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# VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 24 JULY 2025

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 111-38 (34.23%)-44, P Strydom 46-11 (23.91%)-21, P Mxoli 95-10 (10.53%)-33, C Habib 64-9 (14.06%)-22 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** P F Matchett 108-13 (12.04%)-32, A P Peter 80-13 (16.25%)-32, F Bronkhorst 111-11 (9.91%)-34, M N Houdalakis 45-10 (22.22%)-14 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** G Dookhit (4.0), K J Lihaba, T Lukhele, T Mayhew (1.5), M Mbuto (4.0), S Mkhumbuzi, P Mlangeni, P Mongqawa, S Mosia, N Nastili (2.5), B Plaatjies (1.5), G Samo-Burthia (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 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 RACÍNG 240 (ch 240 DStv); ALL RACES GLOBAL TV (in TABs)

### 11:50 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN HAND-

ICAP (For Maidens with 3 or more runs) Turf Right-Hand Turn

				Stake: H8	J,UUL	) 12	uum
1	TRAIL RUNNER3Bf	S G Tarry	2 G Lerena	60	3T11	<u>5V12</u>	4S12
2	FIRE STARTER2Bg	M/M de Kock	3 R Danielson	58	3T14	3B16	6T16
3	B EMPRESS WU*3Bf	J S Roux	5 C Maujean	57.5	2B10	2V12	2J10
4	SHIMMERING2Bf	A G Laird	<ol> <li>C Habib</li> </ol>	54.5	5J12	4T11	5T11
Ę	TOUCH OF HEAVEN%3Bf	C Spies	8 K Matsunyane	54.5	8V12	6T11	6S12
6	SUPERIOR3Bf	C Mayhew	7 J Penny	52	<u>9B12</u>	8J10	<u>6J10</u>
7	DRAGONHEART<2Bg	J J van Vuuren	6	52	5T10	7T11	8J10
8	S SOLAMENTE4Bg	H E Adamson	4 L Nhlapo	52	0B12	<u>0V10</u>	<u>9V12</u>

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 EMPRESS WU; 28-10 TRAIL RUNNER; 7-2 FIRE STARTER; 5-1 SHIMMERING; 12-1 AND

DOWN IN CLASS: TOUCH OF HEAVEN

TIPS: 3 EMPRESS WU 1 TRAIL RUNNER 4 SHIMMERING 2 FIRE STARTER

PREVIEW: EMPRESS WU is overdue a maiden victory and she wouldn't be winning out of turn after 4 consecutive second-place finishes. TRAIL RUNNER has the form and experience to fight out the finish and recently gelded youngster FIRE STARTER won't need to improve much over this shorter trip to make his presence felt too. SHIMMERING and SUPERIOR could also have roles to play.

# 12:22 - CHARITY MILE 1 NOVEMBER MAIDEN HAND-

ICAP (For Maidens with 3 or more runs) Turf Right-Hand Turn

			Stak	e: K8	0,000	) 16	uum
	1 JOHNNY DRAMA*3Chg	R Klaasen	<ol> <li>K Matsunyane</li> </ol>	60	7V12	4T14	2J14
	2 CUZZIE*3Chg	B Webber	4 J Gates	58.5	4G18	8G20	<u>0N20</u>
į	3 GIFT OF ROYAL3Bg	B Webber	3 J R Syster	57	2V16	5V18	5J18
	4 CODEWORD%3Bf	S G Tarry	5 *G Samo-Burthia	56	7J14	7T20	2V18
	5 TRIP TO STATES 5Chg	C I Jonker	6 G Lerena	56	2V13	4V12	2V14
	6 WINCHESTER2Bg	P F Matchett	2 P Mxoli	54.5	<u>6T14</u>	7T11	5T14
	7 EMERALD CITY2Bg	R R Magner	8 *K J Lihaba	52	0V12	7J14	8V18
į	8 EMBER KING2Bc	A P Peter	7 K A Brewer	52	0V12	9T10	9T11

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 TRIP TO STATES; 7-2 JOHNNY DRAMA; 4-1 CODEWORD; 5-1 GIFT OF ROYAL; 6-1 WIN-CHESTER: 10-1 CUZZIE: 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: JOHNNY DRAMA.

