

Africa Rules

Sparingly raced, the 2017 Gr3 Byerley Turk winner Africa Rising produced the peak performance of his career when, ridden with confidence, he burst out of the pack at the 150m mark after running into traffic issues, to catch and beat the dangerous looking Romi's Boy who ran a courageous race.

The 17-1 Africa Rising registered a time of 67.21 secs for the 1160m when getting the better of 25-1 shot Romi's Boy by 1,40 lengths with Captain And Master rattling through late for third over a distance short of his best.

The fancied Rivarine fell away after moving up to run second last and 9,35 lengths off the winner. This was not his run!

The Gr1 placed Africa Rising was bought by Chris van Niekerk's Rainbow Beach Trading for R625 000 at the CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale.

He has won 7 races with 4 places from 12 starts for stakes of R1 449 500.

Bred by Summerhill Stud, Africa Rising carries the distinction of being the first stakes winner of his sex for Visionaire when winning the Byerley Turk last year. He is out of the once winning Braashee mare, Sucha Looka.

Gr2 Merchants 1160m

Winner Africa Rising jumped awkwardly leaving the stalls and raced in the rear; ran on strongly; didn't find the clearest of passages; got up close home

Runner-up Romi's Boy raced 7th just 2.5 lengths off the pace; led 100m; outpaced late

Third Captain And Master (joint best handicapped) raced in the rear; ran on, but no chance with first two

Time: The second fastest of the five sprint races on the card, and the time was a good one. We gave the runner-up (prev 90/99/82/83/99) 99 which makes the winner (prev 88/96/96/91/78) 101 and the third (prev 87/101/80/68/79) 95

101	1	0.00	AFRICA RISING	(11)	54.0	L Hewitson	17/1
5 ch g Visionaire - Sucha Looka (Braashee)							
99	2	1.40	ROMI'S BOY	(6)	55.5	R Danielson	25/1
5 b g Querari - Larking Around (Montjeu)							
95	3	1.60	CAPTAIN AND MASTER	(8)	54.0	P Strydom	17/2
4 b c Captain Al - Scorched (Jet Master)							
87	4	2.60	Clever Guy	(13)	52.0	M Yeni	10/1
95	5	2.85	Rose In Bloom	(10)	56.0	L J Ferraris	12/1
91	6	3.10	Down To Zero	(2)	54.5	W Kennedy	16/1
80	7	5.60	Pure Blonde	(3)	54.0	R Simons	16/1
81	8	5.85	Captain's Causeway	(7)	55.0	C Habib	36/1
74	9	6.05	Isphan	(15)	52.0	M Khan	44/1
75	10	6.15	Hard To Play	(14)	52.5	S Randolph	12/1
68	11	7.65	Donny G	(5)	52.0	C Herrera Gomez	16/1
72	12	8.35	Champagne Haze	(4)	55.0	D Schwarz	22/1
64	13	8.55	Wonderwall	(9)	52.0	K Zechner	20/1
69	14	8.65	Procal Harum	(1)	54.5	R Munger	13/1
67	15	9.35	Rivarine	(12)	54.5	G Lerena	41/10
13	16	26.60	Pinnacle Peak	(16)	60.0	C Zackey	13/2

Time: 67.21s (57.94s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%
1st **T:**SG Tarry **O:**Mr C J H van Niekerk & Portapa (Pty) Ltd T/A Supabets
(Nom: Mr P Anastasopolous) **B:**Summerhill Stud

The Girls Do It

The fairer sex dominated the finish of a weather interrupted Gr3 Victory Moon Stakes at Turffontein last Thursday evening with Mike de Kock star Takingthepeace getting up to hold off Sabina's Dynasty in an exciting finish.

The easily recognisable green and purple silks of Takingthepeace was settled in midfield as the free-striding Cash Time made the pace ahead of Dawn Assault and Arctica.

Warren Kennedy let Takingthepeace grab her breath and find her stride as he coached her through to challenge at the 250m marker.

She slipped through down the inside and the in-form KZN-based rider kept her focussed as she held off a late challenge from Sabina's Dynasty down the outside to win by 0,75 lengths in a time 112,74 secs.

Takingthepeace was purchased for R280 000 off the CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale by Form Bloodstock.

Interestingly, her half-brother by Duke Of Marmalade – named The Sandwich Man – sold for a R1 Million at the BSA Ready To Run Sale earlier this month.

Bred by Summerhill Stud, the winner, named Sagano at sale, is a daughter of Visionaire (Grand Slam) out of the three-time winner, Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer).

Takingthepeace has won 6 races with 5 places from 13 starts for stakes of R1 751 525.

