

**RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2021.05.18**

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:00GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** FOLLOW ME was quietly fancied on debut but won impressively. He looks sure to improve. He beat ETERNITY RING by 2 lengths but the latter has improved especially with blinkers on and should make a race of it. FREED FROM DESIRE was well beaten in the Nursery but could feature in this company. Debutante MABONENG could make the Quartet.

**Selections:**

#2 Follow Me, #1 Eternity Ring, #3 Freed From Desire, #7 Maboneng

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:35GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** PYROMANIAC was heavily backed when narrowly winning on debut but should know more about it. He could turn it around with ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES who has his measure on collateral form. HOPE IS POWER is no slouch and if gets away on terms could get into the picture. STAR OF THE WEST won on debut as a gelding and could go on. LETSDOIT was not striding out last time and could earn. Watch newcomers DYCE and MR LIVINGSTON.

**Selections:**

#3 Pyromaniac, #1 Rollwiththepunches, #2 Hope Is Power, #4 Star Of The West

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R70.000, 14:15GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Both WHITE FANG and MCEBISI are running well and it should be a great contest. They will be trying a marathon distance for the first time and either could get his head down on the post. ROYAL MAZARIN is doing better and looks likely to fill 3rd place. The balance are looking for Quartet money.

**Selections:**

#2 White Fang, #1 Mcebisi, #3 Royal Mazarin, #5 Cultured Pearl

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R77.500, 14:50GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Highly competitive with all 10 runners capable of pulling it off - luck in running could prove the decider. VELD FLOWER is unbeaten over this distance and with a 4kg claim could extend this sequence to 4 from 4. However, MAKING A SCENE, CURVATION, FRANKLIN and JIVE EXPRESS weren't far off and could challenge. SHE'S A CRACKER picked up a 2nd win last time and could go on. TRAVELING WILBURY beat CURVATION before taking a rest but could need it.

**Selections:**

#1 Veld Flower, #5 Traveling Wilbury, #6 She's A Cracker, #4 Franklin

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R70.000, 15:25GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** SENESCENCE races before this but if takes her place could win from pole position. FASINADA comes off a maiden win but looks sure to go on and must be considered. OPERA GLASS is maturing and is bred to see out the extra. VIROCANA has a shout but along with RABIA THE REBEL and EUPHORIANT have wide draws to overcome. SMILEY RIVER could appreciate the drop in trip.

**Selections:**

#6 Fasinada, #9 Opera Glass, #2 Senescence, #5 Virocana

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R85.000, 16:00GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Good race and many with claims. WISTERIA WALK, BATTLE FORCE and PRINCE OF KAHAL have yet to taste defeat over this course and distance and have obvious chances. VARS VICKY has run 9 times for 5 wins, 3 seconds and a 4th place - nothing more need to be said. However, DOWN TO ZERO meets him on 8.5kg for under a length beating. The latter's stablemate VISIWAY, as well as MARDI GRAS and FIRE AND ICE are more for the short list.

**Selections:**

#6 Wisteria Walk, #11 Down To Zero, #3 Vars Vicky, #14 Battle Force

**Vaal, 18.05.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R77.500, 16:35GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Another open race. Lightly raced TIGHT FIVE needed his last run and could make his presence felt. NORDIC REBEL is best over this course and distance. STARFLASH also races over a better distance and with blinkers on could score while stablemate SILVER MASTER cannot be ignored. STORMY WINTER has ability and with a 4kg claim could produce best form. Honest WAQAAS cannot be left out of calculations. WAR JEWEL and VALETORIO are not out of it.

**Selections:**

#7 Tight Five, #1 Nordic Rebel, #3 Stormy Winter, #5 Starflash

**Best Win:** #3 PYROMANIAC

**Best Value Bet:** #6 FASINADA

**Best Longshot:** #6 FASINADA