

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2021.01.26

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES finished 0,75 lengths in front of filly BELLA CHICA on their debut meeting. The latter has won subsequently and they meet on identical terms. He should confirm. NAARAH won on debut and has scope for improvement. LA FILLE can improve on debut. Watch debutante SOCIAL IMAGE - she could be anything.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. ALEX THE GREAT was touched off last time but could make amends. ALLEZ LES BLEU needed her last outing when pulling up lame. If sound could feature. MR HUGO is coming to form. 7-time-winner SNOW IN SEATTLE could finish off strongly. AFRIEL, CLAREMORRIS and INFORMATIVE are more for the short list.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R70.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: RATION MY PASSION was slightly disappointing last time. She should get back on track if allowed to stride freely in front. LITTLEWOOD never travelled well in soft conditions in her last 2 but if the going is good then respect. SMILEY RIVER gives start but could get into the mix. THE SASH, SO LONG SPRING, SHABBA RANKS and FRENCH LEAVE could get into the frame.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R70.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: PAMUSHANA'S PRIDE is maturing now and could chalk up a 2nd win. PLUM FIELD cannot be ignored for money. AFRAAD is running well and should be thereabouts. RABIA THE REBEL is capable but hard to predict. There should be nothing between SUN GIANT and DRUMMER DUDE and either could place. ZABARJAD sports blinkers now and could improve.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R77.500, 15:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive. JUST KIDDING is knocking and off a handy weight could get a deserved 2nd win. NEBRAAS is never far and should be thereabouts again. SELL HIGH runs for Piere Strydom and must be respected to go in again. If MASTER SUPREME behaves at the start he could get into the action. FINCHATTON, BARAK, STORMY WINTER and CASH TIME are all capable of pulling it off.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R70.000, 15:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Another open event. FLY NORTH gets going late and if timed right could grab them in the closing stages. KOOL BAIKAL hasn't been far back in his post-maiden runs and could get into the

picture. ROMEO'S MAGIC has done well in his new surroundings and could feature. UN DEUX TROIS made no improvement in blinkers but cannot be ignored. FLYING FIRST CLASS needed her last run and will come on. PICCADILLY SQUARE races before this - watch.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: STONE COLD is on the up and could get into the action. RIVER JORDAN never recovered from a slow start last time but is a lot better than that. SILVER MASTER is running well and could get into the reckoning. ME TIME should relish the longer distance and warrants inclusion in all bets. SHORTSTOP and WAQAAS could make the frame.

Selections:

Vaal Classic, 26.01.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Difficult race to end. HOTTENTOTS HOLLAND is in form and could go in again. HEART OF A LEGEND is threatening for a 5th win and could achieve it. BRAVO ONE is running well and could make it a 3rd win at this track. IRREVOCABLE DREAM comes off a short rest and could get into the money. Look for a good run from EVENING RISE. After being disqualified BARTHOLOMEUS did well in his next race. He could be involved again. AFTER HOURS is back over a preferred trip and needs to be respected.

Selections:

Best Win: #2 PAMUSHANA'S PRIDE

Best Value Bet: #10 JUST KIDDING

Best Longshot: #10 JUST KIDDING