

# SOUTH AFRICA

## VAAL



### RACE 1 6:15 PM (R105,000) Vaal Classic -- 1600m

NO	OR	NAME	AGE	SEX	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O
1	447078	Gold De Grace	60	[ 7 ]	S Dwayana	0.0%	C I Jonker	2.7%	
2	567778	Chief Of Staff	60	[ 2 ]	J Horing	100.0%	J A Visser	3.6%	
3	80	King Beijing	60	[ 1 ]	T Ncume	7.1%	L Kruger	10.5%	
4	544	Chabal	59	[ 6 ]	P Mongqawa	37.0%	F P Habib	13.8%	
5	675073	Gift Of Royal	59	[ 8 ]	T Lukhele	14.3%	B Webber	5.5%	
6	8067	Sovereign Crown	59	[ 3 ]	S Siphika	0.0%	A P Peter	17.4%	
7	74	Fizzly Bubbly	59	[ 5 ]	S Valjalo (1.5)	27.3%	P F Matchett	9.0%	
8	78	Knight's Fire	59	[ 9 ]	G Dadamasi	5.9%	J S Roux	4.5%	
9	54	Parabellum	59	[ 4 ]	C Mabaya	13.3%	P F Matchett	9.0%	



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
9 Parabellum			1 Gold De Grace 1:38.82
4 Chabal			2 Chief Of Staff 1:38.95
7 Fizzly Bubbly			5 Gift Of Royal 1:43.13
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**Race Preview:** Parabellum acquitted himself well in 2 introductory sprints and, on pedigree, this extended trip should be more to his liking. He could unlock sufficient improvement over this distance to open his account. Chabal and Fizzly Bubbly fit a similar profile and will be competitive if improving for this step up in trip. Gift Of Royal finished a career-best 3rd over 1500m last month and need only repeat that performance to make his presence felt.

### RACE 2 6:50 PM (R120,000) Vaal Classic -- 1600m

NO	OR	NAME	AGE	SEX	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O
1	293342	City Lights	60	[ 2 ]	C Maujean	6.7%	F Bronkhorst	7.0%
2	977606	Villa Semaya	60	[ 8 ]	D Schwarz	5.8%	C I Jonker	2.7%
3	875798	Spirit In The Wind	60	[ 7 ]	N Klink	8.4%	C I Jonker	2.7%
4	0365	Todoque	59	[ 5 ]	C Zackey	14.6%	P F Matchett	9.0%
5	6332	Great Notion	59	[ 1 ]	P Strydom	22.4%	M F de Kock	14.4%
6	83432	Instant Attraction	59	[ 6 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.7%	C Mayhew	4.3%
7	7088	Q For Love	59	[ 4 ]	Wes Marwing	3.5%	P F Matchett	9.0%
8	7	Hearts On Fire	59	[ 3 ]	K A Brewer	9.7%	M N Houadalakis	18.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
5 Great Notion	5 Great Notion 67%	5 Great Notion 67%	1 City Lights 1:35.86
6 Instant Attraction	2 Villa Semaya 6%	1 City Lights 12%	2 Villa Semaya 1:38.76
1 City Lights		2 Villa Semaya 9%	5 Great Notion 1:39.62
4 Todoque			3 Spirit In The Wind 1:42.23

**Race Preview:** City Lights is overdue a maiden win. She wouldn't be winning out of turn but has proven costly to follow and is vulnerable to less-exposed younger rivals. Instant Attraction is closely matched on the form of a recent 2000m meeting and is worse off at the weights. However, she has more scope for improvement so may have the measure of her familiar foe, even over this shorter trip. Great Notion is progressing with each start and she needn't improve much on her recent course-and-distance 2nd to go one better. Todoque appeals most of the remainder.

