

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.12.07

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R120.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: MISS DUTTON, NOTHERN EUROPEAN and STELLA VICTORIOUS would have benefitted from introductory outings so they could improve to have a say in the outcome. Well-bred newcomers LANZAROTE and NO DRAMA won't need to be special to play leading roles too, especially if the market speaks in their favour. RUBY WHISPER and VOLCANIC HEAT are also worth a market check on debut.

Selections:

#1 Lanzarote, #3 No Drama, #2 Miss Dutton, #7 Volcanic Heat

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R130.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: TURN IT UP finished 2nd on debut over track and trip recently and won't need to improve a great deal on that performance to open his account. Stablemate STATUS SYMBOL has bit to find on that form but will also be wiser to the task so should finish in the money again. Filly IV GOT MY I ON YOU warrants respect too in receipt of a sex allowance with the aid of her rider's 4kg claim. Keagan de Melo makes his Highveld return aboard newcomer TIME IS PRECIOUS who is also worth a market check.

Selections:

#6 Turn It Up, #4 Status Symbol, #5 Time Is Precious, #7 Iv Got My I On You

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R120.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: CONTINENTAL KING didn't go unnoticed on debut when inconvenienced at a crucial stage in the finish. He would have come on with the benefit of that experience so it could pay to follow his progress. Both SAKURA HANAMI and ROCKAROUNDTHECLOCK have the form and experience to be competitive, though a bigger threat will likely come from well-bred newcomers CAPTAIN'S EXPRESS and SPECIAL AL who are worth a market check on debut. Others to note include first-timers MASTER BUDDY and TERRENCE.

Selections:

#10 Continental King, #13 Special Al, #15 Sakura Hanami, #9 Captain's Express

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R105.000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: INSPIRATION finished a close-up 2nd over track and trip last time and will play another leading role if repeating that performance. However, preference is for POWER OF PEARLS who also filled the runners-up berth when last seen and deserves a reward for her consistency. BLOOMING LOVELY caught the eye with a fast-finishing 3rd on debut and should make her presence felt with natural improvement. GULF OF AMERICA and newcomer LA FLYER complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#1 Inspiration, #2 Power Of Pearls, #7 Blooming Lovely, #9 Gulf Of America

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R130.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Dual Grade 1-placed WINDS OF CHANGE is slung in at the weights but out of sorts. YIPPEE KIYAY was an impressive winner on his 3yo debut (after a rest and gelding) over 1200m and a 2-point penalty is unlikely to halt his momentum. KING HARALD is better off at the weights and should be competitive in his peak outing. BJORN IRONSIDE and RONDEBOSCH have the form and experience to make their presence felt too. ONE FINE WINTER placed in consecutive 2yo Grade 1 events last season and she remains open to further improvement on her 3yo reappearance. Good race!

Selections:

#2 Yippee Kiyay, #4 One Fine Winter, #1 Bjorn Ironside, #5 King Harald

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Well-related PALACE ATTACK is on the up and open to further improvement over this extended trip so it could pay to follow his progress and side with him over consistent OPEN HIGHWAY (blinkers on) who would not be winning out of turn after a last-start 2nd over track and trip. Recent Polytrack scorer OMBUDSMAN and consistent PRINCE OF KILDARE also remain competitive off their current marks. ZANTHAR, SEA SHANTY and IMPACT INVESTOR have the means to get involved too.

Selections:

#5 Palace Attack, #3 Open Highway, #4 Zanthar, #2 Ombudsman

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R150.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: GIMMETHEGOODLIFE has gone from strength to strength since joining the Peter yard. He races off a career-high mark after a last-start victory but should remain competitive. KING OF VENUS, LEAD THE CHARGE and ESQUEVELLE are weighted to pose more of a threat to their recent conqueror on these terms. ONE EYE ON VEGAS stayed on from a long way back (wide draw) to finish 4th in a 1400m Grade 3 last time and this shorter trip won't hold any fears. Stablemate MIAMI MOUNTAIN ran in that race too and will appreciate reverting to a sprint distance. WAR OF KINGDOMS fits a similar profile so is respected.

Selections:

#10 One Eye On Vegas, #15 War Of Kingdoms, #1 Gimmethegoodlife, #11 Miami Mountain

Turffontein Standside, 07.12.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: BUMPS LAST GRIND had legitimate excuses for his disappointing showing last time and a subsequent 92-day break would've done him good. On the strength and consistency of his earlier form, he should take advantage of this drop in class under a 4kg claimer. Fellow class-droppers CLAIRWOOD ROSE and INAFIX should also acquit themselves competitively at this level off reduced marks. HIS LORDSHIP and recent runner-up, albeit at a lower level, NKANDLA GOLD have earning potential too.

Selections:

#1 Bumps Last Grind, #2 Clairwood Rose, #3 His Lordship, #5 Inafix

Best Win: #1 BUMPS LAST GRIND

Best Value Bet: #10 ONE EYE ON VEGAS

Best Longshot: #10 ONE EYE ON VEGAS