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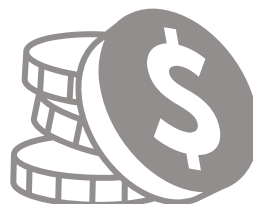
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**R1 VAAL** 2000m  
 10:40 | (GMT09:40) | ZARR150,000 | PPLTE  
 4RACING WELCOMES YOU PROGRESS PLATE  
 FLAT **TURF** Participants #6

ARISTOTLE (1) is the clear top selection. Too tough last time here over 1800m and looks suited out further in journey. This no harder and can get the job done again. BAKWENA (6) was no match for Aristotle but was fractious before the race. Kept coming after giving away a big start. Goes well here and extra trip a plus. Definite danger. KUDZU (3) finished sixth over a mile over the weekend and on the quick back-up. Extra trip a plus. Sure to be about the money. CHESTNUT BOMBER (4) has not won for a long while. Last raced on January 8 when beaten 10 lengths into sixth at this track over 1800m. Suitably placed so anticipating a bold performance.

**1 ARISTOTLE** BP: 1 61.0kg  
 x4041 Jockey: C HABIB +  
 Trainer: A LAIRD  
 Owner: Messrs K P Nagendran & R  
**C BF** Career: 13 : 3-4-1 (17 days)  
 Handy gelding who is racing well, including a win last start over 1800m at this track. One of the major players.

**2 HOTARUBI** BP: 5 60.5kg  
 60264 Jockey: R MUNGER  
 Trainer: C JONKER  
 Owner: Tkp Racing (Nom: Trevelen  
**C** Career: 34 : 2-6-4 (5 days)  
 Finished fourth last start over 1600m at this track and is now 346 days without a win. Low on confidence and hard to recommend.

**3 KUDZU** BP: 4 57.0kg  
 34656 Jockey: C ZACKEY ★  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Wernars Family  
**D** Career: 20 : 2-5-3 (3 days)  
 Two back 5th of 7 at Turffontein Standside on January 1 over 1600m, 3 len behind Grand Empire with 54.5kg at \$7. Has since finished sixth over a mile there over the weekend and on the quick back-up. Extra trip a plus.

**4 CHESTNUT BOMBER** BP: 2 56.5kg  
 53576 Jockey: M YENI  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Wernars Family & R M Sewg  
 Career: 18 : 2-2-2 (33 days)  
 Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when sixth over 1800m at this track a month ago, beaten 10 lengths. Worth following up.

**5 MISTER SPEAKER** BP: 6 55.0kg  
 78978 Jockey: D SCHWARZ  
 Trainer: K ROUX  
 Owner: Messrs P L De Lange, S J  
**D** Career: 19 : 2-1-0 (14 days)  
 Has been safely held at his last few runs, the latest a well-beaten eighth over 2000m at this track. Disappointing form likely to continue.

**6 BAKWENA** BP: 3 54.0kg  
 14365 Jockey: K D MELO ★+  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Wernars Family  
**C** Career: 13 : 2-1-1 (17 days)  
 Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fifth over 1800m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 2.75 lengths. Great chance to atone.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	2, 5	1, 4, 6	3

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	1	3	1	1	2	-
2nd	1	6	5	6	3	6	-
3rd	2	3	-	2	4	3	-

Favorite: ARISTOTLE  
 Possible alternative: BAKWENA  
 The cover: KUDZU

**R2 VAAL** 1000m  
 11:15 | (GMT10:15) | ZARR105,000 | FM MPLATE  
 CLASSIC DAY 7 MARCH MAIDEN PLATE  
 FLAT **TURF** Participants #8

EL ZANI (5) ran on well on debut and found one better. Improvement to come and should go well. SLENDER SILHOUETTE (1) is better than form suggests including a solid fourth here last time. Expect a bold showing. MASTER'S LADY (3) is overdue for a win and placed 2/3 this course and distance. Encouraging effort last start. In the mix. STAR BLAZE (8) is a three-year-old filly on debut from the stable of Stuart Pettigrew. By The United States from Mystic Cloud. Top-three chance.

**1 SLENDER SILHOUETTE** BP: 5 60.0kg  
 x3x4x Jockey: K D MELO ★  
 Trainer: S STARRY  
 Owner: Messrs T Gujadhur, R M Se  
 Career: 4 : 0-0-1 (98 days)  
 Hasn't raced since finishing fourth over 1000m at this track three-and-a-half months ago. Should give a great sight.

**2 MYSTICAL BUTTERFLY** BP: 6 60.0kg  
 9430 Jockey: C HABIB  
 Trainer: C BINDA  
 Owner: Hollywood Racing (Nom: Mr  
 Career: 4 : 0-0-1 (17 days)  
 Beaten 5.5 lengths when third at Turffontein Standside two runs ago then was comfortably held last time over 1200m at this track. Looks out of her depth.

**3 MASTER'S LADY** BP: 8 60.0kg  
 52245 Jockey: B MARX-JACOBSON  
 Trainer: R MAGNER  
 Owner: Mr HD Long  
 Career: 9 : 0-4-1 (17 days)  
 Drops in trip from the last start when fifth over 1200m at this track, finishing 3 lengths off the winner. One of the leading chances.

**4 ELEGANT EDGE** BP: 4 60.0kg  
 536 Jockey: K MATSUNYANE  
 Trainer: C BINDA  
 Owner: Dreamstar Racing (Nom: Mr  
 Career: 3 : 0-0-1 (30 days)  
 Yet to break through in three runs but has been thereabouts. Last start disappointing when sixth over 1000m at Turffontein Standside but did perform much better the start prior. Can sneak into the finish with the right run.

