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## RACING THIS WEEKEND

**FAIRVIEW** Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R5-(1)Epic Storm(1/1)

**GREYVILLE POLY** Friday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R3-(3) Di Mazzio (4/1)

**KENILWORTH** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R8-(1)Kasimir (16/10)

**TURFFONTEIN** Saturday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R1-(1) UFO (3/1)

**GREYVILLE POLY** Sunday  
Best Roving Banker:  
R5-(1) Sea Venture (12/10)

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The concept of Barrier Trials are now a well established way of racing life in KwaZulu-Natal and have been in operation for fifteen months. But is the tool as helpful to Joe Punter as we are led to believe?

Barrier Trials are mandatory for first-timers and horses rested 150 days or more who wish to race in KZN.

Despite resistance from certain quarters that they are really an expensive gimmick in trying times- and merely provide a nice gallop in a horse's training programme- they have stood the test of short time and have outlived the expectations of many who thought they'd fizzle and die.

In November last year the National Horseracing Authority's Arnold Hyde confirmed the introduction of drug testing for trialists – against some resistance from certain participants.

"We are trying to assimilate race conditions and are obliged to consider the best interests of the welfare of the horse, the safety of the jockey and also the interests of the connections and the racing public. We need to play an active role in the supervision of the trials as we do with racing in general," he added.

But Hyde's reference to assimilation of race conditions doesn't seem to include an obligation on the part of the trainer to ensure that the triallist is stretched or actually outwardly demonstrates any ability.

Reading an official race is an art – but now they throw a smoke screen over proceedings and punters

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## THE GREATEST THING...

are expected to find the information constructive and beneficial? It's time consuming - although a professional horse-by-horse analysis is published on Gold Circle's website

Listening to two staunch locals waxing lyrical in the post-race interview after the Scottsville first race on Wednesday, it is not difficult to understand why the trials are probably here to stay.

Trainer of the winning first-timer, Wave, Gavin van Zyl, a vastly experienced former jockey and top trainer, told interviewer and Gold Circle Director Paul Lafferty, that 'Barrier Trials are the greatest thing for horseracing'. That must be music to Laff's ears!

Van Zyl made his statement while conceding that Wave had taken it easy in his barrier trial on 30 January at Scottsville – which he won.

[Watch the barrier trial here](#)

"That would have been a difficult barrier trial to assess. A lot of horses were taking it easy, and so were we. So one would have to go on improvement after the trial and possibly following the money," added the experienced horseman.

Van Zyl added that barrier trials were being conducted for the benefit of the public and had a nice 'last outpost' type swipe against any prospects of national unity for the game.

"We are trying to grow the game of horseracing. And what we do in Gold Circle country is our business."

It's good to see racing people with the backbone to speak their mind!

## Van Zyl On Target

**Trainer Chesney van Zyl will be relocating from Gauteng to Summerveld and celebrated a smart feature winner when the Pathfork colt Marchingontogether bounced back from an indifferent Gauteng Guineas effort to win the R130 000 umThombothi Stakes at a sweltering Scottsville on Wednesday.**



Marchingontogether

The meeting originally scheduled for Sunday 17 February went off without a hitch with on-course Vet Manfred Rohwer and Farrier Shaun Leslie and helpers hosing down the horses throughout the afternoon.

The non black-type umThombothi

Stakes was run over the 1950m inside track and headed the eight-race programme. The going was changed to good during the afternoon as the track baked in the blazing sunshine.

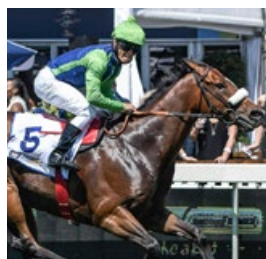
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## SATURDAY RACING

## A Summer Of Speed

### Gr2 Diadem Stakes Kenilworth

**The 2018/2019 Cape Summer Season will be remembered for many more thrills than spills in the years to come. Taking pride of place on Saturday, as the sun sets on a memorable few months, will be the R400 000 Khaya Stables Gr2 Diadem Stakes.**



Kasimir | Chase Liebenberg

Run at weight-for-age plus penalties of 2kgs for a Gr1 win and 1kg for a Gr2 success in the previous 18 months, the Diadem looks set to decide the Cape Champion Sprinter title for the season, with the high-class and vastly improved Kasimir heading the ratings.

A winner of the Cape Flying Championship on Sun Met day and the Gr2 Merchants back in November, the Snaith's 4yo son of Captain Al looks to have plenty in his favour to round off a purple patch. He appears to enjoy running down the inside rail at the Southern Suburbs track and from a 2 draw on Saturday, Richard Fourie will be able to ride him much like he did in the Cape Flying when he sat just off the heat and pounced late.

Brett Crawford's smart Gr1 winner Bold Respect has been threatening to win again and he ran on best of the balance in the Cape Flying Championship when beaten 1,75 lengths by Kasimir. He may have a bigger say over the extra 200m.

Last season's Cape Merchants winner Silicone Valley is very effective this course and distance but has not run in 43 weeks since winning a Pinnacle over the track and trip. The others could have the edge in terms of race readiness.

The talented Dutch Philip has not won in over a year and has been something of a disappointing 4yo. He was well beaten 4,75 lengths in the Cape Flying Championship but may find the extra 200m in his favour and must have a shout at best. Ryan Munger takes the ride.

Second of the Crawford runners, Search Party was beaten 2,25 lengths into third in the Cape Flying but meets Kasimir on 2kgs better terms on Saturday. That must give the 6yo a chance of earning again.

Our personality of the week Sean Tarry has two solid performers carrying his flag.

Chimichuri Run was well beaten in the CTS 1600 behind One World but reverts back to the sprints and Anton Marcus takes the reins. He has shown excellent ability over 1200m.

His perennially dawdling stablemate Trip To Heaven was slow away in the Cape Flying but was gaining smartly at the finish when beaten into fifth and only 2,40 lengths off Kasimir. The son of Trippi should strip at peak fitness at his third run post an injury enforced layoff, and will enjoy the breathing space of the extra 200m.

Speedpoint has proven slightly inconsistent but gets a 2kg pull with Kasimir after being beaten just under 5 lengths in the Cape Flying Championship. Aldo Domeyer (traditionally Dutch Philip's pilot) takes a rare ride for the Ramsden team.

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## SATURDAY RACING

The balance look unlikely on recent form.

The gallant Sergeant Hardy is well held by stablemate Kasimir and has not been at his peak for some time now.

Much the same applies to Sand And Sea, who has been abandoned by Anton Marcus in favour of Chimichuri Run, while Attenborough and the veteran Tevez would both be shock winners.

Elusive Trader ran out of his skin over the course and distance in the

CTS 1200 when beaten 3,50 lengths by Cirillo to earn a nice cheque in second. This looks a lot tougher.

Another 3yo, Russet Air is the third of the Bass-Robinson trio. He takes a massive jump in class after dead heating in a lower division handicap on Met day.

Kasimir looks all set to settle the summer speed score and he could be good enough to withstand the late

challenge of the dangerous Trip To Heaven, with Bold Respect and Chimichuri Run further back.

Drawn at pole position, Glen Kotzen's Too Phat To Fly comes in here off two tough races in the Merchants and the Sceptre Stakes. The daughter of Bezrin could appreciate the trip again and must go into quartets.

Miss Katalin – one of four Snaith runners- was reported not striding out in the Paddock Stakes and had some good form prior to that. She has proven effective this trip and must go into all calculations.

Recent Fairview Lady's Bracelet winner Platinum Class is the mount of Snaith stable jockey Richard Fourie and is an improving sort who could challenge at best.

Dynamic Diana has pulled a wide draw and has had a very quiet season so far.

Fourth of the Snaith quartet, Red Ginger does not boast the form to threaten the top three.

The 2018 Laisserfaire Stakes winner Anime has not shown a her two most recent starts in the Southern Cross Stakes and the Sceptre Stakes. The daughter of Count Dubois had form over Saturday's trip earlier on and has a chance if she can beat her draw.

Dean Kannemeyer's lightly raced R2,5 million Trippi filly Sugar Girl comes off a 14 week break and is a difficult filly to assess. She could be a lot better than her rating suggests and could find place money.

Brett Crawford saddles two runners in Shamrock Wind and Love Supreme.

The latter is drawn wide and has been slightly disappointing after starting her career with promise. Shamrock Wind should be a lot more comfortable in her own sex company again after running 9,45 lengths behind Cirillo in the CTS 1200. She is yet to win beyond the sprints but is highly regarded by her trainer and could be the dark horse.

Varsity Lover ran unplaced in both the Sceptre and the CTS 1200. She steps back up in ground and has a wide draw to

overcome.

Steffi's Graft steps up in class after winning two low-key sprint handicaps on the trot. She is well drawn and goes the distance – but has plenty to do off her rating.

Hailing from an in-form stable, the capable Rose In Bloom should be strong enough to beat this lot and she is the se-

lection to hold Goodtime Gal and Love To Boogie.

### Gr2 Diadem Stakes past winners

#### 2015

1 Lanner Falcon	56.5 (2) 11/2
2 Fly By Night	58.5 (6) 15/1
3 Gulf Storm	59.0 (3) 4/1

#### 2017

1 Trip To Heaven	59.0 (3) 3/1
2 Tevez	58.0 (10) 8/1
3 Search Party	59.0 (7) 6/1

#### 2018

1 Bishop's Bounty	5.9 (11) 45/1
2 Tevez	5.9 (4) 30/1
3 Sergeant Hardy	5.9 (1) 7/1

START  
4:50PM  
KENILWORTH

8

PA6/PICK SIX5/JACKPOT4  
Gr2 DIADEM STAKES - 1200M  
SAME TRAINER:(1-3)(2-6)(4-8)(7-12)(9-11-14)

Captain Al	1 KASIMIR(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	2	60.0
Bold Silvano	2 BOLD RESPECT(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	13	60.0
Captain Al	3 SERGEANT HARDY(J Snaith) G Cheyne.....	5	60.0
Western Winter	4 ATTENBOROUGH(J Ramsden) S Khumalo.....	10	60.0
Jay Peg	5 SILICONE VALLEY(GR Puller) L Mxothwa.....	11	59.0
Captain Al	6 SEARCH PARTY(BJ Crawford) S Veale.....	9	58.0
Trippi	7 TRIP TO HEAVEN(SG Tarry) L Hewitson.....	3	58.0
Var	8 SPEEDPOINT(J Ramsden) A Domeyer.....	12	58.0
What A Winter	9 DUTCH PHILIP(C Bass-Robinson) R Munger.....	14	58.0
Twice Over	10 SAND AND SEA(DR Drier) K De Melo.....	8	58.0
Caesour	11 TEVEZ(C Bass-Robinson) R Khathi.....	7	58.0
Trippi	12 CHIMICHURI RUN(SG Tarry) A Marcus.....	1	55.0
Elusive Fort	13 ELUSIVE TRADER(GW Ennion) M Byleveld.....	6	55.0
What A Winter	14 RUSSET AIR(C Bass-Robinson) R Simons.....	4	55.0

## Bling Can Bloom

### Gr3 Prix Du Cap Kenilworth

Joey Ramsden and S'manga Khumalo hit a nice patch of form at Kenilworth last Saturday and the duo can make their presence felt with the Gimmethgreenlight filly Rose In Bloom in Saturday's R250 000 Gr3 Prix Du Cap.



Rose In Bloom | JC Photos

Ramsden won this race in 2017 with the top-class Just Sensual and he had the consistent Rose In Bloom run second last year. The 4yo has strengthened notably this term after earning something of a bridesmaid tag as a 3yo. Following fair efforts in the Sceptre Stakes and the Majorca – her only two home starts this season – the SP top rated filly looks set for a big run on Saturday.

The race is run at weight-for-age plus penalties and includes a host of the usual suspect hardknockers in the fairer sex ranks.

Goodtime Gal has not won a race in 16 months but is a dangerous galloper on her day and particularly lethal over the 1400m. She faded right out in the Majorca Stakes last time but will be more competitive here.

The 2018 Diana Stakes winner Love To Boogie has drawn wide and is another who comes in here off an unplaced effort in the Majorca Stakes. The smart daughter of Trippi would have a shout if getting lucky from her wide gate.

### Gr3 Prix Du Cap past winners

#### 2016

1 Cuvee Brut	57.0 (1) 18/10
2 Flying Ice	53.5 (9) 33/1
3 Petty Officer	57.0 (2) 25/1

#### 2017

1 Just Sensual	56.5 (1) 1/1
2 Captain's Flame	58.0 (4) 18/1
3 Gimme Six	54.0 (3) 15/1

#### 2018

1 Elusive Heart	55.5 (5) 6/1
2 Rose In Bloom	55.5 (4) 11/10
3 Miss Katalin	55.5 (7) 5/1

START  
4:15PM  
KENILWORTH

7

PA5/PICK SIX4/JACKPOT3  
Gr3 PRIX DU CAP (F&M) - 1400M  
SAME TRAINER:(4-5-7-8)(11-13)

Trippi	1 LOVE TO BOOGIE(A Nel) L Hewitson.....	13	60.0
Royal Air Force	2 GOODTIME GAL(M Robinson) S Mbhele.....	4	60.0
Gimmethgreenlight	3 ROSE IN BLOOM(J Ramsden) S Khumalo.....	7	59.0
Trippi	4 MISS KATALIN(J Snaith) A Domeyer.....	6	59.0
Silvano	5 PLATINUM CLASS(J Snaith) R Fourie.....	8	59.0
Bezrin	6 TOO PHAT TO FLY(GS Kotzen) R Munger.....	1	59.0
Dynasty	7 DYNAMIC DIANA(J Snaith) G Cheyne.....	14	59.0
Elusive Fort	8 RED GINGER(J Snaith) M Byleveld.....	9	59.0
Count Dubois	9 ANIME(DR Drier) S Veale.....	11	59.0
Trippi	10 SUGAR GIRL(D Kannemeyer) K De Melo.....	5	59.0
Silvano	11 LOVE SUPREME(BJ Crawford) A Marcus.....	12	59.0
Twice Over	12 STEFFI'S GRAFT(T Spies) A Andrews.....	2	59.0
Captain Al	13 SHAMROCK WIND(BJ Crawford) C Orffer.....	3	55.5
Var	14 VARSITY LOVER(C Bass-Robinson) R Simons.....	10	55.5

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# The Story of Diadem

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**Gr2 Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes  
Saturday, 23 February 2019**



**Who Will Wear The Crown?**



*Diadem*

**Back to back winner, Flaming Rock, won the Diadem Stakes in 1991 and 1992**

The crack English sprint filly, Diadem was bred by Edgar Vincent, 1st Viscount D'Abernon, in 1914. By English and Irish Derby winner Orby, out of the distinguished racemare, Donnetta, the diminutive chestnut was described by her trainer, The Hon. George Lambton, (trainer to the great Lord Derby) as, "the sweetest and most gallant little mare that ever was seen on a racecourse." Diadem has been commemorated with the Diadem Stakes at Ascot Racecourse, as well as South Africa's prestigious sprint test.

## 2yo (1916)

Diadem first set foot on a race track as a juvenile in 1916. However, owing to the First World War, there was very little racing that year and few opportunities to expose the filly. According to Lambton's account in 'Men And Horses I Have Known', she was late in shedding her winter coat and was a shy feeder, so the decision was taken not to debut her until the 5 furlong New Coventry Stakes on 22 June 1916. Despite not looking a picture in the parade ring, she came home the winner by two lengths in a 12 horse field and would close off her 2yo tally with four wins from five starts, and when finishing third by Dansellon in the Hopeful Stakes she was conceding him 9lb., as well as having been badly interfered with at the start.

