THURSDAY, 12 NOV 2026

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL CLASSIC

4 RACING

RACE 1 — 6:15 PM — (R$150,000) — Vaal Classic -- 1000m

1		BLAQ TORQUE	59	[1]	C MURRAY	11.2%	X/C SPIES	10.7%
2	382532	PITERAQ	60	[2]	R DANIELSON	24.8%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
3	345252	ELEGANT EDGE	60	[3]	C HABIB	10.6%	C BINDA	13.3%
4	2326	MIDNIGHT SPECIAL	59	[4]	P MXOLI	10.4%	S T PETTIGREW	16.5%
5	880464	FASCINATOR	59	[5]	B MARX-JACOBSON	12.0%	P F MATCHETT	6.9%
6	5658	UNVARNISHED GOLD	59	[6]	K MINNIE	2.0%	W C MARWING	11.6%
7	42354	GO FOR BROKE	59	[7]	C ZACKEY	17.4%	M N HOUDALAKIS	13.8%
8		CARAXES	59	[8]	K MATSUNYANE	11.2%	F P HABIB	12.6%
9	560	MARANELLO	59	[9]	J BOTES (2.5)	4.0%	P F MATCHETT	6.9%

SELECTIONS
2 PITERAQ
3 ELEGANT EDGE
4 MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
7 GO FOR BROKE
iRACE

FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC			1000M DISTANCE			BEST TIME 1000M		
3	ELEGANT EDGE	25%	4	MIDNIGHT SPECIAL	42%	3	ELEGANT EDGE	0:56.81
			2	PITERAQ	27%	2	PITERAQ	0:57.19
			3	ELEGANT EDGE	19%	5	FASCINATOR	0:57.57
						4	MIDNIGHT SPECIAL	0:58.31
						6	UNVARNISHED GOLD	1:00.12

Race Preview: **PITERAQ** and **ELEGANT EDGE** have the form and experience to fight out the finish. Neither would be winning out of turn after recent seconds but, on the form of their 8 October meeting, the former could have the edge. **MIDNIGHT SPECIAL** was 2nd in two of three outings before her disappointing last start. She would've benefitted from a subsequent 10-week break and is open to improvement so warrants respect. **GO FOR BROKE** has a bit to find on recent form but has shown enough to make her presence felt.

RACE 2 — 6:50 PM — (R$101,750) — Vaal Classic -- 1200m

1	347971	TIGER'S CAPTAIN	62.5	[1]	J BOTES (2.5)	4.0%	R KLAASEN	12.8%
2	401900	BABY RED	56.5	[2]	J PENNY	4.6%	H VAN DER WESTH	7.6%
3	733471	NORTHERN EUROPEAN	60.5	[3]	C MURRAY	11.2%	X/C SPIES	10.7%
4	561276	GOD'S COUNTRY	61.5	[4]	G SAMO-BURTHIA (2.5)	5.3%	B WEBBER	7.2%
5	743807	DARING ACT	55.5	[5]	M MICHEL (1.5)	9.3%	R KLAASEN	12.8%
6	423343	TIME WILL TELL	60	[6]	T GODDEN	12.1%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%

SELECTIONS
6 TIME WILL TELL
1 TIGER'S CAPTAIN
4 GOD'S COUNTRY
3 NORTHERN EUROPEAN
iRACE

FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC			1200M DISTANCE			BEST TIME 1200M		
6	TIME WILL TELL	28%	1	TIGER'S CAPTAIN	44%	6	TIME WILL TELL	1:09.27
2	BABY RED	25%	4	GOD'S COUNTRY	28%	4	GOD'S COUNTRY	1:09.48
3	NORTHERN EUROPEAN	11%	6	TIME WILL TELL	23%	5	DARING ACT	1:09.69
5	DARING ACT	7%	2	BABY RED	22%	2	BABY RED	1:10.63
			5	DARING ACT	6%	1	TIGER'S CAPTAIN	1:11.63

Race Preview: **TIGER'S CAPTAIN** and **NORTHERN EUROPEAN** belatedly opened their accounts last time and won't have to improve much to remain competitive out the maidens in this line-up. However, **TIME WILL TELL** is a consistent performer at this level and boasts solid form off a higher mark so rates the one to beat. **GOD'S COUNTRY** has disappointed in his last 2 starts but could have a say if bouncing back to the form of his handicap debut 2nd.

