



VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 4 MAY 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:** S Valjalo 47-5 (10.64%)-12, P Monggawa 4-3 (75.00%)-0, T Matsoele 4-1 (25.00%)-3, V Sithetho 4-1 (25.00%)-2 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 124-25 (20.16%)-51, S G Tarry 144-19 (13.19%)-56, F Bronkhorst 141-14 (9.93%)-35, F P Habib 86-12 (13.95%)-28 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** G Dadamasi, S Dwayana, N Jobose, T Lukhele, C Mabaya, X C Machaieie, T Mango, T Matsoele, P Mlangeni, P Monggawa, S Mosia, T Ncume, N Ngqwangi, V Sithetho, S Valjalo (1.5).

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 12:20 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight

Stake: R75,000 1000m

1	PRINCESS OF ALL3Bf	M N Houdalakis	3	*N Jobose	60	4T11	2T10	5T10
2	WINIKA3Bf	A G Laird	7	*G Dadamasi	60	8T11	5T11	0V12
3	HURRICANE POWER3Bf	F P Habib	9	*S Mosia	60	3B10	6J14	6B10
4	EMPRESS WU*4Bf	J S Roux	1	*T Lukhele	60	3B10	5B10	4B10
5	FOXY AFTER DARK3Bf	R R Magner	8	*T Ncume	60			6T10
6	BLAZING BREEZE2Bf	B Webber	4	*S Valjalo	57	FIRST RUN		
7	BRIGHT COMET2Bf	F P Habib	5	*T Matsoele	57	FIRST RUN		
8	LADY ENID*2Bf	S M Naidoo	2	*C Mabaya	57	7B10	8J10	4B10
9	MOONFACE2Bf	F Bronkhorst	6	*V Sithetho	57		5J10	8T10

Same Trainer: (3 & 7).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 PRINCESS OF ALL; 4-1 BRIGHT COMET; 5-1 LADY ENID; 6-1 FOXY AFTER DARK; 7-1 EMPRESS WU; 8-1 BLAZING BREEZE; 10-1 HURRICANE POWER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 1 PRINCESS OF ALL 7 BRIGHT COMET 4 EMPRESS WU 8 LADY ENID

PREVIEW: PRINCESS OF ALL returns from a break after an excusable last start but should play a leading role if bouncing back to her earlier form. HURRICANE POWER, EMPRESS WU and LADY ENID have the form and experience to make their presence felt too, while FOXY AFTER DARK should know more about it after an introductory outing. Newcomers BLAZING BREEZE and BRIGHT COMET are worth a market check on debut.

2 12:55 - 4RACING APP WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Straight

Stake: R75,000 1000m

1	HAMMER BLOW3Bg	R R Magner	5	*S Mosia	60	0T14	3T10	4V12
2	GUNBOAT3Bg	W W Marwing	4	*N Ngqwangi	60	7V12	9V12	3B12
3	SECOND TO NUNN*3Bg	S M Naidoo	3	*T Lukhele	60	5T11	8J16	3B10
4	RINGHO5Bg	C I Jonker	8	*S Dwayana	60	4B10	4B10	7V12
5	TURBO TIGER3Bg	C I Jonker	1	*N Jobose	60	8N10	0G14	8T14
6	AUTOGRAPH2Bc	B Webber	2	*T Matsoele	57	FIRST RUN		
7	BUFFALO KING CODY*2Gr	A P Peter	7	*P Monggawa	57	3T10	2B10	2S10
8	MFULATHELA2Bg	A Ndzilana	6	*T Ncume	57	6T08	5V12	7V12

Same Trainer: (4 & 5).

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 BUFFALO KING CODY; 33-10 HAMMER BLOW; 6-1 AUTOGRAPH; 8-1 SECOND TO NUNN; 10-1 GUNBOAT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: CHEEK PIECES OFF: TURBO TIGER.

