

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:15 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 2400M
1	522232	Epidaurus	60 [4] K Strydom 9.2% W/w Marwing 5.9%
2	853557	Evening News	60 [5] C Zackey 17.0% S G Tarry 14.6%
3	07565	Captain's Express	60 [1] C Maujean 9.2% F P Habib 12.1%
4	64	Clairwood Breeze	60 [3] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% F P Habib 12.1%
5	445624	Comic Artist	56.5 [5] J Gates 4.7% F P Habib 12.1%
6	60008	Eden Gardens	55 [2] J Penny 7.1% R R Magner 9.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2400M
4 Clairwood Breeze	1 Epidaurus 33%		
1 Epidaurus	5 Comic Artist 13%		
5 Comic Artist			
2 Evening News			

Race Preview: Epidaurus, Evening News and Comic Artist have the form and experience to be competitive but are engaged to run at an earlier meeting over 2000m. Clairwood Breeze is closely matched with those rivals on the form of their 2 July clash over 1800m. The lightly raced latter is open to any amount of improvement over this extended trip so it could pay to follow his progress.

RACE 2	6:50 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1000M
1	464	Corsaro Super	60 [7] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% F P Habib 12.1%
2	6903	Autograph	60 [9] C Habib 10.9% B Webber 7.9%
3	88800	Golden Slipstream	60 [6] K Strydom 9.2% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
4	6	Justhavefun	60 [1] G Lerena 18.1% J J Van Vuuren 13.6%
5	06	Torpedo	60 [2] M K Katjedi 5.3% C I Jonker 2.9%
6	784576	Lady Enid	57.5 [8] D Ramkhalawon (4) 14.5% S M Naidoo 6.8%
7	8	Shiraz Glow	57.5 [5] J Gates 4.7% B Webber 7.9%
8	27	The Bachelorette	57.5 [4] K De Melo 20.8% S G Tarry 14.6%
9		Thorn Bird	57.5 [3] C Murray 12.7% M/m De Kock 17.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
1 Corsaro Super		8 The Bachelorette 67%	2 Autograph 0:58.02
8 The Bachelorette		2 Autograph 11%	1 Corsaro Super 0:58.77
9 Thorn Bird			6 Lady Enid 0:59.03
4 Justhavefun			8 The Bachelorette 0:59.47
			5 Torpedo 1:00.64

Race Preview: Corsaro Super improved after a break to finish fourth over this trip last time before switching stables. He has scope for further progress and could make a winning start for new connections with a repeat of his latest performance. The Bachelorette failed to confirm the promise of her debut second when last seen but she did have excuses that day so must be respected on her reappearance following a subsequent break. Returning Justhavefun and well-bred newcomer Thorn Bird are other unknown quantities to keep onside and worthy of a market check.

RACE 3	7:25 PM	(R\$110,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1600M
1	755473	Northern European	60 [8] C Murray 12.7% X/c Spies 20.0%
2	6565	Be The One	60 [4] D Ramkhalawon (4) 14.5% P F Matchett 6.3%
3	5474	Life's Treasures	60 [3] P Mxoli 10.0% P F Matchett 6.3%
4	494	Royal Rant	60 [5] K Strydom 9.2% R R Magner 9.3%
5	96	Grains Of Paradise	60 [7] K Matsunyane 8.3% C J Lensley 10.3%
6	7	Volare Veloce	60 [2] J Penny 7.1% C J Lensley 10.3%
7	06	Pilates	60 [6] C Zackey 17.0% M N Houdalakis 13.2%
8	69	Tea For Three	60 [1] K De Melo 20.8% S G Tarry 14.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
8 Tea For Three			2 Be The One 1:40.41
1 Northern European			
5 Grains Of Paradise			
2 Be The One			

Race Preview: Northern European showed enough promise as a 2yo, albeit up to 1400m, to suggest that she will be competitive over this extended trip. Be The One has form over this distance and that experience will stand her in good stead. Grains Of Paradise is also open to improvement stretching out to this trip. Tea For Three was dropped out from a wide draw last time over 1450m and made encouraging late headway, suggesting a step up in trip would suit. She is ideally positioned in gate 1 and should have more to offer over the extra, so it could pay to follow her progress.

