

*** 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) - 13 AUGUST 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:** C Zackey 128-28 (21.88%)-46, G Lerena 82-20 (24.39%)-42, P Mxoli 138-18 (13.04%)-39, K de Melo 58-17 (29.31%)-21 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 127-25 (19.69%)-52, S G Tarry 162-23 (14.20%)-58, F Bronkhorst 158-14 (8.86%)-39, M/M de Kock 50-14 (28.00%)-24 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** J Botes (2.5), B Marx-Jacobson (1.5), T Mayhew, D Ramkhalawon (4.0), G Samo-Burthia (2.5).

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 12:15 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R115,000 2400m

1 EPIDAUROS*4Bg	W/W Marwing	4 K Strydom	60	2V18	3V20	2V20
2 EVENING NEWS*4Bg	S G Tarry	5 C Zackey	60	5V18	5V20	7V20
3 CAPTAIN'S EXPRESS4Bg	F P Habib	1 C Maujean	60	5T11	6B17	5B18
4 CLAIRWOOD BREEZE%4Bg	F P Habib	3 *B Marx-Jacobson	60	6J16	4V18	
5 COMIC ARTIST4Bf	F P Habib	6 J Gates	56.5	6V18	2V20	4V20
6 EDEN GARDENS3Bg	R R Magner	2 J Penny	55	0V12	0T10	8T16

Same Trainer: (3 & 4 & 5).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 EPIDAUROS, CLAIRWOOD BREEZE; 4-1 COMIC ARTIST; 9-2 EVENING NEWS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 4 CLAIRWOOD BREEZE 1 EPIDAUROS 5 COMIC ARTIST 2 EVENING NEWS

PREVIEW: EPIDAUROS, EVENING NEWS and COMIC ARTIST have the form and experience to be competitive but are engaged to run at an earlier meeting over 2000m. CLAIRWOOD BREEZE is closely matched with those rivals on the form of their 2 July clash over 1800m. The lightly raced latter is open to any amount of improvement over this extended trip so it could pay to follow his progress.

2 12:50 - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Straight Stake: R115,000 1000m

1 CORSARO SUPER3Bg	F P Habib	7 *B Marx-Jacobson	60	4T10	6B10	4V10
2 AUTOGRAPH3Bc	B Webber	9 C Habib	60	9B10	0T11	3V10
3 GOLDEN SLIPSTREAM3Bg	F Bronkhorst	6 K Strydom	60	8T11	0V14	0T11
4 JUSTHAVEFUN3Bc	J J van Vuuren	1 G Lerena	60			6J10
5 TORPEDO3Bg	C I Jonker	2 M K Katjedi	60		0T10	6T11
6 LADY ENID3Bf	S M Naidoo	8 *D Ramkhalawon	57.5	5T11	7B10	6T11
7 SHIRAZ GLOW%<3Bf	B Webber	5 J Gates	57.5			8V10
8 THE BACHELORETTE3Chf	S G Tarry	4 K de Melo	57.5		2J10	7V12
9 THORN BIRD3Bf	M/M de Kock	3 C Murray	57.5			FIRST RUN

Same Trainer: (2 & 7).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 CORSARO SUPER, THE BACHELORETTE, THORN BIRD; 6-1 JUSTHAVEFUN; 8-1 AUTOGRAPH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 1 CORSARO SUPER 8 THE BACHELORETTE 9 THORN BIRD 4 JUSTHAVEFUN

PREVIEW: CORSARO SUPER improved after a break to finish fourth over this trip last time before switching stables. He has scope for further progress and could make a winning start for new connections with a repeat of his latest performance. THE BACHELORETTE failed to confirm the promise of her debut second when last seen but she did have excuses that day so must be respected on her reappearance following a subsequent break. Returning JUSTHAVEFUN and well-bred newcomer THORN BIRD are other unknown quantities to keep onside and worthy of a market check.

