

# \*\*\* 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 (SA) - 26 AUGUST 2025

**RACECOURSE:** Turf. 3000m oval circuit. Races up to 1600m straight course; beyond 1600m clockwise round turn with 1000m run-in. **TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK:** P Mxoli 100-13 (13.00%)-24, C Zackey 94-12 (12.77%)-41, K Matsunyane 109-12 (11.01%)-40, J Penny 59-11 (18.64%)-12 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** A P Peter 127-27 (21.26%)-39, F P Habib 112-18 (16.07%)-39, M N Houdalakis 92-17 (18.48%)-31, P F Matchett 97-11 (11.34%)-26 **DRAW:** Low-number draws slightly favoured in 1700m races. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** J Horing, K J Lihaba, T Mayhew (1.5), S Mkhumbuzi, P Mongqawa, S Mosia, S B Mthembu, V Sithetho, S Valjalo (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 BIPOD 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 12:35 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens) *Turf Straight* Stake: R105,000 1600m

1 AFTERBURN*4Bg	C I Jonker	10 K Matsunyane	60	6T14	3T14	6J15
2 PARABELLUM*4Bg	P F Matchett	8 P Mxoli	60	3J14	7J16	5B12
3 COPPER PLATE*4Bg	J Crawford	6 *S Valjalo	60	6K18	9K12	6W19
4 FRERE JACQUES*4Bg	M N Houdalakis	9 C Zackey	60		2J12	4V14
5 LORD KELVIN*4Chg	A P Peter	1 L Nhlapo	60			7J14
6 BEACH WALKER*3Bg	J S Roux	7 C Murray	57	9V12	7B10	2V14
7 TRIP TO PEACE*3Bg	C J Lensley	3 C Habib	57	7T14	4T14	6T11
8 TALKOFTHEHEIGHTS*3Bc	F Bronkhorst	4 J R Syster	57	5T14	9J16	9V14
9 DOWN TOWN CODY*3Bg	A G Laird	12 S Khumalo	57		6T10	7J10
10 KING OF SILK*3Bg	C Spies	5 *T Mayhew	57			<b>FIRST RUN</b>
11 OLYMPIAN GOLD*3Bc	S J Gray	11 S Moodley	57		5J14	2J16
12 ROCK MY BOAT*3Bc	F P Habib	2 M K Katjedi	57			7T11

Same Trainer: None.

**FORECAST BETTING:** NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: TALKOFTHEHEIGHTS. CHEEK PIECES ON: FRERE JACQUES. BLINKERS OFF: LORD KELVIN.

**TIPS:** 11 OLYMPIAN GOLD 4 FRERE JACQUES 6 BEACH WALKER 7 TRIP TO PEACE

**PREVIEW:** OLYMPIAN GOLD caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd over this trip earlier this month. He won't need to improve much on that performance to open his account. Year-old FRERE JACQUES would've benefitted from his comeback 4th over 1400m and could have more to offer over this extended trip, especially with cheekpieces and a tongue-tie fitted. BEACH WALKER outran market expectations when finishing ahead of that rival last time but could confirm that improvement and have a say in the outcome. TRIP TO PEACE and newcomer KING OF SILK complete the shortlist.

#### 2 13:10 - #YOU CAN BET ON US! MAIDEN HANDICAP (For Maidens with 3 or more runs) *Turf Straight* Stake: R80,000 1200m

1 CARNARVON*3Bg	P F Matchett	4 C Zackey	60	3T11	3T14	4N12
2 CAPTAIN FRANK*3Chg	M/M de Kock	1 C Murray	58.5	8B10	4J12	6B12
3 NEW LIFE*4Bg	P F Matchett	2 C Habib	55.5	8J14	5V16	4V14
4 KING BLUETOOTH*3Bg	C I Jonker	7 P Mxoli	54	6V14	6V14	5B15
5 UNDERDOG*4Bg	A P Peter	3 *K J Lihaba	53	0T14	5T11	7B12
6 STORM BURST*3Gr	P P Labuschagne	5 M K Katjedi	52	0V12	7T14	8T14
7 SASSY LASSIE*%<3Bf	C Spies	6 J Penny	52	7T10	9B12	0B15

Same Trainer: (1 & 3).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 8-10 CARNARVON; 5-2 CAPTAIN FRANK; 5-1 NEW LIFE; 10-1 KING BLUETOOTH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** CARNARVON, NEW LIFE, KING BLUETOOTH, STORM BURST, SASSY LASSIE.

