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out of the **Machiavellian** British Champion racemare **Susu**. Named **Bint Susu**, Pliers raced her in Germany before importing her to South Africa to take up stud duties at Summerhill Stud. Bint Susu was sold in foal to **Visionaire** and has a **Linnhari** yearling and **Brave Tin Soldier** weanling. She was bought by Southern Cape-based breeding operation, Favour Stud.

The breeding stock bandwagon then moved to the Western Cape yesterday with Bloodstock South Africa hosting their annual Mare and Mixed Sale in Worcester, about a 90 minute drive from Cape Town. Set in the agricultural show grounds of the farming town, a much bigger catalogue was presented with close to 250 lots on offer.

Trading was no less difficult, with a total of 62 lots returned unsold. There were of course highlights, not least the rare offering of a Gr.1-performing racemare in the form of **Gilded Minaret (Lot 38)**, the **Al Mufti** mare who won the Gr.1 Golden Slipper for Mike de Kock. Unlucky with her progeny to date, the good-looking mare was sold in foal to **Silvano** superstar **Vercingetorix** to a new buyer, R Kilian, for R460,000. **Longstanding supporter of South African breeding and racing, David Allan bought the joint second top-priced mare at R360,000 – Lot 75, the Australian imported daughter of Danehill Dancer and a full-sister to Stakes winners Queen Mira and Umgiyo; the latter placed in the Gr.2 Dubai City of Gold Stakes for Mike de Kock.** The mare was consigned by Jan Mantel's Millstream Farm on behalf of Al Adiyat (Pty) Ltd.

Craig Carey, representing the Ridgemont Stud of the Kieswetter Family, paid the same price for a Gr.3-winning daughter of **Sportsworld, Pacific Charm**, consigned by Daytona Stud as

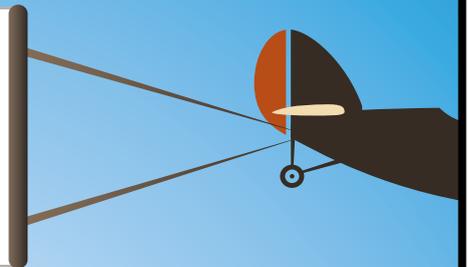


The **Captain Al** yearling filly out of **Success Counts (Lot 188)** that was sold to BIT Thoroughbreds (Pty) for R280,000.

Agent. **Pacific Charm** was a tough stayer, winning the marathon Racing Association Handicap over 3200m. She was sold in foal to **What A Winter** and hails from the very good Australasian family of **La Caissiere** and her Gr.1-winning son **Dashing Eagle**. BIT Thoroughbreds (Pty) Ltd was the buyer of the third top-priced lot at R280,000. The beautifully turned out **Captain Al** yearling filly from the Gr.3-winning **Count Dubois** mare **Success Counts, Lot 188**, was offered for sale by Klipdrift Stud on behalf of Team Valor, who also sold the mare and weanling by **Gimmethelight**.

The sale was down on most indices, but pleasingly showed only a marginal decrease in average and the top price was bettered this year by R60,000. The next breeding stock sale takes place on the 10th of June at Highlands Stud hosted by Cape Thoroughbred Sales.

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