

## Smokey Affair is set to scale heights

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BLOODSTOCK agent David Allan of [Allan Bloodlines](#) writes with praise in his [latest email blast](#) of Smokey Affair, a two year old daughter of Elusive Fort and a commanding winner of a Maiden Juvenile Plate over 1200m at Kenilworth on Tuesday.

He quotes jockey Richard Fourie as saying, "This (Elusive Fort) filly is one of the Special Ones!", a sentiment confirmed by Smokey Affair's trainer Mike Robinson on Wednesday.

"Yes, Richard really loves this filly and as we all know he's ridden some top horses," said Robinson. "Smokey Affair is a tall filly, she stands over ground and she does everything we ask of her. She handles her work with ease, she is indeed quite promising."



**It looks like she's in a meditative state, but Smokey Affair's just a bit lazy after her breakfast on Wednesday morning. With her is trainer Mike Robinson.**

Robinson said that he was more subdued than Fourie: "I'd like to see her against stronger runners in a race, I don't want to get excited before we've seen more of her. Certainly there are good signs. Smokey Affair has worked alongside or better than everything we've matched her with and she has much improvement to come. We'll point her at a Juvenile Plate over 1400m or a mile next."

Smokey Affair is owned by an illustrious partnership of Team Valor International's Barry Irwin and Anant and Vanashree Singh and Robinson commented: "I have to thank my wife Luella for putting the partnership together. We really liked this filly at CTS Book Two last year, Corne Spies bred her at Favour Stud and bought her back at R90,000, so we negotiated with him afterwards.

"We had to pay considerably more to secure the filly but I'm glad we did. Luella started phoning around and she found these high profile owners to share Smokey Affair's career. We are delighted to train one for the Singhs and Mr Irwin. We're a small stable and we're looking for a nice horse to take us up the ranks. Hopefully she's the one." Smokey Affair is a bay filly from the Captain Al mare, Luna Rossa and Robinson said: "We like the Elusive Fort cross with Captain Al."

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