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RACE 1	6:10 PM	(R\$120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1450m			
1	295204	Ubersensch	60	[2]	C Habib	10.3%
2	63	Kambati	60	[9]	P Mxoli	12.4%
3	43	Pompeii Shield	60	[12]	D Schwarz	6.0%
4	832	Master Spy	59	[5]	C Zackey	17.0%
5	0803	Gunboat	59	[11]	R Danielson	10.9%
6	657227	Royale Jacket	59	[3]	K J Lihaba	7.4%
7	0749	Epidaurus	59	[1]	J Gates	5.2%
8	798600	Scott's Guard	59	[6]	J R Syster	10.3%
9	066	Russel Square	59	[10]	J Penny	8.5%
10		Flower Road	59	[7]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	3.0%
11	79	Master Buddy	59	[8]	M Yeni	11.0%
12	23263	Emerald Forge	56	[4]	K De Melo	14.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
3 Pompeii Shield	3 Pompeii Shield 33%	3 Pompeii Shield 33%	3 Pompeii Shield 1:26.77
4 Master Spy	6 Royale Jacket 17%	12 Emerald Forge 33%	6 Royale Jacket 1:27.50
12 Emerald Forge		6 Royale Jacket 27%	5 Gunboat 1:32.93
1 Ubersensch			12 Emerald Forge 1:33.59

Race Preview: Master Spy improved with each start before a lengthy layoff. If anywhere near ready the Sean Tarry-trained gelding could open his account. But there are plenty with chances. **Emerald Forge** has run some decent races but has lacked resolve at the business end. A set of blinkers could do the trick for her. **Pompeii Shield** showed up well on his sprint debut and then ran a decent race over this distance last time. A wide draw is the only worry with him. **Ubersensch** has sprinted well but should prefer the distance.

RACE 2	6:45 PM	(R\$105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1450m			
1	804004	Sweetsummerlove	60	[13]	R Danielson	10.9%
2	0797	Lady Lancaster	60	[5]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	3.0%
3	4354	Babette's Feast	59	[2]	C Murray	14.6%
4	359	Hot Cocoa	59	[1]	C Habib	10.3%
5	546	Maria La Gorda	59	[6]	P Mxoli	12.4%
6	74665	Truly Magical	59	[11]	S Valjalo (4)	8.9%
7	950	Storm Ballet	59	[8]	G Lerena	22.3%
8	605	Chariklo	59	[3]	M Vrensburg	11.8%
9	765908	Erik's Girl	59	[7]	D Schwarz	6.0%
10	92	Baby Red	59	[12]	J R Syster	10.3%
11	8	Eponas Lance	59	[4]	K Matsunyane	8.8%
12	09	My Queen Amanat	59	[10]	M K Katjedi	5.1%
13	86	Poppy Day	59	[9]	L Nhlapo	5.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
5 Maria La Gorda	3 Babette's Feast 17%		9 Erik's Girl 1:29.13
3 Babette's Feast			2 Lady Lancaster 1:29.50
8 Chariklo			8 Chariklo 1:31.28
10 Baby Red			

Race Preview: Act Of War filly **Maria La Gorda** had things go wrong in her last start. She is looking for the trip and can make good improvement. **Babette's Feast** keeps on running honest races. She wasn't far off Copper Cliff who has come out to win again and having drawn well she could also frank the form. Well-bred **Chariklo** is still learning what it is all about. She hasn't shown too much but has room for improvement and has a decent draw. **Baby Red** showed a lot more in her second outing but has drawn wide. She is carded to run earlier and that run must be taken into account.

