

# \*\*\* TAB TOP 7 MEETING!

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### VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 24 FEBRUARY 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 113-27 (23.89%)-43, M Yeni 104-13 (12.50%)-39, P Mxoli 129-13 (10.08%)-33, C Habib 112-12 (10.71%)-42 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 121-20 (16.53%)-48, S G Tarry 126-17 (13.49%)-48, F Bronkhorst 129-13 (10.08%)-33, M N Houdalakis 65-12 (18.46%)-28 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** J Botes (2.5), T Demont, T Lukhele, B Marx-Jacobson (4.0), T Matsoele, T Mayhew, P Mongqawa, 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 (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 12:40 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Straight Stake: R105,000 1000m

1 BEACH WALKER <sup>3B</sup> g	J S Roux	3 *T Lukhele	60	8J16	3T14	0B14
2 JAWBREAKER <sup>3B</sup> g	C Spies	4 *V Sithetho	60	3T11	9B16	4B10
3 MRS STORMIATRIX <sup>3B</sup> f	A P Peter	5 *P Mongqawa	57.5	8N14	5T11	2B10
4 HURRICANE POWER <sup>3B</sup> f	F P Habib	2 *T Matsoele	57.5	0B15	5T10	7B10
5 WISPINTHEWILLOW <sup>3B</sup> f	A P Peter	1 *T Demont	57.5	4B10	4T11	

Same Trainer: (3 & 5).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 1-1 MRS STORMIATRIX; 2-1 WISPINTHEWILLOW; 6-1 JAWBREAKER; 7-1 BEACH WALKER; 10-1 HURRICANE POWER

**TIPS:** 3 MRS STORMIATRIX 5 WISPINTHEWILLOW 2 JAWBREAKER 4 HURRICANE POWER

**PREVIEW:** MRS STORMIATRIX built on a pleasing Highveld introduction to finish 2nd over track and trip last time behind an unexposed male rival, so she won't have to improve much - if at all - to open her account. WISPINTHEWILLOW remains open to improvement but has already shown enough to challenge the selection. BEACH WALKER and JAWBREAKER will likely fight out the remaining Trifecta and Quartet berths.

#### 2 13:15 - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight Stake: R105,000 1000m

1 EMPRESS WU <sup>4B</sup> f	J S Roux	1 D Schwarz	60	3V12	6B10	3B10
2 DUCHESS DI <sup>3B</sup> chf	A P Peter	4 C Habib	60	5V12	3V10	
3 MISS RIVER DANCER <sup>3B</sup> f	C J Lensley	5 K Matsunyane	60	FIRST RUN		
4 NATIONAL BLISS <sup>3B</sup> f	A P Peter	2 *B Marx-Jacobson	60	FIRST RUN		
5 STAR BLAZE <sup>3B</sup> f	S T Pettigrew	3 P Mxoli	60		2B10	

Same Trainer: (2 & 4).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 1-1 STAR BLAZE; 3-1 DUCHESS DI; 4-1 NATIONAL BLISS; 5-1 EMPRESS WU; 10-1 MISS RIVER DANCER

**TIPS:** 5 STAR BLAZE 4 NATIONAL BLISS 2 DUCHESS DI 1 EMPRESS WU

**PREVIEW:** STAR BLAZE justified market support by finishing 2nd on debut over this track and trip. She would have benefited from that experience and with natural improvement, could go one better. EMPRESS WU and returning DUCHESS DI have the form and experience to fight out the finish too. Newcomers NATIONAL BLISS and MISS RIVER DANCER could also have a say, especially if the market speaks in their favour.

#### 3 13:50 - #YOU CAN BET ON US! MAIDEN JUVENILE PLATE (For 2 yo R100 000 Win BSA / RCS Bonus) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R130,000 1450m

