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## 4RACING TAB Mark VENUE OVAL 9 and RACE 1

### \*\*\* P/A QUICKMIX - 25 JANUARY 2026

#### Leg 1 Scottsville

##### 9 16:20 - IN THE BOX SEAT PODCAST MIDDLE STAKES (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight Stake: R130,000 1200m

1 KHETHIWE'S DESTINY 4Bf	M/m De Kock	1 S Veale	60	5G14	0S12	8G11
2 LIGHT OF GABRIEL 3Bf	D Kannemeyer	2 C Zackey	55.5	3N14	2N12	1G12
3 VERSACE ONTHETRACK* 3Grf	K Naidoo	3 C F Dicken	55.5	4V12	0T11	6N12
4 BERRINGTON BLEW* 3Bf	N Kotzen	4 *G Samo-Burthia	51	9N10	4N10	9N10
5 WINTER RAINFALL* 5Bm	C Bass	5 A Fortune	55.5	2G10	2N12	3G12
6 WEST SIDE STORY 4Bf	D C Howells	6 M Thackeray	52.5	0N14	0P16	4G12
7 SIESTA SUNSET 3Bf	M D Miller	7 C Habib	57	1G10	3G10	7G14
8 HIERKOMMIEBOKKIE* 6Bm	D S Bosch	8 K De Melo	60	4N16	7G11	8N14
9 BUTTERCUP BABY 4Chf	W Whitehead	9 *D Louw	57	2N12	1N12	5N12
10 ONE SMART COOKIE* 5Bm	M N Prinsloo	10 S Moodley	58.5	7G14	5N18	6N14
11 TARA STAR* 5Bm	D W Moore	11 *M Mbuthu	58.5	1G12	4G12	2G11
12 SOVEREIGN GRANT* 5Bm	M D Miller	12 T Godden	60	2G14	3N14	3N14
13 FASCINATION 3Bf	N Kotzen	13 #M Michel	52.5	9N12	2G12	2G12
14 TOMYRIS* 5Bm	G v Zyl (jnr)	14 S Khumalo	60	2N14	5T16	4G16

**BETTING:** 5-1 TARA STAR; 6-1 WINTER RAINFALL; 7-1 LIGHT OF GABRIEL; 8-1 ONE SMART COOKIE, SOVEREIGN GRANT, FASCINATION; 10-1 KHETHIWE'S DESTINY, BUTTERCUP BABY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. **DOWN IN CLASS:** KHETHIWE'S DESTINY, TARA STAR, TOMYRIS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: WINTER RAINFALL; SOVEREIGN GRANT.

**SELECTION:** 5 WINTER RAINFALL 9 BUTTERCUP BABY 13 FASCINATION 2 LIGHT OF GABRIEL

**PREVIEW COMMENT:** WINTER RAINFALL is knocking at the door and it could be the right race for her to get her head in front again. She has lacked early pace and blinkers will be fitted. BUTTERCUP BABY has won some nice races and accordingly has gone up in ratings. A 4kg apprentice claim could keep her in the limelight. FASCINATION has run two solid races in a row and would be deserving. She carries a light weight but jumps from a wide draw. LIGHT OF GABRIEL has drawn well on the other hand and must be respected. Stablemates SIESTA SUNSET and SOVEREIGN GRANT can threaten too.

#### Leg 2 Naas

##### 4 16:25 - ALBERT BARTLETT TRIPLE CROWN SERIES AT PUNCHESTOWN FESTIVAL 2026 QUALIFIER HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf Stake: R286,352 3800m

