

## Durban Ticket

The smart Crusade colt Alfeo looks to have booked his berth at Greyville on 30 June for the richly endowed KZN Breeders Race Day after a facile victory in Saturday's R150 000 Listed Dahlia Plate at Fairview.

Second on the KZN Breeders Series log behind stablemate and fellow Promising Stud-bred Carlita before he went into Saturday's feature, the promising 2yo made it three wins from four starts when slamming a field that included his stablemate and recent conqueror in the East Cape Nursery, Madame Speaker.

The race has been dominated by Alan Greeff and the Scribante family, as well as trainer Gavin Smith, and the top local yards and they filled the first four places again.

Aldo Domeyer had Alfeo in touch up the outside as Super Socks led Madame Speaker.

Alfeo started running at the leaders at the 300m and drew away to hold the fancied Madame Speaker to 1,25 lengths in a time of 71,1 secs.

Born A Bully was slightly slow away and lagged behind the early charge to be beaten into third, a further 2,25 lengths.

The pacy Super Socks faded out to fourth, with the previously consistent Say No More producing no finish and running 7 lengths off the winner.

Bred by KZN-based Piemonte Stud, Alfeo was bought back for R20 000 at the 2017 BSA KZN Yearling Sale and took his earnings to R211 850 with his third win and second place from five starts.

A son of Crusade (Mr Greeley), Alfeo is out of the one-time winner Singapura Cat (Black Minnaloushe),

### Dahlia Plate (L) 1200m

Winner Alfeo was stubborn loading; raced 4th; led 150m; won going away

Runner up Madame Speaker (best handicapped) raced 2nd; led 300m; beaten 1,25 lengths

Third Born A Bully lost 2 lengths at the start; raced in the rear, but just 1,5 lengths behind the winner; beaten 3,5 lengths

**Time:** This comparatively was the slowest of the six sprint races on the card

We gave the runner up (prev 63/73/79/81) 79 which makes the winner (prev 70/71/76/82) 88 and the third (prev 74/76/67) 74

88	1	0.00	ALFEO	(9)	60.0	A Domeyer	31/4
2	c	Crusade - Singapura Cat (Black Minnaloushe)					
79	2	1.25	MADAME SPEAKER	(3)	57.5	T Gould	13/10
2	b	f Pathfork - Word Perfect (National Assembly)					
74	3	3.50	BORN A BULLY	(4)	58.0	R Fourie	27/4
2	b	g Eightfold Path - Love Leah (Restructure)					
66	4	4.00	Super Socks	(1)	55.0	J Penny	36/1
65	5	7.00	Say No More	(8)	58.0	R Khathi	41/10
57	6	7.25	Cape Leopard	(10)	55.0	M Thackeray	100/1
57	7	7.35	Tundra	(7)	55.0	R Mungler	18/1
42	8	13.10	Fairyinthemist	(6)	55.5	X Ndlovu	18/1
41	9	15.60	The Highway Man	(2)	58.0	M Yeni	13/1
41	10	15.65	Aloysius	(5)	58.0	G Cheyne	11/1

Time: 71.1s (59.25s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) SP Total %: 117%

1st T:AC Greeff O:Messrs C G & L F Scribante B:Piemonte Stud

## Snow Queen Is Hot

Her trainer admits to not knowing quite how good she is, but the Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint is the target for impressive Bauhinia Handicap winner Covered In Snow, who made it four on the trot at Turffontein on Saturday.

The daughter of Scott Bro's stallion Crusade made it four wins on the trot when steered to a convincing victory by regular pilot Muzi Yeni in the 1000m Listed feature.

Covered In Snow, who enjoyed the distinction of being her sire's first stakes winner when winning the Swallow Stakes in January, was a popular choice to win on Saturday and she duly delivered.

Relaxed a few lengths off the heat, Covered In Snow never looked in danger of losing as she turned it on at the 250m marker to hold the improved again Myfunnyvalentine by 1,25 lengths in a time of 58,7 secs.

The grey Frederico's Dream showed plenty of pace and stayed on well for third.

Racing in the familiar Peter White silks, Covered In Snow has won 4 races with 1 place from 5 starts for stakes of R315 125,

She is out of five-time winner Blue Nevada (Anytime) who hails from a genuine Clifton damline, descending from the same family as their Gr2 winner, Glenrossal.

Blue Nevada, out of Crystal De Roche mare Sierra Blue, has produced three winners from three runners. Her 2016 foal is by Jackson, whilst her filly currently at foot is by Ideal World – she is in foal to Crusade.

### Bauhinia Handicap (f&m) (L) 1000m

Winner Covered In Snow raced midfield; led 150m; pushed out; won with some in hand

Runner up Myfunnyvalentine raced in midfield; 1,25 lengths behind winner at 400m; beaten 1,25 lengths

Third Frederico's Dream raced with the pace throughout; was 1 length clear at 400m; hanging; outpaced latter stages

**Time:** Third fastest of the seven sprint races just 0,3 seconds slower than the Storm Bird Stakes

We gave the third (prev 84/57/85/86/86) 86 which makes the winner (prev 60/81/85/86) 94 and the runner up (prev 38/79/79/85 – has done 96) 90

