

# SOUTH AFRICA

## VAAL



RACE 1	6:35 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m					
1	90825	Old Fashioned	60	[ 1 ]	K Matsunyane	9.3%	C Binda	8.6%
2	070066	Pursuit Of Fame	60	[ 3 ]	M K Katjedi	4.3%	J A Visser	4.0%
3	065625	Ringho	60	[ 7 ]	N Klink	8.1%	C I Jonker	3.0%
4	600	What A Predator	60	[ 2 ]	P Mxoli	10.2%	D Cason	0.0%
5	0	Flying Predator	60	[ 5 ]	J Gates	5.8%	D Cason	0.0%
6	0	Mo Express	60	[ 8 ]	J Penny	6.6%	J A Visser	4.0%
7	00	Turf Guru	60	[ 6 ]	L Nhlapo	1.6%	J A Visser	4.0%
8	8	Just Jazzed Up	57.5	[ 4 ]	C Zackey	16.7%	P F Matchett	9.7%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
★ 1 Old Fashioned	2 Pursuit Of Fame 13%	1 Old Fashioned 22%	2 Pursuit Of Fame 0:58.16
8 Just Jazzed Up		2 Pursuit Of Fame 13%	3 Ringho 0:58.27
3 Ringho		3 Ringho 5%	1 Old Fashioned 0:58.37
4 What A Predator			4 What A Predator 0:59.71

**Race Preview:** Old Fashioned has a bad habit of conceding ground at the start but his recent form over this trip is good. He should play a leading role and needn't improve much, if at all, to open his account. Pursuit Of Fame and Ringho are experienced long-time maidens with earning potential. However, returning Just Jazzed Up is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance so could pose a bigger threat, especially in receipt of a handy 2.5kg sex allowance.

RACE 2	7:10 PM	(R105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m					
1	434	Lady Of Arc	60	[ 8 ]	R Munger	18.8%	F Bronkhorst	6.9%
2	783	Act On Snow	60	[ 6 ]	P Mxoli	10.2%	P F Matchett	9.7%
3	7478	Blazing Sky	60	[ 5 ]	J Penny	6.6%	P F Matchett	9.7%
4	845454	Empress Wu	60	[ 4 ]	D Schwarz	5.1%	J S Roux	4.1%
5	364625	Cyber Spirit	60	[ 10 ]	L Nhlapo	1.6%	J A Visser	4.0%
6	422767	Bilingual	60	[ 2 ]	J Gates	5.8%	S J Gray	9.0%
7	098897	Chasing The Crown	60	[ 3 ]	V Jodhee (4)	0.0%	G J Maroun	7.7%
8	0	Final Hope	60	[ 9 ]	M K Katjedi	4.3%	A P Peter	16.6%
9	06	Green Extreme	60	[ 7 ]	C Zackey	16.7%	M N Houdalakis	20.1%
10		Misty Metal	60	[ 11 ]	C Maujean	6.5%	A P Peter	16.6%
11	9	World Tour	60	[ 1 ]	M Yeni	12.7%	M/a Azzie	15.8%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
1 Lady Of Arc	5 Cyber Spirit 17%	6 Bilingual 22%	6 Bilingual 0:57.77
10 Misty Metal		5 Cyber Spirit 19%	5 Cyber Spirit 0:58.88
11 World Tour		1 Lady Of Arc 17%	7 Chasing The Crown 0:59.75
5 Cyber Spirit		2 Act On Snow 11%	1 Lady Of Arc 1:00.28
			2 Act On Snow 1:00.52

**Race Preview:** Lady Of Arc was returning from a 6-month absence when only tiring late to finish 4th over this trip recently. She would've tightened up with the benefit of that run so it could pay to follow her progress. Act On Snow, Empress Wu and Green Extreme also have room for improvement so could get into the picture. World Tour had legitimate excuses for an underwhelming debut performance but she was prominent in the betting so shouldn't be underestimated. Cyber Spirit and Bilingual complete the shortlist.

