

Spies' Gr2 Exacta

The exotic bomb dropped at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Saturday with the Tobie Spies pair of recent 40-1 maiden winner Cockney Pride and Devon Air Stakes victress What You Are dominating matters in the R600 000 Gr2 Golden Slipper.

A prolific and fearless traveller with his horses to the far flung reaches of South Africa, it is something of an anomaly that there is often little respect in the betting markets for the Spies runners.

That was the case again in the 2yo fillies feature, with the Spies exacta paying a healthy R281, while all the hype and interest was in the Duke Of Marmalade filly, True To Life, from the Johan Janse Van Vuuren yard.

After the Spies pacemaker Singforafa had cried enough, there was a roar from the crowd as Anton Marcus produced True To Life with what looked like a double handful down the centre of the track. Whether by design or not, Craig Zackey had been following the Van Vuuren runner and he switched Cockney Pride out and she coasted by True To Life.

Zackey then had to contend with his stakes winning stablemate What You Are, who had slipped through on the outside.

In the run to the wire, Cockney Pride asserted herself and she stayed on best to beat What You Are by 0,70 lengths in a time of 84,63 secs.

Gabor came out of the pack to snare the third cheque in a PA knockout.

Gr1 Allan Robertson runner-up Cavivar ran on strongly for fourth to turn the tables on her conqueror Miss Florida – who ran stone last.

Craig Zackey said that he had opted for the ride on Cockney Pride over the well-performed stablemate Singforafa, as the winner had given him a top-class feel when she had won her maiden.

"She has scope, she's athletic and she has a bright future," he said.

Bred by Ambiance Stud, the winner is by Maine Chance stallion Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the Rakeen mare, Lovely Jubbly.

A R150 000 National 2yo Sale buy, she's won 2 of her 3 starts and has earned R440 625.

Gr2 Golden Slipper (2yo fillies) 1400m

Winner Cockney Pride raced 8th entering the straight; led 200m; shifted in and brushed the runner-up 100m; ran on

Runner-up What You Are raced 9th entering the straight; ran on strongly; brushed by winner 100m

Third Gabor was drawn widest of the fourteen; raced 7th entering the straight; ran on strongly final 300m

Time: Wide open 300m out, this comparatively was the fifth fastest of the eight races on the turf. We gave the fourth (clear best handicapped – has done 109) 96 which makes the winner (prev 41/85) 102, the runner-up (prev 84/92/94/89/86) 101 and the third (prev 86) 98. Not ratings to put faith in yet!

102	1	0.00	COCKNEY PRIDE	(4)	60.0	C Zackey	17/1
2 b f Querari - Lovely Jubbly (Rakeen)							
101	2	0.70	WHAT YOU ARE	(3)	60.0	C Orffer	25/2
2 b f Captain Of All - Twinkle Star (Counter Action)							
98	3	2.20	GABOR	(14)	60.0	W Kennedy	25/2
2 b f Kingsbarns - Se Agabor (Trippi)							
96	4	3.30	Cavivar	(12)	60.0	L Hewitson	127/20
96	5	3.35	True To Life	(2)	60.0	A Marcus	77/20
94	6	4.35	Kayla's Champ	(11)	60.0	R Munger	55/1
93	7	4.65	Royal Lily	(5)	60.0	C Maujean	33/1
93	8	4.90	Victoria Paige	(13)	60.0	L J Ferraris	16/1
91	9	5.50	Roll In The Hay	(7)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	87/20
91	10	5.80	Miss Honey	(8)	60.0	G Cheyne	55/1
90	11	6.05	Vandah's Spirit	(10)	60.0	K De Melo	22/1
87	12	7.65	Mawsool	(6)	60.0	D De Gouveia	10/1
82	13	10.40	Singforafa	(1)	60.0	M Yeni	22/1
78	14	12.30	Miss Florida	(9)	60.0	R Fourie	127/20

Time: 84.63s (60.45s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 117%

1st **T:**T Spies **O:**Messrs A Pawson, F N Englezakis, D S Jolly, R P Macnab & T Spies **B:**Ambiance Stud

Wish Comes True

Bernard Fayd'herbe is riding at the top of his game and he grabbed the cherry on top of the Alan Greeff victory sextet at Fairview on Friday.

Under a powerful Fayd'herbe ride, Luna Wish went on powerfully to win the R150 000 Listed Lady's Slipper Stakes and beat the consistent Captain Anne Bonny by 1,25 lengths in a time of 84,77 secs.

Blushing Bride was third with the 18-10 favourite Brandina, who was squeezed out at the start and again 50m from the post, running into fourth.

A R40 000 2018 National 2yo Sale graduate, Bruce Le Roux bred the winner from Querari out of the twice winning Silvano mare, Imperial Wish. She has won three races with one place from four starts for stakes of R191 250.

On the day, trainer Allan Greeff won a remarkable six races with Greg Cheyne riding five winners.

Four of Cheyne's winners were for Greeff, while he rode Onesie to victory for trainer Jacques Strydom.

Lady's Slipper Stakes (2yo fillies) (L) 1400m

Winner Luna Wish was slow into stride; raced 8th; led 200m; eased late

Runner up Captain Anne Bonny (2nd best handicapped) set the pace; shifted out away from the crop late; beaten 1,25 lengths

Third Blushing Bride lost 2 lengths at the start; raced in the rear; 3,5 lengths behind the winner entering straight; ran on; beaten 2 lengths

Time: Although comparatively the second fastest of the seven races around the turn, this was run 0,9 seconds slower than the conditions plate for fillies and mares.

