

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



| RACE 1 | 6:15 PM | (R130,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1600m | | | |
|--------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 43139 | Mighty Eagle | 60 | [6] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 2 | 73137 | Red Penny | 60 | [2] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 3 | 51 | Singleton Sam | 60 | [1] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 4 | 51 | The Last Duke | 60 | [7] | K A Brewer | 7.7% |
| 5 | 656 | On An Impulse | 57 | [3] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 6 | 32 | Redlightgreenlight | 57 | [4] | J Penny | 8.1% |
| 7 | 0 | Hubertus Hunt | 54 | [5] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| | | | | | A P Peter | 17.1% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | M/a Azzie | 14.0% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | M N Houdalakis | 17.5% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1600M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1600M |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 Redlightgreenlight | 6 Redlightgreenlight 67% | 3 Singleton Sam 100% | 3 Singleton Sam 1:39.29 |
| 3 Singleton Sam | 1 Mighty Eagle 33% | | |
| 4 The Last Duke | | | |
| 1 Mighty Eagle | | | |

Race Preview: Mighty Eagle and Red Penny didn't perform to their level when soundly beaten by a subsequent Grade 2-placed youngster over 1400m. On the evidence of earlier form, both are capable of better and remain open to improvement stretching out to this extended trip. **The Last Duke** and **Singleton Sam** improved with the benefit of an introductory outing to run out wide-margin maiden winners recently and they should have roles to play too. Maiden **Redlightgreenlight** is closely matched on recent form and could upstage those rivals in receipt of 3kg.

| RACE 2 | 6:50 PM | (R95,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1200m | | | |
|--------|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 362 | Iconic Winter | 60 | [2] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 2 | 922223 | Empress Wu | 60 | [4] | C Murray | 18.1% |
| 3 | 544582 | Cyber Spirit | 60 | [8] | D Pillay (4) | 8.2% |
| 4 | 642 | Blushing Bloom | 57 | [1] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 5 | 0 | Emerald Countess | 57 | [7] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 6 | | Korcula | 57 | [3] | J Greyling | 0.0% |
| 7 | | Ringa Ringa Roses | 57 | [10] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 8 | 0607 | Sassy Lassie | 57 | [6] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 9 | 608 | Savara's Princess | 57 | [5] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 10 | | Twelfth Of Never | 57 | [9] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | J S Roux | 2.4% |
| | | | | | J A Visser | 4.3% |
| | | | | | J J Van Vuuren | 15.2% |
| | | | | | C Dawson | 11.8% |
| | | | | | J J Van Vuuren | 15.2% |
| | | | | | M N Houdalakis | 17.5% |
| | | | | | C Spies | 7.4% |
| | | | | | B Webber | 8.7% |
| | | | | | M N Houdalakis | 17.5% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1200M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1200M |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Iconic Winter | 2 Empress Wu 33% | 4 Blushing Bloom 67% | 2 Empress Wu 1:11.66 |
| 4 Blushing Bloom | 3 Cyber Spirit 11% | 2 Empress Wu 27% | 3 Cyber Spirit 1:12.64 |
| 7 Ringa Ringa Roses | | | 8 Sassy Lassie 1:12.94 |
| 10 Twelfth Of Never | | | 4 Blushing Bloom 1:13.68 |

Race Preview: Empress Wu has proven costly to follow but wouldn't be winning out of turn after several close-up finishes. **Cyber Spirit** has the form and experience to play a leading role too. **Iconic Winter** caught the eye last time in her second start back from a lengthy layoff and she could go one better with any improvement in her peak outing. Youngster **Blushing Bloom** has improved with each outing and should be a factor with further progress expected after a career-best 2nd last time out. **Korcula** (engaged on 26 July), **Ringa Ringa Roses** and **Twelfth Of Never** aren't taken lightly on debut. Watch the betting.

| RACE 3 | 7:25 PM | (R105,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1200m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 323 | Xenophon | 60 | [6] | P Strydom | 23.7% |
| 2 | 783 | Silver Longsword | 60 | [2] | R Danielson | 7.3% |
| 3 | 546737 | Parabellum | 60 | [5] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 4 | 30 | Green Cherry | 60 | [7] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| 5 | | Gunshot | 60 | [4] | N Klink | 5.1% |
| 6 | 05 | Underdog | 60 | [3] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 7 | | Brody | 57 | [8] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 8 | 84 | Captain Frank | 57 | [9] | C Murray | 18.1% |
| 9 | 4 | Gavius Maximus | 57 | [10] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 10 | 436784 | Secret Warrior | 57 | [11] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 11 | 3 | Power Of Pearls | 54.5 | [1] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | M N Houdalakis | 17.5% |
| | | | | | A P Peter | 17.1% |
| | | | | | C Mayhew | 7.0% |
| | | | | | M/m De Kock | 15.4% |
| | | | | | J J Van Vuuren | 15.2% |
| | | | | | C J Lensley | 8.9% |
| | | | | | C Dawson | 11.8% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1200M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1200M |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Xenophon | 10 Secret Warrior 17% | 1 Xenophon 33% | 1 Xenophon 1:09.99 |
| 11 Power Of Pearls | | | 10 Secret Warrior 1:12.63 |
| 8 Captain Frank | | | 3 Parabellum 1:13.73 |
| 9 Gavius Maximus | | | 8 Captain Frank 1:14.62 |

