

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2021.04.08

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: After 3 consecutive seconds RETALLICK deservedly opened his account. He tries an extra 200m now but could keep on galloping. FISHER KING is improving with racing but is looking for further. He could grab them late. MITCH GOT HIS WISH took a walk in the betting on debut but after a poor start flashed up late to be nosed out of it. Respect with 3kg less to shoulder. ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES gives plenty of cheek.

Selections:

#2 Retallick, #1 Fisher King, #7 Mitch Got His Wish, #3 Rollwiththepunches

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: MARIGOLD HOTEL impressed when winning on debut and even though looking for further could go in again. BELLA CHICA pulled up fatigued last time but has yet to miss out on the money. Likewise, stable companion ON CUE has earned a cheque in all 4 starts. KWAZZI'S LADY found support on debut but was all at sea and can only improve. Watch both newcomers.

Selections:

#2 Marigold Hotel, #1 Bella Chica, #6 Kwazzi's Lady, #3 On Cue

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: AMBERGLO STAR has been threatening and could get her just reward. Stable companion BEDOUIN BRIDE hasn't been far off and could get into the fight for honours. Many are looking to improve, including UNDERTHERADAR (blinkers on), ALMALFI COAST (not running to potential) and NITRO GIRL who could enjoy the extra. WONDERFUL ROCK and PARTY SONG are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#1 Amberglo Star, #3 Bedouin Bride, #9 Undertheradar, #10 Almalfi Coast

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R85.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: It could get close on paper. NIMCHA beat JOHNNY HERO and SELL HIGH last time by around 3 lengths but they are 3kg better off. DON'T LOOK BACK drops in trip but is versatile and has a handy weight. Also, APOLLO ROBBINS who has beaten SELL HIGH twice before, carries bottom weight and could get into the action. Topweight CORNISH POMODORO races before this - watch the form.

Selections:

#5 Don'T Look Back, #6 Apollo Robbins, #4 Sell High, #2 Johnny Hero

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R70.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Weight could be the decider. Topweight CASH TIME is holding form but has a hefty 61.5kg to shoulder. He gives 3-year-olds USHUAIA, BOLD RESOLVE and ORUS APOLLO between 7kg and 9.5kg but they have yet to be tested over a marathon distance. MASTER AND MAN found form last time and could get involved in the result. BARAK, FRED and AFRAAD could pull it off.

Selections:

#6 Ushuaia, #7 Bold Resolve, #1 Cash Time, #9 Orus Apollo

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: A wide-open race where luck in running will play an important role. Most consistently close-up is LAGERTHA but is still searching for the winner's box to secure a 2nd victory. SAMOA disappointed last time but could turn it around with HEAR THE TRUMPET on 5.5kg better terms for a 0.40-length beating. Top-weight CAERPHILLY has won fresh before - respect. ZODIAC PRINCESS comes off a maiden win and could go on. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#11 Lagertha, #2 Samoa, #10 Hear The Trumpet, #1 Caerphilly

Vaal, 08.04.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R77.500, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: On their day any one of the 8 runners carded could win it. HERSTEL won well on the poly after a rest and could go on. MAY QUEEN is in form but meets GLOWTORIA on 6kg worse terms for a 1.75-length beating. It could get close. Stable companions ALL OF ME and IMPRESSIVE DUCHESS cannot be ignored. ULLA ran below form last time.

Selections:

#6 Glowtoria, #3 Herstel, #4 May Queen, #1 All Of Me

Best Win: #2 MARIGOLD HOTEL

Best Value Bet: #6 USHUAIA

Best Longshot: #6 USHUAIA