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Betting

July day fever!

GET YOUR BETS ON EARLY

Ardent followers of Africa's Greatest Horseracing Event, and those who have a once-a-year flutter, are all urged to get their bets on early to avoid the inevitable last-minute rush.

Every year, when the siren signals the start of the race that captures the imagination of the entire nation, long queues of people are still waiting to take a bet at Greyville Racecourse and at tote outlets throughout the country. Unfortunately, many of them will not get their bets on because they left it too late.

And every punter knows that the only thing worse than not placing your bet on time is watching your fancy romp home ahead of the field without your winnings riding on its back!

Don't take that chance. Get your bets on early and relax. That way you can enjoy the race without the anxiety of the last minute rush.

You may place your bet on the Vodacom Durban July from Monday 2 July through to Saturday- the big race is due off at 16h20 on Saturday, July 7.

If you need assistance with taking a bet, get to a tote early in the week, allowing you and the operator the time to ensure that your bets are correct.

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An aerial view of Greyville racecourse on Vodacom Durban July Day.

THIS time next week South Africa's new champion handicapper will be known and the country will be singing his or her praises. The Vodacom Durban July 2007 will be history. But for racegoers now, the question is still who that will be and how are they going to choose the winner of Africa's greatest race?

It is generally felt that this is the most competitive field to line up for the Vodacom Durban July in many years and any number of runners have the ability and form for success.

Major contenders

The obvious major contenders are Kildonan, Pocket Power, Ravishing, Jagged Ice, Buy And Sell and Succesful Bidder, but there are many factors that come into play in this race more than in others and some of the lesser fancied runners have shown enough ability to be given the utmost respect.



Race History

UNRIVALLED as Africa's greatest sporting and social event, July 7 will again attract more than 50 000 of the country's bold, brash and beautiful to Greyville Racecourse in Durban for the R2,5-million Vodacom Durban July.

As they have for more than 100 years, the cream of the continent's thoroughbreds will come together, some for the first time, for the 2 200m battle from which one will emerge to join the illustrious band that have triumphed in Africa's greatest race.

Generating a massive R120-million nationwide betting spree on the day with R25-million splurged on the outcome of the main race alone, millions around the country will tune in by radio, television or even telephone to follow the fortunes of their fancies as they are cheered from start to finish by the excited racegoers on course.

With 12 races on the day and the best horses in the country competing in the various events, it provides a banquet of exhilarating equine competition unrivalled in Africa. The kaleidoscope of colourful and eye-stopping fashion, beautiful women and thousands of revellers enjoying themselves in the marquees and picnic sites is enhanced by the growing sense of anticipation to create an electrifying atmosphere as they line the course and the gladiators step out on parade.

It is a magic moment as all else comes to a halt and for just over two minutes the 20 runners storm around the course, the sound of their thundering hooves smothered by the roar of the frenzied crowd. It is in the final seconds, as they dig down to the very bottom of their hearts, drawing on every ounce of energy they can muster, that victory is secured or lost.

As they flash across the line a new champion will be hailed to stand supreme as the winner of the Vodacom Durban July.

It is those two minutes and a few seconds around which South Africa's racing industry is motivated, the catalyst that inspires breeders, owners, trainers and jockeys. It is the time that stimulates national interest in the great sport of thoroughbred racing and the time for many when the exploits of great champions of the past are recalled.

It is in fact 110 years ago on the third Saturday in July 1897 that seven runners faced the starter at the inaugural meeting of the new Durban Turf Club and the first run under Jockey Club Rules. It was the five-year-old Campanajo under 65,5kg that emerged victorious giving 20,5kg to second-placed Gloriation and a full 15kg to Speculator in third place.

The race proved a success from the very beginning and the following year Campanajo returned to become the first of only four horses to win the race two years running.

In those early days trams and horse-drawn carriages carried spectators to the dusty, primitive venue - a far cry from the planes, trains, busses, cabs and cars in which they flock to Greyville today.

The annual event soon drew interest from around the country and soon sportsmen and their partners were travelling from the Rand to be part of what was establishing itself as the premier thoroughbred clash in South Africa.

