

TEAM HHH, 2026
International Racing Tip Sheet XIII
“Follow the Jockey”
July 4th & 5th

Saturday

Greyville, G1 Durban July
Sandown, G1 Eclipse
Newmarket, G2 Lancashire Oaks

Sunday

Saint Cloud, G1 Grand Prix de Saint Cloud
Hamburg, G1 Deutsches Derby

Consequential, historical and prestigious races across the globe this weekend. As advertised, it is Africa's biggest race, the 153rd running of the **G1 Durban July**, where all of South Africa's jurisdictions converge on Indian Ocean port city for a tropical carnival during South Africa's winter. Interesting to note a couple of young gun Australian jockeys have rides in the big race. Also the world's finest racing broadcaster, Nick Luck is also covering that card Live from *Durbs*. Saturday also sees arguably the best 3 yr old in the World **Constitution River** returns winning the Prix du Jockey Club to take on his elders in **G1 Eclipse**. Newmarket hosts a card that includes a couple of historic Haydock races that were switched due to the courses ongoing pot hole problems.

On Sunday, the world's highest rated horse **Calandagan** returns to race in the **G1 Grand Prix de Saint Cloud** after failing to handle the heavy at Epsom. He faces a few serious rivals. And finally a not insignificant group of British and Irish jockeys are over in Hamburg chasing a big six figure pot and the garlands in Germany's marquee race, the **G1 Deutsches Derby**, first run in 1869.

I took Friday off to study these cards, so hopefully y'all can be in the money before y'all go nuts celebrating that famous win over the Red Coats. And then on Sunday you'll have the German Derby and Grand Prix de Saint Cloud to focus on over your coffee and cannolis. After this edition, I will try to cut back on full card selections, but given it is Africa's biggest race day and I had time, I have provided selections for every race on the Greyville cards. More streamlined tip sheets will be way for the rest of the year.

Greyville

R1 05:45 EST Greentube Class 3 1 Mile

10 (10) Sommerstern 2/1

3 Stars

This horse galloped his rivals into the ground last time at Scottsville, which is in Pietermaritzburg, the 2nd city of Kwa Zulu Natal province. He also gets a jockey upgrade. No disrespect to Chad Little who is a tidy rider, but Callan Murray is a marquee jockey and the rider of choice or trainer Lucinda Woodruff, when available. I expect the horse to shorten in price overnight.

R2 06:25 EST Tote B Stakes 1 Mile

7 (7) World of Our Own 12/1 EW or Place Play.

3 Stars

Zac Lloyd jets in from Australia. Lloyd is the son of the famed South Africa jockey Jeff Lloyd, who ultimately made a successful career in Australia. Zac was a winner at Royal Ascot and one of the best young riders in the world. This is a solid local horse to ride his first race. Without seeing the odds or knowing the riders, I would have selected World of Our Own to be close to the top of the market. Ignore his 7th two back. He had a 9 lb bug with little experience up.

R3 07:05 G3 Magical Zulu Handicap 1 Mile 3 F

3 (3) Magic Verse 5/1

3 Stars

This horse has been impressing on the training track and has been taking a trickle of money this week. Champion trainer Justin Snaith gives Zac Lloyd the ride. Mostly a Cape horse, but ran 3rd in this last year when blocked a furlong out. He was running on strongly and closing fast on the winner at line. The horse has been saved for this again and gets a big jockey upgrade and a sweet draw in 3. His main rivals will be hung wide early.

R4 07:40 EST G3 Golden Vase 1 Mile 7F

10 (10) Ahead of the Facts 15/8

3 Stars

Sticking with champion trainer Justin Snaith here in what is the equivalent of the Breeder Juv Turf. The money has been coming. He opened the week at 7/2. He is now 15/8, though that was largely because Curious Girl was a Reserve for the July. He ran 3rd in this last behind King Pelles, who I gave tipped on the Team HHH Intl Tip Sheet at a big price. King Pelles runs in the Durban July. This is long distance horse, ie anything over the Middle Distances that tops out at 1 Mile 4 furlongs. The extra 3 furlongs helps Ahead of the Facts and he gets 3 lbs off the two horses he split last year, Holding Thumbs and Shoot the Rapids, both of which looked a tad cooked on their most recent runs.

