

*** 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) - 26 AUGUST 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:** P Mxoli 100-13 (13.00%)-24, C Zackey 94-12 (12.77%)-41, K Matsunyane 109-12 (11.01%)-40, J Penny 59-11 (18.64%)-12 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 127-27 (21.26%)-39, F P Habib 112-18 (16.07%)-39, M N Houdalakis 92-17 (18.48%)-31, P F Matchett 97-11 (11.34%)-26 **DRAW:** Low-number draws slightly favoured in 1700m races. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** J Horing, K J Lihaba, T Mayhew (1.5), S Mkhumbuzi, P Mongqawa, S Mosia, S B Mthembu, V Sithetho, 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: 12:35 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Straight

Stake: R105,000 1600m

No	Horse	Age, Colour, Sex; Wins, Places, Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *s=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	AFTERBURN*	4Bg 0-1-5 1400m Earn: R12,000 White, red chevrons, striped sleeves, white cap	C I Jonker	*10	K Matsunyane	60	6T14 (9.10)	3T14 (2.90)	6J15 (10.00) 26Jun25
2	PARABELLUM	4Bg 0-2-7 11-1450m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R18,344 Dark green, maroon y with white binding, white, d green and maroon hooped slvs, d green and white str	P F Matchett	*8	P Mxoli	60	3J14 (1.60)	7J16 (10.00)	5B12 (7.40) 31Jul25
3	COPPER PLATE*	4Bg 0-0-7 0m S: 0-0-2 Earn: Nil Pink, white stripe, blue sleeves, pink cap, white stripe	J Crawford	*6	*S Valjalo	60	6K18 (7.00)	9K12 (15.05)	6W19 (8.30) 01Jun25
4	FRERE JACQUES\$	4Bg 0-2-2 12-1400m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R28,988 Rose pink, grey hoops, hooped sleeves, rose pink cap	M N Houdalakis	*9	C Zackey	60		2J12 (4.00)	4V14 (3.30) 07Aug25
5	LORD KELVIN	4Chg 0-0-1 0m Earn: Nil Navy blue, white crossed sashes, white sleeves, navy blue cuffs, quartered cap	A P Peter	*1	L Nhlapo	60			7J14 (27.50) 17Jul25
6	BEACH WALKER	3Bg 0-1-3 1400m Earn: R19,950 Black, white maltese cross, yellow sleeves and cap	J S Roux	*7	C Murray	57	9V12 (7.25)	7B10 (8.20)	2V14 (0.70) 07Aug25
7	TRIP TO PEACE	3Bg 0-1-3 1400m Earn: R5,462 Brown and red quartered, blue sleeves, brown cap	C J Lensley	*3	C Habib	57	7T14 (12.25)	4T14 (2.60)	6T11 (7.25) 09Aug25
8	TALK OF THE HEIGHTS*	3Bc 0-0-4 0m Earn: R2,494 Black, cerise pink zig zags, collar, cuffs and cap	F Bronkhorst	*4	J R Syter	57	5T14 (9.05)	9J16 (14.25)	9V14 (17.40) 07Aug25
9	DOWN TOWN CODY	3Bg 0-0-2 0m Earn: Nil Green, turquoise chevrons, sleeves and cap	A G Laird	*12	S Khumalo	57		6T10 (10.95)	7J10 (6.70) 10Jul25
10	KING OF SILK	3Bg 0-0-0 0m Earn: Nil White and blue quartered diagonally, checked diamond sleeves, quartered cap	C Spies	5	*T Mayhew	57	FIRST RUN		
11	OLYMPIAN GOLD	3Bc 0-1-2 1600m Earn: R22,444 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*11	S Moodley	57		5J14 (13.90)	2J16 (0.60) 17Aug25
12	ROCK MY BOAT%	3Bc 0-0-1 0m Earn: Nil White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap	F P Habib	*2	M K Katjedi	57			7T11 (13.50) 09Aug25

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: TALK OF THE HEIGHTS. CHEEK PIECES ON: FRERE JACQUES. BLINKERS OFF: LORD KELVIN.

TIPS: 11 OLYMPIAN GOLD 4 FRERE JACQUES 6 BEACH WALKER 7 TRIP TO PEACE

PREVIEW: OLYMPIAN GOLD caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd over this trip earlier this month. He won't need to improve much on that performance to open his account. Year-older FRERE JACQUES would've benefitted from his comeback 4th over 1400m and could have more to offer over this extended trip, especially with cheekpieces and a tongue-tie fitted. BEACH WALKER outran market expectations when finishing ahead of that rival last time but could confirm that improvement and have a say in the outcome. TRIP TO PEACE and newcomer KING OF SILK complete the shortlist.

