

SPRING SPREE STAKES (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1200m - Turffontein
1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - September 8

1. CHIMICHURI RUN

3yo ch.c. by Trippi - Spiced Gold (Kahal)
2nd dam: Little Legend (Complete Warrior)
3rd dam: Little Inagua (Welsh Harmony)
Owner: C J H van Niekerk
Bred by Drakenstein Stud
Trainer: S G Tarry
Jockey: S Khumalo

2. Premier Show

4yo b.g. by Mogok - Picture Show (Sapieha)
Owners: Dr I A Katz and Messrs L Lewison, J M Mort and Dreamstar Racing
Bred by Scott Bros

3. Mujallad (AUS)

4yo gr.g. by Redoute's Choice - Raid (Pins)
Owners: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Bred by Bell View Park Stud, NSW

Then came: Angel's Power, Splendid Garden, Clever Guy, Mrs O, Talktothestars, Wrecking Ball, Finchatton, Just As I Said, Tar Heel
Non-runners: Chepardo, Lily Starlette
Won by: 4.25 - neck - 0.50
Time: 71,37

The returning CHIMICHURI RUN took on a field of older, battle-hardened opponents and simply blew them away. After turning for home 6 lengths off pacesetter Wrecking Ball, the newly-turned three-year-old quickened impressively, strode into the the lead 300 out and cleared away to win geared down by a wide margin.

Sean Tarry's charge had closed out his juvenile season in similar vein when bolting home by five lengths in the Gr.3 Umkhomazi Stakes at Greyville. Already Gr.1-placed, courtesy of a third in the Gold Medallion, the colt looks set to make plenty of noise at three this season.

Bred at Drakenstein and a R1,1 million graduate of the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, Chimichuri Run is out of Gr.1 SA Fillies Classic heroine Spiced Gold, who foaled a full brother to the dual Gr.3 winner in 2017.

Grandam Little Legend, an own sister to the stakes winner Main Warrior, is a granddaughter of the Koster-bred Haiti (Oligarchy), who won both the Natalia and Flamboyant Stakes.

JOBURG SPRING CHALLENGE (GRADE 2) - R400,000 - Turffontein - 1450m
1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - October 6

1. CAPTAIN ALDO

8yo b.g by Captain Al - Cuddle Me (Elliodor)
2nd dam: Cuddle Cove (Jungle Cove)
3rd dam: Revision (No Reprieve)
Owners: A Girolo and St John D Gray
Bred by Boland Stud
Trainer: S J Gray
Jockey: W Kennedy

2. Alyasaat (AUS)

3yo b.c. by Dawn Approach – Yaasah (Distant View)
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum,
Bred by Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd

3. Soqrat (AUS)

3yo b.c. by Epaulette – Elzeeza (Hussonet)
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum,
Bred by Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd

Then came: Full Mast, Noble Secret, Coral Fever, Africa Rising, Romany Prince, Champagne Haze, New Predator (Aus), Hat Puntano (Arg), Always In Charge

Won by: head - 1 - 0.75
Time: 1-27,20

Age trumped youth when eight-year-old CAPTAIN ALDO upstaged Mike de Kock's fancied sophomores Alyaasaat and Soqrat.

Allowed to dictate matters, St John Gray's blinkered eight-year-old bravely stuck to his guns to repel a late surge from Alyaasaat by a head, whilst last season's champion juvenile only found his best stride too late and finished a length back in third.

This was a tenth career success for the veteran, who enjoyed his most fruitful season at age five with victories in the Gr.2 Hawaii Stakes and Listed Wolf Power 1600. The dual Gr.2 winner has been a wonderful moneyspinner for Gray and co-owner Aldo Girolo, rewarding them with earnings fast approaching R1.5-million.

Bred at Boland Stud, he is the third of a trio of three stakes performers out of Cuddle Me, all of whom were trained by Gray. Sportscuddle (Sportsworld) won the Gr.2 Gerald Rosenberg and two renewals of the Gr.3 Jacaranda Handicap, whilst Glorious Jet (Jet Master) was runner-up in all of the Gr.2 Colorado King Stakes, Gr.2 Charity Mile and Wolf Power 1600. The mare's seven winners from nine runners also include the stakes-placed Var filly Cup Cake.

Cuddle Me is a half-sister to a pair of Gr.1-placed performers; Gr.2 Rex Trueform Fillies Championship winner and Gr.1 Golden Slipper third Another Cuddle (Volcanic) and Computaform Sprint runner-up Another Minstrel (Northern Guest).

JOBURG SPRING FILLIES & MARE CHALLENGE (GRADE 2) - R400,000 - Turffontein - 1450m
1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - October 7

1. CASCAPEDIA (IRE)

5yo b.m. by High Chaparral - Janoubi (Dansili)
2nd dam: Bloudan (Damascus)
3rd dam: Chain Store (Nodouble)
Owner: Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd
Bred by Camas Park Stud
Trainer: M F de Kock
Jockey: G Lerena

2. Al Danza

5yo b.m. by Captain Al - Jet Danza (Jet Master)
Owner: D Shawe
Bred by Klawervlei Stud

3. Ghaalla

3yo b.f. by Var - Fidelity (Captain Al)
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Bred by Varsfontein Stud

Then came: Desert Rhythm, Wrecking Ball, Sylvan On Fire, Takingthepeace, Folk Dance, Emily Jay, San Fermin (Aus), Rose In Bloom

Won by: neck - 0.50 - 1

Time: 1-27,23

Making her seasonal debut off a six-month rest, Irish-bred CASCAPEDIA produced a whirlwind finish to notch up yet another stakes win.

The Mauritzfontein colour bearer came from virtually last and made up the best part of ten lengths in the straight to snatch victory on the line from old adversary Al Danza, whom she had defeated by a similarly slim margin in last season's Gr.3 Yellowwood Handicap.

This was a third Graded success for the daughter of High Chaparral, to go along with victories in the aforementioned Yellowwood and Gr.3 London News Stakes.