R5 08:20 G2 Golden Slipper 7 F

2 (2) Tudor Rose 10/1

5 Stars

The 2 yr old fillies go at it here in the equivalent of Breeders Cup Juv Fillies Turf. It is hard to get away from the Fav Alice B Toklas. She cut through the field like a knife through butter last time at Greyville. The filly began her career up in Jozi. I like horses that have an altitude training. They find more. Sean Tarry reaches for Richard Fourie. She dispatched her main market rival last time and seems the obvious bet. However, there is a horse that comes here with only one run under her belt and that was at the provincial Scottsville track. Tudor Rose came strong late to win by a nose under a hold up ride by useful 6 lb bug rider Dezhan Louw. Trainer Glen Kotzen has booked Gavin Lerena for this. That's a plus, however, the key here for the Mary Slack Oppenheimer horse is the breeding. The South African Oppenheimers at Wilgerbosdrift Stud have done a reverse Sunday Silence with the purchasing and breeding. Tudor Rose is by Danon Platina (JPN) who Wilgeebosdrift purchased from Japan. Danon Platina was regularly among the places in Group races in Japan. He may not have been the very top shelf, but he was not far off. As the seven or so folks who actually bother to read my tip sheet know, I often tip up horses with a bit of Sunday Silence pedigree, especially when they show some form. I cannot see the 10/1 lasting, but you'll still get value. She may not win because of lack of experience, but that's the gamble you take.

R6 09:00 EST G2 Golden Horseshoe 7F

11 (11) St Harry 13/2

4 Stars

I am taking on the Favs here and giving another chance to St Harry. The Harry Angel (former top Godolphin sprinter in the UK) was beaten a neck in the Cape equivalent of this on Met Day at Kenilworth in Cape Town in January. Trainer Peter Muscatt gives Gavin Lerena the ride. If the price holds, this is a great bet. The 13/8 Fav Vibe Check has been on great run of form at Scottsville and clearly wasn't ready when last in the said above race at Kenilworth. He will be tough, but I'm taking the local trainer and speed pedigree to just hold on over the 7 furlongs.

R7 10:00 EST G1 Durban July 1 Mile 3 F

7 (7) Wish List 11/2

3 Stars

1 (1) Isivivane 25/1 EW

2 Stars

The ante post Fav Star Major spiked a temperature and was sold to Chinese connections to race in Hong Kong. I am not sure what came first, the sale or the temperature. In any event, we'll probably see him later this year in the Hong Kong Cup or Vase.

The most likely winner is probably one of the Bloch & Hossack horses. Note that trainer Justin Snaith's brother has a leg in one of the Bloch & Hossack horses, **11 (11) Note to Self**. The horse was undercooked in the G1 Daily News six weeks ago at the start of Durban Carnival. I suspect that was by design to keep the horse from gaining more weight in this handicap. He goes into the race at the 9/2 Fav. But it is **7 (7) Wish List** that I am betting to win. The filly that created a little history winning the Cape Derby over 10 Furlongs, albeit that was only an 8 runner race. Earlier she was also a strong winner of the G1 Cartier Paddock Stakes for the Fillies and Mares over 9 furlongs at Kenilworth. She then came to Durban to win the G2 Fillies Guineas. She is winning machine. 59 year old Andrew Fortune is in the saddle. He beat the bottle, lost the weight and came back to win the Cape Town Met in January. Can he win the two massive South African races in his Swan song? He just might. I'll take a little EW stab with Isivivane. The gelding gets in with 5 lbs less than the filly. There are doubts he can stay, but he wasn't stopping when winning at G3 at Greyville last time. The 1 draw is tough, but Sean Veale is a tattooed hard nails rider. He'll skim the paint and save the ground. Can he beat the better horses? With this low weight and this draw. He just might

R8 11:00 EST G1 Garden Province Stakes 1 Mile

10 (10) Double Grand Slam 11/10

5 Stars

This is a top class mare and the highest rated horse in training in South Africa, whom we could racing in Asia, Europe or the USA later this year before she retires from racing. The new and easier quarantine regulations mean we could see her in the Breeders Cup mile at Keeneland before she retires to the breeding sheds. So double your money tomorrow and pay attention come Keeneland.

