

Good Things & Good People

It was a dominant victory by the Varsfontein-bred Gimmethegreenlight flyer Third Runway, who had won the Listed Irri-descence Stakes at the same venue in the Cape winter at her last start as a 2yo.

After Anton Marcus had done a terrific job to get the second favourite Pretty Young Thing around the field from her draw in the Youngsfield military barracks, the top jockey wasn't keen to go and that was the moment the cucumber-cool Winnaar grabbed the initiative.

Described by the winning trainer as 'pound for pound, the best jockey around', Winnaar confirmed that his mount had natural gate speed, but that Pretty Young Thing 'was a bit quicker than me'.

"I decided not to fight her. I let her stride. Her work gallops were good and I knew she was well. She ran right to the line," said the former Joey Ramsden protege in his usual composed understated style.

At the 350m Third Runway (16-1) was still galloping powerfully and even though Marcus looked to have something in reserve down the inside, the 33-10 second favourite's early exertions told and she was still 1,75 lengths short at the line as the winner stopped the timer in 86,94 secs.

Roll In The Hay (5-1) and Driving Miss Daisy (18-1) completed the quartet.

The highly vaunted unbeaten PE raider World Radar was never seen and finished over ten lengths back, just ahead of KZN raider Maidens Prayer, who ran last, clearly in need of the run.

Varsfontein's Susan Rowett explained that the Le Matyers were keen on acquiring some horses but had been set back by the export protocols. Which obviously had the happy spin-off of meaning that they landed up buying Third Runway on 'spec'.

Bred by Varsfontein, the winner is by Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the Black Minnaloushe mare, Outrage.

A R200 000 National Yearling Sale graduate – Glen observed that they may as well have just walked her across the road from his near neighbours Varsfontein rather than travelling all the way to Joburg for the sale – Third Runway has won 3 races with 1 place from 4 starts for stakes of R351 025.

Gr2 Fillies Championship (3yo's) 1400m

Winner Third Runway set the pace; kept on strongly; won well Runner-up Pretty Young Thing was drawn widest at 16; raced 2nd about two lengths behind the leader; ran on but no chance with winner

Third Roll In The Hay raced fourth, some 3 lengths behind the leader; ran on

Time: Run 0,25 seconds slower than the Gr3 Cape Classic, this comparatively was the second fastest of the six races around the turn. We gave the third (prev 83/85/88/90/94) 91 which makes the winner (prev 74/82/89) 98 and the runner-up (prev 74/84/72/90/98) 93. It looks like the winner stole the race.

98	1	0.00	THIRD RUNWAY	(8)	60.0	M Winnaar	16/1
3 b f Gimmethegreenlight - Outrage (Black Minnaloushe)							
93	2	1.75	PRETTY YOUNG THING	(16)	60.0	A Marcus	33/10
3 b f Jackson - Nona In Command(AUS) (Commands)							
91	3	2.50	ROLL IN THE HAY	(1)	60.0	S Randolph	5/1
3 b f Gimmethegreenlight - Country Girl (Mon Sang)							
90	4	2.70	Driving Miss Daisy	(12)	60.0	D Dillon	18/1
89	5	3.10	Larentina	(14)	60.0	K De Melo	33/1
88	6	3.40	Sailing Ship	(4)	60.0	S Mbhele	50/1
83	7	5.15	Drama Queen	(15)	60.0	A Andrews	50/1
82	8	5.45	Point Of Sale	(9)	60.0	L Mxothwa	75/1
80	9	6.20	Athalia	(11)	60.0	C Zackey	50/1
78	10	6.70	Casino Queen	(10)	60.0	R Fourie	17/2
76	11	7.45	Calypto Beat	(7)	60.0	C Orffer	35/1
76	12	7.65	Amy Johnson	(3)	60.0	R Khathi	25/1
75	13	7.85	Mirage	(13)	60.0	M Byleveld	60/1
68	14	10.10	Somewhere In Time	(2)	60.0	O Noach	16/1
67	15	10.40	World Radar	(5)	60.0	G Cheyne	28/10
64	16	11.65	Maidens Prayer	(6)	60.0	S Veale	33/1
Time: 86.94s (62.1s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 115%							
1st T:GS Kotzen O:Mr P Bamford & Mesdames C Le Metayer & H Mennessier B:Varsfontein Stud							

Soma's Got The Green Light

Veteran Gauteng trainer Joey Soma showed that he hasn't lost the Gr1 knack when he produced the Gimmethegreenlight colt Got The Greenlight in fighting fettle to upstage the more fancied runners in the R750 000 Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes at Hollywoodbets Greyville on Saturday.

While the memories of his first Gr1 with Special Preview back in 1994 and the long wait to Happy Landing in the 2011 Premier's Champions and Wagner's Summer Cup score in 2012 are distant, Soma produced Lobo's Legend to win the Gr1 SA Classic last year.

He was one of the many collateral damage victims of the Mayfair Speculators implosion, but has built his string up to less than forty horses, and has a really serious sort on his hands in the Nadeson Park Stud-bred Got The Greenlight.

Easy to back at 10-1 from his wide draw and taking on the undefeated Eden Roc, Anton Marcus had the Got The Greenlight settled well back as Fools Gold led Loosen Your Tie and Master Of Illusion.

Into the home run, Lyle Hewitson asked Eden Roc to run from a good position but the favourite had nothing to offer as in a different race up the outside, Got The Greenlight had the track all to himself and ran away from his opposition to win by 3 lengths in a time of 97,96 secs.

Dean Kannemeyer's Liberty Hall (14-1) stayed on strongly for second ahead of the least fancied of the Tarry trio in Rock The Globe.

The Gatecrasher Stakes winner Kaydens Pride never threatened to run a 4,75 length fourth.

Jockey Anton Marcus said that it was like riding a Gr1 for his 'best friends'. He appeared taken aback at the acceleration shown by his mount, suggesting that the winner's turn of foot was that of a sprinter.

The winner was purchased by Joey Soma for R110 000 off the 2018 CTS April Yearling Sale.

He took his earnings to R773 000 with his fourth win with three places from seven starts.

The winner races in a partnership of Dayalan Chinsammy, Hasen Adams and Joey Soma.

He is by Varsfontein sire Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the one-time winner Command Chi (Commands).

Gr1 Premiers Champion S. (2yo's) 1600m

Winner Got The Greenlight (3rd best handicapped) was drawn wide; raced in the rear; 9th entering the straight; led 200m; won going away Runner-up Liberty Hall raced 7th; ran on, but no chance with winner final 200m

Third Rock The Globe raced 4th; led 450m; no extra; jockey fined for striking this horse more than 12 times

Time: This comparatively was the second fastest of the six races on turf beyond sprint distances. We gave the winner (prev 91/99/99/102/100) 102 which makes the runner-up (prev 86/90) 98 and the third (prev 86/89/87/91/90) 97

102	1	0.00	GOT THE GREENLIGHT	(13)	60.0	A Marcus	10/1
2 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Command Chi(AUS) (Commands)							
98	2	3.00	LIBERTY HALL	(5)	60.0	K De Melo	14/1
2 b c Querari - Liberty Star (Fort Wood)							
97	3	3.75	ROCK THE GLOBE	(8)	60.0	A Arries	66/1
2 b c Seventh Rock - Pacific Lights (Al Mufti)							
96	4	4.75	Kaydens Pride	(4)	60.0	M Yeni	6/1
96	5	4.80	Promiseofamaster	(11)	60.0	R Danielson	28/1
94	6	6.00	Fools Gold	(6)	60.0	G Wright	50/1
94	7	6.10	Eden Roc	(1)	60.0	L Hewitson	11/10
94	8	6.15	Putontheredlight	(12)	60.0	G Lerena	17/2
92	9	7.65	Special Blend	(9)	60.0	S Randolph	66/1
92	10	7.70	Wave	(14)	60.0	W Kennedy	18/1
91	11	8.20	Enjoy The View	(10)	60.0	R Fourie	50/1
89	12	9.95	Loosen Your Tie	(2)	60.0	C Orffer	50/1
87	13	11.35	Master Of Illusion	(7)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	36/1
68	14	24.35	Double Alliance	(3)	60.0	N Juglall	18/1

Time: 97.96s (61.23s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%
 1st T:JA Soma O:Messrs D Chinsammy, H Adams & J A Soma
 B:Nadeson Park Stud

Ready For Takeoff

The winning winter duo of jockey Morne Winnaar and Paarl-based trainer Glen Kotzen maintained their seasonal red-hot strike rate with the Varsfontein-bred Third Runway holding on long enough to win the R125 000 Listed Irridescence Stakes.