Now successful in six of eight starts, the Irish import is out of Janoubi, an unraced half-sister to multiple French graded stakes winner and sire Radevore (Generous). This is the Chain Store family of champions Al Bahathri and Haafhd, as well as the Gr.1 winner Lord Shanakill and this season's Oaks winner Forever Together, whose own sister topped this year's Goffs Orby sale, selling for a record €3.2 million.

WORLD SPORTS BETTING MATCHEM STAKES (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1400m - Durbanville
1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - October 6

1. RAINBOW BRIDGE

4yo b.g. by Ideal World - Halfway To Heaven (Jet Master)

2nd dam: Pas De Basque (Rambo Dancer)

3rd dam: Our Elegant Girl (Our Casey's Boy)

Owner: Late M C Gerber

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Trainer: A E Sands

Jockey: B Fayd'Herbe

2. New Caledonia

6yo b.g. by Right Approach - Coral Garden (Tiger Ridge)

Owners: M I Fullard, J H Drew, G G Igesund, C P Kalil and M A Makaab

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift

3. Our Mate Art (AUS)

5yo b/br.g. by Artie Schiller - Laureldean Dream (Stravinsky)

Owners: M W Bass, B Ressel and N M Shirtliff

Bred by Grandlodge Thoroughbreds (Pty) Ltd, Vic and Ken Bee Sports (Pty) Ltd

Then came: Tap O'Noth, Fifty Cents, Kampala Campari, Bernie, Copper Force, Star Chestnut, Horizon, Milton

Won by: 1.25 - 0.50 - longhead

Time: 1-21,98 (New Course Record)

RAINBOW BRIDGE kept his perfect formline intact with a record, come-from-behind victory in his first start as a four-year-old.

Switched to the extreme outside as they straightened up, Bernard Fayd'Herbe went to work on the strapping bay, who had to make up plenty of ground as last year's winner Our Mate Art and outsider New Caledonia scrapped it out up front. The latter gained the advantage inside the final furlong, but Rainbow Bridge was now in full cry and gaining fast, he collared the leader inside the final 50m before drawing off for a handy victory. A remarkable performance, considering that he had not raced since late May, yet managed to shave almost a second off the existing track record!

Yet to taste defeat in four starts, the gelding also completed a Gr.3 hat-trick, having accounted for the Winter Guineas/Classic double. Trainer Eric Sands has yet to get to the bottom of what is clearly a talented individual, who looks set to make his presence felt during the Cape summer season.

Yet another fine advert for breeders Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein and the latter's resident stallion Ideal World, Rainbow Bridge was snapped up for R300,000 at the 2016 National Yearling Sale. He is the first foal of Jet Master's accomplished daughter Halfway To Heaven, whose seven career wins included both the Gr.3 Prix Du Cap and Listed Off To Stud Handicap. She foaled a filly to Silvano in 2017.

WORLD SPORTS BETTING DIANA STAKES (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1400m - Durbanville
1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - October 6

1. LOVE TO BOOGIE

5yo b.m. by Trippi - Jalberry (Jallad)

2nd dam Taineberry (Centaine)

3rd dam Strawberry Fair (Whiskey Road)

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

Bred by A C Peter

Trainer: W A Nel

Jockey: B Fayd'Herbe

2. Miss Katalin

4yo b.f. by Trippi - Little Miss Magic (Jet Master)

Owner: Drakenstein Stud

Bred by Drakenstein Stud and Team Valor International

3. Goodtime Gal

6yo b.m. by Royal Air Force - Tirza (Silvano)

Owner: J H van Heerden

Bred by Dr S C Davis
Then came: Angel's Trumpet, Hemero, Freedom Charter, Lesedi La Rona, Platinum Class, Red
Ginger, Samsara, Dynamic Diana
Won by: neck - head - neck
Time: 1-23,0

Returning from victory in Greyville's Listed Off To Stud Stakes in July, LOVE TO BOOGIE stepped up another gear to break through at Graded level in a thrilling blanket finish to this Gr.3 event. Sabine Plattner's five-year-old picked it up from long-time leader Red Ginger 200m out and quickly skipped a length clear. Despite coming under pressure from a flying Miss Katalin and last year's winner Goodtime Gal, she lasted long enough to take the honours by a fast diminishing neck from Miss Katalin, who completed a fine exacta for Drakenstein's former champion stallion Trippi. Sparingly raced - this was just her 11th lifetime start - victory here further enhanced Love To Boogie's already considerable broodmare value.

A R550,000 purchase from the 2015 National Yearling Sale, the bay was bred by Antony Peters from his accomplished sprinter Jalberry. Gr.1-placed and successful in both the Gr.3 Pretty Polly Stakes and Goldfields Sprint, the daughter of Jallad has proved equally as successful a broodmare. Trippi also features as the sire of her Zimbabwean Gr.3 winner On This Rock, she bred Gr.2 Durban Golden Horseshoe hero Purple Diamond to Var, Gr.2-placed Count Express to Count Dubois, while Jet Master gelding Mr Fantastic is a Gr.3-placed nine-time winner in Singapore.

From a live family, Jalberry is an own sister to last season's Equus Broodmare of the Year, Strawberry Lane, the dam of Western Winter's Gr.1 winning duo Solo Traveller and Redberry Lane.

