

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: DURBANVILLE@2021.10.16

Durbanville, 16.10.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R72.000, 13:20GMT+2

Race Summary: DRAGONFLY and INFINITE PEACE were returning from rests in a recent meeting. Both would've come on since and should have more to offer. The former, who had been gelded, was drawn wide and ran on from a long way back so should confirm that form stepped up to this trip with improved fitness on his side and from a better draw. HINCKLEY made good improvement last time with the benefit of experience under his belt and could pose a threat with further progress expected. SOLAR POWER is another likely improver who is capable of making his presence felt.

Selections:

#2 Dragonfly, #1 Infinite Peace, #5 Hinckley, #6 Solar Power

Durbanville, 16.10.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R77.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. Lightly raced BEREAVE is versatile and well above average. He returns fresh from a break but needn't be at full fitness to resume winning ways after consecutive 2nd-place finishes. MISTER VARGUS arrives in good form and brings with him race fitness, so is likely to pose the biggest threat. SPECTRA FORCE is capable on his day but currently out of sorts, while CAPTAIN DIZZY is probably at his best over 1000m but capable of playing a minor role.

Selections:

#1 Bereave, #2 Mister Vargus, #3 Spectra Force, #5 Captain Dizzy

Durbanville, 16.10.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R72.000, 14:30GMT+2

Race Summary: GIVERNY and MAGNA MATER both finished 2nd in their only attempt over this trip and neither would be winning out of turn. The fitting of cheekpieces could eke out further improvement from the latter, who is preferred after consecutive seconds. CHELSEA RIVER could show more trying this trip for the first time with blinkers refitted, so warrants respect. DIFFERENT DRUM didn't go on with the effort on her track debut but is capable of better and could make her presence felt with that experience under the belt.

Selections:

#3 Magna Mater, #4 Giverny, #1 Chelsea River, #5 Different Drum

Durbanville, 16.10.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R72.000, 15:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Good maiden. GLOBAL ALLY improved for the experience and step up in trip to 1400m to finish 2nd in just his second start. He stayed on well under pressure from a handy position, suggesting there could be more to come over the extra. TOUT A FAIT has the form and experience to fight out the finish. He has improved in 2 starts after gelding and was last seen finishing 2nd over 1400m, so will be looking to go one better stepped up in trip. VENGEANCE FOREVER caught the eye on debut and will improve with experience. He is drawn widest so may need things to go his way - chance, nonetheless.

Selections:

#5 Global Ally, #4 Tout A Fait, #11 Vengeance Forever, #6 Millahue

Durbanville, 16.10.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R72.000, 15:40GMT+2

Race Summary: LILLYBELLE confirmed the promise of debut win by running on from a long way back to finish 3rd in a stronger race on handicap debut, in a fillies-and-mares contest. She faces male rivals now but has most scope for improvement, and rates the one to beat off a mark just a point higher than she raced off last time. Lightly raced stablemate CAPE TO RIO has run at this level recently and on that evidence could also have a role to play. However, a bigger threat over this trip is likely to come from

BACK TO YOU who may have needed his last start after gelding. PARIS RIX would've tightened up too.

Selections:

#3 Lillybelle, #2 Back To You, #5 Cape To Rio, #1 Paris Rix

Durbanville, 16.10.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R72.000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: PAPER TRAIL has run well at this level in both post-maiden outings since returning from a rest and will have more to offer in his peak outing, so rates the one to beat in a competitive sprint handicap. FORT RED has also been running well recently since the blinkers were removed. He was a winner over track and trip two starts back and could fight it out. RAVENSTHORPE is held in high regard and would've tightened up having probably been in need of his last start after a rest and gelding. Hat-trick-seeking POWER GRID has another 4-point penalty to defy but warrants respect in current form. Tricky!

Selections:

#2 Paper Trail, #4 Fort Red, #6 Ravensthorpe, #3 Power Grid

Best Win: #1 BEREAVE