

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1		6:00 PM	(R\$105,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	07	Lady Lancaster	60	[8]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	R R Magner	10.5%
2	5342	Korcula	59	[7]	G Lerena	23.4%	J J Van Vuuren	13.8%
3	97337	Matter Of Trust	59	[9]	C Habib	10.0%	R Klaasen	10.3%
4	024783	Chickasaw	59	[6]	M Yeni	11.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%
5	289604	Invictus Jet	59	[11]	N Klink	4.4%	C I Jonker	3.2%
6	47786	Total Eruption	59	[3]	T Mayhew	3.7%	C Spies	7.8%
7	900	Red Enchantress	59	[2]	L Nhlapo	5.6%	P P Labuschagne	3.8%
8	897	Twelfth Of Never	59	[12]	M V'rensburg	12.2%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
9	06	Apostrophe	59	[4]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%
10	43	Galaxy Queen	59	[5]	C Zackey	17.7%	S G Tarry	12.3%
11	84	Liefeling	59	[10]	C Murray	14.9%	J Crawford	13.8%
12	05	Sikeloi	59	[1]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	E Verdonese	14.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
2 Korcula		3 Matter Of Trust 33%	8 Twelfth Of Never 1:39.88
10 Galaxy Queen		10 Galaxy Queen 33%	3 Matter Of Trust 1:40.20
9 Apostrophe			10 Galaxy Queen 1:40.36
11 Liefeling			5 Invictus Jet 1:40.45
			4 Chickasaw 1:40.87

Race Preview: Maturing **Korcula** found only one better when stretching out to 1700m last time and she won't need to improve much on that effort to open her account. **Liefeling** and **Galaxy Queen** also improved for the step up in distance after pleasing sprint introductions and both should have more to offer over this extended trip. The latter's stablemate **Apostrophe** fits a similar profile and should make her presence felt.

RACE 2	6:35 PM	(R\$120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m					
1	544522	Milan's World	60	[1]	C Habib	10.0%	S G Tarry	12.3%
2	255367	Gift Of Royal	60	[11]	J R Syster	11.1%	B Webber	11.3%
3	907549	Blue Crystal	60	[5]	L Nhlapo	5.6%	P P Labuschagne	3.8%
4	664	District Attorney	59	[2]	G Lerena	23.4%	J J Van Vuuren	13.8%
5	79860	Scott's Guard	59	[10]	J Gates	4.7%	J Borman	4.3%
6	800	Millennium Warrior	59	[3]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%
7	2	Agoge	59	[6]	C Zackey	17.7%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
8	0	Big Sky Ranger	59	[9]	T Mayhew	3.7%	D N Stenger	10.8%
9	9	Elusive Glow	59	[7]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	F P Habib	10.7%
10	55	Lance Alot	59	[8]	P Mxoli	12.3%	S J Gray	11.0%
11	7	Smuggler	59	[4]	K De Melo	12.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
7 Agoge	2 Gift Of Royal 27%	2 Gift Of Royal 33%	2 Gift Of Royal 1:37.84
1 Milan's World			1 Milan's World 1:38.98
10 Lance Alot			3 Blue Crystal 1:39.33
4 District Attorney			5 Scott's Guard 1:44.49

Race Preview: **Agoge** caught the eye when running on late to finish a close-up second on debut over 1400m and, on the evidence of that performance, he should have more to offer over this trip with that experience under his belt. **Milan's World**, **District Attorney** and **Lance Alot** have shown enough to threaten the selection.

RACE 3	7:10 PM	(R\$90,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1800m			
1	863253 Sky Pillar Rock	63	[4]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	R Klaasen	10.3%
2	231884 Hopscotch	59	[1]	D Pillay (4)	9.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%
3	969205 Flag Bearer	59	[5]	B Soodoo (4)	11.5%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%
4	757008 Fushimi Inari	57	[2]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	1.7%	C I Jonker	3.2%
5	343551 Commander Of All	56	[10]	J Botes (2.5)	5.0%	B Webber	11.3%
6	812890 Bob Lee Swagger	54.5	[3]	T Mayhew	3.7%	C Mayhew	4.4%
7	845246 Circle Of Grace	54	[9]	G Dookhit (4)	9.1%	C Spies	7.8%
8	460378 Crepuscolo	53	[7]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	F P Habib	10.7%
9	508970 Gold De Grace	53	[8]	K J Lihaba	7.5%	C I Jonker	3.2%
10	627880 Viva De Janeiro	53	[6]	E J Muller (4)	0.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
1 Sky Pillar Rock	1 Sky Pillar Rock 56%	2 Hopscotch 50%	7 Circle Of Grace 1:47.58
2 Hopscotch	4 Fushimi Inari 50%	10 Viva De Janeiro 33%	1 Sky Pillar Rock 1:49.15
5 Commander Of All	3 Flag Bearer 32%	1 Sky Pillar Rock 33%	3 Flag Bearer 1:49.36
7 Circle Of Grace	10 Viva De Janeiro 26%	3 Flag Bearer 30%	4 Fushimi Inari 1:50.17
	5 Commander Of All 13%	4 Fushimi Inari 20%	8 Crepuscolo 1:51.27

