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VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 26 SEPTEMBER 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 125-31 (24.80%)-46, M Yeni 133-18 (13.53%)-55, P Strydom 51-15 (29.41%)-19, C Habib 115-14 (12.17%)-48 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** M N Houdalakis 79-14 (17.72%)-34, J J van Vuuren 73-14 (19.18%)-31, F P Habib 68-13 (19.12%)-22, F Bronkhorst 147-12 (8.16%)-50 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** A Feni, J Horing, V Jodhee (4.0), C Mabaya, T Matsoele, T Mayhew (2.5), P Mongqawa, S Siphika, V Sithetho.

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RACE 1: 12:25 - BETWAY WELCOMES YOU WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden F & M. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) **Turf Straight**
Stake: R75,000 **1000m**

No	Horse	Age, Colour, Sex; Wins, Places, Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey * = App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	HOKAAI MY MEISIE*	4Bf 0-0-8 0m Earn: Nil Blue, shocking pink band of diamonds and sleeves, checked diamond cap	A P Peter	*7	*T Matsoele	60	6T10 (5.75)	6V12 (4.50)	9V14 (13.00) 03Sep24
2	MAGIC BANK	4Bf 0-0-3 0m Earn: Nil Sky blue, navy maltese cross and cap	B H Stidolph	*5	*V Sithetho	60	9J10 (35.40)	9V10 (22.00)	0B12 (17.75) 20Jun24
3	CARS BIG AS BARS	4Bf 0-0-0 0m Earn: Nil Dark grey, mustard gold spots, dark grey sleeves, dark grey cap, mustard gold spots	A P Peter	3	*S Siphika	60	FIRST RUN		
4	POTATO SALAD	4Bf 0-1-2 1200m Earn: R3,750 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*6	*A Feni	60		4V12 (4.50)	0V12 (14.25) 21Aug24
5	BASINGSTOKE	3Bf 0-1-4 1000m Earn: R9,000 Dark grey, mustard gold spots, dark grey sleeves, dark grey cap, mustard gold spots	A P Peter	*1	*P Mongqawa	58	8T16 (28.50)	6B10 (6.50)	3B10 (2.50) 05Sep24
6	BELLISSIVAR*	3Chf 0-6-10 10-1200m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R67,750 Black, black and turquoise checked diamond sleeves, pink cap	A P Peter	*4	*C Mabaya	58	5T10 (4.25)	2B10 (0.40)	4B10 (3.00) 05Sep24
7	CYBER SPIRIT*	3Bf 0-0-2 0m Earn: Nil Light blue, grey cross, light green sleeves and cap	J A Visser	*2	*J Horing	58		9V12 (36.00)	6B10 (4.75) 05Sep24

Same Trainer: (1 & 3 & 5 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: HOKAAI MY MEISIE.

TIPS: 5 BASINGSTOKE 6 BELLISSIVAR 3 CARS BIG AS BARS 7 CYBER SPIRIT

PREVIEW: BELLISSIVAR has been costly to follow but wouldn't be winning out of turn. She finished behind stable companion BASINGSTOKE last time over course and distance on identical weight terms, so preference is for the latter. CYBER SPIRIT is held on that form but shouldn't be far off the mark. Newcomer CARS BIG AS BARS needn't be special to play a leading role.

