

RACE 1	5:50 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1200m			
1	83354 Trail Runner	60	[2]	G Lerena	24.9%	S G Tarry 11.7%
2	336 Fire Starter	58	[3]	R Danielson	7.6%	M/m De Kock 14.9%
3	39222 Empress Wu	57.5	[5]	C Maujean	6.7%	J S Roux 2.4%
4	545 Shimmering	54.5	[1]	C Habib	8.3%	A G Laird 10.7%
5	6866 Touch Of Heaven	54.5	[8]	K Matsunyane	8.8%	C Spies 7.3%
6	00986 Superior	52	[7]	J Penny	8.1%	C Mayhew 7.1%
7	578 Dragonheart	52	[6]	-	J J Van Vuuren 14.8%
8	5009 Solamente	52	[4]	L Nhlapo	2.4%	H E Adamson 9.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
3 Empress Wu	3 Empress Wu 33%	3 Empress Wu 25%	1 Trail Runner 1:10.60
1 Trail Runner	2 Fire Starter 33%		2 Empress Wu 1:11.66
4 Shimmering			5 Touch Of Heaven 1:11.67
2 Fire Starter			6 Superior 1:14.26
			8 Solamente 1:14.33

Race Preview: Empress Wu is overdue a maiden victory and she wouldn't be winning out of turn after 4 consecutive second-place finishes. Trail Runner has the form and experience to fight out the finish and recently gelded youngster Fire Starter won't need to improve much over this shorter trip to make his presence felt too. Shimmering and Superior could also have roles to play.

RACE 2	6:22 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	832742 Johnny Drama	60	[1]	K Matsunyane	8.8%	R Klaasen 10.5%
2	099480 Cuzzie	58.5	[4]	J Gates	6.1%	B Webber 8.4%
3	370255 Gift Of Royal	57	[3]	J R Syster	9.0%	B Webber 8.4%
4	888772 Codeword	56	[5]	G Samo-burthia (4)	2.9%	S G Tarry 11.7%
5	340242 Trip To States	56	[6]	G Lerena	24.9%	C I Jonker 4.0%
6	055675 Winchester	54.5	[2]	P Mxoli	11.6%	P F Matchett 9.5%
7	6078 Emerald City	52	[8]	K J Lihaba	5.7%	R R Magner 9.8%
8	099 Ember King	52	[7]	K A Brewer	7.5%	A P Peter 16.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
5 Trip To States	3 Gift Of Royal 25%	3 Gift Of Royal 33%	3 Gift Of Royal 1:37.84
4 Codeword	5 Trip To States 7%		4 Codeword 1:39.74
6 Winchester			1 Johnny Drama 1:40.94
1 Johnny Drama			2 Cuzzie 1:43.27

Race Preview: Trip To States was a well-beaten second last time but needs only to repeat that performance over this extended trip to play another leading role. Codeword finished a career-best second in this headgear 3 weeks ago under the same rider and could fight for victory if confirming that improvement. Johnny Drama, Gift Of Royal and youngster Winchester appeal most of the remainder.

RACE 3	6:54 PM	(R85,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	641025 Unsolved Riddle	60	[1]	P Strydom	23.7%	G J Maroun 10.2%
2	518542 War Reporter	59.5	[7]	C Habib	8.3%	S G Tarry 11.7%
3	957702 Laughing William	59.5	[2]	G Lerena	24.9%	C Dawson 11.3%
4	387459 Trident King	59.5	[4]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.1%	D Nieuwenhuizen 5.2%
5	786973 Panning Gold	59	[5]	C Maujean	6.7%	A Ndzilana 5.3%
6	138480 Guy Alexander	58.5	[10]	M Mbuto (4)	9.2%	C J Lensley 9.0%
7	1 Copper Eagle	57	[3]	K Matsunyane	8.8%	R Klaasen 10.5%
8	7941 Tommy Shelby	56	[8]	J Gates	6.1%	F P Habib 13.3%
9	456089 Vava Vegas	55.5	[9]	B Plaatjies (1.5)	11.2%	J Borman 2.0%
10	053680 Carnelo	55	[6]	K J Lihaba	5.7%	S M Naidoo 6.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
7 Copper Eagle	1 Unsolved Riddle 100%	1 Unsolved Riddle 33%	4 Trident King 1:35.11
8 Tommy Shelby	2 War Reporter 100%	2 War Reporter 33%	9 Vava Vegas 1:35.22
2 War Reporter	4 Trident King 50%	5 Panning Gold 33%	10 Carnelo 1:36.72
3 Laughing William	3 Laughing William 22%	10 Carnelo 23%	6 Guy Alexander 1:36.96
	6 Guy Alexander 21%	6 Guy Alexander 19%	3 Laughing William 1:37.21