WESTERN CAPE FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP (GRADE 2) - R400,000 - 1400m - Kenilworth
1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - October 27

1. CLOUDS UNFOLD

3yo ch.f. by What A Winter - Montelissima (Montjeu)
2nd dam: Issa (Pursuit Of Love)
3rd dam: Catawba (Mill Reef)
Owner/Breeder: Drakenstein Stud
Trainer: C Bass-Robinson
Jockey: A Domeyer

2. Temple Grafín

3yo ch.f. by Duke Of Marmalade - Inner Temple (Greys Inn)
Owners: Chrigor Stud (Pty) Ltd
Bred by Mrs F Crowe

3. Santa Clara

3yo ch.f. by Duke Of Marmalade - Shina (Lomitas)
Owners: Drakenstein Stud
Bred by Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd

Then came: Juniper Spring, Coral Bay, Go The Distance, Helen's Ideal, Shamrock Wind, Nous Voila, Canukeepitsecret, Varsity Lover, Anneka, Celestial Storm

Non-runners: Firdoas (Aus), Front And Centre

Won by: 1.25 - 2 - 0.75

Time: 1-23,51

Coming off a three-month rest, the Drakenstein-owned and bred CLOUDS UNFOLD was sharp enough to score a visually impressive victory in advance of the Cape Fillies Guineas.

Notwithstanding the withdrawal of Mike de Kock's stakes winner Firdoas and undefeated Front And Centre, the line-up was a classy one.

Aldo Domeyer had Clouds Unfold within striking distance of the leaders and at the top of the straight, he angled the chestnut to the standside where she unwound her challenge. Favourite Temple Grafín hit the front approaching the final furlong, but patently had no answer to Cloud Unfold's powerful charge and she went on to score with the minimum of fuss.

The filly completed a fine hat-trick of wins here, having disposed of her male rivals in the Gr.3 Cape Nursery in her final juvenile start. Significantly, her winning time here was markedly faster than that recorded by the colt Twist Of Fate in the Cape Classic.

Candice Bass-Robinson, who was her Dad's assistant when Silver Mountain won this race before going on to win the Cape Guineas in 2015, remarked: *"We have always rated her and she has a lovely turn of foot. I think it will be straight into the Cape Fillies Guineas from here."*

Defeated just once in five starts, this second success at Graded level took the filly's earnings to R483 125.

The Drakenstein homebred is by resident stallion What A Winter out of the Montjeu mare Montelissima, who was imported as a yearling together with her dam Issa. The Pivotal foal Issa was carrying at the time became Pivotal Pursuit, a Gr.2-placed winner of nine races.

Issa went on to produce Summer Juvenile Stakes winner Arria to the cover of Antonius Pius, who incidentally, is out of Issa's own sister, Gr.1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Catchascatchcan.

CAPE CLASSIC (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1400m - Kenilworth
1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - October 27

1. TWIST OF FATE

3yo b.c. by Master Of My Fate - Crescent Lily (Counter Action)

2nd dam: Foxy Drums (Russian Fox)

3rd dam: Star Drums (Foveros)

Owner: River Palace Racing Syndicate

Bred by Favour Stud

Trainer: J Ramsden

Jockey: B Fayd'Herbe

2. Cirillo

3yo b.c. by Pomodoro - Miss Wordsworth (Lake Coniston)

Owners: C J H van Niekerk

Bred by Riverton Stud

3. Pleasedtomeetyou

3yo b.c. by Querari - Plaisir De Fete (Fort Wood)

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

Bred by La Plaisance Stud

Then came: Majestic Mozart, Sacred Arrow, Lanza, More Magic, Seventh Sea, Clipper Captain, Clouded Hill, Elusive Trader, Fabian

Non-runners: Crown And Country, Royal Italian

Won by: 1.25 - 1.75 - 0.50

Time: 1-25,15

The Cape Classic went the way of TWIST OF FATE, who likewise cemented his Guineas claims with a bloodless gun-to-tape victory.

The Joey Ramsden-trained colt quickly overcame the widest draw of all and led the way from the undefeated Sophomore Sprint winner Pleasedtomeetyou. Travelling comfortably on the lead as they turned for home, he always had the measure of his rivals and had the race in the bag approaching the final furlong. Unthreatened, he kept finding more to power home from favourite Cirillo, who could make no impression on the winner.

The first winner sired by Master Of My Fate, the colt was also his young sire's first winner stakes winner when successful in the Listed Somerset 1200 in May. Twist Of Fate closed out his juvenile season when a fine third in the Gr.1 Premier's Champion Stakes at Greyville.

Horses don't know what they cost and with career earnings now standing at just over R440,000, the four-time winner has already made a mockery of the paltry R20,000 purchase price as a yearling.

Bred by the Favour Stud, he is out of Breeders Guineas winner Crescent Lily and hails from the immediate family of Durban July hero Heavy Metal and the Gr.1 winners Planetary Music and Drum Star.

PEERMONT EMPERORS PALACE CHARITY MILE (GRADE 2) - R1,000,000 - 1600m - Turffontein
1st R625,000, 2nd R200,000, 3rd R100,000 - November 3

1. CORAL FEVER

5yo ch.g. by Judpot - Coral Tree (Rich Man's Gold)

2nd dam: Crimson Lily (Royal Prerogative)

3rd dam: Run For Lily (Jamaico)

Owners: Ms S Vrska and Mr C Bird

Bred by Ascot Stud (Pty) Ltd
Trainer: R R Sage
Jockey: M Yeni

2. Tilbury Fort

5yo b.g. by Horse Chestnut - Colleen (Restructure)
Owners: M A Currie, W H Jacobs, S Mathen, E C van Niekerk, C Zoghby, Sean Tarry Racing CC
and Mrs B M A Lahoud
Bred by G J Armitage

3. Doosra

5yo b.g. by Captain Al - Caughtinthelips (Caesour)
O: J F and L M F Wernars and Mrs T J Wernars
Bred by Varsfontein Stud

Then came: Arctica, Captain Aldo, Unagi, Matador Man, Social Order, Noble Secret, Champagne Haze, Bulleting Home, Infamous Fox (Aus), Romany Prince, New Predator (Aus), Full Mast, Hat Puntano (Arg)

Won by: shorthead - neck - longhead

Time: 1-36,25

Judpot's accomplished son CORAL FEVER defied top weight and the worst possible draw to register a last gasp victory in the Gr.2 Charity Mile at Turffontein over a distance short of his best.