TIPS: 7 BUFFALO KING CODY 1 HAMMER BLOW 6 AUTOGRAPH 3 SECOND TO NUNN

PREVIEW: HAMMER BLOW and BUFFALO KING CODY have the form credentials to fight out the finish. However, it could pay to side with the 2yo latter who improved to finish 2nd in both starts with blinkers fitted and remains open to further progress after a subsequent gelding. GUNBOAT and SECOND TO NUNN could have roles to play if building on the improvement of their career-best latest outings. Newcomer AUTOGRAPH is bred to be useful and won't need to be special to make his presence felt either.

3 13:30 - RACING240 WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R75,000 1450m

1	BEACH WALKER*3Bg	J S Roux	6	*T Lukhele	60	0B14	2B10	6B14
2	TIME HONORED*4Bg	M/M de Kock	8	*C Mabaya	60	3D18	5W19	4K15
3	EPIDAUROS*3Bg	W W Marwing	7	*G Dadamasi	60	0V12	7J12	6V17
4	JABBERWOcky*5Bh	D Nieuwenhuizen	1	*S Mosia	60	7J17	8J14	8V17
5	BRAVE WAAM*3Bg	A P Peter	3	*P Monggawa	60		5T11	5T14
6	EHHFIFTEENKJOE2Bg	A Ndzilana	4	*T Matsoele	56	4T11	6B14	6J14
7	JAN FISKAL*2Bg	F Bronkhorst	5	*V Sithetho	56	9T10	6V12	0V12
8	TREX ON FIRE2Bf	R Klaasen	2	*P Mlangeni	53	FIRST RUN		

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 TIME HONORED; 3-1 BRAVE WAAM; 5-1 BEACH WALKER; 8-1 EHHFIFTEENKJOE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 2 TIME HONORED 5 BRAVE WAAM 1 BEACH WALKER 8 TREX ON FIRE

PREVIEW: TIME HONORED makes his Highveld debut for a new stable after a layoff. On the strength of his Cape Town form, he looks ideally placed to make a winning reappearance. BEACH WALKER, BRAVE WAAM and EHHFIFTEENKJOE have shown enough to be competitive, though newcomer 2yo TREX ON FIRE will not have to be out of the ordinary to play a role either.

4 14:05 - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R75,000 1450m

1	LOLLY WILLOWES3Bf	A G Laird	2	*V Sithetho	60	4V12	2J14	4P14
2	GATHERING WINTER*3Bf	B Webber	5	*T Matsoele	60	7J12	2V12	2T11
3	WISPINTHEWILLOW3Bf	A P Peter	4	*P Monggawa	60	2J12	5V12	5T11
4	BABY RED3Chf	H van der Westhuizen	7	*T Lukhele	60	0V12	6J16	6B14
5	GREENSIDE GIRL3Bf	S G Tarry	1	*S Mosia	60	6B20	4V20	6V18
6	FASHION NEWS3Bf	J Crawford	3	*C Mabaya	60	FIRST RUN		
7	CASH OUT2Bf	R Klaasen	6	*P Mlangeni	56			5J14
8	STELLA VICTORIOUS*2Bf	A Ndzilana	8	*T Ncume	56	0T08	7T08	3T11

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 LOLLY WILLOWES; 33-10 GATHERING WINTER; 4-1 WISPINTHEWILLOW; 6-1 FASHION NEWS; 8-1 GREENSIDE GIRL; 10-1 STELLA VICTORIOUS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS OFF: WISPINTHEWILLOW.

TIPS: 1 LOLLY WILLOWES 2 GATHERING WINTER 3 WISPINTHEWILLOW 6 FASHION NEWS

PREVIEW: LOLLY WILLOWES sets the standard on the strength and consistency of her form, and she will be hard to beat on her Highveld return. GATHERING WINTER and WISPINTHEWILLOW could have more to offer over this extended trip. Both have the means to challenge the selection. STELLA VICTORIOUS should have a role to play if building on recent improvement, though a bigger threat may come from Futura debutante FASHION NEWS, who is her trainer's only runner on the day. CASH OUT is another worth mentioning, with better expected of her after an excusable introduction.

