

*** TAB TOP 7 MEETING!

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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 Mabanya, 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 BIPOD 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)

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

Stake: R95,000 1000m

No	Horse	Age, Colour, Sex; Wins, Places, Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey * = App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	VARACHINO'S CHAMP% 3Bf 0-4-4	1000m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R24,938 Dark blue, shocking pink stars, black sleeves, black cap, shocking pink stars	F P Habib	*5	*T Matsoele	60	4V10 (3.60)	4B10 (2.60)	4T10 (8.50) 11Jan26
2	AMAZE ME 3Bf 0-5-13	10-1600m S: 0-0-4 Earn: R37,109 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*9	*T Mango	60	8J17 (19.30)	5T11 (10.80)	3V12 (5.40) 20Dec25
3	POWER OF TIGER 4Bf 0-4-7	10-1160m S: 0-2-3 Earn: R47,025 Red, black epaulettes and cap	P F Matchett	*7	*T Ncume	60	3J10 (6.45)	3T11 (2.50)	2T10 (4.20) 11Jan26
4	HURRICANE POWER 3Bf 0-1-8	1000m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R18,638 Red, black chevron, green sleeves and cap	F P Habib	*2	*C Mabaya	60	3J10 (4.15)	0B15 (14.50)	5T10 (8.25) 11Jan26
5	EMPRESS WU* 4Bf 0-11-18	10-1800m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R123,975 Royal blue, shocking pink chevrons and sleeves, shocking pink cap, royal blue stars	J S Roux	*6	*T Lukhele	60	7J10 (10.50)	3V12 (2.10)	6B10 (4.45) 11Sep25
6	EL ZANI 3Bf 0-0-0	0m Earn: Nil Blue, shocking pink band of diamonds and sleeves, checked diamond cap	A P Peter	1	*P Mlangeni	60	FIRST RUN		
7	SEVEN TIMES RED 3Bf 0-0-2	0m Earn: Nil Blue, pink fleur de lis, halved sleeves, quartered cap	M Khan	*3	*S B Mthembu	60		6T11 (10.50)	7B12 (6.50) 15Jan26
8	SPEEDWELL QUEEN 5Bm 0-0-1	0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil White and pink halved vertically, white hollow diamonds, pink sleeves, pink cap, white diamo	C J Lensley	*4	*I Lukhele	60			0V12 (20.05) 28Oct25
9	WISPINTHEWILLOW 3Bf 0-0-0	0m Earn: Nil Orange and navy stripes, white collar, navy, orange and red striped sleeves, red cuffs and cap	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.

VAAL CLASSIC - RACE 2 - 29 JAN 2026 - TAB TOP 7 MEETING

RACE 2: 13:05 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN JUVENILE PLATE (Fillies) (For 2 yof R100 000 Win BSA / RCS Bonus) <i>Turf Straight</i>										Stake: R120,000	1000m
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	IRISH WILMA	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap	J J van Vuuren	6	K de Melo	60	FIRST RUN				
2	LADY ENID	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Yellow, white v bib, white and red hooped sleeves, white cap	S M Naidoo	9	*M Mbuto	60	FIRST RUN				
3	NO DRAMA	2Bf 0-2-2 <i>8-1000m Earn: R22,800</i> White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap	P F Matchett	*2	P Mxoli	60		3T08 (2.50)	3T10 (4.20)	01Jan26	
4	PLATINUM SHAY	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Yellow, black seams, black cap, yellow spots	P P Labuschagne	5	D Schwarz	60	FIRST RUN				
5	REGAL QUEEN	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Orange and purple checks, purple collar, purple sleeves, orange chevrons, quartered cap.	F Bronkhorst	8	J R Syter	60	FIRST RUN				
6	SECRETARY BIRD	2Bf 0-1-1 <i>1000m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R12,825</i> Grey, dark blue epaulettes and sleeves, dark blue cap, grey stars	S G Tarry	*3	R Munger	60			3T10 (0.90)	11Jan26	
7	STAGGERWING	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Grey, dark blue epaulettes and sleeves, dark blue cap, grey stars	M/M de Kock	1	C Murray	60	FIRST RUN				
8	TAX FREE	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Yellow, black chevrons, yellow sleeves, red armbands and cap	R Klaasen	4	C Habib	60	FIRST RUN				
9	VERSATILITY%	2Bf 0-1-1 <i>1000m Earn: R5,700</i> White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap	P F Matchett	*7	M Yeni	60			4T10 (4.30)	01Jan26	

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.