RACE 2: 13:10 - #YOUCANBETONUS! MAIDEN HANDICAP (For Maidens with 3 or more runs) *Turf Straight* Stake: R80,000 **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	CARNARVON	3Bg 0-5-7 10-1400m Earn: R56,050 Maroon, yellow chevrons, collar and cuffs, maroon cap	P F Matchett	4	C Zackey	60	3T11 (6.90)	3T14 (1.80)	4N12 (3.60) 01Aug25
2	CAPTAIN FRANK	3Chg 0-1-3 1200m Earn: R5,462 Green, black epaulettes, blue sleeves and collar, green cap	M/M de Kock	*1	C Murray	58.5	8B10 (14.95)	4J12 (6.80)	6B12 (12.70) 31Jul25
3	NEW LIFE*	4Bg 0-2-6 13-1400m Earn: R10,831 Royal blue, silver braces, royal blue sleeves, quartered cap	P F Matchett	*2	C Habib	55.5	8J14 (9.80)	5V16 (19.50)	4V14 (11.30) 03Jul25
4	KING BLUETOOTH	3Bg 0-0-9 0m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R1,900 White, red chevrons, striped sleeves, white cap	C I Jonker	*7	P Mxoli	54	6V14 (15.00)	6V14 (6.80)	5B15 (6.30) 14Aug25
5	UNDERDOG*	4Bg 0-0-3 0m Earn: R2,494 Orange and navy stripes, white collar, navy, orange and red striped sleeves, red cuffs and cap	A P Peter	*3	*K J Lihaba	53	0T14 (29.45)	5T11 (13.75)	7B12 (14.00) 31Jul25
6	STORM BURST	3GrG 0-0-3 0m Earn: Nil Dayglo yellow and bright blue quartered, bright orange and black halved sleeves, bright orange	P P Labuschagne	*5	M K Katjedi	52	0V12 (16.35)	7T14 (11.10)	8T14 (13.40) 06Jul25
7	SASSY LASSIE%<	3Bf 0-0-6 0m Earn: Nil White and blue quartered diagonally, checked diamond sleeves, quartered cap	C Spies	*6	J Penny	52	7T10 (29.25)	9B12 (20.50)	0B15 (23.70) 14Aug25

Same Trainer: (1 & 3).

FORECAST BETTING: 8-10 CARNARVON; 5-2 CAPTAIN FRANK; 5-1 NEW LIFE; 10-1 KING BLUETOOTH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: CARNARVON, NEW LIFE, KING BLUETOOTH, STORM BURST, SASSY LASSIE.

TIPS: 1 CARNARVON 2 CAPTAIN FRANK 3 NEW LIFE 4 KING BLUETOOTH

PREVIEW: CARNARVON, even under top weight, is unlikely to get a better chance to break his duck. CAPTAIN FRANK, NEW LIFE and KING BLUETOOTH could chase him home in that order.

