

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2025.05.18

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R150,000, 11:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: All first timers so watch the betting. Some to watch may be TRAJANUS (1), AFRICAN PRIDE (5) and JET BLACK FIRE (3). (Andrew Harrison: 1-5-3-2).

Selections: #1 TRAJANUS, #5 AFRICAN PRIDE, #3 JET BLACKFIRE, #4 CLINTOSTAR

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R125,000, 11:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Many first timers so watch the betting. Of those that have run, HIERARCHY (10) made a smart debut at long odds. She should go close with the benefit of the run. So too WATER HYACINTH (7) who showed up well behind stable companion Comic Relief in debut but has not been out since December last year. FLYING SOUTH (12) found some market support in her Hollywoodbets Durbanville debut. Cape form has stood up well. FACINATION (4) made a promising debut in soft ground and should come on from that. (Andrew Harrison: 10-12-7-4).

Selections: #10 HIERARCHY, #12 FLYING SOUTH, #7 WATER HYACINTH, #4 FASCINATION

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R125,000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: TRIPPING THUNDER (1) comes with some consistent Cape form. The stable is in form and he should make a bold bid. Biggest threat could come from fellow Cape raider VICTOR HUGO (5) was a beaten favourite last run with first time blinkers. This shorter trip could suit. There are two well-bred first timers in ARISTOCRATIC (2) and LIGHT THE FIRE (3) making their debut's against older horses. (Andrew Harrison: 1-5-2-3).

Selections: #1 TRIPPING THUNDER, #5 VICTOR HUGO, #2 ARISTOCRATIC, #3 LIGHT THE FIRE

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110,000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: CATCH PENNY (13) has been a beaten favourite on a number of occasions but Cape form could be to the fore again. The blinkers come off but she goes well this trip. MISS KANSAS (11) found some market support on debut and finished a close-up third on this course which is a benefit. HAZY DAZY (5) started at long odds on debut over a furlong further and was not far off the winner. She must have a chance if she can improve on that effort. First timer CELESTIAL DIAMOND (7) is bred for speed and one to keep an eye on. (Andrew Harrison: 13-11-5-7).

Selections: #13 CATCH A PENNY, #11 MISS KANSAS, #5 HAZY DAZY, #7 CELESTIAL DIAMOND

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R125,000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: INDIGENOUS (2) takes on older runners but was a good second from a wide draw last time out when starting favourite. He has a better draw here and can make amends. GREEN MILE (9) is lightly raced but never far back. He bumped a good one last run and can do better in this field. UBERMENSCH (4) made marked improvement first time out for his new stable when moving to the Highveld. He can build on that effort. EL CAPTITAN (7) is lightly raced but has been knocking at the door. He stays the trip and should feature prominently. (Andrew Harrison: 2-9-4-7).

Selections: #2 INDIGENOUS, #9 GREEN MILE, #4 UBERMENSCH, #7 EL CAPITAN

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R185,000, 14:12GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Tricky affair with many warming up for the rest of the season. AFRICAN SKYLINE (6) finished a creditable sixth, beaten three lengths by Ziyasha in a strong field last time out. The blinkers come off and he is back over a more favourable distance. DAVE THE KING (3) has been disappointing this season with two no-shows however he has been rested and has won over course and distance exactly a year ago. One to watch in the market. RAPIDASH (4) may just have needed his last start. He boasts some useful Cape form in strong company and gets first time blinkers. ROYAL VICTORY (8) will prefer it a lot further but he is class and he seldom finishes far off. (Andrew Harrison: 6-3-4-8).

Selections: #6 AFRICAN SKYLINE, #3 DAVE THE KING, #4 RAPIDASH, #8 ROYAL VICTORY

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100,000, 14:47GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Open race. BEACH PALACE (7) goes well on this course and was a close-up second behind LAKE COMO (3) giving the winner 7.5kg. There is only 1.5kg this time around so the inference is obvious. L'ULTIMO (8) made a smart return last run after a lengthy break. His best form prior to that had been on the poly back a repeat of his last run can see him close again. RUN TO RIO (2) is marginally better off at the weights with Beach Palace on their last meeting but does have the better draw. RAFIKI (1) is always game. He has his second run after a break and should strip close to his peak. (Andrew Harrison: 7-8-2-1).

Selections: #7 BEACH PALACE, #8 L'ULTIMO, #2 RUN TO RIO, #1 RAFIKI

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R160,000, 15:22GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Wide open. PLAZA ACCORD (6) was not far back when taking to the poly last run. Has won over course and distance which is in his favour. TYRCONNELL (7) is 1.5kg better off with Plaza Accord on their last meeting.. Tyrconnell has a better draw this time around and can turn the tables. FAMOUS WARRIOR (4) took on stronger last run and was not far back. He has a handy weight and a favourable draw. MR HOTSTEPPER (2) was eased out of the race last run on the old poly when favourite and that effort is best ignored. He shows plenty of promise. He is right up there with Plaza Accord and Tyrconnell and there should not be much between them. (Andrew Harrison: 4-7-6-2).

Selections: #4 FAMOUS WARRIOR, #7 TYRCONNELL, #6 PLAZA ACCORD, #2 MR HOTSTEPPER

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R160,000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Tricky handicap. MOJO MAN (7) won well last time out beating JET LEGACY (8) and is now 1.5kg worse off at the weights. However, this will be his third run after a break and he could confirm that form. TWENTY ONE MAY (9) meets the pair on exactly the same weight given the WFA scale but he goes very well over course and distance and could have their measure in spite of the result of their last meeting. ABADDON (3) is lightly raced and unbeaten since returning from a break of over a year. He has a handy weight and could follow up. RAINBOW REWARD (5) has been rested and has his first run for a new stable. He gets first time blinkers and could surprise. (Andrew Harrison: 7-8-9-5).

Selections: #7 MOJO MAN, #8 JET LEGACY, #9 TWENTY ONE MAY, #5 RAINBOW REWARD

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 18.05.2025, Race 10, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R125,000, 16:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: IBHELE (4) has been knocking on the door for some time now. He takes a drop in class and although he has a big weight he should be competitive. CHARA SANDS (9) has dropped two points in the handicap and now gets a 4kg claimer aboard. He could be the dark horse. Stable companion PHILISPIEL (7) is over his best course and distance and has shown recent improvement. ARVERNI PRINCESS (5) won well last run and only has 50kg to shoulder which should make her competitive. (Andrew Harrison: 4-9-7-5).

Selections: #4 IBHELE, #9 CHARA SANDS, #7 PHILISPIEL, #5 ARVERNI PRINCESS

Best Win: Race 7 #7

Best Value Bet: Race 6 #6

Best Longshot: Race 10 #9