RACE 3: 13:40 - GUINEAS DAY 7 FEBRUARY MAIDEN JUVENILE PLATE (For 2 yo R100 000 Win BSA / RCS Bonus) <i>Turf Straight</i>										Stake: R130,000	1000m
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	BUFFALO KING CODY*	2Grc 0-1-2 <i>1000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R19,475</i> Red, red and grey checked sleeves, grey cap, red star	A P Peter	*3	*S Valjalo	60		5T08 (5.25)	3T10 (5.55)	30Dec25	
2	CATFISH%	2Grc 0-2-2 <i>1000m Earn: R49,400</i> Green, yellow stripe, one red and one blue sleeves, white armbands, black cap	F P Habib	*2	G Lerena	60		2T10 (5.30)	2V10 (3.70)	17Jan26	
3	CRIMSON CLOVER	2Bc 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Black, cerise pink zig zags, collar, cuffs and cap	F Bronkhorst	5	M Yeni	60	FIRST RUN				
4	TIME IS PRECIOUS	2Bg 0-1-1 <i>800m Earn: R12,350</i> Red, gold chevron, halved sleeves, quartered cap	J J van Vuuren	*1	K de Melo	60			3T08 (1.30)	07Dec25	
5	TWO TIGERS	2Chc 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Red, black epaulettes and cap	R Klaasen	4	C Habib	60	FIRST RUN				
6	ENERGIA	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Purple and gold qtd diagonally, gold sleeves, purple chevrons, checked diamond cap, purple peak	P F Matchett	7	P Mxoli	57.5	FIRST RUN				
7	PERFECT SKY	2Bf 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Brown, white v bib, white cap, brown spots	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.

RACE 4: 14:15 - CLASSIC DAY 7 MARCH MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) <i>Turf Straight</i>										Stake: R120,000	1000m
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	SCORPIO%	3Grg 0-0-3 <i>Om S: 0-0-1 Earn: R6,250</i> White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap	C Spies	*9	R Munger	60	5T08 (3.75)	6T10 (6.85)	6S10 (5.40)	27Apr25	
2	STONEWOOD	3Chg 0-2-3 <i>1000m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R45,600</i> Orange, black stars, orange sleeves, black seams, orange cap, black stars and peak	M N Houdalakis	*4	C Zackey	60	9V12 (12.25)	2T10 (1.20)	2T10 (3.40)	11Jan26	
3	ROCK MUSIC*	3Bg 0-2-6 <i>1000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R31,350</i> Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	*8	*S Bungane	60	5J10 (12.10)	2B10 (3.00)	4T10 (5.30)	30Dec25	
4	SCOTT'S GUARD!	3Bg 0-0-7 <i>Om S: 0-0-3 Earn: Nil</i> Cerise, black hoop and sleeves, cerise armbands, black cap	J Borman	*6	*M Mbuto	60	0V14 (19.50)	0B16 (10.50)	8B16 (21.00)	22Jan26	
5	IN THE WILLOWS*	3Chg 0-0-5 <i>Om S: 0-0-1 Earn: R4,394</i> Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*3	P Mxoli	60	5T11 (10.60)	5V12 (7.25)	0T11 (17.00)	07Dec25	
6	EDELSTEEN	3Bc 0-0-1 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	*2	K Matsunyane	60			6B10 (12.00)	18Dec25	
7	KING REDOUTE	3Bg 0-0-0 <i>Om Earn: Nil</i> Orange, dark blue 'v' bib, halved sleeves, orange cap, blue peak.	J J van Vuuren	7	K de Melo	60	FIRST RUN				
8	CHARLESTON DAWN	3Bf 0-1-4 <i>1000m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R11,400</i> Blue, pink fleur de lis, halved sleeves, quartered cap	M Khan	*5	*K J Lihaba	57.5	0V12 (10.85)	0V14 (11.00)	3T10 (3.90)	30Dec25	
9	TREASURE STATE	3Bf 0-1-1 <i>1160m Earn: R9,975</i> White, navy and lilac spot, navy sleeves, white cuffs, navy cap, lilac hoop	S G Tarry	*1	M K Katjedi	57.5			3T11 (5.10)	03Jan26	

Same Trainer: (3 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 STONEWOOD; 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 STONEWOOD 7 KING REDOUTE 8 CHARLESTON DAWN 9 TREASURE STATE

PREVIEW: After consecutive runner-up finishes, well-related STONEWOOD 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.

