

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:35 PM	(R\$100,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1800m			
1	253158	Sky Pillar Rock	62	[8]	11.1%
2	917543	Annewithan E	61	[1]	J Botes (2.5)	4.7%
3	385850	Futurewolff	59.5	[5]	K J Lihaba	7.3%
4	255831	World Order	58	[7]	I Taka	8.4%
5	225724	Peace Treaty	57.5	[6]	D Pillay (2.5)	10.3%
6	895413	Falconfly	55.5	[4]	T Mayhew	3.3%
7	300006	Stop The Traffic	55.5	[2]	M Mbuto (2.5)	9.6%
8	238477	Majalun	54.5	[9]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	2.9%
9	378214	Crepuscolo	52	[3]	D Louw (4)	9.2%
					F P Habib	10.7%

SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
2 Annewithan E	1 Sky Pillar Rock 53%	1 Sky Pillar Rock 50%	5 Peace Treaty 1:48.97
6 Falconfly	4 World Order 50%	5 Peace Treaty 50%	1 Sky Pillar Rock 1:49.15
5 Peace Treaty	6 Falconfly 44%	2 Annewithan E 33%	3 Futurewolff 1:49.39
9 Crepuscolo	3 Futurewolff 28%	3 Futurewolff 27%	4 World Order 1:49.57
	2 Annewithan E 22%	9 Crepuscolo 24%	2 Annewithan E 1:50.18

Race Preview: Annewithan E caught the eye when staying on to finish third in this headgear last time and she won't need to improve much on that effort in her peak outing to resume winning ways. Falconfly was a fast-finishing third over 1600m on her handicap debut and she remains open to improvement over this extended trip. Peace Treaty and Crepuscolo are all engaged to run at earlier meetings but would be competitive if taking their place.

RACE 2	7:10 PM	(R\$105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	843442	Utsaah	60	[4]	C Zackey	17.0%
2	805	Made To Measure	60	[3]	C Maujean	6.0%
3	9505	Storm Ballet	60	[6]	G Lerena	22.0%
4	034475	Winter Wedding	60	[2]	C Habib	10.4%
5	698546	Cool Reggae	60	[7]	P Mxoli	12.0%
6	9	Cranberry Point	60	[5]	J R Syster	10.2%
7	54	Greenside Girl	60	[1]	M K Katjedi	5.3%

SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
1 Utsaah	1 Utsaah 33%	1 Utsaah 22%	1 Utsaah 1:36.85
7 Greenside Girl	4 Winter Wedding 17%		7 Greenside Girl 1:38.15
2 Made To Measure			2 Made To Measure 1:39.75
4 Winter Wedding			5 Cool Reggae 1:40.92

Race Preview: Utsaah improved in first-time blinkers to finish a career-best second over track and trip last time and a repeat of that performance should suffice. Stablemate Greenside Girl is held on that form but open to improvement in just her third outing. Winter Wedding could have more to offer over this extended trip, so could get into the picture. Made To Measure completes the shortlist.

RACE 3	7:45 PM	(R\$120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	474634	Indian Spice	60	[3]	R Munger	17.6%
2	8007	Millennium Warrior	60	[5]	M K Katjedi	5.3%
3	884	Palace Guard	60	[1]	T Mayhew	3.3%
4	775906	Rock My Boat	60	[2]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	2.9%
5	895626	Underdog	60	[7]	C Maujean	6.0%
6	277750	Cuzzie	60	[4]	J Gates	5.1%
7	969000	Anonymous	60	[10]	D Schwarz	5.9%
8	87	Jawbreaker	60	[8]	J Botes (2.5)	4.7%
9	75	Smuggler	60	[9]	P Mxoli	12.0%
10	40	Terrence	60	[6]	C Habib	10.4%

SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
1 Indian Spice	5 Underdog 17%	5 Underdog 33%	5 Underdog 1:36.75
10 Terrence	1 Indian Spice 17%	1 Indian Spice 11%	1 Indian Spice 1:36.99
3 Palace Guard			4 Rock My Boat 1:37.37
9 Smuggler			6 Cuzzie 1:39.47
			9 Smuggler 1:40.15

Race Preview: Indian Spice hit the frame in both course-and-distance appearances with blinkers fitted, and he sets the standard on the strength and consistency of that form. Terrence failed to confirm the promise of his debut over 1160m last time but the step up to this trip should, on pedigree, be more to his liking. Returning Palace Guard (gelded) and unexposed Smuggler remain open to improvement too.

