

## Lear's Jet!

The progressive Var filly Schippers showed she is destined for bigger and better things as she powered home to win the R250 000 Gr3 Magnolia Handicap at Turffontein on Saturday.

The anticipated complexity and anticipated sting in the tale of the fillies and mares 1160m handicap never came to haunt punters as the popular 4-1 Schippers stormed home with ease to give owner Geoff van Lear and trainer Geoff Woodruff a realistic Gr1 SA Fillies Sprint prospect for 2019.

Relaxed early under Gavin Lerena as Ouro and Winter's Forge went fast, Schippers turned up the heat at the 200m and after getting the better of a brief threat or two, drew clear to register 66.57 secs for the 1160m and beat the improved again Ouro by a convincing four lengths.

Kissable shows plenty of pace and banked third cheque a further 0,75 lengths away with Pretty Penny well beaten in fourth.

Bred and raced by Cape-based owner Geoff van Lear, Schippers is a daughter of hot form sire Var (Forest Wildcat), who had three winners on Saturday, out of the four-time winner Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois).

She has won 5 races with 4 places from 11 races for stakes of R537 350.

### Gr3 Magnolia Handicap (F&M) 1160m

Winner Schippers raced 8th; led 180m; cruised clear latter stages  
 Runner-up Ouro raced 5th; held every chance, but was beaten 4 lengths

Third Kissable (2nd best handicapped) set the pace; outpaced latter stages

**Time:** Run in good time, this was comfortably the fastest of the five sprint races on the card. We gave the 3rd 87 which makes the winner (prev 69/63/84/83/85) 99 and the runner-up (prev 79/74/75/85/85) 82

99	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	SCHIPPERS	(10)	55.5	G Lerena	4/1
4 ch f Var - Fair Rosalind (Count Dubois)							
82	<b>2</b>	<b>4.00</b>	OURO	(2)	55.0	C Herrera Gomez	13/1
4 b f Toreador - Gold Lass (Goldkeeper)							
87	<b>3</b>	<b>4.75</b>	KISSABLE	(5)	58.5	D Habib	14/1
4 b f Antonius Pius - Kiss For Kate (Jallad)							
70	<b>4</b>	<b>6.55</b>	Pretty Penny	(7)	54.0	R Simons	4/1
65	<b>5</b>	<b>6.80</b>	Colour Of Light	(6)	52.0	L Hewitson	16/1
65	<b>6</b>	<b>6.85</b>	Shifting Shadows	(1)	52.0	H vd Hoven	25/1
77	<b>7</b>	<b>7.65</b>	Wrecking Ball	(4)	59.0	P Strydom	9/1
72	<b>8</b>	<b>7.85</b>	Captain's Princess	(11)	54.5	W Kennedy	13/1
63	<b>9</b>	<b>9.25</b>	Mrs O	(13)	55.5	R Mungler	20/1
57	<b>10</b>	<b>9.65</b>	Accidental Tourist	(3)	53.5	M Khan	18/1
57	<b>11</b>	<b>10.15</b>	Winter's Forge	(14)	54.0	M v Rensburg	11/1
57	<b>12</b>	<b>10.35</b>	Casual Wear	(9)	52.0	C Habib	22/1
48	<b>13</b>	<b>11.35</b>	High Seas Beauty	(8)	52.0	M Yeni	28/1
44	<b>14</b>	<b>12.25</b>	Image Award	(12)	52.0	S Khumalo	12/1

Time: 66.57s (57.39s avg/1000m, or 63km/h) SP Total %: 115%

1st T:GV Woodruff O:Mr Geoffery van Lear B:G van Lear

## Ghaalla's Good

Mike de Kock and Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum celebrated a super feature double at Turffontein on Saturday with the National Yearling Sale recordbreaking Var filly Ghaalla setting up a Cape Fillies Guineas date when producing a late finish to win the R275 000 Gr3 Fillies Mile.

Neglected in the betting and jumping from a wide draw, the Var filly Ghaalla was some way off the gallop set by the Gr1 winning favourite Return Flight.

At the 400m Return Flight came under pressure and the long-shot I like It made up ground doggedly down the rail with an upset on the cards. The daughter of Solskjaer ground away under Sherman Brown but Randall Simons had got Ghaalla interested and she started flying.

