

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2025.08.28

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: REDLIGHTGREENLIGHT showed promise in each appearance as a juvenile last season and won't need to improve much to make a winning debut. WORLD ORDER has the form and experience to trouble the selection. FORCE PUBLIQUE could have more to offer stretching out to this trip for the first time, so he isn't taken lightly. MYSTIC VISION and SEVENTH FLEET complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#5 Redlightgreenlight, #6 World Order, #7 Force Publique, #2 Seventh Fleet

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: SCARLETT HEART and REJUVENATE are knocking loudly at the door of a maiden victory. Neither would be winning out of turn. LADY BLUNT and stable companion SAVARA'S PRINCESS have improved since relocating to the Highveld. Both have the ability to play leading roles. AMAZE ME and SAPPHIRE SUN could make their presence felt too if confirming the improvement of recent career-best performances.

Selections:

#2 Scarlett Heart, #3 Rejuvenate, #4 Lady Blunt, #7 Sapphire Sun

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Unexposed MISTER WILSON was upstaged on his reappearance by stablemate SEA WOLF who, despite a 6-point penalty, is weighted to confirm his superiority under a 4kg claiming apprentice. WHAT A TIGER bounced back to form in the same race but is also worse off at the weights with his last-start conqueror. ONE TIGER would've benefitted from his comeback run following a rest and gelding, so he could improve sufficiently in first-time cheekpieces to play a leading role. However, the value may lie with maturing BUMPS LAST GRIND who remains open to improvement and is probably better than rated.

Selections:

#5 Bumps Last Grind, #2 Sea Wolf, #6 What A Tiger, #4 Mister Wilson

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: GLOBAL THUNDER lost little in defeat when finishing a game second over 1200m in her hat-trick bid under a 10-point penalty. She will appreciate reverting to 1000m so could bounce back to winning ways at the expense of recent wide-margin scorer FAITHFUL NEO who, even with a 6-point penalty to carry, should remain competitive. Class-dropper JUST THE TWO OF US returns from a layoff but does have a good record racing fresh. VIRGINIA BEACH, ARILENA and VALIEVA will likely fight out the minors.

Selections:

#2 Global Thunder, #4 Faithful Neo, #1 Just The Two Of Us, #5 Arilena

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: This won't take much winning so TIME FOR CHARITY ought to capitalise on her good form by landing the spoils, especially as the return to 1000m will be to her liking. MICKE'S BOMB is held by that rival on the form of their 31 August meeting but is weighted to pose more of a threat on the revised terms. Veterans IN THE ETHER and RATTLE BAG, hard-knocker NKANDLA GOLD, and lightly raced BLINDFIRE complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#7 Time For Charity, #8 Micke's Bomb, #3 In The Ether, #5 Blindfire

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R110.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Solid cases can be made for most of these. AZALEAS FOR ALL, FREE IN SEATTLE and ART NOUVEAU are genuine candidates for success. They are closely matched on recent form and there shouldn't be much separating them again. However, preference is for TWOSTEP QUEEN whose performances at a higher level as well as her rider's 4kg allowance should stand her in good stead. KISSING MACHINE and PLAY WITH FIRE have earning potential too.

Selections:

#1 Twostep Queen, #2 Azaleas For All, #3 Free In Seattle, #5 Art Nouveau

Vaal, 28.08.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R100.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: WAGRAM has flattered to deceive against stronger opposition but the addition of blinkers and ease in grade could prove a masterstroke. Hard-knocker PRETTY ANALIA stretches out to this trip for the first time but does have the form and experience at this level to pose a threat. BOOM BOOM, ANNEWITHAN E, CARTAGENA and last-start winner KISS OF FIRE are also capable of having a say in the outcome.

Selections:

#2 Wagram, #5 Pretty Analia, #3 Annewithan E, #4 Boom Boom

Best Win: #5 REDLIGHTGREENLIGHT

Best Value Bet: #5 BUMPS LAST GRIND

Best Longshot: #5 BUMPS LAST GRIND