### RACE 3 7:25 PM (R100,000) Vaal Classic -- 1600m

NO	OR	NAME	AGE	SEX	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O
1	236572	Strewn Sky	60	[ 1 ]	P Strydom	22.4%	J J Van Vuuren	18.4%
2	143522	Kudzu	58.5	[ 11 ]	C Zackey	14.6%	J J Van Vuuren	18.4%
3	771952	Salute The Flag	58.5	[ 5 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.7%	C Dawson	12.1%
4	163627	American Rebel	55	[ 7 ]	L Nhlapo	2.2%	W C Marwing	11.4%
5	221308	Hat Trick Or Treat	53	[ 2 ]	P Mxoli	8.6%	P P Labuschagne	5.4%
6	410947	Mutarazi	53	[ 10 ]	J Gates	4.6%	A G Laird	13.0%
7	315	Greenhouse	52.5	[ 3 ]	M K Katjedi	4.8%	M F de Kock	14.4%
8	130526	Honorable Member	52	[ 8 ]	C Maujean	6.7%	F Bronkhorst	7.0%
9	150570	Ultimissimo	52	[ 9 ]	J Penny	8.5%	J S Roux	4.5%
10	074070	Copper John	52	[ 6 ]	N Klink	8.4%	A G Laird	13.0%
11	363431	Gamer	52	[ 4 ]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	S J Gray	8.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
1 Strewn Sky	7 Greenhouse 100%	6 Mutarazi 100%	11 Gamer 1:35.35
7 Greenhouse	9 Ultimissimo 100%	1 Strewn Sky 67%	9 Ultimissimo 1:37.53
2 Kudzu	5 Hat Trick Or Treat 83%	9 Ultimissimo 50%	6 Mutarazi 1:37.95
3 Salute The Flag	10 Copper John 28%	4 American Rebel 40%	4 American Rebel 1:38.17
	11 Gamer 28%	8 Honorable Member 33%	5 Hat Trick Or Treat 1:38.41

**Race Preview:** Strewn Sky and Kudzu are lightly raced 4yo geldings with the form and experience to play leading roles. Preference is for the top-weighted former who is ideally stationed in gate No 1 with the blinkers retained, while his stable companion jumps from the widest gate. Greenhouse is one of 3 fillies in the lineup and has the most scope for improvement, especially over this extended distance she is bred to enjoy. Salute The Flag bounced back to form with a good 2nd at a higher level last time and his rider's 1.5kg allowance negates the resultant 2-point penalty. Mutarazi has claims too.

### RACE 4 8:00 PM (R100,000) Vaal Classic -- 2400m

NO	OR	NAME	AGE	SEX	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O
1	121662	Ideal Future	61	[ 8 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.7%	L Kruger	10.5%
2	213627	Nuclear Force	59.5	[ 6 ]	C Habib	10.8%	E Verdoneze	17.9%
3	433168	Storm Ahead	59	[ 5 ]	C Maujean	6.7%	F Bronkhorst	7.0%
4	148624	Only A Poet	58	[ 7 ]	K A Brewer	9.7%	W H Marwing	7.9%
5	476374	Romeo's Magic	58	[ 4 ]	P Strydom	22.4%	B Warren	9.4%
6	8861	Another Universe	57	[ 1 ]	D De Gouveia	9.8%	M/A Azzie	15.4%
7	521133	Damova	56	[ 3 ]	C Zackey	14.6%	J A Soma	15.9%
8	026895	Japanese Maple	55	[ 2 ]	L Nhlapo	2.2%	W C Marwing	11.4%
9	857809	Eye Catching	52	[ 9 ]	J Gates	4.6%	J Borman	5.3%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	2400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 2400M
6 Another Universe	1 Ideal Future 42%	4 Only A Poet 67%	5 Romeo's Magic 2:29.24
7 Damova	7 Damova 25%	8 Japanese Maple 67%	1 Ideal Future 2:29.80
1 Ideal Future	5 Romeo's Magic 17%	7 Damova 50%	2 Nuclear Force 2:30.75
4 Only A Poet	8 Japanese Maple 13%	1 Ideal Future 47%	7 Damova 2:30.78
	2 Nuclear Force 13%	2 Nuclear Force 24%	3 Storm Ahead 2:31.50

**Race Preview:** Damova and Ideal Future are distance-suited hard-knockers with both the form and experience at this level to acquit themselves competitively. However, it may pay to follow the progress of maturing young stayer Another Universe who improved to win a 2000m maiden and could have more to give over this extended trip. Only A Poet and Japanese Maple have already proven their effectiveness over this distance so shouldn't be taken lightly. Nuclear Force and Romeo's Magic aren't without a prayer either - they complete the shortlist.

