

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2023.05.30

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R75.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: A competitive Work Riders opener. Two-year-old, OPEN HIGHWAY has been placed in all 3 starts and could crack a win. MAGIC PRINCE hasn't been far off in all 7 starts and should run another honest race. FULL GO has had enough chances but cannot be ignored for money. HEARTLIGHT found problems in her last outing and must be given another chance. PRIVILEGE made no improvement in blinkers but could challenge. KLITSGRAS can improve on debut.

Selections:

#8 Open Highway, #1 Magic Prince, #9 Richard The First, #7 Klitsgras

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R75.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: ZOOM LADY has been costly to follow but should be hard to oppose, this being her peak run. SPARKLING JUBILEE has ability but has been out of action for a long time - she could sprint fresh. UNITED'S RANSOM, PRIMROSE PATH and SUGARY SWEET could fight it out for minor money.

Selections:

#1 Zoom Lady, #2 Sparkling Jubilee, #3 United's Ransom, #5 Primrose Path

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R75.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: SECRET RECIPE, MISAVA and KIT KAT KATIE will be cutting throats up front and the one that fights on could be victorious. The nod goes to SECRET RECIPE. If any of the remaining runners finds a finish she could grab the pack - watch especially COUNTESS DANZA (lost form), BE REAL (can improve) and RAINING RUBIES (carded to race before this).

Selections:

#1 Secret Recipe, #3 Misava, #5 Kit Kat Katie, #9 Be Real

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R75.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: At this time of year it is difficult for juveniles to compete with older runners especially over longer trips. KAMBULU has found form and could have the measure of youngster JUST VAR over 1600m, especially since the latter has a wider draw. US OPEN has been problematic but if trouble free could challenge. THREE BELLS showed sudden improvement last time and if confirms the form could get into the action. UNCLE LUCKY and ATCHISON TOPEKA race before this - watch.

Selections:

#1 Kambulu, #11 Just Var, #10 Three Bells, #2 Us Open

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R75.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: This is a moderate line-up. MISS CHRISTMAS has been costly to follow and tries this distance again, however, she needs to put it in. ANTANANARIVO has matured and could finish off stronger. SPRING OF ELIXIR has her problems but is sure to improve. THE WORK OF LIFE, AUNT PITTYPAT and ALABAMA STORM are looking for Quartet money.

Selections:

#1 Antananarivo, #2 Miss Christmas, #3 Spring Of Elixir, #4 The Work Of Life

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 6, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R85.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Good contest. MILLAHUE was left with too much to do last time but should get going earlier at this track. BOB'S YOUR UNCLE is bang in form and should be right there. AMERICAN BISCUIT was flattered last time but is no slouch. He shouldn't be far off. WHISPERS OF WAR did well in his first run as a gelding after a rest - respect. Old man NORDIC REBEL is looking for a dozen wins before he turns 10 in two months. Others could place.

Selections:

#3 Millahue, #6 Bob's Your Uncle, #7 American Biscuit, #2 Whispers Of War

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R110.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive. ZUZAN gets weight all round and could grab the advantage. LAGUNA VERDE is returning to best and should run a big race. WILLOW'S WISH is holding form and is back to his preferred distance. ARGO ALLEY was not striding out last time but if puts it in could feature. ZEUS has ability but needs to find form. The same goes for FLASHY APACHE.

Selections:

#10 Zuzan, #2 Laguna Verde, #5 Willow's Wish, #3 Argo Alley

Vaal Classic, 30.05.2023, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R80.000, 16:25GMT+2

Race Summary: LORD VARYS dug down deep when winning last time sporting blinkers and could go in again. RAIN OR SHINE should be cherry ripe and could contest the finish. BLOOMINGTON is better than his last run. Stable companion JP TWO THOUSAND was backed last time but lost his rider at the start. FUTUREWOLFF has ability but a breathing problem could be an issue. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#3 Lord Varys, #6 Rain Or Shine, #1 Bloomington, #4 Futurewolff

Best Win: #1 ZOOM LADY

Best Value Bet: #3 MILLAHUE

Best Longshot: #3 MILLAHUE