

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2020.02.20

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: FISTS OF FIRE wasn't far back in both starts and with blinkers now fitted could open his account. Stable companion ROCK THE KAZVAR races as a gelding now after a rest - watch! ROYAL ESCAPADE also races as a gelding now and could come on heaps. SOUL CONNECTION hasn't been far back and with OPENING GAMBIT could take home money.

Selections:

#8 Fists Of Fire, #14 Royal Escapade, #2 Soul Connection, #13 Rock The Kazvar

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 2, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R100.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Corne Spies has 6 of the 10 runners carded and IMPERIAL RUBY looks way better than his stable companions. DIORAMA has won both her starts over this distance but has to give CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (races before this) 6,5kg for a 3,5 length beating. It could be a bit much. CAPETOWN AFFAIR could get into the picture.

Selections:

#4 Christopher Robin, #2 Diorama, #1 Imperial Ruby, #6 Capetown Affair

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R90.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: PERSICA races before this and a lot depends on whether she takes her place. Watch! Also Var debutante SHOWDOWN KID could be anything - respect money. REGARDS TO ALL (found problems last time), LADY SCARLETINA (rested), SINGLE RED ROSE (blinkers back on), SEXY CINDERELLA (honest form), PASCHAL'S SAMORE (blinkers on over minimum trip) and WYLIE WENCH can all find money.

Selections:

#11 Persica, #15 Wylie Wench, #13 Showdown Kid, #4 Sexy Cinderella

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. ARIKEL has ability but appears a difficult ride and needs to relax. HEAR THE TRUMPET is in form and the combo is on a hat-trick. TOWARDS THE SUN only just won his maiden but has scope for improvement. MISS KHALIFA gives start but could go in again. WINGS OF HONOR, MOGGIE BROWN, BEFORE THE DAWN and SCARLET TIGER could make the frame.

Selections:

#2 Arikel, #9 Hear The Trumpet, #12 Towards The Sun, #6 Miss Khalifa

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 5, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R105.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. BENJI showed determination when narrowly beating SMOKE (2kg better) and EPIC DREAM (3kg better) last time and it could go anyway. Down the straight EPIC DREAM gets the nod. MYTHICAL BOLT has ability but needs to put it in. On old form MR WHATSON as well as WHAT YOU ARE have winning chances. OLD MAN TYME could get into the money.

Selections:

#8 Epic Dream, #2 Benji, #3 Mythical Bolt, #12 Smoke

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R100.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Every runner bar one has a chance. ROOI TOM should be thereabouts down this straight track. Stable mates LONE SURVIVOR and HIDDEN AGENDA can never be ignored for money. WAQAAS never runs a dull race and could get into the reckoning. THRONG showed a form come-back last time. SKIMINAC drops down in trip. ICE LORD is unbeaten here. HERTOG and HEART OF A LEGEND can earn.

Selections:

#3 Rooi Tom, #2 Lone Survivor, #7 Hidden Agenda, #9 Waqaas

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R90.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: NOW YOU SEE ME is holding form and could chalk up her 4th victory. DESTINYS GAME has been kept on the boil and should run another honest race. CIRCLE OF LATITUDE improved after a rest and could go on. WORDYNESS has honest form but could just need the run. SOUL OF WIT is running well and could take home a cheque. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#6 Now You See Me, #2 Destinys Game, #3 Circle Of Latitude, #5 Wordyness

Vaal, 20.02.2020, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R75.000, 17:15GMT+2

Race Summary: OH MERCY ME is holding form and even though she could be looking for further now could go in. TAHITIAN ORANA is still in form and shouldn't be far back. ELEGANCIA improved in blinkers and should be thereabouts. SAMMI MOOSA can never be ignored for money. Both LORALEI and TROUSSEAU won on the 2nd time of asking and can improve. KAPAMA could take home a cheque.

Selections:

#1 Oh Mercy Me, #9 Tahitian Orana, #13 Elegancia, #4 Sammi Moosa

Best Win: #11 PERSICA

Best Value Bet: #8 EPIC DREAM

Best Longshot: #8 EPIC DREAM