

## Inaugural Cape Premier Sale a smash hit



**One Sunday Morning**

The inaugural Cape Premier Yearling Sale ended on a high, with the sale and its concept attracting praise from all round. The two-day sale, the first of its kind in a major city, ended with an aggregate of R88.7 million (results are provisional at the time of writing). Of the 290 horses on offer, 20 were withdrawn and 214 were sold for a clearance rate of 74 percent. There were 51 horses who failed to sell during the two day sale.

The average price was R405 365, an exceptional return for a first year sale.

The sale was topped by two Jet Master colts, who sold for R2.5 million apiece. The first colt to sell for R2.5 million was lot 102, One Sunday Morning.

Out of the AI Mufti mare Laptop Lady, the colt is a half-brother to international G1 winner, and now sire, Jay Peg. Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, One Sunday Morning was purchased by Ebrahim Khan.

The second Jet Master colt to fetch R2.5 million was lot 269. Named Alexandra Palace, the colt was consigned by Varsfontein Stud. He was snapped up by Singapore based trainer, Pat Shaw. Alexandra Palace is a half-sister to Alexandra Rose, former winner of the Golden Slipper and a G3 winner in North America.

Form Bloodstock was the leading buyer at the sale. They purchased 16 yearlings for R8 970 000. Form's top priced buy was lot 114, a Tiger Ridge colt, whom they bought for R1.5 million.



**Alexandra Palace**

Leading vendor, by aggregate, at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale was Klawervlei. Their 32 yearlings sold made R15 725 000, with an average price of R491 406. Klawervlei consigned the joint sales topper, One Sunday Morning.

Leading vendor by average, 3 or more sold, was Lammerskraal Stud. Lammerskraal sold three yearlings for an average price of R933 333. Their top priced lot was 274, a very handsome Western Winter colt out of the G1 Paddock Stakes winner Angelina. He sold for R1.7 million.

All in all, the sale won many admirers for the efficiency of the sale, as well as the new venue, and different concept. The quality of horseflesh was admired by many of the overseas buyers.

Team Valor's Barry Irwin was impressed by the horses on offer, saying, "I came to buy three horses, and am leaving with seven! I am very happy with the horses on sale, and I haven't found them to be immature or backwards, as I feared I might. The selection of the horses was excellent."

Angus Gold, racing manager for Shadwell Stud, was also happy with the sale. He said, "Everyone has been tremendously positive about the sale, and from what I have seen, they have every right to be."

Robin Bruss, a council member of the TBA, said of the sale, "I think we have achieved a magnificent result." Few would disagree.

NOT ALL  
**THE BIG ONES**  
 COME FROM THE NATIONAL SALE



*MOTHER RUSSIA - 4x Gr1 wins*

*Gr1 Winning Graduates in the last year*



*Gr1 Captain's Gal*



*Gr1 Pocket Power - 9x Gr1 wins*



*Gr1 Ivory Trail*



*Gr1 Ancestral Fore*

# CAPE SUMMER YEARLING SALE

Friday, 4th March 2011 at 14h00 - Sandringham Farm, Cape Town

BloodStock South Africa  
 PO Box 827, Germiston 1400, South Africa  
 Tel: 011 323 5700 • Fax: 011 323 5788



Contact Enquiries  
 Tel: 011 323 5700 • Fax: 011 323 5788  
 e-mail: enquiries@tba.co.za • website: www.tba.co.za

## Master wins Met for ecstatic Adams



Talented 4yo Past Master created history when running out a 14-1 winner of the 2011 G1 J&B Met. The flashy gelding gave his sire, Jet Master, a fifth consecutive win in the Met.

Past Master turned the tables on his L'Ormarins Queen's Plate conqueror Mother Russia, who finished second in the race, beaten just over a length.

Run For It, the only 3yo in the race, ran third ahead of Queen's Plate runner up Tales of Bravery, who was fourth.