RACE 4	8:00 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1600M
1	733	Crimson Ranger	60 [4] G Lerena 18.1% R R Magner 9.3%
2	04431	One State	60 [1] K Matsunyane 8.3% A P Peter 17.5%
3	6745	Campo Formio	60 [3] T Mayhew 5.5% X/c Spies 20.0%
4	905	Steel Spring	60 [6] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% F P Habib 12.1%
5	7807	Flotilla	60 [8] P Mxoli 10.0% S J Gray 8.1%
6	5	Reachingforthemoon	60 [2] C Habib 10.9% R Klaasen 10.4%
7	42	Skitt Smiling	60 [5] M K Katjedi 5.3% P/j Vermeulen 8.0%
8	756454	Verdandi	57 [7] C Zackey 17.0% P F Matchett 6.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
★ 7 Skitt Smiling	1 Crimson Ranger 33%	1 Crimson Ranger 33%	1 Crimson Ranger 1:38.31
1 Crimson Ranger			8 Verdandi 1:42.03
3 Campo Formio			
2 One State			

Race Preview: One State, Campo Formio and Skitt Smiling are closely matched on the form of a recent meeting over 1400m. The latter took off once the penny had dropped and was only narrowly defeated so this extended trip should be more to his liking. Crimson Ranger has the form and experience over 1600m to trouble the selection.

RACE 5	8:35 PM	(R\$110,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1800M
1	143112	Scarlet O'hara	64 [3] D Ramkhalawon (4) 14.5% S T Pettigrew 16.0%
2	849274	Surprise Party	61 [4] P Mxoli 10.0% P F Matchett 6.3%
3	147433	Azaleas For All	61 [5] G Lerena 18.1% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
4	736535	Lady Sabrina	59 [7] M V'rensburg 7.6% W/w Marwing 5.9%
5	213955	Utsaah	56 [8] K De Melo 20.8% S G Tarry 14.6%
6	642130	Instant Attraction	52 [2] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% C Mayhew 3.4%
7	987399	Red Sparrow	52 [1] J R Syter 10.8% B Webber 7.9%
8	700458	Kylie's Angel	52 [6] G Samo-Burthia (2.5) 10.1% C J Lensley 10.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
1 Scarlet O'hara	1 Scarlet O'hara 100%	1 Scarlet O'hara 89%	3 Azaleas For All 1:49.69
3 Azaleas For All	3 Azaleas For All 36%	3 Azaleas For All 36%	1 Scarlet O'hara 1:49.74
2 Surprise Party	6 Instant Attraction 33%	6 Instant Attraction 24%	6 Instant Attraction 1:49.94
6 Instant Attraction	4 Lady Sabrina 23%	2 Surprise Party 17%	2 Surprise Party 1:50.31
	5 Utsaah 17%	7 Red Sparrow 7%	4 Lady Sabrina 1:50.69

Race Preview: Scarlet O'hara enjoyed a productive 3yo campaign and should continue to progress this term. She was a fast-finishing second in a stronger race over this trip last time so a repeat of that performance will likely suffice. Consistent hard-knockers Surprise Party and Azaleas For All are closely matched on recent form and should remain competitive off their current marks. Instant Attraction also has the means to make presence felt.

RACE 6	9:10 PM	(R\$100,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1000M
1	119674	Var Park	63 [2] J Botes (2.5) 3.7% G J Maroun 7.0%
2	12	Trompe L'oeil	61.5 [8] G Lerena 18.1% X/c Spies 20.0%
3	421323	Hammer Blow	60.5 [3] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% R R Magner 9.3%
4	000772	Ice Dragon	60 [4] M K Katjedi 5.3% G J Maroun 7.0%
5	844212	Angel's Oasis	58.5 [5] C Murray 12.7% M/m De Kock 17.2%
6	523833	Lonely As A Cloud	58 [6] D Ramkhalawon (4) 14.5% C/t Dawson 12.8%
7	648042	Sergeant Soqratt	54.5 [1] C Zackey 17.0% X/c Spies 20.0%
8	324085	Oriental Bouquet	52 [7] J Penny 7.1% G J Maroun 7.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
2 Trompe L'oeil	3 Hammer Blow 56%	2 Trompe L'oeil 100%	1 Var Park 0:56.36
3 Hammer Blow	1 Var Park 33%	3 Hammer Blow 50%	7 Sergeant Soqratt 0:56.43
5 Angel's Oasis	5 Angel's Oasis 33%	5 Angel's Oasis 33%	3 Hammer Blow 0:56.88
7 Sergeant Soqratt	6 Lonely As A Cloud 28%	1 Var Park 28%	4 Ice Dragon 0:56.92
	7 Sergeant Soqratt 11%	6 Lonely As A Cloud 26%	6 Lonely As A Cloud 0:57.00

Race Preview: Trompe L'oeil confirmed the promise of his 2yo debut win by finishing a close-up second in a stronger race on the opening day of the new season. He coped a 4-point penalty for that performance but will not need to improve a great deal, if at all to get back to winning ways. Hammer Blow and Angel's Oasis are consistent hard-knockers with the form and experience to expose any chinks in the selection's armour. Sergeant Soqratt has earning potential too.

