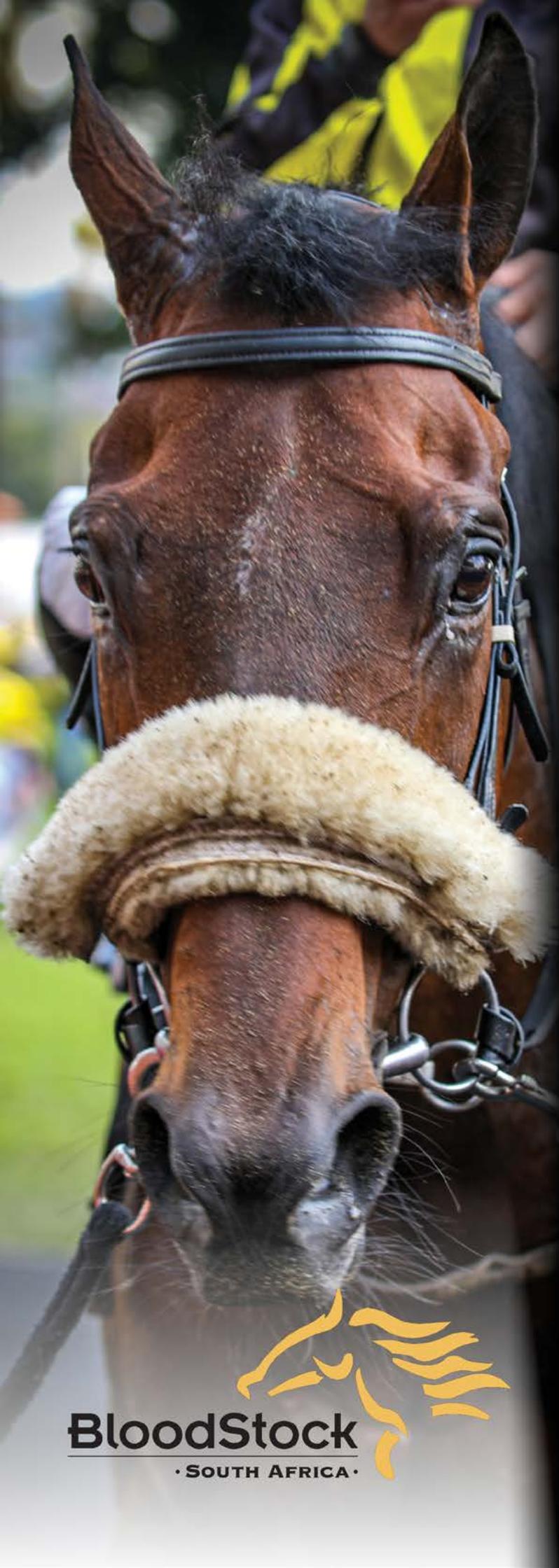
Joshwin, who rode his first winner on Dune Dance up in KZN in November last year, was spotted by Western Cape

Riding Master, Terrance Welch, when he attended a racemeeting with his Dad. Welch, a former jockey, told him that he should apply to join the SA Jockey Academy.

He attended and passed the Recruitment Assessments and Interview and started his apprenticeship in January 2018.

Joshwin has ridden 19 winners in total and will thus see his claim reduced to 2,5kgs soon.

He should still be great value as a talented lightweight. 🐎



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MARMALISA Candice Bass-Robinson

Last Run: Durbanville
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She was very green on debut over 1250m, but finished her race off well. Her mother Louvre, won the Grade 2 Tibouchina Stakes at Clairwood Racecourse back in 2009. She will have come on from the experience and should improve.

EMERALD ISLA Lezanne Forbes

Last Run: Hollywoodbets
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She lost two lengths at the start on debut over 1200m. She was still very green but once finding her feet, she made late headway in the closing stages. She would have come on with that run and will enjoy further.

LET'S NOT LINGER Tony Rivalland

Last Run: Hollywoodbets
Scottsville – 06 September 2020 – Race 2

She was very green on debut over 1200m, but stayed on well at the finish. She is bred to go further and with the experience under her belt, she should have plenty of improvement to come.

HIS CHOICE Andre Nel

Last Run: Durbanville
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Race 1

He caught the eye with a late run when finishing fourth over 1250m. His mother, Ma Choix won the Grade 3 Victress Stakes back in 2015. He will be a different horse over further and should have a good career ahead of him.

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SOME SLING SPECIAL!

