



CAPTAIN AL - COVENANT by WESTERN WINTER | 16,1hh



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CAPE CHAMPION 2YO COLT 2020

**THE FIRST 3YO TO WIN THE
CAPE MERCHANTS IN 22 YEARS**

From South Africa's stupendous
SOHO SECRET / SECRET PACT family
of Leading Sire **MASTER OF MY FATE.**



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ERIK THE RED

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| Captain AI | AI Mufti (USA) | Roberto | Hail To Reason |
| | | Lassie Dear | Bramalea |
| | Off To War | Complete Warrior (USA) | Buckpasser |
| | | Infanta | Gay Missile |
| Covenant | Western Winter (USA) | Gone West | Dewan |
| | | Chilly Hostess | Splendid Spree |
| | | Bush Telegraph | Jamaico (FR) |
| | Secret Pact | Soho Secret | Beylic |
| | | | Mr Prospector |
| | | | Secrettame |
| | | Vice Regent | |
| | | Impressive Lady | |
| | | Jungle Cove (USA) | |
| | | Maiden Over | |
| | | Regent Street (ARG) | |
| | | Secret Landing (USA) | |

SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST PROLIFIC FEMALE LINE

1st Dam:

COVENANT, 7 wins incl Majorca S **G1**, Southern Cross S **G2**, Sceptre S **G2**-twice, Sweet Chestnut S **L**; 3rd SA Fillies Sprint S **G1**, Southern Cross S **G2**, Tibouchina S **G2**; half-sister to **PROMISEFROMMYHEART** (dam of **MASTER OF MY FATE**, **JUSTTHEWAYYOUARE**), **SECRET HEART** (dam of **PLUCK**, **THREE HEARTS**), **London Niece**, Secret Mission (dam of **HACK GREEN**). Dam of 4 foals, **4 winners**:

ERIK THE RED, Cape Champion 2yo Colt 2020; **6 wins**, 2 places from 9 starts. Won Cape Merchants **G2**, Umkhomazi S **G2**, Cape of Good Hope Nursery **G3**, Summer Juvenile S **L**, Somerset 1200 **L**; 3rd Golden Horseshoe **G2**, 4th Golden Horse Medallion **G1**.

Varallo - Supreme Patrol (HK), **3 wins**; 2nd Gold Medallion **G1**; 3rd Godolphin Barb **G3**, etc.

Scandola, **3 wins**; 3rd Lady's Pendant **L**.

Solemn Promise, **3 wins**; 4th East Cape Oaks **L**.

2nd Dam:

SECRET PACT, 4 wins incl George Azzie Memorial H **L**, Jack Patience Futurity S **L**, Ascot-On-Vaal Sprint H **L**; 2nd Henry Eatwell Memorial H **G3**, 3yo Sprint **G3**, TR Lewis Memorial S **L**, Issie Shenker Memorial H **L**, Hibiscus S **L**; 3rd Cape Flying Championship **G1**, Allan Robertson Fillies Championship **G1**, Southeaster Sprint S **L**. Sister to **LONDON NEWS**, half-sister to **BLUE SHADE**, **DANCING BLUES**, **RECONDITE**, **UNDERGROUND LADY** (dam of **LADY BROMPTON**), **WICKED ROSIE**, **Trafalgar House**, Night Spot (dam of **AMERICAN BADGER**), So Happy (dam of **SUPERWOOD**), Vote Catcher (dam of **FULL OF GOLD**). Dam of 10 foals, 8 to race, **7 winners**, incl:

COVENANT, 7 wins, see above.

PROMISEFROMMYHEART, Champion 3yo Classic Filly SA; 6 wins incl Triple Tiara Fillies Guineas **G1**, SA Fillies Guineas **G1**, Woolavington S **G2**, Thekwini S **G2**, Ipi Tombe Challenge **G2**; 3rd SA Fillies Classic **G2**. Dam of 7 foals, **6 winners** incl:

MASTER OF MY FATE, 6 wins incl Kenilworth Premier Trophy **G2**, Peninsula H **G2**; 5th J&B Met **G1**; **Leading Sire**.

JUSTTHEWAYYOUARE, 4 wins incl Spook Express H **L**, Racing Association. Dam of:

CAPTAIN SPLENDID, 4 wins incl Londsale Stirrup Cup **G3**, East Cape Derby **G3**; 2nd Gold Vase **G3**, Algoa Cup **G3**,

Settlers Trophy **L**; 3rd Chairman's Cup **G3**.

MALMOOS, 4 wins incl Concorde Cup **G2**, Graham Beck S **G3**.

Fidelity, **winner**; dam of:

DUE DILIGENCE, 2 wins incl Starling S **G3**; 2nd Devon Air S **L**; 3rd Fillies Mile **G3**.

GHAALLA, 2 wins incl Fillies Mile **G3**; 2nd SA Fillies Nursery **G2**; 3rd Johannesburg Spring Fillies & Mares Challenge **G2**, Starling S **G3**.

My Guiding Star, **winner**; dam of:

HASHTAGYOLO, 3 wins incl Flamboyant S **G3**.

La Revere, 2 wins, 3rd Debutante H **G2**.

Vermentino, unraced; dam of:

FAVORITA, 2 wins incl East Cape Fillies Nursery **L**; 4th Fillies Nursery **G3**, Lady's Slipper S **L**.

SECRET HEART, 5 wins incl Prix du Cap **L**; 2nd Golden Slipper **G2**; 3rd Garden Province S **G1**, Paddock S **G1**, Cape Fillies Guineas **G1**, SA Fillies Guineas **G1**, Thekwini S **G2**. Dam of:

PLUCK (USA), 3 wins incl Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf S **G2**, Woodbine Summer S **G3**; **Sire**.

