

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2019.12.12

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R90.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: RIVER JORDAN was runner-up in his last 3 and deserves his victory. The one they all have to beat. NIMITZ rates a serious danger if ready after a rest and gelding. LATEST CRAZE has done better in blinkers. He races before this -watch the form. GREY STREET, KALAHARI CHROME and VERDI are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#1 River Jordan, #6 Nimitz, #7 Latest Craze, #2 Grey Street

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 2, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R90.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: TOBEFAIR is knocking and should contest the finish here. RIQAABY has a better draw and will make her work for victory. Stable companion TZARITZA is coming along nicely and could make the money. EVER FAIR needed the sprint come-back run and if not flat in her 2nd run after a rest could find form. HOPE FOR MILLIONS and CANDY CANE could take home minor money.

Selections:

#8 Tobefair, #9 Riquaby, #1 Ever Fair, #2 Hope For Millions

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult to assess with many first-timers - watch especially REGARDS TO ALL and FIRE FLOWER. SINGLE RED ROSE played up at the start last time when disappointing. She races again before this. Also having a run prior to this is in form MIDNIGHT TOP - watch both. ANNE BOLEYN, MALVERN and PATH TO THE STARS are looking to improve on decent debuts.

Selections:

#15 Regards To All, #1 Single Red Rose, #5 Anne Boleyn, #10 Fire Flower

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R130.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: BASADI FAITH is a class act but is strongly fancied to win before this. If takes her place could outpace this field. With a 4kg claim OPERETTA carries a postage stamp. She needed her last run and will be thereabouts. Stable mate REBEL'S CHAMP found problems last time and could make the frame. CHIMICHURI RUN gives chunks of weight to them and could be running on a bit too late.

Selections:

#7 Basadi Faith, #8 Operetta, #1 Chimichuri Run, #2 Rebel's Champ

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive. ARIKEL runs well for Striker and a return to the straight could be what she wants. SOLAR FLARE is never far behind and will enjoy being back over the minimum trip. BEFORE THE DAWN and CASUAL WEAR shouldn't be far off them on recent form. THE FIFTH WAVE could prefer a little extra. ALLYOUNEEDISLOVE and MADAME PATRICE come off maiden wins but can improve.

Selections:

#6 Arikel, #5 Solar Flare, #3 Before The Dawn, #1 The Fifth Wave

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: PIDGEON ROCK is always involved in the finish and what beats him should go close to winning. This includes many and stable companion BOCKSCAR who gets going late rates a contender.

Top weight LIFE IS GOOD could go in again if covered till late. FITZWILLIAM has found form while ILLUSION and SPORTING MONARCH are more for the short list.

Selections:

#8 Pidgeon Rock, #10 Bockscar, #2 Life Is Good, #3 Fitzwilliam

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: GALLIC PRINCESS has matured now and if covered early will not be affected by the straight track. QUERARI FERRARI is unbeaten and now on a hat-trick. If relaxes at the start could complete it. LADY DEFIANCE comes off a break after an impressive debut win and if ready could feature. TRAPICHE is on the up and warrants consideration. WILD N GREY could enjoy the extra.

Selections:

#3 Gallic Princess, #4 Querari Ferrari, #2 Lady Defiance, #8 Trapiche

Vaal, 12.12.2019, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R90.000, 17:15GMT+2

Race Summary: HELLOFARIDE was not striding out last time but should do better. Stable mate ASHBAAL should be cherry-ripe, this his 3rd run as a gelding. ELECTROMAGNETIC needed his last run and if doesn't give too much start could flash up. NORLAND can never be ignored and needs to keep galloping. WAQAAS is holding form and should be concerned in the finish. THERAVADA may just need it.

Selections:

#4 Hellofaride, #6 Electromagnetic, #3 Ashbaal, #14 Waqaas

Best Win: #1 RIVER JORDAN

Best Value Bet: #6 ARIKEL

Best Longshot: #6 ARIKEL