1 ANCIENT WRITINGS <sup>2B</sup> c	M G Azzie	3 *T Mayhew	60	FIRST RUN		
2 COVER CHARGE <sup>2B</sup> c	C Spies	5 R Mungler	60	FIRST RUN		
3 CRIMSON CLOVER <sup>2B</sup> c	F Bronkhorst	4 M Yeni	60	6B10	5T11	
4 DEAR DOC <sup>2G</sup> rc	A Ndzilana	11 S Khumalo	60	3V12	3T11	
5 EHHFIFTEENKJOE <sup>2B</sup> c	A Ndzilana	8 C Ngcobo	60	0T08	4T08	4T11
6 GOLDEN SLIPSTREAM <sup>2B</sup> c	F Bronkhorst	2 R Danielson	60			8T10
7 HIGHWAY CODE <sup>2B</sup> c	R Klaasen	6 K Matsunyane	60	FIRST RUN		
8 MFULATHELA <sup>2B</sup> c	A Ndzilana	1 D De Gouveia	60			6T08
9 NIGHTSHINE <sup>2B</sup> c	A Ndzilana	10 M K Katjedi	60	2V12	2T10	
10 PARACHUTE ADAMS <sup>2B</sup> g	W/W Marwing	9 D Schwarz	60			6T10
11 PROPHECIES <sup>2C</sup> hf	J S Roux	7 #M Michel	57			5V10

Same Trainer: (3 & 6); (4 & 5 & 8 & 9).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 DEAR DOC; 4-1 NIGHTSHINE; 5-1 COVER CHARGE; 6-1 EHHFIFTEENKJOE; 7-1 ANCIENT WRITINGS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** GOLDEN SLIPSTREAM, NIGHTSHINE, PARACHUTE ADAMS, PROPHECIES.

**TIPS:** 4 DEAR DOC 9 NIGHTSHINE 2 COVER CHARGE 5 EHHFIFTEENKJOE

**PREVIEW:** Stablemates DEAR DOC and NIGHTSHINE have shown promise in 2 introductory sprints and are bred to improve over this extended trip. Both have wide starting berths to negotiate but that shouldn't prevent them from playing roles. CRIMSON CLOVER and EHHFIFTEENKJOE fit similar profiles and have earning potential too, though a bigger threat to the principals will likely come from newcomers COVER CHARGE, ANCIENT WRITINGS and HIGHWAY CODE. Watch the betting for clues.

#### 4 14:25 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R105,000 2000m

1 BLOOD OF EDEN <sup>3C</sup> hf	A Ndzilana	7 M Yeni	60	3J17	2B18	6B16
2 SHADOWLINE <sup>3B</sup> f	S T Pettigrew	5 *J Botes	60	7B16	4B20	4T18
3 COMIC ARTIST <sup>3B</sup> f	F P Habib	3 *B Marx-Jacobson	60	4J12	4B15	5B18
4 GREENSIDE GIRL <sup>3B</sup> f	S G Tarry	1 C Zackey	60	5V12	4B16	5B16
5 COOL REGGAE <sup>5B</sup> m	C I Jonker	6 P Mxoli	60	4B18	6B20	3B16
6 ASIAH'S TIARA <sup>4B</sup> f	C Mayhew	4 *T Mayhew	60	3B24	6B20	7B20
7 OVER SENSIBLE <sup>3C</sup> hf	R Klaasen	2 J R Syster	60	0V14	7J18	6B24

Same Trainer: None.

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 BLOOD OF EDEN; 33-10 GREENSIDE GIRL; 4-1 SHADOWLINE; 9-2 COOL REGGAE; 5-1 ASIAH'S TIARA; 6-1 COMIC ARTIST; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: BLOOD OF EDEN; ASIAH'S TIARA.

**TIPS:** 2 SHADOWLINE 4 GREENSIDE GIRL 1 BLOOD OF EDEN 5 COOL REGGAE

**PREVIEW:** BLOOD OF EDEN, COMIC ARTIST and GREENSIDE GIRL are open to improvement stretching out to this trip for the first time. SHADOWLINE produced a career-best effort in her only outing over this distance, so a repeat of that performance under a 2.5kg claimer could suffice. Older rivals COOL REGGAE and ASIAH'S TIARA also have the form and experience to make their presence felt.

## 5 15:00 - CLASSIC DAY 7 MARCH MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R120,000 2000m

1	ROYAL ENGAGEMENT <sup>3</sup> Bg	S J Gray	2	M Yeni	60	3V14	5V17	6I14
2	THOONSIL <sup>3</sup> Chg	M Pandaram	8	K Matsunyane	60	4J16	3V20	6B18
3	EMERALD CITY <sup>3</sup> Bg	R R Magner	9	R Munger	60	2B24	5B18	8B20
4	INCLUSION <sup>4</sup> 4Bg	T Zackey	5	P Mxoli	60	7B16	9B18	4B20
5	HEROIC ACT <sup>4</sup> Bg	T Zackey	1	C Ngcobo	60	3V20	3B18	7B20
6	ELUSIVE CHARM <sup>3</sup> Bg	C I Jonker	7	D De Gouveia	60	0B18	8B24	0B18
7	MUSICAL WARFARE <sup>3</sup> Bg	F Bronkhorst	4	R Danielson	60		7T11	6J14
8	WAR TALK <sup>3</sup> Bf	S G Tarry	3	C Zackey	56.5	2J18	2B18	5B20
9	VIXENIN THE VINEYARD <sup>4</sup> Bf	A Ndzilana	6	S Khumalo	56.5	2B20	2B20	2T18