It was heads up and heads down at the line with Ghaalla getting the verdict by a short head in a time of 98,93 secs.

I Like It ran the race of her life – after winning an Assessment Plate at the Vaal last Tuesday!

The Starling Stakes winner Ronnie's Candy came flying up late for third.

Mike de Kock reported afterwards that he believes Ghaalla to be a Triple Tiara type filly.

Bought for R5 million by Form Bloodstock for Shadwell SA at the 2017 BSA National Yearling Sale, the price tag of the Varsfontein Stud bred Ghaalla surpassed the previous R4,75 million paid for Savannah Cat in 2015.

She has now won 2 races with 3 places from 7 starts for stakes of R388 213.

The Varsfontein bred daughter of Var (Forest Wildcat) is out of the winning Captain Al mare Fidelity, a three parts sister to Gr3 East Cape Derby winner Captain Splendid and a half-sister to Gr2 winning sire Master Of My Fate, and the four time stakes winner Justthewayyouare.

Her second dam is Equus Champion Promisefrommyheart, whose six career wins included successes in the Gr1 Triple Tiara 1600 and Gr1 SA Fillies Guineas.

### Gr3 Fillies Mile (3yo's) 1600m

Winner Ghaalla (3rd best handicapped) was drawn wide; raced 6th; led 100m; an enquiry is to be held into jockey Simons' use of the crop in the concluding stages

Runner-up I Like It was slow into stride; raced 5th; led 250m; beaten a short head

Third Ronnie's Candy (best handicapped) raced 8th; ran on well

**Time:** This race was delayed by an hour because of lightning. The pace was quite slow early, and in a time 1.3 seconds slower than the Dingaans the race developed into a sprint over the final 500m. A false run race then, and not a result to totally put faith in. The ratings are kept purposely conservative, and hard to arrive at.

95	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	GHAALLA	(12)	57.0	R Simons	15/1
3 b f Var - Fidelity (Captain Al)							
95	<b>2</b>	<b>0.05</b>	I LIKE IT	(9)	57.0	S Brown	66/1
3 b f Solskjaer - Golden National (National Emblem)							
97	<b>3</b>	<b>0.85</b>	RONNIE'S CANDY	(5)	59.0	R Danielson	13/2
3 ch f King Of Kings - Bennie Andthe Jets (Jet Master)							
97	<b>4</b>	<b>2.25</b>	Return Flight	(3)	60.0	L Hewitson	5/2
89	<b>5</b>	<b>2.50</b>	Storm Destiny	(13)	57.0	W Kennedy	13/1
93	<b>6</b>	<b>2.75</b>	Celtic Sea	(2)	59.0	L J Ferraris	18/1
87	<b>7</b>	<b>3.55</b>	Running Brave	(6)	57.0	M v Rensburg	22/1
86	<b>8</b>	<b>3.85</b>	Afrostar	(1)	57.0	M Khan	8/1
75	<b>9</b>	<b>9.05</b>	Vi Va Pi Pa	(7)	57.0	C Maujean	66/1
72	<b>10</b>	<b>10.30</b>	Virginia	(11)	57.0	R Munger	66/1
61	<b>11</b>	<b>15.30</b>	Sand Princess	(10)	57.0	C Habib	66/1
51	<b>12</b>	<b>19.80</b>	Isle de France	(4)	57.0	G Lerena	71/20
0	<b>13</b>	<b>99.99</b>	Railtrip	(8)	57.0	P Strydom	15/2

Time: 98.93s (61.83s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) SP Total %: 116%

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

B:Varsfontein Stud

## Var A Star

The smart Var gelding Rivarine came out fresh and fighting after a 44 week break to cut down his opposition late and win the R150 000 Listed Golden Loom Handicap at Turffontein on Saturday.

It was helter skelter from the 1000m start with the superfast filly Kissable showing the way ahead of Effortless Reward and Isphan, with Rivarine relaxed some six lengths off the action.

At the 300m Rivarine commenced his challenge and demonstrated his class to gain a half length victory in a time of 56 secs flat.

Captain's Girl held on for second ahead of Isphan, with the tote favourite Rebel's Champ missing the Place Accumulator to run into fourth.

