

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:25 PM	(R105,000)				Vaal -- 1400m		
1	944693	Amandla Ngawethu	60	[5]	C Murray	17.4%	C Binda	10.4%
2	723043	Mystic Vision	60	[1]	P Mxoli	11.6%	P F Matchett	9.6%
3	708	River Kitten	60	[10]	J Botes (4)	6.7%	E Verdonese	18.5%
4	402424	Trip To States	60	[2]	K Matsunyane	8.8%	C I Jonker	4.1%
5	2	Frere Jacques	60	[11]	C Zackey	17.4%	M N Houdalakis	17.7%
6	445	Palace Attack	57	[6]	C Habib	8.7%	A G Laird	10.2%
7	059	Talkoftheheights	57	[4]	J R Syster	8.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
8	696796	King Bluetooth	57	[12]	R Danielson	7.0%	C I Jonker	4.1%
9	97	Beach Walker	57	[9]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%	J S Roux	2.4%
10		Bellerophon	57	[8]	S Khumalo	15.9%	F P Habib	13.4%
11		Civil War	57	[7]	G Dookhit (4)	6.1%	P F Matchett	9.6%
12		King Of Silk	57	[3]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.6%	C Spies	7.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
5 Frere Jacques	2 Mystic Vision 27%	2 Mystic Vision 33%	2 Mystic Vision 1:23.72
6 Palace Attack	4 Trip To States 20%	4 Trip To States 33%	4 Trip To States 1:25.13
4 Trip To States			6 Palace Attack 1:25.92
10 Bellerophon			8 King Bluetooth 1:26.83
			1 Amanda Ngawethu 1:27.02

Race Preview: Frere Jacques caught the eye on debut when staying on strongly for second over 1200m. The extra 200m here should be right up his alley, and natural improvement makes him a big runner. Palace Attack is bred to improve and showed promise when finishing a close-up fifth over this trip last time. He's right in the mix and won't need to find much more to be competitive. Trip To States, Mystic Vision, and Amanda Ngawethu all bring solid form and race experience to the table. Watch the betting on the newcomers, particularly Bellerophon who is well-bred and could be primed for a bold debut.

RACE 2		7:00 PM	(R95,000)			Vaal -- 1400m		
1	254250	Tipperary	60	[11]	C Habib	8.7%	P F Matchett	9.6%
2	522	Rendevous In Rio	60	[2]	J Mariba	0.0%	J A Soma	15.6%
3	222233	Empress Wu	60	[9]	C Maujean	6.7%	J S Roux	2.4%
4	74785	Harper's Way	60	[4]	J Gates	6.6%	S T Pettigrew	11.0%
5	698748	Cape Flower	60	[6]	W Fourie (4)	0.0%	C I Jonker	4.1%
6	585254	Concordia	57	[5]	M Yeni	12.6%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
7	755	Frangipani	57	[3]	K Matsunyane	8.8%	R Klaasen	11.9%
8	6	Chantilly Dream	57	[7]	C Zackey	17.4%	M N Houdalakis	17.7%
9	6	Hidden Treasure	57	[1]	K J Lihaba	5.4%	W H Marwing	7.1%
10	8	Matts Rocket	57	[10]	K A Brewer	7.6%	A P Peter	17.0%
11		Pleiades Star	57	[8]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	B Webber	9.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
2 Rendezvous In Rio	3 Empress Wu 17%	6 Concordia 22%	6 Concordia 1:23.60
8 Chantilly Dream		1 Tipperary 11%	1 Tipperary 1:25.21
3 Empress Wu			5 Cape Flower 1:26.08
6 Concordia			3 Empress Wu 1:26.39

Race Preview: Improving Rendezvous In Rio wouldn't be winning out of turn after back-to-back seconds and she is preferred to well-bred Chantilly Dream who would've benefitted from an encouraging debut (6th) over a shorter trip. Consistent Empress Wu, Concordia and returning Tipperary have the form and experience to trouble those rivals.

RACE 3		7:35 PM	(R80,000)			Vaal -- 1000m		
1	274542	Inspector James	60	[6]	M Yeni	12.6%	J J Van Vuuren	15.4%
2	443753	Jet Querari	57.5	[2]	C Habib	8.7%	A P Peter	17.0%
3	433423	Time Will Tell	57	[8]	S Khumalo	15.9%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
4	734	Gaslight Dancer	55.5	[5]	C Maujean	6.7%	M N Houdalakis	17.7%
5	445825	Cyber Spirit	55.5	[4]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%	J A Visser	3.6%
6	435346	Ringho	54	[7]	P Mxoli	11.6%	C I Jonker	4.1%
7	68665	Touch Of Heaven	52.5	[10]	J Penny	8.4%	C Spies	7.4%
8	45866	Smart Star	52	[9]	S Valjalo (4)	10.0%	J A Visser	3.6%
9	050425	Chilli Marmalade	52	[3]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.6%	C I Jonker	4.1%
10	680806	Red Sea Hills	52	[1]	J Gates	6.6%	J Borman	2.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
1 Inspector James	3 Time Will Tell 50%	1 Inspector James 33%	6 Ringho 0:57.64
3 Time Will Tell	6 Ringho 11%	3 Time Will Tell 33%	9 Chilli Marmalade 0:57.77
2 Jet Querari	5 Cyber Spirit 7%	5 Cyber Spirit 20%	5 Cyber Spirit 0:57.78
4 Gaslight Dancer	9 Chilli Marmalade 6%	9 Chilli Marmalade 13%	2 Jet Querari 0:57.88
		2 Jet Querari 13%	1 Inspector James 0:58.15

