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# VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 1 AUGUST 2024

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 129-32 (24.81%)-43, K Matsunyane 103-17 (16.50%)-29, M Yeni 136-16 (11.76%)-58, P Mxoli 110-14 (12.73%)-50 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** P F Matchett 117-16 (13.68%)-43, J J van Vuuren 78-16 (20.51%)-33, M N Houdalakis 83-13 (15.66%)-34, F P Habib 66-13 (19.70%)-17 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES): T Mayhew (2.5), N Nastili (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. 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: Races 1-8 RACING 240 (ch 240 DStv); Races 1-8 GLOBAL RACING 1 (in TABs & live stream www.4racing.tv)

### 12:50 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) Turf Right-Hand Turn

| •                       |                      |    |              | Stake: R9 | 0,000 | 15   | 00m         |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----|--------------|-----------|-------|------|-------------|
| 1 OKLAHOMATWISTER%4Chg  | H van der Westhuizen | 11 | Wes Marwing  | 60        | 5B16  | 6B12 | 5V14        |
| 2 ROLL OF THE DICE%4Bg  | C Spies              | 10 | M V'Rensburg | 60        | 4J16  | 3J20 | 4V20        |
| 3 HIGH QUEUE*4Bg        | C Binda              | 8  | S Khumalo    | 60        | 6T11  | 3V14 | <u>4N17</u> |
| 4 MO MENT*4Bg           | B Webber             | 5  | J R Syster   | 60        | 7T16  | 8J18 | 6V14        |
| GAMER*4Bc               | S J Gray             | 6  | M Yeni       | 60        | 8B14  | 6B16 | 6T11        |
| GOLD DE GRACE*4Chg      | C I Jonker           | 4  |              | 60        | 9T16  | 8J16 | 6B14        |
| 7 SOMMERSILBER4Bg       | C Binda              | 3  | J Gates      | 60        |       |      | 6T11        |
| SKITTLES SKIES3Bg       | P P Labuschagne      | 12 | P Mxoli      | 57        | 4B12  | 4T14 | 6T16        |
| P ROMAN'S REVENGE3Bg    | A P Peter            | 2  | C Habib      | 57        | 8S12  | 7G14 | 3N17        |
| 10 MICKEY BLUE EYES3Chg | W H Marwing          | 9  | D De Gouveia | 57        | 8T16  | 7T14 | 8V20        |
| 11 ORANGE COUNTY3Bc     | S T Pettigrew        | 7  | G Lerena     | 57        |       |      | 5T14        |
| 12 PALACE GUARD3Bc      | M/A Azzie            | 1  | K Matsunyane | 57        |       |      | 8J14        |
|                         |                      |    |              |           |       |      |             |

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 ROMAN'S REVENGE; 4-1 SKITTLES SKIES; 5-1 HIGH QUEUE; 6-1 ORANGE COUNTY; 7-1 SOMMERSILBER; 8-1 ROLL OF THE DICE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: MO MENT.

TIPS: 9 ROMAN'S REVENGE 8 SKITTLES SKIES 11 ORANGE COUNTY 2 ROLL OF THE DICE

PREVIEW: ROMAN'S REVENGE improved with each start in KZN before relocating and needn't make a great deal of progress to get off the mark on his Highveld debut. SKITTLES SKIES blotted his copybook over 1600m last time but deserves another chance on the strength of his earlier form, though his wide draw will do him no favours. SOMMERSILBER, ORANGE COUNTY and PALACE GUARD would have come on with the benefit of an introductory outing and are open to improvement, so could also get into the picture. OKLAHOMA TWISTER and ROLL OF THE DICE have the form and experience to make their presence felt too.