The dual Gr1 placed Rivarine has now won 6 races with 6 places from 20 starts for stakes of R863 125.

A R600 000 Cape Premier Yearling Sale Book 1 graduate, Rivarine was bred in partnership by Avontuur Stud and Mr & Mrs Cedric Amm.

The Amms raced the outstanding J&B Met winning River Jetez, a versatile daughter of Jet Master who won 11 races from 1400m to 2400m.

### Golden Loom Handicap (L) 1000m

Winner Rivarine (first run for 44 weeks) raced 6th; ran on strongly to lead close home

Runner-up Captain's Girl raced 5th; led 200m; pipped late

Third Isphan raced 4th; ran on

**Time:** Comparatively the fastest of the three sprint races on the card. We gave the 4th (prev best 105) 105 which makes the winner (prev 100/85/81/97 – has done 102) 102, the runner-up (prev 92/75/88/96/96) 99, and the third (prev 92/55/94/85/85) 91

102	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	RIVARINE	(11)	56.0	G Lerena	15/1
5 b g Var - River Jetez (Jet Master)							
99	<b>2</b>	<b>0.50</b>	CAPTAIN'S GIRL	(1)	55.5	C Zackey	22/1
5 b m Noordhoek Flyer - Captain's Heart (Captain Al)							
91	<b>3</b>	<b>1.30</b>	ISPAN	(8)	53.5	M Khan	25/1
7 b g Tiger Ridge - Queen Of Persia (Fort Wood)							
105	<b>4</b>	<b>1.70</b>	Rebel's Champ	(3)	60.5	C Herrera Gomez	5/1
87	<b>5</b>	<b>2.20</b>	Kissable	(2)	53.5	M v Rensburg	10/1
78	<b>6</b>	<b>3.70</b>	Prince Of Kahal	(4)	52.0	F Herholdt	11/1
85	<b>7</b>	<b>3.80</b>	William The Silent	(5)	52.0	M Yeni	5/1
76	<b>8</b>	<b>4.10</b>	Wrecking Ball	(10)	52.0	L Hewitson	10/1
77	<b>9</b>	<b>4.80</b>	Filippo	(14)	53.5	C Habib	28/1
75	<b>10</b>	<b>5.10</b>	Effortless Reward	(6)	53.0	W Kennedy	30/1
86	<b>11</b>	<b>5.50</b>	Rocky Valley	(12)	59.0	R Danielson	16/1
76	<b>12</b>	<b>5.80</b>	Life Is Good	(15)	55.0	P Strydom	20/1
76	<b>13</b>	<b>6.05</b>	Bold Eagle	(7)	52.0	K De Melo	8/1
77	<b>14</b>	<b>6.25</b>	Talktothestars	(9)	56.0	C Maujean	55/1
76	<b>15</b>	<b>6.45</b>	Mujallad	(13)	56.0	R Simons	20/1
63	<b>16</b>	<b>7.95</b>	Big Mistake	(16)	53.0	R Munger	11/1

Time: 56s (56s avg/1000m, or 64km/h) SP Total %: 118%

1st T:MG & AA Azzie O:Messrs B Riley & Tinus Gericke B:Avontuur and CA & Mrs Amm

## Burst Of Stars

The Var filly Star Burst Galaxy set herself up as a candidate for East Cape Horse Of The Year honours when she won the R150 000 Listed East Cape Breeders Stakes in good style.

When she came forward at the 350m marker, Star Burst Galaxy looked set for a runaway win. That is until Aldo Domeyer switched Beataboutthebush out dramatically for a late challenge.

The daughter of Gimmethegreenlight accelerated nicely but ruined her chances by hanging in badly and costing herself valuable ground. She had to be checked late as she found trouble where none really existed. It is possible that, even running dead straight, she would have lacked the toe to beat the Laing star.

At the line, the 4-1 Star Burst Galaxy was too strong and she clocked 69.77 secs for the 1200m to win easily by 1,75 lengths.

Beataboutthebush finished two lengths ahead of Starling Stakes winner Via Seattle, who ran a cracker after a 25 week rest.

Newly relocated from Gauteng, Secret Star stayed on well a further quarter length back in fourth.

Bred by Dr Ian Heyns, who has three horses carrying his flag in the Vodacom Durban July on Saturday week, Star Burst Galaxy is a daughter of Var (Forest Wildcat) out of the three-time winning Doowaley mare, Majestic Star.