Winnaar, who started off his career riding many winners for the Joey Ramsden team, has blown hot and cold at times, but appears to have found his niche riding for the Woodhill Racing Team.

And the 2yo fillies feature was a tactical victory for the Kotzen coupling, with S'manga Khumalo taking the initiative on Elusive Flight, who set the fractions ahead of Third Runway and Driving Miss Daisy.

Into the straight, Elusive Flight continued to gallop but Winnaar had her in his sights and finding the lead at the right time, he kept his mount beautifully balanced and rode her all the way to the wire to hold off the flying SP top-rated Driving Miss Daisy by a head in a time of 94,91 secs.

The favourite Drama Queen – who should be better over further – came out of the pack late for third, with the pacemaker holding on for fourth.

The beautifully bred Sanskrift appeared to go wrong in running and was pulled up by Greg Cheyne.

Bred by Varsfontein, the winner is by Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the Black Minnaloushe mare, Outrage.

A R200 000 National Yearling Sale graduate, Third Runway has won 2 races with 1 place from 4 starts for stakes of R132 275.

The going was 'near perfect' on the day in the words of veteran Tellytrack presenter Stan Elley, who confirmed that in the 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting, only 1 mm of rain had fallen.

Irridescence Stakes (2yo fillies) (L) 1500m

Winner Third Runway raced 2nd; led 260m; just held on Runner-up Driving Miss Daisy (best handicapped) raced 3rd 2 lengths behind the eventual winner; ran on and was gaining at finish; beaten a short head; jockey Dillon was fined R1000 for striking this horse more than 12 times Third Drama Queen raced at the back of the seven some five lengths behind the eventual winner; ran on strongly

Time: Visibly run at a fair clip, this proved comparatively to be the fastest of the eight races around the turn. We gave the runner-up (prev 67/74/79/85) 85 which makes the winner (prev 70/78) 85 and the third (prev 70/74/78/82/84) 85

85	1	0.00	THIRD RUNWAY	(7)	60.0	M Winnaar	3/1
2 b f Gimmethegreenlight - Outrage (Black Minnaloushe)							
85	2	0.10	DRIVING MISS DAISY	(2)	60.0	D Dillon	9/2
2 b f Master Of My Fate - Shedrivesmecrazy (Tiger Ridge)							
85	3	0.50	DRAMA QUEEN	(6)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	47/20
2 b f Ashaawes - Taking It Deep (Bushmanland)							
80	4	3.00	Elusive Flight	(1)	60.0	S Khumalo	13/1
75	5	3.75	Howl	(4)	58.0	R Fourie	4/1
72	6	5.25	White Lace	(3)	58.0	M Byleveld	22/1
0	7	99.99	Sanskrift	(5)	60.0	G Cheyne	15/1

Time: 94.91s (63.27s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 111%
 1st T:G5 Kotzen O:Mr P Bamford & Mesdames C Le Metayer & H Mennessier B:Varsfontein Stud

Marwing's Merchants Moment

The advantage of an inside barrier gate and a handy weight were used to maximum effect by top lightweight jockey Marco van Rensburg when he rode a textbook race to get the smart filly La Bella Mia home to win the R400 000 Gr2 Post Merchants at Greyville on Friday evening.

Starting at 20-1, the 4yo daughter of Gimmethegreenlight and the SP best handicapped choice, ran to the expectations of trainer Weiho Marwing, who told Van Rensburg to 'ride her with confidence.'

"Mr Marwing said she'd run past them late," quipped a beaming Van Rensburg, who picks his spots and boots home a variety of winners for varying stables.

La Bella Mia was perfectly placed in the box seat as she stalked pacesetter Bold Respect all the way round the 1200m circuit.

At the 250m marker she powered forward and the weight told as Bold Respect started treading water.

La Bella Mia went on with authority to beat the late finishing Wynkelder by 0,70 lengths in a time of 71,61 secs, to become the next filly after Varikate in 2014 to win the sprint.

Bold Respect hung on for third ahead of the joint tote favourite Kasimir, who flew late. He should be cherry ripe for the Mercury Sprint after this decent effort.

Sand And Sea finished with a flourish down the inside to run 2,25 lengths behind after a slow start, where he was dropped in from a wide draw. Watch this smart sort next time as he appears to be over his respiratory issues – as confirmed in May by trainer Dennis Drier.

The Nadeson Park bred La Bella Mia, who races in the silks of retired jockey Weichong Marwing, is a daughter of Gimmethegreenlight out of the three-time winning Jet Master mare, Mysterious Jet.

She cost R160 000 at the 2016 Sibaya KZN Yearling Sale.

La Bella Mia, who was recording her first stakes success, has won 5 races with 7 places from 20 starts for stakes of R613 287.

Trainer Weiho Marwing commended Van Rensburg on his ride and also thanked 'Subaru in Mauritius'.

It was Marwing's first strike of the 2019 SA Champions Season.

Gr2 Post Merchants 1200m

Winner La Bella Mia (best handicapped 22/1) raced handy; led 200m Runner up Wynkelder threw his head down shortly before the start was effected; lost two lengths; raced midfield; 3 lengths behind winner entering straight; ran on; beaten 0,7 lengths

Third Bold Respect set the pace; beaten 1,6 lengths

Time: The only sprint to take place on the turf, there was little pace on leaving the stalls until Bold Respect made the running at a fair clip after 200m.

We gave the winner (prev 93/81/93/103/85) 103 which makes the runner up (prev 106/103/103/89/110) 110 and the third (prev 117/110/114/109/112/116)

103	1	0.00	La Bella Mia	(2)	51.5	M v Rensburg	22/1
4 b f Gimmethegreenlight - Mysterious Jet (Jet Master)							
110	2	0.70	Wynkelder	(6)	56.0	S Randolph	22/1
5 ch g Kahal - Al Vino (Al Mufti)							
116	3	1.60	Bold Respect	(5)	60.0	C Orffer	2/1
4 b g Bold Silvano - Respectable Lady (Kabool)							
120	4	1.65	Kasimir	(9)	62.0	R Fourie	77/20
110	5	1.90	Tribal Fusion	(7)	58.0	D Dillon	40/1
100	6	2.15	On That Boulevard	(11)	54.0	C Zackey	20/1
105	6	2.15	Sniper Shot	(1)	56.0	M Khan	16/1
105	8	2.25	Sand And Sea	(12)	56.0	S Veale	16/1
93	9	4.00	Green Plains	(4)	53.5	L Hewitson	33/4
98	10	4.05	Sunset Eyes	(13)	56.0	K De Melo	33/1
101	11	4.45	Search Party	(14)	58.0	G Wright	22/1
94	12	5.20	Rivarine	(3)	56.0	G Lerenia	13/1
79	13	5.70	Pretty Penny	(8)	50.0	J Penny	40/1
97	14	6.70	Quinlan	(10)	60.0	W Kennedy	33/1

Time: 71.61s (59.68s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%
1st **T:**WH Marwing **O:**Mr W Marwing **B:**Nadeson Park Stud

July Booked!

Banner Hill set a fair gallop, followed by Hero's Honour, Arctica and The Dazzler. Well supported Shenanigans raced midfield.

After having jumped a little awkwardly, Barahin was some was off the gallop.

Captain And Master came though to lead halfway down the home straight and looked to be going well.

But Barahin was powering though his field and went on well to beat Shenanigans by a length in a time of 109,77 secs.

The consistent Captain And Master was away in third, with July entry The Dazzler beaten 1,50 lengths into fourth.

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein, Barahin is a son of Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) and is out of the Silvano mare Mocha Special a one-time winner.

The winner was a R2.6 million buy from the 2017 National Yearling Sale.

He has won 4 races with 3 places from 7 starts for stakes of R1 189 875.

Gr3 Jubilee Handicap 1800m

Winner Barahin was drawn wide; raced 11th of the twelve; ran on well; didn't find the clearest of passages; led 100m; won going away Runner up Shenanigans raced 7th; ran on; outpaced late by winner; beaten 1 length

Third Captain And Master raced 5th; led 350m; beaten 1,4 lengths

Time: The pacemaker Banner Hill had the field well strung out and this proved comparatively to be the fastest of the seven races around the turn.

