

Dynasty Star Bounces Back

Putting a frustrating SA Champions Season well behind her, the top-class Dynasty 4yo Front AndCentre produced a sustained finish to win Saturday's R200 000 Gr3 Diana Stakes at a sun-drenched Durbanville.

Brett Crawford's 2018 Cape Fillies Guineas winner had little luck with the barrier draw gods in three starts in KZN last term, but still managed solid seconds in both the SA Fillies Guineas and the Woolavington.

Returning from a thirteen week break on Saturday, the Sporting Post best bet and top-rated runner was backed into 9-11 favourite and won more readily than the official half length margin suggests.

Just when the courageous Helen's Ideal looked to go all the way, Front And Centre came forward under a perfectly timed ride by Ridgemont Highlands rider Greg Cheyne to hold off the flying late challenge of Poinsettia Stakes winner Freedom Charter in a time of 83,60 secs.

Helen's Ideal hung on for third, a further 0,75 lengths back.

Raced by Ridgemont, the winner was a R300 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale Book 1 purchase.

Front And Centre, a half sister to Ridgemont Highlands Gr1 winner sire Potala Palace (Singspiel), is a daughter of perennial champion producer Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the UK Gr3 placed Alzao mare, Alignment.

The Highlands bred Front And Centre has won 5 races with 3 places from 9 starts for stakes of R1320 625.

From the Stipes Report:

Jockey Grant Behr reported

Intothelimeight made an abnormal respiratory noise in running. Front And Centre and Helen's Ideal were hanging out in the straight. Jockey K de Melo reported Sugar Girl not striding out in the latter stages. Shamrock Wind was momentarily inconvenienced between Front And Centre and Freedom Charter shortly before the finish.

Gr3 Diana Stakes (F&M) 1400m

Winner Front And Centre raced handy throughout; ran on well Runner-up Freedom Charter was always handy, running on well, but no chance with winner

Third Helen's Ideal set the pace until challenged; ran on but no challenge to the first two

Time: Comparatively the second fastest race on the day, and a true run affair. We gave the third (90/101/95/90/68) 99, which makes the winner (102/106/100/104/100) 109 and the runner-up (102/92/91/103/85) 105. These ratings could well be on the high side.

109	1	0.00	FRONT AND CENTRE	(1)	60.0	G Cheyne	9/11
4 b f Dynasty - Alignment (IRE) (Alzao)							
105	2	0.50	FREEDOM CHARTER	(5)	58.5	A Andrews	16/1
5 ch m Elusive Fort - Betty Burke (Captain Al)							
99	3	1.25	HELEN'S IDEAL	(2)	57.0	M Byleveld	61/10
4 b f Ideal World - Tequila Blush (Fort Wood)							
97	4	2.00	Shamrock Wind	(3)	57.0	C Orffer	16/1
96	5	2.20	Star Fighter	(4)	57.0	S Randolph	16/1
94	6	3.20	Dynamic Diana	(7)	57.5	R Fourie	10/1
92	7	3.70	Lesedi La Rona	(6)	57.0	D Dillon	16/1
91	8	4.20	Sugar Girl	(8)	57.5	K De Melo	14/1
83	9	6.45	Madonna	(9)	57.0	R Khathi	44/1
47	10	18.95	Intothelimeight	(10)	57.5	G Behr	50/1
Time: 83.6s (59.71s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) SP Total %: 113%							
1st T: BJ Crawford O: Ridgemont (Nom: Mr Wayne Kieswetter) B: Highlands							

Bring On The Big Guns

Former 61 Mechanised Battalion Gunner and long-suffering owner Rod Mattheyse pulled rank at Kenilworth on Saturday when he shouted his What A Winter gelding Three Two Charlie home from the 600m marker, before the 'gross' galloper swept forward late to win the R150 000 Listed Sophomore Sprint.

It was something of a pleasing plan come together for Rod Mattheyse, who bred the 3yo in partnership with Beaumont Stud's Anton Shepherd and others.

"I didn't feel that we were getting enough money for him when he went through the ring at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale – so I bought him," said a broad-smiling Mattheyse, who confirmed that he had named the yearling – built like a tank – after his military unit.

Trainer Candice Bass-Robinson described Three Two Charlie as a horse blessed with a super temperament – but quite a gross specimen – and that's just why she could afford to give him a run ten days earlier.

Gross in equine terminology indicates that he is a big strong upstanding heavy horse – and can takes lots of work.

Ridgemont-Highlands jockey Greg Cheyne rode a confident race – on a horse he admitted he knew little about.

"He is an unassuming, lovely, big gross fellow. He was travelling well early and we got a bit cramped. So I gave him a chance. Our stablemate Constable pulled us through late. He should go a mile, I think," said the recently crowned multiple East Cape Champion rider.

After King Of Gems, Finding Camelot and Captain Tatters had looked to attack going into the final stages, Three Two Charlie (6-1) scythed through the traffic from some way off the gallop and stayed on best to beat Captain Tatters by 1,50 lengths in a time of 75,07 secs.

King Of Gems was a neck back in third, with the winner's stablemate Constable showing he needed it in fourth.

Djokovic was a further 1,50 lengths back in fifth.

The rest were well beaten.

A R250 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate, Three Two Charlie has won 2 races with 3 places from 5 starts and stakes of R188 350.

Bred by Beaumont Stud, Three Two Charlie is a gelded son of triple Equus Champion What A Winter (Western Winter) out of the four-time winner, Mairingi Bay (Joshua Dancer).

Sophomore Sprint (3yo's) (L) 1200m

Winner Three Two Charlie raced in midfield; led 200m; won going away

Runner-up Captain Tatters (best handicapped) was brushed at the start; raced level with winner in midfield; ran on

Third King Of Gems was slow into stride; carried inwards 900m; raced fifth; kept on strongly

Time: Only the second fastest of the three sprint races, the time was not a fast one, and the field resembled a cavalry charge 250m out. Read the result and ratings in that context. We gave the runner-up (prev 88/95) 93 which makes the winner (prev 88/88/89/83) 98 and the third (prev 85/83/95/85) 92

98	1	0.00	THREE TWO CHARLIE	(6)	60.0	G Cheyne	6/1
3 b g What A Winter - Mairingi Bay (Joshua Dancer)							
93	2	1.50	CAPTAIN TATTERS	(9)	60.0	R Fourie	21/10
3 b g Gimmethegreenlight - Lady Tatty (Solskjaer)							
92	3	1.70	KING OF GEMS	(1)	60.0	D Dillon	10/1
3 ch c Kingsbarns - Sapphire Gem (Trippi)							
91	4	2.10	Constable	(8)	60.0	K De Melo	4/1
85	5	3.60	Djokovic	(10)	60.0	O Noach	28/1
72	6	7.35	Call Me Al	(4)	60.0	A Andrews	36/1
68	7	8.35	Warrior Tiger	(2)	60.0	G Behr	22/1
63	8	9.85	Finding Camelot	(3)	60.0	C Orffer	13/2
61	9	10.35	Ground Control	(7)	60.0	M Byleveld	12/1
21	10	21.60	Hardfallingrain	(5)	60.0	M Winnaar	16/1
Time: 75.07s (62.56s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 113%							
1st T: C Bass-Robinson O: Mr R T Mattheyse B: Beaumont Stud							

Joey Grabs Gold

Milnerton maestro Joey Ramsden has always been regarded as one of our top trainers of stayers, and while more than fifty shades greyer than he was when winning his first Gold Cup – then a Gr1 – in 2004 with Major Bluff, he returned to clinch a prize that he describes as ‘one of the most difficult on the calendar’ at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Saturday.

Considering the British-born conditioner’s time proven skills with stamina horses, one would be inclined to think that 2004 to 2019 is an unlikely long time between Gold Cup drinks.

But the charismatic and fearless campaigner wasn’t arguing the history of it as he graciously accepted the beautiful trophy for Dynasty’s Blossom – the first member of the fairer sex to win the Gold Cup since Dean Kannemeyer’s Colonial Girl in 2000 – in the company of part-owner Maine Chance Farms’ representative Glen Hatt.

There was plenty of sentimentality attached to the moment as it was Hatt who was aboard when the lightly weighted Major Bluff squeaked in ahead of Double Reef fifteen years ago – the latter coincidentally partnered by present-day GTV presenter Kevin Shea, who was behind the stalls at the start in collar and tie on Saturday.

The race panned out perfectly for the Joey Ramsden Racing Team as Keagan de Melo kept the pack honest aboard the gallant Dark Moon Rising, who took the initiative and had five lengths on his field at the 400m.

But after Doublemint flickered briefly, it was Dynasty’s Blossom (20-1) who weaved her way through the stamperede from off the pace to hold off the attentions of Made To Conquer (15-1) by 0,80 lengths in a time of 205,83 secs.

It’s My Turn won the race in 205,20 secs in 2018.

The Ridgemont Highlands deceased stallion Dynasty sired the exacta.

Stablemate to the runner-up, the SP top-rated Doublemint loomed up menacingly late, but was outrun in the finish to finish a not disgraced third, a further 0,40 lengths back.

Mauritian jockey Nooresh Juglall, who quit Singapore racing suddenly in April this year for family reasons, rode a perfectly judged race and said that he had been briefed by multiple Gold Cup winning rider, Glen Hatt.

Consigned by Highlands Farm, Dynasty’s Blossom was knocked down to the Mayfair Speculators/Coolmore/Maine Chance Farms partnership for R4,5 million at the 2016 Cape Premier Yearling Sale – where she topped the charts on Day 2.

She is out of the Danehill Dancer sired Gr3 Final Fling Stakes winner Crimson Blossom, who won seven races from 1200m to 2000m. Her fourth dam, Delsy, produced Gr1 Prix du Jockey Club winner and leading sire Darshaan.

A courageous runner-up behind the Gold Cup absentee Walter Smoothie in the Gr3 Gold Vase on July day at the same track, this was Dynasty’s Blossom’s first stakes success and the big victory has enhanced the well-bred mare’s paddock prospects.

She has now won 3 races with 11 places from 21 starts for stakes of R1 193 350.

Ramsden enjoyed one previous feature success in the 2019 SA Champions Season – courtesy of the hardknocking Twist Of Fate in the KRA Guineas back in May.

Gr3 Elan Gold Cup 3200m

Winner Dynasty’s Blossom raced in the rear; 9th entering the home straight; led 100m

Runner-up Made To Conquer raced midfield; positioned at the back entering the home straight; ran on strongly and didn’t find the clearest of passages; was finishing the strongest

Third Doublemint (best handicapped) raced in midfield; ran on strongly

Time: This comparatively was the third fastest of the eight races on turf beyond sprint distances. We gave the fifth (prev best 97) 97 which makes the winner (prev 90/93/96/84/94) 96, the runner-up (prev 102/106/106/106/100) 105 and the third (prev 105/116/100/102/103) 102

96	1	0.00	DYNASTY'S BLOSSOM (2)	55.0	N Juglall	20/1
4 b f Dynasty - Crimson Blossom (IRE) (Danehill Dancer)						
105	2	0.80	MADE TO CONQUER (16)	59.5	B Fayd'herbe	15/1
5 b g Dynasty - Festive Occasion (Casey Tibbs)						
102	3	1.20	DOUBLEMINT (4)	58.5	A Marcus	21/4
4 ch c Twice Over - Nepeta (NZ) (Tale of the Cat)						
94	4	1.80	Ali Bon Dubai (1)	55.0	M Khan	14/1
97	5	2.05	Shenanigans (6)	56.5	L Hewitson	12/1
102	6	2.75	Dark Moon Rising (7)	59.5	K De Melo	44/1
103	7	2.85	Roy Had Enough (9)	60.0	P Strydom	8/1
91	8	3.65	Filchity By Farr (11)	55.0	M Yeni	33/1
91	9	4.05	Gimme One Night (3)	55.5	C Orrfer	6/1
95	10	5.65	Strathdon (5)	58.0	R Fourie	11/2
93	11	5.85	Secret Potion (13)	57.5	M Byleveld	25/1
95	12	7.25	Dawn Assault (14)	59.5	G Lerena	33/1
76	13	9.15	Onesie (8)	52.0	G Cheyne	20/1
83	14	9.75	Sunshine Silk (15)	55.5	M v Rensburg	28/1
79	15	10.15	Wealthy (10)	54.0	S Veale	28/1
86	16	10.65	Liege (12)	57.5	R Danielson	16/1

Time: 205.83s (64.32s avg/1000m, or 56km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%

1st **T:**J Ramsden **O:**Mrs John Magnier, Jagessar Limited (Norm: Mr Alan Cooper) & Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (Norm: Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs) **B:**Highlands & G Jaffee

No Shenanigans Here!

The Sean Tarry machine opened the Vodacom Durban July feature menu at Hollywoodbets Greyville in style when one of the less fancied of their quartet in the Dynasty entire Shenanigans burst through late to win the R500 000 Gr3 Betting World 2200 – aka the Consolation July.

With July reserve runner Zillzaal the best backed horse of the day, punters suffered an early setback, as the 3yo taken to lead early by Anton Marcus, but failed to go through with his effort when called upon close to home.

At the 300m, Zillzaal looked to have a shout, but the wave consumed him and SA Champion Avontuur-sponsored jockey Lyle Hewitson introduced Shenanigans in his customary late dash style to garb the lead at the 50m and draw away to beat the low-flying stayer Gimme One Night by 0,25 lengths in a time of 135,04 secs.

Gimme One Night looks a serious Gold Cup runner on this showing.

The Dazzler looked dangerous late but again failed to deliver the killer blow when it counted and had to be content with third.

Zillzaal ran a dirty fourth and was a major disappointment for many. Mike de Kock’s comments in the week that he believed that Zillzaal, like Bunker Hunt, belonged to the ‘second tier 3yo’s’ and thus were up against it taking on the older horses, proved to be spot on.

