All Eyes On The Futura!



While it was off the highs of the past two years, Sunday's BSA Emperors Palace Ready To Run Sale stood up well given the present economic climate and the inevitable toxic fallout from recent stakes cuts.

SALE PRICES 2019 BSA READY TO RUN SALE 3 November 2019

The Springboks' thrilling World Cup victory 24 hours earlier certainly buoyed the vibe and ensured that most present were smiling.

A handsome Futura colt, named Castle On The Hill, fetched more than double the second highest priced lot when the hammer fell at R1,3 million to the bid of EIB.

Mark Greene of Ndoro Stud bred Castle On The Hill. The colt is from the first crop produced on their farm at Agter-Groenberg in Wellington – near the old Arc En Ciel.

The topseller's sire Futura is often regarded as the best son of Dynasty.

He was trained first by Brett Crawford and then by Justin Snaith, and won nine of only 18 outings while banking an impressive total of R4 337 575. The versatile star, who won from 1200-2000m, collected four Gr1 wins during his career, winning all of the Gr1 J&B Met, Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and back to back runnings of the Gr1 Champions Cup.

He lifted three Equus Awards in 2014/15, when he was named South Africa's Horse Of The Year, Champion Older Horse and Champion Middle Distance Horse.

Catalogued as #91, the 2yo half-brother to two winners is closely inbred to Western Winter and is out of an own sister to Gr2 performer Full Mast. His dam is also a half-sister to stakes winner Grandalea, from the family of champion racehorse and rising young sire, Capetown Noir (Western Winter).

The sale aggregate, with 24 more lots sold this year was R14 350 000 – down 12,5% on last year's R16 675 000.

112 of the 145 catalogued lots were sold on Sunday at an average of R128 125 (down 32% year on year) and a median of R80 000 (down 38,5% year on year).

Boosted by his top lot, Drakenstein stallion Futura, selling his second crop, topped the sires averages and aggregate with 3 of his 4 lots selling for a gross R1 610 000 at an average of R536 667.

Top purchaser on aggregate was EIB whose 5 lots cost R1 565 000 at an average of R313 000.

Summerhill sold 40 of 57 catalogued lots for an aggregate of R3 755 000 at an average of R93 875.

Sale Index = price SI

the price of the yearling compared to the average price of a yearling of the same sex at the same sale
- 1.00 means the price is exactly average

sire/norse		aam	aamsire	price	31	buyer
ACT OF WAR						
Wabi Sabi	С	Jordie	Fard	0		Withdrawn
Heat Seeker	С	Winter Dimension	Exclusive Patriot	0		Not Sold
Fighter Pilot	С	Fender Bender	Jet Master	20.000	0.12	Stuart Pettigrew
Prince Imperial	С	Mekyaas	Pivotal	20.000	0.12	Romeo Francis
Rubondo	С	Londoloza	Muhtafal	70.000	0.43	Louis Goosen Racing
Million Dollar Man	С	Big Bucks	Mullins Bay	110.000	0.68	Bernard Lincoln
Bartholdi	С	Wysiwyg	Mullins Bay	180.000	1.12	Pizzaz Racing
Umkhomazi	f	Magic Potion	Malhub	0		Not Sold
Galaxy Raiders	f	Reap the Rewards	Kahal	0		Not Sold
Zulu War Cry	f	Inspiring	Kahal	15.000	0.16	Romeo Francis
Ndikhalele	f	Shiyabekhala	Muhtafal	20.000	0.21	Cj Lensley
Raising A Storm	f	Shout Out	Mullins Bay	20.000	0.21	Pc Diedericks & Asso
Odie Sansom	f	Qaphela	Requiem	30.000	0.31	Ballymacash Racing
InTheNameOfLove	f	Onemorenomore	Kahal	40.000	0.42	Stuart Pettigrew
Snatched	f	Ransom	Rambo Dancer	40.000	0.42	Eib
Run April Run	f	April Showers	Western Winter	45.000	0.47	Gary Alexander Racin
Mauby	f	Marry Me Mullins	Mullins Bay	75.000	0.78	D De Andrade
Lady Of The Flame	f	Queen Kastanea	Tiger Ridge	100.000	1.04	Ballymacash Racing
Hot Goods	f	Royal Purse	King of Kings	120.000	1.25	Pizzaz Racing
Only The Brave	f	Spring Garland	Rambo Dancer	150.000	1.56	Ballymacash Racing

