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## RACING THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW TURF** Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R7-(3) Cane Lime 'n Soda (5/1)

**HOLLYWOODBETS**  
**GREYVILLE POLY** Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R3-(6) Wave (1/1)

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R2-(5) Cairon (15/10)

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R2-(2) Turn It Up Harvey (3/1)

**FAIRVIEW TURF** Sunday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R2-(11) Over Count (4/1)

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# EXPORTS - HELP!



South African racing has never been chicken to take on the world.

But it seems that our feathered friends could well derail hopes of our equine exports for an entire generation. That could mean devastation for the game.

The European Union have said that no audit regarding horses will be forthcoming while poultry exports to South Africa are closed after the 2017 Avian influenza outbreak.

Back in the Sixties, the Beatles had hit songs – 'Help' was one – another was 'A Little Help From My Friends'. Those lyrics now apply to South Africa's attempt to overcome all the Grand National-like obstacles regarding free movement of horses between them and EU countries.

Adrian Todd, MD of South African Equine Health & Protocols (SAEHP) has just returned from Europe where he delivered a memorandum to a number

of individuals concerned with the impasse that has occurred in South Africa's long-time battle to get the restrictions on our bloodstock exports lifted by the European Union.

The SAEHP write in the memorandum that in a rather bizarre development, the stand-off over poultry trade between South Africa and the EU has become the main stumbling block preventing the EU from carrying out an audit.

The majority of the people this narrative is aimed at are horse lovers. Yet, currently we are putting our horses through the ordeal of many months of travelling 21 days in SA, three months in Mauritius and - on

## 7 Days, 7 Winners...

**Tasty Jack's**  
Jackson x Full Flavor

**Lady of Liberty**  
Pathfork x Liberal Lady

**Stelvio**  
Pathfork x Be Careful

**Madame Speaker**  
Pathfork x Word Perfect

**Khopesh**  
Jackson x Ruby Heart

**Pure State**  
Jackson x Trip to Eden

**Targaryen Queen**  
Jackson x Howhighcanuffly

## PATHFORK | JACKSON



## EXPORTS - HELP!

arrival in the EU- a further 30-60 days residency before onward transportation. This should be sufficient to get your attention.

We need to stress we are not coming with a begging bowl. We have got our facts in order and are ready to present a case the world's leading lawyers would be proud of!

1. What is of imperative importance to us is to persuade the EU to set an audit date when the EU's veterinary officials can examine our case. An audit is required to reopen direct movement. We won't be found wanting as we've done our homework. The disease control measures now in place are world-class. We have reached a stage where we are confident that SA meets- and exceeds- all of the EU's disease control requirements.

2. It is important to us that our government is also confident we will pass an audit. In the same way as DNA has advanced in the last two decades to trap criminals, we have also made strides. In this regard, we as industry have formed a public/private partnership with our Government. This public/private partnership has successfully designed and implemented a world-class disease control system. Internationally renowned veterinarian Dr Des Leadon was engaged to consult on the implementation of the system and has conducted two independent audits of South Africa's disease control measures, in anticipation of the official EU audit. This partnership between the South African Equine Health and Protocols (SAEHP) and the South African Government authorities remains committed to maintaining the high level of disease control that has been implemented. However without free and fair open trade, our industry will not be able to continue funding the control system.

3. We never envisaged chickens would be a bugbear for our bloodstock industry- sadly that is the case. It's ludicrous that the bureaucracy could put a spanner in the works of our attempts for fair trade because of a fight between South Africa and the EU over chickens. The EU have stated that no audit regarding horses will be forthcoming while poultry exports to South Africa are closed after the 2017 Avian influenza outbreak.

We are confident the politically powerful racing people in the EU will point out this is hugely unfair and push our cause. In a nutshell, it is surely wrong to allow non-equine related trade issues to be the downfall of the SA racing industry.

4. So- despite our best efforts- we are now turning to the international racing community to back our stance which has so many positives- more owners and thus more jobs- and level playing fields for a sport loved by so many.

5. We believe we have made such gigantic strides that we no longer need to prove that we present a risk, perceived or real. We are aware we need the world much more than they need us, but we are appealing for action because we believe the people this narrative will be reaching are one of the same when it comes to fair trade and the love of the horse.

6. The world looks to the EU as a gold standard for animal disease control and safe and sustainable movement of animals across borders.

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## WEEKEND RACING

**Dream Girl – But The Draw?****Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship Kenilworth Saturday**

**Jackson's daughter Pretty Young Thing has emerged as a potential classic contender after two smart recent wins. She gets her big chance to show her mettle when she steps out in the R350 000 Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship at Kenilworth on Saturday.**



Pretty Young Thing | Chase Liebenberg

The unfortunate aspect for Brett Crawford and his staunch Ridgemont patrons is that the wide draw facing Anton Marcus and his talented mount is either going to tell us plenty, or very little.

In her favour, Pretty Young Thing has shown good gate speed and the Kenilworth winter track 1400m will have her needing every ounce of luck and all of Marcus' ample expertise to get her up there. If she can beat the gate, then the SP top-rated galloper is the one to beat. A winner of 3 of her 6 starts, she has shown smart pace and a late kick at both her recent victories- and is clearly growing in confidence.

Candice Bass-Robinson will be keen to get her name up in lights after a dry spell and Roll In The Hay, with the lucky benefit of a pole position gate, should be ready for a big effort after a solid return effort following an unsuccessful SA Champions Season campaign.

A runner-up behind Cousin Liz in the Kenilworth Fillies Nursery, the grey Captain Al filly Mirage is another with a wide draw to beat. A smart debut winner, she has not run for ten weeks when chasing Athalia home and there should be little between them again.

The Adam Marcus-trained Athalia won three on the trot before disappointing at her last start when showing pace and dropping out. She steps up to the Kenilworth 1400m and is highly thought of by her astute connections.

Driving Miss Daisy opened her 3yo term with a good win beaten the older Ikebana. She was runner up to Third Runway in the Listed Iridescence Stakes last term and was also placed in the Nursery. She looks very decent.

Unbeaten East Cape raider World Radar has impressed as a filly going places wining her first two starts with some authority. She was famously accorded a rating of 105 for her Fairview debut victory. Hong Kong returnee Aldo Domeyer takes the reins from Greg Cheyne and the daughter of Soft Falling Rain could

stamp her classic prospects with a big performance here. Iridescence Stakes winner Third Runway has her first run this season and may just need the outing after a 17 week break. She boasts the distinction of having beaten Pretty Young Thing with ease when winning her maiden. But

**Gr2 WC Fillies Ch  
past winners****2017**

1 Snowdance	58.0 (14) 15/1
2 Magical Wonderland	58.0 (7) 1/1
3 Rose In Bloom	58.0 (9) 22/1

**2018**

1 Clouds Unfold	60.0 (3) 10/3
2 Temple Graffin	60.0 (1) 57/20
3 Santa Clara	60.0 (10) 28/1

**START  
4:20PM  
Kenilworth**

**7**

**PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
GR2 FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP (3YOF - 1400M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-13-17)(3-10-15)(4-12)  
(5-16)(8-9-14)**

Jackson	<b>1 PRETTY YOUNG THING</b> (BJ Crawford) A Marcus.....	17	<b>60.0</b>
Soft Falling Rain	<b>2 WORLD RADAR</b> (AC Greeff) A Domeyer.....	5	<b>60.0</b>
Gimmethelight	<b>3 ROLL IN THE HAY</b> (C Bass-Robinson) S Randolph...1		<b>60.0</b>
Gimmethelight	<b>4 THIRD RUNWAY</b> (GS Kotzen) M Winnaar .....	8	<b>60.0</b>
Master Of My Fate	<b>5 DRIVING MISS DAISY</b> (AE Sands) D Dillon...13		<b>60.0</b>
Oratorio	<b>6 ATHALIA</b> (AN Marcus) C Zackey .....	12	<b>60.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>7 MIRAGE</b> (VH Marshall) M Byleveld .....	14	<b>60.0</b>
Kingsbarns	<b>8 CASINO QUEEN</b> (J Snaith) R Fourie.....	11	<b>60.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>9 SOMEWHERE IN TIME</b> (J Snaith) S Khumalo ...2		<b>60.0</b>
Ashaawes	<b>10 DRAMA QUEEN</b> (C Bass-Robinson) A Andrews.....	16	<b>60.0</b>
What A Winter	<b>11 MAIDENS PRAYER</b> (DR Drier) S Veale.....	6	<b>60.0</b>
Var	<b>12 POINT OF SALE</b> (GS Kotzen) L Mxothwa .....	9	<b>60.0</b>
Querari	<b>13 CALYPSO BEAT</b> (BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	7	<b>60.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>14 AMY JOHNSON</b> (J Snaith) R Khathi .....	3	<b>60.0</b>
Duke Of Marmalade	<b>15 SAILING SHIP</b> (C Bass-Robinson) S Mbhele.....	4	<b>60.0</b>
Duke Of Marmalade	<b>16 LARENTINA</b> (AE Sands) K De Melo.....	15	<b>60.0</b>
Dynasty	<b>17 KELPIE</b> (BJ Crawford) - reserve 1.....	10	<b>60.0</b>

## WEEKEND RACING

that's history now.

Drama Queen has run some decent places but looks held by Pretty Young Thing.

Somewhere In Time has had one run since a KZN campaign where she won her maiden but failed in the Allan Robertson Championship. She is difficult to assess.

An easy maiden winner, Sailing Ship followed up with a decent half length third behind Larentina next run – and now meets the Sands runner on 2kgs better terms.

Unbeaten in two starts, the Snaith's Casino Queen has run on well at both her outings and should enjoy the step up to the 1400m. She looks the dark horse!

Calypso Beat steps up to the 1400m after two fair post-maiden efforts. She looks to be held by Athalia.

Second of the Kotzen duo, Point Of Sale recently shed her maiden at her fourth start. She was beaten under two lengths by Montreal Mist in the Gr2 Debutante and could be anything.

Amy Johnson won her maiden at her second start but has shown up only modestly at her last two starts.

Eric Sands was full of positivity regarding his Duke Of Marmalade filly Larentina, who stormed up late to win her post-maiden run at Durbanville two weeks ago. She now faces a serious test but has a wide draw to beat.

Dennis Drier saddles his first feature runner of the Cape summer season in the shape of the maiden winner, Maidens Prayer. The daughter of What A Winter ran under two lengths fourth behind Montreal Mist in the Gr2 Debutante on Super Saturday at her penultimate start.

Pretty Young Thing is the horse to beat but this is her early acid test and with the likes of the exciting PE raider World Radar and a host of talented locals in the mix, we should know far better how good she is once the sun has set on Kenilworth on Saturday.

## Gearing Up For Summer

### Gr3 Cape Classic Kenilworth Saturday

Summerveld trainer Dennis Bosch saddles his first runner of the Cape Summer Season in Saturday's R200 000 Gr3 Cape Classic. Topweighted visitor Padre Pio's presence is a sign that things are hotting up and the serious racing is under way.



Seventh Gear | Candiese Marnewick

A reliable pointer to the Cape Guineas, the Cape Classic is generally won by the locals and Mr Bosch won't take much confidence out of the fact that the last visitor to win was his veteran neighbour Dennis Drier with Chave de Oura, all the way back in 2012, when he carried 54,5kgs to edge out Piet Steyn's long-shot Sanshaawes.

The race is weighted off a base for maidens and 1 time winners of 52kg, with penalties for each additional win of 2kg. Gr1 victories, together with Gr2 and Gr3 scores, is 3kgs, 2kgs and 1kg respectively.

Justin Snaith, who last won this race in 2010 with Solo Traveller, saddles a trio of runners including the enigmatic General Franco. The son of Frankel has not yet lived up to the massive reputation earned

on his impressive debut win but probably shouldn't be written off.

Vaughan Marshall's exciting Silvano colt Silver Operator is the mount of Anton Marcus, who replaces regular man, MJ Byleveld. After a smart victory on debut, Silver Operator has run two close seconds, including runner-up behind Snow Report in the Langerman. He should be right there.

Second of the Snaith trio, Captain Tatters comes in off a good second – that after being bumped – in the Sophomore Sprint last time out. The son of Gimmethgreenlight should relish the extra.

King Of Gems appeared to fade late in the Langerman when fourth and then reverted to sprinting when staying on without threatening for third behind Three Two Charlie in the Sophomore. The latter steps up beyond the sprints for the first time and is sure to be even more effective around the turn. The son of What A Winter has a decent draw on his side and can confirm whether he is Cape Guineas material with a big effort here.

Prince Of Persia returned from a four-month break when staying on well under a length behind Skidoo at Durbanville a fortnight ago. The well-related son of Captain Al could be the dark horse.

Macthief won two good sprints but then failed when stepping up to 1400m at his last start. Seventh Gear looks to hold him on that run.

KZN raider Padre Pio has won 3 of his 5 starts and has his opening run in the Cape. Craig Zackey is back from injury to partner the son of Vercingetorix and his season rests on a big run here.

Dean Kannemeyer has high classic hopes for the beautifully related and handsome Seventh Gear- a son of Triple Tiara winner Cherry On The Top. Lightly raced, he put up a fair performance at just his third outing last month when staying on late and beaten under a half length by Path Of Choice at Durbanville. From the 1 draw, he will have every chance to cement his Guineas claims.

Langerman winner Snow Report has his second run since being gelded – his opening sprint was an unplaced effort behind Agent Of Fortune at Durbanville. He should improve on that.

Second of the Kotzen duo, Hubble looks a likely pacemaker after he made all to win his maiden by an astonishing nine lengths last time beating the big ticket Track Attack. While Hubble's rider Morne Winnaar showed great initiative and caught them napping, the latter ran a cracker next time – so the form looks decent on paper.

### Gr3 Cape Classic past winners

#### 2017

1 Tap O' Noth	55.0 (4) 3/1
2 Undercover Agent	55.0 (8) 11/2
3 Cot Campbell	53.0 (2) 9/2

#### 2018

1 Twist Of Fate	60.0 (13) 9/1
2 Cirillo	58.0 (3) 71/20
3 Pleasedtomeetyou	58.0 (11) 6/1

Last of the Snaith trio, Sachdev is drawn out at 10 and has won his first two 1200m starts impressively, without beating anything of note. The fact that stable jockey Richard Fourie does the honours is an encouraging sign.

The likes of Silver Operator, Seventh Gear, Prince Of Persia and

Three Two Charlie look the chief protagonists. The classic picture will be much clearer in the aftermath.

