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VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 Khumalo 130-24 (18.46%)-45, G Lerena 132-23 (17.42%)-51, M Yeni 174-21 (12.07%)-67, K Matsunyane 138-21 (15.22%)-53 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** P F Matchett 134-27 (20.15%)-47, S G Tarry 128-21 (16.41%)-55, J J van Vuuren 113-19 (16.81%)-51, M N Houdalakis 98-19 (19.39%)-40 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** G Dadamasi, D B Geerthsen (2.5), M K Katjedi, I Lukhele, T Lukhele, T Matsoele, S Mkhumbuzi, P Mongqawa, S Mosia, T Ncume, S Sosibo (2.5).

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 One (RACES 4-7), Jackpot Two (RACES 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. **Gold Circle:** mark **GTG** oval. **TV:** Races 1-8 RACING 240 (ch 240 DStv); Races 1-8 GLOBAL RACING 1 (in TABs & live stream www.4racing.tv)

1 12:30 - EQUUS CHAMPION STAYER FUTURE PEARL WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden F & M. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R75,000 1200m

1 SOUTHERN STYLE*4Bf	C Mayhew	5 *T Lukhele	60	8V10	3J12	4V12
2 IDEAL HEART*4Bf	W H Marwing	3 *T Ncume	60	6T16	5T14	4T14
3 FLYING PUMA*4Chf	B Webber	1 *I Lukhele	60		2T10	4V10
4 PASS THE BATON3Bf	S Moffatt	7 *G Dadamasi	58	2B14	8B14	5B12
5 SUNSHINE DAY3Bf	A P Peter	6 *P Mongqawa	58	6W14	5W16	2V14
6 ARCTIC COMMANDER3Bf	F Bronkhorst	4 *S Mkhumbuzi	58	8J12	3V12	3V10
7 MONTE CINTO3Bf	F P Habib	2 *T Matsoele	58			0V12

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 SUNSHINE DAY; 3-1 FLYING PUMA, ARCTIC COMMANDER; 9-2 SOUTHERN STYLE; 6-1 PASS THE BATON; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: IDEAL HEART.

TIPS: 5 SUNSHINE DAY 3 FLYING PUMA 6 ARCTIC COMMANDER 1 SOUTHERN STYLE

PREVIEW: SUNSHINE DAY was beaten when odds on to make a winning debut in new surrounding. She could make amends. ARCTIC COMMANDER finished third in her last two starts and could improve, however, FLYING PUMA was on top of her last time after having issues. She has a serious crack at winning. PASS THE BATON shouldn't be far off them if putting all in. SOUTHERN STYLE is an honest earner and cannot be discarded.

2 13:05 - EQUUS CHAMPION BROODMARE: DEMANDING LADY MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R75,000 1200m

1 EXHALE4Bg	J J van Vuuren	1 D De Gouveia	60	6T11	3B14	4V16
2 HEART OF THIEVES4Bg	S Moffatt	6 K Matsunyane	60		0V12	5V12
3 POLICY OF TRUTH3Bc	R R Magner	10 M Yeni	58	3V12	6V12	2J12
4 TYSON THE BRAVE3Chc	S T Pettigrew	8 J R Syster	58	3V10	3T10	3T14
5 BREATH OF MAGIC3Bc	F Bronkhorst	3 C Habib	58	3N12	2B14	4V16
6 EIGER SANCTION3Bc	S J Gray	2 P Mxoli	58			7V10
7 HUNTING GROUND3Bc	S J Rous	4 C Maujean	58			0V12
8 SKY ON FIRE3Bc	T Zackey	9 *M K Katjedi	58			9T11
9 VIVA BRAZIL3Bc	M N Houdalakis	5 C Zackey	58	FIRST RUN		
10 VIVA SPIRIT3Bg	J J van Vuuren	11 G Lerena	58	5T10	3J12	
11 RIGHT TURN ON RED3Bf	J J van Vuuren	7 N Klink	55.5	6T10	4J12	

Same Trainer: (1 & 10 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 POLICY OF TRUTH; TYSON THE BRAVE; 4-1 VIVA SPIRIT; 8-1 BREATH OF MAGIC; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 4 TYSON THE BRAVE 3 POLICY OF TRUTH 10 VIVA SPIRIT 5 BREATH OF MAGIC

PREVIEW: TYSON THE BRAVE is doing well and is ready to strike. POLICY OF TRUTH ran on steadily last time and if behaving pre-race should give a good account of himself. He finished over 2 lengths in front of VIVA SPIRIT and should confirm - both are drawn wide out. BREATH OF MAGIC is looking for Quartet money. HEART OF THIEVES improved in his second run and with RIGHT TURN ON RED, could go on.

