

Numbers Game

Everyone loves numbers.
Here are the Ones that matter.

240

The number of yearlings for which a minimum bid of R100.000 is required.

These are the first 240 lots in the catalogue, offered on Day One of the sale, and the first half of Day Two. A sort-of Select Sale then.

The remaining lots (#241 to #565) have a minimum bid of R50.000.

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The number of yearlings on the sale by first-crop stallions.

Ascot stallion Global News, a son of Galileo, leads the pack with 31 (20 colts and 11 fillies).

The new boys on the block are Act Of War (3 yearlings), Coup de Grace (12), Flying The Flag (10), Futura (13), Global News (31), Legislate (5), Willow Magic (11).

Between them, they make up 15% of the catalogue.

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The highest number of yearlings at the sale by an established sire.

That is Querari, a young sire whose reputation is built on topclass runners like Querari Falcon, Monk's Hood, Head Honcho, Wonderwall, Kangaroo Jack. Querari stands at Maine Chance, current fee R60k.

Next best represented are Drakenstein stallion What A Winter (with 29), fee R75k, Varsfontein's Master Of My Fate (with 27) and stablemate Gimmethgreenlight (with 26).

244

The number of yearlings sired by the top-dozen stallions on the current sire-list

The top-dozen are from the Sporting Post table of Leading Sires by Stakes as at 7 April, in the order shown.

Together they account for 43% of yearlings catalogued.

CAPTAIN AL	16
SILVANO	25
VAR	23
GIMMETHGREENLIGHT	26
IDEAL WORLD	19
DYNASTY	19
POMODORO	7
WHAT A WINTER	29
TRIPPI	10
QUERARI	32
TWICE OVER	20
ORATORIO	18

10

The highest number of Stakes Winners from a combination of Sire & Broodmare Sire, represented at this sale.

Ten is for **Silvano with Al Mufti** mares, a combination which includes Gr1 winners Bold Silvano, Kings Gambit, Al Sahem and Equina. Represented here with #4, a full sister to Gr1 placed Gr3 winner Balance Sheet, and #29, a half sister to Gr1 winning 2yo Arabian Beat.

Next on the ladder with nine is **Captain Al with Fort Wood**, the combo counting Gr1 winners Captain America (3x Gr1) and William Longsword among the trophies. There are three here. #115 is a full brother to Gr3 Captain Splendid, out of a stakes winning half sister to Master Of My Fate. #153 a filly out of a winning full sister to Mr Brock, from Horse Chestnut's female line. #210 half sister to stakes placed Scotsnog, closely related to Gr2 Disco Al (by Captain Al). Then a gap, to having five Stakes Winners.

Three made it. **Silvano with Fort Wood** mares (Gr1 Marinaresco, Nightingale), **Silvano with Jet Master** mares (Gr1 Hawwaam), and **Ideal World with Fort Wood** mares (5 Listed winners, no Gr1 (yet)). These are represented here by #184 Full brother to Nightingale, #257, #175, #214 (colt out of Gr1 Soft Landing), #234 (colt out of half sister to Gr1 Kavanagh), #327 (colt out of full sister to Gr1 Stratos), #353, #35 (filly out of stakes placed daughter of Champion 2yo Rat Burana), and #435.

To end off, on four we find **Silvano with Elliodor** mares (includes 2x Gr1 winner Aslan), and **Querari with Silvano** (includes Gr1 placed Gr2 winner Wonderwall and Gr2 Cosmic Light). These are represented here by #189 (half sister to Champion 3yo French Navy), #120 filly whose grandam is half sister to Silvano's champion sire Lomitas, #122 (filly out of half sister to Champion 2yo Historic Lady), #128 (colt out of half sister to 2 Champions, Gold Flier & Successful Bidder), #264, #366, #433, #561.

Check "**Power Of Combo's**" elsewhere in this supplement to see all sire/broodmare sire combo's at this sale! see page 31

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The largest yearling draft from a consignor at this sale.

That's from Varsfontein Stud, which will be showing colts and fillies by Captain Al, Dynasty, Silvano, Gimmethgreenlight, Master Of My Fate, Var, Judpot, Flower Alley, Duke Of Marmalade, Visionaire, What A Winter. Busy, busy!

One!

The number of years that the National Sale did not have future Gr1 winners going through the ring

That's counting the years between 1987 and 2017, all 31 of them. Want to jog your memory? (And, yes, Captain Al and Dynasty are among them!).