We gave the runner up (prev 64/68/85/80/78) 83 which makes the winner (prev 72/78/84) 85 and the third (prev 71) 81

85	1	0.00	Luna Wish	(5)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	11/4
2 b f Querari - Imperial Wish (Silvano)							
83	2	1.25	Captain Anne Bonny	(7)	60.0	C Maujean	8/1
2 b f Captain Of All - Coco (Royal Air Force)							
81	3	2.00	Blushing Bride	(10)	60.0	R Munger	22/1
2 ch f Linnigari - Marry Me Mullins (Mullins Bay)							
81	4	2.10	Brandina	(2)	60.0	G Cheyne	18/10
81	5	2.35	Great Achievement	(6)	60.0	X Ndlovu	18/1
78	6	3.60	Edmonda	(3)	60.0	K Minnie	44/1
77	7	4.35	World Squared	(12)	60.0	S Fortune	44/1
77	8	4.40	Steady Breeze	(1)	60.0	M Yeni	22/1
76	9	4.90	Mendocino	(11)	60.0	T Gould	10/1
74	10	5.65	Effort	(9)	60.0	L Mxothwa	36/1
72	11	6.90	Yodalicious	(8)	60.0	R Danielson	28/1
52	12	16.65	Pierina	(4)	60.0	W Agrella	22/1

Time: 84.77s (60.55s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 111%

1st **T:**AC Greeff **O:**Messrs C G & L F Scribante **B:**B Le Roux

Kampala Strike

Lerena had Kampala Campari up front early and slowed things down ahead of Made To Conquer and his stablemate Run Red.

At the 1000m marker Warren Kennedy decided he was going nowhere fast on Eyes Wide Open off the dawdle and the top KZN-based jockey took the recent Gr2 WSB 1900 winner up around his field to take up the cudgel.

Into the home run the joint topweight Eyes Wide Open kept at his task gamely, but Lerena had kept something in reserve and in a drive to the wire Kampala Campari got the less popular verdict by a head in a time of 111,46 secs.

Another July candidate in Doublemint had every chance but was beaten 1,80 lengths into third, with his stablemate Made To Conquer beaten a quarter length back in fourth. Suitable July preps in anybody's book.

Conversely, and while not beaten far, the likes of Roy Had Enough and Dark Moon Rising would have done their July hopes no favours.

A La Plaisance Stud home-bred, the Andre Nel trained Kampala Campari's previous feature best was a runner-up berth to Doublemint in the 2019 Peninsula Handicap.

He is a son of Querari out of four-time Captain Al winner, Kwitzi-na.

A winner of 6 races with 6 places from 19 starts, Kampala Campari took his stakes earned to R670 525 for well-known owner Sabine Plattner.

Gr3 Cup Trial 1800m

Winner Kampala Campari made the early running; headed 900m; challenged 150m; got verdict on nod

Runner up Eyes Wide Open raced handy early; led 900m; ran on strongly; lost on nod

Third Doublemint (clear best handicapped) raced 7th 4 lengths off the pace entering the straight; running on strongly at finish; beaten 1,9 lengths

Time: Slowly run, the pace was particularly sedate over the first 800m and developed into a sprint which produced the fastest time in the eight races beyond sprint distances over the final 600m.

We gave the winner (prev 92/109/109/101) 109 which makes the runner up (prev 110/108/98/106 - has done 111) 111, and the third (prev 99/100/105/116/100) 102

109	1	0.00	KAMPALA CAMPARI	(3)	59.0	G Lerena	15/1
5 b g Querari - Kwitzi-na (Captain Al)							
111	2	0.10	EYES WIDE OPEN	(4)	60.0	W Kennedy	93/20
4 b c Dynasty - Live Your Dreams (Jallad)							
102	3	1.90	DOUBLEMINT	(6)	57.5	R Fourie	5/2
4 ch c Twice Over - Nepeta(NZ) (Tale of the Cat)							
106	4	2.15	Made To Conquer	(10)	59.5	M Khan	113/20
93	5	2.40	Tristful	(8)	52.0	S Veale	18/1
90	6	2.65	Run Red	(1)	52.5	G Wright	22/1
106	7	2.90	Roy Had Enough	(2)	60.0	A Marcus	31/4
101	8	3.65	Dark Moon Rising	(9)	58.5	K De Melo	8/1
95	9	3.70	Social Order	(5)	56.0	J Mariba	44/1
86	10	3.85	Silver God	(7)	52.0	L Hewitson	9/1

Time: 111.46s (61.92s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%
1st **T:**A Nel **O:**Mrs S Plattner **B:**La Plaisance Stud

The High Road

Gavin Smith and Muzi Yeni teamed up at Fairview on Friday to pull off a 40-1 shock with the Marimba Racing owned The Highway Man scoring a surprise win in the R150 000 Listed East Cape Guineas.

With Cape challengers Frank Lloyd Wright and Dynamite Jack, as well as former Gauteng galloper Drop Kick in the line-up, it was always going to be a tough contest for the home team. But showing superior fight and fitness, The Highway Man fought resolutely all the way to the wire and stayed on well to win by a quarter length in a time of 97,02 secs.

Muzi Yeni and Gavin Smith are operating at an 11% win strike-rate but the Winning Form sponsored

The favourite Madame Speaker finished a further quarter length back in third.

The top trio were well ahead of the fourth-placed Drop Kick.

The winner, a R110 000 National 2yo Sale graduate, was registering his fourth win with 5 places from 15 starts for stakes of R270 825.

He was bred by Dr Ian Heyns and is a son of Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the three-time winning Kahal mare, La Mascarata..

East Cape Guineas (L) 1600m

Winner The Highway Man (3rd best handicapped) set the pace 1.5 lengths clear; kept on strongly

Runner-up Dynamite Jack was slow away and lost one length; raced at the back; was 10 lengths behind the eventual winner entering the straight; ran on strongly, and was gaining quickly at the finish
Third Madame Speaker (best handicapped) raced 3rd 2 lengths behind the eventual winner

Time: This was comfortably the fastest of the four races around the turn. We gave the winner (prev 68/81/83/0/70) 84 which makes the runner-up (prev 73/52/62/68/78) 84 and the third (prev 90/85/87/96/79) 78

84	1	0.00	THE HIGHWAY MAN	(6)	60.0	M Yeni	44/1
3 b g Querari - La Mascarata (Kahal)							
84	2	0.25	DYNAMITE JACK	(8)	60.0	R Munger	15/1
3 b g Jackson - Crystal Tiara(AUS) (Beautiful Crown)							
78	3	0.50	MADAME SPEAKER	(3)	57.5	G Cheyne	5/4
3 b f Pathfork - Word Perfect (National Assembly)							
75	4	4.25	Drop Kick	(5)	60.0	R Danielson	113/20
72	5	5.50	Frank Lloyd Wright	(7)	60.0	R Fourie	113/20
72	6	5.55	Dharma	(2)	60.0	A Andrews	15/1
71	7	6.30	Little Drummer Boy	(1)	60.0	C Maujean	55/1
62	8	7.55	Just Chaos	(9)	57.5	L Mxothwa	5/1
67	9	8.05	Gun Hill	(4)	60.0	L Hewitson	14/1

Time: 97.02s (60.64s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%
1st **T:**G.D Smith **O:**Marimba Racing (Nom: Lesley Williams) **B:**R Heyns

De Melo's The Boss

Bill Prestage's strong galloper Milton often tatically befuddles the local jockeys. The Lateral gelding may not have won Saturday's R400 000 Gr2 Premier Trophy but his setting of a decent gallop had some of them at sixes and sevens.