**TIPS:** 1 CARNARVON 2 CAPTAIN FRANK 3 NEW LIFE 4 KING BLUETOOTH

**PREVIEW:** CARNARVON, even under top weight, is unlikely to get a better chance to break his duck. CAPTAIN FRANK, NEW LIFE and KING BLUETOOTH could chase him home in that order.

#### 3 13:45 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN HANDICAP (F & M) (For Maiden F & M with 3 or more runs) *Turf Straight* Stake: R80,000 1200m

1 EMPRESS WU*4Bf	J S Roux	1 S Khumalo	60	2J10	3B12	3B12
2 CYBER SPIRIT*4Bf	J A Visser	6 J Penny	58	2T10	5B12	6V10
3 CONCORDIA*3Bf	F Bronkhorst	7 S Moodley	56.5	4T14	4V14	4J12
4 BELLA BOOP BOOP*4Bf	C J Lensley	3 C Maujean	56	6J18	7B16	9B15
5 CHILLI MARMALADE*6Bm	C I Jonker	2 *S Valjalo	55.5	2T10	5T10	8V10
6 SMART STAR*3Bf	J A Visser	8 C Habib	55	6T10	6T10	5V10
7 AMBER EYES*4Bf	P F Matchett	5 P Mxoli	53	6V12	9T11	8B16
8 THE BONNY*3Bf	P F Matchett	4 M K Katjedi	52	7J10	8T14	9J16

Same Trainer: (2 & 6); (7 & 8).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 1-1 EMPRESS WU; 33-10 CONCORDIA; 5-1 CYBER SPIRIT; 6-1 SMART STAR; 8-1 BELLA BOOP BOOP; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** BELLA BOOP BOOP. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: BELLA BOOP BOOP; THE BONNY. CHEEK PIECES OFF: BELLA BOOP BOOP.

**TIPS:** 1 EMPRESS WU 3 CONCORDIA 2 CYBER SPIRIT 4 BELLA BOOP BOOP

**PREVIEW:** EMPRESS WU will be hard to beat if taking her place in the lineup. She is engaged to run at an earlier meeting so her participation in this could be in doubt. Experienced maidens CYBER SPIRIT, CONCORDIA and BELLA BOOP BOOP have shown enough to be competitive and complete the Quartet positions.

#### 4 14:20 - RACING240 MAIDEN HANDICAP (For Maidens with 3 or more runs) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R80,000 2000m

1 INCLUSION*4Bg	T Zackey	1 P Mxoli	61	8T14	4T14	8V18
2 HEROIC ACT*4Bg	T Zackey	6 K Matsunyane	59.5	3V24	7J18	5T20
3 CUZZIE*4Chg	B Webber	7 M K Katjedi	57	6B16	7T20	6B15
4 EUPHRATES*4Chg	A P Peter	2 J Penny	54.5	9T11	6V16	7T20
5 EMBER KING*3Bc	A P Peter	5 L Nhlapo	52	9T11	5B16	3B15
6 SECRET WARRIOR*3Bg	C J Lensley	3 C Maujean	52	8V14	4T10	8B12
7 THAT'S MAGICAL*4Bg	M/A Azzie	4 *K J Lihaba	52	8B18	9T14	7B20

Same Trainer: (1 & 2); (4 & 5).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 HEROIC ACT; 28-10 EMBER KING; 9-2 INCLUSION; 6-1 CUZZIE; 7-1 THAT'S MAGICAL; 8-1 SECRET WARRIOR; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** CUZZIE, EMBER KING.