RACE 3	7:45 PM	(R105,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m					
1	168255	Gaelic Dancer	60	[ 8 ]	P Mxoli	10.2%	P F Matchett	9.7%
2	477180	Mother City	60	[ 5 ]	L Nhlapo	1.6%	C J Lensley	5.7%
3	271426	Take Your Place	60	[ 7 ]	P Strydom	22.6%	S J Gray	9.0%
4	215205	Raining Rubies	60	[ 2 ]	J R Syster	9.7%	H Van Der Westh	6.5%
5	047717	Radiant Heat	58	[ 1 ]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.6%	C Spies	9.7%
6	456148	In The Ether	58	[ 9 ]	R Munger	18.8%	G J Maroun	7.7%
7	018402	Together Again	54	[ 6 ]	M K Katjedi	4.3%	J A Visser	4.0%
8	324854	Dancing Dora	53	[ 3 ]	M Yeni	12.7%	F Bronkhorst	6.9%
9	125882	Smelting	52	[ 4 ]	G Dookhit (4)	6.9%	B H Sidolph	11.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
3 Take Your Place	5 Radiant Heat 44%	3 Take Your Place 60%	7 Together Again 0:56.61
6 In The Ether	8 Dancing Dora 39%	8 Dancing Dora 29%	6 In The Ether 0:56.62
4 Raining Rubies	6 In The Ether 28%	5 Radiant Heat 29%	8 Dancing Dora 0:57.01
8 Dancing Dora	1 Gaelic Dancer 22%	6 In The Ether 27%	9 Smelting 0:57.04
	7 Together Again 19%	1 Gaelic Dancer 19%	1 Gaelic Dancer 0:57.29

**Race Preview:** In The Ether, Together Again, Dancing Dora and Smelting are hard-knocking handicappers with the form and experience at this level to acquit themselves competitively. However, they're all engaged to run at an earlier meeting so their participation could be in doubt. Gaelic Dancer and Raining Rubies weren't disgraced at a higher level last time so they must be respected in this grade, especially off reduced ratings. Take Your Place is most effective over 1000m. She was 2nd in a similar race over track and trip 2 starts back and a repeat of that performance off a slightly lower mark could suffice.

RACE 4	8:20 PM	(R135,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1000m					
1	816261	Just The Two Of Us	60	[ 6 ]	M Yeni	12.7%	M/a Azzie	15.8%
2	133646	Virginia Beach	60	[ 4 ]	D De Gouveia	8.5%	A P Peter	16.6%
3	101369	Whirlybird	57.5	[ 5 ]	K Matsunyane	9.3%	C Binda	8.6%
4	400680	Mist In Scotland	57	[ 7 ]	P Mxoli	10.2%	P F Matchett	9.7%
5	516142	Kia Kaha	56	[ 9 ]	G Lerena	25.7%	M/a Azzie	15.8%
6	972249	Global Thunder	56	[ 10 ]	L Nhlapo	1.6%	C J Lensley	5.7%
7	135322	Virgin River	55.5	[ 11 ]	C Maujean	6.5%	A G Laird	12.7%
8	059321	Phantom Express	54.5	[ 1 ]	C Zackey	16.7%	P F Matchett	9.7%
9	2210	Flight Of A Condor	54	[ 2 ]	M K Katjedi	4.3%	D N Stenger	12.7%
10	484547	The Navy Lark	54	[ 8 ]	R Munger	18.8%	J A Visser	4.0%
11	501485	Micke's Bomb	53.5	[ 3 ]	K J Lihaba	7.5%	F Bronkhorst	6.9%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
7 Virgin River	7 Virgin River 67%	5 Kia Kaha 67%	4 Mist In Scotland 0:55.74
5 Kia Kaha	2 Virginia Beach 56%	9 Flight Of A Condor 59%	1 Just The Two Of Us 0:56.10
10 The Navy Lark	8 Phantom Express 56%	7 Virgin River 56%	5 Kia Kaha 0:56.31
1 Just The Two Of Us	1 Just The Two Of Us 42%	1 Just The Two Of Us 54%	8 Phantom Express 0:56.47
	4 Mist In Scotland 33%	8 Phantom Express 47%	2 Virginia Beach 0:56.59

**Race Preview:** Virgin River was returning from a 9-month absence when finishing 2 lengths ahead of Kia Kaha in a similar course-and-distance event on Christmas Eve. Both are lightly raced and remain open to improvement but the former, in her peak outing, should confirm her superiority on 0.5kg better terms. Consistent familiar foes The Navy Lark and Just The Two Of Us are closely matched on the form of earlier meetings, and they should be on the premises at the business end. Last-start winner Phantom Express and speedy Virginia Beach aren't taken lightly either.