Gr3 Victory Moon Stakes 1800m

Winner Takingthepeace raced 6th; ran on well to lead 300m

Runner-up Sabina's Dynasty raced 7th 2,25 lengths behind the winner; ran on best late

Third Cash Time (2nd best handicapped) was drawn wide; set the pace; kept on well after being headed 300m out

Time: There was no real pace early and as a result this comparatively was only the third fastest of the three races around the turn. We gave the sixth horse 97 which makes the winner (prev 91/91/88/87/92) 95, the runner-up (prev 94/87/93/94/99) 96, and the third (prev 97/89/51/80/89) 88

93	1	0.00	TAKINGTHEPEACE	(8)	53.5	W Kennedy	10/3
4 b f Visionaire - Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer)							
96	2	0.75	SABINA'S DYNASTY	(1)	55.5	P Strydom	27/4
5 b m Dynasty - Sabina Park (Sportsworld)							
88	3	1.00	CASH TIME	(13)	52.0	R Munger	36/1
4 b g Gimmethethegreenlight - Dynamite Casey (Casey Tibbs)							
96	4	1.25	Arctica	(10)	56.0	G Lerena	9/1
87	5	2.00	Zouaves	(5)	52.5	M v Rensburg	21/4
97	6	3.00	Dawn Assault	(11)	58.0	R Simons	11/1
88	7	5.50	Tandava	(12)	56.0	J Penny	44/1
91	8	6.00	Like A Panther	(14)	58.0	C Zackey	11/1
94	9	6.75	Liege	(7)	60.0	L Hewitson	22/1
89	10	7.25	Full Mast	(4)	58.0	Wei Marwing	28/1
73	11	8.50	Bankable Teddy	(2)	52.0	D R Lerena	28/1
85	12	9.00	Bulleting Home	(6)	58.0	A Marcus	22/1
76	13	10.00	French Navy	(3)	55.0	D Schwarz	22/1
79	14	11.00	Deo Juvente	(9)	57.0	C Maujean	9/1

Time: 112.74s (62.63s avg/1000m, or 57km/h) **SP Total %:** 114%
1st **T:**MF de Kock **O:**Messrs M Makepeace, M F de Kock,
C & R Kieswetter & M C Shea **B:**Summerhill Stud

Peace For President

The 2018 SA Triple Tiara dream took on a new dimension at Turffontein on Saturday with the Visionaire filly Takingthepeace producing a herculean effort from last to grab the honours in the final stride of the R1 million Wilgerbosdrift Gr1 SA Fillies Classic.

Takingthepeace handled all-comers in her stride as she surged up the outside of the long Turffontein stands track to grab victory in the final stride from the gallant Green Top and set up a possible date with history on 7 May.

Takingthepeace registered her 5th win from 8 starts and stakes of R1 425 125 by a short head in a time of 1:11,42 secs.

Muzi Yeni's dream Gr1 double was real as he got Green Top into a winning position, but that was shattered in a flash.

On his way back to the winner's enclosure after the pull-up, Callan Murray prayed for protection for his ribs after memories flooded back of the Gauteng Guineas winner's circle elation where he was lifted and squeezed as if he had just scored a World Cup final winning goal by enthusiastic owners Murray Makepeace, Michael Shea and Matt de Kock.

The joy this time appeared to have doubled!

Takingthepeace was purchased for R280 000 off the CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale by Form Bloodstock.

Bred by Summerhill Stud, the winner, named Sagano at sale, is a daughter of Visionaire (Grand Slam) out of the three-time winner, Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer).

Gr1 SA Fillies Classic (3yo's) 1800m

Winner Takingthepeace (3rd best handicapped) was drawn wide; positioned at the back of the 16 turning for home; ran on strongly to lead last stride; hanging

Runner-up Green Top dwelt start; 6th at 400m; led 150m; hanging; piped last stride

Third Secret Potion raced 7th; 2nd at 400m; carried in 300m; held every chance

Time: Run 0.65 seconds slower than the SA Classic, the race was run in snatches and developed into a sprint finish, where there was little emphasis on being able to stay the distance. Ratings could be suspect. We gave the 4th (prev 84/86/84/88/85) 88 which makes the winner (prev 84/58/89/90/91) 91, the runner-up (prev 79/82/73/85/88) 91, and the third (prev 69/72/76//77/81) 89

