

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



RACE 1	6:15 PM	(R\$130,000)	VAAL -- 1400M
1	430145	Vibe Sa	60 [5] K Strydom 10.6% A P Peter 17.5%
2	208324	Master Christmas	59.5 [1] K Matsunyane 8.6% A P Peter 17.5%
3	514012	Hong Kong	59 [3] C Habib 10.9% A P Peter 17.5%
4	760409	Secret Chord	57.5 [6] P Mxoli 9.7% S J Gray 8.5%
5	142106	Frere Jacques	54.5 [2] C Zackey 17.1% M N Houdalakis 13.2%
6	248306	Salute The Flag	52 [4] J Botes (2.5) 3.8% C/t Dawson 12.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
2 Master Christmas	5 Frere Jacques 56%	1 Vibe Sa 67%	2 Master Christmas 1:21.89
1 Vibe Sa	1 Vibe Sa 53%	2 Master Christmas 50%	5 Frere Jacques 1:23.92
5 Frere Jacques	2 Master Christmas 44%	6 Salute The Flag 38%	1 Vibe Sa 1:25.21
3 Hong Kong	3 Hong Kong 33%		6 Salute The Flag 1:25.32
	4 Secret Chord 22%		4 Secret Chord 1:25.71

Race Preview: Master Christmas is distance suited and boasts solid form at a higher level, so sets the standard. Stablemate Vibe Sa finished second in his only outing over 1400m so a return to this trip could yield another forward showing. Frere Jacques had excuses for a disappointing last start but should be competitive on his earlier form after a subsequent break. Returning Hong Kong has a very good record racing fresh so can make her presence felt too.

RACE 2	6:50 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL -- 1400M
1	262452	Beach Walker	60 [8] C Maujean 9.2% J S Roux 1.2%
2	365024	Seventh Fleet	60 [3] T Mayhew 5.8% D N Stenger 11.1%
3	7346	Steel Pier	57 [7] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% F P Habib 12.5%
4	67452	Campo Formio	57 [2] C Zackey 17.1% X/c Spies 11.1%
5	06	Dreaming Of Youth	57 [1] J R Syster 10.8% B Webber 8.1%
6		Handsome Badger	57 [5] C Murray 12.4% M/m De Kock 17.0%
7	6	Mirum	57 [6] J Botes (2.5) 3.8% X/c Spies 11.1%
8		Special Envoy	57 [4] C Ngcobo 2.2% M/m De Kock 17.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
3 Steel Pier	1 Beach Walker 22%	1 Beach Walker 33%	1 Beach Walker 1:23.40
6 Handsome Badger	2 Seventh Fleet 11%	3 Steel Pier 33%	4 Campo Formio 1:26.10
2 Seventh Fleet			3 Steel Pier 1:27.33
7 Mirum			2 Seventh Fleet 1:27.42
			7 Mirum 1:27.70

Race Preview: Steel Pier was a beaten short-priced favourite last time but did have legitimate excuses and a return to this shorter trip under a 1.5kg claiming apprentice could suit. Seventh Fleet has the form and experience to challenge the selection, though a bigger threat will likely come from well-bred newcomer Handsome Badger, is the pick of the De Kock. Mirum is open any amount of improvement after a pleasing introduction so can get into the picture.

RACE 3	7:25 PM	(R\$110,000)	VAAL -- 1400M
1	233333	Korcula	60 [10] C Habib 10.9% F Bronkhorst 6.1%
2	55455	Takeachanceonme	60 [11] C Zackey 17.1% M N Houdalakis 13.2%
3	475454	Beautiful One	60 [8] C Maujean 9.2% F Bronkhorst 6.1%
4	878688	Leanne's Love	60 [9] J R Syster 10.8% H Van Der Westh 9.1%
5	733507	Levitor	60 [2] K A Brewer 7.3% M Pandaram 10.1%
6		Erik's Star	60 [4] G Samo-Burthia (2.5) 10.3% P P Labuschagne 4.5%
7	5	Totheplaceibelong	60 [5] K Strydom 10.6% A P Peter 17.5%
8	060	La Parisienne	57 [6] M K Katjedi 5.5% S J Gray 8.5%
9	6	Lady Aarya	57 [3] T Mayhew 5.8% X/c Spies 11.1%
10		Sultry Shadow	57 [1] J Penny 6.6% J S Roux 1.2%
11	9	Xtatic	57 [7] P Mxoli 9.7% S J Gray 8.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
1 Korcula	1 Korcula 33%	1 Korcula 33%	2 Takeachanceonme 1:23.58
2 Takeachanceonme		5 Levitor 6%	5 Levitor 1:24.04
3 Beautiful One			4 Leanne's Love 1:24.79
7 Totheplaceibelong			1 Korcula 1:26.93
			3 Beautiful One 1:26.99

Race Preview: Korcula has been costly to follow but wouldn't be winning out of turn and, after five consecutive third-place finishes she deserves a reward for consistency. Takeachanceonme fits a similar profile so should also play a leading role. Beautiful One has the form and experience to make her presence felt too. Totheplaceibelong will know more about it after a satisfactory introduction and can improve to have a say in the outcome.

