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VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 12 DECEMBER 2024

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 113-30 (26.55%)-39, C Zackey 82-15 (18.29%)-28, C Habib 102-11 (10.78%)-43, K Matsunyane 104-10 (9.62%)-30 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** F Bronkhorst 124-13 (10.48%)-43, M N Houdalakis 73-13 (17.81%)-31, J J van Vuuren 59-12 (20.34%)-23, F P Habib 67-10 (14.93%)-23 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** N Jobose, I Lukhele, T Lukhele, C Mabaya, T Matsoele, T Mayhew (1.5), P Mongqawa, S B Mthembu, T Ncume, V Sithetho.

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. 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 — 12:25 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden F & M. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R95,000 **1600m**

1	**DEVILISHLYGORGEOUS**§4Grf	B/J Crawford	6	*T Matsoele	60	8K12	9D14	5J15
2	**VILLA SEMAYA**4Bf	C I Jonker	7	*N Jobose	60	7B14	6J14	0V14
3	**GREAT NOTION**3Grf	M F De Kock	9	*C Mabaya	59	6J14	3T11	3T14
4	**LACEWING**3Grf	J S Roux	8	*T Ncume	59	2B15	2J16	7T16
5	**GLORIA MUNDI**3Bf	A P Peter	4	*P Mongqawa	59	2V17	3V20	1V18
6	**BELLA BOOP BOOP**§3Bf	C J Lensley	1	*I Lukhele	59	2V14	6T16	9V14
7	**CAPTAINS CLOVER**%<3Bf	J A Visser	5	*S B Mthembu	59	0V12	0V10	7V12
8	**LADY SABRINA**3Bf	W H Marwing	3	*T Lukhele	59		7T11	3T16
9	**LONE EMBRACE**3Chf	S J Gray	2	*V Sithetho	59	**FIRST RUN**		

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 14-10 GREAT NOTION; 2-1 LADY SABRINA; 3-1 LACEWING; 8-1 BELLA BOOP BOOP; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 3 GREAT NOTION 8 LADY SABRINA 4 LACEWING 6 BELLA BOOP BOOP

PREVIEW: GREAT NOTION has improved with each run and does look ready to score this time. DEVILISHLYGORGEOUS can improve on her local debut and might earn some minor money. LACEWING flopped when returning from a break but is capable of contesting the finish fitter this time. BELLA BOOP BOOP is unreliable but could earn some money. LADY SABRINA showed improvement in her second start and can do even better this time around and should be a threat.

2 — 13:00 - WSB GRAND HERITAGE 21 DECEMBER MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R120,000 **1600m**

1	**ALAKANANI**4Bg	C J Lensley	9	M K Katjedi	60	7J20	2B24	0V20
2	**CHIEFTAIN'S SHIELD**4Bg	T Zackey	5	P Mxoli	60	4B14	5J12	3J12
3	**GAMER***4Bc	S J Gray	1	R Danielson	60	3J16	4J18	3V16
4	**HAT FURIOUS***4Bg	E Verdonese	4	M V'Rensburg	60	0T14	9J14	6V20
5	**PIONEER SQUARE**3Bc	C Dawson	10	G Lerena	59	3V12	2T14	2T16
6	**BEYNAC**<3Bg	B/J Crawford	7	K Matsunyane	59	5T11	4V14	2T14
7	**DYLAN'S CHAMP**%3Bg	F P Habib	3	C Maujean	59	4J16	2V17	2V16
8	**FLIGHT ENGINEER**3Bg	A P Peter	2	C Habib	59	4J14	2J14	7J14
9	**PYRO EDITION***3Bg	C J Lensley	11	C Zackey	59	5T16	4V14	9V20
10	**AMERICAN EAGLE**3Chc	J S Roux	6	D Schwarz	59	8V12	0V14	4V16
11	**ASIAH'S TIARA**3Bf	C Mayhew	8	*T Mayhew	56	3B14	5V14	2T16

Same Trainer: (1 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 PIONEER SQUARE, BEYNAC, DYLAN'S CHAMP; 10-1 CHIEFTAIN'S SHIELD, GAMER, FLIGHT ENGINEER, ASIAH'S TIARA; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: HAT FURIOUS; PYRO EDITION. CHEEK PIECES OFF: PYRO EDITION.

TIPS: 5 PIONEER SQUARE 6 BEYNAC 7 DYLAN'S CHAMP 8 FLIGHT ENGINEER

PREVIEW: PIONEER SQUARE is knocking loudly at the door with some recent runner-up performances. He can go one better this course and distance. BEYNAC is improving and should be right there at the finish. DYLAN'S CHAMP has been unlucky not to have won by now and has a winning chance. CHIEFTAIN'S SHIELD has some fair form and can earn minor money. GAMER is battling to win a race but could finish in the money yet again. FLIGHT ENGINEER flopped last time out but could bounce back and be a threat.

