

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2025.12.14

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R140,000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: The first KZN juvenile race has attracted a big field of first timers so the betting will be your best guide. Mike Miller has his usual compliment and saddles seven of the 12 runners. Stable rider Tristan Godden generally has the pick of the rides so MASTER MAGICIAN (6) could prove the pick but he is not infallible. (Andrew Harrison: 6-12-3-7).

Selections: #6 MASTER MAGICIAN, #12 A BIT SPICY, #3 STEAMY WINDOWS, #7 AMC ROY'S FANTASY

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R120,000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: A full field of 16 lines up here with a number of first timers in the mix. Of those that have run, PLACE OF PRACTICE (15) improved nicely on the poly second time out but can make the required improvement. WINTER IN LONDON (1) also improved at his second start behind the useful looking Cognac. He can also make the required improvement. EASTERN HIGHLANDS (2) looks held by Place Of Practice going on their last meeting but does have experience in his favour. BEST OF ALL (5) has a blue-blood pedigree and one to keep an eye on in the betting given that regular stable rider S'Manga Khumalo rides. (Andrew Harrison: 15-1-2-10).

Selections: #15 PLACE OF PRACTICE, #1 WINTER IN LONDON, #2 EASTERN HIGHLANDS, #5 BEST OF ALL

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90,000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: MR MCDONALD (7) caught the eye when running on late on debut. It was not the greatest maiden field but with some expected improvement he can go one better. PAST AND PRESENT (1) makes his local debut for his new stable. He has been rested but had some useful Cape form over further. The blinkers are back on and he has the best of the draw. DIRECTOR (13) has drawn wide but his last run in the soft is best ignored. He was consistent before that. DUBAI DUDE (12) was well beaten on debut but that form has held up quite well. He gets the services of vastly experience French rider Mickaëlle Michel who will relish the 1.5kg allowance. (Andrew Harrison: 7-1-13-12).

Selections: #7 MR MCDONALD, #1 PAST AND PRESENT, #13 DIRECTOR, #12 DUBAI DUDE

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100,000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: ANNIE'S SONG (13) will need some luck in running from her wide draw but she has improved with every outing and looks primed for this. THOUGHT CONTROL (5) made a promising debut over the distance and sure to come on with the experience. HEAVENLY MAFIA (3) makes her local debut and shows steady Cape and PE form. The blinkers stay on with a claiming apprentice up. SOVEREIGN GEM (1) has the best of the draw and she did improve at her second outing in the soft. Can go close. (Andrew Harrison: 13-5-3-1).

Selections: #13 ANNIE'S SONG, #5 THOUGHT CONTROL, #3 HEAVENLY MAFIA, #1 SOVEREIGN GEM

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R120,000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: CLEARATHERUNWAY (11) has a tricky draw to contend with but he was an impressive winner of his maiden at just his second start. The form of that race had panned out with second placed ERIC'S LEGACY (5) skating home by eight lengths next time out albeit in a shallow field. He is in receipt of 1.5kg from Cleartherunway and has a better draw which could swing the odds in his favourite. RED MOUNTAIN (6) has shown some recent improvement in blinkers and with a claiming apprentice up he comes into the race with a strong chance. SPAARNE RIVIER (3) was a little disappointing last time out but is down in class and cannot be written off lightly. (Andrew Harrison: 5-11-6-3).

Selections: #5 ERIC'S LEGACY, #11 CLEARATHERUNWAY, #6 RED MOUNTAIN, #3 SPAARNE RIVIER

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100,000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Competitive handicap. MAGMA MAGIC (3) has shown signs of form of late and may just have needed his last effort. This trip should suit. BANK STREET (7) switches to the turf but has been running consistently well on the poly. He got a two-point raise in the handicap for his runner-up placing last time out and is up in trip. KIMBALL O'HARA (12) has a tricky draw but has dropped further in the ratings and is down in class. DEFINITELY YES (11) has been making steady improvement with a tongue-tie and should be a contender. IN THE BAG (5) is seldom far back of late and can go one better. (Andrew Harrison: 3-7-12-11-5).

Selections: #3 MAGMA MAGIC, #7 BANK STREET, #12 KIMBALL O'HARA, #11 DEFINITELY YES

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1750m, Turf, R110,000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Tricky handicap. GIMMEFORSURE (1) has been consistent since her debut win. She makes her local debut and steps up to what could be a more suitable trip given her pedigree. She only has 51.5kg to shoulder from a favourable draw. At the other end of the gate is SASCHA'S DREAM (12) who boasts solid current form. She stays the trip well and gets some relief from the saddle. GRAND OCCASION (5) was well fancied for a hatrick of wins last time out but found one too good. She has come good of late and steps up in trip. MISS TWINKLE (3) meets Sasha's Dream on identical weight terms but does have the better draw. There should not be too much between them come the line. (Andrew Harrison: 1-3-12-5).

Selections: #1 GIMMEFORSURE, #3 MISS TWINKLE, #12 SASCHA'S DREAM, #5 GRAND OCCASION

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R125,000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: FORTRESS OF FIRE (16) was disappointing in features last season but ended off in promising fashion. After nearly five months off the track, he caught the eye in his seasonal debut when running on stoutly from a wide draw on the poly behind the very much in form United Nations. He shed his maiden over course and distance and could be finally finding himself. MAPHAKA (7) has been knocking on the door for some time now. He is dropping in the ratings and could be competitive again. DAPPER (9) is long overdue and seldom out of the money. One of his best recent showings has been over course and distance. BEAMONESQUE (10) finished just ahead of Fortress Of Fire when making his local debut. He had useful Highveld form before that and will be competitive. (Andrew Harrison: 16-7-10-9).

Selections: #16 FORTRESS OF FIRE, #7 MAPHAKA, #10 BEAMONESQUE, #9 DAPPER

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 14.12.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R90,000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: ARVERNI PRINCESS (6) has been in mustard form and has won over course and distance with this apprentice aboard. WHEREVERILAYMYHAT (5) is 0.5kg better off with Arverni Princess on their last meeting so there should not be much between the pair. NDAKA (13) is back over his preferred distance and has blinkers on. He is quick and could be the surprise package. YANNAKIS (9) is down in class and has a 4kg claimer aboard which should help his cause. (Andrew Harrison: 6-5-13-9).

Selections: #6 ARVERNI PRINCESS, #5 WHEREVERILAYMYHAT, #13 NDAKA, #9 YANNAKIS

Best Win: Race 3 #7

Best Value Bet: Race 6 #3

Best Longshot: Race 5 #6