Past Master was given a great ride by Gerrit Schlechter, who got the gelding over from a wide draw, and kept him close to the pace, which was very slow. In the straight, Schlechter pulled him clear of his rival Mother Russia, who had found traffic problems. Past Master got first run on the filly, and pulled away to a convincing win.

Mother Russia was finishing second in the Met, for a second consecutive year, but would have lost no admirers on this run, whilst third placed finisher, Run For It, looks like a horse for the future.

Pocket Power, who had been quietly fancied to win his fourth J&B Met, could only finish eighth, and the three time Horse of the Year has now been retired to a life of leisure.

Past Master returned to a very emotional winners circle, following his historic win. He was providing owner Hassan Adams, trainer Daryll Hodgson and jockey Gerrit Schlechter a first Met win, and it showed!

Hassen Adams has been one of the Cape's biggest supporters, spending millions on yearlings both locally and internationally. After winning the Met, however, Adams was rendered almost speechless. It was a first win in the Cape's premier race for a person of colour, which made the victory even more special for Hassen Adams.

An emotional Adams said after the race, "I would like to dedicate this win to my father, who was a great man and loved horses. To see this happen is great. It's the first time our

community has actually won the Met and it makes me proud to be the first person (to do so)."

For winning jockey, Gerrit Schlechter, the victory was very sweet, after Schlechter had narrowly been denied in the 2001 Met, when his mount Trademark (Goldmark) was just touched off by his stable companion, Bunter Barlow (Fine Edge).

Schlechter, who had previously won the country's biggest race, the Vodacom Durban July, with Eyeofthetiger, said after the race, "It's a great, great feeling – it's like winning the July, especially at my age! I always knew the horse had it in him. He won nicely, very easily."

It was a great training feat by Daryll Hodgson, who bought Past Master back to his best just weeks after a below par run in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate, where the gelding could only finish sixth. Hodgson has trained horses for Hassen Adams since 1984, and currently trains 40 of Adams' horses. Hodgson describes Past Master as a "lovely natured horse, a bit cheeky at times."

The win was also emotional for the successful breeders, Hyjo Stud. Owner, Hyman Maisel, has been ill recently, and Past Master's win would have given Maisel plenty to smile about. Hyjo have had a great run of late, and are also the breeders of last season's G1 Canon Gold Cup winner Ancestral Fore. The latter is currently campaigning in Dubai.

Past Master was a R375 000 purchase at the 2008 Emperor's Palace National Yearling Sale. His purchase price looks cheap, as he has now won five of his ten races and over R1.5 million in prize money.

Past Master, who won the 1200m G2 Diadem Stakes two starts before landing the 2000m J&B Met, will now be aimed at the Vodacom Durban July.

His sire, Jet Master, has dominated the Met in recent years. Siblings Pocket Power and River Jetez won the last four Mets for their sire, and Past Master has now given "The Jet" his fifth Met winner – a new record in the history of the race.

Past Master is out of the Western Winter mare, Early Thaw. Early Thaw is the first daughter of champion sire Western Winter to produce a G1 winner.

Early Thaw, herself, won four races over 1200m, and is a daughter of G3 Fillies Nursery winner Happy News.

Early Thaw, who has a yearling filly by Spectrum, is a great granddaughter of G1 Paddock Stakes heroine Enthusiast. This is the family of former Horse of the Year, Over The Air.

## De Kock reaches new heights in Dubai



Champion trainer Mike de Kock has dominated the first few race meetings of the 2010/2011 Dubai International Racing Carnival. To date, de Kock has saddled eight winners in the early part of the Carnival, with the promise of more big wins in the months to come.

Mike de Kock saddled the first thoroughbred winner of the Carnival, when his fillies Reem and Mahbooba fought out the finish to the UAE 1000 Guineas Trial sponsored by Longines. De Kock's tally includes the feature race winners Bold Silvano and Mahbooba, as well as the very promising 3yo Zanzamar – who gave de Kock his fourth win in the last five years in the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial. This remarkable run of success, saw de Kock saddle his 100th winner in Dubai. Mike de Kock has a very potent string in Dubai, with the likes of Musir, Ancestral Fore and Irish Flame all potential runners on World Cup night.

