

*** TAB TOP 7 MEETING!

BPot (Races 1-6); PA (Races 2-8); P6 (Races 3-8); JPot 1 (Races 4-7); JPot 2 (Races 5-8)



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VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 29 JANUARY 2026

RACECOURSE: Turf. 2800m oval track. Races up to 1000m straight course; beyond 1000m clockwise round turn with 1000m run-in. **TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK:** G Lerena 113-36 (31.86%)-52, C Zackey 102-24 (23.53%)-34, P Mxoli 111-12 (10.81%)-28, R Munger 47-11 (23.40%)-17 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 97-19 (19.59%)-33, S G Tarry 101-13 (12.87%)-35, M N Houdalakis 61-12 (19.67%)-20, P F Matchett 106-10 (9.43%)-22 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** J Botes (2.5), S Bungane (4.0), T Demont, K J Lihaba, I Lukhele, T Lukhele, C Mabaya, T Mango, B Marx-Jacobson (4.0), T Matsoele, T Mayhew, M Mbuto (2.5), P Mlangeni, S B Mthembu, T Ncume, S Valjalo (4.0).

TAB BETS for this meeting = ALL RACES: Win, Place, Swinger, Exacta, Trifecta, Quartet, Rolling Double (Races 1-2; 2-3; 3-4 etc) and Pick 3 (Races 1-3; 2-4; 3-5 etc) AND Bipot (RACES 1-6), Place Accumulator (RACES 2-8), Pick 6 (RACES 3-8), Jackpot (RACES 4-7; 5-8). All bets R1 unit; minimum bet in TABs R6 except SWINGER minimum bet R2. EACHWAY bet of R3 Win and R3 Place, as well as 3-horse EXACTA or TRIFECTA Box or 4-horse SWINGER Box for R6 total cost can be taken. Minimum bet online R1. **TAB PICK 6 Rule:** If first-timer wins, first horse to finish of those to have run before also qualifies (also BIPOT if first-timers finish first and second). **TAB PLACE Rules:** Less than 6 runners no Place betting; 6-7 runners payouts FIRST, SECOND; 8-15 runners FIRST, SECOND, THIRD; 16 or more runners FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH. Fractional betting: Trifecta, Quartet, Bipot, PA, Pick 6, Jackpot. **ALL TO COME (WIN or PLACE)** any 2 or more races. **4Racing TAB** betting form: mark **VAAL** oval. **TAB Gold:** mark **GTG** oval. **TV:** ALL RACES RACING 240 (ch 240 DStv); ALL RACES GLOBAL TV (in TABs)

1 12:30 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU WORK RIDERS MAID-EN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden Fillies and Mares) *Turf Straight*

Stake: R95,000 1000m

1 VARACHINO'S CHAMP%3Bf	F P Habib	5 *T Matsoele	60	4V10	4B10	4T10
2 AMAZE ME3Bf	S J Gray	9 *T Mango	60	8J17	5T11	3V12
3 POWER OF TIGER4Bf	P F Matchett	7 *T Ncume	60	3J10	3T11	2T10
4 HURRICANE POWER3Bf	F P Habib	2 *C Mabaya	60	3J10	0B15	5T10
5 EMPRESS WU*4Bf	J S Roux	6 *T Lukhele	60	7J10	3V12	6B10
6 EL ZANI3Bf	A P Peter	1 *P Mlangeni	60	FIRST RUN		
7 SEVEN TIMES RED3Bf	M Khan	3 *S B Mthembu	60	6T11	7B12	
8 SPEEDWELL QUEEN5Bm	C J Lensley	4 *I Lukhele	60			0V12
9 WISPINTHEWILLOW3Bf	A P Peter	8 *T Demont	60	FIRST RUN		

Same Trainer: (1 & 4); (6 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

TIPS: 3 POWER OF TIGER 6 EL ZANI 1 VARACHINO'S CHAMP 5 EMPRESS WU

PREVIEW: POWER OF TIGER confirmed recent improvement with a career-best second last time and a repeat of that performance should suffice in this lineup. VARACHINO'S CHAMP is held by that rival on recent form but has shown enough to be competitive. AMAZE ME and EMPRESS WU fit a similar profile but are vulnerable to less-exposed rivals. Newcomers EL ZANI and stablemate WISPINTHEWILLOW don't need to be special to make their presence felt. The betting should provide a guide to their chances.

