

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:00 PM	(R\$105,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1200M
1	7579 Miss Fire Arrow	60	[1] M K Katjedi 5.0% A/I Lotz 0.0%
2	46 Miss Honey Bee	60	[2] C Habib 11.3% A/I Lotz 0.0%
3	Navigatrix	60	[3] P Mxoli 9.9% P F Matchett 6.6%
4	Pretty Girl	60	[4] C Zackey 16.9% S G Tarry 14.3%
5	62 Rafeef's Queen	60	[6] G Lerena 17.9% S T Pettigrew 15.5%
6	49 Royal Rant	60	[7] K Strydom 10.0% R R Magner 8.9%
7	388 San Francisco	60	[8] J R Syster 11.2% S M Naidoo 9.1%
8	Volare Veloce	60	[5] J Penny 7.5% C J Lensley 11.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
5 Rafeef's Queen			2 Miss Honey Bee 1:12.20
4 Pretty Girl			7 San Francisco 1:12.22
3 Navigatrix			1 Miss Fire Arrow 1:13.65
2 Miss Honey Bee			

Race Preview: Rafeef's Queen outran market expectations last time when improving with the benefit of an introductory outing to finish second over 1000m. She is open to further progress and could have more to offer over this extended trip. Miss Honey Bee has shown enough in two Eastern Cape appearances to warrant respect on her Highveld debut, though a bigger threat to the selection will likely come from well-bred newcomers Navigatrix and Pretty Girl watch the betting for clues.

RACE 2	6:35 PM	(R\$125,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1200M
1	274720 Captain Cooper	60	[4] G Lerena 17.9% P P Labuschagne 4.6%
2	Chic Shack	60	[9] K Strydom 10.0% P/j Vermeulen 6.5%
3	780 Flotilla	60	[2] J R Syster 11.2% S J Gray 9.2%
4	Hawkeye	60	[8] J Penny 7.5% C J Lensley 11.1%
5	Mocha Magic	60	[6] C Zackey 16.9% P F Matchett 6.6%
6	06 North Star Fury	60	[3] M K Katjedi 5.0% C I Jonker 2.4%
7	Reachingforthemoon	60	[1] K Matsunyane 7.5% R Klaasen 11.0%
8	Red Viking	60	[5] P Mxoli 9.9% P F Matchett 6.6%
9	43 Tenareef	60	[7] K De Melo 20.6% J J Van Vuuren 14.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
9 Tenareef		1 Captain Cooper 33%	1 Captain Cooper 1:10.33
5 Mocha Magic		9 Tenareef 33%	9 Tenareef 1:12.34
8 Red Viking			6 North Star Fury 1:15.89
1 Captain Cooper			

Race Preview: Tenareef has shown promise in both outings and sets the standard on the strength of his form. With that experiences and will stand him in good stead. Newcomers Mocha Magic and Red Viking are well-related colts worth keeping an eye on, betting support would be noteworthy. Captain Cooper should be more effective reverting to this shorter trip so could have a role to play.

RACE 3	7:10 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1200M
1	047545 Beautiful One	60	[1] C Maujean 9.1% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
2	087868 Leanne's Love	60	[8] J R Syster 11.2% H Van Der Westh 9.4%
3	643448 Berry Lancer	59.5	[6] P Mxoli 9.9% S J Gray 9.2%
4	Dreadnought	59.5	[3] C Habib 11.3% C Binda 13.2%
5	0 Dreaming Of Youth	59.5	[5] K A Brewer 7.9% B Webber 8.3%
6	Pittar	59.5	[7] K Strydom 10.0% C/t Dawson 12.9%
7	76233 Two Tigers	59.5	[4] K Matsunyane 7.5% R Klaasen 11.0%
8	Walkinginthetwoods	59.5	[2] K De Melo 20.6% M N Houdalakis 12.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
7 Two Tigers		7 Two Tigers 33%	1 Beautiful One 1:11.12
3 Berry Lancer		3 Berry Lancer 11%	5 Dreaming Of Youth 1:11.44
8 Walkinginthetwoods		1 Beautiful One 8%	7 Two Tigers 1:11.83
4 Dreadnought			3 Berry Lancer 1:12.70
			2 Leanne's Love 1:13.65

Race Preview: Two Tigers has maintained his form and consistency against older opposition recently up to 1450m. He won't need to improve much, over this shorter trip to open his account. Berry Lancer is closely matched with that rival on the form of their 1200m meeting on 7 May so should be competitive. Newcomers Dreadnought and Walkinginthetwoods are bred to be useful so warrant respect, especially if the market speaks in their favour. Follow the betting moves.