Shenanigans was an emotional winner for the young Hong Kong-bound jockey as he was the horse that broke the long-standing Muis Roberts and Gavin Lerena record apprentice win record for Hewitson.

The Daytona Stud bred Shenanigans is a 5yo entire son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the unraced but well-related Sportsworld mare, Quizzy London.

He has won 4 races with 5 places from 14 starts for stakes of R629 450.

He cost R500 000 at the 2015 CTS March Yearling Sale.

Gr3 Betting World Handicap 2200m

Winner Shenanigans raced at the back entering the home straight; ran on well to lead 50m from home

Runner-up Gimme One Night (joint best handicapped) raced 10th entering the home straight; ran on strongly

Third The Dazzler raced third; hanging in from 300m; led 230m; outrun late

Time: Comparatively the joint third fastest of the eight races on turf, there was no pace early on and the field was very tightly bunched entering the home straight.

We gave the runner-up (prev 87/87/96/82/94) 94 which makes the winner (prev 65/93/77/86/93) 98 and the third (prev 100/100/94/98/92) 101. Not a true run race, where the result and ratings (!) must be treated with caution for future reference.

97	1	0.00	SHENANIGANS (9)	53.0	L Hewitson	10/1
5 b h Dynasty - Quizzy London (Sportsworld)						
94	2	0.25	GIMME ONE NIGHT (8)	52.0	S Veale	13/1
5 b g Gimmethegreenlight - Fiesta Queen (Parade Leader)						
101	3	1.05	THE DAZZLER (4)	55.5	W Kennedy	15/1
4 b g Mogok - Glamorous Guest (Northern Guest)						
105	4	1.45	Zillzaal (3)	56.0	A Marcus	57/20
92	5	1.70	Ali Bon Dubai (7)	52.0	M Khan	12/1
97	6	1.75	Bize (1)	52.5	M Yeni	16/1
89	7	3.00	Silver God (2)	52.0	L J Ferraris	20/1
111	8	3.25	Bunker Hunt (13)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	13/2
91	9	3.35	Run Red (6)	53.0	G Wright	15/1
100	10	4.25	Charles (12)	56.0	C Orrfer	13/2
96	11	5.85	Elusive Silva (11)	57.5	R Fourie	8/1
84	12	6.25	Top Classman (10)	52.0	R Munger	70/1
91	13	6.35	Captain And Master (5)	55.5	R Danielson	13/1

Time: 135.04s (61.38s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 119%

1st **T:**SG Tarry **O:**Mr C J H Van Niekerk **B:**Daytona Stud

Liege Is Back!

Sean Tarry stepped up to the feature plate again a week after his big day at Scottsville when 2017 Summer Cup winner Liege bounced back to something near his best form when winning the R250 000 Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup.

Coming off a fair run in the Gold Bowl on Champions Day, the 6yo Liege put his best foot forward running off a mark 15 points below his peak lifetime rating.

Easy to back at 12's, Raymond Danielson, who has a penchant for the features as he showed when steering Chimichuri Run to victory in the Gr1 Tsogo Sun Sprint seven days earlier, had Liege relaxed some way off the gallop set by PE visitor Mangrove, who was followed by the favourite Strathdon and Silver Rose.

In the stampede for home, the gaps opened and Danielson switched Liege out at the 300m and the Dynasty gelding stayed on strongly to beat the staying on Gimme One Night by about a length in a time of 148,9 secs.

Sean Tarry said that they had given Liege a long rest after he won the Summer Cup – “he just never found his form. But the step up in trip seemed to do the trick. And I told Ray (Danielson) that I didn't want to hear that they went to slow or to see him pulling”.

A R650 000 Cape Ready To Run Sale graduate, the Maine Chance bred Liege is a son of the deceased Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the eight time winner Lyrical Linda (Jallad).

It has been a while between drinks for Liege – his last win was in the 2017 Summer Cup – but he has done alright and has now won 7 races with 5 places from 34 starts for stakes of R2 123 800!

Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup 2400m

Winner Liege raced 7th; led 200m; won well

Runner up Gimme One Night (2nd best handicapped) raced 9th; ran on; beaten 2,1 lengths

Third Silver Rose raced third; beaten 2,35 lengths

Time: The third fastest of the four races around the turn, the pace was steady at times, and the overall time was a slow one.

We gave the winner (prev 92/86/96/94 – has done 105) 102 which makes the runner up (prev 86/87/87/96/82) 94 and the third (prev 89/92/89/98/98) 101

102	1	0.00	LIEGE	(4)	55.0	R Danielson	16/1
6 b g Dynasty - Lyrical Linda (Jallad)							
94	2	2.10	GIMME ONE NIGHT	(1)	53.0	S Veale	33/4
5 b g Gimmethgreenlight - Fiesta Queen (Parade Leader)							
101	3	2.35	SILVER ROSE	(2)	56.0	G Wright	147/20
6 b g Silvano - Sydney Rose(AUS) (Last Tycoon)							
96	4	2.40	Dynasty's Blossom	(3)	54.0	S Khumalo	30/1
100	5	2.45	Roy's Riviera	(6)	56.0	A Marcus	13/2
93	6	2.70	Silva's Bullet	(11)	53.0	K De Melo	31/4
105	7	2.75	Strathdon	(7)	58.5	R Fourie	21/10
93	8	4.75	Flichty By Farr	(8)	54.5	C Zackey	20/1
102	9	6.50	Noble Secret	(9)	60.0	R Simons	23/4
84	10	8.00	Pacific Chestnut	(5)	53.0	L J Ferraris	55/1
74	11	14.70	Mangrove	(10)	53.5	C Orffer	40/1

Time: 148.9s (62.04s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 113%

1st **T:**SG Tarry **O:**Mr C J H Van Niekerk **B:**Maine Chance

Eyes On July

It was a champagne afternoon for the Paarl-based Glen Kotzen, who saw his – and the Hattingh family's – patience rewarded when the Dynasty 4yo Eyes Wide Open bounced back to his better form to score his first victory in over 15 months.

The agonising choice to sacrifice a racing career and try and produce a stallion, as opposed to the unkindest cut of all, have long been the leading subject of exchanges between Glen and his esteemed patron Hugo Hattingh, and the debate looks to have finally been resolved – with Kotzen going public this week to confirm that he felt that the haemo-concentration issues that beset the smart colt's Cape Summer campaign were well behind him.

Dropped 3 points by the handicapper after his 8,65 lengths off Orpheus in the Sledgehammer, Eyes Wide Open was produced late by Warren Kennedy to win by a widening quarter length in a time of 115,90 secs.

The race grants the winner a 'preferred consideration' July ticket to the winner and as a past Gr1 winner, Eyes Wide Open is bound to have his big race supporters.

The Ridgemont Highlands bred Eyes Wide Open is a son of the recently deceased champion Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winning Live Your Dreams (Jallad).

An R850 000 BSA KZN Sibaya Yearling Sale graduate, Eyes Wide Open is a dual Gr1 winner in his 5 wins and 4 places from his 16 starts, for stakes of R1 922 125.

Gr2 World Sports Betting 1900

Winner Eyes Wide Open raced 6th; led 50m

Runner up Magnificent Seven raced at the back entering the straight; ran on strongly; beaten 0,2 lengths

Third Made To Conquer raced 4th; ran on strongly; beaten 0,35 lengths

Time: In what was a relatively slow run race the pace was clearly false. The expected pacemaker Orpheus lost two lengths early and raced unsettled at the back. He then switched right out and looped runners to lead before compounding in the straight. Just 1,3 lengths separated the first nine home in this race

We gave the third (prev 102/102/101/102/106) 106 which makes the winner (prev 106/110/108/98 – has done 111) 106 and the runner up (prev 92/95/97/89/100) 102

106	1	0.00	EYES WIDE OPEN	(9)	60.0	W Kennedy	27/4
4 b c Dynasty - Live Your Dreams (Jallad)							
102	2	0.25	MAGNIFICENT SEVEN	(5)	58.0	L J Ferraris	11/1
4 ch g Horse Chestnut - Kartanya (Model Man)							
106	3	0.35	MADE TO CONQUER	(7)	60.0	R Fourie	27/4
5 b g Dynasty - Festive Occasion (Casey Tibbs)							
100	4	0.40	Fresnaye	(11)	57.5	S Khumalo	22/1
100	5	0.90	Doosra	(3)	58.0	K De Melo	44/1
99	6	1.00	Camphoratus	(2)	57.5	G Wright	18/1
100	7	1.15	Doublemint	(4)	58.0	A Marcus	47/20
91	8	1.25	Silver God	(6)	54.0	L Hewitson	44/1
104	9	1.30	Dawn Assault	(10)	60.0	G Lerena	28/1
101	10	2.80	Kampala Campari	(1)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	27/4
65	11	14.70	Orpheus	(8)	54.0	M v Rensburg	5/1
0	12	80.70	Fiorella	(12)	55.5	M Yeni	28/1

Time: 115.9s (61s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%

1st **T:**GS Kotzen **O:**Chrigor Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh)

B:Highlands

Madonna Rocks

The well-bred Dynasty filly Madonna booked her SA Champions Season ticket and a possible berth in the Woolavington 2000 with an eye-catching victory in the East Cape Oaks at Fairview.

Justin Snaith and Glen Kotzen produced the goods with a thrilling finish that saw Madonna hold off the low-flying Snapscan by a head in a time of 125.09 secs.

Ryan Munger took the ride from the indisposed Aldo Domeyer and rode a well-judged race after Madonna had hit the front a fraction early and looked to have had enough.

"I watched her replays after Mr Snaith messaged me to offer me the ride. Tough luck to Aldo Domeyer Domeyer and I hope he is back soon. Madonna gave me a good feel and I feel she could hold her own against stronger," said Munger, who had earlier ridden a winner for Alan Greeff and a double for Yvette Bremner, to make it four on the day.

Madonna started a 14-10 favourite and was a popular winner. The highly rated local Just Chaos tired late and ran third a further 3,25 lengths back.

A daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood), the Drakenstein Stud-bred Madonna is out of the Rambo Dancer mare, Prestine Performer – which makes her a half sister to SA Derby winner Seal and Jet Master Stakes winner Fifty Cent.

She has won 3 races with 3 places from her 7 starts for stakes of R224 050.

East Cape Oaks (3yo fillies) (L) 2000m

Winner Madonna (2nd best handicapped); nervous in the stalls; raced midfield; led 150m; kept on strongly

Runner-up Snapscan raced 5th; ran on strongly

Just Chaos (best handicapped) raced handy in 2nd; outpaced latter stages

Time: Although this was the quickest of the three distance races, in essence the time was not a fast one. We gave the third (prev 89/91/83/77/69) 79 which makes the winner (prev 70/85/75/80/85) 85 and the runner-up (prev 75/85/66/83/78) 85

85	1	0.00	MADONNA	(1)	60.0	R Munger	14/10
3 b f Dynasty - Prestine Performer (Rambo Dancer)							
85	2	0.10	SNAPSCAN	(4)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	29/4
3 b f Oratorio - Cash Register (Casey Tibbs)							
79	3	3.35	JUST CHAOS	(3)	60.0	L Mxothwa	29/4
3 b f Just As Well - Discordia (Western Winter)							
77	4	4.60	Solemn Promise	(2)	60.0	X Ndlovu	137/20
75	5	5.35	Epic Storm	(8)	60.0	T Gould	25/1
75	6	5.40	Fly Thought	(10)	60.0	C Maujean	16/1
72	7	6.90	My Miracle	(6)	60.0	L Hewitson	29/4
64	8	11.40	Boldness	(5)	60.0	K Steyn	55/1
48	9	19.65	Jaleika	(7)	60.0	G Cheyne	29/4
32	10	27.90	Just Call Me Angel	(9)	60.0	M Yeni	30/1

Time: 125.09s (62.55s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%

1st **T:**J Snaith **O:**Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) **B:**Drakenstein Stud

Keep Climbing!

Despite a tardy start, the Dynasty gelding Wonderous Climber stormed home from off the gallop to register his maiden stakes success in the R150 000 Listed Aquanaut Handicap at Turffontein on Saturday.

A weak 5-1 favourite in the 2400m handicap that opened the first jackpot on Classic Day, Lyle Hewitson had Wonderous Climber relaxed at the rear of the field as Dromedaris led Tirzan and Earth Sky early on.

Turning for home, Hewitson built the improving stayer to full momentum and despite the attentions of the accomplished 7yo longhailer Odd Rob, won rather convincingly by 0,20 lengths in a time of 152.22 secs.

Samurai Warrior stayed on for a well beaten third, 4,30 lengths off the winner.

The first leg of a Sean Tarry double on the big day, the R1 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale buy has won 6 races with 4 places from 19 starts for stakes of R423 700.

A son of perennial champion producer Dynasty (Fort Wood), the winner was bred by Highlands from their SA Broodmare of The Year Our Table Mountain, a six-time winning daughter of Fusaichi Pegasus.

This is a top-class family with versatile stakes performers like Cloth Of Cloud and Silver Mountain, amongst a host of serious winners.

It is early days, but Wonderous Climber can only strengthen from here and looks to be a potential Gold Cup candidate.

Aquanaut Handicap (L) 2400m

Winner Wonderous Climber (3rd best handicapped) lost three lengths at the start; raced 10th of the twelve; ran on strongly to lead 100m; hung in and brushed the runner-up in the concluding stages

Runner-up Odd Rob (2nd best handicapped) raced in midfield; led 270m; brushed late by winner

Third Samurai Warrior raced ninth; moved up to 5th entering the home straight; changed legs continually, and was found to have cast off-fore shoe in running; stayed on.