Race Preview: War Reporter confirmed the improvement of his previous outing by finishing 2nd off this mark over 1800m recently. He should go well again over a course and distance he is unbeaten. Hard-knocker Laughing William bounced back to form last time and could be hard to peg back if adopting similar tactics. Rating-droppers Trident King and Panning Gold aren't taken lightly off their current marks but are vulnerable to less-exposed younger rivals. Last-start scorer Tommy Shelby and debut winner Copper Eagle are promising 2yo colts with scope to improve over this extended trip that should suit.

RACE 4	7:26 PM	(R110,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	214714 Cosmic Queen	60	[3]	G Lerena	24.9%	J J Van Vuuren 14.8%
2	453337 Bosum Buddy	59.5	[2]	P Mxoli	11.6%	P F Matchett 9.5%
3	364690 Virginia Beach	57	[4]	C Habib	8.3%	A P Peter 16.9%
4	230985 Stars And Bra's	56	[5]	J R Syster	9.0%	F Bronkhorst 6.3%
5	424543 Kia Kaha	55	[1]	K A Brewer	7.5%	M/a Azzie 14.6%
6	537190 Raining Rubies	52	[6]	J Penny	8.1%	H Van Der Westh 7.7%
7	006084 The Navy Lark	52	[7]	B Plaatjies (1.5)	11.2%	J A Visser 4.4%
8	860261 Global Thunder	52	[8]	M Mbuto (4)	9.2%	C J Lensley 9.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
1 Cosmic Queen	2 Bosum Buddy 50%	1 Cosmic Queen 40%	5 Kia Kaha 0:56.31
5 Kia Kaha	3 Virginia Beach 48%	5 Kia Kaha 38%	2 Bosum Buddy 0:56.43
2 Bosum Buddy	7 The Navy Lark 28%	7 The Navy Lark 25%	7 The Navy Lark 0:56.50
4 Stars And Bra's	8 Global Thunder 19%	3 Virginia Beach 25%	1 Cosmic Queen 0:56.56
	5 Kia Kaha 17%	2 Bosum Buddy 22%	3 Virginia Beach 0:56.59

Race Preview: Consistent Kia Kaha fared slightly better than Cosmic Queen in a stronger 1000m race last time but the latter was drawn wide around the turn that day and with any improvement should turn the tables. Bosum Buddy had legitimate excuses for a disappointing last start and shouldn't be underestimated on her Highveld return. Stars And Bra's isn't taken lightly either off her reduced mark. Recent scorer Global Thunder (up in class) and speedy Virginia Beach come next.

