

WAYWEST GODDESS BLOOMS IN FILLIES NURSERY

For the second time in her short career, Waywest Goddess (SAF) (by Way West pictured) has caused a feature race upset. Trainer Louis Goosen's charge was ignored in the betting but showed her ability with an emphatic win in the Gr 2 Fillies Nursery over 1160m at Turffontein on Saturday. Ibrox Park (SAF), Stormy Coast (SAF) and Candy Cotton (SAF).



The race was dominated throughout by the first two home. Ibrox Park blazed away along the inside early on with Waywest Goddess, a speedball in her own right, the only

one able to keep pace with her. Favourite Hollywoodboulevard was next best along with Empire Rose and Stormy Coast with the rest of the field battling to stay in touch.

Ibrox Park was still the one to catch past the 400m mark with Waywest Goddess, who had broken from an outside stall but gradually tacked across to the centre, keeping her very much in her sights. Hollywoodboulevard started to weaken with Empire Rose and Stormy Coast just about staying in the picture but being hard ridden. Candy Cotton was the only one running on from off the pace with the rest struggling to pick up their feet.

Ibrox Park clung desperately to her lead at the furlong mark but Waywest Goddess was clearly travelling the better of the two and she imposed herself to win by a comfortable two lengths. Both Stormy Coast and Candy Cotton finished well but Ibrox Park just held them off in a three-way photo-finish for second.

Waywest Goddess had caused one of the upsets of the season when scoring a runaway win in the listed Ruffian Stakes at 55/1 but those odds were understandable at the time as she had gone into that race with only a poor debut run under her belt. Since then, she had run a very close third in the Pretty Polly Stakes and she was entitled to a lot more respect than her price of 25/1 here suggests. Punters may have been out off by doubts as to whether she would fully see out the trip as she had given the impression that she is best over 1000m but given that today's race was run in soft conditions, those doubts should now be laid to rest.

Ibrox Park had scored a sensational win on debut and built on that with a decent showing here. She went out really hard in the early stages and was entitled to take a a bit of strain in the closing stages, given the underfoot conditions. We should be hearing more from her.

Stormy Coast ran a blinder as she looked one of the more exposed runners in the race, having taken four runs to get off the mark while maiden Candy Cotton caught the eye as she made some late progress. Her first win is surely around the corner after this very good effort.

Race 2 - R400K - THE FILLIES NURSERY (Grade 2) For 2 year old fillies - 1160m										
No	Horse	Jockey	AI/BI	Kg	Dr	Fin	Dist	Time	OP	SP
16	WAYWEST GODDESS	Deon Sampson	A	57.0	13	1	0.00	68.51	20/1	25/1
6	IBROX PARK	Brandon Lerena	a	57.0	2	2	2.00	68.87	18/10	2/1
13	STORMY COAST	Guillermo Figueroa	A	57.0	14	3	2.05	68.88	40/1	40/1
2	CANDY COTTON	Gavin Lerena	A	57.0	3	4	2.10	68.89	40/1	50/1
4	EMPIRE ROSE (ARG)	Kevin Shea	A B	57.0	10	5	3.50	69.15	8/1	10/1
9	OOCHEE AGENT	Sherman Brown	A	57.0	8	6	4.25	69.28	16/1	14/1
17	HOLLYWOODBOULEVARD (AUS)	Anton Marcus	A	57.0	12	7	5.50	69.51	14/10	9/10F
11	RUNNING RIVULET	Brett Smith	A	57.0	6	8	6.25	69.65	33/1	40/1
12	SOUTHERN LIGHTS	Piere Strydom	A	57.0	11	9	6.75	69.75	16/1	25/1
10	RAISE THE BAR	Randall Simons	A	57.0	9	10	9.00	70.17	66/1	100/1
14	SUCCESS COUNTS	Derreck David	A	57.0	1	11	9.50	70.26	40/1	40/1
5	GIGGS	Marthinus Mienie	A	57.0	4	12	11.00	70.55	66/1	66/1
8	LAUREL CANYON	Fanie Chambers	A	57.0	5	13	11.50	70.64	40/1	50/1
15	SURGING STAR	Raymond Danielson	A	57.0	7	14	12.75	70.88	100/1	100/1
1	AMICA	Scratched								
3	DIAMOND GAME	Scratched								
7	LAS RAMBLAS	Scratched								

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