RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2020.07.02

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 1, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R60.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong field. PETERSHAM is having his 3rd run as a gelding and should make a bold bid. CAPPELLA MAGNA sports blinkers now and any improvement could see him win. CITY DEEP has shown up well at times but has a wide draw to contend with. VETRI VEL has been disappointing but in this field could get it right. SACRED DAWN could make the frame. Watch newcomer FRITZ.

Selections:
#1 Petersham, #3 Cappella Magna, #9 Fritz, #8 City Deep

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R60.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: None of the runners are heading for stardom and a first-time could win even if not at peak fitness. SAVIOR drops back to a sprint but has blinkers on now - respect. SUNBURST will have another chance to escape the maidens. ARRAN is speedy but needs to keep galloping while RACING MAN shouldn't be far behind him.

Selections:
#3 Sunburst, #4 Saviour, #1 Arran, #13 Nicaragua

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R60.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult to assess. CAERPHILLY has the best recent form. INCOGNITO shouldn't be far behind. MAY QUEEN was not striding out last time. SOVEREIGNTY found support when downfield on debut. FANSTASY FLOWER never ran to expectations on debut. Watch newcomers LAEITIA'S ANGEL, MILAN'S PRINCESS and TRUE SANGUE. Others could pull it off.

Selections:
#1 Caerphilly, #3 May Queen, #12 Milan's Princess, #13 True Sangue

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R60.000, 14:30GMT+2

Race Summary: DAPHNE DU MAURIER has a wide draw but should still be able to handle this field. Stable companion MACULATE has drawn better and could get into the fight for honours. DOUBLE HEARTS hasn't been far off and could make her presence felt. DEEBAA and stable mate NABEELA as well as SACRED LOTUS are looking for quartet money.

Selections:
#1 Daphne Du Maurier, #2 Double Hearts, #6 Maculate, #3 Deebaa

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R60.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: LORD MELBOURNE won on the 3rd time of asking. He has plenty of room for improvement and from a good draw could go in again. AFRICAN ADVENTURE races as a gelding now and any improvement should see him go close. Many runners could get into the money including PALACE GREEN, OYSTER KING, BELLAGIO KING and POPPYCOCK.

Selections:
#4 Lord Melbourne, #6 African Adventure, #12 Palace Green, #5 Oyster King

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 6, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R60.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race and many in with chances on collateral form. OUR MAN IN HAVANA is holding form and gets the nod. ON MY MIND shouldn't be far off if confirms form. CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, JOHNNY HERO and SKIMINAC shouldn't be far behind.STORMY WINTER is capable but could just need it.   ZEAL AND ZEST is always in with a money chance.

Selections:
#5 Our Man In Havana, #6 On My Mind, #2 Christopher Robin, #3 Johnny Hero

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R60.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: KAPAMA is bang in form and despite a penalty after a facile win last week could complete a hat-trick. ELUSIVE FORCE has never been far back to date and could chalk up a 2nd win. ENCRYPTION has a wide draw but could get into the reckoning. PICCADILLY SQUARE can never be ignored for money. FORTUNA DORO could get into the mix.

Selections:
#8 Kapama, #1 Elusive Force, #3 Encryption, #13 Piccadilly Square

Vaal Classic, 02.07.2020, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R60.000, 16:30GMT+2

Race Summary: STOP FOR NOTHING should be at peak fitness and the distance is perfect. WAQAAS never runs a dull race and could turn it around with LOUVAIN. SHORTSTOP could get into the action if he doesn't give away too much start. WRITTEN IN STONE is running well and could make the frame. JACKMAN races fresh so respect.

Selections:
#7 Stop For Nothing, #3 Waqaas, #8 Shortstop, #2 Louvain