

*** TAB TOP 7 MEETING!

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VAAL CLASSIC (SA) - 30 JANUARY 2025

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 Larena 112-31 (27.68%)-44, C Zackey 77-21 (27.27%)-22, M Yeni 102-14 (13.73%)-44, P Mxoli 93-13 (13.98%)-36 **TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK:** F Bronkhorst 125-15 (12.00%)-42, M N Houdalakis 68-15 (22.06%)-27, P F Matchett 109-13 (11.93%)-34, F P Habib 65-9 (13.85%)-27 **DRAW:** High-number draws favoured over 1000m; low-number draws best 1200m and 1450m. **APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES):** G Dookhit (4.0), J Horing, T Lukhele, C Mabaya, T Matsoele, T Mayhew (1.5), K L Mayhew-Munger (1.5), D Mazule, S Mkhumbuzi, P Mongqawa, S B Mthembu, N Nastili (2.5), T Ncume, S Siphika, V Sithetho.

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:** ALL RACES RACING 240 (ch 240 DStv); ALL RACES GLOBAL TV (in TABs)

RACE 1: 12:25 - 4RACING WELCOMES YOU WORK RIDERS MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) Turf *Right-Hand Turn*
Stake: R105,000 **1200m**

No	Horse	Age, Colour, Sex; Wins, Places, Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey * = App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	MIZZEN SWORD*	3Bg 0-4-7 11-1200m Earn: R24,750 Brown and white halved horizontally, checked sleeves and cap	M Khan	*8	*D Mazule	60	0V14 (14.25)	4T11 (3.00)	7B14 (12.00) 02Jan25
2	PURSUIT OF FAME*	3Bg 0-5-14 10-1200m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R64,375 Silver, black epaulettes, striped sleeves and cap	J A Visser	*9	*J Horing	60	7V10 (8.75)	0T14 (16.50)	0T10 (22.25) 16Dec24
3	OKLAHOMA TWISTER%	4Chg 0-8-20 12-1500m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R68,000 Bright blue, white braces, collar and cuffs, bright blue sleeves, white stars, bright blue c	H van der Westhuizen	*7	*T Lukhele	60	9V14 (6.00)	4V12 (4.75)	3B14 (1.20) 16Jan25
4	HIGHVELD STORM%	4Bg 0-4-7 12-1450m Earn: R44,000 Dark blue, shocking pink stars, black sleeves, black cap, shocking pink stars	F P Habib	*1	*T Matsoele	60	2B14 (0.50)	4V14 (5.00)	3V14 (4.65) 05Dec24
5	ASIAN DELIGHT*	3Bg 0-2-9 11-1200m Earn: R11,250 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*3	*V Sithetho	60	5V12 (10.75)	8V12 (11.00)	0V12 (11.50) 21Dec24
6	SUMMER SHADE*	4Bg 0-4-19 10-1500m S: 0-0-4 Earn: R47,625 Light blue, white star, hooped sleeves, white cap	B Webber	*12	*C Mabaya	60	6V12 (8.75)	5V10 (2.65)	7T11 (12.00) 18Jan25
7	KING BEIJING%	5Bg 0-0-3 0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil Yellow, purple sleeves, yellow armbands, quartered cap	L Kruger	*10	*T Ncume	60	8J12 (11.00)	0V14 (39.95)	9B16 (15.00) 24Dec24
8	LIKE A PRAYER	3Grf 0-1-4 1450m Earn: R13,125 Red, white braces and sleeves, quartered cap	A P Peter	*2	*P Mongqawa	57.5	8T11 (16.45)	5B14 (7.75)	3B14 (2.25) 16Jan25
9	SCARLET*	4Chf 0-2-18 10-1200m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R15,375 White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	*5	*S Mkhumbuzi	57.5	0T10 (12.05)	8T11 (11.50)	0T10 (40.00) 11Jan25
10	JINGER JAM	3Bf 0-0-0 0m Earn: Nil Blue, shocking pink band of diamonds and sleeves, checked diamond cap	A P Peter	4	*S B Mthembu	57.5	FIRST RUN		
11	MRS WONDERFUL	3Chf 0-0-1 0m Earn: Nil Yellow and red quartered, yellow sleeves, red armbands and cuffs, yellow cap	S M Naidoo	*6	*S Siphika	57.5			0T10 (50.00) 03Dec24
12	SUPERIOR	3Bf 0-0-2 0m Earn: Nil Blue, black and white checked sleeves, black and white checked cap, blue peak	C Mayhew	*11	*K L Mayhew-Mung	57.5		0D10 (12.70)	0D14 (11.90) 12Oct24

