



South African Racing and Bloodstock News

RACING REVIEW

ELUSIVE FORT IS DESERVING SOUTH AFRICAN DERBY WINNER

There could not have been a more deserving winning owner of last Saturday's R1 million SA Derby than Ebrahim Khan, who has dug deep into his pockets to realize his dream of owning a Gr.1 winner. **Elusive Fort**, purchased at the National Yearling Sales for R750,000 became his first. He is by Fort Wood out of the **Secret Prospector** mare **Ever Seeking**, who won five races up to a mile. He stayed every inch of the distance as he was forced wide early, and cornered into the straight three wide before making a bee-line for the inside rail and running on to win by a length and a quarter. Apart from Ebrahim Khan, Wilgerbosdrift Stud was the toast of the race track having bred the first three past the post, a remarkable achievement for such a young stud. **Bennie Blue (Rich Man's Gold – Biloxi Blue by Al Mufti)** was second and **Sun Screen (Rich Man's Gold – Tanover by Model Man)** was third.

In the R400,000 Gr.2 The Oaks, **Candy Critic**, an Argentine-bred **Candy Stripes** filly out of the Tough Critic mare **Tough Dancer**, toyed with the opposition and, despite being eased down inside the final fifty metres, won by four lengths. Candy Critic is a half-sister to a Gr.2 winner in Argentina and, notably was Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's first runner and winner as an owner in South Africa. One of his partner's, Greg Blank, enjoyed a red letter day when another two of his runners, **Zambomba (Al Mufti)** and **Procurer (Houston Connection)**, earned Graded victories.

Summer Cup winner **Iiha da Vitoria** produced another devastating finish to win the R600,000 Gr.1 H F Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes over a mile by a length and a half, proving that the mile is not too sharp for her. She is also by **Candy Stripes**, although Brazilian-bred in this case. She is out of the **Equalize** mare **De Memoria**. Fittingly she is owned by the late Harry Oppenheimer's daughter Mary Slack and trained by Mike de Kock, who also trained the Oppenheimer's wonder horse, **Horse Chestnut**.

RACING PREVIEW

This Saturday at Turffontein there are three Stakes races. In the R200,000 Gr.2 Colorado King Stakes, Champion Sire **Western Winter** could add another Stakes win to his numerous others. **Western Prospect** out of **Ginger Cake (Proclaim)**, already has a Gr.2 win under his belt and could add another. He was bred by Lucky Hill Investments and is owned by former trainer Clodagh Shaw.

In the R150,000 Gr.3 Tony Ruffel Stakes, **Singing Sword** could become underrated **Plugged Nickle** sire, **Prince of War's** second Stakes winner. He is out of the **Argosy** mare **Razmataz**, and was bred by Northwood Stud and owned by K P and Mrs N M Backos. Prince of War's third dam, **Lily**, is proving to be a highly successful matriarch. As mentioned in last week's EBN report, **Lot 65** in the Select session at the forthcoming National Yearling Sales, comes from this female line.

Al Mufti could add to his collection of Stakes winners in the R150,000 Gr.3 Three Troikas Stakes. **Patchouli Moon** out of the Argentine mare **Perfuma (Ahmad)**, who was bred by Scott Bros and is owned by D Scott and Terrance Millard, has a great chance of success.

JUVENILE WINNERS OF THE WEEK

Perhaps this should be called the Charles Laird corner for he had another emphatic juvenile winner on Tuesday night in the form of **Honourable (Jallad)** out of the seven times winning sprinter **My Promise (Melun)**. She was bred by Highland Farms Stud and purchased for R375,000 at the National Yearling Sales by Marcus Jooste, J C von Solms and P G Greyling, of whom Charles Laird said would have a lot of fun with this one. He ran as if he would stay further having to be kept to his task to win by three and a half lengths.

Perhaps more impressive on the night was the **West Man** filly, **Lady Perez** out of the **Cordoba** mare **Rosie Perez**, a sprint/miler who won twice. She is a lazy sort, who has to be pushed along from the start but has plenty of ability. In her first start against previous winners, she dwelt in the stalls but made up nine lengths in the final two furlongs to finish a close third. This time, she was again slow to start and was pushed along throughout but won going away in the manner of a good sprinter. She is owned by Geoff Anstey, who bred her together with his late wife.

At the weekend, talking point second season sire, **Count Dubois**, further enhanced his growing reputation when **Ethics** won the Gr.3 Pretty Polly Stakes over five furlongs. Out of the staying **Del Sarto** mare, **Family Code (AR101)**, Ethics was purchased for R75,000 at Bloodstock South Africa's Cape Yearling Sale by E Appollis and was bred by Normandy Stud.

MAIDEN WINNER OF THE WEEK

The David Makins owned sire, **Anytime**, a half-brother to 1,000 Guineas winner, **Sleepytime**, had his eleventh winner from his first crop when **Great Eastern**, out of **Waterfall Rainbow (Golden Thatch)**, won at Scottsville on Wednesday. This gelding was purchased at Bloodstock South Africa's National Two-Year-Old

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the race and has now started six times in England, failing to complete three times, and finishing second once and fourth twice.