VAAL CLASSIC - RACE 2 - 26 SEP 2024 - TAB TOP 7 MEETING

RACE 2: 13:00 - BETWAY MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) *Turf Straight* Stake: R90,000 **1000m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	PACIFIC* 4Bg 0-4-13 10-1160m Earn: R42,375	Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*11	M Yeni	60	2T10 (2.25)	3T11 (4.75)	5B10 (4.25) 20Aug24
2	SUMMER SHADE* 4Bg 0-3-15 10-1500m S: 0-0-3 Earn: R35,625	Light blue, white star, hooped sleeves, white cap	B Webber	*3	D Schwarz	60	4T11 (5.75)	3B10 (3.25)	6B10 (15.75) 05Sep24
3	THE REAL DEAL 4Bg 0-0-8 0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R1,875	Black and gold quartered, gold sleeves black stars, quartered cap	S M Naidoo	*10	J R Syster	60	7T10 (8.75)	6B10 (5.75)	7B10 (16.00) 05Sep24
4	RINGHO* 4Bg 0-0-11 0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil	White, red chevrons, striped sleeves, white cap	C I Jonker	*9	R Danielson	60	9T10 (12.50)	8J12 (9.00)	0V12 (15.50) 12Sep24
5	KWAGGA BLITZ* 3Bg 0-2-4 1000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R25,000	Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	*2	P Strydom	58	5B12 (13.75)	<u>2T10</u> (0.40)	4T10 (4.75) 10Aug24
6	POTBERRIE* 3Bg 0-3-7 11-1200m Earn: R33,000	Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*8	G Lerena	58	3V11 (1.25)	2V12 (2.75)	5T10 (5.00) 10Aug24
7	RAWALPINDI* 3Bg 0-0-5 0m Earn: Nil	White, royal blue epaulettes, white sleeves, royal blue cap	G J Maroun	*7	*T Mayhew	58	6T11 (23.50)	<u>6T10</u> (12.25)	9V14 (22.25) 03Sep24
8	ESPINOZA 3Bc 0-0-1 0m Earn: R2,250	Red and yellow checked diamonds, striped sleeves, red cap, yellow diamond and peak	S M Naidoo	*4	J Gates	58			5T10 (6.00) 27Jul24
9	LETONA 3Bg 0-0-0 0m Earn: Nil	Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	1	P Mxoli	58	FIRST RUN		
10	OLD FASHIONED 3Bg 0-0-0 0m Earn: Nil	Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	5	L Nhlapo	58	FIRST RUN		
11	SCARLET 4Chf 0-2-12 10-1200m Earn: R15,375	White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	*6	*V Jodhee	57.5	<u>8J12</u> (6.75)	6J14 (8.50)	0B10 (11.25) 05Sep24

Same Trainer: (1 & 6); (3 & 8); (5 & 9 & 10); (7 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: NO FORECAST AVAILABLE

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: RAWALPINDI. BLINKERS OFF: SCARLET.

TIPS: 8 ESPINOZA 6 POTBERRIE 5 KWAGGA BLITZ 1 PACIFIC

PREVIEW: ESPINOZA didn't go unnoticed when finishing fifth on debut as a 2yo in open company. He should come on appreciably with the benefit of that outing so could represent good eachway value. PACIFIC, who finished more than 3-lengths ahead of that rival, and stable companion POTBERRIE, were recently gelded and are open to improvement so should play a role. The latter is closely matched on recent form with KWAGGA BLITZ who has to be respected. Newcomers LETONA and OLD FASHIONED are worth a market check and needn't be special to make their presence felt. Watch the betting.