Time: Not fast run, this race was the 7th fastest of the ten races around the turn. We gave the fourth 69, which makes the winner (prev 69/71/73/77/63) 79, the runner-up (prev 79/85/76/86/75) 83 and the third (prev 65/70/72/77/77) 81

79	1	0.00	WONDEROUS CLIMBER	(12)	52.0	L Hewitson	5/1
4 b g Dynasty - Our Table Mountain(USA) (Fusaichi Pegasus)							
83	2	0.20	ODD ROB	(3)	54.0	D Schwarz	5/1
7 b g Mambo In Seattle - National Value (National Assembly)							
81	3	4.50	SAMURAI WARRIOR	(7)	52.5	K Zechner	12/1
3 ch c Ideal World - Bangor Bay (Casey Tibbs)							
69	4	5.60	Bondilolu	(10)	52.0	M Thackeray	36/1
69	5	5.70	Ilitshe	(4)	52.0	C Maujean	15/1
66	6	7.30	Tendre	(2)	52.0	W Kennedy	18/1
65	7	9.00	Arte	(1)	52.5	R Munger	15/1
79	8	10.50	Walter Smoothie	(8)	60.0	D De Gouveia	27/4
64	9	11.75	Tambalang	(6)	54.5	L J Ferraris	22/1
63	10	12.75	Dromedaris	(9)	54.5	M Yeni	27/4
53	11	16.75	Tirzan	(11)	53.0	S Khumalo	5/1
39	12	26.00	Earth Sky	(5)	54.0	R Fourie	15/1

Time: 152.22s (63.43s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%

1st **T:**SG Tarry **O:**Mr C J H Van Niekerk **B:**Highlands

Destiny Driven

Mike de Kock and Gavin Lerena sealed the first leg of a Turffontein Sunday feature double when the Dynasty filly Storm Destiny 'came of age' and signalled herself a feature contender when showing courage to get up and win the R250 000 Gr3Three Troikas Stakes.

Top weight and Gr1 winner Return Flight set a good gallop, followed further back by Ronnie's Candy, Dagmar and Running Brave.

The Paul Matchett galloper Running Brave took up the pace setting duties at the 500m as the pacemaker had nothing more in the tank.

Running Brave was still galloping keenly inside the 200m but the challenges were coming wider out, as Storm Destiny, Vistula and Perfect Tigress loomed menacingly.

Running Brave started to shift out under pressure with 100m to go, while Storm Destiny shifted in, causing Vistula and Perfect Tigress to be forced inwards.

Paul Matchett's charge still looked a likely winner coming to the line, but Gavin Lerena managed to get Running Brave's nose down and she won by a short head in a time of 84,67 secs – a full second quicker than her male stablemate Hawwaam a half hour later.

Perfect Tigress was not disgraced, a further 1,50 lengths back in third with Vistula closing the quartet.

Bred by Ascot Stud, Storm Destiny is a daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the multiple winner producing fourteen-time winner, Stormy Appeal.

A winner of 3 races with 1 place from 6 starts for stakes of R311 187, Storm Destiny was purchased off the National Yearling Sale for R500 000.

Gr3 Three Troikas Stakes (3yo f) 1400m

Winner Storm Destiny (2nd best handicapped) was positioned second-last entering the straight; ran on well to lead dying strides Runner-up Running Brave raced 4th; led 500m; beaten a short head Third Perfect Tigress lost 1 length at start; raced 8th; ran on strongly; carried in late and was forced to ease.

Time: This was the second fastest of the five 1400m events on the card. We gave the runner-up (prev 84/86/84/87/87) 87 which makes the winner (prev 78/83/82/91/89) 89 and the third (prev 77/58/77/81/81) 83

90	1	0.00	STORM DESTINY	(9)	56.0	G Lerena	17/4
3 b f Dynasty - Stormy Appeal (Kilconnel)							
87	2	0.10	RUNNING BRAVE	(10)	55.0	D L Habib	15/1
3 b f Brave Tin Soldier - Movingandgrooving (Jet Master)							
83	3	1.60	PERFECT TIGRESS	(6)	55.0	R Munger	16/1
3 b f Where's That Tiger - Tree Of Perfection (Toreador)							
82	4	1.70	Vistula	(4)	55.0	D Schwarz	12/1
80	5	2.50	Dagmar	(2)	55.0	R Simons	27/4
72	6	5.00	On The Double	(3)	55.0	W Kennedy	28/1
69	7	6.20	Captain's Princess	(8)	55.0	C Zackey	36/1
65	8	7.40	Vi Va Pi Pa	(5)	55.0	C Habib	18/1
62	9	9.90	Ronnie's Candy	(12)	57.0	K Zechner	15/4
56	10	10.40	Mrs Simpson	(11)	55.0	M Yenni	15/1
63	11	11.80	Return Flight	(7)	60.0	L Hewitson	41/10
51	12	12.05	Saints Alive	(1)	55.0	L J Ferraris	20/1
Time: 84.67s (60.48s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) SP Total %: 115%							
1st T: MF de Kock O: Mrs M Slack & Mr M B Javett B: Ascot Stud							

Out In Front

The Ridgemont Highlands team celebrated a smashing Gr1 success at Kenilworth on Saturday when their undefeated Dynasty home-bred Front And Centre confirmed her superb credentials with an emphatic victory in the R1 million WSB Cape Fillies Guineas.

Despite having missed her prep run in the Western Cape Fillies Championship with muscle enzyme issues, Front And Centre showed her class and vast upward potential with a top drawer effort in one of South Africa's defining classics.

And her victory was just reward for the Kieswetter family who have invested massive rands and oodles of unbridled confidence into SA horseracing.

A 'super-confident' Brett Crawford, who had endured the disappointment of seeing the winner's stablemate Shamrock Wind withdrawn at the start after being injured, watched Front And Centre pass her acid test in style and also confirm his Ridgemont Highlands coloured tie choice.

Anton Marcus, riding his 102nd Gr1 winner, had Front And Centre relaxed four lengths off Silvano's Pride, Just Chaos and Temple Grafina as the second favourite loped along and eyed the prize.

In the run for home, Front And Centre moved up powerfully alongside Silvano's Pride and after a brief glance each way, the Crawford runner powered on to win by 1,50 lengths in a time of 99,03 secs to give Brett his second Cape Guineas trophy after Bad Girl Runs won in 2005.

Silvano's Pride ran a cracker in second and held off the favourite Clouds Unfold, who never quite sparked, and came in a further 0,75 lengths back.

Sean Tarry visitor Second Request was not disgraced, running a 3,75 length fourth.

Anton Marcus said that he was privileged to ride a horse like Front And Centre.

"It was a litmus test even though there were only two rated better than her. I think she is better than this performance. It's a pleasure to have Wayne, Belinda, Craig and Ross Kieswetter here. I just fly in and the team make me look good," he said.

An emotional Brett Crawford said that he was pleased to have Front And Centre put her best hoof forward after her 'small hiccup in October'.

A R300 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale Book 1 purchase, Front And Centre, a half sister to Ridgemont Highlands Gr1 winner sire Potala Palace (Singspiel), is a daughter of perennial champion producer Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the UK Gr3 placed Alzao mare, Alignment.

A winner of all of her four starts, Front And Centre took her earnings to R795 625 at her first Gr1 success.

Gr1 Fillies Guineas (3yo fillies) 1600m

Winner Front And Centre (best handicapped) raced 4th; led 200m; won going away

Runner-up Silvano's Pride set the pace; outpaced latter stages

Third Clouds Unfold (2rd best handicapped) raced 5th one length behind the winner; switched 400m; jockey Domeyer was suspended for 7 days for causing interference

Time: Although the time was moderate, this comparatively, was the third fastest of the seven races around the turn. We gave the third (prev 81/71/90/90/93) 91 which makes the winner (prev 79/89/97) 95 and the runner-up (prev 58/65/78/87) 92

95	1	0.00	FRONT AND CENTRE	(7)	60.0	A Marcus	18/10
3 b f Dynasty - Alignment (IRE) (Alzao)							
92	2	1.50	SILVANO'S PRIDE	(10)	60.0	R Fourie	13/1
3 ch f Silvano - Mary's Pride (Jet Master)							
91	3	2.25	CLOUDS UNFOLD	(3)	60.0	A Domeyer	15/10
3 ch f What A Winter - Montelissima (IRE) (Montjeu)							
87	4	3.75	Second Request	(2)	60.0	L Hewitson	40/1
84	5	5.00	Santa Clara	(6)	60.0	R Munger	28/1
84	6	5.20	Golden Chance	(4)	60.0	G Lerena	22/1
84	7	5.25	Helen's Ideal	(1)	60.0	D Dillon	50/1
84	8	5.35	Ghaalla	(12)	60.0	R Simons	18/1
82	9	6.10	Sweet Mary Lou	(8)	60.0	A Andrews	100/1
80	10	6.85	Coral Bay	(9)	60.0	C Zackey	36/1
79	11	7.60	Temple Grafina	(13)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	15/1
76	12	8.85	Just Chaos	(11)	60.0	L Mxothwa	22/1
73	13	10.35	Anneka	(5)	60.0	S Khumalo	100/1
Time: 99.03s (61.89s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: BJ Crawford O: Messrs C & R Kieswetter & Ridgemont Highlands (Nominee Craig Carey) B: Highlands							

Turn For Gold

A terrific feat of training to win the KZN Derby, the Gold Vase and the Gold Cup with the same horse in the space of five weeks put the cherry on the top of the SA Champions Season for trainer Dean Kannemeyer, when Fred Crabbia's It's My Turn won the R1,25 million Elan Gold Cup at Greyville on Saturday.

Kannemeyer saddled the filly Colonial Girl in 2000 and the Australian-bred In Writing for Fieldspring Racing in 2012 to make it a hat-trick of victories in South Africa's premier marathon on Saturday with the revitalised Dynasty 5yo, who looks sure to win the Equus SA Champion Stayer title on 14 August.

One of the newsmakers of the SA Champions Season for reasons that he was surprisingly omitted from the final field for the Vodacom Durban July, the big race panel's dismissive finger of fate has given rise to a revival of note for the classy gelding.

In a scrappy race, Anton Marcus had It's My Turn relaxed in mid-field as Let It Rain led them at a reasonable gallop.

In the run for home, the bang in-form Anton Marcus angled It's My Turn to the outside as the challenges started coming from all sides.

At the 250m it was race over as It's My Turn powered up the outside strip – as he had done in the Gold Vase three weeks earlier – to win well by 2,25 lengths in a time of 205,20 secs.

The well supported 2017 Gold Cup champion Hermoso Mundo had no answers, but stayed on for second ahead of Wild Wicket and Strathdon – who was only 2,55 lengths off the winner.

A R400 000 National Yearling Sale graduate, It's My Turn has won 5 races with 9 places from 18 starts for stakes of R2 801 275.

He was bred by Willempie Engelbrecht Jnr and is one of eight individual Derby winning sons of classic producer Dynasty (Fort Wood). He is out of the one-time winner Jallad's Queen (Jallad), who won at a mile.

Gr3 Elan Gold Cup 3200m (turf)

Winner It's My Turn (2nd best handicapped) raced 7th; led 300m
 Runner-up Hermoso Mundo raced at the back; was 9th just 2 lengths behind the winner entering the home straight; ran on; jockey Fayd'Herbe was fined R750 for using his crop with excessive frequency in the closing stages

Third Wild Wicket was positioned 6th entering the home straight; hanging out 300m

Time: Although the pace looked to be a fair one for a race of this nature the overall time was a moderate one. We gave the 4th (prev best 91) 91 which makes the winner (prev 89/103/92/84/101) 98, the runner-up (prev 92/76/32/90/93) 94 and the third (prev 88/86/81/85/84) 88

98	1	0.00	IT'S MY TURN	(8)	59.5	A Marcus	26/10
5 b g Dynasty - Jallad's Queen (Jallad)							
94	2	2.25	HERMOSO MUNDO	(10)	59.0	B Fayd'herbe	5/1
5 b g Ideal World - Escoleta Fitz(ARG) (Fitzcarraldo)							
88	3	2.50	WILD WICKET	(2)	56.5	M Khan	28/1
4 b g Dynasty - Firstnightbliss (Jallad)							
91	4	2.55	Strathdon	(3)	58.0	R Fourie	5/1
95	5	2.80	Made To Conquer	(11)	60.0	P Strydom	10/1
87	6	4.80	Dark Moon Rising	(5)	57.5	K De Melo	14/1
80	7	6.55	One Man Show	(7)	55.5	W Kennedy	30/1
73	8	7.05	One Direction	(1)	53.0	C Zackey	9/1
66	9	11.05	Royal Utopia	(14)	52.5	J Penny	55/1
71	10	11.20	Ballymaine	(9)	52.0	K Zechner	28/1
58	11	15.70	Sheet Weaver	(12)	52.0	M Yeni	50/1
72	12	17.70	Let It Rain	(6)	59.5	B Lerena	30/1
52	13	19.70	Frikkie	(4)	52.0	M v Rensburg	30/1
62	14	22.70	Witchcraft	(13)	58.5	R Danielson	25/1
0	15	88.70	Desert Wisdom	(16)	53.0	M Thackeray	100/1
0	16	99.99	Kitty's Destiny	(15)	56.0	S Khumalo	36/1

Time: 205.2s (64.13s avg/1000m, or 56km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%
 1st **T:**D Kannemeyer **O:**Mr A LA Crabbia **B:**WJ Engelbrecht Jnr

July Discard Shows Way

The terrific sportsmanship shown by owner Fred Crabbia and trainer Dean Kannemeyer in the aftermath of the disappointment of having Derby winner It's My Turn rejected by the Vodacom Durban July panel was rewarded when the classy gelding stormed home to win the R500 000 Gr3 Gold Vase on Saturday.

Owner Fred Crabbia has invested millions into the sport in this country and was interviewed by the Sporting Post after his Gr1 winner It's My Turn failed to make the cut for the big race – even after a great victory in the Gr3 Track & Ball Derby.