In a field that included six Sun Met entries, Corne Orffer took Milton out to set the fractions with only Keagan de Melo and Donovan Dillon deciding to stay in touch, as Head Honcho and The Slade followed in Indian file with the detached group of four two lengths behind.

In the home run The Slade moved up briefly as Milton tired and Head Honcho appeared to be going by far the best of the three.

At the 350m marker Head Honcho burst clear after slipstreaming the leader and he grabbed two lengths more on the group of four who had only then heard the alarm bells.

But Keagan de Melo's move had worked and Head Honcho had given them the slip and went on to win unthreatened by 3,50 lengths in a time of 110,57 secs.

Made To Conquer ran on steadily but effectively ran out of track in second.

Joint topweight Eyes Wide Open ran a further 0,40 lengths back in third, with Tap O'Noth disappointing another 2 lengths away in fourth.

The Vodacom Durban July Consolation winner, Head Honcho has won 6 of his last 7 races and is very likely to run in the Sun Met.

Made To Conquer needs further to show his best while Eyes Wide Open is yet to regain his early sparkle.

A La Plaisance Stud home-bred, Head Honcho has won 8 races with 5 places from 17 starts for stakes of R1 051 750.

A son of Querari (Oasis Dream) Head Honcho is out of three-time winner School Captain (Captain Al), who also ran in the Plattner silks in her racing days.

Gr2 Premier Trophy 1800m

Winner Head Honcho raced 2nd; led 270m; won comfortably Runner-up Made To Conquer raced 7th; was some 10 lengths behind the winner entering the home straight; ran on

Third Eyes Wide Open (best handicapped) raced 6th; was 7 lengths behind the winner entering the home straight; ran on.

Time: After taking up the running approaching the turn, the front running Milton really stretched them out on the bend and had the runner in fourth position some 12 lengths adrift. The time not surprisingly then was a very good one. We gave the runner-up (prev 87/88/95/95/94) 95 which makes the winner (prev 87/88/84/91/98) 104 and the third (prev 101/92/103/102/100) 98

104	1	0.00	HEAD HONCHO	(5)	59.5	K De Melo	9/1
5 b g Querari - School Captain (Captain Al)							
95	2	3.50	MADE TO CONQUER	(6)	58.5	R Fourie	61/20
5 b g Dynasty - Festive Occasion (Casey Tibbs)							
98	3	3.90	EYES WIDE OPEN	(3)	60.0	C Zackey	71/20
4 b c Dynasty - Live Your Dreams (Jallad)							
94	4	5.90	Tap O' Noth	(1)	60.0	G Cheyne	17/10
92	5	6.10	Milton	(7)	59.5	C Orffer	9/1
90	6	7.35	Elusive Silva	(4)	59.5	B Fayd'herbe	9/1
84	7	8.85	The Slade	(2)	58.5	D Dillon	36/1
Time: 110.57s (61.43s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: A Nel O: Mrs S Plattner B: La Plaisance Stud							

Love & War

With the favourite American Landing running out of steam late, an upset result was on the cards in the R150 000 Listed Michaelmas Handicap at Greyville on Sunday and Lezanne Forbes' Querari gelding Warfarer duly delivered the goods to register his first stakes success.

In a feature field reduced to seven runners with the late withdrawal of One Man Show, East Cape Derby winner American Landing looked to build on his strong finishing fourth behind Matador Man last time – in a race where the form had really appeared to be franked.

But after Celtic Captain had led the way from New Fort and the 3yo Marchingontoegether into the straight, Corne Orffer brought American Landing around his field to avoid the sprint chase against more fleetfooted opponents.

The son of Dynasty hit the front but had little to offer as Roy Had Enough ranged up, with Mark Khan producing Warfarer from last.

Inside the final 200m Warfarer ran on powerfully to register a length win in a time of 116,04 secs.

The favourite's classy full sister Sabina's Dynasty caught the eye and flew up late to grab third ahead of Marchingontoegether, who only faded late.

The Maine Chance bred Warfarer is a son of Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the five-time winner Warrior Maid (Complete Warrior).

A R120 000 National Yearling Sale graduate, Warfarer has won 5 races with 8 places from 25 starts for stakes of R455 763

Michaelmas Handicap (L) 1900m

Winner Warfarer (2nd best handicapped) raced 6th; led 100m Runner up Roy Had Enough raced in the rear; led 300m; outrun latter stages; beaten 1 length

Third Sabina's Dynasty raced 5th; ran on late; beaten 1,05 lengths

Time: In what proved to be a very false paced affair, just 3 lengths covered all entering the straight. The time comparatively was the second slowest on the card.

We gave the runner up (prev 89/95/84/100/96) 100 which makes the winner (prev 67/65/83/83/83) 83 and the third (prev 94/94/87/93/94) 99

83	1	0.00	WARFARER	(2)	53.0	M Khan	71/10
5 b g Querari - Warrior Maid (Complete Warrior)							
100	2	1.00	ROY HAD ENOUGH	(6)	61.5	A Marcus	27/4
4 b c Pierro - Queens Plaza(AUS) (Elusive Quality)							
99	3	1.05	SABINA'S DYNASTY	(1)	61.0	M Yeni	6/1
5 b m Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)							
89	4	1.55	Marchingontoegether	(3)	52.0	W Kennedy	71/20
75	5	3.30	American Landing	(5)	52.0	S Veale	14/10
74	6	3.35	New Fort	(7)	52.0	ES Ngwane	22/1
12	7	45.85	Celtic Captain	(4)	60.5	B Lerena	18/1
Time: 116.04s (61.07s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 113%							
1st T: L Forbes O: Mr C Fenwick B: Maine Chance							

Yogi Eyes Guineas

Yogas Govender took Sabine Plattner Racing to one of their most memorable highs when he saddled the 7yo Martial Eagle to win the 2013 J&B Met.

