

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2022.01.11

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: LADY OSIER gave hot favourite Insatiable a run for her money on debut and will come on. However, respect well-bred stable companion SUNDROP who makes her debut - watch the money. QUICK RUN will keep them honest and make them run to deliver. JUST BE NICE found support on debut but showed inexperience - look for improvement. Others are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#10 Lady Osier, #2 Quick Run, #11 Sundrop, #9 Just Be Nice

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: DRONFIELD showed improvement sporting blinkers and this being his third run after a rest and gelding should go close. WAR BANNER found no support on debut but gave plenty of early cheek. He should make huge improvement. TRUST THE FIRE is doing better and shouldn't be far off. Watch first-timer VERIFIED. Others looking for minor money.

Selections:

#1 Dronfield, #10 War Banner, #5 Trust The Fire, #9 Verified

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R100.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: DEFENDER OF RIGHTS found support on debut but got off to a bad start and couldn't make up the leeway. The one to beat. MYCHANCETODREAM wasn't disgraced on debut and will know more about it. Look for improvement from LETHA who is crying out for the extra. PIANTA is starting to show. LABEL QUEEN disappointed on debut but can only improve. Others are looking to make up the Quartet.

Selections:

#10 Defender Of Rights, #14 Mychancetodream, #13 Letha, #2 Pianta

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R100.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: BLONDE ACT comes off a rest after showing improvement. If ready could strike fresh. PEWTER SKY is maturing and could get into the fight for honours. LEMME GO should enjoy the extra and could get into the action from pole draw. ARABIAN SKY disappointed last time but has 4kg off her back and could get into the mix. MOTOR CITY HITMAN proved costly when disappointing in his last two but could get back on track. LEESON and AMICUS CURIAE could place.

Selections:

#1 Blonde Act, #4 Pewter Sky, #9 Lemme Go, #11 Arabian Sky

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R80.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. QUIET REBELLION has most scope for improvement but has a wide draw to overcome. LEE EXPRESS showed improvement with blinkers last time but hasn't fared much better in the draw. GREENGROWTHELILACS should make her presence felt in new surroundings. ETERNAL LIFE has a shout if can double up. WARSHIP could be crying out for the extra. Many with claims.

Selections:

#13 Quiet Rebellion, #1 Lee Express, #12 Greengrowthelilacs, #8 Eternal Life

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R130.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: It could get close on 'paper'. SOUND OF SUMMER, DONALD MCDONALD and INDLAMU should finish in a line on recent form, however the last two ran a bit below best last time whereas SOUND OF SUMMER held form and gets the nod. AL MUTHANA has ability and if puts it in could easily take it. TIERRA DEL FUEGO is back on track and could get into the action.

Selections:

#4 Sound Of Summer, #2 Al Muthana, #1 Tierra Del Fuego, #6 Indlamu

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R120.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: MARENGO dug down deep sporting blinkers for the first time last time and the combo could double up. BIG EYED GIRL has been in the money in all six starts. She meets a little stronger but is carded to run before this. Stablemate SHELDON could get into the reckoning. GODSWOOD is no slouch and could win fresh. Top weight CAPTAIN OUPIE and SINGFONICO could feature.

Selections:

#4 Marengo, #9 Big Eyed Girl, #2 Godswood, #7 Sheldon

Vaal Classic, 11.01.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 15:50GMT+2

Race Summary: FRONTLINE FIGHTER is holding form and could go in again. IRFAANS BOY claims 4kg and with blinkers on again could get away. PHINDA MZALA hasn't been far back recently and could chalk up a third victory. GRINDELWALD is due to pop up any day soon. Many runners are looking to take home money but need to produce form on the day.

Selections:

#1 Irfaans Boy, #9 Frontline Fighter, #3 Phinda Mzala, #14 Grindelwald

Best Win: #1 DRONFIELD

Best Value Bet: #1 IRFAANS BOY

Best Longshot: #1 IRFAANS BOY