

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2021.12.07

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 11:45GMT+2

Race Summary: WHAT A HONEY was rested after a good debut but needed her comeback run. She should be right there. LAZULI wasn't far back in all 5 starts and could have her consistency rewarded in her Gauteng debut. EXPRESS FLYER found support on debut but did not produced. She must be respected. BACK TO FORMENTERA is one of many looking for money. Watch newcomers DHANTERAS and OLYMPIC MAGIC.

Selections:

#20 What A Honey, #13 Dhanteras, #1 Lazuli, #14 Express Flyer

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 12:20GMT+2

Race Summary: GENERAL HANCOCK has improved in blinkers and could get away. He finished 1.30 lengths in front of GOETHE who needed his first run as a gelding and could make up the difference. PORTRAYAL ran a flat 2nd run after a rest and gelding. He sports blinkers now and if behaves at the start could feature. TRUST THE FIRE is running well and could get into the action. PHANTOMOFTHETREFOREST can improve on debut. Watch the first-timers.

Selections:

#1 General Hancock, #3 Portrayal, #13 Goethe, #6 Trust The Fire

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R100.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: SHIVERS finished ahead of MAGICAL FLIGHT recently but the latter showed improvement in blinkers and could turn it around. LEMON DELIGHT showed up well behind Majestic Mozart (narrowly beaten in recent Summer Cup) in her first run in new surroundings and should be in the shake-up. GOODTIME GUY comes off a rest and if ready must be respected.

Selections:

#3 Magical Flight, #6 Lemon Delight, #1 Shivers, #5 Goodtime Guy

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R85.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: RUN APRIL RUN pulled up fatigued last time and should be cherry-ripe. RIVER DOON is holding form and could get her deserved 2nd victory racing fresh. TERRA TIME needed her last outing and could get into the mix. LEADING LAD could be looking for further but must be included in all bets. SIGNALS races for his new owners who could get off to a flying start. MODE could run on late to take home a cheque.

Selections:

#2 Run April Run, #1 River Doon, #3 Terra Time, #5 Leading Lad

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R85.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: NO TIME IS TAKEN was backed when winning on debut. She could improve more and go in again. WAQAAS is rarely far behind but stablemate THEROSEOFBECHARRE should finish on top of him on recent form. TAMBORA and stablemate RAMCHANDANI ROAD needed their last runs and either could have a say. ARVERNI WARRIOR won his maiden last time but has scope for improvement. AFTER HOURS has claims but needs to confirm his latest form. Many are looking for a stake cheque.

Selections:

#5 No Time Is Taken, #4 Ramchandani Road, #12 Theroseofbecharre, #3 Waqaas

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R85.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive. LIVERPOOL LEGEND and WESTERN DANCE renew rivalry. The latter finished just over a length ahead of his rival but it could go the other way at this track. Interesting runner is GO DREAM MACHINE who claims 4kg and if left alone early will finish off strongly. DANCE PARTNER opened her account in her first try over 2400m distance and could double up. Many are looking to upset.

Selections:

#7 Liverpool Legend, #10 Western Dance, #11 Go Dream Machine, #6 Dance Partner

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R85.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: FLAME FLOWER was backed when winning on debut and had ETERNAL LIFE 1.25 lengths adrift. The latter won subsequently. Both have scope for improvement. ANATURA has found form and won her only try this course and distance. Stablemate LAST CHEER could make the frame. TINDER DRY ran on smartly last time but needs to start on terms. DEFINITELY MAYBE will have no problem with the extra and could complete a hat-trick.

Selections:

#4 Flame Flower, #3 Anatura, #7 Eternal Life, #8 Tinder Dry

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R92.500, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: OPERA GLASS is bang in form and could complete a hat-trick, however, ARYAAM could have her measure on their recent meeting, being 2kg better off for just under a length beating. FIRE FLOWER is honest and should make her presence felt. LADY AMHERST is seldom far behind and is a must for exotic bets. SNOW PALACE is threatening for her next win.

Selections:

#7 Aryaam, #2 Opera Glass, #9 Fire Flower, #1 Lady Amherst

Vaal, 07.12.2021, Race 9, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R85.000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Very difficult race to end. JET CAPTAIN impressed when winning on debut despite a slipped saddle. He could go on. RIGHT CHOICE looked like he jumped in at the 200m mark when laying waste to his opponents to open his account. SAMUEL SALT and MIDNIGHT BADGER should finish close together. EYES ON TIGER could get into the mix in his post-maiden. SUCCESSFUL SECRET and TRUE BRIT are more for the shortlist.

Selections:

#8 Jet Captain, #5 Right Choice, #11 Midnight Badger, #2 Samuel Salt

Best Win: #5 NO TIME IS TAKEN

Best Value Bet: #2 RUN APRIL RUN

Best Longshot: #2 RUN APRIL RUN