## Bold Silvano looks World Cup material



Bold Silvano, last season's Equus Champion Middle Distance Horse, made a smashing Dubai debut when running out a fluent winner of the G3 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan last month. The handsome 4yo, who was described by his trainer as only "85% fit", showed his mettle with a convincing

1.5 win in the Maktoum Challenge. The win was made more meritorious by the fact that Bold Silvano was making his debut on the tapeta racetrack.

Trainer Mike de Kock was thrilled by the performance, saying, "We're very excited, because he wasn't wound up. (Jockey) Christophe Soumillon was jubilant, Bold Silvano gave him a feel he hasn't had for a while." De Kock admitted to being somewhat surprised by the ease of the colt's victory, saying, "This was the plan for his comeback, but I didn't expect him to win that well!" Bold Silvano, who was bred by the Ascot Stud of Dr Ashley and Mrs Rose Parker, has now won for owners Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum and Mrs Gill Thompson.

A son of outstanding sire Silvano, Bold Silvano is out of the Al Mufti mare Bold Saffron.

Silvano has now been represented by six Gr1 winners in South Africa, including last season's Investec Cape Derby winner Bravura and Summer Cup winners Fliration and Aslan.

Bold Silvano's dam, Bold Saffron, was a stakes placed winner of four races. She is a half-sister to G3 winner Cape Saffron. Bold Saffron's most recently registered foal is an unraced 2yo Daylami filly, named Saffron Spice.

Bold Silvano, a R300 000 purchase at the 2008 Emperors Palace National Yearling Sale, won last year's G1 2010 Vodacom Durban July, has now won 7 races and over R3.3 million in prize money.

He looks to be a huge runner in the Dubai World Cup at the end of March. Bold Silvano, formerly with Gavin Smith, has now won feature races at 2,3 and 4, and has won races from 1100- 2200 meters.

## South African breeders receive international recognition

### ***Bold Silvano shows merits of 'tough and sound' South African bloodstock***

Bold Silvano 4yo bay colt by Silvano-Bold Saffron (Al Mufti) One year after Brazilian-bred, French-trained and Swedish-owned Gloria De Campeao landed the Dubai World Cup, a horse who carries the hopes of another diverse league of nations looks one of the likely winners of the 2011 renewal next month. Bold Silvano sprang to the head of ante-post lists for the world's richest race after impressively winning the Group 3 Etisalat-sponsored Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan on Thursday. The four-year-old colt was – take a deep breath – bred in South Africa from a German stallion, is part-owned by a Dubai royal and is ridden by a Belgian. Victory for Bold Silvano would provide a deserved first Dubai World Cup

for the owner-trainer team of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum and Mike de Kock after another South African-bred, Lizard's Desire, failed by an agonisingly tiny margin to catch Gloria De Campeao in a thrilling finish to last year's race.

Like Lizard's Desire, Bold Silvano hails from Port Elizabeth in South Africa. His breeder, Ascot Stud, owned by Rose Parker and her son Ashley, is one of the country's most prestigious breeding establishments. Founded in 1966, it produced five-time Group 1 winner and 1985 South African horse of the year Enchanted Garden.

Ashley Parker, a practising vet who combines looking after the health of the local equine population with running the stud, says: "Bold Silvano was really impressive and of course it's exciting to have an Ascot Stud graduate performing so well on the world stage. It won't be easy in the Dubai World Cup with the likes of Cape Blanco and Snow Fairy possibly coming to take him on, but the way he won suggests he will be competitive."

Bold Silvano is doing a fine job of advertising bloodlines that the Parkers have vested interests in: his late dam, Bold Saffron, was from a female line long nurtured at the stud and is by Ascot resident Al Mufti, a Roberto half-brother to top sprinter Wolfhound who was trained by Tom Jones, and sire of an earlier Dubai Carnival star in Victory Moon. Plus he is by Silvano, a German-bred Lomitas half-brother to Sabiango, who stands at Andreas Jacobs' Maine Chance Farm, in whom the breeders have a share in.