**5 EL ZANI** BP: 2 60.0kg  
 2 Jockey: G LERENA ★  
 Trainer: T PETER  
 Owner: Mrs S Viljoen  
 Career: 1 : 0-1-0 (12 days)  
 Settled off the pace at debut last time out before finding the line stylishly to finish runner-up over 1000m at this track. Improver who can go on with it.

**6 FOXY AFTER DARK** BP: 1 60.0kg  
 6 Jockey: R MUNGER  
 Trainer: R MAGNER  
 Owner: Mr G R Sadleir  
 Career: 1 : 0-0-0 (42 days)  
 Made her debut over 1000m at Turffontein Standside last start and was well in the market but could only finish sixth, beaten 6 lengths. Can feature with that run under her belt.

**7 NICOLSON LANDING** BP: 3 60.0kg  
 58 Jockey: J SYSTER  
 Trainer: S PETTIGREW ★  
 Owner: Monte Carlo Syndicate (No  
 Career: 2 : 0-0-0 (17 days)  
 Missed the frame on debut then finished eighth over 1200m at this track two-and-a-half weeks ago. Best figures measure up and looks sure to run well.

**8 STAR BLAZE** BP: 7 60.0kg  
 Jockey: P MXOLI  
 Trainer: S PETTIGREW ★  
 Owner: Mrs L Ackerman  
 Career: First Start  
 Daughter of The United States from Mystic Cloud making her debut. Must be kept safe.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	2, 5	1, 3, 4, 7	6, 8

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	5	-	-	-	5	5	-
2nd	3	-	-	-	1	1	-
3rd	1	-	-	-	7	6	-

Favorite: EL ZANI  
 Possible alternative: SLENDER SILHOUETTE  
 The cover: MASTER'S LADY

**R3 VAAL** 1000m  
 11:50 | (GMT10:50) | ZARR120,000 | MPLATE  
 RACING TODAY MAIDEN PLATE  
 FLAT **TURF** Participants #7

KING REDOUTE (4) was heavily bet on debut and was green but boxed on okay for fourth. Looks to have plenty of upside and worth following up at second outing. POWER OF TIGER (6) was disappointing as favourite here last time but best form stacks up and change of rider. Can atone. KAMBATI (1) is better than that recent plain performance suggests. Placed only try this trip and worth another chance. MRS STORMIATRIX (5) is on the quick back-up after a solid run fresh. Has pace and looks an improver with definite claims.

**1 KAMBATI** BP: 7 60.0kg  
 637 Jockey: M MBUTO  
 Trainer: C LENSLEY ★  
 Owner: Mr T P Zackey, Mrs R Sewn  
 Career: 3 : 0-0-1 (14 days)  
 Not far away two back but disappointed last time when seventh over 1450m at this track. One of the chances if finds best.

**2 JAWBREAKER** BP: 2 60.0kg  
 8739 Jockey: T MAYHEW  
 Trainer: C SPIES  
 Owner: Green Lightning Racing (P)  
 Career: 4 : 0-0-1 (5 days)  
 Placed two starts back at Turffontein Standside before struggling to win in easier grade at this track over 1600m last time out. Hard to see him winning this with form like that.

**3 OLYMPIC ADMIRAL** BP: 5 60.0kg  
 07x96 Jockey: K LIHABA  
 Trainer: C JONKER  
 Owner: Mr & Mrs C Jonker  
 Career: 5 : 0-0-0 (9 days)  
 Hasn't threatened in two runs back from a spell. Finished 16 lengths from the winner when sixth last time out over 1160m at Turffontein Standside. Likely to struggle again.

**4 KING REDOUTE** BP: 1 60.0kg  
 4 Jockey: K D MELO ★  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Messrs T Gujadhur, R M Se  
 BF Career: 1 : 0-0-0 (12 days)  
 Started favourite on debut last start over 1000m at this track but could only manage fourth, beaten 4.5 lengths. Keagan De Melo is aboard again. Leading chance this line-up.

**5 MRS STORMIATRIX** BP: 6 57.5kg  
 3x8x5 Jockey: C HABIB  
 Trainer: T PETER  
 Owner: Kestorm Investments (Nom:  
 Career: 6 : 0-0-1 (9 days)  
 Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 4 lengths into fifth over 1160m at Turffontein Standside. Rates highly and expected to do much better with that run under her belt.

**6 POWER OF TIGER** BP: 4 57.5kg  
 43325 Jockey: P MXOLI  
 Trainer: P MATCHETT  
 Owner: Messrs M B Bloemstein, D  
 Career: 8 : 0-1-2 (12 days)  
 Has three placings from six runs this campaign but disappointed last start when midfield over 1000m at this track. Nicely placed and worth another chance.

