

Faithful

Paul Matchett's speedy Basadi Faith booked her Allan Robertson Championship berth at Scottsville later this month when she kept her perfect record intact when winning the R400 000 Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery at Turffontein on Saturday.

While she stepped up a notch on Champions Day and didn't have things as easy as she did in the Ruffian Stakes, the smart filly showed resolution and a dash too much speed when registering her biggest victory to date.

Devin Habib, who has been in the saddle at all her four victories, once again showed that he has plenty of ability and confidence when given the opportunities.

The young rider was unflustered in his handling of his favourite filly and produced a polished performance as Basadi Faith galloped on relentlessly to make it four wins from four starts, going on powerfully to beat the improved again Cavivar by 66,98 secs.

Another good winner bred by Favour Stud, Basadi Faith was the second leg of a weekend feature double for Varsfontein stallion Master Of My Fate.

A bargain R45 000 Cape April Yearling Sale graduate, the very smart 2yo took her earnings to R475 000 and looks to have a very bright future.

Gr2 SA Fillies Nursery 1160m

Winner Basadi Faith (best handicapped) set the pace 1 length clear; kept on strongly; hung in from the 300m

Runner-up Cavivar raced 4th 1.5 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; ran on

Third True To Life raced in the rear early; 5th 2 lengths behind the eventual winner at 400m; no impression on first two

Time: This was the second fastest of the afternoon's four sprint races. We gave the 4th (prev best 97) 97 which makes the winner (prev 86/92/110) 109, the runner-up (prev 92/91/74) 109 and the third (prev 89/97) 97

109	1	0.00	BASADI FAITH	(9)	60.0	D L Habib	16/10
2 b f Master Of My Fate - Coral Colour (Captain Al)							
109	2	0.30	CAVIVAR	(8)	60.0	P Strydom	13/1
2 ch f Var - Control Freak (Tamburlaine)							
97	3	4.00	TRUE TO LIFE	(6)	60.0	R Simons	15/4
2 b f Duke Of Marmalade - Mina Salaam (USA) (Medaglia d'Oro)							
97	4	4.25	Gin Fizz	(3)	60.0	G Lerena	6/1
94	5	5.25	What You Are	(2)	60.0	R Fourie	18/1
93	6	5.50	Rio's Winter	(10)	60.0	S Brown	8/1
64	7	15.00	Seemyvision	(7)	60.0	D Schwarz	66/1
61	8	16.25	Upcloseandpersonal	(4)	60.0	L Hewitson	11/1
57	9	17.50	Emerald Tiara	(5)	60.0	C Habib	22/1
46	10	21.00	Fly Away	(1)	60.0	W Kennedy	22/1

Time: 66.98s (57.74s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st **T:**PF Matchett **O:**Mr J Abreu & Miss J Van Der Merwe **B:**Favour Stud

Rate The Fate

Milnerton trainer Joey Ramsden signalled that he means business this SA Champions Season when he sent the top-class Master Of My Fate colt Twist Of Fate out in fighting trim to win the R600 000 Gr2 KRA Guineas at Greyville on Friday evening.

Anton Marcus rode the hardknocking Favour Stud-bred model of pure consistency, who ran on powerfully late from his pole position draw to dispose of National Park – the only horse ever to beat Hawwaam – by an unextended three quarters of a length in a time of 95,91 secs.

His sire's very first winner, stakes winner and graded stakes winner, Twist Of Fate has now registered three group race victories, and a meritorious runner-up claim in the Gr1 Cape Guineas.

Owned by the River Palace Syndicate, Twist Of Fate is out of the twice winning Counter Action mare, Crescent Lily, a winner of the Listed Breeders Guineas at Fairview.

A R20 000 buy off the CTS March Yearling Sale, Twist Of Fate has won 6 races with 6 places from 13 starts for stakes of R2 212 850.