RACE 5: 14:50 - SA DERBY 4 APRIL MR 104 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight

Stake: R160,000 **1000m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	COSMIC STAR<	6Bg 6-11-28 10-1200m S: 3-3-6 Earn: R831,450 White, black fleur de lys, red sleeves, black collar and cuffs, black and white striped cap	J J van Vuuren	*9	M Yeni	61	1T10 (0.20)	2T11 (0.70)	6T10 (3.05) 27Dec25
2	SHELDON	7Bg 7-16-38 10-1200m S: 1-1-9 Earn: R788,356 White, black fleur de lys, red sleeves, black collar and cuffs, black and white striped cap	J J van Vuuren	*3	K de Melo	61	3V10 (1.00)	9T10 (6.75)	0T11 (12.25) 29Nov25
3	MOVER AND SHAKER	6Bg 6-12-40 10-1300m S: 0-5-10 Earn: R868,650 Yellow, green stars, black sleeves, yellow cap	F P Habib	*7	*M Mbuto	60.5	7B10 (9.70)	0T10 (9.00)	8B14 (10.50) 22Jan26
4	KARATE KID%	4Bg 3-8-16 10-1200m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R371,425 Aquamarine, black shamrock, blue sleeves, aquamarine and black striped cap	P F Matchett	*6	P Mxoli	59.5	7T10 (1.75)	2B10 (3.00)	9T10 (5.00) 27Dec25
5	GIMMETHEGOODLIFE	4Bg 5-8-21 10-1600m S: 0-2-5 Earn: R522,744 Black, yellow seams, yellow sleeves, black armbands, yellow cap	A P Peter	*1	G Lerena	57	8T11 (2.85)	3T10 (0.85)	2B12 (1.60) 15Jan26
6	AFRICAN PRIDE%	3Bg 2-4-8 10-1200m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R191,544 Red, blue and white chevrons sleeves, blue and white striped cap	C Spies	*8	*T Mayhew	56.5	0T11 (11.35)	4T10 (4.70)	2T10 (0.75) 03Jan26
7	MAGIC TATTOO*	6Chg 4-14-32 10-1200m S: 1-5-10 Earn: R577,250 Yellow, fuchsia stripe, halved sleeves, yellow cap	S G Tarry	*2	C Zackey	56	<u>4B10</u> (4.70)	4T10 (2.80)	0T11 (7.75) 11Jan26
8	NIGHT BOMBER*	5Bg 5-10-26 11-1400m S: 1-2-5 Earn: R609,462 All royal blue	C/T Dawson	*5	D Schwarz	56	3J12 (1.00)	3B12 (1.00)	6J10 (2.60) 20Sep25
9	DONTSHOOTTHEBARMAN%	6Bg 7-10-34 1000m S: 1-2-9 Earn: R544,450 Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	*10	*S Bungane	54.5	0V10 (8.00)	1T10 (0.05)	9V10 (6.25) 17Jan26
10	MIAMI MOUNTAIN	3Bc 3-1-5 10-1200m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R230,731 Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	M/M de Kock	*4	J R Syster	53.5	1J12 (1.00)	0T14 (11.50)	1T11 (0.05) 07Dec25
11	RAFA BAY*	4Bg 3-8-17 10-1250m S: 1-1-5 Earn: R359,631 Red, white epaulettes, red sleeves, striped cap	A P Peter	*11	*B Marx-Jacobson	52.5	3V10 (0.50)	2T10 (0.25)	2V10 (1.25) 17Jan26

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.