But sometimes things happen for good reason and carrying joint topweight over the 3000m, It's My Turn floated up the outside of his field under Anton Marcus to confirm his recovery from past aches and pains and register his second win on the trot.

Starting a popular 26-10 fancy, It's My Turn beat the game Go Deputy filly Flichty By Farr by 1,25 lengths in a time of 190.95 secs in a great start for Pick 6 punters with the exotic pool hitting 13,2 million.

Joburg visitor Sheet Weaver went off at 50-1 and stayed on well under his featherweight to run third ahead of One Direction.

The winner's stablemate One Man Show was not disgraced in fifth.

Owner Fred Crabbia had his Grandchildren on course and thanked pre-trainer Jane Thomas and his Racing Manager Emma Rourke. He also paid tribute to a fine ride by Anton Marcus.

Trainer Dean Kannemeyer said that he was 'thrilled and confirmed that It's My Turn had a real touch of class.

"It all worked out well. Thanks to Fred. I am pleased to have given him and his team another stakes winner."

Still nursing a recovering wrist, winning rider Anton Marcus said that there was no better medication than a winner.

A R400 000 National Yearling Sale graduate, It's My Turn has won 4 races with 9 places from 18 starts for stakes of R2 020 025. The powerful 5yo was bred by Willempie Engelbrecht Jnr and is one of eight individual Derby winning sons of classic producer Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the rather modest one-time winner Jallad's Queen (Jallad).

Gr3 Gold Vase 3000m

Winner It's My Turn (best handicapped) raced 9th; ran on well to lead 50m; won going away

Runner-up Flichty By Farr raced 10th; ran on strongly, but no chance with winner

Third Sheet Weaver (2nd best handicapped) raced 3rd; hanging out final 400m

Time: Initially the pace was fair for an event over this distance, but it did slow considerably in the second half of the race. This goes down as a false run race, where ratings may not work out. We gave the runner-up (prev 88/92/78/90/92) 92 which makes the winner (prev 98/89/103/92/84) 101 and the third (prev 75/72/80/61/70) 77

101	1	0.00	IT'S MY TURN	(5)	60.0	A Marcus	26/10
5 b g Dynasty - Jallad's Queen (Jallad)							
92	2	1.25	FLIGHTY BY FARR	(8)	53.0	L Hewitson	16/1
3 ch f Go Deputy - Flichty (Western Winter)							
77	3	1.30	SHEET WEAVER	(3)	50.0	M Yeni	30/1
5 b g Ideal World - Money Spider (Fort Wood)							
86	4	1.55	One Direction	(13)	54.0	R Fourie	14/1
89	5	1.60	One Man Show	(7)	55.5	W Kennedy	28/1
91	6	2.35	Cool Chardonnay	(2)	57.0	K Zechner	27/4
88	7	4.35	Mr Winsome	(4)	57.0	K De Melo	31/4
80	8	5.10	Forafewdollarsmore	(14)	50.0	N Juglall	12/1
79	9	6.35	Hero Quest	(6)	54.0	J Lloyd	11/1
90	10	7.35	Let It Rain	(1)	60.0	A Domeyer	6/1
73	11	7.60	Silver Rose	(12)	52.5	G v Niekerk	16/1
72	12	8.60	Storm Warning	(9)	52.5	S Khumalo	18/1
60	13	25.35	Sun On Africa	(10)	58.5	B Lerena	30/1
35	14	29.60	Eastern Pearl	(11)	50.0	L J Ferraris	50/1

Time: 190.95s (63.65s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%
 1st **T:**D Kannemeyer **O:**Mr A LA Crabbia **B:**WJ Engelbrecht Jnr

Derby Turn

Trainer Dean Kannemeyer made it a hat-trick of wins in the R300 000 Gr3 Track & Ball Derby at Scottsville on Saturday when Fred Crabbia's 2016 Investec Cape Derby winner and Durban July discard It's My Turn found his better form to give Anton Marcus his 100th winner of the season.

Formerly trained by Justin Snaith, the SP top-rated 5yo It's My Turn was registering his first success since that Gr1 victory in January 2016 and if ever there was a chance for him to find his confidence this was it, as he came in weighted to win.

Anton Marcus had It's My Turn stalking the pacesetter Ollivander all the way round.

Into the home run, last year's winner Mr Winsome (a stablemate to It's My Turn) made up ground down the inside as It's My Turn appeared to briefly hit a flat spot.

But Marcus wasn't letting the comeback tonic slip out of his hands and he got stuck in to get the gelding focussed. He rode him mostly with the hands as It's My Turn picked it up well to win going away by 2,25 lengths in a time of 147.92 secs – slower than the Oaks run a half hour earlier.

A R400 000 National Yearling Sale graduate, It's My Turn has won 3 races with 9 places from 18 starts for stakes of R1 707 525.

The winner was bred by Willempie Engelbrecht Jnr and is one of eight individual Derby winning sons of classic producer Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the rather modest one-time winner Jallad's Queen (Jallad).

Gr3 Track And Ball Derby 2400m

Winner It's My Turn (best handicapped) raced 2nd; led 250m; won well

Runner-up Mr Winsome lost 1 length at the start; raced in the rear; running on at finish

Third American Landing raced fifth; kept on strongly

Time; Run 0.82 seconds slower than the Gr3 Track And Ball Oaks the time was comparatively slow, and the pace a false one. Ratings are kept low, given the runs of those further down the field, and as a guide to the future are pretty meaningless. We gave the fourth horse (prev best 79) 82 which makes the winner (prev 100/98/89/103/92) 84, the runner-up (prev 94/92/81/81/83) 83 and the third (prev 64/68/76/78/85) 83

84	1	0.00	IT'S MY TURN	(9)	59.0	A Marcus	10/3
5 b g	Dynasty - Jallad's Queen (Jallad)						
83	2	2.25	MR WINSOME	(2)	60.0	K De Melo	31/4
5 b g	Silvano - Al Shama (Al Mufti)						
83	3	2.50	AMERICAN LANDING	(3)	56.0	C Orrfer	16/10
3 b c	Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)						
82	4	3.25	Ballymaine	(4)	56.0	S Randolph	16/1
79	5	3.30	Silver De Lange	(1)	59.0	G Cheyne	28/1
81	6	3.80	Top Classman	(5)	56.0	M Yeni	36/1
76	7	4.80	Liquid Rainbow	(7)	59.0	G Wright	44/1
79	8	4.85	Forafewdollarsmore	(8)	56.0	L Hewitson	9/1
72	9	7.35	Ollivander	(10)	59.0	W Kennedy	18/1
65	10	11.10	The Slade	(6)	59.0	B Faydherbe	113/20

Time: 147.92s (61.63s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%

1st **T:**D Kannemeyer **O:**Mr A L A Crabbia **B:**WJ Engelbrecht Jnr

Sky The Limit

African Night Sky was having only his second run post the Sun Met, and after running into trouble in a small field when beaten narrowly by stablemate Star Express a fortnight earlier, Hong Kong-bound Grant van Niekerk made amends in good style – although we weren't convinced up to about the 300m marker as to how the young rider's tactics were going to pan out.

African Night Sky jumped from a wide draw and loped along in last behind the twelve-strong field led by Celtic Captain and Head Honcho. At the 1000m, a rush of slow pace blood had MJ Byleveld taking the staying sort Ollivander round his field, and the son of Silvano led them for home.

With the field fanning out, African Night Sky was under the hands as Van Niekerk looked in, then out, then in again, before finally opting for the luxury of a switch around the tiring Head Honcho.

In a matter of strides, African Night Sky lengthened his stride and drew away to beat Crowd Pleaser by a flattering 0,75 lengths in a time of 110.18 secs.

The winner's stablemate Platinum Prince ran his usual game race to bank third cheque, with Head Honcho staying on for fourth.

Selected, purchased and pre-trained by Jane Thomas of Far End Racing, the winner is an R850 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale graduate.

He has won 6 races with 2 places from 13 starts and took his stakes to R848 400, excluding the Winter Series bonus of R250 000.

Bred by Highlands, African Night Sky is a son of the 2003 Durban July winner Dynasty (Fort Wood), out of the six-time winning Starzene (Cozzene).

Gr3 Cup Trial 1800m

Winner African Night Sky (best handicapped) was slow into stride; raced at the back; forced to race wide 1400m; ran on strongly in the straight; led 120m, won comfortably, going away
Runner-up Crowd Pleaser raced 5th; led 300m; beaten three-quarters; mild colic post-race

Third Platinum Prince was slow into stride; raced 3rd last; ran on strongly; beaten less than a length

Time: This race was run in snatches, and although the time comparatively is a decent one this must go down as a false run race, decided in a sprint for home.

We gave the runner-up (prev 92/92/61/86/89) 92 which makes the winner (prev 95/100/104/106/101) 100 and the third (prev 81/81/88/95/90) 91.

100	1	0.00	AFRICAN NIGHT SKY	(11)	59.0	G v Niekerk	5/4
4 b g	Dynasty - Starzene(USA) (Cozzene)						
92	2	0.75	CROWD PLEASER	(1)	56.0	R Danielson	15/1
4 b c	Captain Al - Happy Jean (Charismatic)						
91	3	0.90	PLATINUM PRINCE	(9)	55.5	R Fourie	15/4
4 b g	Silvano - Spirit Of The Dance (Goldmark)						
84	4	2.40	Head Honcho	(10)	54.0	K De Melo	8/1
85	5	3.15	Wild Wicket	(6)	55.0	M Yeni	44/1
81	6	3.20	Summer Sky	(3)	53.0	L Hewitson	18/1
82	7	3.45	Roy's Riviera	(7)	52.0	S Veale	44/1
86	8	4.70	Mambo Mime	(5)	57.0	W Kennedy	18/1
90	9	6.20	Celtic Captain	(8)	60.0	B Lerena	44/1
76	10	6.70	Cape Speed	(12)	54.0	S Randolph	66/1
88	11	6.80	Perovskia	(2)	59.5	C Murray	8/1
70	12	8.30	Ollivander	(4)	53.0	M Byleveld	28/1

Time: 110.18s (61.21s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%

1st **T:**J Snaith **O:**Mr A L A Crabbia **B:**Highlands

Conquering!

Made To Conquer, a relatively lightly raced 4yo, has flown below the radar so far but stamped himself a serious feature athlete and won a courageous race – despite the overbearing attentions of Grant van Niekerk and stablemate Strathdon.

After Highland Night Cup winner Hero Quest had shown the way, the Snaith pair took off together at the 350m and owned the race from there.

With Made To Conquer and Richard Fourie looking to be going the better of the leading duo, Van Niekerk and Strathdon carried them all the way to the inside rail, seemingly headed for a sun-downer at the Royal Durban clubhouse.

The Chrigror Stud-sponsored Fourie kept his cool though and continued to point Made To Conquer in the right direction.

It is a bit puzzling-other than obviously coaxing more than directing – as to why Van Niekerk had his crop in his left hand for some of the action. While the talented young jockey is something of a repeat offender, and just this week picked up ten days for the same offence, Justin Snaith was quick in his defence – suggesting that the track was tight and vulnerable to interference.

In the previous race, Snaith had objected on behalf of his runner-up One Direction on the same grounds. The objection was overruled.

It all ended well with the Snaiths adding another string to their July bow and hailing a possible Gold Cup candidate too.

The 18-10 favourite Made To Conquer got the verdict to win a touch cosily by a neck in a time of 148,89 secs.

Made To Conquer was purchased second hand as a maiden off the Kenilworth August Sale in 2017, when he sold for R180 000. He earned more than that – R187 500 – on Saturday to take his stakes earnings total to R447 250, with his sixth win from 9 starts.

Bred by Mike De Broglio, he is by July winner Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the Gr2 SA Oaks winner Festive Occasion, a daughter of Casey Tibbs who produced the smart Silvano filly, Do You Remember, a daughter of Silvano. She also raced for De Broglio and was exported to Australia some years ago.

Gr3 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup 2400m

Winner Made To Conquer raced 6th; was carried in by the runner-up over the final 350m; led 150m

Runner-up Strathdon raced 8th; led 350m; shifted across the track; held by winner closing stages

Third Mr Winsome lost 1 length at the start; raced in the rear some 3 lengths behind the first two finishers; stayed on

Time: The time was a fair one for a race of this distance. We gave the third (prev 88/94/92/81/81) 83 which makes the winner (prev 75/74/76/78/87) 88, and the runner-up (prev 80/83/85/87/78) 91

88	1	0.00	MADE TO CONQUER	(6)	56.5	R Fourie	18/10
4 b g Dynasty - Festive Occasion (Casey Tibbs)							
91	2	0.15	STRATHDON	(5)	58.0	G v Niekerk	9/2
4 ch g Silvano - Wintersweet (Western Winter)							
83	3	6.90	MR WINSOME	(2)	59.5	K De Melo	15/1
5 b g Silvano - Al Shama (Al Mufti)							
61	4	9.65	Silver De Lange	(11)	52.0	M Yeni	20/1
61	5	9.70	Sheet Weaver	(10)	52.0	ES Ngwane	22/1
59	6	11.20	Liquid Rainbow	(3)	52.0	G Wright	16/1
70	7	15.20	Captain Splendid	(9)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	9/1
49	8	16.95	Techno Captain	(7)	52.0	A Arries	44/1
46	9	18.95	Viento	(4)	52.0	W Kennedy	50/1
46	10	19.45	Hyaku	(1)	52.5	M Byleveld	16/1
36	11	26.70	Hero Quest	(8)	53.5	C Orffer	9/2

Time: 148.89s (62.04s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 113%

1st **T:**J Snaith **O:**Messrs E A Braun, C T Crowe & N Jonsson

B:M De Broglio

Happy Landing

The race, dominated by the Cape raiders for the past nine years, proved a walk in the park for the handsome Dynasty colt American Landing, who races in the familiar black and white of Delma Sherrrell.