Same Trainer: (4 & 5).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 5-2 VIXENIN THE VINEYARD; 28-10 WAR TALK; 5-1 INCLUSION; 6-1 HEROIC ACT; 7-1 THOONSIL; 8-1 ROYAL ENGAGEMENT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**TIPS:** 9 VIXENIN THE VINEYARD 8 WAR TALK 4 INCLUSION 2 THOONSIL

**PREVIEW:** VIXENIN THE VINEYARD has found one too good in each of her last 3 starts, so she wouldn't be winning out of turn. Younger filly WAR TALK fits a similar profile (2nd in 2 of her last 3 starts) and could make amends after her disappointing latest outing. ROYAL ENGAGEMENT, THOONSIL and INCLUSION remain open to improvement but have already shown enough to be competitive.

## 6 15:35 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MIDDLE STAKES (For All Horses) Turf Straight

Stake: R160,000 1000m

1	MOVER AND SHAKER <sup>6</sup> Bg	F P Habib	2	*B Marx-Jacobson	64	0T10	8B14	1B10
2	MAGIC TATTOO <sup>6</sup> Chg	S G Tarry	3	C Zackey	58	4T10	0T11	5B10
3	ESQUEVELLE <sup>7</sup> Bg	C Binda	5	M Yeni	54	3T11	2B12	6B12
4	RAFA BAY <sup>4</sup> Bg	A P Peter	1	K Matsunyane	54	2T10	2V10	4B10
5	PLUS FOUR <sup>5</sup> Bg	C/T Dawson	6	C Maujean	54	5V14	1T10	7V10
6	TWENTYTWOVISION <sup>5</sup> Bg	J Crawford	4	#M Michel	50	4V10	0J14	6T10

Same Trainer: None.

**FORECAST BETTING:** 5-2 MOVER AND SHAKER; 28-10 RAFA BAY; 3-1 PLUS FOUR; 5-1 MAGIC TATTOO; 6-1 ESQUEVELLE; 10-1 TWENTYTWOVISION

**DOWN IN CLASS:** MOVER AND SHAKER, MAGIC TATTOO, RAFA BAY. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: ESQUEVELLE.

**TIPS:** 1 MOVER AND SHAKER 4 RAFA BAY 5 PLUS FOUR 2 MAGIC TATTOO

**PREVIEW:** MOVER AND SHAKER sprung a 50-1 surprise when winning over track and trip last time, beating RAFA BAY and MAGIC TATTOO. He is weighted to confirm his superiority and needs only to confirm that last-start improvement to win again. Versatile PLUS FOUR had excuses last time but should have a role to play if bouncing back to earlier form.

## 7 16:10 - SA DERBY 4 APRIL FM 84 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight

Stake: R120,000 1000m

1	PRECOCIOUS <sup>3</sup> Grf	A P Peter	7	*B Marx-Jacobson	62	5K12	1I10	1B10
2	BOSUM BUDDY <sup>4</sup> Grf	P F Matchett	4	P Mxoli	61	8V12	1B10	3B10
3	GASLIGHT DANCER <sup>3</sup> Bf	F Bronkhorst	2	M Yeni	57.5	0T11	1B10	1B10
4	VALIEVA <sup>4</sup> Bf	F Bronkhorst	6	R Danielson	57.5	9B10	6V12	6B12
5	MYSTICAL MISS <sup>3</sup> Bf	S G Tarry	1	R Munger	56.5	5J12	5B10	5N12
6	MAVERICK QUEEN <sup>4</sup> Bf	S G Tarry	5	C Zackey	56.5	2V12	3V12	5B12
7	JAZZ PIANIST <sup>3</sup> Bf	R R Sage	8	S Khumalo	56	1T10	8B10	8V12
8	AMAZONIAN <sup>3</sup> Bf	D N Stenger	3	M V Rensburg	55.5	8T11	1V10	7B10
9	PLUMBAGO PARK <sup>3</sup> Bf	B Webber	9	C Habib	54.5	2B10	3B10	7B12

