

## **RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2023.05.25**

### **Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 1, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 12:00GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** DOLCEZZA has been running close up and has drawn on the outside - she could get her just reward. NO FILTER is improving with racing and could challenge. Gavin Lerena may have preferred to ride the former. Also showing improvement is DAMOSTAR who could get into the mix. Watch the first-timers especially the Rafeef-runners LADY CHATTERLEY (who is drawn on the inside) and MY BEST FRIEND as well as LADY FALLON and FOREVER MARY.

**Selections:**

#3 Dolcezza, #6 Lady Chatterley, #12 No Filter, #8 Lady Fallon

### **Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 12:30GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Watch the draws from the first race and watch betting on the first-timers. HAWKBILL has drawn on the inside, he is bred for further but the softer conditions will help. He gives 2.5kg to filly THING CALLED LOVE who has an outside draw but can only improve on her debut run. CAPTAIN WARA was unlucky not to have won last time and could get his just reward. GEORGE HANDEL was inexperienced on debut - look for improvement. RUGGER LOVER could make the Quartet.

**Selections:**

#6 Hawkbill, #16 Thing Called Love, #2 Captain Wara, #4 George Handel

### **Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R75.000, 13:05GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** VIVA DE JANEIRO found support in all three runs but shirked the issue. He could get it right here. Both TURBO POWER and TOTAL SURRENDER showed inexperience on their respective debut runs but will know more about it - respect. CAPTAIN TIK TOK and AMERICAN GRAYSON are looking to improve. STEEL CLAD could need it.

**Selections:**

#1 Viva De Janeiro, #10 Turbo Power, #9 Total Surrender, #4 Captain Tik Tok

### **Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R75.000, 13:40GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** This is not a strong maiden field and if debutante SWEET BASIL can run, she could win. Stable companion GREEN BUBBLES has current form and should offer a good guideline - respect a betting move. INEVITABLE lost it at the start last time when stumbling badly. COUNT YOUR CHANCES has been threatening and must be respected. UNITED WE STAND races before this - watch the form.

**Selections:**

#2 Inevitable, #1 Green Bubbles, #14 Sweet Basil, #5 Count Your Chances

### **Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R75.000, 14:15GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** SWORD OF MERCY has done well sporting blinkers and should make a bold bid. WILLIAMSON is on the up and could turn it around with I'M A MAN. KING'S EXPRESS is improving with racing and could turn it around with MASTER OF DEFENSE. DESERT FOX and EVERY CLOUD are looking for Quartet money.

**Selections:**

#1 Sword Of Mercy, #3 Williamson, #8 King's Express, #4 Desert Fox

**Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 14:50GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Stable companions SURYAVARMAN and STORM DICTATOR have chances but the former appears stable elect on riding engagements. PONTIAC comes off a maiden victory and has plenty more to come. Stable companion SILENT WAR forms a good back-up. CAPTAIN DIZZY has come well in new surroundings and a hat-trick is a possibility. SUPER AGRA, TWICE THE STORM, PINCH HIT and RAMCHANDANI ROAD could pull it off.

**Selections:**

#8 Pontiac, #4 Captain Dizzy, #12 Storm Dictator, #10 Suryavarman

**Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 7, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R70.000, 15:25GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** Difficult to assess and many with claims in a moderate line-up. BLUE WATERS was not striding out last time and could get into the fight for honours. Stablemate MIA FIORE comes off a maiden win and could go on. POWER RANGER is battling to visit the winner's box but if problem-free could challenge. BUSHVELD has her problems and stable companion BLACK LIGHTNING is preferred. Others could pop up.

**Selections:**

#3 Blue Waters, #12 Power Ranger, #11 Black Lightning, #2 Ignatius

**Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 15:55GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** MABONENG races before this. He beat FASINADA by a head recently but the 3.5kg difference could see the positions reversed. SPRING WILL COME shouldn't be far off on the same form line. IRONTAIL won his only start at this venue and could double up. WAQAAS, OYSTER KING and GREGOR MACGREGOR warrant inclusion in Quartets.

**Selections:**

#13 Fasinada, #2 Spring Will Come, #10 Maboneng, #3 Irontail

**Vaal, 25.05.2023, Race 9, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 16:25GMT+2**

**Race Summary:** NAPOLEON was hampered last time and could atone. LUTHULI is back over shorter and could feature. SAGE KING is from a firing stable and cannot be ignored. LIBECCIO, BATIK, EAGLE ALLEY and GILDA GRAY could make the money.

**Selections:**

#1 Napoleon, #3 Luthuli, #2 Sage King, #10 Eagle Alley

**Best Win: #1 SWORD OF MERCY**

**Best Value Bet: #8 PONTIAC**

**Best Longshot: #8 PONTIAC**