## 3yo(1917)

Diadem made her 3yo debut in May 1917, winning the 1000 Guineas as the 6/4 favourite, despite not being at her best. After an uncharacteristic 12th place finish in the Derby on a holding course, Diadem started favourite for the 1917 Oaks over a mile and a half, despite her trainer's misgivings. He wrote, "Personally, I did not like the idea at all, but as she never left an oat, and seemed quite contented she had to run. It never stopped raining that week, and by the Friday (Oaks Day) the course was a sea of mud, but, in spite of this, so well had she run in the Derby that she started a hot favourite. In the Dip, she and her old opponent, Sunny Jane, singled themselves out, but by this time all Diadem's speed had gone, and nothing but her great heart enabled her to hang on. After a ding-dong struggle she was beaten half a length.

I went home a miserable man, thinking to myself she would never get over these two races, and I am sure that not one filly in a million would ever have done so, but after a good rest she came out in the Autumn as good as ever." Diadem would campaign three more times that season, winning both the Great Eastern Railway Handicap and the Kennett Plate and finishing 2nd by a neck in the Queensberry Handicap.

## 4yo (1918)

Lightly raced at 4, Diadem had four starts, kicking off with the 6 furlong Bretby Handicap at Newmarket in May, which she won by 1.5 lengths from Roscius. She then added the Salford Borough Handicap at Manchester three weeks later, winning by half a length, despite being assigned 10lb more than the rest of the field. In October she won the Snailwell Stakes over 5 furlongs at Newmarket, before finishing three and a half lengths third in the Champion Stakes over one and a quarter miles later that month. She was described that season as "one of the most brilliant sprinters seen in England for very many years."

## 5yo (1919)

At five, Diadem was campaigned 10 times for 7 wins and a second place. She won the 7 furlong Rous Memorial Stakes at Royal Ascot on 19 June and was back the very next day to win the King's Stand Stakes by two lengths over Best Born. She followed up with two more wins including a three length victory over Iron Hand in the July Cup at Newmarket, as well as the 5 furlong Molneux Plate at Liverpool by 1.5 lengths, to make it four in a row. At Goodwood she lined up in the King George Stakes, but was hampered at the start, putting paid to her chances and finishing 4th in a 4 horse field. However, she bounced right back, winning over 5 furlongs at the Curragh in August, followed by the Town Moore Handicap at Doncaster's St Leger Meeting where Diadem defied top weight and a late challenge to win by a head from Quadrille. She won the Challenge Stakes in October and closed the term with a distant second in the 1m 1 furlong Cambridgeshire Stakes.

[Read more here](#)



## Royal Affair

**The 1200m Diadem Stakes was the longest standing WFA sprint in South Africa. As every race tells a story, we consulted SA Racing's 'History man', Charles Faull, to learn more about the history and significance of this great race.**

**The Diadem is on a par status-wise with the LQP mile," Charles states firmly. At least it was, until it was compromised to a conditions event in 2015."**

# HISTORY

The inaugural running of the Diadem WFA Stakes took place on Saturday, 30 Nov 1957, when it was won by Mr J.W. Hill's 3yo filly Tetrina. The filly, trained by Stanley Gorton and ridden to victory by Freddie Heyman, downed Black Pirate, a son of the mighty Black Cap (IRE), in the process. She was a tremendous race filly who went on to become a taproot mare.

Black Pirate had to settle for second again when the 1958 Diadem was won by Tetrina's full brother, Royal Affair. Johnny Cawcutt in the saddle that day, recounted, "We started with tapes in those days and I was left standing after Bertie Sage on Time To Shine had cut us off at the jump. We lost at least 4 lengths, and yet I was 8 lengths clear after only 200 metres. I never let him go and still won by 7 lengths from Black Pirate." Johnny classified it 'the most staggering sprint performance of my life' and remained adamant that Royal Affair was the fastest horse ever seen in South Africa. The two horses met again in the 1959 Queen's Plate, won in a staggering performance from Royal Affair, who broke down inside the final furlong, with Black Pirate in 3rd place.

Black Pirate was vindicated in 1959, winning the race by a neck from Astray and Time To Shine, with a half sister to Tetrina and Royal Affair, Teresina, in 4th. Black Pirate would go on to finish 2nd in both the 1960 Queen's Plate and the Met, beaten less than a length in each. Black Pirate made it a Diadem double in 1960, not only confirming his own quality, but putting the 7 length beating he'd received from Royal Affair into sharp relief.

## The Mighty Inverthorn

Inverthorn ruled the Diadem in 1961, beating the mighty Royal Affair (by this point having recovered from breakdowns in the Queen's Plate as well as in the USA), by 0.75 length and winning the Queen's Plate from the mighty Jerez a month later, in a race hailed by Sir Mordaunt Milner as the greatest of all time. Inverthorn won it again in 1962, beating subsequent July winner

Left Wing and the mighty filly, Majorca. He finished 3rd in 1964, followed up by a 2nd place finish in the Queen's Plate behind Fair Mountain. "He was a tremendous racehorse," pronounces Charles.

The 1963 race went to Cheery Chatter, "a good horse" who won it by 1.5 lengths and in 1964 it was won by Vaso. By now the race had slipped into an early December slot. In 1965 the race went the way of Arsenal, with such as Renounce, Java Head and Fire Eyes behind him.

Arsenal had another go in 1966, finishing 0.5 length 2nd to Paul de Wet's Peter Beware, who went on to win the 1968 Queen's Plate and finish 2nd in the Met. In 1967 the race went the way of Fire Eyes. "This," remembers Charles, "was an interesting horse. It was one of those strange things. He won the Cape Derby and then lost his ability to go a mile and a half and ended up a pure sprinter."

Peter Beware racked a second Diadem in 1968, beating the 'iron horse', William Penn, and then finished 2nd (to William Penn) in the 1969 Queen's Plate and then won the Met.

## And then there were two

The Diadem was contested by a mix of pure sprinters as well as top class classic horses having their seasonal pipe-opener – and the results reflect that the Kenilworth 1200m was a worthy test of a true champion, the best test of a sprinter in South Africa.

1969 saw Milnerton implement their own WFA sprint feature, the Cape Flying Championship, traditionally held a month after the Diadem, offering another top class sprint for the high speed types, while the classic horses would take their chances in the Queen's Plate and Met.

The inaugural Cape Flying Championship, run on 4 January 1969, went the way of Benzol. As the premier sprints on the Cape calendar, the two races were linked ever since. The 1969 Diadem was won by the fantastic Soteriadis-trained filly, Leta. Only the second filly to win the race, she did so beating subsequent dual Queen's Plate winner, Chichester. She went on to win the 1970 Cape Flying Championship (beating Benzol and a host of great older horses) as well as



**Inverthorn**



**Quarternone**



**Flaming Rock**

## DIADEM HISTORY

the Cape Fillies Guineas. “Bred and owned by the Scott Bros, she was a big, black beautiful filly and probably the best sprinting filly I ever saw,” says Charles. “In the Cape Fillies Guineas, she stumbled out of the gates and nearly fell. She was a heroic filly. A hero of Cape racing.”

1970 produced an interesting result when Garth Puller won the race on the Peter Kannemeyer trained Prairie Prince, by half a length from Bert Abercrombie on Peter Beware. Right next to them was Court Day who had beaten the 3yo Chichester in the July. Prairie Prince went on to win the Cape Flying Championship a month later. “He was a brilliant sprinter,” says Charles.

In 1971, the race was named the Southern Cross Stakes. Prosperous won it for Millard with Yves St Martin in the saddle. Captain Bell and Fernando Toro fought them tooth and nail, but were ultimately beaten a head. Gianfranco Dettori (Frankie’s dad) riding Sultan’s Pearl was 3rd. Captain Bell won the Cape Flying Championship on 12 February with Johnny Cawcutt in the saddle, beating the imported Miss Lindeman and Bolero.

The race was called the Southern Cross Stakes again in 1972, when it was won by Lords, ridden by Willie Carson. Fernando Toro was 2nd on Captain Bell by 1.5 lengths. “When they brought international jockeys over in those days, they brought the world’s best,” says Charles. In February, Lords finished 2nd to the mighty Sentinel in the Cape Flying Championship, beaten 3.75 lengths with Johnny McCreedy on board. According to Charles, “Sentinel was the greatest sprinter I have ever seen.”

In 1973, the race was named the BP International Jockey Stakes and Bolero won it for Baby Killa, with English jockey, Tony Murray in the saddle, beating Met winner Force Ten, Alan Higgins’ Harlech and the crack filly Ovarownde, who’d been backed into even money. That same season Sentinel won his 2nd Cape Flying Championship (named the President’s Trophy that year) with Muis Roberts by 5.75 lengths from the likes of Flower Power, Bolero and Lancaster.

In November 1974, Lancaster (a son of Royal Affair) won the race for Fritz Maeder, trained by Alec Soteriadis and ridden by Paddy Kruyer, beating Sword Dancer. That season, with Muis Roberts on board, Sentinel won another Cape Flying Championship, beating Harry Hotspur with Gr1 stakes winners Archangel, Yataghan, Ocean City and Flower Power well held by the great sprinter.

### Quarertone

Dana Siegenberg rode Quarertone to a head victory over New Spain in 1975, while Free Enterprise, with Crunchie Cronje in the irons, won the Cape Flying from Abbey Boy and Pymont. Quarertone claimed another victory in 1976, beating Monastery and Sind, while Free Enterprise and Bertie Hayden hung on for victory in that season’s Cape Flying.

1977 was the turn of Stephen Page on High Glow for Atholl Fisher. High Glow, a tough, front running horse, went 8 lengths clear with MacHeath chasing and hung on by 0.5 length. Kenny Michel won that season’s Cape Flying on Monastery, beating Free Enterprise (Bert Hayden) and The Eliminator (Garth Puller).

In 1978, Garth Puller and Peter Kannemeyer were back with The Eliminator, winning by a neck from Lovely Rhythm and the filly Dandy Sun (ARG). In February’s Cape Flying, Crunchie Cronje won on the Lesley Cawcutt trained Lovely Rhythm from Kenny

Michel on Monastery and King’s Rhapsody.

Over The Air (57.5kgs) won it in 1979, coming with a late rattle to beat Mike Bass’s 3yo filly Sweet Chestnut, carrying Gavin Howes and 49kgs. Finishing behind them were Tucson (1980 Cape Flying winner) and 1980 Met winner, Sunshine Man.

Horatius, ridden by Eric Fordred, dug deep to win in 1980, winning by a short head, short head from Tucson and Young Captain, with Over The Air in fourth. Horatius was trained by Lenny Taylor on Muizenberg beach and won it as an entire. “They didn’t geld everything in those days,” notes Charles. Sweet Chestnut and Paddy McGivern won the Cape Flying from Horatius.

### King Karl

1981 marked the first winner for Karl Neisius, when he rode Mr & Mrs Frank Waring’s Lurgan to victory for Chris Snaith.

“Karl was a head waiter like Bert Abercrombie. He stalked them 3 lengths back the whole way and then pounced at the 200m and won going away from Jack Mitchell’s Young Captain,” remembers Charles. That season’s Cape Flying was won by War Ribbon (by Royal Affair), beating Spider O’Toole, Rotterdam and Horatius, with Lurgan in 5th.

Chris Snaith was back in 1982 with Breeze Past. It was a windless day and Kenny Michel took him to the front and held on from the Ralph Rixon-trained Craftsman, leaving a great field behind them. “Kenny was a great rider and it was a tactical masterstroke to hold off Craftsman.” The December Cape Flying was won by Foreign Ambassador, coming off the back of winning the Cape Guineas.

There was no Diadem in 1983, although the Cape Flying was won by the Mike Bass trained Green Silver with Gavin Howes, beating the odds-on Smackeroo from Joburg.

1984 was another Snaith victory, when Karl Neisius on Front Cover dead-headed with Garth Puller and the Kannemeyer-trained Chili Bite. The race was held in September, on yielding going. Front Cover went to the outside and hit the front with Mystery Me. Chili Bite just got there for the photo. In January, Tucaman, one of Graham Beck’s first good horses, won the Cape Flying.

Kenny Michel was back again on Mrs Zuccola’s Gin Rummy in 1985, beating Chili Bite. In a brilliant race, Karl Neisius won that year’s Cape Flying Championship on Lord Randolph, beating Sunera (GB).

In 1986, Eric Fordred won on Izindaba, probably on a par with Politician’s other crack sprinter, Senor Amigo. Charles interjects, “Crown Agent nearly caught her, but Eric coaxed her home to hold off a good field.” Equine flu sadly put paid to the Cape Flying Championship that season.

The result went the way of Snaith, Neisius and the 4yo Lord Randolph for the Jaffees in 1987. Lord Randolph went on to contest the Cape Flying, but was pegged back by the Eric Sands trained Wexford Boy by 0.75 lengths.

There was another son of a Diadem winner in 1988, with Express Courier (by Over The Air), bred by Maine Chance Farms, trained by Stan Elley and ridden by Allan Levy, who got up to beat Eric Fordred on Esprit du Corps by a neck. That season, the Cape Flying went the way of Springing Leopard (USA) by Hawaii, for Felix Coetzee and Terrance Millard.





## DIADEM HISTORY

1989 saw a win for the wonderful filly Wainui for Glen Hatt and Guy Rixon, winning by 4.75 lengths from a stellar field including Mark Anthony, Priceless Asset, Springing Leopard, etc. "What a filly," breathes Charles. "She took the lead approaching the 500m and pulled away." The Cape Flying was won by the Woodruff-trained Simonside from Springing Leopard.

In 1990, Simonside took the Diadem title, giving Geoff Woodruff one of his first big wins. Woodruff collected the Cape sprint double, winning the Cape Flying Championship with Alwick and Eric Chelin.

### Flaming Rock (IRE)

1991 saw the first of Flaming Rock's wins and he cantered down 8-10 favourite. Tucked in with the second rank, Karl sat, sat, sat and finally moved at the 200m, drawing up to Steaming Jungle who was trying to make all and then drawing away for the win. In January, John McDonald collected the Cape Flying trophy with the 3yo Senor Amigo (Gerrit Schlechter), winning impressively from Polished Silver and Alwick.

Flaming Rock collected his second Diadem title in 1992, beating Spanish Galliard and San Carlos with Paul Gadsby on board. Flaming Rock started at 6-1. San Carlos went clear and was only caught in the last 100m. Flaming Rock won by ¾ length from Spanish Galliard. That season, Senor Amigo again won the Cape Flying for John McDonald, beating Taban, Gang Leader and Marie Galante.

In December 1993, Phantom Saga took the race from Best Of The Best and Tough Love, winning by 1 length at 8-1 with Freddie Macaskill on board. Best Of The Best franked the result by winning the January Cape Flying.

### Flobayou

1994 saw the first of Flobayou's three victories, beating another champion sprinter in Taban by 2.5 lengths. He won the race again in 1995, finished 4th to Cordocelli in 1996 and then bounced back for a third win in 1997.

In 1998, the John McDonald-trained Okukama beat Dad's Elect by 1.75 lengths, creating a unique piece of historical colour as he was ridden to victory by Genevieve Michel the first lady rider to win the race.

1999, the first year the race was run as the WPOTA Diadem Stakes, was another vintage year with Gerrit Schlechter steering home Eli's Game for Mike Bass, with such as Free My Heart and Cordocelli behind him.

2000 was the turn of the mighty Captain Al, again with Karl Neisius in the saddle, beating another Cape Guineas winner, Ethno Centric with his nephew Mark Neisius on board.