RACE 3	7:20 PM	(R\$105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 2000m			
1	873064	Vixeninthevineyard	60	[2]	K Matsunyane	8.8%
2	433223	Asiah's Tiara	60	[9]	T Mayhew	3.3%
3	869854	Cool Reggae	60	[5]	S Valjalo (4)	8.9%
4	484775	Codeword	60	[4]	M Michel (1.5)	8.1%
5	566422	War Talk	58	[11]	C Zackey	17.0%
6	478363	Chickasaw	58	[6]	R Munger	17.9%
7	0657	Lucky Chance	58	[13]	M Yeni	11.0%
8	506	In Between	58	[3]	C Habib	10.3%
9	70543	Come Together	58	[12]	K J Lihaba	7.4%
10	843	Hat And Heels	58	[10]	G Lerena	22.3%
11	900746	Red Enchantress	58	[14]	D Schwarz	6.0%
12	557	Shadowline	58	[7]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	3.0%
13	497445	Comic Artist	58	[8]	S Moodley	13.4%
14	855784	Silent Future	58	[1]	M Vrensburg	11.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
10 Hat And Heels	5 War Talk 67%	2 Asiah's Tiara 56%	2 Asiah's Tiara 2:04.46
5 War Talk	9 Come Together 33%		4 Codeword 2:05.98
6 Chickasaw	6 Chickasaw 17%		14 Silent Future 2:09.39
2 Asiah's Tiara	2 Asiah's Tiara 14%		
	4 Codeword 13%		

Race Preview: Hat And Heels has been making steady improvement. She should be looking for the extra but she is carded to run on 22 January and that run must be taken into account. **War Talk** is knocking hard at the door. If able to overcome her wide gate, she could open her account after being beaten a neck in her last start. **Chickasaw** finished behind **War Talk** previously. She is holding form and could show more over the longer distance. **Asiah's Tiara** has had many chances but continues to run decent races and could finally win. More can improve to win over the extra.

RACE 4	7:55 PM	(R\$160,000)	Vaal Classic -- 2000m			
1	166516	Royal Edition	60	[6]	G Lerena	22.3%
2	877897	Mister Speaker	60	[2]	D Schwarz	6.0%
3	098350	Battleground	58	[1]	C Zackey	17.0%
4	848124	Dance King	58	[4]	S Moodley	13.4%
5	257825	Vesuvio	58	[8]	R Munger	17.9%
6	5211	Texas Missile	56	[3]	C Habib	10.3%
7	562843	Flashy Apache	54	[7]	P Mxoli	12.4%
8	600714	One More Star	54	[5]	C Murray	14.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
8 One More Star	1 Royal Edition 56%	6 Texas Missile 100%	7 Flashy Apache 1:59.99
6 Texas Missile	8 One More Star 56%	4 Dance King 42%	8 One More Star 2:00.07
7 Flashy Apache	5 Vesuvio 33%	8 One More Star 42%	3 Battleground 2:01.25
1 Royal Edition	4 Dance King 33%	1 Royal Edition 37%	4 Dance King 2:02.03
	3 Battleground 24%	2 Mister Speaker 33%	5 Vesuvio 2:02.59

Race Preview: One More Star was beaten in a close finish after coming from way back last time. The race was run in record time and he looks a serious contender. **Texas Missile** has won two in a row over the distance. The lightly raced sort did what was required to win last time and while this is tougher, he has more to come. **Flashy Apache** has been beaten by both **One More Star** and **Texas Missile** but should be right there at the revised weight terms. Specialist **Royal Edition** must have a say.

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RACE 5	8:30 PM	(R\$135,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	213066	Miss Lia	61	[2]	K J Lihaba	7.4% P F Matchett 7.5%
2	730752	Poblano	60.5	[5]	M Yeni	11.0% R R Sage 14.6%
3	214544	Roaming Spirit	58	[3]	C Murray	14.6% M/m De Kock 16.6%
4	378381	Bosum Buddy	56.5	[1]	P Mxoli	12.4% P F Matchett 7.5%
5	330389	Let's Go Lola	55.5	[6]	K Matsunyane	8.8% P F Matchett 7.5%
6	2134	Caroline Island	54	[4]	S Moodley	13.4% A P Peter 17.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
★ 6 Caroline Island	4 Bosum Buddy 50%	2 Poblano 67%	6 Caroline Island 0:55.56
4 Bosum Buddy	1 Miss Lia 50%	4 Bosum Buddy 33%	4 Bosum Buddy 0:56.43
3 Roaming Spirit		3 Roaming Spirit 33%	3 Roaming Spirit 0:57.04
2 Poblano		6 Caroline Island 17%	2 Poblano 0:59.32

Race Preview: Bosum Buddy loved racing fresh last time, winning in good style. She is at her best at this venue and must have a fair chance of following up. Roaming Spirit doesn't know how to run a bad race. She must rate a big danger as she was only 1.40 lengths behind Bosum Buddy and is now 1.5kg better off. But the one to watch out for could be Caroline Island who came back from almost a year's rest to finish a decent fourth in what was a competitive affair. She should come on nicely with the run. Another talented sort, Poblano, is long overdue to score.