### 13:25 - RACING TODAY MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden F & M. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) Turf Right-Hand Turn

|   |                         |               |                                 | , -         |             |      |             |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|
|   |                         |               |                                 | Stake: R9   | 0,000       | 15   | 00m         |
| 1 | PATH FAIRY6Bm           | D Cason       | 8 J Greyling                    | 60          | 5V12        | 3V16 | <u>9B16</u> |
| 2 | SPIRIT IN THE WIND*4Chf | C I Jonker    | 5                               | 60          | 5T18        | 7T16 | 9V20        |
| 3 | PARADISE FLOWER*5Bm     | J Borman      | 4 J Gates                       | 60          | <u>0V10</u> | 9J15 | 8B14        |
| 4 | LACEWING3Grf            | J S Roux      | 6 S Khumalo                     | 57          | 7J12        | 3V17 | 2T16        |
| 5 | MESSALINA%3Bf           | C Spies       | 2 M V'Rensbur                   | g <b>57</b> | 8J15        | 4J16 | 2J14        |
| 6 | SILVER PARASOL3Bf       | A G Laird     | 3 M Yeni                        | 57          | 9J14        | 3J16 | 3T16        |
| 7 | QUELLO CHE%3Bf          | C Spies       | 7 *T Mayhew                     | 57          | 6J14        | 8T16 | 5T16        |
| 8 | BLUE VELVET%3Grf        | C Spies       | <ol> <li>K Matsunyan</li> </ol> | e <b>57</b> | <u>0T11</u> | 7T14 | 5J14        |
| 9 | KURAMATHI3Bf            | S T Pettigrew | 9 P Mxoli                       | 57          |             | 0V12 | 6J10        |

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 LACEWING; 33-10 SILVER PARASOL; 9-2 MESSALINA; 7-1 QUELLO CHE; 8-1 KURAMATHI; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 4 LACEWING 6 SILVER PARASOL 5 MESSALINA 9 KURAMATHI

PREVIEW: LACEWING has marked improvement in her 2 starts beyond 1200m and finished a close-up 2nd over 1600m late last season. She is open to further progress but need only repeat her latest performance to shed her maiden tag. Well-bred SILVER PARASOL has 2.25 lengths to find on that rival but has to be included in Exacta, Trifecta and Quartet bets. MESSALINA was a game-in-defeat 2nd over 1450m in her latest outing and will again be hard to peg back if allowed her own way at the head of affairs. KURAMATHI is one to keep an eve on, as this longer distance should unlock improvement.

### 14:00 - TAB TELEBET 0861 000 822 MIDDLE STAKES

(For horses with nett rating of 101 and below) Turf Right-Hand Turn

|   |                      |                 |               | Stake: R11  | 10,000      | 20   | 00m         |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------|-------------|
| 1 | WHAFEEF6Bg           | S T Pettigrew   | 3 C Habib     | 62          | 7T18        | 5T16 | <u>6B18</u> |
| 2 | IMPERIAL MASTER*7Bg  | S T Pettigrew   | 7 J R Syster  | 58          | 3J14        | 9V20 | 1B18        |
| 3 | PRIME EXAMPLE*5Bg    | W H Marwing     | 2 D De Gouvei | a <b>56</b> | 8T32        | 8T24 | 0G30        |
| 4 | MILLAHUE%6Bg         | J J van Vuuren  | G Lerena      | 56          | 3B18        | 5V20 | 5B18        |
| 5 | PROFESSOR SNAPE*5Grg | J J van Vuuren  | 3 K Matsunyan | e <b>56</b> | 7V24        | 3J16 | 0J18        |
| 6 | WEATHER WIZARD*4Bg   | F Bronkhorst    | 1 M Yeni      | 54          | <u>1T24</u> | 8T24 | 5T18        |
| 7 | AFRAAD*8Bg           | P P Labuschagne | N Nastili     | 54          | 4T24        | 9T24 | 6J26        |
| 8 | VESUVIO%5Bg          | T Zackey        | N Klink       | 54          | 4T24        | 4T18 | 1J26        |
| 9 | ROYAL EDITION4Bg     | P P Labuschagne | 1 J Gates     | 52          | 7G16        | 7T14 | 2V17        |

Same Trainer: (1 & 2); (4 & 5); (7 & 9).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 IMPERIAL MASTER; 4-1 MILLAHUE; 5-1 PRIME EXAMPLE; 6-1 VESUVIO; 7-1 WHAFEEF; 8-1 AFRAAD; 10-1 ROYAL EDITION; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: PRIME EXAMPLE. HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: WEATHER WIZARD.