Parker says: "We sold Bold Saffron as a yearling – she was a beautiful filly from Al Mufti's second crop. She won four races at around 7f to 1m. When her owners emigrated to the US we bought her back. She's dead, but we have two of her half-sisters – one is in foal to Silvano and the other is by Daylami and is in training.

"We chose Silvano as he is a middle-distance sire and we felt that introducing Al Mufti into the cross could inject some speed. The same cross produced King's Gambit, winner of the South African Derby [subsequently Group 3 placed for trainer Tom Tate in Britain].

"Al Mufti is now 26 and has been retired due to declining fertility, but he is still healthy and enjoying his retirement here on the stud.

"His last full crop includes last month's Cape Derby winner Top Seller and he has a final crop of around ten two-year-olds to run."

Silvano's reputation in South Africa has blossomed since King's Gambit became his first Group 1 winner in 2008: he has added five more including Bold Silvano and Flirtation, who won two of the country's biggest events, the Durban July and the Summer Cup, in the past year.

The flurry came just too late for Bold Silvano's turn in the ring at the Emperors Palace National

Yearling Sale in 2008 and he was bought for R300,000 (£25,700/€30,500) – some way short of the sale average of R398,503. "It was a reasonable price considering the Silvanos weren't selling that well at that point," Parker reflects. "Obviously they're more sought after now."

Luckily it was Gill Thomson, a long-time close friend of Rose Parker, who had the winning bid. She sold a half-share in Bold Silvano to Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa through Form Bloodstock's Jehan Malherbe before the colt's Durban July success.

So why do South African horses seem to excel at the Dubai Carnival and on World Cup night? "We breed tough, sound horses," Parker says, "and they may be better suited to the climate in Dubai than the Europeans, as they have come from summer in South Africa."

But Parker concedes the success may be due to nurture rather than nature.

"A lot of it comes down to Mike de Kock," he says. "He is a legendary trainer – an absolute master."

**Martin Stevens Racing Post, 1st February 2011**

## Mother wins L'Ormarins Queen's Plate



Mother Russia put up an impressive performance to land the Cape's greatest WFA race, the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate in style last month. The 5yo daughter of Windrush is showing her best ever form at a time when many mares have been retired to stud. Mother Russia has been a remarkable durable filly, who has competed at the highest level from 2-5. An Equus Champion last year, she continues to improve with age, and has now won 10 feature races, four of which were at Gr1 level. Mother Russia was beautifully positioned by her regular jockey, Anton Marcus, who simply asked the mare for her effort half way up the home stretch. The gutsy mare accelerated from her opposition to justify her position as favourite for the one mile race. Vaughan Marshall's Tales of Bravery finished a well beaten second, 2.25 lengths off the winner, whilst the previously unbeaten 3yo filly, Ebony Flyer,

was not disgraced back in third. Pocket Power, who had been attempting his fifth consecutive win in the Queen's Plate, could only manage fourth place.

Mother Russia gave winning trainer, Mike de Kock, his first win in the Queen's Plate. De Kock was in Dubai on the day, so wife, Diane, collected the trophy on his behalf.

Winning owner, Mary Slack, was ecstatic, saying of the mare, "I knew we had the draw in our favour, but I didn't expect her to win so easily. I am sure she grew an inch and a half while she rested on the farm. She's getting better with age and she came to her peak in time for the race."

Anton Marcus has built a fantastic relationship with the mare, and he had glowing words after the race for his game partner. "I'm running out of superlatives for Mother Russia, she's been very good to me."

Mother Russia, who was bred by Veronica Foulkes at her Normandy Stud, has now won 13 of her 26 starts. The 5yo, a R160 000 purchase at the 2007 Cape Yearling Sale, has now earned over R5 million in prize money.

Mother Russia, who is by Windrush out of the Russian Fox mare Russian Muse, had a full sister sell at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale. The filly was knocked down to Form Bloodstock for R1.4 million.

