

5 15:10 - TAKE A BET WINA NUMBA NUMBA FM 93 DIVID- ED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*
 Stake: R100,000 1800m

1	SPECIAL CHARM ⁶ Bm	P F Matchett	1	*N Nastili	65.5	3B20	1J18	3G24
2	MEDLERS START ⁵ Bm	A P Peter	7	*T Mayhew	62	2F28	7B18	9J26
3	EXPLOSIVE BOND ⁴ Bf	P F Matchett	2	Wes Marwing	61	0G24	6J18	0G30
4	INDIAN OCEAN ⁵ Bm	L Karriem	5	P Strydom	61	4G24	6T18	9G30
5	APACHE FIGHTER ⁶ Bm	R R Magner	4	.....	56.5	3T18	7T24	8J18
6	HAPPY MO ⁴ Bf	J J van Vuuren	9	G Lerena	55.5	7T16	2J16	3J16
7	ROSY LEMON ⁵ Bm	F Bronkhorst	6	M Yeni	53.5	4B16	9T18	2J20
8	I AM REGAL ⁵ Bm	P F Matchett	3	P Mxoli	53	5B20	3J18	6T24
9	CRIMSON FOREST ⁴ Bf	P F Matchett	8	J Penny	52	4T18	5B20	9J18

Same Trainer: (1 & 3 & 8 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 HAPPY MO; 9-2 SPECIAL CHARM; 5-1 I AM REGAL; 6-1 ROSY LEMON; 7-1 INDIAN OCEAN; 8-1 MEDLERS TART; 10-1 CRIMSON FOREST; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: SPECIAL CHARM, EXPLOSIVE BOND, INDIAN OCEAN.

TIPS: 6 HAPPY MO 7 ROSY LEMON 8 I AM REGAL 5 APACHE FIGHTER

PREVIEW: SPECIAL CHARM, INDIAN OCEAN, and CRIMSON FOREST have prior engagements so their participation here could be in doubt. Both ROSY LEMON and I AM REGAL boast a good record over this distance. They cannot be underestimated under light weights. APACHE FIGHTER wasn't disgraced on her return following a 7-month layoff and she would've tightened up with the benefit of that outing, so could fare better back against her own sex. Preference, however, is for progressive HAPPY MO who could have more to offer over this trip after finishing a close-up 2nd over 1600m last time out.

6 15:45 - RACING240 FOR RACING. FM 74 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*
 Stake: R80,000 1800m

1	ARIEL'S JET ⁴ Bf	E Verdonese	8	.....	60	2J18	4B20	0J18
2	DIMAKO'S JET ⁴ Bf	W C Marwing	3	C Habib	60	2J18	2B16	4T16
3	PRETTY IN PEARLS ⁶ Bm	P F Matchett	6	M Yeni	59	3J16	4J18	6J20
4	TEO TORRIATTE ⁴ Chf	C J Jonker	2	.....	58.5	6J26	3J18	9J20
5	OLIVIA'S WAY ³ Bf	R R Magner	1	G Lerena	57.5	3V14	1J16	4T14
6	LINGANOMORE ⁶ Chm	C Spies	5	M V Rensburg	55.5	2J18	7N19	5B16
7	AZUCAR ⁶ Bm	W H Marwing	7	J R Syster	52	9V16	8B20	8J18
8	SUMMERLAND ⁵ Bm	C Spies	4	K Matsunyane	52	0J18	7J20	8B18

Same Trainer: (6 & 8).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 DIMAKO'S JET; 3-1 OLIVIA'S WAY; 4-1 PRETTY IN PEARLS; 6-1 LINGANOMORE; 7-1 ARIEL'S JET; 8-1 TEO TORRIATTE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: PRETTY IN PEARLS. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** CHEEK PIECES OFF: DIMAKO'S JET.

TIPS: 5 OLIVIA'S WAY 2 DIMAKO'S JET 6 LINGANOMORE 3 PRETTY IN PEARLS

PREVIEW: DIMAKO'S JET acquitted herself well under 60.5kg against male opposition over 1600m last time and the extra 200m, with the cheekpieces worn that day dispensed with, will be more to her liking. Both PRETTY IN PEARLS and LINGANOMORE are honest hard-knockers with the form and experience to play leading roles. OLIVIA'S WAY showed promise last season as a 2yo and was a wide-margin winner of a 1600m maiden. She is open to any amount of improvement over ground as she matures, so it could pay to follow her progress on handicap debut. TEO TORRIATTE appeals most of the remainder.