Relaxed by Richard Fourie early as Golden Shamrock and Desert Chief went off to lead in what was effectively a separate race. The pair were ten lengths ahead of the second group headed by Kimberley Star and Streetfighting Man.

American Landing moved up swiftly in the home run. The good looking colt took the lead away from Golden Shamrock at the 350m marker and charged clear to win unchallenged by 5,75 lengths in a time of 150,61 secs.

Yvette Bremner's Go Deputy filly and recent Oaks winner Widow's Lamp was not disgraced as she came out of the pack to chase and bank the R70 000 second cheque.

West Coast visitor Run Red stayed on for third ahead of the game Golden Shamrock, who was all of 7 lengths back in a scattered finish.

American Landing has won 2 races with 2 places from 5 starts for stakes of R286 350.

He was purchased off the De Broglio dispersal on the 2017 BSA August Kenilworth Sale where he was by far the highest priced lot at R1,6 million.

A son of Dynasty (Fort Wood), the winner was bred by Mike de Broglio and is out of the versatile five-time winner Sabina Park (Sportsworld), who won the SA Oaks in 2004.

That makes him a full-brother to last weekend's Gr2 Gerald Rosenberg Stakes winner Sabina's Dynasty and a half brother to dual Summer Cup winner Master Sabina (Jet Master).

East Cape Derby (L) 2400m

Winner American Landing was positioned 8th turning for home; ran on; shifted marginally 300m; led 150m; won going away

Runner up Widow's Lamp (2nd best handicapped) was positioned 6th turning for home; ran on; carried in by the winner 300m; beaten 5,75 lengths; cut left hind lateral distal carpus

Third Run Red was positioned 7th turning for home; stayed on; beaten 6,75 lengths

Time: In what proved to be a very false paced affair, the horse racing in third was a good 15 lengths behind the pacemaker turning for home. Comparatively, this was the fastest of the four races around the turn.

We gave the runner up (prev 82/86/86/86/80) 72 which makes the winner (prev 64/68/76/78) 85 and the third (prev 78/73/79/67/79) 74

85	1	0.00	AMERICAN LANDING	(11)	59.0	R Fourie	26/10
3 b c Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)							
72	2	5.75	WIDOW'S LAMP	(9)	57.5	L Hewitson	10/3
3 b f Go Deputy - Iditarod (Western Winter)							
74	3	6.75	RUN RED	(7)	59.0	R Khathi	15/1
3 ch c Twice Over - Foxtrot Baby (Lizard Island)							
73	4	7.00	Golden Shamrock	(5)	59.0	M Yeni	50/1
69	5	7.50	Queen Forever	(8)	57.5	G Cheyne	10/1
72	6	7.75	Streetfighting Man	(4)	59.0	G v Niekerk	9/1
71	7	9.75	Sabbatical	(13)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	71/10
64	8	12.25	Belonje	(2)	59.0	R Munger	44/1
64	9	12.50	Chappaquiddick	(3)	59.0	J Penny	100/1
61	10	14.00	Desert Chief	(6)	59.0	C Zackey	18/1
53	11	20.25	Kimberley Star	(1)	60.0	A Domeyer	71/10
45	12	23.50	Multi Gold	(12)	59.0	C Murray	44/1
22	13	37.25	The Dictator	(10)	59.0	S Fortune	100/1

Time: 150.61s (62.75s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%

1st **T:**BJ Crawford **O:**Mrs D J Sherrrell **B:**M De Broglio

Golden Bay

South Africa's newest lady trainer, the Vaal-based Ashley Fortune, saved her best for last on Champions Day, saddling her first career winner in fairytale fashion.

Ashley's stepson Aldo Domeyer did the riding honours with a clever end-to-end display of tactical thinking in the R500 000 Gr3 Gold Bowl on the well-related Let It Rain, who races in the familiar royal blue and silver of top owner, Hassen Adams.

Eleven runners faced the starter in the 3200m feature and Aldo used up minimal energy to get Let It Rain to the lead as the plan unfolded.

At the 300m, the top Cape jockey glanced at the big screen and smelt the sweet scent of victory, with the rest 15 lengths away and not exactly quickening.

With the challenges coming very late and the post looming, Aldo couldn't believe his luck as he glanced triumphantly at the stands as the 26-10 favourite Just Cruised In arrived too late and went down by a length.

Let It Rain's winning time was 207,59 secs.

Kitty's Destiny and Cool Chardonnay made up the quartet, with just 3 lengths separating the first six home.

Now a winner of 7 races with 11 places from 30 starts and stakes of R1 230 388, the 5yo gelding was a R1,3 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase and was bred by Highlands.

He is by Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winning Gardener's Delight (Giant's Causeway).

Dynasty enjoyed a terrific Saturday with his progeny also winning the Gr1 Castle Tankard in Zimbabwe, as well as the Gr2 Gerald Rosenberg at Turffontein.

Let It Rain is a half brother to 4 winners, including Equus Champion, Gr2 Godolphin Mile winner and present day Wilgerbosdrift sire, Soft Falling Rain.

Gr3 Gold Bowl 3200m

Winner Let It Rain raced well clear throughout; was over 15 lengths clear going through the 400m; tired late
 Runner up Just Cruised In (2nd best handicapped) raced 7th; ran on strongly final 400m; beaten 1 length
 Third Kitty's Destiny raced sixth; ran on strongly final 400m; beaten 1,5 lengths

Time: Although not particularly fast, the time in this very false run race, was a fair one.

We gave the winner (prev 91/54/90/91/86) 91 which makes the runner up (prev 65/72/72/79/85) 74 and the third (39/75/81/91/91) 81

91	1	0.00	LET IT RAIN	(6)	59.5	A Domeyer	8/1
5 b g Dynasty - Gardener's Delight(USA) (Giant's Causeway)							
74	2	1.00	JUST CRUISED IN	(2)	52.5	W Kennedy	2/1
4 b g Just As Well - Modraj (Machiavellian)							
81	3	1.50	KITTY'S DESTINY	(3)	56.0	M Yeni	5/1
5 ch g Argonaut - Ricochet (Sportsworld)							
80	4	2.70	Cool Chardonnay	(7)	56.0	K Zechner	11/1
73	5	2.95	Storm Warning	(1)	53.0	G v Niekerk	18/1
90	6	3.00	Hermoso Mundo	(10)	61.0	B Fayd'herbe	13/1
73	7	7.80	Pagoda	(5)	56.5	G Wrogemann	8/1
66	8	9.30	The Elmo Effect	(4)	54.5	C Maujean	15/1
62	9	10.70	Parisienne Chic	(11)	53.5	M v Rensburg	15/1
56	10	12.30	Odd Rob	(8)	52.0	R Mungier	13/1
50	11	16.50	Ilitshe	(9)	52.0	L Hewitson	28/1

Time: 207.59s (64.87s avg/1000m, or 55km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%

1st **T:**Ashley Fortune **O:**Messrs H Adams, D Chinsammy & Mrs T Chinsammy **B:**Highlands

Striker's Back!

Trainer Paul Peter hit the Champions Day boards with his final runner on the Highveld Season closer. Sabina's Dynasty was an impressive winner of the R400 000 Gr2 Gerald Rosenberg Stakes and she could well go on from here.

The half-sister to dual Sansui Summer Cup star Master Sabina runs for Piere Strydom and lifted her game again to register her first stakes success, on an afternoon that saw her champion sire enjoy a Gr1, Gr2 and Gr3 winner.

Sabina's Dynasty was astutely purchased as a maiden for R170 000 off the 2017 August Kenilworth Sale as part of her owner-breeder Mike de Broglio's dispersal.

She has improved into her 4yo season and never let the side down since and impressed on Saturday when changing legs late to go on by the game Bi Pot to win by a half lengths in a time of 126,64 secs.

Girl On The Run was prominent for much of the 2000m trip and stayed on for third a further 2,30 lengths back, with the 18-10 favourite Wind Chill a disappointing fourth.

The winner was bred by Mike de Broglio and is a daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the versatile five-time winner Sabina Park (Sportsworld), who won the SA Oaks in 2004. The latter was bought for R55 000 by De Broglio off Varsfontein's 2002 National Yearling Sales draft.

The 4yo Sabina's Dynasty has won 4 races with 10 places from 18 starts for stakes of R620 725.

Piere Strydom has been through something of a dry spell and this will hopefully be a booster in advance of more opportunities in the SA Champions Season features.

Gr2 Gerald Rosenberg Stakes 2000m

Winner Sabina's Dynasty had to ease at the 1400m mark; raced 5th 3 lengths off the pace; led 50m

Runner up Bi Pot (best handicapped) raced 2nd; led 300m; outrun late; beaten 0,5 lengths

Third Girl On The Run set the pace; outrun latter stages; beaten 2,8 lengths

Time: The first half of the race was run 6 seconds slower than the Champions Challenge; very slowly run

We gave the third (prev 92/92/92/85/90) 92 which makes the winner (prev 77/86/82/80/89) 97 and the runner up (prev 92/98/80/78/77) 96

97	1	0.00	SABINA'S DYNASTY	(2)	59.0P	Strydom	9/2
4 b f Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)							
96	2	0.50	BI POT	(3)	59.0	C Maujean	22/1
4 b f Judpot - Alexandra Bi(IRE) (Darshaan)							
92	3	2.80	GIRL ON THE RUN	(8)	59.0	R Simons	113/20
5 ch m Silvano - Girl From Grenada (Badger Land)							
92	4	3.70	Wind Chill	(6)	60.0	M Yeni	18/10
86	5	6.00	Simply Royal	(4)	59.0	R Danielson	4/1
86	6	6.10	Cold Cash	(7)	59.0	D Schwarz	50/1
85	7	6.40	Patchit Up Baby	(1)	59.0	R Fourie	71/10
83	8	7.70	Pennington Sands	(5)	59.0	R Mungier	36/1
69	9	15.00	Tambalang	(9)	59.0	S Khumalo	15/1

Time: 126.64s (63.32s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 117%

1st **T:**PA Peter **O:**Messrs A E Mandelstam & J D Rabinowitz,

J T Peter & Adv M Witz **B:**De Broglio

The Lady's Back!

The Dynasty Gr1 winner Lady In Black showed her class in the most exciting finish of the afternoon at Greyville on Sunday.

The Gr1 Thekwini Stakes victress of last term, Lady In Black registered the first win of her 3yo season and looked the class in the twelve horse R250 000 Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes field after smart placings in the Gr1 Cape Fillyies Guineas and Gr1 Paddock Stakes in the Cape Summer Season.

Having her first run in 13 weeks, she came from some lengths off the gallop set by Elusive Heart and looked to be drawing off to an easy win, until challenged by Twice Over filly Twice As Smart.

In an exciting duel to the wire, Stuart Randolph looked to gain the ascendancy on the low-key Twice As Smart. But the topweight's class told when it counted and Lady In Black got the verdict by a whisker in a time of 83,07 secs.

Elusive Heart stayed on doggedly for third a further 2,50 lengths adrift.

A R1,1 million National Yearling Sale purchase, Lady In Black made it 4 wins from 7 starts with 2 places and took her stakes to R984 375 – and over and above that also benefitted from the BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus of R87 500.

Bred by Willempie Engelbrecht Jnr, she is by Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the five time winner Mystery Dame (Jet Master).

Drier and Veale also scored with the enigmatic Hack Green, who found his form to win a high-class Pinnacle Stakes earlier on the day.

Lady In Black looks a nice inclusion in the Charity Turf Challenge permutations for the season.

Gr3 Umzimkhulu Stakes (3yo fillies) 1400m

Winner Lady In Black raced 6th; led 140m; just held on
 Runner-up Twice As Smart raced 8th one length behind the winner; challenged strongly below the distance; beaten a short head
 Third Elusive Heart (2nd best handicapped) was drawn wide; set the pace; no chance with first two

Time: A good time; comparatively the 2nd fastest race on the card. We gave the 4th (prev 52/72/79/75/75) 77 which makes the winner (prev 83/93/83/88/92) 102, the runner-up (prev 77/72/76/77/81) 89, and the third (prev 71/82/90/76/93) 85

102	1	0.00	LADY IN BLACK	(6)	60.0	S Veale	18/10
3 b f Dynasty - Mystery Dame (Jet Master)							
89	2	0.10	TWICE AS SMART	(3)	54.0	S Randolph	20/1
3 b f Twice Over - Smart Empress (Strike Smartly)							
85	3	2.60	ELUSIVE HEART	(11)	55.5	R Fourie	57/20
3 b f Elusive Fort - Redeem My Heart (Indigo Magic)							
77	4	4.10	Sorceress	(2)	54.0	W Kennedy	28/1
80	5	4.20	Fish River	(10)	55.5	C Orffer	6/1
82	6	4.45	Desert Rhythm	(5)	57.0	L Hewitson	31/4
74	7	4.95	She's A Dream	(8)	54.0	K De Melo	18/1
71	8	5.95	Dynamic Diana	(9)	54.0	G v Niekerk	11/1
71	9	6.20	Camphoratus	(12)	54.0	D De Gouveia	45/1
59	10	10.20	Light On Her Toes	(4)	54.0	T Godden	30/1
50	11	13.20	Everlasting Love	(7)	54.0	C Ngcobo	50/1
48	12	13.70	Mbali	(1)	54.0	G Wrogemann	36/1

Time: 83.07s (59.34s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) **SP Total %:** 119%
 1st **T:DR** Drier **O:**Mrs N Hossack & Mr W J C Mitchell
B:WJ Engelbrecht Jnr

Katz 'N Dogs

In his first season as trainer to Hassen Adams, the vastly experienced Dan Katz had plenty of reason to celebrate at Kenilworth on Sun Met day with his first Gr2 success, courtesy of the courageous stayer, Let It Rain.