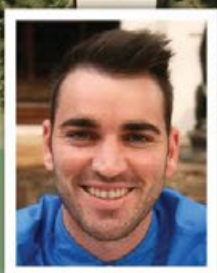
### START 3:45PM Kenilworth

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PA4/PICK SIX3/JACKPOT2  
GR3 CAPE CLASSIC (3YO'S) - 1400M  
- SAME TRAINER: (2-3)(4-9)(5-7-8)(11-12)

Vercingetorix	<b>1 PADRE PIO</b> (DS Bosch) C Zackey .....	2	<b>60.0</b>
What A Winter	<b>2 SNOW REPORT</b> (C Bass-Robinson) S Randolph ..	9	<b>59.0</b>
What A Winter	<b>3 THREE TWO CHARLIE</b> (C Bass-Robinson) G Cheyne ..	4	<b>58.0</b>
Time Thief	<b>4 MACTHIEF</b> (BJ Crawford) C Orrier .....	8	<b>58.0</b>
Silvano	<b>5 SACHDEV</b> (J Snaith) R Fourie .....	10	<b>58.0</b>
Silvano	<b>6 SILVER OPERATOR</b> (VH Marshall) A Marcus .....	5	<b>56.0</b>
Frankel	<b>7 GENERAL FRANCO</b> (J Snaith) S Khumalo .....	11	<b>56.0</b>
Gimmethgreenlight	<b>8 CAPTAIN TATTERS</b> (J Snaith) R Khathi .....	3	<b>56.0</b>
Kingsbarns	<b>9 KING OF GEMS</b> (BJ Crawford) D Dillon .....	12	<b>56.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>10 SEVENTH GEAR</b> (D Kannemeyer) K De Melo .....	1	<b>56.0</b>
Pathfork	<b>11 HUBBLE</b> (GS Kotzen) S Veale .....	7	<b>56.0</b>
Captain Al	<b>12 PRINCE OF PERSIA</b> (GS Kotzen) M Winnaar .....	6	<b>56.0</b>

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## WEEKEND RACING

# Cat Eyes The Cup

## Algoa Cup (L) Fairview Sunday

**Local is just not lekker it seems when it comes to the Algoa Cup. It has been ten years since an East Cape-based runner won the race popularly known as the 'PE July'. With a dazzling out-of-town attack turning up again at Fairview on Sunday, it looks likely the silverware will remain in the Mother City.**



Cat Daddy | Candiese Marnewick

Jacques Strydom is the man who boasts the distinction of that local celebration in 2009, when with brother Piere, he won the Cup with Surfin' USA. On Sunday he is back with two local stalwarts in Frikkie and Onesie. Both must have outside place chances.

Ollivander, now with Tara Laing after a frustrating career with Candice Bass-Robinson where he showed plenty but failed to graduate beyond a one-time winner, ran second in this race behind Nebula in 2017 and looks nicely weighted off the 52kg mark for a big effort. He didn't appear to enjoy the poly at his last two starts but looks sure to strip fit.

Nathan Kotzen brings Tommy Grand down from KZN where he has maintained a consistent form profile. He is 3kgs better off with Cat Daddy for a 2,90 length beating on the Hollywoodbets Greyville profile last time. So there won't be too much in it.

The year younger Cat Daddy is a smart improving gelding who conceded 8,5kgs to the good 3yo Cane Lime 'N Soda when beaten a neck last time. This will be his third run in a third province but he looks a definite contender for top honours.

Gavin Smith's Story Of My Life was beaten almost ten lengths by Magnificent Seven in the 2018 renewal and is probably at his best over slightly shorter.

Sharon Kotzen's game Just Chaos gets the headgear removed after losing form recently.

Former Ennion runner Mangrove has produced two fair polytrack efforts and strips fit on Sunday. The seven-time winner would not be lifting the Cup out of turn and hails from a form stable.

Second of the Glen Kotzen duo, the highly regarded Duc D'Orange has drawn wide and has an outside place chance on his better form.

The mare Seeking Wisdom is always thereabouts but the Cape raiders are preferred.

Trainer Andre Nel has raided this destination from the West Coast with some success and both his pair of Run Red and

Crome Yellow are not without a chance.

Carrying top weight and possibly in need of a run after a 13 week break, Run Red has it all to do and stablemate Crome Yellow looks to have more ticks in his boxes. This

powerful front-runner jumps from a nice gate with local specialist Greg Cheyne in the irons.

Piere Strydom rides the first of the Snaith duo in the slightly disappointing Platinum Prince – winless since July 2019 and an obviously frustrating horse to own and train. The son of Silvano was seventh and over 4 lengths off Nebula in the 2017 renewal of the Algoa Cup. While he has a wide draw, Piere Strydom looks the right kind of jockey to get the capable 6yo back to winning ways.

Coming off a nine week break, stablemate Knights Templar enjoys the services of Richard Fourie and has shown enough ability to challenge.

The 2018 East Cape Derby winner American Landing has failed to deliver on his early expectations. He is winless since that day in May 2018 at this very track when beating Widow's Lamp by over 5 lengths. His recent form suggests he could produce a big effort.

The Kaknis pair of Victory March and Captain's Vista look to have plenty to do.

The newly sponsored Socrasync Toro Ya Africa Algoa Cup is a

typically wide open handicap. History suggests we narrow it down to the Kotzen, Snaith, Nel and Crawford runners. That leaves us nine options. Cat Daddy is the choice to beat Platinum Prince and Ollivander. But go wide.

START 3:30PM Fairview	7	PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3 ALGOA CUP (LISTED)(TURF) - 2000M - SAME TRAINER:(1-3)(2-6)(7-11)(10-12) (13-14)(16-17)		
Twice Over	1	RUN RED(A Nel) A Andrews	14	60.0
Silvano	2	PLATINUM PRINCE(J Snaith) P Strydom	15	59.5
Trippi	3	CROME YELLOW(A Nel) G Cheyne	3	57.0
Dynasty	4	AMERICAN LANDING(BJ Crawford) C Orffer	13	56.5
Ideal World	5	MANGROVE(Y Bremner) C Murray	4	56.0
Dynasty	6	KNIGHTS TEMPLAR(J Snaith) R Fourie	10	55.5
Ideal World	7	CAT DADDY(GS Kotzen) M Winnaar	8	54.0
Soar With Eagles	8	STORY OF MY LIFE(GD Smith) M Yeni	7	53.0
Fort Wood	9	TOMMY GRAND(N Kotzen) C Zackey	12	53.0
Just As Well	10	JUST CHAOS(SB Kotzen) R Munger	1	52.0
Duke Of Marmalade	11	DUK D'ORANGE(GS Kotzen) M Byleveld	17	52.0
Elusive Fort	12	SEEKING WISDOM(SB Kotzen) C Habib	6	52.0
Elusive Fort	13	FRIKKIE(JVA Strydom) K Steyn	9	52.0
Ideal World	14	ONESIE(JVA Strydom) C Storey	5	52.0
Silvano	15	OLLIVANDER(T Laing) C Maujean	2	52.0
Marchfield	16	VICTORY MARCH(E Kaknis) K Zechner	16	52.0
Captain Al	17	CAPTAIN'S VISTA(E Kaknis) T Gould	11	52.0

## Source Of Stars

### Racing Association Stakes (L) Fairview Friday

**The fairer sex filled the top three places in the 2018 renewal of the Listed Racing Association Stakes. The girls' class of 2019 look to have a tough task to emulate that vintage with some serious big gun visiting males from the Cape in the mix.**

The race is restricted to 3yo's with penalties for Gr1 wins (4kg), Gr2 (3kg), Gr3 (2kg) and Listed (1kg).

Paarl-based Glen Kotzen has the best recent record in this event, with a 60% win strike-rate over the past five years. He and hard-working stable Jockey Morne Winnaar travel up the Garden Route with the progressive Oratorio gelding, Viva Rio – a winner of his last two starts. His last win was eye-catching, when getting up to beat the highly regarded Sir Michael in an MR 78 at Durbanville. While the latter had no luck next time, the Gold Star Stud bred gelding is in prime form and well drawn.

Also travelling are Vaughan Marshall's Cane Lime 'N Soda, Brett Crawford's Super Silvano and the Snaith's Stopalltheclocks.

The Cape form and scope for plenty of improvement, makes a direct analysis of official ratings against weight a touch complicated. An 8,50 length maiden winner, Cane Lime 'n Soda has shown a poten-

### Algoa Cup (L) past winners

<b>2017</b>		
1	Nebula	59.0 (16) 15/2
2	Ollivander	52.5 (6) 6/1
3	Stormy Eclipse	57.0 (1) 22/1
<b>2018</b>		
1	Magnificent Seven	54.5 (1) 5/4
2	Wild Brier	52.0 (3) 45/1
3	Stormy Eclipse	58.0 (8) 18/1

## WEEKEND RACING

tially top-class turn of foot, winning two of his five starts in good fashion. This is his first exposure in stakes company.

Super Silvano took a while to register a second win, but did it convincingly at Durbanville a fortnight back when getting up to beat Hurricane Harry in an MR 78 – despite a slipped saddle.

Recent maiden winner Stopalltheclocks steps up to a mile. He will need to show more to challenge.

The top-notch joint topweighted hometown hope Foreign Source

### Racing Association St. (L) past winners

2017	
1 Pack Leader	60.0 (3) 14/10
2 Seattle Flame	60.0 (7) 9/2
3 Merysagos	57.5 (4) 13/1
2018	
1 Just Chaos	57.5 (2) 113/20
2 March Music	57.5 (6) 6/1
3 Madame Speaker	58.5 (1) 17/10

goes for a fourth victory on the trot. The son of Bold Silvano will be tested by the visitors but has the homeground advantage and looks a Cape Guineas prospect at this stage.

Conqueror of Foreign Source in the Dahlia Plate, Hooves Of Troy has his first run since gelded and steps up to the mile. He may just need the

run as it is his first outing since going down third (1,25 lengths) behind the highly vaunted African Warrior in the KZN Yearling Sale

Million at Greyville last term.

Highest rated of the girls, Scarborough Fair bids to give trainer Sharon Kotzen the rare achievement of a consecutive fairer sex win in the race. The daughter of Capetown Noir has been a consistent earner and, but for her wide draw, has every chance for a big showing. She has shown she can mix it with the males.



Foreign Source | Pauline Herman

The major centre stakes-placed Brandina started her 3yo term on a high with a good win on the polytrack last time up. She has shown good ability and is another who could challenge for the places from her pole position gate.

Allan Greeff's Lady's Slipper winner Luna Wish has been a veritable model of consistency and must have a massive shout from her decent 2 draw.

Second of the Sharon Kotzen runners, Mistress Of Means is held by Brandina on her last run.

Summerveld trainer Nathan Kotzen saddles Justfortheopeny – his first PE feature race runner. The son of Just As Well won his Hollywoodbets Scottsville maiden at long odds at his second start, but failed to follow up next time.

A tough and interestingly competitive race. The SP top-rated Foreign Source has proven his credentials and should enjoy the mile. Cane Lime 'N Soda and Viva Rio look the dangers.

START  
4:10PM

Fairview

7

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
RACING ASSOCIATION S. (3YO'S)(L) - 1600M  
- SAME TRAINER:(1-8-9)(10-11)

Bold Silvano	1 FOREIGN SOURCE (AC Greeff) G Cheyne ..... 8
Vercingetorix	2 HOOVES OF TROY (GD Smith) M Yeni ..... 5
Gimmethelight	3 CANE LIME 'N SODA (VH Marshall) M Byleveld 6
Oratorio	4 VIVA RIO (GS Kotzen) M Winnaar ..... 3
Trippi	5 STOPALLTHECLOCKS (J Snaith) R Fourie ..... 7
Just As Well	6 JUSTFORTHEPENNY (N Kotzen) C Maujean .4
Bold Silvano	7 SUPER SILVANO (BJ Crawford) C Orfter ..... 11
Querani	8 LUNA WISH (AC Greeff) T Gould ..... 2
Capetown Noir	9 BRANDINA (AC Greeff) X Ndlovu ..... 1
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## NEWS

## Phumelela - Dark Days Ahead

**Further to the voluntary trading update and trading statement released on SENS on 12 July 2019, Phumelela Gaming & Leisure Ltd shareholders are advised that the Board is now reasonably certain that the Company will make a basic loss and a headline loss for the year, as follows:**

a basic loss is expected of between R80 million and R100 million, compared with a basic profit of R155.1 million in the prior year;

a basic loss per share is expected of between 80 cents and 100 cents, compared with a basic profit of 153.78 cents in the prior year;

a headline loss is expected of between R90 million and R100 million, compared with a headline profit of R155.6 million in the prior year; and

a headline loss per share is expected of between 90 cents and 100 cents, compared with a headline profit of 154.23 cents in the prior year, which equates to a decrease of between 158% and 165%.

Included within the basic loss and headline loss are the following material items which collectively amount to R110 million:

R30 million in restructuring costs;

R32 million for a franchise provision in the North West province;

R26 million in lost income for four months of the financial year due to the withholding of the Gauteng betting levy, as referenced in previous SENS announcements;

R12 million annual cost due to the increase in VAT to 15% in April 2018, which is an ongoing reduction in income as there is no relief on the take-out ratio after provincial taxes and levies; and

R10 million cost for the social responsibility development programme.

The estimated financial information contained in this announcement has not been audited, reviewed or reported upon by the Group's external auditors.

Notice of postponement of release of annual results for the twelve months ended 31 July 2019

Shareholders are advised that the Company is in the process of finalising results for the 12 months ended 31 July 2019 which is taking longer than anticipated.

As a result, it is now expected that the audited results will be released on SENS on or before 29 November 2019.

Renewal of cautionary announcement

Further to the SENS announcement dated 12 September 2019, the Company remains under cautionary as engagements with the Gauteng Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development ("the MEC") and the Gauteng Gambling Board are still in progress.

Shareholders are advised to continue to exercise caution when dealing in the Company's securities.

*SENS announcement via [www.sharenet.co.za](http://www.sharenet.co.za) on 21 October 2019*

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2,342,450	Oratorio	85	27,558	186	21	27	25%	0	0	0%
2,308,325	Silvano	114	20,248	216	24	28	21%	0	0	0%
2,231,488	Var	98	22,770	224	24	27	24%	0	0	0%

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## STAKES DEBATE

# How Do You Like Your Stake?



The stakes reduction debate reached new levels last week. First champion trainer and Racing Association Director, Mike de Kock weighed in. Kenilworth Racing Chairman Robert Bloomberg (pictured, right) and leading international owner Fred Crabbia also had their say. Then there was the unprecedented flood of comments from readers on the Sporting Post website - [click here](#)

## How The Cape Shaped It

**Cape racing didn't escape the recent stakes rationalisation but have shown plenty of independence and initiative in structuring the sums to suit local needs.**

It's been a testing first eleven months in the hot seat for Kenilworth Racing Chairman Robert Bloomberg. When it comes to social media analogies of hospital passes and sinking ships, the specialist horseracing Attorney has been on the receiving end of some pearls.

But in the interests of stakeholder information and clarity, he was willing to chat to the Sporting Post and explain the KR Board's approach to the recent curved ball of stakes cuts. He explained that a stakes workshop was held in the Western Cape ("WC") recently, where the implications and basis of the reduction in stakes was discussed at length.

We asked if he felt that things could have been handled by Phumelela or the RA in a different way.

"The rationale behind the stake's reduction has already been dealt with by Phumelela in their press releases. I don't wish to become embroiled in controversy as to whether Phumelela and/or the RA should have prevented the stakes reduction from being implemented. It's pointless, as it is what it is. At the end of the day you're probably damned if you do and damned if you don't," he said.

Bloomberg went on to explain that Patrick Davis had the 'thankless task' of adjusting stakes across the board in Phumelela managed regions. He feels that, under the circumstances, the Phumelela Racing Executive had done 'a fine job'.