RACE 5	8:55 PM	(R110,000)	Vaal Classic -- 1450m					
1	841414	Potberrie	60.5	[ 6 ]	P Strydom	22.6%	S J Gray	9.0%
2	312130	Miss Lia	57.5	[ 4 ]	P Mxoli	10.2%	P F Matchett	9.7%
3	193	Banff	56.5	[ 2 ]	C Zackey	16.7%	S G Tarry	12.1%
4	17	Royal Force	56	[ 3 ]	G Lerena	25.7%	M N Houdalakis	20.1%
5	3310	Kamensky	55	[ 9 ]	R Munger	18.8%	R R Magner	11.2%
6	642034	Skittles Skies	54	[ 8 ]	J Gates	5.8%	P P Labuschagne	5.3%
7	974236	Peace Treaty	53	[ 1 ]	K Matsunyane	9.3%	S G Tarry	12.1%
8	307468	Tintamarre	52	[ 7 ]	M Yeni	12.7%	A G Laird	12.7%
9	735427	Lava Fire	52	[ 5 ]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.7%	T Zackey	11.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL CLASSIC	1450M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1450M
1 Potberrie	2 Miss Lia 100%	2 Miss Lia 100%	1 Potberrie 1:25.42
2 Miss Lia	9 Lava Fire 56%	9 Lava Fire 56%	9 Lava Fire 1:25.86
3 Banff	1 Potberrie 50%	1 Potberrie 50%	4 Royal Force 1:26.73
4 Royal Force	4 Royal Force 50%	7 Peace Treaty 33%	7 Peace Treaty 1:26.75
	6 Skittles Skies 33%	5 Kamensky 33%	2 Miss Lia 1:26.93

**Race Preview:** Potberrie acquitted himself well in defeat at a higher level last time under a 6-point penalty. He won his previous start over this course and distance and another bold bid is expected. Miss Lia (only filly in the race) also boasts a 100% record over track and trip. She should fare better after a no-show from the widest draw in the Grade 2 Gauteng Fillies' Guineas. Highly regarded Banff is unexposed so can't be taken lightly stretching out to this distance in his peak outing. Returning Kamensky (gelded), lightly raced Royal Force, Peace Treaty and Lava Fire can get involved too.

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### RACE 6 9:30 PM (R110,000) Vaal Classic -- 1450m

1	615072	Miss Scaletta	61	[ 7]	P Mxoli	10.2%	P F Matchett	9.7%
2	221355	Pointer	59.5	[ 2]	G Lerena	25.7%	A G Laird	12.7%
3	215180	Oxalis Gold	59	[ 8]	D De Gouveia	8.5%	M/m De Kock	20.0%
4	211444	Francilien	57.5	[ 5]	C Zackey	16.7%	M N Houdalakis	20.1%
5	321180	Sonic Jet	57.5	[ 3]	K Matsunyane	9.3%	C J Lensley	5.7%
6	15626	Golden Moment	53.5	[ 9]	R Munger	18.8%	S G Tarry	12.1%
7	52147	Saigon Suzie	52.5	[ 1]	C Maujean	6.5%	J J Van Vuuren	17.0%
8	731632	Accept Cookies	52	[ 6]	M Yeni	12.7%	R R Magner	11.2%
9	223312	Great Notion	52	[ 4]	M K Katjedi	4.3%	M/m De Kock	20.0%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1450M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1450M	
4	Francilien	9	Great Notion 56%	8	Accept Cookies 58%	8	Accept Cookies 1:27.63
1	Miss Scaletta	8	Accept Cookies 33%	3	Oxalis Gold 56%	4	Francilien 1:27.69
8	Accept Cookies			9	Great Notion 33%	3	Oxalis Gold 1:29.40
6	Golden Moment			5	Sonic Jet 33%	9	Great Notion 1:30.69
						5	Sonic Jet 1:30.86

**Race Preview:** Miss Scaletta bounced back to form last time in a similar race over 1600m and will be competitive if repeating that performance, even under a 4-point penalty. Pointer and Golden Moment ought to improve for the step up to this extended trip so should make their presence felt. Great Notion and Accept Cookies have solid form credentials and they will be competitive under bottom-weight 52kg. Returning Saigon Suzie isn't without a chance either. However, preference is for consistent Francilien who is eased in grade and races off a reduced mark.

