

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:40 PM	(R\$125,000)	VAAL -- 2800M
1	168126	Bellerophon	61 [6] K Matsunyane 8.1% F P Habib 11.8%
2	367311	Corrupt	60 [2] K De Melo 20.4% M/m De Kock 16.8%
3	624037	Battleground	59.5 [4] C Maujean 9.3% M N Houdalakis 12.7%
4	695540	Taxhaven	59.5 [3] C Habib 11.1% P F Matchett 6.4%
5	621172	Green Machine	53.5 [1] M Yeni 12.0% M/m De Kock 16.8%
6	432125	Samuel Sharpe	52 [5] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 11.9% F P Habib 11.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	2800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2800M
2 Corrupt	1 Bellerophon 60%		
5 Green Machine	3 Battleground 42%		
1 Bellerophon	5 Green Machine 33%		
6 Samuel Sharpe	6 Samuel Sharpe 33%		
	2 Corrupt 33%		

Race Preview: Corrupt followed up his 2400m victory at this level with a dominant last-start success under a penalty over 2600m and, such was the manner of that career-best performance, a 6-point rating rise is unlikely to prevent him from completing the hat-trick. Lightly raced 4yo geldings **Green Machine** and **Samuel Sharpe** are maturing stayers with scope to improve over this extended trip. Both are weighted to pose more of a threat to the selection. Consistent **Bellerophon** also has the mean to make the presence felt.

RACE 2	7:15 PM	(R\$90,000)	VAAL -- 1000M
1	315797	Champagne Problems	61 [7] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 11.9% R Klaasen 10.3%
2	06341	Caladrius	60.5 [1] K Matsunyane 8.1% A P Peter 17.6%
3	242400	Phala Millions	60 [4] C Maujean 9.3% B Webber 8.0%
4	464804	Sergeant Soqrat	59 [5] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% X/c Spies --%
5	871455	Jet Cat	56.5 [3] J R Syster 11.1% H Van Der Westh 9.5%
6	700040	Bell Of Angelus	54 [6] T Mayhew 5.1% B Webber 8.0%
7	632408	Oriental Bouquet	54 [2] J Penny 6.7% G J Maroun 6.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
2 Caladrius	2 Caladrius 50%	2 Caladrius 33%	4 Sergeant Soqrat 0:56.43
5 Jet Cat	7 Oriental Bouquet 29%	5 Jet Cat 25%	5 Jet Cat 0:56.64
1 Champagne Problems	3 Phala Millions 25%	7 Oriental Bouquet 18%	1 Champagne Problems 0:56.68
7 Oriental Bouquet	5 Jet Cat 21%	1 Champagne Problems 15%	7 Oriental Bouquet 0:57.37
		4 Sergeant Soqrat 13%	6 Bell Of Angelus 0:57.67

Race Preview: Caladrius benefitted from the fitting of blinkers to open her account in a Work Riders race last time. With the headgear retained and improvement expected, she looks ideally placed to make a winning handicap debut. Class-dropper **Champagne Problems** and consistent 11-year-old veteran **Jet Cat** have the form and experience to trouble the selection. Hard-knocker **Oriental Bouquet** will enjoy reverting to this trip and should have a role to play.

RACE 3	7:50 PM	(R\$100,000)	VAAL -- 1000M
1	321658	Wings Of Kildra	60 [4] M V'rensburg 7.8% D N Stenger 11.7%
2	31356	Love Not War	59.5 [6] P Mxoli 9.8% S T Pettigrew 15.9%
3	242007	Ada Lovelace	59 [2] J R Syster 11.1% B Webber 8.0%
4	149707	Executrix	58 [3] M K Katjedi 5.3% S G Tarry 14.4%
5	444413	Iconic Winter	58 [5] K Matsunyane 8.1% A P Peter 17.6%
6	961569	Magic Carpet Ride	56.5 [1] K De Melo 20.4% S G Tarry 14.4%
7	306050	Royal Horizon	56 [7] J Penny 6.7% H Van Der Westh 9.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
2 Love Not War	3 Ada Lovelace 78%	2 Love Not War 67%	7 Royal Horizon 0:57.18
5 Iconic Winter	1 Wings Of Kildra 33%	5 Iconic Winter 50%	6 Magic Carpet Ride 0:57.28
1 Wings Of Kildra	6 Magic Carpet Ride 33%	1 Wings Of Kildra 42%	4 Executrix 0:57.40
4 Executrix	7 Royal Horizon 17%	4 Executrix 25%	1 Wings Of Kildra 0:57.45
	4 Executrix 11%	6 Magic Carpet Ride 25%	5 Iconic Winter 0:57.65

Race Preview: Love Not War showed promise over sprint distances as a 2-year-old so this shorter trip should be more to her liking. Consistent **Iconic Winter** is respected on her Highveld return for a new stable after a productive stint in the Eastern Cape. **Wings Of Kildra** and **Executrix** are out of sorts but capable of having a say in this lineup off reduced ratings.