Race Preview: **Sky Pillar Rock** acquitted himself well in a stronger race last time so should capitalise on this drop in class off a reduced mark, especially under a 4kg claimer. Hard-knockers **Hopscotch** and **Circle Of Grace** have the form and experience at this level to make life difficult for the selection. Last-start winner **Commander Of All** remains competitive under a penalty.

RACE 4		7:45 PM	(R\$150,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1800m			
1	142817	King's Express	63	[4]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	F P Habib	10.7%
2	214329	Hawkbill	59.5	[8]	C Zackey	17.7%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
3	745535	Chestnut Bomber	59	[1]	K De Melo	12.5%	J J Van Vuuren	13.8%
4	209124	Beynac	57.5	[2]	C Murray	14.9%	J Crawford	13.8%
5	680983	Battleground	57.5	[9]	G Lerena	23.4%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
6	392578	Vesuvio	55.5	[5]	P Mxoli	12.3%	T Zackey	8.7%
7	143845	Jordan	55	[10]	C Habib	10.0%	S G Tarry	12.3%
8	111000	Tommy Shelby	53.5	[3]	J Gates	4.7%	F P Habib	10.7%
9	875562	Flashy Apache	53.5	[7]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	T Zackey	8.7%
10	506847	Arumugam	52	[6]	L Nhlapo	5.6%	J S Roux	0.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
4 Beynac	8 Tommy Shelby 100%	1 King's Express 71%	10 Arumugam 1:47.22
3 Chestnut Bomber	4 Beynac 44%	5 Battleground 50%	2 Hawkbill 1:49.16
7 Jordan	7 Jordan 42%	4 Beynac 44%	9 Flashy Apache 1:49.35
2 Hawkbill	2 Hawkbill 39%	2 Hawkbill 33%	5 Battleground 1:49.36
	5 Battleground 33%	7 Jordan 29%	4 Beynac 1:49.82

Race Preview: **Hawkbill** had legitimate excuses for disappointing last starts. On the strength and consistency of the earlier form, is capable of bouncing back to has a say in the outcome. **Chestnut Bomber** and **Beynac** are closely matched on the form of their meeting in the Summer Cup Consolation race, though the latter should have the edge again on favourable revised weight terms. **Jordan** also has the means to get involved.

RACE 5		8:20 PM	(R\$200,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	114111	Buffalo Storm Cody	62	[4]	G Lerena	23.4%	A P Peter	17.2%
2	006527	William Robertson	62	[6]	T Mayhew	3.7%	C Spies	7.8%
3	309290	Mover And Shaker	56	[2]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	F P Habib	10.7%
4	107842	Taxi To The Moon	56	[7]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	A P Peter	17.2%
5	554116	Chieftain	54	[9]	K De Melo	12.5%	J J Van Vuuren	13.8%
6	445750	Dreamland	54	[3]	D Pillay (4)	9.7%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
7	323227	Karate Kid	52	[5]	P Mxoli	12.3%	P F Matchett	7.3%
8	452554	Radicchio	50	[8]	J R Syster	11.1%	R R Sage	18.6%
9	328698	Magic Tattoo	50	[1]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	S G Tarrv	12.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
★ 1 Buffalo Storm Cody	3 Mover And Shaker 53%	1 Buffalo Storm Cody 100%	3 Mover And Shaker 0:55.70
4 Taxi To The Moon	6 Dreamland 33%	5 Chieftain 59%	7 Karate Kid 0:55.79
2 William Robertson		7 Karate Kid 57%	4 Taxi To The Moon 0:55.95
7 Karate Kid		2 William Robertson 44%	6 Dreamland 0:56.05
		4 Taxi To The Moon 42%	9 Magic Tattoo 0:56.10

Race Preview: **Buffalo Storm Cody** is the standout bet at the meeting. He has gone from strength to strength as a gelding, winning 6 of his last 7 starts, and a career-high rating is unlikely to halt his winning streak. Familiar foe **William Robertson** has a bit to find on the form of a recent meeting but should have a say in the outcome. **Taxi To The Moon** and **Karate Kid** are closely matched and should make their presence felt too.

