

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL CLASSIC



| RACE 1 | | 5:40 PM | (R\$150,000) | Vaal Classic -- 2000m | | |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | 224041 | Aristotle | 61 | [1] | C Habib | 10.4% |
| 2 | 606026 | Hotarubi | 60.5 | [5] | R Munger | 15.2% |
| 3 | 433465 | Kudzu | 57 | [4] | C Zackey | 17.0% |
| 4 | 553576 | Chestnut Bomber | 56.5 | [2] | M Yeni | 11.3% |
| 5 | 778978 | Mister Speaker | 55 | [6] | D Schwarz | 6.4% |
| 6 | 614365 | Bakwena | 54 | [3] | K De Melo | 17.1% |
| 7 | | | | | | 10.2% |
| 8 | | | | | | 15.2% |



| SELECTIONS | | VAAL CLASSIC | | 2000M DISTANCE | | BEST TIME 2000M | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | Aristotle | 6 | Bakwena | 44% | 3 | Kudzu | 44% |
| 2 | Bakwena | 6 | Hotarubi | 33% | 5 | Mister Speaker | 25% |
| 3 | Kudzu | 2 | Hotarubi | 22% | 2 | Hotarubi | 17% |
| 4 | Chestnut Bomber | 4 | Chestnut Bomber | 11% | 4 | Chestnut Bomber | 11% |

Race Preview: Aristotle stayed on gamely from a handy position to win an 1800m Listed race last time. He is 6kg worse off with Bakwena but is more likely to appreciate this extended trip than that rival. The latter is the best-weighted runner in the race and the removal of the blinkers should help her see out the extra 400m. Consistent Kudzu and rating-dropper Chestnut Bomber complete the shortlist.

| RACE 2 | | 6:15 PM | (R\$105,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1000m | | |
|--------|--------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 | 5434 | Slender Silhouette | 60 | [5] | K De Melo | 17.1% |
| 2 | 9430 | Mystical Butterfly | 60 | [6] | C Habib | 10.4% |
| 3 | 252245 | Master's Lady | 60 | [8] | B Marx-Jacobson (4) | 2.7% |
| 4 | 536 | Elegant Edge | 60 | [4] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 5 | 2 | El Zani | 60 | [2] | G Lerena | 21.7% |
| 6 | 6 | Foxy After Dark | 60 | [1] | R Munger | 15.2% |
| 7 | 58 | Nicolson Landing | 60 | [3] | J R Syster | 10.2% |
| 8 | | Star Blaze | 60 | [7] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 9 | | | | | | 9.4% |



| SELECTIONS | | VAAL CLASSIC | | 1000M DISTANCE | | BEST TIME 1000M | |
|------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|---|--------------------|---------|
| 1 | Slender Silhouette | 3 | Master's Lady | 67% | 5 | El Zani | 67% |
| 2 | El Zani | 5 | El Zani | 67% | 3 | Master's Lady | 44% |
| 3 | Master's Lady | 2 | Mystical Butterfly | 11% | 2 | Elegant Edge | 11% |
| 4 | Elegant Edge | 4 | Elegant Edge | 11% | 4 | Mystical Butterfly | 0:58.01 |

Race Preview: Slender Silhouette has been sparingly raced as a 3yo but she won't need to improve much after a 14-week absence to make a winning reappearance. El Zani will likely fight out the finish with natural improvement expected after a promising debut 2nd over track and trip. Master's Lady wouldn't be winning out of turn and her rider's 4kg allowance will aid her cause. Elegant Edge had excuses for disappointing recent performances, and could make the presence felt if bouncing back to earlier form.

