

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2022.01.20

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 11:45GMT+2

Race Summary: VEROLINA was runner-up in all three races to date and should be hard to oppose in this line-up. The battle is on for minor money. HYDRANGEA found support on debut but never got into it. She was rested since and could need it. RISKY BUSINESS and LA BANQUIERA have top work riders on their backs which could be advantageous. The remaining runners are all capable of taking home lesser cheques.

Selections:

#1 Verolina, #8 Hydrangea, #2 Risky Business, #6 La Banquiere

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R100.000, 12:20GMT+2

Race Summary: A small field but it could get interesting. ARIZONA LADY is overdue a victory and she could escape the maidens on her 14th attempt. MONSIEUR CHEVELLE is having his third after a rest and could appreciate the extra. INDIAN WAR DANCE stays well but ADMIRALS MOON wasn't far behind him recently. VAGUELY FAMILIAR jumps up in distance and could get into the action. GINJAMATINJA and LONDON ROADS could improve.

Selections:

#6 Arizona Lady, #2 Monsieur Chevelle, #1 Indian War Dance, #7 Vaguely Familiar

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: TRUST THE FIRE has been threatening and could get off the mark. BLACK BURNER is improving fast and could get into the reckoning. JP TWO THOUSAND drops back over shorter and shouldn't be far off. FORGOTTEN TIME and ORGETORIX could make the Quartet. Watch first-timers SATOSHI and SOUND OF HOUNDS.

Selections:

#5 Trust The Fire, #3 Black Burner, #1 Jp Two Thousand, #13 Satoshi

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: CORAPI looks to be a strong contender after three good runs. COMING IN HOT was not striding out when strongly fancied last time but could make amends. RA'ED should run a better race and must be included in all exotics. CASTLE OF GLASS enjoyed this distance last time and should give an honest performance. SOWETO SPINA could make the Quartet.

Selections:

#4 Corapi, #3 Coming In Hot, #1 Ra'Ed, #5 Castle Of Glass

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: COUNTRY FLAME has been knocking and could get her just reward. Dangers could prove to be stable companions IPHIKO and CROWN PLAZA who are sure to improve. MIX THE MAGIC showed marked improvement in her second start and could go on. BACK TO FORMENTERA and SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS could do better.

Selections:

#2 Country Flame, #9 Iphiko, #4 Crown Plaza, #10 Mix The Magic

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1700m, Turf, R100.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: JAIPUR JEWEL did better over this trip last time and could get involved in the result. ABSOLUTE VALUE showed good improvement last time and could challenge. QUALITY JOKER choked up last time but comes off a rest and could get back on track. The form line brings SPRING WILL COME into the reckoning. GLOBAL APPROACH and GOLD AMBITION could take home minor money.

Selections:

#7 Jaipur Jewel, #4 Absolute Value, #2 Quality Joker, #5 Spring Will Come

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R100.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong field and RULE BOOK has most scope for improvement. He made vast improvement in his second start and could strike in this his third attempt. BROADWAY needed his first outing in new surroundings and could get into the action. VICEROY looked dangerous last time and shouldn't be far off them. APACHE GOLD has a shout on earlier form. ROYAL TIGER and ROYAL SIEGE could pop up.

Selections:

#8 Rule Book, #1 Broadway, #3 Viceroy, #6 Apache Gold

Vaal, 20.01.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R100.000, 15:40GMT+2

Race Summary: TWICE A MIRACLE tries further now and should be up to it. She looks ripe and ready to open her account. TUULETAR finished a length ahead of CAPE BOUQUET last time and should hold form. KISSED BY FIRE has a shout if in the right frame of mind. The rest are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#5 Twice A Miracle, #1 Tuuletar, #6 Cape Bouquet, #2 Kissed By Fire

Best Win: #1 VEROLINA

Best Value Bet: #5 TWICE A MIRACLE

Best Longshot: #5 TWICE A MIRACLE