

## SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1		6:30 PM		(R\$75,000)		Vaal -- 1500m		
1	424781	Trip To States	60	[ 3 ]	T Lukhele	14.8%	C I Jonker	4.0%
2	770768	Battle Of the Bulge	60	[ 4 ]	A Feni	7.1%	B Webber	10.1%
3	586067	Jabberwocky	60	[ 5 ]	S Mkhumbuzi	6.7%	D Nieuwenhuizen	6.8%
4	77	Itsnornever	60	[ 9 ]	I Lukhele	0.0%	J Borman	2.4%
5	775	Rock My Boat	57	[ 2 ]	T Matsoele	26.7%	F P Habib	12.7%
6	000609	Mrs Wonderful	57	[ 1 ]	P Mlangeni	12.5%	S M Naidoo	8.7%
7	32	Bellerophon	57	[ 10 ]	S Mosia	33.3%	F P Habib	12.7%
8		Equilateral	57	[ 6 ]	T Demont	–	F P Habib	12.7%
9	50	Nebraska	57	[ 8 ]	P Mongqawa	43.5%	A P Peter	18.1%
10	79	Scott's Guard	57	[ 7 ]	V Sithetho	0.0%	J Borman	2.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1500M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1500M
★ 7 Bellerophon	7 Bellerophon 50%		1 Trip To States 1:31.87
5 Rock My Boat	1 Trip To States 25%		
8 Equilateral			
9 Nebraska			

**Race Preview:** Veringetorix gelding **Bellerophon** should be hard to beat in the opener. He was only just ousted by an improving filly who carried 3kg less than him last week. Most need to make big improvement for the win. **Rock My Boat** ran a much better race in a competitive event last time. He is upped in distance again and will need to get the timing right. **Nebraska** showed something on debut and then faded out in soft going last time. He could bounce back but **Itsnornever** finished ahead of him and must then also be considered.

RACE 2		7:05 PM	(R\$95,000)			Vaal -- 1200m		
1	36224	Iconic Winter	60	[ 2 ]	P Mxoli	11.6%	P F Matchett	8.7%
2	497445	Duchess Of Paloma	60	[ 7 ]	M V'rensburg	13.8%	J Crawford	13.5%
3	4	Magic Carpet Ride	60	[ 10 ]	C Zackey	17.1%	S G Tarry	12.3%
4	5	Explosive Charm	58	[ 9 ]	M Yeni	11.4%	J J Van Vuuren	15.4%
5	6	Explosive Power	58	[ 1 ]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	R Klaasen	11.4%
6		Fire Within	58	[ 6 ]	S Valjalo (4)	6.0%	P/j Vermeulen	20.0%
7		Hathighwaytothesky	58	[ 3 ]	L Nhlapo	6.1%	A P Peter	18.1%
8	6	Manuriki	58	[ 5 ]	M K Katjedi	5.8%	A Ndzilana	5.0%
9		Master's Rose	58	[ 8 ]	C Habib	10.1%	A G Laird	10.6%
10		United Offer	58	[ 11 ]	C Murray	16.2%	S G Tarry	12.3%
11		Wings Of Kildra	58	[ 4 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	4.4%	D N Stenger	9.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
1 Iconic Winter		1 Iconic Winter 33%	1 Iconic Winter 1:10.24
3 Magic Carpet Ride			2 Duchess Of Paloma 1:13.74
2 Duchess Of Paloma			4 Explosive Charm 1:14.21
10 United Offer			

**Race Preview:** **Iconic Winter** didn't disgrace herself when tried in KwaZulu-Natal. She can make a winning return now back home. Watch out for **Magic Carpet Ride** who finished fourth on debut showing potential for the Sean Tarry yard. The form line hasn't worked out badly and she could come out firing after a rest. **Duchess Of Paloma** has run decent races in the Western Cape and if anywhere near ready after her break she could prove to be a big threat. **Explosive Charm** (support on debut) and **Explosive Power** have room for improvement. There are newcomers to consider too.