The now Summerveld based conditioner has always been keen to find another Cape Summer Season Gr1 winner and after Sunday's Greyville feature, the R130 000 KZN Guineas Trial, there are some serious travel plans afoot!

The quietly spoken Yogas stepped into Brett Crawford's shoes in 2009 when his former boss went on his own, and he held the reins at the Plattner Racing Headquarters at Rondeberg on the Cape West Coast until February 2015.

It hasn't been a walk in the park over the past three and a half years trying to establish himself in a narrow and competitive market, but with his solid grounding, family support and natural will to succeed, Yogas has boxed on relentlessly.

"It's very exciting to have a really smart horse again and Arianos Shadow is probably the top 3yo filly in KZN. That's a great honour for me and I believe she has earned the chance and is good enough to take her place in the Cape Fillies Guineas. Mr Logan (her owner) and I are keen to take our chances and as you know Cape Town is my adoptive home town! I think she will relish the long run-in of the Kenilworth summer course as she doesn't enjoy being hustled and she is getting stronger – this was her first run at a mile and she will be best around 1400m to 1600m I feel."

Yogas said that with the Guineas two months away, he would not be looking at doing too much with the daughter of Querari.

"You can see that she is lightly raced as she has a few issues. So I am unlikely to race her in the Cape before the feature.

Produced at the 300m, Arianos Shadow powered home to register smart 1,75 length win in a time of 99.62 secs.

As her trainer suggests, Arianos Shadow looks a very decent 3yo in the making.

She was runner-up behind Equus nominee Temple Graf in the Gr2 The Debutante and has won 3 of her 5 starts for stakes of R300 300.

The Narrow Creek Stud bred daughter of Querari (Oasis Dream) is the third foal of the unraced Count Dubois mare, Counting Gold. Both of her previous offspring in Harrison (Sarge) and Momo (Ideal World) won.

KZN Guineas Trial (3yo f) (NBT) 1200m

Winner Adrianos Shadow (clear best handicapped) found good support; raced 4th; led 250m; won going away
 Runner up Generous Lady raced 2nd; led 400m; beaten 1,75 lengths
 Third Sweet Mary Lou drifted in the betting market; raced in the rear; was just 2 lengths behind the winner entering the straight; ran on; beaten 2,25 lengths

Time: Run 0,74s slower than the graduation plate, the race developed into a sprint and the time on the day was a slow one.

We gave the 5th horse (prev best 74) 76 which makes the winner (prev 74/87/87/90) 84, the runner up (prev 69/54/72) 81, the third (prev 75/76/78) 80 and the fourth (prev 71/82/85) 79

84	1	0.00	ARIANOS SHADOW	(3)	60.0	M Yeni	47/20
3 b f Querari - Counting Gold (Count Dubois)							
81	2	1.75	GENEROUS LADY	(5)	60.0	K De Melo	31/4
3 ch f Philanthropist - Nemesis (Trippi)							
80	3	2.25	SWEET MARY LOU	(7)	60.0	L Hewitson	71/20
3 ch f Await The Dawn - Mary Lou (Rich Man's Gold)							
79	4	2.30	Second Request	(4)	60.0	L J Ferraris	26/10
76	5	3.80	Ooh La La	(1)	60.0	S Randolph	13/1
71	6	6.05	Miss Calypso	(6)	60.0	W Kennedy	9/1
52	7	14.55	Gimme A Brake Nate	(2)	60.0	B Leren	36/1
Time: 99.62s (62.26s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 111%							
1st T: Y Govender O: Mr Leslie Logan B: Narrow Creek Stud							

Riding Storm

Andre Nel's highly vaunted classic prospect produced the goods and maintained his unbeaten record under a, let's call it, 'vigorous' ride from Fayd'herbe to win the R150 000 Listed Sophomore Sprint at Durbanville on Saturday.

The Sabine Plattner owned bay colt has been in the news since winning his maiden in impressive fashion in early August, with a failed formal appeal against his debut rating of 92.

And after Saturday's victory, he is likely to attract some public attention again with his jockey's high-handed whip action likely to be the subject of much debate.

To be fair, the winner probably didn't enjoy the Durbanville 1250m.

Pleasuredtomeetyou looked a bit flat-footed late, but wasn't allowed to dither. His rider had only shown him the whip up to the 250m.

But after the colt started drifting out and came under pressure from Elusive Trader, there was no doubt about Fayd'herbe's determination.

And he duly responded, like the quality horse he is, to beat the two-time winner from the Greg Ennion yard – who gave him 2kgs – by a decisive neck in a time of 77.07 secs.

The top two were 1,50 lengths ahead of pacemaker Top Of The Class in third, who shaded Lanza into fourth.

The Snaith's well fancied Clouded Hill failed to get into the race and ran a disappointing 3,30 lengths off the winner at his first start at the country course. This wasn't his form.

A La Plaisance Stud home-bred, Pleasuredtomeetyou is a son of Querari out of the twice-winning Fort Wood mare, Plaisir De Fete, who won up to 2000m.

He has won two from two and took his stakes earnings to R143 750.

Sophomore Sprint (3yo's) (L) 1250m

Winner Pleasuredtomeetyou led early, raced 2nd from 800; hard ridden final 150m; hung out and shifted out latter stages; just won
 Runner-up Elusive Trader raced 4th; led 280m; pipped late
 Third Top Of The Class raced 2nd; led 800m; kept on, but no chance with first two

Time: This was run 0.87s slower than the MR67 Handicap, run half an hour later! There was no real pace in the middle of the race, and it developed into a sprint over the final 400m. Result and ratings should be treated accordingly. We gave the fourth 80 which makes the winner (prev 81) 82, the runner up (prev 48/76/76/79/84) 86, and the third (prev 76/74/83) 76.