RACE 6: 15:25 - #YOUCANBETONUS! MR 86 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R125,000 **2000m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	GIMMEACHOICE*	5Bg 2-4-12 16-2000m Earn: R191,431 Green and bright yellow checks, white sleeves and cap	J A Soma	*2	C Zackey	60.5	1V20 (3.30)	5J20 (5.75)	<u>2T18</u> (0.25) 03Jan26
2	THE PLAYBOY BOMBER	5Bg 4-3-13 14-1800m S: 0-1-4 Earn: R350,144 Black and white checks, metallic purple sleeves, black and white checked cap, metallic purple peak	A G Laird	*1	C Maujean	60	2T16 (0.50)	5T16 (4.55)	1T18 (0.25) 03Jan26
3	JORDAN§	5Bg 3-12-29 14-2400m S: 1-1-7 Earn: R358,769 White, navy and lilac spot, navy sleeves, white cuffs, navy cap, lilac hoop	S G Tarry	*3	K de Melo	59.5	3B18 (2.55)	2T24 (4.00)	4T18 (3.60) 03Jan26
4	AMERICAN REBEL	5Bg 3-9-23 16-2000m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R271,325 Red, blue chevron, red sleeves, quartered cap	W C Marwing	*4	G Lerena	58	5B20 (2.70)	7T24 (6.80)	0J18 (9.55) 02Dec25
5	DIESEL'S SHADOW*	5Chg 5-6-25 14-2000m S: 1-1-3 Earn: R368,812 Blue, white braces, hooped sleeves, quartered cap	E Verdonese	*5	*S Valjalo	58	0B16 (5.90)	1J18 (2.25)	0B20 (4.20) 15Jan26
6	EIGER SANCTION	5Bh 6-11-40 12-2000m S: 1-0-6 Earn: R488,088 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*11	P Mxoli	57	7J20 (12.25)	9J18 (8.95)	0B20 (5.50) 15Jan26
7	SANTIAGO'S PRIDE	4Bg 1-6-15 14-2400m S: 0-2-2 Earn: R156,819 Grey and green halved diagonally, halved cap	W/W Marwing	*7	*K J Lihaba	55.5	2V18 (2.20)	4G24 (1.45)	<u>8T16</u> (14.75) 03Jan26
8	ARUMUGAM*	7Bg 4-21-52 12-3200m S: 1-2-8 Earn: R801,538 Black, white maltese cross, yellow sleeves and cap	J S Roux	*10	L Nhlapo	55.5	7V20 (6.00)	6B18 (3.65)	5B20 (0.90) 15Jan26
9	STORM AHEAD*	5Bg 3-12-24 12-2000m S: 0-2-4 Earn: R311,594 Blue, black sash, red sleeves, blue and red quartered cap	F Bronkhorst	*9	M Yeni	55	9V20 (6.75)	<u>1T14</u> (0.20)	6B20 (0.95) 15Jan26
10	REPETITION	4Bg 1-4-13 18-2400m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R99,712 Blue, black and white checked sleeves, black and white checked cap, blue peak	C Mayhew	*6	R Munger	54.5	4D18 (1.80)	<u>2T20</u> (1.00)	3V20 (1.20) 17Jan26
11	OKLAHOMA TWISTER%	5Chg 3-9-33 12-1600m S: 2-1-3 Earn: R239,075 Bright blue, white braces, collar and cuffs, bright blue sleeves, white stars, bright blue c	H van der Westhuizen	*8	J R Syster	52.5	1V16 (1.25)	7B15 (8.20)	7V15 (5.80) 20Dec25

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.

VAAL CLASSIC - RACE 7 - 29 JAN 2026 - TAB TOP 7 MEETING

RACE 7: 16:00 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn										Stake: R100,000	1600m
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	EXPRESS YOURSELF	4Bg 1-6-15 14-2000m S: 1-1-6 Earn: R91,250 All royal blue	C/T Dawson	*4	D Schwarz	60.5	7D20 (3.75)	4T16 (1.95)	0B16 (8.45)	15Jan26	
2	UNSOLVED RIDDLE	6Bg 4-11-31 12-1800m S: 0-3-8 Earn: R333,119 White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	*1	*J Botes	60.5	6B16 (3.25)	5V16 (5.40)	5B16 (5.10)	15Jan26	
3	AGOGES	3Bg 1-1-3 14-1600m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R94,050 Orange, black stars, orange sleeves, black seams, orange cap, black stars and peak	M N Houdalakis	*7	C Zackey	59.5	2V14 (0.20)	1B16 (3.40)	9T14 (12.25)	11Jan26	
4	PEACE TREATY	4Bg 1-6-20 11-1800m S: 0-1-4 Earn: R159,825 Black, white cross, black sleeves, red cap	S G Tarry	*5	R Munger	57.5	5J20 (5.70)	7B17 (5.00)	2T18 (1.30)	01Jan26	
5	HEAVENLY GOOD	3Grf 1-0-5 1400m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R66,619 Red and white checked diamonds, black sleeves, checked diamond cap, black peak	A P Peter	*6	C Habib	56.5	8J14 (11.90)	5J14 (5.30)	5B14 (1.90)	23Dec25	
6	CARNELO	7Bg 4-14-46 14-2000m S: 1-1-5 Earn: R377,375 Red and yellow checked diamonds, striped sleeves, red cap, yellow diamond and peak	S M Naidoo	*2	*S Valjalo	56	3V14 (1.70)	8T14 (4.00)	1B16 (2.60)	15Jan26	
7	PROPHET	6Bg 3-7-33 10-1600m S: 2-0-4 Earn: R379,144 Yellow, red diamond, striped sleeves, hooped cap	C Spies	*3	*T Mayhew	56	5V12 (3.55)	7B12 (7.45)	7V12 (3.70)	17Jan26	
8	MAJALUN*	4Bg 1-5-13 16-2400m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R105,094 Green, yellow crossed sashes, halved cap	M G Azzie	*8	M V'Rensburg	54.5	8J20 (7.75)	4T18 (2.20)	7V20 (4.05)	17Jan26	
9	THAT'S MAGICAL*	4Bg 1-1-9 16-2000m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R53,500 White, navy braces and collar, white sleeves, navy armbands, white cap, navy diamond	M G Azzie	*9	J Gates	52	0B24 (24.00)	7V17 (5.70)	8T18 (5.05)	01Jan26	

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.