We gave the runner up (prev 93/65/93/77/86) 93 which makes the winner (prev 86/97/101/102/104) 111 and the third (prev 80/109/96/102/96) 99

111	1	0.00	BARAHIN	(11)	57.5	A Marcus	17/10
3 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Mocha Special (Silvano)							
93	2	1.00	SHENANIGANS	(5)	52.0	L Hewitson	5/1
5 b h Dynasty - Quizzzy London (Sportsworld)							
99	3	1.40	CAPTAIN AND MASTER	(9)	55.0	R Danielson	17/1
4 b c Captain Al - Scorched (Jet Master)							
98	4	1.50	The Dazzler	(3)	55.0	R Simons	11/1
96	5	2.30	Soldier On	(2)	54.5	D De Gouveia	13/1
90	6	2.40	Flying Fable	(12)	52.0	M v Rensburg	33/1
108	7	2.85	Infamous Fox	(8)	60.5	M Byleveld	5/1
89	8	3.75	Being Fabulous	(4)	53.0	C Habib	33/1
87	9	5.65	Royal Italian	(1)	52.0	L J Ferraris	66/1
98	10	5.75	Hero's Honour	(7)	58.5	D Schwarz	15/2
81	11	11.00	Arctica	(6)	55.5	R Munger	50/1
75	12	11.75	Banner Hill	(10)	53.5	C Maujean	55/1

Time: 109.77s (60.98s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%
1st **T:**MF de Kock **O:**Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum
B:Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Crash, Boom, Bang!

An optimistically hot pace off a tailwind in the home straight may have played right into the hands of recent Greyville polytrack maiden winner Kaydens Pride who finished with a flourish to win the R150 000 Listed Gatecrasher Stakes on Saturday.

The well-fancied Mike de Kock duo of Ehsaan and Alramz dominated the betting and the race itself, with Randall Simons riding a confident race out front on Ehsaan, as he saw stalked by Anton Marcus on Alramz.

Into the home straight, Alramz came around the pacesetter and took it up looking strong with 250m to go.

Muzi Yeni had always been five lengths off the top two on the Natie Kotzen-trained Kaydens Pride.

As the leader started tiring, Kaydens Pride ground away and Yeni got the big colt up in the final strides to win more easily than the 0,60 length margin suggests.

The winner's time was 84,5 secs.

Kaydens Pride was purchased off the 2018 KZN Yearling Sale for R110 000 and has now won two races from three starts for stakes of R154 375.

The Nadeson Park Stud bred son of Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) is out of the one-time winning Shoe Danzig mare, Red Apple.

Gatecrasher Stakes (2yo's) (L) 1400m

Winner Kayden's Pride lost 1 length at start; raced 7th; led 50m
Runner up Alramz (best handicapped) raced handy; led entering straight; beaten 0,6 lengths

Third Bound By Duty raced 10th; ran on; beaten 1,6 lengths

Time: Although the pace was brisk for the first 800m or so, the runners slowed considerably in the straight and the overall time was a very moderate one.

We gave the fifth (2nd best handicapped – prev best 93) 93 which makes the winner (prev 71/85) 98, the runner up (prev 78/99) 97 and the third (prev 84/84/80/82/65) 95

98	1	0.00	KAYDENS PRIDE	(6)	58.0	M Yeni	33/4
2 b c Gimmethgreenlight - Red Apple (Shoe Danzig)							
97	2	0.60	ALRAMZ	(3)	58.0	A Marcus	18/10
2 ch c Soft Falling Rain - Valdivia (Var)							
95	3	1.60	BOUND BY DUTY	(5)	58.0	S Moodley	55/1
2 b c Pomodoro - Saddle Me Up (Asaal)							
90	4	1.85	Arizona Silk	(10)	56.0	L J Ferraris	50/1
93	5	2.45	Special Blend	(11)	58.0	S Randolph	18/1
92	6	2.95	Enjoy The View	(7)	58.0	R Fourie	7/1
85	7	4.45	Straight	(2)	56.0	A Arries	100/1
93	8	4.95	Ehsaan	(1)	60.0	R Simons	33/10
79	9	7.45	Captain Demonami	(13)	56.0	M Khan	25/1
76	10	10.95	Agent Murphy	(12)	58.0	G Lerena	20/1
69	11	12.25	Justfortheepenny	(9)	56.0	S Veale	44/1
68	12	12.65	Master Vision	(4)	56.0	L Hewitson	44/1
69	13	14.75	Into The Future	(8)	58.0	G Wright	13/1

Time: 84.5s (60.36s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%

1st **T:**N Kotzen **O:**Messrs T Padayachee, K M Chetty & P D T Racing Syndicate (Nom: Mr Trevor Naicker) **B:**Nadeson Park Stud

Bling & The King!

Ramsden won the R250 000 Gr3 Prix Du Cap in 2017 with the smashing Just Sensual.

After running second in 2018 with Rose In Bloom, he returned to the scene on Saturday with his trojan filly and made amends in style.

There is no question that Brian and Kathy Finch's Ridgemont bred filly is a soldier on the track, but her heart was close to broken during her 3yo term when she took on the stars and earned a chasing bridesmaid tag through a long summer.

But a year down the track, the 4yo Rose In Bloom is a tougher and maturer galloper and she thrived under a patient Bling ride on Saturday.

Sean Veale took the fight to the opposition and at the 200m Anime was still galloping strongly.

But Rose In Bloom has learnt how to win and she came forward powerfully to set up a likely champions season ticket with a smooth win by 0,40 lengths in a time of 85,60 secs for the 1400m summer track.

She started a popular favourite and looked weighted to win – and she duly arrived in a decent field.

A multiple stakes winner, the very capable Rose In Bloom has now won 5 races and been placed 11 times from 22 starts for stakes of R860 712.

Bred by Ridgemont Highlands, Rose In Bloom is out of the eight time winner Raise The Bar (Goldkeeper).

Gr3 Prix Du Cap (F&M) 1400m

Winner Rose In Bloom (best handicapped) raced wide without cover throughout in fourth place; ran on to lead 100m out
Runner-up Anime set the pace; found extra when headed
Third Platinum Class raced 11th, some 5 lengths behind the eventual winner; ran on strongly; returned suffering from post-race distress

Time: Comparatively this was the second fastest of the afternoon's six races around the turn. We gave the runner-up (prev 52/92/90/83/85) 92 which makes the winner (prev 0/100/95/96/98) 93 and the third (prev 89/88/84/93/91) 88

93	1	0.00	ROSE IN BLOOM	(7)	59.0	S Khumalo	57/20
4 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Raise The Bar (Goldkeeper)							
92	2	0.40	ANIME	(11)	59.0	S Veale	44/1
5 b m Count Dubois - Rei Rei (Doovalley)							
88	3	1.65	PLATINUM CLASS	(8)	59.0	R Fourie	113/20
4 b f Silvano - Express Queen (Jet Master)							
90	4	1.85	Love To Boogie	(13)	60.0	L Hewitson	27/4
85	5	2.60	Dynamic Diana	(14)	59.0	G Cheyne	22/1
79	6	3.35	Shamrock Wind	(3)	55.5	C Orffer	31/4
83	7	3.55	Red Ginger	(9)	59.0	M Byleveld	36/1
80	8	4.55	Sugar Girl	(5)	59.0	K De Melo	13/1
80	9	5.05	Goodtime Gal	(4)	60.0	S Mbhele	28/1
77	10	5.45	Miss Katalin	(6)	59.0	A Domeyer	13/1
76	11	5.85	Too Phat To Fly	(1)	59.0	R Mungere	22/1
70	12	6.60	Varsity Lover	(10)	55.5	R Simons	15/1
67	13	8.85	Love Supreme	(12)	59.0	A Marcus	11/1
53	14	13.35	Steffi's Graft	(2)	59.0	A Andrews	22/1

Time: 85.6s (61.14s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%

1st **T:**J Ramsden **O:**Mr B P & Mrs K Finch **B:**Ridgemont Stud

National Pride

The flashy dark bay National Park is the pride and joy of charismatic part-owner Hedley McGrath, who celebrated his charge's superb victory in Saturday's R1 million Gr2 Gauteng Guineas at Turffontein in the company of good friends at his PE home.

Largely written off after his disappointing 7,40 length fourth behind Hawwaam in the Dingaans, National Park enjoyed his nine weeks on the coast and bounced back on Saturday with authority.

Richard Fourie, who had taken plenty of stick for his ride on Met favourite Do It Again a week earlier, was the consummate professional as he had National Park bowling along on the inside rail, tracking Arlington's Revenge and Chijmes.

At the 500m Fourie made his move and National Park cruised into the lead, hard against the steel.

At the 300m it was how far as the gelding strode clear to beat the previously unbeaten and highly regarded Hawwaam by 2,70 lengths in a time of 99,25 secs.

The long rested Barahin came from last to grab third a further 2,10 lengths back with Zillaal catching the eye in fourth.

All of the placed horses are bound to be major runners in the SA Classic in early March.

Richard Fourie said that when he cantered National Park down to the start he knew that his horse 'belonged here'.

