

*** 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 MAIDEN 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 ME	3Bf	S J Gray	9	'T Mango	60	8J17 5T11 3V12
3	POWER OF TIGER	4Bf	P F Matchett	7	'T Ncume	60	3J10 3T11 2T10
4	HURRICANE POWER	3Bf	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 ZANI	3Bf	A P Peter	1	'P Mlangeni	60	FIRST RUN
7	SEVEN TIMES RED	3Bf	M Khan	3	'S B Mthembu	60	6T11 7B12
8	SPEEDWELL QUEEN	5Bm	C J Lensley	4	'I Lukhele	60	0V12
9	WISPIN THE WILLOW	3Bf	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 stalemated WISPIN THE WILLOW 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 yo R100 000 Win BSA / RCS Bonus) Turf Straight

Stake: R120,000 1000m

1	IRISH WILMA	2Bf	J J van Vuuren	6	K de Melo	60	FIRST RUN
2	LADY END	2Bf	S M Naidoo	9	'M Mbuto	60	FIRST RUN
3	NO DRAMA	2Bf	P F Matchett	2	P Mxoli	60	3T08 3T10
4	PLATINUM SHAY	2Bf	P P Labuschagne	5	D Schwarz	60	FIRST RUN
5	REGAL QUEEN	2Bf	F Bronkhorst	8	J R Syster	60	FIRST RUN
6	SECRETARY BIRD	2Bf	S G Tarry	3	R Munger	60	3T10
7	STAGGERWING	2Bf	M M de Kock	1	C Murray	60	FIRST RUN
8	TAX FREE	2Bf	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	2Gr	A P Peter	3	'S Valjalo	60	5T08 3T10
2	CATFISH	2Gr	F P Habib	2	G Lerena	60	2T10 2V10
3	CRIMSON CLOVER	2Bc	F Bronkhorst	5	M Yeni	60	FIRST RUN
4	TIME IS PRECIOUS	2Bg	J J van Vuuren	1	K de Melo	60	3T08
5	TWO TIGERS	2Ch	R Klaasen	4	C Habib	60	FIRST RUN
6	ENERGIA	2Bf	P F Matchett	7	'P Mbuto	57.5	FIRST RUN
7	PERFECT SKY	2Bf	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	3Gr	C Spies	9	R Munger	60	5T08 6T10 6S10
2	STONEYWOOD	3Chg	M N Houdalakis	4	C Zackey	60	9V12 2T10 2T10
3	ROCK MUSIC	3Bg	C Bindu	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	EDELSTEEN	3Bc	C Bindu	2	K Matsunyane	60	6B10
7	KING REDOUTE	3Bg	J J van Vuuren	7	K de Melo	60	FIRST RUN
8	CHARLESTON DAWN	3Bf	M Khan	5	'K J Lihaba	57.5	0V12 0V14 3T10
9	TREASURE STATE	3Bf	S G Tarry	1	M K Katjedi	57.5	

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) *Turf*
 Straight Stake: R160,000 1000m

1	COSMIC STAR<6Bg	J J van Vuuren	9	M Yeni	61	1T10	2T11	6T10
2	SHELDON7Bg	J J van Vuuren	3	K de Melo	61	3V10	9T10	0T11
3	MOVER AND SHAKER6Bg	F P Habib	7	M Mbuto	60.5	7B10	0T10	8B14
4	KARATE KID<4Bg	P F Matchett	6	P Mxoli	59.5	7T10	2B10	9T10
5	GIMMETHEGOODLIFE4Bg	A P Peter	1	G Lerena	57	8T11	3T10	2B12
6	AFRICAN PRIDE%3Bg	C Spies	8	T Mayhew	56.5	0T11	4T10	2T10
7	MAGIC TATTOO*6Cbg	S G Tarry	2	C Zackey	56	4B10	4T10	0T11
8	NIGHT BOMBER*5Bg	C/T Dawson	5	D Schwarz	56	3J12	3B12	6J10
9	DONTSHOOTHEBARMAN%6Bg	C Binda	10	S Bungane	54.5	0V10	1T10	9V10
10	MIAMI MOUNTAIN3Bc	M/M de Kock	4	J R Syster	53.5	1J12	0T14	1T11
11	RAFA BAY*4Bg	A P Peter	11	B Marx-Jacobson	52.5	3V10	2T10	2V10

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) *Turf*
 Right-Hand Turn Stake: R125,000 2000m