3 — 13:35 - WWW.TAB4RACING.COM MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R100,000 **2000m**

1	**AL AKHTAAR**4Bg	B B Ruiters	3	D Schwarz	60	7J16	6J18	0V17
2	**GUY ALEXANDER**§6Bh	C J Lensley	7	K Matsunyane	59	1J18	4V17	1V18
3	**TOWERS OF GOLD**3Bg	P F Matchett	1	C Zackey	58.5	1J15	3T18	3T16
4	**WHISPERS OF WAR (AUS)**7Chg	C Spies	2	*T Mayhew	58	4J16	6V14	4J18
5	**ROMEO'S MAGIC**7Chg	B Warren	4	N Klink	57.5	6V17	3V17	7T20
6	**RYAN'S DREAM**5Bg	M/A Azzie	6	R Danielson	56	6B16	2J20	4J18
7	**JAPANESE MAPLE***4Bg	W C Marwing	5	L Nhlapo	55.5	6J20	8B18	9V17

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 15-10 TOWERS OF GOLD; 3-1 GUY ALEXANDER; 4-1 WHISPERS OF WAR; 7-1 ROMEO'S MAGIC, RYAN'S DREAM; 10-1 JAPANESE MAPLE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: AL AKHTAAR, TOWERS OF GOLD, WHISPERS OF WAR. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: ROMEO'S MAGIC.

TIPS: 3 TOWERS OF GOLD 2 GUY ALEXANDER 4 WHISPERS OF WAR 5 ROMEO'S MAGIC

PREVIEW: TOWERS OF GOLD was well-beaten in a small field last time but those rivals are talented and he showed in his penultimate start that he is quite capable of winning handicaps off this mark. AL AKHTAAR has struggled in three starts since a comfortable maiden win. GUY ALEXANDER has won three times in his last four starts and will be a threat yet again. WHISPERS OF WAR is capable of contesting the finish when in the right frame of mind. ROMEO'S MAGIC is unreliable but has a place chance. RYAN'S DREAM returns from a break but has ability and could earn.

4 — 14:10 - TAB TELEBET 0861 000 822 FM 80 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R135,000 **2000m**

1	**MOUNT ETNA***4Bf	F Bronkhorst	2	C Maujean	60	2T16	3J18	1V18
2	**COFFEEBERRY**5Bm	P F Matchett	4	Wes Marwing	60	2H27	3H18	9T14
3	**A PLACE IN THE SUN**§5Bm	B/J Crawford	7	K Matsunyane	59	0J18	6T16	5T20
4	**ARIEL'S JET**§4Bf	E Verdonese	8	M V'Rensburg	58.5	3V20	4B18	5V18
5	**ROSY LEMON***5Bm	F Bronkhorst	6	C Habib	58.5	3T16	5J20	6V18
6	**FETCHING FLYER**3Chf	P F Matchett	5	C Zackey	58	4J16	1J20	1J20
7	**VISIONOFPEACE**3Bf	R R Magner	10	R Danielson	58	0G16	7B16	4V18
8	**KADIZORA**4Bf	M F De Kock	9	M K Katjedi	58	2V18	2J20	3V18
9	**HAT'S QUEEN**3Bf	A P Peter	1	G Lerena	57.5	5B16	1B18	3J20
10	**PATCHES OF GREY**%4Grf	T Zackey	3	P Mxoli	57	3T16	1B17	7T16

Same Trainer: (1 & 5); (2 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 7-2 KADIZORA, HAT'S QUEEN; 9-2 MOUNT ETNA, FETCHING FLYER; 6-1 VISIONOFPEACE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 9 HAT'S QUEEN 1 MOUNT ETNA 8 KADIZORA 6 FETCHING FLYER

PREVIEW: A competitive handicap. HAT'S QUEEN is improving and could be ready to score again. KADIZORA is very consistent and is an obvious danger to the selection. MOUNT ETNA fought on for a game win last time and is not out carrying a penalty. VISIONOFPEACE is improving and could like this course and distance. A PLACE IN THE SUN, ARIEL'S JET and ROSY LEMON are all capable of getting into the mix as well.

