

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2023.10.03

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R105.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: BABYLON (runner-up in his last 2 starts) and KINSHIN SHA (runner-up in his last 3 starts) are hoping for a just reward and it could produce a ding-dong battle in the opener. STATESMAN found solid support on debut but disappointed - look for a better effort. BREGARDT is looking for minor money.

Selections:

#3 Babylon, #2 Kinshin Sha, #7 Statesman, #4 Bregardt

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R95.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: POTATO SALAD found support on debut in a Work Riders Plate last time but disappointed - she should come on. EMPRESS GAME has been placed in all 5 starts to date and should give a genuine performance. Similarly, FLYING PUMA has been in the money in all 3 starts and must be considered. BEST INTENTIONS is maturing and could have a say. WHITE HILLS needed her last outing and should improve. Watch the 4 debutantes.

Selections:

#2 Empress Game, #1 Flying Puma, #11 Potato Salad, #9 Green Fame

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R105.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: BREATH OF MAGIC is overdue a win but may have to play second fiddle again because ROYAL EDITION is back over a preferred trip and could make a race of it. TRIP TO STATES appears held by BREATH OF MAGIC but could get into the Trifecta. MENTALITY MONSTER and VIVA LA VICTOR will improve on their debut runs. Watch newcomers.

Selections:

#2 Royal Edition, #3 Breath Of Magic, #1 Trip To States, #8 Karoo Gold

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R95.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: LORNA LILY is overdue her victory and has a bright chance to exit the maidens. EASY ON ME will relish the extra and must be considered for honours. LIFE LESSON is improving with racing and should have no problem with the extra. VILLA SEMAYA concentrated better with blinkers and could get into the action. RIGHT TURN ON RED will enjoy the extra.

Selections:

#1 Lorna Lilly, #6 Easy On Me, #3 Life Lesson, #7 Right Turn On Red

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R175.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: ARUMUGAM finished a close second to top stayer Future Pearl on two occasions and rates the form choice, however, he has to concede 9kg to OPERA GLASS, which over this trip could be problematic. ZEUS is another good stayer and could get into the action while stablemate TWIN TURBO is an honest trier. TOP SAIL could find this a touch too far. FLYING BULL tries new surroundings and will have his followers.

Selections:

#1 Arumugam, #3 Zeus, #9 Opera Glass, #4 Top Sail

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R135.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: AUSSENKEHR (claims 4kg) is holding form and could go in again, however, he has yet to win over 1000m. He is coupled with ROSE FOR TRIPPI who could mount a serious challenge. CLIFF HANGER needed his first run as a gelding and will come on heaps. ON CUE is an honest performer and could make the frame again.

Selections:

#4 Cliff Hanger, #3 Rose For Trippi, #1 Aussenkehr, #7 On Cue

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R85.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive. COMING IN HOT and DARK TIDE are holding form and should be involved in the finish. METEORIC must be right there on collateral form if puts it in. HERE WITH ME appears held but expect an improved effort. Eight-year-old WRITTEN IN STONE cannot be left out of calculations. AFTER HOURS is looking for minor money.

Selections:

#3 Coming In Hot, #4 Meteoric, #6 Dark Tide, #2 Here With Me

Vaal Classic, 03.10.2023, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: STORMY CHOICE disappointed over this course and distance last time but deserves another chance. MEET THE CAPTAIN was coughing last time and should do a lot better. TWICE AS WILD needed her last run and is upset material. SI VELOCE will enjoy 4kg off her back. INVENTRIX is another that warrants inclusion in all bets.

Selections:

#2 Stormy Choice, #7 Twice As Wild, #6 Meet The Captain, #3 Inventrix

Best Win: #3 BABYLON

Best Value Bet: #3 COMING IN HOT

Best Longshot: #3 COMING IN HOT