

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2023.09.21

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 1, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R75.000, 12:20GMT+2

Race Summary: MOCHA MACAROON has been threatening and has a bright chance of exiting the maidens. LORNA LILLY fought on gamely to run second last time and could get involved in the finish. WONDER I DO was backed in both starts but needs to produce her work shown. SECRET RECIPE and GREEN BUBBLES showed a dislike for blinkers last time, but the former has them removed. LIFE LESSON (races before this) can improve more over the extra.

Selections:

#5 Mocha Macaroon, #1 Lorna Lilly, #10 Wonder I Do, #8 Life Lesson

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 2, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R75.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: ARABIAN RED enjoyed the longer distance and should be hard to peg back against a moderate field. PERFORM looks the likely one to challenge. ANTANANARIVO, ALL RISE (blinkers on), CITY LIGHTS, DUELLONA and MOUNT ETNA are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#11 Arabian Red, #1 Perform, #2 Antananarivo, #9 Mount Etna

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 3, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R90.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: DESTINY OF SOULS was given a big lift in the merit ratings. He gives both BEY SUYAY (beaten 3.75-lengths) and TERRA TIME (beaten 6.5-lengths) 4kg, however, he never raised a sweat in winning and should confirm. RAFFLES and PERFECT WITNESS renew rivalry and it could get close again between them. Look for improvement from top weight OCEAN WARRIOR and recent maiden winner SCARLETT PIMPERNEL.

Selections:

#4 Destiny Of Souls, #8 Bey Suyay, #2 Raffles, #5 Perfect Witness

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R75.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: PRIMROSE PATH beat LEONESSA by 1.3-lengths but the 1kg difference could see them get close at the finish. Many runners are looking to get into the frame including SUMMER OF DREAMS, A PLACE IN THE SUN, PERILLA, LADY ELLIOT and DUENNA,

Selections:

#1 Primrose Path, #6 Leonessa, #4 Summer Of Dreams, #8 A Place In The Sun

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R85.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: AVOONTOAST was a length in front of BALLROOM BLISS last time and over 200m shorter should confirm. KEY ELEMENT got going too late last time but could grab them late. Stable companion I AM REGAL is holding form and could challenge. MIDNIGHT CRYSTAL has ability but needs to put more in. Slow starter QUEEN OF SMOKE and LADY CALAVERA could get into the reckoning. ELEMENTAL FORCE won at the second time of asking and could go on.

Selections:

#2 Avoont toast, #3 Ballroom Bliss, #8 Key Element, #7 I Am Regal

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open and luck in running could be the decider. Three year-olds MOOLA MAN and DREAMLAND are maturing and could prove superior. Honest BACK TO BASICS and MESCAL renew rivalry and either could come out trumps. Top weight TWICE THE STORM never got into last time after a bad start. SUPER AWESOME and recent maiden winner FAST DUTY cannot be ignored for money.

Selections:

#5 Dreamland, #2 Moola Man, #3 Mescal, #6 Back To Basics

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R100.000, 15:50GMT+2

Race Summary: All 9 runners need to be included in exotics. SCALLYWAG (3 wins and a 2nd for new yard), FUNKY MUSIC (looking for 4 straight wins) and FREE MOVEMENT (better than last run) should finish on top of each other on collateral form. WHAT A HONEY (pole draw) and BRAVE VIKING (needed last outing) have serious claims on solid form. FAST LOVE could just need it. Classy SAVANNAH STORM could flash up fresh.

Selections:

#4 What A Honey, #7 Funky Music, #3 Scallywag, #6 Brave Viking

Vaal Classic, 21.09.2023, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 16:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult race to assess. CERULEAN DANCER finished nearly 2 lengths in front of WRITTEN IN STONE last time and before that was a similar distance ahead of MEET THE CAPTAIN. CARNELO could benefit from a wide draw and finish off strongly. INNER SENSE and VAR PARK could make their presence felt. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#6 Meet The Captain, #5 Cerulean Dancer, #8 Written In Stone, #7 Carnelo

Best Win: #11 ARABIAN RED

Best Value Bet: #5 DREAMLAND

Best Longshot: #5 DREAMLAND