3 13:40 - EQUUS CHAMPION STALLION: GIMME-THEGREENLIGHT MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R75,000 1800m

1 PUERTO PLATA (ARG)*4Dkb/brg	J J van Vuuren	10 G Lerena	60	5B20	2B18	4B20
2 TOUCHED BY STARS*6Bg	B Warren	2 C Habib	60	4V16	7V16	0T14
3 UNCLE LUCKY*4Chg	S Moffatt	4 J Gates	60	0V16	9B14	7B16
4 ANTANANARIVO*5Bm	C Dawson	3 P Mxoli	56.5	3B18	2B20	7J18
5 SIRACHA*4Bf	B D Botes	7 *S Sosibo	56.5	9B12	6V12	6B16
6 HOUSE OF ROMANOV3Bc	A P Peter	9 C Zackey	56	0G14	5P17	2B16
7 SCARLETT PIMPERNEL3Bc	M/A Azzie	5 K Matsunyane	56	2B14	5T14	2B16
8 IN A BLUE MOON*3Chg	M N Houdalakis	11 S Khumalo	56	6J14	4V16	3B16
9 I SPIED3Bc	T Zackey	6 K A Brewer	56	5V14	5T14	4B16
10 PUNCTUAL3Bg	M N Houdalakis	1 D De Gouveia	56		0V12	7V14
11 AZALEAS FOR ALL3Bf	F Bronkhorst	8 M Yeni	52.5	2V16	6S12	5B16

Same Trainer: (8 & 10).

FORECAST BETTING: 16-10 HOUSE OF ROMANOV; 3-1 SCARLETT PIMPERNEL; 6-1 PUERTO PLATA; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 7 SCARLETT PIMPERNEL 6 HOUSE OF ROMANOV 1 PUERTO PLATA 8 IN A BLUE MOON

PREVIEW: HOUSE OF ROMANOV was narrowly beaten in his first run in new surroundings and if settling could open his account. SCARLETT PIMPERNEL pulled up lame last time but did well to take second place - one for the short list. He holds IN A BLUE MOON who is looking to improve. PUERTO PLATA comes off a break and could just be short a run. ANTANANARIVO, SIRACHA, I SPIED and AZALEAS FOR ALL are looking for minor money.

4 14:15 - EQUUS CHAMPION BREEDER: DRAKENSTEIN STUD FM 75 HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R75,000 2000m

1 KIND JUDY*6Bm	B D Botes	6 M Yeni	60	6J30	5B20	6J26
2 LAST CHEER7Chm	S J Gray	5 S Khumalo	59	6T24	4T18	4V18
3 PRETTY IN PEARLS5Bm	P F Matchett	8 P Mxoli	55.5	0J18	8J20	2T18
4 BURMESE TIARA6Bm	B D Botes	3 *S Sosibo	54	4B20	7B20	1J26
5 BEGUILING4Bf	P P Labuschagne	4 K A Brewer	53	0J16	5J18	6V14
6 LIVERPOOL LEGEND6Bm	S J Gray	11 C Zackey	53	0V20	4V24	6V18
7 SPIRIT PRINCESS*4Bf	M/A Azzie	9 K Matsunyane	52.5	9B20	0V20	4J26
8 MARSHMALLOW3Bf	B D Botes	10 *M K Katjedi	52	0V16	6T14	8B16
9 WINNING QUEEN*8Bm	E Verdonese	7 J Gates	52	0B20	0B20	8V18
10 IDEAL FUTURE5Bm	L Kruger	2 *D B Geerthsen	52	6T20	4J26	3V24
11 SUMMERLAND*4Bf	C Spies	1 C Maujean	52	8J20	7V24	5V18

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

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 BURMESE TIARA; 5-1 KIND JUDY, PRETTY IN PEARLS; 7-1 LIVERPOOL LEGEND, IDEAL FUTURE; 10-1 LAST CHEER, SPIRIT PRINCESS; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: KIND JUDY, LAST CHEER, PRETTY IN PEARLS, BURMESE TIARA, BEGUILING, SPIRIT PRINCESS, MARSHMALLOW.

