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FOCUS ON: Tamburlaine (IRE)

Little Big Man won the first at Greyville last Wednesday over 1000m. This was Tamburlaine's 2nd winner from his 1st crop to race. Placed once in his first three starts, Duncan Howell's told Vaughan Koster that Little Big Man had to be gelded because he had a twisted testicle – he is a first foal and not typical of the big scopey horses that Tamburlaine is well known for producing. Duncan's view that "he is a different horse since being cut" was rubber stamped in this win. Well done Duncan and MJ Beyleveld and owner I van Schalkwyk.

Winter racing has been extraordinary this year, most especially for 2yo's. Most trainers have kept their younger horses away from racecourses, not just in the water logged Western Cape but from the near-

concrete surfaces elsewhere as well. The Two Year Old Sires statistics are not what they were 3 or 4 years ago and not a shade of that historic tussle between Captain Al and Jet Master four years ago where the all time SA record for number of individual 2yo winners was broken with 21. The leading sire of 2yo's last season recorded only 9.



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Many of the seasons 2yo races were contested by half fields and some of the races were even abandoned due to insufficient runners. Given the fact that our breeders have delivered 20% more foals over the past 4 years the cumulative effect is that we now had a crop of un-raced 3yo's the size of which has never been seen in our system before. This poses challenges to our racing administrators and leads to interesting merit rating issues. The debate about the Cape Guineas being brought forward this year is in full swing. We are likely to see a less qualified field than ever before.

Further research into 2yo sire stats reveals that classic sires were grossly underrepresented in the past 3 seasons.

Tamburlaine, himself a classic racehorse and from a family of classic winners, has only 6 runners of more than 2 starts from his first crop to race – 2 winners and 4 placed. He also has 6 runners with one or two starts that have been placed 2nd, 3rd, 3rd and 4th.



Enchanted Isle wins at Durbanville

Our filly Enchanted Isle is trained by Dean Kannemeyer and won her 2nd start as a 2yo – above. She is a well made scopey filly and Dean rates her.

Our partnership also owns a Tamburlaine filly called Desert Mirage who is trained by Basil Marcus. She ran a cracking race first time out – lost a few lengths at the start and drawn in the bush, she took off in the straight, making up many lengths to finish 2nd. Basil has been extolling the virtues of this filly for some time and feels that she has the potential to win black type.

Tamburlaine's most recent runner was at Greyville on Friday night. The Alistair Gordon trained Queen Moet was a very close up 5th – a mere ½ a length behind the 2nd horse. Alistair told me this morning that he was *“Over the moon with her run. I ran her in a mile. She was green and slow away. It was her first time at the races and had to cope with the turn as well. We were very pleased with her performance.”*

We have also interviewed the other trainers that have them and this is what they have to say:-

Geoff Woodruff - Sharp Mistress - *“She's a big quality filly and her work keeps getting better and better”*

Dennis Drier has 3 - *“they are all lovely horses”*

Charles Laird - says his colt is *“top, top, top”*

Dominic Zaki - *“impressive colt”*

Dean Kannemeyer - *“I have three....Fortune Theatre.... loads of abilityEnchanted Isle....nice filly”*

Basil Marcus - *“the Tamburlaine filly in my yard is a very well made individual.....a really good filly”*

Joey Ramsden not only bought 3 more Tam's at later sales but also bought a share in the stallion

Gary Alexander - *“nice filly, well above average”*



Tamburlaine produces extremely good looking stock. This was proven at the national yearling sales last year when Charles Laird bid a new South African freshman sire record for the colt that he now rates *“top, top, top”*.

We are on a mission to get as many mares as possible for Tamburlaine this season. Those that have faith now are sure to be rewarded in future. Please call us to discuss the mating of your mare.