### Nhlavini

Nhlavini won back to back renewals in 2001 (with Jeff Lloyd), finishing a head to the good of Sion (Mark Khan) and celebrated again with Jeff Lloyd in 2002, ahead of Eli's Game and National Title.

With no race in 2003, the 2004 renewal went to Honour The Guest with Bernard Fayd'herbe and Nhlavini 2nd. Nhlavini exacted revenge in 2005, winning a third Diadem title.

In 2006, Golden Ivory won the Diadem by a nose from Pocket Power, before Pocket embarked on his L'Ormarins Queen's Plate domination.

The race went the way of Rebel King in 2007, with Anton Marcus on board, beating the game Blue Tiger.

Run in late December 2008, Blue Tiger (Andrew Fortune) beat stablemate Pocket Power by 1.25 lengths, this time with Bernard

Fayd'herbe in the saddle.

Blue Tiger (Karl Neisius) had to settle for second again in 2009, going down half a length to the Glen Kotzen trained Thunder Key and Karis Teetan.

Past Master won the race in 2010, en route to his 2011 J&B Met victory, beating Gaultier and Blue Tiger.

### What A Winter

What A Winter posted back to back wins, first with Karl Neisius in 2011 (beating crack filly Ebony Flyer, who flew late with Felix Coetzee) and again, very late in 2012, without WPOTA as the sponsor, with Bernard Fayd'herbe, besting stablemate Castlethorpe and Cap Alright. What A Winter, like Royal Affair and Captain Al, is adding great value at stud.

In 2013, it was the turn of another filly, when Mike de Kock and Kevin Shea brought Mary Slack's Welwitschia (GB) to the Cape and beat Jackson, Cap Alright and Divine Jet.

2014 saw the turn of Dennis Drier trained Captain Of All (Sean Cormack), beating Copper Parade and Fly By Night.

### Conditions Change

In a move condemned as a disgrace by Charles Faull, 2015 saw the race subverted to WFA plus penalties, with the victory going the way of the Mike Bass-trained Lanner Falcon (Grant van Niekerk), over Fly By Night, Gulf Storm and King Of Pain. "This was a very important race. It's a disgrace that a race with such a great heritage and importance to South African sprinting history has been reduced to a conditions event."

The following year, the race was inched even further forward in the calendar, being run in mid-January 2017 and went the way of Trip To Heaven (Sean Tarry / S'manga Khumalo), who characteristically got left at the gates and came flying to win by 3.75 lengths from the always game, Tevez.

In 2018, the race was won for the first time by Justin Snaith, with his Lammerskraal-bred Bishop's Bounty and the in-form Grant van Niekerk, by two lengths from the evergreen Tevez.

2019 sees the race moved right back to the end of February, to share the billing with the Vasco Prix du Cap and Kenilworth's annual Prawn Festival.

Charles adds in closing, "The Diadem has been won by champions, from champions, providing spectacle, fame and folklore. Its rich history and lasting legacy on our tracks, stud and history books, cannot be overstated."

## Honour roll

<b>2018</b>	Bishop's Bounty
<b>2017</b>	Trip To Heaven
<b>2015</b>	Lanner Falcon
<b>2014</b>	Captain Of All
<b>2013</b>	Welwitschia
<b>2012</b>	What A Winter
<b>2011</b>	What A Winter
<b>2010</b>	Past Master
<b>2009</b>	Thunder Key
<b>2008</b>	Blue Tiger
<b>2007</b>	Rebel King
<b>2006</b>	Golden Ivory
<b>2005</b>	Nhlavini
<b>2004</b>	Honour The Guest
<b>2002</b>	Nhlavini
<b>2001</b>	Nhlavini
<b>2000</b>	Captain Al
<b>1999</b>	Eli's Game
<b>1998</b>	Okukama
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<b>1963</b>	Cheery Chatter
<b>1962</b>	Inverthorn
<b>1961</b>	Inverthorn
<b>1960</b>	Black Pirate
<b>1959</b>	Black Pirate
<b>1958</b>	Royal Affair
<b>1957</b>	Tetrina





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Gr.1 Investec Cape Derby

Gr.1 L'Ormarins Queens Plate

Gr.3 Byerley Turk

Gr.3 Matchem Stakes



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## Short Heads

### Clickety Click...

Veteran Milnerton trainer Piet Steyn made some pointed observations about the sad lack of support of the smaller trainer after his winner at Kenilworth on Saturday. Without naming names, he pointed a finger for the 'disaster' in the 'clicky Cape' at 'agents, breeders and the whole clique'. "It doesn't matter how good you are – if you are not in that flow you can forget about it. In two years we will have five yards left here," he added. What's the answer?



### Pure Magic

Summerhill based Willow Magic, the first Gr1 winning son of Dubawi to stand at stud in South Africa, will offer his first yearlings at the National Yearling Sale on 24, 25 and 26 April. Trained by Sean Tarry, Willow Magic won the Gr1 SA Nursery and Gr2 Dingaans. The only British stallion to ever sire 100 Group winners in no time at all, Dubawi is the sire of 38 Gr1 winners and counting, with 16% Stakes winners and 10% Group winners. Impressive stats.

### Jackpot

Versatile Varsfontein sire Judpot, a half-brother to breed shaping sire Kingmambo, produced Sunday's Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap winner Down To Zero. Judpot has one lot on next month's Cape Yearling Sale. Lot 163 is a ¾ sister to the Gr1 Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic/Gr2 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks winner Juxtapose.



### Frankly Fine

Opportunities for owners in Hong Kong to acquire progeny of Frankel without dipping into the European sales market are few and far between but on 15 March a pair of 3yo geldings bought at the Arqana August Yearling Sale in 2017 will step into the Sha Tin parade ring for the Hong Kong International Sale. Frankel has produced 19 Group winners from his first crop – a figure which equates to an impressive 22 per cent Group winners to runners and he reached 20 Group winners quicker than any other European stallion in history. It is hardly surprising that his stud fee for 2019 is £175,000.



### PRETTY PUNCHY

While we are battling to get folk to our racecourses, the Brits have a different problem. A mass brawl erupted at Haydock Park on Saturday just before the final race at the prestigious Grand National Trial meeting. Apparently 40 or 50 people were involved. There are reports of beer and more beer and the action started after one punter bumped another. The fight follows several similar incidents on British courses in 2018, including a mass brawl at Goodwood's opening fixture in May.



### Left... & Right!

It's not often a first-timer gets left and loses lengths at the jump- and wins convincingly. Joey Ramsden's R400 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate Minnesota Dream (Visionaire), racing in the familiar King Of Pain silks, caught the eye at Kenilworth on Saturday. He won the 1000m Maiden Juvenile Plate by just under a length under S'manga Khumalo at 13-1. He is the second of JR's four 2yo runners this term to win.



The 2017 Vodacom Durban July winner Marinaresco looks likely to have his second Dubai start at Meydan this evening in the \$250 000 Gr2 Zabeel Mile. The 6yo Silvano gelding finished just over 5 lengths back in the Al Fahidi Fort last month in his first outing since going third to Oh Susanna in the 2018 Sun Met. His first start in Dubai impressed trainer Mike de Kock and Marinaresco could also start in the Gr1 Jebel Hatta over 1800m on 9 March.



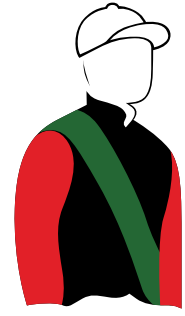
### SHONGWENI COUNTDOWN

A reminder that the Shongweni Mixed Sale will be held at the famous Polo Grounds on Tuesday 26 February. 114 lots make up the catalogue for this year's sale, which, once again, will offer buyers the opportunity to acquire bloodstock, for a variety of purposes, at bargain basement prices.

### KZN Yearling Sale

Bloodstock South Africa are accepting entries for the KZN Yearling Sale to be held at Sibaya on 4 and 5 July. Entries close 22 March. Visit [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za) for info.





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## NEWS

## Bet On Classic Day

**The return match between the Gauteng Guineas top two National Park and Hawwaam should be a highlight of the R2 million Gr1 SA Classic next Saturday. Mike de Kock holds 5 of the 11 entries received and the final field is likely to be a small one.**

With the countdown to the Classic Day humdinger at Turffontein on 2 March now in full swing, the first entries for the feature races on the big afternoon were received on Monday.

South Africa's leading bookmakers Hollywood have priced up on the features. The Gauteng second legs of the SA Triple Crown and SA Triple Tiara respectively headline the programme on what promises to be a day of high-class horseracing action.

Soqrat, winner of the Cape Guineas alternate Triple Crown first leg, is the current 18-10 favourite. Hollywood have Hawwaam priced at 5-2 with National Park around 7-2.

The supplementary entries for the day's features close by 11h00 on Friday 22 February and declarations are due by 11h00 on Monday 25 February.

These prices are subject to change – please visit [hollywoodbets](http://hollywoodbets) to see the latest ante-post prices.

## NHA Assurances Over Equine Flu

**Equine Influenza cases were reported from the UK on 7 February 2019 and there have been current updates.**

According to the BHA's Veterinary Committee and their team of competent Veterinarians, they confirmed that the Equine Influenza virus is the "Florida Clade 1" strain, which is endemic to North and South America.

This is different from the "Clade 2" strain that is endemic to Europe.

In South Africa we vaccinate utilising vaccines that mostly contain these abovementioned strains. The difference with our vaccination protocol is that we vaccinate our race horses every six months, in order to ensure that we avoid an outbreak.

Horses being imported into South Africa from these countries are tested for Equine Influenza during their 30 day quarantine period prior to departure, and thereafter, a further 30 day quarantine period after arrival in South Africa.

As a precautionary measure we advise that strict biosecurity measures be applied to all persons coming into contact with thoroughbreds, especially from these affected regions.

Press Release issued by National Horseracing Authority of SA on 15 February 2019

## Eagle For KZN

**Past dual SA Horse Of The Year Legal Eagle will likely make his second SA Champions Season appearance in the next few months.**



Legal Eagle | Candiese Marnewick

Gold Circle reports that in discussion

with owners Braam van Huysteen, Hedley McGrath and William Henderson it has been decided to send the seven-year-old gelding down to Durban for the Champion Season.

Legal Eagle has only ever raced once in Durban, finishing an unlucky fifth in the July as a three-year-old when starting favourite in 2015.

His obvious Champion Season target this year is the Gr1 Rising Sun Gold Challenge. Tarry said the July could well be another race he would run in although due to his high merit rating it will likely depend on who else is taking part.

The son of Grey's Inn will be going for his fourth successive win in the Gr1 weight for age HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes over 1600m at Turffontein on March 30.

The SA Champions Season commences on 3 May.

## NHA Handicapper On World's Best Racehorse Rankings Committee

The World's Best Racehorse Rankings Committee (WBRR) has welcomed The National Horseracing Authority's Senior Handicapper, Mr Lennon Maharaj, as the South African representative.

Lennon attended his first Committee meeting in Hong Kong during the month of December 2018 which was held under the auspices of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) and comprised of Racing Officials and Handicappers representing the five continents.

WBRR Co-Chairman Mr Nigel Gray said that, "it was a pleasure to work with Lennon at the annual meeting of the WBRR last December and said that he is looking forward to the South African Handicapper's contributions during 2019, and in the years to come".

The rankings are based on the performance of horses in races held during the calendar year (1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018) and takes in account the quality of opposition and achievements of each horse.



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## Scottsville Suggestion

The rescheduling of Sunday's Scottsville meeting to a new slot on Wednesday has had a Sporting Post reader making some constructive suggestions.

Cecil Pienaar of Albert Falls writes in the SP Mailbag that photographs were taken at 14h00 on Sunday and show a lovely Scottsville – 'my home track'.

[Read more here](#)

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## 2019 July Fashion Theme Announced

The stars of Africa shine at night...

The fashion theme for the 2019 Gr1 Vodacom Durban July was announced on Friday.

## Shongweni Boost

The well-related Judpot gelding Drop Kick gave the Shongweni Mixed Sale a timely fillip when he powered home to win the rescheduled R135 000 Egoli Mile at Turffontein on Wednesday evening.

One of the late Chris Gerber draft on next Tuesday's popular sale at the scenic Shongweni Polo Grounds, Drop Kick scored an overdue second career win under an inspired ride by Raymond Danielson.

A Varsfontein-bred full brother to Gr1 winner Forest Indigo, the R400 000 National Yearling Sale graduate was relaxed in midfield as Luke Ferraris opted to turn up the pace tempo out front on Captain Of Tortuga.

Danielson made his move quite early on Drop Kick who hit the front full of running under a left handed ride at the 350m.

While Captain Of Tortuga ran a gutsy race and came right back after looking dead and buried close home, Drop Kick was too strong and went on to win by 1,75 lengths in a time of 99,81 secs.

The filly Welsh Harp stayed on a further 0,30 lengths back in third.

Bred by Varsfontein, the Alec Laird-trained Drop Kick is a son of Judpot (A.P.Indy), who also sired Sunday's Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap winner Down To Zero.

The winner is out of the Fort Wood mare Albizia

A winner of 2 races with 6 places from 11 starts for stakes of R223 175, Drop Kick is catalogued as # 13 on the Shongweni Mixed Sale. The sale starts at 11h00 on Tuesday 26 February.

[See the catalogue and supplementary catalogue here](#)

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## INTERNATIONAL

## More Than Skin Deep!

**Karaka graduate Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock) continued his spectacular dominance of Hong Kong racing with another emphatic victory in Sunday's HK\$10 million Gr1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) at Sha Tin.**

It was a seventh consecutive win for the unstoppable gelding, who was bought for just NZ \$60,000 at the 2014 Select Sale. He has won 11 of his last 14 starts.

The toughest opposition on Sunday was expected to come from fellow Karaka graduate Beat The Clock (Hinchinbrook), who was narrowly ahead after the first 200 metres.

But Beauty Generation and jockey Zac Purton slid forward into their customary front-running role and did it easily from there, powering to victory by a length and three-quarters in a time of 1:21.03. Beat The Clock held on for second, two lengths clear of the rest of the field.

"It's just a repeat of what he's been doing all season," Beauty Generation's trainer John Moore said.

"He just keeps doing it. He's just too good and Zac's the composite horse-man, he knows exactly what's going on."

Raced by Patrick Kwok, Beauty Generation is the reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year. His rating of 127 is the equal highest ever in Hong Kong.

He has now had 28 starts for 15 wins, six of them at Gr1 level. He has placed in another seven races, earning more than HK\$72 million in prizemoney. That's the equivalent of NZ\$13.3 million, which is more than 220 times his purchase price.

## Life Begins At 30 For Winx!

**Supermare Winx commenced her farewell campaign at Randwick in style on Saturday, running a race record time as she toyed with her opponents in the A\$252,000 Gr2 Apollo Stakes run over 1400m at Randwick. She made history, becoming the first horse to win the Apollo three times.**

Stretching her winning sequence to 30, it was just the sort of performance trainer Chris Waller and connections wanted to see at her first run since her fourth Cox Plate triumph in October.

Winx defeated the ever reliable Happy Clapper by 2.25 lengths with two-lengths to Egg Tart – owned in similar interests to Winx – finishing third.

Jockey Hugh Bowman put Winx into a more forward position (fifth) as the field settled into stride out of respect for Happy Clapper, who tracked the leaders.

"We needed to be within striking distance but as the race unfolded we settled into a lovely rhythm, as we always do and it was a pretty comfortable race for me and Winx as well," Bowman said.

"She was in pure control from the 600 metres when the pressure started to build.

"As I went past Sam (Clipperton, rider of Happy Clapper) I really asked her for a full effort."