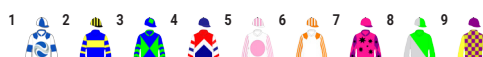
RACE 4	7:45 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1600M
1	769809 Sivaji	60	[9] M K Katjedi 5.0% C I Jonker 2.4%
2	323542 Vixeninthevineyard	57	[2] C Habib 11.3% A Ndzilana 4.0%
3	054 Angle Of Attack	56	[8] J R Syster 11.2% A Ndzilana 4.0%
4	73 Crimson Ranger	56	[7] G Lerena 17.9% R R Magner 8.9%
5	43 Duke Of Lorraine	56	[1] K De Melo 20.6% M/m De Kock 16.8%
6	773 Echo Of The Wild	56	[6] C Murray 12.6% C Spies 9.8%
7	745867 Gus On The Bus	56	[4] P Mxoli 9.9% P F Matchett 6.6%
8	659441 Silver Comet	56	[3] K Matsunyane 7.5% A P Peter 16.8%
9	852 Uncle Bob	56	[5] C Zackey 16.9% F Bronkhorst 6.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
5 Duke Of Lorraine		2 Vixeninthevineyard 42%	9 Gus On The Bus 1:37.21
2 Vixeninthevineyard		4 Crimson Ranger 33%	2 Vixeninthevineyard 1:38.87
9 Uncle Bob		5 Duke Of Lorraine 33%	5 Duke Of Lorraine 1:40.65
4 Crimson Ranger		2 Vixeninthevineyard 13%	9 Uncle Bob 1:41.14
			3 Angle Of Attack 1:41.27

Race Preview: Duke Of Lorraine confirmed the promise of his 1400m debut by finishing a close-up third last time in a similar contest and a similar performance should suffice against this opposition. Crimson Ranger improved to finish third in a 2yo maiden over this trip and should be competitive with further progress on the cards. Vixeninthevineyard has been costly to follow but has form and experience to trouble the 2yo principals. Uncle Bob has shown enough to earn a cheque.

RACE 5	8:20 PM	(R\$110,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 2000M
1	089911 Frangipani	60	[2] C Habib 11.3% R Klaasen 11.0%
2	361644 Juliet Tango	59.5	[9] K A Brewer 7.9% M Pandaram 11.6%
3	871589 Mount Etna	58.5	[5] C Maujean 9.1% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
4	184927 Surprise Party	58	[1] P Mxoli 9.9% P F Matchett 6.6%
5	514743 Azaleas For All	58	[6] G Lerena 17.9% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
6	356607 Lady Blunt	57.5	[7] J R Syster 11.2% B Webber 8.3%
7	641546 Boom Boom	56.5	[8] C Zackey 16.9% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
8	973653 Lady Sabrina	56	[4] M V'rensburg 8.0% W/w Marwing 6.4%
9	662962 Art Nouveau	55.5	[3] K Matsunyane 7.5% A P Peter 16.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
1 Frangipani		2 Juliet Tango 50%	1 Frangipani 2:01.67
5 Azaleas For All		3 Azaleas For All 36%	6 Lady Blunt 2:01.78
4 Surprise Party		6 Lady Blunt 33%	9 Art Nouveau 2:02.59
9 Art Nouveau		8 Lady Sabrina 26%	6 Lady Blunt 50%
		7 Boom Boom 21%	3 Mount Etna 2:03.08

Race Preview: Frangipani won her only 2000m appearance then followed up last time at this level off a career-high mark. She has another 5-point penalty to carry but is in rude health and could improve sufficiently to complete the hat-trick. Azaleas For All is weighted to pose more of a threat, while class-dropper Surprise Party should also make her presence felt back in same-sex company. Bottom-weight Art Nouveau has the mean to play a role in the outcome.

