

# \*\*\* 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 (SA) - 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

**RACECOURSE:** Turf. 3000m oval circuit. Races up to 1600m straight course; beyond 1600m clockwise round turn with 1000m run-in. **TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK:** G Lerena 89-17 (19.10%)-41, M Yeni 88-16 (18.18%)-39, P Mxoli 97-13 (13.40%)-23, C Zackey 91-12 (13.19%)-40 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 121-27 (22.31%)-34, F P Habib 108-17 (15.74%)-36, M N Houdalakis 88-15 (17.05%)-30, P F Matchett 95-10 (10.53%)-26 **DRAW:** Low-number draws slightly favoured in 1700m races. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** K J Lihaba, T Mayhew (1.5), G Samo-Burthia (4.0), 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 12:35 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Straight Stake: R95,000 1400m

1 AMANDLA NGAWETHU4Bg	C Binda	8 C Habib	60	9P14	3T11	5V14
2 GONNA CATCH YOU3Grc	M/M de Kock	3 C Zackey	57	FIRST RUN		
3 LANNYBOY3Bc	S J Gray	6 C Maujean	57	4T11	7T11	
4 MY LUCKY CHARM3Bc	M/M de Kock	1 K Matsunyane	57	FIRST RUN		
5 NEVER NEVER LAND3Bg	ST Pettigrew	5 P Mxoli	57		2J12	
6 THOONSIL3Chc	M Pandaram	7 J Gates	57	FIRST RUN		
7 WAR OF WONDERS3Chc	C Mayhew	4 T Mayhew	57	FIRST RUN		
8 WAR SUMMIT3Bc	S J Gray	2 M Yeni	57	FIRST RUN		

Same Trainer: (2 & 4); (3 & 8).

**FORECAST BETTING:** NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: AMANDLA NGAWETHU.

**TIPS:** 5 NEVER NEVER LAND 2 GONNA CATCH YOU 1 AMANDLA NGAWETHU 4 MY LUCKY CHARM

**PREVIEW:** NEVER NEVER LAND caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd on debut over 1200m. The extra 200m with that experience under his belt will be more to his liking. AMANDLA NGAWETHU has shown enough to be competitive but a bigger threat will likely be posed by newcomers GONNA CATCH YOU and MY LUCKY CHARM. Watch the betting!

#### 2 13:10 - ALLIED STEELRODE CHARITY MILE 1 NOVEMBER MR 70 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight Stake: R80,000 1400m

1 SPIRITED GIRL5Bm	C Mayhew	6 T Mayhew	62	0V14	0V12	8B14
2 SUNSHINE DAY*5Bm	B Webber	7 M K Katjedi	59.5	9J16	4B14	2J14
3 PARIS FUN3Chf	A P Peter	2 C Habib	58.5	8B10	3T14	1V14
4 PRIZED PLATINUM<5Bg	C Binda	4 C Maujean	58	5N12	2T11	0S12
5 LIBECCIO*6Chg	T Zackey	5 P Mxoli	57	6J14	2B14	9B14
6 COMMANDER OF ALL*<5Bg	B Webber	1 J Gates	53	5B14	3T16	4V16
7 BREGARDT5Chg	F Bronkhorst	3 S Valjalo	52	3N12	7T11	9J14

Same Trainer: (2 & 6).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 PARIS FUN; 28-10 SUNSHINE DAY; 4-1 COMMANDER OF ALL; 9-2 LIBECCIO; 7-1 PRIZED PLATINUM; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** SPIRITED GIRL, SUNSHINE DAY.

**TIPS:** 3 PARIS FUN 2 SUNSHINE DAY 6 COMMANDER OF ALL 5 LIBECCIO

**PREVIEW:** PARIS FUN wasn't winning out of turn when beating older rivals as a 2yo to open her account over this track and trip. With further progress expected on her reappearance, she could follow up on her 3yo debut. Hard-knockers SUNSHINE DAY, PRIZED PLATINUM, COMMANDER OF ALL and LIBECCIO all have the form and experience to make life difficult for the youngster.