RACE 4	8:00 PM	(R\$115,000)	VAAL -- 1800M
1	868007	Forever Red	60 [3] J R Syster 10.8% B Webber 8.1%
2	545688	Cuzzie	60 [5] J Botes (2.5) 3.8% B Webber 8.1%
3	698098	Sivaji	60 [4] M K Katjedi 5.5% C I Jonker 2.9%
4	2353	Future Red	56.5 [1] K Matsunyane 8.6% A P Peter 17.5%
5	8522	Uncle Bob	56 [6] C Zackey 17.1% F Bronkhorst 6.1%
6	7736	Echo Of The Wild	56 [2] C Murray 12.4% X/c Spies 11.1%
7	78077	Flotilla	56 [7] P Mxoli 9.7% S J Gray 8.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
5 Uncle Bob	6 Echo Of The Wild 33%		2 Cuzzie 1:53.17
4 Future Red	2 Cuzzie 14%		1 Forever Red 1:59.36
6 Echo Of The Wild			
3 Sivaji			

Race Preview: This won't take much winning. After back-to-back seconds over 1600m, Uncle Bob will be hard to beat if improving at all over the extra 200m. Future Red has shown enough to fight out the finish and is also open to improvement stretching out to this trip for the first time. Echo Of The Wild is bred to appreciate the step up in distance so can take home a cheque too.

RACE 5	8:35 PM	(R\$135,000)	VAAL -- 1800M
1	831734	King's Express	62 [5] G Samo-Burthia (2.5) 10.3% F P Habib 12.5%
2	150266	Hawkbill	60 [1] C Zackey 17.1% M N Houdalakis 13.2%
3	106926	Titans Of War	58 [6] K De Melo 21.4% R R Magnier 9.6%
4	827205	Royal Edition	56 [4] K Strydom 10.6% P P Labuschagne 4.5%
5	212421	Olympian Gold	54 [7] P Mxoli 9.7% S J Gray 8.5%
6	616448	Juliet Tango	52 [8] K A Brewer 7.3% M Pandaram 10.1%
7	463562	Dark Silver	52 [2] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% A G Laird 10.5%
8	570543	Apache Son	50 [3] J R Syster 10.8% T Zackey 8.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
5 Olympian Gold	5 Olympian Gold 67%	1 King's Express 45%	2 Hawkbill 1:49.16
7 Dark Silver	8 Apache Son 44%	2 Hawkbill 36%	4 Royal Edition 1:49.49
1 King's Express	1 King's Express 37%	5 Olympian Gold 33%	1 King's Express 1:49.87
8 Apache Son	2 Hawkbill 37%	8 Apache Son 27%	6 Juliet Tango 1:50.49
	4 Royal Edition 30%	6 Juliet Tango 24%	7 Dark Silver 1:51.04

Race Preview: Olympian Gold made a winning seasonal reappearance at this level over 1600m and remains open to improvement over this extended trip so it could pay to follow his progress. Veteran King's Express is favourably treated by the conditions and has the mean to pose a threat. Both Dark Silver and Apache Son are competitive off their current ratings so should make their presence felt.

RACE 6	9:10 PM	(R\$120,000)	VAAL -- 1800M
1	120061	Culturati	60 [6] B Marx-Jacobson (1.5) 12.1% G J Maroun 7.0%
2	542838	Diwali Rocket	60 [9] K A Brewer 7.3% M Pandaram 10.1%
3	831137	Boundless Love	59 [4] C Maujean 9.2% R Klaasen 10.5%
4	266137	Gran Canaria	58.5 [7] M Vrensburg 7.5% W/w Marwing 5.1%
5	371144	Futurewoff	58 [1] C Zackey 17.1% H E Adamson 12.8%
6	620473	Force Publique	57.5 [8] K De Melo 21.4% M N Houdalakis 13.2%
7	006554	Diesel's Shadow	57.5 [3] J R Syster 10.8% E Verdonese 6.8%
8	651857	Storm Ahead	57.5 [2] K Strydom 10.6% F Bronkhorst 6.1%
9	843707	Flashy Apache	57 [11] G Samo-Burthia (2.5) 10.3% T Zackey 8.7%
10	392535	Eiger Sanction	56 [5] P Mxoli 9.7% S J Gray 8.5%
11	480356	Arumugam	52 [10] J Botes (2.5) 3.8% J S Roux 1.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1800M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1800M
3 Boundless Love	4 Gran Canaria 100%	7 Diesel's Shadow 87%	11 Arumugam 1:47.22
1 Culturati	9 Flashy Apache 30%	8 Storm Ahead 43%	9 Flashy Apache 1:49.35
6 Force Publique	5 Futurewoff 29%	2 Diwali Rocket 33%	5 Futurewoff 1:49.39
5 Futurewoff	10 Eiger Sanction 27%	3 Boundless Love 33%	3 Boundless Love 1:49.40
	7 Diesel's Shadow 24%	6 Force Publique 33%	10 Eiger Sanction 1:49.75

Race Preview: Last-start winner Culturati remains competitive, with his rider's 1.5kg claim offsetting the 3-point penalty. However, Boundless Love beat him in a similar contest over this trip in his previous start and is weighted to confirm that form on 0.5kg better terms. Versatile veteran Futurewoff and lightly raced Force Publique can get involved.

