



## 11 Million

US champion Arrogate marches towards the \$10 million Dubai World Cup on 25 March having already banked more than \$11 million courtesy of his 6 wins, including the Gr1 Breeders' Cup Classic and the Gr1 Pegasus World Cup. Bred by Clearsky Farms, the 4-year-old colt by Unbridled's Song will be a major drawcard as he looks to add substantially to his purse.

## Lost In France

Ormond Ferraris' Patchit Up Baby carved quite a path of destruction when winning the Allez France Stakes on 18 February at Turffontein. While she ended up winning easily, her rider Gavin Lerena didn't escape the wrath of the Stipes and was given a 7 day holiday in terms of Rule 62.2.7, for failing to ensure he did not cause interference when shifting in at the 400m.

## Katz 'n Mice

Assistant trainer Dan Katz has come up with a novel solution for owners of horses that continuously get no relief from the handicapper. Interviewed on the USO show on Saturday, he suggested that the handicappers get together and race Winter Trade themselves. "They obviously rate him highly. Why don't they just club together and buy him?" asked Katz.



## 94

Gainesway-based stallion Tapit (Pulpit) added 3 new stakes winners to his tally this weekend taking his individual stakes total to 94. Tapit stands for a fee of US\$300,000 and has sired 21 Gr1 winners.

## No Mercy!

Derryl Daniels was riding only his second winner of the season at Scottsville on 29 January when he was fined in terms of of Rule 62.2.10, for making a celebratory gesture shortly before the finish line. In the process he was fined R1500 – close on half of his hard earned commission. Life's not always fair.

## TEN

Aldo Domeyer picked up a 10 day suspension for being deemed the culprit in Greg Cheyne's crashing fall from Nebula at Kenilworth in the Cape Mile. Domeyer was riding Victorious Jay, who won the race, and according to reports said that he never realised Cheyne was in the position he was.

## 56

Our SP Digest star of last week, Arrowfield Stud-based sire Snitzel, secured his second stakes double in as many days this past weekend, taking his total to 56 individual stakes winners. The son of Redoute's Choice is currently leading the general sires table in Australia by both winners and earnings and also heads the leading 3yo and 2yo tables by both earnings and winners.

## Odds-On A Result Paddy Power Betfair

Never mind that the company lost £5m on Donald Trump winning the presidency in November: today's full-year results should show healthy profits. The result of a £5bn (\$7.2bn) merger last year between the Irish-owned Paddy Power and Betfair, the world's largest online betting exchange, founded only in 2000, the new entity is now one of the biggest betting companies in the world, with revenues of £1.5bn. It has become well-known for its headline-grabbing stunts; punters can currently make bets on Mr Trump being impeached, dyeing his hair red, white and blue, or painting the White House gold (500/1). The firm's idiosyncratic ways have disrupted a hidebound market. It has also taken advantage of last year's increase in gambling in its home markets of Britain and Ireland, probably helped by events such as the Olympics and the European football championships. A lucrative merger? You bet. (from Economist Espresso – Tuesday 7 March)



## Taking On The World

Sun Met winner Whisky Baron will travel via Mauritius and spend some time in Dubai when leaving on a global campaign shortly. His programme will be supervised by his current trainer Brett Crawford and international whizz Mike de Kock. The long term plan is for the Manhattan Rain gelding owned by the Kieswetter family to compete in Hong Kong or Singapore in early 2018.

## Bit Of A Twit(ter)?

You can think what you like – but you can't always say what you like...Melbourne Cup - winning jockey Michelle Payne had the Flemington Track Manager in her social media crosshairs on Monday, suggesting on Twitter that he should have his position 'reviewed'. Under rule AR. 175 introduced in 2015, it is an offence to post what is deemed inappropriate content on social media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter.



## Frivolous?

Tellytrack presenter Alston Naidoo took an unwitting swipe at the backroom boys, when announcing some technical issues with the feed from Fairview on Monday: "Our engineers are frivolously working on the problem..."