

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2022.06.23

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Only filly in the race, CLEAN LIVING could make use of her 2.5kg sex allowance and show them a clean pair of heels. VARTACUS has shown recent improvement and rates the one most likely to give her a run for honours. ALWAYS BETTER was a bit disappointing in his second start but should get into the action. Others are looking to improve. Watch first-timers, especially TRIP TO STATES.

Selections:

#10 Clean Living, #7 Vartacus, #1 Always Better, #6 Trip To States

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: After finishing runner-up in her first two runs, FLOWERBOMB could get her well deserved win. Despite pulling up fatigued on debut, SILVER WINTER showed up well and will come on, however, the form has yet to be franked. INVENTRIX attracted some money on debut and wasn't disgraced. She can only improve. SHE'S A KLAWER claims 4kg and with blinkers now on could get into the money. Stablemate COUNTESS DANZA could place. Watch the newcomers.

Selections:

#4 Flowerbomb, #11 Silver Winter, #7 Inventrix, #10 She's A Klawer

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: KILL SHOT wasn't far back in all four starts and could get off the mark. NICE MOVE comes off a lengthy break and if not giving too much start, could finish off strongly. UP THE IRISH has attracted money in all three starts but the extra here could be what she is looking for. EXPRESS FLYER was fancied on debut but never got into it. She comes off a long break - respect any money. DAME TWINING is having her peak run and the extra could suit. RAISING A STORM needed her last outing.

Selections:

#12 Kill Shot, #9 Nice Move, #13 Up The Irish, #7 Express Flyer

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R70.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: GOOD COUNCIL is going over further. If he can't beat this field then he won't be looking for greener pastures. HAROLD THE DUKE did best when second to Rule Book, however, he has been going up and down recently. ATLANTIC CITY hasn't enjoyed his new surroundings but on earlier form could get into the frame. FLAG BEARER as well as stablemates NODREAMTOOBIG and SONG TO THE SUN could take home lesser cheques.

Selections:

#9 Good Council, #1 Harold The Duke, #2 Atlantic City, #3 Flag Bearer

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R55.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. KOOL BAIKAL finished 1.75 lengths in front of MINGSHI last time but meets the latter on 5kg worse terms. Over the shorter trip the form could be reversed. DARK TRAVEL and SILLY FELLA are running consistently thereabouts and shouldn't be far off again. JUST A MEMORY as well as stablemates DIAMONDS N DOLLARS and RIVER JORDAN could get into the mix.

Selections:

#5 Mingshi, #2 Kool Baik, #4 Dark Travel, #7 Silly Fella

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R60.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: SUCCESSFUL SECRET was not striding out last time but before that he beat DOUBLE MAGIC by 4 lengths. If sound, should confirm the form, however the latter goes over further than the minimum trip for the first time and should get a lot closer. TRUST THE FIRE was also not striding out last time and could get back to best. WRITTEN IN STONE is running well and with JAVA HOUSE (shoulders 48kg) as well as KOTINOS (needed last) could get into the action.

Selections:

#1 Successful Secret, #2 Double Magic, #12 Java House, #10 Trust The Fire

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R55.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Lightly raced COURANTE is having his peak run and should have most scope for improvement, however, she has drawn wide which could prove costly. BELLA ROSA is looking to capitalise. She should be finishing off strongly and could get up. IN CAHOOTS and THE MAKWAKKERS are also strong finishers and best judgment will be the decider. CORAPI is better than his recent form. SPEECHMAKER, LULU'S BOY and QUATTRO PASSI could pop up.

Selections:

#9 Bella Rosa, #4 Courante, #2 In Cahoots, #3 The Makwackers

Vaal Classic, 23.06.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Juvenile OATHKEEPER could get away early from pole position and keep galloping. Stablemate THERMOPYLAE claims 4kg and could come on in heaps. PARKER GETRIX is threatening and should challenge. NEVER TO CLEVER has a wide draw to contend with but could get into the reckoning. Also drawn badly is BIG FIVE but is one to consider for Quartets. ALLAROUNDTHEWORLD is improving and cannot be ruled out.

Selections:

#12 Oathkeeper, #4 Parker Getrix, #6 Never To Clever, #2 Allaroundtheworld

Best Win: #10 CLEAN LIVING

Best Value Bet: #9 BELLA ROSA

Best Longshot: #9 BELLA ROSA