

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



| RACE 1 | 6:35 PM | (R95,000) | Vaal -- 1400m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|---------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 446935 | Amanda Ngawethu | 60 | [8] | C Habib | 9.0% |
| 2 | | Gonna Catch You | 57 | [3] | C Zackey | 17.2% |
| 3 | 47 | Lannyboy | 57 | [6] | C Maujean | 6.6% |
| 4 | | My Lucky Charm | 57 | [1] | K Matsunyane | 8.7% |
| 5 | 2 | Never Never Land | 57 | [5] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 6 | | Thoonzil | 57 | [7] | J Gates | 6.4% |
| 7 | | War Of Wonders | 57 | [4] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 6.3% |
| 8 | | War Summit | 57 | [2] | M Yeni | 12.8% |
| | | | | | S J Gray | 10.3% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL | 1400M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1400M |
|--------------------|------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 5 Never Never Land | | | 1 Amanda Ngawethu 1:24.20 |
| 2 Gonna Catch You | | | |
| 1 Amanda Ngawethu | | | |
| 4 My Lucky Charm | | | |

Race Preview: Never Never Land caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd on debut over 1200m. The extra 200m with that experience under his belt will be more to his liking. **Amanda Ngawethu** has shown enough to be competitive but a bigger threat will likely be posed by newcomers **Gonna Catch You** and **My Lucky Charm**. Watch the betting!

| RACE 2 | 7:10 PM | (R80,000) | Vaal -- 1400m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|---------------|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 068008 | Spirited Girl | 62 | [6] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 6.3% |
| 2 | 804942 | Sunshine Day | 59.5 | [7] | M K Katjedi | 5.0% |
| 3 | 6831 | Paris Fun | 58.5 | [2] | C Habib | 9.0% |
| 4 | 229520 | Prized Platinum | 58 | [4] | C Maujean | 6.6% |
| 5 | 208629 | Libeccio | 57 | [5] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 6 | 568534 | Commander Of All | 53 | [1] | J Gates | 6.4% |
| 7 | 908379 | Bregardt | 52 | [3] | S Valjalo (4) | 7.3% |



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| 3 Paris Fun | 100% | 67% | 1 Spirited Girl 1:23.64 |
| 2 Sunshine Day | 39% | 50% | 2 Sunshine Day 1:23.80 |
| 6 Commander Of All | 29% | 24% | 6 Commander Of All 1:24.04 |
| 5 Libeccio | 22% | 17% | 3 Paris Fun 1:24.99 |
| | 15% | 11% | 5 Libeccio 1:26.68 |

Race Preview: Paris Fun wasn't winning out of turn when beating older rivals as a 2yo to open her account over this track and trip. With further progress expected on her reappearance, she could follow up on her 3yo debut. Hard-knockers **Sunshine Day**, **Prized Platinum**, **Commander Of All** and **Libeccio** all have the form and experience to make life difficult for the youngster.

| RACE 3 | 7:45 PM | (R120,000) | Vaal -- 1400m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|---------------|------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | 464894 | Master Christmas | 63.5 | [2] | G Samo-burthia (4) | 4.1% |
| 2 | 525226 | Fully Loaded | 59.5 | [4] | S Khumalo | 16.2% |
| 3 | 294312 | Open Highway | 59 | [6] | G Lerena | 24.6% |
| 4 | 200033 | Coming In Hot | 56.5 | [1] | C Habib | 9.0% |
| 5 | 312475 | Sutherland | 56.5 | [7] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 6 | 400730 | Union Rose | 56 | [5] | C Maujean | 6.6% |
| 7 | 2163 | Soho Heartthrob | 54 | [3] | C Zackey | 17.2% |



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| 3 Open Highway | 67% | 67% | 5 Sutherland 1:20.74 |
| 2 Fully Loaded | 52% | 48% | 1 Master Christmas 1:21.92 |
| 7 Soho Heartthrob | 50% | 44% | 2 Fully Loaded 1:22.02 |
| 1 Master Christmas | 36% | 40% | 3 Open Highway 1:22.33 |
| | 31% | 20% | 6 Union Rose 1:23.19 |

Race Preview: Open Highway showed his form and well-being by finishing a close-up 2nd over 1600m last time under a penalty for winning a similar contest over this trip in his previous outing. He will likely play another leading role and is taken to get the better of fellow consistent hard-knocker **Fully Loaded** who didn't go unnoticed over 1200m recently and will be better suited to this extended trip. **Soho Heartthrob** is also respected on his 3yo and handicap debut. **Master Christmas**, **Coming In Hot** and **Sutherland** complete the shortlist.