TIPS: 4 MILLAHUE 2 IMPERIAL MASTER 1 WHAFEEF 8 VESUVIO

PREVIEW: IMPERIAL MASTER was given a polished ride by jockey Jeffery Syster when a workmanlike winner over 1800m at this venue last time out, and the extra 200m under a 5-point penalty is unlikely to halt his momentum. However, he hasn't won in 8 attempts over this distance and is 2kg worse off with MILLAHUE who ran on from a hopeless position to be beaten just 2.40 lengths. On that evidence, this extended trip could see the latter turn the tables on these revised weight terms. WHAFEEF is worse off at the weights with those rivals but will strip fitter. VESUVIO and PROFESSOR SNAPE can earn too.

#### 14:35 - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 MR 68 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R75.000 2400m

|   | _ (-                 | 9               | <u> </u>                      |      | -,   |             |      |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------|------|-------------|------|
| 1 | NUCLEAR FORCE*5Bg    | E Verdonese     | 4 C Habib                     | 61   | 4V24 | 2B24        | 1J26 |
| 2 | CALLABURN*4Bg        | F Bronkhorst    | 9 D Schwarz                   | 60   | 1J20 | 9J20        | 7B18 |
| 3 | CREPUSCOLO4Chg       | F P Habib       | 7 K Matsunyane                | 60   | 6T24 | 3N19        | 0T18 |
| 4 | ANGEL'S WISH*6Bm     | W H Marwing     | 8 J R Syster                  | 60   | 1B20 | 9J18        | 5J20 |
| 5 | MANZ KNIGHT6Bh       | L Karriem       | 2                             | 59   | 6J26 | <u>4J20</u> | 3V20 |
| 6 | IDEAL FUTURE*6Bm     | L Kruger        | 6 *T Mayhew                   | 57   | 7B20 | 7J18        | 4J20 |
| 7 | FLAG BEARER*6Bg      | F Bronkhorst    | <ol> <li>S Khumalo</li> </ol> | 55.5 | 5J16 | 6J20        | 6B18 |
| 8 | GUY ALEXANDER>6Bh    | C J Lensley     | 3 M Yeni                      | 55.5 | 8J18 | 5V17        | 0B18 |
| 9 | GO DREAM MACHINE*6Bm | D Nieuwenhuizen | 5 *N Nastili                  | 52   | 4B24 | 9,J26       | 0J18 |

Same Trainer: (2 & 7)

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 NUCLEAR FORCE; 9-2 MANZ KNIGHT; 5-1 ANGEL'S WISH; 7-1 IDEAL FUTURE; 8-1 FLAG BEARER: 10-1 GUY ALEXANDER: 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS

DOWN IN CLASS: NUCLEAR FORCE, CREPUSCOLO, ANGEL'S WISH, IDEAL FUTURE. HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINK-ERS OFF: CREPUSCOLO

TIPS: 6 IDEAL FUTURE 1 NUCLEAR FORCE 5 MANZ KNIGHT 4 ANGEL'S WISH

PREVIEW: NUCLEAR FORCE has found his niche with blinkers on and wasn't winning out of turn at a higher level last time. He should remain competitive at this grade under a 5-point penalty but has to lug a hefty 61kg around 2400m. That won't be easy. Hard-knocking mares ANGELS WISH and IDEAL FUTURE are distance-suited and proven at this level, so they should acquit themselves competitively. The latter ran into traffic over 2000m last time and will enjoy this trip, so is the value play under a 2.5kg claimer. GUY ALEXANDER, FLAG BEARER and MANZ KNIGHT come next.