The Highlands-bred son of Dynasty gave a lion-hearted display in the 2800m R400 000 Gr2 Cape Stayers under the guidance of the astute Richard Fourie – who made all the difference.

Formerly with Weiho Marwing, Let It Rain is a strong galloping front-runner who stays all day. But when Savage Wind was sent to lead to make the pace for his stablemate Fortissima, it provided Fourie and Let It Rain the perfect small cover to lope along in second.

At the 400m, Savage Wind had cried enough and Let It Rain was there to pick up the pieces. He was joined by Ollivander on the inside and the threatening Master's Eye who swooped up the outside.

With Master's Eye looking a likely winner, Fourie got Let It Rain to lift and he came back with a big effort.

The son of Dynasty rallied powerfully to beat the luckless Master's Eye by a head in a time of 180,22 secs, with Ollivander still just a one-time winner a further two lengths back in third.

A R1,3 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, the winner is by Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winning Gardener's Delight (Giant's Causeway).

That makes him a half-brother to 4 winners, including Equus Champion, Gr2 Godolphin Mile winner and present day Wilgerbosdrift sire, Soft Falling Rain.

Let It Rain was registering his second stakes success and took his tally to 6 wins with 11 places from 28 starts for stakes of R917 888. He now returns to the Weiho Marwing yard in Johannesburg.

Gr2 Cape Stayers (L) 1000m

Winner Let It Rain raced 2nd; led 400m along with Ollivander; headed 100m; found extra to get verdict on the nod

Runner-up Master's Eye raced 5th; was 3 lengths behind the winner entering the straight; led 100m; lost on nod

Third Ollivander raced 6h 0,5 lengths behind the runner-up; struck the front along with the winner at 400m; outpaced latter stages; beaten 2,05 lengths

Time: After a typically moderate start for a race of this nature Savage Wind took up the running 2200m out and quickly got the field very strung out. The overall time was a fair one for a race of this distance. We gave the runner-up (prev 73/91/85/88/91) 91 which makes the winner (prev 85/74/91/54/90) 91 and the third (prev 82/82/81/91/80) 85

91	1	0.00	LET IT RAIN	(2)	60.0	R Fourie	11/1
5 b g Dynasty - Gardener's Delight(USA) (Giant's Causeway)							
91	2	0.05	MASTER'S EYE	(10)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	57/20
6 b g Jet Master - Jettatura (Al Mufti)							
85	3	2.05	OLLIVANDER	(1)	58.5	A Domeyer	5/1
4 b g Silvano - Cast A Spell (Rambo Dancer)							
81	4	3.05	Fortissima	(4)	57.5	A Delpach	57/20
83	5	3.25	Woodland's Forest	(5)	58.5	G Cheyne	66/1
85	6	4.00	Captain Splendid	(3)	60.0	P Strydom	5/1
83	7	5.50	Alghadeer	(9)	60.0	W Agrella	9/1
81	8	7.25	Mr Winsome	(6)	60.0	A Marcus	167/20
75	9	10.75	Savage Wind	(8)	60.0	M Winnaar	100/1
72	10	13.00	My World	(7)	60.0	M Byleveld	55/1

Time: 180.22s (64.36s avg/1000m, or 56km/h) **SP Total %:** 119%
 1st **T:D** Katz **O:**Messrs H Adams, D Chinsammy & Mrs T Chinsammy
B:Highlands

Eyes On July

The decision to give the Sun Met a miss and focus on the R1 million Investec Gr1 Cape Derby paid dividends for Chrigor Stud and the Woodhill Racing Team when Dynasty's star son Eyes Wide Open charged to victory in the prestigious classic.

A winner of the Gr2 Peninsula Handicap at his previous start against older horses, Eyes Wide Open dug deep to reel in the free-striding Steel Rose, who grabbed a dangerous looking lead in the home straight.

While not detracting from the win, the race was run at a dawdle courtesy of Greg Cheyne and PE raider Kimberley Star, who brought them into the straight in slow time. Comeback kid Piet Botha seized the moment on Steel Rose and took up the 500m sprint challenge in the rush for home.

The Glen Puller longshot continued to roll into the 200m with an upset on the cards.

But that's where Eyes Wide Open showed his ability and heart, as he moved up and went past the Gitano Hernando gelding to win going away by 1,75 lengths in a time of 125,62 secs.

Do It Again came out the pack to grab second, ahead of another Kotzen-Chrigor runner in Pack Leader. Steel Rose enjoyed his moment of Gr1 glory, hanging on doggedly for fourth.

Richard Fourie was full of praise for the winner: "His star is on the rise – this is the closest you will get to Dynasty. He has everything – big race temperament, heart and ability. What a horse!"

The Highlands bred Eyes Wide Open is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one time winning Live Your Dreams (Jallad).

An R850 000 BSA KZN Sibaya Yearling Sale graduate, Eyes Wide Open is a dual Gr1 winner now with 4 wins and 1 place from his 8 starts for stakes of R1 408 375.

Gr1 Cape Derby (3yo's) 2000m

Winner Eyes Wide Open (best handicapped) raced 5th; led 100m; ran on strongly; jockey Fourie was fined R1500 for making a celebratory gesture before the line

Runner-up Do It Again raced second last 5 lengths behind the winner entering the straight; ran on strongly and was gaining at finish
Third Pack Leader raced handy; was alongside the winner entering the straight; no impression

Time: Slowly run, the pace was slowed on the bend and developed into a sprint finish, so not a result to put faith in. We gave the runner-up (prev 73/88/89/85) 89 which makes the winner (prev 89/75/99/84/101) 92 and the third (87/69/90/95/91) 85

92	1	0.00	EYES WIDE OPEN	(5)	60.0	R Fourie	9/2
3 b c Dynasty - Live Your Dreams (Jallad)							
89	2	1.75	DO IT AGAIN	(8)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	167/20
3 b g Twice Over - Sweet Virginia (Casey Tibbs)							
85	3	3.75	PACK LEADER	(2)	60.0	A Delpetch	12/1
3 b c Philanthropist - First Arrival (Northern Guest)							
85	4	3.80	Steel Rose	(13)	60.0	P Botha	100/1
84	5	4.30	Spring Man	(14)	60.0	C Murray	30/1
84	6	4.50	White River	(7)	60.0	C Orrfer	31/10
77	7	5.00	Fresnaye	(12)	57.5	P Strydom	13/1
81	8	6.00	Like A Panther	(11)	60.0	A Marcus	167/20
81	9	6.20	What A Joker	(6)	60.0	A Domeyer	66/1
80	10	6.40	The Sun Also Rises	(15)	60.0	L Hewitson	30/1
79	11	7.15	Kimberley Star	(10)	60.0	G Cheyne	75/1
76	12	8.40	Opera Royal	(9)	60.0	L Mxothwa	100/1
76	13	8.70	Tap O' Noth	(3)	60.0	M Byleveld	61/20
64	14	15.20	Visigoth	(4)	60.0	C Zackey	75/1
62	15	15.95	Silver Coin	(1)	60.0	G v Niekirk	22/1

Time: 125.62s (62.81s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%
1st **T:**GS Kotzen **O:**Chrigo Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh)
B:Highlands

Eyes On Met

Highlands' super stallion Dynasty registered a smart feature double on L'Ormarins Queen's Plate day when 3yo Eyes Wide Open played himself into Sun Met contention with an impressive victory in the R400 000 Glorious Goodwood Gr2 Peninsula Handicap.

The only 3yo in a fifteen strong field of seasoned hardknockers, last season's Gr1 Premier's Champion Stakes winner Eyes Wide Open benefitted from a great ride by the underrated Anthony Andrews.

Eyes Wide Open had missed the Cape Guineas with a respiratory ailment and the Woodhill Racing trainer Glen Kotzen paid tribute to his leading owner for his patience. "It always pays you back in the end," he quipped.

As to why Anthony Andrews had gotten the ride ahead of the winner's owners Chrigo Stud sponsored Richard Fourie, who rode Ollivander, the explanation was a simple one.

"Eyes Wide Open was supplemented. Richard (Fourie) had already accepted on Ollivander. So Anthony (Andrews) was available and he rides work here and is an up-and-coming rider. It worked out well," added Kotzen.

Andrews had Eyes Wide Open five lengths off the pacesetter Milton in sixth and kept his head in the straight as inexperience saw his mount lug inwards under pressure. With Dean Kannemeyer's The Slade breathing down his neck, Eyes Wide Open always had the upper hand and went on well to score by 0,75 lengths in a time of 110,11 secs.

The Highlands bred Eyes Wide Open is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one time winning Live Your Dreams (Jallad).

An R850 000 BSA KZN Sibaya Yearling Sale graduate, Eyes Wide Open has won 3 races with 1 place from 7 starts and took his stakes tally to R783 375.

Gr2 Peninsula Handicap R400.000 1800m

Winner Eyes Wide Open raced midfield in a very fast run race, running on well

Runner-up The Slade raced handy, and kept on remarkably well, beaten less than a length

Third finisher Platinum Prince missed the break and consequently raced from well off the pace, which turned out to be a blessing

This was by far the fastest of the races run around the turn, with Milton setting a suicidal pace and second horse Stonehenge (a confirmed front runner normally) not holding back either. We gave the runner-up (79-78-80-85-86-95) 95, which makes the winner (72-75-89-75-99-84) 101 and the third finisher (78-79-83-90-81-81) 88

101	1	0.00	EYES WIDE OPEN	(10)	52.0	A Andrews	18/1
3 b c Dynasty - Live Your Dreams (Jallad)							
95	2	0.75	THE SLADE	(12)	54.0	A Delpetch	13/2
4 ch g Philanthropist - Aquatint(AUS) (Peintre Celebre)							
88	3	2.75	PLATINUM PRINCE	(5)	53.0	G Cheyne	28/1
4 b g Silvano - Spirit Ofthe Dance (Goldmark)							
92	4	4.25	Horizon	(4)	56.0	P Strydom	13/2
99	5	5.25	Krambambuli	(13)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	11/1
80	6	5.65	Ollivander	(8)	52.0	R Fourie	11/2
85	7	5.85	Mambo Mime	(7)	54.0	M Byleveld	13/2
80	8	6.05	Waiting For Rain	(15)	52.0	JP vd Merwe	36/1
90	9	6.35	Elusive Silva	(11)	57.0	G v Niekirk	13/2
91	10	6.40	Our Mate Art	(3)	57.5	A Domeyer	11/1
85	11	7.65	Mac de Lago	(2)	56.0	M v Rensburg	28/1
91	12	8.15	Nebula	(9)	59.0	D Dillon	18/1
71	13	10.15	Stonehenge	(6)	52.0	L Hewitson	36/1
89	14	10.45	Milton	(14)	60.0	C Zackey	15/1
0	15	99.99	Black Arthur	(1)	57.5	C Murray	9/1

Time: 110.11s (61.17s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 124%
1st **T:**GS Kotzen **O:**Chrigo Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs S Hattingh)
B:Highlands

Stay All Day

The improving Dynasty gelding Our Emperor made full use of his handy galloping weight and a judicious ride by Greg Cheyne to land the spoils off a muddling pace in the R250 000 Gr3 Chairman's Cup at Kenilworth on Saturday.

With Gauteng visitor Let It Rain dictating a stroll early in the race, Grant van Niekerk gradually edged closer on Master's Eye, who was some 15 lengths off the leader as they went into the 24000m marker. Van Niekerk built his mount up gradually and launched his assault at the 800m around his field.

The move – while his only choice – probably cost him the race, though, as there was little in it at the end.

With Master's Eye rallying strongly in the straight, Greg Cheyne produced Our Emperor at the 300m, switching the gelding to the outside of the Snaith runner.

The two went head and head to the wire – and were so close together, neither jockey dared pull a whip.

At the line, a confident Cheyne got Our Emperor's nose down where it counted, to win rather cosily by a head in a time of 212,61 secs.

Captain Splendid stayed on without threatening in third a further 2,25 lengths back, with Let It Rain tiring to hang on to fourth.

The winner was bred by Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein and is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the four-time winner, Express Queen (Jet Master).

A R475 000 BSA Val De Vie Yearling Sale graduate, Our Emperor has won 4 races – this was his first stakes success – with 3 places from 10 starts and stakes of R387 325.

Gr3 Chairman's Cup R250.000 3200m

Our Emperor raced from off the pace, finishing well and winning a touch cleverly

Master's Eye came from midfield, finishing well for a close second, but looked always held by the winner

Captain Splendid raced handy, running on, but without any chance against the first two

This was an awful race from a staying perspective, with no early pace at all and a sprint-finish. Ratings carry little weight as a result. We gave the runner-up Master's Eye (99-94-73-91-85-88) 91, which makes the winner (71-73-72-76-82-83) 83 and the third finisher Captain Splendid (70-91-86-93-78-89) 90

83	1	0.00	OUR EMPEROR	(2)	52.0	G Cheyne	71/20
4 b g Dynasty - Express Queen (Jet Master)							
91	2	0.10	MASTER'S EYE	(6)	56.0	G v Niekerk	9/4
6 b g Jet Master - Jettatura (Al Mufti)							
90	3	2.35	CAPTAIN SPLENDID	(4)	57.0	P Strydom	4/1
5 b g Captain Al - Justthewayouare (Fort Wood)							
90	4	2.85	Let It Rain	(3)	57.0	M v Rensburg	11/2
79	5	4.10	My World	(5)	53.0	M Byleveld	15/1
75	6	5.35	Woodland's Forest	(7)	52.0	B May	18/1
91	7	10.85	Ovidio	(1)	63.0	B Fayd'herbe	9/1

Time: 212.61s (66.44s avg/1000m, or 54km/h) **SP Total %:** 110%
1st T:BJ Crawford **O:**Messrs D G Abery, G S Knowles, Bryn Ressel & N M Shirliff **B:**Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

She's Good!