RACE 6	8:55 PM	(R\$100,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 2000M
1	757068 Cocomelon	60	[10] K Matsunyane 7.5% S G Tarry 14.3%
2	540544 Play With Fire	60	[6] G Lerena 17.9% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
3	421395 Utsaah	59.5	[2] K De Melo 20.6% S G Tarry 14.3%
4	882172 Chariklo	59	[1] T Mayhew 4.9% D N Stenger 11.5%
5	198097 Wise Counsel	59	[8] C Zackey 16.9% M N Houdalakis 12.3%
6	224010 Bold Action	57	[7] C Habib 11.3% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
7	64213 Be My Fate	57	[9] M V'rensburg 8.0% D N Stenger 11.5%
8	905577 Ariel's Jet	54	[3] J R Syster 11.2% E Verdonese 7.1%
9	470045 Kylie's Angel	52	[5] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% C J Lensley 11.1%
10	970445 Hopscotch	52	[4] J Penny 7.5% F Bronkhorst 6.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
7 Be My Fate		2 Play With Fire 28%	2 Play With Fire 2:02.86
4 Chariklo		6 Bold Action 22%	8 Ariel's Jet 2:04.02
5 Wise Counsel		2 Play With Fire 18%	10 Hopscotch 2:06.34
2 Play With Fire		1 Cocomelon 14%	1 Cocomelon 2:08.01
		9 Kylie's Angel 10%	6 Bold Action 2:08.66
		8 Ariel's Jet 5%	

Race Preview: Play With Fire and Wise Counsel are closely matched on the form of a recent 1800m meeting and there shouldn't be much separating them on these terms. The latter is open to any amount of improvement stretching out to this trip for the first time, though the same applies to Chariklo and Be My Fate. The lightly raced latter is better off at the weights with her stable companion so could represent the value in the race.

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RACE 7	9:30 PM	(R\$90,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 2000M
1	243529	Itsnowornever	60.5 [7] C Zackey 16.9% C I Jonker 2.4%
2	698739	Red Sparrow	59 [4] J R Syster 11.2% B Webber 8.3%
3	698345	Stop The Traffic	58 [8] P Mxoli 9.9% C J Lensley 11.1%
4	593251	Cover Charge	57.5 [6] K Matsunyane 7.5% C Spies 9.8%
5	371278	Circle Of Grace	56 [9] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% C Spies 9.8%
6	475066	Full Go	54.5 [10] C Ngcobo 2.3% B B Ruiters 2.6%
7	882730	Thambi	54.5 [1] K A Brewer 7.9% M Pandaram 11.6%
8	060097	Ghostbuster	54 [3] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% E Verdonese 7.1%
9	697049	Last Ginger	54 [2] M V'rensburg 8.0% W/w Marwing 6.4%
10	960390	Gold De Grace	52.5 [5] M K Katjedi 5.0% C I Jonker 2.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
1 Itsnowornever	1 Itsnowornever 33%	1 Itsnowornever 22%	1 Itsnowornever 2:01.81
4 Cover Charge	4 Cover Charge 33%	2 Red Sparrow 17%	7 Thambi 2:02.57
3 Stop The Traffic	8 Ghostbuster 25%	7 Thambi 17%	5 Circle Of Grace 2:02.61
6 Full Go	6 Full Go 24%	6 Full Go 13%	6 Full Go 2:02.73
	9 Last Ginger 14%	3 Stop The Traffic 11%	10 Gold De Grace 2:02.79

Race Preview: Cover Charge opened his account last time when stepped up to 1800m with this headgear fitted. He remains open to improvement stretching out to this extended trip so should be competitive on handicap debut. Top-weight Itsnowornever has references at a slightly higher level and his last start is best ignored. On the strength and consistency of his earlier form, he should fight out the finish. Stop The Traffic and Full Go are hard-knockers with earning potential.