RACE 4	8:25 PM	(R\$110,000)	VAAL -- 1000M
1	541645	Versace Onthetrack	60 [2] P Mxoli 9.8% P F Matchett 6.4%
2	234236	Winter Rainfall	58.5 [5] K Matsunyane 8.1% A P Peter 17.6%
3	674104	She's All Mine	57 [3] C Habib 11.1% B Webber 8.0%
4	316423	Tempranillo	56.5 [7] K De Melo 20.4% J J Van Vuuren 13.7%
5	343149	Slender Silhouette	53.5 [6] M K Katjedi 5.3% S G Tarry 14.4%
6	854395	Jazz Pianist	52.5 [4] M Yeni 12.0% R R Sage 7.5%
7	037654	Valieva	52 [1] G Sarno-Burthia (2.5) 10.3% F Bronkhorst 6.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
4 Tempranillo	3 She's All Mine 60%	4 Tempranillo 44%	5 Slender Silhouette 0:56.53
5 Slender Silhouette	7 Valieva 28%	2 Winter Rainfall 42%	1 Versace Onthetrack 0:57.05
1 Versace Onthetrack		1 Versace Onthetrack 38%	7 Valieva 0:57.12
6 Jazz Pianist		7 Valieva 30%	4 Tempranillo 0:57.15
		5 Slender Silhouette 22%	3 She's All Mine 0:57.16

Race Preview: Well-related **Tempranillo** was heavily backed to win a stronger race last time. She acquitted herself well in defeat and a repeat of that performance in her peak outing off an unchanged mark could suffice at this level. Top-weight **Versace Onthetrack** also boast solid form credentials against stronger opposition so should be competitive. Lightly raced **Slender Silhouette** returns from another break but has shown enough to make her presence felt and remains open to improvement. **Jazz Pianist** has earning potential too.

RACE 5	9:00 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL -- 1200M
1	756543	Wish You Were Here	60 [1] M V'rensburg 7.8% W/w Marwing 6.0%
2	455605	Willow Charm	60 [4] P Mxoli 9.8% S J Gray 8.8%
3	8877	Forever Canford	60 [6] J Gates 4.2% S J Gray 8.8%
4	47680	Lannyboy	60 [5] M K Katjedi 5.3% G J Maroun 6.4%
5	955976	Ain't No Sunshine	60 [2] K De Melo 20.4% J Crawford 12.7%
6	759004	God's Country	60 [8] J R Syster 11.1% B Webber 8.0%
7	400	Spirit Of The Sea	60 [7] K Strydom 9.6% W/w Marwing 6.0%
8	5	Cool Gambler	60 [9] C Murray 12.4% M/m De Kock 16.8%
9	885	Smoking Gun	58 [10] M Yeni 12.0% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
10	6	A Roman Twist	58 [11] K Matsunyane 8.1% A P Peter 17.6%
11	073350	Levittator	57.5 [3] K A Brewer 7.8% M Pandaram 11.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
1 Wish You Were Here	1 Wish You Were Here 17%	11 Levittator 18%	11 Levittator 1:10.97
10 A Roman Twist			2 Willow Charm 1:11.33
8 Cool Gambler			3 Forever Canford 1:11.97
9 Smoking Gun			6 God's Country 1:12.46
			1 Wish You Were Here 1:15.76

Race Preview: Wish You Were Here has progressed recently without headgear and won't need to find a great deal of improvement in first-time cheekpieces to fight out the finish. **A Roman Twist** and **Cool Gambler** would've benefitted from educational introductory outings and should also improve to have a say in the outcome. The latter was a costly acquisition and could be anything on his reappearance following a lengthy layoff during which he was gelded. **Smoking Gun** appeal most of the remainder.

RACE 6	9:35 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL -- 2000M
1	652223	Epidaurus	60 [1] M V'rensburg 7.8% W/w Marwing 6.0%
2	85355	Evening News	60 [7] M Yeni 12.0% S G Tarry 14.4%
3	868007	Forever Red	60 [3] J R Syster 11.1% B Webber 8.0%
4	535204	Twelfth Of Never	56.5 [2] K De Melo 20.4% M N Houdalakis 12.7%
5	423333	Korcula	56.5 [6] K Strydom 9.6% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
6	443406	Lanteri	56.5 [5] K A Brewer 7.8% M Pandaram 11.6%
7	344562	Comic Artist	56.5 [4] K Matsunyane 8.1% F P Habib 11.8%
8	458674	Gus On The Bus	56 [8] P Mxoli 9.8% P F Matchett 6.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	2000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2000M
5 Korcula	7 Comic Artist 33%	1 Epidaurus 50%	6 Lanteri 2:04.38
1 Epidaurus	4 Twelfth Of Never 22%	7 Comic Artist 33%	7 Comic Artist 2:04.83
7 Comic Artist	1 Epidaurus 20%	2 Evening News 17%	1 Epidaurus 2:07.84
2 Evening News	6 Lanteri 17%		2 Evening News 2:09.43