91	1	0.00	TAKINGTHEPEACE	(14)	60.0	C Murray	13/1
3 b f Visionaire - Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer)							
91	2	0.05	GREEN TOP	(7)	60.0	M Yeni	6/1
3 b f Gimmetheregreenlight - Caughtintheslips (Caesour)							
89	3	1.15	SECRET POTION	(3)	60.0	G Wrogemann	15/1
3 b f Elusive Fort - Lemon Drop Girl (Parade Leader)							
88	4	1.55	Fiorella	(11)	60.0	A Marcus	15/1
88	5	1.80	Folk Dance	(9)	60.0	K De Melo	113/20
84	6	3.50	Rockin Russian	(5)	60.0	L Hewitson	15/1
84	7	3.90	London Secret	(2)	60.0	R Danielson	36/1
83	8	4.40	Silver Thursday	(10)	60.0	K Zechner	5/1
78	9	6.90	Flichty By Farr	(15)	60.0	M v Rensburg	16/1
77	10	7.10	Forest Express	(12)	60.0	S Khumalo	18/1
75	11	8.00	Aurelia Cotta	(1)	60.0	B Fayd'herbe	11/1
73	12	9.10	Roy's Riviera	(8)	60.0	W Kennedy	28/1
72	13	9.60	Saragon	(13)	60.0	C Maujean	66/1
70	14	10.85	Mar Del Sur	(16)	60.0	C Zackey	80/1
62	15	14.85	Cashel Palace	(6)	60.0	R Simons	10/1
53	16	19.25	Radiant Splendour	(4)	60.0	P Strydom	13/1

Time: 1:11.42s (61.9s avg/1000m, or 58km/h) **SP Total %:** 116%

1st **T:**MF de Kock **O:**Messrs M Makepeace, M F de Kock & M C Shea

B:Summerhill Stud

Peace Shattered

Mike de Kock broke the Sean Tarry stranglehold on the R500 000 Gr2 Gauteng Guineas in spectacular style at Turffontein on Saturday.

Reigning SA champion Sean Tarry was going for his fourth consecutive victory in the Johannesburg first leg of the SA Triple Tiara, but Mike de Kock arrived at the party with a class quintet of runners and turned the race into a fairytale advertisement for new generation racehorse ownership.

While her Three Troikas winning stablemate Fish River looked the natural stable elect, the superstitious few may have included the 20-1 Takingthepeace on some alliterative pointers – the letter M playing a part in the names of owners Murray Makepeace, Michael Shea – son of top jockey Kevin – and Matthew de Kock, as well as jockey Callan Murray, who was aboard for the first time.

With Aurelia Cotta taken out at the start, reducing the field to 12, Takingthepeace was dropped out to second last by Callan Murray as Pale Lilac led Cashel Palace and Silver Thursday, with the fancied Fish River tucked away in fourth.

In the run for home, Takingthepeace had the entire field to get past and looked under pressure to find a top half finish as Cashel Palace and Folk Dance ranged up dangerously, with Silver Thursday staying on well.

With her head turned towards the crowd, Takingthepeace drifted to the outside and started making ground – but still looking to need to get lucky to find the money.

As Weichong Marwing and Silver Thursday looked likely winners. Takingthepeace – still an awkward ride – eventually found her best finish to catch the winner in the final 100m and won going away by a quarter length in a time of 97,91 secs.

Takingthepeace was purchased for R280 000 off the CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale by Form Bloodstock.

Bred by Summerhill Stud, the winner, named Sagano at sale, is a daughter of Visionaire (Grand Slam) out of the three-time winner, Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer).

Takingthepeace has won 4 races with 3 places from 8 starts for stakes of R800 125.

Gr2 Gauteng Fillies Guineas (3yo's) 1600m

Winner Takingthepeace raced second last and was at the back 500m out; ran on strongly to lead 100m; shifted in away from the crop late Runner-up Silver Thursday raced 3rd; led 280m; piped late Third Green Top raced 8th; ran on and held every chance

Time: fourth fastest of the eight races around the turn; the pace was not quick early, and visibly slowed 200m or so before the false rail prior to a sprint finish. Not a true run race, where the ratings may not hold up for future. We gave the 6th (prev 53/72/85/85/85) 85 which makes the winner (prev 89/87/58/89/90) 91, the runner-up (prev 80/88/88/74/84) 91 and the third (prev 68/79/82/73/85) 88

91	1	0.00	TAKINGTHEPEACE	(7)	60.0	C Murray	22/1
3 b f Visionaire - Lisa Anne (Rambo Dancer)							
91	2	0.25	SILVER THURSDAY	(2)	60.0	Wei Marwing	13/1
3 ch f Silvano - Secret Obsession (Captain Al)							
88	3	1.40	GREEN TOP	(4)	60.0	M Yeni	36/1
3 b f Gimmetheregreenlight - Caughtintheslips (Caesour)							
86	4	2.60	Folk Dance	(10)	60.0	G Lerena	26/10
86	5	2.70	Rockin Russian	(3)	60.0	L Hewitson	22/1
85	6	3.00	Dame Kelly	(11)	60.0	S Brown	36/1
78	7	6.00	Cashel Palace	(12)	60.0	R Simons	22/1
78	8	6.25	Radiant Splendour	(5)	60.0	A Marcus	113/20
71	9	9.50	Pearl Of Bahrain	(6)	60.0	G v Niekerk	20/1
66	10	11.75	Awfaa	(9)	60.0	C Zackey	20/1
63	11	12.75	Fish River	(8)	60.0	A Delpech	47/20
56	12	16.00	Pale Lilac	(1)	60.0	JP vd Merwe	44/1

