

## SOUTH AFRICA

## VAAL



RACE 1		6:30 PM	(R\$95,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	3444	Varachino's Champ	60	[ 5] T Matsoele	13.3%	F P Habib	10.9%
2	866853	Amaze Me	60	[ 9] T Mango	20.0%	S J Gray	10.0%
3	094332	Power Of Tiger	60	[ 7] T Ncume	0.0%	F P Matchett	7.5%
4	570305	Hurricane Power	60	[ 2] C Mabaya	5.6%	F P Habib	10.9%
5	233736	Empress Wu	60	[ 6] T Lukhela	13.0%	J S Roux	0.0%
6		El Zani	60	[ 1] P Mlengeni	7.1%	A P Peter	17.0%
7	67	Seven Times Red	60	[ 3] S B Mthembu	9.1%	M Khan	10.9%
8	0	Speedwell Queen	60	[ 4] I Lukhela	0.0%	C J Lensley	8.8%
9		Wispinthewillow	60	[ 8] T Demont	0.0%	A P Peter	17.0%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1000M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1000M	
★3	Power Of Tiger	5	Empress Wu	28%	5	Empress Wu	40%
6	El Zani	3	Power Of Tiger	25%	3	Power Of Tiger	0:58.01
1	Varachino's Champ	1	Varachino's Champ	8%	1	Varachino's Champ	0:58.36
5	Empress Wu	5	Empress Wu	6%	4	Hurricane Power	0:58.86

**Race Preview:** Power Of Tiger confirmed recent improvement with a career-best second last time and a repeat of that performance should suffice in this lineup. Varachino's Champ is held by that rival on recent form but has shown enough to be competitive. Empress Wu fit a similar profile but is vulnerable to less-exposed rivals. Newcomers El Zani don't need to be special to make the presence felt. The betting should provide a guide to the chances.

RACE 2		7:05 PM	(R\$120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m		
1	Irish Wilma	60	[ 6] K De Melo	14.7%	J J Van Vuuren	14.8%
2	Lady Enid	60	[ 9] M Mbuto (2.5)	9.6%	S M Naidoo	12.8%
3	33 No Drama	60	[ 2] P Mxoli	12.4%	F P Matchett	7.5%
4	Platinum Shay	60	[ 5] D Schwarz	6.0%	P P Labuschagne	3.7%
5	Regal Queen	60	[ 8] J R Syster	10.3%	F Bronkhorst	6.4%
6	3 Secretary Bird	60	[ 3] R Munger	17.9%	S G Tarry	12.1%
7	Staggerwing	60	[ 1] C Murray	14.6%	M M De Kock	16.6%
8	Tax Free	60	[ 4] C Habib	10.3%	R Klaasen	11.2%
9	4 Versatility	60	[ 7] M Yeni	11.0%	F P Matchett	7.5%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1000M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1000M	
6	Secretary Bird	3	No Drama	33%	6	Secretary Bird	0:58.02
9	Versatility	8	No Drama	33%	3	No Drama	0:59.86
3	No Drama	9	Versatility	33%	9	Versatility	0:59.88
7	Staggerwing	7	Secretary Bird	33%			

**Race Preview:** Well-related Secretary Bird caught the eye when running on strongly once the penny had dropped to finish a close-up third on debut. She would've come on with the benefit of that experience and could improve sufficiently to open her account. No Drama has shown enough to keep the selection honest, though a bigger threat will likely come from Versatility who finished alongside that rival on debut and will have more to offer given that introduction. The betting could provide a guide to the chances of the newcomers, of whom well-bred Staggerwing makes most appeal.

RACE 3		7:40 PM	(R\$130,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	53	Buffalo King Cody	60	[ 3] S Valjalo (4)	8.9%	A P Peter	17.0%
2	22	Catfish	60	[ 2] G Lerena	22.3%	F P Habib	10.9%
3		Crimson Clover	60	[ 5] M Yeni	11.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.4%
4	3	Time Is Precious	60	[ 1] K De Melo	14.7%	J J Van Vuuren	14.8%
5		Two Tigers	60	[ 4] C Habib	10.3%	R Klaasen	11.2%
6		Energia	57.5	[ 7] P Mxoli	12.4%	F P Matchett	7.5%
7		Perfect Sky	57.5	[ 6] C Zackey	17.0%	S G Tarry	12.1%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1000M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1000M	
1	Buffalo King Cody	2	Catfish	67%	2	Catfish	0:57.61
2	Catfish	1	Buffalo King Cody	33%	1	Buffalo King Cody	0:59.11
4	Time Is Precious						
7	Perfect Sky						

**Race Preview:** Buffalo King Cody improved after an introductory outing to finish third over this trip behind re-opposing Catfish, who wouldn't be winning out of turn after filling the runner-up berth in both starts. However, the fitting of blinkers and engagement of a 4kg claimer could give the former the edge. Time Is Precious showed promise on debut and will be competitive with natural improvement. Well-bred debutante Perfect Sky is worth a market check and betting support would speak volumes of her chance.