**7 BELLA BOOP BOOP** BP: 3 57.5kg  
 9247x Jockey: M KATJEDI  
 Trainer: C LENSLEY ★  
 Owner: Mr T P Zackey  
 Career: 29 : 0-2-4 (138 days)  
 Resumes today after filling a minor placing six times from 29 starts in her maiden campaign. At the latest outing she finished seventh over 1200m at this track on September 25. Has ability but others rate better.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
3	1, 5, 7	2, 4, 6	

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	6				5	4	
2nd	4	-	-	-	4	5	
3rd	7				1	6	

Favorite: KING REDOUTE  
 Possible alternative: POWER OF TIGER  
 The cover: KAMBATI

**R4 VAAL** 1000m  
 12:25 | (GMT11:25) | ZARR130,000 | GPLATE  
 SA DERBY 4 APRIL GRADUATION PLATE  
 FLAT **TURF** Participants #7

TRAJANUS (3) is worth forgiving last start which was first run of career out of the placings. Has brilliant early speed and won only try course and distance. Go close on previous rating. AFRICAN PRIDE (2) is another who can bounce back. Not much luck last time and much better than the run suggests. Best form is here and worth another try. UMZINGELI WENYATHI (1) raced in open class over the weekend and was only a couple of lengths away in fourth. This easier and on the quick back-up. Can bounce back. CHAPBOOK (4) was a winner only try this trip three back. Cannot be ruled out despite a lacklustre effort last time.

**1 UMZINGELI WENYATHI** BP: 1 60.0kg  
 51414 Jockey: K MATSUNYANE  
 Trainer: C BINDA  
 Owner: Hollywood Racing (Nom: Mr  
 Career: 10 : 2-1-3 (4 days)  
 Two back won by a neck at Greyville All Weather January 14 over 1200m defeating Magic Surprise with 53.5kg at \$4.50. Returned there in open class over the weekend and was only a couple of lengths away. This easier and on the quick-up.

**2 AFRICAN PRIDE** BP: 4 59.5kg  
 30428 Jockey: R MUNGER  
 Trainer: C SPIES  
 Owner: I Spy Racing Syndicate (P)  
 CD BF Career: 9 : 2-1-2 (12 days)  
 Was well fancied last time but ran below par, finishing eighth and beaten 5 lengths over 1000m at this track. Better than the last effort suggests and deserves another chance.

**3 TRAJANUS** BP: 6 59.5kg  
 x2116 Jockey: C ZACKEY ★+  
 Trainer: S STARRY  
 Owner: Messrs D Chinsammy, D Jes  
 CD Career: 6 : 2-3-0 (38 days)  
 A sequence of wins was broken last time out when he finished sixth over 1000m at Turffontein Standside. Rock-hard fit after four runs back from a spell and can turn things around.

**4 CHAPBOOK** BP: 7 59.0kg  
 50158 Jockey: G LERENA ★  
 Trainer: C BINDA  
 Owner: Hollywood Racing (Nom: Mr  
 D Career: 9 : 2-2-0 (9 days)  
 Lightly raced colt who was beaten 8 lengths into eighth last start over 1160m at Turffontein Standside. One of the better chances.

**5 ALPINE JET** BP: 2 57.0kg  
 x168x Jockey: K D MELO ★  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Wernars Family & R M Sewg  
 CD BF Career: 5 : 2-1-0 (75 days)  
 Back from a break after closing last prep with a disappointing eighth over 1000m at Turffontein Inside on November 27. Finds a tough assignment so looks tested.

**6 KAAVOET** BP: 5 56.5kg  
 55546 Jockey: C HABIB +  
 Trainer: C BINDA  
 Owner: Hollywood Racing (Nom: Mr  
 CD Career: 10 : 1-0-1 (9 days)  
 Has been out of the money of late including last time out when sixth over 1160m at Turffontein Standside nine days ago, beaten 6 lengths. Tested again.

**7 AQUARIUS** BP: 3 54.5kg  
 4313 Jockey: L NHLAPO  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Wernars Family & T Gujadh  
 Career: 4 : 1-0-2 (26 days)  
 Went down narrowly last start, finishing third at this track over 1600m, beaten only 0.8 lengths. Will find this tougher.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
		4, 6, 7	1, 2, 3, 5

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	5	4	5	3	4	3
2nd	5	3	5	2	5	3	2
3rd	4	7	3	3	7	5	5

Favorite: TRAJANUS  
 Possible alternative: AFRICAN PRIDE  
 The cover: UMZINGELI WENYATHI

**R5 VAAL** 1000m  
 13:00 | (GMT12:00) | ZAR R125,000 | RBH83  
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 FLAT **TURF** Participants #9

All the main chances have brilliant early speed so an intriguing contest. CAROLINE ISLAND (1) is fitter for two runs back and both have been good in tougher company. Well placed back in class. Speedy filly close to a win and expected to feature. STONEYWOOD (6) is another speedy galloper who was a winner here last time leading throughout for an effortless win. Back in trip but placed 2/2 this journey and will take catching. PIVOTAL ROLE (8) was too fast here at second career outing scoring a big maiden win then spelled again. Has upside and bold performance expected. SAKETINI (4) is a talented type in great form. Has good pace and goes well here. Among the main hopes.

**1 CAROLINE ISLAND** BP: 9 60.0kg  
 13x42 Jockey: C HABIB  
 Trainer: T PETER  
 Owner: Messrs J J Habib, G, K &  
 Career: 5 : 1-2-1 (14 days)  
 Lightly raced filly who was beaten 1.75 lengths into second last start over 1000m at this track. Key runner who is expected to be in the finish.

**2 ROCK OF BISMANTOVA** BP: 1 59.0kg  
 x5600 Jockey: R MUNGER  
 Trainer: C SPIES  
 Owner: Messrs S Govender, C D Br  
 Career: 25 : 3-2-2 (52 days)  
 Unwanted in betting at his last couple of outings and has performed accordingly. Not keen.

**3 ABOUND** BP: 2 57.0kg  
 95295 Jockey: C MURRAY  
 Trainer: J CRAWFORD  
 Owner: Mr E G Van Den Berg  
 Career: 26 : 3-4-3 (17 days)  
 Was there on straightening last start but faded over the final stages to finish fifth over 1200m at this track. Should be very competitive.