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RACE 6		9:00 PM	(R\$200,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1500m			
1	743602	Texas Red	60	[7]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	R Klaasen	10.3%
2	116309	Musical Score	54	[3]	C Zackey	17.7%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
3	641121	Argo Alley	54	[1]	P Mxoli	12.3%	S J Gray	11.0%
4	110284	Taegan's Champ	52	[6]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	F P Habib	10.7%
5	036060	Hotarubi	52	[8]	J R Syster	11.1%	S G Tarry	12.3%
6	293330	Navajo Nation	52	[5]	K J Lihaba	7.5%	W/w Marwing	6.7%
7	112585	That's My Baby	50	[2]	M Michel (1.5)	–	S G Tarry	12.3%
8	077055	Red Bomber	50	[4]	K De Melo	12.5%	J J Van Vuuren	13.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1500M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1500M
1 Texas Red	4 Taegan's Champ 100%	5 Hotarubi 100%	5 Hotarubi 1:29.15
2 Musical Score	5 Hotarubi 67%	6 Navajo Nation 1:29.61	6 Navajo Nation 1:29.61
3 Argo Alley	1 Texas Red 61%	3 Argo Alley 42%	3 Argo Alley 1:31.56
4 Taegan's Champ	3 Argo Alley 42%	7 That's My Baby 33%	

Race Preview: Texas Red got going late when finishing a close-up second in a stronger 1400m contest on Summer Cup Day so a repeat of that performance (off an unchanged mark) over this extended trip should suffice. Argo Alley is at the peak of his powers and will make it difficult, along with Musical Score whose run in the Grade 2 Charity Mile is best ignored. Best-weighted Taegan's Champ also has the means to play a role in the outcome.

RACE 9		10:43 PM		(R\$105,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1600m		
1	157569	Back From War	60	[1]	J Botes (2.5)	5.0%	P F Matchett	7.3%
2	510779	Princess Keira	57.5	[9]	V Jodhee (4)	3.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%
3	7311	Ringa Ringa Roses	57.5	[4]	T Mayhew	3.7%	M N Houdalakis	13.1%
4	538978	Way To Burn	57.5	[2]	G Dookhit (4)	9.1%	P F Matchett	7.3%
5	863476	Pretty Analia	56	[8]	B Soodoo (4)	11.5%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%
6	13	Grace's Kiss	55.5	[5]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	A G Laird	10.9%
7	321372	Opera Fan	54	[7]	D Pillay (4)	9.7%	P F Matchett	7.3%
8	505652	The Mightiest	54	[3]	K J Lihaba	7.5%	W/w Marwing	6.7%
9	761698	Northern Kitten	52	[6]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	F P Habib	10.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
3 Ringa Ringa Roses	9 Northern Kitten 33%	7 Opera Fan 100%	5 Pretty Analia 1:35.20
6 Grace's Kiss	7 Opera Fan 33%	8 The Mightiest 33%	4 Way To Burn 1:35.43
7 Opera Fan	5 Pretty Analia 28%	5 Pretty Analia 29%	9 Northern Kitten 1:37.45
8 The Mightiest	3 Ringa Ringa Roses 17%	4 Way To Burn 29%	8 The Mightiest 1:37.48
	4 Way To Burn 7%	1 Back From War 1:38.49	

Race Preview: Ringa Ringa Roses made a winning handicap debut over 1450m and should have more to offer over this extended trip, especially with improved fitness on her side. Familiar foes Grace's Kiss and Opera Fan are weighted to turn the tables on that rival and will also appreciate stretching out to this distance. The Mightiest is complete the shortlist.

RACE 7		9:30 PM	(R\$160,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1500m			
1	185769	Dantonfromsandton	62	[5]	K De Melo	12.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%
2	814740	Slinky Mapimpi	60	[10]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	P/j Vermeulen	6.9%
3	941536	Master Christmas	58	[8]	G Lerena	23.4%	A P Peter	17.2%
4	066314	Mastership	58	[1]	M V'rensburg	12.2%	D N Stenger	10.8%
5	014877	Mister Speaker	58	[6]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	J S Roux	0.0%
6	126151	Palace Prince	56	[4]	P Mxoli	12.3%	S J Gray	11.0%
7	660767	Care Forgot	56	[7]	C Zackey	17.7%	S G Tarry	12.3%
8	551006	Richard The First	54	[2]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	P/j Vermeulen	6.9%
9	062211	Dylan's Champ	54	[3]	C Habib	10.0%	F P Habib	10.7%
10	486161	Oklahoma Twister	50	[9]	J R Syster	11.1%	H Van Der Westh	10.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1500M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1500M
6 Palace Prince	2 Slinky Mapimpi 67%	9 Dylan's Champ 100%	10 Oklahoma Twister 1:29.86
9 Dylan's Champ	9 Dylan's Champ 67%	2 Slinky Mapimpi 67%	2 Slinky Mapimpi 1:31.90
3 Master Christmas	3 Master Christmas 61%		9 Dylan's Champ 1:31.92
4 Mastership	6 Palace Prince 50%		
	7 Care Forgot 50%		

Race Preview: Master Christmas and Mastership have the form and experience at this level to also acquit themselves competitively. Dylan's Champ is at the peak of his powers and a hefty 9-point penalty for his last-start victory shouldn't prevent another forward showing. However, preference is for fellow recent scorer Palace Prince whose progress and momentum is unlikely to be halted by an 8-point rating rise.

