

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.05.11

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R100.000, 12:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Both CHARMING CHEETAH and TIN PAN ALLEY confirmed the promise of debut victories by acquitting themselves well in subsequent features so should run well. Fellow first-start scorer ZALATORIS could be anything after a taking a debut success so isn't underestimated. Improving last-start winner RED PENNY and debutante BLUSHING BLOOM complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#1 Charming Cheetah, #4 Zalatoris, #3 Tin Pan Alley, #8 Blushing Bloom

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R90.000, 12:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Recent runners-up LAVA COUNTY and SOHO HEARTTHROB needn't improve much to fight for victory, though preference is for the latter who ought to have come on appreciably from the experience of his promising debut. Both MIZZEN SWORD and OLD FASHIONED have the form and experience to trouble their younger rivals. Well-related newcomers XENOPHON and PALACE ATTACK are worth a market check on debut.

Selections:

#8 Soho Heartthrob, #6 Lava County, #5 Xenophon, #1 Mizzen Sword

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R120.000, 13:20GMT+2

Race Summary: PARISIAN WALKWAY had excuses for a disappointing last start and on the strength of his earlier form, is worth another chance under a 4kg claimer. Recent hat-trick scorer TAMARISK TREE is performing at the top of his game and should remain competitive off a career-high mark under a handy galloping weight. SILENT WAR and NAVAJO NATION won't be far off the mark, while stablemates MISS SCALETTA and KEY ELEMENT also have earning potential.

Selections:

#1 Parisian Walkway, #2 Tamarisk Tree, #3 Navajo Nation, #4 Silent War

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R80.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: THE ULTIMATE KING wasn't winning out of turn on his reappearance as a gelding last month and looks good value to follow up on his handicap debut, with further improvement expected. Hat-trick seeking PRETTY ANALIA, consistent FUTUREWOLFF and rejuvenated COPPOLA seem the most likely dangers. Well-related DUAL PROPHECY isn't taken lightly on his return.

Selections:

#1 The Ultimate King, #3 Pretty Analia, #5 Futurewolff, #7 Coppola

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R120.000, 14:30GMT+2

Race Summary: High-class MAIN DEFENDER has only once been beaten in 6 starts over this distance. He is weighted to win so almost impossible to oppose, especially as fellow Grade 1 winners PURPLE PITCHER, ATTICUS FINCH and LEGEND OF ARTHUR are most effective over further. As such, a bigger threat is likely to be posed by TRUTH and WHITE PEARL.

Selections:

#1 Main Defender, #5 Truth, #2 Purple Pitcher, #6 White Pearl

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R175.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: ROYAL FORCE showed his class and well-being by winning over track and trip last time and a 6-point penalty for that victory is unlikely to halt his progress. Fellow last-start winners DANCE KING and filly MOUNTAIN HIGH also remain competitive for top honours under resultant penalties. Recently gelded IMMEDIATE EDGE, consistent POTBERRIE and returning KEY NEWS appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#1 Royal Force, #6 Dance King, #8 Mountain High, #2 Immediate Edge

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Top-weight DREAMLAND bounced back to form last time and will be competitive with a repeat of that performance. COSMIC STAR and stablemate MOUNT PINATUBO fit a similar profile and are distance suited. Consistent QUANTUM THEORY and versatile BOB'S YOUR UNCLE are others with genuine each-way chances.

Selections:

#4 Cosmic Star, #1 Dreamland, #6 Mount Pinatubo, #2 Quantum Theory

Turffontein Standside, 11.05.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Lightly raced VIRGIN RIVER is ideally distance suited and probably better than rated, so it could pay to side with her ahead of class-dropper NIGHT VIGIL who concedes 5.5kg to her older rival. SIMPLY MAJESTIC and stablemate COSMIC QUEEN are above-average 3yo fillies with the form and experience to trouble the principals. KIA KAHHA and hat-trick seeking NEERAH complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#6 Virgin River, #2 Night Vigil, #4 Cosmic Queen, #3 Simply Majestic