1	GIMMECHOICE*5Bg	J A Soma	2	C Zackey	60.5	1V20	5J20	2T18
2	THE PLAYBOY BOMBER5Bg	A G Laird	1	C Maujean	60	2T16	5T16	1T18
3	JORDAN\$5Bg	S G Tarry	3	K de Melo	59.5	3B18	2T24	4T18
4	AMERICAN REBEL5Bg	W C Marwing	4	G Lerena	58	5B20	7T24	0J18
5	DIESEL'S SHADOW*5Cbg	E Verdonese	5	'S Valjalo	58	0B10	1J18	0B20
6	EIGER SANCTIONS5Bh	S J Gray	11	P Mxoli	57	7J20	9J18	0B20
7	SANTIAGO'S PRIDE4Bg	W/W Marwing	7	'K J Lihaba	55.5	2V18	4G24	8T16
8	ARUMUGAM*7Bg	J S Roux	10	L Nhlapo	55.5	7V20	6B18	5B20
9	STORM AHEAD*5Bg	F Bronkhorst	9	M Yeni	55	9V20	1T14	6B20
10	REPETITION4Bg	C Mayhew	6	R Munger	54.5	4D18	2T20	3V20
11	OKLAHOMA TWISTER%5Cbg	H van der Westhuizen	8	J R Syster	52.5	1V16	7B15	7V15

Same Trainer: None.

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

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

TIPS: 1 GIMMECHOICE 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 GIMMECHOICE 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) *Turf* Right-Hand Turn Stake: R100,000 1600m

1	EXPRESS YOURSELF4Bg	C/T Dawson	4	D Schwarz	60.5	7D20	4T16	0B16
2	UNSOLVED RIDDLE6Bg	G J Maroun	1	J Botes	60.5	6B16	5V16	5B16
3	AGOGE\$3Bg	M N Houldalakis	7	C Zackey	59.5	2V14	1B16	9T14
4	PEACE TREATY4Bg	S G Tarry	5	R Munger	57.5	5J20	7B17	2T18
5	HEAVENLY GOOD3Grf	A P Peter	6	C Habib	56.5	8J14	5J14	5B14
6	CARNELO7Bg	S M Naidoo	2	'S Valjalo	56	3V14	8T14	1B16
7	PROPHET6Bg	C Spies	3	T Mayhew	56	5V12	7B12	7V12
8	MAJALUN*4Bg	M G Azzie	8	M V'Rensburg	54.5	8J20	4T18	7V20
9	THAT'S MAGICAL*4Bg	M G Azzie	9	J Gates	52	0B24	7V17	8T18

Same Trainer: (8 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 AGOGE; 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: AGOGE, HEAVENLY GOOD.

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

PREVIEW: AGOGE 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) *Turf* Right-Hand Turn Stake: R125,000 1200m

1	ENSUING6Bg	J J van Vuuren	7	G Lerena	62	0T11	3B12	5B12
2	FULLY LOADED*6Bg	F P Habib	11	'M Mbuto	62	2V14	1B12	7V15
3	SATYAGRAHA4Cbg	S G Tarry	10	C Zackey	60	1J14	8J16	8V12
4	VIBE SA*5Bg	A P Peter	1	C Habib	59.5	5J12	8V12	0J14
5	AFRICAN PRINCE4Bg	R R Magner	2	M Yeni	59.5	6K12	0K12	4T10
6	CIAN THE CONQUEROR6Bg	W C Marwing	4	D Schwarz	59.5	0J14	7J12	7B12
7	PHIL THE FLUTER4Bg	P/J Vermeulen	12	R Danielson	59.5	1J14	6T14	0J16
8	ANTONIO GAUDI4Bg	R Klaasen	6	K Matsunyane	59	2V12	1T11	4B12
9	DRIVELIKEAMASTER4Bg	D N Stenger	3	M V'Rensburg	58.5	4V12	2J14	2V15
10	RED PENNY3Bg	P F Matchett	8	P Mxoli	58	4J12	2T11	6B14
11	HALBERDIER5Bg	B B Ruiters	9	R Munger	58	0T11	7T10	5V10
12	KWAGGA BLITZ*4Bg	C Binda	5	C Maujean	58	0K12	9W14	3V10

Reserve Runner(s):

13	GOLDEN OPERATOR3Bg	S G Tarry	13	Reserve 1	58	2G12	3T14	1B12
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Same Trainer: (3 & 13).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 FULLY LOADED; 9-2 ANTONIO GAUDI; 5-1 ENSUING; 6-1 AFRICAN PRINCE; 8-1 DRIVELIKEAMASTER; 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-Greenville; N-Greenville Polytrack; W-Kenilworth (Winter); K-Kenilworth (Summer); Y-Kimberley; M-Mauritius; R-Randjesfontein; S-Scottsville; P-Scottsville Inside; T-Turffontein Standside; J-Turffontein Inside; B-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.

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