

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2024.10.31

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1700m, Turf, R80.000, 12:45GMT+2

Race Summary: A very weak race to open proceedings. CITY LIGHTS is probably the most consistent of the lot and she could at last be rewarded with a victory. ARCTIC VIXEN returns from a break but would not be a surprise winner. PASS THE BATON has improved of late and can contest the finish. PLUM BLOSSOM is unreliable but does have a winning chance. GLORIA MUNDI and REGINA MARIS are both capable of improvement and are also possible winners.

Selections:

#2 City Lights, #6 Regina Maris, #5 Gloria Mundi, #3 Pass The Baton

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R95.000, 13:20GMT+2

Race Summary: A weak race where newcomers might fight it out. SHESAROCKET makes her debut for a combination that have a fair share of winners. TOUCH OF HEAVEN is a Potala Palace newcomer that looks likely to shine on debut. FLYING SOLO is another filly that could do well on debut. MILO'S MILLIONAIRE returns from a break but does look the pick of those that have run before. BLACK HOLE SUN and WINTER IN PARIS are capable of playing minor roles.

Selections:

#13 Shesarocket, #14 Touch Of Heaven, #10 Flying Solo, #7 Milo's Millionaire

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R105.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: BOURBON RESERVE showed promise on debut. He has been gelded and returns from a break but should make a bold bid. QUASIKAT showed good pace on debut and can go one better this time but is also returning from a break. JOHN BUNYAN makes his debut for a trainer who knows what is needed from newcomers to win first time out. ESPINOZA was not beaten far in two starts and can contest the finish. BUSSTOPINHOUNSLOW and TIGER STORM are also capable of getting into the mix again.

Selections:

#12 Quasikat, #9 Bourbon Reserve, #11 John Bunyan, #10 Espinoza

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 1700m, Turf, R105.000, 14:30GMT+2

Race Summary: CLEAR THE PATH has improved with each start and can go one better. DYLAN'S CHAMP seemed to need his last run and should fight out the finish. ROBERT BROWNING lacked a strong finish last time round but is capable of contesting the finish. MEGAHIT was not disgraced on debut. He should improve and could be a threat. SANTIAGO'S PRIDE was well beaten last time out but could improve over this longer distance. INSTANT ATTRACTION has some fair form and could like this longer distance.

Selections:

#1 Clear The Path, #4 Dylan's Champ, #5 Robert Browning, #9 Megahit

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R105.000, 15:07GMT+2

Race Summary: A competitive handicap. KING OF VENUS ran well returning from a break and could do even better. Stable companion PEACE TREATY may need further to produce his best. WHAT A TIGER goes well for jockey Piere Strydom and could make all the running. SMITH AND WESSON drops in class and could be a lively danger. THE NAVY LARK usually shows good pace and could cling on for a minor place. COMING IN HOT was an easy winner last time out but does blow hot and cold. SAKHALA IS'CATHULO and LAVA FIRE are two others to consider for larger Pick 6 permutations.

Selections:

#8 King Of Venus, #2 What A Tiger, #5 Coming In Hot, #3 Smith And Wesson

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R115.000, 15:42GMT+2

Race Summary: Another competitive handicap. PARISIAN WALKWAY tried his luck without success in a better race than this last time out. He could bounce back to score. DECEPTION PASS has struck form very nicely and could complete a hat-trick. CHAMPION WARRIOR reminded followers what he is capable of with a good last win. BRAVE VIKING is consistent and deserves respect. BLOOMINGTON is unreliable but did put in a good performance last time out. GALLADORN and SKITTLES SKIES both need to improve to win but are capable of playing minor roles.

Selections:

#6 Parisian Walkway, #3 Deception Pass, #2 Champion Warrior, #5 Bloomington

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R120.000, 16:17GMT+2

Race Summary: Silvano filly ONE RELIGION was a very easy winner last time out. She picked up a 5-point penalty for that win but that may not anchor her. SAY IT WITH ROSES is unreliable but can contest the finish. I AM REGAL is in good form and should fight it out. ARIEL'S JET is holding her form and can get involved in the finish again. KADIZORA is fit and has a place chance. VISIONOFPEACE is capable of improvement and could be the surprise package in the race. MARY READ and LINGANOMORE have minor place chances.

Selections:

#6 One Religion, #2 I Am Regal, #1 Say It With Roses, #3 Ariel's Jet

Vaal, 31.10.2024, Race 8, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R95.000, 16:50GMT+2

Race Summary: A very open last race and a wide spread of runners may be needed for the exotic bets like the Pick 6. HAVE A PARTY is in good form and deserves a win but that can never be guaranteed. PLAY WITH FIRE returned to form with a well backed win last time out and may follow up if in the same mood. TEO TORRIATTE is holding form and has a winning chance. SNEAK PREVIEW was well beaten last time out but can bounce back and be a threat. STORMY SUNDAY and PARTY PUNCH are improving and are also capable of winning.

Selections:

#9 Have A Party, #6 Party Punch, #4 Stormy Sunday, #3 Sneak Preview

Best Win: #1 CLEAR THE PATH

Best Longshot: #8 KING OF VENUS