RACE 3		7:40 PM	(R\$95,000)			Vaal -- 1200m		
1	250327	Tipperary	60	[ 8 ]	C Habib	10.1%	P F Matchett	8.7%
2	7	Lady Limoncello	60	[ 6 ]	P Mxoli	11.6%	G J Maroun	13.6%
3	62	Lost For Words	60	[ 2 ]	C Maujean	6.9%	J A Soma	16.0%
4	432	Vamanos	58	[ 10 ]	M Yeni	11.4%	R R Magner	10.1%
5	343	Quiet Winter	58	[ 4 ]	C Zackey	17.1%	M N Houdalakis	15.6%
6	526	Hawksdale	58	[ 5 ]	K J Lihaba	6.1%	C Dawson	12.3%
7		Dramagram	58	[ 9 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	4.4%	D N Stenger	9.8%
8		Galaxy Queen	58	[ 7 ]	C Murray	16.2%	S G Tarry	12.3%
9		Made To Measure	58	[ 1 ]	M K Katjedi	5.8%	A G Laird	10.6%
10		Maria La Gorda	58	[ 3 ]	N Klink	5.3%	A G Laird	10.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
4 Vamanos	1 Tipperary 11%		1 Tipperary 1:10.68
3 Lost For Words			2 Lady Limoncello 1:14.47
5 Quiet Winter			
6 Hawksdale			

**Race Preview:** **Vamanos** should enjoy the drop in distance. She did everything but win over 1450m last time and can make amends in her third start after a rest. **Lost For Words** is a lightly raced four-year-old that remains unexposed. She finished ahead of What A Winter filly **Quiet Winter** who has shown fair potential and looks a big threat. **Quiet Winter** was well backed but proved costly but can improve in her second run after a rest. Rested **Hawksdale** rates the dark horse back in a sprint. She was the fastest finisher in her last start when meeting winners.

RACE 4		8:15 PM	(R\$105,000)			Vaal -- 1200m		
1	027022	Monkey Puzzle	60	[ 5]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	J Crawford	13.5%
2	4	Arizona Magic	60	[ 6]	P Mxoli	11.6%	P F Matchett	8.7%
3	39	African Pride	58	[ 3]	T Mayhew (1.5)	4.4%	C Spies	6.3%
4	8	Echoes Of War	58	[ 13]	G Samo-burthia (4)	8.0%	F P Habib	12.7%
5		Elusive Red	58	[ 2]	M Yeni	11.4%	R R Magner	10.1%
6	6	Himitsu	58	[ 1]	J Mariba	0.0%	R Klaasen	11.4%
7	26	Jabari Thimba	58	[ 9]	C Maujean	6.9%	J J Van Vuuren	15.4%
8	5	Legal Flame	58	[ 11]	C Habib	10.1%	A P Peter	18.1%
9	0	Olympic Admiral	58	[ 8]	J R Syster	9.6%	C I Jonker	4.0%
10		Platinum Hill	58	[ 4]	M V'rensburg	13.8%	A Ndzilana	5.0%
11		Samuel Sharpe	58	[ 12]	L Nhlapo	6.1%	F P Habib	12.7%
12		Scatman	58	[ 10]	S Khumalo	16.5%	F P Habib	12.7%
13	6	Single Combat	58	[ 14]	S Valjalo (4)	6.0%	R R Magner	10.1%
14		Witch Hazel	58	[ 7]	C Murray	16.2%	M Khan	11.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
3 African Pride		1 Monkey Puzzle 13%	3 African Pride 1:10.80
1 Monkey Puzzle			1 Monkey Puzzle 1:12.07
7 Jabari Thimba			9 Olympic Admiral 1:13.70
2 Arizona Magic			6 Himitsu 1:15.75

**Race Preview:** **African Pride** is highly regarded and ran a fair race on debut. He raced in the Grade 1 Gold Medallion in his second start but that kind of contest may have come too soon then. The Rafeef gelding is the one to watch on his return. **Monkey Puzzle** can score his overdue maiden win if things go his way. The horses he has finished runner-up to are all looking like high class individuals. **Jabari Thimba** is well related and showed some potential on debut before being beaten as favourite. He has been gelded and must be respected. More can improve.