She is a half-sister to Vodacom Durban July prospect Star Express.

Star Burst Galaxy was purchased by Mayfair Speculators – she races these days in the Etienne Braun silks – off the 2015 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale for R800 000.

This was her 9th win with 13 places from her 24 starts and she has banked R762 675.

### East Cape Breeders Stakes (F&M) (L) 1200m

Winner Star Burst Galaxy (jnt 2nd best handicapped) raced 3rd; led 250m; won well

Runner-up Beataboutthebush (jnt 2nd best handicapped) raced 11th 4 lengths behind the winner; ran on; hanging in from the 200m; jockey Domeyer did not persevere with his ride in the closing stages; nothing obvious was detected by the vet, and an enquiry was opened into jockey Domeyer's ride in the closing stages

Third Via Seattle raced 8th; stayed on

**Time:** This was the fastest of the afternoon's five 1200m races. We gave the runner-up (prev 82/80/95/98/89) 97 which makes the winner (prev 95/96/98/68/92) 103 and the third (prev 74/84/94/76/78) 90

103	1	0.00	STAR BURST GALAXY (13)	60.0	C Maujean	4/1
4 b f	Var - Majestic Star (Doowaley)					
97	2	1.75	BEATABOUTTHEBUSH (3)	60.0	A Domeyer	4/1
4 b f	Gimmethegreenlight - Bushra (Badger Land)					
90	3	3.75	VIA SEATTLE (7)	60.0	L Hewitson	27/4
3 b f	Sail From Seattle - Artic Song (Al Mufthi)					
87	4	4.00	Secret Star (12)	59.0	K Zechner	10/3
85	5	4.50	Make It Raine (10)	59.0	G Cheyne	11/1
83	6	5.00	Clifton Sunset (14)	59.0	M Thackeray	28/1
81	7	6.25	Easy Street (6)	60.0	M Yeni	13/1
77	8	6.75	Stopthinkingofme (5)	59.0	K Minnie	28/1
74	9	6.85	Pepper Oak (9)	58.0	S Khathi	15/1
74	10	6.95	Sassy Lady (8)	58.0	S Fortune	36/1
72	11	8.20	Favour's Pride (2)	59.0	C Zackey	66/1
59	12	11.70	Scandola (11)	59.0	X Ndlovu	66/1
58	13	11.95	Kahlua Rose (4)	59.0	R Khathi	66/1
56	14	12.45	Emerald Gal (1)	59.0	L J Ferraris	28/1
18	15	22.45	Joking Dice (15)	58.0	J Penny	66/1

Time: 69.77s (58.14s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 117%  
1st T: T Laing O: Messrs E A Braun & P S Loomes B: R Heyns

## Dogs Are Barking!

Top Cape jockey Aldo Domeyer rode the first leg of a feature double as he and trainer Robbie Sage delivered a knockout blow in the Champions Day Pick 6 opener.

The Var colt William The Silent got the better of the more fancied Cirillo to win a prolonged duel and grab the silverware in the R1 million Gr2 SA Nursery.

William The Silent and the Sean Tarry-trained Cirillo were quickest out and they led the charge down the outside of the track.

At the 400m, Domeyer asked William The Silent for an effort and he started a gradual drift towards the inside, carrying Cirillo with him.

The two went hammer and tongs with Khumalo throwing the left-handed whip at his mount, but the 45-1 William The Silent always had his measure and went on to win by a short head in a time of 67.3 secs.

Chimichuri Run came out of the pack late to keep the 16-10 favourite Bold Eagle out of the top three.

Chesney van Zyl's unbeaten Bold Eagle never got into the race and may be looking for further.

The Drakenstein Stud-bred William The Silent is a son of Var (Forest Wildcat) out of the five-time winner Tick Tock (Captain Al).

A R600 000 National Yearling Sale purchase, William The Silent has won two of his three starts for stakes of R693 750.

His win here was a demonstration of just how the 2yo's improve. William The Silent had run 10 lengths behind Bold Eagle in the Storm Bird Stales last time out after winning well on debut.