**4 SAKETINI** BP: 4 56.5kg  
 79x12 Jockey: J GATES  
 Trainer: F HABIB  
 Owner: Tkp Racing (Nom: Trevelen  
 Career: 5 : 1-1-0 (30 days)  
 Scored first-up at this track then found one better last time at Turffontein Standside over 1000m, beaten 1.3 lengths. Worth following up.

**5 HIS LORDSHIP** BP: 5 56.5kg  
 13623 Jockey: M V'RENSBURG  
 Trainer: D STENGER  
 Owner: D De Andrade & S Gaskell  
 Career: 12 : 2-1-2 (30 days)  
 Recorded his second minor placing in a row last time out when third over 1000m at Turffontein Standside. In form and can run another forward race.

**6 STONEYWOOD** BP: 6 56.0kg  
 9x221 Jockey: C ZACKEY  
 Trainer: L HOUDALAKIS  
 Owner: Mr D Shawe  
 Career: 4 : 1-2-0 (17 days)  
 Landed his maiden win last time as favourite out over 1200m at this track. Is generally thereabouts in his races. Heading the right way and should measure up again.

**7 FIFTY WAYS** BP: 7 55.5kg  
 157x7 Jockey: B MARX-JACOBSON  
 Trainer: S PETTIGREW  
 Owner: Messrs D Chinsammy, Paul  
 Career: 5 : 1-0-0 (14 days)  
 Has had one run back from a break and was well held in seventh over 1450m at this track two weeks ago. No easier this time and not likely to threaten.

**8 PIVOTAL ROLE** BP: 8 55.5kg  
 21x Jockey: K D MELO  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Messrs T Gujadhur, R M Se  
 Career: 2 : 1-1-0 (131 days)  
 Back from a spell of four-and-a-half months. Closed last prep with a maiden win by 3 lengths over 1000m at this track. Expected to be forward enough to run well while fresh as he has done before.

**9 KIA KAHA** BP: 3 54.5kg  
 x7656 Jockey: T MAYHEW  
 Trainer: M AZZIE  
 Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mr  
 Career: 15 : 2-1-1 (24 days)  
 Comes here after finishing sixth last time at this track and trip, beaten 3.5 lengths. Not likely to threaten.

**1 CALANTHA** BP: 4 60.0kg  
 x1507 Jockey: J SYSTER  
 Trainer: M M D KOCK  
 Owner: Ladies Onamission Syndica  
 Career: 13 : 3-4-1 (38 days)  
 Has been out of the money recently including last time out when seventh over 1160m at Turffontein Standside five-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 4 lengths. Major player.

**2 PERFECT MIRACLE** BP: 6 58.0kg  
 11504 Jockey: G LERENA  
 Trainer: T PETER  
 Owner: Mrs S Viljoen  
 Career: 5 : 2-0-0 (24 days)  
 Ran a better race last start to finish fourth over 1200m at this track. Solid top-three chance.

**3 STORMY DAY** BP: 2 57.0kg  
 1x10x Jockey: K D MELO  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Messrs T Gujadhur, R M Se  
 Career: 3 : 2-0-0 (101 days)  
 Went for a spell following a disappointing tenth over 1400m at Turffontein Standside on November 1. Unbeaten when returning from a spell and is going to take a power of beating.

**4 TUSCAN ROMANCE** BP: 1 56.5kg  
 x2214 Jockey: K MATSUNYANE  
 Trainer: J CRAWFORD  
 Owner: Mr P M Murugasa  
 Career: 16 : 2-9-1 (38 days)  
 Scored two starts back at this track before finishing 1.75 lengths from the winner in fourth last time over 1160m at Turffontein Standside. Racing well and looks a key chance.

**5 THERE SHE GOES** BP: 7 54.0kg  
 74112 Jockey: M MICHEL  
 Trainer: W MARWING  
 Owner: Mesdames C Marks & S Mark  
 Career: 60 : 7-7-6 (14 days)  
 Found one better last time out over 1000m at this track, beaten just 0.1 lengths. Tough task ahead this time.

**6 VALIEVA** BP: 5 54.0kg  
 85796 Jockey: M YENI  
 Trainer: F BRONKHORST  
 Owner: Dr M Taljaardt & Messrs F  
 Career: 31 : 3-4-3 (24 days)  
 Hasn't performed well of late, the latest effort a sixth over 1200m at this track, beaten 5 lengths. Looks tested against this line-up.

**7 MAVERICK QUEEN** BP: 3 53.0kg  
 13123 Jockey: M KATJEDI  
 Trainer: S STARRY  
 Owner: Haraka Bloodstock (J Piet  
 Career: 15 : 3-1-3 (24 days)  
 Handy filly who is racing well, including a solid third last start over 1200m at this track. Harder here so prefer others.