Race Preview: Korcula has remained consistent in her 3 comeback appearances and could be rewarded if making any improvement over this extended trip. **Epidaurus** fits a similar profile and wouldn't be winning out of turn either. **Comic Artist** finished ahead of that rival over this trip last time so should have a role to play. **Evening News** had excuses last time and could get into the picture if bouncing back to earlier form.

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RACE 7	10:10 PM	(R\$100,000)	VAAL -- 2400M
1	651616	Thoonsil	62.5 [4] G Samo-Burthia (2.5) 10.3% M Pandaram 11.6%
2	944614	Repetition	61.5 [11] T Mayhew 5.1% C Mayhew 3.3%
3	455540	Arlington Action	60 [7] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% T Zackey 8.7%
4	911036	Cartagena	59 [8] C Habib 11.1% H E Adamson 15.4%
5	827437	Chabal	58 [5] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 11.9% F P Habib 11.8%
6	305538	Euphrates	58 [1] K Matsunyane 8.1% A P Peter 17.6%
7	228265	Rosy Lemon	56 [3] M Yeni 12.0% F Bronkhorst 6.7%
8	435291	Itsnowornever	56 [13] C Murray 12.4% C I Jonker 2.4%
9	725361	Heroic Act	56 [6] M K Katjedi 5.3% T Zackey 8.7%
10	735071	Nuclear Force	54 [10] M Vrensburg 7.8% E Verdonese 7.0%
11	603905	Gold De Grace	52 [12] P Mxoli 9.8% C I Jonker 2.4%
12	605892	Party Punch	50 [9] J R Syster 11.1% P P Labuschagne 3.7%
13	704456	Hopscotch	50 [2] J Pennv 6.7% F Bronkhorst 6.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	2400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2400M
2 Repetition	1 Thoonsil 56%	2 Repetition 100%	3 Arlington Action 2:27.65
1 Thoonsil	2 Repetition 44%	4 Cartagena 48%	10 Nuclear Force 2:29.95
5 Chabal	4 Cartagena 29%	8 Itsnowornever 33%	4 Cartagena 2:30.04
3 Arlington Action	9 Heroic Act 29%	6 Euphrates 29%	5 Chabal 2:30.53
	3 Arlington Action 24%	3 Arlington Action 21%	7 Rosy Lemon 2:30.54

Race Preview: Repetition is unbeaten over this distance and was not disgraced in a stronger race over further last time. He has a wide draw to contend with but should play another leading role. Thoonsil is open to improvement stretching out to this trip and his pedigree suggests he will appreciate this sterner test of stamina. Arlington Action and Chabal are capable of getting involved if bouncing back from disappointing recent efforts.

RACE 8		10:45 PM	(R\$115,000)			VAAL -- 1700M		
1	404647	Truro Legacy	60	[9]	K A Brewer	7.8%	M Pandaram	11.6%
2	545688	Cuzzie	60	[3]	J Botes (2.5)	3.7%	B Webber	8.0%
3	0443	One State	57	[8]	M Yeni	12.0%	A P Peter	17.6%
4	674	Campo Formio	57	[7]	T Mayhew	5.1%	X/c Spies	~%
5	66743	Wartrax Blaze	57	[5]	M Vrensburg	7.8%	W/w Marwing	6.0%
6	9585	Mega Awesome	57	[4]	C Murray	12.4%	M/m De Kock	16.8%
7	367	Sword Of Light	57	[2]	M K Katjedi	5.3%	M N Houdalakis	12.7%
8	548683	Elisa Mbali	57	[6]	C Habib	11.1%	H E Adamson	15.4%
9		Noble Chieftdom	57	[10]	P Mxoli	9.8%	S J Gray	8.8%
10	26	Freestyle Dance	54	[1]	B Marx-Jacobson (1.5)	11.9%	ST Pettigrew	15.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1700M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1700M
3 One State	10 Freestyle Dance 67%	2 Cuzzie 11%	2 Cuzzie 1:43.40
4 Campo Formio	2 Cuzzie 14%		
7 Sword Of Light			
5 Wartrax Blaze			

Race Preview: One State and Campo Formio are closely matched on the form of a recent 1400m meeting and will likely improve for the step up in trip, so they could fight out the finish. However, Sword Of Light should also have more to offer stretching out to this distance after a pleasing 1450m comeback. Wartrax Blaze has also shown enough to be competitive.