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Drakenstein Stud have submitted another beautiful foal this week. The Trippi colt is out of Shout Out Loud (Philanthropist) and was born on 15 August.

Shout Out Loud is out of Sing Dixie Sing, which makes her a full sister to the Hong Classic Cup winner, Singapore Sling.

Bred by Drakenstein Stud, Singapore Sling was trained by five-time South African champion trainer Geoff Woodruff, for whom he won two races including the Group 2 Dingaans (1600m) at Turffontein in November 2016 from only six starts.

Tony Millard then bought Singapore Sling for Nikki Ng Mien Hua, the Hong Kong-born daughter of Singapore-born property tycoon Robert Ng and son of the late billionaire and Far East Organization founder Ng Teng Fong.

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Karis Teetan celebrates his 400



MAURITIAN MAGICIAN'S MILESTONE

SA Jockey Academy graduate Karis Teetan landed a treble at Sha Tin on Sunday, which included the milestone of his 400th win in Hong Kong aboard Will Power in race seven.

The dirt specialist took the Class 3 Jordan Handicap to record his fourth win from seven starts on the dirt and provide Teetan's landmark.

"I couldn't believe it, I didn't even know to be honest but it's something special and it takes a lot of hard work. I didn't even know but it's something that will encourage me now to work harder and look forward to more winners.

"It's been a pleasure to work with all of the trainers, owners and everyone involved – I'm really enjoying it and I

just hope it keeps rolling," Teetan said. The Mauritian enjoyed his best campaign last season, tallying a single-season personal high of 93 wins to finish third in the premiership and also bagged his second Sha Tin Group 1 on Mr Stunning in the 2020 Chairman's Sprint Prize (1200m).

"I've never sort of counted the winners. I just ride as many winners as I can but to get to this number, it's big enough for me at this stage and I'm really looking forward to growing that number," the 30-year-old said.

"He's just a pleasure to ride. I've been doing a lot of work with him in the morning and, of course, Douglas (Whyte) has been good to me and putting me on a few horses in the morning," Teetan said.

"He's just grown into being a better horse this season. I know he's dropped down in class but he had to carry a bit of weight and he did a good job, thanks to Douglas (Whyte) and his team for their support," Teetan added.

"I had a good season last season. I just hope that I can improve from that and learn more from last season, learning what I did right and wrong and I think I can pick up a few more winners, so I just need to keep my head down and keep working hard," Teetan said.

Teetan wasn't on the 400 mark for long as he took the Sha Tin finale, the Class 3 King's Park Handicap (1400m) aboard the Tony Cruz-trained Circuit Glory to bring up a treble. 🐎



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The late Redoute's Choice - massive impact



A CHOICE WEEKEND

The late Redoute's Choice, who made a considerable impact on the South African turf, was once again to the fore in major races this past weekend.

His son Elzaam produced Saturday's impressive Gr1 Coolmore America 'Justify' Matron Stakes winner Changers Elysees, while another son, the now retired Not A Single Doubt, supplied Saturday's Gr2 Seppelt Danehill Stakes winner Doubtland.

Redoute's Choice's daughter Salutations also made news at Rosehill on Saturday with her son Wild Planet (Animal Kingdom) landing the Gr2 Iron Jack Theo Marks Stakes.

Redoute's Choice also appears twice in the pedigree of Saturday's Gr2 Schweppes Sheraco Stakes winner Haut Brion Her -with the latter out of Zoustar (whose dam Zouzou is by Redoute's Choice), and Haut Brion Her's deceased dam One In A Million being a daughter of Redoute's Choice.

Haut Brion Her was one of two group winners for her sire Zoustar on Saturday, with the other being repeat Gr2 VRC Bobbie Lewis Stakes winner Zoutori.

Elzaam, whose daughter Changers Elysees is now unbeaten in four starts in 2020, was foaled in Australia to Northern Hemisphere time so was sent as a yearling back to Europe and was offered at the 2009 Arqana Yearling Sale in France where he was bought by Shadwell for 280 000 euros.

Winner of the Carnarvon Stakes (over six furlongs), Elzaam has now supplied four stakes winners with Changers Elysees not only his first Gr1 winner to date, but also the first G1 winner trained by Johnny Murtagh.

Currently standing at the Ballyhane Stud in Ireland, Elzaam, a full-brother to Gr3 ATC Sheraco Stakes winner Ravi, is out of the Kingmambo mare Mambo In Freeport.