Race Preview: Xenophon will be winning sooner rather than later and he gets the nod here judged on the strength and consistency of his form. Fellow 3yo geldings **Silver Longsword** and returning **Green Cherry** are lightly raced and open to improvement so they could have a say in the outcome. Younger rivals **Captain Frank** and **Gavius Maximus** fit a similar profile so shouldn't be underestimated. However, a bigger threat may come from 2yo filly **Power Of Pearls** who caught the eye on debut when a fast-finishing 3rd over 1000m. She is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance following a 186-day absence.

| RACE 4 | 8:00 PM | (R105,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1600m | | | |
|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | 50097 | Solamente | 60 | [7] | L Nhlapo | 2.9% |
| 2 | | Balerion | 60 | [10] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 3 | 09 | Sing Me A Tune | 60 | [1] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 4 | 6 | Best Candidate | 56 | [4] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 5 | 7 | Elusive Charm | 56 | [9] | K A Brewer | 7.7% |
| 6 | 3 | Luwak | 56 | [3] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 7 | 773 | Matroosberg | 56 | [2] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 8 | 225 | Radio Star | 56 | [8] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 9 | 745268 | Sergeant Soqrat | 56 | [5] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 10 | 749467 | World Order | 56 | [6] | R Danielson | 7.3% |
| | | | | | H E Adamson | 9.1% |
| | | | | | A P Peter | 17.1% |
| | | | | | D Nieuwenhuizen | 5.1% |
| | | | | | M N Houdalakis | 17.5% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | S T Pettigrew | 10.8% |
| | | | | | S G Tarry | 12.0% |
| | | | | | M/a Azzie | 14.0% |
| | | | | | C Spies | 7.4% |
| | | | | | F Bronkhorst | 6.5% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1600M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1600M |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| ★ 8 Radio Star | | 7 Matroosberg 33% | 9 Sergeant Soqrat 1:39.57 |
| 7 Matroosberg | | | 7 Matroosberg 1:40.04 |
| 6 Luwak | | | 10 World Order 1:41.47 |
| 4 Best Candidate | | | |

Race Preview: Radio Star acquitted himself well in defeat when a staying-on 5th in a winners' race over 1400m after finishing 2nd in both previous outings over the same distance against older opposition. The step up to this trip will suit and he won't need to improve much to open his account. **Luwak** after a pleasing debut 3rd, and improving **Matroosberg** are also likely to improve, so they could give the selection most to fear.

| RACE 5 | 8:35 PM | (R95,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1600m | | | |
|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | 456523 | Asiah's Tiara | 60 | [5] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 2 | 332222 | Nkwenkwezi | 60 | [9] | P Strydom | 23.7% |
| 3 | 44243 | Mattiazo | 60 | [2] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 4 | 364436 | Bella Boop Boop | 60 | [10] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| 5 | 858 | Lady William | 60 | [1] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 6 | 674869 | Amber Eyes | 60 | [8] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 7 | 895 | Falconfly | 60 | [3] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 8 | 4 | Babette's Feast | 56 | [6] | C Murray | 18.1% |
| 9 | 35 | Hot Cocoa | 56 | [7] | K A Brewer | 7.7% |
| 10 | 342 | Witching Hour | 56 | [4] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| | | | | | C Mayhew | 7.0% |
| | | | | | C Binda | 10.7% |
| | | | | | D Nieuwenhuizen | 5.1% |
| | | | | | C J Lensley | 8.9% |
| | | | | | P F Matchett | 9.5% |
| | | | | | D Nieuwenhuizen | 5.1% |
| | | | | | M/m De Kock | 15.4% |
| | | | | | M/a Azzie | 14.0% |
| | | | | | R R Magner | 9.8% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1600M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1600M |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 Babette's Feast | 2 Nkwenkwezi 67% | 2 Nkwenkwezi 58% | 1 Asiah's Tiara 1:38.81 |
| 3 Mattiazo | 1 Asiah's Tiara 11% | 3 Mattiazo 33% | 6 Amber Eyes 1:39.05 |
| 10 Witching Hour | 4 Bella Boop Boop 10% | 10 Witching Hour 33% | 4 Bella Boop Boop 1:39.27 |
| 2 Nkwenkwezi | | 1 Asiah's Tiara 22% | 2 Nkwenkwezi 1:39.99 |
| | | 4 Bella Boop Boop 13% | 10 Witching Hour 1:40.02 |