Race Preview: Inspector James, Jet Querari, and the recently gelded Time Will Tell all bring solid form and valuable experience to the table, so expect them to be right in the thick of things at the finish. Gaslight Dancer is a speedy sort who could relish the drop in trip. The addition of a first-time tongue-tie may unlock further improvement, making her one to watch for value backers. Experienced contenders Cyber Spirit and Ringho have shown enough to be competitive here and shouldn't be overlooked in wider bets.

RACE 4		8:10 PM	(R85,000)			Vaal -- 1000m		
1	870089	What A Tiger	62	[8]	D D Louw (4)	16.7%	F P Habib	13.4%
2	41	Mister Wilson	61.5	[2]	J Botes (4)	6.7%	A P Peter	17.0%
3	263913	Arilena	61.5	[9]	~	M Pandaram	5.7%
4	654805	Sea Wolf	61.5	[5]	P Porffy (4)	0.0%	A P Peter	17.0%
5	047195	Nazare	59	[10]	K J Lihaba	5.4%	C Dawson	11.0%
6	810770	In The Ether	58	[7]	G Dookhit (4)	6.1%	G J Maroun	10.7%
7	63617	Blindfire	56	[6]	S Valjalo (4)	10.0%	A P Peter	17.0%
8	389945	William West	55	[3]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.6%	J J Van Vuuren	15.4%
9	460880	Kylie's Angel	52.5	[4]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%	C J Lensley	9.7%
10	863984	Together Again	52	[1]	W Fourie (4)	0.0%	J A Visser	3.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
★ 2 Mister Wilson	3 Arilena 100%	2 Mister Wilson 50%	1 What A Tiger 0:56.39
3 Arilena	4 Sea Wolf 50%	7 Blindfire 50%	3 Arilena 0:56.55
5 Nazare	1 What A Tiger 47%	3 Arilena 37%	10 Together Again 0:56.61
7 Blindfire	6 In The Ether 27%	5 Nazare 33%	6 In The Ether 0:56.62
	9 Kylie's Angel 17%	1 What A Tiger 30%	5 Nazare 0:57.24

Race Preview: Mister Wilson showed ability as a juvenile and is open to plenty of improvement after a layoff. Arilena and Nazare are seasoned campaigners with consistent form and should test the younger rival. William West makes his Highveld debut after relocating from the Western Cape and is one to keep an eye on. Blindfire is unbeaten in blinkers and cannot be ignored with the headgear refitted.

RACE 5		8:45 PM	(R95,000)			Vaal -- 1200m		
1	602611	Global Thunder	61.5	[9]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%	C J Lensley	9.7%
2	492827	Boom Boom	59	[1]	C Zackey	17.4%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
3	656210	Hotaru	58.5	[8]	K A Brewer	7.6%	R Klaasen	11.9%
4	608443	The Navy Lark	57	[3]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	J A Visser	3.6%
5	827363	Valieva	56.5	[6]	S Khumalo	15.9%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
6	084651	Royal Horizon	52	[4]	J Penny	8.4%	H Van Der Westh	7.8%
7	578756	Sheets And Goggles	52	[5]	J Botes (4)	6.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
8	856921	Time For Charity	52	[7]	J R Syster	8.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
9	000980	Si Veloce	52	[2]	W Fourie (4)	0.0%	J A Visser	3.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
1 Global Thunder	3 Hotaru 83%	3 Hotaru 83%	1 Global Thunder 1:08.93
2 Boom Boom	5 Valieva 33%	5 Valieva 29%	5 Valieva 1:09.09
5 Valieva	1 Global Thunder 26%	1 Global Thunder 27%	2 Boom Boom 1:09.79
8 Time For Charity	2 Boom Boom 23%	2 Boom Boom 25%	8 Time For Charity 1:09.84
	4 The Navy Lark 22%	8 Time For Charity 11%	4 The Navy Lark 1:09.99

Race Preview: Global Thunder is thriving in cheekpieces and could complete a hat-trick if maintaining her current form. Valieva and Boom Boom are consistent campaigners with the experience to pose a threat. Hotaru drops in class and distance after contesting a Grade 2 and should be more competitive. The Navy Lark and Time For Charity also warrant inclusion for wider exotics.