RACE 5		8:50 PM	(R\$95,000)			Vaal -- 1500m		
1	343222	Winds Of Grace	60	[ 3 ]	G Samo-burthia (4)	8.0%	M G Azzie	–%
2	755243	Frangipani	57	[ 7 ]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	R Klaasen	11.4%
3	454348	Amaze Me	57	[ 9 ]	M K Katjedi	5.8%	S J Gray	9.6%
4	095434	Sapphire Sun	57	[ 1 ]	C Habib	10.1%	P F Matchett	8.7%
5	86695	Erik's Girl	57	[ 5 ]	M Yeni	11.4%	P P Labuschagne	5.6%
6		Festival Of Light	57	[ 8 ]	C Murray	16.2%	S G Tarry	12.3%
7	3	Hazy Dazy	57	[ 4 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	4.4%	C Spies	6.3%
8	4	Lanteri	57	[ 2 ]	P Mxoli	11.6%	M Pandaram	6.3%
9	2	Red Secret	57	[ 6 ]	C Zackey	17.1%	M N Houdalakis	15.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1500M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1500M
9 Red Secret	9 Red Secret 67%	1 Winds Of Grace 67%	1 Winds Of Grace 1:30.68
1 Winds Of Grace	2 Frangipani 33%		2 Frangipani 1:32.57
8 Lanteri	4 Sapphire Sun 33%		
7 Hazy Dazy			

**Race Preview:** **Winds Of Grace** must surely get it right soon. She has finished runner-up in her last three starts and has gate 3. Three-year-old **Red Secret** wasn't hard pressed to run a decent second on debut and should come on nicely. The longer trip should suit but she has plenty to beat. **Lanteri** lost ground on debut but stayed on well at the end. She must improve. **Hazy Dazy** caught the eye when making her debut in May and could have made any amount of improvement since. **Frangipani** was beaten under a length last time, so she also comes into it.

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RACE 6	9:25 PM	(R\$95,000)	Vaal -- 1000m			
1	261125	Global Thunder	61	[ 2]	P Mxoli	11.6%
2	563921	Tuscan Romance	58.5	[ 4]	C Murray	16.2%
3	12	Alpine Jet	58	[ 6]	M Yeni	11.4%
4	750051	Saigon Suzie	56.5	[ 1]	C Maujean	6.9%
5	315	On The Run	55.5	[ 3]	C Zackey	17.1%
6	21	Paradise Way	54.5	[ 5]	G Samo-burthia (4)	8.0%
7	62641	Queen's Pact	54	[ 7]	S Valjalo (4)	6.0%
8	343551	Miss Munroe	54	[ 8]	C Habib	10.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
3 Alpine Jet	1 Global Thunder 27%	3 Alpine Jet 100%	1 Global Thunder 0:55.96
6 Paradise Way		6 Paradise Way 83%	3 Alpine Jet 0:57.67
2 Tuscan Romance		5 On The Run 67%	7 Queen's Pact 0:57.68
5 On The Run		7 Queen's Pact 42%	5 On The Run 0:58.23
		8 Miss Munroe 24%	8 Miss Munroe 0:58.35

**Race Preview:** **Alpine Jet** impressed on debut and was only just ousted by another fair sort when upped in trip. She could be the one to beat back over 1000m. **On The Run** is a Trippi/Captain Al cross who showed promise before pulling up lame last time. She can bounce back to form. **Saigon Suzie** is dropping in trip but ran out an easy winner of her last start and must be respected. Alec Laird's Canford Cliffs filly **Paradise Way** showed good promise beating a horse that won easily straight after. **Tuscan Romance** must have a say too.

