

Race Brawler



While punters have often called a jockey a bloody idiot in the heat of the moment, it's not often the commentator does so in the call. Jan-Erik Neuroth bore the brunt of the race caller's ire at the weekend despite winning aboard Angel Love at Jagersro. Neuroth had been beaten on a favourite earlier in the day and looked set for a similar fate on Angel Love before snatching victory from the jaws of defeat deep in the home straight, much to the bewilderment of the caller.

Ryan's Resting

Leading flat jockey Ryan Moore has been advised to take "complete rest" as he recovers from a hip injury. The three-time champion jockey, 32, has not put a timescale on his return to the saddle. "I'm not going to rush it," he said. "I want to be 100% for all the major races in the autumn." Moore will miss York's four-day Ebor Festival, one of the biggest fixtures on the flat-racing calendar, which began on 17 August. The major autumn races include the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, British Champions Day, the Breeders' Cup and the Melbourne Cup. The lay-off will damage his chances of winning the jockeys' championship for a fourth time.

WOODWARD NEXT

Mubtaahij is likely to be aimed at the Gr1 Woodward over 1800m at Saratoga Racecourse in New York on Saturday, 3 September. Speaking to Laura King earlier this week, trainer Kieran McLaughlin said of Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's runner: "He took a bit of time to settle in but he's doing very well now. He ran a good race in the Suburban and we'd like to go for the Woodward next, we also nominated him for the Gr1 Pacific Classic (2000m) at Del Mar in two week's time (20 August), we'll consider our options. We'd like to find another race or two for Mubtaahij before he goes back to Mike de Kock in Dubai."

Sobering

Despite having almost double the concentration level of alcohol in his breath, jockey Raymond Danielson has copped the same penalty as his colleague Craig Zackey. Both jockeys pitched up to ride at Turffontein on 29 May and were found to have contravened rules 77.1.1 and 77.2.1. Alcohol is classed as a banned substance. The riding limit is the same as the driving limit on SA roads. Both got 30 days, of which 15 days were wholly suspended for 12 months.



Wide Draws

Justin Snaith vowed not to run horses drawn wide after the Fourie-ridden Harakiri convincingly made up for her Durbanville disappointment in the 1 000m maiden at Kenilworth on Saturday. He explained to Michael Clower: "After she ran so poorly from her wide draw I said 'Right, anything that draws badly I am going to scratch.' If I keep running from bad draws I am going to be out of business," said Snaith.

Injury Blues

Legendary Blue Bull supporter MJ Byleveld is expected to return to the saddle on 27 August following a recent leg operation. The Cape-based Avontuur sponsored jockey was injured in the Langerman over 14 months ago. We can't call that rushing for medical help and we wish him a speedy return to action.

Wedding Bells

Trainer Dean Kannemeyer ties the knot with Tracey Attree in Durban on Saturday. The classic winning conditioner has enjoyed a superb winning streak out of his Summerveld Satellite base and his Gr1 winner Real Princess was crowned Cape champion sprinter. We wish Dean and Tracey well and a long and happy married life together.



FOR THE LADIES

There could have been no more apt a winner on Womens Day, 9 August, than Mary Slack's filly Public Protector, whose name represents South Africa's 'First Lady', Advocate Thuli Madonsela, whom everyone is proud of. Public Protector also represented a first run/first win for the newly formed Mary Slack/Anthony Delpech partnership – getting off to a flying start in this Maiden Plate over 1450m at Turffontein. An 8-10 favourite, Public Protector won by just over a length, enjoying the course and distance. Bought at the Tatts Sale in Ireland, Public Protector (USA) is a four-year-old by Elusive Quality from a mare by Meniffee.

Transformation

Gold Circle recently announced that the Company has been awarded level 3 status in terms of the new BEE Code. CEO Michel Nairac commented, "I am extremely proud that Gold Circle has achieved its primary objective under the new BEE Codes. We will continue to place transformation as a priority on our agenda and we look forward to further progress in this very important area."

Dates to Diarise

The KZN Racing Awards takes place at the Elangeni Hotel in Durban on Friday 26 August, while the East Cape Racing Awards winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner to be held on Saturday 27 August, at Fairview Racecourse, in the HB Christian Room.

Arqana Sale

Mayfair Speculators Buy The Big Ones

South Africa's leading owners Mayfair Speculators were active at the Arqana sale on Monday spending more than 2 million euros when buying two beautifully bred Galileo fillies within a matter of minutes of each other.

THE pedigree of the sale's leading lady is all too familiar to regular visitors to France's elite auction.

The half-sister to Gr1 Irish Oaks winner Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) is out of Prudenzia (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), the mare owned in partnership by consignor Ecurie des Monceaux and Lady O'Reilly's Skymarc Farm, and whose offspring have been the subject of regular seven-figure purchases at Arqana.

In 2013, the sale-topper's full-sister Truth (Ire) was bought for a million euros by MV Magnier, while the following year her half-brother Craven's Legend (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) brought a bid of 1.1 million euros from the Mayfair Speculators.

Those two buyers teamed up this time around for lot 97, Peter Doyle leading the bidding for a huddle of interested parties at the top of the stairs, including Michael Jooste and Derek Brugman of Mayfair Speculators, along with MV Magnier, Christy Grassick and Paul Shanahan.

Their collective might had under-bidders James

Delahooke and Bobby Flay cry enough when the filly's price tag reached 1.4 million euros. Post-sale interviews had to be delayed as the team swung back into action for another Galileo filly from Monceaux just two lots later.

This time around it was Australian visitor John Camilleri, breeder of the mighty mare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), who left disappointed as the partners had the final say at 650,000 euros for lot 99, a daughter of the Gr3 Prix Royaumont winner Quetsche (Gone West).

"Both fillies have been bought for Mayfair Speculators in partnership with Coolmore," Doyle confirmed.

"Of course they both have lovely pedigrees and they will remain in Europe to be trained. Mayfair have horses with a variety of trainers, including Aidan O'Brien, David Wachman, Andre Fabre, Nicolas Clement, William Haggas and Richard Hannon, but no decision has been made about these fillies yet. I imagine one will stay in Ireland and one will go to France."



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