### Gr2 SA Nursery 1160m

Winner William The Silent raced with the pace throughout; ran on strongly to win a good battle on the nod

Runner up Cirillo also raced with the pace throughout; challenged strongly; lost on nod

Third Chimichuri Run raced 5th 1,75 lengths off the pace at 400m; beaten 1,60 lengths

**Time:** The second fastest of the three 1160m races, the time was a good one

We gave the runner up (prev 75/79/93) 98 which makes the winner (prev 88/69) 98 and the third (prev 73/75) 94

98	1	0.00	WILLIAM THE SILENT (13)	60.0	A Domeyer	45/1
2 b c	Var - Tick Tock (Captain Al)					
98	2	0.10	CIRILLO (4)	60.0	S Khumalo	10/3
2 b c	Pomodoro - Miss Wordsworth (Lake Coniston)					
94	3	1.60	CHIMICHURI RUN (9)	60.0	R Danielson	10/1
2 ch c	Trippi - Spiced Gold (Kahal)					
93	4	1.70	Bold Eagle (8)	60.0	W Kennedy	16/10
90	5	2.95	In Cahoots (7)	60.0	L Hewitson	13/1
89	6	3.25	Affranchi (2)	60.0	C Zackey	36/1
88	7	3.65	Epic Dream (5)	60.0	G Wrogemann	28/1
85	8	4.65	Mr Flood (11)	60.0	K Zechner	27/4
79	9	6.65	Louis The Seventh (6)	60.0	R Fourie	18/1
77	10	7.25	Royal Italian (10)	60.0	G v Niekerk	36/1
68	11	10.00	Hit The Green (1)	60.0	C Murray	20/1
58	12	13.50	Dewali (3)	60.0	M Yeni	22/1
45	13	17.90	Berji (12)	60.0	K De Melo	36/1

Time: 67.3s (58.02s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 119%  
1st T: RR Sage O: Mr Colin Bird B: Drakenstein Stud

## Raiders Play Second Fiddle

The home team dominated the finish of Sunday's R250 000 Gr3 Poinsettia Stakes at Scottsville with Dennis Drier and Duncan Howells sending a message to the generally rampant Cape raiders that the SA Champions Season silverware won't be handed out without a fight.

Sean Veale may not be the neatest rider in town, but he is very effective and when he gets the chance he takes it with both hands.

He had the Maine Chance owned and bred galloper a few lengths off the first wave of early speed down the inside as stable-mate Anime and Isingimoya led the charge.

At the 250m marker Veale switched and produced Sommerlied down the middle as Anton Marcus brought the year younger Neptune's Rain down the outside from miles back.

In a thrilling drive to the wire, Sommerlied got the verdict by a quarter length in a time of 67,49 secs.

Neptune's Rain – labelled a Gr1 filly by her trainer recently – continues to impress, while last year's winner The Secret Is Out also did her best work late to grab third, ahead of Anime.

Magical Wonderland finished in fifth and just over a length off. She will come on with this run under the belt.

Bred and raced by Maine Chance Farms, Sommerlied is by Var (Forest Wildcat) out of Sommermarchen (Pentire – Simply Red by Dashing Blade), who won at 1850m in Germany from two starts, and was retired injured. She is a half-sister to four stakes winners.

Sommerlied never runs a place but this was her biggest success to date. She has won 6 races from 9 starts for stakes of R525 625.

### Gr3 Poinsettia Stakes 1200m

Winner Sommerlied (best handicapped, started 16/1) lost one length at the start; raced 7th; led 210m, ran on

Runner-up Neptune's Rain (2nd best handicapped) raced in the rear; ran on strongly and was gaining at the finish