Same Trainer: (8 & 10).

FORECAST BETTING: 2-1 HIGHVELD STORM; 3-1 LIKE A PRAYER; 6-1 MIZZEN SWORD; 7-1 OKLAHOMA TWISTER; 8-1 JINGER JAM; 10-1 SUPERIOR; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 4 HIGHVELD STORM 8 LIKE A PRAYER 1 MIZZEN SWORD 3 OKLAHOMA TWISTER

PREVIEW: This won't take much winning. HIGHVELD STORM, LIKE A PRAYER and OKLAHOMA TWISTER could fight out the finish if repeating recent performances. MIZZEN SWORD will appreciate reverting to this shorter trip and should be more competitive. JINGER JAM doesn't need to be special to play a leading role on debut.

VAAL CLASSIC - RACE 2 - 30 JAN 2025 - TAB TOP 7 MEETING
RACE 2: 13:00 - PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden F & M. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) **Turf Right-Hand Turn**
 Stake: R105,000 **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	SPIRIT IN THE WIND* 4Chf 0-0-11	0m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R2,250 Turquoise, yellow, pink, orange and purple variable stripes	C I Jonker	*2	P Mxoli	60	9V20 (15.50)	8B15 (17.50)	6B16 (7.45) 24Dec24
2	PASS THE BATON 4Bf 0-7-23	12-1700m Earn: R72,250 White, red chevrons, striped sleeves, white cap	C I Jonker	*7	N Klink	60	0V14 (14.85)	0V12 (18.25)	9V14 (11.75) 31Dec24
3	SHES EVERYTHING 3Chf 0-4-6	14-1800m Earn: R43,000 Black,cerise pink zig zags,collar,cuffs and cap	P F Matchett	*6	M Yeni	58	4J18 (3.50)	3B14 (1.00)	2B18 (4.50) 21Jan25
4	INSTANT ATTRACTION% 3Bf 0-6-7	14-2000m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R60,750 Navy blue, red and navy blue checked diagonally, red sleeves, navy cap.	C Mayhew	*1	R Munger	58	2V20 (1.50)	4B16 (4.75)	3B18 (5.00) 21Jan25
5	LUNAR RAINBOW 3Bf 0-4-7	18-2000m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R59,250 Shocking pink, dayglo yellow sash stars, dayglo yellow sleeves, shocking pink stars, shock	P F Matchett	*5	Wes Marwing	58	2J18 (10.00)	7B14 (11.75)	2T20 (3.25) 28Dec24
6	Q FOR LOVE 3Bf 0-0-5	0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil Dark blue, red star and sleeves, dark blue cap, red peak	P F Matchett	*3	*G Dookhit	58	8V10 (10.35)	8V14 (12.25)	7B16 (8.25) 24Dec24
7	BEVERLY BABY* 3Bf 0-0-9	0m Earn: R2,250 Cerise, black hoop and sleeves, cerise armbands, black cap	J Borman	*4	D Schwarz	58	7J15 (13.90)	6V24 (29.00)	6B18 (9.20) 21Jan25

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

FORECAST BETTING: 1-1 SHES EVERYTHING; 2-1 INSTANT ATTRACTION; 3-1 LUNAR RAINBOW; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS OFF: PASS THE BATON.

