

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:20 PM	(R75,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1500m			
1	4643	Hollywood Madam	60	[3]	S Mosia	25.0% J A Soma 14.3%
2	285558	Genovefa	59	[4]	T Ncume	11.8% D N Stenger 11.3%
3	667482	Lady Blunt	58	[7]	T Lukhele	13.8% B Webber 8.5%
4	7552	Frangipani	56.5	[6]	P Mlangeni	14.3% R Klaasen 12.0%
5	753862	Madame Pompadour	56	[5]	G Dadamasi	0.0% W C Marwing 8.0%
6	6086	Savara's Princess	52.5	[1]	T Matsoele	25.0% B Webber 8.5%
7	9608	American Socialite	52	[2]	J Horing	10.0% J A Visser 3.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1500M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1500M
3 Lady Blunt	2 Genovefa 67%	5 Madame Pompadour 33%	5 Madame Pompadour 1:33.77
1 Hollywood Madam			3 Lady Blunt 1:35.22
5 Madame Pompadour			
4 Frangipani			

Race Preview: Hollywood Madam and Lady Blunt have improved after respective absences and remain open to further progress after career-best recent performances, so they will likely fight out the finish ahead of Genovefa, Frangipani and long-time maiden Madame Pompadour whose form and experience will stand her in good stead.

RACE 2	6:55 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1500m			
1	39644	Seventh Fleet	60	[6]	M Yeni	12.5% D N Stenger 11.3%
2	634322	Winds Of Grace	60	[5]	S Khumalo	16.4% M/a Azzie 14.3%
3	9635	Greenlight Racer	58	[4]	C Zackey	17.3% J A Soma 14.3%
4	994806	Cuzzie	57.5	[9]	J Gates	6.4% B Webber 8.5%
5	592633	Dondoyaki	55.5	[11]	S Moodley	11.7% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
6	024247	Trip To States	55	[7]	K Matsunyane	8.9% C I Jonker 3.6%
7	644367	Bella Boop Boop	54.5	[8]	C Maujean	6.3% C J Lensley 9.7%
8	0995	Ember King	52	[3]	K A Brewer	7.5% A P Peter 16.9%
9	60788	Emerald City	52	[10]	K J Lihaba	5.3% R R Wagner 9.5%
10	967966	King Bluetooth	52	[1]	P Mxoli	11.8% C I Jonker 3.6%
11	06079	Sassy Lassie	52	[2]	J Penny	8.4% C Spies 6.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1500M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1500M
2 Winds Of Grace	2 Winds Of Grace 33%		7 Bella Boop Boop 1:30.79
3 Greenlight Racer	7 Bella Boop Boop 8%		
1 Seventh Fleet	6 Trip To States 6%		
5 Dondoyaki			

Race Preview: Winds Of Grace wouldn't be winning out of turn after consecutive seconds recently and she gets the nod ahead of 4yo male rivals Seventh Fleet and Greenlight Racer, both of whom could improve in first-time blinkers. Dondoyaki has scope for improvement and may have more to offer stretching out to this trip with the headgear removed. Experienced Trip To States has the form and experience to make his presence felt too.

RACE 3	7:30 PM	(R100,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	652866	Nkandla Gold	60	[4]	M K Katjedi	5.5% B Webber 8.5%
2	22	Deal Maker (gb)	58.5	[5]	C Little	8.3% A P Peter 16.9%
3	795414	Faithful Neo	58.5	[6]	C Zackey	17.3% A P Peter 16.9%
4	084437	The Navy Lark	58.5	[7]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.4% J A Visser 3.6%
5	745041	Lonely As A Cloud	58	[2]	S Moodley	11.7% C Dawson 11.4%
6	506531	Summer Shade	56	[3]	L Nhlapo	3.6% B Webber 8.5%
7	470943	Western Wishes	54.5	[9]	J Gates	6.4% M Pandaram 5.5%
8	304797	Micke's Bomb	54.5	[8]	C Habib	8.6% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
9	590857	Across The Bow	52	[10]	K J Lihaba	5.3% W/w Marwing -
10	000002	World Heritage	50.5	[1]	J R Syster	9.4% B Warren 9.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
2 Deal Maker (gb)	2 Deal Maker (gb) 67%	2 Deal Maker (gb) 44%	4 The Navy Lark 0:56.50
3 Faithful Neo	4 The Navy Lark 26%	3 Faithful Neo 33%	1 Nkandla Gold 0:56.85
5 Lonely As A Cloud	7 Western Wishes 25%	5 Lonely As A Cloud 26%	5 Lonely As A Cloud 0:57.36
7 Western Wishes	6 Summer Shade 22%	7 Western Wishes 25%	8 Micke's Bomb 0:57.37
	1 Nkandla Gold 11%	10 World Heritage 25%	7 Western Wishes 0:57.67

