

# Rake Takes The Cake

A simple garden rake was to blame for the first void race in Hong Kong racing history, which happened at Happy Valley last Wednesday evening. The Jockey Club handed back HK\$126 million in pari-mutuel bets on the race, when the starting gates opened unevenly across the field. Stewards then deliberated for 10 minutes over the evidence in front of them before finding they had no choice but to call it a no race and return the money wagered. In another first, all the media were called into the stewards' room to view the footage. A rake, leaning against the side of the stalls, and normally used at the starting point on the track after a race, had become caught up in the starting mechanism.

# NYQUIST RETIRES

Champion 2-year-old male and 2016 Gr1 Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist has been retired and will join Darley's 2017 stallion roster at Jonabell in Lexington. The son of Uncle Mo — Seeking Gabrielle, by Forestry, will stand for \$40,000. Nyquist won 3 Gr1 races at 2. In winning the Kentucky Derby with a perfect record, he became the first juvenile champion to do so since Seattle Slew in 1977. And in winning both the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Kentucky Derby, he became only the second horse to achieve that historic double, an honour he shares with future barn mate Street Sense.



# Lyle's Got Style

Promising apprentice Lyle Hewitson has joined the ranks of leading Cape breeders Avontuur Estate's sponsored jockeys. He now stands alongside Greg Cheyne, Mj Byleveld and Callan Murray who represent the magnificent home of fine wines and fast horses. Hewitson will also represent South Africa at the HH Sheikhha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship on Sunday November 13 in Abu Dhabi.

# Money To Burn?

One would never say that there are cost-cutting measures being implemented in almost every sector. Horseracing seems immune. Take this past weekend's activities. In typical big raceday style, every man and his dog appeared to be at Fairview on Sunday. And why fly the top-rate Stan Elley all the way to a low-key meet at the Vaal on Saturday, when the Gr2 Choice Carriers was being run in his hometown? Surely one of Julie Alexander, Dave Mollett, Andrew Bon (who we saw in PE), or Alston Naidoo were available for the Vaal?

65 That's newly crowned SA Champion sire Trippi's stakes winner tally after the Carl and Amanda de Vos-bred Gold Standard won Friday's Listed Racing Association Stakes at Fairview. Glen Kotzen's runner made it back-to-back scores and joins the Trippi class 3yo brigade which includes Listed Storm Bird Stakes winner Flying Myth, Gr1 Thekwini Stakes runner up Dawn Calling, and last season's high class performers Double Appeal and Live Life. Trippi fans will also be watching this weekend's Breeders' Cup meeting where he is broodmare sire of the Gr1 Sentient Jet Juvenile contender Not This Time, who has won two of his three starts to date.

# How Long...

Has it been since a trainer-assistant trainer father and son team owned a winner together? Mike and Matthew De Kock are in partnership with the Rosedene Stud-bred Greys Inn gelding Charming Charlie who

hacked up at the Vaal on Saturday. While he started at 2-10 under Muzi Yeni and won well, he doesn't look a likely July candidate at this point - but could win a few more over ground.

# 100 000

That's how many people were at Flemington for Tuesday's 156th running of the world's richest two mile handicap. Almandin, ridden by Australian Kerrin McEvoy, won Australia's most popular horse race. It was McEvoy's second Melbourne Cup success, after winning with Brew in 2000. The 36-year-old said it was "a dream come true". Heartbreak City was second, with pre-race favourite Hartnell in third. Almandin hails from the 2010 foal crop of four-times champion German stallion Monsun. The Lloyd Williams family, winning the big one for a record fifth time, shrewdly acquired Almandin in Germany in 2014 after he won a Gr2 event over 2200m at his fifth start.



# Schofield Shines

Prized Icon and SA jockey Glyn Schofield won the 2500m \$1.5m Gr1 AAMI Victoria Derby at Flemington on Saturday to make history for trainer James Cummings in a race won by his legendary grandfather Bart five times and his great-grandfather Jim once back in 1948. Schofield rode a peach of a race and things worked out well after a nervous few weeks in the build-up. His jockey son Chad was there to share the moment. "I get a lot of confidence from the fact that my great-grandfather was training horses in 1911, so there is over 100 years of horse racing excellence in the family and that knowledge gives us confidence," said Cummings.

