

437 MILLION

That's the rand amount paid by Phumelela for a 50% interest in Supabets. A circular posted on 19 August 2016 referred to the acquisition by Phumelela of a 50% interest in Supabets SA Holdings Proprietary Limited from the Anastassopoulos family.

It was advised that once the sustainable net profit after tax achieved for the 12 month period from 1 March 2015 to 29 February 2016 had been agreed between Phumelela, KPMG and the AF and the resultant purchase consideration calculated, that this would be communicated to Shareholders. Phumelela confirmed that the Sustainable NPAT had been agreed and is in the amount of R94.5 million.

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It can't have been! We'd like to query the accuracy of the Durbanville penetrometer. Unless they found a puddle in the car park, there is no way, in our respectful opinion that the penetrometer reading could have been 30



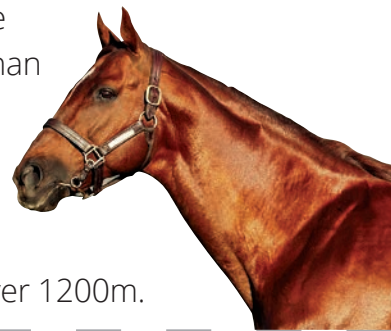
on Saturday and the going was certainly not soft. One could see this visibly. The adjusted times are very similar to those of 10 September when the pen was posted as 22 and the going good. There was a head wind on both days, and the 'breeze' was stronger on the 17th. Any ideas?

In Charge

Tsogo Sun Gold Medallion winner Always In Charge will start off his campaign in a 1 200m Graduation Plate at Kenilworth on November 1. Vaughan Marshall told Michael Clower: "After that he goes for the R2.5 million Lanzerac Ready To Run over 1 400m on November 19 and then we will take it from there." Marshall, who won the 2000 Cape Guineas with the colt's sire Captain Al, has also mapped a start date for his unbeaten Allan Robertson winner The Secret Is Out who is by the same stallion. He said: "She will run in the Choice Carriers Championship at the end of next month and then we will see how it goes."

Doubly Good

Drakenstein Stud resident Philanthropist has made a tremendous start to his stud career in South Africa, and the son of Kris S enjoyed a notable double at Durbanville on Saturday - from only three runners. Philanthropist's daughter Party Crasher got the ball rolling for her sire when the Glen Kotzen trained filly made a winning debut at Durbanville over 1200m. Just three races later, Vaughan Marshall saddled the classy stakes performer Kenny Trix to break his duck over 1200m.



Knockout

Hong Kong punters were left dumbfounded on Sunday when longshot Twin Delight caused one of the biggest upsets in the country's history. Nobody, including trainer Caspar Fownes, gave the gelding a chance but he overcame his monstrous starting price and what seemed like superior rivals - at least on paper - with a fighting performance in the Kwangtung Handicap Cup. The six-year-old became the second longest-priced Hong Kong winner of all time and the biggest (at \$268) since \$318

chance Winning Associates lobbed in 2001. While Twin Delight has won four times at Happy Valley, before Sunday's mind-boggling result he had failed to finish better than sixth in 15 starts at Sha Tin.



One-eyed Aussies

Redoute's Choice son Springhills(Aus) caught the eye (excuse the pun) in a Maiden Plate over 1000m at the Vaal on Thursday under a good ride from Callan Murray. The 3yo colt races in the silks of Arrowfield Stud owner and Chairman John Messara, who stands Redoute's Choice, Animal Kingdom, Snitzel and several other leading stallions. Mike de Kock said: "We are honoured to have John Messara racing with us, we've supported Arrowfield over the years and he is one of the game's true professionals." Springhills is a horse with only one eye and Mike chuckled: "Bizarrely, they don't allow one-eyed horses to race in Australia, but they do allow one-eyed stewards."



OOHS & AHHS

A social media phenomenon, an internet sensation - call him what you like - but Pakistan Star will bring people back to the track. He looks a horse with the type of wild popularity that transcends the sport and reaches into the mainstream, that brings people back to the track. Well, judging by the oohs, ahhs and eventually wild cheers that emanated from the Sha Tin faithful during and after Pakistan Star's electrifying win on Sunday, this rising star has fan-favourite and marketer's dream written all over him. The "oohs" were when Pakistan Star flopped out of the gates last, the "ahhs" came after the horse latched on to the field and started making ground and the cheers were for one of the most memorable finishing sprints ever seen by a backmarker at Sha Tin.

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That is how many fully-fledged jockeys are yet to ride a winner with the new season close to two months old. On the training front, 37 trainers have yet to break the ice in the new term. This isn't an easy game and we naturally tend to get swept up in the glamour of the top guys' success without sparing a thought for the rest.

Var's 9

Gr1 SA Nursery runner-up Rivarine's exciting win at the Vaal on Thursday last week had us check next month's CTS RTR catalogue. His Dad Var is the sire of more than 70 black type performers (of which 18 are Gr1 performers) and has nine lots on offer at next month's CTS Ready To Run Sale. Var has enjoyed a cracking start to the 2016-2017 racing season and recently enjoyed a treble of winners at the Vaal. Var also has some very exciting three-year-olds to his credit this season, headed by the undefeated Gr2 The Debutante winner A Womens Way, as well as Listed Ruffian Stakes winner Exquisite Touch - a winner of two of just three starts.