TIPS: 3 SHES EVERYTHING 4 INSTANT ATTRACTION 5 LUNAR RAINBOW 1 SPIRIT IN THE WIND

PREVIEW: Just 3 runners with a genuine winning chance. LUNAR RAINBOW and INSTANT ATTRACTION filled the runners-up berth in their last 2000m appearances and both have the form and experience to fight out the finish. However, in a recent 1800m meeting on this course, the latter finished behind re-opposing SHES EVERYTHING who will confirm her superiority with any improvement over the extra 200m.

RACE 3: 13:35 - WWW.TAB4RACING.COM MAIDEN PLATE (For all Maidens. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) **Turf Right-Hand Turn**
 Stake: R120,000 **1500m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	LIVEBYTHESWORD 4Bg 0-1-6	1600m S: 0-1-3 Earn: R9,750 White, blue spots, red sleeves, white stars, red cap, white star	M/A Azzie	*9	*N Nastili	60	8T16 (21.00)	9V16 (10.00)	0B16 (8.00) 19Sep24
2	SPY STORY 3Bg 0-9-17	10-1600m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R85,500 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*6	K Matsunyane	59	5B12 (8.25)	4B14 (3.70)	4T16 (2.50) 23Jan25
3	CHARIOT OF FIRE 3Bg 0-1-3	1200m Earn: R9,000 Yellow, cerise seams, quartered cap	M N Houdalakis	*7	C Zackey	59	3V12 (5.00)	6J14 (10.00)	0V14 (5.80) 24Sep24
4	ROYAL MIRACLE 3Bg 0-1-6	1600m Earn: R20,250 Black, white cross, amber sleeves, black cuffs, amber cap	W C Marwing	*2	R Munger	59	7J16 (7.75)	5J18 (15.50)	9V17 (9.00) 31Oct24
5	HONG KONG LUCKY 3Bg 0-0-1	0m Earn: R2,250 White, black fleur de lys, red sleeves, black collar and cuffs, black and white striped cap	J J van Vuuren	*1	L Nhlapo	59			5J12 (6.35) 28Sep24
6	IMMEDIATE EDGE 3Chc 1-0-1	1600m Earn: Nil Yellow, royal blue chevron, collar, cuffs and cap	M F De Kock	*3	M Yeni	59			1T16 (1.40) 23Jan25
7	PAGE BOY 3Bg 0-1-2	1400m Earn: R5,000 White, black fleur de lys, red sleeves, black collar and cuffs, black and white striped cap	S G Tarry	*8	P Strydom	59		4V14 (10.25)	6V12 (6.00) 21Dec24
8	STAND UP* 3Bg 0-0-2	0m Earn: Nil Dusty pink, white and black hoop and armbands, black cap	E Verdonese	*5	*T Mayhew	59		0V14 (17.75)	0T14 (23.50) 15Nov24
9	THE ULTIMATE KING 3Bc 0-0-1	0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil Blue, shocking pink band of diamonds and sleeves, checked diamond cap	A P Peter	*4	G Lerena	59			7T16 (13.25) 11Nov24

Same Trainer: None.

FORECAST BETTING: 5-2 SPY STORY; 28-10 PAGE BOY; 4-1 CHARIOT OF FIRE; 9-2 HONG KONG LUCKY; 5-1 THE ULTIMATE KING; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

HEADGEAR CHANGE: BLINKERS ON: STAND UP.

TIPS: 2 SPY STORY 7 PAGE BOY 3 CHARIOT OF FIRE 5 HONG KONG LUCKY

PREVIEW: SPY STORY finished a close-up 4th behind a well-bred newcomer Immediate Edge 7 days ago and he should be competitive if this doesn't come too soon. PAGE BOY didn't go unnoticed on his reappearance as a gelding after a lengthy layoff and he should have more to offer over this extended trip. CHARIOT OF FIRE and HONG KONG LUCKY aren't taken lightly returning from respective layoffs. THE ULTIMATE KING fits a similar profile so shouldn't be underestimated.