The Robbie Sage trained chesnut turned for home near the back of the field, but switched to the outside, flashed his customary finishing toe to swoop on the line in a close finish, where a blanket could have covered the first four home.

Considering that the runner-up was in receipt of no less than 7.5 kg, this was a win full of credit for the Ascot Stud-bred winner, who shot to prominence when landing last season's Gr.1 Premier's Champions Challenge, that on the back of a facile score in Gr.2 Colorado King Stakes.

Coral Fever has earned owners Sylvia Vrska and Colin Bird over R4.1 million, a fine return on his R130,000 yearling price tag. The chestnut is one of four top level winners sired by Judpot and is out of the Rich Man's Gold mare Coral Tree, a dual winning half-sister to Gr.1 SA Derby hero and sire Ravishing (Jet Master), Gr.2 Betting World 1900 winner Dynastic Power (Dynasty) and the multiple Graded Stakes winner Red Badge (Badger Land).

GRAHAM BECK STAKES (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1400m - Turffontein

1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - November 3

1. NATIONAL PARK

3yo b.g. by Gimmethegreenlight - Fancy Park (Camden Park)
2nd dam: Passing Fancy (Royal Prerogative)
3rd dam: Buheyseh (Gaskell)
Owners: B Ressel, F H McGrath, M C Wrih and Missing U Syndicate
Bred by Missing U Syndicate
Trainer: Y Bremner
Jockey: R Munger

2. Chimichuri Run

3yo ch.c. by Trippi - Spiced Gold (Kahal)
Owner: C J H van Niekerk
Bred by Drakenstein Stud

3. In Cahoots

3yo b.g. by Visionaire - Deceptive Charm (Kingmambo)
Owner: Sean Tarry Racing CC
Bred by Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd

Then came: Alyaasaat (Aus), Firdoas (Aus), Victor Forth, Benji, Silken Prince, Green Haze, Inexhaustible, Rule The Night

Won by: 5.75 - 2.75 - neck

Time: 1-22,59

Port Elizabeth trainer Yvette Bremner is no stranger to plundering Johannesburg feature races. She made that point in 2014 when Copper Parade upstaged champion Via Africa in the Gr.1 Computaform Sprint, whilst last year, Via Seattle shocked her Starling Stakes rivals at odds of 66-1.

Twelve months on, Yvette struck yet another blow for the Eastern Cape when her three-year-old NATIONAL PARK left a top field of rivals in tatters with an electrifying six-length romp in the Gr.3 Graham Beck Stakes.

Racing just off the pace, the three-year-old seized command fully 400m out and bid his rivals adieu. Favourite Chimichuri Run gave chase in vain, as the winner kept extending his advantage right to the line

The newly-minted Stakes winner cracked his maiden third time out at two and has since won another three. It could have been four, as he won the Listed Champion Juvenile Cup, only to lose it in the boardroom.

A R240,000 National Sale graduate, National Park set up a fine double for his progressive young sire Gimmethegreenlight, with another three-year-old son Stream Ahead landing the Listed KZN Guineas Trial at Greyville 24 hours later.

Bred by co-owner Rob Knuppe's Missing U Syndicate, National Park is the most recent foal produced by six-time winning Camden Park mare Fancy Park.

HSH PRINCESS CHARLENE STARLING STAKES (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1400m - Turffontein
1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - November 3

1. RONNIE'S CANDY

3yo ch.f. by King Of Kings - Bennie Andthe Jets (Jet Master)

2nd dam: Franki Fourfingers (Volksraad)

3rd dam: Light 'N Easy (Imperial Guard)

Owner: S J Gray

Bred by Graystone Stud

Trainer: S J Gray

Jockey: R Danielson

2. Nafaayes (AUS)

3yo b.f. by Exceed And Excel - Decelerator (Dehere)

Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Bred by Kia Ora Stud

3. Ghaalla

3yo b.f. by Var - Fidelity (Captain Al)

Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Bred by Varsfontein Stud

Then came: Running Brave, Mary O'Reilly, Isle De France, Sand Princess, Celtic Sea, Crimson Royale, My Dream Chaser, On The Double, Soul Of Wit, I Like It, Rock Sensation

Won by: 2.25 - 0.50 - neck

Time: 1-23,23

Trainer St John Gray enjoyed a huge payday when his homebred RONNIE'S CANDY won the Gr.3 Starling Stakes in some style.

Unraced since her fifth behind Celtic Sea in the Gr.2 Golden Slipper on July day, the three-year-old enjoyed a dream run up the centre to forge into the lead a furlong out and scooted home by just over two lengths from Nafaayes.

Yet to taste defeat at the Turffontein track, she dented some substantial reputations in the process, just as she had done when cracking her maiden in last season's Gr.2 SA Fillies. On that occasion, Ghaalla was 2.50 lengths behind her in second. Golden Slipper winner Celtic Sea never featured here and finished well back.

Ronnie's Candy is a daughter of King Of Kings, the widely-travelled English 2000 Guineas winner who died in 2015.

Gray bred his latest stakes winner from the Jet Master mare Bennie Andthe Jets. A three-time winner and second in the Gr.3 Jacaranda Handicap, she also produced Gr.3 Protea Stakes third Mogok Master (Mogok). The next dam, New Zealand-bred Franki Fourfingers, is an own sister to stakes-placed Australian galloper Desert Light and a half-sister to the dual New Zealand Stakes winner and classic performer, Light Opera (Straussbrook).

