

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2025.10.14

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R75.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: A weak race. MATTS ROCKET showed improvement last time out and could keep rolling this time around. LILAC SNOW has struggled without success to get out of the maiden ranks but has a chance in a race like this. UNIVERSAL GIRL is capable of improvement. LASTING LOOKS has some fair form and can contest the finish. AMAZE ME is unreliable but can get into the mix of things when in the right mood. WINTER WEDDING should be better than a moderate last performance.

Selections:

#6 Matts Rocket, #1 Lilac Snow, #3 Lasting Looks, #4 Amaze Me

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R105.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Trainer Sean Tarry has his runners in good order. GOLDEN OPERATOR returns from a break but could be a bit better than these rivals. REAL STUNNER is capable of improvement and should contest the finish. BOOM TOWN was not disgraced on debut and should have more to offer. POWER OF PEARLS is knocking at the door and should be right there at the finish yet again.

Selections:

#8 Golden Operator, #9 Power Of Pearls, #6 Boom Town, #1 Real Stunner

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R95.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: COUNCILLOR was not disgraced on her debut. Stepping up in distance looks the right thing and she should go close to winning. She will have to get past the consistent ETHICAL. This Heavenly Blue filly is holding her form and threatening a first success. ASIAH'S TIARA is usually not far behind the winner at the finish and one of these days she might just crack it. CODEWORD has struggled in her last two starts but can be a threat in this race. VILLARRICA has only had the one start and is likely to show vast improvement.

Selections:

#10 Councillor, #4 Ethical, #1 Asiah's Tiara, #5 Sapphire Sun

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: BJORN IRONSIDE is fit and in good form. The addition of blinkers looks a good option and he can follow up and score again. WAR OF KINGDOMS returns from a break and could be well above his rating. LONELY AS A CLOUD is clearly better than his last run and could earn some more money. RONDEBOSCH returns from a break but he is talented and should fight out the finish. AFRICAN PRIDE and ALPHA WORLD have a tough task at these weights but have scope for improvement.

Selections:

#1 Bjorn Ironside, #4 Rondebosch, #2 War Of Kingdoms, #5 African Pride

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R115.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: A very open looking race. CURTISS CONDOR needed the last run and could bounce back and win over this distance. DANCE KING gives weight away to his rivals but could play a minor role. AMERICAN REBEL is holding form and clearly not out with a 4kg claiming apprentice riding. Stable companions EIGER SANCTION and EIFFEL TOWER are both capable of getting involved with the finish when in the right mood. SKY PILLAR ROCK and TITANS OF WAR both showed improvement and would not be surprise winners.

Selections:

#6 Curtiss Condor, #2 American Rebel, #5 Eiger Sanction, #9 Titans Of War

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R110.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Trainer St John Gray has a decent hand in this race. ACROSS THE POND is in good form and gets a narrow vote to score. Stable companion TWOSTEP QUEEN reminded us what she is capable of with a good win last time out and could follow up. CEUTA needed her last run and will be a threat to these rivals. POPLAR PARK has ability but her fitness is the issue as she is returning from a break. WARNING SOUND did not show her best last time but is not out of it either.

Selections:

#4 Across The Pond, #3 Twostep Queen, #2 Ceuta, #8 Warning Sound

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R100.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: MAMLAMBO is clearly progressing and there was something to like about both her wins. She can complete a hat-trick. SAIGON SUZIE found the distance too sharp last time out and will be more of a threat over this distance. BRIGHT AND BRAZEN is clearly better than her last run and can challenge for top honours. CAPE SAFFRON and FAIR PROPOSAL have some fair recent form and should contest the finish. HAZY DAZY improved to win her second start and can follow up with improvement likely.

Selections:

#3 Mamlambo, #9 Hazy Dazy, #10 Fair Proposal, #8 Cape Saffron

Vaal Classic, 14.10.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R100.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Probably the most open race on this card and we may have to load this leg for the exotics, especially the Pick 6. CARTAGENA showed improvement and could be ready to score. ROMEO'S MAGIC and ROYAL MAZARIN both remain in good shape and could get involved with the finish. TRIDENT KING and ROSY LEMON both lack extra right at the end of the race but are capable of earning some more money. ARLINGTON ACTION and returning NUCLEAR FORCE are also capable of winning a race of this nature.

Selections:

#9 Cartagena, #1 Romeo's Magic, #2 Royal Mazarin, #3 Trident King

Best Win: #8 GOLDEN OPERATOR

Best Value Bet:

Best Longshot: #9 CARTAGENA