Pace of the Race							
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader				
	7	3, 4, 5	1, 2, 6, 8, 9				
Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	8	8	7	5	1	6	
2nd	6	6	8	6	8	3	-
3rd	4	4	4	8	6	8	

Favorite: CAROLINE ISLAND  
 Possible alternative: STONEYWOOD  
 The cover: PIVOTAL ROLE

**R6 VAAL** 1200m  
 13:35 | (GMT12:35) | ZAR R135,000 | FM RBH92  
 PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 FM 92 DIVI...  
 FLAT **TURF** Participants #7

STORMY DAY (3) is a talented type resuming. Has won both starts fresh. Hasn't raced since pulling up lame in Grade 3 company before another break. Go close. TUSCAN ROMANCE (4) was thereabouts last start and previous form good for this. Won only try course and distance and looks a definite winning hope. PERFECT MIRACLE (2) is a progressive filly who has been racing in open class. Speedy type who won her first two and has a change of rider. Genuine contender under these conditions. CALANTHA (1) has the ability to take this out. Placed 2/2 this course and distance and has to be included.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	5	1, 6	2, 3, 4, 7

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	3	3	3	4	2	2	1
2nd	4	2	2	5	7	3	5
3rd	2	4	1	6	3	6	-

**Favorite: STORMY DAY**  
**Possible alternative: TUSCAN ROMANCE**  
**The cover: PERFECT MIRACLE**

**R7 VAAL** 1200m  
 14:10 | (GMT13:10) | ZAR R105,000 | FM RBH78  
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 FLAT **TURF** Participants #10

LOVABLE (7) was off the mark at second outing with a determined win. Has good upside and this race is well within her grasp. PLUMBAGO PARK (4) is a super consistent type including placing 3/3 this circuit. Sure to be right there at the business end. SEASON'S GREETINGS (3) is building to a win including a last start placing here. One of the chief contenders. MISS NOVAX (2) is fitter again. Genuine contender under these conditions.

**1 BLUSHING BLOOM** BP: 10 60.0kg  
 2125x Jockey: K D MELO ★  
 Trainer: J A J V VUUREN  
 Owner: Wernars Family, D C Stone  
**CD** Career: 6: 1-2-0 (117 days)  
 Resumes today. Last appeared at Turffontein Inside over 1200m when fifth four months ago. Can play a major role.

**2 MISS NOVAX** BP: 4 60.0kg  
 15x46 Jockey: C ZACKEY ★★  
 Trainer: L HOUDALAKIS ★  
 Owner: Messrs P J Pascoe, A R Vi  
**CD BF** Career: 4: 1-0-0 (49 days)  
 Reasonable effort last time, finishing 4 lengths back in sixth over 1000m at this track. Don't underestimate.

**3 SEASON'S GREETINGS** BP: 2 60.0kg  
 x4673 Jockey: G LERENA ★★  
 Trainer: C BINDA  
 Owner: Ridgemont (Nom: Mr Craig  
**D** Career: 7: 1-0-2 (24 days)  
 Promising filly who last start finished 2.5 lengths away in third over 1200m at this track. Well placed and sure to be in the finish.

**4 PLUMBAGO PARK** BP: 3 58.0kg  
 22123 Jockey: J SYSTER  
 Trainer: B WEBBER  
 Owner: Mr F Swart  
 Career: 9: 1-3-1 (14 days)  
 Handy filly who finished third last start but was beaten only 1.5 lengths over 1000m at this track. Among the top chances.

**5 QUIET WINTER** BP: 8 57.5kg  
 32165 Jockey: R MUNGER  
 Trainer: L HOUDALAKIS ★  
 Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mr  
**D BF** Career: 7: 1-1-2 (24 days)  
 Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when fifth over 1200m at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 4 lengths. Hard to fault if at her best.

**6 TANA MAREE** BP: 1 57.5kg  
 180x5 Jockey: M KATJEDI  
 Trainer: STARRY  
 Owner: Mr L M Michael, Mr C M Zo  
**CD BF** Career: 8: 1-2-1 (33 days)  
 Wasn't expected to do much when fresh from a spell last start at this track over 1200m and wound up in fifth, beaten 6 lengths. That run was a bit plain so prefer her later on.

**7 LOVABLE** BP: 7 57.0kg  
 41 Jockey: C HABIB  
 Trainer: STARRY  
 Owner: Messrs D Chinsammy, A Lah  
**D** Career: 2: 1-0-0 (38 days)  
 Made nice progress last time out when lining up for the second time, finishing a long neck away in win over 1160m at Turffontein Standside on January 3. Has plenty of upside and should be in the mix.

**8 FIERY FROLIC** BP: 6 56.0kg  
 60321 Jockey: C MAUJEAN  
 Trainer: W O M W H MARWING  
 Owner: 1 More We Stay Syndicate  
**CD** Career: 7: 1-1-1 (17 days)  
 Lightly raced filly progressing well. Broke her maiden status last start by a long neck over 1200m at this track. This looks a tough assignment.

**9 ANGEL'S OASIS** BP: 9 53.5kg  
 268x4 Jockey: K MATSUNYANE  
 Trainer: J CRAWFORD  
 Owner: Mr P M Murugasa  
**D** Career: 15: 1-1-2 (24 days)  
 Returned from a spell with fair effort last start when fourth, beaten 4 lengths, at this track over 1200m. Looks up against it here and prefer others.

**10 LILAC SNOW** BP: 5 52.0kg  
 7321x Jockey: J BOTES  
 Trainer: W O M W H MARWING  
 Owner: Mr G B K Jarvis  
**D** Career: 13: 1-2-1 (75 days)  
 Back from a brief spell. Last raced when successful by half a length at Turffontein Inside over 1200m on November 27. Might need this outing.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	2, 8	1, 4, 6, 9	5, 7, 10

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	7	7	2	1	2	2	4
2nd	2	2	7	8	5	3	2
3rd	6	1	8	2	6	1	5

**Favorite: LOVABLE**  
**Possible alternative: PLUMBAGO PARK**  
**The cover: SEASON'S GREETINGS**

**R8 VAAL** 2400m  
 14:45 | (GMT13:45) | ZAR R110,000 | OPEN  
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 FLAT **TURF** Participants #12

CARTAGENA (7) looks the one to beat again. Talented mare with a great record here including wins the last two this course and distance. Has a kilo more but impossible to fault lately. COPPER CLIFF (5) is in great form with wins here last two. First try this trip but in career best form and still improving. Can take this out. ARLINGTON ACTION (1) is a seasoned galloper who is way better than last run here. Best form is this course and distance and deserves another chance. CHABAL (4) wasn't far away latest and has a good record here. Can improve on that reasonable effort last time out.