TIPS: 5 TRIP TO STATES 4 CODEWORD 6 WINCHESTER 1 JOHNNY DRAMA
PREVIEW: TRIP TO STATES was a well-beaten second last time but needs only to repeat that performance

over this extended trip to play another leading role. CODEWORD finished a career-best second in this head-gear 3 weeks ago under the same rider and could fight for victory if confirming that improvement. JOHNNY DRAMA, GIFT OF ROYAL and youngster WINCHESTER appeal most of the remainder.

# 12:54 - SUMMER CUP 29 NOVEMBER MR 74 HANDICAP

	(Open) Iun night-hand lum			Slake. noo,000 10001				
1	UNSOLVED RIDDLE5Bg	G J Maroun	<ol> <li>P Strydom</li> </ol>	60	0J16 2	2V15	5J16	
2	WAR REPORTER3Chg	S G Tarry	7 C Habib	59.5	5J16 4	4T20	2T18	
3	LAUGHING WILLIAM*5Bg	C Dawson	2 G Lerena	59.5	7T16 (	0V14	2T14	
4	TRIDENT KING*6Chg	D Nieuwenhuizen	4 *T Mayhew	59.5	4T16	5T20	9T16	
5	PANNING GOLD*3Chg	A Ndzilana	5 C Maujean	59	9J16	7J16	3T20	
6	GUY ALEXANDER§6Bh	C J Lensley	10 *M Mbuto	58.5	4B18	8J16	0T24	
7	COPPER EAGLE2Bc	R Klaasen	<ol><li>K Matsunyan</li></ol>	e <b>57</b>			1T14	
8	TOMMY SHELBY%2Bc	F P Habib	8 J Gates	56	9V12 4	4T14	1V14	
9	VAVA VEGAS*5Chg	J Borman	9 *B Plaatjies	55.5	0V15	8J16	9T20	
10	CARNELO6Bg	S M Naidoo	6 *K J Lihaba	55	6V18	8J16	0T20	

Same Trainer: None

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 WAR REPORTER; 4-1 COPPER EAGLE; 5-1 TOMMY SHELBY; 6-1 LAUGHING WILLIAM; 7-1 PANNING GOLD: 8-1 UNSOLVED RIDDLE: 10-1 TRIDENT KING; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: PANNING GOLD. CHEEK PIECES OFF: CARNELO.

TIPS: 7 COPPER EAGLE 8 TOMMY SHELBY 2 WAR REPORTER 3 LAUGHING WILLIAM

INS: COPPER EAGLE 8 (DMMY SHELBY 2 WAR HEPORIER 3 LAUGHING WILLIAM PREVIEW: WAR REPORTER confirmed the improvement of his previous outing by finishing 2nd off this mark over 1800m recently. He should go well again over a course and distance he is unbeaten. Hard-knocker LAUGHING WILLIAM bounced back to form last time and could be hard to peg back if adopting similar tactics. Rating-droppers TRIDENT KING and PANNING GOLD aren't taken lightly off their current marks but are vulnerable to less-exposed younger rivals. Last-start scorer TOMMY SHELBY and debut winner COPPER EAGLE are promising 2yo colts with scope to improve over this extended trip that should suit.

### 13:26 - #YOUCANBETONUS! FM 92 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Margs) Turf Straight Stake: R110 000 1000m

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1	COSMIC QUEEN3Bf	J J van Vuuren	3 G Lerena	60	7J10	1T10	4J10
2	BOSUM BUDDY3Bf	P F Matchett	2 P Mxoli	59.5	3T11	3G12	7N12
3	VIRGINIA BEACH4Bf	A P Peter	4 C Habib	57	<u>6J10</u>	9B10	<u>0J10</u>
4	STARS AND BRA'S3Bf	F Bronkhorst	5 J R Syster	56	9V15	<u>8J10</u>	5T11
5	KIA KAHA3Chf	M/A Azzie	1 K A Brewer	55	5J10	4T10	3J10
6	RAINING RUBIES5Bm	H van der Westhuizen	6 J Penny	52	1V12	9T11	0V12
7	THE NAVY LARK*4Bf	J A Visser	7 *B Plaatjies	52	0V12	8T10	4V10
8	GLOBAL THUNDER§4Bf	C J Lensley	8 *M Mbuto	52	2V12	6V10	1T11