TIPS: 4 BURMESE TIARA 10 IDEAL FUTURE 1 KIND JUDY 3 PRETTY IN PEARLS

PREVIEW: Tricky with interchanging form. KIND JUDY is a lot better than her last few runs but needs to get back on track. She is held by BURMESE TIARA on their recent meeting. IDEAL FUTURE ran a forward race after a break and if maintaining the form should be right there. PRETTY IN PEARLS showed vast improvement last time and if confirming the form should contest the finish. Stable companions LIVERPOOL LEGEND and LAST CHEER as well as SPIRIT PRINCESS and BEGUILING are capable of popping up.

5 14:50 - EQUUS OUTSTANDING STALLION: TRIPPI MID-DLE STAKES (For horses with nett rating of 101 and below) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>				Stake: R90,000 1600m			
1 CRIMSON PRINCESS*6Bm	R R Magner	3 M Yeni	60	2J16	1J16	3B14	
2 NOW I GOT YOU!4Bg	C J Lensley	2 C Habib	60	7J14	6V14	2V14	
3 PERFECT WITNESS5Chm	C Dawson	8 G Lerena	58	1V14	4V17	1T18	
4 RIVER QUERARESS\$4Bf	S G Tarry	6 *S Sosibo	56	6J12	4T16	8J15	
5 BRAVE VIKING*4Bg	J A Soma	1 P Mxoli	56	1J15	4J16	1T16	
6 HOME OF THE BRAVE4Bc	T Zackey	9 K A Brewer	56	9T14	6B14	1J20	
7 SPIN DOCTOR5Chg	M N Houdalakis	10 S Khumalo	56	4J20	5T18	5J26	
8 SILENT WAR5Bg	A P Peter	4 C Zackey	56	7V12	1T11	1B14	
9 WHISPERS OF WAR (AUS)6Chg	C Spies	7 D De Gouveia	56	1J16	0T18	5B14	
10 CARE TAKER3Bc	M/A Azzie	5 *M K Katjedi	50	4J12	1T14	7B14	

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 CRIMSON PRINCESS, PERFECT WITNESS, SILENT WAR; 6-1 BRAVE VIKING; 10-1 RIVER QUERARESS, HOME OF THE BRAVE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: RIVER QUERARESS.

TIPS: 3 PERFECT WITNESS 1 CRIMSON PRINCESS 8 SILENT WAR 5 BRAVE VIKING

PREVIEW: Good race. PERFECT WITNESS makes her track debut and together with Gavin Lerena could complete a hat-trick. CRIMSON PRINCESS is honest and won't go down without a fight. SILENT WAR is in top form and looking for a hat-trick. BRAVE VIKING is no slouch but could just need it. HOME OF THE BRAVE and RIVER QUERARESS are more to consider.

6 15:25 - EQUUS GROOM OF THE HORSE OF THE YEAR: MZWANDILE JULIAS SIQILA MR 82 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Right-Hand Turn</i>				Stake: R80,000 1600m			
1 BLOOMINGTON5Chg	F P Habib	7 S Khumalo	61	6T16	3T16	1B14	
2 GREENLIGHT MAGIC*4Bg	B D Botes	4 *S Sosibo	59.5	6B18	6T24	7V20	
3 NORDIC REBEL%10Chg	E Verdonese	9 R Danielson	59.5	6J16	2B16	2B14	
4 RAIN OR SHINE6Bg	R Klaasen	10 C Maujean	58	2B14	8T16	1B14	
5 ARCHIMIDES*4Gr	P P Labuschagne	2 C Habib	57.5	9V12	3V14	1V14	
6 MO THE MAN4Bg	J J van Vuuren	1 G Lerena	57	3B16	5B18	4J16	
7 VESUVIO*4Bg	T Zackey	6 K A Brewer	56.5	4T14	5V20	7J18	
8 PURPLE PITCHER3Bc	R Klaasen	3 K Matsunyane	55.5	3T16	4T14	1B16	
9 NAPOLEON-5Bg	A P Peter	8 C Zackey	55.5	4T16	2V17	1T16	
10 RYAN'S DREAM4Bg	M/A Azzie	5 M Yeni	55	8J20	9T18	7V20	

Same Trainer: (4 & 8).

FORECAST BETTING: 7-2 NAPOLEON; 4-1 MO THE MAN; 5-1 BLOOMINGTON; 6-1 NORDIC REBEL, RAIN OR SHINE, ARCHIMIDES; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: ARCHIMIDES.

TIPS: 4 RAIN OR SHINE 9 NAPOLEON 6 MO THE MAN 5 ARCHIMIDES

PREVIEW: Competitive. RAIN OR SHINE has drawn widest but needed his last outing - he could go in again. Stablemate PURPLE PITCHER forms a decent back-up. NAPOLEON is fit and well and could complete a double off a handy weight. ARCHIMIDES won in blinkers and will be more comfortable with them - respect. MO THE MAN, BLOOMINGTON and forever young NORDIC REBEL are more for the short list.