**1 ARLINGTON ACTION** BP: 5 60.5kg  
 47345 Jockey: P MXOLI +  
 Trainer: T ZACKEY  
 Owner: Mr K P & Mrs N M Backos  
**CD** Career: 64: 8-6-9 (9 days)  
 Not the most reliable conveyance. Moderate effort last time when 10 lengths from the winner in fifth over 2400m at Turffontein Standside. Will find this more suitable and can feature in the finish.

**2 CULTURATI** BP: 8 60.0kg  
 051 Jockey: M KATJEDI +  
 Trainer: G MAROUN ★  
 Owner: Hollywood Racing (Nom: Mr  
**C** Career: 3: 1-0-0 (19 days)  
 Has progressed at each appearance, culminating in a win at start three last time out over 2000m at this track. In the mix.

**3 SANTIAGO'S PRIDE** BP: 12 60.0kg  
 24x87 Jockey: K LIHABA +  
 Trainer: W MARWING  
 Owner: Mr Q H A Koekemoer  
 Career: 16: 1-4-0 (12 days)  
 Yet to fill a placing in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a seventh over 2000m at this track a week-and-a-half ago. Not keen on his chances.

**4 CHABAL** BP: 3 60.0kg  
 71155 Jockey: G LERENA ★  
 Trainer: F HABIB  
 Owner: Messrs SA Hanna, J Nassi  
**CD** Career: 17: 3-1-0 (26 days)  
 Handy gelding who finished fifth last start but was beaten only 2 lengths over 2400m at this track. Has ability and is one of the leading chances.

**5 COPPER CLIFF** BP: 4 60.0kg  
 66311 Jockey: C ZACKEY ★  
 Trainer: P MATCHETT  
 Owner: Messrs B S Tobias & G Bar  
**C** Career: 9: 2-0-1 (24 days)  
 Winner two back at this track then repeated the dose last start over 2000m at this track, getting home by one length. Well placed and is a leading player.

**6 ROMEO'S MAGIC**

BP: 1  
60.0kg



47355 Jockey: R DANIELSON  
Trainer: B WARREN  
Owner: Mr Grant Mower & Ms R Van  
**CD** Career: 85 : 9-8-8 (24 days)

Has been out of the money recently including last time out when fifth over 2000m at this track three-and-a-half weeks ago, beaten 1.5 lengths. Looking to others.

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	5	5	7	2	9	4	8
2nd	2	7	10	5	10	9	1
3rd	7	2	4	4	7	5	6

**Favorite: CARTAGENA**  
**Possible alternative: COPPER CLIFF**  
**The cover: ARLINGTON ACTION**

**7 CARTAGENA**

BP: 7  
59.0kg



22911 Jockey: J SYSTER +  
Trainer: H E ADAMSON ★  
Owner: Mr Andre Du Plessis  
**CD BF** Career: 28 : 6-2-1 (26 days)

Shooting for a hat-trick of wins after scoring by a long neck over 2400m at this track on January 15. Rates highly and should run well again.

**8 BELLEROPHON**

BP: 10  
58.0kg



19458 Jockey: M MBUTO  
Trainer: F HABIB  
Owner: Ms K Bezuidenhout, Messrs  
**C BF** Career: 7 : 1-1-1 (26 days)

Finished midfield last start at this track over 2000m, 2.25 lengths from the winner. First look at this longer trip. Sure to be thereabouts.

**9 COPPER PLATE**

BP: 2  
58.0kg



16202 Jockey: C MURRAY +  
Trainer: J CRAWFORD  
Owner: Mark Bass, A J Brand, H D  
Career: 13 : 1-2-0 (26 days)

Ran below his best two starts back but hit form again last time when second, beaten a long neck, over 2400m at this track. Big chance on that latest effort.

**10 EUPHRATES**

BP: 11  
56.0kg



34413 Jockey: C HABIB  
Trainer: T PETER  
Owner: Swiss Guard Racing Syndic  
**CD BF** Career: 11 : 1-0-2 (17 days)

Followed a win at this track two starts ago with a third last start over 2400m at this track, beaten 1.2 lengths. Hard to leave out on current form.

**11 NUCLEAR FORCE**

BP: 9  
54.0kg



59696 Jockey: M MICHEL  
Trainer: E VERDONESE  
Owner: Messrs C G Parry & E Verd  
**CD** Career: 40 : 4-4-2 (17 days)

Comes here after finishing sixth last time at this track and trip, beaten 3.5 lengths. Looking to others.

**12 MAJALUN**

BP: 6  
54.0kg



38477 Jockey: T MAYHEW  
Trainer: M AZZIE ★  
Owner: Messrs M G Azzie, A Chris  
**C** Career: 14 : 1-1-2 (12 days)

Back sharply in trip last time and didn't feature when seventh over 1600m at this track. Better off looking at others.

