RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL@2021.02.23

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: GRAPPLER was given a break after his debut and showed marked improvement on his comeback run. He should confirm with LAZY GUY who has been doing better. QUNETRA hasn't been far off recently and should be in the money again. ROCK THE KAZVAR races as a gelding now and can improve. Watch first-timer SOUTH BOY - he could be anything.

Selections:

#6 Grappler, #9 South Boy, #1 Lazy Guy, #2 Qunetra

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: SKY KINGDOM showed improvement after a rest and should make her presence felt. COUNTRY MILE ran below form in her 3rd outing and is back after a break. If ready should be right there. MY SUGAR BABY disappointed in her last 3 runs but has ability and could rise to the occasion MAGIC CHOICE sports blinkers now and could get into the mix. Look for improvement from ROLLAWAYTACKLER and SALUTE DE WINTER.

Selections:

#4 Sky Kingdom, #1 Country Mile, #2 My Sugar Baby, #12 Magic Choice

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: ICE EATER was 2nd in his last 3 starts and deserves a change of fortune. LAGERTHA is rarely far back and should be thereabouts again. SAVIOUR was not striding out last time and should return to best after a rest. ALEX THE GREAT cannot be ignored. RAMSAY and JAM FANCY could get into the frame.

Selections:

#1 Ice Eater, #6 Lagertha, #3 Saviour, #11 Alex The Great

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R77.500, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: MIND READER is as honest as they come and should give another good account of herself. TOWARDS THE SUN has ability but has been out of action for nearly 8 months. Respect any support. SEE YOU TYGER is running well and races before this - watch. Top weight ALL OF ME can get into the action. SOUTHERN CHARM can improve sporting blinkers now.

Selections:

#5 Mind Reader, #6 Towards The Sun, #7 See You Tyger, #1 All Of Me

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Stable companions BELLA BLACK and INFORMATIVE have switched their riders but if either rider had the choice it couldn't have been easy. They could fight it out. CORVETTE CAPTAIN finished just ahead of TIKI TAKA (runs before this) and INHERIT THE RAIN but the strength of that form needs to be confirmed. SOLACE found problems in his post-debut run and should do better. CAPTAIN'S REWARD needs to find form. Others could pop up.

Selections:

#3 Bella Black, #5 Informative, #9 Corvette Captain, #2 Solace

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult to assess. BATTLE FORCE comes off a maiden win over this course and distance and could double up. SPEECHMAKER carries 1kg overweight but could get into the action. IRREVOCABLE DREAM hasn't been far off and could take home another cheque. CHLORIS drops in distance but should finish off strongly. HARRYS SECRET is back over his winning track and trip with the same rider. Others could win.

Selections:

#4 Battle Force, #12 Speechmaker, #10 Irrevocable Dream, #2 Chloris

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R85.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive. PUTONTHEREDLIGHT has won both starts at this track and could make it 3 from 3. Stable companion IN CAHOOTS is having his peak run and could get into the fight for honours. NORDIC REBEL gives start but could grab them late. Stablemates SEVEN PATRIOTS (won his only try this track and trip) and FULL MAST are capable of getting into the mix.

Selections:

#3 Putontheredlight, #5 In Cahoots, #7 Nordic Rebel, #2 Full Mast

Vaal, 23.02.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R77.500, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: BOLD JAZZ is back over a preferred distance and could chalk up his 3rd victory. AGAINST THE GRAIN appears a difficult ride but will be catching late. Stable companion ICE LORD is rarely far behind and could get into the reckoning. STORMY WINTER could win if problem free. OSCAR WILDE ran below form last time but could make amends. ROCK OF AFRICA shouldn't be far off them.

Selections:

#3 Bold Jazz, #1 Against The Grain, #11 Ice Lord, #4 Stormy Winter

Best Win: #5 MIND READER Best Value Bet: #4 BATTLE FORCE Best Longshot: #4 BATTLE FORCE