Time: 97.91s (61.19s avg/1000m, or 59km/h) **SP Total %:** 110%

1st **T:**MF de Kock **O:**Messrs M Makepeace, M F de Kock & M C Shea

B:Summerhill Stud

What A Thought

On a day of mixed fortunes for his yard, trainer Johan Janse van Vuuren picked up his maiden Gr2 Merchants success courtesy of the Visionaire gelding, The Thinker.

Easy to back at 12-1 in a wide open handicap, the lightly raced The Thinker showed that he could be a sprinter to follow this season when he stormed through from some lengths off the speed for an impressive victory.

The only winner on the multiple feature programme in the SA champion owner silks of the Mayfair Speculators, The Thinker rewarded those that had seen his hard luck run when under a length off Graduation Day in the Golden Loom Handicap at his last outing.

With Naafer and Romi's Boy going quickly early on, Donovan Mansour had The Thinker nearer last early on but gradually built him up into contention.

At the 300m marker, Naafer galloping all alone down the inside looked like he could be a serious challenger, but The Thinker had them all ice cold and went on to score by 1,10 lengths over the game 3yo Naafer in second. No time was published.

Bred by Summerhill Stud, The Thinker is a 4yo son of Gr1 King's Bishop Stakes winner Visionaire (Grand Slam) out of the three-time winner Radiant Lass (Northern Guest).

A R180 0000 CTS Johannesburg Ready To Run Sale graduate, The Thinker has won 5 races with 1 place from 11 starts and stakes of R590 050.

Gr2 Merchants 1160m

Winner The Thinker raced 8th; ran on well to lead 60m

Runner-up Naafer set the pace 1 length clear; kept on strongly

Third Amazing Strike raced in midfield; was marginally behind the winner at 400m; ran on; jockey Delpech was shown the patrol film and advised against the practise of using his crop in the drawn position forward of the saddle

Time: By far the fastest of the four 1160m races, the time on the day was a good one. We gave the third (prev 92/95/85/97/63) 95 which makes the winner (prev 74/76/90/92/91) 98 and the runner-up (prev 85/93/85/89/95) 101

115	1	0.00	THE THINKER	(17)	52.0	D Mansour	12/1
4 b g Visionaire - Radiant Lass (Northern Guest)							
118	2	1.10	NAAFER	(1)	52.0	R Munger	5/1
3 b c Lonhro - Very Discreet(AUS) (Exceed And Excel)							
112	3	1.70	AMAZING STRIKE	(2)	53.5	A Delpech	28/1
6 b g Ideal World - Bayard Crown (Strike Smartly)							
116	4	2.70	Captain Aldo	(3)	57.0	R Danielson	28/1
119	5	2.75	Talktothestars	(11)	58.5	G Lerena	28/1
102	6	4.00	Splendid Garden	(16)	53.0	JP vd Merwe	66/1
99	7	4.25	Dan The Lad	(5)	52.0	J Penny	80/1
118	8	5.00	Bull Valley	(9)	62.0	K Zechner	7/2
102	9	5.50	Rivarine	(14)	55.5	P Strydom	15/2
97	10	5.65	Romi's Boy	(7)	53.5	M Veni	18/1
99	11	5.70	Africa Rising	(12)	54.5	C Murray	36/1
99	12	6.00	Graduation Day	(15)	55.0	A Marcus	5/1
97	13	8.25	Will Pays	(4)	58.0	C Zackey	18/1
82	14	8.50	Pure Blonde	(18)	52.0	W Kennedy	36/1
72	15	11.25	Angel's Power	(6)	52.0	G v Niekerk	19/1
83	16	11.75	Kangaroo Jack	(10)	58.0	L Hewitson	30/1
72	17	12.50	African Ruler	(8)	54.0	S Khumalo	36/1
51	18	18.50	Pera Palace	(13)	52.0	K De Melo	16/1

Time: 67.62s (58.29s avg/1000m, or 62km/h) **SP Total %:** 121%
1st: T:AJJ v Vuuren **O:** Mayfair Speculators (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mr D L Brugman)
B: Summerhill Stud