Interest continued to grow and in 1904 the field that went to post numbered 19. The runners competing were still being drawn from stables in the Natal Colony and 13 years later a record 33 of the region's best lined up at the 2 000m start - the race distance having been increased from 1 800m two years before.

The Durban Turf Club Handicap as it was known then had become the focal point of South African racing and in 1918 horses from the Cape and the Rand were transported to Durban to make it a national event. With the crowds at the meeting continuing to increase and reach 30 000 by the late 1920s, it became not just an important race meeting, but a major social engagement and the ladies began to make fashion statements with stunning outfits, many imported from overseas.

This added another dimension to the day which has grown steadily over the years to the present day when Vodacom Durban July Day is acknowledged as one of the leading fashion occasions on the social calendar.

The race has continued to grow in stature and along with its social standing, legends have been made from those who have indelibly written their names in its history.

Heading the list was the great Sydney Laird, affectionately known as "the bear" around which most people stepped lightly. Brilliant as a trainer, he holds the record of seven wins with legendary runners like Kerason, Colorado King, Java Head, Sea Cottage, Mazarin, Yataghan and finally, the great Politician.



Directions

THE parking situation at Greyville Racecourse on Vodacom Durban July Day has improved dramatically over the past few years through the efforts of a number of people including Durban Africa, the Metropolitan Police and Gold Circle's own security force. Further improvements will be made for the 2007 event but essentially there are a few simple rules to follow:

- Parking will only be available to people who are in possession of a Parking Ticket.
- Pre-purchase your Parking Ticket from Greyville Racecourse before the day.
- Approach Greyville Racecourse from the side from which you will be entering the carpark.
- Public Parking ticket holders can only access the parking via DLI Avenue **from the City side**. Preferably approach from the Berea via Sydenham Road which becomes Darnell Road then turn left into DLI Avenue. Alternatively from the City side via Field Street into Albert Street which becomes Epsom Road and then DLI Avenue. If approaching from the north proceed straight from the M4 along Stanger Street, right into Ordnance Road, right into Field Street, into Albert Street, into Epsom Road, into DLI Avenue.
- Members' Parking ticket holders should proceed South along Mitchell Road until the first break in the island that will enable them to join the back of the queue entering the Member's Parking. The new entrance is located over the road from Tuscany - the old W. Daly's Building.
- Be patient when approaching Greyville Racecourse.
- Have your parking ticket ready to show to the Police, Security or attendants.
- Listen to members of the Police Force.
- Follow the appropriate signs.
- Once inside the Golf Course please park where directed in order to avoid blocking pre-planned thoroughfares.



Terrance Millard with six winners - Tecla Bluff, Devon Air, Occult, Royal Chalice, Right Prerogative and Ilustrador became known as "the maestro" for his dominance of racing in the country. Many years before, Syd Garrett won it twice as a jockey and three times as a trainer and David Payne won it once as a jockey and once as a trainer.

Among the equine heroes of latter days there are many outstanding horses like London News, El Picha, Trademark, Ipi Tombe, Dynasty, Greys Inn and Eyeofthetiger linked to trainers like Alec Laird, Geoff Woodruff, Mike de Kock, Mike Bass and Dean Kannemeyer and jockeys like Piere Strydom, Anthony Delpech, Robbie Hill, Kevin Shea, Anton Marcus and Gerrit Schlechter.


The roll of honor from years gone by includes such great jockey names as Cocky Feldman, Harold "Tiger" Wright, Cookie Amos, Charlie Barends, Basil Lewis, Joe Byrnes, "Big Race" Bertie Hayden, and Robbie Sivewright.

They and many others, together with the leading trainers and jockeys of more recent times and the millions of excited spectators that have lined the track over the years, have woven a magnificent tapestry of supreme endeavour in which the majestic thoroughbreds have sought glory in the greatest race on the continent - the Vodacom Durban July.