RACE 4	8:20 PM	(R\$135,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1800m			
1	312421	Future Date	60	[3]	R Munger	17.6%
2	327331	Dimako's Jet	59	[2]	M Yeni	11.1%
3	984756	Todoque	58.5	[1]	P Mxoli	12.0%
4	706678	Cocamelon	57	[6]	M Michel (1.5)	7.8%
5	233682	Art Nouveau	56	[7]	C Habib	10.4%
6	168044	Ancient Wisdom	55.5	[4]	C Maujean	6.0%
7	424145	Boom Boom	55	[5]	K Matsunyane	8.8%
8	647336	Azaleas For All	54.5	[8]	J R Syster	10.2%

SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
2 Dimako's Jet	5 Art Nouveau 67%	1 Future Date 83%	6 Ancient Wisdom 1:48.41
1 Future Date	1 Future Date 60%	6 Ancient Wisdom 50%	2 Dimako's Jet 1:49.33
5 Art Nouveau	6 Ancient Wisdom 50%	7 Boom Boom 50%	8 Azaleas For All 1:49.69
6 Ancient Wisdom	2 Dimako's Jet 42%	2 Dimako's Jet 47%	5 Art Nouveau 1:50.49
	8 Azaleas For All 33%	5 Art Nouveau 44%	1 Future Date 1:51.02

Race Preview: Muzi Yeni rode Future Date and Dimako's Jet to last-start victories so his decision to stick with the latter is significant. Art Nouveau and stablemate Ancient Wisdom are closely matched with those rivals on recent form and are weighted to be competitive on these revised terms.

RACE 5	8:55 PM	(R\$105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1800m			
1	113636	Artic Silver	60	[11]	D D Louw (4)	9.2%
2	113361	Lady Blunt	59.5	[6]	C Habib	10.4%
3	313331	Merryweather	59.5	[4]	--
4	532112	Duchess Of Paloma	59	[1]	C Zackey	17.0%
5	718251	Surprise Party	57	[9]	P Mxoli	12.0%
6	134586	Ariel's Jet	57	[10]	D Pillay (2.5)	10.3%
7	4216	Special Star	56.5	[5]	C Murray	14.5%
8	546813	Rosy Lemon	56.5	[2]	M Yeni	11.1%
9	633414	Into Dancing	55.5	[7]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	2.9%
10	353612	Kensal Green	55.5	[3]	G Lerena	22.0%
11	783631	Chickasaw	53.5	[8]	R Munger	17.6%

SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
3 Merryweather	4 Duchess Of Paloma 83%	4 Duchess Of Paloma 100%	8 Rosy Lemon 1:49.17
10 Kensal Green	10 Kensal Green 83%	7 Special Star 100%	1 Artic Silver 1:49.69
2 Lady Blunt	1 Artic Silver 44%	5 Surprise Party 50%	6 Ariel's Jet 1:51.14
5 Surprise Party	11 Chickasaw 44%	1 Artic Silver 43%	11 Chickasaw 1:51.73
	2 Lady Blunt 40%	6 Ariel's Jet 38%	4 Duchess Of Paloma 1:52.68

Race Preview: Lady Blunt and Merryweather won at this level last time and should remain competitive off resultant penalties. The latter remains open to improvement and this extended trip could be more to her liking. The step up to this distance should also suit Kensal Green whose fast-finishing second over a shorter trip last time was encouraging. Surprise Party also have solid claims.

RACE 6	9:30 PM	(R\$155,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1600m			
1	124672	Money Heist	63	[4]	S Bungane (4)	5.9%
2	606026	Hotarubi	60	[1]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	2.9%
3	212424	Max The Magician	58	[2]	G Lerena	22.0%
4	149005	Tenjiku	56.5	[3]	C Zackey	17.0%
5	091240	Beynac	55.5	[6]	C Murray	14.5%
6	421307	Birtheight	55	[8]	C Habib	10.4%
7	744756	Player	54	[7]	C Maujean	6.0%
8	3118	Wayne	52	[5]	M Yeni	11.1%

SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
★ 1 Money Heist	1 Money Heist 67%	6 Birtheight 67%	5 Beynac 1:34.79
8 Wayne	4 Tenjiku 50%	5 Beynac 47%	1 Money Heist 1:35.32
3 Max The Magician	7 Player 42%	3 Max The Magician 38%	6 Birtheight 1:35.46
7 Player	5 Beynac 33%	7 Player 25%	7 Player 1:36.54
	2 Hotarubi 22%	1 Money Heist 24%	3 Max The Magician 1:36.71

Race Preview: Money Heist was touched off at level weights by a progressive 3yo in a stronger contest over 1450m last time. He is equally adept over this extended trip so should be hard to beat off the same mark with a 4kg claimer engaged. Wayne had legitimate excuses for his no-show in a 3yo Grade 3 last time, and the step up to this distance with a tongue-tie fitted could unlock any amount of improvement. Player and Max The Magician are consistent hard-knockers with legitimate earning potential.