RACE 3: 13:45 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN HANDICAP (F & M) (For Maiden F & M with 3 or more runs) *Turf Straight* Stake: R80,000 **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	EMPRESS WU*	4Bf 0-10-15 10-1800m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R116,375 Royal blue, shocking pink chevrons and sleeves, shocking pink cap, royal blue stars	J S Roux	*1	S Khumalo	60	2J10 (1.25)	3B12 (3.20)	3B12 (3.70) 31Jul25
2	CYBER SPIRIT*	4Bf 0-7-17 1000m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R77,050 Light blue, grey cross, light green sleeves and cap	J A Visser	*6	J Penny	58	2T10 (0.30)	5B12 (8.00)	6V10 (4.00) 07Aug25
3	CONCORDIA	3Bf 0-5-10 11-1400m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R47,694 Orange and purple checks, purple collar, purple sleeves, orange chevrons, quartered cap.	F Bronkhorst	*7	S Moodley	56.5	4T14 (5.50)	4V14 (5.95)	4J12 (5.45) 17Aug25
4	BELLA BOOP BOOP*	4Bf 0-8-26 14-1700m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R67,562 Black and silver hoops	C J Lensley	*3	C Maujean	56	6J18 (13.50)	7B16 (7.30)	9B15 (8.70) 14Aug25
5	CHILLI MARMALADE	6Bm 0-8-29 10-1200m S: 0-1-6 Earn: R86,419 White, red chevrons, striped sleeves, white cap	C I Jonker	*2	*S Valjalo	55.5	2T10 (2.40)	5T10 (7.00)	8V10 (7.00) 07Aug25
6	SMART STAR	3Bf 0-1-6 1000m Earn: R7,575 White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap	J A Visser	*8	C Habib	55	6T10 (8.15)	6T10 (11.50)	5V10 (3.10) 07Aug25
7	AMBER EYES*	4Bf 0-2-15 14-2000m S: 0-0-3 Earn: R13,750 Red, yellow and green hoops with red band, green cap, red and yellow stripes, red peak	P F Matchett	*5	P Mxoli	53	6V12 (6.80)	9T11 (10.50)	8B16 (8.80) 31Jul25
8	THE BONNY*	3Bf 0-0-3 0m Earn: Nil Grey, black stars	P F Matchett	*4	M K Katjedi	52	7J10 (16.00)	8T14 (37.75)	9J16 (31.35) 17Aug25

Same Trainer: (2 & 6); (7 & 8).

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 EMPRESS WU; 33-10 CONCORDIA; 5-1 CYBER SPIRIT; 6-1 SMART STAR; 8-1 BELLA BOOP BOOP; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: BELLA BOOP BOOP. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: BELLA BOOP BOOP; THE BONNY. CHEEK PIECES OFF: BELLA BOOP BOOP.

TIPS: 1 EMPRESS WU 3 CONCORDIA 2 CYBER SPIRIT 4 BELLA BOOP BOOP

PREVIEW: EMPRESS WU will be hard to beat if taking her place in the lineup. She is engaged to run at an earlier meeting so her participation in this could be in doubt. Experienced maidens CYBER SPIRIT, CONCORDIA and BELLA BOOP BOOP have shown enough to be competitive and complete the Quartet positions.

RACE 4: 14:20 - RACING240 MAIDEN HANDICAP (For Maidens with 3 or more runs) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R80,000 **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	INCLUSION	4Bg 0-1-3 1400m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R6,000 Navy blue, red and navy blue checked diagonally, red sleeves, navy cap.	T Zackey	*1	P Mxoli	61	8T14 (10.50)	4T14 (3.30)	8V18 (23.50) 15Apr25
2	HEROIC ACT*	4Bg 0-7-18 16-2400m Earn: R74,819 Turquoise blue, cerise epaulettes and sleeves, turquoise blue armband, cerise cap	T Zackey	*6	K Matsunyane	59.5	3V24 (1.80)	7J18 (4.20)	5T20 (8.75) 09Aug25
3	CUZZIE*	4Chg 0-1-9 1800m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R5,225 Green, blue spot, hooped sleeves and cap	B Webber	*7	M K Katjedi	57	6B16 (4.50)	7T20 (21.75)	6B15 (6.50) 14Aug25
4	EUPHRATES*	4Chg 0-0-4 0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil Orange and navy stripes, white collar, navy, orange and red striped sleeves, red cuffs and cap	A P Peter	*2	J Penny	54.5	9T11 (32.00)	6V16 (8.75)	7T20 (28.20) 15Jun25
5	EMBER KING	3Bc 0-1-5 1500m Earn: R9,500 Orange and navy stripes, white collar, navy, orange and red striped sleeves, red cuffs and cap	A P Peter	*5	L Nhlapo	52	9T11 (17.00)	5B16 (3.50)	3B15 (3.75) 14Aug25
6	SECRET WARRIOR*	3Bg 0-3-7 10-1160m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R24,488 Purple, mauve star and sleeves, purple stars, mauve cap, purple star	C J Lensley	*3	C Maujean	52	8V14 (15.90)	4T10 (4.00)	8B12 (14.50) 31Jul25
7	THAT'S MAGICAL*	4Bg 0-1-4 1600m Earn: R6,000 White, navy braces and collar, white sleeves, navy armbands, white cap, navy diamond	M/A Azzie	*4	*K J Lihaba	52	8B18 (18.00)	9T14 (15.95)	7B20 (8.40) 24Jul25

Same Trainer: (1 & 2); (4 & 5).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 HEROIC ACT; 28-10 EMBER KING; 9-2 INCLUSION; 6-1 CUZZIE; 7-1 THAT'S MAGICAL; 8-1 SECRET WARRIOR; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: CUZZIE, EMBER KING.