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RACE 6	9:23 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal -- 2400m			
1	665813	Rosy Lemon	60.5	[2]	J Botes (4)	6.7%
2	571114	Cartagena	59.5	[7]	K Matsunyane	8.8%
3	000027	Pomozelous	59.5	[4]	J Mariba	0.0%
4	697052	Stop The Traffic	57.5	[9]	P Mxoli	11.6%
5	661875	Hat Furious	55.5	[1]	C Habib	8.7%
6	756619	Gold De Grace	55	[6]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.6%
7	745732	Silver Flare	54	[5]	G Dookhit (4)	6.1%
8	765766	The Merciful	54	[3]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.6%
9	839058	Count Your Chances	53.5	[8]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%

SELECTIONS	VAAL	2400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2400M
1 Silver Flare	3 Pomozelous 67%	2 Cartagena 50%	2 Cartagena 2:32.01
2 Cartagena	2 Cartagena 27%	6 Gold De Grace 50%	8 The Merciful 2:32.07
4 Stop The Traffic	4 Stop The Traffic 20%	3 Pomozelous 33%	7 Silver Flare 2:32.21
1 Rosy Lemon	6 Gold De Grace 11%	7 Silver Flare 33%	6 Gold De Grace 2:32.87
	9 Count Your Chances 10%	1 Rosy Lemon 17%	4 Stop The Traffic 2:33.15

Race Preview: **Silver Flare** finished ahead of **Cartagena** last time and is weighted to confirm that result, making him the one to beat. **Cartagena**, however, is unbeaten over this course and distance and could bounce back at her favourite venue. **Rosy Lemon** benefits from a 4kg claim and is consistent enough to make her presence felt. Both **Stop The Traffic** and **The Merciful** are capable of grabbing a share and add depth to the race.

RACE 7	9:58 PM	(R100,000)	Vaal -- 1800m			
1	652258	Gimmeachoice	60	[5]	J Mariba	0.0%
2	540008	Casus Belli	59	[1]	C Zackey	17.4%
3	252641	Mizzen Sword	58.5	[8]	J Penny	8.4%
4	425345	Futurewolff	58.5	[2]	R Danielson	7.0%
5	874594	Trident King	58.5	[9]	C Habib	8.7%
6	384809	Guy Alexander	57.5	[3]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%
7	189064	Oklahoma Twister	55	[4]	J R Syster	8.7%
8	554094	Crepuscolo	52	[6]	J Gates	6.6%
9	278903	Full Go	52	[7]	M K Katjedi	5.5%

SELECTIONS	VAAL	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
1 Gimmeachoice	6 Guy Alexander 50%	3 Mizzen Sword 100%	6 Guy Alexander 1:49.16
4 Futurewolff	1 Gimmeachoice 44%	6 Guy Alexander 27%	4 Futurewolff 1:49.39
3 Mizzen Sword	4 Futurewolff 22%	4 Futurewolff 26%	9 Full Go 1:50.81
7 Oklahoma Twister	8 Crepuscolo 20%	9 Full Go 18%	8 Crepuscolo 1:51.27
	9 Full Go 14%	5 Trident King	1:52.12

Race Preview: **Gimmeachoice** caught the eye on stable debut after a break and gelding. He should relish the step up in trip and looks primed for a big run with natural improvement. **Futurewolff** is a consistent campaigner with solid form and should be right there again. **Mizzen Sword** impressed when shedding his maiden tag last time and could be competitive if backing up that effort. **Trident King** and **Oklahoma Twister** are capable types who can also get into the mix.

RACE 8	10:33 PM	(R85,000)	Vaal -- 1400m			
1	342830	Paul Revere	62.5	[5]	M Mbuto (4)	10.2%
2	231540	Dylan's Champ	61.5	[9]	J Botes (4)	6.7%
3	342412	Cape Saffron	59.5	[7]	D Pillay (4)	8.3%
4	7515	Titans Of War	58	[6]	K J Lihaba	5.4%
5	301553	Peregrine Falcon	58	[2]	D D Louw (4)	16.7%
6	753449	Prince Of Kildare	58	[1]	G Dookhit (4)	6.1%
7	506264	Golden Aspen	56	[8]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.6%
8	840079	Perini Palace	52	[3]	S Valjalo (4)	10.0%
9	925405	Stroke Of Mercy	52	[4]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.6%

SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
1 Paul Revere	3 Cape Saffron 67%	3 Cape Saffron 33%	7 Golden Aspen 1:22.64
3 Cape Saffron	2 Dylan's Champ 47%	1 Paul Revere 25%	6 Prince Of Kildare 1:23.59
2 Dylan's Champ	7 Golden Aspen 20%	6 Prince Of Kildare 11%	1 Paul Revere 1:23.74
5 Peregrine Falcon	6 Prince Of Kildare 17%	7 Golden Aspen 8%	3 Cape Saffron 1:23.93
	1 Paul Revere 17%	2 Dylan's Champ	1:24.06

Race Preview: **Paul Revere** was outclassed over 1200m in stronger company last time but will be far more at home over this distance and in this grade, especially with a 4kg claim. **Dylan's Champ** finished ahead of that rival in the same race and is better off at the weights, so he looks set to fight out the finish. **Cape Saffron** caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd on handicap debut over this trip against her own sex but she rates a serious threat against male rivals if repeating that effort. **Peregrine Falcon** is a well-bred improver, while durable **Golden Aspen** could sneak into the frame if things go her way.