

SOUTH AFRICA

VAAL



4 RACING

RACE 1	6:15 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal -- 1400m			
1	322426	Ichacha	60	[7]	K Matsunyane	9.2% T Zackey 10.4%
2	85667	Mystic Vision	60	[8]	P Mxoli	10.8% P F Matchett 9.2%
3	787086	Knight's Fire	60	[5]	D Schwarz	5.5% J S Roux 4.2%
4	098	Cuban Pete	60	[11]	C Maujean	6.7% C Mayhew 5.3%
5	5	Crescendo	60	[10]	C Zackey	17.7% M N Houdalakis 19.5%
6		Molotov Cocktail	60	[2]	R Danielson	10.4% B/J Crawford 11.6%
7	8	Two For The Boys	60	[4]	A Fortune	15.6% W H Marwing 6.6%
8	202	Green Street	57	[1]	S Khumalo	13.2% S G Tarry 12.6%
9	6	Codeword	57	[6]	J R Systar	9.2% S G Tarry 12.6%
10	4	Explosive Gift	57	[3]	M V'rensburg	11.0% M N Houdalakis 19.5%
11	75	Free Bird	56	[9]	K J Lihaba	5.1% R R Magner 12.2%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
5 Crescendo	8 Green Street 67%	8 Green Street 67%	5 Crescendo 1:24.69
8 Green Street			8 Green Street 1:26.82
6 Molotov Cocktail			1 Ichacha 1:27.51
1 Ichacha			3 Knight's Fire 1:28.90
			4 Cuban Pete 1:30.31

Race Preview: Runner-up in 3 of his 6 starts, **Ichacha** needn't be fully tuned on his reappearance to play a leading role. **Green Street**, herself second in 2 of 3 outings, has also shown enough to fight for victory. However, Craig Zackey gets off that runner to partner well-bred **Crescendo** instead, so it could pay to side with the latter on his return from a rest and gelding operation. Well-related gelding **Molotov Cocktail** is worth a market check on debut.

RACE 2	6:50 PM	(R105,000)	Vaal -- 1700m			
1	535528	On A Jet Plane	60	[3]	A Fortune	15.6% S J Gray 9.1%
2	46822	Nkwenkwezi	60	[8]	K Matsunyane	9.2% C Binda 8.7%
3	3424	Cape Saffron	60	[1]	P Mxoli	10.8% S T Pettigrew 14.7%
4	6834	Artic Silver	60	[6]	S Khumalo	13.2% S G Tarry 12.6%
5	07764	Flightlight	60	[5]	C Zackey	17.7% S G Tarry 12.6%
6	388606	Amber Eyes	60	[7]	G Dookhit (4)	5.9% P F Matchett 9.2%
7	766590	Beverly Baby	60	[4]	J R Systar	9.2% J Borman 3.4%
8	0670	Red Sparrow	60	[2]	J Gates	5.0% B Webber 7.0%
9	4	Lava Lamp	60	[9]	C Habib	9.8% R Klaasen 9.2%
10		Reflective	60	[10]	M V'rensburg	11.0% B/J Crawford 11.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1700M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1700M
3 Cape Saffron	3 Cape Saffron 33%		7 Beverly Baby 1:50.69
2 Nkwenkwezi	1 On A Jet Plane 11%		
4 Artic Silver			
9 Lava Lamp			

Race Preview: On A Jet Plane had excuses for a disappointing last start and will be competitive if bouncing back to her earlier form. **Nkwenkwezi** and **Cape Saffron** are open to improvement over the extended trip so could fight out the finish, with a slight preference given to the latter from gate one. **Artic Silver** and **Flightlight** have earlier engagements but shouldn't be far off the mark if taking their place in this line-up.

RACE 3	7:20 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal -- 1700m			
1	732	The Ultimate King	60	[2]	A Fortune	15.6% A P Peter 15.3%
2	3964	Seventh Fleet	60	[3]	P Strydom	23.9% D N Stenger 13.3%
3	000472	Blurred Vision	60	[5]	M K Katjedi	4.0% S J Gray 9.1%
4	885	Follow The Master	60	[7]	J Gates	5.0% F P Habib 13.1%
5	652543	Chieftain's Shield	60	[1]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.7% T Zackey 10.4%
6	536357	Gold De Grace	60	[8]	N Klink	7.1% C I Jonker 2.7%
7	789	Urquhart Castle	60	[4]	K J Lihaba	5.1% A P Peter 15.3%
8	05	Future King	60	[6]	K Matsunyane	9.2% F P Habib 13.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1700M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1700M
★ 1 The Ultimate King			6 Gold De Grace 1:45.55
2 Seventh Fleet			7 Urquhart Castle 1:48.77
8 Future King			
5 Chieftain's Shield			

Race Preview: The **Ultimate King** has improved with each outing and needn't make a great deal of further progress to score on his reappearance as a gelding. **Seventh Fleet** and **Future King** are likely to pose the biggest threat to the selection although **Chieftain's Shield** has the form and experience to also make his presence felt.