| RACE 3 | | 6:50 PM | (R\$120,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1000m | | |
|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 | 637 | Kambati | 60 | [7] | M Mbuto (2.5) | 10.2% |
| 2 | 873 | Jawbreaker | 60 | [2] | T Mayhew | 3.3% |
| 3 | 00796 | Olympic Admiral | 60 | [5] | K J Lihaba | 7.5% |
| 4 | 4 | King Redoute | 60 | [1] | K De Melo | 17.1% |
| 5 | 808385 | Mrs Stormatrix | 57.5 | [6] | C Habib | 10.4% |
| 6 | 943325 | Power Of Tiger | 57.5 | [4] | P Mxoli | 11.9% |
| 7 | 679247 | Bella Boop Boop | 57.5 | [3] | M K Katjedi | 5.5% |
| 8 | | | | | | 9.8% |



| SELECTIONS | | VAAL CLASSIC | | 1000M DISTANCE | | BEST TIME 1000M | |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---|-----------------|---------|
| 4 | King Redoute | 7 | Bella Boop Boop | 7% | 1 | Kambati | 33% |
| 6 | Power Of Tiger | | | | 6 | Power Of Tiger | 20% |
| 1 | Kambati | | | | 4 | King Redoute | 0:58.01 |
| 5 | Mrs Stormatrix | | | | 1 | Kambati | 0:58.33 |

Race Preview: King Redoute was fancied on debut but showed signs of inexperience. He would have benefitted from that outing so should improve to play a leading role. Kambati and Power Of Tiger have the means to pose a threat, especially with improvement expected of them in first-time blinkers. Mrs Stormatrix appeal most of the remainder.

| RACE 4 | | 7:25 PM | (R\$130,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1000m | | |
|--------|--------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | 325141 | Umzingeli Wenyathi | 60 | [1] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 2 | 130428 | African Pride | 59.5 | [4] | R Munger | 15.2% |
| 3 | 222116 | Trajanus | 59.5 | [6] | C Zackey | 17.0% |
| 4 | 250158 | Chapbook | 59 | [7] | G Lerena | 21.7% |
| 5 | 12168 | Alpine Jet | 57 | [2] | K De Melo | 17.1% |
| 6 | 055546 | Kaalvoet | 56.5 | [5] | C Habib | 10.4% |
| 7 | 4313 | Aquarius | 54.5 | [3] | L Nhlapo | 6.2% |



| SELECTIONS | | VAAL CLASSIC | | 1000M DISTANCE | | BEST TIME 1000M | |
|------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---|-----------------|------|
| 3 | Trajanus | 2 | African Pride | 50% | 4 | Chapbook | 100% |
| 1 | Umzingeli Wenyathi | 7 | Aquarius | 33% | 3 | Trajanus | 67% |
| 4 | Chapbook | 2 | Alpine Jet | 50% | 5 | Alpine Jet | 50% |
| 2 | African Pride | 9 | Kaalvoet | 39% | 2 | African Pride | 39% |

Race Preview: Umzingeli Wenyathi won on the Polytrack in KZN recently and is engaged to run there before this, so his participation has to be monitored. Chapbook won a similar contest over this trip with blinkers fitted last month so it wouldn't come as a surprise were he to play another leading role under similar conditions. African Pride and Trajanus are held on that form but better off at the weights, therefore they should have a say in the outcome.

| RACE 5 | | 8:00 PM | (R\$125,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1000m | | |
|--------|--------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1 | 21342 | Caroline Island | 60 | [9] | C Habib | 10.4% |
| 2 | 29560 | Rock Of Bismantova | 59 | [1] | R Munger | 15.2% |
| 3 | 995295 | Abound | 57 | [2] | C Murray | 14.3% |
| 4 | 57912 | Saketini | 56.5 | [4] | J Gates | 4.8% |
| 5 | 613623 | His Lordship | 56.5 | [5] | M V'rensburg | 11.9% |
| 6 | 9221 | Stoneywood | 56 | [6] | C Zackey | 17.0% |
| 7 | 61577 | Fifty Ways | 55.5 | [7] | B Marx-Jacobson (4) | 2.7% |
| 8 | 21 | Pivotal Role | 55.5 | [8] | K De Melo | 17.1% |
| 9 | 377656 | Kia Kaha | 54.5 | [3] | T Mayhew | 3.3% |