TIPS: 2 HEROIC ACT 5 EMBER KING 1 INCLUSION 7 THAT'S MAGICAL

PREVIEW: HEROIC ACT has been knocking loudly at the door of a maiden victory and could be rewarded for his efforts, especially as his best performances have come over this distance. Stablemate INCLUSION returns from a layoff but is unexposed and remains open to improvement. Maturing EMBER KING was an encouraging 3rd over 1500m last time and should have a role to play if as effective over this extended trip. THAT'S MAGICAL wasn't disgraced in a handicap against winners last time and should fare better back in a maiden.

RACE 5: 14:55 - ALLIED STEELRODE CHARITY MILE 1 NOVEMBER MR 76 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn										Stake: R100,000	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	BANHA BRIDGE*	9Chg 7-25-55	C Dawson	*1	S Moodley	60.5	4V20 (2.60)	3V24 (2.35)	3T20 (5.20)	19Jul25	
14-2600m S: 0-1-5 Earn: R644,350 Red, green sash, green and silver striped sleeves,red cap											
2	GIMMEACHOICE*	5Bg 1-3-9	J A Soma	*8	C Zackey	60	5V14 (7.50)	8J14 (2.40)	3V18 (1.00)	07Aug25	
16-1800m Earn: R104,625 Green and bright yellow checks, white sleeves and cap											
3	MIZZEN SWORD*	4Bg 1-10-17	M Khan	*2	J Penny	58.5	4T20 (6.45)	1J18 (2.25)	9V18 (9.00)	07Aug25	
11-2000m S: 0-2-2 Earn: R172,331 Silver grey, black sash, black collar and cuffs, silver grey cap, black peak											
4	TRIDENT KING*	7Chg 4-12-29	D Nieuwenhuizen	*10	C Habib	58.5	9T16 (7.50)	4B16 (3.20)	4V18 (1.40)	07Aug25	
14-1800m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R311,019 Blue, red spots, red sleeves, blue spots, blue cap, red spots											
5	GUY ALEXANDER§	7Bh 5-14-47	C J Lensley	*3	C Maujean	58	0T24 (14.00)	9B16 (8.30)	2V18 (0.75)	07Aug25	
16-2400m S: 0-2-5 Earn: R409,188 Red, white braces, checked sleeves and cap, red peak											
6	STORM AHEAD*	5Bg 2-12-21	F Bronkhorst	*5	S Khumalo	58	6V24 (3.60)	2T20 (4.20)	1T18 (4.60)	09Aug25	
12-2000m S: 0-2-4 Earn: R249,250 Blue, black sash, red sleeves, blue and red quartered cap											
7	FUSHIMI INARI	5Grg 1-8-18	S T Pettigrew	*9	N Klink	57.5	7J18 (4.25)	5V20 (3.50)	7T16 (14.10)	19Jul25	
16-2600m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R144,062 White, sapphire epaulettes, collar, armbands and cuffs, quartered cap											
8	VOLTE FACE*	6Chg 2-5-25	H van der Westhuizen	*6	J R Syster	56	0V16 (50.00)	2V18 (2.00)	0T20 (15.50)	12Jul25	
16-2600m S: 1-0-4 Earn: R149,450 Midnight blue, silver diamond, midnight blue sleeves, silver cap											
9	TITANS OF WAR	3Bg 1-0-5	R R Magner	*4	*K J Lihaba	55.5	1T16 (0.60)	5J16 (11.75)	8V14 (12.00)	07Aug25	
1600m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R71,212 White and red checked diamonds, checked diamond sleeves, red cap											
10	STOP THE TRAFFIC!	5Chg 2-1-17	C J Lensley	*7	P Mxoli	55	5T20 (7.40)	2B20 (0.25)	1V24 (1.00)	07Aug25	
18-2400m S: 1-0-2 Earn: R147,969 White, kingfisher and red hoops, white sleeves, red cap											

Same Trainer: (5 & 10).
FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 GIMMEACHOICE; 4-1 TRIDENT KING; 5-1 BANHA BRIDGE; 6-1 STORM AHEAD; 7-1 GUY ALEXANDER; 8-1 MIZZEN SWORD; 10-1 STOP THE TRAFFIC; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.
DOWN IN CLASS: BANHA BRIDGE, FUSHIMI INARI.
TIPS: 2 GIMMEACHOICE 4 TRIDENT KING 1 BANHA BRIDGE 6 STORM AHEAD
PREVIEW: GIMMEACHOICE got going late last time when a fast-finishing 3rd over 1800m at this venue and, on that evidence, this extended trip will be more to his liking. GUY ALEXANDER finished ahead of that rival but is 4.5kg worse off so unlikely to confirm that form. TRIDENT KING is closely matched with the selection and should be hot on his heels again. Veteran BANHA BRIDGE is proven at this level and has the means to make his presence felt too.