### RACE 5 8:35 PM (R100,000) Vaal Classic -- 1000m

NO	OR	NAME	AGE	SEX	W/O	W/O	W/O	W/O
1	245928	Sakhala Is'cathulo	61.5	[ 7 ]	P Strydom	22.4%	C Binda	6.7%
2	805415	Thunderbird	59.5	[ 1 ]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.7%	D N Stenger	11.7%
3	344248	Commander Of All	56	[ 4 ]	J Gates	4.6%	F P Habib	13.8%
4	038456	In The Ether	56	[ 5 ]	P Mxoli	8.6%	G J Maroun	8.7%
5	362432	Samoa	55.5	[ 8 ]	D Daniels	9.5%	B H Stidolph	12.2%
6	368309	Bregardt	55	[ 3 ]	C Habib	10.8%	F Bronkhorst	7.0%
7	514967	Pacific	54	[ 2 ]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	S J Gray	8.9%
8	897018	Together Again	53.5	[ 6 ]	L Nhlapo	2.2%	J A Visser	3.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
5 Samoa	1 Sakhala Is'cathulo 67%	2 Thunderbird 33%	5 Samoa 0:55.91
1 Sakhala Is'cathulo	4 In The Ether 26%	1 Sakhala Is'cathulo 31%	1 Sakhala Is'cathulo 0:56.45
4 In The Ether	6 Bregardt 25%	5 Samoa 30%	8 Together Again 0:56.61
3 Commander Of All	7 Pacific 25%	4 In The Ether 26%	4 In The Ether 0:56.62
	8 Together Again 23%	7 Pacific 21%	7 Pacific 0:57.00

**Race Preview:** Sakhala Is'cathulo blew his chances at the start in KZN last month. He finished 2nd in a stronger race at this venue in his previous outing and will be competitive with a repeat of that performance. Thunderbird made no impression at a higher level last time but should fare better in this grade over 1000m. Commander Of All, Bregardt and Pacific have the means to get involved but must bounce back from disappointing recent efforts. Veteran mares In The Ether and Samoa continue to acquit themselves well and the 10yo latter may well be rewarded for her consistency.

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### RACE 6 9:10 PM (R105,000) Vaal Classic -- 1000m

1	1	Faithful Neo	60	[ 10]	J Penny	8.5%	A P Peter	17.4%
2	574501	Micke's Bomb	59.5	[ 1]	C Maujean	6.7%	F Bronkhorst	7.0%
3	031070	Inventrix	59	[ 3]	C Zackey	14.6%	F Bronkhorst	7.0%
4	431	My One And Only	58	[ 11]	P Strydom	22.4%	B D Botes	8.8%
5	342714	Take Your Place	57	[ 5]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	S J Gray	8.9%
6	354561	Waitforgreenlight	57	[ 9]	J Gates	4.6%	F P Habib	13.8%
7	604274	Heirloom	56.5	[ 8]	D De Gouveia	9.8%	R Klaasen	10.2%
8	274562	Neerah	56.5	[ 12]	C Habib	10.8%	B D Botes	8.8%
9	641466	Royal Horizon	56.5	[ 2]	J R Syster	10.9%	H Van Der Westh	6.3%
10	788877	Glawari	55.5	[ 7]	P Mxoli	8.6%	P F Matchett	9.0%
11	273724	Beaded Gown	52	[ 6]	M K Katjedi	4.8%	B D Botes	8.8%
12	961258	Smelting	52	[ 4]	D Daniels	9.5%	B H Stidolph	12.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
★ 1 Faithful Neo	8 Neerah 67%	1 Faithful Neo 100%	11 Beaded Gown 0:56.52
4 My One And Only	7 Heirloom 44%	4 My One And Only 100%	8 Neerah 0:56.62
5 Take Your Place	11 Beaded Gown 33%	5 Take Your Place 58%	6 Waitforgreenlight 0:56.71
11 Beaded Gown	3 Inventrix 30%	6 Waitforgreenlight 38%	3 Inventrix 0:56.74
	9 Royal Horizon 25%	9 Royal Horizon 33%	7 Heirloom 0:56.94

**Race Preview:** Faithful Neo ran above market expectations when making a winning debut and she is open to any amount of improvement with that experience under her belt. My One And Only is another promising 3yo filly with scope for progress so is best kept safe. Consistent stablemate Beaded Gown is in good form and should have a role to play say off her current mark. Last-start winners Micke's Bomb and Waitforgreenlight are experienced hard-knockers who remain competitive, despite resultant penalties. Neerah, Royal Horizon and class-dropper Heirloom are attractive outsiders to consider.

