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TEAM VALOR HOMEBRED YEARLING TOPPING FILLIES IN CAPE TOWN SALE FILLY IS OUT OF VALOR'S CLASSIC-WINNING CHAMPION CAPTAIN'S LOVER PARTNER GAYNOR RUPERT CO-BRED AND CONSIGNED THE \$265,000 FILLY

The Vapors, a Var filly out of Classic and Grade 1-winning heroine Captain's Lover, is topping the first day's fillies at the Cape Thoroughbred Sales in Cape Town this evening in Cape Town, South Africa.

The bay filly realized a final bid of 3.6 million rand (\$265,000) from Peter Graaf of Lammerskraal Stud in the Western Cape.



The Vapors is the second 3-million-plus rand filly produced for owners Team Valor and Drakenstein Stud by Champion filly Captain's Lover.

The shapely miss was bred and owned by Barry Irwin's Team Valor International in partnership with Gaynor Rupert, whose Drakenstein Stud was the consignor. The purchaser Graaf also is a partner with Barry Irwin in the ownership of Leading Freshman and current top-10 South African-based sire Visionaire.

Irwin bought the filly's dam Captain's Lover for \$26,000 as a yearling, turned her over to Justin Snaith and saw her earn honors as the Champion Filly at 3 following a victory in the Classic, Grade 1 Cape Fillies Guineas.

Captain's Lover continued her winning ways after departing from South Africa, winning the Group 3 Prix du Pin against males in Paris for trainer Andre Fabre and the \$200,000 Matchmaker Stakes on dirt at Monmouth Park for trainer Todd Pletcher.

Gaynor Rupert bought a half-interest in Captain's Lover and she was repatriated to South Africa, where her first foal to be offered at public auction, a filly by Giant's Causeway, set a record for a yearling filly sold at public auction of more than 3 million rand a couple of years ago.