Roll of Honour


YEAR	HORSE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
2006	Eyeofthetiger	G Schlechter	D. Kannemeyer
2005	Dunford	A.Marcus	M.Bass
2004	Greys Inn	A. Delpech	M de Kock
2003	Dynasty	R Fradd	D Kannemeyer
2002	Ipi Tombe	K Shea	M de Kock
2001	Trademark	P Strydom	M Bass
2000	El Picha	A Marcus	GV Woodruff
1999	El Picha	R Hill	GV Woodruff
1998	Classic Flag	A Delpech	DE Ferraris
1997	Super Quality	M Roberts	DE Ferraris
1996	London News	P Strydom	AG Laird
1995	Teal	J Geroudis	PB Shaw
1994	Space Walk	R Fradd	MH Maingard
1993	Dancing Duel	A Marcus	AT Millard
1992	Spanish Galliard	R Sham	DR Drier
1991	Flaming Rock	K Niesius	RC Snaith
1990	Ilustrador	F Coetzee	TM Millard
1989	Right Prerogative	M Sutherland	TM Millard
1988	Royal Chalice	F Coetzee	TM Millard

THE RUNNERS AT A GLANCE

1 POCKET POWER
 Draw: 3 MR: 114 
 Mass: 58.0kg
Trainer: Mike Bass
Jockey: Bernard Fayd'Herbe
 A four-year-old bay gelding by Jet Master out of Stormsvlei by Prince Florimund and bred at the Zandvliet Stud. With an outstanding record he is one of the top horses in the country having won both the GR1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and the GR1 J&B Met. Last season he won the Cape's winter Triple Crown by taking the Winter Guineas, Winter Classic and Winter Derby. His seven wins and five places from 15 starts have amassed stakes of R2 103 525. Drawn well at three he is one of the main contenders for honours despite his top weight of 58kg.

2 KILDONAN
 Draw: 14 MR: 115 
 Mass: 55.0kg
Trainer: Mike de Kock
Jockey: Weichong Marwing
 A three-year-old bay colt by Rich Man's Gold out of Cathay Firth by Philippi and bred at the Wilgerbosdriif Stud. Seen by many as the best horse in the country, his stake earnings of R778 914 have come from five wins and one place from seven starts with his most sensational performance being his win in the Golden Horse Casino Sprint over 1 200m. He was just beaten a head into third in the Gold Challenge in his second run after a long break and he will strip even better on the big day. A slight doubt about the distance but his stable believes he will cope well and is major player in the race.

3 JAY PEG
 Draw: 2 MR: 112 
 Mass: 55.0kg
Trainer: Basil Marcus
Jockey: Jeff Lloyd
 A three-year-old bay colt by Camden Park out of Laptop Lady by Al Mufti and bred at the High Season Stud. With eight wins and two places from 12 starts, he has earned stakes of R1 380 875, most coming from the Cape season where he won the Selangor Cup, the Cape Guineas and the Cape Derby. He just held on for his Derby win by a short head from Pick Six and there could be some stamina doubts over this 2 200m trip. Second in the KZN Guineas he was not disgraced when fifth by a length in the Gold Challenge.

4 SUCCESSFUL BIDDER
 Draw: 15 MR: 112 
 Mass: 55.0kg
Trainer: Sean Tarry
Jockey: Brett Smith
 A five-year-old bay gelding by Jallad out of Loyal Linda by Averof and bred at the Highlands Farms Stud.
 With stake earnings of R980 475, he has won nine of his 15 starts including the G1 Gold Challenge and been placed in the first four on five occasions. He won the Summer Cup Consolation race and stayed on when less than two lengths fourth to Pocket Power in the J&B Met and is now 3kg better off with Pocket Power. He does not have the best of draws but has won all three races where he has been drawn badly in the past.



Race Trivia

SEVENTH HEAVEN

ON the seventeenth of the seventh month of eighteen ninety seven, seven horses lined up to contest the very first "July" i.e. **July number 1**. The Vodacom Durban July this year takes place on the **seventh** day of the **seventh** month of two thousand and **seven**. This will be the one hundred and eleventh running i.e. **July number 111**

So what's in the numbers? Who knows!!

10 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY

IN 2004 South Africa celebrated 10 years of democracy and to mark this milestone all horses wearing the Number 10 saddlecloth in any race staged by Gold Circle for the entire year, carried a South African flag incorporating the number 10 on their saddlecloth.