RACE 3: 13:35 - BETWAY MIDDLE STAKES (For horses with nett rating of 101 and below) *Turf Right-Hand Turn* Stake: R110,000 **2000m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	SAVANNAH STORM 8Bg 6-7-32 14-1800m S: 1-0-4 Earn: R543,875	Blue, gold fleur de lis, blue sleeves, quartered cap	P/J Vermeulen	*3	P Strydom	62	6T14 (6.00)	4J16 (3.00)	7T16 (7.25) 07Jul24
2	SUGAR BLAST 4Chg 3-3-14 16-2000m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R247,500	Green and bright yellow checks, white sleeves and cap	A P Peter	*1	C Maujean	62	2B18 (0.75)	1V20 (1.00)	<u>8V20</u> (39.75) 29Aug24
3	FLYING BULL 7Chg 5-13-27 14-2850m S: 2-4-9 Earn: R553,375	Powder blue, red star and cuffs, powder blue sleeves and cap, red star	A P Peter	*6	*T Mayhew	62	3T28 (5.50)	<u>5J26</u> (20.00)	7V20 (23.75) 29Aug24
4	ARUMUGAM* 6Bg 4-18-31 12-3200m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R760,750	Red and light grey checked diamonds, red sleeves and cap	A P Peter	*10	C Habib	62	<u>9J17</u> (12.75)	0T32 (28.00)	<u>6J16</u> (5.75) 31Aug24
5	TAMARISK TREE 5Chg 3-8-21 14-2000m Earn: R284,938	Black, shocking pink and white sash, pink sleeves and cap, white hoop	R R Sage	*4	G Lerena	58	8J16 (6.00)	6J18 (3.55)	2J18 (1.60) 24Aug24
6	BATTLEGROUND 5Bg 4-11-21 16-3200m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R445,375	Blue, white square, blue sleeves and cap	M N Houdalakis	*9	M V'Rensburg	56	3T32 (2.00)	3B18 (2.25)	1F32 (0.25) 12Jul24
7	THUNEE PLAYA* 4Bc 3-4-10 14-2000m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R255,938	Dark blue, yellow hoop, yellow and dark blue hooped sleeves, yellow and black striped cap, b	L Karriem	*11	K A Brewer	56	1V16 (1.00)	3B18 (0.85)	1V20 (0.70) 29Aug24
8	CLAW 4Bg 1-2-8 18-2000m Earn: R114,850	Red, silver stars, silver sleeves, red stars, red cap, silver star	M/A Azzie	*8	S Khumalo	54	6T18 (5.75)	5T16 (3.00)	2B20 (0.25) 05Sep24
9	TOTAL SURRENDER 5Bg 4-7-15 14-2000m S: 1-1-2 Earn: R347,500	Orange, black stars, orange sleeves, black seams, orange cap, black stars and peak	M N Houdalakis	*7	C Zackey	54	2V20 (1.00)	4T20 (4.50)	<u>2B16</u> (2.00) 05Sep24
10	AFRAAD* 8Bg 9-29-74 16-3200m S: 2-4-10 Earn: R813,288	Yellow, black seams, black cap, yellow spots	P P Labuschagne	*12	D Schwarz	54	6J26 (5.70)	7B20 (8.00)	8J26 (23.75) 15Aug24
11	ROYAL EDITION 4Bg 1-8-16 12-2000m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R148,875	Dayglo yellow and bright blue quartered, bright orange and black halved sleeves, bright orange	P P Labuschagne	*2	J Gates	52	4B20 (3.25)	3J18 (1.80)	3B16 (2.00) 05Sep24
12	BANHA BRIDGE* 8Chg 7-18-46 14-2600m S: 0-1-5 Earn: R572,375	Red, green sash, green and silver striped sleeves, red cap	C Dawson	*5	M Yeni	52	6V24 (4.70)	<u>9V16</u> (9.50)	8V17 (5.75) 08Aug24

Same Trainer: (2 & 3 & 4); (6 & 9); (10 & 11).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 CLAW; 9-2 TOTAL SURRENDER; 5-1 BATTLEGROUND; 6-1 THUNEE PLAYA; 8-1 TAMARISK TREE, ROYAL EDITION; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: SAVANNAH STORM.

TIPS: 7 THUNEE PLAYA 9 TOTAL SURRENDER 5 TAMARISK TREE 11 ROYAL EDITION

PREVIEW: SAVANNAH STORM, BANHA BRIDGE and TOTAL SURRENDER are the joint best-weighted runners in the race so they must be respected. The latter caught the eye when running on to finish second over 1600m on his return from a rest and should have more to offer over this extended trip with improved fitness. Last-start winner BATTLEGROUND and CLAW ought to remain competitive off career-high marks as both are progressive. However, it could pay to follow THUNEE PLAYA whose progress shouldn't be halted by a 4-point penalty for winning a similar contest last time.