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RACE 7	9:45 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1450M
1	948861 Turbo Power	61	[8] M K Katjedi 5.3% SG Tarry 14.6%
2	214448 Fair Proposal	60.5	[3] G Larena 18.1% R R Magner 9.3%
3	462453 Big Unit	60.5	[7] J R Syster 10.8% M/m De Kock 17.2%
4	799114 Cold Shine	60	[4] C Murray 12.7% M/m De Kock 17.2%
5	060832 After Hours	59	[6] J Gates 4.7% S J Gray 8.1%
6	465015 Sea Shanty	57	[9] C Habib 10.9% R Klaasen 10.4%
7	424106 Onceinabluemoon	55.5	[2] P Mxoli 10.0% P F Matchett 6.3%
8	927516 Longsword	55.5	[5] K De Melo 20.8% SG Tarry 14.6%
9	172598 Gunboat	55	[1] K Strydom 9.2% W/w Marwing 5.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
4 Cold Shine	1 Turbo Power 50%	6 Sea Shanty 38%	5 After Hours 1:25.34
5 After Hours	7 Onceinabluemoon 33%	5 After Hours 37%	2 Fair Proposal 1:26.26
3 Big Unit	6 Sea Shanty 33%	7 Onceinabluemoon 33%	8 Longsword 1:27.10
7 Onceinabluemoon	5 After Hours 32%	2 Fair Proposal 24%	6 Sea Shanty 1:27.38
	2 Fair Proposal 28%	3 Big Unit 22%	7 Onceinabluemoon 1:28.34

Race Preview: Cold Shine lost little in defeat in his hat-trick bid over 1160m last time and, on pedigree, this extended trip ought to be within his compass. Stablemate Big Unit returns from a lengthy layoff but boasts solid Western Cape and Highveld form credentials for his former trainer. Veteran After Hours has rediscovered his form recently and remains competitive off his current mark, along with Onceinabluemoon off the reduced ratings.

RACE 8	10:20 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL CLASSIC -- 1450M
1	414210 Frere Jacques	62	[2] C Zackey 17.0% M N Houdalakis 13.2%
2	533048 Gallic Victor	60	[10] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% F P Habib 12.1%
3	55618 Brave Waam	59	[9] K J Lihaba 6.5% A P Peter 17.5%
4	734175 Matroosberg	59	[5] K De Melo 20.8% SG Tarry 14.6%
5	217331 Tracksuit Dave	58.5	[7] K Matsunyane 8.3% A P Peter 17.5%
6	038790 Laughing William	57	[11] D Ramkhalawon (4) 14.5% C/t Dawson 12.8%
7	166555 Unsolved Riddle	57	[8] M K Katjedi 5.3% G J Maroun 7.0%
8	790860 Coming In Hot	56.5	[6] C Habib 10.9% F Bronkhorst 6.4%
9	126475 Sunset Warrior	55.5	[3] J R Syster 10.8% B Webber 7.9%
10	453692 Elusive Red	55	[4] G Larena 18.1% R R Magner 9.3%
11	103643 Ubermensch	54.5	[1] P Mxoli 10.0% SG Tarry 14.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
1 Frere Jacques	3 Brave Waam 100%	1 Frere Jacques 100%	8 Coming In Hot 1:26.20
5 Tracksuit Dave	4 Matroosberg 50%	9 Sunset Warrior 56%	10 Elusive Red 1:26.41
10 Elusive Red	11 Ubermensch 50%	11 Ubermensch 56%	11 Ubermensch 1:26.84
11 Ubermensch	9 Sunset Warrior 33%	5 Tracksuit Dave 50%	6 Laughing William 1:26.95
	5 Tracksuit Dave 33%	10 Elusive Red 33%	9 Sunset Warrior 1:27.14

Race Preview: Lightly raced Frere Jacques blotted his copybook when last seen but had legitimate excuses on that occasion. He remains open to improvement on his reappearance with the tongue-tie removed but will be hard to beat at this level if bouncing back to his earlier form. Last-start winner Tracksuit Dave, recent runner-up Elusive Red and consistent Ubermensch should be competitive on recent form.