As if to frank this milestone, Africa's greatest horseracing event, the Vodacom Durban July of 2004, was won by Greys Inn wearing the Number 10 saddlecloth proudly emblazoned with the South African flag.

THE BIGGEST AND SMALLEST FIELDS



The maximum field size was increased in 2003 to 20. However the biggest July field ever was in 1917, when 33 horses went to the start. On the other hand, the smallest July fields were in 1897 and 1908, when only seven horses ran.

THE MOST RUNS

THE three horses which have had the most runs in the Vodacom Durban July, are Gondolier, Beau Art and Flaming Rock. Gondolier ran five times in the race. In 1983 he finished second; in 1984 he took fifth place; 1985 was victory at last as a 5 year-old; in 1986 he filled sixth place; and in his last run in the race in 1987 he secured seventh position.

Running in the race five times, Beau Art was 6th in 1977; ran second in 1978; was 5th in 1979; won the race in 1980; and was ran 8th in 1981.

The Irish import Flaming Rock ran in the race four times before being retired to stud. He won at his first attempt in 1991; was unplaced in 1992; finished third in 1993 and second in 1994

I OBJECT YOUR HONOUR!!

THE objection in 1931, lodged by the connections of Spilsby, against the 50/1 winner Agrippa, on the grounds of crossing, was overruled. The objection laid against the winner, St. Seiriol, in 1945, for bumping and boring, was overruled. The objection lodged on behalf of Distinctly, against Gatecrasher, in 1975, was upheld.

In 1994 the objection lodged on behalf of Pas De Quoi which finished fifth, against the winner Surfing Home, was upheld. The incident happened at approximately the 300 metre mark, where Surfing Home shifted inwards crossing Pas De Quoi who was forced to check and switch out to obtain a clean run. Then at the 100-metre mark Surfing Home shifted outwards resulting in Pas De Quoi being forced to check and lose position. Space Walk, who ran second, was declared the winner.

The "scorecard" for July objections stands as follows: Five lodged with three overruled and two upheld. It is interesting to note that Space Walk and Principal Boy, which were both promoted to winner, both carried saddlecloth number 10.

HOW THE FAVOURITES HAVE FARED

THE shortest priced winning favourite in the 107-year history of the Vodacom Durban July, was the legendary Sea Cottage. He started at odds of 11/10 in 1967, when getting up on the line to deadheat with Jollify. The finish unquestionably rates as the most exciting ever, with the crowd going mad as the two horses flashed across the line locked together.

There were emotion packed scenes while the hordes of racegoers speculated on the judge's decision, with Robbie Sivewright on Sea Cottage, going into the number two box. Young John Gorton, on Jollify, made straight for the winner's enclosure, with his co-owner, the late Douglas Saunders, saying "Wait for the result wait for the result."



5 HUNTING TOWER

Draw: 6 MR: 108

Mass: 55.0kg

Trainer: Charles Laird

Jockey: Anton Marcus

A four-year-old chestnut gelding by Fort Wood out of Stirrup Cup by Royal Chalice and bred by Mrs B Oppenheimer. With seven wins and 10 finishes in the first four, his 24 races have accumulated stakes of R1 558 575. He had a brilliant three-year-old career which included wins in the Dingaans, the Gauteng Guineas and the SA Classic. He was second in the KZN Guineas and third in the Daily News 2200. His wide draw last year ruined his chances of a good position in the Vodacom Durban July where he ran on late for seventh and a better draw this year gives him a chance on Saturday.



6 SILVER MIST

Draw: 12 MR: 107

Mass: 55.0kg

Trainer: Joey Ramsder

Jockey: Glen Hatt

A four-year-old grey gelding by Western Winter out of Palace Bride by Palace Music and bred by Midlands Equine. His six wins and six places from 19 starts have been rewarded with stakes of R431 705 but he has always been beaten by Pocket Power whenever they have met. Those encounters have always been at level weights and for the first time he will meet Pocket Power on 3kg better terms. As he usually races from off the pace his draw might not be too much of a disadvantage and he has an outside chance.