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BEZRIN Karlovacko	С	Electron	Centenary	40.000	0.25	Wgc Miller Racing
BLACK MINNALO Fenellopea		HE Fenella	Kitalpha	15.000	0.16	Leon Lotz
CAPETOWN NOIR Free To Win Always In Control Le Quartier Vuyo Giggin Protea Pride Jaeger Moon Hotsy Totsy Smelting	00000		Jallad Pissaro National Assembly Mullins Bay Northern Guest Northern Guest Parade Leader Northern Guest Fort Wood	0 0 0 0 40.000 60.000 140.000 0 30.000	0.25 0.37 0.87	Withdrawn Withdrawn Not Sold Not Sold Pound Bloodstock Hollywood Syndicate Eib Withdrawn Prof. I Sanne
CAPTAIN OF ALL Dusted Donut	С	Creme Caramel	Ideal World	340.000	2.11	Central Route Tradin
COUP DE GRACE 17bold Bidder Harlequin Jack Flaming Fire Danceindamoonlight 17Tuscan Lass Little Deuce Coupe Loving The Victory 17Allez Afrique	c f f	Tuscan Lass Fun To Fly Eden Estuary	Goldkeeper Complete Warrior Jallad Tiger Ridge Spectrum Lecture Right Approach Jet Master	100.000 100.000 130.000 0 0 15.000 30.000 200.000		S Viljoen Equine Admin Central Route Tradin Not Sold Not Sold Spies Racing T&L Racing St John Gray
CRUSADE Northern Warrior Bella's Fortune Watching Closely	f	Roc 'n Rose Enchanted Bay Watchful	Toreador Fort Beluga Kahal	20.000 15.000 85.000	0.12 0.16 0.88	Michael Roberts P Somasundram Pieter Becker
DUKE OF MARMA 17Hot Number Royal Support 17song Of Victory		Hot Number Miss Crystal	Sportsworld Model Man Victory Moon	0 80.000 160.000	0.83 1.66	Withdrawn Nick Jonsson Hollywood Syndicate
DYNASTY Mach Four Steeplechase 17Jackodore		Fly Jet Fly Grand National Jackodore	Jet Master National Assembly Toreador	550.000 600.000 325.000	3.41 3.72 3.37	Nick Jonsson Dean Kannemeyer Raci Bobby Rajhununan
EIGHTFOLD PATH 17savanna Sunrise Champion Action	С	Savanna Sunrise Champion Dancer	Lecture Northern Guest	0 15.000	0.09	Not Sold B Marais
ELUSIVE FORT 17Golden Dawn 17joan Of Arc 17Vintage Green	c f		Goldmark Goldkeeper Model Man	60.000 0 55.000	0.37 0.57	Not Sold
FLOWER ALLEY 17zephira Oak King 17koboshi 17Plata Parana	c f	Zephira Express Queen Koboshi Plata Parana	Western Winter Jet Master Caesour Rich Man's Gold	250.000 360.000 80.000 80.000	2.23 0.83	Joseph Habib Fortune Racing Equine Admin Stuart Pettigrew
FLYING THE FLAG Resolute 17I Said Hey 17hancock News	C C	Glorious Fair I Said Hey Hancock News	Rakeen Alami London News	15.000 60.000 15.000	0.37	Yen Creation Michael Roberts Heversham Park Farm
FUTURA Media Mogul Trillionaire 17music Pass 17Gal Mufti	C	News Filter Extra Zero Music Pass Gal Mufti	Captain Al Way West Go Deputy Al Mufti	120.000 190.000 1.300.000 0	1.18	Louis Goosen Racing
17Forries Flirt	С	Forries Flirt	Greys Inn	20.000	0.12	P Somasundram
GO DEPUTY Deputy Of Love	f	Dover Beach	Mullins Bay	50.000	0.52	Yen Creation
IRISH FLAME	С	Rich Reign	Zedrich	15.000	0.09	Fanie Bronkhorst
JAY PEG Image Control Divine Cascade	f f	Ubuhle Grootfontein	Windrush Kahal	0 30.000	0.31	Not Sold Peter Evert
JUDPOT Flying Carpet	С	Zahir Shah	Kabool	100.000	0.62	Riethaan Belegging
KILDONAN Karoo Space	f	Karoo Breeze	Greys Inn	0		Withdrawn
KINGSBARNS Stone Circle Galactico		Sempre Sempre Winter Star	Kahal Solskjaer	225.000 500.000	1.40 5.19	Triple 8 Clothing Ballymacash Racing
LATERAL Philly Green	f	Jenny Green	Miesque's Approval	0		Not Sold