Redoute's Choice, also twice Leading Sire of 2yo's in Australia and a dual Leading Broodmare Sire, is currently responsible for more than 170 stakes

winners, and, to date, at least 11 of his sire sons have sired at least one Gr1 winner.

With young sire sons like The Autumn Sun and Pariah yet to be represented on the track, this total looks sure to grow considerably in coming seasons.

At the time of writing, Redoute's Choice sons Snitzel and Not A Single Doubt rank second and seventh on the Australian general sires list, with the deceased sire's maternal grandson Zoustar ninth.

A four time Gr1 winner and triple Australian champion sire, Redoute's Choice has supplied champions Majmu, Mustaaqem and Musir in South Africa, while his sons Buffalo Bill Cody, Rafeef, Redoute's Promise, Time Thief and Wylie Hall all currently stand at stud here.

His four times champion sire son Snitzel is also represented by a sire son in South Africa, in the form of Ascot Stud's Gr1 SA Classic winner Heavenly Blue. 🐾

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If you get into a battle with Magical you better bring everything you've got because she's a formidable force and proved it once more in the Irish Champion Stakes on Saturday.

Having been beaten by fierce rival and pre-race favourite Ghaiyyath at York last month, the five-year-old mare exacted revenge by winning a straight fight against Charlie Appleby's star in the showpiece race on Day One of Longines Irish Champions Weekend.

The victory, Magical's second consecutive success in the 2000m bout, means Aidan O'Brien extends his record as the leading trainer in the race with his ninth triumph.

But O'Brien reserved all his praise for the sire of Galileo highlighting how, in the heat of battle, there are very few better than her.

"What she wants is to always eyeball a horse in battle," O'Brien said.

"Seamie [Heffernan] was happy to make the running today, if William [Buick] was going to go then Seamus

was going to go and keep her interested. He gave her a brilliant ride.

"She's one serious mare, when you get into a battle with her. It's really when you get into a battle with her when you really see what she can do.

"We're learning about her all the time. If you get away from her she gets a bit lazy, if you get into a fight with her very few will eyeball her. That's what she did with the colt.

"She's a great filly. It wasn't a big field but my god they were good horses in it."

Ever the fast starter, Ghaiyyath took to the front in the early running deploying his legendary cruising speed to good effect.

But it didn't take long for O'Brien duo Magical and Japan to enter the fray, as the front three pulled away from the rest.

With not long to go it became a straight shootout between Magical and Ghaiyyath, one which saw Buick ease O'Brien's star away to double up at Leopardstown.

The victory gave veteran Seamie Heffernan another high-profile success in

what has been an outstanding season for the 48-year-old.

Having already won the Irish 1,000 Guineas with Peaceful and the Irish Derby with Santiago in 2020, Heffernan crowned a third prestigious Irish showpiece win of the year – with the focus now turning to a potential crack at the Breeders' Cup.

O'Brien added: "We were very happy after York with what she was able to do.

She just lost interest a little bit.

"I think so [she'll have a crack at the Breeders Cup]. Something like that would suit her really well. But this is a massive race. Of all the European races, prestige-wise, this is probably one of the most, if not the most. It's the highest rating race over a ten-year period and it comes out on top of all the races. All the high rating horses turn up here. It's the perfect place on the calendar, the perfect ground, the perfect mile and a quarter the perfect distance." 



SMULLEN PASSES AWAY

Pat Smullen, the nine-times Irish champion jockey and multiple Classic-winning rider has died, aged 43. Smullen, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2018, died at St Vincent's Hospital in Dublin on Tuesday evening.

His initial treatment had been positive, but he suffered a relapse and was forced to abandon plans to ride in the Pat Smullen Champions Race

For Cancer Trials Ireland at the Curragh in September last year – an event that proved an overwhelming success.

Born in County Offaly, on 22 May 1977, Smullen, the son of a farmer and who became involved with horses at the age of 11, went on to form a formidable alliance with master trainer Dermot Weld, taking over in 1999 from another riding great – Mick Kinane.

Among their greatest triumphs was the Derby at Epsom in 2016 with Harzand. The pair went on to secure the Irish Derby and cement the legacy of a rider who enjoyed his first victory at Dundalk on 11 June 1993.

