

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2022.01.18

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: SET TO GO was run out of it in the latter stages when backed on debut. He will come on and rates the one to beat. EMIRATE GINA finished ahead of VASILIKOS when they met on debut and both weren't disgraced in their subsequent races. Watch newcomer MAGIC TATTOO.

Selections:

#3 Set To Go, #8 Emirate Gina, #7 Vasilikos, #1 Magic Tattoo

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Sparingly raced TANZANITE QUEEN gives weight all round but that shouldn't stop her and will be hard to peg back. PERMESSO AVANTI wasn't disgraced in her post-debut after a rest and the extra should suit. She should hold stable companion ABBACADABRA while other inmate REMEMBER WHEN (races before this) is also capable. WOKONDA needed her last outing and will come on.

Selections:

#1 Tanzanite Queen, #3 Permesso Avanti, #6 Remember When, #4 Wokonda

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: There is no strong form among those that have raced and ROSE VELVET could prove best. Watch the betting on newcomers especially DAME TWINING, COUNTESS DANZA and NATIONAL STAR.

Selections:

#3 Dame Twining, #2 Countess Danza, #9 Rose Velvet, #6 National Star

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Despite being bred for a lot further, LULU'S BOY wasn't disgraced in his post- maiden race and with blinkers now on could sharpen up. SILLY FELLA found the 1600m trip too far last time - look for a better effort. ALLEZ LES BLEU just holds SAMOA on a recent meeting but the latter is carded to run before this - watch. LIFE GOES ON and FEATHER THE NEST are two more to consider from a string looking for a piece of the pie.

Selections:

#2 Lulu's Boy, #13 Silly Fella, #11 Allez Les Bleu, #10 Samoa

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: ZIMBABA has improved after a rest and should be at peak fitness. She could double up over 1600m. Stable companions SISTER LIGHT and IMBEWU are more than capable and looking for Trifecta money. FOLLOW ME is no slouch and if ready after a rest could give them a fright. JULIET TANGO and PATON'S TEARS could make the Quartet.

Selections:

#1 Zimbabwe, #2 Follow Me, #5 Sister Light, #6 Imbewu

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R100.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Over a distance arguably too short SET THE STANDARD came out fresh and gave a strong field a fright. If this is not too soon after he could go in. LITIGATION is holding form and should make his presence felt but stablemate EARL won't lie down. DUKE OF SUSSEX and WAQAAS should

finish close together on their recent meeting. OYSTER KING can get into the mix while on best form WOLFFS WORLD, AUGUST LEAVES, QUNETRA and EAGLE ALLEY could pop up.

Selections:

#3 Set The Standard, #7 Litigation, #6 Earl, #9 Duke Of Sussex

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R140.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. ETERNITY RING is holding form and should contest the finish. BOLD FORTUNE is on a roll and looking to make it four wins in succession. With a 4kg allowance, OPERA GLASS receives chunks of weight all round - respect. LA LUVIA and SARAGON are capable of better while others are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#7 Eternity Ring, #1 Bold Fortune, #10 Opera Glass, #8 La Luvia

Vaal Classic, 18.01.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: NAVAL GUARD won on debut as a gelding after a rest and could follow up. GRINDELWALD is finding form and the extra should be within his reach. DARK TRAVEL is holding form and could turn it around with SPEECHMAKER and KAPAMA. Top weight TIMBAVATI RIVER is running well and could get into the action. Others looking for minor money.

Selections:

#4 Naval Guard, #10 Grindelwald, #5 Dark Travel, #1 Timbavati River

Best Win: #3 SET TO GO

Best Value Bet: #2 LULU'S BOY

Best Longshot: #2 LULU'S BOY