82	1	0.00	PLEASEDTOMEETYOU	(2)	58.0	B Fayd'herbe	16/10
3 b c Querari - Plaisir De Fete (Fort Wood)							
86	2	0.20	ELUSIVE TRADER	(1)	60.0	C Orffer	9/1
3 b g Elusive Fort - Armatrading (Var)							
76	3	1.70	TOP OF THE CLASS	(3)	58.0	G Cheyne	11/1
3 b g Var - Academia (Western Winter)							
80	4	1.80	Lanza	(5)	60.0	R Munger	71/10
75	5	3.30	Clouded Hill	(6)	60.0	R Fourie	16/10
51	6	8.55	Sailor Sam	(4)	58.0	D Dillon	30/1
Time: 77.07s (61.66s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 111%							
1st T: A Nel O: Mrs S Plattner B: La Plaisance Stud							

Boss Rules

Run at a modest pace, the R500 000 Gr3 Betting World 2200 opened the Vodacom Durban July Day feature programme with Cape West Coast trainer Andre Nel drawing first blood for long-standing owner Sabine Plattner.

A powerful front-running sort who enjoys bowling along ahead of his field, Keagan De Melo had the 4yo Querari gelding Head Honcho relaxed ahead of fellow Vodacom Durban July discard Crowd Pleaser, with nobody willing to take the race by the scruff of the neck.

At the top of the straight the pair upped the ante and stayed on best to fight it out with the Listed Sledhgehammer Stakes winner Head Honcho (14-1) getting the verdict by a neck to win in a time of 136,84 secs.

Crowd Pleaser loves the coast at this time of the year and was bidding for a double after winning this race last year.

The Johan Janse van Vuuren-trained son of Captain Al confirmed his recent form second to July favourite African Night Sky in the Cup Trial.

Fellow July 'reserve' Pack Leader got going too late and was relegated to fourth behind the improved again Blackball, who snuffed out a lot of Place Accumulator tickets by hanging on stoutly for his third cheque.

A La Plaisance Stud home-bred, Head Honcho has won 6 races with 5 places from 15 starts for stakes of R738 500.

A son of Querari (Oasis Dream) Head Honcho is out of three-time winner School Captain (Captain Al), who also ran in the Plattner silks in her racing days.

Gr3 Betting World 2200m

Winner Head Honcho raced 2nd early; led 1000m; won good battle with runner-up

Runner-up Crowd Pleaser made the early running; raced second; challenged strongly final 200m; rider had crop accidentally struck from his hand by the winner at 100m; beaten on the nod

Third Blackball raced 3rd and held every chance

Time: There was no pace early and comparatively this was the 3rd slowest of the eight turf races, and a false run affair decided in a sprint home. Not a race to rely on for reliability of ratings. We gave the fourth (prev best 98) 94 which makes the winner (prev 80/81/87/88/84) 91, the runner-up (prev 92/61/86/89/92) 95 and the third (prev 70/83/83/80/86) 81

91	1	0.00	HEAD HONCHO	(5)	56.0	K De Melo	16/1
4 b g Querari - School Captain (Captain Al)							
95	2	0.10	CROWD PLEASER	(13)	58.0	R Danielson	27/4
4 b c Captain Al - Happy Jean (Charismatic)							
81	3	2.85	BLACKBALL	(6)	52.0	W Kennedy	50/1
3 b g Black Minnaloushe - Kite Runner (Kabool)							
94	4	2.90	Pack Leader	(8)	58.0	C Zackey	5/1
84	5	4.15	Wild Wicket	(3)	56.5	M Khan	66/1
86	6	4.40	Platinum Prince	(2)	57.5	R Fourie	5/1
84	7	6.15	Strathdon	(14)	58.0	G v Niekerk	31/10
88	8	6.20	Social Order	(10)	60.0	L Hewitson	20/1
82	9	6.45	Royal Crusade	(11)	55.5	R Simons	5/1
87	10	6.95	Sabina's Dynasty	(12)	60.0	P Strydom	22/1
85	11	8.20	Deo Juvente	(7)	60.0	C Murray	25/1
81	12	8.45	Dawn Assault	(1)	58.5	M v Rensburg	50/1
84	13	9.20	Roy Had Enough	(9)	58.5	S Khumalo	22/1
81	14	9.70	The Slade	(4)	59.5	B Larena	50/1

Time: 136.84s (62.2s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%
1st **T:**A Nel **O:**Mrs S Plattner **B:**La Plaisance Stud

Strydom 1-2

Jacques Strydom showed once again that he has few peers when it comes to prepping stayers and was rewarded with a top two finish in the R150 000 Listed Glenlair Trophy at a wet Fairview on Friday.

Ryan Munger took Mangrove to the head of affairs from the jump and led Desert Wisdom and My World at a relatively sedate gallop for much of the journey.

Into the home run Mathew Thackeray kept Desert Wisdom balanced and relaxed down the centre as My World looked the danger.

At the 300m, Plano came rattling up the outside and hit the front looking a winner. But his burst was shortlived as Desert Wisdom stayed on well to hold off the late attentions of stablemate Frikkie by a half length.

The winner's time was 209.02 secs with My World lacking a kick late (as he has often done) to be relegated to third.

Originally trained by Candice Bass-Robinson in the Cape, the tough as teak Desert Wisdom was based with Sharon Kotzen previously.

Bred by Peter de Beyer, Desert Wisdom is a son of Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the six-time winner, Meaningful (Kefaah). The latter was trained by Dennis Drier.

An R80 000 buy off the 2015 CTS Lanzerac Ready To Run Sale, Desert Wisdom has won 5 races with 6 places from 22 starts for stakes of R342 075.