R9 11:40 EST G3 Merchants 6 F

3 (3) Princess of Gaul 7/1

3 Stars

4 (4) Jet Force 10/1

2 Stars

I tipped Princess of Gaul on these pages on Met Day at Kenilworth. She was the winner all over until being grabbed late on by Team Valor's Babelicous. The rest of the field was nowhere. The 3 yr old filly gets a 15 lb weight break off the Fav Buffalo Storm Cody. I'll take that. I'll also take a smaller stab with the 4 yr Jet Force who is cutting back 2 furlongs for this. He has 6 wins from 12 starts. He has Group 1 form. He could be turn to be a Sprinter all along. Like Princess of Gaul, he has form all around the best horses in South Africa. Both horses seem to offer the best win chance for both Craig Zackey and Grant van Niekerk, respectively on the big day.

R10 12:20 EST Premier Gateway Handicap 1 Mile

15 (1) Landoftherisingsun 20/1 EW or Place

2 Stars

14 (14) JP's Palace 8/1 EW or Place

3 Stars

I am sucker for Reserves getting into races as well as horses with some Sunday Silence. And this well named Danon Platina gelding makes some sense in a wide open race. This horse's best form in Cape Town has been on firm. He gets that here. He also gets a cosy draw in (1).

Reserves outside the USA are pre drawn, Landoftherisingsun gets the 1 gate despite being a Reserve. I will also give a shout to JP's Palace, who gave July runner Zeitz a contest in a recent G3. Rachel Venniker rides.

R11 13:00 EST Race Course Middle Stakes 6 F

7 (7) Warm Reception 10/1 EW

2 Stars

Nice winner of the G3 Mother Russia stakes up in Jozi aka Johannesburg last year as a 3 yr old filly. That is the class form in the race. Has not won since, but may find the ocean air more to her style and Chad Schofield is a world class rider. I expect him to head back to Australia with at least one winner.

R12 13:40 EST Metro FM Class 4 6F

2 (2) Scarlet Scarlet 8/1

5 Stars

I am rowing with another Chad Schofield mount to end the day. This race is on the synthetic under lights and Fav, is a shipper from Cape Town. The dogs are barking for Clair de Lune, but the horse is only 1 from 16, though regularly in the places. She is Fav. because she is Snaith/Fourie. I'll go with the lightly raced upside horse, Scarlet Scarlet. She won at the first time of asking in a 15 race maiden at Scottsville by a length and a half in January. And then closed very strongly late when cut back to 5F on the synthetic at Greyville on her 2nd appearance last month. You have to trust your eye here. The horse was held up and the jockey was clearly only in 3rd gear. In short, she handles the surface, is proven at the distance and gets Chad. In Chad We Trust. Great bet.

Sandown

R1 08:50 EST G3 Coral Charge 5F

1 (10) Getreadytorumble 10/1

5 Stars

Tough race to start the day, but I love one at a price. The money has come for Asfoora, the G3 Australia mare who cleaned up the big Euro G1s last Summer. She gets Oisín Murphy again and although the horse has been turned upside from an estrus cycle point of view, she is probably doing well at home post Spring / Early Summer, hence the money. However, my money is on a horse that been terribly unlucky with draws and gate breaks, most recently at Ascot he was 21st in 26 runner race. But look more closely at that race and you'll see he reared up at the break (he doesn't have a history of that) and had a race in a group of 7 are on the far side rail at Royal Ascot. O'Brien's Mission Central won that in specular fashion, breaking track records that day drawn 24 on the Grandstand, the place to be. Earlier in the season, Getreadytorumble made a rare trip to Ireland for a Listed race and was only a length behind Mission Central. You can get trapped on rail drawn low at Sandown in Sprint. Drawing the 10 marble, two outside Asfoora is perfect. Callum Rodriquez has good Sprint jockey. This is splendid value bet to start the day! 5 Stars!