Same Trainer: None

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 COSMIC QUEEN; 7-2 KIA KAHA; 4-1 BOSUM BUDDY; 6-1 STARS AND BRA'S; 7-1 VIRGINIA BEACH: 8-1 THE NAVY LARK; 10-1 GLOBAL THUNDER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: COSMIC QUEEN, BOSUM BUDDY, VIRGINIA BEACH, STARS AND BRAS, KIA KAHA. HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS OFF: VIRGINIA BEACH.

CHANGE: BLINKERS OFF. VIRINIA BEACH.

TIPS: 1 COSMIC QUEEN 5 KIA KAHA 2 BOSUM BUDDY 4 STARS AND BRAS

PREVIEW: Consistent KIA KAHA fared slightly better than COSMIC QUEEN in a stronger 1000m race last time but the latter was drawn wide around the turn that day and with any improvement should turn the tables.

BOSUM BUDDY had legitimate excuses for a disappointing last start and shouldn't be underestimated on her Highveld return. STARS AND BRAS isn't taken lightly either off her reduced mark. Recent scorer GLOBAL THUNDER (up in class) and speedy VIRGINIA BEACH come next.

### 14:05 - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 MR 71 HANDICAP Stake: R85,000 1200m (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn

PEREGRINE FALCON%4Ba F P Habib 3 K Matsunvane 1D10 5G12 5S10 8B16 9J14 7V14 SAIL THE SKY4Bg C I Jonker 5 G Lerena ALONE TIME4Cho J S Roux 9 P Strydom 58.5 7B12 3V12 2V12 FALCON STRIKE\*4Cha B D Botes 8 C Habib 58 6B14 5T11 1V12 HEIRLOOM4Bf 6 K A Brewer 6G12 5N12 6N12 58 5 R Klaasen EDGE OF TOMORROW\*3Bf 7 \*K J Lihaba 7G14 5G12 0S12 R Klaasen CIRCUS LIGHTS5Chg G J Maroun 10 P Mxoli 56.5 0V12 0T11 0J14 PHALA MILLIONS4Bo **B** Webber 2 .I Gates 55.5 4V12 2V12 4T11 5T14 4J14 0B15 4 \*M Mbuto 53 STROKE OF MERCY §5Bh C J Lenslev 0B10 0V14 <u>0T11</u> 10 WORLD HERITAGE\*5Bm 1 J R Syster B Warren

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 ALONE TIME: 33-10 FALCON STRIKE: 4-1 PEREGRINE FALCON: 9-2 SAIL THE SKY: 5-1 PHALA

MILLIONS; 8-1 HEIRLOOM; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: PEREGRINE FALCON, ALONE TIME, FALCON STRIKE, EDGE OF TOMORROW, WORLD HERITAGE. TIPS: 3 ALONE TIME 4 FALCON STRIKE 1 PEREGRINE FALCON 8 PHALA MILLIONS

PREVIEW: FALCON STRIKE took advantage of a drop in the ratings when winning last time and a 4-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. However, runner-up ALONE TIME is 1.5kg better off so he could avenge that 1.10-lenght defeat. Well-bred Highveld newcomer PEREGRINE FALCON shouldn't be un derestimated on his reappearance off a career-low mark. Hard-knockers SAIL THE SKY and PHALA MILLIONS have the form and experience at this level to also acquit themselves competitively.