7 15:55 - EQUUS CHAMPION OWNER: DRAKEN-STEIN STUD MR 80 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Straight</i>				Stake: R80,000 1000m			
1 COVERT OPERATOR*5Bg	J J van Vuuren	5 G Lerena	60	2B10	1T10	7T11	
2 SIBERIAN STEEL4Bg	A P Peter	3 C Zackey	58	2J10	6T11	4J12	
3 PENDRAGON*4Bg	F Bronkhorst	6 *S Sosibo	57.5	1J10	5J10	3T10	
4 AXEL COLLINS!4Bg	A P Peter	8 J Gates	57	7J10	4T10	4T11	
5 SUCCESSFUL SECRET6Bg	B Webber	2 C Habib	57	3T11	9J10	5J10	
6 SAMOA*9Bm	B H Stidolph	7 S Khumalo	56.5	6V12	9B10	7B10	
7 BOM BOM3Chg	C Dawson	1 C Maujean	56	1B14	0G13	6J16	
8 WAR QUEEN3Bf	M N Houdalakis	4 M Yeni	55.5		3V10	1V10	

Same Trainer: (2 & 4).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 COVERT OPERATOR, WAR QUEEN; 6-1 SIBERIAN STEEL, AXEL COLLINS; 8-1 SAMOA; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 8 WAR QUEEN 1 COVERT OPERATOR 2 SIBERIAN STEEL 4 AXEL COLLINS

PREVIEW: Difficult to assess. Top weight COVERT OPERATOR never recovered from a slow start last time and finished behind stable companions AXEL COLLINS and SIBERIAN STEEL. WAR QUEEN won at the second time of asking and has scope for improvement. PENDRAGON, SUCCESSFUL SECRET and SAMOA are all capable of pulling it off.

8 16:25 - EQUUS 2023 HORSE OF THE YEAR PRINCESS CALLA MR 68 HANDICAP (Open) <i>Turf Straight</i>				Stake: R70,000 1000m			
1 BROSNAN*4Chg	A P Peter	12 C Zackey	62	1T10	2J10	9B12	
2 STORMY CHOICE*%3Grf	D Nieuwenhuizen	13 C Habib	60	3J10	7T11	1V10	
3 CLEAN LIVING*4Bf	C Spies	2 C Maujean	59	0T10	0B10	0B10	
4 HAPPY ANALIA*3Bf	C J Lensley	7 M Yeni	58	4B10	6B10	6B10	
5 IN THE ETHER*5Bm	G J Maroun	10 P Mxoli	58	4J10	2J10	4B10	
6 DARK TIDE7Bg	F Bronkhorst	11 G Lerena	57.5	2V12	1N12	3J10	
7 SICILIAN TIGER5Bg	H E Adamson	4 K A Brewer	57.5	8J12	0F12	0V14	
8 RED CARPET GIRL5Bm	F Bronkhorst	5 K Matsunyane	55	7B10	0T11	2B10	
9 SILK GARDEN*5Bm	B H Stidolph	1 *M K Katjedi	55	1J12	6J12	0V12	
10 FEATHER THE NEST6Chm	S J Gray	6 S Khumalo	54.5	4B10	7V12	0V12	
11 SMELTING*6Bm	B H Stidolph	3 *S Sosibo	54.5	8B10	7J12	3B10	
12 FULLIAUTOMATIX5Bg	B Webber	8 N Klink	53	8T10	0J10	0B10	
13 MANDALAY*5Bm	S M Naidoo	9 J Gates	53	4V10	6J10	8T10	

Same Trainer: (6 & 8); (9 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 7-2 BROSNAN; 9-2 STORMY CHOICE, DARK TIDE; 5-1 IN THE ETHER, RED CARPET GIRL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: BROSNAN, DARK TIDE, SICILIAN TIGER, MANDALAY. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: BROSNAN.

TIPS: 1 BROSNAN 2 STORMY CHOICE 6 DARK TIDE 5 IN THE ETHER

PREVIEW: BROSNAN never got into it last time. He could improve now that the blinkers are on - respect. STORMY CHOICE was rested after her maiden victory but runs before this. She could come on in heaps - watch. IN THE ETHER flashed up last time after a break and could have the better of RED CARPET GIRL who cannot be ignored. DARK TIDE is honest and is a definite runner for inclusion in all exotic bets. Others could get into the frame.

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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