

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2022.05.17

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: BLUE WATERS was backed when winning easily on debut and looks to have lots more to come. The one to beat. Similarly, SWEET PEPPER found support on debut and duly arrived. She too can only improve. MISS DAISY won on the 2nd time of asking and the form has been franked. Watch the newcomers.

Selections:

#1 Blue Waters, #2 Miss Daisy, #3 Sweet Pepper, #5 Intoxicating

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: RIVER QUERARESS has by far the best credentials and being a three-time winner in top company, looks thrown in. In her second start, ANIARA beat MERCANTOUR, who then won her second start. They should finish on top each other. Watch the first-timers.

Selections:

#1 River Queraress, #2 Mercantour, #3 Aniara, #5 Fish Eagle

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1700m, Turf, R70.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Watch newcomer MANZ KNIGHT - he doesn't have to be too good to win. MY TRUE NORTH comes off a rest and if ready could get have a say. BIG FIVE runs over more ground and warrants respect. POMODORO HILLS showed up well last time and could run into money. Stablemate SATOSHI can improve as a gelding. ARIZONA LADY has had her chances, however, she gets 3kg sex allowance which could help.

Selections:

#3 My True North, #7 Manz Knight, #1 Big Five, #2 Pomodoro Hills

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1700m, Turf, R70.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: QUEST FROM AFAR looks hard to oppose and will be at restricted odds to get off the mark. She holds COUNTRY FLAME on their recent meeting and should confirm. ANGELOFTHEMORNING has scope for improvement and could chase home the favourite.

Selections:

#1 Quest From Afar, #6 Angelofthemorning, #2 Country Flame, #3 Jane Wilson

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R55.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: PASHASHA loved this longer distance and did well to get close in her post-maiden. She should give a good account of herself. BIT OF FUN beat KOOL BAIKAL by 3.25 lengths last time but 1.5kg difference could see them get closer. VICEROY did well in his post-maiden and with DIAMONDS N DOLLARS, KIND JUDY, CRUSADE TO ROYALTY and BALL ROLLING are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#4 Pashasha, #2 Bit Of Fun, #3 Kool Baikal, #6 Viceroy

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R55.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Both SAMOA and ON CUE like to finish off their races strongly and luck will play an important role, however, on their last two meetings, the latter could have the upper-hand. EMERALD PRINCESS finds problems but could win fresh. SPIRITOTHEGROOVE was not striding out in her last two but cannot be discarded. NO TIME IS TAKEN, MEET THE CAPTAIN, LOVE BITE and LOOKING HOT are more for the shortlist.

Selections:

#1 On Cue, #4 Samoa, #2 Emerald Princess, #7 Spiritofthegroove

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. ALABAMA ANNA is back to best and beat BEQUEST by 2.50 lengths last time and despite 3kg better off, the latter shouldn't be able to turn it around. On the other hand, the latter should take his revenge on MIDNIGHT GEM on 1kg difference for a head defeat. It could get close all round. RIGHT CHOICE needed her last outing and could get into the mix. IMBEWU will be running on late.

Selections:

#3 Alabama Anna, #6 Bequest, #5 Midnight Gem, #9 Right Choice

Vaal, 17.05.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R55.000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky. Two year-old COOL WINTER has a tough task with top weight, however, he is looking for the extra and could be up to it. HIGH BORN LADY won well after a rest and could go in again. FUNKY MUSIC will finish off strongly if covered early. TWICE AS WILD did well in her post-maiden and could get into the money. SILLY FELLA hasn't been far back recently and could take home a cheque. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#1 Cool Winter, #4 High Born Lady, #7 Funky Music, #9 Twice As Wild

Best Win: #1 QUEST FROM AFAR

Best Value Bet: #1 ON CUE

Best Longshot: #1 ON CUE