## 14:40 - THE ARF HANDICAPPERS CONFERENCE IN SA - 22 TO 25 JULY CLASSIFIED STAKES (For

horses with nett rating of 75 and below) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: B100 000 2400

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	ORDER OF HOPE*3Bg	W H Marwing 1	3 C Habib	60	4B24	7T20	7V24
1	ARTIC SILVER3Bf	S G Tarry	6 G Lerena	57.5	1B18	3P24	5T18
	COFFEEBERRY5Bm	P F Matchett	8 P Mxoli	57.5	8V20	5J26	7G30
4	LAVA LAMP3Chf	R Klaasen	1 R Danielso	n 55.5	5V17	2T16	1T20
į	DAMOVA6Bm	J A Soma	1 C Maujean	55.5	6T24	1J30	<u>0V18</u>
(	POMOZELOUS*5Bm	J A Soma 1	0 J Mariba	55.5	<u>0B16</u>	<u>0B20</u>	2V24
į	CARTAGENA4Bf	H E Adamson	9 K Matsuny	ane 53.5	1B20	1V18	1V24
- 8	GOLD DE GRACE*4Chg	C I Jonker	5 N Klink	52	6V20	6B18	1V24
(	THE MERCIFUL5Chg	T Zackey	2 K A Brewei	r 52	5J20	7B20	6B24
•	0 RAINY SEASON*7Chg	W H Marwing	3 *K J Lihaba	a <b>52</b>	7T24	4B20	2B24
	1 CITY LIGHTS4Bf	F Bronkhorst	7 *N Nastili	50	9V18	0V14	6T20
	2 SILVER FLARE*4Bf	T Zackey	4 *G Dookhit	50	5B20	7B24	3J20
	3 ANGEL'S WISH6Bm	W H Marwing 1	2 *B Plaatjies	s <b>50</b>	7J26	9B20	0B24
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Same Trainer: (1 & 10 & 13); (5 & 6); (9 & 12).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 CARTAGENA: 9-2 LAVA LAMP; 5-1 ARTIC SILVER; 6-1 ORDER OF HOPE; 7-1 POMOZELOUS; 8-1 DAMOVA; 10-1 THE MERCIFUL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: ORDER OF HOPE, ARTIC SILVER, COFFEEBERRY, DAMOVA. TIPS: 7 CARTAGENA 4 LAVA LAMP 2 ARTIC SILVER 1 ORDER OF HOPE

PREVIEW: Progressive LAVA LAMP 2 ARTH SILVER I ORDER OF HOPE

PREVIEW: Progressive LAVA LAMP and the thriving CARTAGENA are weighted to be competitive. Both last-start winners should remain competitive off their revised marks, though preference is for the latter whose experience over this distance will stand her in good stead. Mares DAMOVA and POMOZELOUS, recent 240bm maiden winner GOLD DE GRACE, and hard-knockers THE MERCIFUL and RAINY SEASON are also capable of getting involved. ARCTIC SILVER finished third in her sole 2400m appearance at a higher level and won her only start on this course, so she isn't taken lightly either.

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## 15:15 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 64 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R80,000 2000m 5B16 7V18 8V14 SNEAK PREVIEW4B M N Houdalakis 6 G Lerena 60 HAT FURIOUS\*4Bg E Verdonese 8 R Danielson 1B17 8J20 7V18 59 9 L Nhlapo RED SPARROWI3Chf B Webber 58 8V18 9V18 6T18 CREPUSCOLO4Cha F P Habib 4J20 0V15 9V16 7 J Gates 58 STOP THE TRAFFIC!<4Chg 4 P Mxoli 7J16 0V18 5T20 C J Lensley CIRCLE OF GRACE%4Bg 3 \*T Mayhew 57 9J16 3T18 8T20 C Spies KISS OF FIRE58m P P Labuschagne 5 \*G Samo-Burthia 56.5 7B20 7V18 9V18 6V24 0V14 5J14 CALLABURN4Ba 1 C Mauiean F Bronkhorst 55 FULL GO<6Bq B B Ruiters 2 J R Syster 53.5 8J20 9T18 0V20

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4B16 8B18 9T14

10 THAT'S MAGICAL\*3Bg Same Trainer: None

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 SNEAK PREVIEW; 5-1 HAT FURIOUS; 6-1 RED SPARROW; 7-1 CREPUSCOLO; 8-1 STOP THE

TRAFFIC; 10-1 CIRCLE OF GRACE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: HAT FURIOUS, RED SPARROW, CREPUSCOLO, STOP THE TRAFFIC, CIRCLE OF GRACE, KISS OF FIRE, FULL GO. HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS OFF: CREPUSCOLO; CALLABURN.

