RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2019.05.23

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: VIRTUOSA should have gained enough experience now and the distance should be to her liking. The one to beat. FLAGSHIP FUND should appreciate the little extra and shouldn't be far off. KAYLA'S CHAMP enjoyed the mile and should be involved in the finish. She holds ANNATJIE on form. MARTHA can only improve on debut. Watch newcomer MARRY IN HASTE.

Selections:

#12 Virtuosa, #5 Flagship Fund, #6 Kayla's Champ, #8 Martha

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 2, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R95.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong field and AWAIT THE SUNSET looks to have most to come. The one to beat. The others are all capable of beating each other. MERENGUE hasn't been far back and could get into the money. CAFTAN jumps up to a marathon distance. VIDA AMOROSA, PEGGY CARTER, FLIRTY GIRTY, LACONIA, ONE DOLLAR MASSAGE and ARABIAN SUNRISE could get into money.

Selections:

#7 Await The Sunset, #2 Merengue, #6 Caftan, #3 Peggy Carter

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R105.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: BATTLEOFTRAFALGAR ran a top 3rd on debut in the Nursery and should be too strong for the opposition. DE LA CRUZ finished 4 lengths adrift and should not get closer. Stable mate CAPETOWN AFFAIR is on the up and has a definite money chance. HERTOG is a lot better than his last. BABY LETS MAMBO could place.

Selections:

#5 Battleoftrafalgar, #3 De La Cruz, #2 Capetown Affair, #4 Hertog

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R95.000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: BOLD MATADOR was not striding out last time but holds PETRONI VINI, COUNTRY SQUIRE, BIRTHDAY BOY, SILVER HUB and HIDDEN BLUE on collateral form before that. If problem free should have their measure. The newcomers could prove serious threats - watch POTALA and AL JAHBATH.

Selections:

#1 Bold Matador, #5 Silver Hub, #12 Al Jahbath, #9 Potala

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R105.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: GALACTIC WARRIOR is in form and could go in again. He beat TALKTOTHESTARS, DONNY G, GREAT SHAKA and LIFE IS GOOD who are all better off and it could get closer. MONOPOLIZE could flash up being fresh. TORRE DEL ORO, PILLAROFTHEEARTH, COPPER JAY and SINGFONICO could pull it off.

Selections:

#9 Galactic Warrior, #10 Talktothestars, #4 Monopolize, #2 Donny G

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R112.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Many with chances. DALAI'S PROMISE showed best form with an easy victory and

could go in again. Likewise, DOUBLE 'O' EIGHT bounced back to form last time and must be considered again. WINTER WATCH has ability and the 1,5kg will help. CARMALITA is capable but could need it. MEMPHIS BELLE could get away with the 4kg off it's back. KISSABLE is a flyer but has top weight.

Selections:

#7 Dalai's Promise, #10 Double 'O' Eight, #1 Winter Watch, #3 Carmalita

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R94.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Open. With the pace likely to be on from the start MISTRESSOFMYFATE could flash up late over the minimum trip. After 2 seconds OPERETTA could go one better but NAWAASI should be on top of her. GENEROUS NOTION will be doing best work late and should hold FARARANGA, MERCER GIRL and FICTICIOUS on their last meeting. UPSKILLED, CLAREMORRIS and ILHA DA VAR could earn.

Selections:

#6 Mistressofmyfate, #2 Operetta, #1 Generous Notion, #7 Nawaasi

Vaal, 23.05.2019, Race 8, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R100.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: CONDOR GULCH needed his first run as a gelding and could double up over this distance. Stable mate HAKEEM can never be ignored for money. ZEAL AND ZEST needed his last outing and should run well. DEFY GRAVITY should turn it around with MANITOBA on 2kg difference. RAGOON has a chance if breathing doesn't trouble him. FINCHATTON, HORSEPLAY and THRONG could make the frame.

Selections:

#2 Condor Gulch, #7 Zeal And Zest, #5 Hakeem, #8 Defy Gravity