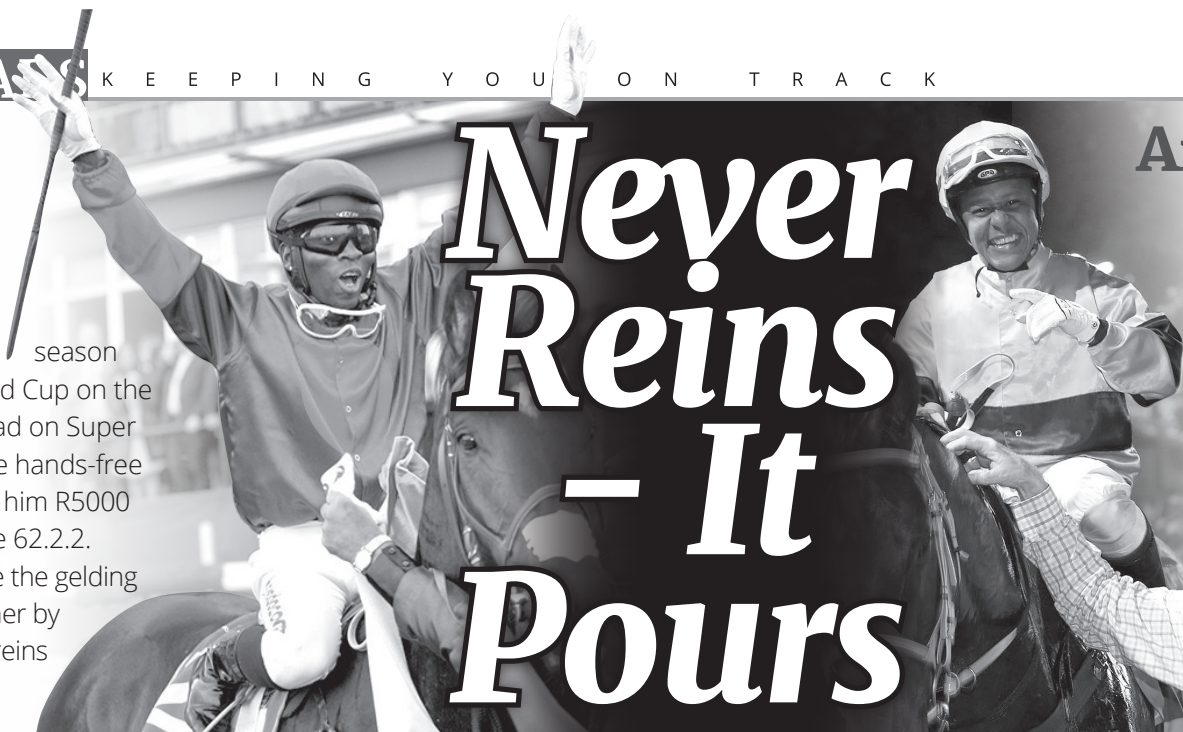


## Look Ma – No Hands

SA Champion jockey S'manga Khumalo ended a forgettably mixed season when winning the Gr2 Gold Cup on the Mike de Kock-trained Enaad on Super Saturday. His irresponsible hands-free salute after the finish cost him R5000 for a contravention of Rule 62.2.2. The Stipes felt that he rode the gelding in an unprofessional manner by intentionally dropping his reins shortly after the finish line.



# Never Reins – It Pours

## And It's Obviously Catching

He somehow didn't learn from S'manga's antics! Jockey Muzi Yeni was charged with a contravention of Rule 62.2.2, in that he rode Big Si in an unprofessional manner by intentionally releasing his reins immediately after the finish line in Race 7 at Greyville Racecourse on 31 August 2016. Yeni interestingly pleaded not guilty - but was found guilty of the charge. He was fined R2500.

## Times Don't Lie

After winning on the newcomer Seatops in the false paced non-black type KZN 3yo Series Fillies 1200 at Scottsville on Sunday, jockey Keagan de Melo said that if his filly was running in the first race he would have been 'really confident'. Not correct, we think. The feature race was run slower than both maidens - 0,68 seconds slower than race 1, and 0,74 seconds slower than race 2. Ironically the winners of both of these quality maiden plates for 3yo's received higher ratings in our SP assessments than Seatops.



## Life After Greeff

Since the return to Alan Greeff's Halo Stable duties from injury of Greg Cheyne, Andrew Fortune has had to find other 'employment'. The veteran was in fine form riding a treble for Justin Snaith at Fairview on Monday.

"Hell, I thought I was dead and buried. But it seems there is life after Greeff, after all! I must thank Justin and Jono Snaith and Des Mchlachlan," chirped the out of breath champion after a truly brilliant ride to get the Oratorio filly Bella's Empire home.

## First Up Down Under

Highly promising Kiwi colt Saracino (Per Incanto-Bella Daniela, by O'Reilly) is set to make his Australian debut in the Gr2 Danehill Stakes (1200m) at Flemington on Saturday. An impressive first-up winner of the Gr2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) in New Zealand, Saracino tuned up for Saturday's assignment with an easy win in an 800 metre jump-out at Flemington on Friday morning. Saracino - who races in the same distinctive lime green silks as star Kiwi mare Lucia Valentina on

behalf of owner Lib Petagna - is being aimed at the \$1 million Gr1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) on 8 October.

## HERE'S A RIDDLE

Work this out. Trainer St John D Gray was fined R1500 to rule 49.2 because in the eighth race at the Vaal on 25 August, he declared jockey Jarryd Penny to ride Ciao-Ciao when he was apparently in fact not the rider of choice of the connections - which resulted in a change of rider. The only puzzling aspect is that St John is the 'connection'- he is the owner of the horse.



# BIG TICKETS

Two horses costing a combined close on R10 million made their respective unplaced debuts last week. After the top ticket R5,2 million buy Horizon had made an undistinguished debut at Kenilworth on Wednesday for Candice Bass-Robinson, another high priced item opened her account at Scottsville.

The Lammerskraal bred Savannah Cat, a R4,75 million National Yearling Sale purchase by Fort Wood, stepped out in the first at Scottsville for Duncan Howells. Both horses will hopefully improve next time.

## Zim Awards

The Zimbabwe Racing Awards were held without much fanfare on Friday evening. Our own hero

Andrew Fortune was crowned Champion Jockey, SA Champion apprentice Callan Murray was leading apprentice and Mathematician got Horse

Of The Year. Clifton Stud was the leading breeder on A E I. The full list of winners can be found on [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za)



## BSA Entries Close 15 September

Bloodstock South Africa will be holding their annual Cape Yearling Sale on Thursday 16 March 2017 at Mistico Equestrian Centre in an effort to convenience buyers' travel plans. Conveniently located between Durbanville and Paarl, Mistico is the largest livery and show holding venue in the country offering two 950 pax indoor arenas, a 300 seated guests wedding and conference venue - and a 'weekend restaurant'. Bloodstock SA have kept entry fees to a minimum as they are mindful of sales costs to their vendors. The entry fee is R1450 excluding VAT.