RACE 4		8:15 PM	(R\$120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	566	Scorpio	60	[ 9] R Munger	17.9%	C Spies	7.8%
2	922	Stoneywood	60	[ 4] C Zackey	17.0%	M N Houdalakis	12.7%
3	067524	Rock Music	60	[ 8] S Bungane (4)	6.0%	C Binda	10.8%
4	986008	Scott's Guard	60	[ 6] M Mbuto (2.5)	9.6%	J Borman	2.2%
5	09550	In The Willows	60	[ 3] P Mxoli	12.4%	S J Gray	10.0%
6		Edelsteen	60	[ 2] K Matsunyane	8.8%	C Binda	10.8%
7		King Redoute	60	[ 7] K De Melo	14.7%	J J Van Vuuren	14.8%
8	8003	Charleston Dawn	57.5	[ 5] K J Lihaba	7.4%	M Khan	10.9%
9		Treasure State	57.5	[ 1] M K Katjedi	5.1%	S G Tarry	12.1%

SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1000M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1000M	
2	Stoneywood	3	Rock Music	33%	2	Stoneywood	0:57.89
7	King Redoute	8	Charleston Dawn	33%	8	Charleston Dawn	0:59.43
8	Charleston Dawn	3	Rock Music	13%	6	Edelsteen	0:59.49
9	Treasure State						

**Race Preview:** After consecutive runner-up finishes, well-related Stoneywood won't need to improve a great deal to go one better. Treasure State attracted market support when finishing third on debut, so she could play a leading role in receipt of a sex allowance and with natural improvement expected. Charleston Dawn also has the means to make their presence felt. Newcomer King Redoute is bred to be useful and won't need to be special to run a forward race in this company.

RACE 5		8:50 PM	(R\$160,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	565126	Cosmic Star	61	[ 9] M Yeni	11.0%	J J Van Vuuren	14.8%
2	821390	Sheldon	61	[ 3] K De Melo	14.7%	J J Van Vuuren	14.8%
3	290708	Mover And Shaker	60.5	[ 7] M Mbuto (2.5)	9.6%	F P Habib	10.9%
4	322729	Karate Kid	59.5	[ 6] P Mxoli	12.4%	F P Matchett	7.5%
5	401832	Gimmethegoodlife	57	[ 1] G Lerena	22.3%	A P Peter	17.0%
6	113042	African Pride	56.5	[ 8] T Mayhew	3.3%	C Spies	7.8%
7	698440	Magic Tattoo	56	[ 2] C Zackey	17.0%	S G Tarry	12.1%
8	154336	Night Bomber	56	[ 5] D Schwarz	6.0%	C t Dawson	10.0%
9	302019	Dontshootthebarman	54.5	[ 10] S Bungane (4)	6.0%	C Binda	10.8%
10	21101	Miami Mountain	53.5	[ 4] J R Syster	10.3%	M m De Kock	16.6%
11	311322	Rafa Bay	52.5	[ 11] B Marx-Jacobson (4)	3.0%	A P Peter	17.0%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1000M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1000M	
10	Miami Mountain	6	African Pride	100%	10	Miami Mountain	0:55.18
6	African Pride	6	Night Bomber	67%	3	Mover And Shaker	0:55.70
11	Karate Kid	4	Karate Kid	67%	4	Karate Kid	0:55.79
5	Gimmethegoodlife	5	Gimmethegoodlife	67%	6	African Pride	0:55.78
6	African Pride	6	African Pride	47%	11	Rafa Bay	0:55.85
4	Karate Kid	4	Karate Kid	47%	2	Sheldon	0:55.85
1	Cosmic Star	1	Cosmic Star	53%			

**Race Preview:** Progressive Miami Mountain is bounced back to best with a last-start win when returning to sprinting after his no-show in a 1400m Grade 2. He has shown enough pace to be effective over this trip and a resultant 2-point penalty isn't likely to halt his momentum. Fellow 3yo African Pride has the form and experience to fight out the finish, and is distance suited too. Older rivals Cosmic Star and Rafa Bay are proven at this level and remain competitive off their current marks.