RACE 7	10:00 PM	(R\$140,000)	Vaal -- 1400m			
1	111	Taegan's Champ	63	[ 6]	G Samo-burthia (4)	8.0%
2	414562	Potberrie	60	[ 8]	P Mxoli	11.6%
3	547077	Red Bomber	59.5	[ 1]	L Nhlapo	6.1%
4	238211	Pressonregardless	59	[ 3]	C Zackey	17.1%
5	221170	Bob's Your Uncle	58.5	[ 5]	T Mayhew (1.5)	4.4%
6	489415	Master Christmas	58.5	[ 10]	C Habib	10.1%
7	401085	Sunset Riot	58	[ 11]	M K Katjedi	5.8%
8	004306	Tsar Bomba	57.5	[ 7]	M Yeni	11.4%
9	974118	Champion Warrior	56	[ 9]	C Murray	16.2%
10	423030	Jury's Out	55	[ 12]	K J Lihaba	6.1%
11	925748	Presley	55	[ 15]	C Maujean	6.9%
12	473551	Richard The First	55	[ 2]	S Valjalo (4)	6.0%
13	738317	Skittles Skies	53.5	[ 13]	J Penny	8.0%
14	949029	Rock Of Bismantova	52.5	[ 4]	N Klink	5.3%
15	223779	Abound	52	[ 14]	K Matsunyane	9.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
1 Taegan's Champ	9 Champion Warrior 100%	1 Taegan's Champ 100%	10 Jury's Out 1:21.67
7 Sunset Riot	1 Taegan's Champ 100%	6 Master Christmas 83%	6 Master Christmas 1:21.92
4 Pressonregardless	6 Master Christmas 58%	3 Red Bomber 67%	2 Potberrie 1:21.94
2 Potberrie	13 Skittles Skies 58%	9 Champion Warrior 56%	5 Bob's Your Uncle 1:21.97
	4 Pressonregardless 56%	4 Pressonregardless 50%	4 Pressonregardless 1:22.06

**Race Preview:** Unbeaten **Taegan's Champ** is back and all eyes will be on him. He has shown high class ability but the Fabian Habib-trained entire may just need it after a 623 day layoff. Follow the betting moves closely. **Champion Warrior** is unbeaten at this track and is another that must be taken seriously even if racing after a rest. **Sunset Riot** has room for improvement. He wasn't too far off in a sprint and should appreciate the step up in trip. **Pressonregardless** is in top form and could win again. **Potberrie**, **Master Christmas**, **Tsar Bomba**, **Presley**, and **Richard The First** add to an intriguing contest.

RACE 8	10:35 PM	(R\$90,000)	Vaal -- 1400m			
1	221653	Princess Ilaria	62	[ 14]	G Samo-burthia (4)	8.0%
2	827562	Boom Boom	59.5	[ 8]	C Murray	16.2%
3	215708	Far Reaching	58.5	[ 11]	J R Syter	9.6%
4	267585	The Mightiest	57.5	[ 9]	K J Lihaba	6.1%
5	680084	Spirited Girl	57	[ 5]	T Mayhew (1.5)	4.4%
6	152525	Littlemisssplendid	56.5	[ 13]	K Matsunyane	9.1%
7	21	Mamlambo	56	[ 1]	M V'rensburg	13.8%
8	531	Wise Counsel	56	[ 7]	C Zackey	17.1%
9	846511	Royal Horizon	55.5	[ 4]	J Penny	8.0%
10	049422	Sunshine Day	55.5	[ 10]	M K Katjedi	5.8%
11	164330	Red Amber	55	[ 2]	S Khumalo	16.5%
12	432174	Can't Catch Me	52	[ 6]	L Nhlapo	6.1%
13	905890	Count Your Chances	52	[ 12]	P Mxoli	11.6%
14	840255	Together Again	52	[ 3]	N Klink	5.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
7 Mamlambo	11 Red Amber 50%	7 Mamlambo 100%	2 Boom Boom 1:22.97
8 Wise Counsel	5 Spirited Girl 33%	9 Royal Horizon 50%	13 Count Your Chances 1:23.04
9 Royal Horizon	10 Sunshine Day 33%	2 Boom Boom 43%	9 Royal Horizon 1:23.05
6 Littlemisssplendid	9 Royal Horizon 25%	5 Spirited Girl 40%	1 Princess Ilaria 1:23.11
	2 Boom Boom 25%	1 Princess Ilaria 30%	12 Can't Catch Me 1:23.27

**Race Preview:** **Royal Horizon** has much improved form and is looking to make it three wins on the bounce. She has more to do on ratings but loves the track and rates a serious contender. It is competitive. **Mamlambo** could be anything. She won her second start easily and has been given time off to mature. She may prefer further with time but must be followed. Fellow three-year-old **Wise Counsel** has also been off after her maiden win. She has room to improve. **Littlemisssplendid** must improve on her last run when beaten as favourite after a rest. **Spirited Girl** is one of many that can make the exotics pay.