

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:35 PM	(R105,000)	Vaal -- 1600m			
1	00636	Afterburn	60	[10]	K Matsunyane	8.7%
2	467375	Parabellum	60	[8]	P Mxoli	11.8%
3	008696	Copper Plate	60	[6]	S Valjalo (4)	7.7%
4	24	Frere Jacques	60	[9]	C Zackey	17.2%
5	7	Lord Kelvin	60	[1]	L Nhlapo	3.6%
6	972	Beach Walker	57	[7]	C Murray	16.4%
7	746	Trip To Peace	57	[3]	C Habib	8.9%
8	0599	Talkoftheheights	57	[4]	J R Syster	9.4%
9	67	Down Town Cody	57	[12]	S Khumalo	16.7%
10		King Of Silk	57	[5]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.1%
11	52	Olympian Gold	57	[11]	S Moodley	12.0%
12	7	Rock My Boat	57	[2]	M K Katjedi	4.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
11 Olympian Gold	6 Beach Walker 33%	11 Olympian Gold 67%	11 Olympian Gold 1:39.50
4 Frere Jacques			2 Parabellum 1:40.66
6 Beach Walker			3 Copper Plate 1:41.96
7 Trip To Peace			8 Talkoftheheights 1:42.14

Race Preview: Olympian Gold caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd over this trip earlier this month. He won't need to improve much on that performance to open his account. Year-older **Frere Jacques** would've benefitted from his comeback 4th over 1400m and could have more to offer over this extended trip, especially with cheekpieces and a tongue-tie fitted. **Beach Walker** outran market expectations when finishing ahead of that rival last time but could confirm that improvement and have a say in the outcome. **Trip To Peace** and newcomer **King Of Silk** complete the shortlist.

RACE 2	7:10 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal -- 1200m			
1	425334	Carnarvon	60	[4]	C Zackey	17.2%
2	846	Captain Frank	58.5	[1]	C Murray	16.4%
3	647854	New Life	55.5	[2]	C Habib	8.9%
4	679665	King Bluetooth	54	[7]	P Mxoli	11.8%
5	057	Underdog	53	[3]	K J Lihaba	6.0%
6	078	Storm Burst	52	[5]	M K Katjedi	4.9%
7	060790	Sassy Lassie	52	[6]	J Penny	8.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
★ 1 Carnarvon			1 Carnarvon 1:11.79
2 Captain Frank			3 New Life 1:11.80
3 New Life			2 Captain Frank 1:12.78
4 King Bluetooth			7 Sassy Lassie 1:12.94
			5 Underdog 1:13.04

Race Preview: Carnarvon, even under top weight, is unlikely to get a better chance to break his duck. **Captain Frank**, **New Life** and **King Bluetooth** could chase him home in that order.

RACE 3	7:45 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal -- 1200m			
1	222233	Empress Wu	60	[1]	S Khumalo	16.7%
2	458256	Cyber Spirit	58	[6]	J Penny	8.6%
3	525444	Concordia	56.5	[7]	S Moodley	12.0%
4	443679	Bella Boop Boop	56	[3]	C Maujean	6.4%
5	504258	Chilli Marmalade	55.5	[2]	S Valjalo (4)	7.7%
6	458665	Smart Star	55	[8]	C Habib	8.9%
7	748698	Amber Eyes	53	[5]	P Mxoli	11.8%
8	789	The Bonny	52	[4]	M K Katjedi	4.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
1 Empress Wu	1 Empress Wu 17%	1 Empress Wu 28%	1 Empress Wu 1:11.66
3 Concordia	4 Bella Boop Boop 17%	5 Chilli Marmalade 4%	3 Concordia 1:11.87
2 Cyber Spirit	2 Cyber Spirit 6%		5 Chilli Marmalade 1:11.95
4 Bella Boop Boop	5 Chilli Marmalade 5%		7 Amber Eyes 1:12.17
			2 Cyber Spirit 1:12.57

Race Preview: Empress Wu will be hard to beat if taking her place in the lineup. She is engaged to run at an earlier meeting so her participation in this could be in doubt. Experienced maidens **Cyber Spirit**, **Concordia** and **Bella Boop Boop** have shown enough to be competitive and complete the Quartet positions.

