

Richest Ever

Trainer Art Sherman has reported that champion US galloper California Chrome pulled up in terrific order following his easy win in Saturday's Gr1 Awesome Again Stakes at Santa Anita Park. Undeclared in his six starts this year, California Chrome's record reads 15 wins from 24 starts for US\$13,426,218 in earnings, making him the richest North American racehorse of all time ahead of 2008 Dubai World Cup winner Curlin with US\$10,501,800. His next run will be the US\$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita on 5 November. "He looked great this morning," Sherman told Blood Horse. "I went over him and he looks like a horse that didn't even run. The horse amazes me. We've just got to keep him healthy and fresh for the Breeders' Cup."



KNOCKOUT KNOWLES

With general cynicism abounding about the skills and expertise of our Tellytrack on course tipsters, Grant Knowles' admission at the Vaal on Saturday that he had been blown out of his Place Accumulator despite having twelve horses in the Grand Heritage leg, might yet come back to bite him. This more so when the race was won by the tote favourite!

Snaith Record

Justin Snaith smashed his own South African fastest-fifty record by 22 days when Greg Cheyne brought Evoke Emotion with a devastating late run to snatch the Soccer 6 Handicap at Durbanville Saturday. This completed a stable double and was Snaith's tenth winner in the last five days. He told Michael Clower: "It's been an incredible start to the season. I now want to carry this on and take back the seasonal record (209) from Sean Tarry plus win the big races, especially the Queen's Plate and the Sun Met. If I can get one of those two I will be happy. The Met seems to elude my family and I've got to get that sorted. I can't live in Cape Town and not win my home town's big race."

NZ Derby

Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs have the Gr1 New Zealand Derby in mind for Mongolian Sky, the first Australasian winner for Cambridge Stud stallion Cape Blanco, reports NZ Racing Desk. "He's only going to get better as he continues to strengthen up," Logan said. "He's an out-and-out stayer. He's going the right way and he's in the ownership of a team that knows what it takes to win a Derby." Mongolian Sky, who opened his account at Ruakaka last week, is owned by the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry, who raced the New Zealand and Australian Derby winner Mongolian Khan. His sire, Cape Blanco (Galileo-Laurel Delight, by Presidium), was a high class racehorse who won 5 races at Gr1 level, including the 2010 edition of the Irish Derby.

Days Of Dynasty

Highlands Farm's outstanding sire Dynasty enjoyed yet another remarkable run of success over the past weekend. The champion son of Fort Wood was represented by no fewer than five winners, just days after his son African Night Sky had made an impressive winning Durbanville debut. The first of the Dynasty five-timer to get on the board was the talented Alghadeer, who picked up his fifth career victory when he downed Masterly to win the Fairview 1800 (Non Black Type) at Fairview on Friday. Dynasty's next winner came in the form of the blue blooded filly Always A Lady who made a smart winning debut on Grand Heritage day at the Vaal.

Bred by Highlands, Always A Lady (a R650 000 buy from last year's Cape Premier Yearling Sale) oozed class as she romped home to post a three and a half debut win and she looks smart.

Another Dynasty daughter, Drifting Dusk, also saluted at the Vaal on Saturday, with that Highlands bred mare picking up the WSB Heritage 1200 by 1.3 lengths. Dynasty's great run continued in the Cape - where his daughter Evoke Emotion made it win number three when she won a fillies and mares handicap over 1600m. The sire's fifth and final weekend winner came at Scottsville on Sunday, when the Yogas Govender trained Sovereign Reign ran on powerfully to score by three lengths over 1000m.

TRAINER JOCKEY

Michelle Payne, who won the 2015 Melbourne Cup on Prince Of Penzance, launched a new chapter in her racing career with her first runner as a trainer on Tuesday. Payne has declared her charge Queen Of Zealand in a three-year-old maiden at Victoria country track Stawell on Tuesday. She is also due to ride the filly in the 1300m race after being granted a dual trainer-jockey licence. Payne suffered a career-threatening injury in May and needed pancreatic surgery, but she returned to race-riding last month and rode her latest winner on Sunday last week.



We reported last week that Anton Marcus, out of action for over a month, was back riding this past weekend. He showed absolutely no signs of ring rustiness with a winner on Friday night at Greyville and a further three at Scottsville Sunday, including Sweet Lady Jade in the KZN 3YO Series Fillies.

Top Seller IN FORM

Toulifaut was the top lot at the Arc Sale after racing at Chantilly on Saturday, selling for 1.9 million euros (R29.5 million) The daughter of Frankel is unbeaten in three starts for Jean-Claude Rouget and was a leading fancy for the Prix Marcel Boussac, the first race on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe card. The Gr3 winner fetched a record price for the sale on the first occasion that it had been held at the Pharaïns Yard at Chantilly, being knocked down to Emmanuel de Seroux of Narvick International on behalf of Japan's Katsumi Yoshida. She ran in the Prix Marcel Boussac, starting as favourite but finished out of the placings. De Seroux told the Racing Post: "There's not much to say - she is very good, by Frankel and from an excellent family. She was the one we wanted."

Jehan Malherbe of FormBloodstock, bidding on behalf of Mary Slack, secured one of the highest-priced lots at the 2016 Goffs Orby Sale 2016 in Ireland, last Tuesday afternoon.

Malherbe saw off US

agent Justin Casse, standing with Justin Zayat of American Pharoah fame, with a bid of €480,000 (\$538,420), for Lot 33, a colt from the penultimate crop of the late Scat Daddy—the sire of this year's standout 2-year-olds Caravaggio and Lady Aurelia.

"He's a very good-looking colt by a very good sire," reported Malherbe. "We like Scat Daddy a lot as a stallion. He'll be going go to Mike De Kock." The colt, out of the Listed-placed Exceed And Excel mare Excelente, played his part in a good day at the office for vendor Camas Park Stud.



under Piere Strydom to finish fifth, beaten, 2,25-lengths by Potemkim. In the Gr1 Qatar Prix De La Foret on Sunday, Harry's Son (also ridden by Strydom) and Same Jurisdiction both ran downfield.

Tough At The Top

In the end, it wasn't the greatest weekend for South African interest runners in Europe. The trend started when Met winner Smart Call was disappointingly scratched lame from the Sun Chariot on Saturday morning. Yorker, in the care of trainer William Haggas, ran a game race in the Gr2 Prix Dollar over 2000m at Chantilly. He was outpaced late