

**BLACK SILVER EARNS BLACK-TYPE WHEN SECOND IN JAMAICA STAKES
EBONY FLYER 4YO DAUGHTER BEATEN THREE-QUARTERS OF A LENGTH
HOMEBRED FINISHES WELL, NO MATCH FOR RUPERT’S COURSE WIZARD**



Black Silver came home strongly once she had running room and was closing in on the winner in the Jamaica H.

Black Silver, by virtue of her excellent performance when earning black-type for the first time in the Jamaica Handicap last Friday, had her Merit Rating raised 9 points to 89.

Barry Irwin said “As you may recall, after she ran second when just missing the first time she was tried over a route of ground by trainer Justin Snaith, he said he thought the 4-year-old filly could progress from the mid-70 Merit Ratings up to around 90, at which point she could be tried in stakes company.

“Well she exceeded the Champion trainer’s expectations, by earning that stakes bracket even before having her Merit Rating elevated to near 90.

“Justin told me last week that both he and jockey Grant van Niekerk thought that the filly was decidedly unlucky not to have been able to get out of tight quarters when she was ready to make her challenge. They felt that had she been able to move sooner that her run would have landed her on the wire in front of her rival.”

Black Silver becomes the second runner produced by Team Valor’s Champion race mare Ebony Flyer to earn black-type in a stakes race.