RACE 4	8:20 PM	(R80,000)	Vaal -- 2000m			
1	848	Inclusion	61	[1]	P Mxoli	11.8%
2	343375	Heroic Act	59.5	[6]	K Matsunyane	8.7%
3	480676	Cuzzie	57	[7]	M K Katjedi	4.9%
4	0967	Euphrates	54.5	[2]	J Penny	8.6%
5	09953	Ember King	52	[5]	L Nhlapo	3.6%
6	367848	Secret Warrior	52	[3]	C Maujean	6.4%
7	4897	That's Magical	52	[4]	K J Lihaba	6.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
2 Heroic Act	2 Heroic Act 17%	2 Heroic Act 22%	2 Heroic Act 2:05.57
5 Ember King			7 That's Magical 2:06.68
1 Inclusion			3 Cuzzie 2:07.55
7 That's Magical			4 Euphrates 2:11.74

Race Preview: Heroic Act has been knocking loudly at the door of a maiden victory and could be rewarded for his efforts, especially as his best performances have come over this distance. Stablemate **Inclusion** returns from a layoff but is unexposed and remains open to improvement. Maturing **Ember King** was an encouraging 3rd over 1500m last time and should have a role to play if as effective over this extended trip. **That's Magical** wasn't disgraced in a handicap against winners last time and should fare better back in a maiden.

RACE 5	8:55 PM	(R100,000)	Vaal -- 2000m			
1	634433	Banha Bridge	60.5	[1]	S Moodley	12.0%
2	522583	Gimmeachoice	60	[8]	C Zackey	17.2%
3	526419	Mizzen Sword	58.5	[2]	J Penny	8.6%
4	745944	Trident King	58.5	[10]	C Habib	8.9%
5	848092	Guy Alexander	58	[3]	C Maujean	6.4%
6	233621	Storm Ahead	58	[5]	S Khumalo	16.7%
7	573757	Fushimi Inari	57.5	[9]	N Klink	4.9%
8	896020	Volte Face	56	[6]	J R Syster	9.4%
9	75158	Titans Of War	55.5	[4]	K J Lihaba	6.0%
10	970521	Stop The Traffic	55	[7]	P Mxoli	11.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
2 Gimmeachoice	5 Guy Alexander 52%	6 Storm Ahead 47%	1 Banha Bridge 2:01.42
4 Trident King	2 Gimmeachoice 42%	5 Guy Alexander 38%	5 Guy Alexander 2:02.78
1 Banha Bridge	10 Stop The Traffic 33%	1 Banha Bridge 33%	6 Storm Ahead 2:03.54
6 Storm Ahead	7 Fushimi Inari 33%	10 Stop The Traffic 11%	10 Stop The Traffic 2:04.33
	8 Volte Face 26%	7 Fushimi Inari 11%	8 Volte Face 2:06.02

Race Preview: Gimmeachoice got going late last time when a fast-finishing 3rd over 1800m at this venue and, on that evidence, this extended trip will be more to his liking. **Guy Alexander** finished ahead of that rival but is 4.5kg worse off so unlikely to confirm that form. **Trident King** is closely matched with the selection and should be hot on his heels again. Veteran **Banha Bridge** is proven at this level and has the means to make his presence felt too.

RACE 6	9:30 PM	(R95,000)	Vaal -- 1200m			
1	533378	Bosum Buddy	60	[6]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.1%
2	615266	Pennsylvania	60	[4]	C Habib	8.9%
3	548259	Hong Kong	58.5	[2]	S Moodley	12.0%
4	214047	Bourbon Reserve	57	[8]	C Zackey	17.2%
5	313760	Red Penny	56	[3]	C Murray	16.4%
6	32187	Eight Hats	55	[5]	P Mxoli	11.8%
7	932136	Willowild	55	[9]	C Maujean	6.4%
8	3231	Xenophon	53.5	[7]	S Khumalo	16.7%
9	404659	Spy Story	52	[1]	J Penny	8.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
8 Xenophon	4 Bourbon Reserve 83%	8 Xenophon 67%	7 Willowild 1:07.62
6 Eight Hats	7 Willowild 67%	7 Willowild 67%	2 Pennsylvania 1:09.36
5 Red Penny	6 Eight Hats 67%	2 Pennsylvania 56%	3 Hong Kong 1:09.49
3 Hong Kong	2 Pennsylvania 50%	1 Bosum Buddy 40%	6 Eight Hats 1:09.82
	1 Bosum Buddy 33%	3 Hong Kong 33%	8 Xenophon 1:09.99

Race Preview: Stablemates **Red Penny** and **Eight Hats** contested features last season during promising 2yo campaigns and both are open to improvement this term. However, they concede weight to maturing older rival **Xenophon**. The well-bred latter is also on an upward trajectory and could represent Each-way value. **Bosum Buddy**, **Pennsylvania** and versatile **Hong Kong** (blinker strike!) aren't taken lightly.