1 THEFLYINGBEE (IRE) 9Baym	F G Hand	Mr J R Martin	75.5	2N32	5P38	5P42
2 BEYOND YOUR DREAMS (IRE) 5Baym	P Roche	M P Walsh	74.5	9C32	0P38	9P42
3 GRANVILLE STREET (IRE) 8Chestnug	Ciaran Murphy	Eoin Walsh	74	6T32	0F41	6N32
4 KING KALI (IRE) 10Bayg	S Byrne	K Sexton	73.5	1L36	4N32	1L32
5 MATT CONNOR (IRE) 6Bayg	J P Dempsey	K M Donoghue	73	5G32	1L32	4L32
6 DOCTOR CHURCHILL (IRE) 8Bayg	E & P Harty	C Cullinan	72.5	7N32	3F48	0P38
7 CLUB MANAGER* 6Bayg	R O'sullivan	M Kenneally	72	2W33	8N40	2N32
8 REBEL GOLD (IRE) 13Bayg	P T Foley	E Staples	71.5	5G40	5C36	3G32
9 RONY HAS (FR) 6Chestnug	C Byrnes	P Byrnes	71.5	4L44	7F32	8L42
10 PEACEINTHEVALLEY (FR) 7Bayg	H De Bromhead	J J Slevin	69	7N32	5T40	4L32
11 MYSTIC MALINA (IRE) 7Brownm	D G Murphy	P T Enright	68.5	6C32	0C40	1C33
12 JUSTATAN (FR) 7Chestnug	E Mullins	D Meyler	68	5L32	3C33	0L32
13 MON SHERIFFE 5Bayg	P J Rothwell	S D Torrens	64.5	4C38	6N40	3N32

**BETTING:** 9-2 MYSTIC MALINA; 11-2 KING KALI; 6-1 CLUB MANAGER; 13-2 MATT CONNOR, MON SHERIFFE; 8-1 PEACEINTHEVALLEY; 10-1 REBEL GOLD, JUSTATAN; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS OFF: CLUB MANAGER.

**SELECTION:** 4 KING KALI 7 CLUB MANAGER 5 MATT CONNOR

**PREVIEW COMMENT:** CLUB MANAGER has proved frustrating to follow this season, filling the runner-up spot three times including behind River Vale here last month, with King Kali five lengths back in fourth. The Ross O'Sullivan-trained gelding handles testing ground and cheekpieces are now replaced by blinkers. King Kali has won either side of the aforementioned outing including at the Limerick Christmas meeting, with Peaceinthevalley behind in fourth, while Matt Connor won on his penultimate start at Limerick and again put in a solid effort at Leopardstown last time. Mystic Malina and Mon Sheriffe are others to consider.

#### Leg 3 Sedgefield

##### 3 16:40 - FAIRLIGHT STUDIO HAPPY NEW YEAR NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf

1 MY MY MY DELILAH 6Bm	W Coltherd	Sean Quinlan	76.5	6H32	5C34	3K42
2 KAZAR FOREZ (FR) 6Bg	M Hammond	B Hughes	75.5	9N34	8C32	1N34
3 SAVIOUR (IRE) 5Bg	J Candlish	W Shanahan	74	4S32	0B34	7S34
4 EXPELLIARMUS (IRE) 6Bm	B Haslam	K Brogan	73	7C34	5S34	5N34
5 THE COFFEY BOY (IRE) 7Bg	I Duncan	C Bewley	72.5	6A32	7A32	0A41
6 DELAYED CHARM 5Bg	M Barnes	R Chapman	67.5	4K42	7P40	0C34
7 MACHO SUN (IRE) 6Bg	M Sowersby	A Anderson	64.5	7S34	4N34	6M42

**BETTING:** 8-11 KAZAR FOREZ; 9-2 EXPELLIARMUS; 6-1 MY MY MY DELILAH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**SELECTION:** 2 KAZAR FOREZ 4 EXPELLIARMUS 1 MY MY MY DELILAH

**PREVIEW COMMENT:** With most of these having questions to answer, the clear pick is KAZAR FOREZ. The six-year-old won on his third start for Micky Hammond at Newcastle and a 4lb rise for that success may not be enough to stop him from following up in this company. The switch to handicaps should help My My My Delilah, while Expelliarmus is next best.