RACE 4	7:55 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal -- 1600m			
1	679525	Fully Loaded	62.5	[5]	P Strydom	23.9% F P Habib 13.1%
2	267454	Willow Express	62.5	[3]	C Zackey	17.7% S G Tarry 12.6%
3	270870	Bloomington	60	[11]	J Gates	5.0% F P Habib 13.1%
4	871225	Douglas Dragon	60	[1]	J Penny	6.8% M Khan 9.5%
5	985426	Banha Bridge	59.5	[8]	R Danielson	10.4% C Dawson 13.7%
6	186765	Luthuli	59.5	[4]	C Habib	9.8% F P Habib 13.1%
7	166933	Safe Space	58.5	[10]	A Fortune	15.6% A P Peter 15.3%
8	644195	Laughing William	58	[6]	D Schwarz	5.5% C Dawson 13.7%
9	53321	Obsidian	57	[7]	S Khumalo	13.2% J J Van Vuuren 16.2%
10	5441	Chabal	56	[9]	M K Katjedi	4.0% F P Habib 13.1%
11	645634	Guerilla Warfare	54.5	[2]	M Yeni	12.7% S J Gray 9.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1600M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1600M
9 Obsidian	4 Douglas Dragon 89%	10 Chabal 100%	5 Banha Bridge 1:34.05
4 Douglas Dragon	7 Safe Space 83%	4 Douglas Dragon 67%	2 Willow Express 1:34.39
7 Safe Space	1 Fully Loaded 33%	7 Safe Space 33%	3 Bloomington 1:35.43
2 Willow Express	6 Luthuli 29%	9 Obsidian 33%	7 Safe Space 1:36.38
	2 Willow Express 13%	5 Banha Bridge 30%	6 Luthuli 1:36.40

Race Preview: Hard-knockers **Douglas Dragon** and **Safe Space** are effective over this distance but probably better over further. As such, a chance is taken on improving **Obsidian** who will relish this extended trip after a comeback maiden victory over 1400m. **Willow Express**, **Guerilla Warfare** and **Laughing William** complete the shortlist.

RACE 5	8:30 PM	(R160,000)	Vaal -- 1400m			
1	084351	Zuzan	60	[3]	C Habib	9.8% P F Matchett 9.2%
2	111649	Captainofthegreen	58	[10]	P Strydom	23.9% F P Habib 13.1%
3	815004	Tsar Bomba	58	[4]	M Yeni	12.7% J J Van Vuuren 16.2%
4	424792	Presley	58	[9]	C Maujean	6.7% J J Van Vuuren 16.2%
5	299232	The Africa House	56	[7]	K Matsunyane	9.2% S G Tarry 12.6%
6	211256	Happy Mo	54	[11]	S Khumalo	13.2% J J Van Vuuren 16.2%
7	156422	Bob's Your Uncle	54	[2]	C Zackey	17.7% M N Houdalakis 19.5%
8	290750	Wyzeact	54	[1]	M V'rensburg	11.0% C Spies 9.5%
9	082877	Cian The Conqueror	52	[8]	J Penny	6.8% C Spies 9.5%
10	133357	Moola Man	52	[6]	P Mxoli	10.8% S T Pettigrew 14.7%
11	000664	Open Highway	50	[5]	J R Systar	9.2% F Bronkhorst 7.5%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1400M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1400M
7 Bob's Your Uncle	6 Happy Mo 83%	4 Presley 100%	8 Wyzeact 1:21.30
4 Presley	2 Captainofthegreen 67%	6 Happy Mo 67%	7 Bob's Your Uncle 1:21.97
5 The Africa House	10 Moola Man 50%	2 Captainofthegreen 60%	10 Moola Man 1:22.34
1 Zuzan	9 Cian The Conqueror 42%	8 Wyzeact 44%	11 Open Highway 1:22.78
	1 Zuzan 33%	7 Bob's Your Uncle 40%	2 Captainofthegreen 1:22.89

Race Preview: **Bob's Your Uncle**, **Presley** and **The Africa House** are versatile and consistent performers with good records over this distance. They all finished second in their most recent appearances and will likely play leading roles if repeating those performances. **Tsar Bomba** and **Captainofthegreen** aren't taken lightly, while **Zuzan** shouldn't be underestimated either.

