

J J The Jet Plane – South Africa's Newest Hero



“This has been one of the best training performances, it is remarkable. It’s a huge moment for South Africa! You don’t understand what ‘Lucky’ Houdalakis has done,” Race panelist David Raphael

SA’s champion sprinter J J The Jet Plane (Jet Master x Magestic Guest) rose to the occasion to beat Rocket Man in an exciting finish in front of a capacity crowd at Sha Tin on Sunday in the \$HK12 million Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint over 1200m.

Lucky Houdalakis, his trainer and part owner, S.A.’s Piere “Striker” Strydom, one of South Africa’s greatest ever jockeys (beating another SA jockey, Felix Coetzee on board Rocket Man), J J’s groom Eviristo (pictured above) made up “Team SA” in Hong Kong. The thrill in what was Strydom’s first major win overseas was apparent. *“The race panned out very well for me, with a good gallop and I had Rocket Man just ahead. I didn’t want to give Rocket Man too much start and when I asked my horse he gave me his all.”* He added: *“My bloke gave me everything and we got there on the line. It’s brilliant to win and I really want to thank the owners for being loyal to me, as there’s plenty of good jockeys here they could have chosen.”*



Houdalakis, incredibly brave and confident in accepting responsibility for his first and massive venture abroad, praised the horse that is closer to his heart than any other. He said: *“I had him as a two-year-old and wasn’t ready to campaign him abroad so I left that to the ‘The Master’ (Mike de Kock), but I decided the time had come for me to give it a bash. He has super talent and is an absolute natural with a big, powerful stride which gets him home.”* This was JJ The Jet Plane sixth G1 victory (5 other wins on his record) from 23 starts.

J J The Jet Plane, who was foaled in 2004, was bred by Mrs Pat Devine. He was snapped up by trainer Lucky Houdalakis for just R70,000 at the 2006 Emperors Palace National Two Year Old Sale. This must be one of the great bargains of all time, as J J, to date, R10 million in prize money (with the promise of more to come). Now a five-year-old, J J The Jet Plane is owned by Messrs du Preez, Strydom, Houdalakis and Mrs Boyens.



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PLUCK - out of South African bred mare SECRET HEART (SAF) - winner of the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf on 6th November 2010.

GYPSY'S WARNING (SAF) wins G1 Matriarch S in USA on 26 November 2010.



LIZARD'S DESIRE (SAF) - winner of the US\$3 million Singapore Airlines Cup G1 in 2010; 2nd US\$10 million Dubai World Cup G1 in 2010.

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GOURMET DINNER (by Trippi) wins \$1 million Delta Downs Jackpot S USA. Trippi's first South African yearlings will be offered in SA in 2011.



VICTORY MOON (SAF) - Dubai's HORSE OF THE YEAR 2004 - winner of the UAE Guineas and Derby double; 3rd \$6 million Dubai World Cup G1.

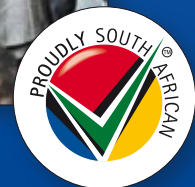
IRRIDESCENCE (SAF) - heroine of the HK\$14 million QE II Stakes G1 in Hong Kong, defeating OUIJA BOARD).



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South African bred JAY PEG (SAF) (above) - sold for R140,000 (US\$19,000) at the 2005 Cape Vintage Sale. He became Champion 3-y-o in South Africa and went on to Dubai where he won the US\$5m Dubai Duty Free G1,

defeating 8 international G1 champions and proving that South Africa produces '1st World Quality at 3rd World Prices'. His earnings grossed US\$4.5m (over R40m).



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GYPSY'S WARNING (SAF)

WINS \$250,000 G1

MATRIARCH STAKES

Gypsy's Warning (Mogok-Gypsy Queen) added her name to a burgeoning list of South African international successes at Grade 1 level, when she scored in the famous Matriarch Stakes G1 at Hollywood Park in Los Angeles on November 26.



The Matriarch is run at Weight for Age terms over a mile on the turf course and is invariably won by an outstanding race mare. The list of previous winners

includes some of the best race mares in history, amongst them Flawlessly, whose 16 wins and \$2.5m earnings included three consecutive wins in the Matriarch 1991-1993.

Prince Khaled Abdullah's Juddmonte Stud has won the race six times with Wandesta (1996), Ryafan (1997), Heat Haze (2003), Intercontinental (2004), Price Tag (2006) and Ventura (2009). This year, they fielded Special Duty, who had already won three Group 1 races, the Cheveley Park S. G1, the French 1000 Guineas G1 and English 1000 Guineas G1. Gypsy's Warning was 2nd choice in the field at 7/2, having won the G3 Eatontown H. on her U.S. debut in May, and then running 3rd in both the Beverly S. (Gr.1) and Yellow Ribbon S. (Gr.1). Her running style is to produce a decisive turn of foot from the rear and in the Matriarch Stakes, after lying in 6th spot, her rider J Rosario brought her wide into the home turn and she unleashed a devastating late run to rocket past the leaders and win by a widening 2 lengths, under a hand ride, clearly the best on the day. Her time was a very quick 1 min 34.0 secs for the mile, which is the second fastest in the history of the race after Ventura's 1:33.58 in 2009.