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LEGISLATE Timeforthat	f	Timetogoby	Damascus Gate	70.000	0.70	J Brier
LINNGARI 17Rainbow Red 17Salishan 17Goldrun 17Suzie	f f f f	Rainbow Red Salishan Goldrun	Krusenstern Parade Leader Rich Man's Gold Rich Man's Gold	0 0 15.000 30.000	0.16 0.31	Not Sold Not Sold Cj Lensley S Viljoen
Hot Strike MAMBO IN SEAT	TLI	E	Kahal	80.000		
17Pacific Peace MASTER OF MY I		Pacific Peace	Dynaformer	60.000	0.62	Wgc Miller Racing
17Keep On Dreaming 17ice Bouquet Miss Elegance	С	Keep On Dreaming Ice Bouquet Fashion Edition	Surging River Western Winter Rambo Dancer	150.000 160.000 140.000		S Viljoen S Viljoen T&L Racing
NOBLE TUNE 17refined Gold	С	Refined Gold	Rich Man's Gold	15.000	0.09	Eib
ORATORIO Giratorio Champingatthebit Emerald Floe		Girolata Rollicking Romp Emerald Beauty	Vettori Qui Danzig Equalize	0 240.000 250.000	1.49 2.60	
PATHFORK 17sostanza Forward March Late Night Live Afternoon Tea	f	Sostanza Right And Ready Tramps Royal Polly	Al Mufti Whipper Rich Man's Gold Royal Academy	200.000 20.000 20.000 180.000	0.21 0.21	
PHILANTHROPIS 17Mon Ami Misty 17smart Colleen	_	Mon Ami Misty Smart Colleen	National Emblem Strike Smartly	70.000 0	0.43	Pizzaz Racing Not Sold
POMODORO Sir Pom 17Tinchy Stryder		Solar Voyager Tinchy Stryder	Captain Al Mullins Bay	120.000 20.000		Nick Jonsson Equine Admin
POTALA PALACE Frozen Palace Zampano Deputy Marshall		Misty Winter La Strada Slick Deputy	Western Winter Windrush Go Deputy	100.000 210.000 35.000	1.30	Joseph Habib Cornerstone Stud Cornerstone Stud
QUERARI Incense		Perfect Sense	Victory Moon	100.000	1.04	T&L Racing
SOFT FALLING RA		She's So Cold	Orpen	240.000	1.49	Ck Racing
ST PETERSBURG Winter Monarch	f	My Babe	Rambo Dancer	20.000	0.21	Wgc Miller Racing
TOREADOR Tonights The Night Conchita I'm Attacktive Lone Star Lily	f f	Silent Nights Triandra Keeping Track Fortworth	Catbird Silvano Rambo Dancer Fort Wood	0 0 15.000 30.000		