The unique circumstances of the Western Cape were always going to require some specific tweaking for local conditions and demographics.

We asked him to explain the thinking behind the variation of the other model. "It was agreed that the WC representatives would be tasked with 'massaging' the

stakes pot as would be most beneficial to our requirements, bar the general consensus reached that all Gr1 races retain a stake of a minimum of R1 million, and that all Gr2 and Gr3 3 events, with the exception of a few races such as the Gauteng Guineas, be reduced by R50k. In this regard, a WC committee comprising Jonathan Snaith, Wehann Smith, Kevin Sommerville and myself, and including Patrick (Davis), linked up to debate this. We made a few suggested changes to Patrick's draft which included the introduction in the WC of a handful of maiden handicaps in order to test the appetite of the trainers, and that he then amended accordingly."

The KR Chairman said that "the WC committee decided unanimously that they would not introduce a 1% stakes apportionment, as introduced elsewhere, for finishing positions 6 through 10, primarily for the following reasons:

The WC, following the exit of Markus Jooste, has seen a decline of around 30% in our horse population. By virtue hereof, we will not always be able to have 10 runners in a race. The upshot of this, is that the "lost" 1%'s all go into the national stakes pot. As the WC only receives 26% hereof, this in essence means that for each 1% "forfeited" we would lose 74% thereof. Add that up over the course of the season and we would lose significant stakes in the region;

35% of the WC ownership base is international and we don't believe that they would be remotely interested in receiving paltry amounts for finishing unplaced. Whilst the 62.5% paid to 1st place is one of the highest in the world, we were not averse to adjusting this 1st stake slightly to the benefit of the current 20% 2nd stake as the handicappers are often penalizing the runner-up in close proximity to the winner, yet the 2nd horse receives less than 1/3rd of the prize money. However, this has not been implemented and the status quo remains;

The WC only has 24 trainers and is dominated by 6 of those trainers to the degree that between them they train around 70% of the horses. Accordingly, the "protection"

of the "minority" would not work here as it undoubtedly would in Gauteng";

Given the reaction to the cut of the Sun Met stake by 40%, we asked why reduce the prestigious race stake to the degree that it has?

"Firstly, it must be understood that with the stakes reduction, the WC was declining from R81 to R72 million, and in making the necessary adjustments, we thus had to 'find' R9 million to 'shed.' As the sponsors of the Sun Met had substantially reduced our sponsorship implemented as of the 2019 Met, we really had no alternative but to now substantially follow suit. I will point out though that this reduction is still significantly less percentage wise than that affected by the sponsors. Further, if we hadn't taken R2 million 'off the top' here, this would have resulted in a complete decimation of the stakes in our minor races," he added.

Bloomberg suggested emphatically that the Met is SA's premier open WFA race run over 2000m and would still attract the best horses.

He further stated that the race is still one of the richest races in the country and has a stake R1 million more than the Summer Cup, arguably Gauteng's premier race notwithstanding the Champions Challenge which has also been reduced from R4 million to R3 million.

He was confident that the Cape racing operator had cut their cloth as best they could in the best interests of their stakeholders and he said that he hoped this would assist the KR board in refuting unsubstantiated contentions in various quarters that Kenilworth Racing is 'under the control' of Phumelela.

"To make it perfectly clear, Phumelela has a Management Agreement with KR. It does not control KR. It reports directly to the Board of KR which makes the operational decisions of the company. Management by its very definition involves Phumelela taking decisions in the day-to-day running of the business and yes, there have been occasions in the past, by their own admission, where they have let KR down."

## STAKES DEBATE CONTINUED

Bloomberg said that he hoped that all of our leading trainers and top horses competed in the forthcoming Cape Summer Season and that everyone was welcome.

In finality, he called on the entire industry to pull together and made a plea for “parochialism and provincialism to cease as we cannot survive in these trying times without one another.”

## Wrong, Says Fred

**Leading owner and breeder Fred Crabbia has been a major supporter of South African horseracing for over forty years. To say that he is disenchanted with the current stakes cuts and state of the game, is putting it mildly.**

The successful businessman started out racing horses with Armando Freddi at Newmarket in 1975 and has enjoyed success locally and internationally.

Despite many local graded winners, he is probably internationally best known as the owner of dual Singapore Horse Of The Year, Rocket Man, who retired in 2016 with stakes earnings in excess of \$6.7 million – the highest ever earned by a Singapore-based racehorse.

Talking to the Sporting Post last Thursday afternoon, Crabbia said that he had absolutely no doubt that the stakes reductions introduced recently would result in many owners either cutting back or calling it quits. “That’s simple logic,” he suggests.

Confirming that he was not a betting man, but a person who raced for the love of the sport and in the interests of contributing to an industry that was a major employer in South Africa, Crabbia said that any perception that even the most monied people raced to pump cash into a bottomless pit, and without the prospects of a reasonable return, were outrageous.

“I feel that the move to cut stakes is ill considered and is a sign of a lack of direction, compounded by a climate of ever-spiralling costs. Owners here have always been in a position where a contribution is almost inevitable. But when there is virtually no prospect of balancing the books, where’s the sense or fun in going backwards at the rate of knots?” he tendered.

When asked what he felt would be an alternative to the current crisis management of chipping away at stakes, he confirmed that he was not fully informed of the circumstances that had led to the

tipping point in the first place.

“It’s mostly hearsay. Bad management? Excessive salary packages? Government? Who knows? I own a lot of horses and nobody has ever come to me and said that the writing was on the wall. And something like this certainly doesn’t happen overnight. The industry is owed answers – not blame or excuses or grandstanding. And what happens next year? Is there a plan?” he asked.

The longstanding owner, and a man with an impeccable reputation and held in high regard by many of our leading trainers,

said that he would not be adding to his considerable string but would rather be looking at the international alternatives.

“A horse is often finished by the time we reach our destination under the current protracted export routes. We keep hearing about our equine exports being opened up. How long have we been listening to that story? I haven’t fallen out of love with the game – it’s just a massive disappointment and there are definitely better options in properly managed and more rewarding jurisdictions.”

## Charity Mile Final Field

**A capacity final field was declared on Tuesday for the R1 million Gr2 Charity Mile to be run at Turffontein on 2 November.**

Gavin Lerena, who won the race in 2015 in the same silks on Bouclette Top, returns to ride topweighted Buffalo Bill Cody, one of a quartet of runners from the Mike de Kock yard in the field of sixteen, plus three reserves.



Bouclette | JC Photos

SA Champion trainer Sean Tarry also has four runners, with 2018 Summer Cup champion Tilbury Fort heading his quartet, that includes exciting 4yo Zillzaal – the latter the mount of Piere Strydom and an impressive winner of his only start this term. Tarry will also field the third reserve runner, Tierra Del Fuego.

The barrier draws and charity pairings with the individual runners will be done at a private function at Emperors Palace at 10h30 on Wednesday and will be made public around lunch-time.

### Final field with draws

1	12	BUFFALO BILL CODY	(M F De Kock)	G Lerena	60.0	125
2	4	BARAHIN	(M F De Kock)	A Marcus	58.5	122
3-	6	INFAMOUS FOX	(C Dawson)	M Byleveld	58.5	122
4	18	ZOUAVES	(G V Woodruff)	M V'Rensburg	57.0	119
5	14	CAMPHORATUS	(R/S Hill)	G Wright	56.5	118
6	8	TILBURY FORT	(S G Tarry)	R Danielson	56.5	118
7	5	CASCAPEDIA	(M F De Kock)	C Murray	56.0	117
8	3	CHIIMES	(G M Alexander)	D Schwarz	56.0	117
9	1	DIVINE ODYSSEY	(J J van Vuuren)	C Maujean	56.0	117
10	15	MARCHINGONTOGETHER	(G H Van Zyl)	W Kennedy	55.5	116
11	19	NOBLE SECRET	(M F De Kock)	M Yeni	54.5	114
12	7	ZILLZAAL	(S G Tarry)	P Strydom	54.5	114
13	11	IN THE DANCE	(S G Tarry)	.....	53.0	111
14	9	PILOU	(S G Tarry)	.....	52.0	109
15	10	APPROACH CONTROL	(C Dawson)	S Khumalo	52.0	108
16	2	TRISTFUL	(A J Rivalland)	S Veale	52.0	108

### Reserve Runners

17	17	FLYING WINGER	(A G Laird)	Reserve 1	52.0	105
18	13	DOOSRA	(J J van Vuuren)	Reserve 2	2.0	109
19	16	TIERRA DEL FUEGO	(S G Tarry)	Reserve 3	52.0	103

Same Trainer: (1,2,7,11) (3,15) (6,12,13,14,19) (9,18)

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## NEWS

## The Question Begs – How?

**The late withdrawal of an accepted but technically ineligible horse from last Friday's Fairview race meeting has highlighted possible flaws in our racecard finalisation systems.**

Any scratching after final fields are declared is a negative and an inconvenience for the racing operator, punters, as well as for the connections.

When it arises through an apparent failure in the NHRA / NRB processes, then it requires a remedy.

At his previous start on 20 September 2019 at Fairview, the Emmanuel Kaknis-trained John In Flight was recorded to be stubborn loading, unruly, nervous in the stalls and apparently stood awkwardly rendering his jockey unable to mount this gelding for a period of time.

The official Starter's report at the time of John In Flight's last run stated that the gelding's starting stall certificate was withdrawn and he was suspended in terms of Rule 61.6.10 for a period of 7 days and until such time as he proves tractable loading into the stalls. Suspension dates: 21.09.19 to 27.09.19. He could not be presented for re-passing during this period. Trainer E Kaknis was advised

That's what the Stipes report said.

But it's then that the picture blurs.

At 11h47 on Friday – that's 38 minutes prior to his engagement – Stipe Deanthan Moodley called the National Racing Bureau.

The Stipes report of Friday's meeting confirms the withdrawal – no starting stalls certificate (11:47 – 18/10/2019). It is qualified by 'to be investigated'.

We contacted the trainer, who confirmed that he was telephoned by Stipe Ms Jessica Thinyane less than an hour before the race.

"It costs time, effort and money to prep a horse for a race. I also declared equipment in the morning and was fully ready to run him. I was not informed at the time of his last run that the starting certificate was withdrawn. The NHRA have all my passports, so how would I be able to check that anyway?" said Mr Kaknis.

Apparently no official of the NHRA had

informed the trainer of the withdrawal of the start certificate in September.

Should he have read the Stipes report? Maybe. But the NHRA need to maintain the order and the formal flow of information to 'offending' stakeholders.

The NHRA are in possession of the horse's passport. That in itself surely creates logistical problems and seems irregular in terms of the rules.

The trainer nominated and accepted the horse without an issue on the NRB system. Everything sailed through – which must indicate a possible absence of checks and balances and a breakdown between the NHRA and NRB.

The Stipes obviously only realised there was an issue an hour before the race. But the programme was available on Wednesday already. Does that mean they only looked at the day's racecard just prior to the meeting?

Kaknis said that, in his opinion, John In Flight's behaviour on 20 September hardly suggested that there was an issue and that he had never been troublesome previously. For the record, he is a 7yo, and he felt that the suspension of the starting certificate was uncalled for in the first place.

There has been a measure of instability in the staffing of the Eastern Cape's Stipendiary Board in recent times. Their vastly experienced Chief Stipe Mike Jones retired after 33 years service in November 2017.

Julia Keevy left the NHRA in April this year to take up a position with the Mauritius Turf Club.

Controversial former Gauteng Stipe Thulani Khanyile appears to have left the NHRA.

The appointment of Jessica Thinyane, the first female Stipe of colour in South Africa, has not been officially announced.

Earlier this month former boss Deanthan Moodley was appointed as the Chief Stipendiary Steward in Kwa-Zulu Natal with effect from 1 November 2019. At the same time, Langa Douse was appointed Chief Stipendiary Steward in the Eastern Cape with effect from 1 November 2019.

A comment was requested from the NHRA and the National Racing Bureau on Sunday. No response was forthcoming from either as we went to print on Thursday.

## Countdown To Cup



Africadia (green silks) | Candiese Marnewick

**A total of 21 entries were received last Friday for this year's R1-million Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup to be run over 1400m at Turffontein on Saturday, 2 November.**

This race is restricted to eligible graduates of the 2018 Emperor's Palace Summer Ready To Run Sales.

Two sires dominate the entries – Visionaire and Capetown Noir. Eight of the entries are by Visionaire and five by Capetown Noir.

There is a supplementary stage at 09h00 on Monday 28 October with the final declarations by 11h00 the following day.

[See the log and entries here](#)

## Summer Soon!

**The latest Gr1 Summer Cup Log shows no changes to the top 20.**

Green Haze has, however, been included in the 'next 6' after his impressive win by five lengths last Saturday in an MR 99 Handicap at Turffontein over 1800m.

As a result of this emphatic victory under 59kgs, his rating has been adjusted to 107 from 99.

Joburg's premier race will be run at Turffontein on 30 November.

**Summer Cup timeline:**

Second Entries close :

11h00 Monday 4 November

Weights : Monday 4 November 2019

Final Entries close :

11h00 Monday 18 November

Declarations by :

11h00 Tuesday 19 November

Final Field : Tuesday 19 November

Draws announced :

Wednesday 20 November

[Click here to see the log](#)

## INTERNATIONAL

## Magical 'Ultimate Racehorse'

**A full sister to Bush Hill Stud's Flying The Flag and multiple Gr1 winner Rhododendron, Galileo daughter Magical was described as 'the ultimate racehorse' by trainer Aida O'Brien following a smooth performance to justify even-money favouritism in the £1,358,750 Gr1 QIPCO Champion Stakes at Ascot on Saturday.**

Just 13 days on from a fifth-placed effort in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, 4yo Magical travelled powerfully throughout the 10-furlong contest and ran on strongly to score by three-quarters of a length, defeating the staying-on Addeybb (5/1).

This was Magical's fourth Gr1 victory and took her career earnings over £3.36 million. She might not be finished this season either, with a potential tilt at the Breeders' Cup in the offing according to the master of Ballydoyle.

O'Brien said: "Magical is an unbelievable mare. From the start of her career as a two-year-old, every time she races, she turns out.

"Every morning she wakes up with a total clean sheet, she never holds offence to nobody even if they upset her the day before. She just takes it on the chin and asks 'what do you want me to do today?'"

"Magical is the most unbelievable mare I have ever seen. Her mind is incredible. She gets a mile and a half, but I think a mile and a quarter is her ideal trip. She gets a mile and a half because of her class.

"The Arc was a strongly-run race and she has come out that and won here. She handles ease in the ground, goes on fast ground – what can you say?

"She is the ultimate racehorse – that is what she is.

Her rider Donnacha O'Brien completed an 8/1 double on the day and had earlier won the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup on Kew Gardens – like Magical, trained by his father, Aidan, and sired by Galileo.

Magical has lived up to her name over three seasons, winning Group races in each year, including landing the 2018 G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes. She finished fifth in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on her most recent start, but shrugged off the exertions for another big win today. Earlier this week a close relative of hers, a yearling filly, was sold for 1,050,000gns at Tattersalls to Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

O'Brien had earlier won the QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup on Kew Gardens – like Magical, trained by the jockey's father, Aidan, and sired by Galileo.

