

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2026.03.26

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R130.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: MIDNIGHT SHOW, SHERIFF BILL BROWN and TWO TIGERS were well beaten on debut but they would've benefitted from that experience and could have more to offer. However, one of the newcomers won't need to be special to make a winning introduction. EXPERT WITNESS and GIMME SOME LUCK appeal most of the first-timers, and the market could speak volumes of their chances on debut. RED VIKING and REVITALISE are others to note. Watch the betting!

Selections:

#1 Expert Witness, #2 Gimme Some Luck, #3 Midnight Show, #4 Red Viking

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R120.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: LANZAROTE acquitted herself well in a Listed feature against winners last time and she won't need to improve much, if at all, to open her account. HOC EST VITA improved with the benefit of experience and could get into the picture with further progress. However, a bigger threat will likely come from one of the newcomers, so pay careful attention to the betting exchnages. LADY HARLEQUIN, VERDANDI and USHOULDBEDANCING make appeal on pedigree so warrant respect before any market clues.

Selections:

#4 Lanzarote, #3 Lady Harlequin, #9 Verdandi, #1 Hoc Est Vita

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R105.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: THE REASON has finished 2nd in 2 of her last 3 starts so wouldn't be winning out of turn. LANTERI, AMAZE ME and ONCEINABLUEMOON have shown enough to pose a threat to the selection. SAVARA'S PRINCESS and BABY RED appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#1 The Reason, #2 Onceinabluemoon, #3 Lanteri, #6 Amaze Me

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: NIGHT SKIZZLE caught the eye on debut when staying on to finish ahead of SHOREYBOMBA and, with natural improvement, should confirm that form. BEACH WALKER and ARIZONA MAGIC finished 2nd in their most recent outings and need only to repeat those performances to have a say in the outcome. WILLOW CHARM, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, NEBRASKA and TRACKSUIT DAVE complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#10 Night Skizzle, #2 Shoreybomba, #6 Arizona Magic, #1 Beach Walker

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R100.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: EUPHRATES was outclassed in a Listed feature last time but will be more competitive in these calmer waters, especially over a track and trip that suits. MILITARY MOVES fits a similar profile but a wide draw does his chances no favours. Last-start winners CASUS BELLI and POMOZELOUS remain competitive off their revised marks, while HAT FURIOUS could have a say if this extended trip unlocks any improvement. Veterans ARLINTON ACTION, ROMEO'S MAGIC and FULL GO have the means to make their presence felt too.

Selections:

#4 Euphrates, #1 Arlington Action, #6 Casus Belli, #5 Military Moves

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 6, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R135.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: SCARLETT HEART copped a hefty 17-point penalty for finishing 3rd in a 3yo Fillies Grade 1 over this trip last time. She concedes weight to all as a result but a repeat of that performance should suffice. BAKWENA, WOMAN'S WORLD and WARNING SOUND are closely matched on the form of a recent Listed meeting over 1600m. They are equally - if not more - effective over this extended trip so are likely to pose a threat. Last-start winner KISSING MACHINE remains competitive under a penalty as do recent runners-up FUTURE DATE and stablemate FREE IN SEATTLE.

Selections:

#1 Scarlett Heart, #8 Warning Sound, #5 Woman's World, #9 Kissing Machine

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R125.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Many with chances in a big field but the value could lie with DARK SILVER whose comeback 3rd over 1600m was encouraging. He would have tightened with the benefit of that outing and will be more at home over this extended trip. Last-start course-and-distance winners SKY PILLAR ROCK and STORM AHEAD remain competitive under resultant penalties, as do 3yo class-droppers ROYAL ENGAGEMENT and WORLD OF ROYALTY. Consistent PRINCE OF KILDARE (wide draw) and EXPRESS YOURSELF can also get into the picture.

Selections:

#1 Dark Silver, #5 Storm Ahead, #12 Royal Engagement, #13 World Of Royalty

Vaal Classic, 26.03.2026, Race 8, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R105.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: AZALEAS FOR ALL has remained consistent at a higher level so this drop in class off a slightly reduced mark could be the tonic for her to recapture the winning thread. SPECIAL STAR and fellow 3yo SURPRISE PARTY should also be more competitive eased in grade. Lightly raced last-start winner FALCONFLY remains open to improvement so should have a role to play, despite a 7-point rating rise. PEARL IN HER CROWN and stablemate ROSY LEMON have shown enough to amke their presence felt, along with maturing SIKELOI who will appreciate stretching out to this distance for the first time.

Selections:

#1 Azaleas For All, #4 Falconfly, #3 Special Star, #7 Sikeloi

Best Win: #1 SCARLETT HEART

Best Value Bet: #1 DARK SILVER

Best Longshot: #1 DARK SILVER