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RACE 6		9:25 PM	(R\$125,000)	Vaal Classic -- 2000m				
1	583152	Gimmechoice	60.5	[ 2]	C Zackey	17.0%	J A Soma	13.7%
2	165251	The Playboy Bomber	60	[ 1]	C Maujean	6.3%	A G Laird	10.9%
3	845324	Jordan	59.5	[ 3]	K De Melo	14.7%	S G Tarry	12.1%
4	543570	American Rebel	58	[ 4]	G Lerena	22.3%	W C Marwing	8.4%
5	650010	Diesel's Shadow	58	[ 5]	S Valjalo (4)	8.9%	E Verdonese	14.8%
6	251790	Eiger Sanction	57	[ 11]	P Mxoli	12.4%	S J Gray	10.0%
7	651248	Santiago's Pride	55.5	[ 7]	K J Lihaba	7.4%	W/w Marwing	9.8%
8	684765	Arumugam	55.5	[ 10]	L Nhlalo	5.4%	J S Roux	0.0%
9	621916	Storm Ahead	55	[ 9]	M Yeni	11.0%	F Bronkhorst	6.4%
10	597423	Repetition	54.5	[ 6]	R Munger	17.9%	C Mayhew	2.9%
11	616177	Oklahoma Twister	52.5	[ 8]	J R Syster	10.3%	H Van Der Westh	10.1%



SELECTIONS	
1	Gimmechoice
2	The Playboy Bomber
3	Jordan
4	Repetition

FAST FORM	
1	1 Gimmechoice
2	2 The Playboy Bomber
3	3 Jordan
4	10 Repetition

VAAL CLASSIC	
3	Jordan 40%
5	Diesel's Shadow 25%
7	Santiago's Pride 22%
4	American Rebel 20%
6	Eiger Sanction 19%

2000M DISTANCE	
1	Gimmechoice 50%
10	Repetition 50%
6	Eiger Sanction 42%
4	American Rebel 42%
7	Santiago's Pride 42%

BEST TIME 2000M	
8	Arumugam 2:00.11
9	Storm Ahead 2:00.12
5	Diesel's Shadow 2:00.77
6	Eiger Sanction 2:01.03
4	American Rebel 2:02.17

**Race Preview:** The Playboy Bomber produced a career-best effort when winning over 1800m in his first go at the trip last time. A 5-point penalty seems fair but this extended trip could be even more to his liking. Runner-up Gimmechoice is 0.5kg better off and would've tightened up since that comeback run, so he could improve sufficiently to turn the tables. Jordan, closely matched on the form, is both consistent at this level and competitive off his current mark. Repetition was an unlucky loser of his last start but that was at a lower level, so he must find improvement in his peak outing to have a say.

## RACE 7 10:00 PM (R\$100,000) Vaal Classic -- 1600m

1	684740	Express Yourself	60.5	[ 4]	D Schwarz	6.0%	C/t Dawson	10.0%
2	344655	Unsolved Riddle	60.5	[ 1]	J Botes (2.5)	4.8%	G J Maroun	11.8%
3	219	Agoge	59.5	[ 7]	C Zackey	17.0%	M N Houdalakis	12.7%
4	022572	Peace Treaty	57.5	[ 5]	R Munger	17.9%	S G Tarry	12.1%
5	51855	Heavenly Good	56.5	[ 6]	C Habib	10.3%	A P Peter	17.0%
6	808381	Carneolo	56	[ 2]	S Valjalo (4)	8.9%	S M Naidoo	12.8%
7	883577	Prophet	56	[ 3]	T Mayhew	3.3%	C Spies	7.8%
8	423847	Majalun	54.5	[ 8]	M Vrensburg	11.8%	M G Azzie	5.4%
9	719078	That's Magical	52	[ 9]	J Gates	5.2%	M G Azzie	5.4%



SELECTIONS	
3	Agoge
5	Heavenly Good
6	Carneolo
2	Unsolved Riddle

FAST FORM	
1	3 Agoge
5	5 Heavenly Good
6	6 Carneolo
2	2 Unsolved Riddle

VAAL CLASSIC	
3	Agoge 100%
2	Unsolved Riddle 33%
8	Majalun 22%
6	Carneolo 21%
4	Peace Treaty 17%

1600M DISTANCE	
3	Agoge 100%
2	Unsolved Riddle 27%
6	Carneolo 27%
4	Peace Treaty 11%
8	Majalun 8%

BEST TIME 1600M	
6	Carneolo 1:34.42
2	Unsolved Riddle 1:35.44
1	Express Yourself 1:36.11
7	Prophet 1:36.25
4	Peace Treaty 1:36.69

**Race Preview:** Agoge won a course-and-distance maiden before he was thrown into the deep-end of a 1400m 3yo Grade 3 which probably came too soon for him. A return to this distance in these calmer waters will suit so it could pay to follow his progress. Class-dropper Heavenly Good, last-start winner over this track and trip Carneolo, as well as hard-knockers Unsolved Riddle get weight from the selection so could make life difficult for him.

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