RACE 5	8:05 PM	(R85,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1200m			
1	30155 Peregrine Falcon	60	[3]	K Matsunyane	8.8%	F P Habib 13.3%
2	131897 Sail The Sky	59	[5]	G Lerena	24.9%	C I Jonker 4.0%
3	287732 Alone Time	58.5	[9]	P Strydom	23.7%	J S Roux 2.4%
4	005651 Falcon Strike	58	[8]	C Habib	8.3%	B D Botes 14.4%
5	551656 Heirloom	58	[6]	K A Brewer	7.5%	R Klaasen 10.5%
6	728750 Edge Of Tomorrow	57	[7]	K J Lihaba	5.7%	R Klaasen 10.5%
7	800000 Circus Lights	56.5	[10]	P Mxoli	11.6%	G J Maroun 10.2%
8	172424 Phala Millions	55.5	[2]	J Gates	6.1%	B Webber 8.4%
9	892540 Stroke Of Mercy	53	[4]	M Mbuto (4)	9.2%	C J Lensley 9.0%
10	000000 World Heritage	52	[1]	J R Syster	9.0%	B Warren 9.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
3 Alone Time	5 Heirloom 38%	3 Alone Time 37%	8 Phala Millions 1:08.49
4 Falcon Strike	2 Sail The Sky 30%	4 Falcon Strike 33%	2 Sail The Sky 1:08.55
1 Peregrine Falcon	9 Stroke Of Mercy 29%	9 Stroke Of Mercy 27%	9 Stroke Of Mercy 1:09.13
8 Phala Millions	8 Phala Millions 28%	8 Phala Millions 24%	3 Alone Time 1:09.37
	3 Alone Time 22%	2 Sail The Sky 23%	4 Falcon Strike 1:09.59

Race Preview: Falcon Strike took advantage of a drop in the ratings when winning last time and a 4-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. However, runner-up Alone Time is 1.5kg better off so he could avenge that 1.10-length defeat. Well-bred Highveld newcomer Peregrine Falcon shouldn't be underestimated on his reappearance off a career-low mark. Hard-knockers Sail The Sky and Phala Millions have the form and experience at this level to also acquit themselves competitively.

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RACE 6	8:40 PM	(R100,000)	Vaal Classic -- 2400m			
1	948477	Order Of Hope	60	[13]	C Habib	8.3%
2	447135	Artic Silver	57.5	[6]	G Lerena	24.9%
3	737857	Coffeeberry	57.5	[8]	P Mxoli	11.6%
4	4521	Lava Lamp	55.5	[1]	R Danielson	7.6%
5	331610	Damova	55.5	[11]	C Maujean	6.7%
6	200002	Pomozelous	55.5	[10]	J Mariba	0.0%
7	757111	Cartagena	53.5	[9]	K Matsunyane	8.8%
8	575661	Gold De Grace	52	[5]	N Klink	5.1%
9	176576	The Merciful	52	[2]	K A Brewer	7.5%
10	346742	Rainy Season	52	[3]	K J Lihaba	5.7%
11	310906	City Lights	50	[7]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.0%
12	374573	Silver Flare	50	[4]	G Dookhit (4)	6.6%
13	406790	Angel's Wish	50	[12]	B Plaatjies (1.5)	11.2%
					W H Marwing	7.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2400M
7 Cartagena	2 Artic Silver 100%	7 Cartagena 100%	10 Rainy Season 2:30.33
4 Lava Lamp	5 Damova 40%	8 Gold De Grace 100%	13 Angel's Wish 2:30.40
2 Artic Silver	6 Pomozelous 40%	6 Pomozelous 67%	5 Damova 2:30.78
1 Order Of Hope	13 Angel's Wish 29%	5 Damova 50%	2 Artic Silver 2:31.75
	10 Rainy Season 25%	3 Coffeeberry 42%	1 Order Of Hope 2:31.78

Race Preview: Progressive **Lava Lamp** and the thriving **Cartagena** are weighted to be competitive. Both last-start winners should remain competitive off their revised marks, though preference is for the latter whose experience over this distance will stand her in good stead. Mares **Damova** and **Pomozelous**, recent 2400m maiden winner **Gold De Grace**, and hard-knockers **The Merciful** and **Rainy Season** are also capable of getting involved. **Artic Silver** finished third in her sole 2400m appearance at a higher level and won her only start on this course, so she isn't taken lightly either.

