

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2022.01.24

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Trainer Mike Miller holds a strong hand. WOODLAND RETREAT was well supported but found one better on debut on the poly. She could make amends but her biggest danger could be ONLY HEARTS who looks the stable elect on riding arrangements. This filly put in a promising performance and was only just touched off on wet ground first time out. Another well-bred sort, ADITI, showed good pace in that race taking third but was beaten as favourite and could have lots more to come. More can earn but watch out for the first-timers - BAUBLES AND BEADS is bred for speed.

Selections:

#3 Only Hearts, #1 Woodland Retreat, #4 Aditi, #5 Baubles And Beads

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 2, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R80.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Nice race with a bunch of well-bred first-timers to make it interesting. GLADATORIAN may be the one to attract all the support as he is a well-bred son of Vercingetorix, but QUESTION MASTER and IRON MONGER should be precocious and one needs to keep tabs on these. SUPERIOR FORCE has not disgraced himself in two starts and could get in the picture if not minding the switch from Greyville to Scottsville. COLOUR OF MONEY was beaten as favourite on debut and could improve plenty especially if the going comes up fast. SILVER DUCAT must have a say as well.

Selections:

#3 Gladatorian, #1 Question Master, #5 Iron Monger, #11 Superior Force

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Trainer Michael Roberts has been in good form of late and his partnership with promising apprentice Rachel Venniker has yielded great results. NOBLE STORM could be their next successful runner as her form is decent and she has run well at this venue. She finished behind WINTER JOURNEY but had excuses and now gets a 2.5kg claim. WINTER JOURNEY should prefer racing over the longer trip and needs to be respected. A bigger threat could come from RUN AGAIN who made a fair debut at this course and could have made big improvement back home. LADY MACBETH is getting with racing - watch out.

Selections:

#12 Noble Storm, #7 Run Again, #13 Winter Journey, #16 Lady Macbeth

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Tough race. PREEMPTIVE STRIKE has had good draws but has not capitalised. Still, he has run decent races and he may just appreciate this track with its longer straight. PASHTUNWALI ran a bit below par last time but might have just needed it and from a good gate could take advantage. He finished ahead of WINTER AIR but the latter ran out an impressive winner in his second start and could have more to come. However, along with BANZAI PIPELINE, WHISPERS OF WAR and CAPTAIN WHO, has his work cut out from a wide starting stall. MASTER VISION can score an overdue win this distance.

Selections:

#5 Preemptive Strike, #3 Pashtunwali, #12 Winter Air, #7 Master Vision

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: GO MAN GO was knocking at the door before a rest. He races fresh, has pole position, so should have every chance. VIA SALARIA will make it hard for him though. He has been knocking at the door and is now back at his favourite course. However, the stable elect could be SPRING HIGH on

jockey bookings. The latter is in good form and should appreciate being back over 1400m. MR GONZALES won a nice race last time but may not have it all his own way in this stronger race. ARTIC TUNE needed his last race and is the one to watch - dark horse.

Selections:

#1 Go Man Go, #8 Via Salaria, #4 Spring High, #10 Mr Gonzales

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R80.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive fillies and mares handicap - go wide. FLYING THE STAR is back at her happy hunting ground and should give a good account of herself if not minding the drop in trip. MISS LIALAH comes out of a good form race where she didn't finish far off the winner and was cut into in that race. However she drops to the minimum trip and will have a bit more to do at the business end of the race. ANCIENT EPIC maintained her form out the maidens with a solid second place finish in stronger and she rates the one to be with. STING RAY, SCENT OF A WOMAN and LUNA ECLIPSE have claims.

Selections:

#8 Ancient Epic, #5 Flying The Star, #3 Miss Lialah, #1 Scent Of A Woman

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Strong field assembled for the Marula Sprint. AFTER THE RAIN set powerful fractions in the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate and back home could maintain his unbeaten record at Scottsville. But this is quite a race with plenty more classy individuals to take on. MOUNT PLEASANT was eye catching in his penultimate and like AFTER THE RAIN found 1600m a bit far last time. He could bounce back. SOCRATES would be deserving after a string of very good efforts. He may turn it around with AFTER THE RAIN at the weights. PEARL OF ASIA, FULL BLAST and SPYDAS CORNER all can do it.

Selections:

#13 After The Rain, #4 Mount Pleasant, #7 Socrates, #14 Pearl Of Asia

Scottsville, 24.01.2022, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: CYBER TIME has the form but not the draw. He has been brought along steadily and has not let his side down but will have to pull out all stops to open his account from draw No 13. Arch-rival NAPOLEON has also been given a task from a wide gate. He got the timing wrong it seems last time so is still learning and has room for improvement. NTABAZONDI was expected to make progress in his second start but had to avoid a faller in that race. He needs to be taken seriously as this longer straight must suit. COUNTRY ICE, LIKETHECLAPPERS and THUNDER MASALA could show more.

Selections:

#13 Cyber Time, #11 Napoleon, #10 Ntabazondi, #4 Country Ice

Best Win: #1 GO MAN GO

Best Value Bet: #5 PREEMPTIVE STRIKE

Best Longshot: #5 PREEMPTIVE STRIKE