"He was going so well. In hindsight I may have hit the front too soon. I would have sat a bit longer. But now I know," he added.

Assistant trainer Carl Hewitson saddled National Park and said that he put the Dingaans run down to an off day. "He enjoyed the break at home and it all worked out well he won with authority," he said

A R240 000 National Yearling Sale purchase, the winner was bred by Knysna-based Rob Knuppe's Missing U Syndicate, who also races the gelding in partnership with Hedley McGrath, Bryn Ressel and Mark Wright.

National Park is a son of Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of six-time winner, Fancy Park (Camden Park).

National Park has won 6 races with 2 places from 11 starts for stakes of R1 050 400. The winner also banked the R102 500 BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus

Gr2 Gauteng Guineas (3yo's) 1600m

Winner National Park (best handicapped) raced 4th; led 500m; won unchallenged

Runner-up Hawwaam (2nd best handicapped) was drawn wide; raced second to last; was about 5 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on Third Barahin was drawn wide and slow into stride; raced at the back of the fifteen; was 5 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on

Time: Although this comparatively was marginally the fastest of the nine races around the turn, the second fastest was a MR79 Handicap run 1.73 seconds faster in the middle segment of the race. This suggests that the Guineas could have been run quicker. We gave the runner-up (prev 93/98/93) 98 which makes the winner (prev 86/94/101/82/105) 103 and the third (prev 78/77/88/92) 93

103	1	0.00	NATIONAL PARK	(1)	60.0	R Fourie	7/1
3 b g Gimmethegreenlight - Fancy Park (Camden Park)							
98	2	2.70	HAWWAAM	(11)	60.0	G Larena	1/1
3 b c Silvano - Halfway To Heaven (Jet Master)							
93	3	4.80	BARAHIN	(15)	60.0	A Marcus	17/4
3 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Mocha Special (Silvano)							
92	4	5.30	Zillaal	(10)	60.0	L Hewitson	20/1
89	5	6.70	Vontreo	(13)	60.0	M Yeri	20/1
87	6	7.70	Owlinthetree	(3)	60.0	C Maujean	50/1
81	7	10.10	Green Haze	(4)	60.0	R Danielson	55/1
81	8	10.40	Approach Control	(5)	60.0	C Zackey	50/1
80	9	10.45	Alyaasaat	(7)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	16/1
78	10	11.45	Chijmes	(2)	60.0	D Schwarz	20/1
76	11	12.35	Rocky Night	(12)	60.0	R Munger	66/1
75	12	12.85	Marchingontoegether	(14)	60.0	W Kennedy	50/1
65	13	17.35	Against The Grain	(6)	60.0	L J Ferraris	30/1
58	14	20.75	Stream Ahead	(9)	60.0	K Zechner	100/1
51	15	23.75	Arlingtons Revenge	(8)	60.0	D De Gouveia	100/1

Time: 99.25s (62.03s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st **T:**Y Bremner **O:**Messrs Bryn Ressel, F H McGrath, M C Wright & Missing U Syndicate (Nom: Mr R C Knuppe) **B:**Missing U Syndicate

Gimme The Chair

Brett Crawford's Gimme One Night continues to lift his game and he produced his customary late flourish to win the R250 000 Heineken Gr3 Chairman's Cup at Kenilworth on Saturday.

Registering a hat-trick of wins, including his second stakes victory on the trot, Gimme One Night was easy to back at 5-2 in the eight horse field and came from last to mow his opposition down inside the 200m.

The mare Xanadu led Walter Smoothie and PE visitor Sheet Weaver early on, with Gimme One Night in the back seat.

Into the home run, Gauteng raider Walter Smoothie made an early bid before being tackled by Pacific Chestnut and topweight Strathdon.

But with the whips cracking late in the 3200m contest, It was Gimme One Night who finished strongly under an elated Lyle Hewitson to get the 0,40 length verdict over outsider Pacific Chestnut in a time of 212,38 secs.

Strathdon, not quite himself at this stage, stayed on a further 0,75 lengths back in third.

A R200 000 National Yearling Sale purchase, the 5yo Gimme One Night has won 6 races with 14 places from 31 starts for stakes of R654 125.

Bred by Riverton Stud, the winner is a son of 2012 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the one-time winning Fiesta Queen – a daughter of Parade Leader.

Gr3 Chairman's Cup 3200m

Winner Gimme One Night raced at the back; ran on best in home straight to lead 100m out; won with some in hand

Runner-up Pacific Chestnut carried 0.9kg overweight; raced 4th; ran on strongly

Third Strathdon raced 6th; led very briefly 160m

Time: This was a very false run race. There was no pace early on, but even so the field became very strung out before bunching up for a sprint at the top of the home straight. We gave the third (prev 91/84/91/81/93) 95 which makes the winner (prev 78/76/70/79/80) 80 and the runner-up (prev 71/75/74/68/71) 77

80	1	0.00	GIMME ONE NIGHT	(5)	53.5	L Hewitson	53/20
5 b g Gimmethegreenlight - Fiesta Queen (Parade Leader)							
77	2	0.40	PACIFIC CHESTNUT	(2)	52.5	K De Melo	15/1
4 ch g Horse Chestnut - Pacific Charm (Sportsworld)							
95	3	1.15	STRATHDON	(4)	61.0	R Fourie	9/2
5 ch g Silvano - Wintersweet (Western Winter)							
87	4	1.45	Walter Smoothie	(7)	57.5	D De Gouveia	31/10
69	5	5.95	Plano	(1)	52.5	R Munger	15/1
64	6	8.70	Sheet Weaver	(3)	52.0	S Veale	9/1
62	7	9.95	Xanadu	(6)	52.0	B May	10/1
61	8	10.70	Woodland's Forest	(8)	52.0	L Tarentaal	11/1

Time: 212.38s (66.37s avg/1000m, or 54km/h) **SP Total %:** 110%
1st **T:**BJ Crawford **O:**Mrs C L Gabler, Dr B D Sarembock,
Mr P C Sarembock & Sea Cottage Properties CC (Nom: Dr K A Sarembock
B:Riverton Stud

Feature Double

The dizzy heights of the Green Point Stakes almost overshadowed a smart first stakes success for Gimmethgreenlight 5yo Gimme One Night and a Kenilworth Saturday feature double for SA champion rider Lyle Hewitson.

The R250 000 Gr3 Cape Summer Stayers Handicap was run a half hour after the sensational 'Green Point Four' had put on their show and unsurprisingly everybody was still talking about Legal Eagle's time stopping victory.

The Avontuur-sponsored Lyle Hewitson comes out of his time in a matter of weeks and the reigning SA champion jockey is back to his best after an injury interrupted start to his season. He steered Rebel Princess to an easy win in the Gr2 Southern Cross Stakes earlier in the day and had Brett Crawford's Gimme One Night relaxed at the rear of the eight horse field who were led at a modest gallop by topweight Let It Rain, with stablemates Master's Eye and favourite Strathdon in close attendance.

After the leaders came under pressure as the grandstand cast early evening shadows over the summer track, Hewitson had dead aim on the first cheque and gave his mount the signal to go at the 250m marker.

Gimme One Night burst out of the pack and went on strongly to hold Benjan to a half length in a time of 158.36 secs.

A R200 000 National Yearling Sale purchase, Gimme One Night was bred by Riverton Stud and is a son of Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the one-time winning Fiesta Queen – a daughter of Parade Leader.

The 5yo took his bank to R497 925 with his first stakes victory. He has won 5 races with 14 places from 30 starts.

Gr3 Cape Summer Stayers Hcp 2500m

Winner Gimme One Night raced at the back of the eight; ran on strongly final 400m to lead 70m out; won going away
Runner-up Benjan raced 4th; led 350m out; outpaced late by winner
Third Woodland's Forest raced 5th; running on well at finish

Time: There was no pace early and the field remained very tightly bunched throughout. The race then effectively developed into a 350m sprint. Ratings are of little value.

80	1	0.00	GIMME ONE NIGHT	(8)	52.0	L Hewitson	6/1
5 b g Gimmethgreenlight - Fiesta Queen (Parade Leader)							
79	2	0.50	BENJAN	(6)	52.0	S Mbhele	5/1
6 b g Fort Wood - Awaited(GB) (Machiavellian)							
78	3	0.80	WOODLAND'S FOREST	(2)	52.0	L Tarentaal	22/1
5 b g Elusive Fort - Moonlit Magic(USA) (Belong to Me)							
79	4	2.05	American Landing	(4)	53.0	C Orffer	113/20
93	5	3.30	Strathdon	(1)	60.5	R Fourie	2/1
92	6	5.05	Let It Rain	(5)	61.5	G Cheyne	9/1
68	7	9.55	Ollivander	(3)	54.0	C Zackey	31/4
73	8	12.55	Master's Eye	(7)	58.5	B Fayd'herbe	13/1

Time: 158.36s (63.34s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 112%
 1st **T:**B Crawford **O:**Mrs C L Gabler, Dr B D Sarembock
 Mr P C Sarembock & Sea Cottage Properties CC (Nom: Dr K A Sarembock
B:Riverton Stud

Birthday Rose

With a limited Gauteng satellite string, Joey Ramsden is delivering the results.