7 16:20 - WWW.TAB4RACING.COM NOVICE HAND- ICAP (Maidens & 1 time winners) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*
 Stake: R80,000 1450m

1	DR FAUSTUS ⁴ Bg	J J van Vuuren	7	J Greyling	63.5	5B10	3J10	9V12
2	DOLCEZZA ⁴ Bf	R Klaasen	3	K Matsunyane	60	5B12	4N12	0V12
3	ZIP CODE ³ Bc	D Nieuwenhuizen	6	M V Rensburg	58	3T16	7T14	2T14
4	TYSON THE BRAVE ⁴ Chc	S T Pettigrew	4	C Habib	57	3T14	5B12	1T10
5	CHESTNUT BOMBER ³ Bg	J J van Vuuren	8	G Lerena	56	6T10	4J12	1G16
6	CARE TAKER ⁴ Bg	M/A Azzie	1	S Khumalo	56	9B14	8B14	7B14
7	SOVEREIGNS CALL ⁴ Chg	S T Pettigrew	10	P Mxoli	56	4J12	1B12	0B14
8	I BELONG ³ Bc	R R Magner	2	M Yeni	53	5J12	2T16	1V17
9	SPRING PALACE ⁴ Bg	W H Marwing	9	J R Syster	52.5	0N14	0P14	0T11
10	IT'S HER WAY ³ Bf	R Klaasen	5	N Klink	52	3J12	8T11	5V12

Same Trainer: (1 & 5); (2 & 10); (4 & 7).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 CHESTNUT BOMBER; 33-10 I BELONG; 6-1 DR FAUSTUS, ZIP CODE, TYSON THE BRAVE; 10-1 SOVEREIGNS CALL; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: DR FAUSTUS, DOLCEZZA. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** PACIFIERS ON: SPRING PALACE.

TIPS: 5 CHESTNUT BOMBER 3 ZIP CODE 8 I BELONG 7 SOVEREIGNS CALL

PREVIEW: Highly rated CHESTNUT BOMBER outspired a heavily-backed odds-on favourite on a successful KZN raid in late May, and the form of that race was given a boost by the 3rd-placed finisher who has won since. He is open to any amount of improvement as a 3yo. However, the same can be said of both ZIP CODE and I BELONG who showed enough during their promising 2yo campaigns to be competitive here. DR FAUSTUS, SOVEREIGNS CALL and unexposed IT'S HER WAY can earn minor money.

8 16:55 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 8 AUGUST MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) *Turf Right-Hand Turn*
 Stake: R80,000 1200m

1	KOTINOS ⁶ Chg	R R Magner	7	*T Mayhew	62	8T11	3J12	3T11
2	METEORIC ⁶ Bm	R Klaasen	8	K Matsunyane	61	6V10	9J10	9B10
3	RIDE ON ⁵ Bm	A P Peter	4	C Habib	60.5	4B10	9N10	5T10
4	LULU'S BOY ⁸ Chg	J S Roux	6	S Khumalo	59.5	6V12	4J10	0T11
5	MICKE'S BOMB ⁴ Bf	F Bronkhorst	3	D Schwarz	59	2T11	3V12	2T10
6	PENDRAGON ⁵ Bg	F Bronkhorst	2	G Lerena	59	3J10	6T11	1T10
7	STROKE OF MERCY ⁵ Bh	C J Lensley	10	M Yeni	57.5	2B12	0T11	6T10
8	PRINCE OF KILDARE ⁴ Bg	B B Ruijters	9	P Mxoli	56	6B14	5V14	4J14
9	DARK TIDE ⁸ Bg	F Bronkhorst	1	J Penny	52	6J16	8T11	5B10
10	MIRACULOUS MAN ⁵ Bg	G J Maroun	5	N Klink	52	0B14	9B12	0T14

Same Trainer: (5 & 6 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 33-10 KOTINOS; 4-1 PENDRAGON; 9-2 RIDE ON; 6-1 MICKE'S BOMB; 7-1 DARK TIDE; 8-1 LULU'S BOY; 10-1 STROKE OF MERCY; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: METEORIC, LULU'S BOY, MICKE'S BOMB. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: PRINCE OF KILDARE.

TIPS: 1 KOTINOS 6 PENDRAGON 3 RIDE ON 4 LULU'S BOY

PREVIEW: KOTINOS caught the eye with a staying-on 3rd under this 2.5kg apprentice in a similar contest last month and a repeat of that performance off an unchanged mark should see him fight out the finish. PENDRAGON finished behind that rival before winning his next start but, while he should remain competitive under a 3-point penalty, will find it tougher on these revised terms. RIDE ON is 2.5kg better off for a 2.60-length beating so make her presence felt. LULU'S BOY, MICKE'S BOMB, DARK TIDE and METEORIC aren't taken lightly either.

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 including 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-Turfontein Standside; J-Turfontein Inside; B-Vaal Classic; V-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.

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