Third The Secret Is Out (3rd best handicapped) raced in midfield; ran on

**Time;** This was the third fastest of the five races down the straight.

We gave the winner (prev 94/101/90/73/83) 98 which makes

the runner-up (prev 96/92/98/98/102) 99 and the third (prev

87/101/101/95/53) 98

98	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	SOMMERLIED	(3)	57.0	S Veale	16/1
4 b f Var - Sommermarchen(GER) (Pentire)							
99	<b>2</b>	<b>0.25</b>	NEPTUNE'S RAIN	(16)	57.0	A Marcus	71/20
3 b f Antonius Plus - Water Is Gold (Rich Man's Gold)							
98	<b>3</b>	<b>0.75</b>	THE SECRET IS OUT	(14)	58.5	M Byleveld	10/1
4 b f Captain Al - Secret Of Victoria (Goldkeeper)							
94	<b>4</b>	<b>1.00</b>	Anime	(4)	57.0	T Godden	100/1
99	<b>5</b>	<b>1.05</b>	Magical Wonderland	(8)	58.5	A Domeyer	2/1
92	<b>6</b>	<b>1.55</b>	Love To Boogie	(15)	57.0	C Zackey	45/1
89	<b>7</b>	<b>2.05</b>	Statute	(5)	55.5	A Arries	10/1
89	<b>8</b>	<b>2.55</b>	Lunar Rush	(11)	57.0	L Hewitson	28/1
86	<b>9</b>	<b>2.80</b>	Casual Diamond	(10)	55.5	G v Niekerk	16/1
88	<b>10</b>	<b>2.85</b>	Miss Varlicious	(7)	57.0	C Murray	44/1
87	<b>11</b>	<b>3.10</b>	Isingimoya	(2)	57.0	K De Melo	22/1
81	<b>12</b>	<b>5.10</b>	Princess Peach	(9)	57.0	R Fourie	22/1
79	<b>13</b>	<b>5.35</b>	Final Judgement	(6)	57.0	C Orffer	36/1
80	<b>14</b>	<b>6.85</b>	Live Life	(13)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	8/1
57	<b>15</b>	<b>10.85</b>	Marsala	(12)	55.5	W Kennedy	100/1
57	<b>16</b>	<b>11.35</b>	Gratuity	(1)	57.0	G Wrogemann	80/1

Time: 67.49s (56.24s avg/1000m, or 64km/h) SP Total %: 119%

1st T:DR Drier O:Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs)

B:Maine Chance

## Tara Flying

Undeterred by a powerful Cape challenge and the threat of ominous stormy weather conditions, Tara Laing had Star Burst Galaxy in fine fettle for her assault on the R150 000 Listed Lady's Pendant and the 4yo duly led all the way to score an easy win over the turf 1200m in a time of 69,87 secs.

Avontuur-sponsored Callan Murray has built up a good understanding with the flying filly and the young rider kept his mount well balanced all the way to the wire as Our Destiny challenged briefly. The winner had 2,25 lengths to spare at the post as she picked up a deserved black type credit.

Her form shows that she has only been out of the money once in a career that dates back to December 2015, when she made a winning debut as a 2yo for Mike Azzie at Turffontein.

Justin Snaith's Angel's Trumpet blew her chances when losing valuable ground at the jump.

Bred by Ian Heyns, Star Burst Galaxy is a daughter of Var (Forest Wildcat) out of the three-time winning Majestic Star (Doowaley).

She is a half-sister to Justin Snaith's promising 2017 Gr3 Victress Stakes winner, Star Express.

Originally purchased by Mayfair Speculators off the 2015 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale for R800 000, she changed hands recently following the unbundling of the SA champion owners. Star Burst Galaxy now races for Cape-based Etienne Braun and Paul Loomes, who resides in KZN.

Star Burst Galaxy has now won 7 races with 12 places from 20 starts for stakes of R577 050.

### Lady's Pendant (F&M) (L) 1200m

Winner Star Burst Galaxy raced with the pace throughout; quickened clear closing stages

Runner-up Our Destiny raced without a tongue tie; was with the pace throughout; outpaced by winner latter stages; made an abnormal respiratory noise in running

Third Scandola raced 10th but only 3 lengths behind the winner; stayed on

**Time:** Despite what must have been some kind of a change in the conditions, this was still comparatively the fastest race on the card.