With fine timing on part-owner Kathy Finch's birthday, which she celebrated in London with husband Brian, Craig Zackey produced the 18-1 shot from off the gallop to win by a length and a quarter in a time of 57,57 secs.

In second place was Gr3 Tommy Hotspur Handicap winner Wrecking Ball, with her paternal half-sister, and favourite, Green Plains, back in third place – and bizarrely paying over R3 a tote place!

Rose In Boom's last run in the Joburg Spring Challenge when pulled up by Piere Strydom was proven all wrong.

The Stipes reported then that she jumped awkwardly which resulted in her hitting her right side of her head on the starting stall gate.

Thereafter Jockey Strydom reported that he felt something amiss with her in running and did not persevere with his riding from the 300m. The Veterinary Surgeon was requested to examine this filly. Nothing obvious was detected.

A dual stakes winner, Rose In Bloom has now won 4 races and been placed 10 times from 18 starts for stakes of R678 213.

Bred by Ridgemont Highlands, Rose In Bloom is out of the eight time winner Raise The Bar (Goldkeeper).

Her Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winning sire has now produced three feature race winners in November with Gimmethgreenlight sons National Park and Stream Ahead having won the recent Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes and Listed KZN Guineas Trial respectively.

Our Champion First Crop Sire of 2015-2016, Gimmethgreenlight is currently one of South Africa's leading active sires by earnings, with his runners having already banked in excess of R2.9 million this season.

Gardenia Stakes (F&M) (L) 1000m

Winner Rose In Bloom raced 7th; led 70m; won well
Runner-up Wrecking Ball raced 8th half a length behind the winner; ran on
Third Green Plains (best handicapped) raced 3rd; led 150m; outrun latter stages

Time: Comparatively the second fastest of the four sprint races on the card, and by far the fastest of the three 1000m races. We gave the runner-up (prev 79/65/89/86/76) 88 which makes the winner (prev 95/84/81/80/0) 100 and the third (prev 74/91/100/96/100) 94

100	1	0.00	ROSE IN BLOOM	(3)	61.5	C Zackey	18/1
4 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Raise The Bar (Goldkeeper)							
88	2	1.25	WRECKING BALL	(2)	58.5	G Lerena	71/10
5 b m Great Britain - Picadilly Miss (London News)							
94	3	1.40	GREEN PLAINS	(1)	61.5	S Khumalo	5/4
4 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Savannah Leigh (Jet Master)							
85	4	3.75	Hashtag Strat	(5)	61.5	P Strydom	9/1
69	5	4.50	Shifting Shadows	(8)	55.5	H vd Hoven	13/1
76	6	5.00	Kissable	(6)	60.0	M v Rensburg	21/4
71	7	5.50	Winter Watch	(9)	58.5	M Khan	11/1
57	8	7.50	Illegal	(4)	55.5	W Kennedy	44/1
52	9	8.75	Lily Theresa	(7)	55.5	D Schwarz	22/1

Time: 57.57s (57.57s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) **SP Total %:** 110%
 1st **T:**J Ramsden **O:**Mr B P & Mrs K Finch **B:**Ridgemont Stud

Ahead Of The Pack!

The grey Stream Ahead looks a promising 3yo in the making. Taking on eight rivals, including his more fancied stablemate Affranchi, he displayed courage and decent ability in a race that could prove the turning point for his 3yo term.

Racing in fourth as Sweet Mary Lou and Affranchi led the way, Stream Ahead had to be briefly taken up by Craig Zackey on the turn. This punctuated his stride but he quickly overcame the hurdle and was in the top quartet of challengers.

With Thanksgiving being unleashed down the outside by Mark Khan with a powerful run, Stream Ahead looked to be relegated to running second.

But Craig Zackey pulled one out of the bag and the Gimmethegreenlight colt rallied smartly at a generous 8-1 to beat Thanksgiving a half length in a time of 98,11 secs.

Bred by Highlands, Stream Ahead was a R275 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale purchase.

He is by Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the three time winner Cool River (Western Winter).

Stream Ahead has won 2 races with 3 places from 8 starts for stakes of R204 975.

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

Winner Stream Ahead raced 4th; quickened well late to lead close home

Runner-up Thanksgiving was stubborn and difficult to load; raced at the back early on; looped runners rounding the turn and was 2nd entering the straight; led 200m; pipped late

Third White Lightning raced 7th; running on at finish

Time: Comparatively the fourth fastest of the eight races on the card, the time a moderate one. We gave the 4th (has done 84) 80 which makes the winner (prev 76/73/76/80/76) 85, the runner-up (prev 67/73/79) 84 and the third (prev 72/65/73) 80. Possibly not ratings to rely on.

85	1	0.00	STREAM AHEAD	(3)	58.5	C Zackey	31/4
3 gr c Gimmethegreenlight - Cool River (Western Winter)							
84	2	0.50	THANKSGIVING	(9)	58.5	M Khan	5/1
3 b c Dynasty - Torrential Rain (Al Mufti)							
80	3	2.25	WHITE LIGHTNING	(7)	58.5	B Lerena	14/1
3 gr c Noble Tune - Thunderous Belinda (Fanatic Dane)							
80	4	2.30	Royal Italian	(1)	58.5	A Arries	12/1
78	5	3.05	Merlin From Berlin	(4)	58.5	S Moodley	36/1
72	6	3.30	Sweet Mary Lou	(8)	56.0	M Yenni	27/4
71	7	4.05	Second Request	(8)	56.0	L J Ferraris	21/4
71	8	6.30	Affranchi	(5)	58.5	W Kennedy	26/10
47	9	14.80	Deerupt	(2)	56.0	A Marcus	71/10
Time: 98.11s (61.32s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) SP Total %: 114%							
1st T: G v Zyl O: Team G Racing (Nom: Mr G H van Zyl), Messrs E A Budlender & K Padayachee B: Highlands							

From The Bay!

Yvette Bremner's East Cape raider National Park humbled the local stars when he stormed clear for a scintillating win in the Pick 6 opener, the R250 000 Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

The Dippin' Blu Stables team have travelled into the lion's den in recent years. Remember Copper Parade. Remember Via Seattle.

On Saturday it was the smart Gimmethegreenlight gelding National Park, who travelled the long road North under the guidance of assistant Carl Hewitson, who put his ten opponents to bed in style.

Beautifully positioned in third from his nice draw behind Benji and Rule The Night, Ryan Munger pressed the launch button at the 400m marker, with the favourite Chimichuri Run looming dangerously down the middle.

But in a matter of strides National Park had taken command and he strode clear to beat Sean Tarry's highly vaunted dual stakes winning galloper by a widening 5,80 lengths in a time of 82,59 secs – which could have been trimmed had Munger wanted to.

A R240 000 National Yearling Sale purchase, the winner was bred by Knysna-based Rob Knuppe's Missing U Syndicate, who also race the gelding in partnership with Bryn Ressel, who was in London for the rugby. Also involved are Cape St Francis resident Mark Wright and Hedley McGrath, who enjoyed a glass of 'special' red wine with his trainer at his Port Elizabeth home.

National Park is a son of Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of six-time winner, Fancy Park (Camden Park).

National Park has won 4 races with 1 place from 8 starts for stakes of R334 775.

The winner also banked the R87 500 BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus.

