

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2021.10.28

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 12:05GMT+2

Race Summary: With the arrival of the rainy season on the Highveld and the improved going, trainers are stepping out first-timers and rested runners, hence the bigger fields. RIGHT CHOICE has disappointed before when going this distance category but this is not a strong field bar first-timer FLAME FLOWER who is reportedly decent. SCOTTADITO has not finished out of the money in all five starts and shouldn't be far off again. The three should fight it out. JO LOVES races in her new surroundings and could make the frame. RED CARPET GIRL will appreciate the longer trip.

Selections:

#1 Right Choice, #10 Flame Flower, #7 Scottadito, #8 Red Carpet Girl

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: PAULLY was heavily backed on debut but never got into it. He is reported to be working well after a break - respect the money. KING ARTHUR races as a gelding now after a rest and any improvement should see him involved in the finish. LULU'S BOY was never travelling well last time but could get into the action this time. ARVERNI WARRIOR will enjoy the extra and won't be far off them. PORTRAYAL needed his first run as a gelding and must be considered. Watch newcomer ZEUS.

Selections:

#14 Pully, #5 King Arthur, #10 Arverni Warrior, #1 Lulu's Boy

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Only 4 of the 12 runners have raced. NAMIBSROOS and ROCKINGTHETIMEAWAY should prove best but neither is bound for Hollywood. Place bets as late as possible and watch the money. Stablemates RISKY BUSINESS and WHAT GIVES as well as UBIQUITAS and VUITTON could find support.

Selections:

#10 Ubiquitas, #8 Risky Business, #11 Vuitton, #2 Namibsroos

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R90.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: BACK TO BASICS showed marked improvement last time and had TRUE BRIT 1.75 lengths adrift. He should confirm. KING'S SPEAR (claims 4kg) has blinkers back on and drops to a preferred distance - respect. MISS UNITED STATES shows good early toe and could get into the money. VOLLUTO ran below form last time and could get back on track. Watch debutante MANHATTAN BLUES.

Selections:

#3 Back To Basics, #1 King's Spear, #4 True Brit, #11 Miss United States

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R85.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: WINGS OF NIKE races for her new yard after a short rest. She has most scope for improvement and could go in again. SAMOA always tries her best and shouldn't be far off. MIDNIGHT BADGER did well after a rest and could win his first try over the minimum trip. ROZARA, TOUCH OF FATE and CATCHTHEGREENLIGHT are more for the short list.

Selections:

#5 Wings Of Nike, #10 Samoa, #3 Midnight Badger, #7 Rozara

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R85.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: GOLDEN SPOON was well beaten by stablemate Desert Miracle last time out but that run is better than it appears on paper. SUPER EXCITED has run 5 times for 2 wins and 3 seconds and those stats should improve. SUPER AGRA, however, comes into the picture on previous collateral form. SPARTAN WARRIOR did well after a rest but could be plagued by breathing problems. SUPREME DANCE comes off a short rest and could make the frame.

Selections:

#3 Super Excited, #7 Super Agra, #2 Golden Spoon, #10 Spartan Warrior

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: All 10 runners warrant inclusion in the Pick 6. SILVER TYCOON races before this after not striding out - watch his performance. TUSCAN WINTER disappointed last time and should make a bold bid off a handy weight. Old man ROCK OF AFRICA always tries his best and could get into the money. On collateral form STONE COLD and CAPTAIN HINDSIGHT shouldn't be far behind. ANNE BOLEYN could make the Quartet.

Selections:

#10 Tuscan Winter, #7 Silver Tycoon, #9 Rock Of Africa, #8 Stone Cold

Vaal, 28.10.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R85.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: JUST FABULOUS has ability. She needed her last outing and if this race is not too soon after could resume winning ways. Likewise, HOTCHIWITCHI can only improve after a decent comeback run. ROCK YOU can never be ignored for money and could confirm with LADY CALAVERA. BELLE OF BELIZE, LEE EXPRESS, LINGANOMORE and ONTHEVERGE are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#11 Just Fabulous, #3 Hotchiwitchi, #2 Rock You, #4 Belle Of Belize

Best Win: #11 JUST FABULOUS

Best Value Bet: #5 WINGS OF NIKE

Best Longshot: #5 WINGS OF NIKE