**TIPS:** 2 HEROIC ACT 5 EMBER KING 1 INCLUSION 7 THAT'S MAGICAL

**PREVIEW:** HEROIC ACT has been knocking loudly at the door of a maiden victory and could be rewarded for his efforts, especially as his best performances have come over this distance. Stablemate INCLUSION returns from a layoff but is unexposed and remains open to improvement. Maturing EMBER KING was an encouraging 3rd over 1500m last time and should have a role to play if as effective over this extended trip. THAT'S MAGICAL wasn't disgraced in a handicap against winners last time and should fare better back in a maiden.

5	14:55 - ALLIED STEELRODE CHARITY MILE 1 NOVEMBER MR 76 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn	Stake: R100,000 2000m
1 BANHA BRIDGE <sup>9</sup> Ckg	C Dawson	1 S Moodley 60.5 4V20 3V24 3T20
2 GIMMEACHOICE <sup>5</sup> Bg	J A Soma	8 C Zackey 60 5V14 <u>8J14</u> 3V18
3 MIZZEN SWORD <sup>4</sup> Bg	M Khan	2 J Penny 58.5 4T20 1J18 9V18
4 TRIDENT KING <sup>7</sup> Ckg	D Nieuwenhuizen	10 C Habib 58.5 9T16 4B16 4V18
5 GUY ALEXANDERS <sup>7</sup> Bh	C J Lensley	3 C Maujean 58 0T24 <u>9B16</u> 2V18
6 STORM AHEAD <sup>5</sup> Bg	F Bronkhorst	5 S Khumalo 58 6V24 2T20 1T18
7 FUSHIMI INARIS <sup>5</sup> Grg	S T Pettigrew	9 N Klink 57.5 7J18 5V20 <u>7T16</u>
8 VOLTE FACE <sup>6</sup> Ckg	H van der Westhuizen	6 J R Systser 56 0V16 <u>2V18</u> 0T20
9 TITANS OF WAR <sup>3</sup> Bg	R R Magner	4 *K J Lihaba 55.5 1T16 5J16 8V14
10 STOP THE TRAFFIC <sup>1</sup> <5Ckg	C J Lensley	7 P Mxoli 55 5T20 2B20 1V24

Same Trainer: (5 & 10).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 GIMMEACHOICE; 4-1 TRIDENT KING; 5-1 BANHA BRIDGE; 6-1 STORM AHEAD; 7-1 GUY ALEXANDER; 8-1 MIZZEN SWORD; 10-1 STOP THE TRAFFIC; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** BANHA BRIDGE, FUSHIMI INARI.

**TIPS:** 2 GIMMEACHOICE 4 TRIDENT KING 1 BANHA BRIDGE 6 STORM AHEAD

**PREVIEW:** GIMMEACHOICE got going late last time when a fast-finishing 3rd over 1800m at this venue and, on that evidence, this extended trip will be more to his liking. GUY ALEXANDER finished ahead of that rival but is 4.5kg worse off so unlikely to confirm that form. TRIDENT KING is closely matched with the selection and should be hot on his heels again. Veteran BANHA BRIDGE is proven at this level and has the means to make his presence felt too.

6	15:30 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 NOVICE HANDICAP (Maidens & 1 time winners) Turf Straight	Stake: R95,000 1200m
1 BOSUM BUDDY <sup>4</sup> Bf	P F Matchett	6 *T Mayhew 60 3G12 7N12 8B10
2 PENNSYLVANIA <sup>4</sup> Bg	A P Peter	4 C Habib 60 <u>2J12</u> <u>6J12</u> 6J16
3 HONG KONG <sup>4</sup> Bf	A P Peter	2 S Moodley 58.5 2J16 5B14 9B16
4 BOURBON RESERVE <sup>4</sup> Bg	S G Tarry	8 C Zackey 57 <u>0T10</u> <u>4T10</u> 7B12
5 RED PENNY <sup>3</sup> Bg	P F Matchett	3 C Murray 56 7T14 6B16 0B12
6 EIGHT HATS <sup>3</sup> Bf	P F Matchett	5 P Mxoli 55 1T11 8S12 7T14
7 WILLOWILD <sup>4</sup> Bf	M N Houdalakis	9 C Maujean 55 1V15 3V14 6B16
8 XENOPHON <sup>4</sup> Ckg	S G Tarry	7 S Khumalo 53.5 2G14 3S12 1B12
9 SPY STORY <sup>4</sup> Bg	S J Gray	1 J Penny 52 6J16 5T16 9T16