RACE 10	11:20 PM	(R\$90,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m					
1	023244	Guerilla Warfare	62	[5]	M Mbuto (2.5)	10.5%	S J Gray	11.0%
2	742148	Johnny Drama	62	[3]	S Valjalo (4)	9.1%	R Klaasen	10.3%
3	451779	Michael Faraday	59.5	[4]	G Lerena	23.4%	G J Maroun	12.6%
4	197359	Mizzen Sword	59.5	[6]	C Murray	14.9%	M Khan	8.8%
5	511559	Sheets And Goggles	59	[2]	C Habib	10.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%
6	326142	Gamer	58	[8]	M Michel (1.5)	--	S J Gray	11.0%
7	521300	Stop The Traffic	58	[9]	P Mxoli	12.3%	C J Lensley	9.1%
8	318777	Bold Action	56.5	[1]	M Yeni	11.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%
9	265484	Codeword	55.5	[7]	K De Melo	12.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%
10	066323	Vava Vegas	55	[11]	C Zackey	17.7%	J Borman	4.3%
11	255034	Together Again	52	[10]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	1.7%	C I Jonker	3.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
1 Guerilla Warfare	2 Johnny Drama 100%	8 Bold Action 50%	10 Vava Vegas 1:35.22
10 Vava Vegas	3 Michael Faraday 50%	5 Sheets And Goggles 40%	6 Gamer 1:35.35
2 Johnny Drama	5 Sheets And Goggles 33%	6 Gamer 27%	1 Guerilla Warfare 1:36.42
6 Gamer	4 Mizzen Sword 25%	1 Guerilla Warfare 26%	5 Sheets And Goggles 1:36.43
	6 Gamer 23%	2 Johnny Drama 25%	3 Michael Faraday 1:37.87

Race Preview: Guerilla Warfare and stablemate Gamer are consistent hard-knockers with solid form credentials. Both have the means to fight out the finish, though preference is for the former. Johnny Drama is better than the most recent efforts suggest and could get into the picture if bouncing back to earlier form. Vava Vegas looks well rated but his wide draw is a concern.

RACE 8		10:10 PM	(R\$135,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	216632	Doitwithdiamonds	61	[7]	G Lerena	23.4%	A P Peter	17.2%
2	706614	Bakwena	57.5	[9]	K De Melo	12.5%	J J Van Vuuren	13.8%
3	376706	Cocomelon	57.5	[8]	M K Katjedi	5.5%	S G Tarry	12.3%
4	647748	Gerbera	57.5	[2]	C Zackey	17.7%	S G Tarry	12.3%
5	633746	Across The Pond	55	[6]	M Michel (1.5)	–	S J Gray	11.0%
6	147184	Streisand	54.5	[4]	C Habib	10.0%	R Klaasen	10.3%
7	531779	Mountain High	54	[1]	P Mxoli	12.3%	S G Tarry	12.3%
8	17	Warm Reception	52	[3]	M Yeni	11.0%	C/t Dawson	–
9	653235	Princess Ilaria	52	[5]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	F Bronkhorst	6.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
2 Bakwena	2 Bakwena 100%	7 Mountain High 50%	3 Cocomelon 1:36.16
6 Streisand	7 Mountain High 67%	5 Across The Pond 42%	9 Princess Ilaria 1:36.20
1 Doitwithdiamonds	1 Doitwithdiamonds 44%	1 Doitwithdiamonds 40%	5 Across The Pond 1:36.49
8 Warm Reception	5 Across The Pond 42%	6 Streisand 33%	6 Streisand 1:36.52
	9 Princess Ilaria 40%	4 Gerbera 33%	1 Doitwithdiamonds 1:36.74

Race Preview: Consistent Doitwithdiamonds wouldn't be winning out of turn but this race may come too soon for her after a recent second over 1800m. Bakwena was a close-up fourth in a Listed race last time and a repeat of that effort off an unchanged mark could be suffice. Streisand also has form behind the winner of that race so she shouldn't be underestimated either. Unexposed 3yo Warm Reception is open to any amount of improvement and warrants respect too.

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