RACE 6	9:05 PM	(R\$105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	22317	Deal Maker (gb)	60	[4]	C Zackey	17.0% A P Peter 17.0%
2	73149	Executrix	60	[7]	M K Katjedi	5.1% S G Tarry 12.1%
3	367411	There She Goes	60	[5]	M Michel (1.5)	8.1% W/w Marwing 9.8%
4	94481	Amazonian	58.5	[2]	M V'rensburg	11.8% D N Stenger 12.5%
5	734501	Gaslight Dancer	58	[6]	M Yeni	11.0% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
6	602212	Plumbago Park	58	[1]	J R Syster	10.3% B Webber 11.6%
7	2316	Tempranillo	58	[3]	K De Melo	14.7% J J Van Vuuren 14.8%
8	413770	Queen's Pact	55	[8]	P Mxoli	12.4% P F Matchett 7.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
3 There She Goes	2 Executrix 100%	5 Gaslight Dancer 100%	3 There She Goes 0:56.65
6 Plumbago Park	5 Gaslight Dancer 100%	6 Plumbago Park 58%	6 Plumbago Park 0:56.96
7 Tempranillo	1 Deal Maker (gb) 67%	7 Tempranillo 56%	7 Tempranillo 0:57.16
1 Deal Maker (gb)	6 Plumbago Park 67%	2 Executrix 50%	1 Deal Maker (gb) 0:57.25
	3 There She Goes 33%	1 Deal Maker (gb) 40%	5 Gaslight Dancer 0:57.35

Race Preview: There She Goes came from the clouds to win as she liked under Andrew Fortune. She is on a roll and bidding to make it three wins on the bounce for her in-form yard. Plumbago Park is another in with a big chance. She was beaten 0.50 lengths by Deal Maker in her last start and should be able to turn the form around with a now 4.5kg better off. Tempranillo was beaten as favourite in that race but looks a lot better than that and must be given another chance. Deal Maker is better than her last run and has the leading rider up. More can earn.

RACE 7	9:40 PM	(R\$90,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	627105	Misty Metal	63	[3]	S Valjalo (4)	8.9% A P Peter 17.0%
2	625630	Blindfire	61.5	[5]	C Zackey	17.0% A P Peter 17.0%
3	346790	In The Ether	60	[7]	P Mxoli	12.4% G J Maroun 11.8%
4	562050	Nkandla Gold	59.5	[2]	R Danielson	10.9% B Webber 11.6%
5	109990	Red Hot Kisses	58.5	[9]	J Gates	5.2% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
6	665264	Time For Charity	58.5	[8]	M Yeni	11.0% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
7	136487	Jet Cat	55.5	[4]	J R Syster	10.3% H Van Der Westh 10.1%
8	688580	Summer Shade	54.5	[6]	L Nhlapo	5.4% B Webber 11.6%
9	488120	Oriental Bouquet	54	[1]	K J Lihaba	7.4% G J Maroun 11.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
2 Blindfire	2 Blindfire 50%	2 Blindfire 29%	3 In The Ether 0:56.62
6 Time For Charity	6 Time For Charity 33%	6 Time For Charity 27%	7 Jet Cat 0:56.64
9 Oriental Bouquet	3 In The Ether 29%	3 In The Ether 25%	4 Nkandla Gold 0:56.85
7 Jet Cat	8 Summer Shade 19%	7 Jet Cat 24%	2 Blindfire 0:57.12
	7 Jet Cat 17%	5 Red Hot Kisses 22%	6 Time For Charity 0:57.34

Race Preview: Blindfire is better than his last run and back at the track where he has produced his best form should give a good account of himself. Time For Charity also has good form at this venue. She was beaten 0.80 lengths over 1200m last time and back over her best distance should have every chance. Oriental Bouquet's last run in yielding going is best ignored. She ran some fair races prior and must be taken seriously. Jet Cat is capable of upsetting the principals.