Winx has won 34 of her 40 starts. Bowman has ridden Winx 30 times for 29 wins

Part-owner Peter Tighe dedicated the victory to those Australians "doing it tough" in North Queensland with the floods and in Western NSW with bushfires.

"We hope it puts a smile on your face and gives you a little bit of hope and gives you something to think about and dream about," Tighe said.

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## Vorster Starts New Phase

**Singapore-based South African Barend Vorster has been issued a giant challenge for his first ride in Australia.**

Vorster is booked to ride rank outsider Game Keeper in Saturday's Gr1 Blue Diamond Stakes at Caulfield in Melbourne.

Game Keeper has drawn barrier one in the 14-horse field.

One of Singapore's leading jockeys over a long period, Vorster is Australia-bound to ride for Game Keeper's trainer Tony McEvoy as his South Australian stable jockey as soon as he gains his visa.

Vorster said he and McEvoy had also discussed the prospects of the occasional trip to Melbourne to ride and he was pleased to get the opportunity ahead of his permanent move.

"It's come up a little earlier than expected," Vorster told AAP from Singapore.

"Tony rang me on Monday to see if I was interested which I definitely was.

"I'll come back to Singapore on Sunday and hopefully it won't be too long before I'm back down again.

"I'm really grateful for the opportunity. It's wonderful racing with quality horses and I'm really looking forward to it."

Vorster said he would arrive in Melbourne on Friday and hoped to pick up a ride or two earlier on Saturday's card and get a feel of the track.

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Barend Vorster

## INTERNATIONAL

## De Kock Pair Bid For Zabeel Mile Glory

**This evening's eighth meeting of the 2019 Dubai World Cup Carnival at Meydan is another truly global affair, filled with quality horseflesh representing France, Sweden, Ireland, South Africa, Australia, USA, UK and UAE.**

Three Group races highlight the \$1,105,000 card—the Zabeel Mile (Gr2), UAE Oaks (Gr3) and Dubai Millennium (G3r)—supported by a triad of handicaps that could easily serve as preps for Dubai World Cup night fixtures with breakout performances.

Nine horses have been declared for a fascinating renewal of the Zabeel Mile sponsored by Al Tayer Motors (Gr2), including the winners of the latest two runnings.

The 1600m turf feature is an international affair, with and England, Australia and South Africa all being represented as well as a team of four Godolphin representatives.

When winning this race in 2017 for trainer Ahmad bin Harmash, Championship was progressing rapidly, but was ruled out of both Super Saturday and the Dubai World Cup meeting with an injury.

Owned by Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, the 8-year-old has not won since, but showed a bit of fight in him last out when sixth in the Al Fahidi Fort (Gr2) on Jan. 24. In this race last year, his best race since his return from injury, he was a solid runner-up to Janoobi.

"He ran well for a long way in his one start a month ago," said Connor Beasley, who will once again ride the gelding. "Hopefully that should have put him spot on for this, but it does look a strong race."

He led for the majority of the race last year before being snared by Janoobi, who provided South African Mike de Kock with a record fourth victory in the race, which was inaugurated in 2007 and has served as a key prep for the \$6 million Dubai Turf sponsored by DP World (Gr1).

Wearing the colours of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the 5-year-old son of Silvano has not won since, but should be in fine fettle, thanks to multiple runs already this Carnival, including a failed dirt try in last week's Firebreak Stakes (Gr3).

[Read more here](#)

Stable companion Marinaresco joins the

## Cheltenham Countdown

**The build-up to The Festival™ presented by Magners continues with the unveiling of the acceptors for the seven Gr1 championship novices' races, plus the Gr2 novices' chase for amateur riders, the National Hunt Chase, following yesterday's scratchings' deadline.**

Impressive Betfair Hurdle victor Al Dancer (Nigel Twiston-Davies), who has a weight-adjusted Timeform rating of 162p, tops 61 going forward for the £125,000 Gr1 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2m 87y) on the opening Champion Day, Tuesday, March 12.

Grand Sancy (Paul Nicholls) is next best on 161 following his game victory against more experienced opposition in the Gr2 Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on February 16.

Britain's champion Jump trainer Nicky Henderson has Gr2 winners Angels Breath (157P with Timeform), who like Al Dancer runs in the colours of Dai Walters' company, Walters Plant Hire Ltd, and Mister Fisher (157p) among his three remaining entries.

Promising four-year-old Fakir D'Oudairies (Joseph O'Brien IRE, 160p) and Leopardstown G1 scorer Klassical Dream (Willie Mullins IRE, 157p) are among 32 Irish-trained acceptors.

Le Richebourg (Joseph O'Brien IRE, 173p) has captured Gr1 contests at Leopardstown on his two most recent starts and the six-year-old heads 24 remaining for the £175,000 G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase over two miles on Champion Day.

The Irish challenge for the Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase also features the well-touted Cilaos Emery (Willie Mullins IRE, 172p), who was an eye-catching winner on his chasing debut at Gowran Park last month, and Paloma Blue (Henry de Bromhead IRE, 165p).

## Another Milestone!

**Trainer Paul Nicholls has claimed his 3,000th career win after Capitaine won at Taunton on Tuesday.**

Jockey Harry Cobden rode the seven-year-old grey- the 3-1 favourite- in the handicap hurdle.

Ten-times champion trainer Nicholls, who is based in Somerset, enjoyed eight winners on Saturday at cumulative odds of more than 45,000-1.

"It really is something of a landmark to reach the 3,000 winners overall," he told the Racing Post.

"It's something I could only dream about in the early '90s when I first started training in Devon.

"The move to Paul Barber's Manor Farm yard in 1994 has proved pivotal in all the success we've had, and it's fantastic that he's a director at Taunton and here this afternoon."

The 56-year-old is trying to take back the champion trainer title from Nicky Henderson, with the Cheltenham Festival- which starts in three weeks time on Tuesday, 12 March- likely to be pivotal in the final shake-up.

His 3,000 winners are made up of 2,960 wins over UK jumps, 11 UK flat winners, 25 over the jumps in Ireland and four jumps wins in France.

## Orange Is Out



**Duke Of Marmalade star Big Orange, winner of the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot in 2017, has been retired.**

The eight-year-old, trained by Michael Bell in Newmarket, won nine races and more than £1.25m in prize money.

A two-time winner of the Goodwood Cup, Big Orange triumphed in the Gold Cup by a short head after a thrilling duel with runner-up Order Of St George.

The victory sparked emotional scenes, with television presenter Oli Bell- the winning trainer's nephew- running down the track to greet the horse.



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JUST VOGUE**  
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RED HERRING**  
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Lot 11 Diamante  
Lot 13 Drop Kick  
Lot 14 Dunzie  
Lot 16 Eccelerate  
Lot 17 Effortless Reward  
Lot 20 Face The Fire  
Lot 22 Fair Antonia  
Lot 25 Firefoot  
Lot 26 Fives Wild  
Lot 28 Forceful Rush  
Lot 29 Gat Henshaw  
Lot 34 Illuminate  
Lot 35 Isovar  
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## PERSONALITY

# 2000 Magic Moments

## Sean Tarry

**“Many of them tried to pace it with Horse Chestnut but inevitably came up gasping for air at the 200m. That’s like the rest of us taking on Mike de Kock. So I will be content with my personal milestone and keep the focus on winning races.”**

he words of a typically self effacing Sean Tarry after his 2000 winner landmark at Turffontein on Sunday and also in response to a question as to whether he would now be upping the ante and chasing the De Kock standard.

A multiple SA champion, De Kock notched his 3000 career winner in early March 2017 after 19 years at the stable grindstone.

On Sunday, the 50 year old Sean Gerard Tarry joined a select group of professionals to saddle 2000 winners when the 3yo Byword colt Flash Burn led most of the way to win the Turffontein ninth race in the hands of SA champion jockey Lyle Hewitson. Flash Burn was Tarry’s 86th winner of the season with a current win strike-rate of 13%. He has saddled 108 stakes winners.

We asked him how it felt to reach the magical mark and if he had ever thought he would actually get there.

“When I started out working at Randjesfontein twenty odd years ago with 16 horses, I was trying to establish myself and break through in a tough game. One tends to be more focussed on the day-to-day goals than milestones at that stage. But I must say that I am very honoured to join the 2000 club – although tomorrow the sun rises and life goes on- and we have to keep working at maintaining the standard and producing the winners,” said the 50 year old, who presently leads reigning SA champion Justin Snaith by R2,3 million in a two horse race on the SP leading trainer tables.

Dedicated and a professional all-rounder, Sean Tarry exudes confidence and an air of calm as he reflects on a successful career and three SA champion titles to his name.

The dual Vodacom Durban July and Met winning trainer also saddled his half century of Gr1 winners when the very talented R110 000 March Yearling Sale buy Tilbury Fort won the Summer Cup on 1 December.

Sean intends maintaining a small string at Milnerton for the R225 000 Klawervlei Farm Sale race at Kenilworth on 9 March. He rounds off his Cape Summer Season major feature campaign on Saturday with Chimichuri Run and 2017 winner Trip To Heaven in the Khaya Stables sponsored Gr2 Diadem Stakes

“They are both well and must be considered competitive runners. Chimichuri Run was very quiet after his below par CTS 1600 effort on Met day. He didn’t enjoy the long run-in of the Kenilworth Summer Course and may not have stayed a true run mile . We have freshened him up and dropped him back to the 1200m. I have a feeling that he is probably at his very best when running over the 1200m around the turn. He should go well and has Anton Marcus in the irons.”

Often labelled the best horse never to win a Gr1, the perennially slow-starting 7yo Trip To Heaven bids for his second Diadem win.

“He is a top-class sprinter as his record shows. He injured his shoulder when running third in the Mercury Sprint last season in KZN. We gave him time on the farm and brought him back slowly. He needed both his starts this term and was not disgraced at either outing as the form book shows. He will be much fitter on Saturday and is still racing with plenty of enthusiasm,” added Sean.

Current SA champion jockey, the Avontuur-sponsored Lyle Hewitson rides Trip To Heaven and appropriately partnered the Tarry 2000th winner on Sunday. We asked Sean what the status was regarding S’manga Khumalo, the former SA Champion, with whom he enjoyed a successful association over many years.

“Our stable jockey arrangements have largely developed circumstantially over time. Lyle works a lot, he has slotted in well



Sean Tarry chats to Fee Ramsden

SEAN TARRY



2000 up as Flash Burn (Lyle Hewitson) cruises in

and has had good success for us. Yes, he rides most of our feature horses but S'manga still makes himself available when required. He has been freelancing and mixing it up more- and let's face it there comes a time in any professional relationship where there is evolution and change. It can be positive for both parties to develop new avenues. I have been blessed with top jockeys and, like staunch owners and loyal staff, they are key to the success of any yard."

With his Milnerton satellite yard still in operation for another three weeks, the Tarry operation has three active 'branches' – with their Summerveld permanent yard, currently housing 30 horses, being readied for the SA Champions Season, which commences on 3 May.

Sean said that he had no clear-cut plan yet as regards the SA Champions Season and would be playing it by ear as he went along.

"We enjoyed massive success out of Clairwood but Summerveld as a training centre is not yet proven for us. I may opt to raid some of the coastal features from Gauteng where we have over 150 horses and rotate the string. But plans remain fluid and we will do what is very best for each individual."

Times are tough – what of the future?

"I'm fortunate to have committed and patient owners who understand the game and have stuck with me. I am also proud to boast top personnel – and that's important as this is not a one man show. In the broader context, horseracing is all that most of us know so we need to work on building the game up and being positive. Yes, things have gotten tougher economically and we have naysayers and negativity in the air. But that applies in any industry and SA racing is in good hands and we all just need to work together and pull through. Whatever the challenges, this remains a great game. There's lots to be bullish about and there is a light at the end of the tunnel."



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## WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT MOMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

### WINNING IMAGE

(overall 'moment' captured at the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate):

**First: Chris Cole**

Prize: Leica D-Lux Camera (Leica DC Vario-Summilux)

**Second: Chase Liebenberg**

Prize: R10, 000 ORMS voucher

**Third: Chase Liebenberg**

Prize: R5, 000 ORMS voucher

### WINNING PORTFOLIO

(collection of three photographs encapsulating the day):

**First: Yolanda Saayman**

Prize: Leica Ultravid 8 x 42 HD Plus Binoculars

**Second: Armando Herdade**

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**Third: Martin van Staden**

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Second place photograph - Chase Liebenberg

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HERE &amp; ELSEWHERE - SARAH WHITELAW

**Promising US three-year-old, War Of Will, a War Front half-brother to Cape sire and Irish Champion, Pathfork, has again shown his class with a convincing win in the Gr2 Risen Star Stakes on Saturday.**

War Of Will sports more than one connection to South Africa – he hails from the same family as former champion sire and multiple champion broodmare sire, Northern Guest, and his Gr1 Phoenix Stakes winning third dam, Aviance, was sired by former South African based stallion, and champion broodmare sire, Northfields.

The 2019 Risen Star Stakes winner has four lines of the ubiquitous Northern Dancer through the latter's sons Danzig (sire of War Front), Sadler's Wells (damsire of War Of Will), Northfields and Nijinsky II. The latter is broodmare sire of champion sprinter Rubiano, the broodmare sire of War Front. Where will the inbreeding to Northern Dancer will end, with current boom stallions Frankel, Redoute's Choice, Fastnet Rock, Dubawi, Oasis Dream, and Exceed And Excel all inbred to the great Canadian?

War Of Will and Pathfork's first five dams are all black type performers, with dam Visions Of Clarity having won a Listed race in France, second dam, Imperfect Circle, a stakes winner and runner up in the Gr1 Cheveley Park Stakes, third dam, Aviance a Gr1 winner, fourth dam the stakes placed Minnie Hauk and fifth dam having won the Gr3 Comely Stakes.

War Of Will's victory on Saturday confirmed his status as the latest top class performer descended from the prolific producer, Best In Show (Traffic Judge). The latter, the fifth dam of War Of Will and Pathfork, was once again to the fore of major feature race winners over the weekend. Best In Show is ancestress of now leading Kentucky Derby contender, War Of Will, and also features as the fourth dam of the increasingly influential, and multiple champion sire, Redoute's Choice, whose descendants were once again prominent in Australia on Saturday.

Redoute's Choice's now Nadeson Park based son, Time Thief, is the sire of top racemare, In Her Time, who scored a courageous win in the Gr1 Black Caviar Lightning Stakes at Flemington on Saturday. Now a nine-time winner, with earnings of in excess of AUS\$3 million to her name, the six-year-old In Her Time had previously tasted Gr1 success when victorious in the 2018 Gr1 The PFD Food Services Galaxy and also has five Gr1 placings to her name. In Her Time's dam is a daughter of the lightning fast Zeditave, who is from the immediate family of July winner and Ro-



Pathfork (Distorted Humor - Visions Of Clarity)

## *Best In Show!*

sedene Stud sire, Greys Inn. Her sire is one of a growing number of Redoute's Choice sire sons to enjoy Gr1 success with others including Snitzel, Stratum, Not A Single Doubt, Beneteau and Fast 'N' Famous. Redoute's Choice and War Of Will were both sired by a Danzig son- with Redoute's Choice a son of Danehill and War Of Will a son of War Front.

A triple champion sire, the impeccably bred Redoute's Choice has almost inevitably become an outstanding broodmare sire and he features as the damsire of Saturday's Gr3 The TAB Vanity winner, Amphitrite (Sebring). The latter, whose prior wins included the Gr1 VRC Thou-

sand Guineas, is one of 13 Gr1 winners produced by daughters of Redoute's Choice, with others including current red hot stallion, Zoustar (Northern Meteor).

