

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2022.01.09

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R78.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: KwaZulu-Natal racing returns to Scottsville. Nicely bred debutantes could dominate matters in the first as the raced runners have not impressed. SPRING FEVER can improve as she should jump better while SWEETER THAN HONEY could prefer this 1000m trip. But trainer Mike Miller has reported that WOODLAND RETREAT is a very nice filly and will run well and he has already had good success with his juveniles this season. AMEENA is another bred to fly. She has the added benefit of an apprentice claim and should come in for support.

Selections:

#2 Woodland Retreat, #4 Ameena, #3 Likeable, #7 Spring Fever

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Ignore BEECHAMWOOD BOY's racecourse debut. He didn't enjoy the switch to 1400m and had other valid excuses. He flew up in his previous races over this distance and the form has worked well. But there is plenty of opposition. THE BRIEF was third to Coin Spinner and that form line has proven very strong with as many as four winners coming out of that race. However, he drops in distance after a break. GREY VIEW is also racing after a rest but has the speed to get away and will race fresh. Ex-Highveld runners PHAKA IMALI and GLOBAL VISION are capable of upsetting.

Selections:

#13 Beechamwood Boy, #7 The Brief, #5 Grey View, #4 Global Vision

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: AMARANDI was beaten as favourite last time and can make amends as her best performance was up the straight at this course. RUN AGAIN has plenty scope and could be the dark horse. She came from last to finish fourth, not far off AMARANDI and others, and should not go backward. SKY CAFE had something go amiss last time and that run is best ignored. She should have a fair chance if building on her previous effort. RASPBERRY BERET was unlucky to lose her third start. Should have every chance. QUEEN MERCURY, WINTER JOURNEY and GUEST GETORIXX aren't out of it either.

Selections:

#5 Amarandi, #6 Run Again, #10 Sky Cafe, #11 Raspberry Beret

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: KAPEN PRIDE is looking for the turf track these days. He was dangerous last time and if getting the pace he needs could mow them down in this longer straight. MASTER OF DESTINY also enjoyed switching to the turf last time, winning well enough to suggest he could repeat. However, he is switching to Scottsville and dropping in distance. Watch out for ARCTIC TUNE who produced some devastating finishes in his first three starts. He is lightly raced and may have issues but obviously is highly talented. Trainer Paul Lafferty has three but LADY SERENA looks weighted to threaten.

Selections:

#10 Kapen Pride, #9 Artic Tune, #4 Master Of Destiny, #2 Lady Serena

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R80.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: GAUDIS MASTERPIECE is weighted to win and the only times he raced over a bit of ground he ran with some of the best. One to beat if overcoming a wide gate. CAPTAIN SEAGER wasn't disgraced in a strong Conditional Graduation race and then confirmed with a decent run back in a

handicap. The form has been franked. CUPID'S SONG is the dark horse as has now matured. He has gate No 1 and should make it count. MASTER VISION is knocking hard at the door but has been set a stiffer task at the weights. Still, this shorter trip should be more to his liking. Many with earning potential.

Selections:

#11 Gaudis Masterpiece, #8 Captain Seager, #1 Cupid's Song, #6 Master Vision

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1950m, Turf, R80.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: ROCKIE REEF has done everything asked of her and should keep improving. She finally jumps from a good barrier and could further boost her confidence on her handicap debut if taking to Scottsville. RISE has been running well in stronger company. To add to her advantage she has a 4kg apprentice claim which could test her rivals to the full. SEA EAGLE gave signs she was ready to challenge for more prize money last time. But the longer trip is a question mark. HEARTSEASE got the better of CHELSEA FLOWER but she has drawn wide and the latter is back on the turf. Could get close.

Selections:

#2 Rockie Reef, #5 Rise, #1 Sea Eagle, #13 Heartsease

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R90.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Nice race - all are useful sprinters. It should get close between ISHNANA and SPYDAS CORNER. The former won an amazing race at Greyville last time and is perhaps even better at Scottsville but the weights make it tough. He beat SPYDAS CORNER by 3.05 lengths but is 5.5kg worse off. WINTER FLIGHT has won two of his last three on the poly but has been dangerous at this course as well. Stablemates LIGHT THAT LOOSE and BURNING WINGS are strong contenders at best and need to be taken seriously. The former races fresh and has more wins at this venue.

Selections:

#4 Spydas Corner, #7 Ishnana, #1 Winter Flight, #5 Light That Loose

Scottsville, 09.01.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Not an easy race to end. If CAPE EAGLE proves in need of the run and finds this trip too short it could go to any of the rest. Watch for market support as he is a promising son of Vercingetorix. BLAZE OF SILK has not dropped a lot in the ratings but it could be enough in this race. He is very useful and loves this venue. FAUSTINO won a nice race at Greyville and could follow up for his in-form rider. HAMPTON COURT impressed in stronger company on the poly and needs to be taken seriously. IMPARTIAL is capable but needs much to go his way to threaten. More in it.

Selections:

#3 Cape Eagle, #2 Blaze Of Silk, #4 Faustino, #6 Hampton Court

Best Win: #11 GAUDIS MASTERPIECE

Best Value Bet: #2 ROCKIE REEF

Best Longshot: #2 ROCKIE REEF