

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2020.11.17

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R70.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Good opener. MISS VENEZUELA showed marked improvement sporting blinkers and if settles could finish off strongly. NUMBERNINETYNINE has been threatening and should make a race of it. Stable companion JACALAC needed his last run and could get into the action. SUPREME ELEVATION and SHADOW CREEK ran below expectations last time and should do better. IN ABUNDANCE and BOLD JAZZ could get into the mix.

Selections:

#9 Miss Venezuela, #1 Numberninetynine, #7 Jacalac, #5 Supreme Elevation

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: LAGERTHA has been close up in all 4 starts and could have her consistency rewarded. ELECTRIC BOOTS is improving and could get into the shake-up. MIRREN ran flatly in her 2nd start but should do a lot better. BIRDWATCHER is not far behind and could make the money. MAYON can improve on a fair debut. WATCHING CLOSELY, MAKING A SCENE and TOOCOOLFORSCHOOL are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#1 Lagertha, #3 Electric Boots, #13 Mirren, #2 Birdwatcher

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 3, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R70.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: GREY STREET has had his chances but could get lucky this time around. SUPER HANDSOME showed improvement sporting blinkers and the distance should suit. FORT ALADO, THE SANDWICH MAN, FAST DRAW, ROYAL SIEGE and THE ART MASTER shouldn't be far off each other on their run behind Fort Love. It could go any way.

Selections:

#4 Grey Street, #8 Super Handsome, #1 Fort Alado, #3 Fast Draw

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 4, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R70.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: LITTLEWOOD and RATION MY PASSION renew rivalry and it could get close. The former has always paid her way and should be thereabouts again. The latter could keep on galloping if allowed to stride freely in front. PALACE GREEN runs on late and could grab them both. VELD FLOWER loved the extra when opening her account and goes even further now - respect. ROCKY PATH is finding form but carries a big weight while stablemate NABEELA tries a marathon trip again.

Selections:

#15 Ration My Passion, #12 Littlewood, #2 Palace Green, #14 Veld Flower

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R77.500, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: DANCE CLASS has done some mileage recently but she is all heart and could resume winning ways. Stable companion STATELY HOME is honest and needed her last outing. If she stays could get into the fight for honours. BEFORE NOON is never far back. OUR COYS needed his run in new surroundings and could improve. SKIMINAC has won over this trip but 62kg could be a touch much. SMILEY RIVER, KURT'S APPROVAL, FACT, CAPTAIN CHORUS and LORD MELBOURNE could earn.

Selections:

#4 Dance Class, #8 Stately Home, #3 Before Noon, #7 Our Coys

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 6, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R77.500, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: ZIMBABA was given a break after a narrow debut defeat but returned with a gutsy victory. She looks well above average and will improve heaps. CAPTAIN MORISCO is never far off and should again give an honest performance. MONEY FIGHTER won when backed on debut and will know more about it. THUMBS UP dead-heated in a maiden win but was disqualified. PHINDA MZALA and RAPID FIRE show good speed and could place.

Selections:

#3 Zimbaba, #1 Captain Morisco, #5 Money Fighter, #4 Thumbs Up

Vaal, 17.11.2020, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R77.500, 16:36GMT+2

Race Summary: A full competitive field and the reserves warrant inclusion. DARK TIDE is holding form and could chalk up his 3rd career victory. OSCAR WILDE could turn it around with WAR JEWEL on 2kg better terms for a 1.50-length beating. GOLDEN PHEASANT runs before this - watch the form. Stablemates TOKYO DRIFT and LONE SURVIVOR cannot be ignored for money. ELIUD and POP ICON could get into the mix.

Selections:

#7 Dark Tide, #8 Oscar Wilde, #2 Golden Pheasant, #12 Tokyo Drift