| RACE 4 | 8:20 PM | (R75,000) | Vaal -- 1600m | | | |
|--------|---------|--------------------|---------------|------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | 709431 | Western Wishes | 62.5 | [3] | G Samo-burthia (4) | 4.1% |
| 2 | 442431 | Mattiazo | 61 | [1] | C Zackey | 17.2% |
| 3 | 264836 | Golden Aspen | 60.5 | [4] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 6.3% |
| 4 | 741560 | Ghostbuster | 59 | [2] | M K Katjedi | 5.0% |
| 5 | 875685 | Sheets And Goggles | 58 | [5] | G Lerena | 24.6% |
| 6 | 943217 | Can't Catch Me | 57.5 | [7] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 7 | 109060 | City Lights | 55 | [6] | C Habib | 9.0% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL | 1600M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1600M |
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| 1 Western Wishes | 33% | 56% | 7 City Lights 1:35.86 |
| 2 Mattiazo | 29% | 13% | 6 Can't Catch Me 1:36.66 |
| 3 Golden Aspen | 20% | | 2 Mattiazo 1:38.93 |
| 6 Can't Catch Me | 11% | | 3 Golden Aspen 1:41.69 |
| | | | 4 Ghostbuster 1:42.21 |

Race Preview: Lightly raced **Western Wishes** won at a higher level on her return from a layoff and a 3-point penalty is unlikely to halt her momentum, especially in this grade with a 4kg claiming apprentice in the irons. Fellow last-start scorer **Mattiazo** appears the biggest danger ahead of veteran mares **Golden Aspen** and **Can't Catch Me**.

| RACE 5 | 8:55 PM | (R100,000) | Vaal -- 1800m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------|
| 1 | 725782 | Zip Code | 62 | [8] | C Zackey | 17.2% |
| 2 | 800355 | Strewn Sky | 61 | [6] | M Yeni | 12.8% |
| 3 | 025133 | Unsolved Riddle | 61 | [2] | G Lerena | 24.6% |
| 4 | 253451 | Futurewoff | 59 | [3] | R Danielson | 7.7% |
| 5 | 962651 | Santiago's Pride | 58.5 | [1] | K J Lihaba | 6.0% |
| 6 | 052659 | Chabal | 57.5 | [4] | S Khumalo | 16.2% |
| 7 | 185426 | War Reporter | 57.5 | [5] | C Habib | 9.0% |
| 8 | 858908 | Robert Browning | 55 | [7] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL | 1800M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 1800M |
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| 7 War Reporter | 67% | 67% | 4 Futurewoff 1:49.39 |
| 4 Futurewoff | 44% | 44% | 6 Chabal 1:51.98 |
| 3 Unsolved Riddle | 31% | 31% | 2 Strewn Sky 1:52.31 |
| 1 Zip Code | 28% | 22% | 5 Santiago's Pride 1:52.51 |
| | 22% | | 7 War Reporter 1:53.64 |

Race Preview: Futurewoff was rewarded for consistency when winning over track and trip last time and a 3-point penalty shouldn't prevent him from making another bold bid for victory. However, **War Reporter** finished ahead of that rival in an earlier meeting and is better off at the weights, so he could turn the tables on these terms. **Zip Code**, **Strewn Sky** and **Unsolved Riddle** are competitive off their current marks and should make their presence felt too.

| RACE 6 | 9:30 PM | (R100,000) | Vaal -- 2400m | | | |
|--------|---------|------------------|---------------|------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 | 417444 | Romeo's Magic | 60 | [7] | G Lerena | 24.6% |
| 2 | 161052 | Damova | 58.5 | [4] | C Zackey | 17.2% |
| 3 | 414826 | Royal Mazarin | 58.5 | [2] | C Maujean | 6.6% |
| 4 | 569977 | Arlington Action | 56 | [6] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 5 | 052513 | Nuclear Force | 56 | [5] | C Habib | 9.0% |
| 6 | 844148 | Lady Noir | 54 | [1] | K J Lihaba | 6.0% |
| 7 | 661924 | Gold De Grace | 52 | [3] | G Samo-burthia (4) | 4.1% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL | 2400M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 2400M |
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| 2 Damova | 50% | 56% | 4 Arlington Action 2:27.65 |
| 1 Romeo's Magic | 33% | 43% | 1 Romeo's Magic 2:29.24 |
| 3 Royal Mazarin | 24% | 32% | 5 Nuclear Force 2:29.95 |
| 4 Arlington Action | 24% | 25% | 3 Royal Mazarin 2:30.39 |
| 5 Nuclear Force | 19% | 22% | 2 Damova 2:30.78 |

Race Preview: Damova bounced back to form last time when finishing ahead of **Romeo's Magic** and she should confirm her superiority, despite a 1kg weight turnaround. Veteran stayers **Nuclear Force**, **Royal Mazarin**, **Arlington Action** and **Gold De Grace** could all take home a cheque.