RACE 6: 15:30 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 NOVICE HANDICAP (Maidens & 1 time winners) Turf Straight									Stake: R95,000	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	BOSUM BUDDY	4Bf 1-9-15 10-1450m S: 1-1-2 Earn: R198,550	P F Matchett	*6	*T Mayhew	60	3G12 (2.05)	7N12 (11.10)	8B10 (8.75)	24Jul25
2	PENNSYLVANIA	4Bg 1-1-6 1200m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R88,750	A P Peter	*4	C Habib	60	2J12 (2.25)	6J12 (5.60)	6J16 (9.35)	17Aug25
3	HONG KONG*	4Bf 1-4-10 11-1600m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R265,638	A P Peter	*2	S Moodley	58.5	2J16 (1.80)	5B14 (4.50)	9B16 (11.05)	14Aug25
4	BOURBON RESERVE*	4Bg 1-4-7 10-1160m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R118,200	S G Tarry	*8	C Zackey	57	0T10 (10.65)	4T10 (4.30)	7B12 (4.00)	14Aug25
5	RED PENNY	3Bg 1-2-7 10-1400m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R116,750	P F Matchett	*3	C Murray	56	7T14 (11.75)	6B16 (10.75)	0B12 (6.50)	14Aug25
6	EIGHT HATS	3Bf 1-2-5 10-1160m S: 0-2-3 Earn: R95,500	P F Matchett	*5	P Mxoli	55	1T11 (1.40)	8S12 (5.35)	7T14 (12.10)	06Jul25
7	WILLOWILD	4Bf 1-3-6 10-1500m Earn: R103,500	M N Houdalakis	*9	C Maujean	55	1V15 (0.05)	3V14 (3.75)	6B16 (9.00)	03Oct24
8	XENOPHON	4Chg 1-3-4 11-1400m Earn: R106,969	S G Tarry	*7	S Khumalo	53.5	2G14 (0.10)	3S12 (2.00)	1B12 (4.60)	31Jul25
9	SPY STORY	4Bg 1-13-26 10-1600m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R213,912	S J Gray	*1	J Penny	52	6J16 (3.50)	5T16 (8.25)	9T16 (7.45)	09Aug25

Same Trainer: (1 & 5 & 6); (2 & 3); (4 & 8).
FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 EIGHT HATS; 4-1 XENOPHON; 5-1 HONG KONG; 6-1 PENNSYLVANIA; 7-1 BOURBON RESERVE; 8-1 RED PENNY; 10-1 BOSUM BUDDY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.
HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: HONG KONG; BOURBON RESERVE.
TIPS: 8 XENOPHON 6 EIGHT HATS 5 RED PENNY 3 HONG KONG
PREVIEW: Stablemates RED PENNY and EIGHT HATS contested features last season during promising 2yo campaigns and both are open to improvement this term. However, they concede weight to maturing older rival XENOPHON. The well-bred latter is also on an upward trajectory and could represent Each-way value. BOSUM BUDDY, PENNSYLVANIA and versatile HONG KONG (blinker strike!) aren't taken lightly.