R2 09:25 EST Coral Challenge 1 Mile

11 (2) River King 12/1 EW

3 Stars

I make this a four cornered contest and it was difficult to decide between the top four in the market. Tribal Chief, Indalo and Beagle Bay can all win, but ultimately I have landed on River King. Hannon had another horse I like cross entered in this and took him out, suggesting to me that River King is live. Moreover, River King's form is strong. His recent 5th in the Buckingham Palace ahead of a few of today's rivals is good form and he is getting weight off several of the leading contenders. River King maybe a front runner and this an extra mile, but horses can get trapped trying to come late at this distance. I am betting on Levy taking advantage of the 2 draw, walking the dog a little and having a clear path down the lane. He is good Way bet at 12/1 and is not out of it on the Win end.

R4 10:35 EST G1 Coral Eclipse 1 Mile 2F

5 (3) Constitution River 10/11

4 Stars

There should be plenty of knowledge out about Constitution River. You do t need a paragraph from me in this 7 runner G1. The French Derby win was special. I cannot see him beat as good as the 3yr old stable mate, Hawk Mountain, is. The 4 yr Old Wathnan, Gethin is no mug despite never winning a Group race.

R5 11:10 EST Coral Bet Handicap 7F

3 (1) Spirit of Saxony 7/4

3 Stars

Very good recent form for this 3 yr old, which could have been 111, bar luck in running. A work colleague is a friend of the owner and the word is that the horse is primed. Deep Impact is Grand Sire. You cannot get a better pedigree than that. Sunday Silence, again — Wink, Wink! The smaller field should minimise traffic issues. The horse bred for further and will be strong late.

R7 12:22 EST Coral 100 yrs Handicap

8 (6) Stem 7/1

5 Stars

I tipped Stem on Derby weekend at Epsom. The soft going destroyed his chances. He subsequently ran a strong one length 4th at Newmarket. He is back here today and carries 8 lbs less. That is a significant weight break over 10 furlongs. Stem was entered in R2 which is a class 2 Handicap with three times the prize money, I think they have gone here for two reasons. 1) A win in this pays the yearly training fees and 2) the trainer knows he has something live for the tougher race. I am betting on the twofer thinkin', with Stem being the most likely winner of the two Hannon horses.

Newmarket

R3 09:40 G2 Lancashire Oaks 1Mile 4 F

5 (9) Tattycoram 8/1

2 Stars

This race is now open to older mares, such as the 6 yr Fav Tiffany. She is tough, but she has done most of her best running on softer in Germany. There are a few 3 yr olds with Irish Oaks entries, such as Lady Roisia. She is getting 12 lbs off some of her older rivals and that her a great small stakes EW play at 25/1, but it is the 2nd Fav Tattycoram who I will play to win. She is sure to be in the money, so play EW if you want to. Her speed figs are slower, but she kept grinding away on her seasonal reappearance to win at Goodwood. She has entry in the more prestigious G1 Yorkshire Oaks. The owners (the guy who founded Betfair) are selective. They rarely get involved in substandard stock.

R4 10:15 EST The Old Newton Cup 1 Mile 4 F

5 (8) Klassleader 13/8

5 Stars

One of the greatest Haydock handicaps. Strange to see it being run down at Newmarket. Klassleader won like a runaway train last time in a York handicap. Admittedly he was getting 10-12 lbs from Group rivals, but looked he could easily lump more. I like Paddy the Squire to give him a race, but not enough to tip as that horse will have a long trip down from Scotland. I trust that William Haggas has a good prize pot against lesser rivals. Marquand rides, when he could have more prestigious mounts at the suburban London track, Sandown.