### RACE 7 9:45 PM (R135,000) Vaal Classic -- 1000m

1	410080	You Bring Me Joy	60	[ 4]	K A Brewer	9.7%	W H Marwing	7.9%
2	164006	Mist In Scotland	60	[ 2]	T Mayhew (1.5)	7.7%	P F Matchett	9.0%
3	417554	Foreverinmydreams	59.5	[ 8]	C Habib	10.8%	A G Laird	13.0%
4	673198	Night Vigil	59.5	[ 1]	P Mxoli	8.6%	S T Pettigrew	14.0%
5	218162	Just The Two Of Us	58	[ 5]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	M/a Azzie	15.4%
6	123	Lady Of Memphis	55.5	[ 6]	C Zackey	14.6%	M N Houdalakis	18.0%
7	5161	Kia Kaha	55	[ 9]	M K Katjedi	4.8%	M/a Azzie	15.4%
8	221353	Virgin River	55	[ 7]	C Maujean	6.7%	A G Laird	13.0%
9	547520	Divine Moonlight	54.5	[ 3]	L Nhlapo	2.2%	W C Marwing	11.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
★ 3 Foreverinmydreams	1 You Bring Me Joy 100%	1 You Bring Me Joy 100%	2 Mist In Scotland 0:55.74
5 Just The Two Of Us	5 Just The Two Of Us 56%	7 Kia Kaha 100%	5 Just The Two Of Us 0:56.10
6 Lady Of Memphis	2 Mist In Scotland 44%	6 Lady Of Memphis 67%	6 Lady Of Memphis 0:56.15
8 Virgin River	9 Divine Moonlight 28%	5 Just The Two Of Us 56%	3 Foreverinmydreams 0:56.47
		4 Night Vigil 33%	8 Virgin River 0:56.89

**Race Preview:** Sparingly raced Foreverinmydreams caught the eye when finishing 4th in a stronger race against male opposition. She would have tightened up with the benefit of that comeback run and remains open to improvement so could be worth siding with. Just The Two Of Us and Lady Of Memphis are closely matched on the form of a similar 1000m event at this level but the former, who edged that meeting, is weighted to confirm her superiority on these terms. Virgin River complete the shortlist.

### RACE 8 10:20 PM (R100,000) Vaal Classic -- 1450m

1	773132	Rattle Bag	61	[ 7]	P Strydom	22.4%	G J Maroun	8.7%
2	485438	Super Awesome	61	[ 4]	D De Gouveia	9.8%	R R Wagner	10.3%
3	417332	Alone Time	59.5	[ 1]	D Schwarz	5.8%	J S Roux	4.5%
4	742231	The Cane Train	59	[ 9]	K Matsunyane	9.1%	R Klaasen	10.2%
5	159604	New Mexico	58.5	[ 5]	C Habib	10.8%	A G Laird	13.0%
6	842333	Calida	57.5	[ 10]	L Nhlapo	2.2%	W C Marwing	11.4%
7	666138	After Hours	55	[ 8]	K A Brewer	9.7%	S J Gray	8.9%
8	619000	Miss Predator	53	[ 3]	J R Syster	10.9%	H E Adamson	8.0%
9	544577	Northern Kitten	52	[ 2]	J Gates	4.6%	F P Habib	13.8%
10	582577	Can't Catch Me	52	[ 6]	P Mxoli	8.6%	B Webber	5.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
★ 5 New Mexico	3 Alone Time 67%	7 After Hours 33%	7 After Hours 1:25.34
1 Rattle Bag	2 Super Awesome 50%	1 Rattle Bag 33%	10 Can't Catch Me 1:26.70
6 Calida	1 Rattle Bag 41%	4 The Cane Train 33%	1 Rattle Bag 1:27.25
2 Super Awesome	7 After Hours 28%	6 Calida 25%	6 Calida 1:27.42
	10 Can't Catch Me 11%	10 Can't Catch Me 22%	2 Super Awesome 1:30.40

**Race Preview:** Rattle Bag has found a new lease on life. She is in good form and should remain competitive, even under joint top weight. Honest hard-knocker Super Awesome has done all his winning on this course so he shouldn't be underestimated at this level off a career-low mark. Alone Time and returning The Cane Train are lightly raced sorts with scope for improvement over this distance, while consistent Calida is competitive off his current mark and should make his presence felt once more. However, preference is for lightly raced class-dropper New Mexico who ought to take advantage of his reduced mark.