Gypsy's Warning was bred by Mike and Tanya McHardy at their Rathmor Stud in Nottingham Road, KwaZulu Natal. Her sire Mogok (USA), who stands up the road at Scott Bros. Highdown Stud, was an unraced horse bred by the Niarchos family, and has one of the best attainable pedigrees. He is by 7 times Champion Storm Cat out the great mare Coup de Folie, dam also of the supersire Machiavellian.

Gypsy's Warning's dam Gypsy Queen raced only once, but was a full sister to two winners of the South African Oaks in Royal Prophecy and Noble Destiny. Their sire Royal Chalice (SAf) (by Royal Prerogative) was a brilliant miler who had the trademark brilliant acceleration evident in Gypsy's Warning. It is also interesting to note that although Gypsy's Warning's parents did not win on the track, her four grandparents were all champions or champion producers – a clear case of the quality skipping one

generation – and Gypsy's Warning is the best product the female line has produced. Her half sister by champion sire Fort Wood (USA) will be offered at the National Yearling Sales in April, whilst her dam is also currently in foal to Fort Wood.

Sold as a yearling for R170,000 at the National Yearling Sales to Duncan Howles for Ron and Elizabeth Griffiths, Gypsy's Warning won the Thekwini Fillies S. Gr.1 as a 2 year old coming from last of 16 to outrun the top racemare and 4 time Gr.1 winner, Mother Russia.

This alerted Team Valor International's Barry Irwin, who purchased the filly with a view to aiming her at the classics. Transferred to Ormond Ferraris, she won the Acacia H Gr.3 in her prep before winning the R1m SA Fillies Classic (Gr.1) to rank herself at the top of the class.

She was 3rd in the Woolavington Fillies S. (Gr.1) from a wide in her final start in South Africa before export to the USA.

Over the past decade, Barry Irwin has acquired a string of top horses in South Africa and campaigned them internationally – amongst them Ipi Tombe (Dubai Duty Free S. Gr.1), Crimson Palace (sold on to Godolphin, won Beverly D S. Gr.1 in Chicago), Iridescence (won Hong Kong Queen Elizabeth II S. Gr.1), Captains Lover (won Prix du Pin Gr.3 in France), and Secret Heart (dam of 2010 Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf winner, Pluck).

Gypsy's Warning nearly didn't get to race at all in the USA. Standing at the wash-point one morning, she slipped and fell, cutting her leg to the bone. She spent months at Kentucky Equine Sports Medicine Hospital before being transferred to Graham Motion in Maryland. The wound healed and she made a winning debut almost a year after leaving South African shores.

Within four starts, Gypsy's Warning has given notice of becoming a formidable opponent in fillies Grade 1 events in American racing, effective as she is from a mile to ten furlongs. "She's a class filly" says Team Valor's Aaron Wellman, and looks set to carry the South African flag much further in 2011.



Auctioneer

Steve Davis

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BloodStock SA would like to congratulate Steve & Natalie Davis on the occasion of their marriage which took place at St Peters School, Cambridge, New Zealand at the end of November.

PLUCK WINS \$1 MILLION BREEDERS CUP JUVENILE A South African Connection



Team Valor International's homebred Pluck came from last at top of the lane and used a devastating turn of foot to pick off his rivals in

winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G2) by a length at Churchill Downs.

Pluck is by More Than Ready and out of Varsfontein Stud bred Secret Heart (Fort Wood - Secret Pact). Secret Heart was sold to the late Mr. Laurie and Late Mrs. Jean Jaffee at the 2001 National Yearling Sale and raced in South Africa. The Jaffee's sold the filly to Barry Irwin's Team Valor and was exported to the USA.

Secret Heart won 5 races incl Prix Du Cap L; Golden Slipper G2; SA Fillies Guineas G1, Cape Paddock S G1, Cape Fillies Guineas G1, Garden Province Stakes G1, etc.

Her dam, Secret Pact was a G1 performer and an own-sister to London News.

SA-BRED HORSES INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In addition to the previously mentioned SA-bred horses making their names on international racecourses, others have also been winning in their respective races.



SINGAPORE 1st - Royal Cantata

(Requiem x Valkyrie Queen)
Bred by: Summerhill Stud
28 November 2010
Singapore



U.S.A. 1st - Pointing North

(Joshua Dancer x Compass Point)
Bred by: Northwood Stud
21 November 2010
Calder



HONG KONG 1st - Orange Alert

(Goldkeeper x Fancy Halo)
Bred by: Koster Bros
10 November 2010
Happy Valley



HONG KONG 1st - Fearless

(Western Winter x Festive Forever)
Bred by: Maine Chance Farms
8 December 2010
Happy Valley

Ebony Flyer wins Avontuur Cape Fillies Guineas



UNBEATEN three-year-old filly sensation Ebony Flyer was the winner of the Grade 1 Avontuur Estate Cape Fillies Guineas at Kenilworth on 4 December. This was her fourth victory in as many starts for trainer Justin Snaith, will take on older horse's next time out in the Grade 1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate.