Smullen leaves behind his wife, Frances, and their three children – Hannah, Paddy and Sarah. 🐎



Denise and the late Nico Swart lead in Inca Princess (Mike Riley)

HORSES & FISHING WERE HIS LIFE

A man who lived for his horses and angling, longstanding owner and breeder Nico Swart passed away peacefully at Yzerfontein on the Cape West Coast on Sunday. He was 83.

Nico Johann Swart was a no frills gentleman who led his first winner in almost a half century ago. The filly was Inca Princess, trained by his favourite trainer, the late Pat O'Neill, and ridden by Mike Riley.

His daughter Denise spoke to the Sporting Post on Monday, and said that her father always indicated that his wish was to enjoy his last days in the West Coast harbour town that he loved. She said that her younger sister had passed away six years ago and that her Dad had moved in with her, two doors from his own home, in March.

"My Dad had all his broodmares at Broadlands and really enjoyed Mrs O'Neil. I was there to lead his first winner in all those years ago. It was a day that he cherished and was the start of a lifetime of love and passion for horseracing and breeding."

Denise recalled affectionately how the Bellville-born entrepreneur, a former Director and Owner of Titanium Paints, was a low-key man, who lived very simply but loved his horses and breeding.

"He always stressed the double 'n' in his second name, Johann, and often enjoyed pleading poverty. It was just his conservative style. But he lived a full life between horses and as a Western Province Deep Sea Angler."

Mr Swart kept his last mare, First Whistle,

a daughter of Whistling Wood, at Terry and Annabel Andrews' Sorrento Stud.

She is the dam of dual stakes winner Singforafa, and has a Louis The King 2yo, Singforsuzie, named in honour of his wife, who passed away last year.

Sorrento's Annabel Andrews said that Nico Swart was an honourable and passionate racing man, who had an impeccable grasp of his form and racing, and enjoyed providing input to his trainers.

Mr Swart is survived by his daughter, Denise.

A memorial service will be held on Friday at 14h00 in the NG Kerk Yzerfontein. 🐎

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Name	Runs	Wins	Win%	2nd	3rd	Other	Places	Place %	Win Stake (R)	Total Stakes (R)
Mr P A Peter	134	19	14.2	12	16	11	39	29.1	722,400	1,058,750
Mr S J Snaith	165	23	13.9	14	18	17	49	29.7	681,150	1,013,250
Mr St John D Gray	107	14	13.1	14	11	10	35	32.7	561,600	895,600
Mr P F Matchett	126	12	9.5	13	11	12	36	28.6	499,350	875,150
Mr G S Kotzen	82	9	11	18	10	12	40	48.8	295,425	658,550

JOCKEYS

Name	Runs	Wins	Win%	2nd	3rd	Other	Places	Place %	Win Stake (R)	Total Stakes (R)
Mr S Khumalo	97	19	19.6	10	11	10	31	32	970,600	1,296,800
Mr L Hewitson	136	17	12.5	11	17	23	51	37.5	749,700	1,131,775
Mr C Zackey	104	15	14.4	17	11	11	39	37.5	790,025	1,172,575
Mr G van Niekerk	53	15	28.3	5	8	4	17	32.1	401,400	556,700
Mr G M Cheyne	84	15	17.9	8	11	10	29	34.5	352,800	513,900

BREEDERS

Name	Runrs	Runs	AEPR	Wnrs	Wins	Wins/Rnrs %	Places	B.T. Wins	B.T. Wins	Total Stakes (R)
Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	139	202	11,813	25	26	18	71	1	1	1,642,075
Klawervlei Stud	207	326	7,189	27	27	13	97	1	1	1,488,200
Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd	132	209	9,037	21	22	15.9	39	2	2	1,192,850
Varsfontein Stud	60	84	17,600	13	13	21.7	31	3	3	1,056,000
Drakenstein Stud	77	110	12,143	16	18	20.8	43	0	0	934,975

(Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

SIRES

Name	Runrs	Runs	AEPR	Wnrs	Wins	Wins/Rnrs %	Places	B.T. Wins	B.T. Wins	Total Stakes (R)
Master Of My Fate	101	146	11,369	17	18	16.8	44	1	1	1,148,225
Gimmethgreenlight (AUS)	92	127	11,422	16	17	17.4	49	1	1	1,050,825
Var (USA)	69	107	14,537	14	17	20.3	37	1	1	1,003,075
Querari (GER)	108	162	7,915	14	15	13	56	0	0	854,800
What A Winter	81	113	10,147	13	13	16	38	0	0	821,900

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SETTLE IN FOR BUNDESLIGA!

