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## **Speedy double for a happy partnership**



WHEN Louis Goosen offered shares in a new filly to loyal clients, several of them jumped at the chance, trusting in the trainer's astute judgment of young horses.

"I have great faith in Louis," said Anthony Lansdell, one of the co-owners who were celebrating on Saturday after two-year-old Variometer won the Listed Ruffian Stakes over 1000m at Turffontein.

It was the second victory in two starts for the daughter of speed stallion Var.

Anthony Lansdell's partners in Variometer are the colour-holder, Patrick Lee Chung of Claude Comaroff, Coenie Klopper, Brett Parker, Devin Badal, Ganas Chetty and Lauren Watt. All are members of the Racing Association.

Anthony, who has owned racehorses for the past 25 years, has another two useful performers in Goosen's Vaal yard – three Candy Cotton and Jolly Poppins, who have so far also won two races each.

The Joburg-based proprietor of Elevation Freight Services rates Saturday's triumph as the pinnacle of his racing career to date. "The first time I've won a trophy."

Before now, Anthony's best horse was Mighty Missile, a multiple winner a few years ago. He currently has about 20 in training Stuart Pettigrew, Dennis Drier and Shane Humby.

"As Louis mentioned after the race, we race for the fun of it, and never spend huge amounts on horses," said Anthony. "He managed to buy Variometer for us for R140 000, a very good price for the stallion."

Variometer might now be aimed at the Grade 3 Pretty Polly Stakes on Classic Day at Turffontein at the end of this month.

- VARIOMETER (Deon Sampson) is led into the winner's circle by, from left, Anthony Lansdell and his wife Cee, Devin Badal and Claude Comaroff.