

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2023.12.09

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R135.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong field and BREATH OF MAGIC gets another chance to exit the maiden ranks. He has the inside draw whereas serious danger SECRET CHORD, who has drawn on the extreme outside, could make use of the supposed advantage and prevent him going forward. ROCK OF BISMANTOVA should prefer a lot further but could finish off strongly into the Trifecta. Look for improvement from ATARIME and TRIP TO STATES. Watch the newcomers.

Selections:

#2 Secret Chord, #7 Atarime, #1 Breath Of Magic, #11 Rock Of Bismantova

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R95.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: SUGARY SWEET has been threatening and could open her account. however, on collateral form OUT THE MIST (disappointed last time) and SOMEDAY MAYBE shouldn't be far off. RED KNOT showed inexperience on debut but will know more about it - respect. FRENCH DUCHESS attracted money in all three runs and could produce - consider. INEVITABLE races for her new yard and could win racing fresh.

Selections:

#2 Sugary Sweet, #16 Red Knot, #4 French Duchess, #3 Out The Mist

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky and many could pull it off. WHAT A TIGER is bang in form and could be the 'safe' horse for exotics. HERE WITH ME has issues but if problem free could win. IN THE ETHER (races before this) and AFTER HOURS (not striding out last time) cannot be ignored for money. LIL MISS MONEYBAGS and JET CAT are more for the shortlist.

Selections:

#5 What A Tiger, #6 Here With Me, #12 In The Ether, #3 Lil Miss Moneybags

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R175.000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Rejuvenated 7-year-old CAPTAIN HINDSIGHT is in top form and could chalk up win No 11. Stablemate RULERSHIP made a winning debut for his new yard and could go on. MOVER AND SHAKER claims 4kg and will try and steal a winning lead. Top weight SHELDON disappointed last time but cannot be ignored for honours. DANILO DANILOVITCH could upset calculations.

Selections:

#3 Captain Hindsight, #1 Sheldon, #8 Rulership, #2 Mover And Shaker

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 5, Gallops, 1700m, Turf, R110.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: None of the eight runners can be totally ignored for exotics. RENY comes off a break but has done well fresh. She has the class but could just need it. GUY GIBSON (blinkers on) and HAWKBILL have scope for improvement and have comparative form lines with useful Purple Pitcher - respect. PEWTER SKY is holding form and with KING'S EXPRESS enjoys a 4kg claim. HOTARUBI could get into the action.

Selections:

#5 Reny, #6 Guy Gibson, #7 Hawkbill, #2 Pewter Sky

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 6, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R135.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: ON THE HORIZON is hoping to keep her unbeaten record intact and make it four victories. Many are out to prove her wrong. She gets 2kg from BELLEVARDE who needed her last outing and will come on heaps. TWIN TURBO who claims 4kg will have the run of the race, and with stable companion YOUCANTHURRYLOVE could get into the money. Heavyweight STREET ART and lightweight GEORGE HANDEL could make the money.

Selections:

#6 On The Horizon, #2 Twin Turbo, #4 Bellevarde, #10 George Handel

Vaal, 09.12.2023, Race 8, Gallops, 1475m, Turf, R175.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: THE AFRICA HOUSE should have his consistency rewarded and chalk up his 2nd victory. Stablemates RIVER QUERARESS (blowing last time) and WILLOW EXPRESS could run into money. ANGEL OF WAR is having his peak run and should make his presence felt. GOOD COUNCIL wasn't disgraced in his first appearance for his new yard and could go in. Look for improvement from TSAR BOMBA and ARGO ALLEY.

Selections:

#3 The Africa House, #10 Angel Of War, #1 Good Council, #2 River Queraress