The German Bundesliga comes to our screens this weekend with SABC 3 broadcasting one live match per week.

Let's take a look at week one's fixtures, courtesy of Chad Nagel.

Friday 18 September

1/7 Bayern Munich | Draw 15/2 | Schalke 14/1 (20:30)

We kick things off at the Allianz Arena on Friday night as Hansi Flick's treble-winning Bayern Munich host David Wagner's Schalke. The Bavarians will be aiming for another memorable season after lifting the Champions League, Bundesliga and

German Cup, while the Royal Blues will be hoping to improve on last season's 12th-placed finish. Bayern dominated this fixture last season, winning 5-0 at the Allianz and 3-0 at the Veltins-Arena. **Back the Bavarians to Win By 3 Or More Goals at 8/10.**

Saturday 19 September

33/20 Werder Bremen | 5/2 | Hertha Berlin 31/20 (15:30)

On to Saturday now and we kick things off with a clash between Werder Bremen and Hertha Berlin. **These sides have drawn seven of the last 10 meetings – including the last three. This has draw written all over it.**

12/10 Stuttgart | 24/10 | Freiburg 43/20 (15:30)

Back in the Bundesliga after a one-year absence, Stuttgart will be hoping to get their season off to a winning start as they look to keep their top-flight status come May. They host a Freiburg side who managed just two wins from 17 on the road last season. **Stuttgart performed well at home in the second tier and I fancy them to win here.**

13/20 Eintracht Frankfurt | 31/10 | Arminia Bielefeld 37/10 (15:30)

Winners of the German second division last season, Arminia Bielefeld make their return to the top flight following an 11-year absence. The Blues will be buzzing to be back in the top flight, but they face a stern test away to Eintracht Frankfurt. The Eagles ended the 2019/20 Bundesliga season with three wins and a draw from their final four matches. The hosts are tipped to bag all three points.

31/20 Cologne | 51/20 | Hoffenheim 16/10 (15:30)

Hoffenheim will look to start the season on a high and collect their first three points when they travel to Cologne on

Saturday. The hosts went their final 10 games in the 2019/20 Bundesliga without a win, suffering six defeats.

Hoffenheim have completed a league double over the Billy Goats in the past two seasons and I fancy them to come away with maximum points.

12/10 Union Berlin | 23/10 | Augsburg 9/4 (15:30)

Union Berlin will take on Augsburg and will be confident of claiming maximum points following their 2-0 home win over the Fuggerstadter last season.

The hosts won three of their final four matches in the 2019/20 Bundesliga and will look to start the season on a winning note. Augsburg finished just above the relegation zone last term; it could be another challenging season for them. **The home win is the way to go.**

13/20 Dortmund | 33/10 | Monchengladbach 36/10 (18:30)

Dortmund and Monchengladbach will bring the curtain down on Saturday's action when they meet at the Signal Iduna Park. The Foals, who secured Champions League football for the first time since 2016-17, will be looking to cause a major upset against last season's runners-up, but Lucien Favre's side boast an excellent head-to-head record against Gladbach having won the last 11 meetings. **Back Dortmund at 13/20.**

**Sunday 20 September
4/10 RB Leipzig | 17/4 | Mainz 11/2 (18:00)**

Moving onto Sunday now and the first of

the day's two games sees RB Leipzig against Mainz. The hosts come off a fantastic season where they finished third in the Bundesliga and reached the UEFA Champions League semi-finals.

The Red Bulls will be hoping to build on that impressive campaign, but 34-goal striker Timo Werner will be sorely missed by Julian Nagelsmann.

Mainz, on the other hand, will be delighted not to face the German star on Sunday – he scored two hat-tricks against the Carnival club last season. **Leipzig are my best bet for the weekend, get on.**

7/4 Wolfsburg | 24/10 | Bayer Leverkusen 29/20 (18:00)

We close out the gameweek with a clash between Wolfsburg and Bayer Leverkusen. The Wolves failed to register a win from their final five matches in the 2019/20 Bundesliga, blowing their glorious chance of a top-six finish. Oliver Glasner's side will need to push harder for a European spot this season and a victory over Leverkusen on Sunday will give them an early advantage. That will be easier said than done against Peter Bosz's side, but with Kai Havertz and Kevin Volland moved on and May's 4-1 win at the BayArena still fresh in the minds of the players, the Wolves will fancy their chances. **At 7/4, the home win is worth a punt.**

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