RACE 8	10:15 PM	(R\$90,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	029712	Dondoyaki	61	[3]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	3.0% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
2	89541	Falconfly	59.5	[6]	C Zackey	17.0% M N Houdalakis 12.7%
3	155965	Sheets And Goggles	59.5	[2]	S Moodley	13.4% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
4	378080	Sail The Sky	59	[1]	M V'rensburg	11.8% C I Jonker 3.0%
5	367871	Gift Of Royal	58	[5]	J R Syster	10.3% B Webber 11.6%
6	897497	Itsnowornover	58	[10]	M K Katjedi	5.1% J Borman 2.2%
7	862965	Libeccio	57	[7]	P Mxoli	12.4% T Zackey 8.9%
8	848070	Blurred Vision	56.5	[9]	R Munger	17.9% S J Gray 10.0%
9	551464	Commander Of All	56	[8]	J Gates	5.2% B Webber 11.6%
10	777866	Bold Action	54	[4]	K Matsunyane	8.8% F Bronkhorst 6.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
1 Dondoyaki	2 Falconfly 50%	5 Gift Of Royal 38%	3 Sheets And Goggles 1:35.11
2 Falconfly	6 Itsnowornover 50%	10 Bold Action 33%	6 Itsnowornover 1:35.78
3 Sheets And Goggles	5 Gift Of Royal 29%	3 Sheets And Goggles 29%	7 Libeccio 1:35.87
5 Gift Of Royal	4 Sail The Sky 23%	7 Libeccio 26%	5 Gift Of Royal 1:36.59
	1 Dondoyaki 22%	8 Blurred Vision 10%	9 Commander Of All 1:37.45

Race Preview: Dondoyaki followed up her maiden win with a solid second place finish against much stronger. She is dropping in class and has a 4kg apprentice claim to boost her chances of seeing out the extra. Falconfly weaved her way to win with something in hand after a rest. It was the five-year-old mare's fifth start and she could be up to the task in this lower division handicap. Sheets And Goggles has won twice over the distance so has no stamina doubts. She looks capable of better than what she showed recently. Last start winner Gift Of Royal has claims too.

RACE 9	10:50 PM	(R\$125,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1450m			
1	530792	Salute The Flag	60	[8]	S Moodley	13.4% C/t Dawson 10.0%
2	169331	Father Christmas	57.5	[4]	G Lerena	22.3% A P Peter 17.0%
3	396009	We Are The Logans	57.5	[5]	J Gates	5.2% B Webber 11.6%
4	32316	Redlightgreenlight	57	[6]	C Habib	10.3% A P Peter 17.0%
5	656221	Fostinovo	56.5	[10]	K De Melo	14.7% J J Van Vuuren 14.8%
6	738098	King Of Numbers	56.5	[9]	J R Syster	10.3% B Webber 11.6%
7	258103	Laughing William	55.5	[2]	D Schwarz	6.0% C/t Dawson 10.0%
8	631	Continental King	55	[7]	M V'rensburg	11.8% D N Stenger 12.5%
9	6157	Fifty Ways	55	[3]	P Mxoli	12.4% S T Pettigrew 10.6%
10	21	Quickfreeze	54.5	[1]	C Zackey	17.0% M N Houdalakis 12.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
10 Quickfreeze	10 Quickfreeze 100%	7 Laughing William 39%	2 Father Christmas 1:26.59
2 Father Christmas	2 Father Christmas 67%	3 We Are The Logans 33%	7 Laughing William 1:26.95
7 Laughing William	3 We Are The Logans 50%	2 Father Christmas 33%	5 Fostinovo 1:27.64
4 Redlightgreenlight	4 Redlightgreenlight 50%	4 Redlightgreenlight 33%	1 Salute The Flag 1:27.89
	7 Laughing William 29%	6 King Of Numbers 33%	3 We Are The Logans 1:28.32

Race Preview: Querari colt Quickfreeze ran out a comfortable winner of his second start. He is bred for the extra and should have every chance of following up with the leading rider from gate No 1. Father Christmas also has one of the best jockeys up. He won his last start with something in hand and could take it to the wire. Laughing William ran a fair race after rest and rates a serious threat from a plum stall. Rested Redlightgreenlight need to be respected.