

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: VAAL CLASSIC@2021.01.28

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: DEANAGELO hasn't been far off in all five starts and could get off the mark in a not overly strong field. RICCARDO is improving now and could make a race of it. CURFEW ran well below form last time and has a trifecta chance. GLOBAL TOWN is another that has a definite money chance. OFFICER and BAROMETER are looking for minor money.

Selections:

#5 Deanagelo, #4 Riccardo, #3 Curfew, #6 Global Town

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R70.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: This is a moderate line-up. ASGOODASITGETS wasn't far behind in both starts, the winners in both have gone on to better things. If ready should be right there. MISS VENEZUELA was blowing last time and that run is best ignored. PECAN PIE will come on heaps on her debut and could hold AFLAME (needed her last outing) on that run. GINSENG, DANCING ARABIAN, OCEANS PRIDE, AMBERGLOW STAR and ROSE WILLOW could make the frame.

Selections:

#11 Asgoodasitgets, #6 Miss Venezuela, #13 Pecan Pie, #1 Aflame

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R77.500, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: FLYING CARPET raced against stronger before opening his account. He is back in his own class now and could go on. Stable companions INVISIBLE (needed last) and AGAINST THE GRAIN (runs before this) have ability and must be considered. HERODOTUS has his first run in his new surroundings and if acclimatised could feature. CASTELLANO was reportedly making a respiratory noise last time and should do better. WOLFFS WORLD was just touched off in his post-maiden.

Selections:

#6 Flying Carpet, #3 Invisible, #5 Castellano, #4 Against The Grain

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R77.500, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. QUEEN BOMI has a handy weight and could take advantage. BEBOP has scope for improvement and could turn it around with FRANKLIN. CURVATION always gives her best and should run another honest race. LADY AMHERST disappointed in her last 2 runs but could get back on track. BOLD FORTUNE, FORT ANNE and NETTA could get into the mix.

Selections:

#9 Queen Bomi, #4 Bebop, #6 Curvation, #1 Franklin

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R85.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: If BARAHIN finds true form he will be hard to beat. Recently behind Dance Class, AFRICAN ADVENTURE finished just ahead of GLIDER PILOT, IMPERIAL RUBY and HERO'S HONOUR and only the last mentioned is 2kg better off. Depending on pace they all could be involved. DIVINE ODYSSEY, OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE and CHITENGO need to get into good form.

Selections:

#7 Glider Pilot, #6 African Adventure, #4 Hero's Honour, #1 Barahin

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R77.500, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: VARS VICKY was just beaten last time and had YOUR PLACE OR MINE 1,5 lengths behind him. The latter is 1,5kg worse off and should not turn it around on strict form. RIVONIA BOULEVARD is well above average and won both races contested over this distance, one being at this track. However, he has a tough ask ahead giving VARS VICKY 7kg. KAYLA'S CHAMP is holding form and looking for quartet money.

Selections:

#7 Vars Vicky, #8 Your Pace Or Mine, #1 Rivonia Boulevard, #2 Kayla's Champ

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R85.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: CHE BELLA should be ripe and ready but stable companion FLY AWAY is no slouch and if ready after a year out of action could win. Watch the betting market. WINTER WATCH is running well and should finish on top of them. ALL OF ME (races before this) and stablemate SWEET SENSATION (coughing last time) as well as SLALOM QUEEN have ability but appear moody. SHEER TALENT will enjoy the expected fast pace and could finish off strongly. The remaining 3 runners could pop up.

Selections:

#4 Che Bella, #1 Fly Away, #5 Winter Watch, #6 Sheer Talent

Vaal Classic, 28.01.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R77.500, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: SWEET FUTURE looks well above average. She won her second race in a row despite shifting and finishing tied up. She could complete a hat-trick. VARINA is capable and could match strides with her, however, MIND READER could turn it around with her. She is looking to make up a neck defeat with a 2kg advantage. IMPRESSIVE DUCHESS, SAMOA and SHOWDOWN KID could upset the applecart.

Selections:

#1 Sweet Future, #2 Varina, #5 Mind Reader, #10 Showdown Kid

Best Win: #7 VARS VICKY

Best Value Bet: #9 QUEEN BOMI

Best Longshot: #9 QUEEN BOMI