| SELECTIONS | | VAAL CLASSIC | | 1000M DISTANCE | | BEST TIME 1000M | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | Caroline Island | 8 | Pivotal Role | 83% | 8 | Pivotal Role | 83% |
| 6 | Stoneywood | 6 | Stoneywood | 67% | 6 | Stoneywood | 67% |
| 8 | Pivotal Role | 4 | Saketini | 50% | 4 | Saketini | 56% |
| 5 | His Lordship | 7 | Fifty Ways | 50% | 7 | Fifty Ways | 50% |
| 9 | Kia Kaha | 9 | Kia Kaha | 11% | 5 | His Lordship | 40% |

Race Preview: Caroline Island finished 2nd over track and trip at a higher level last time, albeit against same-sex opposition, and a repeat of that effort off a slightly higher mark could suffice in this grade. Well-bred Stoneywood is progressive and likely to remain competitive on his post-maiden debut, even over a shorter trip. Returning Pivotal Role impressed when winning a course-and-distance maiden and is open to any amount of improvement after a subsequent absence. Hard-knockers Kia Kaha also have the means to stake a claim.

| RACE 6 | | 8:35 PM | (R\$135,000) | Vaal Classic -- 1200m | | |
|--------|--------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 621507 | Calantha | 60 | [4] | J R Syster | 10.2% |
| 2 | 11504 | Perfect Miracle | 58 | [6] | G Lerena | 21.7% |
| 3 | 110 | Stormy Day (arg) | 57 | [2] | K De Melo | 17.1% |
| 4 | 212214 | Tuscan Romance | 56.5 | [1] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% |
| 5 | 674112 | There She Goes | 54 | [7] | M Michel (1.5) | 8.4% |
| 6 | 585796 | Valieva | 54 | [5] | M Yeni | 11.3% |
| 7 | 413123 | Maverick Queen | 53 | [3] | M K Katjedi | 5.5% |



| SELECTIONS | | VAAL CLASSIC | | 1200M DISTANCE | | BEST TIME 1200M | |
|------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|---|------------------|---------|
| 4 | Tuscan Romance | 3 | Stormy Day (arg) | 100% | 3 | Stormy Day (arg) | 100% |
| 3 | Stormy Day (arg) | 5 | There She Goes | 39% | 4 | Calantha | 67% |
| 5 | There She Goes | 6 | Valieva | 33% | 2 | Perfect Miracle | 50% |
| 2 | Perfect Miracle | 7 | Maverick Queen | 47% | 5 | There She Goes | 1:08.84 |

Race Preview: Highly rated Stormy Day blotted her copybook on a rain-affected track in a 1400m Grade 3 when last seen but she could be worth another chance reverting to a sprint trip after a subsequent break. Perfect Miracle bounced back to form with a good 4th in a 1200m Listed race last time and a repeat of that performance off a reduced mark should put her right in the mix. However, a chance is taken on older rival Tuscan Romance who gets weight from those 3yo rivals. The latter has thrived on the Highveld and is unbeaten over track and trip. There She Goes is in good heart so isn't taken lightly either.

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| RACE 7 9:10 PM | | (R\$105,000) | | Vaal Classic -- 1200m | | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 642125 | Blushing Bloom | 60 | [10] | K De Melo | 17.1% | J J Van Vuuren | 15.2% |
| 2 | 1546 | Miss Novax | 60 | [4] | C Zackey | 17.0% | M N Houdalakis | 13.1% |
| 3 | 314673 | Season's Greetings | 60 | [2] | G Lerena | 21.7% | C Binda | 10.5% |
| 4 | 022123 | Plumbago Park | 58 | [3] | J R Syster | 10.2% | B Webber | 11.5% |
| 5 | 432165 | Quiet Winter | 57.5 | [8] | R Munger | 15.2% | M N Houdalakis | 13.1% |
| 6 | 221805 | Tana Maree | 57.5 | [1] | M K Katjedi | 5.5% | S G Tarry | 13.0% |
| 7 | 41 | Lovable | 57 | [7] | C Habib | 10.4% | S G Tarry | 13.0% |
| 8 | 060321 | Fiery Frolic | 56 | [6] | C Maujean | 6.0% | W C Marwing | 9.0% |
| 9 | 462684 | Angel's Oasis | 53.5 | [9] | K Matsunyane | 8.8% | J Crawford | 11.7% |
| 10 | 447321 | Lilac Snow | 52 | [5] | J Botes (2.5) | 4.8% | W C Marwing | 9.0% |