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RACE 6	9:05 PM	(R135,000)	Vaal -- 1200m			
1	146500	Exchange Student	61.5	[2]	R Danielson	10.4%
2	641677	Callmewhenuneedme	59.5	[6]	A Fortune	15.6%
3	842165	Duenna	58	[3]	D De Gouveia	7.8%
4	198171	Night Vigil	55.5	[10]	P Mxoli	10.8%
5	312130	Miss Lia	55	[9]	C Zackey	17.7%
6	125220	Salenio Peninsula	55	[4]	S Khumalo	13.2%
7	623453	Bosum Buddy	53.5	[11]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.7%
8	355531	Kindred Heart	53.5	[5]	K Matsunyane	9.2%
9	100469	Wings Within Me	53.5	[8]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.0%
10	626149	Just The Two Of Us	53	[1]	M Yeni	12.7%
11	212346	Calantha	52.5	[12]	M K Katjedi	4.0%
12	571595	Green Flash	52.5	[7]	K A Brewer	7.6%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
4 Night Vigil	1 Exchange Student 100%	3 Duenna 83%	2 Callmewhenuneedme 1:08.30
5 Miss Lia	5 Miss Lia 83%	5 Miss Lia 83%	11 Calantha 1:08.64
6 Salenio Peninsula	10 Just The Two Of Us 83%	6 Salenio Peninsula 83%	9 Wings Within Me 1:09.18
11 Calantha	2 Callmewhenuneedme 75%	2 Callmewhenuneedme 67%	8 Kindred Heart 1:09.48
	11 Calantha 67%	11 Calantha 67%	5 Miss Lia 1:09.58

Race Preview: Callmewhenuneedme (peak run), returning Duenna and last-start winner Night Vigil make up a competitive three-pronged Pettigrew attack. The latter has thrived since relocating to the Highveld and appeals most of the trio. Fellow 4yo fillies Just The Two Of Us and Calantha are lightly raced and remain open to improvement so could get involved. Younger rivals Miss Lia, Salenio Peninsula and Kindred Heart also have the ability to stake a claim.

RACE 7	9:40 PM	(R105,000)	Vaal -- 1200m			
1	013696	Whirlybird	60	[5]	K Matsunyane	9.2%
2	1584	Kings Again	58.5	[13]	M V'rensburg	11.0%
3	445736	Alabama Anna	58.5	[11]	R Danielson	10.4%
4	168	Abbey's View	57.5	[6]	C Maujean	6.7%
5	222155	Exceedingly Glam	57	[7]	C Zackey	17.7%
6	341	Maverick Queen	57	[8]	C Habib	9.8%
7	221608	Seventeen Again	57	[1]	M K Katjedi	4.0%
8	443539	It's Her Way	56.5	[3]	K A Brewer	7.6%
9	211	Cars Big As Bars	56.5	[9]	A Fortune	15.6%
10	4341	Lady Of Arc	55	[4]	M Yeni	12.7%
11	520537	Raining Rubies	54.5	[12]	J R Syster	9.2%
12	747608	Valieva	53.5	[10]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.0%
13	692178	Time For Charity	52	[2]	K J Lihaba	5.1%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
9 Cars Big As Bars	4 Abbey's View 100%	9 Cars Big As Bars 100%	3 Alabama Anna 1:08.38
6 Maverick Queen	9 Cars Big As Bars 100%	4 Abbey's View 100%	11 Raining Rubies 1:09.41
10 Lady Of Arc	7 Seventeen Again 67%	1 Whirlybird 78%	4 Abbey's View 1:09.48
3 Alabama Anna	1 Whirlybird 56%	6 Maverick Queen 67%	6 Maverick Queen 1:09.75
	2 Kings Again 50%	2 Kings Again 50%	1 Whirlybird 1:09.80

Race Preview: Cars Big As Bars won back-to-back starts over this distance before a 156-day absence and is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance, so it could pay to follow her progress. Last-start winner Maverick Queen and Lady Of Arc fit a similar profile and will likely expose any chinks in that rival's armour. Alabama Anna, Exceedingly Glam and Kings Again appeal most of the remainder.