Gr2 KRA Guineas (3yo's) 1600m

Winner Twist Of Fate (3rd best handicapped) raced 4th; led 140m; won well

Runner-up National Park (2nd best handicapped) set the pace; kept on

Third Bunker Hunt raced 6th some two lengths behind the eventual winner entering the straight; ran on

Time: This was the second fastest of the four races beyond sprint distances. We gave the winner (prev 106/106/108/111/111) 111 which makes the runner-up (prev 110/91/114/112/101) 110 and the third (prev 90/92/99/0/98) 108

111	1	0.00	TWIST OF FATE	(1)	60.0	A Marcus	53/20
3 b c Master Of My Fate - Crescent Lily (Counter Action)							
110	2	0.75	NATIONAL PARK	(8)	60.0	L Hewitson	21/4
3 b g Gimmetheregrenlight - Fancy Park (Camden Park)							
108	3	1.65	BUNKER HUNT	(3)	60.0	R Fourie	15/1
3 b g Dynasty - Secret Obsession (Captain Al)							
106	4	2.40	Socrat	(12)	60.0	R Simons	17/10
106	5	2.45	Thanksgiving	(2)	60.0	C Zackey	20/1
104	6	3.55	Chijmes	(6)	60.0	D Schwarz	50/1
103	7	3.95	Alyaasaat	(10)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	36/1
102	8	4.15	Charles	(7)	60.0	C Orffer	14/1
101	9	4.75	Approach Control	(4)	60.0	D De Gouveia	66/1
96	10	7.25	Tristful	(5)	60.0	S Veale	12/1
93	11	8.55	Triple Fate Line	(11)	60.0	B Lerena	66/1
87	12	11.25	Solid Gold	(9)	60.0	G Wright	66/1

Time: 95.91s (59.94s avg/1000m, or 60km/h) **SP Total %:** 115%
1st **T:**J Ramsden **O:**River Palace Racing Syndicate **B:**Favour Stud

It's Called Faith!

The standout eyecatching winner of the Turffontein bumper feature afternoon, the Favour Stud-bred Master Of My Fate filly Basadi Faith looks to have a bright future as she made it three wins on the trot with a runaway score in the R150 000 Listed Ruffian Stakes.

Trainer Paul Matchett, showjumping owner Juanita van der Merwe and jockey Devin Habib have some exciting times ahead judging from the manner of the emphatic victory of the well-related Basadi Faith, whose raw speed doused the hopes of the highly regarded favourite, Gin Fizz, – in the process the winner clocking a time almost a second faster than the boys under an unpressured ride!

The odds on Gin Fizz, a runaway winner by over 7 lengths on debut, started at red hot odds-on, but after playing up in the preliminaries, she was comprehensively walloped in the 1000m dash.

Basadi Faith and Gin Fizz paced it for much of the race, but when Devin Habib asked for an effort it was how far as the daughter of Master Of My Fate lengthened her stride to win by 4,50 lengths in a time of 57.91 secs.

Gin Fizz was outgunned in second, with Emerald Tiara a further 0,75 lengths away in third.

Bred by Favour Stud, Basadi Faith is a daughter of Master Of My Fate (Jet Master) out of the twice winning Captain Al mare, Coral Colour – she is closely related to star racers National Colour, Rafeef and Mustaaqem.

A R45 000 CTS April Yearling Sale graduate, and subsequently sold for a higher price according to reports, the winner has won 3 from 3 for stakes of R225 000.

Ruffian Stakes (2yo fillies) (L) 1000m

Winner Basadi Faith (3rd best handicapped) set the pace; kept on strongly; won well

Runner-up Gin Fizz (best handicapped) was troublesome at the start; raced 2nd a neck behind the eventual winner at 400m; well beaten
Third Emerald Tiara (2nd best handicapped) was slow away losing one length at the start; raced 4th; well beaten

Time: This comparatively was the fastest of the afternoon's six sprint races. We gave the third (prev 81) 81 which makes the winner (prev 78/84) 102 and the runner-up (prev 89) 84

102	1	0.00	BASADI FAITH	(1)	60.0	D L Habib	6/1
2 b f Master Of My Fate - Coral Colour (Captain Al)							
84	2	4.50	GIN FIZZ	(5)	58.0	G Lerena	1/4
2 b f Soft Falling Rain - Espumanti(GB) (Dansili)							
81	3	5.25	EMERALD TIARA	(4)	58.0	L Hewitson	7/1
2 b f Gimmethgreenlight - Jewel In Her Crown (Jallad)							
64	4	8.45	Annatjie	(7)	55.0	R Munger	36/1
64	5	8.65	Allmyloving	(3)	55.0	C Maujean	28/1
68	6	9.40	She's So Sassi	(2)	58.0	M Yeni	55/1
10	7	25.40	Ruby And Roses	(6)	55.0	D Schwarz	100/1
Time: 57.91s (57.91s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T: PF Matchett O: Miss J Van Der Merwe B: Favour Stud							

Finger Of Fate

Tyrone Zackey is a master with the staying types that require patience and his daughter Nadine's astute eye found Gift For The Gap at the National Yearling Sale – a perfect fit for her Dad.