Gr3 Graham Beck Stakes (3yo's) 1400m

Winner National Park raced 3rd; led 400m; won going away
Runner-up Chimichuri Run (best handicapped) raced 4th; was some 1.25 lengths behind winner at 400m; hanging; ran on one pace
Third In Cahoots raced 10th; raced some 4 lengths behind winner at 400m; ran on one pace

Time: This was the fastest of the five 1400m races on the card, and comparatively the fastest of the nine races around the turn. We gave the third (prev 85/83/64/79/72) 79 which makes the winner (prev 77/81/86/86/94) 109 and the runner-up (prev 75/89/94/98/102) 94

109	1	0.00	NATIONAL PARK	(3)	59.0	R Munger	22/1
3 b g Gimmethegreenlight - Fancy Park (Camden Park)							
94	2	5.80	CHIMICHURI RUN	(10)	80.0	S Khumalo	17/10
3 ch c Trippi - Spiced Gold (Kahal)							
79	3	8.80	IN CAHOOTS	(5)	57.0	L Hewitson	28/1
3 b g Visionaire - Deceptive Charm (IRE) (Kingmambo)							
78	4	8.90	Alyaasaat	(6)	57.0	R Simons	17/10
69	5	10.15	Firdoas	(9)	54.5	W Kennedy	9/1
67	6	12.75	Victor Forth	(11)	57.0	M Yenni	18/1
66	7	12.95	Benji	(1)	57.0	C Herrera Gomez	20/1
61	8	14.70	Silken Prince	(4)	57.0	D Schwarz	45/1
60	9	14.95	Green Haze	(8)	57.0	R Danielson	16/1
57	10	15.95	Inexhaustible	(2)	57.0	K De Nieto	45/1
34	11	23.45	Rule The Night	(7)	57.0	C Zackey	28/1
Time: 82.59s (58.99s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: Y Bremner O: Messrs Bryn Ressel, F H McGrath, M C Wright & Missing U Syndicate (Nom: Mr R C Knuppe) B: Missing U Syndicate							

Only Just!

Varsfontein stallion Gimmethgreenlight produced the fireworks again at Fairview on Friday when the son of More Than Ready's past East Cape Champion 3yo daughter Beataboutthebush produced a flying finish to get up and win the Listed East Cape Paddock Stakes for the second consecutive year.

The flying filly always leaves things very late and is not a punting prospect for the faint of heart!

Ridden by Greg Cheyne, the Alan Greeff-trained 4yo was the SP top-rated runner and got up in the final stride to beat the improved again Smokey Affair (55-1) by a nose in a time of 98,52 secs.

Maverick Girl was 1,75 lengths away in third, with Red Granite running fourth.

Beataboutthebush, a half sister to former Gr3 East Cape Derby winner True Master, was a R300 000 buy from the 2015 National Two Year Old Sale. Bred by Varsfontein, she is a first crop daughter of Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the seven-time winner Bushra (Badger Land).

Beataboutthebush has won 8 races with 9 places (with 6 seconds!) from 19 starts for stakes of R689 100.

Gimmethgreenlight has enjoyed a terrific season and he has representatives in three Gr1's on Super Saturday.

Varsfontein-bred Surcharge beat subsequent Gr1 Vodacom Durban July winner Do It Again when landing the recent Gr1 Daily News 2000 and runs in the Gr1 Champion Stakes.

The former Gr1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate winner's progeny dominated the finish to the recent Gr2 Durban Golden Horseshoe, with his sons finishing 1-3-4 in the R600 000 feature. Golden Horseshoe fourth placed Crown Guardian runs in the Gr1 Premiers Champion Stakes. Gimme's daughter Gimme A Brake Nate runs in the Gr1 Thekwini Stakes.

East Cape Paddock Stakes (L) 1600m

Winner Beataboutthebush (best handicapped) raced 8th; commenced battle with runner-up 100m out
Runner-up Smokey Affair raced 5th; challenged strongly final 100m; beaten a short head

Third Maverick Girl raced 3rd; outpaced late by first two

Time: This was comfortably the fastest of the five races around the turn. We gave the 4th horse 84 which makes the winner (prev 80/95/98/89/97) 90, the runner-up (prev 73/78/72/78/71)88 and the third (prev 73/50/72/84/67) 84

90	1	0.00	BEATABOUTTHEBUSH	(8)	60.0	G Cheyne	17/10
4 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Bushra (Badger Land)							
88	2	0.10	SMOKEY AFFAIR	(3)	59.0	S Fortune	55/1
4 b f Elusive Fort - Luna Rossa (Captain Al)							
84	3	1.85	MAVERICK GIRL	(5)	59.0	R Munger	13/1
4 ch f Rebel King - Seductress (Classic Flag)							
84	4	2.10	Red Granite	(6)	59.0	M Thackeray	13/1
84	5	2.15	Secret Star	(4)	59.0	C Maujean	5/1
82	6	2.90	Patchit Up Baby	(1)	59.0	M Yeni	11/1
75	7	6.15	Reine Tonnerre	(2)	59.0	K Minnie	14/1
74	8	6.40	Peach Delight	(11)	59.0	R Khathi	18/1
74	9	6.65	Christmas Carol	(10)	59.0	T Gould	55/1
74	10	6.75	Widow's Lamp	(14)	59.0	B Claassen	27/4
72	11	8.00	Queen Forever	(12)	59.0	X Ndiyov	13/1
68	12	9.25	Excellent	(7)	59.0	S Khathi	36/1
62	13	11.50	Chinkapin	(13)	58.0	J Mphanya	55/1
50	14	17.00	Silver Goblet	(9)	58.0	J Penny	55/1

Time: 98.52s (61.58s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 118%
1st **T:**AC Greeff **O:**Mr & Mrs A C Greeff, Messrs C G & L F Scribante
B:Varsfontein Stud

Gr2 Exacta

Multiple SA champion trainer Mike de Kock dominated the R600 000 Gr2 Golden Horseshoe run over 1400m at Greyville on Vodacom Durban July Day when stablemates Barahin and Soqratt – both owned by Sheikh Hamdan – fought out a thrilling finish to the 2yo feature.

It was the SA-bred Barahin who came out tops under a hard ride by Bernard Fayd'herbe to give breeders Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein a nice 2yo feature double after Captain Al's daughter Celtic Sea won the Gr2 Golden Slipper earlier on.

Anton Marcus took the smart Oratorio colt Cue The Music out to lead, but the colt with the impressive cruising speed came under pressure 300m out.

That left the De Kock duo to fight it out.

With the more fancied Soqratt running green, course experience told and Barahin asserted himself to get the verdict by a head in a time of 83,61 secs.

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein, Barahin is a son of Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the Silvano mare Mocha Special, a one-time winner.

The winner was a R2,6 million buy from last year's National Yearling Sale and looks a very decent classic prospect in the making.

He has won 3 races with 1 place from 4 starts for stakes of R533 625. That excudes the BSA Added Value Stakes bonus of R102 500.

Gr2 Golden Horseshoe 1400m

Winner Barahin (3rd best handicapped) raced 9th one length behind the eventual runner-up; ran on strongly to lead 100m

Runner-up Soqratt raced 7th ; challenged strongly final 150m; beaten a short head

Third Sulka was slow into stride; raced 5th; hanging out; shifted away from the crop late

Time: This 2yo event was comparatively the fastest of the eight turf races on the day. We gave the sixth horse (prev best 84) 84 which makes the winner (prev 78/77/88) 95, the runner-up (prev 82/87) 95 and the third (prev 62/74/84) 91

95	1	0.00	BARAHIN	(8)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	5/1
2 b c Gimmethgreenlight - Mocha Special (Silvano)							
95	2	0.05	SOQRAT	(4)	60.0	R Simons	14/10
2 b c Epaulette - Elzeeza(AUS) (Hussonet)							
91	3	2.30	SULKA	(1)	60.0	R Danielson	45/1
2 b c Gimmethgreenlight - Cruise Collection (Model Man)							
87	4	4.05	Crown Guardian	(14)	60.0	R Fourie	28/1
87	5	4.10	Cue The Music	(2)	60.0	A Marcus	31/10
84	6	5.60	Royal Italian	(9)	60.0	L Hewitson	44/1
81	7	7.35	Clifton Crusher	(12)	60.0	K De Melo	36/1
79	8	8.10	Confessional	(11)	60.0	W Kennedy	15/1
79	9	8.35	Across Seattle	(7)	60.0	B Lerena	50/1
79	10	8.40	In Cahoots	(6)	60.0	S Khumalo	45/1
76	11	9.65	Rule The Night	(5)	60.0	M Yeni	75/1
69	12	13.15	Provocateur	(10)	60.0	M Byleveld	28/1
66	13	14.90	Goliath Heron	(3)	60.0	S Veale	33/1
60	14	17.65	Basilus	(13)	60.0	J Lloyd	10/1

Time: 83.61s (59.72s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%

1st **T:**MF de Kock **O:**Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum
B:Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Green Means Go

Varsfontein stallion Gimmethegreenlight dominated the finish of the R150 000 Listed Gatecrasher Stakes at Greyville on Saturday as his sons Barahin and Green Haze filled the top two places in the 2yo feature.

The race was the beginnings of a great weekend for the Mike de Kock Racing Team who were unstoppable with feature winners in two centres.

Owned by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, whose silks were also carried to victory an hour earlier in the Devon Air Stakes by Firdoas, Barahin gave De Kock a nice early feature double under a confident ride by Bernard Fayd'herbe.