### RACE 7 10:05 PM (R120,000) Vaal Classic -- 1200m

1	895123	Secret Chord	61.5	[ 5]	M Yeni	12.7%	S J Gray	9.0%
2	537334	Zanthar	61	[ 8]	G Lerena	25.7%	M/a Azzie	15.8%
3	725442	Spring Tradition	60.5	[ 10]	L Nhlapo	1.6%	W C Marwing	10.5%
4	608752	Kinshin Sha	60	[ 6]	C Zackey	16.7%	M N Houdalakis	20.1%
5	216103	Big Boy Bruce	59	[ 9]	R Munger	18.8%	F Bronkhorst	6.9%
6	673421	Paul Revere	58	[ 4]	K Matsunyane	9.3%	C J Lensley	5.7%
7	544270	Midnight Fusion	57	[ 2]	K A Brewer	9.4%	R Klaasen	9.6%
8	543837	Super Awesome	57	[ 7]	D De Gouveia	8.5%	R R Magner	11.2%
9	221546	Blizzard Snow	56.5	[ 1]	Wes Marwing	3.7%	A P Peter	16.6%
10	173328	Alone Time	56.5	[ 11]	D Schwarz	5.1%	J S Roux	4.1%
11	046210	Sovereigns Call	56	[ 3]	C Maujean	6.5%	T Zackey	11.4%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1200M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1200M	
1	Secret Chord	4	Kinshin Sha 89%	9	Blizzard Snow 58%	10	Alone Time 1:09.37
2	Zanthar	1	Secret Chord 67%	10	Alone Time 47%	8	Super Awesome 1:09.50
4	Kinshin Sha	10	Alone Time 67%	4	Kinshin Sha 40%	2	Zanthar 1:09.63
8	Super Awesome	8	Super Awesome 39%	5	Big Boy Bruce 22%	11	Sovereigns Call 1:09.86
5	Big Boy Bruce	11	Sovereigns Call 38%	11	Sovereigns Call 20%	9	Blizzard Snow 1:10.01

**Race Preview:** Zanthar is carded to run at an earlier meeting so his participation could be in doubt. He is closely matched with Secret Chord on recent form so he will be competitive if taking his place. The latter edged that 11 January meeting at Turfontein and should uphold that form on similar weight terms. Spring Tradition, Kinshin Sha and Super Awesome have the form and experience to trouble those rivals, while Big Boy Bruce need only confirm the improvement of his last start to make his presence felt too. Last-start maiden winner Paul Revere completes the shortlist.

### RACE 8 10:40 PM (R90,000) Vaal Classic -- 1200m

1	041780	Good To Great	61.5	[ 5]	C Maujean	6.5%	C Binda	8.6%
2	601480	Circus Lights	61	[ 2]	P Mxoli	10.2%	G J Maroun	7.7%
3	549431	Oklahoma Twister	60.5	[ 13]	K Matsunyane	9.3%	H Van Der Westh	6.5%
4	273518	Written In Stone	60.5	[ 3]	J Gates	5.8%	B Webber	6.2%
5	592332	Sail The Sky	59.5	[ 9]	G Lerena	25.7%	C I Jonker	3.0%
6	206488	Stroke Of Mercy	58.5	[ 12]	L Nhlapo	1.6%	C J Lensley	5.7%
7	009907	Dakota Cat	57.5	[ 11]	R Munger	18.8%	J S Roux	4.1%
8	950705	Oriental Bouquet	57	[ 8]	D Schwarz	5.1%	G J Maroun	7.7%
9	575483	Jet Cat	55	[ 14]	Wes Marwing	3.7%	H Van Der Westh	6.5%
10	573473	Twice As Wild	54	[ 1]	J R Syster	9.7%	G J Maroun	7.7%
11	559096	Phala Millions	53.5	[ 4]	M K Katjedi	4.3%	B Webber	6.2%
12	976000	Gal Gadot	52	[ 7]	K J Lihaba	7.5%	S M Naidoo	3.2%
13	098092	Juniper Green	61.5	[ 6]	Reserve 1	--	F P Habib	13.1%
14	809907	Eye Catching	52	[ 10]	Reserve 2	--	J Borman	4.9%



SELECTIONS		VAAL CLASSIC		1200M DISTANCE		BEST TIME 1200M	
4	Written In Stone	6	Stroke Of Mercy 33%	3	Oklahoma Twister 40%	4	Written In Stone 1:08.20
5	Sail The Sky	7	Dakota Cat 19%	6	Stroke Of Mercy 33%	8	Oriental Bouquet 1:09.09
8	Oriental Bouquet	5	Sail The Sky 19%	10	Twice As Wild 27%	6	Stroke Of Mercy 1:09.13
10	Twice As Wild	9	Jet Cat 17%	4	Written In Stone 24%	14	Eye Catching 1:09.15
		3	Oklahoma Twister 17%	2	Circus Lights 23%	9	Jet Cat 1:09.77

**Race Preview:** Written In Stone was an authoritative winner of a similar course-and-distance handicap last month. He beat re-opposing Sail The Sky by 3 lengths and despite a 2.5kg turnaround, is good value to confirm his superiority. Oriental Bouquet, Jet Cat, Twice As Wild and Juniper Green bounced back to form last time and need only to confirm that improvement to have a say in the outcome. Recent course-and-distance maiden winner Oklahoma Twister has it all to do from a wide gate.