## Pocket retires



South Africa's favourite racehorse, Pocket Power, has been retired. The 8yo gelding ended his legendary career with an eighth place finish in the 2011 J&B Met. He retires as a Triple Horse of the Year, having won 20 races and just under R10 million in prize money.

A son of champion sire Jet Master and broodmare of the year Stormsvlei, Pocket Power was bred at Zandvliet Stud. He was bought at the 2004 Cape Yearling Sale by Mike Bass for R190 000. Pocket Power, affectionately known as "Pocket", was owned throughout his career by Marsh Shirtliff and Arthur and Rina Webber.

As a 3yo, Pocket became the first horse to win the Cape's Winter Triple Crown – consisting of the Winter Guineas, Winter Classic and Winter Derby. He continued to improve with age, and during his career won three J&B Met's, four Queen's Plate and dead-headed in the G1 Vodacom Durban July. Pocket Power also won the G1 Gold Challenge and landed the G2 Green Point Stakes on three occasions.

His full sister, River Jetez, became one of Pocket's regular rivals, and she eventually defeated him when winning the 2010 J&B Met, to deny her brother his fourth consecutive win in the race.

Pocket Power, the greatest horse ever be sold at the Cape Yearling Sale, will long be remembered by the racing fraternity and his legions of fans. A tribute should also be extended to his connections, trainer Mike Bass and owners Marsh Shirtliff and Arthur and Rina Webber, who shared their champion with the public for as long as they did.

It will be a long time before this country sees the likes of "Pocket" again, and he will be sorely missed.



## Cape Summer Yearling Sale

Friday 4th March 2011

14:00

Sandringham Farm

Muldersvlei, Cape Town

[www.tba.co.za](http://www.tba.co.za)

**SA winners 10 February 2011****Dubai****Zanzamar UAE 2000 Guineas Trial**

3 c Fort Wood – Zanakiya, by Doyoun

Bred by Danika Stud

20 January 2011

**Star Empire Etisalat EHcp**

4 g Second Empire – Lady Maroof, by Maroof

bred by Messrs S Muller, L Salzman &amp; F Ratner

3rd February 2011

**Bold Silvano G3 Al Maktoum Challenge (Round 2)**

4 c Silvano – Bold Saffron, by Al Mufti

Bred by Ascot Stud

3rd February 2011

**Hong Kong****Fearless Lam Tin Handicap**

7 g Western Winter – Festive Forever, by Foveros

Bred by Maine Chance Farms

12 January 2011

**Value Choice Shau Tin Handicap**

7 g Jet Master – Kal Sufi, by Al Mufti

Bred by Mr A Zelinsky

5th January 2011

**Leading Breeders by stakes as of 11/02/2011**

1. Summerhill Stud	R7 478 760
2. Klawervlei	R5 366 047
3. Lammerskraal Stud	R3 806 759
4. Highlands	R3 749 907
5. Maine Chance	R 3 457 130
6. D Cohen & Sons	R3 045 701
7. Graystone Stud	R2 985 025
8. Normandy Stud	R2 958 363
9. Mauritzfontein	R2 900 269
10. Varsfontein Stud	R2 899 920

**Leading Sires by Stakes as of 10/02/2011**

1. Jet Master	R7 143 539
2. Captain Al	R 6 542 594
3. Western Winter	R 6 296 477
4. Silvano	R 5 781 503
5. Kahal	R 3 964 431
6. Windrush	R 3 936 063
7. Fort Wood	R 3 810 445
8. Muhtafal	R 3 031 250
9. National Emblem	R 2 857 110
10. Al Mufti	R 2 702 436

**Leading Trainers by Stakes as of 10/02/2011**

1. MF de Kock	R9 827 091
2. J Snaith	R 7 809 822
3. MW Bass	R 6 395 181
4. J Ramsden	R 4 146 417
5. CS Laird	R 3 948 562
6. GV Woodruff	R 3 646 700
7. PF Matchett	R 3 549 262
8. AC Greeff	R 3 361 687
9. SD Gray	R3 231 725
10. GD Smith	R 3 025 812