3 13:25 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN PLATE (3-year-old Fillies) (For Maiden 3-year-old Fillies) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R110,000 1600m

1 NORTHERN EUROPEAN*3Bf	X/C Spies	8 C Murray	60	4B10	7N10	3T11
2 BE THE ONE3Bf	P F Matchett	4 *D Ramkhalawon	60	5V12	6V14	5J16
3 LIFE'S TREASURES3Bf	P F Matchett	3 P Mxoli	60	4B10	7T11	4T11
4 ROYAL RANT3Bf	R R Magner	5 K Strydom	60	4T11	9T11	4B12
5 GRAINS OF PARADISE3Chf	C J Lensley	7 K Matsunyane	60		9T11	6V13
6 VOLARE VELOCE3Bf	C J Lensley	2 J Penny	60			7B12
7 PILATES%3Bf	M N Houdalakis	6 C Zackey	60		0V14	6T14
8 TEA FOR THREE3Chf	S G Tarry	1 K de Melo	60		6T11	9J14

Same Trainer: (2 & 3); (5 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 22-10 TEA FOR THREE; 4-1 NORTHERN EUROPEAN; 5-1 GRAINS OF PARADISE; 11-2 BE THE ONE; 6-1 LIFE'S TREASURES; 8-1 ROYAL RANT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: CHEEK PIECES ON: VOLARE VELOCE.

TIPS: 8 TEA FOR THREE 1 NORTHERN EUROPEAN 5 GRAINS OF PARADISE 2 BE THE ONE

PREVIEW: NORTHERN EUROPEAN showed enough promise as a 2yo, albeit up to 1400m, to suggest that she will be competitive over this extended trip. BE THE ONE has form over this distance and that experience will stand her in good stead. GRAINS OF PARADISE and stablemate VOLARE VELOCE are also open to improvement stretching out to this trip. TEA FOR THREE was dropped out from a wide draw last time over 1450m and made encouraging late headway, suggesting a step up in trip would suit. She is ideally positioned in gate 1 and should have more to offer over the extra, so it could pay to follow her progress.

4 14:00 - #YOU CAN BET ON US! MAIDEN PLATE (3-year-olds) (For Maiden 3-year-olds) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R115,000 1600m

1 CRIMSON RANGER3Bc	R R Magner	4 G Lerena	60	7J12	3J16	3B16
2 ONE STATE3Chg	A P Peter	1 K Matsunyane	60	4T14	3T14	1V17
3 CAMPO FORMIO3Bg	X/C Spies	3 *T Mayhew	60	7T11	4T14	5V17
4 STEEL SPRING%3Bg	F P Habib	6 *B Marx-Jacobson	60	9B10	0T11	5V13
5 FLOTILLA*3Bg	S J Gray	8 P Mxoli	60	8T11	0V14	7B12
6 REACHING FORTH MOON3Bg	R Klaasen	2 C Habib	60			5B12
7 SKITT SMILING3Bc	P/J Vermeulen	5 M K Katjedi	60		4B12	2T14
8 VERDANDI3Bf	P F Matchett	7 C Zackey	57	4J16	5J16	4T14

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 15-10 SKITT SMILING; 3-1 CRIMSON RANGER; 9-2 CAMPO FORMIO; 6-1 ONE STATE; 8-1 REACHING FORTH MOON; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 7 SKITT SMILING 1 CRIMSON RANGER 3 CAMPO FORMIO 2 ONE STATE

PREVIEW: ONE STATE, CAMPO FORMIO and SKITT SMILING are closely matched on the form of a recent meeting over 1400m. The latter took off once the penny had dropped and was only narrowly defeated so this extended trip should be more to his liking. CRIMSON RANGER has the form and experience over 1600m to trouble the selection.

