

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1 6:35 PM (R\$130,000) VAAL -- 1200M

1	0	Berry Lancer	60	[9]	B Marx-Jacobson (2.5)	11.0%	S J Gray	9.3%
2		Billion Stars	60	[10]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
3		Cosmic Cap	60	[4]	C Habib	10.3%	R Klaasen	11.7%
4	6	Eden Gardens	60	[2]	J R Syster	10.9%	R R Magner	8.5%
5		Egremont	60	[8]	T Mayhew	4.2%	S G Tarry	13.9%
6	0	Endearing Peace	60	[1]	D De Gouveia	9.3%	R R Magner	8.5%
7	96	Jan Fiskaal	60	[7]	C Maujean	8.0%	F Bronkhorst	7.1%
8	65	Mfulathela	60	[12]	K J Lihaba	7.1%	A Ndzilana	4.8%
9		Micro Jet (AUS)	60	[6]	CARD SCRATCHING	-	R R Sage	11.6%
10	3	Northumberland	60	[5]	S Moodley	13.0%	S G Tarry	13.9%
11		Raptor King	60	[11]	K De Melo	18.3%	J A Soma	11.7%
12		Sands Of Valhalla	60	[3]	K Strydom	15.8%	A P Peter	18.3%

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SELECTIONS		VAAL		1200M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1200M					
10 Northumberland		10 Northumberland 33%		10 Northumberland 33%		10 Northumberland 1:10.40					
11 Raptor King						8 Mfulathela 1:11.36					
12 Sands Of Valhalla						7 Jan Fiskaal 1:11.38					
5 Egremont						1 Berry Lancer 1:13.35					

Race Preview: Northumberland finished comfortably ahead of Jan Fiskaal and Mfulathela when finishing 3rd over track and trip on debut. With that experience under the belt and natural improvement expected, it could pay to follow his progress. Well-bred newcomers **Raptor King** and **Sands Of Valhalla** are worth a market check and could pose a threat, especially if the betting speaks in their favour.

RACE 2 7:10 PM (R\$120,000) VAAL -- 1200M

1	3	Alice B Toklas	60	[7]	M K Katjedi	5.7%	S G Tarry	13.9%
2		Arrogance	60	[2]	CARD SCRATCHING	-	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
3		Celtic Manor	60	[8]	CARD SCRATCHING	-	C/t Dawson	9.6%
4		Pista Resistance	60	[5]	P Mxoli	11.0%	S J Gray	9.3%
5	374	Platinum Shay	60	[3]	B Marx-Jacobson (2.5)	11.0%	P P Labuschagne	3.9%
6		Pleasure Seeking	60	[1]	M Yeni	11.4%	A Ndzilana	4.8%
7		Storm Avalanche	60	[6]	K De Melo	18.3%	S G Tarry	13.9%
8	8	Tax Free	60	[4]	C Habib	10.3%	R Klaasen	11.7%

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SELECTIONS		VAAL		1200M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1200M	
1 Alice B Toklas		1 Alice B Toklas 33%		1 Alice B Toklas 33%		1 Alice B Toklas 1:09.70	
5 Platinum Shay						5 Platinum Shay 1:10.25	
7 Storm Avalanche							
6 Pleasure Seeking							

Race Preview: Alice B Toklas caught the eye when a fast-finishing 3rd on debut over this course and distance. She would have benefitted from that experience and won't need to improve much, if at all to confirm that promise and open her account. **Platinum Shay** has a bit to find on that form but is weighted to pose more of a threat on 2.5kg better terms. The newcomers **Pleasure Seeking** and **Storm Avalanche** are well-bred fillies worth a market check on debut. Follow the betting moves!

RACE 3 7:45 PM (R\$120,000) VAAL -- 1800M

1	733352	Royale Jacket	60	[4]	K J Lihaba	7.1%	W/w Marwing	8.0%
2	562258	Emerald City	60	[1]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	R R Magner	8.5%
3	363224	Pompeii Shield	60	[2]	M Yeni	11.4%	P P Labuschagne	3.9%
4	897535	Twelfth Of Never	56.5	[3]	K De Melo	18.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
5	54564	Greenside Girl	56.5	[5]	M K Katjedi	5.7%	S G Tarry	13.9%
6	236752	Asiah's Tiara	56.5	[6]	T Mayhew	4.2%	C Mayhew	1.5%

1	2	3	4	5	6		
SELECTIONS		VAAL		1800M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1800M	
1 Royale Jacket		6 Asiah's Tiara 44%		6 Asiah's Tiara 50%		2 Emerald City 1:50.44	
3 Pompeii Shield		1 Royale Jacket 33%		1 Royale Jacket 17%		6 Asiah's Tiara 1:51.32	
6 Asiah's Tiara						1 Royale Jacket 1:54.74	
4 Twelfth Of Never						4 Twelfth Of Never 1:57.79	

Race Preview: Pompeii Shield has been costly to follow recently but he is open to improvement over this extended trip so could reward supporters. He had excuses last time when finishing behind **Royale Jacket** but that rival's consistency and experience over the distance could give him the edge. **Asiah's Tiara** was an improved 2nd last time and ought to have a say in the outcome with the headgear worn that day unsurprisingly retained. **Twelfth Of Never** have more scope than most so can't be underestimated either.