RACE 4: 14:10 - RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden F & M. R15 000 Win bonus ROA Members) **Turf Right-Hand Turn**
 Stake: R105,000 **1500m**

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *=App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	GHOSTBUSTER% 5Bm 0-1-3	1450m Earn: R5,250 Blue, red crossed sashes, yellow sleeves, blue cap	E Verdonese	*5	R Munger	60	7T11 (11.50)	7T16 (8.50)	4B14 (3.00) 19Dec24
2	MATTIAZO 4Bf 0-0-0	0m Earn: Nil Red, royal blue and red hooped sleeves and cap	D Nieuwenhuizen	6	G Lerena	60	FIRST RUN		
3	INTRO 3Bf 0-8-19	10-1600m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R102,000 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*4	M K Katjedi	59	3V12 (5.50)	6V12 (4.35)	3T16 (6.40) 23Jan25
4	JILTED 3Bf 0-4-11	10-1450m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R56,875 Black, scarlet cap	A Ndzilana	3	J Gates	59	5V14 (15.50)	9J10 (11.50)	5N14 (4.75) 10Dec24
5	GIMME A GREEN CARD 3Bf 0-0-3	0m Earn: Nil White, scarlet and white quartered cap	D Nieuwenhuizen	*7	K Matsunyane	59	9T11 (13.00)	0T10 (13.25)	8B14 (5.05) 16Jan25
6	BELLA BOOP BOOP§ 3Bf 0-3-14	14-1600m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R30,500 Black and silver hoops	C J Lensley	*1	L Nhlapo	59	9V14 (12.55)	4B16 (8.80)	9B14 (5.10) 16Jan25
7	AURORA GREEN 3Bf 0-0-1	0m S: 0-0-1 Earn: Nil Black, yellow sash, sleeves and cap	M/A Azzie	*9	M Yeni	59			6B12 (6.75) 06Jan25
8	FLIGHTLIGHT 3Bf 0-0-2	0m Earn: Nil Red,white stars and collar,black sleeves,white stars and cuffs,black cap,white stars,red peak	S G Tarry	*8	C Zackey	59		0V12 (10.75)	7B14 (3.65) 16Jan25
9	PRECIOUS BEAUTY 3Bf 0-0-2	0m Earn: R2,625 White, black 'v' bib with royal blue spots and sleeves, black cap, royal blue spots	R Klaasen	2	K A Brewer	59		5T16 (10.75)	8N14 (28.60) 10Dec24

Same Trainer: (2 & 5).

FORECAST BETTING: 3-1 AURORA GREEN; 4-1 FLIGHTLIGHT; 5-1 MATTIAZO; 6-1 GHOSTBUSTER; 7-1 INTRO; 8-1 GIMME A GREEN CARD; 10-1 JILTED; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

TIPS: 8 FLIGHTLIGHT 7 AURORA GREEN 2 MATTIAZO 1 GHOSTBUSTER

PREVIEW: FLIGHTLIGHT made eye-catching late headway last time on this course over 1450m and this extended trip should unlock further improvement, so it could pay to follow her progress. AURORA GREEN fits a similar profile and will know more about it after a pleasing sprint debut. Well-bred MATTIAZO makes a belated introduction as a 4yo but the booking of jockey Gavin Lerena is encouraging. GHOSTBUSTER, INTRO and GIMME A GREEN CARD appeal most of the remainder.

