

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2025.08.31

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R110.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: A full 14-runner field to face the starter in the first and it looks to be a cracker. Trippi filly THINGAMABOB sets the standard. She has solid Western Cape form and rates the one to beat. Watch out for LIGHT OF GABRIEL who is a well-bred daughter of Gimmethegreenlight and one that is improving with each start. BELLIGERENT was returning from a break when ahead of LIGHT OF GABRIEL. She jumps has a 1.5kg claim. TREASURE ISLAND was speedy as a juvenile and may have improved. CARTEL QUEEN is another to consider.

Selections:

#3 Thingamabob, #8 Light Of Gabriel, #1 Belligerent, #6 Treasure Island

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R125.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: HOLY STAR must surely get it right after doing everything but win his last start. It looks the right race. Recently gelded THAT'LL B THE DAY looks a lively threat. He was beaten in a close finish at this venue a few starts back and appears a bit better than his last two efforts. RIPSNORTER made progress from the back of the field on debut. The One World filly has been given time to come to hand and must be respected. GRAND FORCE and SENOR RESFRIO have minor money claims.

Selections:

#7 Holy Star, #6 That'LI B The Day, #9 Ripsnorter, #5 Grand Force

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R125.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: ESCAPOLOGIST may not have enjoyed a slow pace last time but she didn't disgrace herself. She could return to winning ways as she is best weighted again. It is amazing that CONTINENTALEXPRESS is still a one-time winner but returns to a track that suits. He has run some decent races in marathons locally but may not have been at his best when racing in the Western Cape. THE MIKADO is another that lost form. He too has shown stamina and he could come on nicely in his second run after a rest. BASIE RAAKVAT should be right there too.

Selections:

#3 Escapologist, #4 Continentalexpress, #8 The Mikado, #7 Basie Raakvat

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R125.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: LA MADDALENA can make amends after being beaten as favourite by a horse that suddenly came to hand with frontrunning tactics. She looks to be going about things the right way. SIGN OF FATE finished ahead of her the last time they met and is also holding form. But she has drawn wide along with PROM QUEEN who caught the eye in her last start finishing well ahead of GORGEOUS GIRL. The latter could be coming back to best and having drawn well must be respected. GREENHOUSE, who was eye catching with blinkers, must be included along with consistent CATCH A PENNY.

Selections:

#6 La Maddalena, #10 Sign Of Fate, #8 Greenhouse, #7 Catch A Penny

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R80.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: COPACABANA impressed with a flying finish at Hollywoodbets Greyville. She is dropping in distance but has drawn well and can follow up. The two youngsters SNEEUWITJIE and SCHIPOLE have shown potential and are open to improvement. The former meets a lot better this time but her 4kg apprentice claim should stand her in good stead. SCHIPOLE may not have been ready for 1600m last time. She could be hard to peg back if allowed to get her way. AMAFORT has been

progressing and should have every chance from gate one. More with earning potential.

Selections:

#2 Copacabana, #9 Sneeuwitjie, #7 Schipole, #1 Amafort

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 15:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Three-year-old BLAST FROMTHE PAST was a gutsy winner on debut and could be well placed on handicap debut even if dropping in distance. WHEREVERILAYMYHAT has finished runner-up in two of his last three starts. He can open his account at this venue. CATAVAR capped off a decent run of form with a win at a higher level. He has yet to be successful in eight starts here but is in good form and could follow up. CAPPELLINO is another that won well. It could be the removal of blinkers did the trick and he could be dangerous again. WILLIAM WEST could suddenly find form.

Selections:

#4 Blast Fromthe Past, #6 Whereverilaymyhat, #3 Catavar, #2 Cappellino

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R160.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: KING OF SPIN has yet to win here but won in style when beating BOURBON WARRIOR last time. He is better off at the weights and has drawn well. BOURBON WARRIOR has been well supported and knocking hard at the door. He could get the fractions right from gate one. Course and distance specialist LICENCE TO THRILL is in good nick and has taken BOURBON WARRIOR to the wire before. He should have every chance. AGRADO may not have been at his best on the Polytrack and could relish the return to turf. He rates the dark horse. If rested QUANDARY is ready he could keep going.

Selections:

#1 Bourbon Warrior, #6 Licence To Thrill, #5 Agrado, #2 King Of Spin

Scottsville, 31.08.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R140.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive race to end. EXOCET gets his first test after a promising debut display when winning over 1000m. He can show more over the extra. CHAPBOOK is another young three-year-old with ability. He is also one from one at the track and is returning from a break. CIRCUMBENDIBUS brings decent Western Cape form and is one that will test this bunch if he takes to the track. He has drawn toward the outside after a rest. CARDINAL CHIEF has draw one and can step up on his run at Hollywoodbets Greyville when going a bit further. TRIPPING THUNDER has more to come too.

Selections:

#9 Exocet, #8 Chapbook, #11 Circumbendibus, #1 Cardinal Chief

Best Win: #3 THINGAMABOB

Best Value Bet: #1 BOURBON WARRIOR

Best Longshot: #1 BOURBON WARRIOR