RACE 3 — 7:25 PM — (R$170,000) — Vaal Classic -- 1700m

1	0	SNOWEDIN	58	[1]	T MAYHEW	5.4%	S T PETTIGREW	16.5%
2	3	VIRGINGALACTIC	58	[2]	R DANIELSON	24.8%	C J LENSLEY	8.0%
3	663357	ERATOSTHENES	60	[3]	K STRYDOM	9.3%	P P LABUSCHAGNE	3.2%
4	73	RAFEEF'S VICTORY	58	[4]	M MICHEL (1.5)	9.3%	W C MARWING	11.6%
5		MINDFRAME	58	[5]	B MARX-JACOBSON	12.0%	A G LAIRD	10.0%
6	80	CAT'S FUTURE	58	[6]	C HABIB	10.6%	H E ADAMSON	18.4%
7	502966	GOLDEN SLIPSTREAM	58	[7]	C MAUJEAN	7.8%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
8	522252	UNCLE BOB	58	[8]	T GODDEN	12.1%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
9	07362	ALL TIME LEGEND	58	[9]	K MATSUNYANE	11.2%	F P HABIB	12.6%
10		DYLAN THE VILLIAN	58	[10]	K MINNIE	2.0%	F P HABIB	12.6%
11	6455	JET PLATINO	58	[11]	T APPIE		W/W MARWING	6.1%
12	094494	HATTORI HANZO	58	[12]	J GATES	7.9%	F P HABIB	12.6%

SELECTIONS
9 ALL TIME LEGEND
8 UNCLE BOB
4 RAFEEF'S VICTORY
2 VIRGINGALACTIC
iRACE

FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC			1700M DISTANCE			BEST TIME 1700M		
8	UNCLE BOB	67%	9	ALL TIME LEGEND	67%	9	ALL TIME LEGEND	1:45.05
9	ALL TIME LEGEND	67%	2	VIRGINGALACTIC	33%	2	VIRGINGALACTIC	1:46.50
2	VIRGINGALACTIC	33%						

Race Preview: Well-bred **ALL TIME LEGEND** made the expected improvement when stepped up to this distance last time and a repeat of that effort could suffice. **UNCLE BOB** finished 2nd for the fourth time in his last five starts when tried in blinkers over 1450m recently. He wouldn't be winning out of turn and this distance will be more to his liking. **RAFEEF'S VICTORY** outran market expectations when an improved 3rd last time over 1600m and could have more to offer over the extra 100m, especially with the benefit of his rider's 1.5kg allowance. **VIRGINGALACTIC** has a bit to find but could have a say with natural improvement.

RACE 4 — 8:00 PM — (R$170,000) — Vaal Classic -- 2000m

1	743244	SURPRISE PARTY	59.5	[1]	P MXOLI	10.4%	P F MATCHETT	6.9%
2	036329	CARTAGENA	57.5	[2]	C HABIB	10.6%	H E ADAMSON	18.4%
3	607766	LITTLEMISSSPLENDID	55.5	[3]	C MAUJEAN	7.8%	R KLAASEN	12.8%
4	324101	NICCI'S LAW	57	[4]	A MOSAHEB (2.5)	11.6%	D NIEUWENHUIZEN	8.8%
5	500996	AMAZON QUEEN	57.5	[5]	K MATSUNYANE	11.2%	M PANDARAM	10.3%
6	441604	PLAY WITH FIRE	56.5	[6]	K STRYDOM	9.3%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
7	331162	ANAHITA	60	[7]	K DE MELO	20.3%	J A SOMA	19.7%
8	589757	MOUNT ETNA	60	[8]	T GODDEN	12.1%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%

