

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: GREYVILLE@2026.01.18

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120,000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: HAMMERHEAD (7) has improved with each outing and the step up in trip will suit. BOURBON'S BEAST (1) has been making steady improvement and ran a cracker over course and distance last time out in soft ground. He has the best of the draw and has plenty in his favour. FLAG CHAMP (3) has run two smart races over the distance but was beaten just over a length by Bourbon's Beast when last they met. Flag Champ has a better draw this time around. RED CARDINAL (8) was a close-up second on the poly last run and can feature. The filly HARPA (9) has been close-up at recent outings but a wide draw against males is against her. (Andrew Harrison: 7-1-3-9).

Selections: #7 HAMMERHEAD, #1 BOURBON'S BEAST, #3 FLAG CHAMP, #8 RED CARDINAL

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R150,000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: CYMRIC (2) has his third run after a break for his new yard. He is well weighted in this race and if anywhere near his best he will be hard to beat. Stable companion ICY BLAST (5) was not far back over course and distance last time out and meets GOLDEN RULE (8) on 1.5kg better terms. Peter Muscutt's runner is banking on a winning hattrick, the last over course and distance beating Icy Blast by nearly two lengths. WILD AT WAR (4) was touched off on the poly last run. He has come down in the ratings and can prove dangerous. (Andrew Harrison: 2-5-8-4).

Selections: #2 CYMRIC, #5 ICY BLAST, #8 GOLDEN RULE, #4 WILD AT WAR

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100,000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Tricky maiden. PSYCHE (4) was well supported on debut over course and distance and finished a close-up third. She should have come on from the experience. SIYABAMBELELA (2) was friendless in the market on debut but was beaten just over a length in an Open Maiden. That run should have brought her on. THOUGHT CONTROL (5) has finished runner-up in both starts but well beaten. She should however, feature prominently. SPIRIT OF SHIMLA (3) tried a mile last time out after two good efforts on the poly. The drop back in trip should suit and she cannot be written off lightly. (Andrew Harrison: 4-2-5-3).

Selections: #4 PSYCHE, #2 SIYABAMBELELA, #5 THOUGHT CONTROL, #3 SPIRIT OF SHIMLA

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110,000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: ARVERNI PRINCESS (2) has won three of her last four over the trip and is in good form. She is up in class but only has 49.5kg to shoulder which should make her a big runner. Duncan Howells has two runners. QUEEN BRAGANZA (7) disappointed when favourite after winning her first two. Back on turf over a shorter trip she can make amends. Based on jockey bookings, CELESTIAL DIAMOND (5) would be the preferred choice but she has been rested and her last run was over a mile. PERFUME POWER (8) ran a smart race first time out of the maidens. She goes well this trip and the betting could tell a story. (Andrew Harrison: 2-7-8-5).

Selections: #2 ARVERNI PRINCESS, #7 QUEEN BRAGANZA, #8 PERFUME POWER, #5 CELESTIAL DIAMOND

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R120,000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: Competitive handicap. FATE OF FORTUNE (2) has been in cracking form over course and distance and did not get a penalty for his runner-up berth when favourite last time out. Given his good form he can go in again. TAM'S KNIGHT (6) is lightly raced but has won both starts for Robbie Hill since arriving from the Cape. However, he has not been out since May last year. He obviously has issues so Hill is unlikely to run the gelding if not close to peak fitness. BLAZING FURY (10) has a wide draw to contend with. He looks held by stable companion SMORGASBORD (8) on their last meeting but he has only had three runs and should have scope for improvement. CITY OF LOVE (1) was not far behind the promising Exocet last run although on the face of it his current form does not look promising. But he gets first time blinkers and from a good draw he could surprise. (Andrew Harrison: 2-6-10-1).

Selections: #2 FATE OF FORTUNE, #6 TAM'S KNIGHT, #10 BLAZING FURY, #1 CITY OF LOVE

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R125,000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: SAFE TRAVEL (1) has been close-up in two races since arriving in KZN. He has the best of the draw with a 4kg claimer aboard and can give Adam Azzie his first winner since relocating from the Highveld. JAZZ FESTIVAL (4) is back on his favourite surface and was running on late behind NUMZAAN (5) when beaten two lengths. He is now 4 kg better off and should be able to turn the tables on his front-running rival. ERIC'S LEGACY (6) was not far back first up out of the maidens in soft ground. The step up in trip will suit and he shed his maiden with authority even though it was against moderate opposition. (Andrew Harrison: 1-4-5-6).

Selections: #1 SAFE TRAVEL, #4 JAZZ FESTIVAL, #5 NUMZAAN, #6 ERIC'S LEGACY

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80,000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: THE GHOST (2) has come down dramatically in the ratings and although shouldering a hefty 62kg she improved over course and distance last time out. FATE DECREED (7) has come on nicely in her last two and looks primed for this race. LILAC IN WINTER (5) shed her maiden first up on this course. She has improved in blinkers and the step up in trip could see her go in again. MOUNTAINSOFTHEMOON (3) is never far back. She has also dropped in the handicap and could now be off a more competitive mark. (Andrew Harrison: 2-7-5-3).

Selections: #2 THE GHOST, #7 FATE DECREED, #5 LILAC IN WINTER, #3 MOUNTAINSOFTHEMOON

HOLLYWOODBETS GREYVILLE, 18.01.2026, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R110,000, 16:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: HAPPY FORTUNE (4) has been holding form well. She meets PROM QUEEN (2) at the same weights but the drop in trip could see the tables turned. Prom Queen's win was not out of turn and there should not be much between the pair. BLUE POPPY (10) has the widest draw but has made steady improvement leading to her maiden win. She does appear to have some scope and has a chance again in this line-up. SNEEUWITJIE (8) has caused major boil-overs in both of her wins but she did appear to get on well with visiting French rider Mickaëlle Michel and can feature again with a light weight. (Andrew Harrison: 4-2-10-8).

Selections: #4 HAPPY FORTUNE, #2 PROM QUEEN, #10 BLUE POPPY, #8 SNEEUWITJIE

Best Win: Race 2 #2

Best Value Bet: Race 7 #2

Best Longshot: Race 5 #6