5 14:40 - TAB TELEBET 0861 000 822 WORK RIDERS CLASSIFIED STAKES (For All Horses) Turf Right-Hand Turn
Stake: R100,000 1200m

1 KING OF NUMBERS ⁵ Bg	B Webber	3 *T Lukhele	60	8B12	8B14	0V12
2 UBERMENSCH ⁴ Bg	S G Tarry	5 *C Mabaya	60	2B14	1J14	0V12
3 TRAIL RUNNER ⁴ Bf	S G Tarry	1 *S Mosia	58	1T11	1J14	5B14
4 NKANDLA GOLD ⁵ <5Chg	B Webber	6 *T Matsoele	54	6B10	4B10	9B10
5 DARING ACT ⁵ Bg	R Klaasen	7 *P Monggawa	54	0T10	7B10	7V12
6 BLUP BLUP ⁹ 5Bm	D Nieuwenhuizen	4 *S Valjalo	52	0B12	0B10	0B12
7 TIME FOR CHARITY ⁶ Bm	F Bronkhorst	2 *V Sithetho	52	4J10	8B10	7B10

Same Trainer: (1 & 4); (2 & 3).

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 TRAIL RUNNER; 5-1 UBERMENSCH; 6-1 TIME FOR CHARITY; 7-1 DARING ACT; 8-1 NKANDLA GOLD; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 3 TRAIL RUNNER 7 TIME FOR CHARITY 2 UBERMENSCH 5 DARING ACT

PREVIEW: TRAIL RUNNER sets the standard on the strength and consistency of her form and as the joint best-weighted runner in the race. Hard-knocker TIME FOR CHARITY is effective over this distance and is also weighted to be competitive. KING OF NUMBERS, UBERMENSCH, NKANDLA GOLD and DARING ACT are out of sorts but have the means to get involved.

6 15:20 - #YOU CAN BET ON US! WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Right-Hand Turn
Stake: R75,000 1700m

1 MASTER BUDDY ³ Bg	A G Laird	7 *T Mango	60	9T11	5B14	4T16
2 ROYALE JACKET ³ Bg	W/W Marwing	6 *P Monggawa	60	5J18	2V17	5V18
3 WINDING POWER ³ Chg	F P Habib	3 *S Mosia	60	5N14	3T14	3B00
4 CRONUS ⁴ Bg	S G Tarry	1 *P Mlangeni	60	7J16	4B14	6T14
5 CAPTAIN'S EXPRESS ³ Bg	F P Habib	2 *T Matsoele	60	0T11	7V12	5T11
6 CUZZIE ⁴ Chg	B Webber	5 *T Lukhele	60	7B14	5V17	4B00
7 FLYING PREDATOR ⁴ Bg	J S Roux	4 *T Ncumbe	60	0V12	7B10	5V20
8 FIELD OF DREAMS ² Bc	A Ndzilana	8 *C Mabaya	56			6J16

Same Trainer: (3 & 5).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 MASTER BUDDY; 5-2 WINDING POWER; 33-10 ROYALE JACKET; 6-1 CRONUS; 8-1 FIELD OF DREAMS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: PACIFIERS OFF: ROYALE JACKET.

TIPS: 1 MASTER BUDDY 3 WINDING POWER 2 ROYALE JACKET 4 CRONUS

PREVIEW: ROYALE JACKET has been found wanting over 1800m so should enjoy cutting back to the shorter trip with the headgear removed. He has the form and experience to play a leading role but is vulnerable to unexposed MASTER BUDDY. The latter was a career-best 4th stretching out to 1600m last time and remains open to further improvement over the extra 100m. WINDING POWER, who has both the form and experience to be competitive, fits a similar profile with an accomplished work rider aboard. CRONUS and youngster FIELD OF DREAMS appeal most of the remainder.