5 14:35 - TAB TELEBET 011 074 0300 FM 81 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>			
Stake: R110,000 1800m			
1 SCARLET O'HARA4Bf	ST Pettigrew	3 *D Ramkhalawon	64 1B18 1V17 2J18
2 SURPRISE PARTY*4Bf	P F Matchett	4 P Mxoli	61 2J20 7T18 4B20
3 AZALEAS FOR ALL6Bm	F Bronkhorst	5 G Lerena	61 4J20 3J18 3B20
4 LADY SABRINA%-5Bm	W/W Marwing	7 M V'Rensburg	59 5J14 3J16 5B20
5 UTSAAH*4Bf	S G Tarry	8 K de Melo	56 9B14 5T16 5B20
6 INSTANT ATTRACTION*5Bm	C Mayhew	2 *J Botes	52 1T20 3J20 0J20
7 RED SPARROWI5Chm	B Webber	1 J R Syster	52 3J18 9T16 9B20
8 KYLIE'S ANGEL\$6Bm	C J Lensley	6 *G Samo-Burthia	52 4V15 5J16 8B20

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 12-10 SCARLET O'HARA; 7-2 AZALEAS FOR ALL; 5-1 SURPRISE PARTY; 8-1 INSTANT ATTRACTION; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: SCARLET O'HARA, SURPRISE PARTY, AZALEAS FOR ALL, LADY SABRINA.

TIPS: 1 SCARLET O'HARA 3 AZALEAS FOR ALL 2 SURPRISE PARTY 6 INSTANT ATTRACTION

PREVIEW: SCARLET O'HARA enjoyed a productive 3yo campaign and should continue to progress this term. She was a fast-finishing second in a stronger race over this trip last time so a repeat of that performance will likely suffice. Consistent hard-knockers SURPRISE PARTY, AZALEAS FOR ALL and LADY SABRINA are closely matched on recent form and should remain competitive off their current marks. UTSAAH and INSTANT ATTRACTION also have the means to make their presence felt.

6 15:10 - RACING240 MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Straight</i>			
Stake: R100,000 1000m			
1 VAR PARK7Chg	G J Maroun	2 *J Botes	63 6T10 7T10 4T10
2 TROMPE L'OEIL3Bg	X/C Spies	8 G Lerena	61.5 1V10 2T11
3 HAMMER BLOW4Bg	R R Magnér	3 *B Marx-Jacobson	60.5 3B10 2B10 3B10
4 ICE DRAGON4Bg	G J Maroun	4 M K Katjedi	60 7B10 7T11 2T10
5 ANGEL'S OASIS5Bm	M/M de Kock	5 C Murray	58.5 2B10 1T10 2V12
6 LONELY AS A CLOUD*5Bg	C/T Dawson	6 *D Ramkhalawon	58 8N10 3B10 3T10
7 SERGEANT SOQRAT*4Bg	X/C Spies	1 C Zackey	54.5 0V12 4B10 2V10
8 ORIENTAL BOUQUET*6Chm	G J Maroun	7 J Penny	52 0B12 8T11 5V10

Same Trainer: (1 & 4 & 8); (2 & 7).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 TROMPE L'OEIL, HAMMER BLOW; 5-1 ICE DRAGON, ANGEL'S OASIS; 6-1 LONELY AS A CLOUD; 7-1 SERGEANT SOQRAT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: VAR PARK, TROMPE L'OEIL, ICE DRAGON, LONELY AS A CLOUD.

TIPS: 2 TROMPE L'OEIL 3 HAMMER BLOW 5 ANGEL'S OASIS 7 SERGEANT SOQRAT

PREVIEW: TROMPE L'OEIL confirmed the promise of his 2yo debut win by finishing a close-up second in a stronger race on the opening day of the new season. He topped a 4-point penalty for that performance but will not need to improve a great deal - if at all - to get back to winning ways. HAMMER BLOW, ANGEL'S OASIS and LONELY AS A CLOUD are consistent hard-knockers with the form and experience to expose any chinks in the selection's armour. SERGEANT SOQRAT and ICE DRAGON have earning potential too.