TIPS: 1 SNEAK PREVIEW 2 HAT FURIOUS 3 RED SPARROW 4 CREPUSCOLO

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PREVIEW: This won't take much winning. Top-weight SNEAK PREVIEW will appreciate the step up to this distance and is worth siding with off her career-low mark. HAT FURIOUS, RED SPARROW and STOP THE TRAFFIC have performed moderately since opening their accounts but aren't underestimated off their reduced marks. CREPUSCOLO, KISS OF FIRE and CIRCLE OF GRACE have earning potential too.

# 15:50 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 31 JULY FM 66 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-

	Hand Turn			Stake: R75,000 1450m
•	GIMME A STORM*3Bf	A P Peter	7 K A Brewer	61.5 1B12 7V12 0T11
1	GOLDEN ASPEN6Bm	C Spies	11 *T Mayhew	60.5 6V12 2P14 6T11
1	B LIKE A PRAYER*3Grf	A P Peter	1 *K J Lihaba	60 0V12 9V14 7J14
4	RED AMBER2Bf	F Bronkhorst	5 G Lerena	59.5 6B15 4T14 3T14
į	GHOSTBUSTER%5Bm	E Verdonese	9 R Danielson	<b>59.5</b> 1B15 <u>5J16</u> 6J14
(	S SHEETS AND GOGGLES3Bf	F Bronkhorst	8 C Habib	58.5 8V14 7V15 5V14
1	7 COUNT YOUR CHANCES*5Bm	J A Visser	6 *M Mbuto	56.5 9J16 0B15 5J20
8	B PERINI PALACE*4Bf	J A Visser	4 *B Plaatjies	56.5 4J16 0V15 0V14
(	LADY LOXTON§4Bf	J Crawford	10 K Matsunyane	56 6K14 <u>0K12</u> <u>4T11</u>
•	IO NORTHERN KITTEN*4Bf	F P Habib	2 J Gates	54 4B16 7J20 6V14
•	11 CAN'T CATCH ME5Bm	B Webber	3 P Mxoli	53 9T14 4V14 3J14

Same Trainer: (1 & 3); (4 & 6); (7 & 8). FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 RED AMBER; 9-2 LADY LOXTON; 5-1 SHEETS AND GOGGLES; 6-1 CAN'T CATCH ME; 7-1 NORTHERN KITTEN: 8-1 GHOSTBUSTER: 10-1 GOLDEN ASPEN: 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS

DOWN IN CLASS: GOLDEN ASPEN, RED AMBER, GHOSTBUSTER, LADY LOXTON.

TIPS: 4 RED AMBER 5 GHOSTBUSTER 6 SHEETS AND GOGGLES 9 LADY LOXTON

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PREVIEW: Youngster RED AMBER got going late to finish a close-up third in a stronger race over 1400m against male opposition last time and this extended trip will be more to her liking. She'll be hard to beat off a reduced mark and against female-only rivals. Lightly raced GHOSTBUSTER will likely pose the biggest threat, as she remains open to improvement on her return from a break. SHEETS AND GOGGLES, LADY LOXTON, and hard-knockers GOLDEN ASPEN, NORTHERN KITTEN and CAN'T CATCH ME 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 included rider & equipment; Last 3 runs with most recent on right. After horse name: "=Blinkers; \$ =Cheek Pieces; !=Pacifiers; ‡=Visor; ^=Hood; ?=Compression Hood; %=Blinkrecent on right. After norse name: "=Bilmets," 3—United Pieces; [=racillest, ==Vast," -=Flood, "=Loringression Hood, "=Compression Hood, =Compression Hood, "=Compression Hood, =Compression Hood, =Comp

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