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RACE 7		9:45 PM	(R\$100,000)		VAAL -- 1600M	
1	996706	Golden Warrior	62	[12]	G Samo-Burthia (2.5)	10.3%
2	608321	After Hours	62	[8]	P Mxoli	9.7%
3	806303	Redlightgreenlight	60.5	[4]	K De Melo	21.4%
4	000977	World Order	60	[10]	K Strydom	10.6%
5	510	Crescendo	60	[7]	C Zackey	17.1%
6	650152	Sea Shanty	60	[1]	C Murray	12.4%
7	166555	Unsolved Riddle	60	[2]	C Habib	10.9%
8	516415	Snow Moon	59.5	[14]	K A Brewer	7.3%
9	352917	Itsnowornever	59	[9]	M K Katjedi	5.5%
10	221683	Rock My Boat	57.5	[5]	M V'rensburg	7.5%
11	819	Aint No Doubt	56.5	[3]	B Marx-Jacobson (1.5)	12.1%
12	659441	Silver Comet	55.5	[15]	K Matsunyane	8.6%
13	664019	Baby Red	55.5	[13]	J Penny	6.6%
14	403768	Naretoi	53	[11]	C Maujean	9.2%
15	943799	Commander Of All	52	[6]	J R Syster	10.8%
					B Webber	8.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
8 Snow Moon	5 Crescendo 50%	11 Aint No Doubt 100%	3 Redlightgreenlight 1:34.80
3 Redlightgreenlight	11 Aint No Doubt 50%	1 Golden Warrior 50%	2 After Hours 1:34.97
12 Silver Comet	12 Silver Comet 33%	4 World Order 44%	5 Crescendo 1:35.22
6 Sea Shanty	3 Redlightgreenlight 25%	3 Redlightgreenlight 40%	4 World Order 1:35.42
	8 Snow Moon 25%	10 Rock My Boat 38%	7 Unsolved Riddle 1:35.44

Race Preview: Several with a chance in a big field but **Snow Moon** appeals most. He won a similar contest two starts back and proved competitive under a 3-point penalty when a creditable fifth over 1450m last time. **Redlightgreenlight** is closely matched with him on their 11 July meeting so should feature prominently. **Silver Comet** is open to improvement over this extended trip so is best kept onside. **Sea Shanty** is capable hard-knocker and merits respect on his reappearance.

RACE 8		10:20 PM	(R\$100,000)		VAAL -- 1200M	
1	927423	One Tiger	61	[3]	B Marx-Jacobson (1.5)	12.1%
2	038790	Laughing William	60	[12]	K Strydom	10.6%
3	064464	Blindfire	58	[10]	K Matsunyane	8.6%
4	046336	Quiet Winter	58	[11]	C Zackey	17.1%
5	376544	Valieva	58	[5]	G Samo-Burthia (2.5)	10.3%
6	420076	Ada Lovelace	56	[4]	T Mayhew	5.8%
7	833527	Southampton	56	[9]	C Habib	10.9%
8	424006	Phala Millions	56	[6]	P Mxoli	9.7%
9	400727	Platinum Shay	54	[2]	K A Brewer	7.3%
10	007312	Concordia	54	[8]	C Maujean	9.2%
11	060505	Royal Horizon	52	[13]	J Penny	6.6%
12	642343	Nkandla Gold	52	[1]	J R Syster	10.8%
13	000401	Bell Of Angelus	50	[7]	J Botes (2.5)	3.8%
					B Webber	8.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
1 One Tiger	6 Ada Lovelace 58%	6 Ada Lovelace 39%	8 Phala Millions 1:08.49
5 Valieva	1 One Tiger 33%	8 Phala Millions 28%	5 Valieva 1:09.09
4 Quiet Winter	5 Valieva 26%	4 Quiet Winter 25%	4 Quiet Winter 1:09.19
12 Nkandla Gold	12 Nkandla Gold 25%	1 One Tiger 22%	3 Blindfire 1:09.34
	13 Bell Of Angelus 25%	12 Nkandla Gold 20%	1 One Tiger 1:09.40

Race Preview: **One Tiger** and **Nkandla Gold** are consistent at this level and could fight out the finish if taking their place in the lineup, both are engaged to run at an earlier meeting. **Valieva** and **Quiet Winter** have dropped to a competitive mark and should make their presence felt.