RACE 8	10:15 PM	(R105,000)	Vaal -- 1200m			
1	2162	Hong Kong	60	[6]	A Fortune	15.6%
2	17	Predatrice	58.5	[14]	P Strydom	23.9%
3	562627	Golden Moment	57.5	[9]	C Zackey	17.7%
4	224940	Global Thunder	56.5	[7]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.0%
5	092315	Juniper Green	56.5	[11]	S Khumalo	13.2%
6	535392	One Party	55	[3]	M Yeni	12.7%
7	221055	Flight Of A Condor	54.5	[10]	C Maujean	6.7%
8	148580	Micke's Bomb	54.5	[8]	C Habib	9.8%
9	76721	Happy Wives	53.5	[1]	K Matsunyane	9.2%
10	825589	Gaelic Dancer	52.5	[12]	P Mxoli	10.8%
11	447094	Western Wishes	52	[13]	N Nastili (2.5)	5.7%
12	987080	Lady Majorca	52	[5]	J Penny	6.8%
13	486668	Ji's Eagle	52	[2]	J R Syster	9.2%
14	843847	Southern Style	52	[4]	J Gates	5.0%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1200M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1200M
1 Hong Kong	7 Flight Of A Condor 67%	1 Hong Kong 67%	5 Juniper Green 1:08.61
6 One Party	4 Global Thunder 33%	7 Flight Of A Condor 67%	4 Global Thunder 1:08.93
7 Flight Of A Condor	6 One Party 17%	9 Happy Wives 56%	11 Western Wishes 1:09.30
11 Western Wishes	14 Southern Style 15%	13 Ji's Eagle 50%	1 Hong Kong 1:09.49
	8 Micke's Bomb 6%	6 One Party 33%	8 Micke's Bomb 1:09.77

Race Preview: Hong Kong could complete a quick race-to-race double for the Fortune-Peter combination with improvement expected after an encouraging comeback second. One Party, Flight Of A Condor and Golden Moment have shown enough to trouble the top weight, while unexposed Predatrice isn't taken lightly despite a disappointing (much-needed) comeback outing. Western Wishes and Happy Wives complete the shortlist.

RACE 9	10:45 PM	(R120,000)	Vaal -- 1000m			
1	141094	Rock Of Bismantova	62.5	[2]	G Samo-burthia (4)	3.0%
2	213137	John Wick	62	[8]	P Strydom	23.9%
3	656095	Qhawe Lami	62	[6]	A Fortune	15.6%
4	532221	Virgin River	60.5	[11]	C Habib	9.8%
5	342125	Tiger Storm	59.5	[9]	M Yeni	12.7%
6	715340	Covert Operator	59.5	[13]	S Khumalo	13.2%
7	875236	Kinshin Sha	59.5	[10]	C Zackey	17.7%
8	768946	Nkandla Gold	59	[5]	M K Katjedi	4.0%
9	932172	Phantom Express	58	[4]	P Mxoli	10.8%
10	239644	Lady Of Memphis	57.5	[3]	C Maujean	6.7%
11	542639	Arilena	57.5	[1]	J Gates	5.0%
12	780067	Impact Investor	56	[12]	K Matsunyane	9.2%
13	561573	Lonely As A Cloud	56	[7]	R Danielson	10.4%



SELECTIONS	VAAL	1000M DISTANCE	BEST TIME 1000M
4 Virgin River	11 Arilena 100%	4 Virgin River 67%	10 Lady Of Memphis 0:56.15
5 Tiger Storm	2 John Wick 67%	2 John Wick 56%	9 Phantom Express 0:56.47
7 Kinshin Sha	10 Lady Of Memphis 67%	9 Phantom Express 43%	4 Virgin River 0:56.52
9 Phantom Express	4 Virgin River 67%	6 Covert Operator 42%	11 Arilena 0:56.55
	5 Tiger Storm 42%	5 Tiger Storm 37%	2 John Wick 0:56.60

Race Preview: Virgin River had Phantom Express, Lonely As A Cloud, Lady Of Memphis and Arilena behind her last month when winning a similar contest over this distance. She carries a 3-point penalty for her troubles but that shouldn't prevent another bold winning bid, especially as she is weighted to confirm her superiority. Male rivals Tiger Storm, Covert Operator and Kinshin Sha are specialists over this distance and will likely acquit themselves competitively.