

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2024.12.12

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: GREAT NOTION has improved with each run and does look ready to score this time. DEVILISHLYGORGEIOUS can improve on her local debut and might earn some minor money. LACEWING flopped when returning from a break but is capable of contesting the finish fitter this time. BELLA BOOP BOOP is unreliable but could earn some money. LADY SABRINA showed improvement in her second start and can do even better this time around and should be a threat.

Selections:

#3 Great Notion, #8 Lady Sabrina, #4 Lacewing, #6 Bella Boop Boop

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: PIONEER SQUARE is knocking loudly at the door with some recent runner-up performances. He can go one better this course and distance. BEYNAC is improving and should be right there at the finish. DYLAN'S CHAMP has been unlucky not to have won by now and has a winning chance. CHIEFTAIN'S SHIELD has some fair form and can earn minor money. GAMER is battling to win a race but could finish in the money yet again. FLIGHT ENGINEER flopped last time out but could bounce back and be a threat.

Selections:

#5 Pioneer Square, #6 Beynac, #7 Dylan's Champ, #8 Flight Engineer

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R100.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: TOWERS OF GOLD was well-beaten in a small field last time but those rivals are talented and he showed in his penultimate start that he is quite capable of winning handicaps off this mark. AL AKHTAAR has struggled in three starts since a comfortable maiden win. GUY ALEXANDER has won three times in his last four starts and will be a threat yet again. WHISPERS OF WAR is capable of contesting the finish when in the right frame of mind. ROMEO'S MAGIC is unreliable but has a place chance. RYAN'S DREAM returns from a break but has ability and could earn.

Selections:

#3 Towers Of Gold, #2 Guy Alexander, #4 Whispers Of War, #5 Romeo's Magic

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R135.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: A competitive handicap. HAT'S QUEEN is improving and could be ready to score again. KADIZORA is very consistent and is an obvious danger to the selection. MOUNT ETNA fought on for a game win last time and is not out carrying a penalty. VISIONOFPEACE is improving and could like this course and distance. A PLACE IN THE SUN, ARIEL'S JET and ROSY LEMON are all capable of getting into the mix as well.

Selections:

#9 Hat's Queen, #1 Mount Etna, #8 Kadizora, #6 Fetching Flyer

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R105.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Blinkers have worked with HAVE A PARTY. She does not win too often but she has a chance to score here. FLAMBOYANT FLYER was a surprise winner but only picked up a 3-point penalty for that win and is not out of it. STORMY SUNDAY could improve this longer distance. PLAY WITH FIRE is consistent and can contest the finish again. KEY WORKER could like this course and distance. TEO TORRIATTE was not disgraced last time and should be included in all bets. FREE IN SEATTLE, RUBY REBEL and SILKY JET are three other runners capable of earning money.

Selections:

#9 Have A Party, #4 Key Worker, #5 Teo Torriatte, #1 Flamboyant Flyer

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 6, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R100.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: PEACE TREATY was runner-up last Thursday and looks ready to pounce. It does look a competitive handicap and we may have to go very wide to get through this leg of the Pick 6. LAUGHING WILLIAM is not reliable but is also not out of it. LETS PLAY POKER showed what he is capable of with a nice maiden win. OMBUDSMAN does seem better than some modest recent runs. TWELVE OCLOCK HIGH was an easy maiden winner but is returning from a break. AFTER HOURS, SAMTHEWISEMAN and CARNELO are all capable of winning as well.

Selections:

#6 Peace Treaty, #4 Twelve Oclock High, #3 Ombudsman, #2 Lets Play Poker

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R112.500, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: SALENIO PENINSULA was not disgraced when fifth last time in a better race than this. She can bounce back to beat these rivals. FRANCILIEN has talent but was a bit of a disappointment last time out when only fourth. MISS LIA is improving and deserves respect. HONORABLE MEMBER put in an improved performance last time out and could contest the finish again. ACCEPT COOKIES is better than her last run suggests. IT'S HER WAY has been running on late in her recent runs and could earn more money.

Selections:

#2 Salenio Peninsula, #1 Francilien, #5 Miss Lia, #7 Honorable Member

Vaal Classic, 12.12.2024, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: A weak race and anything is possible. CALL ME MASTER is holding form and could have that consistency rewarded. SAIL THE SKY has improved of late and has a winning chance. MIDNIGHT FUSION is unreliable but can get involved with the finish when in the mood. ALONE TIME has been good of late but does lack a strong finish. WRITTEN IN STONE is holding form and can be competitive. PENDRAGON and KING OF NUMBERS are capable of an upset on best form.

Selections:

#7 Call Me Master, #8 Sail The Sky, #10 Written In Stone, #1 Midnight Fusion

Best Win: #2 SALENIO PENINSULA

Best Value Bet:

Best Longshot: #9 HAVE A PARTY