Race Preview: Well-bred youngster **Babette's Feast** was a beaten odds-on favourite over 1160m on debut but that experience would've done her plenty good and the step up to this trip should be more to her liking, so it could pay to follow her progress. Lightly raced **Mattiazo** should improve in her peak outing to challenge the youngster. **Asiah's Tiara** and **Nkwenkwezi** also have the form and experience to make their presence felt but are vulnerable to less-exposed types. **Witching Hour** falls into that category and should have a role to play after a career-best 2nd over this trip last time out.

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| RACE 6 | 9:10 PM | (R110,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1450m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | 216560 | Duenna | 60 | [5] | D Pillay (4) | 8.2% |
| 2 | 132009 | Andi's Girl | 59 | [6] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 3 | 312130 | Miss Lia | 58 | [3] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 4 | 925688 | In The Beginning | 57 | [10] | J Mariba | 0.0% |
| 5 | 212106 | Blind Ambition | 56 | [8] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 6 | 168896 | Blue Horizon | 56 | [9] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 7 | 465836 | Famous Lady | 55.5 | [7] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 8 | 314466 | Destiny Of Fire | 55 | [1] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 9 | 625482 | Hong Kong | 53.5 | [2] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| 10 | 155314 | Exceedingly Glam | 53 | [4] | J R Syster | 8.6% |
| | | | | | S G Tarry | 12.0% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1450M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1450M |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 Miss Lia | 3 Miss Lia 100% | 3 Miss Lia 100% | 1 Duenna 1:25.72 |
| 8 Destiny Of Fire | 2 Andi's Girl 67% | 5 Blind Ambition 100% | 4 In The Beginning 1:25.98 |
| 9 Hong Kong | 9 Hong Kong 67% | 1 Duenna 67% | 3 Miss Lia 1:26.93 |
| 10 Exceedingly Glam | 10 Exceedingly Glam 67% | 8 Destiny Of Fire 67% | 10 Exceedingly Glam 1:27.41 |
| | 1 Duenna 58% | 2 Andi's Girl 60% | 2 Andi's Girl 1:27.87 |

Race Preview: Andi's Girl has been out of sorts recently at a higher level but she should fare better in these calmer waters. In The Beginning, Blind Ambition and Destiny Of Fire are all capable of better than their recent performances suggest, so they shouldn't be taken lightly at this level off their current ratings. Hong Kong and Exceedingly Glam are also dangerous to discount at the bottom of the weights. However, it could be worth siding with Miss Lia on her reappearance from a 6-month layoff following her no-show in a 3yo Fillies Grade 2. She won after a 3-month break last year so does run well fresh.

| RACE 7 | 9:45 PM | (R100,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1450m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 636754 | Too Late My Mate | 60 | [6] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 2 | 407210 | Lady Sabrina | 59 | [10] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 3 | 600605 | Way To Burn | 58.5 | [2] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 4 | 206800 | Spirited Girl | 57.5 | [3] | J R Syster | 8.6% |
| 5 | 696455 | Whirlybird | 57.5 | [8] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 6 | 341970 | Maverick Queen | 56.5 | [7] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 7 | 096990 | We Will Rock You | 56.5 | [4] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 8 | 548049 | Sunshine Day | 54.5 | [11] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 9 | 210802 | Messalina | 53.5 | [5] | J Penny | 8.1% |
| 10 | 475005 | Saigon Suzie | 52.5 | [1] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| 11 | 884007 | Perini Palace | 52 | [9] | D Pillay (4) | 8.2% |
| | | | | | J A Visser | 4.3% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1450M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1450M |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Too Late My Mate | 6 Maverick Queen 100% | 4 Spirited Girl 33% | 4 Spirited Girl 1:26.82 |
| 2 Lady Sabrina | 2 Lady Sabrina 83% | 9 Messalina 33% | 11 Perini Palace 1:26.92 |
| 5 Whirlybird | 8 Sunshine Day 44% | 8 Sunshine Day 33% | 1 Too Late My Mate 1:27.41 |
| 6 Maverick Queen | 11 Perini Palace 21% | 11 Perini Palace 19% | 8 Sunshine Day 1:27.85 |
| | 9 Messalina 11% | | 5 Whirlybird 1:28.30 |

Race Preview: Too Late My Mate deserves a reward for her consistency and this drop in class represents an ideal opportunity for her to end a 522-day winless run. Lady Sabrina, Whirlybird and Maverick Queen seem her most likely dangers. Saigon Suzie shouldn't be underestimated either given her potential improvement off a career-low mark.