2 13:05 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN JUVENILE PLATE (Fillies) (For 2 yof R100 000 Win BSA / RCS Bonus) *Turf Straight*

Stake: R120,000 1000m

1 IRISH WILMA2Bf	J J van Vuuren	6 K de Melo	60	FIRST RUN		
2 LADY ENID2Bf	S M Naidoo	9 *M Mbuto	60	FIRST RUN		
3 NO DRAMA2Bf	P F Matchett	2 P Mxoli	60		3T08	3T10
4 PLATINUM SHAY2Bf	P P Labuschagne	5 D Schwarz	60	FIRST RUN		
5 REGAL QUEEN2Bf	F Bronkhorst	8 J R Syster	60	FIRST RUN		
6 SECRETARY BIRD2Bf	S G Tarry	3 R Munger	60			3T10
7 STAGGERWING2Bf	M/M de Kock	1 C Murray	60	FIRST RUN		
8 TAX FREE2Bf	R Klaasen	4 C Habib	60	FIRST RUN		
9 VERSATILITY%2Bf	P F Matchett	7 M Yeni	60			4T10

Same Trainer: (3 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

DOWN IN CLASS: SECRETARY BIRD.

TIPS: 6 SECRETARY BIRD 9 VERSATILITY 3 NO DRAMA 7 STAGGERWING

PREVIEW: Well-related SECRETARY BIRD caught the eye when running on strongly once the penny had dropped to finish a close-up third on debut. She would've come on with the benefit of that experience and could improve sufficiently to open her account. NO DRAMA has shown enough to keep the selection honest, though a bigger threat will likely come from VERSATILITY who finished alongside that rival on debut and will have more to offer given that introduction. The betting could provide a guide to the chances of the newcomers, of whom well-bred STAGGERWING makes most appeal.

3 13:40 - GUINEAS DAY 7 FEBRUARY MAIDEN JUVENILE PLATE (For 2 yo R100 000 Win BSA / RCS Bonus) *Turf Straight*

Stake: R130,000 1000m

1 BUFFALO KING CODY*2Grc	A P Peter	3 *S Valjalo	60	5T08	3T10
2 CATFISH%2Grc	F P Habib	2 G Lerena	60	2T10	2V10
3 CRIMSON CLOVER2Bc	F Bronkhorst	5 M Yeni	60	FIRST RUN	
4 TIME IS PRECIOUS2Bg	J J van Vuuren	1 K de Melo	60		3T08
5 TWO TIGERS2Chc	R Klaasen	4 C Habib	60	FIRST RUN	
6 ENERGIA2Bf	P F Matchett	7 P Mxoli	57.5	FIRST RUN	
7 PERFECT SKY2Bf	S G Tarry	6 C Zackey	57.5	FIRST RUN	

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: BUFFALO KING CODY.

TIPS: 1 BUFFALO KING CODY 2 CATFISH 4 TIME IS PRECIOUS 7 PERFECT SKY

PREVIEW: BUFFALO KING CODY improved after an introductory outing to finish third over this trip behind re-opposing CATFISH, who wouldn't be winning out of turn after filling the runner-up berth in both starts. However, the fitting of blinkers and engagement of a 4kg claimer could give the former the edge. TIME IS PRECIOUS showed promise on debut and will be competitive with natural improvement. Well-bred debutante PERFECT SKY is worth a market check and betting support would speak volumes of her chance.

4 14:15 - CLASSIC DAY 7 MARCH MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) *Turf Straight*

Stake: R120,000 1000m

1 SCORPIO%3Grg	C Spies	9 R Munger	60	5T08	6T10	6S10
2 STONEYWOOD3Chg	M N Houdalakis	4 C Zackey	60	9V12	2T10	2T10
3 ROCK MUSIC*3Bg	C Binda	8 *S Bungane	60	5J10	2B10	4T10
4 SCOTT'S GUARD!3Bg	J Borman	6 *M Mbuto	60	0V14	0B16	8B16
5 IN THE WILLOWS*3Chg	S J Gray	3 P Mxoli	60	5T11	5V12	0T11
6 EDELSTEEN3Bc	C Binda	2 K Matsunyane	60			6B10
7 KING REDOUTE3Bg	J J van Vuuren	7 K de Melo	60	FIRST RUN		
8 CHARLESTON DAWN3Bf	M Khan	5 *K J Lihaba	57.5	0V12	0V14	3T10
9 TREASURE STATE3Bf	S G Tarry	1 M K Katjedi	57.5			3T11

Same Trainer: (3 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 STONEYWOOD; 3-1 KING REDOUTE; 4-1 TREASURE STATE; 6-1 CHARLESTON DAWN; 7-1 ROCK MUSIC; 8-1 SCORPIO; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 STONEYWOOD 7 KING REDOUTE 8 CHARLESTON DAWN 9 TREASURE STATE

PREVIEW: After consecutive runner-up finishes, well-related STONEYWOOD won't need to improve a great deal to go one better. TREASURE STATE attracted market support when finishing third on debut, so she could play a leading role in receipt of a sex allowance and with natural improvement expected. ROCK MUSIC and CHARLESTON DAWN also have the means to make their presence felt. Newcomer KING REDOUTE is bred to be useful and won't need to be special to run a forward race in this company. Watch the betting for clues.