## SA Connection & Frankie's Milestone



**Deceased South African champion, and Triple Crown winner, Horse Chestnut (Fort Wood) confirmed his status as a top-class broodmare sire when Star Catcher justified her place as 7/4 favourite for the £550,000 Gr1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes with a gritty victory at Ascot on Saturday.**

The winner bred by Hascombe And Valiant Studs, and is a daughter of Sea The Stars out of Horse Chestnut mare Lynnwood Chase.

Star Catcher's triumph was quick consolation for trainer John Gosden and jockey Frankie Dettori who were beaten by the narrowest margin of a nose in the preceding race, the Gr2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup, when Stradivarius lost out to Kew Gardens.

Thirty-five minutes later they were the narrow winners as Star Catcher beat Delphinia (20/1) and Sun Maiden (25/1) by a short head and one length. Gosden's other runner, Oaks winner Anapurna, finished 11th of the 12 runners after holding a good early position.

Sun Catcher's owner/breeder Anthony Oppenheimer, who also raced and bred Derby winner Golden Horn, said his filly would remain in training next year, and added: "We're all thrilled. We were very worried about the ground before the race and didn't think she would go in it, but she has a lot of courage and really pulled on that. It was fantastic effort by her, the trainer and the jockey."

Gosden said: "It was extraordinary to see three fillies fighting it out together, but she was determined to get her head in front and you cannot doubt her courage. She's a wonderful filly and now she can have a winter off.

"She won the Prix Vermeille on fast ground, she won in Ireland on quick ground and now she's won on heavy. The inner track is better than the outer track, but we've had a lot of rain. It's a gorgeous day and these wonderful horses are running, and so far we've had three incredible races.

For Frankie Dettori, in a perfect world it would have happened on Enable at Longchamp 13 days earlier, but he did not have long to wait for his 250th Gr1 winner and Star Catcher, on whom he has also won an Irish Oaks and a Prix Vermeille, was not a bad substitute.

He said: "Star Catcher has never stopped improving but once Delphinia couldn't get away from her she found her second wind and managed to get her head in front in the last 100 yards. It was hard work in the straight but the last shower made a big difference as it's borderline heavy, and she doesn't mind it.

"I am still a bit sour about Stradivarius, but the ground is a lot worse than we thought. I am pleased this filly won. Like you said, from crying to smiling in half an hour! She's lovely, she's tough, and I think she is going to stay in training. She is a wonderful filly and provided me with my 250th Gr1. I love her."

Star Catcher was Dettori's 17th Gr1 winner in a stellar year.

## Short Heads

# One Bullet

Umberto Rispoli climbed off the Hong Kong premiership bottom rung with a first win of the season on Sunday, leaving Lyle Hewitson, Ben So, Alex Lai and the injured Victor Wong the only jockeys without a win this term. Rispoli noted the difficulties for Hong Kong's riders in the Joao Moreira-Zac Purton era: "Almost all the time I do what the trainer asks of me but you only have one bullet in the gun so you have to use it- otherwise the big boys take the ride away."



# STRANGLEHOLD

The final Gr1 race of the British Flat season, the Vertem Futurity Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday, will be one horse away from a private sweepstake for Aidan O'Brien's Ballydoyle stable after the trainer was responsible for 11 of the 12 runners left in the race at Monday's five-day stage. This appears to be record dominance of a Gr1! O'Brien has won the Vertem Futurity, which was run for many years as the Racing Post Trophy, nine times and will equal Sir Henry Cecil's record if he can saddle the winner for the third year running.

# Skin Deep?

It was supposed to be a procession for Beauty Generation at Sha Tin on Sunday but, as Enable and more recently Stradivarius, showed there is no such thing as a certainty in racing. Sent off a short-priced favourite in the Gr2 Oriental Watch Sha Tin Trophy Handicap to make it 11 wins in a row, and 17 overall in Hong Kong, Beauty Generation had no answer to the finishing flourish of Rise High and runner-up Waikuku, so suffering his first defeat since April 2018.

# Dad's Back

Former Cape Champion jockey Aldo Domeyer arrives back from Hong Kong on Friday. His son Elijah (3kgs) was born on Tuesday. Congrats to him and Shana and the whole Fortune family. Word is that Aldo has been retained by Drakenstein Stud and is likely to be here for three months.

# Another Speaker

Irish champion Pathfork produced three good winners over the weekend and on Monday his 3yo daughter Verbarium, a full-sister to East Cape champion Madame Speaker, romped to a seven length win over 1200m. Trained by part-owner Alan Greeff, Verbarium was bred by Hermanus- based veteran Stanley Bennett.

# Vardy In Work

Last season's impressive Gr3 Winter Classic winner Vardy (128) is likely to follow the well-worn route of the Green Point Stakes into the L'Ormarin's Queen's Plate and Sun Met this summer. The 4yo son of Var has not been seen out since comprehensively downing recent Matchem Stakes winner One World in the classic back in May. He had a small knee chip removed and is back in work.



Chase Liebenberg

# Mind Your P's & Q's

You can't say what you like! Comments made by trainer Lola Crawford during a telephonic conversation with a staff member of the NHRA, where she conducted herself in a manner which might have had the effect of bringing into disrepute the good name of the CEO of the National Horseracing Authority of SA, saw her fined R2500 which was wholly suspended for a period of eighteen months on condition she is not found guilty of a contravention of Rule 72.1.26 during that period.



# Notebooker

Veringetorix daughter, the Mike de Kock trained Tallinn, made it three from three at Turffontein on Saturday and looks set to be tested in feature waters. Bred by Maine Chance Farms, the 3yo filly showed her class when stretching clear, under jockey Callan Murray, to post a facile 3.25 length over some promising male rivals in a MR 91 handicap for 3yo's. Out of the Pivotal mare Tumbelini, Tallinn was a R225 000 buy from the 2018 Cape Premier Yearling Sale.

# Have Your Say

The Cape Breeders Club will be holding a meeting with Vee Moodley and Hazel Kaviya from the NHRA on 21 November 2019 at Durbanville Racecourse. The meeting will start at 10h30. All should make a concerted effort to attend this meeting. RSVP: secretary@capebreeders.co.za before 16 November 2019.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Meydan's Back!

Racing at Meydan returns this evening when, for the very first time, the world-famous racecourse hosts the initial meeting of the UAE season, kicking off the 2019-20 campaign with a six-race card.

The entire sextet will be contested over the same dirt surface as March's Gr1 \$12 million Dubai World Cup sponsored by Emirates Airline, which is also the sponsor of the entirety of the opening night meeting.

The evening is highlighted by two AED 185,000 handicaps, but the most anticipated race is arguably the first of the season, the Emirates Holidays, a 2-year-old maiden event over 1200m for the classic generation of 2020 that features seven aspiring juveniles.

Won last year by Phoenix Ladies Syndicate's Ahmad bin Harmash-trained eventual 2000 Guineas Trial winner Walking Thunder, this year's edition is led by the same connections' Mambo Mischief, a son of one of the top dirt sires in the world, Into Mischief, who was purchased for \$150,000 at the OBS April sale in Ocala, Florida.

Also creating some buzz is Cosmo Kramer, from the same connections that provided 2017 Al Bastakiya winner Cosmo Charlie, who will have the services of Pat Dobbs for trainer Doug Watson. The Munnings colt is a son of Puerto Rican champion Gabbywitha G.

"He tired when trialling, but went well enough," Watson said. "We have been pleased with him since and it will be interesting to see how he goes, but he looks really well."

Also lining up will be His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Nicholas Bachalard-trained Laa Baas, a well-intended Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale purchase in April who will be ridden by Tadhg O'Shea, the new stable rider for Jebel Ali.

[See full report and racecard here](#)

## The Cox Journey

**Mystic Journey may not be quite as much of a Cox Plate headline horse as she was a couple of months ago but jockey Anthony Darmanin has declared she is still the one to beat.**

The A\$5 million Gr1 Cox Plate will be run at Moonee Valley on Saturday at 07h55 our time and will be broadcast live on Tellytrack (Dstv 239).

As she reeled off a seven-race winning streak, Mystic Journey is the talk of the town as bookmakers trimmed Australia's great hope in for the great race.

She has drifted out as a lot of the Mystic Journey talk has been replaced by whispers of the Japanese horse, Lys Gracieux, which is the \$3.80 favourite on [TAB.com.au](http://TAB.com.au)

Lys Gracieux is the clear favourite and punters have warmed to her even more since another Japanese galloper, Mer De Glace, won last week's Caulfield Cup.

Mystic Journey has been beaten twice in recent times – in the Gr1 Makybe Diva Stakes and the Gr1 Turnbull Stakes.

But Racenet report that Darmanin pointed to clear excuses in the Adam Trinder-trained mare's last run, when fifth behind Kings Will Dream, and also queried how Lys Gracieux would fare around The Valley for the first time in a race.

"I still feel Mystic Journey is the horse to beat," Darmanin declared.

"The Japanese horse is a very nice horse but coming to Australia for the first time and going around Moonee Valley, will it suit her, I don't know?"

Read more on [www.sportingpost.co.za](http://www.sportingpost.co.za)

## CARTIER Pure Magic!



**Magical's battling victory in the Gr1 QIPCO Champion Stakes has seen the supremely consistent four-year-old increase her points advantage in the both the Cartier Horse Of The Year and Cartier Older Horse categories for this year's Cartier Racing Awards.**

The daughter of Galileo became only the sixth horse to annex both the Irish and British Champion Stakes in the same season when gamely beating Addeybb by three-quarters of a length in the highlight of QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot last Saturday.

All three horses to have completed the Champion Stakes double since the Cartier Racing Awards were established in 1991 have received accolades at the glittering ceremony, although remarkably none were crowned Cartier Horse Of The Year. Almanzor (2016) and New Approach (2008) both received the Cartier Three-Year-Old Colt accolades, while Pilsudski was crowned Cartier Older Horse in 1997.

Magical also captured the Gr1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh, Ireland, in May and has posted tremendous efforts in defeat behind two other leading Cartier Horse Of The Year contenders this year.

The Coolmore-owned filly was runner-up to Crystal Ocean (112) in the Gr1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot and filled the same position when chasing home outstanding mare Enable (152) in both the G1 Coral-Eclipse and Gr1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks.

Enable also had Magical behind her as the duo finished second and fifth respectively behind Waldgeist (120) in the Gr1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, France, in October.

*Public voting opened Wednesday and closes at noon, UK time, on November 5.*

## INTERNATIONAL

## Grant's First HK Gr2

**Trainer Danny Shum is counting down the days to the Gr1 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint on 8 December after Seasons Bloom swooped under Grant van Niekerk to snare a thrilling victory in the Gr2 Premier Bowl Handicap at Sha Tin on Sunday.**

Shum could have two strong candidates for the HK\$20 million showcase seven weeks from now, with the stable's rising star Regency Legend being pointed that way too.

"I didn't run Regency Legend in this race today because I'll run him in the (Gr2) Jockey Club Sprint on 17 November. Seasons Bloom won't run in that race, I'll keep him fresh and hopefully both will meet in the Hong Kong Sprint in December," the handler said.

Seasons Bloom had closed nicely for second place behind Regency Legend in a 1200m Class 1 on 1 September, after which Shum stuck to a 'patience first' agenda and gave his classy charge seven weeks to arrive at today's test in prime condition. This was his first success since a career peak win in the January 2018 G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m).

"I've kept him fresh, that's important for this horse," Shum said. "We had a detailed plan with the owner. We know we can't beat Beauty Generation over 1600 metres, he's a super champion, so we planned to run him in the HKSAR Chief Executive's Cup over 1200 (metres) on the first day of the season and he ran a good race, so we aimed him at this."

The handler also acknowledged the importance of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's facility at Conghua, where Seasons Bloom has been based since December last year.

"Conghua has helped him a lot," he said. "It's all about keeping this horse fresh and keeping him happy – the environment there is good for him, he loves it and my team there has done a great job with him."

Rattan (132lb) made the running in the first Gr2 race of the Hong Kong season as the 2.3 favourite Full Of Beauty (120lb) settled fourth, just ahead of Pakistan Star (131lb) and Wishful Thinker (127lb). Seasons Bloom parked on the rail with Ivictory (133lb) on his left flank and only fresh air behind.

Van Niekerk shifted Seasons Bloom to mid track upon straightening for the wire but was still last with 250m to race as Full Of Beauty wrestled to get ahead of the longtime leader. No sooner had Joao Moreira's mount edged to the fore than Seasons Bloom hit full stride and whistled by to land a short-head verdict in 1m 08.83s, clocking the all-time second fastest closing 400m over the distance with a split of 21.14s.

"I just played the patient game and it paid off," Van Niekerk said. "Coming around the turn I didn't think I had any sort of chance because of the pace and I was stuck on the rail and I couldn't pull out and go early but then my horse showed a great turn-of-foot that last 100 metres."

The win was Van Niekerk's first Gr2 score in Hong Kong, his only other Pattern race success being aboard Flying Thunder in last season's G3 Premier Cup Handicap.

"It's very nice to win a race like this, I always knew I had a chance coming to the race and this is a big moment. Hopefully I can just keep going now," he said before going on to seal a double with the Ricky Yiu-trained Emerald Spur in the Class 4 H. Moser & Cie. Excellent Handicap

## Say Yes To Everest!

**Yes Yes Yes emerged as one of the world's hottest stallion prospects with a record breaking win in Saturday's A\$14 million The Everest at Randwick.**

The only three-year-old in the field, Yes Yes Yes beat the finest line up of sprinters the world had to offer, sizzling to a track record breaking win in the world's richest race on turf.

One of the last horses to gain a slot in the race, Yes Yes Yes did his stable proud bursting clear at the furlong marker and then holding out his rivals for a soft win at the post.

Big race jockey Glen Boss was almost lost for words after winning the rich dash – putting the "buzz" up there with his third straight Melbourne Cup win aboard champion mare Makybe Diva.

"I can't believe what is going through my body right now," Boss said moments after the win.

"The feeling is just so electric. Thanks to Chris Waller for putting his faith in me. There's so many people to thank."

Yes Yes Yes raced in the slot of Chris Waller Racing and the master horseman was thrilled with the track record breaking win.

"It was a big decision to make," Waller said of selecting Yes Yes Yes for his slot. "You've got a big international stud (Coolmore) in the horse who have backed my judgement and also the owners of the horse backing my judgement and also the slot holders."

Yes Yes Yes was purchased for connections by leading Queensland based bloodstock agent John Foote for \$200,000 at last year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Following his win today the lightly raced Yes Yes Yes sent his earnings rocketing to over \$7 million.

He was presented at the Gold Coast by respected New South Wales vendor Kitchwin Hills on behalf of breeder Brett Bradley from Arlington Park Racing.

The young sprint star is a son of Rubick, also a Gold Coast Yearling Sale purchase. He is from a Fantastic Light half sister to Hot as Hell. Yes Yes Yes is a half brother to the stakes performed mare Dee Nine Elle, yet another Magic Millions sold star.





