

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN INSIDE@2025.05.08

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R90.000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: GULF OF AMERICA and JAPANESE GARDEN stayed on well in a winners' race on debut over 1160m and both would have benefitted from that experience. On the evidence of their promising introductions, both should also improve over this extended trip. BACK FROM WAR, BOLD ACTION and OPERA FAN have the form and experience to play leading roles too. Watch the betting on well-bred newcomer FAIR PROPOSAL.

Selections:

#4 Gulf Of America, #7 Japanese Garden, #2 Bold Action, #9 Opera Fan

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R90.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: CHRONICLE KING finished 2nd on debut over track and trip behind a subsequent winner and needn't improve much to go one better with that experience to count on. Filly SCARLETT HEART has shown enough to be competitive, especially in receipt of a sex allowance. Recently gelded ROYALE JACKET is best judged on his debut performance and remains open to improvement. Watch the betting on imported youngster TASKMASTER.

Selections:

#1 Chronicle King, #7 Taskmaster, #4 On An Impulse, #8 Scarlett Heart

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: EIGHT HATS is engaged to run at an earlier meeting but will be hard to beat if taking her place in this lineup. Older fillies GENOVEFA and returning RENDEVOUS IN RIO have shown enough to trouble the selection, although well-bred newcomer RACHEL WALL needn't be special to also make her presence felt.

Selections:

#7 Eight Hats, #10 Rachel Wall, #2 Genovefa, #6 Rendezvous In Rio

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R90.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: ART NOUVEAU and SHAMOON have the form and experience to play leading roles but are vulnerable to less-exposed rivals. NKWENKWEZI wouldn't be winning out of turn and need not improve much in first-time blinkers to open her account. However, a chance is worth taking on youngster ETHICAL who finished an improved 3rd against male opposition last time and remains open to further progress. Fellow 2yo filly REFLECTIVE didn't go unnoticed on debut and with natural improvement should have a say in the outcome.

Selections:

#9 Ethical, #2 Nkwenkwezi, #8 Reflective, #1 Art Nouveau

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R110.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Cases can be made for several of these but on the form of a recent 1800m meeting, none appeals more than consistent KUDZU who scored in his only 2000m appearance and is good value to preserve that 100% record over this distance. TOTAL SURRENDER is closely matched with that rival and is weighted to be competitive, especially in first-time blinkers. STAR COIN has a good record over this distance so shouldn't be taken lightly either. CLAW, BIRTHRIGHT, class-dropper FETCHING FLYER and bottom weight JORDAN have Eachway chances.

Selections:

#8 Kudzu, #10 Total Surrender, #5 Star Coin, #9 Claw

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R75.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: SAIL THE SKY was rewarded for consistency with a last-start success at a higher level and a 3-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. However, it is worth noting that Gavin Lerena gets off that runner to ride CALL ME MASTER so it could pay to side with the latter at longer odds. Hard-knocker AFTER HOURS and returning CALIDA have the form and experience at this level to also acquit themselves competitively. Class-dropper SEA SHANTY completes the shortlist.

Selections:

#5 Call Me Master, #1 After Hours, #6 Sea Shanty, #4 Sail The Sky

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R110.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: NIGHT BOMBER finished behind BOB'S YOUR UNCLE before beating PRESSONREGARDLESS, BIOFARMER and MAX THE MAGICIAN last time. There should be little separating the quintet on the revised weight terms. PLUS FOUR landed a betting coup over this track and trip on his Highveld debut and while this represents a significant step up in class, the manner of his victory suggests another bold showing is on the cards.

Selections:

#4 Max The Magician, #6 Bob's Your Uncle, #2 Night Bomber, #9 Pressonregardless

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R80.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: WARNING SOUND fluffed her lines last time in a stronger race but would have benefitted from a subsequent 15-week absence. She remains open to improvement and could make a winning comeback. Fellow 3yo GREGARIOUS fits a similar profile and will likely fight for victory with progress expected. Older hard-knockers QUANTUM, RATTLE BAG and returning ANNEWITHAN E have the form and experience to be competitive, along with maturing VALIEVA and unexposed GHOSTBUSTER.

Selections:

#1 Warning Sound, #5 Gregarious, #2 Quantum, #3 Rattle Bag

Turffontein Inside, 08.05.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R80.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: SATYAGRAHA wasn't winning out of turn last time when a start-to-finish scorer over track and trip. He should have more to offer after a 10-week break and it should pay to follow his progress. Stablemate WILLOW EXPRESS is proven at this level and has the means to play a leading role, despite conceding weight to all. Last-start winners KING OF NUMBERS and SUPER AWESOME remain competitive under resultant penalties, while unexposed CARS AS BIG AS BARS isn't underestimated.

Selections:

#2 Satyagraha, #1 Willow Express, #9 Super Awesome, #4 King Of Numbers

Best Win: #2 SATYAGRAHA

Best Value Bet: #5 CALL ME MASTER

Best Longshot: #5 CALL ME MASTER