94	1	0.00	COVERED IN SNOW	(5)	56.0	M Yeni	71/20
3	b	f Crusade - Blue Nevada (Anytime)					
90	2	1.25	MYFUNNYVALENTINE	(3)	57.5	L Hewitson	147/20
4	b	f Captain Al - Give Me Five (Goldkeeper)					
86	3	2.15	FREDERICO'S DREAM	(10)	56.5	C Murray	27/4
3	gr	f Gimmethethegreenlight - Verdala(IRE) (Linamix)					
84	4	2.40	Tammany Hall	(8)	56.0	K De Melo	45/1
84	5	2.50	Singing In Seattle	(12)	56.0	R Danielson	55/1
84	6	4.40	Winter Watch	(13)	59.5	G Lerena	6/1
67	7	6.20	Lawdy Miss Clawdy	(7)	55.0	JP vd Merwe	15/1
51	8	7.90	Flaming Mad	(4)	52.0	M v Rensburg	36/1
55	9	8.00	Onamission	(9)	53.0	C Zackey	14/1
49	10	8.50	Announcing Rain	(2)	52.0	R Mungler	75/1
55	11	8.75	Daring Diva	(6)	54.5	K Zechner	20/1
62	12	9.25	Arissa	(14)	59.5	R Simons	6/1
64	13	9.50	Winter's Forge	(1)	60.0	C Maujean	13/1
50	14	10.00	Ice Art	(11)	54.5	J Penny	167/20

Time: 58.7s (58.7s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) SP Total %: 119%

1st T:DN Stenger O:Mr P E White B:Clifton Stud

## Snow Speed

The progressive Crusade filly Covered In Snow prevailed in a thrilling finish to the R150 000 Listed Swallow Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday evening to register a hat-trick and provide her sire with his first stakes win.

Regular pilot Muzi Yeni had Covered In Snow tucked up a few lengths off the pace and he sent her for home at the 200m. The Diane Stenger-trained speedster resisted the challenge of the good looking Frederico's Dream, who had shown a lot of pace, to get the verdict by a head in a time of 66, 71 secs.

The first four finished within 0,55 lengths of each other.

Racing in the familiar Peter White silks, Covered In Snow has now won 3 on the trot – all over the 1160m – after finishing third on debut in October. She has banked stakes of R221 375.

Bred at Clifton Stud, Covered In Snow is out of the four-time winner Blue Nevada (Anytime).

A KZN Breeders Syndicate stallion who stands at Scott Bro's, Crusade is a son of the now deceased Mr Greeley (Gone West) who left behind more than 60 stakes winners, a tally which included eight Gr1 winners.

Crusade is out of the top-class racemare La Traviata – winner of the Gr3 Victory Ride Stakes. This is the same family as Sun Teddy – the male line ancestor of outstanding US sire Damascus.

A well bred stallion who was a top-class Gr1 winning juvenile, Crusade has produced winners over sprints and further.

### Swallow Stakes (L) 1160m

Winner Covered In Snow was always handy; led 100m; kept on strongly

Runner-up Frederico's Dream raced handy; led 450m; found extra when headed 100m out; beaten a short head

Third San Fermin raced in midfield; was two lengths behind the winner at 400m; switched and ran on well, gaining on the first two at the finish; narrowly beaten

**Time:** Although this was comparatively the fastest of the three sprint races on the card, this could have been run faster.

We gave the third (prev 83/73) 80, which makes the winner (prev 60/81/85) 86, and the runner-up (prev 72/82/84/57/85) 86

86	<b>1</b>	0.00	COVERED IN SNOW	(7)	58.0	M Yeni	15/1
3 b f Crusade - Blue Nevada (Anytime)							
86	<b>2</b>	0.10	FREDERICO'S DREAM	(13)	58.0	Wei Marwing	18/1
3 gr f Gimmetheregreenlight - Verdala(IRE) (Linamix)							
80	<b>3</b>	0.30	SAN FERMIN	(2)	56.0	L Hewitson	9/4
3 b f Charge Forward - Choice Blend(AUS) (Redoute's Choice)							
80	<b>4</b>	0.55	No More Words	(5)	56.0	G Wrogermann	22/1
74	<b>5</b>	2.05	Tamarina	(12)	56.0	R Simons	22/1
73	<b>6</b>	2.25	Green Top	(4)	56.0	F Herholdt	28/1
79	<b>7</b>	3.00	Singing In Seattle	(15)	60.0	R Danielson	36/1
66	<b>8</b>	4.00	Winter's Forge	(6)	56.0	C Zackey	5/1
67	<b>9</b>	5.10	Varsity Girl	(3)	58.0	K De Melo	30/1
61	<b>10</b>	5.50	Spring Breeze	(9)	56.0	K Zechner	36/1
69	<b>11</b>	5.55	Winter Watch	(14)	60.0	P Strydom	16/1
60	<b>12</b>	5.60	London Secret	(10)	56.0	D Schwarz	20/1
56	<b>13</b>	6.85	Jazaalah	(16)	56.0	C Murray	18/1
58	<b>14</b>	7.45	Takingthepeace	(11)	58.0	JP vd Merwe	5/1
51	<b>15</b>	9.15	La Bella Mia	(8)	58.0	M v Rensburg	20/1
49	<b>16</b>	9.65	Onamission	(1)	58.0	R Munger	55/1
Time: 66.71s (57.51s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) SP Total %: 119%							
1st T:DN Stenger O:Mr P E White B:Clifton Stud							