

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2019.02.21

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R115.000, 12:05GMT+2

Race Summary: RING OF FIRE has good speed but needs to keep on galloping. DONDERWEER stayed on nicely when a length in front of filly ANNATJIE (who found support) - both on debut and both will come on. Watch the many first-timers especially ABLE SURPRISE and CREATION.

Selections:

#6 Donderweer, #16 Annatjie, #12 Ring Of Fire, #1 Able Surprise

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Of those that have raced IT TAKES TWO gets the nod. She is having her 3rd run after a rest and should be cherry-ripe. Many runners are looking to improve on debut including BOUTIQUE and BOLD ELLIE. WITHOUT LIMITS has had her chances but could take home money which brings CAPTAINS LOVE into the picture. Watch the first-timers.

Selections:

#1 It Takes Two, #13 Boutique, #12 Bold Ellie, #2 Without Limits

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky race with many looking to improve. PALACE ASSEMBLY has been running close up and should be thereabouts again. STOCKBRIDGE showed inexperience on debut and will know more about it. FAIRBANKS hasn't been far off recently and could get into the mix. WESTERN OASIS races as a gelding now and any money must be respected. Watch first-timer TOM TOM.

Selections:

#1 Palace Assembly, #16 Stockbridge, #2 Fairbanks, #18 Tom Tom

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R110.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: JOSI DI NERO should be at peak fitness now and will make her presence felt. Stable companion CAFTAN wasn't disgraced on debut and will relish the extra. JIVE EXPRESS fared well on debut but races before this - watch the form. Many others looking for minor money including SENECA FALLS, WINNING QUEEN, GLITTER PATH and PERFECT STORM. Watch newcomer MISTRESSOFMYFATE.

Selections:

#1 Josi Di Nero, #10 Caftan, #16 Jive Express, #17 Mistressofmyfate

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R81.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. FACE THE FIRE is finding form. After 2 improved runs could chalk up his 2nd win. READY TO STRIKE hasn't been disgraced in his post maiden runs. MANITOBA is running well but races before this - watch the form. Stablemate ROCKY PATH forms a strong back-up. TRIP TO TROY is having his peak run. REFUGE is one of many looking to take honours.

Selections:

#9 Face The Fire, #3 Ready To Strike, #1 Manitoba, #5 Trip To Troy

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R103.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult. PALE LILAC was slightly disappointing last time but was hampered by a slipped saddle. BELIEVE ME is holding form and if behaves at the start will feature. TAMMANY HALL has been running against stronger and must be considered. SERENDIPITY is holding form and should confirm with SAMMI MOOSA. FORTUNA DORO, SHELLY, GET YOUR GROVE ON and REDBERRY WOOD could earn.

Selections:

#3 Pale Lilac, #8 Believe Me, #1 Tammany Hall, #14 Serendipity

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R81.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Another open event. CHEROKEE GREY should be at peak fitness and could take it. WOTTAHOTTIE is back to honest ways and could get into the shake-up. ROCKSTAR CHILD is in form and could go in again. PRIVATE RULER, SHORTSTOP, PSYCHIC and CAMEL WALK make up the short list but many are capable of popping up.

Selections:

#5 Cherokee Grey, #8 Wottahottie, #9 Rockstar Child, #11 Camel Walk

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 8, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R110.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: RUSSIAN PRINCE is maturing nicely and if not troubled by breathing noises should make a bold bid. WONDERWALL has ability and could get back on track now a gelding. There should be nothing much between DEWALI, MOJITO MAGIC and TOPMAST and all are looking for money. SACRED CASTLE won in a canter on debut and could be anything. MISS PINKERTON could place.

Selections:

#1 Russian Prince, #2 Wonderwall, #7 Mojito Magic, #9 Topmast

Vaal, 21.02.2019, Race 9, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R98.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: CHE BELLE is ready to chalk up her 2nd win. FRANKLY comes from franked form and should challenge here. PINK drops in distance and could find early form. FLORENCE wasn't disgraced in her post-maiden and could get into the mix. FLY NORTH, VISUALITY, WRITTEN and PACHANGA could get into the frame.

Selections:

#1 Che Bella, #3 Frankly, #2 Pink, #5 Florence