Another famous descendant of Best In Show, Rags To Riches (A P Indy), made news this past weekend when it was announced that the Belmont Stakes winning filly was one of five equine finalists to be voted into the North American National Museum and Racing Hall Of Fame. Rags To Riches, Champion 3YO Filly in the USA in 2007, won five of seven races and made history when becoming only the third filly to win the classic Belmont Stakes, when beating subsequent dual Horse of The Year and star sire, Curlin, in the 2400m contest of 2007. Rags To Riches' half-brother, Jazil (by Seeking The Gold, won the Belmont Stakes one year before his sibling.

Best in Show was ancestress of a number of current and former South African stallions, including Atso, Devilish Ninja, Modus Vivendi, as well as the mentioned Northern Guest and Pathfork.

Both Pathfork and Northern Guest are continuing to enjoy success at various levels in South Africa, with Pathfork responsible for recent Listed Tattersalls Summer Juvenile Stakes winner Miss Honey, and fellow high class fillies, Madame Speaker and Mighty High, while Northern Guest broodmares continue to make their presence felt here. Northern Guest is damsire of last season's Leading First Crop Sire, Pomodoro, and also appears in the pedigrees of Equus Champion and triple Gr1 winner, Capetown Noir, who, at the time of writing, is South Africa's third Leading First Crop sire by prize money.

The Best In Show connection was also felt in 2017, as Manhattan Rain, whose fourth dam is Best In Show, sired 2017 G1 Sun Met winner, Whisky Baron.

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

## DIGEST DIARY

## Features To Come

Fri 22 Feb	<b>(L) Lady's Pendant</b> (F&M) 1200m Fairview (T)
Sat 23 Feb	<b>Gr2 Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes</b> 1200m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>Vasco Prix Du Cap</b> (F&M) 1400m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>(L) Kenilworth Cup</b> 3200m Kenilworth (S)
	<b>(L) Jet Master Stakes</b> 1600m Kenilworth (S)
Fri 1 March	<b>(L) Ibhayi Stakes</b> (3yo's) 1400m Fairview (T)
Sat 2 March	<b>Gr1 SA Classic</b> (3yo's) 1800m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr1 Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic</b> (3yo's) 1800m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr2 Hawaii Stakes</b> 1400m Turffontein (S)
	<b>Gr3 Acacia Handicap</b> (F&M) 1600m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Aquanaut Handicap</b> 2400m Turffontein (S)
Fri 8 March	<b>(L) Breeders Guineas</b> (3yoF) 1600m Fairview (T)
Sat 9 March	<b>(L) Bauhinia Hcp</b> (F&M) 1000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Storm Bird S.</b> (2yo's) 1000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Ruffian Stakes</b> (2yoF) 1200m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Derby Trail</b> (3yo's) 2000m Turffontein (S)
	<b>(L) Oaks Trial</b> (3yoF) 2000m Turffontein (S)

## Spies Cleared

The National Horseracing Authority has confirmed that Trainer Tobie Spies was afforded the opportunity to make representations to Executive Management of the NHA on Tuesday, 19 February 2019. This was in relation to certain allegations made against the legitimacy of his training operations in South Africa. The allegations related to his satellite training yards in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town being operated by people to train horses under his name and licence, as a racehorse trainer, ("training under the lap").

Mr Spies provided documentation and supporting evidence proving that the allegations were false and that he employs licenced Assistant Trainers and Stable Employees in the said training yards to run operations in his absence. The NHA confirms that Trainer Spies has the necessary registered licensed individuals to take care of the operations. As he is domiciled in Gauteng and attends most frequently to his training operation based at the Vaal Racecourse, the NHA advised him that he should ensure that he undertakes more frequent visits, particularly to his satellite yard in Port Elizabeth. This will be monitored by NHA Executive Management and the local Stipendiary Boards.

## Phumelela Shareprice

date	close	high	low	volume
20Feb	940	940	925	140,392
19Feb	950	950	940	10,956
18Feb	950	980	950	3,000
15Feb	945	980	912	15,506
14Feb	945	994	945	70,149
13Feb	994	994	970	5,163
12Feb	968	1010	855	269,432
11Feb	1015	1035	1015	8,169
08Feb	1015	1015	995	8,100

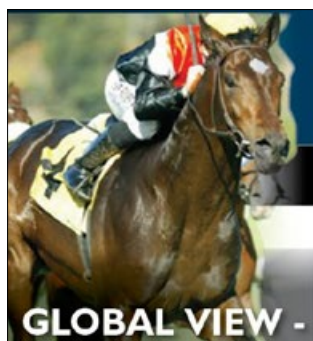
## SCORE CARD

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 2018/2019  
(to 17 February 2019)

horse	age	sex	points	races
Rainbow Bridge	4	c	168	4
Do It Again	4	c	166	3
Kasimir	4	c	150	2
Clouds Unfold	3	f	142	4
Soqrat	3	c	132	3
Tilbury Fort	5	c	124	2
Head Honcho	5	c	90	2
Coral Fever	6	c	88	2
Front And Centre	3	f	88	2
Legal Eagle	7	c	87	3
Cascapedia	5	f	72	2
Oh Susanna	4	f	70	1
Atyaab	3	c	70	1
Dawn Assault	5	c	69	2
Captain Aldo	8	c	62	2
Undercover Agent	4	c	62	3
Nafaayes	3	f	60	2
Doublemint	4	c	50	1
Gimme One Night	5	c	50	2
Magnificent Seven	4	c	50	1
Lady In Black	4	f	50	2
One World	3	c	48	2
Arctica	6	c	48	2
Chimichuri Run	3	c	35	2
Charles	3	c	33	1
Bold Respect	4	c	32	1
National Park	3	c	30	1
Princess Rebel	4	f	30	1
Hawwaam	3	c	30	1
Search Party	6	c	28	1
Trip To Heaven	7	c	26	1
Pacific Trader	4	c	26	1
Takingthepeace	4	f	25	1
Sylvan On Fire	5	f	25	1
Rebel's Champ	4	c	25	1



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## BREEDING

## New sire off the mark – Soft Falling Rain Champagne For The Rain

**Just five months after his sudden passing, Wilgerbosdrift's National Assembly sire Soft Falling Rain produced a breathtaking first winner when his daughter Gin Fizz showed a spectacular turn of foot to win on debut at Turffontein on Sunday.**

Racing in the familiar Wilgerbosdrift black and scarlet finery, the 2yo was bred by Mauritzfontein and Wilgerbosdrift.

Well backed into odds-on, she was always in control in the 1000m maiden and drew right away to win unextended by 7,40 lengths in a time 58,45 secs.

Mike de Kock trained the winner's sire and dam and expressed great hope for the Soft Falling Rain progeny.

"He was a top horse and his daughter is talented. She is a bit temperamental though and has been ready for a while. Full marks to whisperer Malan du Toit as she could easily have gone the other way – we were quite nervous but I'm pleased with the effort."

Jockey Gavin Lerena enjoyed an armchair ride for his sponsors. "She is loaded with ability and gave me a wonderful feel," he added.

The Highlands Stud bred champion Soft Falling Rain was just nine years old at the time of his passing and had been expected to cover a full book of mares in 2018 when he passed in September last year.

One of 16 Gr1 winners sired by unraced Danzig sire National Assembly, Soft Falling Rain was one of five winners produced by the winning Giant's Causeway mare Gardener's Delight.

He hails from the same family as the breed shaping US champion sire Smart Strike, sire of current stallion sensations Curlin, English Channel and Lookin At Lucky.

Soft Falling Rain was never beaten in South Africa, from four starts at two. The bay followed up two smart wins by landing the Listed Storm Bird Stakes before confirming his championship status when victorious in the 2012 Gr1 SA Nursery.

He was named Equus Champion 2YO Colt for 2012-2013.

Exported to Dubai where he was named UAE Champion Miler, Soft Falling Rain reeled off three consecutive wins, with his victories including an historic score in the G2 Godolphin Mile – he was the first 3yo ever to win that prestigious contest. He also won the Gr3 UAE 2000 Guineas and UAE 2000 Guineas Prep.

Soft Falling Rain became one of just a handful of horses to win in three different countries when he smashed some smart rivals to land the Gr2 Nayef Joel Stakes at Newmarket in 2013. He ended his racing career having won 8 of 13 races and earned over £740 000 in prize money.

Soft Falling Rain retired to Wilgerbosdrift in 2015 and his first yearlings made an impact at yearling sales around South Africa in 2018. He was the Leading First Crop Sire by Aggregate at the 2018 Cape Premier Yearling Sale, where yearlings by the former Premier Sale graduate made up to R1 400 000 and grossed R4 000 000 in total.

He also proved hit at the 2018 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale, where yearlings by Soft Falling Rain fetched as much as R1 400 000. Soft Falling Rain was the fourth Leading Sire overall, by Aggregate, at the National Sale, where his yearlings grossed a total of R10 295. Million.

The winner is a first foal for the well-performed Espumanti who raced for De Kock and retired after pulling up lame in the July in 2014. By Dansili from Jouet, she started her racing career in April 2012 and raced 17 times for six wins from 1160m-1900m and accumulated six places. Espumanti won two Gr2 races and was Gr1-placed three times, including a second to superstar Beach Beauty in the 2012 Garden Province Stakes.

## Cape Sire's Aussie Gr1 Success

**Cape based stallion Time Thief's gutsy daughter In Her Time held on to notch her second Gr1 win in Saturday's Lightning Stakes (1000m) at Flemington.**

In Her Time won The Galaxy at Rosehill last autumn before lasting to notch her maiden Melbourne win when she held off the fast-finishing Osborne Bulls in the \$750,000 Lightning Stakes.



Time Thief

In Her Time faced the breeze near the speed but refused to give in when challenged at the 50m, clinging to a short-head margin on the line over Osborne Bulls. The Tony McEvoy-trained Sunlight was third.

Zac Purton was aboard for In Her Time's win in The Galaxy but Corey Brown was thrilled to score at the highest level on a sprinter with which he has developed a strong partnership.

"I've had a little bit of luck on her. I've had some bad luck on her as well so to get the Group 1, it's a job well done," Brown said.

"She jumped good, which she normally doesn't and travelled up well, it's her first time over the 1000(m) under race conditions.

"She didn't win by a big margin but it was a tough win."

In Her Time's trainer Kris Lees said Brown's decision to let In Her Time roll forward after beginning well was the winning move in the Lightning Stakes.

## Tarry Two

On the same day that Sean Tarry notched his 2000th winner, Justin Evans scored his own 2000th career victory at Sunland Park in New Mexico on Sunday. Evans, 37, saddled his first winner on 27 July 1999 at the now defunct Prescott Downs near his childhood home in Chino Valley, Arizona. Read more about Tarry on page 18.

**LEADING BREEDERS by STAKES**

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Stakes	Breeder	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
14,808,873	Klawervlei Stud	341	43,428	1377	103	122	30%	1	1	1%	368	27%	4	One World 2,909,375 20%
12,535,896	Wilgerbosdriefft & Mauritzfontein	192	65,291	775	75	105	39%	3	5	4%	241	31%	5	Rainbow Bridge 3,270,000 26%
9,826,210	Summerhill Stud	239	41,114	1153	75	102	31%	3	3	4%	297	26%	4	Africa Rising 443,750 5%
7,639,360	Highlands	126	60,630	543	53	72	42%	3	3	6%	155	29%	3	Front And Centre 895,625 12%
7,586,924	Drakenstein Stud	105	72,256	417	37	49	35%	8	11	22%	137	33%	5	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 16%
5,321,213	Riverton Stud	31	171,652	138	12	19	39%	1	2	8%	40	29%	1	Cirillo 3,850,000 72%
4,914,674	Favour Stud	74	66,415	351	27	41	36%	2	3	7%	115	33%	1	Twist Of Fate 1,552,500 32%
4,688,360	Varsfontein Stud	84	55,814	331	37	52	44%	3	3	8%	104	31%	4	Doosra 252,850 5%
4,460,075	Ascot Stud	71	62,818	328	29	41	41%	2	2	7%	102	31%	5	Coral Fever 725,000 16%
4,457,061	Maine Chance	115	38,757	443	43	51	37%	2	2	5%	101	23%	4	Twist Of Fate 1,552,500 32%
4,237,225	La Plaisance Stud	76	55,753	252	27	37	36%	2	2	7%	95	38%	4	Head Honcho 813,750 19%
4,138,836	Scott Bros	122	33,925	507	34	42	28%	1	1	3%	138	27%	2	The Bayou 241,625 6%
3,724,212	GJ Armitage	64	58,191	296	17	23	27%	2	4	12%	62	21%	2	Tilbury Fort 1,485,000 40%
3,696,837	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	96	38,509	400	29	36	30%	0	0	0%	107	27%	2	Bye Bye Rocket 519,000 14%
3,534,511	Moutonshoek	115	30,735	460	26	30	23%	0	0	0%	119	26%	3	Undercover Agent 442,500 13%

**LEADING SIRES by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
11,449,545	*Captain Al	129	88,756	522	53	64	41%	5	6	9%	190	36%	9	One World 2,909,375 25%
8,236,361	Silvano	178	46,272	640	62	80	35%	5	6	8%	201	31%	8	Hawwaam 728,125 9%
7,958,999	Var	162	49,130	664	63	77	39%	4	4	6%	208	31%	4	Vardy 870,950 11%
7,751,847	Dynasty	122	63,540	506	45	63	37%	2	2	4%	146	29%	10	Front And Centre 895,625 12%
7,313,786	Gimmethgreenlight	132	55,407	543	47	66	36%	4	6	9%	175	32%	5	National Park 919,775 13%
7,096,175	Ideal World	89	79,732	406	34	47	38%	1	2	3%	113	28%	3	Rainbow Bridge 3,270,000 46%
5,966,638	Querari	110	54,242	433	39	55	35%	3	3	8%	121	28%	6	Head Honcho 813,750 14%
5,537,037	What A Winter	113	49,000	479	45	55	40%	1	3	2%	141	29%	2	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 22%
5,496,099	Twice Over	99	55,516	420	31	36	31%	2	2	6%	122	29%	1	Do It Again 1,977,500 36%
5,321,887	Trippi	109	48,825	424	41	52	38%	3	3	7%	139	33%	4	Chimichuri Run 286,250 5%
5,143,512	Pomodoro	41	125,452	138	13	16	32%	0	0	0%	37	27%	1	Cirillo 3,850,000 75%
4,747,034	Pathfork	88	53,944	370	35	47	40%	1	1	3%	114	31%	3	Skye Lane 616,000 13%
4,740,412	Oratorio	110	43,095	451	42	54	38%	0	0	0%	140	31%	0	Regal Graduation 283,275 6%
4,719,387	*Horse Chestnut	81	58,264	342	21	36	26%	2	4	10%	87	25%	3	Tilbury Fort 1,485,000 31%
4,537,171	*Sail From Seattle	112	40,510	497	39	54	35%	0	0	0%	146	29%	2	Pacific Trader 215,000 5%