RACE 7: 16:10 - SUMMER CUP TICKETS ON SALE MR 70 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight										Stake: R80,000 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	BEAMONESQUE	5Bg 1-2-10 10-1200m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R88,250 Grey, dark blue epaulettes and sleeves, dark blue cap, grey stars	M/M de Kock	*3	C Murray	61	8T10 (8.00)	7B10 (2.65)	0B12 (9.25)	25Mar25
2	TIME WILL TELL*	3Bg 1-7-9 10-1200m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R133,000 Purple and gold qtd diagonally, gold sleeves,purple chevrons,checked diamond cap,purple peak	F Bronkhorst	*7	S Khumalo	60.5	2V12 (0.50)	3N12 (3.80)	1V10 (0.80)	07Aug25
3	PALACE PRINCE	3Bc 1-3-5 11-1450m Earn: R93,312 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*4	S Moodley	59.5	2V14 (0.80)	5T14 (5.00)	4B14 (2.60)	31Jul25
4	GIMME A STORM*	4Bf 1-3-10 1200m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R93,250 Red,white stars and collar,black sleeves,white stars and cuffs,black cap,white stars,red peak	A P Peter	+11	*S Valjalo	58	7V12 (4.40)	0T11 (12.75)	9B14 (7.30)	24Jul25
5	MICHAEL FARADAY	6Bg 2-7-26 10-1600m S: 0-2-7 Earn: R213,562 White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	*2	P Mxoli	58	0K14 (13.90)	0K12 (7.90)	0W14 (13.10)	01Jun25
6	JET CAT*	10Chg 4-25-64 10-1400m S: 0-3-8 Earn: R445,125 Midnight blue, silver diamond, midnight blue sleeves, silver cap	H van der Westhuizen	*5	J R Syter	55	7T11 (4.50)	3B10 (3.00)	1V12 (0.40)	19Jun25
7	PACIFIC*	5Bg 1-8-26 10-1160m S: 0-2-2 Earn: R136,125 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*1	J Penny	54	0V12 (10.00)	9T11 (12.50)	0V10 (15.35)	03Jul25
8	STROKE OF MERCY	6Bh 1-9-21 10-1500m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R149,244 Red, white braces, checked sleeves and cap, red peak	C J Lensley	*8	C Maujean	52.5	5B12 (3.80)	7V14 (4.40)	3B14 (1.90)	14Aug25
9	ORIENTAL BOUQUET	5Chm 1-5-25 12-1400m S: 0-2-7 Earn: R211,119 White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	*6	*K J Lihaba	52	9T11 (6.30)	5T11 (5.10)	4J12 (5.90)	17Aug25
10	TOGETHER AGAIN	6Bm 2-18-60 10-1450m S: 0-3-7 Earn: R266,700 Luminous orange, large white spot, striped sleeves, luminous orange cap	J A Visser	*9	M K Katjedi	52	4J10 (3.90)	0V10 (15.80)	2B14 (1.40)	14Aug25
11	SI VELOCE§	5Bm 1-6-30 10-1200m S: 0-2-4 Earn: R91,925 Luminous orange, large white spot, striped sleeves, luminous orange cap	J A Visser	+10	N Klink	52	0T11 (14.25)	9V12 (21.50)	8B14 (11.10)	14Aug25

Same Trainer: (3 & 7); (5 & 9); (10 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 PALACE PRINCE; 4-1 TIME WILL TELL; 9-2 STROKE OF MERCY; 5-1 JET CAT; 6-1 TOGETHER AGAIN; 7-1 ORIENTAL BOUQUET; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: BEAMONESQUE, PALACE PRINCE, MICHAEL FARADAY, PACIFIC, ORIENTAL BOUQUET.

TIPS: 3 PALACE PRINCE 2 TIME WILL TELL 9 ORIENTAL BOUQUET 8 STROKE OF MERCY

PREVIEW: Promising PALACE PRINCE acquitted himself well at a higher level of the handicap as a 2yo last season so this ease in grade (off a slightly reduced mark) represents a good opportunity for him to resume winning ways. Last-start winners TIME WILL TELL and JET CAT should be competitive for Swinger and Exacta berths, while hard-knockers TOGETHER AGAIN, ORIENTAL BOUQUET and STROKE OF MERCY are others to consider for Trifecta and Quartet bets.

RACE 8: 16:45 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 28 AUGUST NOW MR 72 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight

Stake: R85,000 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	AFTER HOURS	8Bg 12-33-96 10-1600m S: 3-3-16 Earn: R942,962 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	+10	P Mxoli	62	3V14 (1.00)	1B14 (1.00)	1T16 (1.25) 09Aug25
2	BLURRED VISION	4Bg 1-3-20 14-2000m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R111,875 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	+6	C Habib	59	0V20 (23.35)	8T18 (50.00)	5T16 (3.15) 09Aug25
3	COPPOLA	5Bg 1-7-17 10-1600m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R152,475 Royal blue, white epaulettes, striped sleeves and cap	M Khan	+7	J Penny	59	6V20 (4.05)	3J16 (2.30)	6G14 (4.50) 06Aug25
4	PANNING GOLD*	4Chg 1-9-18 11-2000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R184,950 Grey, dark blue epaulettes and sleeves, dark blue cap, grey stars	A Ndzilana	+12	*K J Lihaba	58	3T20 (5.60)	0B16 (10.30)	6J20 (10.50) 17Aug25
5	COPPER MIST*	5Bg 1-7-18 12-1800m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R127,500 Red and white checked diamonds, black sleeves, checked diamond cap, black peak	W C Marwing	+1	C Murray	57.5	0T18 (14.75)	8J12 (10.25)	8V18 (7.70) 19Jun25
6	ZOOMBOMBER%	5Bg 2-10-32 11-1900m S: 1-0-3 Earn: R232,925 Black, dayglo green sleeves and cap	C Spies	+2	*T Mayhew	57	1N16 (0.75)	2J18 (0.50)	4B14 (3.80) 14Aug25
7	FLAG BEARER*	7Bg 5-28-67 14-2600m S: 0-3-10 Earn: R569,688 Turquoise, white stars, red collar and sleeves, white stars, turquoise cap	F Bronkhorst	+11	S Moodley	56.5	7T18 (5.50)	0T20 (14.75)	2T18 (4.60) 09Aug25
8	OKLAHOMA TWISTER%	5Chg 1-9-27 12-1600m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R138,138 Bright blue, white braces, collar and cuffs, bright blue sleeves, white stars, bright blue c	H van der Westhuizen	+4	J R Syster	56	6V15 (4.45)	4V16 (4.90)	8V18 (3.90) 07Aug25
9	GAMER	5Bh 1-17-34 15-2000m S: 0-4-7 Earn: R264,262 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	+8	C Maujean	55.5	2V18 (0.05)	4T20 (6.80)	3T18 (5.60) 09Aug25
10	VAVA VEGAS	6Chg 4-10-40 10-1800m S: 1-2-8 Earn: R303,850 Cerise, black hoop and sleeves, cerise armbands, black cap	J Borman	+5	K Matsunyane	55.5	9T20 (13.00)	7B16 (5.90)	5B16 (3.55) 14Aug25
11	VIVA DE JANEIRO*	6Bg 3-14-38 10-1800m S: 0-2-4 Earn: R303,225 White and black quartered diagonally, black sleeves, white cuffs, halved cap	F Bronkhorst	+3	S Khumalo	53.5	6N16 (5.30)	2J16 (2.10)	7T16 (4.45) 09Aug25
12	COMMANDER OF ALL%<	5Bg 1-9-25 10-1600m Earn: R124,769 Dark blue, shocking pink stars, black sleeves, black cap, shocking pink stars	B Webber	+9	M K Katjedi	52	8J14 (9.75)	5B14 (3.00)	3T16 (2.05) 09Aug25
13	COUNT YOUR CHANCES	6Bm 2-18-49 10-1600m S: 1-4-9 Earn: R248,656 Black, white maltese cross, yellow sleeves and cap	J A Visser	+13	N Klink	52	5J20 (13.10)	8B14 (7.25)	9V24 (10.90) 07Aug25

Same Trainer: (1 & 2 & 9); (7 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 AFTER HOURS; 5-1 COMMANDER OF ALL; 6-1 COPPOLA; 7-1 GAMER; 8-1 FLAG BEARER; 10-1 PANNING GOLD; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.**DOWN IN CLASS:** AFTER HOURS, BLURRED VISION, COPPOLA, PANNING GOLD, COPPER MIST, OKLAHOMA TWISTER, VAVA VEGAS, VIVA DE JANEIRO, COMMANDER OF ALL.**TIPS:** 1 AFTER HOURS 12 COMMANDER OF ALL 3 COPPOLA 9 GAMER**PREVIEW:** Veteran hard-knocker AFTER HOURS defied a 3-point penalty for winning at this level by following up against stronger opposition last time and a further 4-point rise back in this grade is unlikely to prevent him from completing the hat-trick. COPPOLA, class-dropper PANNING GOLD, hard-knockers FLAG BEARER and GAMER, as well as consistent ZOOMBOMBER all have earning potential. However, a bigger threat to the selection will likely come from COMMANDER OF ALL who stayed on to finish a close-up 3rd last time and is 2kg better off with his last-start conqueror for a 2.05-length beating.

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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