SELECTIONS
7 ANAHITA
1 SURPRISE PARTY
6 PLAY WITH FIRE
4 NICCI'S LAW
iRACE

FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC			2000M DISTANCE			BEST TIME 2000M		
4	NICCI'S LAW	100%	7	ANAHITA	67%	3	LITTLEMISSSPLENDID	1:59.98
6	PLAY WITH FIRE	31%	8	MOUNT ETNA	38%	6	PLAY WITH FIRE	2:02.86
2	CARTAGENA	23%	1	SURPRISE PARTY	33%	8	MOUNT ETNA	2:03.08
3	LITTLEMISSSPLENDID	22%	2	CARTAGENA	29%	2	CARTAGENA	2:04.05
7	ANAHITA	17%	6	PLAY WITH FIRE	24%	1	SURPRISE PARTY	2:04.78

Race Preview: **ANAHITA** was a game-in-defeat 2nd in a stronger race over this trip last month and a repeat of that effort under a 4-point penalty should suffice in her peak outing. **SURPRISE PARTY** is held on that form but weighted to pose more of a threat on 2.5kg better terms. **NICCI'S LAW** bounced back to form with a last-start victory at a lower level but remains competitive under a penalty. **PLAY WITH FIRE** closely matched with that rival and weighted to turn the tables on last-start conqueror.

RACE 5 — 8:35 PM — (R$140,000) — Vaal Classic -- 2000m

1	40142	BRIGHT COMET	60	[1]	K MATSUNYANE	11.2%	F P HABIB	12.6%
2	731214	SWORD OF LIGHT	60	[2]	M MICHEL (1.5)	9.3%	M N HOUDALAKIS	13.8%
3	655214	BE THE ONE	57.5	[3]	P MXOLI	10.4%	P F MATCHETT	6.9%
4	097235	GHOSTBUSTER	53	[4]	A MOSAHEB (2.5)	11.6%	E VERDONESE	6.5%
5	965820	RED SPARROW	57	[5]	C HABIB	10.6%	B WEBBER	7.2%
6	646792	HOPSCOTCH	52	[6]	J GATES	7.9%	S J GRAY	10.1%
7	892934	PARTY PUNCH	54.5	[7]	K J LIHABA	6.7%	P P LABUSCHAGNE	3.2%
8	213335	BE MY FATE	59	[8]	C ZACKEY	17.4%	D N STENGER	10.2%
9	525566	ROSY LEMON	58.5	[9]	T GODDEN	12.1%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%

SELECTIONS
1 BRIGHT COMET
8 BE MY FATE
2 SWORD OF LIGHT
3 BE THE ONE
iRACE

FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC			2000M DISTANCE			BEST TIME 2000M		
2	SWORD OF LIGHT	67%	4	GHOSTBUSTER	33%	9	ROSY LEMON	2:02.02
4	GHOSTBUSTER	33%	8	BE MY FATE	33%	5	RED SPARROW	2:03.59
1	BRIGHT COMET	33%	9	ROSY LEMON	23%	4	GHOSTBUSTER	2:04.10
9	ROSY LEMON	19%	5	RED SPARROW	19%	7	PARTY PUNCH	2:04.80
6	HOPSCOTCH	11%	6	HOPSCOTCH	10%	6	HOPSCOTCH	2:06.34

Race Preview: **BRIGHT COMET** was dropped out from the widest draw when a fast-finishing 2nd over 1800m and, on the evidence of that performance, should improve over this extended trip to confirm her superiority over familiar foe **BE MY FATE**. The latter is 1.5kg better off and open to improvement with cheekpieces fitted so should have a role to play. **SWORD OF LIGHT** and **BE THE ONE** also have the credentials to be competitive over this trip.