## PERSONALITY

# Full Of The Monty!

Simon d'Unienville

The name Monty Roberts needs little introduction in the world of racehorse training. And one of his newest protégés, Simon Marrier d'Unienville, is already making his mark in his hometown of Midrand, Gauteng.

In little over a month of working at the Randjesfontein Training Centre, Simon is already known as the 'go to guy' for racehorse problems, counting top trainers Sean Tarry and Dianne Stenger among his new clients.

"The response from the trainers has been phenomenal," said Simon. "At the moment I have more horses lined up than I know what do with. The problems vary from horses not jumping at the gates, to youngsters too wild for the riders to start, to those that need sedation to be shod. I assess each horse I'm asked to work with, create a training plan, and work session-by-session to help them overcome their fear."

Simon has spent the past three and a half years studying under world-renowned 'Horse Whisperer' Monty Roberts and his team of Certified Instructors from across the globe.

"Many people call it horse whispering or 'natural horsemanship' but we don't use the term. As Mr Roberts says, 'what's natural about saddling and riding a horse?' so we rather say non-violent horsemanship or gentle, effective horsemanship. We use an understanding of psychology and Equus, the horses' natural communication system, to build a willing, trusting partnership with the horse – allowing us to work through any remedial issues they may have," he said.

Growing up in Durban as the son of an immigrant Mauritian father, Simon says horseracing was part of his weekly life from as early as he can remember.

"Mauritians love their horseracing and there wasn't a time in my life when my dad wasn't off down to the Tote to place his bets and watch the races. Some of my family was involved in the industry so we spent a lot of time at Summerveld."

Simon played polocrosse in high school but left horses behind when he began a career with a civil engineering firm that involved extensive travel around Southern Africa.

In 2016, after having the opportunity to have horses back in his life, Simon made a decision to pursue becoming a Monty Roberts Instructor and working with horses full time. Determined to be the fastest qualifying instructor, Simon was certified in August 2018 and has dedicated his new career to making a difference in the lives of people through the healing power of horses.

When he's not working with remedial racehorses, Simon runs a non-profit, Horses 4 Hope, which holds regular equine-assisted workshops for at-risk youth.



## SIMON D'UNIENVILLE

"I'm one of 14 Lead-Up® Instructors world-wide which is a Monty Roberts programme that's been scientifically proven to reduce violence in vulnerable youths," he said. "We work with teenage orphans from our local Child Welfare and other NPOs. It's wonderful to give back and help make a difference in the lives of these kids, while introducing them to horses at the same time. I'm committed to reducing violence against both horses and humans."

At the age of 41, Simon is proving it's never too late to change your career and still make an impact.

"Mr Roberts is such an inspiration. He's twice my age and still touring the world, doing demonstrations and working with difficult horses. And he'll be the first one to tell you he's still learning. Learning from and working with him has been the greatest honour of my life. Tens of thousands of horses owe their continued career, and mere existence, to him and his methods. He gave me the inspiration and courage I needed to completely change my career. The Roberts are amazing people and becoming a certified instructor makes you part of their extended family. Their encouragement and support, and that of my family, have gotten me where I am today. And I am grateful for every moment I spend doing what I love," he added.

One of Simon's key areas of focus is in training more South Africans in Monty Roberts' methods.

"It's almost always not a horse problem, it's a people problem," he laughs.

"Mr Roberts says the most important piece of equipment in horsemanship are the hands that hold it. And if I can teach the hands to be gentle, I'll have a lot less work for myself." And Simon's assistant, Bianca van Vuuren, is one of the first students in training in South Africa to become a certified instructor.

In addition to holding Monty Roberts certification courses, Simon has created a two-day groom training programme which he hopes to start implementing at Randjesfontein and other training yards in the near future.

"The work riders, grooms and jockeys I work with are thirsty for knowledge and open to new ways of doing things. When I work with a remedial horse I don't just work with the horse, I work with their trainer, rider(s) and grooms too, helping them understand the cause of, and solution to, the problem. And I believe all jockeys, work riders and grooms should undergo a short horse psychology course in addition to their vocational training. By understanding how horses think and why they act the way they do, they could avoid creating the problems in the first place."

"I read in Sporting Post a couple of weeks back that one of the head grooms at a Cape training facility had been to a Monty Roberts demo and calls him a 'magician'. And it's true. What we [Monty Roberts trainers] can achieve in such a short time is truly remarkable. But unlike magicians, none of what we do is an illusion or a guarded secret," he added.

When asked what she thought of Simon's work with her horses so far, Dianne Stenger said: "In my time as a trainer – that's over 30 years- I have yet to encounter so talented an individual, nor a person more knowledgeable in this field. He is a truly phenomenal horseman." Find out more - visit [www.equiville.co.za](http://www.equiville.co.za)

## A Man Who Listens...

Now in his eighties, Monty Roberts still travels the world demonstrating gentle, more effective ways to train horses and people together.

"I have been fortunate to receive an MVO distinction from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and we maintain a friendship since 1989, when she first requested I demonstrate my methods with her horses. The MSPCA honoured me with George T. Angell Humanitarian Award, of which I am very proud."

His autobiography 'The Man Who Listens to Horses' has sold six million copies which still astonishes him, he says. "It seems to have touched a chord with people who know that horses and people are experiencing violence and seek better ways to communicate."

Monty was born in the saddle, first riding in front of my mother as she taught students to ride. But it was his Dad who was the influence.

"My father trained horses in the traditional way, 6000 years of methods handed down generationally, often violent and rarely fair to the horse. He expected me to follow in his footsteps and so I was also violently disciplined in the only way he knew how, through pain and force. I vowed to seek better methods for my horses," he says.

## Hollywoodbets Sponsor Sharks

Two iconic brands

**Hollywoodbets were unveiled on Wednesday as The Sharks new associate sponsor, on a three-year deal.**

The roots of these two iconic brands may be firmly entrenched in KwaZulu-Natal but through a pioneering spirit and strong vision, both brands have been able to achieve a solid national footprint.

This partnership will further enable the two companies to enhance their brands and build on their successes, through innovative campaigns that seek to benefit both parties.

Commenting on the partnership, The Sharks CEO, Eduard Coetzee said: "We are thrilled to welcome Hollywoodbets to the Sharks family. Our community is important to us and it is fantastic that we are able to partner with like-minded brands, such as Hollywoodbets, who share our values and commitment of giving back and supporting our own.

"We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship that seeks to push boundaries and elevate both brands to a new level."

Brand and Communications Manager at Hollywoodbets, Devin Heffer, says the Hollywoodbets team can't wait to sink their teeth into this new opportunity. [Read more here](#)



**The full cards for Weekend Racing with ratings & tips can be purchased [here](#)**

HERE &amp; ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITE LAW

# The Pivotal Principle

**There appears to be no end to the success story that is Cheveley Park's veteran, twenty year old sire Pivotal (Polar Falcon).**

The last significant heir to the Nureyev male line has had another superb year as a sire, sire of sires and broodmare sire, with Pivotal descendants making their mark in no uncertain terms at Champions Day at Ascot on Saturday.

His outstanding daughter, and triple G1 winner, Halfway To Heaven (dam of triple Gr1 winner Rhododendron and KZN sire Flying The Flag) is the dam of the remarkably filly Magical, who claimed the fourth Gr1 win of her career when landing Saturday's Gr1 Qipco Champion Stakes- beating Pivotal gelding Addeybb into second place in the process.

One of the best fillies of her generation, Magical took her earnings to over 3.3 million pounds with her courageous win on Saturday. Pivotal daughters have dominated the Champion Stakes in recent years, with Pivotal's maternal grandson Cracksman (Frankel) winning the race in 2017 and 2018.

## Masterful

Pivotal is also broodmare sire of One Master (Fastnet Rock), who was beaten a length into second place in Saturday's Gr1 Qipco British Champions Sprint Stakes- Pivotal's G1 winning son Brando was fourth- while his underrated sire son Farhh produced Saturday's Gr1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes winner King Of Change. One Master's Gr3 Molecomb Stakes winning dam Enticing is also granddam of Saturday's G3 Killavullan Stakes winner Stela Star (Epaulette).

King Of Change, who accounted for former Met runner up Last Winter (Western Winter) when victorious in the Listed Chase- more Farm Fortune Stakes, had finished second earlier in the year in the Gr1 Qipco 2000 Guineas.

Pivotal's name appears in the pedigrees of three of the first four home in Saturday's Gr1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. His Gr1 St James's Palace Stakes winning son Excellent Art is broodmare sire of QE II Stakes runner up The Revenant, while Pivotal is damsire of fourth place finisher Veracious (Frankel).

## Farrh Away

King Of Change's Gr1 Lockinge Stakes/Champion Stakes winning sire Farhh has had a good year, with his stakes winners this year including group winners King Of Change, Move Swiftly, and Dee Ex Bee. Farrh has a total of eight stakes winners, from just 33 runners, with his other notable performers including Nocturnal Fox and Wells Farrh Go.

Another Pivotal son to shine this year is Siyouni, with the former Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner responsible for six group winners in 2019, including Gr1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Sottsass. One of the best sires currently standing in France, Siyouni has a number of high-class 2yos this season including group winners Al Raya and Devil, as well as Gr1 Natalma Stakes runner-up Walk In Marrakesh.



Pivotal

Pivotal has had another solid year, with the former Nunthorpe Stakes winner having supplied six stakes winners, including Australian based multiple Gr1 winner Avilius and Gr1 Prix Saint Alary winner Siyarafina.

To date, the son of Polar Falcon- he is head and shoulders his sire's best sire son- has been responsible for a total of 150 stakes winners, with his offspring headed by 30 individual Gr1 winners.

## Broodmare Bomb

As brilliant a sire as Pivotal has been, he is showing signs of becoming, if anything, an even better broodmare sire. In 2019 alone, Pivotal mares have been responsible for eight Gr1 winners, namely Hermosa, Magical, One Master, Fairyland, Love, Advertise, Veracious and Defoe.

Pivotal mares have, thus, been responsible for the winners of all of the 1000 Guineas, Irish 1000 Guineas, Champion Stakes, Irish Champion Stakes, Prix de la Foret, Flying Five Stakes, Moyglare Stud Stakes, Tattersalls Gold Cup, Prix Maurice de Gheest, Commonwealth Cup, Falmouth Stakes and Coronation Cup this year alone.

Pivotal's French 2000 Guineas winning son Falco also made news over the past weekend, with his daughter Xenobia landing the Gr3 Athenia Stakes at Belmont Park.

Remarkably, Pivotal enjoyed even greater success in 2018, when his broodmare daughters supplied 10 individual Gr1 winners.

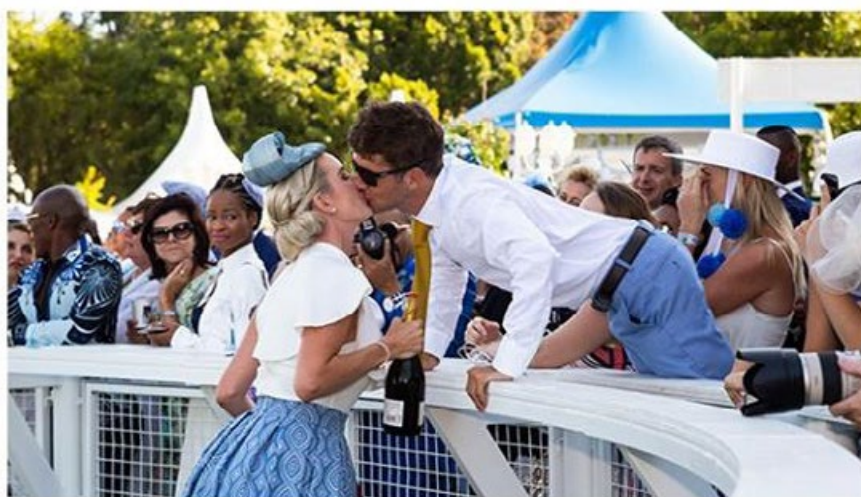
His daughters have fared particularly well when mated to both Galileo and his unbeaten son Frankel, with Galileo the sire of all of Magical, Rhododendron, The United States and Hermosa, and Frankel sire of G1 winners Cracksman and Veracious out of Pivotal daughters.



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# Adam Aims High

**Last season's impressive Gr3 Winter Classic winner Vardy (128) is likely to follow the well-worn route of the Green Point Stakes into the L'Ormarin's Queen's Plate and Sun Met this summer.**

The 4yo son of Var has not been seen out since comprehensively downing recent Matchem Stakes winner One World in the classic back in May.

The Gr2 Green Point Stakes is a support feature to the Gr1 Cape Fillies Guineas, which is run at Kenilworth on Saturday 14 December. The Queen's Plate will be run on 11 January, while the Met is scheduled for 1 February 2020.

A winner from 1200m to 1800m, Vardy has been out of action since the Winter Classi. In the interim he has had a small chip removed from a knee.

In an interview with Fiona Ramsden on Sunday evening's Breeding To Win Show, trainer Adam Marcus said his still immature charge had been back in work for 'a couple of weeks'.

"Physically he is a better horse than he was in the winter season. I'm looking forward to the season ahead," said Marcus, who added he had a small but exciting string at his disposal, but was very aware of the fact that it looked to be a vintage year with last season's stars a high-class bunch.

He mentioned Snaith's dual July winner Do It Again as a horse to respect.

Vardy is a R400 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate. Lightly raced, he has won 4 races with 3 places from 7 starts, with earnings over R1,1 million.

Bred by the Tawny Syndicate, Vardy is out of the unraced Jet Master mare Cupid and Marcus said he was thrilled have his stable star's 2yo Dynasty brother also in training at his Milnerton base.

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## NEW FOALS



# New foals

colt

**Duke Of Marmalade ex Princess Chloe**

born 10 October 2019

## Rod's Heart

Longstanding owner Rod Mattheyse has high hopes for his star Listed Sophomore Sprint winner Three Two Charlie who lines up in the Gr3 Cape Classic at Kenilworth on Saturday.

And he, together with his partners, is now celebrating the birth of another colt at Anton Shepherd's Beaumont Stud, nestled at the foot of the Du Toit's Kloof, near Paarl.

The Duke Of Marmalade colt, pictured above at just one day old, is out of the Captain Al Mare Princess Chloe

A two-time winner up to 1300m and with 3 places from only 8 starts, Princess Chloe is out of the stakes winner Joshua's Princess – a daughter of Joshua Dancer. A versatile sort, Joshua's Princess won five races from 1200m to 2400m, including the Odessa Stud Fillies Championship, the KZN Fillies Guineas, the Gold Circle Oaks and the East Cape Fillies Nursery.

Rod tells us that Princess Chloe was bought in foal at the Cape Mare Sale this year.

"Thankfully Anton Shepherd had the good wisdom to leave her purchase up to me after having 'shot his bolt' earlier in the sale buying like a man possessed with a stolen credit card!" he laughs, adding that the white markings on the colt's face look like a heart or a check mark.

"So potential names could be Dukes Heart or Duke Ticks The Box."



filly

**Silvano x River Jetez**

born 26 September 2019

## River Of Dreams

The internationally acknowledged home of fine wines and fast horses, breeders of a generation of champions Avontuur have welcomed what looks to be another vintage crop in their scenic nursery on the R44 between Stellenbosch and Somerset West.