7 PICK SIX

Draw: 13 MR: 111

Mass: 54.5kg

Trainer: Charles Laird

Jockey: Glyn Schofield

A three-year-old bay gelding by Rambo Dancer out of Choice Field by Rami and bred at the Summerhill Stud. Yet to finish out of the first three in nine starts from which he has amassed stakes of R2 379 100, he has won five races including an impressive start to finish victory in the Gommagomma Challenge. He carried a light weight in that race and will shoulder 3kg more on Saturday making his task more difficult. He was narrowly beaten by Jay Peg in the Cape Derby and is 0.5kg better off in the weights here. Stable jockey Anton Marcus has opted to ride Hunting Tower but Glyn Schofield will give him a good chance.



8 HILGROVE

Draw: 8 MR: 107

Mass: 54.5kg

Trainer: Mike Bass

Jockey: Karl Neisius

A four-year-old bay gelding by Casey Tibbs out of Leap To Fame by Truly Nureyev and bred at the Beaumont Stud. His five wins and seven places from 16 starts have earned him stakes of R428 625 and his best performances have been a narrow win in the Premiers Trophy and a third behind Jagged Ice in the Green Point Stakes. He was hampered at a crucial stage when third to Pocket Power in the Queen's Plate and was running on when 2.5 lengths behind his stable companion in the J&B Met. He meets Pocket Power on 5kg better terms than in the J&B Met and could be the dark horse in the race.



Gorton's only error was in believing that he had emerged a clear winner. Apart from this, the 21 year-old jockey, who won the Epsom Oaks on Sleeping Partner two years later, rode what trainer Fred Rickaby described as a "perfect race". The 2 lb. overweight which Jollify carried, however, may just have made the difference between winning and deadheating.

A fitting postscript to that dramatic finish, was the presentation made by the Durban Turf Club to Jack Bradford, the handicapper. He was given a gold watch, suitably inscribed to commemorate his feat of bringing off a handicapper's dream - a deadheat in a major handicap.

The honour of being the longest priced favourite to win the Vodacom Durban July is now shared by the 2006 winner Eyeofthetiger and the 1985 winner Gondolier who both started at 6 to 1. In 1996 the popular London News won at 14/10, the same price that Dynasty won at in 2003.

Prior to the sixties, the longest priced favourite was Blackmoor, in 1934, who started at 7/1, and finished unplaced in a field of 17 runners.



On the other hand, the shortest priced favourite ever was Yard-Arm who seemed unbeatable in 2004 at 8/10. Unfortunately the confidence in Yard-Arm was not to be realised as the weight that he had to carry proved to be his undoing. He finished out of the placings.

THE GREYS

MANY punters plumb for greys, and in 1989 their ships came home with Right Prerogative, but sadly the odds are stacked against them, as only four greys have ever won the race. The exquisite Thunder Sky was a popular fancy the

year Kerason won, and Bodrum, as mentioned, was beaten favourite in 1985. Only Silver Phantom in 1942, Jamaican Music in 1976 and Jamaican Rumba in 1982, together with Right Prerogative in 1989, have been successful.

In 2005 the three-year old Greys Inn triumphed. Unfortunately for those who follow greys he was only grey by name being a beautiful dark bay colt.

THE FAIRER SEX

FILLIES or mares have won this great race on 11 occasions. Peerless, a three-year-old, was the first to take line honours in 1903. Margin won in 1916, Collet in 1922, Eunomea in 1923 and Moosme in 1926. It was not until 1951 that a filly was to win again and this was when Gay Jane, in the partnership colours of Dennis Labistour and Miss Molly Reynolds, brought smiles to the faces of thousands of female punters.

Migraine scored for the ladies in 1957, Diza scooted home for Frank and Jane Lambert in 1962, and then more than 20 years were to elapse before Tecla Bluff was to score in the colours of Sydney Press, in 1983.

The very next year trainer Terrance Millard pulled off the race with a filly again, with the redoubtable Devon Air for the Scott brothers.

For trainer Mike de Kock the ultimate achievement had yet to be experienced and a number of chances in recent years had failed to succeed. Then along came the three-year-old Ipi Tombe to rewrite the record books as the first filly of her age to win since Migraine 45 years earlier in 1957.



