

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2020.02.18

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 1, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R90.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: IDEAL WOLF finished nearly a length in front of UNTAMED TIGER on debut in his penultimate but was a bit disappointing subsequently whereas the latter did better thereafter. It could get close. EXPRESSFROMTHEUS and WILLO'THEWISP race as geldings now after a short rest - watch for improvement. MINISTER WITHOUT tries a little further and warrants respect.

Selections:

#14 Ideal Wolff, #2 Untamed Tiger, #12 Expressfromtheus, #1 Minister Without

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 2, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R90.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: WALLAA wasn't far off in both her starts and should be thereabouts. STORM REPORT showed improvement before a rest and the stable is firing. LIGHTNING ROCK is improving nicely and must be considered. BIANCA showed inexperience on debut and will come on. CAST THE DICE, SAINT MARCELLA, ROYAL REWARD and ISLAND MISTRESS could get into the money.

Selections:

#1 Lightning Rock, #12 Wallaa, #3 Storm Report, #7 Bianca

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R75.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: WE ALL CHOMIES is having his peak run and doesn't meet a strong field. COLOUR OF LIGHT has a chance if not troubled with a breathing problem. TOUCH OF FATE is doing better and could get into the reckoning. SWEET TRIAL won his last start sporting blinkers and could go in again. Look for a better run from THE MAKWAKKERS. Watch reserve runner BAAHIR.

Selections:

#2 We All Chomies, #3 Colour Of Light, #1 Touch Of Fate, #8 The Makwakkers

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 4, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R75.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Lightly raced ALICANTE takes on a lot of hard knockers and has most scope for improvement. The one they have to beat. EMERALD BAY hasn't been far off and looking for win number 5. PINK is battling to crack another victory but could get into the mix. MISS TYCOON should be cherry-ripe and could feature. Many others are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#14 Alicante, #8 Emerald Bay, #11 Pink, #3 Miss Tycoon

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R85.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. HIGHLANDER has found form and should make his presence felt. BRAND NEW CADILLAC should be at peak fitness and all 3 of his victories were recorded over this distance. OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE is maturing and could confirm with VILLAGE WALK. Watch the run of AFRICAN ADVENTURE before this. CHRISTOPHER ROBIN is looking for quartet money.

Selections:

#4 Highlander, #2 Brand New Cadillac, #1 Out Of Your League, #9 Village Deep

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 6, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R90.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: BALLET SHOES beat TOBEFAIR narrowly when on debut. She was then a bit unlucky not to have won her penultimate. TOBEFAIR franked the form and won her next start. She meets her rival on 2kg better terms and it could get close. JIVE EXPRESS has never been far back and should run another honest race. RABIA THE REBEL is a fighter and could feature.

Selections:

#5 Ballet Shoes, #6 Tobefair, #3 Jive Express, #4 Rabia The Rebel

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R135.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: MARSHALL will be a hard horse to beat in the Egoli Mile. He raced as a gelding for the first time after a rest and won with consummate ease. INDY GO got going late this course and distance and could get into the money. VIPER JET has a great finishing burst and is maturing nicely. VALETORIO, SET THE STANDARD, FOLLOW MY PATH and only filly JUST KIDDING could earn.

Selections:

#1 Marshall, #9 Viper Jet, #2 Indy Go, #3 Valetorio

Vaal Classic, 18.02.2020, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R75.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky Apprentice Handicap. TOP RANK is never far off them and from a decent draw could take it. ELECTROMAGNETIC could get into the action if doesn't give away too much start. WRITTEN IN STONE beat PODCAST (2kg worse off) by a comfortable 1,75 lengths and should confirm. SHORTSTOP and IN THE GAME could make the quartet.

Selections:

#4 Top Rank, #3 Electromagnetic, #2 Written In Stone, #8 Podcast

Best Win: #1 MARSHALL

Best Value Bet: #1 LIGHTNING ROCK

Best Longshot: #1 LIGHTNING ROCK