**R9 VAAL**

1800m

15:20 | (GMT+14:20) | ZAR R100,000 | RBH72

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FLAT **TURF**

Participants #12

JAFFA (6) is a progressive type who picked up late to run into the minor money. This easier and expected to go close. FORCE PUBLIQUE (5) has been racing in open class and better than latest. Has the ability to be in the finish. NARETOI (4) was finally off the mark with a determined win here last time. Big chance again now that the penny has dropped. REDLIGHTGREENLIGHT (2) finished a 6 length fifth when resuming last start over 1450m at this track. Has never missed the frame second up. Can do better than last.

**1 STORM AHEAD**

BP: 1  
62.0kg



9x165 Jockey: M YENI  
Trainer: F BRONKHORST  
Owner: Messrs R C Nell & F Bronk  
**D BF** Career: 25 : 3-3-6 (12 days)

Below par in two runs since a win three back, last start finishing fifth over 2000m at this track. Finds a suitable race and should be prominent.

**2 REDLIGHTGREENLIGHT**

BP: 11  
61.5kg



1x6x5 Jockey: G LERENA ★  
Trainer: T PETER  
Owner: Messrs M J Kapnias & A M  
**C** Career: 6 : 1-1-2 (14 days)

Beaten 6 lengths into fifth when resuming last start over 1450m at this track. Fitter for that run and expected to be in the finish this time.

**3 UNSOLVED RIDDLE**

BP: 4  
61.5kg



46556 Jockey: J BOTES  
Trainer: G MAROUN ★  
Owner: Mr G J Maroun  
**C** Career: 32 : 4-3-5 (12 days)

Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when sixth over 1600m at this track a week-and-a-half ago, beaten 3 lengths. Major player.

**4 NARETOI**

BP: 3  
60.5kg



83221 Jockey: M V'RENSBURG +  
Trainer: J CRAWFORD  
Owner: Mr P M Murugasa  
**CD** Career: 10 : 1-2-2 (33 days)

Scored a well-earned win last time out by a head over 1800m at this track. Can go on with it with the confidence high.

**5 FORCE PUBLIQUE**

BP: 2  
60.0kg



x3126 Jockey: K D MELO ★  
Trainer: L HOUDALAKIS ★  
Owner: Wernars Family  
**C** Career: 7 : 1-1-1 (24 days)

Promising gelding who last start finished 3 lengths away in sixth over 1700m at this track. One of the major players.

**6 JAFFA**

BP: 5  
60.0kg



2413 Jockey: C HABIB +  
Trainer: A LAIRD  
Owner: Messrs G A Basel, L Clark  
Career: 4 : 1-1-1 (17 days)

Promising gelding who last start finished 1.3 lengths away in third over 1700m at this track. Key chance expected to feature.

**7 PEACE TREATY**

BP: 6  
58.5kg



57240 Jockey: C ZACKEY ★  
Trainer: S TARRY  
Owner: Messdames H Kuhn & B M A L  
Career: 22 : 1-4-1 (9 days)

Was below his best last time, finishing tenth and beaten 11 lengths over 1800m at Turffontein Standside. Can atone.

**8 STEP INTO IT**

BP: 9  
58.0kg



19x74 Jockey: M MICHEL  
Trainer: M M D KOCK  
Owner: Messrs R Gobel, W D Jacks  
Career: 5 : 1-0-0 (24 days)

Well into his prep now. Finished fourth last start over 1700m at this track when he had to contend with an awkward barrier. Draws out again but represents a major threat.

**9 RED SPARROW**

BP: 8  
53.5kg



77537 Jockey: J GATES  
Trainer: B WEBBER  
Owner: Mr J W Webber  
**C** Career: 22 : 2-0-1 (19 days)

Results have been largely disappointing this preparation. Weakened out of it badly to finish near last at this track on January 22. Drops back 200m in distance. One of the outsiders in the field.

**10 BLURRED VISION**

BP: 10  
52.5kg



80704 Jockey: R MUNGER  
Trainer: S J GRAY  
Owner: Mr St John D Gray  
**C** Career: 29 : 1-1-1 (14 days)

Now 287 days without a win, the latest effort a fourth over 1600m at this track, beaten 3.5 lengths. Low on confidence and hard to recommend.

**11 CIRCLE OF GRACE**

BP: 7  
52.0kg



94664 Jockey: L NHLAPO  
Trainer: C SPIES  
Owner: Green Lightning Racing (P  
**CD BF** Career: 55 : 3-2-6 (9 days)

Current form mediocre and he is now out to 678 days without a win. Finished fourth in his latest appearance over 1800m at Turffontein Standside. Can't recommend on that performance.

**12 GOLD DE GRACE**

BP: 12  
52.0kg



06778 Jockey: M KATJEDI  
Trainer: C JONKER  
Owner: Mr & Mrs C Jonker  
**C** Career: 39 : 1-1-2 (17 days)

Now 222 days without a win, the latest effort a eighth over 2400m at this track, beaten 4 lengths. Happy to overlook.

**Pace of the Race**

BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	4, 6, 10, 11	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 12	1, 5

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
12	2, 3, 7	1, 6, 8, 10, 11	4, 5, 9

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	2	8	4	4	2	2	-
2nd	4	2	1	2	7	7	-
3rd	8	1	11	5	4	1	-

Favorite: JAFFA  
Possible alternative: FORCE PUBLIQUE  
The cover: NARETOI

**R10 VAAL** 1450m

15:55 | (GMT+14:55) | ZARR80,000 | FM RBH66

NEXT VAAL RACEMEETING TUESDAY 24 FE...