#### 3 13:45 - RACING TODAY MR 86 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight Stake: R120,000 1400m

1 MASTER CHRISTMAS*5Bg	A P Peter	2 G Samo-Burthia	63.5	8T16	9G16	4B16
2 FULLY LOADED6Bg	F P Habib	4 S Khumalo	59.5	2V16	2J12	6B12
3 OPEN HIGHWAY5Chg	F Bronkhorst	6 G Lerena	59	3N14	1T14	2B16
4 COMING IN HOT*7Bg	F Bronkhorst	1 C Habib	56.5	0T20	3T14	3T14
5 SUTHERLAND5Chg	ST Pettigrew	7 P Mxoli	56.5	4B12	7J14	5J14
6 UNION ROSE4Bg	M N Houdalakis	5 C Maujean	56	7E16	3E16	0E16
7 SOHO HEARTTHROB>3Bg	M N Houdalakis	3 C Zackey	54	1T11	6T14	3T14

Same Trainer: (3 & 4); (6 & 7).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 5-2 OPEN HIGHWAY; 33-10 FULLY LOADED; 4-1 SOHO HEARTTHROB; 5-1 SUTHERLAND; 6-1 COMING IN HOT; 8-1 MASTER CHRISTMAS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** CHEEK PIECES OFF: UNION ROSE.

**TIPS:** 3 OPEN HIGHWAY 2 FULLY LOADED 7 SOHO HEARTTHROB 1 MASTER CHRISTMAS

**PREVIEW:** OPEN HIGHWAY showed his form and well-being by finishing a close-up 2nd over 1600m last time under a penalty for winning a similar contest over this trip in his previous outing. He will likely play another leading role and is taken to get the better of fellow consistent hard-knocker FULLY LOADED who didn't go unnoticed over 1200m recently and will be better suited to this extended trip. SOHO HEARTTHROB is also respected on his 3yo and handicap debut. MASTER CHRISTMAS, COMING IN HOT and SUTHERLAND complete the shortlist.

#### 4 14:20 - BETWAY SUMMER CUP 29 NOVEMBER FM 64 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight Stake: R75,000 1600m

1 WESTERN WISHES6Bm	M Pandaram	3 G Samo-Burthia	62.5	4B12	3V12	1T11
2 MATTIAZO*5Bm	D Nieuwenhuizen	1 C Zackey	61	4T20	3J18	1B16
3 GOLDEN ASPEN7Bm	C Spies	4 T Mayhew	60.5	8T11	3V14	6J14
4 GHOSTBUSTER*6Bm	E Verdonese	2 M K Katjedi	59	5J16	6J14	0B14
5 SHEETS AND GOGGLES4Bf	F Bronkhorst	5 G Lerena	58	6B14	8V12	5B14
6 CANT CATCH ME6Bm	B Webber	7 P Mxoli	57.5	2B14	1B14	7J14
7 CITY LIGHTS5Bm	F Bronkhorst	6 C Habib	55	0V14	6T20	0B24

Same Trainer: (5 & 7).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 WESTERN WISHES; 28-10 MATTIAZO; 4-1 GOLDEN ASPEN; 6-1 SHEETS AND GOGGLES; 8-1 CANT CATCH ME; 10-1 GHOSTBUSTER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** WESTERN WISHES, GOLDEN ASPEN, CANT CATCH ME.

**TIPS:** 1 WESTERN WISHES 2 MATTIAZO 3 GOLDEN ASPEN 6 CANT CATCH ME

**PREVIEW:** Lightly raced WESTERN WISHES won at a higher level on her return from a layoff and a 3-point penalty is unlikely to halt her momentum, especially in this grade with a 4kg claiming apprentice in the irons. Fellow last-start scorer MATTIAZO appears the biggest danger ahead of veteran mares GOLDEN ASPEN and CANT CATCH ME.