## 15:10 - TAKE A BET WINA NUMBA NUMBA FM 93 DIVID-ED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand

| Turn               |  |                          | 9                        | Stake: R10               | 0,000   | 18  | 00m                  |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| SPECIAL CHARM*6Bm  | P F Matchet  | t 1                      | *N Nastili               | 65.5                     | 3B20  | 1J18  | 3G24                 |
| MEDLERS TART5Bm    | A P Peter  | 7                        | *T Mayhew                | 62                       | 2F28  | <u>7B18</u>   | 9J26                 |
| EXPLOSIVE BOND*4Bf | P F Matchet  | t 2                      | Wes Marwing              | 61                       | 0G24  | 6J18  | 0G30                 |
| INDIAN OCEAN5Bm    | L Karriem  | 5                        | P Strydom                | 61                       | 4G24  | 6T18  | 9G30                 |
| APACHE FIGHTER6Bm  | R R Magner   | 4                        |                          | 56.5                     | 3T18  | 7T24  | <u>8J18</u>          |
| HAPPY MO4Bf        | J J van Vuur   | en 9                     | G Lerena                 | 55.5                     | 7T16  | 2J16  | <u>3J16</u>          |
| ROSY LEMON*5Bm     | F Bronkhors  | t 6                      | M Yeni                   | 53.5                     | 4B16  | 9T18  | 2J20                 |
| I AM REGAL*5Bm     | P F Matchet  | t 3                      | P Mxoli                  | 53                       | 5B20  | 3J18  | 6T24                 |
| CRIMSON FOREST*4Bf | P F Matchet  | t 8                      | J Penny                  | 52                       | 4T18  | 5B20  | 9J18                 |
|                    | SPECIAL CHARM*6Bm<br>MEDLERS TART5Bm<br>EXPLOSIVE BOND*4Bf<br>INDIAN OCEAN5Bm<br>APACHE FIGHTER6Bm | Turn   SPECIAL CHARM'6Bm | Turn   SPECIAL CHARM'6Bm | Turn   SPECIAL CHARM'6Bm | Stake: R10  Stake: R10  Stake: R10  SPECIAL CHARM'6Bm | Turn         Stake: R100,000           SPECIAL CHARM'6Bm         P F Matchett         1 *N Nastili         65.5 *3820           MEDLERS TART5Bm         A P Peter         7 *T Mayhew         62 *2F28           EXPLOSIVE BOND'4Bf         P F Matchett         2 Wes Marwing         61 *0G24           INDIAN OCEAN5Bm         L Karriem         5 P Strydom         61 *4G24           APACHE FIGHTER6Bm         R R Magner         4 | Stake: R100,000   18 |

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 CHAM, 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 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.

## 15:45 - RACING240 FOR RACING. FM 74 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

|   |                     |              |                | Stake: H8   | 0,000       | ) 18        | 00m         |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | ARIEL'S JET§4Bf     | E Verdonese  | 8              | 60          | 2J18        | 4B20        | <u>0J18</u> |
| 2 | DIMAKO'S JET4Bf     | W C Marwing  | 3 C Habib      | 60          | 2J18        | 2B16        | 4T16        |
| 3 | PRETTY IN PEARLS6Bm | P F Matchett | 6 M Yeni       | 59          | 3J16        | 4J18        | 6J20        |
| 4 | TEO TORRIATTE4Chf   | C I Jonker   | 2              | 58.5        | 6J26        | 3J18        | 9J20        |
| 5 | OLIVIA'S WAY3Bf     | R R Magner   | 1 G Lerena     | 57.5        | 3V14        | <u>1J16</u> | 4T14        |
| 6 | LINGANOMORE%6Chm    | C Spies      | 5 M V'Rensburg | 55.5        | 2J18        | 7N19        | 5B16        |
| 7 | AZUCAR%6Bm          | W H Marwing  | 7 J R Syster   | 52          | <u>9V16</u> | 8B20        | 8J18        |
| 8 | SUMMERLAND%5Bm      | C Spies      | 4 K Matsunyan  | e <b>52</b> | 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 PRET-TY 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 last the following the control of the promote of of 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.