Same Trainer: (1 & 5 & 6); (2 & 3); (4 & 8).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 EIGHT HATS; 4-1 XENOPHON; 5-1 HONG KONG; 6-1 PENNSYLVANIA; 7-1 BOURBON RESERVE; 8-1 RED PENNY; 10-1 BOSUM BUDDY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: HONG KONG; BOURBON RESERVE.

**TIPS:** 8 XENOPHON 6 EIGHT HATS 5 RED PENNY 3 HONG KONG

**PREVIEW:** Stablemates RED PENNY and EIGHT HATS contested features last season during promising 2yo campaigns and both are open to improvement this term. However, they concede weight to maturing older rival XENOPHON. The well-bred latter is also on an upward trajectory and could represent Each-way value. BOSUM BUDDY, PENNSYLVANIA and versatile HONG KONG (blinker strike!) aren't taken lightly.

7	16:10 - SUMMER CUP TICKETS ON SALE MR 70 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight	Stake: R80,000 1200m
1 BEAMONESQUE <sup>5</sup> Bg	M/M de Kock	3 C Murray 61 <u>8T10</u> 7B10 0B12
2 TIME WILL TELL <sup>1</sup> 3Bg	F Bronkhorst	7 S Khumalo 60.5 2V12 3N12 1V10
3 PALACE PRINCE <sup>3</sup> Bc	S J Gray	4 S Moodley 59.5 2V14 5T14 4B14
4 GIMME A STORM <sup>4</sup> Bf	A P Peter	11 *S Valjalo 58 <u>7V12</u> <u>0T11</u> 9B14
5 MICHAEL FARADAY <sup>6</sup> Bg	G J Maroun	2 P Mxoli 58 0K14 <u>0K12</u> 0W14
6 JET CAT <sup>10</sup> Ckg	H van der Westhuizen	5 J R Systser 55 7T11 3B10 1V12
7 PACIFIC <sup>5</sup> Bg	S J Gray	1 J Penny 54 <u>0V12</u> 9T11 0V10
8 STROKE OF MERCY <sup>6</sup> Bh	C J Lensley	8 C Maujean 52.5 <u>5B12</u> 7V14 3B14
9 ORIENTAL BOUQUET <sup>5</sup> Chm	G J Maroun	6 *K J Lihaba 52 9T11 5T11 4J12
10 TOGETHER AGAIN <sup>6</sup> Bm	J A Visser	9 M K Katjedi 52 4J10 0V10 2B14
11 SI VELOCE <sup>5</sup> Bm	J A Visser	10 N Klink 52 0T11 9V12 8B14

Same Trainer: (3 & 7); (5 & 9); (10 & 11).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 2-1 PALACE PRINCE; 4-1 TIME WILL TELL; 9-2 STROKE OF MERCY; 5-1 JET CAT; 6-1 TOGETHER AGAIN; 7-1 ORIENTAL BOUQUET; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** BEAMONESQUE, PALACE PRINCE, MICHAEL FARADAY, PACIFIC, ORIENTAL BOUQUET.

**TIPS:** 3 PALACE PRINCE 2 TIME WILL TELL 9 ORIENTAL BOUQUET 8 STROKE OF MERCY

**PREVIEW:** Promising PALACE PRINCE acquitted himself well at a higher level of the handicap as a 2yo last season so this ease in grade (off a slightly reduced mark) represents a good opportunity for him to resume winning ways. Last-start winners TIME WILL TELL and JET CAT should be competitive for Swinger and Exacta berths, while hard-knockers TOGETHER AGAIN, ORIENTAL BOUQUET and STROKE OF MERCY are others to consider for Trifecta and Quartet bets.