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| RACE 7 10:05 PM (R80,000) | | | | Vaal -- 2000m | | | |
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| 1 | 41 | Step Into It | 60.5 [11] | C Zackey | 17.2% | M/m De Kock | 16.0% |
| 2 | 705213 | Stop The Traffic | 60 [8] | P Mxoli | 11.9% | C J Lensley | 11.5% |
| 3 | 347029 | Flag Bearer | 59.5 [4] | G Samo-burthia (4) | 4.1% | F Bronkhorst | 6.7% |
| 4 | 000278 | Pomozelous | 59 [3] | C Maujean | 6.6% | J A Soma | 16.2% |
| 5 | 089665 | Red Sparrow | 55.5 [10] | M K Katjedi | 5.0% | B Webber | 8.9% |
| 6 | 466812 | Bob Lee Swagger | 55.5 [6] | T Mayhew (1.5) | 6.3% | C Mayhew | 7.0% |
| 7 | 789035 | Full Go | 55.5 [5] | J R Syster | 9.5% | B B Ruiters | 6.3% |
| 8 | 540946 | Crepuscolo | 55 [1] | J Gates | 6.4% | F P Habib | 11.7% |
| 9 | 618755 | Hat Furious | 55 [2] | C Habib | 9.0% | E Verdonese | 16.4% |
| 10 | 657663 | The Merciful | 55 [9] | K Matsunyane | 8.7% | T Zackey | 7.5% |
| 11 | 593884 | Circle Of Grace | 54.5 [7] | S Khumalo | 16.2% | C Spies | 6.1% |



| SELECTIONS | VAAL | 2000M DISTANCE | BEST TIME 2000M |
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| 1 Step Into It | 2 Stop The Traffic 33% | 6 Bob Lee Swagger 56% | 3 Flag Bearer 2:01.94 |
| 2 Stop The Traffic | 4 Pomozelous 33% | 3 Flag Bearer 33% | 11 Circle Of Grace 2:02.61 |
| 7 Full Go | 3 Flag Bearer 23% | 5 Red Sparrow 33% | 6 Bob Lee Swagger 2:04.13 |
| 10 The Merciful | 5 Red Sparrow 20% | 10 The Merciful 15% | 2 Stop The Traffic 2:04.33 |
| | 11 Circle Of Grace 17% | 2 Stop The Traffic 14% | 10 The Merciful 2:04.41 |

Race Preview: Step Into It confirmed the promise of his debut 4th over 1600m by winning over the same distance last time but this extended trip should unlock further improvement from the exciting 3yo. Experienced Stop The Traffic and Full Go have the form and experience to trouble the selection, while hard-knockers The Merciful and Crepuscolo have earning potential too.

| RACE 8 10:40 PM (R135,000) | | | | Vaal -- 2000m | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | 041142 | King's Express | 60 [1] | S Khumalo | 16.2% | F P Habib | 11.7% |
| 2 | 850214 | Hawkbill | 58 [6] | C Zackey | 17.2% | M N Houdalakis | 16.0% |
| 3 | 633557 | Silent War | 58 [5] | G Lerena | 24.6% | A P Peter | 17.9% |
| 4 | 462272 | Mount Darwin | 54 [4] | K Matsunyane | 8.7% | S T Pettigrew | 9.0% |
| 5 | 041239 | Vesuvio | 54 [9] | P Mxoli | 11.9% | T Zackey | 7.5% |
| 6 | 608054 | Royal Edition | 54 [7] | M Yeni | 12.8% | P P Labuschagne | 4.5% |
| 7 | 766475 | Arumugam | 54 [2] | C Maujean | 6.6% | J S Roux | 2.6% |
| 8 | 900978 | Street Art | 54 [3] | L Nhlapo | 4.9% | A P Peter | 17.9% |
| 9 | 314111 | Teo Torriatte | 53.5 [10] | C Habib | 9.0% | C J Lensley | 11.5% |
| 10 | 048263 | Eiger Sanction | 50 [8] | M K Katjedi | 5.0% | S J Gray | 10.3% |



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| 9 Teo Torriatte | 1 King's Express 48% | 10 Eiger Sanction 50% | 7 Arumugam 2:00.27 |
| 1 King's Express | 2 Hawkbill 38% | 9 Teo Torriatte 39% | 8 Street Art 2:01.84 |
| 4 Mount Darwin | 6 Royal Edition 33% | 8 Street Art 37% | 5 Vesuvio 2:02.59 |
| 2 Hawkbill | 4 Mount Darwin 33% | 7 Arumugam 33% | 6 Royal Edition 2:02.60 |
| | 10 Eiger Sanction 30% | 5 Vesuvio 30% | 1 King's Express 2:02.96 |

Race Preview: King's Express is in good form and unbeaten in 3 appearances under M Yeni. However, it's difficult to look beyond Teo Torriatte who has been transformed by the addition of cheekpieces, winning 4 of 5 starts with the headgear fitted. Hard-knockers Hawkbill, Silent War and Mount Darwin are proven at this level and likely to acquit themselves competitively too.