RACE 4: 14:10 - BETWAY FM 87 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R100,000 1800m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	LITTLEMARYSUNSHINE*	5Bm 3-11-26 10-2000m S: 0-1-4 Earn: R347,125	M F De Kock	+4	P Strydom	62	6P16 (3.10)	0G18 (7.30)	7P17 (13.45) 01Sep24
2	APACHE FIGHTER	6Bm 4-10-21 18-2400m S: 0-2-3 Earn: R433,625	R R Magner	+8	G Lerena	59.5	8J18 (4.65)	2B18 (0.30)	3B20 (5.00) 20Aug24
3	ARIEL'S JET§	4Bf 2-7-13 14-2000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R168,625	E Verdonese	+6	R Danielson	55	3B18 (1.25)	1J18 (0.25)	3V20 (1.00) 12Sep24
4	ALPHABETTY	5Bm 2-7-19 14-1800m S: 1-3-5 Earn: R200,325	R Klaasen	+7	C Habib	55	6J14 (3.45)	2J16 (0.10)	6B20 (9.25) 20Aug24
5	DARLING HARBOUR*	4Bf 1-5-14 14-2000m S: 0-1-4 Earn: R129,500	C Dawson	+3	C Zackey	54	5J18 (2.95)	7J18 (2.50)	6B16 (5.25) 05Sep24
6	MIGHTY GODDESS*	5Bm 3-13-31 11-1800m S: 0-2-4 Earn: R341,750	W C Marwing	+2	K Matsunyane	54	2J15 (1.50)	2J18 (0.25)	7B16 (5.75) 05Sep24
7	OLIVIA'S WAY	3Bf 2-2-5 14-1800m Earn: R121,250	R R Magner	+5	J R Syster	53	1J16 (3.75)	4T14 (4.00)	1B18 (0.80) 01Aug24
8	BOOM BOOM*	4Bf 3-5-21 12-1600m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R196,875	F Bronkhorst	+1	M Yeni	52.5	1V16 (1.15)	5V15 (8.00)	6J12 (4.00) 07Sep24

Same Trainer: (2 & 7).

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 OLIVIA'S WAY; 33-10 APACHE FIGHTER; 4-1 ARIEL'S JET; 5-1 MIGHTY GODDESS; 6-1 ALPHABETTY; 8-1 BOOM BOOM; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.
DOWN IN CLASS: LITTLEMARYSUNSHINE, APACHE FIGHTER, ALPHABETTY.**TIPS:** 2 APACHE FIGHTER 7 OLIVIA'S WAY 3 ARIEL'S JET 6 MIGHTY GODDESS**PREVIEW:** APACHE FIGHTER has maintained her form and consistency at a higher level so she ought to make the most of this ease in grade and drop in ratings. Progressive OLIVIA'S WAY, a last-start winner over course and distance on her handicap debut, shouldn't be inconvenienced by the step up in class and a 3-point penalty so could give her stablemate most to fear in receipt of 6.5kg. LITTLEMARYSUNSHINE, on her Highveld return, MIGHTY GODDESS, ARIEL'S JET and ALPHABETTY are hard-knockers with both the form and experience to make their presence felt.**RACE 5: 14:45 - BETWAY FM 70 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M)** (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R80,000 1800m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	PRETTY IN PEARLS	6Bm 3-17-33 11-2000m S: 0-4-7 Earn: R351,000	P F Matchett	+1	J R Syster	60	6B18 (6.00)	6J18 (3.85)	7V24 (32.00) 03Sep24
2	FAR REACHING	3Bf 1-3-6 10-1600m Earn: R105,250	J J van Vuuren	+5	S Khumalo	59.5	5J10 (6.70)	2B14 (0.05)	1J16 (13.00) 24Aug24
3	ONE RELIGION	4Bf 1-5-13 12-2000m Earn: R115,250	R R Magner	+7	G Lerena	59	7V24 (4.80)	5B20 (3.80)	2V14 (2.25) 12Sep24
4	SILVER PARASOL	3Bf 1-4-7 11-1600m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R96,500	A G Laird	+9	M Yeni	58.5	3J16 (2.25)	3T16 (2.75)	1B15 (2.75) 01Aug24
5	INCREDIBLE INDRANI%	4Bf 1-4-8 14-1800m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R90,250	F P Habib	+8	K Matsunyane	58.5	6J20 (4.50)	6V20 (11.75)	1J18 (1.75) 31Aug24
6	LOVE TAP	4Bf 2-0-8 11-1600m Earn: R112,500	P F Matchett	+6	J Penny	58.5	8T11 (8.35)	6V16 (6.75)	1V16 (3.50) 03Sep24
7	SILVER FLARE	4Bf 1-1-6 14-1600m Earn: R63,750	T Zackey	+3	P Mxoli	58	3B14 (0.15)	1T16 (0.75)	7V20 (7.50) 12Sep24
8	HAT'S QUEEN	3Bf 1-2-4 14-1700m Earn: R85,250	A P Peter	+4	C Habib	57	2J16 (0.40)	1V17 (3.50)	5B16 (5.05) 05Sep24
9	FREE IN SEATTLE	3Bf 1-3-10 14-1800m S: 1-0-1 Earn: R80,875	S J Gray	+2	R Danielson	56	3V18 (4.50)	5V16 (4.25)	2B16 (2.75) 19Sep24