#### Leg 4 Scottsville

##### 10 16:55 - Hollywoodbets BRIGHT FUTURE CLASS

##### 10 5 (Open. Benchmark at 60.0kg = 70) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R100,000 1750m

1 RODRIGUEZ 7Chg	L W Goosen	1 C Majuean	60.5	1G24	2N20	9G24
2 TEE DOG* 4Chg	W Whitehead	2 C Habib	58.5	4G16	3N19	1N20
3 MAGIC MAVERICK 5Bm	G I Rich	3 C F Dicken	52.5	3G19	4N19	7G24
4 CHRISTMAS CACTUS 3Chg	N Kotzen	4 C Zackey	59	6G12	4G14	1G16
5 SEND ME* 5Bg	A J Rivalland	5 T Godden	58.5	7N16	7G16	2G16
6 BASIE RAAKVAT 5Chg	M J Odendaal	6 N Patel	56.5	5P17	6P24	1N16
7 CONNOISSEUR* 5Bg	D C Howells	7 *M Mbuthu	53.5	9N18	9P14	3N18
8 RAGNAR THE KING 4Grg	W Whitehead	8 S Khumalo	59	2N16	8N16	7G16
9 MOHAVE PRINCE 3Bc	G B Puller	9 K De Melo	61	6P16	7S12	6G14
10 MOHANDAS* 6Chg	Y Govender	10 *D Pillay	57	2N19	6G18	1N18
11 SHOTGUN WILLIE 6Bg	W A Nel	11 S Moodley	58.5	7P17	6G18	9G16
12 I AM CLASSY* 4Bg	M L Roberts	12 S Hlengwa	55.5	0G24	5G18	0G16
13 PONGOLA 6Bg	M L Roberts	13 *D Louw	58.5	4P16	5G20	6G16
14 VENCEDOR* 4Bg	G v Zyl (jnr)	14 #M Michel	58	3P14	6G14	1G14
15 SWORD SPEED 3Bg	A Wright	15 A Mgudlwa	59.5	2P14	1N16	

**BETTING:** 6-1 CHRISTMAS CACTUS, MOHANDAS; 7-1 RODRIGUEZ, SWORD SPEED; 10-1 SEND ME, CONNOISSEUR; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. **DOWN IN CLASS:** RAGNAR THE KING, MOHAVE PRINCE.

**SELECTION:** 4 CHRISTMAS CACTUS 15 SWORD SPEED 5 SEND ME 8 RAGNAR THE KING

**PREVIEW COMMENT:** At first glance it looks wide open. But CHRISTMAS CACTUS gave the impression he could be looking for the distance when running on late to win his third start. The switch to Hollywoodbets Scottsville could suit. SWORD SPEED is another youngster that has done little wrong. But he will need to overcome the widest stall to win. SEND ME made good improvement staying on well in second last time and if holding form could appreciate the extra. RAGNAR THE KING is a lot better than his last two performances. His merit rating has dropped and he may just be the value proposition.

#### Leg 5 Sedgefield

##### 4 17:10 - PAXTONS NO1 CASEIH DEALER HANDICAP HURDLE (4 years and older) Turf

Stake: R201,712 3400m

1 FROMHERETOETERNITY (IRE) 9Bm	J Candlish	Sean Quinlan	76.5	3B34	2W32	5W32
2 CHASE A FORTUNE! 8Bg	C Grant	D Mcmenamin	76	2C34	1W32	2M32
3 CELESTIAL REIGN (IRE) 5Bg	M Hammond	J Thompson	72.5	1S40	2C34	4C34
4 RUSSIAN VIRTUE 9Bg	D Thompson	N Moscrop	72.5	2U32	4C34	6M32
5 INDIAN RIVER (FR) 4Bg	A Keatley	B Hughes	71	5R24	1C32	1W32
6 GHASHAM (FR) 7Bg	D Skelton	T Durrell	70	6M34	3W40	4M38
7 INCA PRINCE (IRE) 8Bg	Ruth Jefferson	J Hamilton	69.5	2P32	6M34	4K32

**BETTING:** 13-8 INDIAN RIVER; 4-1 GHASHAM; 6-1 FROMHERETOETERNITY, CHASE A FORTUNE; 8-1 INCA PRINCE; 10-1 CELESTIAL REIGN; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: GHASHAM.

**SELECTION:** 5 INDIAN RIVER 6 GHASHAM 2 CHASE A FORTUNE

**PREVIEW COMMENT:** Having won both starts over hurdles to date, Indian River has to be respected on his handicap bow. That said, he is a four-year-old now taking on older rivals and marginal preference is for GHASHAM. Dan Skelton's gelding has been running well in defeat and remains on a workable mark. The in-form Chase A Fortune is another with strong claims.