YELLOWWOOD HANDICAP (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1800m - Turffontein
1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - November 3

1. SYLVAN ON FIRE

5yo ch.m. by Silvano - Jet Flyer (Jet Master)
2nd dam: Fiery Flier (Flaming Rock)
3rd dam: Careful Step (Jungle Cove)
Owner/Breeder: Mrs V Harrison
Trainer: C Dawson
Jockey: G Lerena

2. Cold Cash

6yo ch.m. by Bankable - Frost Fairy (Linney Head)
Owners: J F and L M F Wernars, A B Giuricich and A Joannides and Miss J A Alexander
Bred by Summerhill Hill Stud (Pty) Ltd

3. Being Fabulous (AUS)

5yo b.m. by High Chaparral - Dashing Eagle (Danehill)
J F and L M F Wernars and Mrs T J Wernars

Bred by Roncon NSW, Austramore (Pty) Ltd and Cobra Bloodstock Australia (Pty) Ltd

Then came: Insignis, Jet Start, Cashel Palace, Braxton, Fort Ember, Gottalottaluv, Royal Utopia, Chariot Of Gold, La Linea, Shelly, Mar Del Sur

Won by: neck - 1.50 - 0.50

Time: 1-50,25

Vanessa Harrison's decision to keep her homebred SYLVAN ON FIRE in training at age five paid a handsome dividend when the daughter of Silvano rewarded her with a first stakes success. Relaxed after overcoming her wide draw, jockey Gavin Lerena had the timing honed to perfection and after joining Insignis and Beyond Approval a furlong out, she gradually got the better of her rivals close home and still had enough in the tank to hold off a late-charging Cold Cash by a neck. Now a five-time winner, the mare had earned small black type when third in the Gr.3 Acacia Handicap on March 3. She was not seen out again for seven months and only returned to action in the Joburg Spring Fillies & Mare Challenge, where despite spreading a shoe, she finished sixth, beaten less than three lengths.

Sylvan On Fire is a half-sister to Captain's Princess (Captain Al), who finished third behind Ronnie's Candy and Ghaalla in last season's Gr.2 SA Fillies Nursery. The pair are out of Syringa Handicap second Jet Flyer, a half-sister to Silvano's high-class son Silver Flyer. Winner of the Gr.2 Dingaans, he also ran second in the Gr.1 Cape Guineas and third in the Gr.1 SA Classic third.

Jet Master, who featured as the broodmare sire of a treble of stakes winners on the day (he also sired the dams of Ronnie's Candy and the Golden Loom winner Rivarine) has enjoyed considerable success with this family, which traces to the Oppenheimers' blue hen mare Rising Trout. Grandam Fiery Flier is a half-sister to his daughters Love Is In The Air (Gr.1 Majorca Stakes), Gr.3 Pretty Polly winner Careful Landing and Cosmic Jet, who produced dual stakes winner Gimme The Stars to Gimmetheregreenlight. Others from this family by the seven-time champion sire include Gr.3-placed stakes winners Jet Jamboree (The Darley Arabian) and Princessofthesky (Stormsvlei Mile).

VICTORY MOON STAKES (GRADE 3) - R400,000 - 1800m - Turffontein

1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - November 15

1. TAKINGTHEPEACE

4yo b.f. by Visionaire - Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer)
2nd dam: Forest Edge (Complete Warrior)
3rd dam: Forest Sounds (Rain Forest)
Owners: M Makepeace, M F de Kock, C and R Kieswetter and M C Shea
Bred by Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd
Trainer: M F de Kock
Jockey: W Kennedy

2. Sabina's Dynasty

5yo b.m. by Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)
Owners: A E Mandelstam, J D Rabinowitz, J T Peter and Adv M Witz
Bred by M de Broglio

3. Cash Time

4yo b.g. by Gimmetheregreenlight - Dynamite Casey (Casey Tibbs)

Owners: Mrs F Ebrahim and Messrs P Haripersad and M C Wright
Bred by Hemel 'N Aarde Stud

Then came: Arctica, Zouaves, Dawn Assault, Tandava, Like A Panther, Liege, Full Mast, Bankable
Teddy, Bulleting Home, French Navy, Deo Juvente

Non-runner: Gambado

Won by: 0.75 - neck - neck

Time: 1-52,74

Trainer Mike de Kock couldn't have asked for a better Summer Cup prep run from his boom filly TAKINGTHEPEACE, who registered a fluent victory under the Turffontein lights.

Despite an almost two-hour delay caused by rain and thunder, the daughter of Visionaire took no prisoners in the 1800m race. Settled in midfield as Cash Time made the pace up front, she slipped through on the inside and powered home by just under a length from the late-charging KZN challenger Sabina's Dynasty.

Now a six-time winner boasting earnings of just over R1,75 million, Takingthepeace was one of last season's top sophomore fillies, courtesy of victories in the Gr.1 SA Fillies Classic and Gr.2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas.

The four-year-old is out of talented Lisa Anne, whose string of Graded Stakes places includes a fine third in the Gr.1 Empress Club Stakes. The mare has a juvenile colt by Duke Of Marmalade and a yearling colt by Summerhill resident Willow Magic, a Gr.1 winning son of Dubawi.

CAPE MERCHANTS (GRADE 2) - R400,000 - 1200m - Kenilworth
1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - November 24

1. KASIMIR

4yo b.g. by Captain Al - Aquatint (Peintre Celebre)

2nd dam: Sakieh (Green Desert)

3rd dam: Sigy (Habitat)

Owners: W P Drew, B Kantor and Mesdames A M Doyle, D Nagle and P Shanahan

Bred by Drakenstein Stud

Trainer: S J Snaith

Jockey: R Fourie

2. New Caledonia

6yo b.g. by Right Approach - Coral Garden (Tiger Ridge)

Owners: M I Fullard, J H Drew, G G Igesund, C P Kalil and M A Makaab

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift

3. Bold Respect

4yo b.g. by Bold Silvano - Respectable Lady (Kabool)

Owner: Mrs D J Sherrell

Bred by Ascot Stud (Pty) Ltd

Then came: Bishop's Bounty, Sergeant Hardy, Star Chestnut, Too Phat To Fly, Dutch Philip, Attenborough, Our Mate Art (Aus), Search Party, Sir Frenchie (Aus), Tevez, Lord Balmoral (Aus), Valbonne, Brutal Force, Amazing Strike, Bernie, Van Halen

Non-runner: Sand And Sea

Won by: 1.25 - 1.50 - head

Time: 71,87

KASIMIR fully justified favouritism with a facile victory here, his first at stakes level. Always prominent as Bold Respect and Sergeant Hardy disputed the pace up front, Justin Snaith's charge joined issue when shaken up by Richard Fourie at the furlong mark and was punched out to score by just over a length from Matchem Stakes runner-up New Caledonia.

