

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2024.09.03

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 11:35GMT+2

Race Summary: PYRO EDITION finished ahead of more experienced SKITTLES SKIES when making his debut. He did well to finish fifth in a fair race and can make any amount of improvement. SKITTLES SKIES didn't enjoy that race and is arguably better over shorter. He should have every chance in this. SERRANO was caught in the dying strides when trying further last time. He is as honest as they come and could get it right after a break. YUKON wasn't disgraced in his first racecourse outing and could be the dark horse. HAT TRICK OR TREAT is improving and has a shout.

Selections:

#11 Pyro Edition, #5 Skittles Skies, #6 Serrano, #4 Yukon

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 12:07GMT+2

Race Summary: PEARL IN HER CROWN has good form in the bank but is racing after a rest. She won't stop at winning a maiden, she is bred for further but can nevertheless open her account. LINE IN THE SKY is looking for the extra. She has sprinted well and could get into the fight now. CAT O'CLOCK finished ahead of her last time and is as honest as they come. If she enjoys the trip she could finally score. BELLA'S CHARM looked dangerous last time and needs to be taken seriously. More can earn.

Selections:

#5 Pearl In Her Crown, #2 Line In The Sky, #1 Cat O'Clock, #6 Bella's Charm

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R75.000, 12:39GMT+2

Race Summary: SNEAK PREVIEW ran a much better race in her second try over this distance. She looks well placed and can go close. ZOOMBOMBER is knocking at the door and he too won't get an easier chance of getting back into the winner's enclosure. But he is carded to run on the 29th of August and that run must be checked. If GUY ALEXANDER doesn't mind the drop in distance he could kick on best for the win. LOVE TAP has plummeted in ratings and could suddenly show earlier potential. GIMME THE FLAME has gone close over the distance and has a shout too.

Selections:

#1 Sneak Preview, #3 Zoombomber, #6 Guy Alexander, #2 Love Tap

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R80.000, 13:11GMT+2

Race Summary: Trainer Paul Matchett has a decent hand with his three runners: PRETTY IN PEARLS, CRIMSON FOREST and HAVE A PARTY. The former has run with stronger and could be looking for the extended trip. She has beaten IDEAL FUTURE before and is weighted to confirm. HAVE A PARTY is overdue and on running style should have no problem with the distance especially with a light weight. CRIMSON FOREST is capable and should improve after needing her last run. Proven stayer IDEAL FUTURE can follow up on a good last win. TEO TORRIATTE is not out of it either.

Selections:

#8 Have A Party, #6 Ideal Future, #2 Pretty In Pearls, #5 Teo Torriatte

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R75.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: IN THE ETHER will prefer being back to the straight after not enjoying the turn last time out. She has placed 5 times in 6 starts over the track and trip and must have a decent chance. SMASHING is in good form having broke her maiden last time out. She can be a big runner if reproducing a similar effort, however, she has not been in the money at this track. AXEL COLLINS jumps from gate No 1 and having contested stronger company in his last few it would be no surprise to see him go close.

ARILENA returns from a long lay off and if not needing it can feature. INAFIX has a shout.

Selections:

#2 In The Ether, #4 Smashing, #3 Axel Collins, #5 Arilena

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110.000, 14:30GMT+2

Race Summary: KARANGETANG seems to be enjoying his racing once again. This race looks the right one for him to notch up his 4th career win as he does meet most of the same field he beat last time out, now on better weight conditions. CHASING HAPPINESS is in cracking form and has proven she is capable of running well in this company, however, she does have her stablemate to beat. LONGSWORD is well drawn and with a light weight could surge late to fight out the finish. ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES showed huge improvement last time out and could surprise if building on that run. KINSHIN SHA can't be discounted.

Selections:

#1 Karangetang, #2 Chasing Happiness, #4 Longsword, #3 Rollwiththepunches

Vaal, 03.09.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive race. MICKE'S BOMB will enjoy the step down in trip and ought to be in the money since he has been in good form over this course prior to his last start. RAINING RUBIES is running well having found one better last time out whom looks to be half decent. She loves the course and distance and should be right there. CRIMSON CLOUD shed her maiden last time out and has improved with each start. She should be competitive if repeating her last effort. GLAWARI is better than her last start suggests as she might not have enjoyed racing around the turn. She is back up the straight and is worth including.