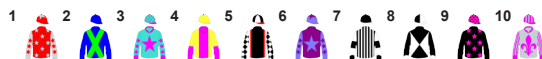
| RACE 8 | 10:20 PM | (R85,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1450m | | | |
|--------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 552476 | Fostinovo | 63 | [3] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 2 | 510 | Crescendo | 62.5 | [5] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 3 | 052753 | After Hours | 58.5 | [1] | P Strydom | 23.7% |
| 4 | 189764 | Sail The Sky | 58 | [2] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 5 | 3125 | Palace Prince | 56.5 | [7] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 6 | 932086 | Libeccio | 56 | [8] | J Penny | 8.1% |
| 7 | 178009 | Good To Great | 55 | [6] | C Maujean | 6.9% |
| 8 | 959085 | Across The Bow | 53.5 | [9] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 9 | 248568 | Commander Of All | 53 | [4] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| | | | | | B Webber | 8.7% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1450M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1450M |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 Palace Prince | 3 After Hours 30% | 3 After Hours 37% | 3 After Hours 1:25.34 |
| 1 Fostinovo | 4 Sail The Sky 28% | 4 Sail The Sky 20% | 4 Sail The Sky 1:26.89 |
| 2 Crescendo | 1 Fostinovo 22% | 6 Libeccio 20% | 1 Fostinovo 1:27.64 |
| 3 After Hours | 9 Commander Of All 15% | 1 Fostinovo 19% | 7 Good To Great 1:28.16 |
| | 6 Libeccio 13% | | 2 Crescendo 1:28.56 |

Race Preview: Consistent Fostinovo is engaged to run at an earlier meeting which casts doubt over his participation here. He would have every chance if taking his place at this lower level with the aid of a 1.5kg-claiming apprentice. Unexposed Crescendo had excuses for his disappointing last start and a subsequent 75-day break would've done him good, so a better showing can be expected. Hard-knockers After Hours and Sail The Sky can't be ignored at this level but they're vulnerable to less-exposed, improving types. Youngster Palace Prince fits that description and his progress should be worth following.

| RACE 9 | 10:55 PM | (R90,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1000m | | | |
|--------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 573213 | Summer Winter | 61 | [4] | P Strydom | 23.7% |
| 2 | 060844 | The Navy Lark | 59.5 | [5] | D Pillay (4) | 8.2% |
| 3 | 602611 | Global Thunder | 58.5 | [3] | C Zackey | 17.4% |
| 4 | 170003 | Predatrice | 57.5 | [6] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 7.1% |
| 5 | 2 | Deal Maker (gb) | 57 | [7] | G Lerena | 25.1% |
| 6 | 540316 | Misty Metal | 56.5 | [1] | K J Lihaba | 5.5% |
| 7 | 973525 | Gaelic Dancer | 56 | [2] | P Mxoli | 11.5% |
| 8 | 930479 | Micke's Bomb | 56 | [8] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 9 | 177700 | Waitforgreenlight | 55.5 | [9] | J Gates | 5.9% |
| 10 | 785692 | Time For Charity | 52.5 | [10] | J R Syster | 8.6% |
| | | | | | F Bronkhorst | 6.5% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL CLASSIC | 1000M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1000M |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Summer Winter | 1 Summer Winter 33% | 1 Summer Winter 50% | 3 Global Thunder 0:55.96 |
| 5 Deal Maker (gb) | 10 Time For Charity 29% | 5 Deal Maker (gb) 42% | 2 The Navy Lark 0:56.50 |
| 4 Predatrice | 3 Global Thunder 27% | 4 Predatrice 33% | 9 Waitforgreenlight 0:56.71 |
| 7 Gaelic Dancer | 2 The Navy Lark 26% | 9 Waitforgreenlight 30% | 7 Gaelic Dancer 0:57.29 |
| | 9 Waitforgreenlight 15% | 2 The Navy Lark 24% | 10 Time For Charity 0:57.34 |

Race Preview: Imported Deal Maker showed no signs of rustiness in a similar race on her SA debut, leading for most of the way before finishing a game-in-defeat 2nd. She would've benefitted from that comeback outing and can only improve with that run under her belt. Interestingly, she finished 3.75 lengths ahead of Global Thunder, winner of both her subsequent appearances. Predatrice and Gaelic Dancer (closely matched on recent form) also have the ability to stake a claim. Summer Winter lost little in defeat (3rd under 59kg) at a higher level on the Poly last time and a similar effort back on turf may suffice.