FLAT **TURF** Participants #12

CANT CATCH ME (9) was far from disgraced when fourth last start after being in contention on the turn over 1400m at this track, beaten 1.3 lengths. That followed a win at this track the start prior. Finds a suitable race and can play a major role. NORTHERN KITTEN (2) finished fourth two runs back at this track then improved last time out to score by 0.3 lengths after being in contention on the corner over 1600m at this track. This doesn't look as hard so she is a major player. GOLDEN ASPEN (5) gave away a start then stormed home to win over 1400m at Turffontein Standside last time out. One of the main contenders. SPIRITED GIRL (8) was beaten 1.4 lengths into fifth over 1400m at this track last time out. Likely improver with strong top-three prospects.

**1 HUBERTUS HUNT**

x2310 Jockey: C ZACKEY ★  
Trainer: L HOUDALAKIS ★  
Owner: Mr Tony Moodley  
C Career: 8 : 1-1-1 (19 days)



Maiden win came two starts back after 6 attempts. Capable in this field and has a chance here.

**2 NORTHERN KITTEN**

69841 Jockey: J GATES +  
Trainer: F HABIB  
Owner: Mr M G Bothma  
CD Career: 23 : 3-2-0 (26 days)



Latest run was good winning at this track on January 15 over 1600m. Required to carry 61kg here. Won her last start at this track and distance one starts ago. Key chance.

**3 PEARL IN HER CROWN**

0x753 Jockey: M YENI +  
Trainer: F BRONKHORST  
Owner: Bryan & Taryn Spong  
CD Career: 17 : 1-2-3 (17 days)



Hasn't won for more than a year but ran a solid race 17 days ago when third over 1400m at this track. Is a winner at this trip. Has the ability and cannot be taken lightly.

**4 LAST GINGER**

4660x Jockey: M MICHEL  
Trainer: W MARWING  
Owner: Mesdames C Marks & S Mark  
D Career: 29 : 3-1-3 (137 days)



Resuming from a spell. Yet to find the placings in two first-up runs. Likely to need this outing.

**5 GOLDEN ASPEN**

43261 Jockey: M V'RENSBURG +  
Trainer: C SPIES  
Owner: Messrs G W Jooste, X Spie  
CD Career: 97 : 10-8-16 (9 days)

BP: 11  
59.0kg



Broke a long drought last time when she scored by 1.3 lengths at Turffontein Standside over 1400m. Big chance to make it back-to-back successes.

**6 CONCORDIA**

80083 Jockey: R DANIELSON  
Trainer: F BRONKHORST  
Owner: Mr F Bronkhorst, Mr D V & C  
C Career: 17 : 1-1-2 (9 days)

BP: 3  
58.0kg



Has just one success to her name but has recorded three placings from 17 starts. Made nice progress last time out when third over 1400m at Turffontein Standside. Can play a role in the outcome.

**7 PRINCESS LOLA**

44398 Jockey: R MUNGER  
Trainer: R MAGNER  
Owner: Mr T J Barnard  
C Career: 23 : 1-4-2 (33 days)

BP: 10  
57.5kg



Not a regular in the winners' stall and hasn't scored for two years. Last start was 8 lengths back in eighth over 1200m at this track. Has ability and is a great chance to make amends.

**8 SPIRITED GIRL**

07055 Jockey: C MAUJEAN  
Trainer: C MAYHEW  
Owner: Messrs M A Anthony, D F C  
CD Career: 21 : 2-1-2 (17 days)

BP: 1  
57.5kg



Is not a regular in the winner's stall and continued the trend last start when fifth over 1400m at this track. Capable enough on her day and is a key runner.

**9 CANT CATCH ME**

44014 Jockey: G LERENA ★  
Trainer: B WEBBER  
Owner: Mr F Swart  
CD Career: 61 : 3-8-5 (17 days)

BP: 6  
56.5kg



Got home by one length at this track two starts ago. Disappointed last time at this track when 1.3 lengths from the winner in fourth. Certainly worth another chance.

**10 GHOSTBUSTER**

x06x0 Jockey: J BOTES  
Trainer: E VERDONESE  
Owner: Mr E Verdonese  
CD Career: 9 : 1-0-0 (17 days)

BP: 7  
55.5kg



Didn't do much resuming at this track 17 days back. Winless in 13 months now. Prepared to take her on again today in this company.

**11 TOGETHER AGAIN**

00489 Jockey: M KATJEDI  
Trainer: C JONKER  
Owner: Man On The Street Syndica  
CD Career: 71 : 2-3-8 (17 days)

BP: 8  
55.5kg



Recent form has been pretty ordinary and she is now winless in 439 days. Finished ninth in her latest appearance over 1400m at this track. Not one of the major players.

**12 KYLIE'S ANGEL**

06667 Jockey: M MBUTO  
Trainer: C LENSLEY ★  
Owner: Mr G G Palmer & Mrs D Pal  
C Career: 23 : 1-0-2 (17 days)

BP: 4  
53.0kg



Has a poor strike rate and hasn't won a race in more than a year. Must improve off a last-start seventh over 1400m at this track to feature in the finish.

Pace of the Race			
BackMaker	Mid	Pace	Leader
	3, 7, 10, 12	1, 2, 5, 6, 8	4, 9, 11

Race Selections							
	\$L12	Win SR	Dist W%	Trk W%	Trn Rat	Jock Rat	Wet W%
1st	2	2	10	10	1	1	5
2nd	1	1	8	2	2	9	-
3rd	9	9	4	1	7	7	-

Favorite: CANT CATCH ME  
Possible alternative: NORTHERN KITTEN  
The cover: GOLDEN ASPEN