5	14:55 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 78 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn				Stake: R100,000 1800m			
1	ZIP CODE%4Bg	D Nieuwenhuizen	8	C Zackey	62	7T18	8T14	2J16
2	STREWN SKY%5Bg	J S Roux	6	M Yeni	61	3T14	5T16	5B16
3	UNSOLVED RIDDLE6Bg	G J Maroun	2	G Lerena	61	1T16	3B16	3T16
4	FUTUREWOLFF6Chg	H E Adamson	3	R Danielson	59	4V18	5T18	1V18
5	SANTIAGO'S PRIDE4Bg	W/W Marwing	1	*K J Lihaba	58.5	6T20	5V24	1T20
6	CHABAL4Bg	F P Habib	4	S Khumalo	57.5	6V18	5V24	9T20
7	WAR REPORTER4Chg	S G Tarry	5	C Habib	57.5	4T20	2T18	6B16
8	ROBERT BROWNING4Bg	T Zackey	7	P Mxoli	55	9T24	0J16	8V16

Same Trainer: None.  
**FORECAST BETTING:** 33-10 UNSOLVED RIDDLE; 4-1 FUTUREWOLFF; 9-2 ZIP CODE; 5-1 WAR REPORTER; 6-1 SANTIAGO'S PRIDE; 7-1 CHABAL; 8-1 STREWN SKY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.  
**DOWN IN CLASS:** ZIP CODE, STREWN SKY.  
**TIPS:** 7 WAR REPORTER 4 FUTUREWOLFF 3 UNSOLVED RIDDLE 1 ZIP CODE  
**PREVIEW:** FUTUREWOLFF was rewarded for consistency when winning over track and trip last time and a 3-point penalty shouldn't prevent him from making another bold bid for victory. However, WAR REPORTER finished ahead of that rival in an earlier meeting and is better off at the weights, so he could turn the tables on these terms. ZIP CODE, STREWN SKY and UNSOLVED RIDDLE are competitive off their current marks and should make their presence felt too.

6	15:30 - #YOU CAN BET ON US! MR 75 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn				Stake: R100,000 2400m			
1	ROMEO'S MAGIC8Chg	B Warren	7	G Lerena	60	4J26	4V24	4T28
2	DAMOVA7Bm	J A Soma	4	C Zackey	58.5	0V18	5B24	2T28
3	ROYAL MAZARIN8Bg	J A Soma	2	C Maujean	58.5	8T24	2V24	6T28
4	ARLINGTON ACTION7Bg	T Zackey	6	P Mxoli	56	9V24	7T20	7T28
5	NUCLEAR FORCE6Bg	E Verdonese	5	C Habib	56	5T28	1B24	3V24
6	LADY NOIR3Bf	W/W Marwing	1	*K J Lihaba	54	1V16	4J20	8T20
7	GOLD DE GRACE5Chg	C I Jonker	3	*G Samo-Burthia	52	9B24	2V24	4J30

Same Trainer: (2 & 3).  
**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 DAMOVA; 28-10 ROMEO'S MAGIC; 5-1 NUCLEAR FORCE; 6-1 ROYAL MAZARIN; 7-1 LADY NOIR; 8-1 GOLD DE GRACE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.  
**DOWN IN CLASS:** ROMEO'S MAGIC, DAMOVA, ROYAL MAZARIN, ARLINGTON ACTION, LADY NOIR, GOLD DE GRACE.  
**TIPS:** 2 DAMOVA 1 ROMEO'S MAGIC 5 NUCLEAR FORCE 7 GOLD DE GRACE  
**PREVIEW:** DAMOVA bounced back to form last time when finishing ahead of ROMEO'S MAGIC and she should confirm her superiority, despite a 1kg weight turnaround. Veteran stayers NUCLEAR FORCE, ROYAL MAZARIN, ARLINGTON ACTION and GOLD DE GRACE could all take home a cheque.

7	16:05 - RACING240 MR 66 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn				Stake: R80,000 2000m			
1	STEP INTO IT3Chg	M/M de Kock	11	C Zackey	60.5	4J16	1J16	
2	STOP THE TRAFFIC15Chg	C J Lensley	8	P Mxoli	60	2B20	1V24	3V20
3	FLAG BEARER7Bg	F Bronkhorst	4	*G Samo-Burthia	59.5	0T20	2T18	9V16
4	POMOZELOUS6Bm	J A Soma	3	C Maujean	59	2V24	7B24	8V24
5	RED SPARROW4Chf	B Webber	10	M K Katjedi	55.5	6T18	6B20	5T18
6	BOB LEE SWAGGER5Chg	C Mayhew	6	*T Mayhew	55.5	8T18	1J20	2B20
7	FULL GO<7Bg	B B Rutgers	5	J R Systser	55.5	0V20	3B20	5V18
8	CREPUSCOLO5Chg	F P Habib	1	J Gates	55	9V16	4B20	6V18
9	HAT FURIOUS5Bg	E Verdonese	2	C Habib	55	7V18	5B20	5V24
10	THE MERCIFUL6Chg	T Zackey	9	K Matsunyane	55	6B24	6B24	3V24
11	CIRCLE OF GRACE%5Bg	C Spies	7	S Khumalo	54.5	8T20	8B20	4P17