TRAFFIC GUARD Absolutist Bondi Boy	_	White Mischief Alborada Lady	Jet Master Rock of Gibraltar	55.000 90.000	0.34 0.56	Pound Bloodstock Gary Alexander Racin
TRIPPI Rite Of Passage Swiss Bank	c f	Solarium Pin Number	Var Fort Wood	200.000 475.000		Nick Jonsson Three Tier Construct
VAR 17Merry Go Round Anything Goes Sumida Var Rising		Merry Go Round Dance Domain Azabu Park Earn A Moon	Myboycharlie Parade Leader Bletchley Park Indigo Magic	110.000 0 130.000 200.000	0.68 1.35 2.08	Not Sold The Fire Racing Trus
VERCINGETORIX Chapter And Verse Vertigo Again	c f	Celtic Chalice Heliane	Royal Chalice Captain Al	320.000 200.000	1.99 2.08	Nick Jonsson Stuart Pettigrew
VISIONAIRE Maple Street Ice Man Cometh The Kop Arizona Lady	С	Cantiga de Luar Be Cool Dignify Insasa	Astor Place Mullins Bay Rambo Dancer Galileo	0 100.000 200.000 240.000	1.24	. ,
WHAT A WINTER Storm Chaser 17seven Steps	c f	Sea Of Calm Seven Steps	Quiet American Seventh Rock	400.000 65.000		S Viljoen Cj Lensley
WHERE'S THAT T SierraDeltaSierra 17action Replay	С	ER Indigo Princess Action Replay	King of Kings Jet Master	20.000 60.000	0.12 0.37	Sj Strydom Prof. I Sanne
WILLOW MAGIC Pulpit Rock Alaunus Thamsanqa Willy The Wizzard Moonsail Somasonic Desert Illusion 17fairy Lantern Ntati 17bold Star Triple Godess Nommo Rachael Hayhoe The Villa Grand Astral Plane Maian magic Field Of Fairies Toocoolforschool	000000	Majestic K Monterrey Starry-Eyed Bellagio Fuselage Junior Wife Pick Of The Field	Malhub Admire Main Rambo Dancer Stronghold Northern Guest Jallad Western Winter Indigo Magic National Emblem Kahal Trippi Solskjaer National Emblem Kahal Jet Master Jet Master Kahal Galileo	0 0 0 60.000 70.000 80.000 130.000 130.000 0 0 0 60.000 80.000 90.000 90.000	0.43 0.50 0.50 0.81 0.81 0.62 0.83 0.93 0.93	Eib Sean Tarry Racing Brett Crawford Ck Racing Corryvrecken Racing Withdrawn Not Sold Not Sold Withdrawn Ballymacash Racing Gary Alexander Racin Blue Grass Trading P Somasundram
WYLIE HALL 17Sheri Baby 17way Of Escape	f f	Sheri Baby Way Of Escape	Secret Savings Greys Inn			Far End Racing Equine Admin