It has been six years since Snaith saddled Cap Alright to victory in this sprint, prior to which he had won it with the mare Dance With Al in 2010. Remarkably, his trio of Merchants winners were all sired by Captain Al, who himself claimed the trophy in 2000.

A R1.2-million purchase from breeders Drakenstein Stud at the Cape Yearling Sale, Kasimir had already earned that plus interest, courtesy of his second behind Dutch Philip in last season's lucrative CTS1200. This victory, his fourth from 11 starts, pushed his earnings to just past the R1,7 million mark.

Kasimir is the second stakes winner out of Australian import Aquatint, whose previous foals include Gr.1 Golden Horseshoe hero Afrikaburn (Trippi) and Gr.2-placed The Slade (Philanthropist). Grandam Sakieh is a daughter Sigy (Habitat), the champion French juvenile whose career-high victory came in the Gr.1 Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp.

CONCORDE CUP (GRADE 2) - R400,000 - 1600m - Kenilworth
1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - November 24

1. ONE WORLD

3yo b.c. by Captain Al - Aquilonia (Giant's Causeway)
2nd dam: Leonila (Caerleon)
3rd dam: Dinalina (Top Ville)
Owners: E A Braun, K P Truter, A J van Huyssteen and Mrs J Truter
Bred by Klawervlei Stud
Trainer: V H Marshall
Jockey: A Marcus

2. Chimichuri Run

3yo ch.c. by Trippi - Spiced Gold (Kahal)
Owner: C J H van Niekerk
Bred by Drakenstein Stud

3. Twist Of Fate

3yo b.c. by Master Of My Fate - Crescent Lily (Counter Action)
Owner: River Palace Racing Syndicate
Bred by Favour Stud

Then came: Herodotus, More Magic, Charles, Crown Towers (Aus), Seattle Force, Trip To The Sky, Arabian Air

Won by: 0.50 - 1.75 - 2.75

Time: 1-36,33

Trainer Vaughan Marshall is set to bid for a unique hat-trick in the Gr.1 Cape Guineas with his unbeaten charge ONE WORLD, who took his perfect record to five in this classic prep previously known as the Selangor Cup.

Marshall has saddled the last two Guineas winners, William Longsword and Tap O'Noth and like One World, they are by Captain Al, who himself won the classic for Marshall way back in 1999.

Allowed to dictate from 1000m out, the long-striding colt looked set for yet another facile victory, however he came under mild pressure from Sean Tarry's Chimichuri Run and was driven out to take the mile race by a half-length.

This was the first success at Graded level for the Klawervlei-bred, who had signed off on his juvenile season with a five-length romp in the Listed Langerman over 1500m.

One World cost R425,000 at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale and is out of English-bred Aquilonia (Giant's Causeway). Prior to her arrival in South Africa, she had produced Russian 1000 Guineas winner Glorious Lass to the cover of Galileo, while her local foals also include Stakes-placed filly Count To Ten (Count Dubois). Grandam Leonila (Caerleon) placed at Gr.2 and Gr.3 level in France and is an own sister to French Oaks victress Caerlina, who in turn bred Irish and French 1000 Guineas third, La Nuit Rose (Rainbow Quest).

DINGAANS (GRADE 2) - R500,000 - 1600m - Turffontein
1st R312,500, 2nd R100,000, 3rd R50,000 - November 24

1. HAWWAAM

3yo b.c. by Silvano - Halfway To Heaven (Jet Master)
2nd dam: Pas De Basque (Rambo Dancer)
3rd dam: Our Elegant Girl (Our Casey's Boy)
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein
Trainer: M F de Kock
Jockey: G Lerena

2. Thanksgiving

3yo b.c. by Dynasty - Torrential Rain (Al Mufti)

Owner: D D MacLean
Bred by Gary Player Stud (Pty) Ltd

3. Green Haze

3yo b.c. by Gimmethgreenlight - Mizzen Mist (Western Winter)
Owners: Late M C Gerber and L M F Wernars
Bred by Lammerskraal Stud

Then came: National Park, Roll Of Drums, In Cahoots, Perfect Peter, Gift For The Gap, Samurai Warrior, Atyaab (Aus), Reach For The Line, Silken Prince, Bien Venue, My Boi Caloi, White Lightning
Non-runner: Soqrat (Aus)
Won by: 3.50 - 1.75 - 2.25
Time: 1-37,63

Fresh off a debut maiden win, HAWWAAM made the leap to Graded stakes winner in one fell swoop when he annihilated a classy field of fellow sophomores in breathtaking fashion. Patiently ridden from a poor draw, Sheikh Hamdan's bay cornered second last as long-time leader National Park brought them into the straight. Set alight by Gavin Lerena, he sliced his way through the field, surged past Thanksgiving inside the final furlong and exploded away to score by an increasing margin.

Hawwaam had made a winning debut just three weeks earlier and the manner of this smashing performance suggests he is a colt of infinite promise.

A R1-million purchase at the 2017 National Yearling Sale, Hawwaam is the 78th locally-bred stakes winner sired by reigning champion sire Silvano. More significant, he is the second foal out of Gr.3 winner Halfway To Heaven, who has made a sensational start to her broodmare career to say the least. Her first foal is none other than unbeaten triple Gr.3 winner and current Met favourite Rainbow Bridge (Ideal World).

Trainer Mike de Kock remarked: *"He's a horse that brings his good work to the racetrack, he has plenty of ability and we've always rated him. We'd like to look at the Gr 1 Cape Guineas next."*

The December 15 classic could prove to be a race for the ages, for lying in wait is unbeaten local favourite and Gr.2 Concorde Cup hero, One World, as well as Sean Tarry's Cirillo, who was hugely impressive when making all in the CTS Ready To Run Stakes from a horrible 18 draw.