The latest is a magnificently bred filly by multiple champion Silvano, and a fifth foal of Jet Master's Met-winning champion daughter River Jetez.

Avontuur GM Pippa Mickleburgh said she was 'a beauty and a very exciting prospect'.

River Jetez, a year younger full sister to champion Pocket Power, scored 11 wins locally and internationally, racing until she was seven years of age.

Her impressive list of wins include the Gr1 J&B Met, Gr2 Gold Circle Oaks, Gr2 Astrapak 1900, Gr2 Gold Bracelet, Gr2 Balanchine Stakes, Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes and the Listed Victress Stakes.

The globetrotting filly placed 24 times, including the Gr1 Dubai Duty Free, twice in the Gr1 Singapore Airlines International Cup, twice in the Gr1 TBA Paddock Stakes, and the Gr1 Beverly D Stakes in America.

Maine Chance Farms' resident stallion Silvano notched up his fourth South African General Sires Title in 2018/19, with the triple Gr1 winning son of Lomitas ending the recently concluded season R3 899 062 clear of runner up Captain Al.

The evergreen stalwart has now topped the South African general sires list the last three years in a row.



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## RACING

## 17 Wins For O's Daughter

Avontuur's triple G1 winning sire Oratorio, whose progeny have been firing on all cylinders, made international news on Sunday, when his remarkable seven-year-old daughter Silver Wolf captured the Gyeongham Governor's Cup at Busan.

Bred in Australia, Silver Wolf made it win number 17 when she captured Sunday's Gyeongham Governor's Cup by a length and a quarter.

The durable mare has now won or finished second or third in 24 of her 33 starts.

Her sire Oratorio, who was Champion Sire in Italy in both 2012 and 2013, also enjoyed success here over the weekend, with his classy daughter, and East Cape Oaks runner up, Snapscan romping home to a 1.25 length win over 1600m at Durbanville on Saturday, and son Horoscope Harry winning for a second time, in just three starts, at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Sunday.

## Path To Breeders' Cup

**Cape champion Pathfork is a half-brother to top US three-year-old War Of Will, who is one of 11 horses pre-entered for the 2019 Gr1 Longines Breeders' Cup Classic.**

Due to be run at Santa Anita on 2 November, the Breeders' Cup Classic has attracted some of North America's top horses with other entries including fellow G1 winners Code Of Honor, Elate, Higher Power, McKinzie, Seeking The Soul, Vino Rosso and Yoshida.

Trained by Mark Casse, War Of Will has won four of 13 outings, with his victories including a triumph in the 2019 G1 Preakness Stakes and he was third in the Gr1 Pennsylvania Derby last time out.

## Jack On Track!

Treble Gr1 winning Ridgemont Highlands stallion Jackson produced three winners on Saturday.

The sire of exciting filly, and leading Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship hope Pretty Young Thing, Jackson had a pair of winners at Turffontein on Saturday, while his son Khopesh won at Durbanville on the same day.

Jackson son Pure State won the Turffontein first race, while daughter Targaryen Queen was victorious in the Gauteng venue's fourth race.

One of the best sons of deceased star sire Dynasty, and from the family of Smart Strike, Sky Classic and Soft Falling Rain, Jackson has two colts on offer at the 2019 CTS Ready To Run Sale.

## SCORE CARD

How horses performed in South Africa's black type races, expressed in points based on the kind of races and how far behind the winner they finished.

A [full explanation](#) of the point system and the complete list of point earners is on the [Sporting Post website](#).

### TOP SCORERS for 2019/2020

(updated to 20 October 2019)

horse	age sex	points	races
Prince Of Kahal	5 c	50	1
Vistula	4 f	30	1
One World	4 c	25	1
Infamous Fox	5 c	24	1
Chijmes	4 c	24	1
Zouaves	6 c	23	1
Chimichuri Run	4 c	21	1
GIN Fizz	3 f	12	1

## Wainstein On Stakes



Larry Wainstein

The longstanding Racing Association CEO Larry Wainstein has not been vocal in the public domain on the stakes issue since

a meeting at Kenilworth Racecourse last month that probably created more uncertainty and confusion.

Julie Alexander interviewed him on the Breeding To Win show on Sunday evening.

[Watch the chat here](#)

## Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
23Oct	230	230	215	306,070
22Oct	230	240	230	168,215
21Oct	231	245	230	209,678
18Oct	240	245	240	5,300
17Oct	245	245	216	21,512
16Oct	221	245	218	137,433
15Oct	249	249	218	31,012
14Oct	235	235	215	1,400
11Oct	235	235	235	0
10Oct	235	235	220	31,503
09Oct	235	235	220	15,100
08Oct	235	249	235	985,911
07Oct	235	250	234	567,278
04Oct	235	235	230	108,902
03Oct	235	250	225	10,803
02Oct	225	245	220	59,372
01Oct	250	250	245	53,587
30Sep	250	250	240	20,236



## BLUE-BLOODED BLUEPRINT!

### Heavenly Blue

(Snitzel – Simply Carina by El Prado)

- Gr1 winner
- First son of multiple champion Snitzel at stud in SA
- Dam - daughter of US champion El Prado & multiple Gr1 winning mare

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## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**GREYVILLE (turf)****Sunday, 20 October**

Course Variant: 0,11s slow

No rain fell in the lead up to this meeting and with 20mm of irrigation added to the track the penetrometer read 22, and the going was posted as Good. There was a strong east south easterly tail wind of around 39km/h, and there was no false rail.

**Michaelmas Handicap (Listed) R150,000****Right On Cue**

Trainer Gavin van Zyl produced the Black Minnaloushe gelding Blackball in fighting trim after a 19 week break when the 5yo picked up a first stakes success with an authoritative victory in Sunday's R150 000 Listed Michaelmas Handicap at Holly-woodbets Greyville.

Easy to back at 6's, the SP weekend cover star and half-brother to the ill-fated SA Derby runner-up Rocketball from the same yard, produced a sustained finish to record a meritorious victory.

Trainer Gavin van Zyl labelled Rocketball a 'proper horse' and said that getting hampered and knocked about in his last start had derailed plans.

"Richard Fourie got off last time and said he should have won. He pulled up with a bit of wear and tear there. So we rested him. He is an honest and solid horse and I'm glad he has bounced back so well. Hopefully he can build on this. We haven't seen the best of him," said the former jockey.

The lead in the 1900m turf feature changed just off of halfway with Calvin Habib taking the fancied White Lightning up to lead after Silver Rose was adjudged to be doing things a bit easy up front. Into the home run, the disappointing White Lightning stopped and fell away to nothing as Warren Kennedy sent Blackball on his way.

The gelding strode clear to beat Gareth van Zyl's Paths Of Victory(16-1) by 1,75 lengths in a time of 114,69 secs. Wealthy (22-1), coming in off a blank effort in the Gold Cup, ran on well for third a further 0,75 lengths.

A 2016 Val De Vie Yearling Sale graduate, the Shirluck Stud-bred Blackball is a 5yo gelded son of Black Minnaloushe (Storm Cat) out of the twice-winning Kabool mare, Kite Runner.

Having registered a first stakes success here, Blackball has won a total of 5 races with 8 places from 26 starts for stakes of R516 300.

**Michaelmas Handicap (Listed) 1900m**

Winner Blackball raced 5th; led 250m; won well

Runner up Paths Of Victory 2nd best handicapped; raced third; outpaced by winner; beaten 1,75 lengths

Third Wealthy lost 1 length at the start; raced in the rear; ran on; beaten 2 lengths

**Time:** After a slow start the pace got quicker as they went along, and this did prove to be the fastest of the three 1900m races. We gave the runner up (prev 98/99/98/90/93) 93 which makes the winner (prev 81/94/96/96/103) 103 and the third (prev 84/78/92/94/79) 95

D 781	1	0.00	<b>BLACKBALL</b>	(1)	58.0	W Kennedy	113/20
5 b g			Black Minnaloushe - Kite Runner (Kabool)				
D 844	2	1.75	<b>PATHS OF VICTORY</b>	(2)	55.0	L J Ferraris	16/1
4 b g			Noble Tune - Victory Garden (Solskjaer)				
D 900	3	2.00	<b>WEALTHY</b>	(6)	56.0	S Veale	22/1
7 b g			Silvano - Wealth (Badger Land)				
D 151	4	4.00	Silver Rose	(8)	60.0	G Wright	15/2
D 843	5	4.50	The Dazzler	(5)	61.0	C Murray	9/2
D 151	6	4.60	Our Coys	(4)	52.0	M Yeni	47/20
D 159	7	5.70	Arianos Shadow	(3)	53.0	K De Melo	12/1
D 153	8	8.30	White Lightning	(7)	53.0	C Habib	113/20

**Time:** 114.69s (60.36s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 108%  
**1st** T:G v Zyl **O:**Messrs E A Budlender, Pieter Brown, P R Rencken & Team G Racing (Nom: Mr G H van Zyl) **B:**Shirluck Stud

**Blackball To 107**

**Blackball has had his rating raised from 103 to 107 following his fluent success in the Michaelmas Handicap (L) over 1900m at Greyville (turf) on Sunday, 20 October.**

The NHRA Handicappers opted to rate this race the lowest way as some of the competitors were returning from lay-offs and deemed to be more effective over further distances.

Consequentially 2nd placed Paths Of Victory was used as the line horse and as such his rating remains unchanged as does that of 3rd placed Wealthy, who was only a neck further adrift of the runner-up.

Three horses have been given a drop in their ratings following this race. Our Coys goes from 89 to 88, Arianos Shadow drops from 95 to 93, and White Lightning drops to 92 after running off a rating of 95.

White Lightning's rating had in fact been dropped to 94 following his latest start a fortnight earlier, but the Michaelmas Handicap weights had already been issued at that point so his slightly reduced rating did not take effect for this event.

· Press release published by the NHRA on Monday 21 October 2019

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**Features To Come**

Fri 25 Oct	<b>(L) Racing Association St</b> 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 26 Oct	<b>Gr2 WC Fillies Champi.</b> 1400m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr3 Cape Classic</b> 1400m Kenilworth
Sun 27 Oct	<b>(L) Betting World Algoa Cup</b> 2000m Fairview (T)
Sat 2 Nov	<b>Gr2 Peermont Emperors Palace Charity Mile</b> 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Yellowwood Hcp</b> (F&M) 1800m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes</b> (3yo's) 1400m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Starling S.</b> (3yoF) 1400m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Golden Loom Hcp</b> 1000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Java Handicap</b> 2450m Turffontein (S)
Sun 3 Nov	<b>(L) Model Man Mile</b> 1600m Greyville (T)
Sat 9 Nov	<b>(L) Laisserfaire S.</b> (F&M) 1100m Kenilworth
	<b>Woolavington Stakes</b> 2400m Kenilworth
	<b>Gr3 Victory Moon Stakes</b> 1800m Vaal
	<b>(L) Gardenia Hcp</b> (F&M) 1000m Vaal



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ARQANA

Multiple Gr1 winners Canford Cliffs and Duke Of Marmalade, who stand at Ridgemont Highlands and Drakenstein Stud respectively, both made headlines as broodmare sires on Tuesday's opening session of the 2019 Arqana October Yearling Sale.

Duke Of Marmalade's daughter Chasing Ice had a No Nay Never colt (# 62) fetch €300 000 to the bid of Arthur Hoyeau, who signed on behalf of Coolmore. He will go to Aidan O'Brien.

Canford Cliffs, who, like Duke Of Marmalade, won five G1 races during his career, is broodmare sire of a filly who made €200 000 to Mandore Agency/Sunderland Holding.

Consigned by Haras d'Etream, The filly (# 44) is out of Canford Cliffs' Prix Six Perfections winning daughter Aktoria and traces back directly in female line to the great producer Stilvi.

The sale ends on Friday. See all the sale results here

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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 20 October 2019

trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
PA Peter	212	32	15%	44	21%	30%	23	11%	104	49%	3,065,225	14,459
SG Tarry	208	35	17%	50	24%	38%	19	9%	99	48%	3,030,950	14,572
J Snaith	247	31	13%	51	21%	31%	34	14%	122	49%	2,701,125	10,936
AC Greeff	229	36	16%	53	23%	30%	29	13%	113	49%	2,595,288	11,333
BJ Crawford	149	29	19%	27	18%	41%	17	11%	79	53%	2,331,900	15,650
MF de Kock	134	21	16%	38	28%	34%	15	11%	65	49%	2,007,725	14,983
Y Bremner	200	21	11%	26	13%	31%	28	14%	96	48%	1,869,625	9,348
GB Puller	106	16	15%	17	16%	35%	12	11%	48	45%	1,492,875	14,084
GD Smith	246	18	7%	13	5%	31%	19	8%	76	31%	1,433,325	5,827
GS Kotzen	140	15	11%	8	6%	63%	21	15%	55	39%	1,352,400	9,660
GM Alexander	93	15	16%	12	13%	50%	10	11%	39	42%	1,219,925	13,117
PF Matchett	123	14	11%	8	7%	25%	10	8%	48	39%	1,175,550	9,557
JAJ v Vuuren	100	12	12%	14	14%	43%	12	12%	42	42%	1,148,925	11,489
G v Zyl	76	12	16%	16	21%	44%	7	9%	37	49%	1,111,375	14,623
SD Gray	102	10	10%	7	7%	29%	11	11%	43	42%	1,095,850	10,744
VH Marshall	92	14	15%	10	11%	40%	7	8%	41	45%	1,061,600	11,539
AG Laird	64	10	16%	11	17%	45%	12	19%	34	53%	1,052,325	16,443
A Nel	100	9	9%	11	11%	9%	12	12%	48	48%	1,016,800	10,168
RR Magner	95	7	7%	7	7%	29%	9	9%	39	41%	1,003,475	10,563
DR Drier	92	10	11%	15	16%	53%	6	7%	36	39%	971,150	10,556
D Nieuwenhuizen	70	9	13%	5	7%	40%	10	14%	35	50%	921,850	13,169
DS Bosch	63	12	19%	7	11%	57%	4	6%	26	41%	915,600	14,533
D Kannemeyer	75	8	11%	17	23%	18%	16	21%	35	47%	865,800	11,544
SB Kotzen	132	10	8%	7	5%	29%	8	6%	53	40%	809,050	6,129
DA Sham	75	9	12%	3	4%	33%	7	9%	33	44%	791,550	10,554
M Houdalakis	80	8	10%	10	13%	30%	8	10%	33	41%	781,925	9,774