Dean Kannemeyer ended 2017 on a high at Greyville on Sunday when his smart Dynasty filly Hashtagyolo showed her class and maintained her perfect record with a fluent victory in the R250 000 Gr3 Flamboyant Stakes.

The Varsfontein-bred 3yo, a facile course-and-distance winner in October, returned from a ten week break over a distance short of her optimum trip and beat a classy field to register her first stakes success.

Jockey Anthony Delpuch, who has been aboard at all of the filly's three wins, expressed some reservations prior to the race that the mile was the minimum chop for Hashtagyolo and that she could well be run off her feet. But the champion jockey's doubts were unfounded.

Tucked in midfield in the early stages as Sail and She's A Giver showed the way, Hastagyolo was taken wide to use her big stride and she made up ground in the home run to hit the front early and win going away.

Hashtagyolo registered a time of 97,24 secs and disposed of the year older stakes performed Sail and the progressive Roy's Riviera easily. Gr3 winning Joburg visitor She's A Giver ran on steadily to grab fourth cheque.

Legislate's full-sister and recent debut winner Statute started tote favourite but never showed to run well downfield.

A R1,1 million BSA National Yearling Sale graduate, the Varsfontein Stud-bred Hashtagyolo races for Bruce le Roux and Tinus Gericke and is a daughter of champion producer Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winner My Guiding Star (Jallad). The winner is thus bred on the same Dynasty/Jallad cross as Gr1 winners It's My Turn and last season's Premiers Champion Stakes winner Eyes Wide Open.

Unbeaten in three starts, Hashtagyolo took her stakes bank to R282 375.

Gr3 Flamboyant Stakes (F&M) 1600m

Winner Hastagyolo (joint best handicapped) raced in midfield; led 180m; won going away

Runner-up Sail (joint best handicapped) set the pace; outrun latter stages

Third Roy's Riviera was drawn wide; cramped at the start losing 2 lengths; raced midfield; ran on

Time: Very steady early, then strung out, and later becoming very tightly bunched as they entered the straight - this was a very false paced slowly run affair.

We gave the runner up (prev 90/91/92/81/87) 93, which makes the winner (prev 71/89) 93 and the third (prev 74/73/85/85/87)87. Not ratings to rely on for future.

93	1	0.00	HASHTAGYOLO	(8)	54.0	A Delpuch	5/2
3 b f Dynasty - My Guiding Star (Jallad)							
93	2	2.00	SAIL	(3)	60.0	S Veale	6/1
4 b f Philanthropist - Cutty Sark (Fort Wood)							
87	3	3.00	ROY'S RIVIERA	(12)	54.0	W Kennedy	11/1
3 b f All Too Hard - Donna Amata(AUS) (Anabaa)							
93	4	3.25	She's A Giver	(6)	61.0	L Hewitson	7/2
84	5	4.25	Fiorella	(9)	54.0	C Zackey	13/1
87	6	4.75	Dawn Calling	(10)	60.0	A Marcus	9/1
86	7	5.25	Karatage	(2)	60.0	S Brown	44/1
86	8	5.30	Lala	(7)	60.0	D Schwarz	18/1
81	9	5.55	Statute	(1)	54.0	K De Melo	6/1
77	10	7.55	Awesomeness	(4)	54.0	D De Gouveia	28/1
73	11	11.05	Dress For Success	(11)	60.0	G Wrogemann	66/1
71	12	11.80	Call Me Winter	(5)	60.0	S Randolph	100/1

Time: 97.24s (60.78s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%
1st T:D Kannemeyer **O:**Mr Bruce Le Roux & Tinus Gericke

Team Tara Open For Business

Trainer Tara Laing made it three winners from four runnings of the R150 000 Listed Memorial Mile at Fairview on Friday when the Dynasty colt Stormy Eclipse held on well in a thrilling finish to the afternoon's feature.

Tara is a noted specialist conditioner when it comes to rejuvenating horses and her record with the likes of six-in-a-row winning Red Barrel, champion fourteen-time winner Crown Of Gold and the gallant champion Sir Duke are just a few examples of how she has resurrected careers and put horses back on the winning track.

And her Friday feature winner Stormy Eclipse is another example of a refreshing second phaser – the Dynasty gelding in prime form after losing his sparkle in KZN.

The yard's dominance of the Memorial Mile in recent years was underlined by the handsome grey's cracking victory from an impossible position at the 200m.

Tara trained Red Barrel to win the 2014 Memorial Mile, won the race in 2016 with the Australian-bred Readytogorightnow and maintained her dominance with Stormy Eclipse on Friday.

Charles Ndlovu, who has formed a solid relationship with the gelding, got him to fly late and the pair shaded Razed In Black to win by a short head in a time of 997,48 secs.

Former Gr1 winner Afrikaburn was a half length away in third.

The Ascot Stud-bred Stormy Eclipse is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the brilliant fourteen-time winner Stormy Appeal (Kilconnel).

A R2 million National Yearling Sale buy, Stormy Eclipse has blossomed in the Eastern Cape – his career total now being 7 races won with 16 places from 28 starts for stakes of R711 600. Tara says she feels that Stormy Eclipse has a good few seasons left in him and is 'as sound as a bell'.

Memorial Mile (L) 1600m

Winner Stormy Eclipse (joint second best handicapped) was slow away and lost one length; raced at the back; flew late; got up last stride

Runner up Razed In Black raced 6th; shifted outwards passing the 200m mark; led 100m; piped last stride

Third Afrikaburn raced fifth; sweating; beaten 0,6 lengths

Time: Although comparatively this was marginally the quickest of the five races around the turn, this was not a fast run race and developed into a sprint for home.

We gave the third (prev 88/90/92/92/92) 93 which makes the winner (prev 91/87/91/96/88) 94 and the runner up (prev 95/93/87/76/93) 94

94	1	0.00	STORMY ECLIPSE	(5)	60.0	X Ndlovu	3/1
6 gr g Dynasty - Stormy Appeal (Kilconnel)							
94	2	0.10	RAZED IN BLACK	(1)	60.0	A Domeyer	5/1
6 ch g Kahal - Elegant Blush (Jallad)							
93	3	0.60	AFRIKABURN	(3)	60.0	C Zackey	15/2
6 b g Trippi - Aquatint(AUS) (Peintre Celebre)							
91	4	1.35	Laws Of Succession	(8)	60.0	L Hewitson	15/2
91	5	1.40	Eternal Jet	(2)	60.0	L Mxothwa	15/1
91	6	1.50	Story Of My Life	(9)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	13/1
91	7	1.75	Kingvoldt	(4)	60.0	T Gould	15/1
86	8	4.00	Our Icon	(6)	60.0	G Cheyne	7/2
75	9	8.75	Master 'n Commander	(7)	60.0	C Murray	9/1

Time: 97.48s (60.83s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 117%
1st **T:**T Laing **O:**Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman)

B:Ascot Stud

Joey Sees Stars

A shrewd move to fit the blinkers and a drop in distance made the difference for Joey Ramsden's classy Gr1 winner Just Sensual, who bounded home to win the R400 000 Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes at a gale swept Kenilworth on Saturday.

Anton Marcus, who was to ride a double on the day for Joey Ramsden and Mayfair Speculators, had Just Sensual sheltered in midfield as the Southern Cross Stakes field stormed up the outside of the 1000m straight track, led by speedy Gauteng raider Wrecking Ball.

At the 300m, Just Sensual was switched out for her run as Hoist The Mast and Jo's Bond looked very dangerous.

When finding daylight, the blinkered Just Sensual took full advantage of the blistering pace of the race as she lengthened smartly and reeled them in gradually.

Hard ridden, Just Sensual found her best stride late to get up and nose out the gallant 66-1 Hoist The Mast on the line. She won in a time of 59,73 secs.

Sceptre Stakes winner Live Life showed some of her old sparkle at her second outing after a rest to run into third, three quarters of a length in from of 2016 Southern Cross Stakes winner, Jo's Bond, who looked dangerous late.

The 4yo Just Sensual has won 6 races with 2 places from 10 starts and stakes of R1 533 750.

The Klawervlei Stud bred R2 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase is a daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the five-time winning 2008 SA Champion 2yo, Consensual (Camden Park).

Gr2 Southern Cross S.(F&M) 1000m

Winner Just Sensual (joint-best handicapped) raced fitted with blinkers; was positioned in 8th; had to switch 250m; ran on best of all from there onwards; got up last strides

Runner-up Hoist The Mast jumped awkwardly losing one length, and was thereafter slow into stride; raced in midfield 2 lengths behind the winner; led 100m; piped dying strides

Third Live Life raced second last early on; ran on; held by winner; beaten under a length

Time: The pace was a good one throughout and comparatively this was the fastest race on the card by some way, explaining why horses coming from off the pace featured prominently at the finish. We gave the 4th horse (prev 79/81/87/91/90) 91 which makes the winner (prev 82/101/105/100/84) 101, the runner-up (prev 73/73/73/74/75) 97 and the third (prev 100/100/97/88/83) 96. The previous highest rating of the runner-up was AR 88 (from 17 starts), so the latest rating of 97 looks odd and may not be repeatable. The fast pace and weather conditions (strong head wind) may have played a role.

101	1	0.00	JUST SENSUAL	(12)	60.0	A Marcus	9/1
4 b f Dynasty - Consensual (Camden Park)							
97	2	0.05	HOIST THE MAST	(1)	58.0	D Dillon	66/1
5 b m Querari - Sailing To Rio(AUS) (Woodman)							
96	3	0.80	LIVE LIFE	(2)	59.0	G Cheyne	11/1
4 b f Trippi - Viva (National Assembly)							
91	4	0.90	Casual Diamond	(11)	54.0	C Orffer	13/1
93	5	1.65	Jo's Bond	(14)	59.0	L Hewitson	6/1
90	6	1.75	Sommerlied	(9)	58.0	S Veale	4/1
87	7	2.50	Anneline	(5)	58.0	R Fourie	36/1
87	8	2.60	Nordic Breeze	(6)	58.0	R Khathi	28/1
84	9	2.65	Shufoog	(3)	54.0	C Murray	9/2
81	10	3.40	Angel's Trumpet	(13)	54.0	G v Niekerk	13/1
83	11	3.45	Wrecking Ball	(8)	58.0	J Penny	28/1
80	12	4.20	Scandola	(10)	58.0	A Domeyer	44/1
75	13	5.45	Green Plains	(4)	55.0	M Byleveld	6/1
54	14	10.70	Queen Laurie	(7)	58.0	R Munger	28/1
50	15	11.10	Gold Image	(15)	54.0	L Mxothwa	66/1

Time: 59.73s (59.73s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%
1st **T:**J Ramsden **O:**Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman)

B:Klawervlei Stud

Tarry's Summer Time

On a day of topsy turvy results, Raymond Danielson delivered the enigmatic son of champion sire Dynasty, and a horse Tarry had not expected to get in ahead of his fairer sex stablemate Witchcraft, at the right moment for a big score.

Liege was the least fancied of the Tarry Summer Cup attack and after his dull Victory Moon effort, he was freely available at long double digit odds.

The 19 horse field jumped on ground posted as good to soft with a pen reading of 24 and it was Crowd Pleaser, Let It Rain and Girl On The Run who set the gallop, with Liege settled in midfield.

In the run for home, Girl On The Run continued to gallop powerfully as Orchid Island flattered briefly, with Fort Ember scooting up the inside rail.

At the 450m marker, Raymond Danielson glanced to his inside as he drove Liege through a gap to grab the advantage.

With many labouring in a serious test of stamina, Liege went on too powerfully for the game Fort Ember to score by 2,25 lengths in a time of 124,40 secs.

Muzi Yeni rode for his life to get the recent Victory Moon Stakes runner-up Coral Fever up for third, with Derby Trial winner Pagoda finishing with his customary late dash for fourth.

Sean Tarry, whose last Summer Cup winner dates back to Aslan in 2009, was pleased with the win for two of South Africa's most powerful owners.

"We were disappointed with his run in the Victory Moon and there was no explanation for that. Thanks to Markus (Jooste) and Chris (Van Niekerk). Well done on the big decision to delay the meeting – it took courage on the part of all involved. It is sad for the sponsors and plenty of people had plenty to say. But all's well that ends well."

A R650 000 Cape Ready To Run Sale graduate, the Maine Chance bred Liege is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the eight time winner Lyrical Linda (Jallad).

He has won 6 races with 4 places from 22 starts and stakes of R1 885 000.

Liege, whose previous biggest win was the 2016 Gr3 Jubilee Handicap, does not look likely to bid for the R1 million Summer Cup-Met double bonus.