Relaxed early as Rule The Night and Across Seattle cut out the fractions, Barahin burst through the cavalry charge at the 300m and stormed clear at 9-2 to beat the late charging Green Haze by 3,25 lengths in a time of 84.87 secs.

The favourite Fitzwilliam's stablemate Clifton Crusher made up many lengths up the straight to shade the pacesetter Across Seattle out of third.

Barahin, a recent Vaal 1200m debut winner, made it 2 wins on the trot after a decent fourth on a well-supported debut. He took his earnings to R158 625.

Bred by Wilgerbosdrift and Mauriitzfontein, Barahin is a son of Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) who sired a Gr1 winner at the same track a week earlier. Barahin is out of the Silvano mare Mocha Special a one-time winner.

A real looker, the winner was a R2.6 million buy from last year's National Yearling Sale and looks a very decent classic prospect in the making.

Gatecrasher Stakes (L) 1400m

Winner Barahin was slow into stride; raced midfield; led 200m; won going away

Runner-up Green Haze (best handicapped) was drawn wide; hampered at the start; raced in the rear, some 3 lengths behind the winner; ran on, but still three lengths behind at the line

Third Clifton Crusher (3rd best handicapped) was drawn wide and hampered at the start; raced in the rear four lengths behind the winner; ran on

Time: This was the second-fastest of the three 1400m races, and the time was a good one. We gave the fifth (prev best 81) 81 which makes the winner (prev 78/77) 88, the runner-up (prev 75/85) 82, and the third (prev 59/69/81) 81

88	1	0.00	BARAHIN	(6)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	9/2
2 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Mocha Special (Silvano)							
82	2	3.25	GREEN HAZE	(11)	60.0	R Danielson	31/4
2 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Mizzzen Mist (Western Winter)							
81	3	3.75	CLIFTON CRUSHER	(12)	60.0	S Randolph	18/1
2 ch c Philanthropist - She's A Pippa (Var)							
81	4	3.85	Across Seattle	(1)	60.0	B Lerena	15/1
81	5	3.90	Rule The Night	(4)	60.0	C Zackey	22/1
80	6	4.40	Podcast	(8)	60.0	C Murray	13/1
79	7	4.65	Play Another Tune	(9)	60.0	W Kennedy	8/1
77	8	5.90	Ovation Award	(5)	60.0	S Veale	50/1
70	9	7.15	Senor Lizard	(2)	58.0	R Simons	13/1
74	10	7.25	Inauguration	(13)	60.0	S Khumalo	28/1
74	11	7.40	Fitzwilliam	(3)	60.0	K De Melo	26/10
73	12	7.90	Stream Ahead	(14)	60.0	ES Ngwane	28/1
63	13	10.40	Eastbrook	(7)	58.0	L Hewitson	44/1
42	14	23.15	Top Of The Class	(10)	60.0	M Byleveld	18/1

Time: 84.87s (60.62s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%

1st **T:**M de Kock **O:**Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum

B:Wilgerbosdrift & Mauriitzfontein

Bright Green Light

Bedevilled by wide draws and late arrivals, Surcharge, a son of Gimmethegreenlight ran second in all three legs of the SA Triple Crown and he frankly looked to have it all to do on the Greyville circuit.

The pace was genuine without being blistering, and it was the two Gauteng raiders Surcharge and Majestic Mambo, who turned on the jets from way back.

"He's the best I have had and the best I will ever have," raved trainer Stuart Pettigrew, who warned the opposition that his charge would be 'even better' as a 4yo.

Callan Murray had the enigmatic Majestic Mambo miles back – last turning for home – and the handsome son of Mambo In Seattle had a mountain to climb inside the final 300m.

He turned it on well and trainer Paul Peter was thrilled as his charge signalled a welcome form resurgence as he chased Surcharge home to be beaten 0,75 lengths. The winner clocked 124,31 secs for the 2000m.

Cape Guineas winner Tap O'Noth was a quarter length back in third, burying suggestions he doesn't stay. He will go for the Champions Cup.

Do It Again was unleashed early in the straight by Bernard Fayd'herbe. But for once the highly vaunted Cape form was hit for a six by the Gauteng stars.

Glen Kotzen's Pack Leader finished just out of the money in fifth and showed the disadvantage of a missed run in the WSB 1900.

The rest were well beaten, with the pacesetter Alsakhra fading to last and ten lengths off.

Surcharge (4th on the July rankings before Saturday) will now be rested and won't run again this term.

Majestic Mambo will shorten in the betting for the big one.

Racing for Ian van Schalkwyk, the winner was originally a vendor buy-back on the 2016 Val De Vie Yearling Sale.

He was then sold for R200 000 off the BSA National Yearling Sale of the same year.

He was put through the ring and bought back for R550 000 by Dusty Trail Investments off the 2016 CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale. He races in the Ian Van Schalkwyk silks.

Bred by Varsfontein Stud, he is by Gimmethegreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the UK-bred Congestion Charge (Diktat), who was placed over 2300m from just 4 starts.

Surcharge has won 6 races with 4 places from 11 starts for stakes of R2 273 375. That figure excludes the BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus of R154 000!

Gr1 Daily News (3yo's) 2000m

Winner Surcharge raced 9th; ran on well to lead 50m out

Runner-up Majestic Mambo lost 1 length at the start; was positioned at the back entering the home straight 2 lengths behind the winner; ran on; hesitated and attempted to jump the shadow of the grandstand 150m out; reportedly distressed post-race

Third Tap O' Noth raced 8th; ran on

Time: Run at a fair pace over the first 1000m, the pace then slowed considerably before a sprint for home in the straight. Not a true race and not a result to rely on. We gave the winner (prev 98/100/94/96/90) 100 which makes the runner-up (prev 85/93/77/0/84) 99 and the third (prev 96/97/96/76/96) 99

100	1	0.00	SURCHARGE	(4)	60.0	G Wrogemann	5/1
3 b c Gimmethegreenlight - Congestion Charge (GB) (Diktat)							
99	2	0.75	MAJESTIC MAMBO	(8)	60.0	C Murray	9/1
3 b c Mambo In Seattle - Regal Classic (Al Mufti)							
99	3	1.00	TAP O' NOTH	(3)	60.0	M Byleveld	11/1
3 b c Captain Al - Wintersweet (Western Winter)							
98	4	1.25	Do It Again	(1)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	16/10
97	5	1.75	White River	(6)	60.0	C Orffer	6/1
94	6	3.50	Pack Leader	(9)	60.0	R Fourie	5/1
90	7	5.75	Warrior's Rest	(5)	60.0	L Hewitson	55/1
89	8	6.25	Roy Had Enough	(12)	60.0	K De Melo	45/1
88	9	6.40	Toltec	(11)	60.0	S Randolph	75/1
87	10	6.90	Steel Rose	(7)	60.0	W Kennedy	45/1
84	11	8.90	Sunny Bill Du-Toy	(2)	60.0	S Khumalo	14/1
82	12	9.90	Alsakhra	(10)	60.0	B Lerena	75/1

Time: 124.31s (62.16s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%

1st **T:**ST Pettigrew **O:**Mr I F M van Schalkwyk **B:**Varsfontein Stud

Plains - And Simple!

The 2017 Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery winner Green Plains finally recaptured her winning game almost a year after winning the big one when she skated clear of her field to capture the R400 000 Gr2 Camellia Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

The lightly raced daughter of Gimmethgreenlight has gone close – she was runner-up to Brave Mary in the Gr1 Allan Robertson last term, but didn't flourish on her Cape Summer Season trip.

Back at home and in fine fettle and a stronger galloper as a 3yo, she spreadeagled her field to register an easy win and restore some sanity on a tough day for punters – and for her champion trainer!

S'manga Khumalo always had Green Plains in touch s Spring Wonder and Winter's Forge led the way.

At the 300m she was unleashed and Green Plains put a few lengths between herself and the rest to beat stablemate Myfunnyvalentine by 4,40 lengths, with the speedy Winter's Forge staying on well for third a head back.

In a good race for Sean Tarry, he saddled first, second and fourth, with the lesser fancied Tahini edging into fourth.

The popular favourite Green Pepper was never in the hunt and ran stone last. The Stipes Report is awaited as her run was too bad to be true.

A R350 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale Book 1 graduate, Green Plains took her win tally to 4 with 4 places from 11 starts for stakes of R896 250.

Bred by Gary Player Stud, she is a daughter of exciting young sire Gimmethgreenlight out of the one-time winning Jet Master mare, Savannah Leigh.