BARRIER DRAWS

IN years past, barrier draws have played a significant role in determining the result, but the cambering of the Greyville turn into the home straight has rendered this factor to be of less importance. For the record however, only six runners drawn on the extreme outside have managed to win since 1917.

They were Kipling in 1940, who was drawn 22; St Pauls in 1946, who was drawn at position 20: Beau Art who overcame barrier position 17 and the superstition that four white socks are the kiss of death for a racehorse, to romp home with Freddie Macaskill on board, in 1980. In 1991 the imported Flaming Rock started from stall gate 20, and unwound a devastating finish to win by a long head.

Then, in 1998, Classic Flag did the impossible when starting from stall gate 18. He came from well off the pace then galloped away from his rivals to post an emphatic win. The three-year-old clocked a new race and course record time in the process.

In 2003 Dynasty broke from the extreme outside draw at 20 and, fighting for his head and racing wide in the early stages, his task for a three-year-old carrying 53kg was a tough one. But, after finally settling down he produced an incredible finishing burst in the straight to get up and beat Yard-Arm by nearly a length.

Like most things in life, there is always an exception to the rule in racing!

9 JAGGED ICE

Draw: 1 MR: 107

Mass: 54.5kg

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer

Jockey: Sean Cormack

A four-year-old chestnut gelding by Western Winter out of Annie by Trigger Finger and bred at the Lammerskraal Stud. Second in both the Daily News 2200 and the KZN Derby last year, his 18 races have resulted in five wins and four places with stake earnings of R506 575. He won the Green Point Stakes and was hampered in the Queen's Plate but showed he is in top form with an easy victory over subsequent Astrapak 1900 winner Royal Air Force in his penultimate start. Always rated by his trainer on a par with last year's July winner, Eyeofthetiger, he has a definite chance at the weights from a good draw.



10 NATURAL SELECTION

Draw: 4 MR: 107

Mass: 54.5kg

Trainer: Ormond Ferraris

Jockey: Not declared

A five-year-old chestnut gelding by Western Winter out of Masai Mara by Man Of Property and bred by Dr R Antrobus. From his 30 races he has earned R791 950 from seven wins and 13 places and seems to have come into his own over 2 000m, winning first at Newmarket then running on when third to Pick Six in the Gommagomma Challenge. One of the outsiders in the field he meets Pick Six on 4.5kg better terms and from a good draw is not one to ignore in the quartets.



11 SINGING SWORD

Draw: 10 MR: 107

Mass: 54.5kg

Trainer: Tyrone Zackey

Jockey: Gavin Lerena

A four-year-old chestnut gelding by Prince Of War out of Razmataz by Argosy and bred at the Northwood Stud. With seven wins and 10 places in his 24 races, he has earned stakes of R760 975 and has acquitted himself well in good company. Second to Hunting Tower in the Dingaans last season, he won the Tony Ruffel, was fourth in the Summer Cup, third in the London News and fourth in the Gommagomma Challenge. Possibly not quite at the top level, but must be given a place chance if things go his way.



12 BIARRITZ

Draw: 20 MR: 110

Mass: 54.0kg

Trainer: St John Gray

Jockey: Not declared

A three-year-old bay colt by Count Dubois out of Corlia's Bid by Polish Patriot and bred by Racing Record. With four wins and seven places in his 12 starts, his earnings of R789 375 do not reflect the real ability of this smart colt. Second in both the Dingaans and the Sea Cottage before winning the Gauteng Guineas, he was beaten a neck by Elusive Fort in the Horse Chestnut and was less than a length fourth to Successful Bidder in the Gold Challenge producing a strong late run. Badly drawn, but as he usually comes from off the pace he must still be given a good chance of making the frame.



13 - LUCKY FOR SOME!!

You don't have to be brilliant to back a winner - particularly if you're a rugby enthusiast. Just have a look at 1960. In an international rugby match the Saturday before the Durban July Handicap of that year, left wing Hennie van Zyl scored both tries for the Springboks wearing the number 13 jersey and the final score was 13 nil.

You guessed it. One week later Left Wing, wearing the number 13 saddlecloth, won the Durban July Handicap.