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RACE 7 10:10 PM (R80,000)				Vaal -- 1200m			
1	835870	Beamonesque	61 [3]	C Murray	16.4%	M/m De Kock	16.2%
2	334231	Time Will Tell	60.5 [7]	S Khumalo	16.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.6%
3	31254	Palace Prince	59.5 [4]	S Moodley	12.0%	S J Gray	10.7%
4	571709	Gimme A Storm	58 [11]	S Valjalo (4)	7.7%	A P Peter	17.4%
5	898000	Michael Faraday	58 [2]	P Mxoli	11.8%	G J Maroun	11.4%
6	372731	Jet Cat	55 [5]	J R Syster	9.4%	H Van Der Westh	9.5%
7	530090	Pacific	54 [1]	J Penny	8.6%	S J Gray	10.7%
8	540573	Stroke Of Mercy	52.5 [8]	C Maujean	6.4%	C J Lensley	11.2%
9	635954	Oriental Bouquet	52 [6]	K J Lihaba	6.0%	G J Maroun	11.4%
10	398402	Together Again	52 [9]	M K Katjedi	4.9%	J A Visser	3.4%
11	098098	Si Veloce	52 [10]	N Klink	4.9%	J A Visser	3.4%



SELECTIONS		VAAL		1200M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1200M	
3	Palace Prince	2	Time Will Tell 67%	2	Time Will Tell 33%	9	Oriental Bouquet 1:09.01
2	Time Will Tell	3	Palace Prince 50%	3	Palace Prince 33%	8	Stroke Of Mercy 1:09.13
9	Oriental Bouquet	6	Jet Cat 24%	1	Beamonesque 22%	6	Jet Cat 1:09.61
8	Stroke Of Mercy	8	Stroke Of Mercy 11%	8	Stroke Of Mercy 22%	1	Beamonesque 1:09.80
		9	Oriental Bouquet 11%	6	Jet Cat 18%	11	Si Veloce 1:10.19

Race Preview: Promising **Palace Prince** acquitted himself well at a higher level of the handicap as a 2yo last season so this ease in grade (off a slightly reduced mark) represents a good opportunity for him to resume winning ways. Last-start winners **Time Will Tell** and **Jet Cat** should be competitive for Swinger and Exacta berths, while hard-knockers **Together Again**, **Oriental Bouquet** and **Stroke Of Mercy** are others to consider for Trifecta and Quartet bets.

RACE 8 10:45 PM (R85,000)				Vaal -- 1600m			
1	275311	After Hours	62 [10]	P Mxoli	11.8%	S J Gray	10.7%
2	158085	Blurred Vision	59 [6]	C Habib	8.9%	S J Gray	10.7%
3	423636	Coppola	59 [7]	J Penny	8.6%	M Khan	9.9%
4	697306	Panning Gold	58 [12]	K J Lihaba	6.0%	A Ndzilana	5.2%
5	385088	Copper Mist	57.5 [1]	C Murray	16.4%	W C Marwing	8.1%
6	377124	Zoombomber	57 [2]	T Mayhew (1.5)	6.1%	C Spies	6.3%
7	334702	Flag Bearer	56.5 [11]	S Moodley	12.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.6%
8	890648	Oklahoma Twister	56 [4]	J R Syster	9.4%	H Van Der Westh	9.5%
9	369243	Gamer	55.5 [8]	C Maujean	6.4%	S J Gray	10.7%
10	608975	Vava Vegas	55.5 [5]	K Matsunyane	8.7%	J Borman	2.1%
11	425627	Viva De Janeiro	53.5 [3]	S Khumalo	16.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.6%
12	856853	Commander Of All	52 [9]	M K Katjedi	4.9%	B Webber	8.2%
13	390589	Count Your Chances	52 [13]	N Klink	4.9%	J A Visser	3.4%



SELECTIONS		VAAL		1600M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1600M	
1	After Hours	10	Vava Vegas 25%	1	After Hours 38%	6	Zoombomber 1:34.50
12	Commander Of All	11	Viva De Janeiro 25%	6	Zoombomber 38%	1	After Hours 1:34.97
3	Coppola	7	Flag Bearer 24%	4	Panning Gold 30%	11	Viva De Janeiro 1:35.01
9	Gamer	3	Coppola 20%	9	Gamer 29%	10	Vava Vegas 1:35.22
		9	Gamer 17%	3	Coppola 27%	8	Oklahoma Twister 1:35.32

Race Preview: Veteran hard-knocker **After Hours** defied a 3-point penalty for winning at this level by following up against stronger opposition last time and a further 4-point rise back in this grade is unlikely to prevent him from completing the hat-trick. **Coppola**, class-dropper **Panning Gold**, hard-knockers **Flag Bearer** and **Gamer**, as well as consistent **Zoombomber** all have earning potential. However, a bigger threat to the selection will likely come from **Commander Of All** who stayed on to finish a close-up 3rd last time and is 2kg better off with his last-start conqueror for a 2.05-length beating.