



Hayley Turner said she hoped the Queen would forgive her after Thanks Be beat royal runner Magnetic Charm in the Sandringham Stakes to end a 32-year drought for female jockeys at Royal Ascot last week. Turner, 36, was not even at primary school when Gay Kelleway became the one and only female rider to win at this meeting by landing the 1987 Queen Alexandra Stakes on Sprowston Boy. Turner admitted she had not held out too much hope that 33-1 shot Thanks Be, trained by Charlie Fellowes, would break her Royal Ascot duck. Turner quipped: "I feel bad for beating Her Majesty but I hope she will understand. I might get my OBE taken off me now."

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Drakenstein Stud's Cartier Champion Duke Of Marmalade was represented by his 40th individual stakes winner when his talented 3yo daughter Seville Orange won the Gr3 Track & Ball Oaks at Scottsville on Saturday afternoon. He has three lots on the KZN Yearling Sale next week.

July Plays

The July day Pick 6 pool will benefit from a R5 million carryover and the maxipool is projected to reach R15 million. The feature race quartet pool will be boosted with a R2 million injection and is likely to reach R16 million, which makes this the most attractive single-race bet at the meeting.



Another of Drakenstein Stud's red-hot sires in What A Winter has had a superb season in 2018-2019 with his two-year-olds winning all over the country, and the triple Equus Champion enjoyed more juvenile success on Saturday, when responsible for two smart looking 2yo winners. Winter Tour (Scottsville) and Arctic Drift (Kenilworth) were his two winners. What A Winter has now been responsible for 15 two-year-old winners this term and the four time Gr1 winner has ten lots on offer at the 2019 KZN Yearling Sale next week.



INVINCIBLE WINX

Australian mare Winx will be covered by leading sire I Am Invincible for her first breeding season. Winx's owners announced the decision via a press release on Monday. "As owners, we have utilised and considered the expert advice of bloodstock professionals both domestically and internationally. They provided us with the foundation of information to assess and use to compile the shortlist of stallions for consideration. This process highlighted the extreme depth to the stallion ranks in Australia and across the world - however when considering the options of travelling overseas, her welfare remained the highest priority and we decided she would remain in Australia for her first breeding season," the statement said. I Am Invincible is second on the general sires list to Snitzel.

On a Roll

In a world where more players are falling out the bus than surviving, Milnerton trainer Piet Botha looks like making the grade. At Kenilworth on Tuesday, the Grant Behr-ridden Optimum was Botha's third winner in as many meetings and his fifth since his first runner in September, and Michael Clower reports that the former jockey's numbers have increased from 10 to 18. "I own half of them so it is not that good," he said modestly. "But people want to see results and things are now expanding a bit."



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Flower Power

Wilgerbosdrift stallion Flower Alley's 6yo daughter Beach Flower outclassed her rivals when she romped to a three and a half length win in the Lady Canterbury Stakes at Canterbury Park on Saturday. She is one of 40 black type horses sired by Flower Alley thus far, with others including the Gr1 winners I'll Have Another, Lilacs And Lace, Bullards Alley and Lukes Alley. On the same afternoon at Scottsville, Mike de Kock's Alibi Guy - a son of the Gr1 Travers Stakes winner - registered his second win in two starts. Alibi Guy, who is closely inbred to Forty Niner, was a R450 000 buy from last year's National 2yo Sale. Wilgerbosdrift's well performed stallion has made a pleasing start with his first SA crop this season and Alibi Guy is one of five 2yo winners to have emerged.

Rider Cup

The popular New Turf Carriers Inter-Provincial Rider Cup is scheduled for Sunday, July 21, at Greyville. The Highveld Hawks defended their New Turf title last year and will be out for three-on-the-bounce.

Outstanding mare Invincibella completed a pair of firsts and capped a record breaking season for trainer Chris Waller when she scored a win in Saturday's Gr1 Tattersall's Tiara at Eagle Farm. The brilliant I Am Invincible mare notched her first Gr1 win and the first for her jockey, Sydney based star Jason Collett, while it capped an amazing season for Waller, his 18th Gr1 win for the season, an Australian record.