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RACE 7		10:05 PM	(R\$105,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1450m			
1	738098	King Of Numbers	60.5	[11]	J R Syster	10.2%	B Webber	11.8%
2	21561	Never Never Land	60	[8]	G Lerena	22.0%	S T Pettigrew	10.1%
3	855644	Longsword	60	[2]	C Zackey	17.0%	S G Tarry	12.4%
4	222126	Monkey Puzzle	59.5	[4]	C Murray	14.5%	J Crawford	11.8%
5	446556	Unsolved Riddle	59.5	[1]	J Botes (2.5)	4.7%	G J Maroun	12.0%
6	234123	Peregrine Falcon	59	[9]	C Habib	10.4%	P F Matchett	7.4%
7	432231	Winds Of Grace	57	[5]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	2.9%	M G Azzie	5.4%
8	297125	Dondoyaki	56.5	[3]	M Yeni	11.1%	F Bronkhorst	6.5%
9	2841	Gulf Of America	56	[7]	R Munger	17.6%	S G Tarry	12.4%
10	562502	Kotinos	53.5	[10]	M K Katjedi	5.3%	R R Magner	9.8%
11	629651	Libeccio	53.5	[6]	P Mxoli	12.0%	T Zackey	8.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
2 Never Never Land	7 Winds Of Grace 58%	8 Dondoyaki 67%	10 Kotinos 1:25.59
6 Peregrine Falcon	2 Never Never Land 50%	7 Winds Of Grace 50%	2 Never Never Land 1:26.93
9 Gulf Of America	6 Peregrine Falcon 33%	1 King Of Numbers 33%	8 Dondoyaki 1:27.18
11 Libeccio	10 Kotinos 31%	10 Kotinos 28%	11 Libeccio 1:27.81
	5 Unsolved Riddle 27%	11 Libeccio 24%	3 Longsword 1:28.10

Race Preview: Never Never Land was backed and won full of running over 1200m last time and a 3-point penalty isn't likely to halt his momentum over this extended trip. Consistent Peregrine Falcon stayed on encouragingly to finish a close-up third over 1200m in first-time blinkers (retained) and a repeat of that effort will put him right in the firing line. Recent scorers Gulf Of America and Libeccio aren't taken lightly either off their revised ratings.

RACE 8		10:40 PM	(R\$100,000)		Vaal Classic -- 1000m			
1	2651	Precocious	63	[8]	B Marx-Jacobson (4)	2.9%	A P Peter	16.7%
2	21	Pivotal Role	60.5	[4]	D Pillay (2.5)	10.3%	J J Van Vuuren	14.8%
3	427160	Magic Carpet Ride	59	[7]	T Mayhew	3.3%	S G Tarry	12.4%
4	126385	Lonely As A Cloud	58.5	[2]	B Soodoo (4)	14.4%	C/t Dawson	11.6%
5	256302	Blindfire	58	[5]	N Yuen (1.5)	8.3%	A P Peter	16.7%
6	512638	Inafix	58	[9]	S Bungane (4)	5.9%	C Binda	10.8%
7	542346	Tiger Storm	58	[6]	D D Louw (4)	9.2%	F P Habib	10.7%
8	620506	Nkandla Gold	54.5	[3]	N Nastili (1.5)	4.5%	B Webber	11.8%
9	161690	Daring Act	54	[1]	J Botes (2.5)	4.7%	R Klaasen	11.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
1 Precocious	2 Pivotal Role 83%	1 Precocious 83%	7 Tiger Storm 0:56.71
2 Pivotal Role	5 Blindfire 53%	2 Pivotal Role 83%	8 Nkandla Gold 0:56.85
4 Lonely As A Cloud	6 Inafix 42%	5 Blindfire 33%	4 Lonely As A Cloud 0:57.03
5 Blindfire	7 Tiger Storm 28%	6 Inafix 25%	6 Inafix 0:57.05
	4 Lonely As A Cloud 17%	7 Tiger Storm 24%	5 Blindfire 0:57.12

Race Preview: Precocious was an easy winner on her Highveld debut after a layoff and she is open to any amount of improvement, especially with a 4kg claimer taking weight off the back. Pivotal Role confirmed the promise of his debut second with a last-start maiden win over 1000m. He hasn't been seen since but is unexposed and would've strengthened during his time off. Lonely As A Cloud and Blindfire can have a say in the outcome if building on the improvement of their recent outings.