

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2022.11.24

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: This is not a strong Work Riders maiden plate. After numerous attempts, SMELTING could finally crack it. However, she has to beat a few including stable companion SILK GARDEN who shouldn't be far off. WARBONNET CREEK, who is not going top of the pops, drops in distance and should challenge. PRINCESS ILARIA has disappointed before but is carded to run before this - watch the form, she cannot be ignored. WRITTENINTHESAND can only improve on debut.

Selections:

#4 Smelting, #1 Warbonnet Creek, #7 Princess Ilaria, #5 Silk Garden

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R95.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: BELLEVARDE was coughing last time after a rest. She will come on and should be involved. She receives 5,5kg from top-weight CRIMSON PRINCESS who should make a race of it. ETERNAL LIFE was hampered at the start last time but nevertheless won easily after a break. She is 3kg worse off with DARK TRAVEL for 2.75-lengths which could bring them closer. BALLROOM BLISS could make the money. OPERA GLASS needs to find form.

Selections:

#5 Bellevarde, #1 Crimson Princess, #2 Eternal Life, #6 Dark Travel

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R90.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: CAPE LIGHTS is having her peak run and should be right there at the finish. POMOZELOUS is improving fast and could be involved in the result. AUNT PITTYPAT showed good improvement in her second start and cannot be ignored for money. LADY REGENT is running well and is another to be respected. CHICKS FOR FREE and COFFEE IN SEATTLE are drawn wide but could make the frame.

Selections:

#4 Cape Lights, #6 Pomozelous, #13 Aunt Pittypat, #5 Lady Regent

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: NAVAL GUARD comes off a break and races for his new yard. If ready, he could win on sheer form. WILLOW'S WISH is running consistently close-up and could take advantage of an underdone NAVAL GUARD. CLARKSON is doing well and should make the money again. BEY SUYAY disappointed last time but could resume honest ways. IMPERIAL MASTER and TWIN TURBO are more for the short list.

Selections:

#1 Naval Guard, #7 Willow's Wish, #8 Clarkson, #6 Bey Suyay

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R120.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: FLOWERBOMB is running well and off a handy weight could resume winning ways. MERCANTOUR found problems last time and could get into the action on this his peak run. Stable companion FOLLOW ME forms a strong back-up. CHYAVANA and stablemates TUSCAN WINTER as well as FAST LOVE cannot be ignored for exotics. ON CUE and DOCKOFTHEBAY could run on into the frame.

Selections:

#10 Flowerbomb, #3 Mercantour, #8 Chyavana, #2 Follow Me

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110.000, 15:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult to assess. Both SOUTHERN SKIES and THE MAURITIAN won impressively on debut but the form has not been franked. SET TO GO finished 3 lengths in front of well-backed DYCE last time but the latter needed the outing and could come on and make up the deficit. THUNDERSTONE is no slouch and was not striding out last time. One to include in all bets.

Selections:

#6 Southern Skies, #2 Set To Go, #1 Dyce, #4 The Mauritian

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R95.000, 15:40GMT+2

Race Summary: TWICE THE STORM is ultra consistent and will give a run for money. CORVETTE CAPTAIN appears rejuvenated and could follow up off a handy weight. Stable companion FOSTINOVO beat a week field easily last time and is sure to come on. MOVER AND SHAKER sports blinkers for the first time after finding problems last time. Look for a decent effort. WHORLY WHORLY is reunited with Striker Strydom and could place.

Selections:

#6 Twice The Storm, #9 Corvette Captain, #1 Mover And Shaker, #8 Fostinovo

Vaal Classic, 24.11.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R75.000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: ADMIRALTY ARCH beat TWICE AS WILD comprehensively last time out, so the former is expected to build on that result. BACK TO BASICS gets going late but could grab them. If she takes her chances, RATTLE BAG could get into the reckoning. LULU'S BOY has a breathing problem but if trouble-free could win it. FUTUREWOLFF comes off a maiden win and could improve.

Selections:

#5 Twice As Wild, #2 Admiralty Arch, #7 Back To Basics, #8 Rattle Bag

Best Win: #10 FLOWERBOMB

Best Value Bet: #4 CAPE LIGHTS

Best Longshot: #4 CAPE LIGHTS