RACE 4 8:20 PM (R\$105,000) VAAL -- 1800M

1	605882	Chariklo	60	[6]	T Mayhew	4.2%	D N Stenger	11.5%
2	63443	Gimmesumluv	60	[5]	K De Melo	18.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
3	505443	Storm Ballet	60	[3]	M Yeni	11.4%	W C Marwing	10.1%
4	633832	Cool Reggae	60	[1]	P Mxoli	11.0%	C I Jonker	2.4%
5	222323	Vixeninthevineyard	60	[2]	S Moodley	13.0%	A Ndzilana	4.8%
6	969	Cranberry Point	60	[7]	CARD SCRATCHING	-	H Van Der Westh	10.4%
7	64	Be My Fate	60	[4]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	D N Stenger	11.5%

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
SELECTIONS		VAAL		1800M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1800M	
5 Vixeninthevineyard		2 Gimmesumluv 33%		5 Vixeninthevineyard 44%		4 Cool Reggae 1:52.15	
4 Cool Reggae		5 Vixeninthevineyard 33%		4 Cool Reggae 17%		5 Vixeninthevineyard 1:54.72	
7 Be My Fate		4 Cool Reggae 22%					
1 Chariklo							

Race Preview: Vixeninthevineyard and Cool Reggae are closely matched on the form of their recent meetings. Both have the credentials to fight out the finish, though could be vulnerable to less-exposed younger rivals. **Chariklo** and stablemate **Be My Fate** should make their presence felt too, as the step up to this trip will likely unlock further improvement.

RACE 5 8:55 PM (R\$125,000) VAAL -- 2400M

1	503226	Battleground	63	[6]	B Marx-Jacobson (2.5)	11.0%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
2	141732	One More Star	60	[7]	K De Melo	18.3%	A G Laird	10.6%
3	131861	Damova	59.5	[2]	M Michel (1.5)	8.9%	J A Soma	11.7%
4	010065	Diesel's Shadow	57	[5]	S Moodley	13.0%	E Verdonese	10.5%
5	850371	Futurewoff	54.5	[1]	M Yeni	11.4%	H E Adamson	17.3%
6	735590	Romeo's Magic	53.5	[4]	J Penny	8.9%	B Warren	2.9%
7	133305	Euphrates	52	[3]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	A P Peter	18.3%

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
SELECTIONS		VAAL		2400M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 2400M	
3 Damova		2 One More Star 67%		5 Futurewoff 100%		6 Romeo's Magic 2:29.24	
2 One More Star		3 Damova 44%		2 One More Star 67%		1 Battleground 2:29.60	
5 Futurewoff		1 Battleground 33%		3 Damova 56%		3 Damova 2:30.78	
1 Battleground		4 Diesel's Shadow 28%		7 Euphrates 33%		7 Euphrates 2:31.15	
		5 Futurewoff 27%		1 Battleground 30%		5 Futurewoff 2:34.93	

Race Preview: Damova, even as a 7yo mare, looked better than ever when winning over this trip last time. She won a little easier than the margin of victory suggests so a 5-point penalty may not be enough to prevent her from following up off a career-high mark. Runner-up **One More Star** is 1kg better off so should pose a threat again. Last-start winner **Futurewoff** and class-dropper **Battleground** will fight out the minors.

RACE 6 9:30 PM (R\$130,000) VAAL -- 1400M

1	372814	King Harald	60	[1]	M Yeni	11.4%	R R Magner	8.5%
2	231531	Golden Operator	60	[3]	K De Melo	18.3%	S G Tarry	13.9%
3	220776	Wild Intent	59.5	[4]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
4	113400	Echo Check	59.5	[2]	B Marx-Jacobson (2.5)	11.0%	F P Habib	11.7%
5	890747	Storm Brasco	59.5	[6]	C Habib	10.3%	S G Tarry	13.9%
6	678457	Cocomelon	53	[5]	S Moodley	13.0%	S G Tarry	13.9%

