

## Woolavington 2000

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The R500 000 Woolavington 2000 (Gr 1), to be run on the same afternoon as the R1 million Daily News 2000 (Gr 1) on Saturday June 6, at Greyville Racecourse, has attracted a high class field headed by the Ormond Ferraris-trained Gypsy's Warning who is the highest rated filly in the line-up. However, other acceptances include Mother Russia, Zirconium and last season's champion juvenile filly Consensual, among a host of other talent and the race could shape up into the decider as to which is the country's champion sophomore middle distance filly. Gypsy's Warning showed in her last win in the SA Fillies Classic (Gr 1) that she was on top of the pile as far as the Gauteng contingent was concerned and she returns to KwaZulu-Natal where she started her career under the guidance of Duncan Howells. The Joe Ramsden-trained Mother Russia was a tad disappointing when finishing down the field in the recent KRA Fillies Guineas but is lengths better than that showing as her victories in the Odessa Stud Fillies Classic (Gr 2) and the Riverworld Stud Prix Du Cap (Gr 3) showed. She also finished third behind Gypsy's Warning and Zirconium in last season's Thekwini Fillies Stakes (Gr 1). Zirconium, who races in the famous Oppenheimer silks for trainer Mike de Kock has finished second on two occasions behind Gypsy's Warning so is right up there with the best of them. Last season's champion juvenile filly, Consensual, has not found that form this term but did show encouraging signs of finding her feet again when running on late in the KRA Fillies Guineas. SA Oaks winner Bedloe's Island is also in the line-up which has attracted a maximum field of 16 and the Woolavington 2000 should be one of the highlights of Champions Season.