Glenlair Trophy (L) 3200m

Winner Desert Wisdom raced 2nd; carried in 350m; led 150m, ran on Runner-up Frikkie raced ninth of the eleven; awkwardly placed 600m; ran on; held by winner

Third My World raced 3rd; challenged; held by winner

Time: The pace was a fair one for a race of this distance, and given the deteriorating conditions the time was good. We gave the third (prev 83/73/79/72/86) 85 which makes the winner (prev 65/73/80/48/79) 81, and the runner-up (prev 79/75/77/61/67) 77

81	1	0.00	DESERT WISDOM	(8)	54.5	M Thackeray	9/1
4 b g Querari - Meaningful (Kefaah)							
77	2	0.50	FRIKKIE	(3)	53.0	K Zechner	16/1
6 b h Elusive Fort - Little Fox (Russian Fox)							
85	3	0.60	MY WORLD	(7)	56.5	C Murray	71/20
6 b g Ideal World - Magic In The Air (IRE) (Sadler's Wells)							
73	4	4.10	Plano	(9)	53.5	C Maujean	113/20
67	5	6.10	Grandissimo	(4)	52.0	L Hewitson	31/4
58	6	11.85	Eastern Pearl	(1)	52.0	J Penny	16/1
71	7	15.10	Kingston Mines	(11)	60.0	G Cheyne	113/20
52	8	15.85	Shady World	(2)	52.0	T Gould	16/1
66	9	18.35	Masterly	(5)	60.0	R Khathi	16/1
44	10	22.85	Mangrove	(10)	53.0	R Munger	16/1
39	11	33.10	The Elmo Effect	(6)	58.0	M Yeni	27/4

Time: 209.02s (65.32s avg/1000m, or 55km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st **T:**JVA Strydom **O:**Messrs W S Kruger (Snr) & W S Kruger (Jnr)
B:PG de Beyer

Speed At Peak

Former Eastern Cape trainer Dorrie Sham pulled off the biggest win post her move to Gauteng when the lightning fast Pinnacle Peak went all the way to upstage the more fancied runners and win the R250 000 Gr3 Man O'War Sprint at Turffontein on Saturday.

When the talented young Craig Zackey woke up on Saturday with thoughts of celebrating his 23rd birthday, a gift of a win in the Gr3 feature was probably not high on his wish list.

But the former SA champion apprentice had Pinnacle Peak out in the John Finlayson silks in a blitzy attack of aggression from the jump and he was never headed.

That despite drifting across the track from his outside 14 gate, to win down the inside.

The horse who won his maiden at Fairview at 14-1 registered a smart Vaal victory at his penultimate jump to show he can hold his own in the local hierarchy.

He went on to beat the consistent Down To Zero by 2,20 lengths in a time of 62,93 secs.

The fancied Mustaaqem never showed and ran a disappointing race to finish last and some 7,85 lengths behind.

Bred by the Narrow Creek Stud, Pinnacle Peak is a son of the red-hot Querari (Oasis Dream) out of Pinnaquin (Count Dubois).

He has now won 3 races with 2 places from 6 starts for stakes of R288 775.

Gr3 Man O' War Sprint (2yo's) 1100m

Winner Pinnacle Peak set the pace; hanging; found extra when challenged from the 400m; won going away

Runner-up Down To Zero raced 2nd; one length behind winner at 400m; beaten two lengths

Third Green Plains (2nd best handicapped) raced 5th; 2 lengths behind the winner at 400m; beaten three lengths

Time: Comfortably the fastest of the three 1100m races, this was comparatively the fastest of the five sprints on the day overall. We gave the runner-up (prev 80/88/88/89/94) 94 which makes the winner (prev 74/76/7487/86) 99 and the third (prev 96/88/75/77/74) 91

99	1	0.00	PINNACLE PEAK	(12)	56.0	C Zackey	22/1
3 b g	Querari - Pinnaquin (Count Dubois)						
94	2	2.20	DOWN TO ZERO	(5)	56.0	P Strydom	31/4
3 b c	Judpot - Armatrading (Var)						
91	3	2.70	GREEN PLAINS	(9)	55.5	S Khumalo	22/1
3 b f	Gimmethgreenlight - Savannah Leigh (Jet Master)						
92	4	2.90	Premier Show	(1)	56.0	C Habib	11/1
87	5	4.15	Prince Of Kahal	(4)	56.0	M Yeni	44/1
74	6	4.55	Vicomte	(2)	51.0	W Kennedy	36/1
83	7	5.05	Alwahsh	(10)	56.0	A Delpetch	71/10
82	8	5.30	Whorly Whorly	(7)	56.0	D Schwarz	44/1
79	9	6.20	Purple Diamond	(8)	56.0	L Hewitson	18/1
83	10	6.30	Pera Palace	(11)	58.0	K De Melo	15/1
77	11	6.55	San Fermin	(6)	55.5	K Zechner	113/20
82	12	7.85	Mustaaqem	(3)	60.0	C Murray	14/10

Time: 62.93s (57.21s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%

1st **T:**DA Sham **O:**Mr J E Finlayson **B:**Narrow Creek Stud

First Three Fillies by Querari

The China Horse Club celebrated their first South African feature race success when the Querari filly Dagmar bounded home on debut for Mike de Kock to win the Listed Ruffian Stakes.

The first three home were daughters of Maine Chance stallion, Querari, and after his son Monks Hood's cracking Gauteng Guineas win at the same venue a week earlier, there will be plenty of interest in the son of Oasis Dream's 42 yearlings who come on the market next month – 26 at the BSA National Yearling Sale and 16 at the CTS April Yearling Sale.

With Gr1 victories across the globe, including Australia, Britain, France, Ireland, Singapore and the USA, the low-key Listed score by Dagmar will be seen as a quiet start here for the China Horse Club, an organisation started by Teo Ah Khing to be Asia's premier lifestyle, business and thoroughbred racing club.

Those punters who had followed the Gold Circle First-Timer comments published on Sporting Post may have benefitted from Matthew de Kock's pre-race assessment that the 20-1 shot Dagmar was 'showing plenty of speed and based on that must have a good each way chance'.

After showing smart pace, Dagmar powered home under Muzi Yeni to beat Urban Oasis by 2,10 lengths in a time of 59,24 secs.

Debut winner River Rafting was a further 3 lengths back, rounding off the Querari trifecta.

A R450 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Dagmar was bred by Maine Chance Farms and is out of the eight-time winner Daffodil Day (Silvano).

She has earned R93 750.