We gave the winner (prev 78/92/91/83/95) 96 which makes the runner up (prev 89/82/77/69/77) 88 and the third (prev 78/83/74/80/66) 73

96	<b>1</b>	<b>0.00</b>	STAR BURST GALAXY	(5)	59.0	C Murray	41/10
4 b f Var - Majestic Star (Doowaley)							
88	<b>2</b>	<b>2.25</b>	OUR DESTINY	(6)	59.0	G Cheyne	30/1
5 ch m Var - Plumosa (Sapieha)							
73	<b>3</b>	<b>6.50</b>	SCANDOLA	(12)	59.0	R Munger	20/1
4 ch f Fort Wood - Covenant (Western Winter)							
75	<b>4</b>	<b>6.55</b>	Easy Street	(2)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	12/1
71	<b>5</b>	<b>7.05</b>	Clifton Sunset	(13)	59.0	C Orffer	9/1
70	<b>6</b>	<b>7.30</b>	Hoist The Mast	(10)	59.0	A Andrews	12/1
65	<b>7</b>	<b>8.55</b>	Excellent	(9)	59.0	X Ndlovu	66/1
61	<b>8</b>	<b>9.80</b>	Anneline	(3)	59.0	L Mxothwa	20/1
57	<b>9</b>	<b>10.80</b>	Favour's Pride	(7)	59.0	J Penny	66/1
57	<b>10</b>	<b>11.05</b>	Princess Peach	(1)	58.0	C Zackey	41/10
56	<b>11</b>	<b>11.30</b>	Felicity Flyer	(8)	59.0	A Domeyer	14/1
52	<b>12</b>	<b>11.35</b>	Angel's Trumpet	(11)	56.0	R Fourie	4/1
37	<b>13</b>	<b>15.35</b>	Pepper Oak	(4)	56.0	T Gould	16/1

Time: 69.87s (58.23s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) SP Total %: 113%

1st T:T Laing O:Messrs E A Braun & P S Loomes B:R Heyns , B G Gardner, A B Giurich, J Labuschagne, G P Sadie & D A Simpson & Mesdames J P Gardner & A P Whicher B:Summerhill Stud

## Festive Five

Richard Fourie is riding with almost nonchalant confidence at the moment and his powerful unflustered style suits a range of horses – and trainers it seems, with his five winners being provided by four different yards.

His ride on the long overdue Speedpoint for Joey Ramsden in the non black-type support feature at Kenilworth on Saturday was superb.

The Var colt, who has played the frustrating bridemaids and had only won once previously, was relaxed in midfield as What A Winner and Shufoog showed good toe early.

The latter, a flashy chestnut daughter of Star Witness, showed resolve under her handy galloping weight as she moved forward strongly down the rail in the final stages, but Fourie didn't even need his crop as he pushed Speedpoint to lead inside the distance.

The 33-10 Speedpoint charged home to register 58,71 secs for the 1000m and beat the gutsy Mike de Kock filly Shufoog by just over a half length.

Bred by Drakenstein Stud, the well named Speedpoint is a son of Var (Forest Wildcat) out of the ill-fated Durban July winner Big City Life's full-sister, Cash Register (Casey Tibbs). The latter, a dual stakes winner, won the Gr3 Final Fling Stakes at her peak when trained by Glen Kotzen.

A R700 000 buy from the 2016 Emperors Palace Select Yearling Sale, Speedpoint races for Brian and Kathy Finch and has won 2 races with 4 places from 8 starts for stakes of R240 725.

### Need For Speed Sprint (3yo's) (nbt) 1000m

Winner Speedpoint (best handicapped) raced 4th; led 150m  
 Runner-up Shufoog (2nd best handicapped) was slow into stride;  
 raced sixth less than 2 lengths behind the winner; led 300m; headed 150m; kept on strongly

Third Al Mariachi raced alongside the winner in fourth; beaten a length

**Time:** Although this was by far the fastest of the 4 x 1000m races, comparatively the time was not a particularly fast one.

We gave the winner (prev 93/88/81/73/88) 91 which makes the runner-up (prev 88/84) 84 and the third (prev 94/97/92/97/87) 100

91	1	0.00	SPEEDPOINT	(3)	54.0	R Fourie	33/10
3 b c Var - Cash Register (Casey Tibbs)							
84	2	0.30	SHUFOOG	(1)	51.5	JP vd Merwe	7/2
3 ch f Star Witness - Golden Delicious(AUS) (Made Of Gold)							
100	3	1.05	AL MARIACHI	(8)	60.0	C Orffer	9/1
3 b c Great Britain - Senorita Al (Captain Al)							
91	4	1.15	Mujaafy	(10)	56.0	C Zackey	5/2
83	5	2.15	Virtue	(5)	54.0	R Khathi	44/1
79	6	3.15	Valbonne	(6)	54.0	G Cheyne	18/1
83	7	3.25	What A Winner	(4)	56.0	A Andrews	15/1
90	8	3.65	Barrack Street	(9)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	13/1
71	9	6.15	Johnny Black	(2)	56.0	A Dorneyer	11/1
64	10	6.90	Victorious Captain	(7)	54.0	M Byleveld	36/1
Time: 58.71s (58.71s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) SP Total %: 116%							
1st T:J Ramsden O:Mr B P & Mrs K Finch B:Drakenstein Stud							