17 That's how many years it's been since a 3yo won the Met. After the Australian-bred Table Bay's annihilation of his opposition to win the

Cape Classic on Saturday, could we be looking at the son of Redoute's Choice joining the ranks of Horse Chestnut and Badger's Coast?



# Breeders' Cup – Excitement Builds

**California Chrome and Arrogate are the fancies in a field of 10 3-year-olds and up set for Saturday's \$6 million Gr1 Breeders' Cup Classic, the climax of the 33rd Breeders' Cup World Championship races to be run Friday 4 and Saturday 5 November at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia California.**

The 2000m Classic is the richest of 13 Championship races worth \$28.5 million in purses and awards to be run over the two days at Santa Anita. Early indications for South African racing enthusiasts are that the meetings will be broadcast live on Tellytrack (Dstv 239). Four Championship races will be run Friday, highlighted by the \$2 million Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff for fillies and mares at 1800m and featuring champions Beholder, Songbird and Stellar Wind in a field of eight. Among the entries are eight winners from the 2015 event at Keeneland.

Going for repeat wins in the same race are Tepin (Mile), Found (Ire) (Turf), Wavell Avenue (Filly & Mare Sprint) and Mongolian Saturday (Turf Sprint).

The others are Juvenile Fillies winner Songbird (Distaff), Sprint winner Runhappy (Las Vegas Dirt Mile), Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Catch a Glimpse (Filly & Mare Turf) and Juvenile Turf winner Hit a Bomb (Mile).

Trained by Art Sherman, California Chrome is undefeated in six starts this year and has pushed his career bankroll to more than \$13.4 million.

Third in the Classic at Santa Anita in 2014, California Chrome is the even-money favourite and will break from post position four under Victor Espinoza.

Second fancy at 5-2 is the Bob Baffert-trained Arrogate. A winner of his past four starts, Arrogate exploded onto the national racing scene with a 13 1/2-length victory in the Gr1 Travers in his most recent start. Mike Smith will be aboard the lone 3-year-old in the race and break from post position 10.

Baffert, who won last year's Classic with Triple Crown winner American Pharoah and the 2014 Classic with Bayern, will have a second starter in the race in Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman's Hoppertunity. Winner of the Gr1 Jockey Club Gold Cup in his most recent start and earner of more than \$3.5 million, Hoppertunity will break from post position nine and be ridden by John Velazquez.

## Schedule for SA Punters

Friday 4 November 2016:

Race	SA Time	Commingled Bets	Local pools
Race 1	20:25	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 2	21:00	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 3	21:35	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta, Jackpot
Race 4	22:10	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3, Pick 6	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 5	22:45	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 6	23:25	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 7	00:05	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	
Race 8	00:50	Win, Place, Exacta, Double	
Race 9	01:35	Win, Place, Exacta	

Saturday 5 November 2016:

Race	SA Time	Commingled Bets	Local pools
Race 1	19:15	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 2	19:50	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 3	20:25	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 4	21:05	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 5	21:43	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta, Jackpot
Race 6	22:21	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 7	23:05	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3, Pick 6	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 8	23:43	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	Swinger, Trifecta
Race 9	00:22	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	
Race 10	01:01	Win, Place, Exacta, Double, Pick 3	
Race 11	01:40	Win, Place, Exacta, Double	
Race 12	02:35	Win, Place, Exacta	

## Bet types to be offered

- Win (Commingled at R16 unit and R32 minimum)
- Place (Commingled at R16 unit and R32 minimum)
- Exacta (Commingled at R16 unit and R16 minimum)
- Double (Commingled at R16 unit and R32 minimum)
- Pick 3 (Commingled at R8 unit and R8 minimum)
- Pick 6 (Commingled at R32 unit and R32 minimum with no fractions)

## SA Local Pools

- Pick 4 (SA local pools)
- Swinger (SA local pools)
- Trifecta (SA local pools)

Telephone betting will close at midnight. Online betting only will apply thereafter.