

## **RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2021.05.04**

### **Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:05GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** BARNEYS PRIDE attracted some money on debut and finished 3.25 lengths behind highly thought of Smorgasbord. However, CAVALIER KING, also on debut, was right on top of him. CHIEF RAFAEF ran on strongly at this track on debut and the extra should suit. Good race. Look for improvement from CATCHTHEGREENLIGHT and NOT YOUR CALL. First-timers SAFE PASSAGE and SPECIALLY SELECTED needed to be respected if finding support.

#### **Selections:**

#1 Barneys Pride, #3 Cavalier King, #4 Chief Rafeef, #11 Safe Passage

### **Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:40GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Many are sure to improve with experience. HOLLYWOODBOUND did well at this track but could be looking for further. TAKE CONTROL is another who did best at this course where he finished ahead of stablemate FRANCA. PRINCESS PHILIPPA can only improve on debut. ROSE OF BAYEUX and GOLDEN ASPEN are improving with racing. Watch newcomers PUTTING GREEN and BOLD ACT.

#### **Selections:**

#4 Hollywoodbound, #6 Putting Green, #9 Take Control, #5 Princess Philippa

### **Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 14:15GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** DUKE OF SUSSEX found late support on debut and finished off strongly to get close in 2nd. He should hold LIGHT WARRIOR who could take home money. GRIMALDI disappointed when beaten as favourite last time but is obviously a lot better than that. GROOMWEDTOWIN is sure to improve on debut. PASSING SHOT, SILLY FELLA, SIGNALS, RICCARDO and SONNY QUINN are all capable of getting into the Quartet.

#### **Selections:**

#9 Duke Of Sussex, #1 Grimaldi, #11 Groomedtwin, #7 Light Warrior

### **Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 14:50GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** MISS VENEZUELA ran her best 2 races at this track and has shown she is able to run a big race after a rest. CAPE DIAMOND is doing well since sporting blinkers and could have her consistency rewarded. Two-year-old WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE has it all to do over this trip and from a wide draw but could get into the picture. ZULU WAR CRY could feature from pole position. WHOLE OF THE MOON and stablemate GOLDEN MAGIC could place.

#### **Selections:**

#1 Miss Venezuela, #2 Cape Diamond, #14 Woman Of Substance, #5 Zulu War Cry

### **Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R70.000, 15:25GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** HAVE A GO JO is holding form and should give a good account of himself. OYSTER KING won by a street last time but is held on form on his penultimate where IMPERIAL MASTER meets him on 3.5kg better terms and a beating of 1.80 lengths. HUMBLE TUNE has a handy weight and should be thereabouts on collateral form. IVALO'S PRINCE, STARFLASH, FSQUADRON and FIRE FLOWER are not out of it.

#### **Selections:**

#2 Have A Go Jo, #3 Imperial Master, #8 Humble Tune, #6 Oyster King

**Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R77.500, 16:00GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** DR DOOLITTLE has to give weight all round but has the class to do it, however, APOLLO ROBBINS is in receipt of 7.5kg and could challenge. TYRUS EXPRESS ran below form last time and could get into the money. DESTINY'S GAME always gives start but runs on strongly late. CATEGORY FOUR, ROUGE ALLURE and SET THE STANDARD are all capable of getting into the Trifecta.

**Selections:**

#1 Dr Doolittle, #7 Apollo Robbins, #5 Tyrus Express, #2 Destinys Game

**Vaal Classic, 04.05.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R77.500, 16:35GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Tricky race. Paul Peter has half the field and none of runners can be ruled out. CHIEF OF STATE, GODSWOOD, SOUTH EAST, GARDEN PARTY and AMERICAN HUSTLE are preferred in that order. However, they all have to beat ORAVAR, who claims 4kg and should come on after needing his last run. HERSTEL is in top form and could complete a hat-trick. Stablemates SWEET SENSATION and SINGFONICO as well as CAPTAIN HINDSIGHT must also be considered.

**Selections:**

#1 Oravar, #9 Herstel, #3 Chief Of State, #10 Godswood