Same Trainer: (1 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 FAR REACHING; 7-2 ONE RELIGION; 5-1 SILVER PARASOL; 6-1 HAT'S QUEEN; 7-1 INCREDIBLE INDRANI; 8-1 LOVE TAP; 10-1 SILVER FLARE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.**TIPS:** 2 FAR REACHING 3 ONE RELIGION 4 SILVER PARASOL 8 HAT'S QUEEN**PREVIEW:** FAR REACHING relished the step up in distance to win a 1600m maiden by a widening 13 lengths. She may not have met the strongest but could hardly have been more impressive. This extended trip could unlock further improvement. ONE RELIGION will also appreciate the step up to 1800m after an encouraging second over 1400m on her seasonal reappearance. HAT'S QUEEN fits a similar profile and shouldn't be underestimated with improvement expected over this trip. Recent maiden winners SILVER PARASOL and LOVE TAP, who beat male rivals, aren't taken lightly.**RACE 6: 15:20 - BETWAY MR 74 HANDICAP (Open)** Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R80,000 1800m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	CIRCLE OF GRACE%	4Bg 3-7-27 10-1900m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R229,125	C Spies	+3	*T Mayhew	60	7V17 (3.50)	8B18 (5.75)	5B16 (16.50) 05Sep24
2	AMERICAN REBEL*	4Bg 1-4-10 16-2000m Earn: R94,375	W C Marwing	+7	M Yeni	59	1J16 (1.75)	6V17 (3.45)	3B20 (4.50) 05Sep24
3	SAFE SPACE*	5Bg 4-9-25 16-2400m S: 1-2-8 Earn: R326,812	A P Peter	+4	C Maujean	59	1T16 (0.20)	1V17 (0.05)	5J20 (6.00) 31Aug24
4	THAMBI	5Chg 3-4-21 12-1800m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R190,750	L Karriem	+6	K A Brewer	59	5T18 (5.00)	6V16 (7.50)	6J14 (3.00) 14Sep24
5	JAPANESE MAPLE*	4Bg 1-5-12 18-2400m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R103,250	W C Marwing	+2	G Lerena	58.5	0B18 (6.75)	2T18 (2.00)	6J20 (6.95) 31Aug24
6	FUTUREWOLFF	5Chg 3-14-34 12-2000m S: 1-2-7 Earn: R319,500	H E Adamson	+8	J R Syster	58.5	4V17 (2.50)	2V17 (1.00)	7J20 (7.00) 31Aug24
7	HIGH QUEUE*	4Bg 1-5-11 14-2000m Earn: R106,750	C Binda	+5	S Khumalo	58	3T16 (3.00)	2V20 (1.75)	1J20 (1.80) 14Sep24
8	PARTY PUNCH	3Bf 1-3-10 16-2000m Earn: R89,000	P P Labuschagne	+1	P Mxoli	53	1V20 (0.20)	3J18 (2.00)	6V20 (3.75) 12Sep24

Same Trainer: (2 & 5).

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 SAFE SPACE; 7-2 HIGH QUEUE; 4-1 AMERICAN REBEL; 6-1 JAPANESE MAPLE; 7-1 FUTUREWOLFF; 8-1 THAMBI; 10-1 PARTY PUNCH; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.**DOWN IN CLASS:** CIRCLE OF GRACE, AMERICAN REBEL, THAMBI. **HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS OFF: THAMBI.**TIPS:** 2 AMERICAN REBEL 3 SAFE SPACE 5 JAPANESE MAPLE 7 HIGH QUEUE**PREVIEW:** AMERICAN REBEL has improved with blinkers fitted and acquitted himself well in two post-maiden handicaps at a higher level. On the strength of that form, he is good value to capitalise on this drop in class off a 2-point lower rating. THAMBI is dangerous to discount off his current mark, especially given an equipment change. Hard-knockers SAFE SPACE, JAPANESE MAPLE and FUTUREWOLFF are closely matched on the form of a recent 2000m meeting and there shouldn't be much between them on these revised weight terms. HIGH QUEUE isn't discounted on handicap debut.

