

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: GREYVILLE@2021.05.16

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 11:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Great day's racing which includes one of the big Vodacom Durban July preparation races: the Grade 2 World Sports Betting 1900. Also watch out for history making gelding Do It Again in his final prep for the big one later. Race 1 is tough - form choice AJ'S CAPTAIN has drawn badly but is improving nicely. BUSH TRACKER finished just behind him and has scope but has also drawn wide. The horse who beat both, DARJEELING, tries the track but has more to do at the weights. CHOLLIMA impressed on the poly and could prefer this longer trip. RODRIGUEZ could show much more. More with potential.

Selections:

#12 Aj's Captain, #4 Chollima, #2 Rodriguez, #7 Darjeeling

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 12:20GMT+2

Race Summary: No strong form lines and the race may be settled by a debutant. VARISTOCRACY is bred for speed and the trainer's comments on him are positive. IMILENZEYOKUDUDUMA has an eye-catching pedigree but could need further. Follow the betting moves on all before making a final selection. BARRINGTON ran a much better race last time but has drawn wide. DAWN RAIDER needed his last run but has drawn wide as well. PRINCE TYRION has been costly to follow but he has run his best races at this course and this could be his day.

Selections:

#8 Varistocracy, #14 Imilenzeyokududuma, #10 Barrington, #11 Dawn Raider

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R80.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. BURNING WINGS found the distance a bit short last time and back over his best trip could shine again. A 4kg claiming apprentice could lessen the load after many hikes in ratings. FLY THE COUP has a much better draw and should vastly improve on his last run over this shorter trip. He is a youngster with improvement to come. DESOLATE ROAD is the value proposition. He has battled against the best and now races off a lowered rating and could relish the drop in class. GILBOA and MASHARI need to be taken seriously on current form.

Selections:

#3 Burning Wings, #2 Fly The Coup, #9 Desolate Road, #1 Gilboa

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: INDOMAVEL has been progressing. She may not mind the switch to turf but does have a wide draw to overcome. ROCK FLIGHT has been costly to follow, but did have valid excuses last time and having run three seconds in a row on the poly, may just prefer racing on the turf for a change. INDIGO MOON has also become a bookmakers friend - she has produced some strong finishes on the poly at this venue so could prefer this longer trip on the turf. TWO FOR TEA has run disappointing races on the poly but then showed something on the turf again last time. The upset choice.

Selections:

#12 Indomavel, #5 Rock Flight, #7 Indigo Moon, #9 Two For Tea

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Legendary DO IT AGAIN has an interesting early prep going into the big one - the Vodacom Durban July - a race he has won twice. A 'giant' at this venue, so even if prepping should be hard to beat in this field. SOVEREIGN SPIRIT did the 'impossible' and finished ahead of DO IT AGAIN in the Cape Met at level weights. He has shown he has bags of talent but is racing after the same break and may just need it. SILVER OPERATOR ran a nice race in the Grade 2 Drill Hall Stakes and that prep gives him a big say. SIR MICHAEL has a better record over this trip and will be super fit. - value type.

Selections:

#2 Do It Again, #7 Sovereign Spirit, #4 Silver Operator, #1 Sir Michael

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R100.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: LADY OF STEEL has plenty going for her - she has beaten some top-class horses and more importantly was a Grade 1 third in the Woolavington over this course and distance last season. While she could be at her very best over a bit shorter, she has matured and could still prove dominant. It could get close between KEEP ON DANCING, SCENTED MISTRESS and RATTLED MOUSE if judged on their last performances in the Scarlet Lady. KEEP ON DANCING came from too far back but the other two both may have needed it after rest. CATCHAFALLINGSTAR is the dark horse. On pedigree she will get better as she matures. Many with potential.

Selections:

#1 Lady Of Steel, #2 Keep On Dancing, #7 Scented Mistress, #12 Catchafallingstar

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1900m, Turf, R300.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: 2020 Vodacom Durban July winner BELGARION is back and ready to rumble. He won this race last year in impressive fashion and could easily do it again. He is weighted to do so but he has some very good stablemates in the race, including versatile DOUBLEMINT and hat-trick-seeking CROWN TOWERS. Both are used to running in strong races but the latter is in top form and has race fitness on his side. Watch out for TRISTFUL who would also be deserving of a big-race success. He finished ahead of CROWN TOWERS when second behind BELGARION in last year's race. Great race - place your bets!

Selections:

#8 Belgarion, #7 Crown Towers, #9 Tristful, #5 Doublemint

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: MR GONZALES goes for a hat-trick of wins and he looks well-placed to do it. His biggest dangers look to be fellow three-year-olds HEY BILL and TIME TAKER who have both drawn very wide, which should make his task a bit easier. But he has gone up in the ratings and this is a handicap, so he will need more to go his way. BLUE PLANET is better off at the weights with MR GONZALES and could get a lot closer, especially as he impressed at this track in the race prior. BAYVIEW EXPRESS ran a fair race last time and could be best of the rest - many of which have upset potential.

Selections:

#7 Mr Gonzales, #13 Hey Bill, #11 Blue Planet, #14 Time Taker

Greyville, 16.05.2021, Race 9, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R80.000, 16:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Highveld raider MANTERIO tried this longer distance and wasn't disgraced last time. He is out of a Sadler's Wells mare and can get better as he matures. He could make a good local debut having secured a good gate. LET'S GO FLY has not been too convincing but it must be remembered he has had to deal with bad draws. He now gets the best of the draws. Filly KOOPA TROOPA is patently better than her last run when well beaten and she could make light of her allowance and give the boys a hard time. More can show, including BRING ME SUNSHINE, STAFF SERGEANT, ZERO RATE and UPLIFTED.

Selections:

#3 Manterio, #1 Let's Go Fly, #8 Koopa Troopa, #5 Bring Me Sunshine

Best Win: #8 BELGARION

Best Value Bet: #3 BURNING WINGS

Best Longshot: #3 BURNING WINGS