KZN-BASED Mechanical Engineer Zane Kirsten gave Sunday's Emperors Palace Ready To Run Sale a thumbs-up and was extremely pleased what he secured with his budget. He says the concept of a possible quick return was a winner and the quality of horse available was 'excellent'.

Zane, who has been an owner for ten years and races only with trainer David Niewenhuizen, spoke to the Sporting Post after the sale and was pleased with what he had bought.

"A nicely bred Stonehill Stud-bred Trippi half-sister to five winners out of a winning Fort Wood own sister to two graded horses. David liked her and we thought she moved really well. One never knows but we hope she is on the track by February. And the fillies filled the top six places in the Ready To Run Cup on Saturday. So we live in hope of something nice to look forward to come next November," he added.

Johan Loftus of Ndoro Stud, who bred the R1,3 million topseller, told the Sporting Post that after 41 years in the game – he started at Varsfontein in 1979 – he was 'still learning every day'.

"Just goes to show. We couldn't get a bid past R70 000 at the National Yearling Sale. In the interim he naturally matured and Paul Matchett, who prepped him, was thoroughly impressed with the way he moved and what he showed. He is a lovely specimen – I always say the foal you see at two days of age is the horse you will have," he confirmed.

He wished the purchaser, Empire International Bloodstock, who were the leading buyers, laying out R1565 000 $\,$ for their 5 lots, plenty of fun with the exciting colt who will race under the Brett Crawford Racing banner.

International buyers at the sale included Ricky Maingard and Bernard Lincoln.

Other top local owners who bought well were Nick Jonsson (6 lots - $R1470\,000$), the enthusiastic Suzette & Basie Viljoen got their 5 lots for R840 000, while staunch patron Preggie Somasundram got 5.

Summerhill's R3 755 000 and Far End Racing's R3,2 million kept the two top vendors very busy again, while Cape-based Hemel 'n Aarde sold 4 lots for a gross R935 000.

An eBucks Ninja Tells...

Against the backdrop of stake reductions, it's become significantly more necessary to tap into the various big value sales races, as well as the added stakes programmes on offer.

It softens the blow when a juvenile maiden winner (from a BSA sale) gets an extra R60k.

And it's less of an issue that the stake of the Nursery has been cut by R50k when the winner (assuming it came off the CTS RTR sale) picks up an extra R250k.

Oscar Foulkes writes that there are now so many of these programmes that they have become almost as confusing as Vitality rewards. To make things easy, here's a quick and dirty guide to the various race/stake incentives.

Cape Premier Yearling Sale

No sales races for the 2019 sale.

Cape Yearling Sale

BSA Added Stakes Progamme (i.e. R60k to the first 120 juvenile maiden winners)

From 2020, there will be a sales race for graduates.

National Yearling Sale

BSA Added Stakes Progamme

Klawervlei Farm Sale

Farm Sale race for R225k (at least a 10% chance of getting a run)

KZN Yearling Sale

BSA Added Stakes Progamme

KZN Millions Race on July day (5% chance of getting a run)

National 2YO Sale

BSA Added Stakes Progamme

RTR

BSA Added Stakes Progamme

RTR race for R1 million (10% chance of getting a run) *Ed - this stake is yet to be finalised

Sales race for R1.25 million (10% chance of getting a run) $\,$

R250k to each of the first three juvenile stakes-winners $\,$

It's very important to note that a BSA two-year-old that breaks its maiden in open company does not qualify for the added stakes. The fine print gets important with these things.

I regard myself as something of an eBucks Ninja, so of course I'd find a way of maximising the benefits of these various incentives.

You see, we've bought horses at sales throughout the year – and paid the owner's premium – so some of our CTS RTR horses are not only eligible for the raft of RTR incentives, but they've also picked up eligibilty to various other programmes. All this information will be on the stable doors.

So, using the hypothetical example of a CTS RTR horse that originally came from the KZN sale, it would get an extra R60k for breaking its maiden.

If it then went on to win the Summer Juvenile Stakes on Met day it would get an extra R250k by way of RTR incentive.

It could run in the R1 million sales race on July day, and of course it would also be eligible for the R1.25 million Ready to Run Stakes in November.

It could end up earning more money than the Champion colt or filly of its generation! In the same way that eBucks change their rules on a regular basis, both BSA and CTS have shifted the goalposts.

Bloodstock South Africa no longer pay an extra R150k to the winners of specified Grade I and II races. Perhaps part of the reason is that payment of the owner's premium is not obligatory, so the revenue is not maximised.

CTS, on the other hand, enforce this. And, while the three times R250k incentive for the first three juvenile stakes-winners may not be paid out, they have undertaken to roll it over should parts of it not be won.

So, it's money that remains available for the ecosystem of their RTR graduates. Their premium revenue in 2019 delivers a surplus of roughly R700k, which mitigates their subsidy of the R2.5 million stake in the past.

For many years, I've beaten the drum that buying at RTR is a no-brainer.

Scooping additional stakes by way of broader eligilibility adds to that compelling list of reasons.