RACE 5: 14:45 - TAB TELEBET 0861 000 822 FM 87 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R135,000 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	MOUNT ETNA*	4Bf 4-10-25 14-2400m S: 0-1-5 Earn: R368,938	F Bronkhorst	+1	C Maujean	60	1B20 (3.00)	8T18 (8.00)	4B20 (5.75) 21Jan25
2	RANI OF KITTUR	4Bf 3-2-9 11-2000m Earn: R227,625	R R Magner	+6	G Lerena	59.5	3J20 (2.00)	2V18 (0.25)	1V18 (1.80) 31Dec24
3	ELEMBEE§	5Bm 3-14-25 14-1800m S: 1-1-3 Earn: R353,250	S G Tarry	+3	C Zackey	58.5	7B16 (5.70)	4T18 (3.60)	5V18 (2.70) 31Dec24
4	I AM REGAL*	5Bm 5-14-33 14-2000m S: 0-1-5 Earn: R464,250	P F Matchett	+7	M Yeni	58.5	8J20 (13.50)	9V18 (9.00)	3B20 (3.50) 21Jan25
5	DIMAKO'S JET	4Bf 2-6-10 14-1800m S: 1-0-2 Earn: R179,500	W C Marwing	+5	R Munger	56	4B18 (3.50)	4T16 (4.25)	1J18 (0.40) 14Nov24
6	COFFEEBERRY	5Bm 5-16-34 14-2700m S: 2-3-7 Earn: R86,775	P F Matchett	+9	*G Dookhit	55	9T14 (9.05)	6T24 (19.50)	7B20 (11.95) 21Jan25
7	KADIZORA	4Bf 1-9-14 16-2600m S: 0-2-3 Earn: R190,250	M F De Kock	+4	*N Nastili	54.5	2J20 (0.10)	3V18 (0.75)	3B20 (3.20) 12Dec24
8	ROSY LEMON*	5Bm 4-19-38 12-2000m S: 2-3-8 Earn: R414,250	F Bronkhorst	+8	D Schwarz	53.5	6V18 (1.90)	4B20 (4.90)	5B20 (6.25) 21Jan25
9	IDEAL FUTURE*	6Bm 5-16-36 14-2600m S: 0-5-10 Earn: R424,625	L Kruger	+2	*T Mayhew	53	6J20 (11.90)	2V24 (0.10)	5B24 (6.75) 24Dec24

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

FORECAST BETTING: 28-10 RANI OF KITTUR; 7-2 DIMAKO'S JET; 5-1 KADIZORA; 6-1 MOUNT ETNA; 7-1 ELEMBEE; 8-1 I AM REGAL; 10-1 ROSY LEMON; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.**DOWN IN CLASS:** MOUNT ETNA, RANI OF KITTUR, ELEMBEE, I AM REGAL, COFFEEBERRY, ROSY LEMON.**TIPS:** 7 KADIZORA 2 RANI OF KITTUR 5 DIMAKO'S JET 3 ELEMBEE**PREVIEW:** MOUNT ETNA won back-to-back handicaps in this grade before acquitting herself well in defeat at a higher level. She should be more competitive in these calmer waters but is worse off at the weights with several familiar foes, including last-start winners RANI OF KITTUR and DIMAKO'S JET. However, a chance is taken on consistent KADIZORA who wouldn't be winning out of turn and benefits from her rider's 2.5kg apprentice allowance.**RACE 6: 15:20 - BOOK FOR GUINEAS DAY 1 FEBRUARY FM 71 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M)** (For Fillies and Mares) Turf Right-Hand Turn