Gr2 Camellia Stakes 1160m

Winner Green Plains (2nd best handicapped) raced 3rd; led 380m; won going away

Runner up Myfunnyvalentine raced 7th; ran on; beaten 4,40 lengths
Third Winter's Forge raced 2nd; led 600m; outpaced by winner; beaten 4,5 lengths

Time: This was by far the fastest of the four sprint races

We gave the third (prev 92/66/92/64/89) 87 which makes the runner up 79/79/85/90/94) 90 and the winner (has prev done 96) 106

106	1	0.00	GREEN PLAINS	(13)	59.5	S Khumalo	8/1
3 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Savannah Leigh (Jet Master)							
90	2	4.40	MYFUNNYVALENTINE	(12)	60.0	L Hewitson	31/4
4 b f Captain Al - Give Me Five (Goldkeeper)							
87	3	4.50	WINTER'S FORGE	(14)	58.5	R Fourie	22/1
3 b f Western Winter - Forge Ahead (Parade Leader)							
82	4	6.40	Tahini	(4)	60.0	R Danielson	18/1
82	5	6.45	Secret Star	(11)	60.0	A Dorneyer	20/1
81	6	6.75	Arissa	(15)	60.0	R Simons	18/1
79	7	7.25	Heaps of Fun	(5)	60.0	D Schwarz	28/1
74	8	7.95	Radiant Splendour	(7)	58.5	M Khan	15/1
80	9	8.05	Dagmar	(3)	52.0	R Munger	9/1
73	10	8.85	Spring Wonder	(9)	60.0	G Wrogemann	36/1
69	11	9.25	Covered In Snow	(2)	58.5	M Yeni	10/1
67	12	9.85	La Bella Mia	(8)	58.5	C Murray	36/1
69	13	9.90	My Friend Lee	(6)	60.0	K Zechner	36/1
63	14	10.70	Schippers	(1)	58.5	M v Rensburg	18/1
60	15	12.10	Green Pepper	(10)	60.0	P Strydom	18/1

Time: 66.38s (57.22s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%

1st **T:**S G Tarry **O:**Mr C J H Van Niekerk **B:**Gary Player Stud

Classic Value!

Defying top weight and given plenty to do in the straight, the Gimmethgreenlight colt Surcharge marked himself a Gauteng classic candidate of serious standing with a cracking late run to win the R250 000 Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes at Turffontein on Saturday.

Piere Strydom had Surcharge well back in play as Wonderwall led Sir David Baird and Yakeen.

At the 300m the lesser fancied of the De Kock trio Sir David Baird grabbed the initiative and looked a winner at the 200m. But Piere Strydom had other ideas and he unleashed Surcharge with a storming late effort.

The handsome colt took off and sailed past Sir David Baird to register a good win by 0,60 lengths in a time of 84,80 secs..

Sir David Baird showed his Cape Guineas run to be wrong as he stayed on for second, a length ahead of the improved again Wonderwall.

The Varsfontein bred Surcharge is a son of Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the UK bred Congestion Charge (Diktat), who was placed over 2300m.

He has won 5 races with 1 place from 7 starts for stakes of R523 375. He also qualified for the BSA Added Value Stakes Bonus of R 87 500.

He was a vendor buy back on the 2016 BSA Val De Vie yearling sale and was then sold for R200 000 off the BSA National Yearling Sale of the same year.

He was put through the ring and bought back for R550 000 by Dusty Trail Investments off the 2016 CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale. He races in the Ian Van Schalkwyk silks.

Gr3 Tony Ruffel Stakes (3yo's) 1400m

Winner Surcharge dwelt start; raced 10th and was some seven lengths behind the leaders at 400m; ran on strongly in the closing stages to get up close home

Runner-up Sir David Baird raced 2nd; led 300m; beaten half a length
Third Wonderwall (2nd best handicapped) set the pace; no extra late

Time: The time was a good one and the pace honest. We gave the third (prev 96/93/77/91/69) 94 which makes the runner-up (prev 78/85/80/87/82) 93 and the winner (prev 73/89/91/88/98) 103

103	1	0.00	SURCHARGE	(4)	60.0	P Strydom	4/1
3 b c Gimmethgreenlight - Congestion Charge (GB) (Diktat)							
93	2	0.60	SIR DAVID BAIRD	(8)	56.0	R Simons	15/1
3 b g Dynasty - Oceana (Elliodor)							
94	3	1.60	WONDERWALL	(7)	58.0	G v Niekerk	13/1
3 b c Querari - Westwardly (Silvano)							
84	4	3.70	Pietro Mascagni	(2)	56.0	C Murray	9/1
83	5	4.00	Ideal Secret	(9)	56.0	C Zackey	27/4
75	6	6.40	Yakeen	(1)	56.0	A Delpech	16/10
74	7	6.80	The Puma	(10)	56.0	M Mjoka	50/1
73	8	7.30	State Trooper	(5)	56.0	M Yeni	22/1
72	9	7.55	Seerite	(3)	56.0	G Wrogemann	6/1
71	10	7.80	Huysteen	(6)	56.0	K Zechner	50/1
59	11	12.00	The Tin Man	(11)	56.0	S Brown	50/1
32	12	22.50	Purple Diamond	(12)	58.0	R Danielson	44/1

Time: 84.8s (60.57s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 121%

1st **T:**S T Pettigrew **O:**Mr I F M van Schalkwyk **B:**Varsfontein Stud

Premium!

The Varsfontein Stud-bred Gimmethgreenlight colt Surcharge registered his first stakes success with a well taken victory in the R150 000 Listed Secretariat Stakes, run on the standside 1400m.

A wide draw in the Emperors Palace Ready To Run Cup last month had ruined whatever hope owner Ian Van Schalkwyk and trainer Stuart Pettigrew might have had of picking up a big cheque – but with things going his way on Saturday, the colt proved he could yet train on into something decent.

Going off at 15-10 under top weight in the thirteen horse field, Surcharge came forward strongly at the 350m marker, and even though Harlan County looked to give him cheek late in the race, Gavin Lerena kept his cool on the better horse.

Conceding 8kgs to his closest pursuers, Surcharge went on well to beat the recent maiden winner Harlan County by 0,60 lengths in a time of 86 secs flat.

Longshot King's County came out of the pack to run third a further 1,50 lengths back, with Flying Winger a well beaten fourth.

A winner of 4 of his 6 starts with 1 place and stakes of R367 125, Surcharge was purchased for R550 000 by Dusty Trail Investments off the 2016 CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale.

Bred by Varsfontein Stud, he is by Gimmethgreenlight (More Than Ready) out of the UK-bred Congestion Charge (Diktat), who was placed over 2300m from just 4 starts.

Secretariat Stakes (3yo's) (L) 1400m

Winner Surcharge raced 6th; led 300m; won with some in hand
 Runner-up Harlan County raced 7th just half a length behind the winner; chased hard

Third King's County raced 4th ; was tightened for galloping room going through the 300m; kept on strongly

Time: This was by far the fastest of the six races around the turn. We gave the 3rd horse (prev 64/62/66/74/71) 74 which makes the winner (prev 76/73/89/91/88) 98 and the runner-up (prev 69/69/75) 79

98	1	0.00	SURCHARGE	(4)	60.0	G Lerena	15/10
3 b c Gimmethgreenlight - Congestion Charge(GB) (Diktat)							
79	2	0.60	HARLAN COUNTY	(2)	52.0	K De Melo	13/1
3 ch g Pathfork - Al Nibari (Al Mufti)							
74	3	2.20	KING'S COUNTY	(1)	52.0	J Penny	28/1
3 ch g Count Dubois - Bay Cherry(ZIM) (Goldkeeper)							
75	4	2.45	Flying Winger	(9)	52.5	M Yeni	13/1
65	5	5.15	Varimax	(5)	52.0	K Zechner	50/1
76	6	6.40	Prince Of Kahal	(10)	58.5	D Mansour	9/1
77	7	6.45	Blackball	(8)	59.0	W Kennedy	18/1
60	8	6.85	Polar Ice	(7)	52.0	M v Rensburg	13/2
53	9	10.45	Keanan's Rock	(6)	53.5	R Danielson	22/1
49	10	10.95	Dhabyaan	(13)	52.5	JP vd Merwe	13/2
44	11	12.35	O Lucky Man	(3)	52.0	M Thackeray	44/1
49	12	12.75	Full Of Attitude	(12)	55.0	C Murray	11/1
0	13	99.99	Decision Time	(11)	52.0	R Murger	28/1

Time: 86s (61.43s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 120%

1st **T:**ST Pettigrew **O:**Mr I F M van Schalkwyk **B:**Varsfontein Stud