**LEADING SIRES of 3YO'S by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
5,939,360	*Captain Al	54	109,988	209	24	30	44%	2	2	8%	83	40%	3	One World 2,909,375 49%
5,064,887	Pomodoro	38	133,287	134	12	15	32%	0	0	0%	36	27%	1	Cirillo 3,850,000 76%
3,914,575	Var	65	60,224	272	29	35	45%	1	1	3%	89	33%	2	Vardy 870,950 22%
3,908,836	Dynasty	46	84,975	180	21	30	46%	2	2	10%	47	26%	4	Front And Centre 895,625 23%
3,650,887	What A Winter	59	61,879	267	27	34	46%	1	3	4%	77	29%	1	Clouds Unfold 1,225,000 34%
3,624,687	Gimmethgreenlight	53	68,390	207	22	29	42%	2	3	9%	67	32%	2	National Park 919,775 25%
3,606,612	Master Of My Fate	64	56,353	259	17	21	27%	1	2	6%	83	32%	1	Twist Of Fate 1,552,500 43%
2,835,174	Elusive Fort	49	57,861	217	15	18	31%	0	0	0%	52	24%	2	Elusive Trader 1,230,000 43%
2,582,249	Silvano	53	48,722	151	16	22	30%	1	2	6%	40	26%	2	Hawwaam 728,125 28%
2,453,084	Pathfork	37	66,300	161	17	20	46%	0	0	0%	59	37%	3	Skye Lane 616,000 25%

**LEADING SIRES of 2YO'S by STAKES**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
332,150	What A Winter	11	30,195	22	3	3	27%	0	0	0%	13	59%	0	Enterthedebutante 92,125 28%
283,300	Gimmethgreenlight	8	35,413	11	3	3	38%	0	0	0%	6	55%	1	Emerald Band 89,875 32%
243,025	Pathfork	5	48,605	9	2	3	40%	1	1	50%	3	33%	0	Miss Honey 152,050 63%
209,375	Crusade	4	52,344	10	3	3	75%	0	0	0%	4	40%	0	Hey Delilah 91,875 44%
177,125	Vercingetorix	5	35,425	9	3	3	60%	0	0	0%	2	22%	0	Astrix 80,875 46%
166,600	Captain Of All	9	18,511	14	1	1	11%	0	0	0%	7	50%	0	What You Are 89,750 54%
135,875	Master Of My Fate	5	27,175	6	1	2	20%	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	Basadi Faith 131,250 97%
134,625	Var	8	16,828	10	1	1	13%	0	0	0%	5	50%	0	Cavivar 71,875 53%
125,875	*Captain Al	4	31,469	5	2	2	50%	0	0	0%	1	20%	0	Cousin Liz 50,000 40%

**LEADING SIRES by STAKES on Polytrack**

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Stakes	Sire	rns	AEPR	runs	wns	wns	wnr/rnr%	SW wns	SW wns	SW wnr%	plcs	plc/rns%	SP	top earner with stakes & % of total stakes
1,427,450	Oratorio	43	33,197	119	14	19	33%	0	0	0%	40	34%	0	Euphoric 156,625 11%
1,341,400	Gimmethgreenlight	45	29,809	121	13	16	29%	0	0	0%	40	33%	0	O' Keeffe 163,800 12%
1,219,263	Querari	41	29,738	101	12	14	29%	0	0	0%	37	37%	0	Playlist 135,025 11%
1,063,525	Pathfork	37	28,744	85	9	14	24%	0	0	0%	24	28%	0	Gorgeous Guest 222,350 21%
1,032,900	*Captain Al	30	34,430	90	12	13	40%	0	0	0%	33	37%	0	Flight Captain 137,900 13%
986,025	Var	41	24,049	118	12	13	29%	0	0	0%	29	25%	0	Bargeme 94,000 10%
969,025	Bold Silvano	31	31,259	106	10	12	32%	0	0	0%	39	37%	0	Bold Beauty 112,875 12%
964,700	Silvano	41	23,529	93	9	11	22%	0	0	0%	30	32%	0	Red Shift 149,425 15%
959,713	Ideal World	27	35,545	69	11	13	41%	0	0	0%	24	35%	0	Mangrove 117,575 12%

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Well established regular producers of high class racehorses, Riverton Stud will be offering three quality lots at March's Cape Yearling Sale.

Riverton have a long and impressive record of breeding high class racehorses- from Champion Sprinter Captain Of All to Cape Guineas winner Domino Man, the Robertson farm regularly comes up with high class performers.

The latest high class gallopers bred at Riverton include R4 million plus earner Cirillo, dual Gr3 winner Gimme One Night and the very exciting filly Cousin Liz. (pictured above)

The latter, a R2 900 000 buy from the 2018 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale, made an eye catching debut recently when romping home over 1000m at Kenilworth for trainer Candice Bass-Robinson and owner Mario Ferreira.

Riverton Stud has three yearlings on offer at the 2019 Cape Yearling Sale including a well-related filly (Lot 29) by former July winner and Equus Champion Bold Silvano.

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**LEADING TRAINERS by STAKES**

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trainer	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ runs
SG Tarry	665	86	13%	115	17%	35%	66	10%	288	43%	14,979,907	22,526
J Snaith	615	87	14%	128	21%	34%	71	12%	286	47%	12,563,188	20,428
MF de Kock	360	55	15%	87	24%	29%	53	15%	182	51%	9,224,357	25,623
BJ Crawford	456	74	16%	101	22%	32%	50	11%	231	51%	7,696,525	16,878
AC Greeff	612	92	15%	137	22%	29%	78	13%	292	48%	6,343,213	10,365
C Bass-Robinson	473	43	9%	44	9%	32%	47	10%	190	40%	6,105,775	12,909
Y Bremner	455	68	15%	72	16%	32%	67	15%	221	49%	5,741,688	12,619
PA Peter	355	50	14%	72	20%	29%	49	14%	164	46%	5,512,034	15,527
VH Marshall	281	29	10%	34	12%	29%	35	12%	131	47%	5,403,250	19,229
A Nel	302	48	16%	47	16%	30%	45	15%	163	54%	5,212,425	17,260
GD Smith	654	52	8%	46	7%	24%	52	8%	249	38%	4,096,050	6,263
DR Drier	262	41	16%	54	21%	37%	27	10%	130	50%	4,049,250	15,455
GS Kotzen	449	39	9%	48	11%	23%	52	12%	168	37%	4,020,225	8,954
J Ramsden	231	25	11%	15	6%	27%	19	8%	87	38%	3,861,737	16,717
JAJ v Vuuren	270	34	13%	54	20%	43%	44	16%	127	47%	3,692,710	13,677
SD Gray	307	24	8%	17	6%	18%	30	10%	126	41%	3,652,037	11,896

**LEADING JOCKEYS by WINS**

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jockey	rides	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd %	1st four	1st four%	stakes	stks/ rides
A Marcus	390	122	31%	245	63%	37%	67	17%	273	70%	20,066,637	51,453
M Yeni	972	115	12%	150	15%	28%	123	13%	467	48%	10,583,520	10,888
L Hewitson	620	96	15%	112	18%	28%	100	16%	327	53%	11,378,650	18,353
R Munger	834	92	11%	85	10%	29%	90	11%	355	43%	8,080,559	9,689
G Lerena	331	85	26%	151	46%	36%	46	14%	208	63%	9,231,718	27,890
G Cheyne	499	84	17%	145	29%	30%	79	16%	277	56%	6,857,050	13,742
R Fourie	354	82	23%	135	38%	34%	56	16%	229	65%	11,886,075	33,576
W Kennedy	651	65	10%	64	10%	30%	78	12%	294	45%	8,129,624	12,488
L J Ferraris	474	53	11%	48	10%	33%	41	9%	178	38%	5,046,550	10,647
K De Melo	485	49	10%	50	10%	22%	57	12%	226	47%	6,130,576	12,640
A Domeyer	282	47	17%	64	23%	33%	44	16%	168	60%	5,713,875	20,262
C Zackey	600	45	8%	40	7%	23%	63	11%	226	38%	5,936,661	9,894
B Fayd'herbe	220	40	18%	32	15%	34%	17	8%	106	48%	5,314,400	24,156
D Schwarz	417	38	9%	21	5%	29%	36	9%	140	34%	3,763,736	9,026
M Khan	357	37	10%	25	7%	24%	37	10%	141	39%	4,295,912	12,033
S Khumalo	269	36	13%	39	14%	33%	31	12%	110	41%	4,884,818	18,159

**LEADING TRAINERS/JOCKEYS by WINS %**

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trainer/ jockey	runs	wins	win %	fav	fav %	wfav %	2nd %	2nd %	stakes	stks/ runs
JAJ v Vuuren/A Marcus	30	17	57%	23	77%	65%	4	13%	1,214,412	40,480
GB Puller/A Marcus	21	10	48%	15	71%	47%	3	14%	705,400	33,590
MF de Kock/G Lerena	41	16	39%	22	54%	36%	5	12%	2,309,123	56,320
MG & AA Azzie/G Lerena	30	10	33%	15	50%	47%	1	3%	791,061	26,369
BJ Crawford/A Marcus	87	28	32%	43	49%	42%	17	20%	2,924,625	33,616
GV Woodruff/G Lerena	68	19	28%	41	60%	37%	16	24%	1,930,725	28,393
J Snaith/R Fourie	283	72	25%	115	41%	36%	48	17%	10,506,025	37,124
RR Sage/M Yeni	63	15	24%	14	22%	50%	3	5%	1,781,061	28,271
AC Greeff/G Cheyne	243	57	23%	122	50%	30%	50	21%	3,823,000	15,733
Gareth Van Zyl/W Kennedy	56	13	23%	9	16%	67%	7	13%	1,066,875	19,051
A Nel/G Wright	95	21	22%	21	22%	19%	17	18%	1,820,025	19,158
Y Bremner/L Hewitson	147	30	20%	36	24%	28%	34	23%	2,367,563	16,106
AG Laird/R Danielson	129	24	19%	38	29%	39%	16	12%	2,322,887	18,007
DR Drier/S Veale	155	28	18%	37	24%	38%	16	10%	2,833,750	18,282
SG Tarry/L J Ferraris	126	23	18%	18	14%	50%	11	9%	1,897,737	15,061
SG Tarry/S Khumalo	86	15	17%	20	23%	40%	9	10%	1,510,359	17,562

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Warren Kennedy is in fine form

**Warren 'Bout Nothing!**

Comfortably ensconced in the top ten on the national log, 37 year old KZN-based Warren Kennedy rode his 68th winner of the term at Scottsville on Wednesday. He picked up a double on the day, including a first ever winner for trainer Chesney van Zyl, when Marchingontogogether won the fea-

ture. Warren is likely to partner Nafaayes again when the smart 3yo steps out in the SA Fillies Classic at Turffontein next Saturday. He won the Gr2 Gauteng Guineas on her earlier this month.



Weiho Marwing scored a welcome double last evening

**Marwing Double**

Trainer Weiho Marwing hasn't enjoyed the easiest of rides in recent years but the veteran bounced back in style at Turffontein last evening courtesy of a nice double. Gavin Lerena steered the Australian-bred Manhattan Rain gelding Manhattan Cocktail to his second career victory in the fourth, while the Fastnet

Rock gelding Powered Beauty won the last under Hennie Greyling. This was Weiho's seventh winner of the term and he will be looking to build on his 8% strike-rate.



Sean Tarry and Lyle Hewitson have enjoyed a dream run

**Power Pair**

Trainer Sean Tarry and jockey Lyle Hewitson were the only combination to register a double at the rescheduled Turffontein meeting yesterday evening. They won the opener with the Visionaire filly Satin Slipper, who



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won at third time of asking. Then in the seventh, the beautifully bred Jeterio bounced back from a quiet Cape campaign to score her second win. Tarry,

our personality of the week (see page 18), registered his 2000th winner on Sunday – also ridden by Hewitson.

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MALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
103	Will Pays	7	Imperial Stride	Northfields Stud	17Feb	2	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	108/106/-/-/-
101	Rebel's Champ	4	Rebel King	Nine Bridges Association	17Feb	3	MR110	1000	Turffontein	105/-/-/-/-
100	Tribal Fusion	6	Trippi	Favour Stud	10Feb	2	Cnd	1500	Scottsville	100/100/-/-/-
100	Tilbury Fort	5	Horse Chestnut	GJ Armitage	17Feb	1	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	63/100/96/98/-
98	Captain Aldo	8	Captain Al	Boland Stud	17Feb	4	Cnd	1400	Turffontein	102/102/71/-/-
96	Down To Zero	4	Judpot	TD Andrews	17Feb	1	MR110	1000	Turffontein	96/88/-/-/-
96	Mr Roy	6	Western Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	10Feb	1	Cnd	1500	Scottsville	96/96/-/-/-
95	Dawnbreaker	5	Trippi	Highlands	15Feb	3	MR98	1200	Fairview	95/95/65/-/-
94	Prince Of Kahal	4	Kahal	Clifton Stud	17Feb	2	MR110	1000	Turffontein	94/90/-/-/-
91	Aldo	3	Redoute's Promise	Piemonte Stud	15Feb	4	MR98	1200	Fairview	94/-/-/-/-

FEMALES (up to 1600m)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
98	Captain's Girl	5	Noordhoek Flyer	DGM Southey	6Feb	1	Cnd	1000	Scottsville	99/-/-/-/-
96	Madame Speaker	3	Pathfork	SE Bennett	8Feb	1	Cnd3f	1400	Fairview	87/96/-/-/-
95	Vision To Kill	5	Kildonan	MJR Mauvis	6Feb	2	Cnd	1000	Scottsville	100/-/-/-/-
89	Gin Fizz	2	Soft Falling Rain	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	17Feb	1	MJP-f	1000	Turffontein	89/-/-/-/-
89	Regal Graduation	4	Oratorio	AC Dickerson & DJ Fraser	17Feb	1	MR87f	1400	Turffontein	80/89/-/-/-
88	Exquisite Touch	5	Var	Waterford Stud	17Feb	6	MR110	1000	Turffontein	110/-/-/-/-
86	Run Fox Run	3	Foxwedge	bred in Australia	9Feb	1	MR78f	1000	Kenilworth	86/-/-/-/-
83	Ulla	3	Querari	Maine Chance	5Feb	1	MR74f	1000	Vaal	84/-/-/-/-
82	Miss Smarty Pants	4	Horse Chestnut	IW Longmore	6Feb	5	MR88f	1400	Scottsville	75/82/-/-/-
82	Camphoratus	4	Byword	R & Mrs Pickering	10Feb	5	Cnd	1500	Scottsville	71/82/-/-/-

MALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
91	Hero's Honour	4	Await The Dawn	Summerhill Stud	9Feb	1	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	72/91/84/-/92/
89	French Navy	7	Count Dubois	GJ Armitage	9Feb	5	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	71/109/110/109/96/
87	Mangrove	5	Ideal World	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	8Feb	4	MR89	1600	Fairview	-/87/80/88/81/
85	Top Shot	7	A P Arrow	Summerhill Stud	9Feb	3	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	-/89/88/88/85/
84	Mr Winsome	6	Silvano	Riverworld Stud	9Feb	4	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	-/81/97/96/100/
83	Senor Lizard	3	The Apache	Rosedene Stud	17Feb	2	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	75/75/78/83/-
83	D' arrivee	4	Kahal	Scott Bros	9Feb	1	MR86	1600	Turffontein	56/83/63/-/-
83	Protea Paradise	3	Dynasty	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	17Feb	1	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	33/76/75/83/-
82	Green Lantern	5	Gimmethgreenlight	Varsfontein Stud	8Feb	2	MR89	1600	Fairview	85/85/-/-/-
81	Tommy Grand	4	Fort Wood	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	13Feb	4	MR80	1900	Greyville	77/77/81/-/-