5	14:50 - SA DERBY 4 APRIL MR 104 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Straight</i>	Stake: R160,000	1000m
1	COSMIC STAR*6Bg	J J van Vuuren	9 M Yeni
2	SHELDON7Bg	J J van Vuuren	3 K de Melo
3	MOVER AND SHAKER6Bg	F P Habib	7 *M Mbuto
4	KARATE KID*4Bg	P F Matchett	6 P Mxoli
5	GIMMETHEGOODLIFE4Bg	A P Peter	1 G Lerena
6	AFRICAN PRIDE*3Bg	C Spies	8 *T Mayhew
7	MAGIC TATTOO*6Chg	S G Tarry	2 C Zackey
8	NIGHT BOMBER*5Bg	C/T Dawson	5 D Schwarz
9	DONTSHOOTTHEBARMAN*6Bg	C Binda	10 *S Bungane
10	MIAMI MOUNTAIN3Bc	M/M de Kock	4 J R Syster
11	RAFA BAY*4Bg	A P Peter	11 *B Marx-Jacobson

Same Trainer: (1 & 2); (5 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 MIAMI MOUNTAIN; 4-1 GIMMETHEGOODLIFE; 9-2 COSMIC STAR; 6-1 RAFA BAY; 7-1 AFRICAN PRIDE; 8-1 KARATE KID; 10-1 NIGHT BOMBER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: MAGIC TATTOO.

TIPS: 10 MIAMI MOUNTAIN 6 AFRICAN PRIDE 11 RAFA BAY 1 COSMIC STAR

PREVIEW: A case can be made for most, but none appeal more than progressive MIAMI MOUNTAIN who bounced back to best with a last-start win when returning to sprinting after his no-show in a 1400m Grade 2. He has shown enough pace to be effective over this trip and a resultant 2-point penalty isn't likely to halt his momentum. Fellow 3yo AFRICAN PRIDE has the form and experience to fight out the finish, and is distance suited too. Older rivals COSMIC STAR, KARATE KID, GIMMETHEGOODLIFE and RAFA BAY are proven at this level and remain competitive off their current marks.

6	15:25 - #YOUCANBETONUS! MR 86 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>	Stake: R125,000	2000m
1	GIMMEACHOICE*5Bg	J A Soma	2 C Zackey
2	THE PLAYBOY BOMBERS5Bg	A G Laird	1 C Maujean
3	JORDAN\$5Bg	S G Tarry	3 K de Melo
4	AMERICAN REBEL5Bg	W C Marwing	4 G Lerena
5	DIESEL'S SHADOW*5Chg	E Verdonese	5 *S Valjalo
6	EIGER SANCTIONS5H	S J Gray	11 P Mxoli
7	SANTIAGO'S PRIDE4Bg	WW Marwing	7 *K J Lihaba
8	ARUMUGAM*7Bg	J S Roux	10 L Nhlapo
9	STORM AHEAD*5Bg	F Bronkhorst	9 M Yeni
10	REPETITION4Bg	C Mayhew	6 R Munger
11	OKLAHOMA TWISTER*5Chg	H van der Westhuizen	8 J R Syster

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 33-10 THE PLAYBOY BOMBER; 7-2 GIMMEACHOICE; 4-1 JORDAN; 6-1 REPETITION; 10-1 STORM AHEAD; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: GIMMEACHOICE, THE PLAYBOY BOMBER, JORDAN, AMERICAN REBEL.

TIPS: 1 GIMMEACHOICE 2 THE PLAYBOY BOMBER 3 JORDAN 10 REPETITION

PREVIEW: THE PLAYBOY BOMBER produced a career-best effort when winning over 1800m in his first go at the trip last time. A 5-point penalty seems fair but this extended trip could be even more to his liking. Runner-up GIMMEACHOICE is 0.5kg better off and would've tightened up since that comeback run, so he could improve sufficiently to turn the tables. JORDAN, closely matched on the form, is both consistent at this level and competitive off his current mark. REPETITION was an unlucky loser of his last start but that was at a lower level, so he must find improvement in his peak outing to have a say.

