

Super Snitzel

Arrowfield's Snitzel, has dominated the end-of-season winners tables to back up his service fee of \$176,000. He landed a record-equalling 26 individual stakes winners in Australia, smashed the prize money record with \$16.1 million and fell just one win short of Lonhro's 160 winners set in 2013/14.

Snitzel's outstanding 2016/2017 season completed an unprecedented three-generation sequence of Australian sire championships with his own sire Redoute's Choice (three titles) and grandsire Danehill (nine titles).



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That was amount of winners ridden by Champion Apprentice Lyle Hewitson (123 wins) over his nearest rival Mpume Mjoka (32 wins) for the title this season. Hewitson celebrates his championship with a trip to Russia to participate in the HH Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Apprentice World Championship at Kazan Racecourse on 30 August.

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The stakes earned by our leading equine earner for all races run here last season. He is new Klawervlei stallion William Longsword.

Upwardly Mobile

Jockey Jason Smitsdorff was charged with a contravention of Rule 56.2.4 for taking a cellphone into the jockeys' quarters at Kenilworth last Tuesday. He signed an admission of guilt and was fined R2 500, which was wholly suspended for 6 months. In coming to a penalty the Stewards took into account that he had been requested to return to the jockeys' quarters as a replacement rider. Smitsdorff, who had not ridden a winner for two months up to then, bounced back with a winner at Kenilworth on Saturday – and another at Fairview on Monday to end his season on a high.

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The number of SA jockeys who rode no winners last season.

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The difference in wins between the top two riders on the SA jockey log. Anthony Delpuch won the title with 195 and Greg Cheyne was a distant second on 151.



The Key

The locked gate that prevented access to the course by the Vet and starting officials and delayed the running of the Kenilworth third race on Saturday remains a mystery. Was it a punter frustrated with the in and out results – or maybe even an innovative means of keeping the punters on course?

Winds of Change

For those that think that SA jockeys cry off at the first spit of rain, meetings do get abandoned due to the intrusion of the elements elsewhere. Last Saturday's Caulfield (Melbourne) meeting was called off after the fourth race due to strong winds, gusting at 100 kilometres an hour, which were moving the starting stalls and horses around. The Gr3 Bletchingly Stakes will now be held at Sandown on Sunday.



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That's the total stakes earnings in rands of the Sean Tarry runners for the past season – a remarkable new record! His nearest challenger was Justin Snaith on R20 992 650 – which puts the Tarry total into further perspective.

The Don

Cape jockey Donovan Dillon finally broke the ice in Mauritius at his 17th ride when he steered Top Of The Rock to victory for Gilbert Rousset in the penultimate race of last Saturday's Champ de Mars meeting. Dillon did most of his riding for Joey Ramsden at Milnerton.



LOUIS IS KING!

Sorrento Stud's Triple Crown winner Louis The King is officially a sire. The son of Black Minnaloushe was represented by his first ever foal when Fort Wood mare Hope Downs foaled a filly foal by the multiple Gr1 winner recently.