

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2019.12.19

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 12:05GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong field and an improved performance from any could take honours. SAMOA showed a form return after a below par performance last time and rates the one to beat. OLIVINE comes off a rest but has that come-on look. HIGHTAIL, CATCH A GLIMPSE, TRUCE and a first-timer could get into the mix.

Selections:

#4 Samoa, #3 Olivine, #1 Hightail, #5 Catch A Glimpse

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: DUKE OF YORK has been close up in all 5 starts to date and should be thereabouts again. A blanket could be thrown over all of EPPAGILIA, WHARRA WHARRA, ABLE SURPRISE, ELUSIVE JACK, ENDANGERED, CULTURED PEARL, EXPRESSFROMTHEUS, SOLARIZE and WILLOW'THEWISP and luck in running will play an important part.

Selections:

#1 Duke Of York, #16 Solarize, #19 Willo'Thewisp, #4 Able Surprise

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 3, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R90.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: IDEAL MAN ran a good 2nd on debut over 2000m and the extra 400m should be no problem. BINKY needed his last outing and has proven himself over this course and distance. EIGHTINTHEEIGHTH jumps up in distance and could challenge. TURF MASTER is better than his last 2 runs. KALAHARI CHROME never strode out in his last two and could race problem free this time.

Selections:

#13 Ideal Man, #1 Binky, #4 Eightintheeteighth, #2 Turf Master

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 4, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R130.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: All 11 runners are capable off scoring. DIAMOND DANCER is best over this trip and could take it. LORD SILVERIO has ability but has yet to be tested over the extra. Top weight DAWN ASSAULT can never be ignored. SEVILLE ORANGE could be returning to best form. ODD ROB is cherry-ripe now and could improve his record here. AT HAND carries 2kg overweight which could be telling.

Selections:

#8 Diamond Dancer, #7 Lord Silverio, #1 Dawn Assault, #4 Seville Orange

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: PILLAROFTHEEARTH is running well and could get into the action. He beat BIG BLUE MARBLE (1,5kg better) by over 3 lengths and should confirm. Look for a better run from SCOOP - the blinkers are back on. SILVER MASTER races before this - watch the form. GREASEPAINT is getting on and may lack enthusiasm. Others could pull it off.

Selections:

#4 Pillaroftheearth, #3 Big Blue Marble, #1 Scoop, #2 Silver Master

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R120.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: RONNIE'S CANDY accelerated smartly to win with a lot in hand. She beat RUNNING

BRAVE easily but the latter pulled up distressed and is 3kg better off. DANCING QUEEN is bred for the extra and meets stable companion POOL PARTY on the same terms. It could get close between them. SARAGON is no slouch and if takes her place could get into the mix.

Selections:

#1 Ronnie's Candy, #2 Running Brave, #3 Dancing Queen, #5 Saragon

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 7, Gallops, 1475m, Turf, R500.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Sean Tarry has 10 runners carded for The Grand Heritage and SOCIAL ORDER as well as AGAINST THE GRAIN could prove best of the pack. They take on up-and-coming Mike De Kock colt FIRED UP who is now maturing. RIVERSTOWN is improving with racing and a serious runner. DAN THE LAD is out to defend his crown. DANZA has found form at the right time. Many others have claims.

Selections:

#22 Riverstown, #2 Social Order, #7 Danza, #26 Dan The Lad

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 8, Gallops, 1475m, Turf, R135.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: ODEN won well on his debut here and if sees out the extra could make it 5 in a trot. LAST OF THE LEGEND needed his first run as a gelding and will come on. MR GREENLIGHT showed a form return after a rest and could go on. KINGS ARCHER and TOKYO DRIFT can never be ignored for money. ROCKIN RUSSIAN and TALKTOTHESTARS could make the frame.

Selections:

#6 Oden, #3 Mr Greenlight, #7 Last Of The Legend, #5 Kings Archer

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 9, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R100.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: MARSHALL FOCH won well after a rest and could double up this track and trip. NORDIC REBEL is never far back but struggling for his next win. ELECTROMAGNETIC appears to be returning to form. Watch his run before this. HELLOFARIDE was not striding out last time but should be competitive if problem free. HIDDEN AGENDA and NORLAND could make the quartet.

Selections:

#3 Marshall Foch, #2 Nordic Rebel, #6 Electromagnetic, #5 Hellofaride

Vaal, 19.12.2019, Race 10, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R90.000, 17:25GMT+2

Race Summary: TILMEETH and NIMITZ have decent form and can open their accounts here. LYNTY'S LEGACY is also learning what it's all about and could get closer. Competitive race and more with improvement to come - follow the betting.

Selections:

#7 Tilmeeth, #6 Nimitz, #11 Lyntys Legacy, #20 Numberninetynine

Best Win: #1 RONNIE'S CANDY

Best Value Bet: #22 RIVERSTOWN

Best Longshot: #22 RIVERSTOWN