Gr1 Sansui Summer Cup 2000m

Winner Liege raced 9th; led 300m; won well; reported coughing

Runner-up Fort Ember raced 5th and held every chance;

Third Coral fever was drawn very wide at 19; raced 3rd last; ran on strongly

Time: This comparatively was the fastest of the eight races around the turn. We gave the winner (prev 99/92/96//94/90) 99 which makes the runner-up 90/100/100/96 has done 101) 101 and the third (prev 86/83/91/81/93) 92

117	1	0.00	LIEGE	(2)	53.0	R Danielson	16/1
5 b g Dynasty - Lyrical Linda (Jallad)							
119	2	2.25	FORT EMBER	(3)	56.0	G Wrogemann	36/1
5 b m Elusive Fort - Glowing Ember (Kahal)							
110	3	2.40	CORAL FEVER	(19)	52.0	M Yeni	36/1
5 ch g Judpot - Coral Tree (Rich Man's Gold)							
111	4	2.45	Pagoda	(11)	52.5	JP vd Merwe	7/1
110	5	3.00	Girl On The Run	(5)	52.5	D Mansour	19/1
112	6	3.25	Orchid Island	(10)	53.5	A Delpech	8/1
120	7	3.65	French Navy	(16)	57.5	S Khumalo	15/1
120	8	4.25	Abashiri	(18)	58.0	K Zechner	11/1
112	9	4.50	Mac de Lago	(7)	54.5	M v Rensburg	36/1
116	10	5.25	Brazuca	(13)	57.0	G Lerena	9/1
107	11	5.75	Wind Chill	(1)	53.5	C Murray	10/1
101	12	7.00	Social Order	(12)	52.0	L Hewitson	12/1
97	13	9.25	Tilbury Fort	(4)	52.0	C Zackey	22/1
83	14	19.25	Master Switch	(15)	54.0	P Strydom	9/1
79	15	20.00	Crowd Pleaser	(6)	53.0	K De Melo	9/1
72	16	22.50	Let It Rain	(14)	52.0	R Munger	36/1
84	17	25.50	New Predator	(9)	60.0	B Lerena	50/1
50	18	36.00	Hermoso Mundo	(17)	53.5	Wei Marwing	18/1
0	19	99.99	Master Sabina	(8)	58.0	B Fayd'herbe	36/1

Time: 124.4s (62.2s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 121%
1st T:SG Tarry **O:**Messrs C J H van Niekerk & M J Jooste
B:Maine Chance

The General Idea

An early decision to geld the beautifully bred Sir David Baird looks set to pay handsome dividends after the son of Dynasty led all the way for a facile win.

The no-nonsense Mike de Kock explained some months ago that Sir David Baird is a big, heavy horse and he was becoming problematic to train and was going unsound.

"So gelding was the only option. His owner Mike Rattray understands that trying to make a stallion is a mug's game so he was fully in agreement that we should geld this one. He's a nice horse and we're hoping he'll go on with it and have a nice career."

After drawing wide in the The Dingaans, De Kock made the decision to take a softer route and build the youngster's confidence. He took on seven rivals in the hands of Gavin Lerena and the result was never in doubt as Sir David Baird drew away to beat Garth Puller's Ryker by 4,25 lengths in a time of 98,63 secs.

The Cheveley Stud product is from one of the best old Koster Brothers families. He is a son of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the five-time winning Oceana (Elliodor).

A R1,3 million National Yearling Sale buy by Mike de Kock and Form Bloodstock's Jehan Malherbe on behalf of Mike Rattray, Sir David Baird has won 2 of his 4 starts with a place and stakes of R181 325

KZN Guineas Trial (3yo's) (L) 1600m

Winner Sir David Baird set a moderate pace one length clear; quickened away final 200m

Runner up Ryker (2nd best handicapped) raced 2nd and held every chance; beaten 4,25 lengths

Third Draugluin raced 7th; stayed on; beaten 5,25 lengths

Time: This false paced event was by far the slowest of the three 1600m races.

We gave the fourth (prev 80/79/74/72/81) 75 which makes the winner (prev 78/85/80) 87, the runner up (prev 79/83/80/90) 78 and the third (prev 72/67/67/69) 76

87	1	0.00	SIR DAVID BAIRD	(1)	60.0	G Lerena	16/10
3 b g Dynasty - Oceana (Elliodor)							
78	2	4.25	RYKER	(6)	60.0	A Delpech	4/1
3 ch c Miesque's Approval - Speedy Eli (Elliodor)							
76	3	5.25	DRAUGLUIN	(3)	60.0	K De Melo	36/1
3 ch g Twice Over - Werewolf (Wolfhound)							
75	4	5.75	Gat Henshaw	(2)	60.0	S Moodley	14/1
75	5	5.80	The Dazzler	(7)	60.0	B Lerena	11/1
72	6	6.80	Hard To Play	(4)	60.0	S Randolph	5/1
72	7	7.05	Scrabble	(8)	60.0	W Kennedy	16/1
67	8	9.30	Cat's Legacy	(5)	60.0	G Wrogemann	13/2

Time: 98.63s (61.64s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%
1st T:MF de Kock **O:**Mr & Mrs M L P Rattray **B:**Cheveley Stud

Rain All Day

A well-related son of Dynasty went practically start to finish to win the R150 000 Listed Java Handicap run over 2400m on the Vaal Classic track on Tuesday.

The Dynasty winners have no end over any trip and Let It Rain showed terrific reserves of stamina under a beautifully judged ride by Weichong Marwing.

Bouncing from a wide draw, Let It Rain did his fractions at a steady pace all the way around and even when coming under enemy fire at the 300m, he dug deep and galloped on relentlessly to withstand the late challenge of Kinaan to win by 0,80 lengths in a time of 149,49 secs.

Amsterdam stayed on well for third 1,50 lengths behind to run his usual game race, with The Elmo Effect rounding off the quartet.

Weiho Marwing trains the winner for Hassen Adams and the Chinsammy family.

This was the 5yo Let It Rain's overdue first stakes success as he took his win tally to 5 from 25 starts with 10 places. His stakes bank now stands at R655 388.

A R1,3 million Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase, the winner is by Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the one-time winning Gardener's Delight (Giant's Causeway).

That makes him a half-brother to 4 winners, including Equus Champion, Gr2 Godolphin Mile winner and present day Wilgerbosdrift sire Soft Falling Rain.

Java Handicap (L) 2400m

Winner Let It Rain; led 1600m; kept on strongly over the final 400m
Runner-up Kinaan raced in midfield; 4 lengths behind the winner going through the 400m; gaining quickly at the finish; beaten less than a length

Third Amsterdam made the early running; raced 2nd from the 1600m mark; no extra

Time: Although nothing out of the ordinary, the time and pace were both fair. We gave the third (prev 80/82/77/75/80) 79 which makes the winner (prev 76/84/84/85/74) 91 and the runner-up (prev 81/78/85/79/67) 82

T 275	1	0.00	LET IT RAIN	(15)	59.5	Wei Marwing	9/1
5 b g Dynasty - Gardener's Delight(USA) (Giant's Causeway)							
V 231	2	0.80	KINAAN	(11)	56.0	K Zechner	15/2
5 b g Galileo - Dazzledar(GB) (Zamindar)							
V 285	3	2.30	AMSTERDAM	(10)	55.5	P Strydom	9/1
6 b g Windrush - Kindly Kat(USA) (Machiavellian)							
T 250	4	2.70	The Elmo Effect	(8)	60.0	G Lerena	8/1
T 275	5	2.80	Bankable Teddy	(4)	59.0	C Zackey	17/1
T 275	6	3.00	Royal Honour	(7)	59.5	G Wrogemann	36/1
T 223	7	4.00	Storm Warning	(6)	55.5	R Simons	17/1
T 223	8	4.30	Save The Rhino	(1)	55.5	A Delpech	7/1
V 286	9	4.35	Sheet Weaver	(3)	52.0	JP vd Merwe	15/1
T 1029	10	5.35	Ilitshe	(12)	54.5	R Munger	28/1
T 223	11	5.60	Bondiblu	(5)	52.5	C Matijean	9/1
T 223	12	6.00	Lions Emblem	(13)	56.0	R Danielson	36/1
T 223	13	6.30	Dawn Assault	(9)	58.5	S Brown	15/1
T 223	14	8.70	Okavango Delta	(14)	52.0	M Yeni	13/1
V 286	15	9.40	Supertube	(16)	52.0	L Hewitson	28/1
D 188	16	19.50	Hyaku	(2)	57.0	S Khumalo	9/1
Time: 149.49s (62.29s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 118%							
1st T: WH Marwing O: Messrs H Adams, D Chinsammy & Mrs T Chinsammy B: Highlands							

Trending!

Dean Kannemeyer looks to have a stronger string this season than he has had in some years and the Dynasty filly Hashtagyolo underlined the strength of the DKR Summerveld satellite base when she went all the way for a facile win in the R120 000 KZN Fillies Guineas Trial at Greyville on Sunday.

The beautifully-bred daughter of Dynasty had impressed on her Scottsville 1700m at the end of last month, but dropping down to a mile and stepping up in class on Sunday, she showed the expected improvement.

Anthony Delpech had Hashtagyolo quickly out of the stalls in the eleven-strong field and she was never headed, galloping on strongly tight against the inside rail to win by 2 lengths in a time of 97,73 secs.

A R1,1 million National Yearling Sale graduate, the Varsfontein Stud-bred Hashtagyolo races for Bruce le Roux and Tinus Gericke, who were looking for a nicely bred filly who could run. They have found the mark by the looks of it!

A daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood), the winner is out of the one-time winner My Guiding Star (Jallad).

KZN Fillies Guineas Trial (nbt) 1600m

Winner Hashtagyolo went straight to the front and led throughout to win with some in hand.

Runner-up Fiorella jumped outwards at the start; was always second; held by winner

Third Roy's Riviera was slow into stride and was unbalanced shortly after the start when carried outwards; raced 7th of the eleven; ran on strongly at the finish

Time: This was the fastest of the four 1600m races, but comparatively it was not a particularly fast run race. We gave the 4th horse (prev 76/65/77) 77 which makes the winner (prev 71) 89, the runner-up (prev 76/79/84) 86 and the third (prev 62/70/74/73) 85

89	1	0.00	HASHTAGYOLO	(2)	60.0	A Delpech	18/10
3 b f Dynasty - My Guiding Star (Jallad)							
86	2	1.75	FIORELLA	(5)	60.0	K De Melo	9/2
3 b f Captain Al - Arcola (Caesour)							
85	3	2.25	ROY'S RIVIERA	(7)	60.0	M Yeni	16/1
3 b f All Too Hard - Donna Amata(AUS) (Anabaa)							
77	4	5.75	Awesomeness	(9)	60.0	J Samuel	25/1
74	5	7.25	Flichty By Farr	(11)	60.0	G Wrogema	72/10
72	6	8.00	Fullfillyourdream	(4)	60.0	W Kennedy	21/2
71	7	8.50	Dinner Date	(1)	60.0	S Brown	30/1
66	8	10.75	Miziara	(6)	60.0	G Cheyne	25/1
66	9	10.85	Forest Express	(3)	60.0	S Khumalo	72/10
53	10	16.60	Just One More	(10)	60.0	D Daniels	25/1
38	11	23.60	Light On Her Toes	(8)	60.0	S Moodley	25/1
Time: 97.73s (61.08s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 111%							
1st T: D Kannemeyer O: Mr Bruce Le Roux & Tinus Gericke							
B: Varsfontein Stud							

Snaith Dominates

Justin Snaith repeated his exacta feat of 2016 in the R150 000 Listed Jockey Club Stakes at Fairview on Friday. The former SA champion saddled the first, second – and fourth for good measure – to finish in the fillies and mares 2000m contest.

Snaith had saddled the Australian-bred Acrostar to win the 2016 renewal of this feature and after Harvard Crimson had run a game second last year, the daughter of Dynasty made amends in fine style this time round.

Mxothwa deserves plenty of credit. He rode a beautifully judged race, after the mare had found herself caught wide early on.

As Money Penny led Peach Delight and Qing into the straight, Mxothwa angled Harvard Crimson towards the centre inside, but found his way blocked and had to switch out for a clear passage.

With stablemate Nima shadowing her, Harvard Crimson asserted her superiority late and drew away.

She finished best of the lot under the in-form rider to win by 2,75 lengths in a time of 127.32 secs.

The Snaith Racing-bred Harvard Crimson is a 6yo daughter of Dynasty (Fort Wood) out of the four-time winner Badger Express (Badger Land). Highlands stallion Dynasty has made a cracking start to the season – and the Highveld feature season only gets under way next Saturday!

A R60 000 CTS 2013 Cape Ready To Run Sale bargain, she was registering her first stakes success and her 6th win from 28 starts for 7 places – and stakes of R428 425.

Jockey Club Stakes (F&M) (L) 2000m

Winner Harvard Crimson raced 10th of the fourteen; ran on well to lead 150m; won going away

Runner up Nima raced 7th; led 250m; beaten 2.75 lengths

Third Crackpot (Musi Yeni replaced Marco Van Rensburg) was slow away and lost one length; raced 7th; held every chance; stayed on; hanging outward over the final 400m; beaten 7 lengths

Time: Although the pace was noticeably steady early on and the time was not a fast one, this was by far the fastest of the four races around the turn

We gave the winner (prev 90/84/60/88/85) 90 which makes the runner up (prev 77/80/78/80/88) 85 and the third (prev 77/85/87/85/87) 77

90	1	0.00	HARVARD CRIMSON	(8)	60.0	L Mxothwa	8/1
6 b m Dynasty - Badger Express (Badger Land)							
85	2	2.75	NIMA	(7)	60.0	R Fourie	4/1
5 b m Fort Wood - Firth Of Tay (Rich Man's Gold)							
77	3	7.25	CRACKPOT	(3)	60.0	M Yeni	8/1
6 b m Judpot - Nazca (National Emblem)							
76	4	7.75	Qing	(12)	60.0	C Murray	8/1
72	5	9.50	Work Ethic	(2)	60.0	R Danielson	30/1
69	6	12.25	Beataboutthebush	(1)	60.0	G Cheyne	20/10
65	7	13.50	Christmas Carol	(10)	60.0	C Zackey	12/1
65	8	13.55	Peach Delight	(13)	60.0	L Hewitson	10/1
59	9	16.80	Sanctuary	(6)	60.0	N Patel	44/1
57	10	17.55	Another Night	(11)	59.0	M Thackeray	66/1
56	11	18.30	Money Penny	(4)	60.0	T Gould	66/1
31	12	31.55	Cape Marigold	(9)	60.0	R Munger	66/1
32	13	31.80	Fortissimus	(5)	60.0	C Maujean	14/1
8	14	43.30	Princess Varunya	(14)	60.0	K Zechner	44/1
Time: 127.32s (63.66s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) SP Total %: 117%							
1st T: J Snaith O: Mr J & Mrs C Erasmus B: Snaith Racing							