7 15:55 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 WORK RIDERS CLASSIFIED STAKES (For All Horses) Turf Right-Hand Turn
Stake: R100,000 2000m

1 AMERICAN REBEL ⁵ Bg	W C Marwing	5 *S Mosia	62.5	0J18	6B20	6J20
2 ARIOVISTUS ⁴ Bg	A P Peter	7 *P Monggawa	62	0K20	2B18	4J20
3 ZIP CODE ⁴ Bg	D Nieuwenhuizen	3 *T Matsoele	60	4J14	7T14	5T18
4 CARTAGENA ⁵ Bm	H E Adamson	6 *T Lukhele	59	1V24	1B24	0B24
5 NARETOI ⁴ Gr	M/M de Kock	4 *C Mabaya	58	3B18	0B20	6T18
6 REAL STUNNER ⁴ Bg	M/M de Kock	8 *T Ncumbe	58	3T20	6V20	8T18
7 PEPPER TREE ³ Bf	W/W Marwing	1 *N Ngqwangi	52	9J14	8T14	0T20
8 HOPSCOTCH ³ Bf	F Bronkhorst	9 *V Sithetho	52	8T18	8V14	9T18
9 RED SPARROW ⁴ Chf	B Webber	2 *P Mlangeni	50	0T16	6V20	9B20

Same Trainer: (5 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 33-10 CARTAGENA; 7-2 ARIOVISTUS; 4-1 NARETOI; 5-1 REAL STUNNER; 6-1 ZIP CODE; 7-1 AMERICAN REBEL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: AMERICAN REBEL, ARIOVISTUS, ZIP CODE, CARTAGENA, NARETOI, REAL STUNNER. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: ARIOVISTUS.

TIPS: 2 ARIOVISTUS 3 ZIP CODE 4 CARTAGENA 6 REAL STUNNER

PREVIEW: ARIOVISTUS has rediscovered form since relocating to the Highveld, running well in defeat at a higher level with blinkers fitted. He races without the headgear but a repeat of either performance could suffice. AMERICAN REBEL is held on recent form but will strip fitter after a comeback run so should get closer to that rival. ZIP CODE, NARETOI and REAL STUNNER are closely matched on the form of a recent 1800m meeting, and they could have a say in outcome if seeing out the extra 200m. Best-weighted CARTAGENA had excuses for a disappointing last start and is capable of playing a role.

8 16:30 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING TUESDAY 5 MAY WORK RIDERS CLASSIFIED STAKES (For All Horses) Turf Right-Hand Turn
Stake: R100,000 1600m

1 SKY PILLAR ROCK ⁴ Chg	R Klaasen	8 *S Valjalo	63	1B18	9B18	9T18
2 TRACKSUIT DAVE ³ Bg	A P Peter	7 *P Monggawa	60	6V12	2B14	1J16
3 SPACE MISSION ³ Chg	S G Tarry	6 *C Mabaya	58	0T11	4J14	4T14
4 PEARL IN HER CROWN ⁴ Bf	F Bronkhorst	4 *T Mango	58	4T16	2N16	7B18
5 BLOOD OF EDEN ³ Chf	A Ndzilana	9 *T Ncumbe	56	4B20	5B16	1J18
6 APOSTROPHE ³ Chf	S G Tarry	2 *X C Machaieie	56	5J20	0T20	4T20
7 THE MIGHTIEST ⁴ Bf	W/W Marwing	3 *N Ngqwangi	56	0B16	8T16	0B16
8 NORTHERN KITTEN ⁵ Bm	F P Habib	5 *S Mosia	54	9B14	7J14	5B18
9 SHEETS AND GOGGLES ⁴ Bf	F Bronkhorst	1 *V Sithetho	52	7B16	6J14	0B14

Same Trainer: (3 & 6); (4 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 TRACKSUIT DAVE; 4-1 SPACE MISSION; 5-1 PEARL IN HER CROWN; 6-1 NORTHERN KITTEN; 7-1 BLOOD OF EDEN; 10-1 APOSTROPHE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: SKY PILLAR ROCK.

TIPS: 2 TRACKSUIT DAVE 3 SPACE MISSION 4 PEARL IN HER CROWN 8 NORTHERN KITTEN

PREVIEW: TRACKSUIT DAVE improved for the step up to this trip when running out a wide-margin winner of his last start. He remains open to further progress in his peak outing and is ideally placed to follow up. SPACE MISSION, PEARL IN HER CROWN and APOSTROPHE have shown enough to pose a threat to that rival, especially in receipt of weight from the selection. NORTHERN KITTEN and SHEETS AND GOGGLES complete the shortlist.

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 including 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-Turfontein Standside; J-Turfontein Inside; B-Vaal Classic; V-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.

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