R7 12:00 EST Betway Handicap 7 F

1 (1) I'll be Back

3 (2) Proud Nation

Quinella 4 Stars

Karl Burke keeps this 3 yr old, 2 from 2 Lope De Vega colt ticking along with an entry in this winnable handicap.

Likely to be Fav and likely to win, but 3 lb bug Warren Fentiman gets the call to ride to Richard Fahey's Proud Nation and he'll make this race. Great race to play to the Quinella or Reverse Exacta.

Sunday Saint Cloud

R5 10:40 EST G1 Grand Prix de Saint Cloud 1 Mile 4 F

5 (3) Cualificar 12/1	EW or Place	3 Stars
2 (6) Pride of Arras 25/1	EW or Place	

Calandagan runs in the **G1 Grand Prix de St Cloud** in the southern Paris suburbs on Sunday. He is an odds on Fav and gets his firm conditions as Paris is the midst of another heatwave. However, Aventure is a hard knocking mare, who was 2nd in the 2024 Arc and went off at 9/2 for last year's Arc though she ran no race. She is better on soft and no value at 4/1, despite her credentials.

The value has to be **Andre Fabre's Cualificar 12/1 who gets Pierre Charles Boudot** who rides in his first major French meet since he was cleared of rape in a 5 year court case. The horse is 3rd up and was only 2 lengths behind Goliath last time. **Pride of Arras runs his best races on firm as showed winning the G2 Dante at York last May and the G3 Great Voltiger at York in August.** He is first up, but cannot be ignored at 25/1. Judging from comments from connections late last year ahead of a tester run in Bahrain ahead of possible trip to Hong Kong, I presume he is being campaigned aiming to peak in Hong Kong in December. That said the horse won his first race and then won the Dante first up as a 3 yr old. Remember Pride of Arras was the Ante Post Fav for the Derby last year. Rossa Ryan flies I for the ride. A better clue than following the jockey clue will be the whereabouts of trainer, Ralph Beckett. Will he be in Paris this G1 or will he will be in Hamburg for the G1 Deutsches Derby, where he has Bay of Brilliance running?

Hamburg

R8 09:43 EST G1 Deutsches Derby 1 Mile 4 F

2 (5) Englishman	3 Stars
or	
4 (6) Bay of Brilliance (Follow the Trainer)	3 Stars

Place Plays	
1 (17) Gostam	2 Star
11(18) Chiefland EW	2 Stars
18 (20) Four Seasons EW	1 Star

This is 20 horse field, with one scratch. We have form from the **Derby with Bay of Brilliance for Ralph Beckett who finished 4th in the mud at Epsom**, the **Italian Derby with Salitos running a game 3rd** and the **French Derby 8th Gostam, who was only a couple of lengths behind Constitution River.** That Gostam form is strong, but I suspect the 17 draw hurts his chances. Ditto Chiefland drawn in 18 for whom Cieren Fallon jets in from the UK to ride. Seamie Heffernan, fresh off his wins at Royal Ascot take the ride on Waldares for Sarah Steinberg, but her best shot seems to be Abacus, who her great friend Rene Piechulek rides. As noted above, I will be betting Bay of Brilliance if I get a sight of Ralph Beckett in the paddock at Hamburg. The horse was recently bought by Lebanese Australian property developer, Ozzie Kheir, and they clearly have plans for the big races in Melbourne spring. Ozzie doesn't buy if the horse's figs are not worthy, but is **4 (6) Bay of Brilliance** a German Derby winner or a German Derby runner up who can grow into winning big Australian pots? If I don't see Ralph Beckett in Hamburg, I'll be betting **2 (5) Englishman** on the strength of his name G2 trial impressive win over 1 Mile 3 F at Cologne. Swiss female rider Sibylle Vogt is back from a powder suspension (wink, wink). She can ride like the wind. Have something small to place **18 (20) Four Seasons.** He'll be a monster price, 40/1 or 50/1.