RACE 6 — 9:15 PM — (R$120,000) — Vaal Classic -- 1000m

1	518422	ECHOES OF WAR	56.5	[1]	K MATSUNYANE	11.2%	F P HABIB	12.6%
2	469165	TIME TO FIRE	58	[2]	J GATES	7.9%	W/W MARWING	6.1%
3	631103	READY SET FIRE	60	[3]	T GODDEN	12.1%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
4	007725	ICE DRAGON	60	[4]	C ZACKEY	17.4%	G J MAROUN	4.8%
5	008156	RAINING RUBIES	60.5	[5]	K J LIHABA	6.7%	H VAN DER WESTH	7.6%
6	747689	VAR PARK	59	[6]	J MARIBA	4.5%	G J MAROUN	4.8%
7	240854	ORIENTAL BOUQUET	52	[7]	P MXOLI	10.4%	G J MAROUN	4.8%
8	12	DOG IN THE FOG	61	[8]	C MURRAY	11.2%	M/M DE KOCK	16.1%

SELECTIONS
★ 8 DOG IN THE FOG
1 ECHOES OF WAR
4 ICE DRAGON
2 TIME TO FIRE
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FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC			1000M DISTANCE			BEST TIME 1000M		
1	ECHOES OF WAR	67%	8	DOG IN THE FOG	83%	8	DOG IN THE FOG	0:56.10
2	TIME TO FIRE	50%	1	ECHOES OF WAR	47%	6	VAR PARK	0:56.36
3	READY SET FIRE	44%	3	READY SET FIRE	41%	5	RAINING RUBIES	0:56.56
6	VAR PARK	30%	6	VAR PARK	25%	1	ECHOES OF WAR	0:56.72
5	RAINING RUBIES	18%	5	RAINING RUBIES	19%	4	ICE DRAGON	0:56.92

Race Preview: Impressive debut winner **DOG IN THE FOG** was touched off in a stronger race on handicap debut and a repeat of that effort under a 1-point penalty will make him hard to beat. **ECHOES OF WAR** and **TIME TO FIRE** have the form and experience to trouble the selection, as does class-dropper **ICE DRAGON** who is open to improvement with a tongue-tie fitted after a break.

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RACE 7 — 9:50 PM — (R$215,000) — Vaal Classic — -- — 1450m

1	342158	KAMENSKY	59.5	[1]	T GODDEN	12.1%	R R MAGNER	7.3%
2	149054	PAUL REVERE	52	[2]	A MOSAHEB (2.5)	11.6%	C J LENSLEY	8.0%
3	198860	BOB'S YOUR UNCLE	57	[3]	C ZACKEY	17.4%	M N HOUDALAKIS	13.8%
4	021523	TROMBOLINES	52	[4]	M MICHEL (1.5)	9.3%	M/M DE KOCK	16.1%
5	641233	ARIOVISTUS	52	[5]	B MARX-JACOBSON	12.0%	A P PETER	17.6%
6	832424	MASTER CHRISTMAS	53	[6]	.....		A P PETER	17.6%
7	162109	IMMEDIATE EDGE	60	[7]	C MURRAY	11.2%	M/M DE KOCK	16.1%
8	399079	MEU CAPITANO	60	[8]	K MATSUNYANE	11.2%	F P HABIB	12.6%
9	191565	OBSIDIAN	54.5	[9]	K DE MELO	20.3%	J J VAN VUUREN	13.7%
10	091211	SECRET CHORD	58.5	[10]	P MXOLI	10.4%	S J GRAY	10.1%
11	452435	FIRE 'N FLAMES	55	[11]	C HABIB	10.6%	J S ROUX	1.3%
12	119214	TINTIN	52.5	[12]	G SAMO-BURTHIA (2.5)	5.3%	S G TARRY	14.2%



SELECTIONS

1 KAMENSKY
5 ARIOVISTUS
4 TROMBOLINES
10 SECRET CHORD

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FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC		1450M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1450M	
9 OBSIDIAN	100%	12 TINTIN	100%	2 PAUL REVERE	1:24.79
5 ARIOVISTUS	83%	10 SECRET CHORD	50%	3 BOB'S YOUR UNCLE	1:25.22
1 KAMENSKY	67%	1 KAMENSKY	50%	1 KAMENSKY	1:25.42
10 SECRET CHORD	56%	2 PAUL REVERE	47%	11 FIRE 'N FLAMES	1:26.72
6 MASTER CHRISTMAS	54%	6 MASTER CHRISTMAS	44%	6 MASTER CHRISTMAS	1:27.31