Stake: R105,000 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	ANCIENT WISDOM*	3Chf 1-2-5 14-1800m Earn: R97,750	A P Peter	+1	C Maujean	60	3J16 (6.90)	5V17 (6.25)	1J18 (10.00) 07Nov24
2	DESTINY OF FIRE*	3Bf 2-3-6 12-1600m S: 0-1-1 Earn: R129,625	M F De Kock	+5	G Lerena	60	7T16 (5.50)	3T14 (2.00)	1T16 (1.40) 23Jan25
3	KURAMATHI	3Bf 1-2-6 15-1600m Earn: R74,250	S T Pettigrew	+8	P Mxoli	59.5	3J16 (11.00)	1J16 (1.75)	6T16 (7.50) 23Nov24
4	SENSORIA	3Bf 2-1-11 14-1600m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R132,250	R Klaasen	+2	K Matsunyane	59.5	6T14 (4.75)	9T16 (10.00)	1B16 (0.20) 19Dec24
5	FREE IN SEATTLE*	3Bf 1-9-17 14-2000m S: 1-1-2 Earn: R168,875	S J Gray	+9	M Yeni	57.5	4B20 (2.65)	2V18 (1.30)	2B20 (0.70) 21Jan25
6	GLORIA MUNDI	3Bf 1-3-12 17-2000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R105,875	A P Peter	+4	C Zackey	57	3V20 (1.55)	1V18 (3.00)	5V18 (6.00) 31Dec24
7	ANGEL'S WISH	6Bm 4-16-44 14-2600m S: 1-0-7 Earn: R351,125	W H Marwing	+6	Wes Marwing	56	7B20 (31.50)	7J20 (13.50)	5T24 (7.10) 07Dec24
8	GREAT BARRIER*	4Bf 1-5-12 11-1450m S: 0-1-2 Earn: R116,000	C Dawson	+7	D Schwarz	55.5	5T14 (3.90)	6B16 (2.75)	5B14 (6.40) 16Jan25
9	WHISTLEDOWN*	4Chf 1-3-14 14-2000m S: 0-0-2 Earn: R80,750	M Khan	+3	N Klink	55	8B18 (50.00)	4T14 (3.65)	5B14 (6.20) 02Jan25
10	CARTAGENA	4Bf 1-3-13 12-2000m Earn: R63,750	H E Adamson	+10	K A Brewer	52	4V18 (1.20)	6B20 (4.20)	4B20 (2.50) 21Jan25

Same Trainer: (1 & 6).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 DESTINY OF FIRE; 9-2 ANCIENT WISDOM; 5-1 FREE IN SEATTLE; 6-1 SENSORIA; 8-1 GLORIA MUNDI, GREAT BARRIER; 10-1 ANGEL'S WISH, CARTAGENA; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.**HEADGEAR CHANGE:** BLINKERS ON: DESTINY OF FIRE.**TIPS:** 1 ANCIENT WISDOM 5 FREE IN SEATTLE 4 SENSORIA 10 CARTAGENA**PREVIEW:** The step up to 1800m and fitting of blinkers to ANCIENT WISDOM saw her run out a wide-margin maiden winner by 10 lengths. She's open to further improvement on her reappearance so looks good value to make a winning handicap debut. Fellow last-start winner (on this course) SENSORIA ought to remain competitive under a penalty, though a bigger threat could be posed by FREE IN SEATTLE who deserves a reward for her consistency. CARTAGENA and GLORIA MUNDI complete the shortlist.

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RACE 7: 15:53 - FOR HOSPITALITY BOOKINGS CALL 011 681 1796 MR 96 HANDICAP (Open) Turf Right-Hand Turn Stake: R150,000 1200m

