

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2022.05.10

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R70.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong field and improving CLIMATE CONTROL should be hard to peg back in the opener. KILL SHOT was not disgraced on debut and should relish the extra. GIOCATORE found no support when not far off them on debut but could come on heaps over the extra. He should turn it around with SONG TO THE SUN who showed improvement in blinkers. STAR COIN wasn't far off in both starts and should do a lot better. Watch newcomer FUTURE PEARL.

Selections:

#2 Climate Control, #10 Kill Shot, #4 Giocatore, #7 Star Coin

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R70.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: TRENINO should be ripe and ready and the distance should be ideal. Expect a good showing. SIMPLE SIMPLE is looking for the extra and wasn't disgraced in a recent feature - respect. EMIRATE GINA is stepping up in distance and should have no problem with it. She shouldn't be far off. A COLOURFUL PAST and TREATY disappointed last time. SUMMERLAND and TREMENDITA are looking to improve.

Selections:

#10 Trentino, #6 Simple Simple, #4 Emirate Gina, #7 Summerland

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: A moderate line-up - watch the betting. SAN QUINTIN comes of a lengthy lay-off and anywhere near prime fitness could see him win. TIRPITZ wasn't disgraced in both starts in the Cape and if ready in new surroundings could take honours. GOOM GOOM races as a gelding after a long lay-off - respect. NOT YOUR CALL needed his last run badly and will come on. CAPTAIN FREEDOM is improving and could get into the reckoning.

Selections:

#6 San Quintin, #8 Tirpitz, #5 Goom Goom, #1 Not Your Call

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Two-year-old WHATYOUWAITINGFOR wasn't disgraced on debut and has plenty of scope for improvement. The one to beat. LA BANQUIERA has a chance but races with others, including ROCKINGTHETIMEAWAY, before this and the form needs to be updated. BELTWAY and ACT OF MERCY are looking for Trifecta money. Others could sneak into the frame.

Selections:

#15 Whatyouwaitingfor, #3 La Banquiere, #2 Rockingthetimeaway, #1 Beltway

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Another weak Maiden Plate and MICHELIN STAR should have no problem exiting it. The battle for minor money could be won by SHIPS AT SEA who showed improvement over this trip last time. POLDARK should improve on debut especially over the extra. STOLEN THUNDER needed his last run and could feature. Others will need to do better.

Selections:

#1 Michelin Star, #9 Ships At Sea, #7 Poldark, #2 Stolen Thunder

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R120.000, 15:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Three-year-old WILLIAM ROBERTSON is well above average but his best distance appears uncertain, however, he should give another honest performance. BARTHOLDI comes off a rest but has ability and could win fresh. MARDI GRAS is back over a preferred distance and must be respected. MR FLOOD, VARS VICKY, CAPTAIN OUPIE as well as stablemates EDEN ROC and WARRIOR'S REST are all capable of pulling it off at best.

Selections:

#9 William Robertson, #4 Bartholdi, #7 Mardi Gras, #5 Vars Vicky

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R55.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: SPECIAL VARIETY found problems in her last run and could make amends. Stable companion ABALUS has been costly to follow but could get into the money. MONEY FIGHTER hasn't been far back recently and could pick up another cheque. SPIRITOTHEGROOVE's merit rating is dropping and her day could come soon. RISING FENIX could prove best of the rest.

Selections:

#3 Special Variety, #12 Money Fighter, #8 Abalus, #9 Spiritofthegroove

Vaal, 10.05.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R55.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: ENGLISH PRIMROSE will be cherry-ripe and could chalk up a 2nd win. GLOBAL RANSOM is in form and could double up this distance. PRINCESS SABRINA comes off a rest but has won fresh. Stablemate LIFE GOES ON shouldn't be far off. INTO THE FUTURE hasn't be far back and could get into the money. JUST BE NICE needed her last outing and is another for the shortlist. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#12 English Primrose, #1 Global Ransom, #3 Into The Future, #8 Princess Sabrina

Best Win: #1MICHELIN STAR

Best Value Bet: #12 ENGLISH PRIMROSE

Best Longshot: #12 ENGLISH PRIMROSE