Same Trainer: None.  
**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 STEP INTO IT; 5-1 STOP THE TRAFFIC; 6-1 THE MERCIFUL; 7-1 FULL GO; 8-1 BOB LEE SWAGGER; 10-1 CREPUSCOLO; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.  
**DOWN IN CLASS:** STOP THE TRAFFIC, FULL GO, CREPUSCOLO. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: POMOZELOUS; CREPUSCOLO.  
**TIPS:** 1 STEP INTO IT 2 STOP THE TRAFFIC 7 FULL GO 10 THE MERCIFUL  
**PREVIEW:** STEP INTO IT confirmed the promise of his debut 4th over 1600m by winning over the same distance last time but this extended trip should unlock further improvement from the exciting 3yo. Experienced STOP THE TRAFFIC and FULL GO have the form and experience to trouble the selection, while hard-knockers THE MERCIFUL and CREPUSCOLO have earning potential too.

8	16:40 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 04 SEPTEMBER MIDDLE STAKES (For horses with nett rating of 105 and below) Turf Right-Hand Turn				Stake: R135,000 2000m			
1	KING'S EXPRESS6Bg	F P Habib	1	S Khumalo	60	1V18	4T20	2T18
2	HAWKBILL5Bg	M N Houdalakis	6	C Zackey	58	2T18	1T20	4T18
3	SILENT WAR7Bg	A P Peter	5	G Lerena	58	5T24	5T20	7J14
4	MOUNT DARWIN5Bg	S T Pettigrew	4	K Matsunyane	54	2T16	7T18	2B16
5	VESUVIO6Bg	T Zackey	9	P Mxoli	54	2T20	3T24	9J20
6	ROYAL EDITION5Bg	P P Labuschagne	7	M Yeni	54	0G22	5T18	4T18
7	ARUMUGAM7Bg	J S Roux	2	C Maujean	54	4T24	7J20	5J30
8	STREET ART6Bg	A P Peter	3	L Nhlapo	54	9T18	7T18	8B16
9	TEO TORRIATTE5Chm	C J Lensley	10	C Habib	53.5	1V24	1T18	1T20
10	EIGER SANCTION5Bh	S J Gray	8	M K Katjedi	50	2T20	6T20	3J20

Same Trainer: (3 & 8).  
**FORECAST BETTING:** 33-10 KING'S EXPRESS; 4-1 TEO TORRIATTE; 9-2 MOUNT DARWIN; 5-1 HAWKBILL; 7-1 VESUVIO; 8-1 SILENT WAR; 10-1 EIGER SANCTION; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.  
**DOWN IN CLASS:** KING'S EXPRESS, ROYAL EDITION. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: ROYAL EDITION.  
**TIPS:** 9 TEO TORRIATTE 1 KING'S EXPRESS 4 MOUNT DARWIN 2 HAWKBILL  
**PREVIEW:** Good race. KING'S EXPRESS is in good form and unbeaten in 3 appearances under S'manga Khumalo. However, it's difficult to look beyond TEO TORRIATTE who has been transformed by the addition of cheekpieces, winning 4 of 5 starts with the headgear fitted. Hard-knockers HAWKBILL, SILENT WAR and MOUNT DARWIN are proven at this level and likely to acquit themselves competitively too.

<b>HOW TO READ FIELDS:</b> 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; S =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. <b>RACECOURSE ABBREVIATIONS:</b> D-Durbanville; E-Fairview Polytrack; F-Fairview Turf; G-Greyville; N-Greyville Polytrack; W-Kenilworth (Winter); K-Kenilworth (Summer); Y-Kimberley; M-Mauritius; R-Randiesfontein; S-Scottsville; P-Scottsville Inside; T-Turffontein Standside; J-Turffontein Inside; B-Vaal Classic; V-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.	
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