FEMALES (1600m and more)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
98	Redberry Lane	5	Western Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	9Feb	1	Cndfm	1600	Turffontein	-/102/82/-/-
89	Return Flight	3	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	9Feb	2	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	-/97/-/-/-
88	Fort Ember	6	Elusive Fort	Arc-en-Ciel	9Feb	1	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	-/100/101/101/-
87	Being Fabulous	5	High Chaparral	bred in Australia	9Feb	2	Cndfm	1600	Turffontein	69/87/87/83/-
85	Mazari	3	Bold Silvano	Danika Stud	9Feb	5	Cndfm	1600	Turffontein	89/91/-/-/-
85	Tamarina	4	Judpot	Varsfontein Stud	9Feb	3	Cndfm	1600	Turffontein	78/85/-/-/-
83	Silver Thursday	4	Silvano	Varsfontein Stud	9Feb	2	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	86/91/84/83/84/
83	Dame Kelly	4	Dynasty	Highlands	9Feb	1	Cndfm	1600	Turffontein	78/87/-/-/-
82	Nastergal	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Ridgemont	9Feb	1	MR80f	1600	Kenilworth	73/82/75/-/-
81	High Seas Beauty	5	High Chaparral	bred in Australia	5Feb	3	MR83f	1600	Vaal	76/82/-/-/-

3yo MALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
91	Aldo	3	Redoute's Promise	Piemonte Stud	15Feb	4	MR98	1200	Fairview	94/-/-/-/-
85	Fabian	3	What A Winter	Lammerskraal Stud	9Feb	2	MR79	1200	Kenilworth	85/83/-/-/-
85	Basilus	3	Potala Palace	Pecan Hill Stud Farm	7Feb	1	MR72	1200	Vaal	85/57/-/-/-
83	Senor Lizard	3	The Apache	Rosedene Stud	17Feb	2	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	75/75/78/83/-
83	Protea Paradise	3	Dynasty	Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein	17Feb	1	Cnd	2000	Turffontein	33/76/75/83/-
81	Old Man Tyme	3	Announce	Graystone Stud	7Feb	1	MR90	1100	Vaal	81/76/-/-/-
80	Topmast	3	Sail From Seattle	Wicklow Stud	7Feb	2	Cnd	1000	Vaal	84/-/-/-/-
80	Euphoric	3	Oratorio	Avontuur Farm	13Feb	1	MR76	1400	Greyville	69/80/-/-/-
79	Apollo Ace	3	What A Winter	Favour Stud	16Feb	1	MR72	1000	Kenilworth	79/72/-/-/-
79	Basilus	3	Potala Palace	Pecan Hill Stud Farm	17Feb	2	MR84	1160	Turffontein	85/57/-/-/-

3yo FEMALES (any distance)										
AR	horse	age	sire	breeder	date	fin	class	distance	course	aptitude
96	Madame Speaker	3	Pathfork	SE Bennett	8Feb	1	Cnd3f	1400	Fairview	87/96/-/-/-
89	Return Flight	3	Pomodoro	M Sharkey	9Feb	2	Cnd	1600	Turffontein	-/97/-/-/-
86	Run Fox Run	3	Foxwedge	bred in Australia	9Feb	1	MR78f	1000	Kenilworth	86/-/-/-/-
85	Mazari	3	Bold Silvano	Danika Stud	9Feb	5	Cndfm	1600	Turffontein	89/91/-/-/-
83	Ulla	3	Querari	Maine Chance	5Feb	1	MR74f	1000	Vaal	84/-/-/-/-
82	Nastergal	3	Duke Of Marmalade	Ridgemont	9Feb	1	MR80f	1600	Kenilworth	73/82/75/-/-
79	Perfect Tigress	3	Where's That Tiger	Hemel 'n Aarde Stud	17Feb	2	MR87f	1400	Turffontein	72/85/-/-/-
78	Strawberry Wine	3	Judpot	WJ Engelbrecht Jnr	16Feb	5	MR72f	1400	Kenilworth	-/78/-/-/-
77	Dream Baby Dream	3	Trippi	Klawervlei Stud	16Feb	2	MR72f	1400	Kenilworth	44/77/-/-/-
77	All Of Me	3	Var	Boland Stud	18Feb	3	MR91	1400	Flamingo Park	82/77/-/-/-



## BLACK TYPE RESULTS

**TURFFONTEIN (STAND SIDE)****Sunday, 17 February****Course Variant: 1.01s slow (straight)**

With 107mm of rain in the seven days leading up to this meeting, the penetrometer read 27 and the going was posted as soft. The false rail was set at zero in the back straight, and 2m on the bend with a 2m spur at the 700m mark. There was a moderate easterly cross/tail wind of around 15km/h.

**Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap R250,000****Zero's The Hero**

The scratching of Red Chesnut Road (blood disorder) and Chantyman (Stipes permission) had the 1000m feature field reduced to 14 runners on the soft track. With the pace on from the gun, Keanan Steyn had Great Shaka bowling along out front ahead of Rocky Valley, Down To Zero and Rivarine.

Prince Of Kahal moved up strongly at the 300m as Rivarine looked dangerous down the outside and Down To Zero maintained a solid pace.

But riding a superbly judged race, Marco van Rensburg kept the 20-1 shot Down To Zero interested and he came forward strongly to score a hard earned 0,30 length win in a time of 57,51 secs.

The consistent Prince Of Kahal stayed on well for second and must be overdue for his sixth win as he maintains a solid form profile.

The topweighted Rebel's Champ showed no after-effects of his long Cape journey and after getting tight down the outside rail, rattled on well late in the race for third 1,80 lengths further back, with Donny G taking the quartet into another dividend zone in fourth.

Bred by the Sorrento Stud supremo Terry Andrews, Down To Zero is a son of the very versatile Judpot (A.P.Indy) out of the one-time winner Armatrading (Var). A R220 000 2016 CTS March Yearling sale buy to the bid of trainer Mike Azzie, the winner took his earnings to R512 750 with his 4th win and 8 places from 16 starts.

**Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap 1000m**

Winner Down To Zero was always handy; led 100m; ran on  
 Runner-up Prince Of Kahal raced 9th; ran on strongly to be narrowly beaten  
 Third Rebel's Champ raced in the rear 3 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m, when level with the runner-up; ran on, but no chance with first two; was reported coughing

**Time:** This was the fastest of the afternoon's four sprint races. We gave the third (prev 105/103/105/105/85) 101 which makes the winner (prev 85/95/91/91/68) 96 and the runner-up (prev 79/87/78/90/91) 94

96	1	0.00	DOWN TO ZERO	(7)	55.5	M v Rensburg	18/1
4 b g	Judpot - Armatrading (Var)						
94	2	0.30	PRINCE OF KAHAL	(6)	55.5	M Yeni	17/4
4 ch g	Kahal - Vogue (Model Man)						
101	3	2.10	REBEL'S CHAMP	(11)	62.0	C Herrera Gomez	19/4
4 ch g	Rebel King - Anne Bonny (Captain Al)						
80	4	2.30	Donny G	(9)	52.5	H vd Hoven	44/1
89	5	2.50	Rivarine	(14)	57.0	G Lerena	15/4
88	6	2.80	Exquisite Touch	(10)	57.0	L Hewitson	17/2
75	7	3.50	Great Shaka	(2)	52.5	K Steyn	15/1
68	8	5.60	Tandava	(1)	53.0	J Penny	25/1
64	9	5.85	Valbonne	(13)	52.0	R Munger	11/1
66	10	6.10	Cathedral County	(3)	53.0	C Habib	13/1
64	11	7.35	Rocky Valley	(5)	54.5	C Zackey	20/1
57	12	7.75	Premier Show	(8)	52.0	K Matsunyane	28/1
60	13	8.55	Pure Blonde	(12)	55.0	R Simons	25/1
28	14	15.55	Isphan	(4)	53.0	D Schwarz	30/1
<b>Time:</b> 57.51s (57.51s avg/1000m, or 63km/h)				<b>SP Total %:</b> 116%			
<b>1st T:</b> MG & AA Azzie				<b>O:</b> Messrs P J Cotterell, A D Carr & J A Carr			
<b>B:</b> TD Andrews							

Check the race results on this page

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**ABILITY RATINGS (AR)**  
 puts every horse in its place

**Talk Talk**

**The interpretation of slang language is likely to be a central issue when trainer Ben Currie defends animal cruelty charges in future hearings.**

Currie was in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal on Thursday when he was successful in a stay on a suspension handed down by stewards on Monday.

Scott McLeod QC, for the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, said Currie faced seven serious charges based on a series of text messages uncovered after his phone was confiscated by investigators.

"There are harping charges, a shock-wave charge and a bleeding charge," he said.

Currie's counsel Jim Murdoch QC said there was no direct evidence to link the texts with any offence.

"(For instance) harped up could have a multitude of benign meanings," Murdoch said.

He said no jiggers or devices had been found at Currie's stables or anywhere else even though the stables had been raided, were under covert observation and CCTV had been taken from them.

Murdoch said shock-wave treatment could be a perfectly legal application to a horse for injuries as long as administered in a legal timeline.

One of the charges against Currie involved selling a horse that had bled without telling stewards it had bled.

But Murdoch said if the horse had a bleed from one nostril that was something not reportable to stewards.

**Mogok's Double**

**Scott Bros evergreen Mogok, enjoyed a double at Scottsville yesterday, including an impressive debut win with Wave.**

Mogok's progeny have earned over R1,5-million this season – an immaculately-bred sire, by Storm Cat from the immediate female line of Northern Dancer and a half-brother to Machiavellian, Mogok has the rare distinction of producing two Gr1 horses overseas – Gypsy's Warning and his son at stud, The Apache.

In total, he has produced 4 Gr1 winners, and the sire of 40 Stakes horses (wins and places).

Wave, trained by Gavin Van Zyl who trained The Apache to Gr1 victory, is owned in partnership by Lucky Vest 12 CC (Nom: Mr S Govender), Team G Racing (Nom: Mr G H van Zyl), Messrs E A Budlender, P R Rencken & Mrs C C Naidoo. He sold for R100 000 off the 2018 KZN Yearling Sale and earned his connections a BSA bonus of R50 000 for qualifying yearlings sold at BSA sales. Wave, racing green finished almost three lengths with relative ease and is definitely a horse to watch in the future. He is out of a Miesque's Approval mare Seaview, this is the family of La Fabulous, Rip Curl and Surf The Net.

Mark Dixon, who very sadly lost his special horse London Call unexpectedly recently, followed in the third race with Sand Queen (also bred by Scotts), winning her third race after placing in both of her previous race starts for owners Messrs Andre Fouche, G A Hauptfleisch & Mrs H Kuhn.

Sand Queen sold for just R30 000 off the 2018 Shongweni Mixed Sale, out of a half-sister to Jungle Sands and Pure Shore. Her dam has produced six winners to date including the recent Sand Path.

Lifetime leading breeders of over 50 years, Scott Bros, are in the process of winding down their breeding operation and are offering their final draft of yearlings directly for sale off of Highdown Stud.

Email [scottbros@worldonline.co.za](mailto:scottbros@worldonline.co.za) to find out more.

# SIGNPOSTS

## 1st & 2nd season sires - 2yo's

### **CAPETOWN NOIR** (Western Winter)

Brandina 2f (Bedouin by Var)

[Fairview 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

### **JACKSON (DYNASTY)**

Alright Jack 2c (Undine by Western Winter)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

Jaco's bubbles 2f (Gibraltar Express by Rock of Gibraltar)

[Kenilworth 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\) 1200m \(23/02\)](#)

### **POMODORO** (Jet Master)

Immeasurable 2c (Miss Dillan by Numerous)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(23/02\)](#)

Senor Don 2c (Senorita Al by Captain Al)

[Kenilworth 3 Maiden Juvenile Plate 1400m \(23/02\)](#)

### **POTALA PALACE** (Singspiel)

Great Achievement 2f (Full Performance by Al Mufti)

[Fairview 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

### **TIME THIEF** (Redoute's Choice)

Sir Caleb 2c (Servilia by Caesour)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

### **VERCINGETORIX** (Silvano)

Viking Moon 2c (Touch The Moon by Untouchable)

[Fairview 1 Maiden Juvenile Plate \(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

Dominica 2f (Darrie by Captain Al)

[Fairview 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

### **WYLIE HALL** (Redoute's Choice)

Wily Lass 2f (Perceptive by Silvano)

[Fairview 2 Juvenile Plate \(Fillies\)\(Turf\) 1000m \(22/02\)](#)

## 2nd season sires - 3yo's

### **DUKE OF MARMALADE** (Danehill)

Duke's Dozen 3g (Quatrain by Al Mufti)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)

Cardinal One 3g (Killie Campbell by Western Winter)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate 1600m \(23/02\)](#)

Duke Of Swing 3g (Candy Singer by Singspiel)

[Turffontein 5 Maiden Plate 2000m \(23/02\)](#)

Marauding 3g (Western Roll by Western Winter)

[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 2000m \(23/02\)](#)

Oona 3g (Tapdance by Tapit)

[Greyville 1 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1400m \(24/02\)](#)

Orient Express 3g (Blue Train by Trippi)

[Greyville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 2000m \(24/02\)](#)

### **JACKSON** (Dynasty)

Reymundo 3g (Taj Mahal Trip by Trippi)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(22/02\)](#)

Redamancy 3g (Capulette by Captain Al)

[Fairview 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)

Ontopoftheworld 3g (Fly All Day by Jet Master)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(22/02\)](#)

Nifty Fifty 3g (Between The Covers by Caesour)

[Fairview 9 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(22/02\)](#)

Ex's 'n Oh's 3g (Jahazi by Green Desert)

[Turffontein 9 Assessment Plate \(F&M\) 1500m \(23/02\)](#)

Destin 3g (Princess Isabella by Personal Hope)

[Kenilworth 9 Maiden Plate 2000m \(23/02\)](#)

Rumbleinthejungle 3g (Diva Taahirah by Lake Coniston)

[Greyville 2 Qualified Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(24/02\)](#)

### **MASTER OF MY FATE** (Jet Master)

Petipa 3g (Pawlova by Acatenango)

[Fairview 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)

The Master 3g (La Poppet by Crimson Waves)

[Greyville 6 MR 70 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)

Bushiri 3g (Bushra by Badger Land)

[Fairview 9 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(22/02\)](#)

Turf Master 3g (Couturier by Fort Wood)

[Turffontein 2 Maiden Plate 1600m \(23/02\)](#)

William Henley 3g (Queen Of All by Jallad)

[Turffontein 5 Maiden Plate 2000m \(23/02\)](#)

La Duchesse 3g (Grisette by Fort Wood)

[Greyville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 2000m \(24/02\)](#)

### **NOBLE TUNE** (Unbridled's Song)

Painted Black 3g (Silent Nights by Catbird)

[Greyville 4 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)

Noble Joshua 3g (Mia Joshua by Joshua Dancer)

[Greyville 6 MR 70 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)

Fashionada 3g (Ramp Model by Rakeen)

[Greyville 8 Maiden Plate \(Polytrack\) 1900m \(22/02\)](#)

French Nobility 3g (Liste Secrete by Peintre Celebre)

[Fairview 9 MR 66 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Turf\) 1400m \(22/02\)](#)

Frozen Tune 3g (Winter Feast by Western Winter)

[Greyville 8 MR 64 Handicap \(Polytrack\) 1400m \(24/02\)](#)

### **POMODORO** (Jet Master)

Kapama 3g (Kruger Park by Al Mufti)

[Turffontein 4 Assessment Plate \(F&M\) 2000m \(23/02\)](#)

Cedar Man 3g (Dharmasala by Fantastic Light)

[Kenilworth 5 Kenilworth Cup \(Listed\) 3200m \(23/02\)](#)

My Dream Chaser 3g (Valley Of Rubies by Mogok)

[Turffontein 9 Assessment Plate \(F&M\) 1500m \(23/02\)](#)

### **POTALA PALACE** (Singspiel)

Tibetan Rouge 3g (Lily Lafitte by Casey Tibbs)

[Fairview 4 Maiden Plate \(Turf\) 1400m \(22/02\)](#)

Palace Rose 3g (Stargazer Pink by Jallad)

[Greyville 3 MR 62 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1200m \(24/02\)](#)

### **THE APACHE** (Mogok)

Cape Leopard 3g (Darley Rose by Fusaichi Pegasus)

[Fairview 6 MR 76 Handicap \(Turf\) 2400m \(22/02\)](#)

Adorable Analia 3g (Idilic Charm by In The Money)

[Greyville 7 MR 78 Handicap \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1900m \(22/02\)](#)

Arlingtons Revenge 3g (Cleome by Muhtafal)

[Turffontein 6 MR 74 Handicap 2000m \(23/02\)](#)

### **THE ASSAYER** (Galileo)

Whispering Hill 3g (Whispering Reeds by Lecture)

[Greyville 5 Maiden Plate \(F&M\)\(Polytrack\) 1600m \(22/02\)](#)



# SIGNPOSTS

## Notable Maiden Winners

### VISIONAIRE

Rated **AR 79 Minnesota Dream** (2c Dubai Jewel by Fusaichi Pegasus)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate Kenilworth (1000m) (16/2)*

Slow into stride after losing three lengths at the start, Joey Ramsden's charge raced at the back early on. Patiently ridden by S'manga Khumalo, the son of Visionaire was steadily guided into contention. He struck the front 250m out and won very cosily by three quarters. First-time out winners from the Ramsden-yard often go on to do well in stakes races. Keep an eye!