| SELECTIONS | |
|------------|--------------------|
| 7 | Lovable |
| 4 | Plumbago Park |
| 3 | Season's Greetings |
| 2 | Miss Novax |

FAST FORM

| VAAL CLASSIC | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Blushing Bloom 100% |
| 10 | Lilac Snow 67% |
| 6 | Tana Maree 50% |
| 4 | Plumbago Park 50% |
| 2 | Miss Novax 33% |

| 1200M DISTANCE | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Blushing Bloom 58% |
| 9 | Season's Greetings 1:08.57 |
| 10 | Angel's Oasis 1:09.11 |
| 8 | Fiery Frolic 50% |
| 6 | Tana Maree 1:09.19 |
| 6 | Tana Maree 1:09.91 |
| 4 | Plumbago Park 33% |
| 2 | Plumbago Park 1:10.08 |

| BEST TIME 1200M | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 3 | Season's Greetings 1:08.57 |
| 9 | Angel's Oasis 1:09.11 |
| 10 | Fiery Frolic 1:09.19 |
| 8 | Plumbago Park 1:09.91 |
| 6 | Plumbago Park 1:10.08 |

Race Preview: Season's Greetings ran well to finish 3rd in a Listed race over this trip last time and a 3-point rise for the effort isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. She is held on earlier 1000m form by Plumbago Park who should also remain competitive on current form. Class-dropper Miss Novax will appreciate reverting to 1200m off a lower mark, so she should make her presence felt too in her peak outing. However, it could pay to follow the progress of unexposed Lovable who is open to any amount of improvement off a lenient opening mark.

| RACE 8 9:45 PM | | (R\$110,000) | | Vaal Classic -- 2400m | | | | |
|----------------|--------|------------------|------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | 147345 | Arlington Action | 60.5 | [5] | P Mxoli | 11.9% | T Zackey | 9.3% |
| 2 | 051 | Culturati | 60 | [8] | M K Katjedi | 5.5% | G J Maroun | 9.9% |
| 3 | 512487 | Santiago's Pride | 60 | [12] | K J Lihaba | 7.5% | W/W Marwing | 8.7% |
| 4 | 771155 | Chabal | 60 | [3] | G Lerena | 21.7% | F P Habib | 11.5% |
| 5 | 866311 | Copper Cliff | 60 | [4] | C Zackey | 17.0% | P F Matchett | 6.9% |
| 6 | 447355 | Romeo's Magic | 60 | [1] | R Danielson | 10.6% | B Warren | 6.3% |
| 7 | 322911 | Cartagena | 59 | [7] | J R Syster | 10.2% | H E Adamson | 14.5% |
| 8 | 219458 | Bellerophon | 58 | [10] | M Mbuto (2.5) | 10.2% | F P Habib | 11.5% |
| 9 | 616202 | Copper Plate | 58 | [2] | C Murray | 14.3% | J Crawford | 11.7% |
| 10 | 534413 | Euphrates | 56 | [11] | C Habib | 10.4% | A P Peter | 16.8% |
| 11 | 059696 | Nuclear Force | 54 | [9] | M Michel (1.5) | 8.4% | E Verdonese | 13.1% |
| 12 | 238477 | Majalun | 54 | [6] | T Mayhew | 3.3% | M G Azzie | 5.1% |



| SELECTIONS | |
|------------|------------------|
| 7 | Cartagena |
| 1 | Arlington Action |
| 10 | Euphrates |
| 4 | Chabal |

