

COBALT CONFUSION

The chief veterinarian for Racing Victoria admitted the governing body should have issued warnings that standard doses of vitamin and mineral products containing cobalt could push horses' levels above the permitted threshold.

Cobalt can help increase red blood cells to help take oxygen through the body, therefore enabling a horse to perform at its peak for longer. Peter Moody, the trainer of superstar mare Black Caviar, decided to walk away from the sport earlier this year after what he felt was unfair treatment during his cobalt case. After the vet's comments, Moody tweeted: "Bit late for some."

Where Art Thou?

Inglewood Stud has confirmed the sale of their unbeaten four-year-old Oh Romeo. "There were 15 different guys who made inquiries, they went a bit crazy over him," part-owner Gus Wigley said. "He's gone to Hong Kong to a good client of Bruce Sherwin, who made an offer after his last race." he added: "It's a bit sad that he won't be racing down here, but we are running a commercial operation and we can now invest in more broodmares." The offers started rolling in for the son of Foreplay, after he bolted in at his only two starts winning by a combined margin of 18 lengths.



Saddle Health

The short-term and long-term health consequences for professional jockeys are the subjects of a study in Great Britain. It is a collaborative venture between Oxford University and the racing industry, including the British Horseracing Authority, Professional Jockeys Association, and Injured Jockeys Fund. The industry wishes to develop new strategies to support the health, well-being, and safety of jockeys and stable staff. The ultimate goal is to improve the health and welfare of jockeys and exercise riders and any retired jockeys are encouraged to participate.

Feeling Jacked

The Gary Alexander-trained Querari gelding Kangaroo Jack has been awarded a 113 merit rating by the handicappers after his runaway win in the Gr 3 Spring Spree Stakes over 1200m on the Turffontein

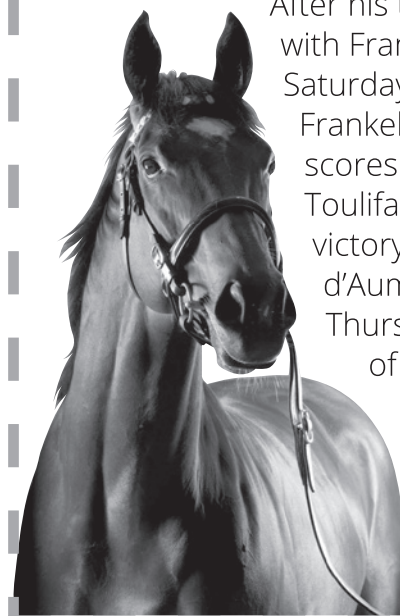


Inside track on 2 September. Jockey Andrew Fortune said afterwards he was convinced the 4yo would get a mile and his next race is likely to be the Gr 2 Joburg Spring Challenge. The Gr1 L'Ormarin's Queen's Plate and HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes are medium term targets.

DEADLINE

Don't miss the entry cut-off date of Thursday 15 September for the 2017 BSA Cape Yearling Sale. The event will be held at Mistico on 16 March.

Frankel's Fourth



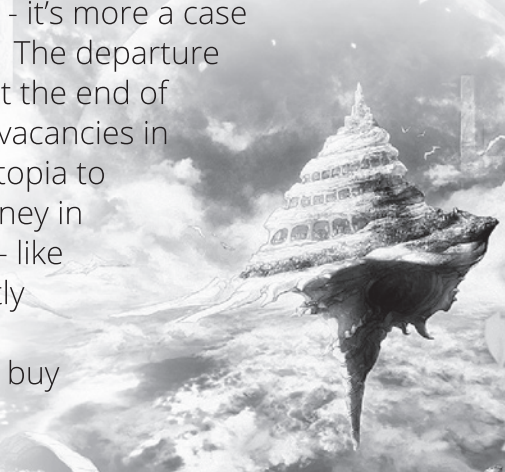
After his third stakes winner with Frankuus at Haydock on Saturday 3 September, Frankel got a fourth on the scoresheet when daughter Toulifaut delivered a smooth victory in the Gr3 Prix d'Aumale at Chantilly last Thursday. Frankel's quartet of stakes winners is completed by Fair Eva (Princess Margaret Stakes) and Queen Kindly (Lowther Stakes).

46 Years

That's how long the Durbanville course record for the 2400m has stood. A 6yo son of Thunderhead 11 called Thunderbird carried 55kgs and set 151,80 secs for the trip. If you think time flies, then consider that it has been close on 24 years since the champion Empress Club clocked 56,5 secs for the 1000m at the country course. Anybody remember who rode and trained Thunderbird?

TRAINER UTOPIA

The Hong Kong Jockey Club doesn't need to advertise for one of the most sought-after positions in world racing - it's more a case of "don't call us, we will call you" here. The departure of Andreas Schutz and Sean Woods at the end of the 2015-16 season has created two vacancies in what must seem like a professional utopia to outsiders: the best per-race prize money in the world, administrative headaches - like chasing money from owners - instantly solved, and one of the only places in the world where owners' demands to buy horses outstrip the supply.



Ticket To Ride

The South African Jockey Academy is recruiting Apprentice Jockeys for its 2017 intake. Be at Kenilworth Racecourse on 16 September at 09h00 if you are between the ages of 15 to 20 years old, between 150 - 160cm tall and weigh between 38 - 47kgs. Those attending the assessment are requested to kindly wear exercise clothing suitable for the fitness assessment.

Ready For This?



A reminder that the catalogue for the 2016 CTS Ready To Run Sale is now available online. Go to www.capethoroughbredsales.com. No fewer than 159 two-year-olds have been entered in the sale, which will take place at Durbanville racecourse on October 15 at 18h00. Gallops are on Friday 14 October.