Race Preview: Fillies Faithful Neo and Deal Maker are weighted to be competitive and should play leading roles on the strength and consistency of their recent performances. The latter finished second in both starts since arriving from the UK and won't need to improve much in first-time blinkers to open her account on SA soil. Last-start winner Lonely As A Cloud remains competitive under a penalty. Returning Western Wishes and class-dropper Nkandla Gold have earning potential too.

RACE 4	8:05 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1200m			
1	721165	Sylvan Warrior	61.5	[6]	C Little	8.3% A P Peter 16.9%
2	952522	Fully Loaded	60.5	[10]	K Matsunyane	8.9% F P Habib 13.0%
3	122377	Abound	60	[11]	C Murray	15.5% J Crawford 13.3%
4	321404	Bourbon Reserve	60	[7]	M Yeni	12.5% S G Tarry 12.3%
5	501475	Longsword	59.5	[3]	C Zackey	17.3% S G Tarry 12.3%
6	731376	Red Penny	58	[4]	C Habib	8.6% P F Matchett 9.8%
7	390037	Biofarmer	58	[8]	C Maujean	6.3% H E Adamson 9.1%
8	751803	Palace Revolt	58	[5]	S Moodley	11.7% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
9	514722	Hemisphere	57.5	[1]	S Khumalo	16.4% J J Van Vuuren 16.1%
10	374149	Super Awesome	55.5	[9]	R Danielson	7.1% R R Wagner 9.5%
11	005651	Falcon Strike	52	[2]	M K Katjedi	5.5% R Klaasen 12.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
2 Fully Loaded	1 Sylvan Warrior 100%	2 Fully Loaded 50%	3 Abound 1:07.56
1 Sylvan Warrior	2 Fully Loaded 83%	7 Biofarmer 40%	2 Fully Loaded 1:08.90
9 Hemisphere	10 Super Awesome 42%	11 Falcon Strike 33%	10 Super Awesome 1:09.01
4 Bourbon Reserve	7 Biofarmer 42%	8 Palace Revolt 27%	7 Biofarmer 1:09.58
		10 Super Awesome 26%	11 Falcon Strike 1:09.59

Race Preview: Sylvan Warrior finished a close-up fifth in a 2yo Grade 2 late last season and he could have more to offer in his sophomore year. However, conceding weight to older rivals at this level won't be easy. Course-and-distance specialist Fully Loaded and lightly raced 4yo Hemisphere have the form and experience to trouble the top-weight, and neither would be winning out of turn after back-to-back recent seconds. Unexposed Bourbon Reserve, Highveld newcomer Abound and Red Penny, who will appreciate dropping back to a sprint, also have the means to get involved. Palace Revolt and Longsword aren't ignored.

RACE 5	8:40 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	254825	Hong Kong	60	[5]	C Little	8.3% A P Peter 16.9%
2	610530	Salute The Flag	60	[8]	S Moodley	11.7% C Dawson 11.4%
3	429431	Open Highway	59.5	[9]	S Khumalo	16.4% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
4	682478	Deception Pass	58	[2]	R Danielson	7.1% M/a Azzie 14.3%
5	132773	King Of Numbers	58	[1]	J Gates	6.4% B Webber 8.5%
6	751247	Eiffel Tower	57.5	[4]	P Mxoli	11.8% S J Gray 10.5%
7	252507	Ombudsman	56	[3]	C Zackey	17.3% S G Tarry 12.3%
8	203402	Guerilla Warfare	55	[7]	C Habib	8.6% S J Gray 10.5%
9	560897	Vava Vegas	52	[6]	M K Katjedi	5.5% J Borman 2.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
1 Hong Kong	4 Deception Pass 67%	1 Hong Kong 67%	9 Vava Vegas 1:35.22
3 Open Highway	3 Open Highway 56%	7 Ombudsman 39%	3 Open Highway 1:35.88
2 Salute The Flag	1 Hong Kong 33%	6 Eiffel Tower 27%	6 Eiffel Tower 1:36.12
6 Eiffel Tower	5 King Of Numbers 33%	4 Deception Pass 22%	8 Guerilla Warfare 1:36.42
	6 Eiffel Tower 20%	8 Guerilla Warfare 21%	4 Deception Pass 1:37.53

Race Preview: Hong Kong acquitted herself well (albeit without victory) at a higher level late last season, especially over this distance. She remains open to improvement and will give her male opposition a run for their money, even under joint top weight. Last-start winner Open Highway is effective over this extended trip and should play another leading role under a 2-point penalty. Hard-knockers Eiffel Tower and King Of Numbers are also competitive off their current marks. Salute The Flag, Ombudsman and Guerilla Warfare complete the shortlist.