FILLIES MILE (GRADE 3) - R275,000 - 1600m - Turffontein
1st R171,875, 2nd R55,000, 3rd R27,500 - November 24

1. GHAALLA

3yo b.f. by Var - Fidelity (Captain Al)
2nd dam: Promisefrommyheart (Elliodor)
3rd dam: Secret Pact (Bush Telegraph)
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Bred by Varsfontein Stud
Trainer: M F de Kock
Jockey: R Simons

2. I Like It

3yo b.f. by Solskjaer - Golden National (National Emblem)
Owner: A R Rapp
Bred by Takemore Stud

3. Ronnie's Candy

3yo ch.f. by King Of Kings - Bennie Andthe Jets (Jet Master)
Owner: S J Gray
Bred by Graystone Stud

Then came: Return Flight, Storm Destiny, Celtic Sea, Running Brave, Afrostar, Vi Va Pi Pa, Virginia, Sand Princess, Isle De France, Railtrip
Won by: shorthead - 0.75 - 1.50
Time: 1-38,93

Sheikh Hamdan's silks were again to the fore in the Gr.3 Fillies Mile with GHAALLA making it a quickfire Graded double, albeit that she had to work a bit harder for victory than her stable companion in the preceding Dingaans.

Contested after a substantial delay caused by a thunder storm, the Var filly came storming into the lead a furlong out but immediately came under pressure from rank outsider I Like It. The duo toughed it out to the line, with Ghaalla getting the verdict by a shorthead, while the gallant runner-up was followed home by a fast-finishing Ronnie's Candy.

For Ghaalla it was a deserved first stakes success as well as sweet revenge over old nemesis Ronnie's Candy. She chased home St John Gray's chestnut in last season's Gr.2 Fillies Nursery and again had to bow to the chestnut when third in the Gr.3 Starling Stakes on November 3.

The R5-million sales topper at the 2017 National Yearling Sale, Ghaalla is a third generation Varsfontein-bred and boasts a power-packed female line. She is the first foal of Captain Al mare Fidelity, a winning daughter of champion Promisefrommyheart (Elliodor), also the dam of promising young stallion Master Of My Fate. Third dam Secret Pact (Bush Telegraph), a stakes winning own sister to Horse of the Year London News, also bred Gr.1 Majorca Stakes victress Covenant and Stakes winner Secret Heart, the dam of Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf hero Pluck.

G-BETS SUMMER CUP (GRADE 1) - R2,000,000 - 2000m - Turffontein

1st R1,200,000, 2nd R400,000, 3rd R200,000 - December 1

1. TILBURY FORT

5yo b.g. by Horse Chestnut - Colleen (Restructure)

2nd dam: Rapunzelle (Waterville Lake)

3rd dam: Cradle Days (Flirting Around)

Owners: M A Currie, W H Jacobs, S Mathen, E C van Niekerk, C Zoghby, Sean Tarry Racing CC and Mrs B M A Lahoud

Bred by G J Armitage

Trainer: S G Tarry

Jockey: L Hewitson

2. Dawn Assault

5yo b.h. by Call To Combat - Cayman Ridge (Al Mufti)

Owner: S J Gray

Bred by Graystone Stud

3. Cascapedia (IRE)

5 b.m. by High Chaparral - Janoubi (Dansili)

Owner: Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd

Bred by Camas Park Stud

Then came: Coral Fever, Arctica, Like A Panther, Secret Potion, Fort Ember, Roy Had Enough (Aus), Deo Juvente, Takingthepeace, Liege, Kilrain, Social Order, Noble Secret, Tandava (Zim), Cash Time, Sabina's Dynasty

Non-runner: It's My Turn

Won by: 0.50 - head - 0.50

Time: 2-4,32

TILBURY FORT took his career to a new high when he came with a block-buster late charge to register a first stakes success, his victory capping a banner day for trainer Sean Tarry, who saddled no less than six winners on the card.

The son of Horse Chestnut came from way off the pace and kicked into gear close home to sweep past Dawn Assault and favourite Cascapedia for a widening half-length score.

A changed horse after being gelded in January, this was the five-year-old's third and most lucrative victory since and came on the back of an agonising shorthead defeat in last month's Charity Mile.

He is the third Gr.1 winner for his late sire, who stood at Claiborne Farm until his return to South Africa in 2009. The former Horse of the Year died in 2015.

Tilbury Fort was bred by Geoff Armitage at the family's Sandown Stud and is out of Colleen, a stakes-placed seven-time winner. A half-sister to stakes-placed Lanate (Northfields), the pair are out of Rapunzelle, an own sister to Gr.3-placed Saybrooke and a half-sister to Debutante victress Family Code (Del Sarto; dam of Gr.3 winner Ethics (Count Dubois). Third dam Cradle Days is a stakes-placed half-sister to Strelitzia and Sceptre Stakes queen Wedding Guest and to Gr.3 winner and SA Oaks runner-up Jamaican Princess.

