

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	Zanadu	(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: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

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	(6)	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 Mello	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 Ndiyovu	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	Basilius	(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 - Mizzen 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:MF 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 Gimmethegreenlight 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 Gimmethegreenlight 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 Gimmethegreenlight - Savannah Leigh (Jet Master)							
90	2	4.40	MYFUNNYVALENTINE (12)	(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 Yenni	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	18/10

Time: 66.38s (57.22s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) SP Total %: 120%
1st T:SG 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 Gimmethegreenlight 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 Gimmethegreenlight (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 Gimmethegreenlight - 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 Njoka	50/1
73	8	7.30	State Trooper	(5)	56.0	M Yenni	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:ST 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 Murrer	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