Snaith commented "As I've said all along, we think this filly is special. Normally, the logical next step would be to race her the same afternoon as the Queen's Plate in the Paddock Stakes. But that race is over 1800m and the Queen's Plate is over 1600m. Right now, we want to keep her at 1600m. She is very explosive and we like the idea of racing over the same distance until she is more seasoned. I have told the owners that I see no problem with her running over 2000 meters a bit later on. But at this time in the development of the filly, who has only run 4 times, we prefer to keep her at 1600 meters. Physically she will match any older male pound for pound – she's a Giant"

Barry Irwin, whose Team Valor International owns the majority and manages Ebony Flyer for a partnership that includes long-time partners Anant and Vanshree Singh, as well as recently added partner Gaynor Rupert of Drakenstein Stud, said "We are high on this filly and want to give her every chance to show exactly how good we think she is. It is most likely that the Queen's Plate will be the filly's last run before we place her in quarantine with the idea of exporting her to Europe."

Irwin said "We buy all of our racing prospects with the idea of eventually exporting the ones that have the quality to excel on the world stage. Ebony Flyer looks like such an animal. We love South African racing and breeding, currently racing a stable of horses trained by Justin Snaith, Neil Bruss and Ormond Ferraris, and we have mares at several farms. We will continue to support South African racing. However, when we have a horse that shows us it can take its act on the road, we feel it behooves us to do so. While the loss to local racing will no doubt disappoint some fans, hopefully future victories abroad by Ebony Flyer will allow them more opportunities to show pride in this South African product." – An extract from a Snaith Racing Media Release.

BREEDERS BY STAKES

1. SUMMERHILL STUD	R5,378,425
2. KLAWERVLEI STUD	R3,091,190
3. HIGHLANDS FARM STUD	R2,451,630
4. D COHEN & SONS	R2,036,750
5. GRAYSTONE STUD	R2,036,750
6. LAMMERSKRAAL STUD	R2,001,275
7. ADV A P JOUBERT	R1,988,525
8. MAINE CHANCE FARMS	R1,977,340
9. VARSFONTEIN STUD	R1,727,875
10. SCOTT BROS	R1,723,907

SIRES BY STAKES

1. CAPTAIN AL	R4,208,355
2. SILVANO	R3,996,256
3. JET MASTER	R3,753,810
4. WESTERN WINTER	R3,455,949
5. KAHAL	R2,685,126
6. FORT WOOD	R2,526,870
7. MUHTAFAL	R2,225,750
8. NATIONAL EMBLEM	R2,064,995
9. AL MUFTI	R1,929,994
10. WINDRUSH	R1,889,258

TRAINERS BY STAKES

1. MF DE KOCK	R6,867,604
2. J SNAITH	R4,197,304
3. MW BASS	R3,617,259
4. CS LAIRD	R2,840,100
5. GV WOODRUFF	R2,797,275
6. J RAMSDEN	R2,376,803
7. PF MATCHETT	R2,279,837
8. SD GRAY	R2,077,600
9. GD SMITH	R2,027,237
10. AC GREEFF	R1,999,112

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FLIRTATION GIVES MIKE DE KOCK HIS NINETH SUMMER CUP WIN



Flirtation (Photo: www.racingsouthafrica.co.za)

Winner:	Flirtation
Sire:	Silvano
Dam:	French Treasure
Owner/s:	Mr. C & Mrs. B A Livanos
Breeder:	Adv A P Joubert
Trainer:	Mike de Kock
Jockey:	Randall Simons

“I’m speechless!” exclaimed owner Costa Livanos after he and wife Billy Anne’s four-year-old filly Flirtation won the Grade 1 Sansui Summer Cup over 2000m at Turffontein. He’s owned any number of hard-knocking feature-race campaigners in the 30 odd years in racing but a ‘Big One’ had eluded the Livanos family until now. “In Mike de Kock we have a master trainer who is in full control. I sit back and relax, Mike carries on with his job and we’re getting the results. This doesn’t mean that we’ve stopped loving our horses. Billy Anne and I still take great pleasure in visiting them when we can!”

Costa went to R350 000 to secure Flirtation at the 2008 Emperors National Yearling Sale. “I went to the sales grounds to inspect Flirtation and she happened to be a terrific specimen, everything in the right place.”

Mother Russia was game in defeat and Mike commented: “She put everything into her run under a big weight, she gave her best on the day. Her super effort was just not good enough this time, but we’re proud of her all the same, she came close to pulling it off. Let me also add something that should be carefully noted, Mother Russia was beaten by a very talented filly. Flirtation was well handicapped, but believe me she is a top class race filly. She will hold her own anywhere.”

Flirtation is by the extraordinary successful stallion Silvano. Silvano sired the 1-2-4 home, and has now sired the past two winners of the Sansui Summer Cup, in Aslan and Flirtation respectively. Silvano has sired six Grade one winners, including last season’s Vodacom Durban July winner, Bold Silvano. This Maine Chance stallion has 24 yearlings on offer at January’s Cape Premier, and they are bound to attract plenty of attention.



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Would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy festive season.

We would like to thank you for your support during 2010 and wish you everything of the best for 2011