Event News

Provisional Programme of Events for the 2007 Vodacom Durban July

10:00	Fashion competition judges will start scouting for finalists near the Winning Post. Entertainment will be provided from the Action Stage
11:35	RACE 1 - 2400m MR82 Handicap
11:40	Fashion semi-finals on the Action Stage - Avant Garde presented by Canderel. Fashion semi-finals on the Action Stage - Classic Racewear - Male.
12:20	RACE 2 - 1900m Juvenile Plate
12:25	Fashion semi-finals on the Action Stage - Classic Racewear - Female. Fashion semi-finals on the Action Stage - Most striking couple
13:05	RACE 3 - 2400m Queen Palm Handicap
13:10	Announcement of the winners of the Vodacom Durban July Young Designer Award and the Vodacom Durban July Fashion Challenge on the Action Stage
13:50	RACE 4 - THE 2200
13:55	Showing of the Vodacom Durban July Invited Designer Showcase, Designers' Creations
14:35	RACE 5 - Gold Vase
14:40	Fashion final on the Action Stage. Finalists in the Avant-Garde, Most Striking Couple and the Classic Racewear categories will parade and the category winners will be announced.
15:20	RACE 6 - Golden Horseshoe
15:40	Jockeys enter the Parade Ring for introduction to the crowds
15:45	NOTE: The tunnel under track will close until 16:45
15:55	Jockeys mount
16:00	Horses leave the Parade Ring
16:20	RACE 7 - THE VODACOM DURBAN JULY
16:25	The Vodacom Durban July winner will enter the Gold Horseshoe lead-in area in front of the main grandstand.
16:30	Presentation of the Vodacom Durban July Sash in the Gold Horseshoe and victory canter
17:15	RACE 8 - Golden Slipper
17:25	Gold Circle proudly presents Night Racing for the balance of the Vodacom Durban July Racemeeting with entertainment between races live from the Action Stage
18:00	RACE 9 - 1300m MR 78 Handicap
18:35	RACE 10 - 1600m MR86 Handicap
19:10	RACE 11 - Garden Province Stakes
19:50	RACE 12 - 1000m Open Handicap

13 BADGER'S GIFT

Draw: 7 MR: 105

Mass: 53.5kg

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Jockey: Richard Fourie

A six-year-old bay mare by Badger Land out of Upwardly Mobile by Hard Up and bred by T Andrews. This gutsy mare has done well for her owner with eight wins and 16 places from 39 starts and stakes of R723 198. She won the Paddock Stakes beating Sun Classique by 2.5 lengths giving her 6kg in her penultimate race but has yet to race beyond 1 800m. There could be some doubt of her handling the 2 200m of this tough race but with her front-running style she is worth considering in large quartets.



14 MALTEME

Draw: 9 MR: 105

Mass: 53.5kg

Trainer: Alec Laird

Jockey: Johnny Geroudis

A four-year-old bay gelding by Rakeen out of Grecian Gale by Foveros and bred at the Rathmor Stud. With four wins and eight places from 15 starts, he has earned R1 211 525 in stakes. Winner of the KZN Derby last season and the Summer Cup, he is an underrated sort and the 2 200m of Saturday's race will be right up his street. He has been perfectly prepared for this race and his 4.4 length defeat by Successful Bidder in the Gold Challenge, a race far too short for him, was not as bad as some feel. Commands respect here.



15 BUY AND SELL

Draw: 11 MR: 108

Mass: 53.0kg

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Jockey: Felix Coetzee

A three-year-old bay gelding by National Emblem out of Trade Enquiry by Qui Danzig and bred by Mr and Mrs B Le Roux. This lightly-raced young horse has earned R823 250 from four wins and three places in eight starts and has improve in leaps and bounds of late. He thumped a less than top field in the Daily News 2200 but the manner of his win was most impressive. His acceleration in the shortish Greyville straight was an eye-opener and this ability will be to his advantage when it counts on Saturday. Definitely in with a chance.