5 — 14:45 - TAKE A BET WINA NUMBA NUMBA FM 70 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*

Stake: R105,000 **2000m**

1	**FLAMBOYANT FLYER**%4Chf	C Mayhew	3	K A Brewer	60	7J14	5V17	1V18
2	**STORMY SUNDAY**3Grf	R R Sage	9	D Schwarz	59.5	5J14	1J16	5V18
3	**PLAY WITH FIRE***4Bf	F Bronkhorst	2	C Habib	59.5	3V18	4J16	3V18
4	**KEY WORKER**3Bf	S T Pettigrew	7	G Lerena	59	2T14	1T18	4T16
5	**TEO TORRIATTE**4Chf	C J Lensley	8	K Matsunyane	57.5	6V18	5J20	3V24
6	**FREE IN SEATTLE**3Bf	S J Gray	1	R Danielson	57	4V15	4J20	6V18
7	**RUBY REBEL**3Bf	P F Matchett	6	*T Mayhew	57	0V14	4V17	1V20
8	**SILKY JET**%4Bf	W H Marwing	5	Wes Marwing	57	1V20	3B20	7J20
9	**HAVE A PARTY***5Bm	P F Matchett	10	C Zackey	57	2J20	1V18	2J20
10	**CARTAGENA**4Bf	H E Adamson	11	J R Syster	52.5	0V14	8V18	4V18
11	**EYE CATCHING***7Bm	J Borman	4	J Gates	52	7V20	8J20	0V18

Same Trainer: (7 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-1 KEY WORKER, TEO TORRIATTE, HAVE A PARTY; 7-1 FLAMBOYANT FLYER, STORMY SUNDAY, PLAY WITH FIRE; 10-1 FREE IN SEATTLE, RUBY REBEL, SILKY JET, CARTAGENA; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: KEY WORKER.

TIPS: 9 HAVE A PARTY 4 KEY WORKER 5 TEO TORRIATTE 1 FLAMBOYANT FLYER

PREVIEW: Blinkers have worked with HAVE A PARTY. She does not win too often but she has a chance to score here. FLAMBOYANT FLYER was a surprise winner but only picked up a 3-point penalty for that win and is not out of it. STORMY SUNDAY could improve this longer distance. PLAY WITH FIRE is consistent and can contest the finish again. KEY WORKER could like this course and distance. TEO TORRIATTE was not disgraced last time and should be included in all bets. FREE IN SEATTLE, RUBY REBEL and SILKY JET are three other runners capable of earning money.

6 — 15:20 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*

Stake: R100,000 **1500m**

1	**LAUGHING WILLIAM**5Bg	C Dawson	1	D Schwarz	60.5	6V15	3V14	6T16
2	**LETS PLAY POKER**4Bg	M/A Azzie	4	R Danielson	60.5	3J10	4J12	1T14
3	**OMBUDSMAN**3Bg	S G Tarry	10	C Habib	60	4J14	9T14	5V14
4	**TWELVE OCLOCK HIGH**3Chc	S T Pettigrew	5	G Lerena	60	5T11	5V12	1J14
5	**SACAMBAYA**4Bg	B/J Crawford	2	K Matsunyane	60	5V16	8V17	8T20
6	**PEACE TREATY**3Bg	S G Tarry	6	C Zackey	59	7V11	4T11	2V14
7	**PRINCESS ILARIA**5Bm	F Bronkhorst	3	C Maujean	58.5	6J14	6J14	3T14
8	**KING RAHUL**%<4Bg	C Spies	7	*T Mayhew	55.5	0V15	7V14	6V14
9	**AFTER HOURS***7Bg	S J Gray	8	M K Katjedi	55	6V12	1J14	3V16
10	**SAMTHEWISEMAN**5Bg	R Klaasen	12	K A Brewer	53.5	9B10	5N12	1J12
11	**CARNELO**6Bg	S M Naidoo	11	J R Syster	52	6J18	7T16	3J14
12	**CAN'T CATCH ME**5Bm	B Webber	9	J Gates	52	2V14	5J14	7T14

Same Trainer: (3 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 7-2 PEACE TREATY; 5-1 LETS PLAY POKER, OMBUDSMAN, TWELVE OCLOCK HIGH; 10-1 LAUGHING WILLIAM, AFTER HOURS, SAMTHEWISEMAN, CARNELO; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: OMBUDSMAN, SACAMBAYA, PEACE TREATY, PRINCESS ILARIA, AFTER HOURS.

TIPS: 6 PEACE TREATY 4 TWELVE OCLOCK HIGH 3 OMBUDSMAN 2 LETS PLAY POKER

PREVIEW: PEACE TREATY was runner-up last Thursday and looks ready to pounce. It does look a competitive handicap and we may have to go very wide to get through this leg of the Pick 6. LAUGHING WILLIAM is not reliable but is also not out of it. LETS PLAY POKER showed what he is capable of with a nice maiden win. OMBUDSMAN does seem better than some modest recent runs. TWELVE OCLOCK HIGH was an easy maiden winner but is returning from a break. AFTER HOURS, SAMTHEWISEMAN and CARNELO are all capable of winning as well.