After Lumber Jackaroo had shown the way to Flash Burn and Nimcha early, the in-form Marco van Rensburg had Gift For The Gap nearer last after abandoning plans to place his mount.

"I set off trying to place him but they all went that fast I opted to drop him out. He settled well and we followed the favourite in the run for home," he said afterwards.

And after Hollywood's Seattle Force and the favourite Protea Paradise had looked dangerous, it was Gift For The Gap who came storming up the outside, hotly pursued by Sean Tarry's unbeaten Last Of The Legend.

In the run to the wire, the 15-1 Gift For The Gap finished the better and he beat Last Of The Legend comfortably by half a length in a time of 126.22 secs.

Master Magic caught the eye, making up lengths to be beaten under a length into third, with Seattle Force showing that he had benefitted from the change in scenery to be beaten just a length into fourth.

The favourite Protea Paradise flattered briefly but ran 7th, beaten 2,75 lengths and had no visible excuses.

A thrilled Tyrone Zackey said that from day one 'the winner had a mind of its own'.

He said that he realised that the 'Derby is hard'.

"But Marco van Rensburg rode a good race and we will take our chances – they only get one shot at the SA Derby," he quipped.

An Oldlands Stud-bred gelding out of the one-time winning Fort Wood mare Idler, Gift For The Gap has won 4 races with 4 places from 13 starts for stakes of R315 687.

Derby Trial (3yo's) (L) 2000m

Winner Gift For The Gap raced 10th entering the home straight; ran on well to lead 150m

Runner-up Last Of The Legend raced at the back some three lengths behind the eventual winner entering the home straight; ran on and led briefly 200m; kept on strongly after being headed 150m

Third Master Magic (2nd best handicapped) raced second last some two lengths behind the eventual winner entering the home straight; ran on

Time: Although the quickest of the afternoon's four races around the turn, this was not a fast run race. The field began to concertina early in the straight, and resembled a cavalry charge 400m out, with a sprint for home. Not a result to put faith in. We gave the fifth (prev best 80) 80, which makes the winner (prev 83/73/83/76/82) 89, the runner-up (prev 70/74) 79 and the third (prev 55/75/70/82/81) 81

89	1	0.00	GIFT FOR THE GAP	(8)	56.0	M v Rensburg	15/1
3 b g Master Of My Fate - Idler (Fort Wood)							
79	2	0.50	LAST OF THE LEGEND	(14)	52.0	L J Ferraris	13/2
3 ch c Horse Chestnut - Caroline Cherie (Jallad)							
81	3	0.90	MASTER MAGIC	(12)	53.5	R Munger	21/4
3 b g Mogok - Keen To Travel (Rakeen)							
80	4	1.00	Seattle Force	(3)	53.0	C Habib	30/1
80	5	1.80	Arlingtons Revenge	(11)	53.5	R Simons	16/1
78	6	2.00	Two Of Us	(5)	53.0	K Zechner	25/1
88	7	2.75	Protea Paradise	(13)	58.0	G Lerena	26/10
83	8	3.65	Senor Lizard	(4)	56.5	D L Habib	29/4
67	9	6.65	Shuckra	(9)	52.0	C Maujean	18/1
66	10	7.15	Indy Ice	(7)	52.0	M Yeni	30/1
66	11	7.90	Flash Burn	(6)	52.5	L Hewitson	15/2
62	12	9.40	Nimcha	(2)	52.0	K Matsunyane	36/1
59	13	11.10	Lumber Jackaroo	(10)	52.0	D Schwarz	18/1
47	14	17.10	Reconnaissance	(1)	52.0	W Kennedy	75/1
Time: 126.22s (63.11s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) SP Total %: 118%							
1st T: T Zackey O: Messrs S F G Habib & Tyrone Zackey & Mr K P & Mrs N M Backos B: Oldlands Stud							