Ruffian Stakes 1000m (2yof) (L) 1000m

Winner Dagmar (De Kock newcomer 18/1) Dwelt start; raced 3rd; led 210m; ran on strongly

Runner up Urban Oasis was stubborn loading; raced 6th just 2 lengths off the pace; beaten 2,1 lengths

Third River Rafting set the pace; outpaced by first two; beaten 5,1 lengths

Time: Although the slowest of the three 1000m races, the time was still a decent one on the day in its own right

We gave the third (prev 77) 82 which makes the winner 92 and the runner up (prev 75/53) 85

92	1	0.00	DAGMAR	(3)	57.0	M Yeni	18/1
2 b f	Querari - Daffodil Day (Silvano)						
85	2	2.10	URBAN OASIS	(7)	57.0	L Hewitson	16/1
2 b f	Querari - Teeming (Badger's Drift)						
82	3	5.10	RIVER RAFTING	(2)	60.0	K Zechner	71/20
2 b f	Querari - Keep Icy Calm (IRE) (One Cool Cat)						
81	4	5.50	Star Flyer	(4)	60.0	A Delpetch	9/1
69	5	7.25	Frankly	(1)	57.0	R Simons	14/10
60	6	12.00	Crimean Queen	(5)	60.0	G Lerena	6/1
53	7	12.20	Princess Blitz	(6)	57.0	Wei Marwing	27/4
44	8	17.00	Free And Easy	(8)	60.0	C Murray	18/1

Time: 59.24s (59.24s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) **SP Total %:** 117%

1st **T:**MF de Kock **O:**China Horse Club International Limited
(Nom: Mr M J Flanagan) **B:**Maine Chance

Flash Of Genius

The capacity Guineas field included the undefeated and much vaunted Majestic Mambo, as well as Tony Ruffel winner Surcharge, and the balance of the best that Gauteng and KZN has to offer in the classic generation.

Anthony Delpech had the Dingaans winner relaxed ahead of midfield as Majestic Mambo's stablemate Alssakhra ensured an honest gallop ahead of State Trooper and Pietro Mascagni.

In the run for home, Monks Hood could be seen moving up steadily and at the 300m he hit the front full of running to score a facile win by 5,50 lengths in a time of 96,69 secs.

The classy Surcharge, racing from a wide draw, emerged from the pack to chase for second – setting himself up for a big run in the SA Classic.

Mike de Kock filled third and fourth places, with Royal Crusade and Noble Secret, respectively. Both showed that they could play a role in the second and third legs in April and May.

Big Bear failed to feature, running ten lengths back, while Majestic Mambo was 3,25 lengths behind him. The Paul Peter runner was coltish in the pre-race parade and the connections have some tough decisions to make with the handsome colt!

Champion jockey Anthony Delpech was elated at the big win for his sponsors.

"I didn't expect him to destroy them like this. Everything went smoothly in the race. I was going a half pace at the 300m – I decided to give them the slip, rather than wait!"

Bred by Arne and the late Ben Botha, Monks Hood is a son of Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the three-time winner Amber Bouquet (Camden Park).

A R375 000 National Yearling Sale buy, Monks Hood has won 4 races with 4 places from 8 starts and stakes of R1 136 500. He also banked the BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus of R102 500.

Gr2 Gauteng Guineas (3yo's) 1600m

Winner Monks Hood (Roving Banker) raced 6th; led 300m; won going away in good style

Runner-up Surcharge was drawn wide; raced 8th and was just two lengths behind the winner at 400m; ran on, but no chance with winner Third Royal Crusade raced 4th; stayed on

Time: After an average beginning over the first 200m or so, Alssakhra got over to lead from a wide draw and the pace was a good one thereafter; comparatively the second fastest of the eight races around the turn, but not a true run race (and no test of staying a mile). The ratings could be suspect and might flatter the winner. We gave the 5th (prev 73/70/85/91/79) 91 which makes the winner (prev 89/83/90/93/100) 106, the runner-up (prev 89/91/88/98/100) 94 and the third (prev 69/81/75/82/89) 94

106	1	0.00	MONKS HOOD	(7)	60.0	A Delpech	27/4
3 b g Querari - Amber Bouquet (Camden Park)							
94	2	5.50	SURCHARGE	(14)	60.0	P Strydom	4/1
3 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Congestion Charge (GB) (Diktat)							
94	3	5.75	ROYAL CRUSADE	(1)	60.0	A Marcus	10/1
3 b c Silvano - Royal Fantasy (Al Mufti)							
92	4	6.50	Noble Secret	(9)	60.0	R Simons	147/20
91	5	7.25	Vacquero	(10)	60.0	M Yeni	28/1
90	6	7.30	Pietro Mascagni	(12)	60.0	C Murray	28/1
86	7	9.40	Alssakhra	(13)	60.0	C Habib	100/1
86	8	9.50	Silver God	(4)	60.0	R Danielson	55/1
84	9	10.00	Big Bear	(15)	60.0	R Hewitson	12/1
83	10	10.80	Greek Fire	(6)	60.0	Wei Marwing	9/1
82	11	11.00	Puget Sound	(3)	60.0	G Lerena	22/1
77	12	13.25	Majestic Mambo	(11)	60.0	G Wrogemann	10/3
76	13	13.75	Cash Time	(5)	60.0	R Munger	66/1
74	14	14.75	Ideal Secret	(8)	60.0	C Zackey	36/1
70	15	16.50	State Trooper	(2)	60.0	D Schwarz	75/1
64	16	19.50	Wonderwall	(16)	60.0	G v Niekerk	28/1

Time: 96.69s (60.43s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%
1st T:AD Gordon O:Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack)

B:BH & AJ Botha

Flash, Gordon!

Trainer Alistair Gordon broke a personal drought and enjoyed the distinction of saddling the first KZN horse to win the R500 000 Gr2 Dingaans in thirty years when Querari's son Monks Hood confirmed his early promise with a gutsy victory at Turffontein on Sunday.

It has been a dismal season for the Summerveld based Gordon, who broke his duck with an unlikely Gr2 success for KZN. The last horse from that province to win the Dingaans was Sealegs all the way back in 1987.