No	Horse	Age,Colour,Sex; Wins,Places,Runs	Trainer	Draw	Jockey *App	Wgt	3rd Last Run	2nd Last Run	Last Run and Date
1	AFTER THE RAIN	7Grh 5-12-26 10-1600m S: 0-4-7 Earn: R485,850	C J Lensley	*6	*T Mayhew	61	<u>0D12</u> (13.65)	3V12 (1.50)	0T11 (10.75) 30Nov24
2	BIOFARMER%	4Bg 2-6-13 11-1600m S: 1-1-2 Earn: R202,500	H E Adamson	*13	J R Syster	60.5	<u>4V11</u> (5.75)	4V14 (2.70)	9V14 (17.00) 31Dec24
3	CHIEFTAIN	3Bg 2-4-7 8-1100m S: 0-2-3 Earn: R206,250	J J van Vuuren	*3	G Lerena	58	2T10 (0.25)	1T10 (0.25)	5T10 (5.80) 28Dec24
4	ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES	6Bg 7-13-37 8-1200m S: 3-2-7 Earn: R770,375	R R Magner	*7	P Strydom	58	5T10 (3.25)	3B12 (1.65)	1B12 (0.40) 16Jan25
5	DANILO DANILOVITCH	6Bg 6-13-43 9-1450m S: 2-2-5 Earn: R520,075	P F Matchett	*2	M Yeni	57.5	4T11 (2.50)	<u>8V11</u> (13.75)	<u>7T10</u> (3.05) 11Jan25
6	WYZEACT%	4Chg 2-10-21 11-1600m S: 0-4-8 Earn: R254,750	C Spies	*9	M K Katjedi	56.5	0V15 (10.90)	7V14 (8.60)	5B12 (3.00) 16Jan25
7	CIAN THE CONQUEROR%	5Bg 3-6-22 11-1600m S: 1-2-5 Earn: R279,875	C Spies	*4	J Penny	55.5	0V12 (7.75)	8J14 (8.50)	<u>2B12</u> (0.40) 16Jan25
8	EDWARD RYE (ARG)	5Bg 2-3-7 11-1200m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R175,000	A P Peter	*1	C Zackey	55.5	1T11 (1.75)	<u>5T11</u> (7.50)	3T11 (4.85) 07Dec24
9	NIGHT BOMBER<	4Bg 3-5-17 12-1250m S: 1-0-3 Earn: R353,600	B D Botes	*12	R Munger	55.5	4D12 (1.70)	3D12 (1.90)	5K11 (5.00) 09Nov24
10	ENSUING	5Bg 4-5-21 11-1600m S: 1-4-9 Earn: R328,875	J J van Vuuren	*11	C Maujean	55	<u>0G12</u> (5.95)	0G16 (14.95)	<u>5B12</u> (3.25) 19Dec24
11	MIDNIGHT GEM*	7Bm 8-16-50 11-1400m S: 1-5-10 Earn: R643,375	P P Labuschagne	*8	D Schwarz	53.5	3T11 (2.70)	9V11 (7.20)	7B12 (7.00) 16Jan25
12	SUTHERLAND	4Chg 1-4-6 12-1400m S: 0-2-2 Earn: R124,750	S T Pettigrew	*10	P Mxoli	53	<u>3V14</u> (2.75)	<u>1J12</u> (0.50)	<u>2V14</u> (1.00) 28Nov24
Reserve Runner(s):									
13	FASTNET FILLY (IRE)	5Bm 2-3-7 11-1450m Earn: R174,875	B/J Crawford	*5	Reserve 1	52	<u>1T11</u> (2.25)	1T11 (1.25)	2B14 (2.00) 02Jan25

Same Trainer: (3 & 10); (6 & 7).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 SUTHERLAND; 9-2 CHIEFTAIN; 5-1 EDWARD RYE; 6-1 NIGHT BOMBER; 7-1 ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES; 8-1 CIAN THE CONQUEROR; 10-1 WYZEACT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.

DOWN IN CLASS: AFTER THE RAIN, CHIEFTAIN, EDWARD RYE.

TIPS: 8 EDWARD RYE 12 SUTHERLAND 3 CHIEFTAIN 9 NIGHT BOMBER

PREVIEW: ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES capitalised on a drop in the ratings by winning a similar course-and-distance event recently and a 2-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. Runner-up CIAN THE CONQUEROR is 1kg better off so should be in the thick of it. Maturing 3yo CHIEFTAIN is untried over this trip but has shown enough to be competitive from an inside gate. Sparingly raced EDWARD RYE drops in class and could repay his followers, having been heavily supported at a higher level last time. SUTHERLAND and Highveld newcomer NIGHT BOMBER are drawn wide but will make their presence felt.