1	2	3	4	5	6		
SELECTIONS		VAAL		1400M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1400M	
1 King Harald		3 Wild Intent 67%		4 Echo Check 100%		4 Echo Check 1:21.60	
2 Golden Operator		4 Echo Check 33%		5 Storm Brasco 100%		3 Wild Intent 1:23.23	
3 Wild Intent		1 King Harald 17%		1 King Harald 67%		5 Storm Brasco 1:25.83	
4 Echo Check				2 Golden Operator 33%		1 King Harald 1:26.36	
						6 Cocomelon 1:26.40	

Race Preview: Golden Operator impressed when winning in first-time blinkers over a similar trip recently and he remains open to further improvement with the headgear retained. However, a 6-point penalty for that last-start victory tilts the scales in favour of **King Harald**, who beat the former in an earlier meeting over 1600m and is weighted to confirm that superiority on 0.5kg better terms. **Wild Intent** is slung in under the conditions but unlikely to be fully tuned after a 136-day absence. **Echo Check** is lightly raced and could improve to get his career back on

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RACE 7 10:05 PM (R\$135,000) VAAL -- 1200M

1	610799	World Of Alice	62.5	[4]	S Moodley	13.0%	SG Tarry	13.9%
2	341103	Rachel Wall	61	[2]	K Strydom	15.8%	A P Peter	18.3%
3	150719	Calantha	58	[7]	J R Syster	10.9%	M/m De Kock	17.1%
4	114007	Komati River	57	[3]	B Marx-Jacobson (2.5)	11.0%	A P Peter	18.3%
5	551225	Green Flash	56	[1]	M Yeni	11.4%	B Warren	2.9%
6	454454	Roaming Spirit	54	[6]	T Mayhew	4.2%	M/m De Kock	17.1%
7	420646	Blizzard Snow	53.5	[5]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	A P Peter	18.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
★ 2 Rachel Wall	2 Rachel Wall 100%	2 Rachel Wall 75%	3 Calantha 1:08.64
3 Calantha	4 Komati River 53%	3 Calantha 75%	4 Komati River 1:08.71
6 Roaming Spirit	3 Calantha 44%	7 Blizzard Snow 46%	7 Blizzard Snow 1:08.85
7 Blizzard Snow	7 Blizzard Snow 33%	4 Komati River 38%	5 Green Flash 1:10.77
	5 Green Flash 25%	5 Green Flash 13%	6 Roaming Spirit 1:11.48

Race Preview: Rachel Wall was an eye-catching 3rd on her reappearance in a Grade 3 over 1160m last time and a repeat of that performance off an unchanged mark, with improved fitness on her side, should suffice at this level. Calantha is held on that form but better off on the revised weight terms and could also improve with blinkers fitted for the first time. Blizzard Snow and Roaming Spirit have the means to make their presence felt too.

RACE 8 10:40 PM (R\$105,000) VAAL -- 1200M

1	134244	Caroline Island	60	[5]	K Strydom	15.8%	A P Peter	18.3%
2	546233	Miss Novax	59	[4]	M Yeni	11.4%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
3	531	Wise Counsel	59	[12]	C Habib	10.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
4	617	Royal Kailani	58.5	[6]	Wes Marwing	3.0%	W C Marwing	10.1%
5	796637	Valieva	58	[11]	C Maujean	8.0%	F Bronkhorst	7.1%
6	322199	Inspiration	56.5	[8]	S Moodley	13.0%	SG Tarry	13.9%
7	4102	Lovable	56.5	[10]	K De Melo	18.3%	SG Tarry	13.9%
8	216530	Quiet Winter	56.5	[1]	M Vrensburg	11.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.5%
9	228357	Sigrid Swing	54	[2]	J Penny	8.9%	H Van Der Westh	10.4%
10	088451	Ada Lovelace	53	[3]	P Mxoli	11.0%	B Webber	9.9%
11	008180	Bell Of Angelus	52.5	[7]	J R Syster	10.9%	B Webber	9.9%
12	667728	Kylie's Angel	52	[9]	J Botes (2.5)	4.4%	C J Lensley	11.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
2 Miss Novax	10 Ada Lovelace 100%	2 Miss Novax 56%	9 Sigrid Swing 1:09.08
1 Caroline Island	7 Lovable 67%	4 Royal Kailani 50%	5 Valieva 1:09.09
7 Lovable	6 Inspiration 33%	10 Ada Lovelace 50%	2 Miss Novax 1:09.19
3 Wise Counsel	5 Valieva 30%	11 Bell Of Angelus 50%	8 Quiet Winter 1:09.19
	8 Quiet Winter 22%	8 Quiet Winter 33%	11 Bell Of Angelus 1:09.60

Race Preview: Caroline Island concedes weight to all but will likely play a leading role back in same-sex company off a reduced mark. Miss Novax has good 1200m record so will relish dropping back to this trip. She should fight out the finish eased in grade off a slightly lower rating. Lovable and Wise Counsel have more scope than most and could get into the picture with any improvement.