## A Summer Song

The KZN raiding team of Dennis Drier and Sean Veale broke their 2017 Cape summer season ice with an impressive victory by the exciting Var flyer Sommerlied in Saturday's R150 000 Listed Laisserfaire Stakes (F&M) over the Kenilworth 1100m straight.

With good wins over the seasoned male speed merchants Brutal Force and Sergeant Hardy – as well as the Scottsville 1000m record to her credit – it was surprising to see Sommerlied so easy to back at 7's. But to be fair, some may have noted that the sole blot on her copybook was an inexplicably poor run at Kenilworth on 10 December 2016, where she was examined by the Vet post race. She was notably rested seven months after that below par effort. So something went wrong.

Laisserfaire summer string have also looked to be in need of a feet-finding first run and with whispers about the Crawford star Quick Brown Fox working up a storm, the Var flyer was allowed to drift.

But the enthusiastic Sean Veale had other plans for Sommerlied fans and he produced the Durban Dash winner late in proceedings to give the high-riding Maine Chance Farms team their second feature success in 72 hours, after Girl On The Run won the Gr3 Victory Moon Stakes at Turffontein on Thursday.

Under a confident ride by her regular pilot, Sommerlied swept through the middle to get the better of Casual Diamond by a long neck in a time of 64,98 secs.

Sommerlied has won 5 of her 6 starts for stakes of R369 375.

Bred and raced by Maine Chance Farms, she is by champion Var (Forest Wildcat) out of Sommermarchen (Pentire – Simply Red by Dashing Blade), who won at 1850m in Germany from two starts, and was retired injured. She is a half-sister to four stakes winners.

### Laisserfaire Stakes (F&M) (L) 1100m

Winner Sommerlied raced 2nd; ran on strongly to lead 60m  
 Runner-up Casual Diamond raced fourth and held every chance; just beaten

Third Felicity Flyer raced in the rear 4 lengths off the pace early; ran on well; narrowly beaten

**Time:** One of just two races down the straight, the time was a good one. We gave the third (prev 71/72/67/74/84) 86 which makes the winner (prev 80/86/60/90/94) 101 and the runner-up (prev 73/79/81/87/91) 90

101	1	0.00	SOMMERLIED	(12)	60.0	S Veale	7/1
4 b f Var - Sommermarchen(GER) (Pentire)							
90	2	0.20	CASUAL DIAMOND	(7)	52.0	B May 6/1	
3 b f Var - Casual Jewel (Al Mufti)							
86	3	0.50	FELICITY FLYER	(4)	54.0	R Khathi	36/1
4 ch f Noordhoek Flyer - The Zone (Restructure)							
82	4	1.25	Anime	(2)	53.5	M Byleveld	13/1
94	5	1.30	Captain's Flame	(11)	59.0	D Dillon	14/1
78	6	1.70	Twinkle Toes	(9)	52.5	A Balloo	19/1
86	7	2.45	Nordic Breeze	(10)	57.0	P Strydom	9/1
74	8	2.65	Scandola	(3)	52.0	L Hewitson	7/1
74	9	3.05	Quick Brown Fox	(14)	53.0	G Cheyne	4/1
80	10	3.80	Princess Peach	(8)	53.5	R Fourie	8/1
76	11	3.90	Anneline	(6)	55.0	L Mxothwa	66/1
72	12	4.10	Extradite	(5)	53.5	S Cele	36/1
70	13	5.35	Gold Image	(13)	52.0	A Andrews	50/1
83	14	6.10	Live Life	(1)	62.0	C Orffer	10/1
Time: 64.98s (59.07s avg/1000m, or 61km/h) SP Total %: 117%							
1st T:DR Drier O:Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd							
(Nom: Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs) B:Maine Chance							