VAAL CLASSIC - RACE 7 - 26 SEP 2024 - TAB TOP 7 MEETING

RACE 7: 15:55 - BETWAY FM 95 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight

Stake: R100,000 **1000m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey * =App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	ICE STAR 4Bf	3-9-17 10-1200m Earn: R356,375 Red, white braces, blue and red striped sleeves, blue cap	F P Habib	+8	*T Mayhew	63.5	1J10 (1.70)	5T10 (8.25)	<u>5J12</u> (3.45) 31Aug24
2	CHASING HAPPINESS 4Bf	3-5-9 10-1200m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R222,375 White, black fleur de lys, red sleeves, black collar and cuffs, black and white striped cap	J J van Vuuren	+7	S Khumalo	60	1J12 (0.90)	3T10 (3.25)	1J12 (1.20) 24Aug24
3	VIRGINIA BEACH* 4Bf	2-5-11 8-1000m Earn: R209,500 Blue, shocking pink band of diamonds and sleeves, checked diamond cap	A P Peter	+3	C Habib	56.5	3B10 (4.25)	1T10 (0.15)	3B10 (4.00) 20Aug24
4	GREEN FLASH 4Bf	3-1-10 10-1160m S: 1-0-1 Earn: R224,938 White, black fleur de lys, red sleeves, black collar and cuffs, black and white striped cap	B Warren	+4	G Lerena	56	5B10 (6.50)	7V12 (8.25)	1B10 (1.50) 20Aug24
5	FORCE EIGHT 3Bf	2-3-10 10-1200m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R158,250 Dark green, maroon y with white binding, white, d green and maroon hooped slvs, d green and white str	P F Matchett	+1	M Yeni	54	1T11 (1.75)	3T11 (4.50)	5J12 (18.50) 24Aug24
6	JUST THE TWO OF US 4Bf	2-2-5 1000m Earn: R132,000 White, blue band of diamonds and cap	M/A Azzie	+2	*V Jodhee	52.5	1V10 (1.75)	8J12 (7.50)	<u>1B10</u> (3.00) 20Aug24
7	GLOBAL THUNDER* 4Bf	2-6-18 10-1200m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R176,750 Orange, purple tulips, sleeves and collar, orange cap, purple peak	C J Lensley	+9	L Nhlapo	52	6T11 (9.00)	9V12 (9.25)	7B10 (10.00) 20Aug24
8	GODSPEED 4Bf	2-6-22 8-1600m S: 1-1-4 Earn: R180,125 White and black quartered diagonally, black sleeves, white cuffs, halved cap	F Bronkhorst	+5	P Mxoli	52	<u>0T11</u> (22.75)	2V11 (0.50)	2V14 (0.05) 12Sep24
9	THE NAVY LARK* 4Bf	3-10-23 10-1200m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R222,625 Blue, green crossed sashes, blue sleeves and cap	J A Visser	+6	M K Katjedi	52	3B10 (3.60)	1V11 (0.50)	2B10 (1.70) 05Sep24

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 CHASING HAPPINESS; 7-2 ICE STAR; 5-1 GREEN FLASH, JUST THE TWO OF US; 6-1 VIRGINIA BEACH; 8-1 THE NAVY LARK; 10-1 FORCE EIGHT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: ICE STAR.