RACE 8	10:05 PM	(R\$100,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1000M
1	654233	Twentytwentyvision	62.5 [5] C Murray 12.6% J Crawford 12.6%
2	342132	Hammer Blow	60 [1] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% R R Magner 8.9%
3	460424	Arlena	59.5 [6] K A Brewer 7.9% M Pandaram 11.6%
4	034008	Raining Rubies	59.5 [7] J R Syster 11.2% H Van Der Westh 9.4%
5	935322	Taking A Risk	57.5 [8] G Larena 17.9% M G Azzie 9.2%
6	231579	Champagne Problems	57 [4] C Habib 11.3% R Klaasen 11.0%
7	662226	Time Will Tell	56 [3] K Strydom 10.0% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
8	846480	Sergeant Soqrat	54.5 [2] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% C Spies 9.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
1 Twentytwentyvision	2 Hammer Blow 60%	2 Hammer Blow 52%	8 Sergeant Soqrat 0:56.43
2 Hammer Blow	5 Taking A Risk 56%	5 Taking A Risk 48%	3 Arlena 0:56.55
5 Taking A Risk	7 Time Will Tell 33%	7 Time Will Tell 38%	4 Raining Rubies 0:56.56
7 Time Will Tell	3 Arlena 33%	1 Twentytwentyvision 30%	5 Taking A Risk 0:56.58
	8 Sergeant Soqrat 13%	3 Arlena 24%	1 Twentytwentyvision 0:56.65

Race Preview: Twentytwentyvision boasts solid form at a higher level off his current mark so should be competitive, even under top weight. Distance-suited Hammer Blow was second over track and trip in a stronger race last time and should feature prominently with a similar performance, as the 3-point rise for that effort is negated by his rider's 1.5kg claim. Taking A Risk has good course-and-distance form to her name, including back-to-back seconds off this rating. She warrants respect returning from a 65-day break. Time Will Tell has earning potential too.

RACE 9	10:40 PM	(R\$100,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1450M
1	948684	Jabari Thimba	59.5 [13] C Murray 12.6% J J Van Vuuren 14.2%
2	744753	Satyagraha	59.5 [3] K De Melo 20.6% S G Tarry 14.3%
3	451641	Snow Moon	59.5 [12] K A Brewer 7.9% M Pandaram 11.6%
4	413582	Shoreybomba	59 [16] K Matsunyane 7.5% J Crawford 12.6%
5	266283	Lady Elliot	59 [2] G Larena 17.9% A G Laird 11.5%
6	107103	Pretty Analia	58 [9] C Maujean 9.1% B Webber 8.3%
7	645369	Elusive Red	57.5 [11] C Zackey 16.9% R R Magner 8.9%
8	743947	Eiffel Tower	57.5 [8] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% S J Gray 9.2%
9	004005	Prized Platinum	57 [5] C Habib 11.3% C Binda 13.2%
10	037488	Shori Kai	56 [17] K Strydom 10.0% A/I Lotz 0.0%
11	436933	Dear Doc	55.5 [14] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% A Ndzilana 4.0%
12	066401	Baby Red	55 [15] J Penny 7.5% H Van Der Westh 9.4%
13	877812	Can't Catch Me	52.5 [7] J R Syster 11.2% B Webber 8.3%
14	700907	On A Jet Plane	52 [4] P Mxoli 9.9% S J Gray 9.2%
15	787921	Pearl In Her Crown	60.5 [6] Reserve 1 -% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
16	442910	Space Mission	61 [10] Reserve 2 -% S G Tarry 14.3%
17	996706	Golden Warrior	61.5 [1] Reserve 3 -% A Ndzilana 4.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
2 Satyagraha	11 Dear Doc 50%	11 Dear Doc 100%	1 Jabari Thimba 1:24.65
5 Lady Elliot	12 Baby Red 33%	14 On A Jet Plane 50%	5 Lady Elliot 1:25.96
6 Pretty Analia	16 Space Mission 33%	5 Lady Elliot 44%	6 Pretty Analia 1:26.58
7 Elusive Red	17 Golden Warrior 33%	4 Shoreybomba 33%	13 Can't Catch Me 1:26.70
	4 Shoreybomba 27%	6 Pretty Analia 33%	4 Shoreybomba 1:26.78

Race Preview: Class-dropper Satyagraha whose career-low mark and favourable inside gate make him an attractive betting proposition. Lady Elliot is consistent at this level and ideally drawn to play a leading role. Elusive Red is competitive in this grade off current ratings but awkwardly drawn, so will need some luck from the barrier. Veteran mare Pretty Analia also has the mean to get involved.