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

SEASON 2019/2020 • 1 August - 20 October 2019

jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
W Kennedy	417	72	17%	90	22%	40%	53	13%	224	54%	6,432,200	15,425
M Yeni	501	53	11%	78	16%	22%	73	15%	238	48%	5,096,725	10,173
G Cheyne	204	47	23%	60	29%	37%	22	11%	114	56%	3,211,113	15,741
R Fourie	141	35	25%	56	40%	36%	21	15%	94	67%	2,499,300	17,726
R Danielson	163	32	20%	45	28%	38%	21	13%	84	52%	2,654,400	16,285
R Munger	325	28	9%	26	8%	19%	30	9%	138	42%	2,465,888	7,587
C Murray	146	28	19%	35	24%	37%	12	8%	71	49%	2,246,650	15,388
C Maujean	231	27	12%	21	9%	52%	24	10%	111	48%	2,425,625	10,501
S Khumalo	188	25	13%	21	11%	29%	33	18%	102	54%	2,650,200	14,097
D Schwarz	139	20	14%	16	12%	56%	12	9%	61	44%	1,842,700	13,257
K De Melo	145	18	12%	34	23%	26%	26	18%	71	49%	1,845,350	12,727
N Klink	116	16	14%	15	13%	40%	13	11%	54	47%	1,016,425	8,762
C F Dicken	117	16	14%	5	4%	20%	10	9%	50	43%	1,347,350	11,516
S Veale	133	15	11%	19	14%	47%	11	8%	55	41%	1,461,550	10,989
L J Ferraris	159	15	9%	16	10%	25%	17	11%	65	41%	1,590,475	10,003
D Dillon	153	14	9%	14	9%	43%	16	10%	74	48%	1,569,175	10,256
L Mxothwa	154	14	9%	10	6%	40%	17	11%	64	42%	1,224,075	7,949
M Byleveld	128	13	10%	11	9%	55%	10	8%	55	43%	1,158,538	9,051
S Randolph	134	11	8%	10	7%	30%	16	12%	62	46%	1,233,500	9,205
X Ndlovu	74	10	14%	8	11%	13%	8	11%	32	43%	739,875	9,998
M v Rensburg	136	10	7%	12	9%	17%	16	12%	50	37%	1,039,375	7,642
M Winnaar	69	10	14%	4	6%	75%	12	17%	34	49%	818,975	11,869
S Moodley	91	10	11%	4	4%	50%	5	5%	26	29%	830,775	9,129
C Habib	176	10	6%	8	5%	13%	14	8%	55	31%	1,052,350	5,979
D R Lerena	72	10	14%	7	10%	57%	1	1%	22	31%	471,250	6,545
T Juglall	111	10	9%	7	6%	29%	9	8%	29	26%	645,925	5,819
K Matsunyane	143	10	7%	18	13%	17%	9	6%	50	35%	793,025	5,546
S Brown	109	9	8%	2	2%	100%	4	4%	41	38%	819,325	7,517



Chase Liebenberg

Anton Marcus is back in the saddle

**He's Back**

Four-time champion jockey Anton Marcus makes a welcome return to the saddle at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Friday evening after a ten week absence. Following a remarkable season where he maintained a 30% win strike rate and rode 6 Gr1 winners, he had an operation to have a plate removed from his wrist, and tendon cut away from

his elbow. He also rides at Kenilworth on Saturday, where he partners Pretty Young Thing in the Gr2 Western Cape Fillies Championship for his sponsors, Ridgemont.

**Cup Chase**

Jacques Strydom was the last man to train a local winner of the Algoa Cup – Surfin' USA ridden by his older brother Piere in 2009. On Sunday history weighs heavily on his shoulders – he saddles Onesie and Frikkie in a bid to wrest the historic cup away from the visitors. After studies, Jacques worked for Brett Warren and



Jacques Strydom is keen to wear a onesie on Sunday!

CL van Niekerk in Joburg for a year before returning to PE to rejoin Dad Hekkie. In 1995 he was employed by Alan Greeff for a six-year stint as his assistant before he took out his own licence.

**Rich Form**

The 39 year old Billy Jacobson, aka 'The Riding Machine' from his Mauritius days, rode a cracker to win the second at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Wednesday on the Gary Rich-trained

longshot, Stormy Miss. It was a second win in as many meetings for the combination, who teamed up with Clouds Of Witness at the same venue



Candiese Marnewick

Billy Jacobson and Gary Rich – duo have turned the corner



on Sunday. Billy has adopted the Warren Kennedy philosophy – 'have baby, have motivation!' He mentioned his son Cooper as his driving force and inspiration. Well done Billy.

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## Older Males Still Dominate

... but some interesting 3yo's in the waiting room – we'll know soon!

MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
110	Sir Frenchie	5	Choisir	bred in Australia	11Oct	1	Cnd	1400	Fairview	111/110/-/-/-
107	Charles	4	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	19Oct	1	Cnd	1400	Durbanville	85/107/-/103/105/
106	Twist Of Fate	4	Master Of My Fate	Favour Stud	19Oct	5	Cnd	1400	Durbanville	102/111/114/113/-/
105	Graduate	5	Oratorio	PLV Mickleburgh	16Oct	1	MR88	1400	Greyville	95/105/-/-/-
105	Rebel's Champ	5	Rebel King	Nine Bridges Association	8Oct	5	Cnd	1000	Turffontein	113/-/-/-/-
103	Sacred Arrow	4	What A Winter	Gary Player Stud	19Oct	2	Cnd	1400	Durbanville	89/103/-/-/-
103	Warrior's Rest	5	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	19Oct	1	MR104	1200	Turffontein	103/101/92/95/-/
101	Kimberley Star	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	11Oct	2	Cnd	1400	Fairview	101/101/-/93/61/
100	Majestic Mozart	4	Dynasty	Highlands	19Oct	4	Cnd	1400	Durbanville	59/102/95/-/87/
99	Sergeant Hardy	6	Captain Al	Normandy Stud	12Oct	6	Cnd	1250	Durbanville	120/103/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
98	Pretty Young Thing	3	Jackson	Highlands	12Oct	1	Cndfm	1250	Durbanville	98/90/-/-/-
95	In The Dance	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	10Oct	1	Cndfm	1200	Vaal	95/100/-/-/-
95	Madame Speaker	4	Pathfork	SE Bennett	18Oct	1	Cndfm	1400	Fairview	94/103/-/-/-
94	Roll In The Hay	3	Gimmethgreenlight	Nadson Park Stud	9Oct	2	MR86f	1000	Durbanville	94/90/-/-/-
92	Seemyvision	3	Visionaire	Summerhill Stud	10Oct	2	Cndfm	1200	Vaal	92/-/-/-/-
92	Silent Crusade	4	Crusade	B Le Roux	13Oct	1	Cnd	1400	Greyville	86/95/-/-/-
91	True Charm	3	Captain Al	Ascot Stud	19Oct	1	MR80	1000	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-
90	Cockney Pride	3	Querari	Ambiance Stud	12Oct	2	Cnd	1200	Turffontein	90/101/-/-/-
90	Ouro	5	Toreador	Bush Hill Stud	10Oct	3	Cndfm	1200	Vaal	91/85/-/-/-
89	Rille	3	Flower Alley	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	9Oct	5	MR78f	1400	Durbanville	77/89/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
119	Soqrat	4	Epaulette	bred in Australia	12Oct	1	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	91/119/117/-/-
113	Head Honcho	6	Querari	La Plaisance Stud	15Oct	1	Cnd	1800	Durbanville	81/110/113/121/-/
108	Tap O' Noth	5	Captain Al	AN Foster	15Oct	3	Cnd	1800	Durbanville	-/105/110/108/-/
106	Dawn Assault	6	Call To Combat	Graystone Stud	10Oct	1	Cnd	2400	Vaal	59/92/106/106/106/
105	Green Haze	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Lammerskraal Stud	19Oct	1	MR99	1800	Turffontein	94/96/105/-/-
104	Capoeira	4	Oratorio	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	15Oct	2	Cnd	1800	Durbanville	59/83/104/102/-/
103	Barahin	4	Gimmethgreenlight	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	12Oct	5	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	87/103/111/105/-/
103	Like A Panther	5	Captain Al	Klawervlei Stud	12Oct	2	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	-/103/104/101/88/
103	Blackball	5	Black Minnaloushe	Shirluck Stud	20Oct	1	MR107	1900	Greyville	84/98/103/103/83/
103	Roy Had Enough	5	Pierro	bred in Australia	12Oct	4	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	80/111/108/105/103/

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
98	Talitha Borealis	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	19Oct	7	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	86/98/90/90/-/
98	Star Fighter	4	Argonaut	Dream World Investments	19Oct	3	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	66/98/-/84/-/
98	Princess Irene	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Drakenstein Stud	19Oct	2	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	63/98/84/96/93/
96	O' Keeffe	6	Gimmethgreenlight	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	20Oct	3	MR92f	1900	Greyville	58/86/96/90/-/
94	Rouge Allure	6	Kahal	Summerhill Stud	12Oct	5	MR100	1600	Turffontein	96/96/72/63/-/
93	Duchess Of Bourbon	4	Duke Of Marmalade	Golden Touch Thoroughbred Serv	19Oct	6	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	68/93/-/89/-/
93	Castellano	3	Querari	Ambiance Stud	19Oct	5	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	77/93/-/-/-
92	Snapsan	4	Oratorio	Drakenstein Stud	19Oct	1	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	85/92/-/95/97/
91	Miss Plumcake	4	Byword	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	19Oct	4	Cndfm	1600	Durbanville	69/92/-/-/-
90	Stelvio	5	Pathfork	JM Goodman & Cyan Equine	20Oct	1	MR92f	1900	Greyville	79/88/90/79/-/

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
95	Battle Of Alesia	3	Vercingetorix	Haversham Stud	8Oct	3	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	-/95/-/-/-
93	Eden Roc	3	Var	Varsfontein Stud	12Oct	5	Cnd	1200	Turffontein	107/100/-/-/-
91	Donderweer	3	Soft Falling Rain	Pecan Hill Stud Farm	12Oct	1	Cnd	1200	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-
90	Snow Report	3	What A Winter	Limestone Thoroughbred Trust	12Oct	7	Cnd	1250	Durbanville	90/88/-/-/-
88	Kilindini	3	Silvano	Varsfontein Stud	12Oct	1	MP	1400	Durbanville	78/88/-/-/-
88	Riverstown	3	Byword	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	8Oct	4	MR80	1600	Turffontein	-/88/-/-/-
87	All The Way Up	3	Master Of My Fate	Ditro Bloodstock	13Oct	5	Cnd	1400	Greyville	76/87/-/-/-
87	Dublin Quays	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	12Oct	3	Cnd	1200	Turffontein	89/-/-/-/-
86	Wild Coast	3	Trippi	Drakenstein Stud	19Oct	1	MR79	1400	Durbanville	82/86/-/-/-
85	Rio Querari	3	Querari	Normandy Stud	9Oct	1	MR81	1250	Durbanville	89/-/-/-/-

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91	True Charm	3	Captain Al	Ascot Stud	19Oct	1	MR80	1000	Turffontein	91/-/-/-/-
90	Cockney Pride	3	Querari	Ambiance Stud	12Oct	2	Cnd	1200	Turffontein	90/101/-/-/-
89	League Of Her Own	3	Miesque's Approval	Scott Bros	12Oct	1	MR80f	1200	Turffontein	89/-/-/-/-
89	Rille	3	Flower Alley	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	9Oct	5	MR78f	1400	Durbanville	77/89/-/-/-
89	Impressive Duchess	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Favour Stud	19Oct	1	MR76f	1200	Turffontein	89/-/-/-/-
88	Electric Surge	3	Querari	Maine Chance	13Oct	2	Cnd3f	1600	Greyville	73/88/-/-/-

# SIGNPOSTS

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### CAPE TOWN NOIR (Western Winter)

Brunilda 3g (Sully's Landing by Jet Master)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(25/10\)](#)

Brandina 3g (Bedouin by Var)

[Fairview 7 Racing Association Stakes \(3yo's\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(25/10\)](#)

Scarborough Fair 3g (Olympic Affair by Tamburlaine)

[Fairview 7 Racing Association Stakes \(3yo's\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(25/10\)](#)

### CAPTAIN OF ALL (Captain Al)

Royal Splurge 3g (Judbury by Judpot)

[Greyville 5 Qualified Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(25/10\)](#)

Golden Tractor 3g (Sausalito Bay by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 8 MR 90 Handicap 1000m \(26/10\)](#)

Allmyloving 3g (Julia's World by Sportsworld)

[Turffontein 9 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1000m \(26/10\)](#)

Self Assured 3g (Username by Trippi)

[Fairview 9 MR 84 Handicap \(Turf\) 1000m \(27/10\)](#)

### FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor)

Parahelio Alley 3g (Pounce by Right Approach)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(25/10\)](#)

My Blue Safari 3g (Promise Me by Labeeb)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(25/10\)](#)

Shadows Knight 3g (Hear The Rain by Jet Master)

[Turffontein 5 Graduation Plate 1450m \(26/10\)](#)

Marygold 3g (Glenrossal by Anytime)

[Turffontein 8 MR 76 Handicap \(F&M\) 1450m \(26/10\)](#)

### KINGSBARN (Galileo)

Sir Michael 3g (Archerfield by Arch)

[Kenilworth 5 MR 90 Handicap 1600m \(26/10\)](#)

King Of Gems 3g (Sapphire Gem by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Cape Classic \(3yo's\) 1400m \(26/10\)](#)

Casino Queen 3g (Monte Carlo Girl by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr2 Fillies Championship \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(26/10\)](#)

### LINGARI (Indian Ridge)

Magari 3g (Magic Potion by Malhub)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1000m \(25/10\)](#)

Trial Run 3g (Dummy Run by Mogok)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate 1400m \(25/10\)](#)

Kubzella 3g (Enchanted Bay by Fort Beluga)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate \(3yo\) 1600m \(26/10\)](#)

### SOFT FALLING RAIN (National Assembly)

Liquid Sunshine 3g (Fame Academy by Elliodor)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1200m \(25/10\)](#)

Floreana 3g (Isabella Island by Western Winter)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(25/10\)](#)

Gin Fizz 3g (Espumanti by Dansili)

[Turffontein 5 Graduation Plate 1450m \(26/10\)](#)

World Radar 3g (Advance Warning by Strike Smartly)

[Kenilworth 7 Gr2 Fillies Championship \(3yo Fillies\) 1400m \(26/10\)](#)

Aemiliano 3g (Taj Mahal Trip by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 8 MR 90 Handicap 1000m \(26/10\)](#)

Floreana 3g (Isabella Island by Western Winter)

[Fairview 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(27/10\)](#)

### TIME THIEF (Redoute's Choice)

Another Secret 3g (Spring Orchid by Badger's Drift)

[Greyville 2 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1000m \(25/10\)](#)

Congo Compaq 3g (District Six by Mujadil)

[Kenilworth 4 Maiden Plate \(3yo's\) 1600m \(26/10\)](#)

Macthief 3g (Yellow Card by Trippi)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Cape Classic \(3yo's\) 1400m \(26/10\)](#)

Sir Caleb 3g (Servilia by Caesour)

[Fairview 9 MR 84 Handicap \(Turf\) 1000m \(27/10\)](#)

### VERCINGETORIX (Silvano)

Hooves Of Troy 3g (Secret Magok by Mogok)

[Fairview 7 Racing Association Stakes \(3yo's\)\(Listed\) 1600m \(25/10\)](#)

Nevil Mu 3g (Clear Gold by Royal Academy)

[Kenilworth 1 Workriders Maiden Plate 1000m \(26/10\)](#)

Padre Pio 3g (Polar Jet by Jet Master)

[Kenilworth 6 Gr3 Cape Classic \(3yo's\) 1400m \(26/10\)](#)

### WYLIE HALL (Redoute's Choice)

Whisky Tango 3g (Akinfeet by Fort Wood)

[Fairview 3 Maiden Plate \(F&M\) 1400m \(25/10\)](#)

## Notable Maiden Winners

### VERCINGETORIX

Rated AR 77 Mabella (3f Minwa by Not For Sale)

*Work rider's Maiden Plate Vaal (classic) (1200m) (17/10)*

Making her debut here, Mike De Kock's charge was always in the red. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, Mabella raced in the backend of midfield early on. Once given rein though she quickly made headway, and won going away by four and a half after striking the front 200m out.