RACE 8: 16:40 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY MR 84 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn										Stake: R125,000	1200m
No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date		
1	ENSUING	6Bg 6-7-31 11-1600m S: 1-4-10 Earn: R487,581 Orange, dark blue 'v' bib, halved sleeves, orange cap, blue peak.	J J van Vuuren	*7	G Lerena	62	0T11 (4.90)	3B12 (2.75)	5B12 (4.10)	15Jan26	
2	FULLY LOADED*	6Bg 5-16-35 12-1600m S: 1-0-3 Earn: R592,450 Red, black epaulettes and cap	F P Habib	*11	*M Mbuto	62	2V14 (0.30)	1B12 (1.25)	7V15 (3.15)	20Dec25	
3	SATYAGRAHA	4Chg 1-2-5 11-1450m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R97,500 Navy, silver epaulettes, striped sleeves, navy cap	S G Tarry	*10	C Zackey	60	1J14 (3.00)	8J14 (7.80)	8V12 (6.80)	11Nov25	
4	VIBE SA*	5Bg 3-10-20 11-1400m S: 1-2-5 Earn: R409,581 Purple, mauve star and sleeves, purple stars, mauve cap, purple star	A P Peter	*1	C Habib	60	5J12 (5.40)	8V12 (8.50)	0J14 (27.85)	27Nov25	
5	AFRICAN PRINCE	4Bg 2-4-16 10-1250m S: 0-2-4 Earn: R279,538 Light blue, broad black band with white hoop and armbands, white collar, hooped cap	R R Wagner	*2	M Yeni	59.5	6K12 (3.00)	0K12 (5.10)	4T10 (1.95)	27Dec25	
6	CIAN THE CONQUEROR	6Bg 3-7-33 11-1600m S: 1-2-8 Earn: R306,425 Purple, purple and yellow checked sleeves, yellow cap	W C Marwing	*4	D Schwarz	59.5	0J14 (10.75)	7J12 (8.80)	7B12 (5.10)	18Dec25	
7	PHIL THE FLUTER	4Bg 2-5-12 10-1600m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R155,850 Yellow, black chevrons, yellow sleeves, red armbands and cap	P/J Vermeulen	*12	R Danielson	59.5	1J14 (0.20)	6T14 (5.10)	0J16 (6.75)	20Sep25	
8	ANTONIO GAUDI	4Bg 2-6-15 10-1200m S: 1-0-2 Earn: R236,738 Yellow, black chevrons, yellow sleeves, red armbands and cap	R Klaasen	*6	K Matsunyane	59	2V12 (2.70)	1T11 (0.80)	4B12 (3.80)	15Jan26	
9	DRIVELIKEAMASTER	4Bg 1-4-7 12-1475m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R133,900 Kingfisher, white star and sleeves, kingfisher seams, collar and cuffs, kingfisher cap, white stars	D N Stenger	*3	M V'Rensburg	58.5	4V12 (3.70)	2J14 (1.00)	2V15 (2.75)	20Dec25	
10	RED PENNY	3Bg 1-5-12 10-1400m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R152,612 Dark green, maroon y with white binding, white, d greenandmaroon hooped slvs, d greenandwhite str	P F Matchett	*8	P Mxoli	58	4J12 (3.30)	2T11 (0.80)	6B14 (11.25)	15Jan26	
11	HALBERDIER	5Bg 5-7-39 10-1400m S: 1-1-6 Earn: R439,969 Black, scarlet cap	B B Ruiter	*9	R Munger	58	0T11 (6.70)	7T10 (4.75)	5V10 (3.45)	17Jan26	
12	KWAGGA BLITZ*	4Bg 3-9-21 10-1400m S: 1-1-5 Earn: R375,438 Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	*5	C Maujean	58	0K12 (8.10)	9W14 (18.20)	3V10 (1.35)	17Jan26	
Reserve Runner(s):											
13	GOLDEN OPERATOR	3Bg 1-2-3 12-1400m Earn: R101,769 Light green, red maltese cross and sleeves, quartered cap	S G Tarry	*13	Reserve 1	58	2G12 (0.25)	3T14 (2.50)	1B12 (0.80)	14Oct25	

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-Greyville; N-Greyville 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 Classic; V-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.

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