

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: GREYVILLE POLYTRACK@2021.01.27

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Poly, R70.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: FISTS OF FIRE and NORTHERN TUNE bring fair form from their respective provinces. The former has had a run this year and gets the nod. The latter has met some decent individuals and needs to be closely followed. WHAT A RYDER and STRAIGHT SIX both seem a lot better than their poly efforts suggest. WHAT A RYDER has drawn well again, could get the race run to suit and deserves another chance. STORY BOOK and GIMME A RAINBOW have claims.

Selections:

#3 Fists Of Fire, #1 Northern Tune, #2 What A Ryder, #7 Straight Six

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Poly, R70.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: GLOBAL APPEAL is coming along the right way. She has a much better draw this time and can race closer to the pace. MY BIG VISION fluffed her lines last time after misbehaving at the start. She will be fitter here and the longer trip may suit. TIVOLI GARDENS showed good pace in the Western Cape and could be anything on this surface. SIBERIAN SUNSET ran a much better race after rest. She deserves respect along with BADRAH whose best distance hasn't been figured out yet. VENTRILOQUIST has a decent draw and can start to improve.

Selections:

#3 Global Appeal, #4 My Big Vision, #9 Tivoli Gardens, #11 Siberian Sunset

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1900m, Poly, R70.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: POLICY TARGET is the one to beat. He has been costly to follow but this looks like the right race for him to open his account. ZERO RATE was not far behind him the time they met and he looks better than his previous polytrack form. JUST DIXIT ran a cracker last time and was not far behind ZERO RATE on the turf. Could get close but he has battled for a while in the maidens. GOLDEN DUCK is overdue but is experimenting on the poly again. LIAOLUO BAY isn't out of it either.

Selections:

#9 Policy Target, #5 Zero Rate, #6 Just Dixit, #7 Golden Duck

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1700m, Poly, R70.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Nice race with many a useful filly and mare. UNDERTHEMISTLETOE produced a strong finish to win an exciting race in her fourth start. She has been improving with each start and there is no reason why she should stop now even if this is a tough handicap. SHASTINA has a wide draw to overcome but has a 4kg claim and this could level the playing field. She could be hard to catch back on the poly. SACRED IBIS signalled she may be ready to challenge for the win last time but also has to overcome her draw. MAMA PYJAMA, THEATRICAL MOMENT, TANGO TIME, ANMER HALL and FIRE FAERIE add to what must be the toughest race on the day.

Selections:

#6 Underthemistletoe, #12 Shastina, #10 Sacred Ibis, #2 Mama Pyjama

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Poly, R70.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: GOODTIME GUY confirmed his ability with a good post maiden effort - despite things going wrong - after an easy maiden win. JUSTFORTHEPENNY is now knocking hard for his second career win and could do so here. A 2.5kg claim could see him get over the line first. MASTER TOBE has been dominant on the poly in his last two and could pick up from where he left off after a rest - have a good look at him in the canter down. GENTLEMAN'S WAY and BURNING WINGS are useful individuals

who have more wins in the tank. SOVEREIGN SOLDIER also has a say.

Selections:

#9 Goodtime Guy, #5 Justfortheepenny, #2 Master Tobe, #7 Gentleman's Way

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Poly, R70.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: If SIMPLY RUSSIAN emulates her last run over this course and distance she will be hard to beat but she is not known for her consistency. She has the best of the draw. LADY LEGEND also found her best form last time. A 2.5kg apprentice claim offsets her increased merit rating. She could be hard to peg back. Both FUTURISTIC DAME and MARSANNE have wide draws to overcome but nevertheless rate definite dangers. FREEDOM'S FIRE looks capable.

Selections:

#1 Simply Russian, #4 Lady Legend, #12 Marsanne, #10 Futuristic Dame

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Poly, R70.000, 16:08GMT+2

Race Summary: STORM CHASER is a different horse on the poly. He won his first outing on this surface impressively, albeit against a weak field. Even though dropping in distance, he could be dangerous again. VALIENTE was a ball of speed over this course and distance in his penultimate and held form at Scottsville. He has drawn well and could be hard to peg back. KINGS ROAD reserves his best for Greyville be it on the poly or turf and he now boasts a 4kg apprentice claim which could make his job easier. It doesn't end there as IMPARTIAL has done little wrong and SO VAR boasts a powerful finish and could get the race run to suit here.

Selections:

#1 Storm Chaser, #3 Valiente, #5 Kings Road, #7 Impartial

Greyville Polytrack, 27.01.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Poly, R70.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: ARCTIC PRINCESS is in top form and can complete a hat-trick of wins. Trainer Justin Snaith holds a strong hand with UMZINDUZI and MISS TEXAS, both improving young fillies. The former had excuses last time but the latter has the better draw. FOXY LADY did well from a wide draw last time finishing second to ARCTIC PRINCESS but has drawn wide again and will need luck in running to get past her. CASADORO, FLAMING DESIRE and SATARA need to be considered from decent draws.

Selections:

#7 Arctic Princess, #8 Umzinduzi, #11 Foxy Lady, #3 Miss Texas

Best Win: #9 POLICY TARGET

Best Value Bet: #6 UNDERTHEMISTLETOE

Best Longshot: #6 UNDERTHEMISTLETOE