THREE HEARTS (USA), 3 wins incl Red Carpet H **G3**; 2nd Santa Ana S **G2**, Little Silver S **L**; 3rd Santa Barbara H **G3**, Robert J Frankel S **G3**, Red Carpet H **G3**, Virginia Oaks **G3**.

London Niece, 2 wins; 3rd Umzimkhulu H **G3**.

Secret Mission, **winner**; dam of:

HACK GREEN, 4 wins, R970,000 incl Umkhomazi S **G2**, etc.



UMKHOMAZI STAKES (GRADE 2) - © Candiese Lenferna

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE NURSERY (Grade 3) - © Wayne Marks





SUMMER JUVENILE STAKES (Listed) - © Wayne Marks

SOMERSET 1200 (Listed) - © Wayne Marks



RACE RECORD - 9 RUNS, 6 WINS, 2 PLACES, R551,625 CAPE CHAMPION 2YO COLT 2020

- 5th MAIDEN JUVENILE PLATE** 900m Kenilworth, beaten 3,3 lengths.
- Won JUVENILE PLATE** 1000m Kenilworth by 4,75 lengths from Thomas Henry.
- Won SUMMER JUVENILE STAKES (Listed)** 1000m Kenilworth by 1,25 lengths from Emblem Of Hope. *Justin Snaith & Richard Fourie launched their Sun Met day feature campaign with Varsfontein's Erik The Red powering to victory in the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes. Described as a 'quality horse' by Richard Fourie, Erik The Red was always in the firing line. Justin Snaith said he was pleased to have won the race, given the minimal amount of effort in the prep. Justin expected - subject to the owner's consent - to have the winner in his KZN 2020 SA Champions Season. - Sporting Post*
- Won CAPE OF GOOD HOPE NURSERY (Grade 3)** 1200m Kenilworth by 0,3 lengths from Joseph Barry. *Erik The Red kicked off the feature part of the Kenilworth meeting with a hard fought win in the G3 Cape Of Good Hope Nursery over 1200. Fourie summed it up perfectly in a few words - "lovely horse, bright future." - Ken Nicol*
- Won SOMERSET 1200 (Listed)** 1200m Kenilworth by 4,25 lengths from Matthew The King. *Erik The Red is Durban bound after making it 4 wins in a row with a devastating turn of foot in the Somerset 1200 at Kenilworth during lock-down on 9th June 2020. Varsfontein's homebred Captain Al colt was giving away more weight than a sumo wrestler, yet started almost unbackable at 3-7 and when Richard Fourie pressed the button, he accelerated like a Ferrari to storm home four and a half lengths clear. "He could end up in the Cape Guineas at the end of the year but the question now is whether we go to KZN for the G1 races" said Jono Snaith. "With the way he won, it will be hard not to - and I think he is good enough." Fourie shares much the same view saying "he's a racehorse and I wake up in the morning to ride horses like him. He is definitely capable of winning a G1." - TBA*
- 4th GOLDEN HORSE MEDALLION (Grade 1)** 1200m Scottsville, beaten 5,1 lengths by Tempting Fate.
- 3rd GOLDEN HORSESHOE (GRADE 2)** 1400m Greyville, beaten 1,3 lengths by Nourbese.
- Won UMKHOMAZI STAKES (Grade 2)** 1200m Greyville by 0,5 lengths from Garrulous. *Despite not having the easiest of passages and having to be re-shod at the start, the Justin Snaith trained Erik The Red (5-1) showed his class when running out a courageous winner of the G2 Umkhomazi Stakes (1200m) at Greyville on 29th August. Erik The Red looked beaten, as the front runner kept finding more, but he rallied under a typically well-judged ride from Richard Fourie and won going away. - TBA*
- Won CAPE MERCHANTS (Grade 2)** 1200m Kenilworth by 0,75 lengths from Rio Querari. *Erik The Red is the first 3yo to win the G2 Cape Merchants in 22 years. Starting 2-1 favourite with a handy 52kgs, but still technically under a half-kilo sufferance, the award-winning Erik The Red, who looks to have an exciting future, came from off the pace under an 'oozing with confidence' Richard Fourie, and underscored his liking for the Kenilworth 1200m with a dashing three quarter length victory in a time of 71,35 secs. Snaith and Fourie won this race in 2018 with subsequent Equus Champion Sprinter Kasimir - another son of the great Captain Al. This was a win full of merit and character after Erik The Red's 12 week break following his G2 Umkhomazi Stakes success at Greyville. - Sporting Post*



CAPTAIN AL retired to stud in 2001
Photo taken in 2005 © Jeremy Nelson

CAPTAIN AL - Champion Sire SA 2015. 8 times Champion Sire of 2-y-o's SA (2009 - 2016). Equus Outstanding Sire 2009 and 2011. Sire of 102 stakes winners, 89 stakes placegetters.

CAPTAIN AL has achieved an overall 76% winners to runners, 10,6% stakes winners to runners. He has had runners in SA, Mauritius, Hong Kong, USA, UAE, France, Great Britain, Singapore, Australia and Zimbabwe.

CAPTAIN AL's sons at stud include G1 Guineas winner WILLIAM LONGSWORD, Equus Champion CAPTAIN OF ALL, and the recent G1 Sun Met winner, ONE WORLD.

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ERIK THE RED as a young 3yo
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TRAINER JUSTIN SNAITH - *"Erik the Red is an absolute gentleman to work with. He is one of the toughest and soundest horses I've had the pleasure to train. He has tremendous heart and I cannot wait to see his produce at the sales and on the track - if they're anything like their dad we have plenty to look forward to."*



CAPE MERCHANTS (GRADE 2)
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