1987 - Brave Voyager, Honey Chunk, Jungle Sands, Roland's Song, San Carlos, Senor Santa, St Johns Wood, Trustworthy, Ultrasound

1988 - Alnwick, Bluffing, Divine Master, Floating Casino, Golden Peak, Goldmark, Mystery Guest, Sounds of Light, Spanish Galliard, Steaming Jungle, Topa Inca

1989 - Bold Chieftain, Cardinal Fury, Divine Act, Last Watch, Sizzling Sun, State Control, World Over

1990 - Corning Touch, Fluent Stride, Jumpup and Kissme, Mighty Crystal, Military Muse, Perfect Order, Secret Rites, Sound of Rhum, Space Walk, Sweet Secret, Taban, Unaware

1991 - Dancing Duel, Eldoriza, Milleverof, Quick Wit, This England, Vesta

1992 - Comareen, Crimson Waves, Divine Fashion, Flobayou, Golden Taipan, Little Ballerina, Record Edge, The Monk

1993 - Basic Instinct, Counter Action, Dollar Fortune, La Fabulous, National Emblem, Shoe Express, Shoe Shac, Special Preview, Teal, Tickets and Tax, Tommy Hotspur, Travel North

1994 - Fov's Fancy, Gold Flier, Harmony Forever, Harry's Charm, Imperious Sue, League Title, London News, Super Quality

1995 - All Will Be Well, Blossoming Fields, Drum Star, Finest View, North By Northwest

1996 - Ingleside, Kale, Readallaboutit, Savannah Queen, Valley Dancer

1997 - Colonial Girl, Donatella, Free My Heart, Young Rake

1998 - Captain Al, Highborn, Roaring Sands, The Sheik

1999 - Al Nitak, Badger's Drift, Grande Jete, Highland Night, Manipur, Nhlavini

2000 - African Lion, Alastor, Enchantress, Flight Alert, Hinterland, Rip Curl, Sport's Chestnut, Wolf Whistle

2001 - Duchess Daba, Dynasty, Legality, National Currency, Surveyor

2002 - Angelina, Grand Emporium, Heir Apparent, Ice Cube, James Jaguar, Promisefrommyheart, Winter Solstice

2003 - Far De Vie, National Spirit, Successful Bidder, Vega, Zebra Crossing

2004 - Carnadore, Elusive Fort, Floatyourboat, Malteme, National Colour, Ndabeni

2005 - Buy And Sell, Desert Links, Divine Jury, Fearless, Kildonan, Little Miss Magic, Pick Six, Ravishing, Rebel King, River Jetez, Thundering Star, Trust Antonia, Zeeno

2006 - Alitalia, Argonaut, Captain's Lover, Gilded Minaret, Kings Gambit, Rudra, Russian Sage, Senor Versace, Smart Banker, Urabamba, Wendywood

2007 - Aslan, Consensual, Gypsy's Warning, Lady Windermere, Martial Eagle, On Her Toes, Regal Ransom, Warm White Night, Zirconeum

2008 - Bold Silvano, Bravura, Field Flower, Flirtation, Give Me Five, Happy Landing, Laverna, Noordhoek Flyer, Orbison, Past Master, Val de Ra

2009 - Chocolicious, Ebony Flyer, Emerald Cove, Green Keeper, Polar Bound, Shea Shea, Top Seller

2010 - In The Fast Lane, Heavy Metal, Master Plan, Pomodoro, Potala Palace, Princess Victoria, Slumdogmillionaire, Viva Maria, Wagner

2011 - All Is Secret, Blueridge Mountain, Capetown Noir, Equina, Fly By Night, Love Struck, Master Sabina, Potent Power, Vercingetorix, Wavin' Flag

2012 - Along Came Polly, Ash Cloud, Athina, Captain America, Elusive Gold, Forest Indigo, Futura, Happy Valentine, Legislate, Nereus

2013 - Deo Juvente, Legal Eagle, Scotsnog

2014 - Abashiri, Beat The Retreat, Bela-Bela, Bull Valley, Coral Fever, It's My Turn, Juxtapose, Liege, Marinaresco, Nother Russia, Nottinghamshire, Roman Discent

2016 - Brave Mary, Do It Again, Grace Of An Angel, Rainbow Bridge, Snowdance, Surcharge, Zodiac Jack

2017 - Hawwaam, Mighty High

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The difference in age in days between the oldest and the youngest yearling at the sale.

The oldest is #369, a filly by Black Minnaloushe, born 26 July 2017. She's the first foal of her 4-time winning dam Goldandsilver, a daughter of Silvano. She's consigned by Black Swan Stud.

The youngest is #155, a colt by Duke Of Marmalade, born 13 December 2017. He's a first foal, surprisingly, of his 6-time winning Gr2 placed dam Murmuring Sky (Jallad), who made her final start early in September 2016. The colt is consigned by Ridgemont Highlands.