8	16:45 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 28 AUGUST NOW MR 72 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Straight	Stake: R85,000 1600m
1 AFTER HOURS <sup>8</sup> Bg	S J Gray	10 P Mxoli 62 3V14 1B14 1T16
2 BLURRED VISION <sup>4</sup> Bg	S J Gray	6 C Habib 59 0V20 8T18 5T16
3 COPPOLA <sup>5</sup> Bg	M Khan	7 J Penny 59 6V20 3J16 6G14
4 PANNING GOLD <sup>4</sup> Ckg	A Ndzilana	12 *K J Lihaba 58 3T20 0B16 6J20
5 COPPER MIST <sup>5</sup> Bg	W C Marwing	1 C Murray 57.5 <u>0T18</u> 8J12 8V18
6 ZOOMBOMBER <sup>5</sup> Bg	C Spies	2 *T Mayhew 57 1N16 2J18 <u>4B14</u>
7 FLAG BEARER <sup>7</sup> Bg	F Bronkhorst	11 S Moodley 56.5 7T18 0T20 2T18
8 OKLAHOMA TWISTER <sup>5</sup> <5Ckg	H van der Westhuizen	4 J R Systser 56 6V15 4V16 8V18
9 GAMER <sup>5</sup> Bh	S J Gray	8 C Maujean 55.5 2V18 4T20 3T18
10 VAVA VEGAS <sup>6</sup> Ckg	J Borman	5 K Matsunyane 55.5 9T20 7B16 5B16
11 VIVA DE JANEIRO <sup>6</sup> Bg	F Bronkhorst	3 S Khumalo 53.5 6N16 2J16 7T16
12 COMMANDER OF ALL <sup>1</sup> <<5Bg	B Webber	9 M K Katjedi 52 8J14 5B14 3T16
13 COUNT YOUR CHANCES <sup>6</sup> Bm	J A Visser	13 N Klink 52 5J20 8B14 9V24

Same Trainer: (1 & 2 & 9); (7 & 11).

**FORECAST BETTING:** 3-1 AFTER HOURS; 5-1 COMMANDER OF ALL; 6-1 COPPOLA; 7-1 GAMER; 8-1 FLAG BEARER; 10-1 PANNING GOLD; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

**DOWN IN CLASS:** AFTER HOURS, BLURRED VISION, COPPOLA, PANNING GOLD, COPPER MIST, OKLAHOMA TWISTER, VAVA VEGAS, VIVA DE JANEIRO, COMMANDER OF ALL.

**TIPS:** 1 AFTER HOURS 12 COMMANDER OF ALL 3 COPPOLA 9 GAMER

**PREVIEW:** Veteran hard-knocker AFTER HOURS defied a 3-point penalty for winning at this level by following up against stronger opposition last time and a further 4-point rise back in this grade is unlikely to prevent him from completing the hat-trick. COPPOLA, class-dropper PANNING GOLD, hard-knockers FLAG BEARER and GAMER, as well as consistent ZOOMBOMBER all have earning potential. However, a bigger threat to the selection will likely come from COMMANDER OF ALL who stayed on to finish a close-up 3rd last time and is 2kg better off with his last-start conqueror for a 2.05-length beating.

<b>HOW TO READ FIELDS:</b> 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: *= <u>Blinkers</u> ; \$ = <u>Cheek Pieces</u> ; != <u>Pacifiers</u> ; != <u>Visor</u> ; ^= <u>Hood</u> ; ?= <u>Compression Hood</u> ; %= <u>Blinkers/ Compression Hood</u> ; >= <u>Cheekpieces/Compression Hood</u> ; &= <u>Pacifiers/Compression Hood</u> ; \$= <u>Cheekpieces/Pacifiers</u> ; ±= <u>Earmuffs</u> ; != <u>Eye Shield</u> ; Before the jockey name: != <u>apprentice</u> . 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. <b>RACECOURSE ABBREVIATIONS:</b> D-Durbanville; E-Fairview Polytrack; F-Fairview Turf; G-Greyville; N-Greyville Polytrack; W-Kenilworth (Winter); K-Kenilworth (Summer); Y-Kimberley; M-Mauritius; R-Randiesfontein; 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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