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**Form:** Circular

**By:** South African Mint

**Date:** 1983

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0144d;

**Variations:**

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38.1 mm	Bronze	23.4 gm	\$15

**Edge:** Plain. Reeded rim.

**Obverse:** Horse, cow and calf, sheep and pig in a field flanked by sheaths of corn, behind on right, vintage car and steam engine, distance mine head works and chimney, radiant sun on the horizon. Legend on a ribbon above: "WITWATERSRANDSE LANDBOUGENOOTSKAP" with two small crosses at the top on each side. At the bottom, corn cobs tied with a ribbon.

**Reverse:** Within a wreath of corn cobs (left) and laurel (right), "TOEGEKEN AAN" with space for engraving. At the bottom, coat of arms with indistinct motto.

Engraved on this medal: "FAIRSEAT BRIGHT REGAL D.A.D. -A69 VIR JUNIOR KAMPIOEN JERSEYBUL ONDER 2 JARIGE SKOU 1983".

**Notes:** The Witwatersrand Agricultural Society was instituted 1894 and the fledgling 'Rand Show' was opened by Paul Kruger the following year. The shows ceased during the Boer War but recommenced in 1907 with show grounds in Milner Park. This was the venue for the Rand Show until 1984. The Rand Show continues to be held annually during the Easter holidays. The nature of the show has changed and the nature of the exhibition has become oriented towards family entertainment.

The style of this medal is similar to the the pre-union medal (Laidlaw: 0144a) and to the union medal made at the Royal Mint, Pretoria (Laidlaw 144b) and at the South African Mint (Laidlaw: 0144c).