Same Trainer: (3 & 4); (5 & 6).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 PRECOCIOUS; 5-1 BOSUM BUDDY, MAVERICK QUEEN; 6-1 GASLIGHT DANCER, MYSTICAL MISS; 10-1 PLUMBAGO PARK; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** BOSUM BUDDY, VALIEVA, MAVERICK QUEEN, JAZZ PIANIST. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: MAVERICK QUEEN.

**TIPS:** 1 PRECOCIOUS 2 BOSUM BUDDY 3 GASLIGHT DANCER 5 MYSTICAL MISS

**PREVIEW:** PRECOCIOUS has thrived since relocating to the Highveld and confirmed as much with a winning handicap debut over track and trip earlier this month. She remains open to improvement and, despite a resultant 8-point penalty, looks good value to complete the hat-trick. Fellow 3yo GASLIGHT DANCER is also bidding to complete a 3-limer after consecutive course-and-distance wins, so she is expected to pose a threat. MYSTICAL MISS and PLUMBAGO PARK acquitted themselves well at this level last time and aren't taken lightly off reduced marks. Hard-knockers BOSUM BUDDY and MAVERICK QUEEN have claims too.

## 8 16:45 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 5 MARCH FM 68 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight

Stake: R80,000 1000m

1	MAGIC CARPET RIDE <sup>4</sup> Chf	S G Tarry	3	C Zackey	62	1T11	6T14	0V12
2	BLUP BLUP <sup>5</sup> Bm	D Nieuwenhuizen	6	*J Botes	61	8J10	9T11	0B12
3	BLINDFIRE <sup>3</sup> Chf	A P Peter	11	*B Marx-Jacobson	60.5	0T10	2B10	3B10
4	VARACHINO'S CHAMP <sup>3</sup> Bf	F P Habib	1	J Gates	60.5	4B10	4T10	1B10
5	TAKING A RISK <sup>3</sup> Bf	M G Azzie	10	*T Mayhew	59.5	2T11	1T10	9V12
6	QUEEN'S PACT <sup>3</sup> Bf	P F Matchett	7	P Mxoli	58.5	0B10	6B10	2J10
7	RED HOT KISSES <sup>3</sup> Bf	F Bronkhorst	9	R Danielson	58	9J10	0V10	9B10
8	ANGEL'S OASIS <sup>4</sup> Bf	J Crawford	8	K Matsunyane	58	8D12	4V12	4B12
9	IN THE ETHER <sup>7</sup> Bm	G J Maroun	4	R Munger	58	0T10	4B10	7J10
10	TIME FOR CHARITY <sup>6</sup> Bm	F Bronkhorst	2	M Yeni	57.5	4V12	3B10	4J10
11	LILAC SNOW <sup>4</sup> Bf	W C Marwing	12	C Habib	57	2B12	1J12	6B12
12	ORIENTAL BOUQUET <sup>5</sup> Chm	G J Maroun	5	M K Katjedi	53.5	0T10	5B10	1J10

Same Trainer: (7 & 10); (9 & 12).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 ANGEL'S OASIS; 4-1 TIME FOR CHARITY; 5-1 QUEEN'S PACT; 6-1 BLINDFIRE; 7-1 VARACHINO'S CHAMP; 10-1 ORIENTAL BOUQUET; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** MAGIC CARPET RIDE, BLUP BLUP, TAKING A RISK, ANGEL'S OASIS, LILAC SNOW.

**TIPS:** 8 ANGEL'S OASIS 10 TIME FOR CHARITY 3 BLINDFIRE 6 QUEEN'S PACT

**PREVIEW:** ANGEL'S OASIS has run well in 2 starts at a higher level since relocating to the Highveld and a repeat of either performance off a slightly reduced mark should suffice in this grade. Recent maiden winner VARACHINO'S CHAMP, last-start handicap scorer ORIENTAL BOUQUET and consistent hard-knocker TIME FOR CHARITY all have the means to pose a threat. BLINDFIRE, QUEEN'S PACT and LILAC SNOW could also make their presence felt if building on improved recent performances.

**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 1I12 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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