RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: GREYVILLE@2024.05.08

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Poly, R115,000, 11:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: UNITED NATION (8) was tossed in at the deep end when making his debut in feature company. He is sure to make big improvement on that showing and the stable says that they have a smart raiding party of younger horses. KOLA TONIC (9) was in the same race and finishing ahead of United Nation. However, the experience could favour the latter although Kola Tonic was much improved with a tongue tie in his return to home soil, also against winners. LAVA BURST (5) was not far back on debut and sure to improve on that showing. NEW FRONTIER (6) found some market support on debut but raced very green.

Selections:

#8 UNITED NATION, #9 KOLA TONIC, #5 LAVA BURST, #6 NEW FRONTIER

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Poly, R115,000, 11:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: PILOT FLAME (1) was all at sea first time around the bend when starting favourite. That run should have brought her on and she rates the one to beat from the best of the draw. NAUTICAL LANDING (2) has drawn alongside and was narrowly beaten when trying a mile on the poly at just her second start. She should be a big threat to the top selection. DEE DAY (5) has been much improved since arriving in her new stable. She was second best over course and distance last time out but could still have more to come. GLAMORZ (9) has had a few chances but has been taking on older runners and the form has worked out quite well.

Selections:

#1 PILOT FLAME, #2 NAUTICAL LANDING, #5 DEE DAY, #9 GLAMORZ

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Poly, R115,000, 12:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: BREATH OF MAGIC (9) seldom runs a bad race but has been struggling to shed his maiden. He makes his poly debut from a wide draw but goes the trip and should make a bold bid. Glen Kotzen sends out three runners with Richard Fourie and Calvin Habib booked on two. However, Jabu Jacobs is part of the stable and partners RAINWATER (5) who showed up well in his poly debut at just his second start. He gets first timer blinkers and could be the stable pick although it may be best to keep a close eye on the market. MISTER NIBBLES (3) takes to the poly for the first time. He has placed in his last three starts and should go close while JAMES FITZJAMES (4) steps up to a mile with Richard Fourie aboard and the trip will suit. NTOMBENHLE (2) was given an indifferent ride last start and should improve.

Selections:

#9 BREATH OF MAGIC, #5 RAINWATER, #3 MISTER NIBBLES, #4 JAMES FITZJAMES

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 1700m, Poly, R110,000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Competitive handicap. IDEAL GIFT (10) only got a two-point raise in the handicap for her narrow recent win and looks capable of following up in this company. SUMMER SONG (7) was a recent maiden winner but that was her local debut and her first outing on the poly. Her Cape form was useful. ENGLISH PRIMROSE (8) has her first outing for a new stable. She has not been far back of late and the step up in trip will suit. NATALIA (2) sees Rachel Venniker down to her absolute minimum weight of 52kg and from a good draw her filly must be a runner in a wide open contest.

Selections:

#10 IDEAL GIFT, #8 ENGLISH PRIMROSE, #7 SUMMER SONG, #2 NATALIA

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R500,000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: After the scratching of Main Defender ROYAL AUSSIE (1) looks the part as he is useful on his day. HUMDINGER (7) is a smart filly and has finished runner-up in her last three in feature company. She is no stranger to this course and goes well this trip. GLADATORIAN (6) is unbeaten since returning from a break but does take on top class opposition. However, he should not be far off them. GIMMEANOTHERCHANCE (8) is very capable and cannot be ignored, he has plenty ability and will challenge.

Selections:

#1 ROYAL AUSSIE, #7 HUMDINGER, #6 GLADATORIAN, #8 GIMMEANOTHERCHANCE

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R500,000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: DOUBLE GRAND SLAM (5) has come into her own of late and was a runaway winner when making her local debut. A repeat will see her difficult to beat. CELTIC BEAUTY (10) has the worst of the draw but shows plenty of promise. She may prefer it a touch further but should give a good account. WHITE PEARL (2) has consistent Highveld feature form and was only three lengths back to the crack colt Sanderingham Summit in the G2 Hawaii Stakes. She has drawn well and the step up in trip should suit. RASCOVA (4) looks well held by Double Grand Slam on their recent meetings but she does appear to be capable of improving on recent showings.