### 16:20 . WWW.TAB4RACING.COM NOVICE HAND. ICAP (Maidens & 1 time winners) Turf Right-Hand Turn

|    |                     |                 |    |              | Stake: F | 80,          | UUC | 14          | 50m         |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|----|--------------|----------|--------------|-----|-------------|-------------|
| 1  | DR FAUSTUS4Bg       | J J van Vuuren  | 7  | J Greyling   | 63.      | 5 <u>5</u> E | 310 | 3J10        | 9V12        |
| 2  | DOLCEZZA4Bf         | R Klaasen       | 3  | K Matsunyane | 60       | <u>5</u> E   | 312 | 4N12        | <u>0V12</u> |
| 3  | ZIP CODE%3Bc        | D Nieuwenhuizen | 6  | M V'Rensburg | 58       | 3            | Γ16 | 7T14        | 2T14        |
| 4  | TYSON THE BRAVE4Chc | S T Pettigrew   | 4  | C Habib      | 57       | 3            | Γ14 | 5B12        | <u>1T10</u> |
| 5  | CHESTNUT BOMBER3Bg  | J J van Vuuren  | 8  | G Lerena     | 56       | 6            | Γ10 | 4J12        | 1G16        |
| 6  | CARE TAKER4Bg       | M/A Azzie       | 1  | S Khumalo    | 56       | 91           | 314 | <u>8B14</u> | 7B14        |
| 7  | SOVEREIGNS CALL4Chg | S T Pettigrew   | 10 | P Mxoli      | 56       | 4.           | J12 | 1B12        | 0B14        |
| 8  | I BELONG3Bc         | R R Magner      | 2  | M Yeni       | 53       | <u>5</u> .   | 12  | 2T16        | 1V17        |
| 9  | SPRING PALACE!4Bg   | W H Marwing     | 9  | J R Syster   | 52.      | 5 <u>01</u>  | V14 | 0P14        | <u>0T11</u> |
| 10 | IT'S HER WAY3Bf     | R Klaasen       | 5  | N Klink      | 52       | 3.           | J12 | 8T11        | 5V12        |

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

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 CHESTNUT BOMBER; 33-10 | 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 outsprinted 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.

### 16:55 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING THURSDAY 8 AUGUST MR 74 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn

|    |                       |              |    |              | Stake: R8 | 0,000       | ) 12        | 00m  |
|----|-----------------------|--------------|----|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------|
| 1  | KOTINOS6Chg           | R R Magner   | 7  | *T Mayhew    | 62        | 8T11        | <u>3J12</u> | 3T11 |
| 2  | METEORIC*6Bm          | R Klaasen    | 8  | K Matsunyane | 61        | <u>6V10</u> | 9J10        | 9B10 |
| 3  | RIDE ON5Bm            | A P Peter    | 4  | C Habib      | 60.5      | 4B10        | 9N10        | 5T10 |
| 4  | LULU'S BOY§8Chg       | J S Roux     | 6  | S Khumalo    | 59.5      | 6V12        | 4J10        | 0T11 |
| 5  | MICKE'S BOMB*4Bf      | F Bronkhorst | 3  | D Schwarz    | 59        | 2T11        | 3V12        | 2T10 |
| 6  | PENDRAGON*5Bg         | F Bronkhorst | 2  | G Lerena     | 59        | 3J10        | 6T11        | 1T10 |
| 7  | STROKE OF MERCY%5Bh   | C J Lensley  | 10 | M Yeni       | 57.5      | 2B12        | <u>0T11</u> | 6T10 |
| 8  | PRINCE OF KILDARE*4Bg | B B Ruiters  | 9  | P Mxoli      | 56        | 6B14        | 5V14        | 4J14 |
| 9  | DARK TIDE8Bg          | F Bronkhorst | 1  | J Penny      | 52        | 6J16        | 8T11        | 5B10 |
| 10 | MIRACULOUS MAN§5Bq    | G J Maroun   | 5  | N Klink      | 52        | 0B14        | 9B12        | 0T14 |

Same Trainer: (5 & 6 & 9)

FORECAST BETTING: 33-16 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

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); lockey; 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; %=Cheekpieces/Pacifiers; (Compression Hood; \$=Cheekpieces/Pacifiers; ) ets/ compression root; >= Cheekpieces/Compression rhoot; &=raciners/Compression root; >= Cheekpieces/Paciners; ±=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 nest of 60 days or more.RACECOURSE ABBREVIATIONS: D-Durbarville; E-Fairview Polytrack; F-Fairview Turf; G-Greyville; N-Greyville Polytrack; W-Kenilworth (Winter); K-Kenilworth (Summer); Y-Kimberley; M-Mauriflus; R-Randjesfontein; S-Scotts-ville; P-Scottsville Inside; T-Turffontein Standside; J-Turffontein Inside; B-Vaal Classic; V-Vaal Turf; Z-Zimbabwe; X-Overseas.

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