7	16:00 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>	Stake: R100,000	1600m
1	EXPRESS YOURSELF4Bg	C/T Dawson	4 D Schwarz
2	UNSOLVED RIDDLE6Bg	G J Maroun	1 *J Botes
3	AGOGES3Bg	M N Houdalakis	7 C Zackey
4	PEACE TREATY4Bg	S G Tarry	5 R Munger
5	HEAVENLY GOOD3Grf	A P Peter	6 C Habib
6	CARNELO7Bg	S M Naidoo	2 *S Valjalo
7	PROPHET6Bg	C Spies	3 *T Mayhew
8	MAJALUN*4Bg	M G Azzie	8 M V'Rensburg
9	THAT'S MAGICAL*4Bg	M G Azzie	9 J Gates

Same Trainer: (8 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 28-1 AGOGES; 4-1 PEACE TREATY; 9-2 HEAVENLY GOOD; 5-1 UNSOLVED RIDDLE; 7-1 EXPRESS YOURSELF; 8-1 CARNELO; 10-1 MAJALUN; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: AGOGES, HEAVENLY GOOD.

TIPS: 3 AGOGES 5 HEAVENLY GOOD 6 CARNELO 2 UNSOLVED RIDDLE

PREVIEW: AGOGES won a course-and-distance maiden before he was thrown into the deep-end of a 1400m 3yo Grade 3 which probably came too soon for him. A return to this distance in these calmer waters will suit so it could pay to follow his progress. Class-dropper HEAVENLY GOOD, last-start winner over this track and trip CARNELO, as well as hard-knockers UNSOLVED RIDDLE and PEACE TREATY get weight from the selection so they could make life difficult for him.

8	16:40 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY MR 84 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>	Stake: R125,000	1200m
1	ENSUING6Bg	J J van Vuuren	7 G Lerena
2	FULLY LOADED*6Bg	F P Habib	11 *M Mbuto
3	SATYAGRAHA4Chg	S G Tarry	10 C Zackey
4	VIBE SA*5Bg	A P Peter	1 C Habib
5	AFRICAN PRINCE4Bg	R R Magner	2 M Yeni
6	CIAN THE CONQUEROR6Bg	W C Marwing	4 D Schwarz
7	PHIL THE FLUTER4Bg	P/J Vermeulen	12 R Danielson
8	ANTONIO GAUDI4Bg	R Klaasen	6 K Matsunyane
9	DRIVELIKEAMASTER4Bg	D N Stenger	3 M V'Rensburg
10	RED PENNY3Bg	P F Matchett	8 P Mxoli
11	HALBERDIER5Bg	B B Ruiters	9 R Munger
12	KWAGGA BLUTZ*4Bg	C Binda	5 C Maujean
13	GOLDEN OPERATOR3Bg	S G Tarry	13 Reserve 1

Same Trainer: (3 & 13).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 FULLY LOADED; 9-2 ANTONIO GAUDI; 5-1 ENSUING; 6-1 AFRICAN PRINCE; 8-1 DRIVELIKEA-MASTER; 10-1 RED PENNY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: FULLY LOADED, PHIL THE FLUTER, RED PENNY. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: CIAN THE CONQUEROR; HALBERDIER.

TIPS: 5 AFRICAN PRINCE 2 FULLY LOADED 8 ANTONIO GAUDI 1 ENSUING

PREVIEW: ENSUING and ANTONIO GAUDI are closely matched on the form of their course-and-distance meeting in a similar contest recently. Both have the means to fight it out from midfield berths. FULLY LOADED is course-and-distance suited and proven at this level, but his wide draw is a concern. DRIVELIKEAMASTER, RED PENNY and HALBERDIER have the means make their presence felt, though it could pay to side with AFRICAN PRINCE whose Highveld introduction was encouraging. The selection is ideally positioned in gate 2 and is open to improvement.

HOW TO READ FIELDS: Runner info shown as follows: Number; Horse; Age; colour; sex; Career record: wins-places-runs; Trainer; Draw (position in starting gate); Jockey; Weight to be carried included rider & equipment; Last 3 runs with most recent on right. After horse name: *=-Blinkers; \$ =Cheek Pieces; !=Pacifiers; !=Visor; ^=-Hood; ?=-Compression Hood; %=Blinkers/ Compression Hood; >= Cheekpieces/Compression Hood; &=-Pacifiers/Compression Hood; \$=-Cheekpieces/Pacifiers; +/-Earmuffs; !=Eye Shield; Before the jockey name: !=apprentice. Last three runs are shown in order of finishing position; racecourse; distance; lengths beaten. Thus 3V12 is third at Vaal over 1200m. If underscored 1T12 the race followed a rest of 60 days or more.**RACECOURSE ABBREVIATIONS:** D-Durbanville; E-Fairview Polytrack; F-Fairview Turf; G-Greyville; N-Greyville Polytrack; W-Kenilworth (Winter); K-Kenilworth (Summer); Y-Kimberley; M-Mauritius; R-Randjesfontein; S-Scotts-ville; P-Scottsville Inside; T-Turfontein Standside; J-Turfontein Inside; B-Vaal Classic; V-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.

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