WORLD SPORTS BETTING IPI TOMBE CHALLENGE (GRADE 2) - R400,000 - 1600m - Turffontein

1st R250,000, 2nd R80,000, 3rd R40,000 - December 1

1. NAFAAYES (AUS)

3yo b.f. by Exceed And Excel - Decelerator (Dehere)
2nd dam: Paris Rose (Accelerator)
3rd dam: Fabulous Notion (Somethingfabulous)
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Bred by Kia Ora Stud
Trainer: M F de Kock
Jockey: W Kennedy

2. Al Danza

5yo b.m. by Captain Al - Jet Danza (Jet Master)
Owner: D Shawe
Bred by Klawervlei Stud

3. Sylvan On Fire

5yo ch.m. by Silvano - Jet Flyer (Jet Master)
Owner/Breeder: Mrs V Harrison

Then came: Fiorella, Redberry Lane, Silver Thursday, Dagmar, Roy's Riviera (Aus), Green Top
Won by: 2.75 - 1.50 - 1.75
Time: 1-37,41

Sheik Hamdan's NAFAAYES became the latest stakes winner for her owner with a smooth victory in the Gr.2 Ipi Tombe Challenge, the race named in honour of her former stable companion. The Australian-bred three-year-old tracked Gr.1 winner Redberry Lane into the straight and after delivering the knockout punch fully 500m out, she cruised home by the best part of three lengths. Undefeated in both starts at two, Mike de Kock's talented charge ran third in her seasonal debut before chasing home Ronnie's Candy in the Gr.3 Starling Stakes. Bred by Kia Ora Stud, Nafaayes is the latest stakes winner sired by Danehill's champion son Exceed And Excel. She is out of triple American Stakes winner Decelerator, whose career-best effort came in the Gr.3 Debutante Stakes. Grandam Paris Rose is a half-sister to Gr.1 Test Stakes victress Fabulously Fast (Deputy Minister) and to the dam of Gr.1 Malibu Stakes winner City Of Light (Quality Road). Third dam Fabulous Notion won the Gr.1 Santa Susanna Stakes and is a half-sister to Gr.1 Turf Classic hero and Epsom Derby third, Cacoethes (Alydar).

THE GOLDRUSH DERBY RUN MERCHANTS (GRADE 2) - R450,000 - 1160m - Turffontein

1st R281,250, 2nd R90,000, 3rd R45,000 - December 1

1. AFRICA RISING

5yo ch.g. by Visionaire - Sucha Looka (Braashee)
2nd dam: Sucha Dancer (Northern Guest)
3rd dam: Final Wonder (Persian Wonder)
Owners: C J H van Niekerk & Portapa (Pty) Ltd
Bred by Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd
Trainer: S G Tarry
Jockey: L Hewitson

2. Romi's Boy

5yo b.g. by Querari - Larking Around (Montjeu)
Owner: LTK Racing & Breeding
Bred by Klawervlei Stud

3. Captain And Master

4yo b.c. by Captain Al - Scorched (Jet Master)
Owner: C J H van Niekerk
Bred by Zandvliet Stud

Then came: Clever Guy, Rose In Bloom, Down To Zero, Pure Blonde, Captain's Causeway, Isphan, Hard To Play, Donny G, Champagne Haze, Wonderwall, Procal Harum, Rivarine, Pinnacle Peak
Non-runners: Wynkelder, Nicklaus (Brz)
Won by 1.50 - longhead - 1
Time: 67,21

AFRICA RISING added to a red-letter day for the Tarry/Van Niekerk team with an eventful victory in the Merchants.

Finding himself anchored amongst the backmarkers following a tardy start, the chestnut warmed to the task and when caught for running room, literally barged his way through to strike the front inside the final furlong. He streaked clear of Romi's Boy to cruise home, while Captain And Master came from last to make it a one-three for the owner and trainer.

This was a timely return to stakes success for the winner, who had won the Gr.3 Byerley Turk at three. With this, his seventh victory Africa Rising padded an already sizable bankroll to R1,449,500, a fine return on the R625,000 he cost Chris van Niekerk at the 2015 Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale. From the second crop of former Summerhill stallion Visionaire, he is out of Sucha Looka, a half-sister to stakes winning stayers Charisma (Salaadim) and Stud Master (Desert Team). This is the family of Gr1 Administrator's Classic winner Last Watch, Gr1 Natal Oaks winner Spring Wonder and Oaks Trial winner and SA Oaks runner-up Salutation.

EPOL MAGNOLIA HANDICAP (GRADE 3) - R250,000 - 1160m - Turffontein

1st R156,250, 2nd R50,000, 3rd R25,000 - December 1

1. SCHIPPERS

4yo ch.f. by Var - Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois)
2nd dam: For Rosalind (Thunder Gulch)
3rd dam: Alyette (Alydeed)
Owner/Breeder: G van Lear
Trainer: G V Woodruff
Jockey: G Lerena

2. Ouro

4yo b.f. by Toreador - Gold Lass (Goldkeeper)
Bred by Bush Hill Stud

3. Kissable

4yo b.f. by Antonius Pius - Kiss For Kate (Jallad)
Owner: F Bronkhorst
Bred by Moutonshoek

Then came: Pretty Penny, Colour Of Light, Shifting Shadows, Wrecking Ball, Captain's Princess, Mrs O, Accidental Tourist, Winter's Forge, Casual Wear, High Seas Beauty (Aus), Image Award

Non-runners: Frederico's Dream, Covered In Snow

Won by: 4 - 0.75 - 1.75

Time: 66,57

It was a case of deja vu for Cape Town owner Geoff van Lear, whose homebred SCHIPPERS gained her first stakes victory without turning much of a hair. In 2010, her dam Fair Rosalind had carried his silks to victory in this exact same race!

As predicted, Kissable barreled out of the gates to set a strong pace, while Gavin Lerena had Schippers nicely covered up. Ouro joined the leader up front going through the furlong mark, but neither had an answer to the strong surge from Schiffer, who closed relentlessly and scooted home to win by daylight.

Geoff Woodruff's latest stakes winner seldom puts a foot wrong and has finished out of the first four just twice in 11 starts. With relatively few miles on the clock, she is unlikely to stop here and could well have the Gr.1 SA Fillies Sprint as a long-term target.

The filly's victory added to a red-letter day for breeder James Armitage, as both she and Summer Cup hero Tilbury Fort were foaled and raised at his Sandown Stud.

Schippers' dam Fair Rosalind is a daughter of American-bred For Rosalind, who scored five times in the Beck colours and also finished second in the Listed Ladies Mile. The next dam Alyette is an unraced half-sister to champion Canadian juvenile Talkin Man (With Approval), who crossed the border to capture both the Gotham and Wood Memorial Stakes.