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RACE 6	9:15 PM	(R140,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	542140	Soldier's Eye	60	[2]	K J Lihaba	5.3% W/w Marwing --%
2	155500	Infinite Wonder	58	[9]	K A Brewer	7.5% M Pandaram 5.5%
3	746489	Master Christmas	57	[8]	C Little	8.3% A P Peter 16.9%
4	037176	Ikigai	55.5	[6]	C Zackey	17.3% S G Tarry 12.3%
5	182066	Mastership	55.5	[5]	M Yeni	12.5% D N Stenger 11.3%
6	321311	Obsidian	55	[3]	S Khumalo	16.4% J J Van Vuuren 16.1%
7	442303	Jury's Out	55	[10]	S Moodley	11.7% C Dawson 11.4%
8	890097	Street Art	55	[7]	C Maujean	6.3% A P Peter 16.9%
9	446227	Mount Darwin	54.5	[1]	K Matsunyane	8.9% S T Pettigrew 10.8%
10	659580	Supreme Dance	52	[4]	J R Syster	9.4% B Warren 9.7%
11	280035	Strewn Sky	52	[11]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.6% J S Roux 2.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
6 Obsidian	9 Mount Darwin 100%	5 Mastership 61%	3 Master Christmas 1:35.38
1 Soldier's Eye	7 Jury's Out 83%	6 Obsidian 56%	7 Jury's Out 1:35.58
7 Jury's Out	3 Master Christmas 73%	7 Jury's Out 50%	8 Street Art 1:36.36
5 Mastership	2 Infinite Wonder 67%	4 Ikigai 40%	10 Supreme Dance 1:36.84
	8 Street Art 50%	1 Soldier's Eye 33%	9 Mount Darwin 1:37.19

Race Preview: **Soldier's Eye** made no impression from a wide draw in a 2000m Grade 2 last month but she ought to fare better at this level over a distance more to her liking. However, conceding 5kg to progressive 4yo male rival **Obsidian** seems a bridge too far. The hat-trick seeking latter will appreciate stepping back up to this trip and a 4-point penalty isn't likely to halt his momentum. **Jury's Out** and **Strewn Sky** aren't taken lightly, while **Mount Darwin** and **Mastership** are capable of better than recent efforts suggest and shouldn't be underestimated either.

RACE 7	9:55 PM	(R110,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	320417	Miss Hannigan	60.5	[1]	S Khumalo	16.4% F P Habib 13.0%
2	002213	Last Car To Pass	54	[8]	C Zackey	17.3% F P Habib 13.0%
3	370641	Twostep Queen	54	[9]	M Yeni	12.5% S J Gray 10.5%
4	671332	Kisshoten	53.5	[7]	C Habib	8.6% A P Peter 16.9%
5	453690	Visionofpeace	53	[5]	K J Lihaba	5.3% R R Magner 9.5%
6	422195	Avoontoast	53	[3]	J Mariba	0.0% J A Soma 14.3%
7	664389	Mount Etna	53	[4]	J R Syster	9.4% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
8	243126	Accept Cookies	52.5	[2]	K Matsunyane	8.9% R R Magner 9.5%
9	142216	Princess Ilaria	52	[6]	S Moodley	11.7% F Bronkhorst 6.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
4 Kisshoten	3 Twostep Queen 50%	8 Accept Cookies 56%	2 Last Car To Pass 1:34.34
2 Last Car To Pass	9 Princess Ilaria 44%	2 Last Car To Pass 50%	6 Avoontoast 1:35.43
8 Accept Cookies	8 Accept Cookies 44%	6 Avoontoast 39%	1 Miss Hannigan 1:35.59
3 Twostep Queen	1 Miss Hannigan 29%	9 Princess Ilaria 33%	4 Kisshoten 1:35.70
	6 Avoontoast 27%	5 Visionofpeace 22%	7 Mount Etna 1:35.80

Race Preview: **Twostep Queen** made all under a 4kg-claiming apprentice last time when beating **Kisshoten** and **Last Car To Pass** over 1800m. Without that weight allowance this time, she will struggle to confirm that form. **Accept Cookies** is also better off at the weights and should acquit herself competitively on these terms. **Miss Hannigan** is proven at this level and effective over the distance, so she should also make her presence felt. **Avoontoast** races well fresh and can take home a cheque.