FAST FORM

| VAAL CLASSIC | |
|--------------|------------------|
| 4 | Chabal 67% |
| 10 | Euphrates 67% |
| 2 | Culturati 50% |
| 5 | Copper Cliff 50% |
| 9 | Copper Plate 33% |

| 2400M DISTANCE | |
|----------------|------------------|
| 7 | Cartagena 62% |
| 10 | Euphrates 56% |
| 2 | Culturati 33% |
| 5 | Copper Cliff 25% |
| 9 | Copper Plate 24% |

| BEST TIME 2400M | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Arlington Action 2:27.65 |
| 6 | Romeo's Magic 2:29.24 |
| 9 | Copper Plate 2:29.95 |
| 4 | Chabal 2:30.04 |
| 1 | Arlington Action 2:30.24 |

Race Preview: Hat-trick-seeking Cartagena won a similar course and distance event last time. She renews rivalry with Arlington Action and Chabal and is weighted to confirm her superiority. Euphrates have earning potential too over this distance.

| RACE 9 10:20 PM | | (R\$100,000) | | Vaal Classic -- 1800m | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | 219165 | Storm Ahead | 62 | [1] | M Yeni | 11.3% | F Bronkhorst | 7.2% |
| 2 | 323165 | Redlightgreenlight | 61.5 | [11] | G Lerena | 21.7% | A P Peter | 16.8% |
| 3 | 446556 | Unsolved Riddle | 61.5 | [4] | J Botes (2.5) | 4.8% | G J Maroun | 9.9% |
| 4 | 383221 | Naretoi | 60.5 | [3] | M V'rensburg | 11.9% | J Crawford | 11.7% |
| 5 | 563126 | Force Publique | 60 | [2] | K De Melo | 17.1% | M N Houdalakis | 13.1% |
| 6 | 2413 | Jaffa | 60 | [5] | C Habib | 10.4% | A G Laird | 10.2% |
| 7 | 257240 | Peace Treaty | 58.5 | [6] | C Zackey | 17.0% | S G Tarry | 13.0% |
| 8 | 41974 | Step Into It | 58 | [9] | M Michel (1.5) | 8.4% | M/M De Kock | 16.6% |
| 9 | 077537 | Red Sparrow | 53.5 | [8] | J Gates | 4.8% | B Webber | 11.5% |
| 10 | 480704 | Blurred Vision | 52.5 | [10] | R Munger | 15.2% | S J Gray | 10.5% |
| 11 | 694664 | Circle Of Grace | 52 | [7] | L Nhlapo | 6.2% | C Spies | 7.5% |
| 12 | 706778 | Gold De Grace | 52 | [12] | M K Katjedi | 5.5% | C I Jonker | 3.0% |



| SELECTIONS | |
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| ★6 | Jaffa |
| 5 | Force Publique |
| 8 | Step Into It |
| 2 | Redlightgreenlight |

FAST FORM

| VAAL CLASSIC | |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 4 | Naretoi 83% |
| 5 | Force Publique 83% |
| 8 | Step Into It 27% |
| 2 | Redlightgreenlight 14% |

| 1800M DISTANCE | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 4 | Naretoi 67% |
| 1 | Storm Ahead 48% |
| 2 | Redlightgreenlight 33% |
| 3 | Unsolved Riddle 27% |
| 7 | Peace Treaty 14% |

| BEST TIME 1800M | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 11 | Circle Of Grace 1:47.58 |
| 4 | Naretoi 1:48.97 |
| 7 | Peace Treaty 1:48.97 |
| 10 | Blurred Vision 1:49.98 |
| 3 | Unsolved Riddle 1:51.12 |

Race Preview: Jaffa was heavily supported but too far out of his ground when a fast-finishing 3rd over 1700m last time. On that evidence, this extended trip should unlock the improvement needed to resume winning ways. Lightly raced Force Publique could also have more to offer over this distance. Class-dropper Step Into It is dangerous to discount in his peak outing off a reduced mark.

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