

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2022.08.04

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: I'M IN LOVE wasn't disgraced in her first run in new surroundings after a long break and will come on in heaps. SKYFULL has performed well over the 1600m trip and will have the run of the race from a favourable draw. ROSSLYNE is on the up and should be right there. MISS TANGO is another improving with racing and she could get into the picture. Others could make the Quartet. Watch newcomer CELTIC BABE.

Selections:

#1 I'm In Love, #5 Skyfull, #6 Rossllyne, #9 Miss Tango

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: CLAP OF THUNDER has been runner-up in his last three starts and should get it right here, however, he has two serious opponents in ATTICUS FINCH, who did well on debut with that form being franked, as well as CENTRAL CITY, who has a definite Trifecta chance. Look for improvement from SKY JET and respect money for newcomer ROYAL RAPHAEL, who sports blinkers.

Selections:

#1 Clap Of Thunder, #7 Atticus Finch, #8 Central City, #9 Royal Raphael

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R90.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Filly FEATHER BOA is improving with racing and gets a sex allowance from the males. She meets a decent field but could have too much left in the tank at the business end. RAFFLES (races before this) finished just ahead of THYMETOSHINE (0.5kg better) at Greyville last time and could confirm. Watch the form of the previous race regarding Clap Of Thunder for a guide to the chances of TOTAL PROTECTION. His stablemate MERIDIUS could be the yard's elect judged on riding engagements.

Selections:

#5 Feather Boa, #3 Meridius, #2 Raffles, #4 Thymetoshine

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R90.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult to assess and it depends on the amount of improvement the fillies make. I AM REGAL will enjoy going around the turn again - respect. IPSO FACTO and LADY OF POWER won at the second time of asking and have plenty of room for improvement. BARMAID lost her rider at the start last time so cannot be judged on that performance. CAPTAIN PEG was quietly fancied when flashing up late on debut and will enjoy the extra. TABBY KAT appears held by IPSO FACTO but could place. TIME FOR GLORY pulled up lame when not far off in the Golden Slipper.

Selections:

#6 Lady Of Power, #2 I Am Regal, #4 Captain Peg, #1 Time For Glory

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 15:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race with stable companions BOLD RANSOM, GODSWOOD, KWITE A TRIP and WINTER STORIES dominating. If the last mentioned finds true form he could prove superior. Filly NAARAH races off a handy weight and could upset the four stablemates. INVIDIA, BARD OF AVON and BELLA CHICA could get into the mix, while MIND READER could just need it.

Selections:

#5 Winter Stories, #1 Bold Ransom, #2 Godswood, #8 Naarah

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R55.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: SPIELBERG won at the second time of asking but gives weight to all. He is sure to come on in heaps and meets a field that appears moderate and inconsistent. Only other runners who could trouble him are PHINDA MZALA and stable companion WHO'S THAT STAR. Stablemates SCOTTADITO, BEVOETERD and TRUE BRIT are looking for Quartet money.

Selections:

#1 Spielberg, #4 Phinda Mzala, #2 Who's That Star, #5 Scottadito

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R70.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: On collateral form ROMEO'S MAGIC could have the measure of JAIMALA (carries a hefty 62kg) but honest ELUSIVE SWANN should be right on top of them. Also, respect BRENDEN JAMES. He is only maturing now and could enjoy the extra. AFRAAD could prefer further but could make the frame. LESHAWES (won last week) and MY TRUE NORTH could place.

Selections:

#6 Romeo's Magic, #2 Elusive Swann, #1 Jaimala, #4 Brenden James

Vaal Classic, 04.08.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R55.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: HUMBLE TUNE was narrowly beaten in his last two starts and could get his just reward but honest MCEBISI should be right on top of him. They could renew rivalry and contest the finish again. DAWN OF A NEW ERA is improving again and shouldn't be far behind. LEGISLATE'S DANCE won on debut in new surroundings and could go in again. He beat JUST A MEMORY by 1.7 lengths but the latter is 1kg better off. QUATTRO PASSI, SIR TALLIN and GOLDEN TUNE could get into the mix.

Selections:

#5 Humble Tune, #4 Mcebisi, #3 Legislate's Dance, #1 Dawn Of A New Era

Best Win: #1 SPIELBERG

Best Value Bet: #6 ROMEO'S MAGIC

Best Longshot: #6 ROMEO'S MAGIC