TIPS: 1 ICE STAR 2 CHASING HAPPINESS 4 GREEN FLASH 6 JUST THE TWO OF US

PREVIEW: CHASING HAPPINESS is engaged to run earlier so her participation must be monitored. ICE STAR wasn't disgraced in a 1200m feature last time, finishing 3.45-lengths behind the winner to whom she conceded 7.5kg. She is most effective over this shorter trip and should fare better at this level with her rider taking 2.5kg off the back. GREEN FLASH and JUST THE TWO OF US justified betting support with last-start course-and-distance victories. Both should remain competitive despite resultant penalties. Consistent sprinters VIRGINIA BEACH and THE NAVY LARK complete the shortlist.

RACE 8: 16:30 - BETWAY FM 76 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Straight

Stake: R80,000 **1000m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey * =App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	GLAWARI 4Bf	2-5-17 10-1160m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R178,500 Blue, white chevron, white and pink hooped sleeves, pink collar and cuffs, white cap, pink dia	P F Matchett	+4	J Penny	60	1T10 (1.25)	6B10 (8.75)	6V12 (5.60) 03Sep24
2	ROYAL HORIZON% 4Chf	1-1-7 10-1200m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R60,750 Red and white checked diamonds, black sleeves, checked diamond cap, black peak	H van der Westhuizen	+6	J R Syster	57.5	6B12 (4.00)	4V12 (6.75)	<u>1B10</u> (2.00) 05Sep24
3	INVENTRIX 5Bm	3-9-25 10-1200m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R279,000 Lime green and royal blue qtd diagonally, green collar, blue slvs, green chevrons, blue cap, green	F Bronkhorst	+8	R Danielson	57	9T10 (11.75)	4B10 (3.75)	0V12 (22.60) 03Sep24
4	MICKE'S BOMB 4Bf	2-7-27 10-1300m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R172,375 White and black quartered diagonally, black sleeves, white cuffs, halved cap	F Bronkhorst	+1	M Yeni	57	2V13 (0.75)	5V16 (5.75)	7V12 (5.85) 03Sep24
5	IN THE ETHER* 6Bm	5-27-49 10-1450m S: 0-3-6 Earn: R568,588 Blue, white hoop, hooped sleeves and cap	G J Maroun	+5	P Mxoli	56	5T10 (2.75)	0B10 (8.35)	3V10 (2.35) 03Sep24
6	ORIENTAL BOUQUET 4Chf	1-2-14 12-1400m S: 0-2-5 Earn: R185,125 White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	+9	*T Mayhew	56	<u>9T11</u> (8.60)	5B10 (6.50)	0V11 (11.00) 29Aug24
7	SEVENTEEN AGAIN% 3Bf	1-2-3 1000m Earn: R86,250 Red, black epaulettes and cap	F P Habib	+2	M K Katjedi	55.5	2V10 (2.25)	2V10 (1.75)	1J10 (0.90) 11Jul24
8	GAELIC DANCER* 3Bf	1-2-7 1000m Earn: R70,500 Black and white stripes, red collar, white sleeves, black armbands, cuffs and cap, white peak	R Klaasen	+7	K Matsunyane	54.5	1J10 (0.05)	6T10 (3.50)	8B10 (7.75) 20Aug24
9	SMASHING 4Bf	1-6-12 1000m Earn: R104,250 Yellow, purple stars, yellow cap, purple star	C Binda	+3	S Khumalo	54.5	3T10 (2.25)	1B10 (1.75)	4V10 (2.50) 03Sep24

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

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 SEVENTEEN AGAIN; 4-1 SMASHING; 5-1 IN THE ETHER; 6-1 ROYAL HORIZON; 7-1 MICKE'S BOMB; 8-1 GAELIC DANCER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: ORIENTAL BOUQUET.

TIPS: 7 SEVENTEEN AGAIN 2 ROYAL HORIZON 9 SMASHING 5 IN THE ETHER

PREVIEW: SEVENTEEN AGAIN wasn't winning out of turn when fitted with this headgear for the first time, having finished second in both previous outings. She would've strengthened and improved during a subsequent 11-week break so it could be worth siding with on her 3yo debut. Fellow last-start maiden winner ROYAL HORIZON also has scope for improvement. SMASHING ran well on her handicap debut and is closely matched with IN THE ETHER on that form. Both have the ability to make life difficult for the principals. INVENTRIX and MICKE'S BOMB are others with earning potential.

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

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