### JACKSON

Rated AR 81 Pure State (3c Trip To Eden by Trippi)

*Maiden Plate Turffontein (inner) (1450m) (19/10)*

A running-on third in his only previous racecourse appearance, Sean Tarry's charge clearly appreciated the extra here. Soon up handy, Pure State only had to be pushed out to beat the fancied Blue Spark by a length and three quarters.

### PATHFORK

Rated AR 81 Verbarium (3g Word Perfect by National Assembly)

*Maiden Plate Fairview (poly) (1200m) (21/10)*

Backed into the red on debut here, this full brother to Madame Speaker (who has 7 wins & 10 places from 17 starts) was taken straight to the front and led throughout. He was always in command and only having to be pushed out, he cruised in by seven lengths.

## SIGNPOSTS CONTINUED

## Horses To Follow

### TRIPPI

Rated AR 107 Charles (4g Demanding Lady by Dynasty)

*Pinnacle Stakes Durbanville (1400m) (19/10)*

Very useful as a 3yo last season, he was having his first outing since being gelded here. Positioned in midfield as they came off the bend, Brett Crawford's charge quickened in good style down the long home straight and won in good style going away.

### IDEAL WORLD

Rated AR 87 Mount Laurel (3f Far Hills by Fort Wood)

*MR99 Handicap Turffontein (inner) (3yo fillies) (1450m) (19/10)*

Now unbeaten in three starts, Gary Alexander's charge has shown good improvement with each step up in distance. She quickened well at the top of the short home straight and won going away after striking the front 300m from home.

### VERCINGETORIX

Rated AR 88 Tallinn (3f Tumbelini by Pivotal)

*MR91 Handicap Turffontein (inner) (3yo's) (1450m) (19/10)*

Sent off a well-supported favourite, Mike De Kock's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. She put her head in front 400m out, and went on to score with authority by three and a quarter. The filly is now unbeaten in three starts and should have more to come.

## Is Your Horse One To Follow?

Check the **Notable Maiden Winners & Horses for the Notebook** on this page

- see how promising the Sporting Post **ability ratings (AR)** say they are.

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## SPORTS AND BETTING

## English Premier League

Liverpool vs Tottenham | Sunday 27 October | Anfield (18:30)



Premier League leaders Liverpool will be looking to return to winning ways when they host an out-of-form Tottenham on Sunday. Jurgen Klopp's title hopefuls dropped

their first points of the campaign last weekend in a 1-1 draw at Manchester United, while Tottenham's miserable form continued as they failed to beat winless Watford at home, battling to a 1-1 stalemate.

To catch up with Chad Nagel previews [CLICK HERE](#)

### TO WIN

Liverpool 5/10

Draw 7/2

Tottenham 5/1

### LIVERPOOL

Liverpool were left disappointed last weekend as they drew 1-1 with Manchester United at Old Trafford. The result ended the Reds' 100 percent start to the Premier League season – and their 17-match winning streak – while their lead at the top of the table was cut from eight points to six.

For me, Marcus Rashford's goal should have been disallowed as the challenge by Victor Lindelof on Divock Origi was clearly a foul. However, performance-wise Liverpool were awful and lucky to preserve their unbeaten start to the season. But you could also say that the fact that Klopp's men still avoided defeat while playing poorly proves they have what it takes to win the Premier League.

### TOTTENHAM

Tottenham are in free-fall right now and the fans have become frustrated with the way the side have been playing this season. The North Londoners have won just one of their previous seven games after battling to a 1-1 draw at home to rock-bottom Watford last weekend, with Pochettino's side needing an 86th minute equaliser from Dele Alli – his first since January – to avoid another embarrassing defeat. Spurs were in disarray prior to the international break, shipping 10 goals in two games in defeats to Bayern Munich in the Champions League and Brighton in the Premier League. Pochettino is under pressure for the first time in his tenure with some calling for him to go.

### Probable line-ups:

Liverpool: 4-3-3

Alisson; Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Robertson; Fabinho, Wijnaldum, Henderson; Salah, Firmino, Mane.

Tottenham: 4-2-2-2

Gazzaniga; Aurier, Alderweireld, Vertonghen, Rose; Ndombele, Winks; Eriksen, Alli; Son, Kane.

**PREDICTION:** Matchbet & Both Teams to Score – Liverpool & Yes **(15/10)**

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Here We Go Again

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEED RATINGS

## Falsely Sprinting Home

Hollywoodbets Greyville 13 October

With the penetrometer reading 21, and a 35km/h south westerly tail wind on Sunday, the course was running fast.

Three of the afternoon's eight races were staged over 1000m and in the quickest of these, a MR68 Handicap, COYOTE GIRL registered her second career victory. Sent off joint favourite at 7/2, this daughter of Var was a little slow into stride when the gates opened and as a result raced in the rear. Once in the short home straight though she quickened best of all, and won going away by a length and three quarters after striking the front 200m out.

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1400m where the faster of the two was the progress plate won by the 13/10 favourite SILENT CRUSADE. She got away well when the gates opened and soon up handy raced prominent throughout. She ran on strongly when the event developed into a sprint early in the straight and in a race where less than two and a quarter lengths separated the first seven home, she got the verdict by a half.

The non-black type Beach Beauty Mile topped the bill and in what proved to be another very false paced affair MARY O gained her second win from just four starts. There was no pace early on and allowed to dictate, the Oratorio filly held a soft two lengths advantage. She kept on strongly in the straight and just held on by the narrowest of margins from the much improved ELECTRIC SURGE.

**Titbits** Having only her second career outing here, ODE was finishing best of all when a half-length runner up in the opening maiden plate over 1000m.

## Smart Hat-Trick For Glen

Durbanville 15 October

Beaten less than a length when third in the prestigious Gr1 Sun Met nine months ago, HEAD HONCHO was very well weighted on his seasonal debut in the pinnacle stakes over 1800m here. Not surprisingly

taken straight to the front by Richard Fourie, the odds on favourite set off at a good clip and soon had the field well strung out. He was challenged strongly by his stable companion CAPOEIRA halfway down the straight and that one did strike the front 200m from home. Once headed though, Head Honcho duly found extra, and after regaining the lead 50m out, won going away.

The MR82 Handicap was the fastest of the three 1000m races that got proceedings underway and here victory went to the front running SKIDOO. Holding just a narrow lead in what was a very tightly bunched field entering the straight, the What A Winter gelding kept on doggedly over the final 600m and held on to score by three quarters from the hat-trick seeking BELLINGHAM BAY.

They also ran three races over 1600m and in the fastest of these, a MR82 Handicap, the 3yo son of Captain Al, HEXATONIC gained his second win. Another to race from the front, Glen Kotzen's charge also held a narrow lead for most of the journey before asserting his authority over the final 200m to score by a length and three quarters.

**Titbits** Highly regarded by his trainer, the heavily supported DYNASTIC LIGHT won the maiden plate over 1600m easing down by three and a half.

## Ready To Graduate

Hollywoodbets Greyville 16 October

The MR88 Handicap was not surprisingly the faster of the two 1400m races that opened up the poly track card on Wednesday and here we saw a smart performance from the 5yo Oratorio gelding GRADUATE. Nicely positioned in fourth coming off the bend, Denis Bosch's charge took up the running going through the 300m, and only having to be pushed out in the closing stages of the race, won with authority by two.

Two 1200m races followed and in the faster of these, a maiden plate, the Brett Crawford trained KINGSTON ROCK opened

Last Week's Top Rated  
SPEED RATINGS winners incl.

Snapsan .....	won 26/10
Khopesh .....	won 5/2
How And Why .....	won 21/10
Winter Is Over .....	won 21/10
Wild Coast .....	won 15/10
Aye Aye .....	won 3/4

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (3) Scottish Ally 14
<b>Race 2: (12) Calandra 22 (NAP*)</b>
Race 3: (9) Evermore 19
Race 4: (7) Born A Bully 50
Race 5: (4) Easybyfar 42
Race 6: (2) Dutch Philip 82
Race 7: (1) Foreign Source 55
Race 8: (11) Rock The Cot 40

### HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (2) Live By Night 19
Race 2: (3) Royal View 17
Race 3: (5) Calvary 71
Race 4: (5) Railtrip 52
Race 5: (1) La Duchesse 13
Race 6: (1) Lanark 46
Race 7: (3) Sauvage 33
Race 8: (1) Academy Award 15

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Inside Politics 15
Race 2: (5) Cairon 30
Race 3: (2) Eightfolds Lass 44
Race 4: (7) Mighty Valdie 48
Race 5: (1) Glider Pilot 75
Race 6: (10) Hartleyfour 44
Race 7: (11) The Sands 64
Race 8: (7) The Sash 47
Race 9: (1) The Fifth Wave 44

### DURBANVILLE (SAT)

Race 1: (7) Cyber Blossom 26
Race 2: (4) Golden Ducat 21
Race 3: (1) O Sole Mio 21
Race 4: (9) Track Attack 18
Race 5: (1) Vikram 59
Race 6: (4) Macthief 59
Race 7: (6) Athalia 52
Race 8: (1) Cabo Da Cruz 55

### FAIRVIEW (SUN)

Race 1: (1) Little Drummer Boy 35
Race 2: (5) World Squared 17
Race 3: (3) Alphabet Street 42
<b>Race 4: (4) Chakri 64 (EW)</b>
Race 5: (7) Jungle Fairy 43
Race 6: (13) Reach For The Line 71
Race 7: (15) Ollivander 72
Race 8: (3) Dynamic Diana 88
Race 9: (10) Alamito Bay 56

### Nap bets

\* Fancied \*\* Strongly fancied  
\*\*\* Very strongly fancied

**Notebook** *Horses worth following at their next few starts...*

**DYNASTIC LIGHT** (G Kotzen, W-Cape)  
**TIGERMIL** (S Tarry, Gauteng)



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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

his account. Soon positioned close to the speed, the Bold Silvano gelding put his head in front 300m out and kept on strongly late to beat the running on SOLICITOR GENERAL by three quarters.

The bulk of the remainder of the races were staged over 1600m where the fastest of the three was the bill topping MR92 Handicap won by the column's top rated runner SHE'S A DREAM. Nibbled at on course into 11/2 from 7's, the lightly weighted Kahal mare was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead as they approached the 200m marker and comfortably accounted for the in-form CONNECT ME by a length and a half.

**Titbits** Sent off as one of the rank outsiders of the eight horse party at 22/1, the sparingly raced Jay Peg mare MISSY J came from the rear when getting up late to win the MR67 Handicap over 1200m going away.

## Not The Right Time

Vaal 17 October

Other than the first and the last, my clock suggests that the official timing left a lot to be desired at the classic track on Thursday.

All of races were maiden plates for workriders. Two 1000m events were first up and in the faster of these, the boy's affair, the 3yo ANATOLIO opened his account. Sent off second in the betting market at 9/2, Ashley Fortune's charge was soon positioned up with the speed. He had gone three lengths clear going through the 400m and kept on strongly in the closing stages of the race to beat the running on TITELIST by two and a quarter.

Making a very smart debut in what proved to be the faster of the two 1200m events was the Mike De Kock trained newcomer MABELLA. Always in the red despite being pitched in against mainly colts, the daughter of Vercingetorix lost two lengths at the start and raced in the backend of midfield. Once given rein though she quickened well, and won going away by four and

a half after striking the front 200m from home.

In terms of distance, the easiest victory on the card was recorded by CELESTE when getting off the mark in the 1450m event. Always available at around 5/1, Paul Peter's charge led throughout. She began to assert her authority as they approached the 400m marker and went on to score with authority by five and a half.

**Titbits** A low flying runner up in her only previous racecourse appearance, TIGERMIL again caught the eye when opening her account over 1000m. Racing very green, Sean Tarry's charge won quite a bit more easily than the official winning margin of 0,9 lengths might suggest.

## Ups And Downs

Fairview 18 October

They raced on the poly track on Friday where the only distance to stage more than one race was 1600m. The MR67 Handicap was the faster of the two and here victory went to the Alan Greeff trained ROCK ALOE. Always top of the boards despite easing out to 7/2 before the off, the Flower Alley gelding was always handy. He ran on strongly in the short home straight and in a race where less than 2,5 lengths covered all of the ten runners at the wire, he got up in the very last stride. Well thought of by his trainer, Rock Aloe has now won two from three.

A maiden plate over 1300m had gotten proceedings under way and here we saw a comfortable victory for the visiting LASATA. Backed into the red during the morning, Vaughan Marshall's charge was soon positioned close to the speed. He put his head in front going through the 300m and won well from the improving DIVINE LAW by a length and a quarter.

A conditions stakes over 2200m topped the bill and here a bit of an upset was to be had when the best bet on the card for many, MERYL got rolled. At the back when the six runners turned for home, Alan

Greeff's charge ran on strongly over the final 400m, but failed by a quarter to get to her stable companion DEILA'S DELIGHT (raced 5th early – led 300m).

**Titbits** In the rear turning for home, the 14/10 favourite CALANDRA didn't find the clearest of passages in the straight, and was flying at the finish when third in the maiden plate over 1600m.

## FASTEST TIMES

(Number of races run in each category shown in brackets)  
\* Times taken by Clockwatcher

### GREYVILLE 13 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,31s fast	
1000m (3) Coyote Girl	57,62
1200m (1) Gwendolyn	71,14
1400m (2) Silent Crusade	82,18
1600m (1) Mary O	97,48
1900m (1) Self-Mastery	119,36

### DURBANVILLE 14 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,47s fast	
1000m (3) Skidoo	57,97
1250m (1) Ikebana	75,13
1600m (3) Hexatonic	97,37
1800m (1) Head Honcho	107,34

### GREYVILLE ((POLY) 16 OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 1,37s slow	
1000m (1) Zadora	58,92
1200m (2) Kingston Rock	72,43
1400m (2) Graduate	83,59
1600m (3) She's A Dream	96,20

### VAAI (CLASSIC) 17 OCTOBER

Penetrometer 21 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,06s slow	
1000m (2) Anatolio	56,47*
1200m (2) Mabella	69,00*
1450m (1) Celeste	86,06*
1600m (1) Ice Lord	96,37*
1800m (1) Doubled Over	110,65
2400m (1) Out Of Your League	150,10

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 18 OCTOBER

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,21s slow	
1000m (1) Barbarella Nights	57,53
1200m (1) Flame Of Fire	70,16
1300m (1) Lasata	76,28
1400m (1) Madame Speaker	81,54
1600m (2) Rock Aloe	97,31
1900m (1) Mahir	115,93
2200m (1) Deila's Delight	138,43

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