

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2022.01.16

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Highveld raider MARADIVA can open his account on the first time of asking in KwaZulu-Natal. He finished runner-up in his last two but gelding could see a more polished performance. MCCARTNEY did a lot better after gelding, finishing third. He will strip fitter and on ratings should be right there at the finish. NDAKA had BLESS ME FRED and GLOBAL PATH beat when a good second to promising Botz. He is overdue and runs his best races at this venue. BLESS ME FRED could get closer with a 2.5kg apprentice claim and GLOBAL PATH looks to have drawn best of the three so needs to be included.

Selections:

#9 Maradiva, #10 McCartney, #5 Ndaka, #6 Bless Me Fred

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R80.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: FEARLESS KITTY is going about it the right way and is improving with each start. She needs to get going sooner but does have the best of the draws so should have every chance. If she doesn't, GLOBAL SECRET can take full advantage. She has been building up confidence and after finding one better last time should make amends. TEMPELHOFF was cut into when beaten as favourite in her last start. Her previous form entitles her to the utmost respect. SNOW TUNE is also holding form and she is versatile, having run well on turf and poly. Must go into Trifectas and Quartets.

Selections:

#1 Fearless Kitty, #6 Global Secret, #9 Tempelhoff, #5 Snow Tune

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1950m, Turf, R80.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: PARK AND FLY was allowed to relax at the back of the field and showed her true form in running second. She should enjoy this longer straight and can open her account. SIEGE OF ORLEANS and SEXY SHIRAZ weren't far off the former and need to be taken seriously at this venue. The former has run well at this course and may relish returning to the track. She jumps from a decent draw. The latter has scope for big improvement after doing a lot better in blinkers last time. She is well bred. EDGE OF WINTER needs to show he stays. If he does he could be dangerous. MADIBA'S CUPPA can start to improve.

Selections:

#8 Park And Fly, #7 Sexy Shiraz, #5 Siege Of Orleans, #4 Edge Of Winter

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: VIVID JET was unlucky not to get up and beat STAR ACT who completed a hat-trick. Two speedy fillies. VIVID JET likes to come from behind and catch a horse like STAR ACT, who looks to tear away up front. Both are in good form and should run big races. PELARGONIUM has more to come and was fancied in her two disappointing runs at Greyville. She is back at her best track and could impress. SOCIAL BUTTERFLY was fancied in a very strong race on local debut and could be the one they all have to beat if taking to Scottsville. CALULO is not without a chance.

Selections:

#6 Vivid Jet, #2 Star Act, #9 Pelargonium, #1 Social Butterfly

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: JOSHUA HOTSNAKE won well enough to suggest he could follow up on handicap debut. He looks to be well placed in this field and has the best of the draws. Fellow three-year-old ALL

THE TIME can be a difficult ride but also won his maiden with some authority. He finished ahead of JOSHUA HOTSNAKE in the maidens but the latter did suffer an injury in that race. Could get close. Another recent maiden winner, FRENCH MASTERPIECE, won as he liked and if not minding the drop in distance could threaten. However, he did beat a weak field. PRINCE TYRION, PHILISPIEL and HIGH VELOCITY have claims.

Selections:

#1 Joshua Hotsnake, #6 All The Time, #5 French Masterpiece, #15 Prince Tyrion

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: The last time MAIDENS PRAYER ran over this course and distance she ran a cracking second to Humdinger, an up and coming youngster. She has secured pole position again and it could pay to follow her this time. LUCKY MISS earlier lost her first try over this track and trip finding one better but has matured and has enjoyed the mile distance recently. She could be up to the task now. BELLA SICCOME won better than the margin suggested last time but may prefer a bit further along with BAY BREEZE who has improved with each start this season. But she may just need it after rest.

Selections:

#1 Maidens Prayer, #3 Lucky Miss, #8 Bella Siccome, #5 Freedom's Fire

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1750m, Turf, R100.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Strong renewal of the Michael Roberts Stakes. CROWN TOWER is one from one over the course and distance so has no problem stepping away from his specialist Greyville track. However, there looks to be good pace in the race so he may not have it his own way. ASTRIX has been in terrific form upcountry, just missing out on the majors, and could get his just reward from stall gate No 1. But there are plenty of class individuals who could get the race run to suit. TRISTFUL would be deserving but has drawn wide. CAPOEIRA is very capable on his day. SIR MICHAEL has his name written all over the race.

Selections:

#1 Astrix, #12 Tristful, #2 Crown Towers, #4 Capoeira

Scottsville, 16.01.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Tough race to end and it should pay to go as wide as the budget allows. In saying that MVULAZANA turned in a useful performance in her first post-maiden try and should improve on that. However, she tries Scottsville for the first time. SWEET SYMPHONY needed her last run and knows the track - she got going late to finish just behind the winner - and could take advantage. OUR EMILY had excuses in her post-maiden encounter and seems capable of better. TRATTORIA was eye catching on local debut and could come out flying after a rest. DIAMOND GIRL and KITTEN'S ADVENTURE can earn.

Selections:

#6 Mvulazana, #7 Sweet Symphony, #11 Our Emily, #15 Trattoria

Best Win: #1 FEARLESS KITTY

Best Value Bet: #6 MVULAZANA

Best Longshot: #6 MVULAZANA