7 15:45 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 80 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>			
Stake: R115,000 1450m			
1 TURBO POWER%7Bg	S G Tarry	8 M K Katjedi	61 8N12 6J12 1T11
2 FAIR PROPOSAL4Bf	R R Magnér	3 G Lerena	60.5 4B16 4V12 8B14
3 BIG UNIT6Bg	M/M de Kock	7 J R Syster	60.5 4J14 5J14 3V15
4 COLD SHINE5Bg	M/M de Kock	4 C Murray	60 1V12 1T11 4T11
5 AFTER HOURS9Bg	S J Gray	6 J Gates	59 8J14 3T16 2T16
6 SEA SHANTY6Bg	R Klaasen	9 C Habib	57 0V12 1J14 5T14
7 ONCEINABLUEMOON*4Bf	P F Matchett	2 P Mxoli	55.5 1B14 0J14 6T14
8 LONGSWORD%6Bg	S G Tarry	5 K de Melo	55.5 5B14 1T14 6T14
9 GUNBOAT4Bg	W/W Marwing	1 K Strydom	55 5B10 9T11 8T14

Same Trainer: (1 & 8); (3 & 4).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 COLD SHINE; 4-1 AFTER HOURS; 5-1 FAIR PROPOSAL; 6-1 LONGSWORD; 7-1 TURBO POWER, BIG UNIT; 8-1 SEA SHANTY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: CHEEK PIECES OFF: BIG UNIT.

TIPS: 4 COLD SHINE 5 AFTER HOURS 3 BIG UNIT 7 ONCEINABLUEMOON

PREVIEW: COLD SHINE lost little in defeat in his hat-trick bid over 1160m last time and, on pedigree, this extended trip ought to be within his compass. Stablemate BIG UNIT returns from a lengthy layoff but boasts solid Western Cape and Highveld form credentials for his former trainer. Veteran AFTER HOURS has rediscovered his form recently and remains competitive off his current mark, along with fillies FAIR PROPOSAL and ONCEINABLUEMOON off their reduced ratings. SEA SHANTY is another to consider for larger exotic-bet permutations.

8 16:20 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST MR 80 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>			
Stake: R115,000 1450m			
1 FRERE JACQUES\$5Bg	M N Houdalakis	2 C Zackey	62 2V16 1J14 0P16
2 GALLIC VICTOR4Bg	F P Habib	10 *B Marx-Jacobson	60 0P16 4N12 8N14
3 BRAVE WAAM4Bg	A P Peter	9 K J Lihaba	59 6T14 1B15 8T16
4 MATROOSBERG%4Bg	S G Tarry	5 K de Melo	59 1B14 7J14 5T11
5 TRACKSUIT DAVE4Bg	A P Peter	7 K Matsunyane	58.5 3V17 3J14 1T14
6 LAUGHING WILLIAM*7Bg	C/T Dawson	11 *D Ramkhalawon	57 7T11 9T16 0J14
7 UNSOLVED RIDDLE7Bg	G J Maroun	8 M K Katjedi	57 5J14 5J14 5T20
8 COMING IN HOT*8Bg	F Bronkhorst	6 C Habib	56.5 8T11 6J14 0T14
9 SUNSET WARRIOR*4Bc	B Webber	3 J R Syster	55.5 4T16 7T14 5T14
10 ELUSIVE RED4Bg	R R Magnér	4 G Lerena	55 6J14 9T14 2B14
11 UBERMENSCH5Bg	S G Tarry	1 P Mxoli	54.5 6J14 4T14 3T14

Same Trainer: (3 & 5); (4 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 FRERE JACQUES; 7-2 GALLIC VICTOR, TRACKSUIT DAVE; 7-1 MATROOSBERG, UBERMENSCH; 8-1 ELUSIVE RED; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: FRERE JACQUES. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: GALLIC VICTOR.

TIPS: 1 FRERE JACQUES 5 TRACKSUIT DAVE 10 ELUSIVE RED 11 UBERMENSCH

PREVIEW: Lightly raced FRERE JACQUES blotted his copybook when last seen but had legitimate excuses on that occasion. He remains open to improvement on his reappearance with the tongue-tie removed but will be hard to beat at this level if bouncing back to his earlier form. GALLIC VICTOR flattered to deceive in the Western Cape and KZN for previous connections but has the ability to make his presence felt on his Highveld debut for a new stable. Last-start winner TRACKSUIT DAVE, recent runner-up ELUSIVE RED and consistent UBERMENSCH should be competitive on recent form. UNSOLVED RIDDLE can also earn.

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; I=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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