After the Selangor Cup jolt of a few weeks ago, the 3yo crop remains under the spotlight and Monks Hood played himself into contention with a meritorious away victory, to show that he looks set to go on and fulfil his promise.

After Loyal Lieutenant had led for 1200m of the mile trip, Delpech shrewdly kept Monks Hood out of traffic down the outside and moved him up gradually as Ideal Secret and then Vacquero looked dangerous.

Finishing with a clear passage down the centre outside of the track, Monks Hood finished strongly to resist a dazzling late challenge from Seerite to clinch the honours by a head in a time of 99,10 secs.

Seerite, a Bush Hill Stud-bred son of Curved Ball, came from stone last to go down narrowly – he looks an untapped talent and a horse to watch on this run!

Vacquero stayed on well for third a further 1,15 lengths back, with the luckless Flying Free running a cracker from his wide draw after traffic issues.

Anthony Delpech, who rode the winner for his employers, said that they were concerned about the altitude with the racing delayed.

Bred by Arne and the late Ben Botha, Monks Hood is a son of Querari (Oasis Dream) out of the three-time winner Amber Bouquet (Camden Park).

A R375 000 National Yearling Sale buy, he has won 2 races with 4 places from 6 starts and stakes of R439 625. He also banked the BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus of R102 500.

Gr2 Dingaans (3yo's) 1600m

Winner Monks Hood (2nd best handicapped) raced 11th; was positioned 5th at 400m; hanging in 250m; led 100m

Runner-up Seerite was drawn wide; raced at the back, 2 lengths behind the winner at 400m; very steadily gaining at the finish and narrowly beaten

Third Vacquero raced 6th just half a length behind the winner at 400m; beaten just over a length

Time: Comparatively the second fastest of the eight races around the turn, the time was a good one on the day. We gave the winner (prev 93/84/89/83/90) 93 which makes the runner-up (prev 77/85) 93 and the third (prev 64/73/70/85) 91

143	1	0.00	MONKS HOOD	(9)	60.0	A Delpech	12/1
3 b g Querari - Amber Bouquet (Camden Park)							
143	2	0.10	SEERITE	(12)	60.0	G Wrogemann	18/1
3 b g Curved Ball - Damascus Charmer (Damascus Gate)							
141	3	1.25	VACQUERO	(2)	60.0	M Yeni	22/1
3 b c Silvano - Valdovino (Al Mufti)							
140	4	1.40	Flying Free	(14)	60.0	K De Melo	28/1
140	5	1.45	Ideal Secret	(6)	60.0	G v Niekerk	10/1
139	6	2.25	Darkest Hour	(5)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	66/1
137	7	2.75	Big Bear	(11)	60.0	S Khumalo	21/10
135	8	3.65	Like A Panther	(13)	60.0	C Murray	15/2
135	9	3.75	Roy Had Enough	(15)	60.0	W Kennedy	80/1
132	10	5.00	Missouri	(7)	60.0	L Hewitson	66/1
130	11	6.10	Loyal Lieutenant	(3)	60.0	C Zackey	66/1
129	12	6.50	Silver God	(10)	60.0	R Danielson	28/1
117	13	12.00	Pietro Mascagni	(4)	60.0	G Lerena	11/2
116	14	12.50	Puget Sound	(8)	60.0	P Strydom	22/1
106	15	17.00	Alshibaa	(1)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	5/1

Time: 99.1s (61.94s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 119%
1st T:AD Gordon O:Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack)

B:BH & AJ Botha

Tarry Top Two

Sean Tarry's lightly raced 3yo Wonderwall utilised a dramatic Turffontein backdrop of thunderstorms and rain to announce his arrival in the big time. The son of Querari went all the way to score an impressive victory in the R400 000 Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge.

Lyle Hewitson rode a well judged race on the winner and cemented his position at the top of the SA Jockey log when he showed plenty of confidence taking the 3yo up to lead from the break – a brave move on the testing surface, given the colt's 22 week break from racing.

The pair never looked like getting beaten and even found another wind late when the challenge came from stablemate Finchatton.

The tongue-tie and a top ride looked to have done the trick as Wonderwall galloped on resolutely to win by 2,25 lengths in a time of 94,77 secs.

Maine Chance Farms owned Bella Sonata, the winner of the earlier feature, and they also had an interest here – having bred Wonderwall.

The son of Querari (Oasis Dream) is out of the one-time winner Westwardly (Silvano). A winner of 2 races with 3 places from his 5 starts, Wonderwall took his earnings to R624 375 and his Cape Ready To Run Sale price tag of R320 000 is looking well found right now for top owner Chris Van Niekerk.

Gr2 Joburg Spring Challenge 1450m

Winner Wonderwall set the pace; was 3,5 lengths clear coming off the strip; pushed out to score by 2,25 lengths

Runner up Finchatton was positioned at the back of the nine coming off the strip; ran on

Third Will Pays (2nd best handicapped) dwelt start; raced 5th; hanging; stayed on; beaten 2,4 lengths

Time: Comparatively the third fastest race on the card, the time was a fair one given the deteriorating conditions.

96	1	0.00	WONDERWALL	(3)	51.0	L Hewitson	21/2
3 b c Querari - Westwardly (Silvano)							
97	2	2.25	FINCHATTON	(8)	59.0	C Murray	44/1
6 b g Right Approach - Rose Lipped Maiden (Fort Wood)							
97	3	2.40	WILL PAYS	(1)	59.0	C Zackey	9/2
6 b g Imperial Stride - Rattlebag (Jallad)							
99	4	2.50	New Predator	(4)	60.0	G Lerena	3/1
82	5	4.50	Mujallad	(2)	51.0	R Munger	8/1
77	6	7.00	Bi Pot	(6)	56.0	C Maujean	16/1
82	7	7.10	Matador Man	(5)	58.5	S Khumalo	32/10
81	8	7.60	Coral Fever	(9)	59.0	M Yenni	8/1
65	9	13.75	Bezanova	(7)	60.0	R Simons	36/1

Time: 94.77s (65.36s avg/1000m, or 55km/h) **SP Total %:** 109%

1st **T:**SG Tarry **O:**Mr C J H Van Niekerk **B:**Maine Chance