RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: GREYVILLE @2021.06.12

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80.000, 11:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Gold Challenge day and the opener is not easy. BACKSTOP has been supported and did turn in a decent effort again. She may have needed time to fill out and could show more. INDIGO MOON has run many seconds and is overdue. But a wide draw may just spoil it for her this time. Her jockey is one who can get them up from impossible positions. EMERALD ISLA has the best of the draws and may finally take advantage. EMBARRAS DE RICHES caught the eye and could confirm from a good gate. BALLYGOOD ran a forward race last time but needs to confirm on turf. DIAMOND GIRL and TEMPELHOFF could show more this trip.

Selections:

#7 Backstop, #14 Indigo Moon, #1 Emerald Isla, #4 Tempelhoff

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Lovely race - catching the exotics will require skill. RALPH THE RASCAL can score his overdue third career win as he has drawn in pole position. This is a big field and there should be a good pace on. STAR VEGA is also a good finisher. She needed her last run and has drawn perfectly. KAROO LARK has won on turf and poly and could make it three from his last three. But he took a hard ride last time. PURPLE PERSUASION was most convincing in her last race which was over this track and trip and she looks a big threat again. TREAD SWIFTLY met some of the country's very best last time and could show up strongly.

Selections:

#1 Ralph The Rascal, #5 Karoo Lark, #10 Purple Persuasion, #12 Tread Swiftly

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: CAPTAIN'S RUN would be deserving after running good races in three features. She also runs as if she is looking for a longer distance. KAILENE may not have beaten strong fields but she is unbeaten at Greyville and this could be right stepping stone into the Graded races. But she has drawn widest. MISS PUTIN was caught flatfooted on the poly last time and could go a lot better back on turf. CIVIL RIGHTS is weighted to give her a hard time but has work to do to peg back CAPTAIN'S RUN. TWICE THE TRIP won a nice race last time and should be even better this longer trip.

Selections:

#6 Captain's Run, #9 Kailene, #5 Twice The Trip, #2 Miss Putin

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Future male stars on display. COSMIC HIGHWAY put in fantastic finishing efforts to win his first two at Kenilworth and appeared in need of further when a good third on local debut. He is the class act. However, most are up and coming and perhaps the draw will be a big factor. CONQUER THE ENEMY turned in a promising performance on debut, finishing second in a strong race. He could be top dog from No 1 draw. PARTY TIME destroyed his field at Scottsville, confirming the promise he showed earlier. Big runner. AJ'S CAPTAIN won easier than the margin suggested. More in it.

Selections:

#1 Conquer The Enemy, #3 Cosmic Highway, #4 Party Time, #7 Aj's Captain

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R150.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: The last roll of the dice for some of these hoping to get into the Vodacom Durban July. Justin Snaith holds a strong hand with his four - all have bags of class at best and any could show top form. However, CROWN TOWERS appears the stable elect on riding arrangements and he is a tough frontrunner who didn't look distance suited in his last race over further. AZORES is a hardy sort who could take it to the wire if at his best. He had a valid excuse last time. NEXUS finished second to CAPOEIRA when this race was run at Scottsville last year but it could be a different result at Greyville.

Selections:

#7 Crown Towers, #8 Azores, #5 Nexus, #2 Tree Tumbo

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R250.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: After a solid local debut finishing fourth in the Grade 2 South African Fillies Guineas ZARINA could take all the beating now she has experienced the track. The horse who finished ahead of her, FREESTATE STAR, has not drawn well and has more to do but is ultra-consistent and must not be ignored. WYLIE WENCH's sire finished first but was demoted in the Vodacom Durban July of his time and his daughter loves this distance. She has the best of the draws. However, WISTERIA WALK and RIO'S WINTER are weighted to finish ahead of her on best form. The latter ran a cracker in the Grade 1 SA Fillies Sprint. More in it.

Selections:

#6 Zarina, #1 Wylie Wench, #5 Wisteria Walk, #2 Rio's Winter

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R1.000.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: The score is 2-2 between RAINBOW BRIDGE and BELGARION. The pair are some of South Africa's giant juggernauts and they could fight out an almighty finish given this course and distance. However, promising three-year-old JET DARK (stablemate to BELGARION), who was in receipt of 5kg, beat them to win the Queen's Plate. He may have improved since but is now in receipt of only 1.5kg and trying the right hander after a 154-day rest. RAINBOW BRIDGE has race fitness on his side and given his new wait-and-pounce tactics, could make it back-to-back Gold Challenges. SEEKING THE STARS was second in the Guineas, could stretch them. Bring on the Challenge!

Selections:

#3 Rainbow Bridge, #1 Jet Dark, #7 Belgarion, #2 Seeking The Stars

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R90.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: This could be the right race for SPEED MACHINE. He was a bit disappointing last time but may not have been helped by his draw and deserves another chance. SLALOM QUEEN was well beaten in that race but is also patently better than that and now has a better chance at the weights. SPYDAS CORNER has matured into a decent sprinter and has been on a roll, winning two in a row. He could make it a hat-trick of wins if overcoming a wide gate. LIGHT THAT LOOSE is weighted to give him a hard time and seeing as he has a plum draw, rates the dark horse. BRAZIL NUT and SWEET SENSATION can earn.

Selections:

#6 Speed Machine, #3 Slalom Queen, #8 Spydas Corner, #2 Light That Loose

Greyville, 12.06.2021, Race 9, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide-open race to end. If any of the first-timers have some ability they could grab the win. DOUBLE EDGE has a choice pedigree and could just be good enough to overcome his draw on debut - follow the betting moves on them. WHISPERS OF WAR was all at sea in his first start but made late progress and could show more after a rest. But he has drawn badly once again. RADAMES could take full advantage. He has gone close on poly and turf and is quite overdue. MAESTRO SONADOR has been a bit disappointing but may just prefer the going on top. SIEGE RAM showed something on debut. PARALLEL UNIVERSE can upset.

Selections:

#14 Whispers Of War, #9 Radames, #10 Maestro Sonador, #3 Siege Ram

Best Win: #3 RAINBOW BRIDGE Best Value Bet: #6 ZARINA Best Longshot: #6 ZARINA