RACE 8	10:30 PM	(R100,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	072107	Lady Sabrina	60	[1]	K J Lihaba	5.3% W/w Marwing --%
2	006053	Way To Burn	59	[7]	C Habib	8.6% P F Matchett 9.8%
3	229973	Kissing Machine	59	[4]	P Mxoli	11.8% P F Matchett 9.8%
4	928275	Boom Boom	58.5	[8]	S Moodley	11.7% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
5	912548	Play With Fire	58.5	[9]	J R Syster	9.4% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
6	134434	Future Date	58	[3]	M Yeni	12.5% S J Gray 10.5%
7	614568	Lapis Lazuli	56.5	[2]	K Matsunyane	8.9% M/a Azzie 14.3%
8	575140	Secret Recipe	56	[5]	R Danielson	7.1% M/a Azzie 14.3%
9	433500	Sigrid Swing	54	[6]	J Penny	8.4% H Van Der Westh 8.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
3 Kissing Machine	1 Lady Sabrina 56%	1 Lady Sabrina 60%	2 Way To Burn 1:35.43
1 Lady Sabrina	6 Future Date 50%	3 Kissing Machine 50%	8 Secret Recipe 1:35.64
6 Future Date	8 Secret Recipe 44%	2 Way To Burn 33%	3 Kissing Machine 1:35.90
2 Way To Burn	5 Play With Fire 41%	6 Future Date 33%	5 Play With Fire 1:36.68
	9 Sigrid Swing 39%	8 Secret Recipe 30%	1 Lady Sabrina 1:37.14

Race Preview: **Kissing Machine** bounced back to form last time in a stronger race over 1800m. She raced without blinkers on that occasion and a repeat of that performance (off an unchanged mark) should suffice at this level. **Lady Sabrina** is distance suited and capable of posing a threat, as is **Future Date** whose consistency will be rewarded sooner rather than later. **Way To Burn** and **Play With Fire** come next.

RACE 9	11:05 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1450m			
1	480494	Sunshine Day	61.5	[6]	J Gates	6.4% B Webber 8.5%
2	897643	Sail The Sky	61	[5]	S Khumalo	16.4% C I Jonker 3.6%
3	437712	Zoombomber	60	[2]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.4% C Spies 6.7%
4	320862	Libeccio	59	[9]	J Penny	8.4% T Zackey 8.7%
5	787568	Sheets And Goggles	58	[7]	S Moodley	11.7% F Bronkhorst 6.8%
6	999432	Can't Catch Me	55	[10]	P Mxoli	11.8% B Webber 8.5%
7	254057	Stroke Of Mercy	55	[1]	C Maujean	6.3% C J Lensley 9.7%
8	990006	Sahara Dawn	53.5	[4]	K Matsunyane	8.9% S G Tarry 12.3%
9	639840	Together Again	53.5	[3]	M K Katjedi	5.5% J A Visser 3.6%
10	009809	Si Veloce	52.5	[8]	N Klink	4.9% J A Visser 3.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
6 Can't Catch Me	1 Sunshine Day 33%	9 Together Again 50%	3 Zoombomber 1:26.59
2 Sail The Sky	2 Sail The Sky 28%	4 Libeccio 28%	6 Can't Catch Me 1:26.70
5 Sheets And Goggles	8 Sahara Dawn 28%	2 Sail The Sky 22%	2 Sail The Sky 1:26.89
4 Libeccio	7 Stroke Of Mercy 25%	6 Can't Catch Me 21%	8 Sahara Dawn 1:27.57
	4 Libeccio 18%	8 Sahara Dawn 17%	4 Libeccio 1:27.81

Race Preview: **Libeccio** capitalised on a drop in the ratings to finish an improved second (ahead of **Sail The Sky**) over track and trip in a similar contest last time, and there shouldn't be much separating the pair again on these terms. The former is held on earlier form by frontrunner **Can't Catch Me**, herself a runner-up over this course and distance recently, who will be hard to peg back if able to lead from gate 10. **Stroke Of Mercy** and **Sunshine Day** are wider Quartet inclusions.