7 — 16:00 - RACING TODAY FM 80 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*

Stake: R112,500 **1450m**

1	**FRANCILIEN**3Bf	M N Houdalakis	7	C Zackey	60	1V12	1V12	4V12
2	**SALENIO PENINSULA**3Grf	J J van Vuuren	2	G Lerena	59.5	1J12	2J12	5T14
3	**WOMEN OF FAME**4Bf	S G Tarry	6	D Schwarz	59.5	7J10	0V12	8V10
4	**LUCY IN THE SKY**7Bm	B Webber	10	J Gates	59	8J14	8V12	4T14
5	**MISS LIA**3Chf	P F Matchett	5	P Mxoli	58.5	3T11	1V12	2T14
6	**COCOMELON***3Bf	S G Tarry	4	C Habib	57.5	1J14	6T14	9T16
7	**HONORABLE MEMBER**3Bf	F Bronkhorst	9	C Maujean	54.5	0G16	5J14	2J16
8	**ACCEPT COOKIES**3Bf	R R Magner	3	M K Katjedi	54	3J14	1J14	6T16
9	**IT'S HER WAY**%<3Bf	R Klaasen	8	K A Brewer	54	4J12	4B16	3V15
10	**SILVER PARASOL**§3Bf	A G Laird	1	K Matsunyane	53	6B18	7T16	8T14

Same Trainer: (3 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 SALENIO PENINSULA; 5-1 MISS LIA; 7-1 FRANCILIEN, HONORABLE MEMBER, ACCEPT COOKIES; 10-1 IT'S HER WAY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: SALENIO PENINSULA, COCOMELON. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** CHEEK PIECES ON: SILVER PARASOL.

TIPS: 2 SALENIO PENINSULA 1 FRANCILIEN 5 MISS LIA 7 HONORABLE MEMBER

PREVIEW: SALENIO PENINSULA was not disgraced when fifth last time in a better race than this. She can bounce back to beat these rivals. FRANCILIEN has talent but was a bit of a disappointment last time out when only fourth. MISS LIA is improving and deserves respect. HONORABLE MEMBER put in an improved performance last time out and could contest the finish again. ACCEPT COOKIES is better than her last run suggests. IT'S HER WAY has been running on late in her recent runs and could earn more money.

8 — 16:35 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER MR 72 HANDICAP (Open) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*

Stake: R100,000 **1200m**

1	**MIDNIGHT FUSION**4Bf	R Klaasen	3	C Habib	61	4T10	2B10	7T11
2	**ALONE TIME**4Chc	J S Roux	8	D Schwarz	60	7V10	3V12	3J12
3	**KING OF NUMBERS**4Bg	B Webber	5	J Gates	59.5	2V12	8V12	8T11
4	**PENDRAGON***5Bg	F Bronkhorst	2	C Maujean	59.5	7V10	9B10	9V10
5	**FALCON STRIKE***4Chg	B D Botes	6	M K Katjedi	57.5	5B14	0V15	0V12
6	**KYLIE'S ANGEL**4Bf	A P Peter	7	K Matsunyane	57.5	4V12	6V11	0V14
7	**CALL ME MASTER**8Bg	R R Sage	10	G Lerena	56	7V14	3T16	3J12
8	**SAIL THE SKY**4Bg	C I Jonker	4	M V'Rensburg	56	9V14	1J12	5T14
9	**REMAINS OF THE DAY**4Bg	P F Matchett	1	P Mxoli	55.5	1B10	8V11	0V10
10	**WRITTEN IN STONE**9Bg	B Webber	9	L Nhlapo	55.5	4V14	4J14	2J12

Same Trainer: (3 & 10).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 CALL ME MASTER; 7-2 SAIL THE SKY; 9-2 ALONE TIME; 7-1 MIDNIGHT FUSION, WRITTEN IN STONE; 10-1 KING OF NUMBERS, PENDRAGON, KYLIE'S ANGEL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: MIDNIGHT FUSION, KING OF NUMBERS, PENDRAGON.

TIPS: 7 CALL ME MASTER 8 SAIL THE SKY 10 WRITTEN IN STONE 1 MIDNIGHT FUSION

PREVIEW: A weak race and anything is possible. CALL ME MASTER is holding form and could have that consistency rewarded. SAIL THE SKY has improved of late and has a winning chance. MIDNIGHT FUSION is unreliable but can get involved with the finish when in the mood. ALONE TIME has been good of late but does lack a strong finish. WRITTEN IN STONE is holding form and can be competitive. PENDRAGON and KING OF NUMBERS are capable of an upset on best form.

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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