RACE 8	9:50 PM	(R75,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1450m			
1	657170	Gimme A Storm	61.5	[7]	K A Brewer	7.5%
2	550626	Golden Aspen	60.5	[11]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.1%
3	441097	Like A Prayer	60	[1]	K J Lihaba	5.7%
4	721643	Red Amber	59.5	[5]	G Lerena	24.9%
5	774156	Ghostbuster	59.5	[9]	R Danielson	7.6%
6	057875	Sheets And Goggles	58.5	[8]	C Habib	8.3%
7	783905	Count Your Chances	56.5	[6]	M Mbuto (4)	9.2%
8	688400	Perini Palace	56.5	[4]	B Plaatjies (1.5)	11.2%
9	665604	Lady Loxton	56	[10]	K Matsunyane	8.8%
10	267476	Northern Kitten	54	[2]	J Gates	6.1%
11	999943	Can't Catch Me	53	[3]	P Mxoli	11.6%
					A P Peter	16.9%
					C Spies	7.3%
					A P Peter	16.9%
					F Bronkhorst	6.3%
					E Verdonese	18.5%
					F Bronkhorst	6.3%
					J A Visser	4.4%
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					J Crawford	13.3%
					F P Habib	13.3%
					B Webber	8.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
★ 4 Red Amber	1 Gimme A Storm 50%	2 Golden Aspen 33%	2 Golden Aspen 1:25.48
5 Ghostbuster	5 Ghostbuster 50%	7 Count Your Chances 30%	11 Can't Catch Me 1:26.70
6 Sheets And Goggles	2 Golden Aspen 25%	8 Perini Palace 21%	8 Perini Palace 1:26.92
9 Lady Loxton	8 Perini Palace 23%	11 Can't Catch Me 17%	10 Northern Kitten 1:27.01
	4 Red Amber 22%	10 Northern Kitten 17%	7 Count Your Chances 1:27.27

Race Preview: Youngster **Red Amber** got going late to finish a close-up third in a stronger race over 1400m against male opposition last time and this extended trip will be more to her liking. She'll be hard to beat off a reduced mark and against female-only rivals. Lightly raced **Ghostbuster** will likely pose the biggest threat, as she remains open to improvement on her return from a break. **Sheets And Goggles**, **Lady Loxton**, and hard-knockers **Golden Aspen**, **Northern Kitten** and **Can't Catch Me** complete the shortlist.

RACE 7	9:15 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal Classic -- 2000m			
1	783578	Sneak Preview	60	[6]	G Lerena	24.9%
2	966187	Hat Furious	59	[8]	R Danielson	7.6%
3	810896	Red Sparrow	58	[9]	L Nhlapo	2.4%
4	455409	Crepuscolo	58	[7]	J Gates	6.1%
5	169705	Stop The Traffic	58	[4]	P Mxoli	11.6%
6	655938	Circle Of Grace	57	[3]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.1%
7	219779	Kiss Of Fire	56.5	[5]	G Samo-burthia (4)	2.9%
8	076605	Callaburn	55	[1]	C Maujean	6.7%
9	927890	Full Go	53.5	[2]	J R Syster	9.0%
10	489	That's Magical	52	[10]	N Klink	5.1%
					M/a Azzie	14.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
1 Sneak Preview	2 Hat Furious 25%	3 Red Sparrow 50%	6 Circle Of Grace 2:02.61
2 Hat Furious	9 Full Go 22%	7 Kiss Of Fire 50%	8 Callaburn 2:04.05
3 Red Sparrow	1 Sneak Preview 22%	1 Sneak Preview 33%	1 Sneak Preview 2:04.21
4 Crepuscolo	8 Callaburn 10%	8 Callaburn 22%	5 Stop The Traffic 2:04.33
	6 Circle Of Grace 3%	4 Crepuscolo 11%	7 Kiss Of Fire 2:04.91

Race Preview: Top-weight **Sneak Preview** will appreciate the step up to this distance and is worth siding with off her career-low mark. **Hat Furious**, **Red Sparrow** and **Stop The Traffic** have performed moderately since opening their accounts but aren't underestimated off their reduced marks. **Crepuscolo**, **Kiss Of Fire** and **Circle Of Grace** have earning potential too.