

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2019.08.22

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 1, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R95.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: A small field here and the pace will be important. LACONIA finished just in front of SHEZAHOTTI in 2 recent marathon runs and could repeat the form. THERECANBEONLYONE has most scope for improvement and will be a serious challenger. ONE DOLLAR MESSAGE has had enough chances but should be in the quartet. RITCHI and FAREWELL BID jump up in distance.

Selections:

#1 Laconia, #2 Shezahotti, #6 Therecanbeonlyone, #4 One Dollar Message

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 2, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R88.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: SERENDIPITY speedy cut last time and never got into it, however, on previous form she should make a bold bid. PASSION PEACH should now enjoy the extra and must be respected. EMPRESS ROCK claims 4kg and shouldn't be far off. Top weight SENECA FALLS could get into the mix. RATION MY PASSION can do better.

Selections:

#2 Serendipity, #4 Passion Peach, #5 Empress Rock, #1 Seneca Falls

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: BRIGTNUMBERTEN is honest and should again make his presence felt. PIDGEON ROCK comes off a maiden victory and has scope for improvement. GOLDEN LION found breathing a problem last time. He comes off a rest and could resume winning ways. ARTEMISIA has a money chance if runs. Old-man GREASEPAINT could take home another cheque. TOKYO DRIFT could just need it.

Selections:

#4 Brigtnumberten, #6 Pidgeon Rock, #1 Golden Lion, #3 Artemisia

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky with many looking to improve. STOP FOR NOTHING showed marked improvement last time and should confirm with EARTH SHAKER who can improve on debut. THE RIDDLER is improving with racing and should see out the mile. TIKA TAKA was coughing last time and could feature. WALTZING AL was all at sea on debut and will come on.

Selections:

#5 Stop For Nothing, #10 The Riddler, #1 Tiki Taka, #4 Waltzing Al

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: READYSETGLO was runner-up in her last 2 and if holds form could open her account. MELLOW MUSIC needs to make up 3 lengths but has blinkers on now and could do it. SMILEY RIVER found no support when staying on to get close on debut. She will come on heaps. LUSCIOUS LOCKS is now showing up and could feature. SEA LIKE GLASS finished in front of ANAGRAM but is moody.

Selections:

#9 Mellow Music, #1 Readyssetglo, #10 Smiley River, #6 Luscious Locks

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R60.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: WAQAAS is running well and finished 1,5 lengths in front of RYDER last time. The latter is 1,5kg better off, sports blinkers now and could reverse positions. REVELATION is 2kg better off with WAQAAS for 2 lengths so could get into the mix. PRINCE OF PROMISE races before this - watch the form. GRINDELWALD is looking to improve.

Selections:

#10 Ryder, #3 Waqaas, #7 Revelation, #8 Grindelwald

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 7, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R112.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: PERFECT LIGHT won on the 2nd time of asking and has plenty more to come. She gets 7,5kg from in form DESTINY'S GAME who should have no problem with the little extra. TOMBOLA won well last time and could go in again. ANGELIC APPEAL is capable but needs to be in the right mood. Strong front runner BEAUTIFUL SHAY could be found wanting late. LAAT LAMMETJIE can place.

Selections:

#6 Perfect Light, #1 Destinys Game, #2 Tombola, #3 Angelic Appeal

Vaal Classic, 22.08.2019, Race 8, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: BEFORE THE DAWN got it right sporting blinkers. She has more to offer and could go in again. The battle for minor money looks tricky where the form has changed over recently. QUEEN OF WAR finished 3 lengths in front of CLAREMORRIS and 3,75 lengths ahead of PHILLYDELPHIA last time. HARTLEYFIVE and OTTAWA could make the frame.

Selections:

#3 Before The Dawn, #5 Queen Of War, #6 Claremorris, #7 Phillydelphia