16 DYNAMITE MIKE

Draw: 5 MR: 108

Mass: 53.0kg

Trainer: Mike Azzie

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

A three-year-old grey gelding by Fard out of Beyond The Call by Braashee and bred at Summerhill Stud. Yet to race beyond 1 800m, he has won five of his 14 races and been placed in three others for stake earnings of R424 875. Winner of the KZN Guineas beating Jay Peg by a length, he was running on when 2.4 lengths behind Successful Bidder in the Gold Challenge. There is a question mark over the distance but his stable is up beat about his chances and he must be given a place chance.



The Facts

Age of the Winners

Two-year-olds -	One win only - in 1911.
Three-year-olds -	29 wins but 60% of the last 20 years.
Four-year-olds -	40 times but only 25% of the last 20 years.
Five-year-olds -	Have taken the honours 24 times.
Six-year-olds -	11 have won, the last six-year-old winner was in 1980.
Seven-year-olds -	Have won five times.

The Weight on their Back

The lightest weight of 38,5kg was carried to victory by Nymagee in 1904 and Margin in 1916. The heaviest weight of 66kg was carried to victory by Campanajo in 1898.

Since the distance of the race changed to 2200m in 1970 few horses carrying over 55kgs have won

1978	Politician	57kgs
1980	Beau Art	55,5kgs
2000	El Picha	58kgs

Back-to-back Wins

Only four horses have ever won the July back-to-back.

Campanajo	(1897/98)
Corriecrian	(1907/1908,
Milesia Pride	(1949/50) and
El Picha	(1999/2000).

Dead Heat

The only dead heat for first in the race took place in 1967 when Jollify and Sea Cottage could not be separated as they passed the post.



See you there!

17 RAVISHING

Draw: 19 MR: 108

Mass: 53.0kg

Trainer: Geoff Woodruff

Jockey: Mark Khan

A three-year-old chestnut colt by Jet Master out of Crimson Lily by Royal Prerogative bred at Highlands Farms Stud. Lightly raced with only seven starts, he won the SA Derby and two other races and has been placed twice for stake earnings of R829 500. He has a master trainer who rates him highly but has a bad draw which will not help his chances. However, he will be running on from wherever placed entering the final straight and with a good turn of foot is not out of it by any means.



18 SUN CLASSIQUE (AUS)

Draw: 17 MR: 107

Mass: 52.5kg

Trainer: Mike Bass

Jockey: Pieter Strydom

A three-year-old chestnut filly by Fuji Kiseki out of Eifenjer by Last Tycoon and bred by L Cohen NSW. From her 11 races she has earned R1 146 525 in stakes, winning six races and being placed in three others. Getting a reasonable draw just once in her last six races, she has had to make her bid from near the back of the field but has still managed to win the Cape Fillies Guineas, the Majorca Stakes and the Woolavington 2200. She is a super filly whose preparation was interrupted but she has shown her class and, even from a wide draw, must be considered a big runner on Saturday.



19 VEILED ESSENCE

Draw: 18 MR: 103

Mass: 52.0kg

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Jockey: Barend Vorster

A four-year-old chestnut filly by Muhtafal out of Fovesta by Foveros and bred at Summerhill Stud. Winner of the KZN Oaks last season, she has found the winner's enclosure on four other occasions in her career and together with six other placings has earned R400 575 in stakes. In her first local run this season she beat Summer Cup winner Malterme over 1450m and was running on when second by a length to Appellate Court in the Cup Trial at Clairwood. Drawn wide she has a major task ahead of her and on her overall form can only be given an outside chance.



20 ROYAL AIR FORCE

Draw: 16 MR: 100

Mass: 51.0kg

Trainer: Geoff Woodruff

Jockey: Anthony Delpach

A four-year-old bay colt by Jet Master out of Regal Blue by Royal Prerogative and bred at Maine Chance Farms. With four wins and three places from eight starts and a mere R344 263 in stake earnings, this is the unknown factor in the race. Highly rated by his trainer, he was beaten into second place by Jagged Ice in a conditions race over 1 900m at Greyville in his penultimate outing before winning the Astrapak 1900 in a close battle with Fork Lightning. Considered by many to be out of his league, the opinion of his trainer must be respected and he cannot be written off as a no-hoper.

