

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2021.01.13

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky opener, which is dominated by the Michael Miller and Gavin Van Zyl yards who, between them, saddle seven of the 12 runners. The latter runs three newcomers, so the betting should provide a guide to their chances. CIVIL RIGHTS and COUNTESS CARTIER, representing the former, are closely matched on debut form. Both should come on and be competitive. On that form, stable companion MISS PUTIN has a few lengths to find but with natural improvement should get closer. Respect any market support for newcomers SILVERY BLUE and HEARTSEASE.

Selections:

#1 Civil Rights, #5 Countess Cartier, #10 Heartsease, #2 Miss Putin

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: CAMORA looked a winner-in-waiting after his debut second over track and trip. However, he has become costly to follow. TRUMPET VOLUNTARY improved markedly to finish ahead of that rival last time and should be competitive. CLETO and FREEDOM DANCER have a bit to find on those rivals but could improve to make their presence felt. MASANGO MACHINE is also a likely improver and could take home a cheque, while CAFE PACIFICA has shown enough to be considered. Watch the betting on newcomers BRING ME SUNSHINE, BOARD MASTER and ICE CAPTAIN.

Selections:

#2 Camora, #5 Trumpet Voluntary, #14 Cafe Pacifica, #13 Masango Machine

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. WHAT A SPLASH caught the eye on debut when staying on well over shorter to finish fourth. On that evidence, and with natural improvement, she should have more to offer. QUENANZA showed pace throughout when finishing ahead of that rival and is likely to feature prominently again under a 1,5kg claimer. Both EMPRESS ELLA and LEADING LYRIC have shown enough to play a role. The former ran well over track and trip in her last start, while the latter will don blinkers for the first time. LET'S NOT LINGER and MEGHAN are also capable of running into the money.

Selections:

#1 What A Splash, #9 Quenanza, #8 Empress Ella, #7 Leading Lyric

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R70.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: MAUSSANE makes her KZN debut after an 11-week break and can't be discounted but preference is for stablemate ALSFLAMINGBEAUTY, who should improve reverting to the turf after a disappointing poly debut. Improving last-start winner HUGS ACCEPTED scored at her first attempt over this trip in a similar contest and a lenient three-point penalty is unlikely to prevent her making another bold bid. Debut winner SHE'S A KEEPER is open to improvement and likely to play a role. BIG SKY COUNTRY is another capable of staking a claim after consecutive seconds, one over track and trip last time out in open company. MAID IN FRANCE and BRUNILDA could get into the picture too.

Selections:

#6 Hugs Accepted, #2 Alsflamingbeauty, #7 She's A Keeper, #10 Big Sky Country

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R70.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky. Consistent COLOUR OF LIGHT finished just ahead of JUSTADOREHER last month and should be competitive once more. The latter, who has improved for the fitting of blinkers, was hampered at the start on that occasion and with luck in running could well turn the tables at odds.

MATADORA'S PARADE continues to hold her form and must be respected reverting to this trip. Maiden HELLO TOMORROW ought to improve for a local introduction. Veteran SARABI is capable too, and stable companions HER ROYAL MAJESTY and PALMHEART are also worth considering for an in-form yard.

Selections:

#3 Justadoreher, #5 Colour Of Light, #2 Matadora's Parade, #11 Palmheart

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R70.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. SACRED BLUES runs well for apprentice Kyle Strydom and the step back in distance is likely to suit. Both SILVA MAGIC and JACKSON WELLS are consistent at this level of the handicap and should be competitive. PURPLE PERSUASION is better than her disappointing last start suggests and could bounce back. SEA VENTURE was an impressive last start winner over further on the Poly and is capable back on the turf. Progressive CONCHITA enjoyed this trip when opening her account last time and she has run well in both starts on the turf, so must be respected. Good race.

Selections:

#2 Silva Magic, #4 Purple Persuasion, #9 Jackson Wells, #1 Sacred Blues

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R70.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: SOCRATES is a smart sprinter and rarely runs a bad race. He is likely to give a competitive account. Consistent GEORGINA ROSE is in good sprint form and could have a say if at best after a rest. GURU'S PRIDE showed signs of rediscovering his form last time out and with blinkers retained could make his presence felt. SNIPER SHOT was fourth in the Christmas Handicap recently but was behind DESOLATE ROAD prior to that. The latter will strip fitter but faces a tougher task confirming that form on these revised terms. Progressive TREAD SWIFTLY will be hard to peg back if allowed to dictate under a light weight. Intriguing contest.

Selections:

#7 Tread Swiftly, #5 Sniper Shot, #6 Desolate Road, #1 Socrates

Scottsville, 13.01.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R70.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: EAST COAST STAR has finished second twice in three starts, both on the poly. She disappointed in her only start on the turf but did wear blinkers on that occasion (1200m). A return to this surface over this trip without the headgear should be right up her alley. Stable companion RACEY STACEY had excuses last time but is worth another chance on her earlier form. She could pose a threat. GLOBAL APPEAL improved for the fitting of blinkers last time out and could build on that improvement. REGINAS ANGEL has a wide draw to overcome but ought to improve after a pleasing debut and must be respected.

Selections:

#8 East Coast Star, #13 Reginas Angel, #10 Global Appeal, #3 Racey Stacey

Best Win: #8 EAST COAST STAR

Best Value Bet: #3 JUSTADOREHER

Best Longshot: #3 JUSTADOREHER