## Leg 6 Naas

### 6 17:25 - FINLAY FORD AT NAAS NOVICE CHASE (GRADE 3) (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R572,704 5000m

1	FLICKER OF HOPE (FR) 7Baybrowg	M Fahey	D Meyler	71.5	3W32	1F40	1N50
2	ARGENTO BOY (IRE) 7Greyg	W P Mullins	P Townend	70	5P48	0P46	1P48
3	BLAZE THE WAY (IRE) 8Bayg	Mags Mullins	D Mullins	70	2S35	4P36	1C52
4	BOSSOFTHEBROWNIES (IRE) 7Bayg	M F Morris	D J O'Keefe	70	1F48	3P48	3N50
5	EAGLE FANG (IRE) 6Bayg	W Durkan	P Byrnes	70	5F40	1T44	5C42
6	LONESOME BOATMAN (FR) 10Bayg	Sean Allen	D King	70	4L48	1C56	3F60
7	THE ENABLER (IRE) 7Bayg	G Elliott	J W Kennedy	70	3P38	1F42	4P39
8	THE GREAT NUDIE (IRE) 6Baybrown	C Bowe	S W Flanagan	67	4G32	3P36	1N40

BETTING: 5-2 FLICKER OF HOPE; 3-1 ARGENTO BOY; 4-1 BLAZE THE WAY; 6-1 BOSSOFTHEBROWNIES; 7-1 THE ENABLER; 10-1 EAGLE FANG; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

SELECTION: 1 FLICKER OF HOPE 2 ARGENTO BOY 3 BLAZE THE WAY

PREVIEW COMMENT: A competitive renewal and FLICKER OF HOPE can give weight away to his rivals. Mark Fahey's gelding beat a good field over C&D and did well to win over two and a half miles at Fairyhouse previously, but really comes into his own with a stiffer test of stamina. The obvious danger is Blaze The Way, who also blossomed when stepped up in trip at Cheltenham last month. He beat a strong field in good style in handicap company and should be a big player now in this grade. Argento Boy won well at Punchestown and is another who has to come into calculations.

## Leg 7 Sedgefield

### 5 17:40 - MICHAEL & FRED WATSON HANDICAP CHASE (5 years and older) Turf Stake: R162,303 5200m

1	TOM CREEN (IRE) 11Bg	S England	J England	76.5	4S42	7H40	2S38
2	SLANEY OPERA (IRE) 8Chg	Ruth Jefferson	J Hamilton	73.5	1K46	3S55	8C50
3	SIMILAR STORY (IRE) 8Bm	W Coltherd	Sean Quinlan	73	0C40	9N40	0C50
4	SCOTTISH KING (IRE) 10Chg	R Armon	P Armon	70.5	5U40	0S52	3C50
5	NIGHTS IN VENICE 10Chg	D Whillans	B Hughes	69.5	8A41	7K46	3M40
6	CARRHILL (IRE) 6Grg	C Grant	D McMenamin	68.5	4C34	5N48	9A41
7	UNCLE AL (IRE) 7Brg	J Bedi	A Anderson	67.5	5M42	1S42	6C38
8	EVEQUE (FR) 12Chg	Mrs J Walton	P J Kavanagh	66.5	1H48	5S52	0A48
9	DELGANY DEADLINE! 6Grg	D Skelton	T Durrell	66	2F48	4C39	3M48
10	AILL DUBH (IRE) 9Brg	M Hammond	A Stevens	65.5	0B34	0H32	0W38
11	ITURGEON DU BREUIL (FR) 8Grg	F Murtagh	C Maggs	64.5	6N46	6H48	4S52

BETTING: 3-1 DELGANY DEADLINE; 7-2 TOM CREEN; 4-1 SCOTTISH KING; 7-1 SLANEY OPERA; 8-1 NIGHTS IN VENICE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS ON:

SIMILAR STORY; SCOTTISH KING; CARRHILL; EVEQUE; DELGANY DEADLINE.

SELECTION: 9 DELGANY DEADLINE 4 SCOTTISH KING 11 ITURGEON DU BREUIL

PREVIEW COMMENT: As all of these have something to prove for one reason or another, ITURGEON DU BREUIL could provide some value off bottom weight. The eight-year-old is not without risk, but he has undergone wind surgery so improvement is anticipated. Tom Creen is a five-time course winner, although never over this far. Therefore, Delgany Deadline and Scottish King, who both run in first-time cheekpieces, are higher on the shortlist in their quests for first career successes.

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