Selections:

#4 Micke's Bomb, #8 Raining Rubies, #5 Crimson Cloud, #1 Glawari

Best Win: #1 SNEAK PREVIEW

Best Value Bet: #8 HAVE A PARTY

Best Longshot: #8 HAVE A PARTY

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: DURBANVILLE@2024.09.03

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R110.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: GROOVEJET improved for the step up from 1400m to finish 2nd over 1600m last time and could have more to offer over this extended distance. CONGRESSMAN finished 2nd over this course and distance when resuming after a 3-month absence and would've come on since, so he could fight out the finish. Improving WOOD WORLD and fellow 3yo HAPPY DAYS are closely matched on the form of a recent 1600m meeting. The former has improved in 2 starts after he was gelded and is likely to improve over the extra 200m. Lightly raced BLACK CHERRY, maturing DREAMALITTLEDREAM and AMANCIO complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#4 Groovejet, #7 Congressman, #8 Wood World, #9 Black Cherry

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R85.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: ENGLISH MISTRESS wouldn't be winning out of turn, having finished 2nd in 3 of her last 4 starts, but she has been costly to follow and could be vulnerable to an unexposed rival. Improving 3yo filly LADY SPRINGFIELD fits that profile and could be worth siding with over this distance after an

encouraging 2nd over 1600m last time out. DARLING GIRL has 3 lengths to find on that rival but is 3.5kg better off. STYLE ICON and LAVENDER BAY appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#8 Lady Springfield, #1 English Mistress, #9 Darling Girl, #3 Style Icon

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R155.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Recent course-and-distance winner OTTO LUYKEN has the advantage of superior fitness which stands him in good stead. Consistent LOVE IS A ROSE and top-rated PACAYA, who concedes chunks of weight to his rivals, are resuming after a 100-day absence but have run well after a rest. Both should acquit themselves competitively if fit enough to do so. SACHDEV, unbeaten over course and distance, and RAPIDASH, who finished 2nd in his only start over this distance, complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#7 Otto Luyken, #3 Pacaya, #5 Rapidash, #1 Love Is A Rose

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R135.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky. Progressive DAIMYO was an easy start-to-finish winner of his last start over 2200m and could be hard to peg back if adopting similar tactics. BLUE BAY and CALL TO UNITE finished an eye-catching 2nd over course and distance when resuming after respective absences and both will be competitive if making the expected improvement. Last-start winners KING PELLEES and GIMME MORE TIME should remain competitive under resultant penalties, while TWO A PENNY is a specialist over this distance and dangerous to discount under just 53.5kg. BATON ROUGE and GENTLEMAN JOE aren't without chances either.

Selections:

#1 Daimyo, #9 Blue Bay, #3 Call To Unite, #4 King Pelles

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R120.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. SAIL THE SEAS showed promise as a 2yo and could represent the value from gate No 1 with improvement likely. KELP FOREST, RADICCHIO, MONT LOISIR, DAS GUTE and UNICORN ALERT all have the form and experience to pose a threat. BIG UNIT has scope to improve after he was gelded and is competitive off his current mark. CARRIACOU (carded to run 31 August) is holding form and could have a role to play if taking his place. Last-start maiden winner SONG TO THE MOON is another open to progress but has a wide draw to overcome.

Selections:

#1 Sail The Seas, #3 Kelp Forest, #9 Mont Loisir, #10 Das Gute

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R135.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: RIVERSTONE had won twice and finished 2nd twice in 4 Western Cape appearances as a gelding, and was heavily supported on his comeback in a stronger race (at a higher level) last month. He would've finished closer were it not for interference in the closing stages so is worth another chance. Last-start winner DEAN STREET and NIGHT BOMBER should remain competitive under their 4-point penalties, while consistent SPEED RACER could pose a threat despite a wide No 11 draw. GIMMELIGHTNING and DUMBLEDORE are also drawn wide but have the means to play leading roles. SOOTY has claims too from gate No 1.

Selections:

#9 Riverstone, #8 Night Bomber, #11 Speed Racer, #1 Sooty

Durbanville, 03.09.2024, Race 8, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R135.000, 16:30GMT+2

Race Summary: SOUTHERN SKIES hasn't finished worse than 2nd in 3 starts since joining the Azzie team, winning once. She won her last start 105 days ago but the booking of Richard Fourie and the addition of blinkers are encouraging. KYALAMI GIRL and stablemate WINTER RAINFALL are better than their last starts suggest and the fitting of a tongue-tie to both could spark improvement. GIRL LIKE US was unlucky not to have finished closer last time and must be respected, while last-start scorer NIGHT VIGIL is progressive and must be included. LADY LOOK ALIKE and UNCONQUERABLE LADY are weighted to be competitive.

Selections:

#1 Southern Skies, #5 Winter Rainfall, #7 Night Vigil, #9 My Flower Fate