Race Preview: **KAMENSKY** would've needed his last start after a rest and had excuses for not finishing closer under a big weight over an inadequate trip. He is better suited to this distance, ideally drawn and will strip fitter so could outrun inflated odds. **TROMBOLINES** has found form and consistency at this level with blinkers fitted so should make his presence felt under a light weight with the headgear retained. Both **ARIOVISTUS** have good records at this track and remain competitive off current marks. **SECRET CHORD** is at the top of his game and must be respected.

RACE 8 — 10:25 PM — (R$110,000) — Vaal Classic — -- — 1450m

1	150765	BEAUTIFUL ONE	55	[1]	G SAMO-BURTHIA (2.5)	5.3%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
2	614333	EIGHT HATS	59.5	[2]	B MARX-JACOBSON	12.0%	P F MATCHETT	6.9%
3	967153	COMMANDER OF ALL	57	[3]	C HABIB	10.6%	B WEBBER	7.2%
4	352088	PRINCESS LOLA	58	[4]	R DANIELSON	24.8%	R R MAGNER	7.3%
5	507400	LEVITATOR	54	[5]	A MOSAHEB (2.5)	11.6%	M PANDARAM	10.3%
6	350756	UBERMENSCH	60	[6]	C ZACKEY	17.4%	S G TARRY	14.2%
7	865948	KING BLUETOOTH	55.5	[7]	C MURRAY	11.2%	C I JONKER	3.0%
8	177066	OKLAHOMA TWISTER	62.5	[8]	J PENNY	4.6%	H VAN DER WESTH	7.6%
9	335279	SOUTHAMPTON	60	[9]	T GODDEN	12.1%	F BRONKHORST	5.7%
10	572636	BRAVE VIKING	61.5	[10]	K STRYDOM	9.3%	J A SOMA	19.7%
11	833020	SAIL THE SKY	58.5	[11]	P MXOLI	10.4%	C I JONKER	3.0%
12	085474	MICHAEL FARADAY	61.5	[12]	J BOTES (2.5)	4.0%	G J MAROUN	4.8%
13	377665	SUNSHINE DAY	56.5	[13]	J GATES	7.9%	B WEBBER	7.2%
14	373759	PRETTY ANALIA	58	[14]	C MAUJEAN	7.8%	B WEBBER	7.2%



SELECTIONS

2 EIGHT HATS
3 COMMANDER OF ALL
1 BEAUTIFUL ONE
6 UBERMENSCH

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FAST FORM

VAAL CLASSIC		1450M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1450M	
9 SOUTHAMPTON	67%	6 UBERMENSCH	33%	2 EIGHT HATS	1:25.83
13 SUNSHINE DAY	27%	13 SUNSHINE DAY	27%	6 UBERMENSCH	1:26.56
6 UBERMENSCH	27%	14 PRETTY ANALIA	25%	14 PRETTY ANALIA	1:26.58
12 MICHAEL FARADAY	22%	9 SOUTHAMPTON	22%	11 SAIL THE SKY	1:26.89
11 SAIL THE SKY	21%	10 BRAVE VIKING	21%	8 OKLAHOMA TWISTER	1:27.07

Race Preview: **EIGHT HATS** has run well in defeat in 4 starts off her current mark under the same rider. She is ideally drawn and could be rewarded for consistency. **COMMANDER OF ALL** isn't as reliable but did catch the eye last time when a fast-finishing 3rd over 1600m, having been dropped out from the widest draw. He is favourably drawn on this occasion so should be right in the firing line. Class-dropper **BEAUTIFUL ONE** ought to be more competitive at this level off a reduced mark, while hard-knocker **UBERMENSCH** also has the means to make his presence felt with cheekpieces refitted.

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