Selections:

#5 DOUBLE GRAND SLAM, #10 CELTIC BEAUTY, #2 WHITE PEARL, #4 RASCOVA

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R500,000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: SANDERINGHAM SUMMIT (2) was a convincing winner of the Gr2 Hawaii Stakes beating Lucky Lad who has since franked that form. He is a top class galloper and the mile is right up his alley. MID WINTER WIND (6) comes off a string of four straight wins and his rating jumped from 96 to 114 after his most recent success. The extra furlong should suit and he could give Sanderingham Summit a testing race. GREEN WITH ENVY (3) was a spectacular winner of the Gr1 SplashOut Cape Derby, coming from off the pace to win going away. However, he faces a crack miler in Sanderingham Summit and the Gr1 Daily News 2000 is a more likely target for Dean Kannemeyer's charge. Gr1 Hollywoodbets Cape Guineas winner SNOW PILOT (4) was in need of his local debut effort and with that run under his girth he should strip a lot fitter.

Selections:

#2 SANDRINGHAM SUMMIT, #6 MID WINTER WIND, #3 GREEN WITH ENVY, #4 SNOW PILOT

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Poly, R110,000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Competitive handicap. BENNI IN THE AREA (7) took time to shed his maiden but showed up well when a close-up third behind stable companion PHAKA IMALI (3) last time out. He is now 1.5kg better off in the handicap and can turn the tables and it could be a Gary Rich exacta. Visiting MESCAL (4) has a pencil behind his ear as he hardly misses in a month. He has some useful form to stronger and as an obviously sound horse the poly should suit. Veteran KNIGHT WARRIOR (9) has a wide draw to contend with but is way better than his last effort and is reunited with Muzi Yeni.

Selections:

#4 MESCAL, #7 BENNI IN THE AREA, #3 PHAKA IMALI, #9 KNIGHT WARRIOR

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 9, Gallops, 1200m, Poly, R115,000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: ROSH KEDESH (9) has improved in blinkers and can make a winning local debut. He has useful Cape form and will make a bold bid. COMMON GROUNDS (1) did not fare well in his only start in the Cape but he had smart form prior to his departure. He has the best of the draw and Richard Fourie to help him home. TIME TOGETHER (6) goes well on the poly and has been holding form. He is back a furlong in trip but is down in class which puts him in with a strong chance. The striking grey VOLDEMORT (4) finally had a change of fortune when a narrow winner last time out but the drop in trip may have been what he was looking for.

Selections:

#9 ROSH KEDESH, #1 COMMON GROUNDS, #6 TIME TOGETHER, #4 VOLDEMORT

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 10, Gallops, 1400m, Poly, R110,000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: PURPLE OPERATOR (2) has put in two smart efforts over a furlong shorter and has his third run after a break. The trip will suit and with Rachel Venniker riding at the top of her game with a 1.5kg allowance he will be a big runner. Mike de Kock sends ARIVIDICIO (3) down to sample the poly track. He is well tried but improved last run and the synthetic surface could be what he is looking for. JET LEGACY (1) has the plum draw and has his second run after a lengthy break. He has ability and is one to watch in the market. JOSHUA HOTSNAKE (10) has the worst of the draw but is in hot form over the distance. With some luck in running he can finally earn his sixth victory.

Selections:

#2 PURPLE OPERATOR, #1 JET LEGACY, #3 ARIVIDICIO, #10 JOSHUA HOTSNAKE

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 08.05.2024, Race 11, Gallops, 1400m, Poly, R110,000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: A wide open fillies and mares handicap. RANI OF JHANSI (6) was deemed good enough to be on the float for the Cape season but did not feature. However, she was much improved in her first run back. CONTRA FISCUM (10) has put up two promising showings on the poly and although drawn a touch wide she is capable. LITTLEBLACKVENVET (5) got a three-point raise in the handicap when beating Contra Fiscum last time out with the runner-up getting a point. Gareth van Zyl has penciled in 4kg claimer Brevan Plaatjies to balance out the weight. The combination of Dennis Bosch and Rachel Venniker has been to the fore in recent weeks. COPACABANA (9) was successful second time out for the combination when stepped up to a mile and the daughter of Querari can follow up.

Selections:

#6 RANI OF JHANSI, #10 CONTRA FISCUM, #5 LITTLEBLACKVELVET, #9 COPACABANA

Best Win: Race 2 #1 Best Value Bet: Race 4 #8 Best Longshot: Race 4 #8