Gr.2 CITROEN C4 MERSEY NOVICES' HURDLE, Aintree, 2m4f, 4yo+, 1st £31,361, 2nd £11,764, 3rd £5,890

1. **NATAL** (Fr) 5g,

Funny Baby – Donitille (Italic)

2nd dam Verte Pomme (Pamponi)

3rd dam Verveine IV (Verdi)

O: Mrs M Hackett, B: Y d'Armaille, T: P F Nicholls

€60,000 2004 Goffs France Vente de l'Arc

by Highflyer Bloodstock

2. **BLAZING BAILEY** (GB), 4g,

Mister Baileys – Wannaplantatree (Niniski)

O: Three Line Whip, B: A M Tombs, T: A King

20,000gns Doncaster Bloodstock St Leger Yearling Sale

27,000gns 2005 Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training

Sale by Aiden Murphy

3. **HARMONY BRIG** (Ire) 7g,

Accordion – Bridges Daughter (Montelimar)

O: It's a Bargain Syndicate, B: Mrs O E Matthews,

T: N G Richards

Also ran: Boychuk, Chiaro, Buena Vista, Regal Heights, Some Touch, Patman Du Charmil, Craven (pu), Marshalls Run (pu)

Distances: 1½l, 28l, shd, 8l, 10l

Gr.3 JOHN SMITH'S RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE,

Aintree, 2m, 5yo+, 1st £39,914, 2nd £14,973, 3rd £7,497

1. **JACKS CRAIC** (Ire) 7g,

Lord Americo – Boleree (Mandalus)

2nd dam Damberee (Deep Run)

3rd dam Star O'Meath (Star Gazer)

O: BBB Computer Services, B: Michael Murphy,

T: J L Spearing

Ir4,200gns 1999 Tattersalls (November) NH Sale

6,000gns 1999 Doncaster November Sale

by Liam Cashman

€16,000 2002 Tattersalls (Ireland) Derby Sale

by Colin Weedon

2. **NYRCHE** (Fr) 6g,

Medaaly – Thoiry (Sagace)

O: T Fisher & Mrs J Fisher, B: M Dolic, T: A King

3. **ANDREAS** (Fr), 6g,

Marchand de Sable – Muscova Dancer (Muscovite)

O: Mark Tincknell, B: M Gosse and Mlle Noelle Bataille
T: P F Nicholls

Also ran: Ground Ball, Town Crier, Armaturk, Hand Inn Hand, Monjoyau, Mansony, Tysou (p), Greenhope (p), Bambi de l'Orne (p), Palua (p), Almaydan (p), Demi Beau (p), Bleu Superbe (p)

Non runner: Tribal Dispute

Distances: 2½l, 4l, 7l, 1½l, shd

LR JOHN SMITH'S HBLB MARES' ONLY STANDARD

OPEN NH FLAT RACE, Aintree, 2m1f, 4-6yo f & m,

1st £17,106, 2nd £6,417, 3rd £3,213

1. **RHACOPHORUS** (GB) 5m,

Classic Cliche – Tree Frog (Lomond)

2nd dam Mountain Lodge (Blakeney)

3rd dam Fiddledede (Acropolis)

O: W A Bromley, B: Wood Farm Stud, T: C J Down

2. **WYLDELLO** (GB) 5m,

Supreme Leader – Clonmello (Le Bavard)

O: Mickleton Racing Club, B: R Chugg, T: A King

3. **RING BACK** (Ire) 5m,

Bob Back – Ardrom (Ardross)

O: D Allen, B: Nightingale Bloodstock, T: B I Case

11,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale

by Highflyer Bloodstock

€20,000 2004 Tattersalls (Ireland) August NH Sale

by Rathbarry Stud

€38,000 2005 Tattersalls (Ireland) Derby Sale

by BBA Ireland

Also ran: Strawberry, Calherwhatulike, Chomba Womba, River Tigris, Mill House Girl, Classic Fantasy, Paix Eternelle, Apollo Lady, Seventh Sense, Scarvagh Diamond, Amaretto Rose, Follow My Leader, Miss Mitch, Mrs O'Malley, Lily Tara, She's Humble, Wensleydale Web, Anglezar, Saratogane (pu)

Distances: nk, 2l, ¾l, 2½l, 2½l

SUPPORTING RACES

JOHN SMITH'S AND FLIXTON CONSERVATIVE CLUB

LIVERPOOL HURDLE, Aintree, 3m½f, 4yo+, 1st £39,914,

2nd £14,873, 3rd £7,497

1. **MIGHTY MAN** (Fr), 6g,

Sir Harry Lewis – Vanina II (Italic)

2nd dam Pin'hup (Signani)

3rd dam Julie (Laniste)

O/B: Evan Harbury, T: H D Daly

2. **MY WAY DE SOLZEN** (Fr) 6g,

Assessor – Agathe de Solzan (Chamberlin)



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Sale by G A R Sturlese for R62,000 and was bred by Makin's under his Breedon Stud banner. Great Eastern was raised by Peter and Jenny Blythe at their Clifton Stud. Anytime has **Lots 112** and **165** on day two of the National Yearling Sales out of **Conquistador Cielo** and **Golden Thatch** mares respectively

SALES NEWS

Equimark's Vintage Yearling Sale kick's off on Sunday when 227 Lots will come under the hammer. EBN

carried a preview of the Sale last Friday, but for online catalogue information, click on www.equimark.co.za. A full review of the Sale will be carried in Monday's edition of EBN. David Thiselton

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