### SOFT FALLING RAIN

Rated **AR 89 Gin Fizz** (2f Espumanti by Dansili)

*Maiden Juvenile Plate (f) Turffontein (stand side) (1000m) (17/2)*

Supported into odds-on, Mike De Kock's newcomer was taken straight to the front by Gavin Lerena and led throughout. Doing it easily, only having to be pushed out at the business end of the race, she cruised in by seven and a half.

## Horses To Follow

### HORSE CHESTNUT

Rated **AR 75 Tilbury Fort** (5g Colleen by Restructure)

*Pinnacle Stakes Turffontein (stand side) (1400m) (17/2)*

The winner of the Gr1 Summer Cup last time out, Sean Tarry's charge has been improving with each outing since making his seasonal debut in November. He ran on well from the rear here, and just got the better of the luckless Will Pays.

## Winners Bred Abroad

another **AUSHORSE** winner

**Flexible Fugitive** (AUS) 4g Wanted- Bobine(USA)

(Giant's Causeway)

*Greyville 1200m (13/02)*

### 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.

### SPORTS AND BETTING

## Super Sunday

Man Utd vs Liverpool | Sunday 24 February | Old Trafford | 16:05



The stage is set. The Theatre of Dreams will draw back its curtains once again as England's fiercest rivalry unfolds in a 'Super Sunday' humdinger as Manchester United host Liverpool. After so many barren years, both

giants of English football find themselves back in the forefront, with the Red Devils vastly improving under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, while Jurgen Klopp's mighty Reds are challenging for the ultimate prize in England – the Premier League trophy. Old Trafford hasn't been a happy hunting ground for Liverpool, and with this being the game tipped by many to decide Solskjaer's fate at United, a win for the visitors would restore their three-point lead at the summit.

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

### TO WIN

Manchester United 43/20

Draw 51/20

Liverpool 5/4

### MANCHESTER UNITED

After a complete turnaround in their season, Manchester United fans can go into a big game believing again. Many eyebrows were raised when Ole Gunnar Solskjaer lost his first game as interim boss – 2-0 at home to Paris Saint-Germain – but his response against Chelsea on Monday night surely put any doubt to bed.

Solskjaer is by no means a tactically astute manager, but his willingness in letting the players go out and express themselves on the pitch has worked wonders for Manchester United. Winning 11 of your 12 domestic matches is no fluke, and even in their 2-2 draw against Burnley, they showed the type of mental strength only seen back in the Fergie era.

With Chelsea playing in the Carabao Cup this weekend, United will be looking to distance themselves from at least one top four rival, which could open a four-point gap for the time being.

### LIVERPOOL

Win this and who knows, this really could be their year. Right now, pressure is starting to mount at Liverpool, and it has shown this season that the Reds have been at their best when they're playing as the chasers in the title race.

That was evident in the early stages of the year, when Liverpool surrendered their seven-point lead over Manchester City. Of course, avoiding defeat would put them back on top, but a win would send a message of intent to show that this Liverpool side really are the real deal.

Their form has been indifferent of late, drawing two of their last three encounters, but they'll definitely be highly-motivated to end Solskjaer's unbeaten Premier League run. Despite winning just one of their last three games, over the course of the season, Liverpool have been the best team in the division.

**PREDICTION:** Rashford to Score Anytime & Man United Win (7/2)

CLOCKWATCHING WITH STEVE FURNISH

# Province Of Plenty

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK'S BEST SPEEDRATINGS

## Two From Four

**Scottsville 10 February**

The best bet for most in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday was HOME RULER in the girl's maiden plate over 1200m, and she didn't let down her supporters. Always deep in the red, Dennis Drier's charge was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead going through the 200m and with the rest some seven lengths adrift, she beat the lightly raced MANTLE by a length and a half.

There were three races run over 1200m in total and in the fastest of these, a graduation plate, the 3yo Rock Of Gibraltar gelding SOLID GOLD gained his second victory from just four starts. Well supported on course to go off second favourite at 47/20, Michael Roberts' charge was soon positioned close to the speed. He ran on strongly over the final 200m and with the rest left trailing in their wake, he only got the better of the 17/10 favourite EXCLUSIVE QUANTITY (raced at the back of the six) by the narrowest of margins

The only other distance to stage more than one race was 1600m where the faster of the two maiden events was the boy's affair in which KING'S COVE opened his account. He got away well when the gates opened and nicely positioned in fifth was always poised to strike. He did so as they approached the 200m marker and won going away by three.

**Titbits** Improving JACK OF HEARTS won the maiden plate over 1950m going away by a length and a quarter.

## Silently progressing

**Greyville 13 February**

Three of the eight races on Wednesday afternoon were staged over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest of these, a MR76 Handicap, was EUPHORIC. Freely available at 12/1 on the off, Dennis Drier's charge was always handy. He quickened well at the top of the short home straight and got the verdict by a half over the more

fancied COLLABRO (came from the rear).

A MR60 Handicap over 1000m had opened up proceedings and in what proved to be a real thriller victory here went to the 4yoYAAS. A winner over the course and distance last time out, the daughter of Main Aim also raced close to the speed. She put her head in front going through the 300m and in a race where only a quarter of a length separated the first four home, she got the verdict on the nod.

A MR80 Handicap over 1900m topped the bill and here victory went to the progressive 3yo LAST OF THE LEGEND. A fluent winner of his only previous racecourse appearance, the son of Horse Chestnut was soon prominent. He took up the running 300m out and kept on strongly late to beat the well-supported favourite HIGH GREEN by a half.

**Titbits** The 3yo FORTHELASTIME ran on well from midfield when comfortably accounting for his eleven rivals in the MR66 affair over 1600m.

## Easier Pickings

**Fairview 15 February**

A MR98 Handicap topped the bill on Friday's poly track card and in what on my clock proved to be the faster of the two 1200m events, the grey FLIGHT CAPTAIN registered his seventh career victory. Taken straight to the front by Lyle Hewitson, the Captain Al gelding led throughout. He kept on strongly at the business end of the race and held on by a quarter from the faster finishing BORDER CONTROL.

The Western Cape raider CELESTIAL PRINCE was the best bet on the card for most and in the end he did the business quite easily. Not the quickest into stride when the gates opened, Candice Bass-Robinson's charge raced second last early on. Cleverly ridden by Bernard Fayd'Herbe though, the son of Duke Of Marmalade circled runners rounding the home turn and was then nicely positioned in fifth at the top of the straight. He struck the front 150m out and went on to score going away by three.

**Last Week's Top Rated SPEED RATINGS winners incl.**

Donnan .....	won 12/1
King's Cove .....	won 9/2
Over Sharing .....	won 4/1
Eternal Night .....	won 10/3
Inertia .....	won 32/10
Jack Of Hearts .....	won 14/10
Protea Paradise .....	won 19/20
Home Ruler .....	won 4/11

## Top speed ratings for this weekend

(Ratings shown have already been adjusted to allocated weights)

### FAIRVIEW (FRI)

Race 1: (4) Foreign Source 5

Race 2: (1) Brandina 40 (nb)

Race 3: (8) Malinga 68

Race 4: (2) Cradleofgratitude 17 (NAP\*)

Race 5: (1) Epic Storm 15

Race 6: (9) Data Link 56

Race 7: (4) Go Direct 64 (EW)

Race 8: (1) Freedom Charter 69

Race 9: (17) Guilty Pleasure 37

### GREYVILLE (FRI)

Race 1: (1) Alfonsa Spagoni 18

Race 2: (4) Elusive Diva 23

Race 3: (3) Di Mazzio 71 (NAP\*)

Race 4: (5) Duke's Dozen 10

Race 5: (6) Three Ships 7

Race 6: (10) Mark Tapley 39

Race 7: (8) Red Herring 51

Race 8: (6) Roy's Physco 12

### TURFFONTEIN (SAT)

Race 1: (1) Ufo 12

Race 2: (3) Liberado 15

Race 3: (8) Seeking Gold 57

Race 4: (5) Railtrip 46

Race 5: (1) Mighty Rock 11

Race 6: (8) Press My Button 52

Race 7: (1) Green Plains 82

Race 8: (3) Only To Win 49

Race 9: (6) Vi Va Pi Pa 36

### KENILWORTH (SAT)

Race 1: (2) River Rhone 7

Race 2: (1) Vandah's Spirit 19

Race 3: (6) Midwinter 7

Race 4: (3) Hemero 65

Race 5: (5) Jailhouse Rock 70

Race 6: (10) Gyre 89

Race 7: (3) Rose In Bloom 82

Race 8: (1) Kasimir 101

Race 9: (16) Magic Mountain 20

### GREYVILLE (SUN)

Race 1: (1) Genereight 10

Race 2: (2) Rumbleinthejungle 13

Race 3: (5) Sheik's Storm 36

Race 4: (4) Ginger Biscuit 31

Race 5: (2) La Duchesse 6

Race 6: (10) Runaway Gal 63

Race 7: (11) Mythical Magic 39

Race 8: (13) Lunar Tide 39

## Nap bets

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## CLOCKWATCHING CONT.

There were a number of easy victories on the afternoon, but none more so than that of the former Cape Town campaigner ETERNAL NIGHT. Sent off second in the betting market at 10/3, the Black Minnaloushe mare was soon up handy. She was ridden to lead approaching the 200m pole and cruised clear in the closing stages of the race to score by six and a quarter.

**Titbits** Having her first outing since relocating from the Western Cape, ALPHABET STREET came from second last when running on stoutly to fill second position in the opening maiden plate over 1000m.

## Dream Start

**Kenilworth 16 February**

A maiden juvenile plate over 1000m got proceedings underway in Cape Town on Saturday and here we saw a smart performance from the newcomer MINNESOTA DREAM. Slowest into stride, the son of Visionaire raced a number of lengths off the pace at the back very early on. Patiently ridden by the experienced S'manga Khumalo though, Joey Ramsden's charge steadily worked his way into contention. He struck the front 250m out and with some in hand won very cosily by three quarters.

A MR72 Handicap was the only other race to be run over 1000m and in a time 1,46 seconds faster than that of Minnesota Dream, APOLLO ACE registered his second career victory. Sent off second in the betting market at 6/1, the 3yo son of What A Winter was soon positioned close to the speed. He ran on strongly over the final 400m and got up late to deny the front running outsider SINGFONICO.

Four of the afternoon's eight races were run over 1400m and stopping the clock in the fastest time amongst these was WAITING FOR RAIN in the MR79 Handicap. Allowed to ease right out to 13/1 at the track, the 7yo, as per usual, came from off the pace. He ran on strongly in the closing stages of the race and got the verdict by

a half over the favourite GREEN ARCHER (came from the rear).

**Titbits** The 3yo FAYE didn't find the clearest of passages when running on from the backend of midfield to finish runner up in the MR72 Handicap over 1400m.

## Inspired Taste

**Turffontein 17 February**

This was the meeting originally scheduled to take place on Saturday 16th February. The daughter of Soft Falling Rain GIN FIZZ was backed into the red to make a winning debut in the opening maiden juvenile plate over 1000m on Sunday and she went on to score accordingly. Taken straight to the front by Gavin Lerena, Mike De Kock's charge was always travelling well. She only had to be pushed out over the final 400m and won going away by seven and a half.

The stable of Mike De Kock were also on the mark with a very easy winner in the second, an assessment plate, when GREENER PASTURES registered her second career victory. Surprisingly the quickest of the three 1600m events, given that just four went to post, the Gimmethegreenlight filly raced at the back for most of the journey. She was ridden to lead shortly after passing the 400m marker and after quickly going clear, she won easing down by six and a quarter.

Yet another to win very easily on this card was REGAL GRADUATION in the faster of the two 1400m events, a MR87 Handicap. Always handy, the daughter of Oratorio put her head in front as they approached the 200m pole and went on to score without any anxious moments from the running on PERFECT TIGRESS (lost 3 lengths and didn't find a clear passage) by three and three quarters.

**Titbits** The friendless newcomer LOUVAIN came from the backend of midfield when getting up late to win the maiden plate for the girls over 1160m.

## FASTEST TIMES

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

### SCOTTSVILLE (INSIDE) 10 FEBRUARY

Penetrometer 23 – Going Good	
Course Variant: 0,44s slow	
1000m (1) Hondo	57,91
1200m (3) Solid Gold	68,37
1500m (1) Mr Roy	88,00
1600m (2) King's Cove	95,88
1950m (1) Jack Of Hearts	121,74

### GREYVILLE (POLY) 13 FEBRUARY

Going Standard	
Course Variant: 0,41s slow	
1000m (1) Yaas	58,29
1200m (1) Flexible Fugitive	70,91
1400m (3) Euphoric	82,79
1600m (1) Forthelastime	95,86
1900m (1) Last Of The Legend	116,48
2000m (1) Bold Beauty	124,39

### FAIRVIEW (POLY) 15 FEBRUARY

Going Standard	
1000m (1) Press Release	59,33
1100m (1) Bargeme	65,32
1200m (2) Flight Captain	70,21*
1300m (2) Lets Play Ball	76,47
1600m (1) Raven Girl	97,09*
1900m (1) Celestial Prince	118,99*

### KENILWORTH (NEW) 16 FEBRUARY

Penetrometer 22 – Going Good	
1000m (2) Apollo Ace	58,74
1200m (1) Inertia	72,08
1400m (4) Waiting For Rain	86,10
1600m (1) Swift Surprise	99,17

### TURFFONTEIN (OLD) 17 FEBRUARY

Penetrometer 27 – Going Soft	
Penetrometer 1,01s slow	
1000m (2) Down To Zero	57,51
1160m (2) Whorly Whorly	68,51
1400m (2) Regal Graduation	86,44
1600m (3) Greener Pastures	101,80
2000m (1) Protea Paradise	128,87

## Notebook

Horses worth following at their next few starts...

**GIN FIZZ** (M De Kock, Gauteng)  
**LAST OF THE LEGEND** (S Tarry, KZN)  
**MINNESOTA DREAM** (J Ramsden, W-Cape)

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