RACE 8: 16:28 - NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY MR 72 HANDICAP (Open) 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	SMITH AND WESSON	5Bg 4-16-39 9-1200m S: 1-4-8 Earn: R425,775 Yellow, pink crossed sashes and sleeves, yellow cap	P F Matchett	*1	M Yeni	61.5	4V10 (6.25)	7V11 (5.00)	4T10 (2.80) 18Jan25
2	VAR PARK	5Chg 3-11-32 10-1100m S: 1-1-5 Earn: R350,000 White, purple maltese cross and cap	G J Maroun	*10	P Strydom	61	8T10 (11.25)	5V10 (7.65)	6T10 (3.30) 18Jan25
3	TIGER STORM%	3Bg 1-5-8 1000m Earn: R131,750 Red, black epaulettes and cap	F P Habib	*9	*T Mayhew	60.5	4V10 (1.25)	2V10 (3.75)	1V10 (0.75) 31Dec24
4	WINGS OF NIKE	6Bm 5-12-33 1000m S: 1-2-4 Earn: R359,125 Red and white checked diamonds, black sleeves, checked diamond cap, black peak	S M Naidoo	*3	R Munger	60.5	6J12 (8.00)	1V10 (0.75)	8J10 (28.00) 22Jun24
5	LONELY AS A CLOUD	3Bg 1-0-7 1000m S: 0-0-1 Earn: R82,250 Black, gold star, hooped sleeves and cap	C Dawson	*7	C Zackey	60	6T14 (10.50)	1T10 (1.30)	5B10 (2.90) 16Jan25
6	CAPTAIN EFFICIENT*	4Bg 1-9-18 10-1200m Earn: R129,175 Black,dark greenandred stripes,black collar,d green sleeves,red seames,white cuffs,redand dgre	F P Habib	*5	D Schwarz	58	4V12 (5.50)	4T10 (4.30)	5T11 (3.85) 16Dec24
7	IN THE ETHER*	6Bm 6-29-55 10-1450m S: 1-4-8 Earn: R643,462 Blue, white hoop, hooped sleeves and cap	G J Maroun	*4	P Mxoli	57.5	6V10 (3.25)	1B10 (0.60)	4B10 (2.30) 16Jan25
8	COMMANDER OF ALL%	4Bg 1-8-20 10-1400m Earn: R110,750 Dark blue, shocking pink stars, black sleeves, black cap, shocking pink stars	F P Habib	*8	J Gates	56	2V12 (4.00)	4J12 (6.80)	8V10 (4.75) 28Nov24
9	PACIFIC*	4Bg 1-7-20 10-1160m S: 0-2-2 Earn: R124,875 Green, white rings, quartered cap	S J Gray	*6	K Matsunyane	54	7V10 (4.50)	3B10 (0.80)	3B10 (1.50) 16Jan25
10	JET CAT*	9Chg 3-22-58 10-1400m S: 0-3-7 Earn: R362,125 Midnight blue, silver diamond, midnight blue sleeves, silver cap	H van der Westhuizen	*2	J R Syster	52	5J10 (2.55)	4V10 (2.25)	8B12 (6.10) 21Jan25

Same Trainer: (2 & 7); (3 & 6 & 8).

FORECAST BETTING: 4-1 CAPTAIN EFFICIENT; 5-1 TIGER STORM; 6-1 SMITH AND WESSON, VAR PARK; 7-1 IN THE ETHER, PACIFIC; 8-1 LONELY AS A CLOUD, COMMANDER OF ALL; 10-1 JET CAT; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.**DOWN IN CLASS:** SMITH AND WESSON, VAR PARK.**TIPS:** 6 CAPTAIN EFFICIENT 7 IN THE ETHER 2 VAR PARK 9 PACIFIC**PREVIEW:** Hard-knockers SMITH AND WESSON and VAR PARK are closely matched on the form of a recent 1000m Turffontein meeting. Both have the form and experience to have a say in the outcome. Veteran mare IN THE ETHER fits a similar profile but her slow-starting habit is proving costly. LONELY AS A CLOUD and PACIFIC finished on the heels of that rival last time so they shouldn't be far off the mark. Improving last-start winner TIGER STORM and stablemate CAPTAIN EFFICIENT have genuine winning chances too, though preference is for the latter whose consistency may be rewarded given relief from the handicapper.

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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