

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.07.12

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 12:45GMT+2

Race Summary: DAISY JONES confirmed the promise of her debut 4th over 1500m by finishing 2nd over 1400m in her last start and this extended trip should unlock further progress. MATCHA MINT wouldn't be winning out of turn after 3 consecutive seconds, including back-to-back runners-up finishes over 1600m. REJUVENATE is closely matched with that rival so she should play a leading role too. SCARLETT HEART and STAMPEDE AHEAD have also shown enough to have a say in the outcome.

Selections:

#1 Daisy Jones, #2 Matcha Mint, #3 Rejuvenate, #6 Stampede Ahead

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R95.000, 13:20GMT+2

Race Summary: CYBER SPIRIT has the form and experience to acquit herself competitively but is vulnerable to less-exposed rivals. Fellow 3yo filly ICONIC WINTER would have benefitted from a recent comeback and should have more to offer, especially on the evidence of her course-and-distance debut. However, it could be worth siding with well-bred youngster SURPRISE PARTY who, despite showings signs of her inexperience, didn't go unnoticed on debut over this track and trip. Newcomers BABETTE'S FEAST, COMIC ARTIST and HEAVENLY GOOD are worth a market check.

Selections:

#9 Surprise Party, #7 Heavenly Good, #4 Comic Artist, #3 Babette's Feast

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R105.000, 13:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Returning AMANDLA NGAWETHU and Highveld newcomer MONKEY PUZZLE are experienced older geldings vulnerable under top weight. LANNYBOY would have come on from his course-and-distance debut 4th and ought to acquit himself competitively. The same applies to filly ONCEINABLUEMOON who isn't underestimated under bottom weight. Well-bred newcomers BEST CANDIDATE, ECHOES OF WAR, ECHO CHECK and GOD'S COUNTRY won't need to be special to play leading roles on debut.

Selections:

#4 Echo Check, #5 Echoes Of War, #3 Best Candidate, #10 Onceinabluemoon

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R110.000, 14:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Unexposed MISS ARGONAUT defied a market drift when winning at this level on her Highveld debut. She remains open to further progress and should have a bright future in the province. Hard-knocker ONE FELL SWOOP sets a good standard and boasts both the form and experience over track and trip to trouble the selection. Stablemates KOMATI RIVER and BLIZZARD SNOW also have the means to get involved. Last-start winner FLIGHT OF A CONDOR completes the shortlist.

Selections:

#2 Miss Argonaut, #1 One Fell Swoop, #6 Blizzard Snow, #4 Komati River

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R100.000, 15:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky. WE WILL ROCK YOU is out of sorts but dangerous to discount off a career-low mark and over this shorter trip under a 1.5kg-claiming apprentice. VALIEVA was supported last time and had legitimate excuses for that disappointing performance, so she cannot be overlooked. LADY OF MEMPHIS, GOLDEN ASPEN, GODSPEED and last-start winner BLINDFIRE will be competitive if building on improved recent efforts. TIME FOR CHARITY and ORIENTAL BOUQUET are also capable of having a say in the outcome.

Selections:

#8 Blindfire, #7 Golden Aspen, #3 Lady Of Memphis, #2 Valieva

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R85.000, 15:40GMT+2

Race Summary: MOLOTOV COCKTAIL confirmed the promise of his fast-finishing debut 5th over 1400m by winning from the front over 1600m in his only subsequent appearance. This extended trip should be more to his liking so it could pay to follow his progress. Well-bred class-dropper DUAL PROPHECY caught the eye over track and trip last time and in his peak outing should pose a threat to the selection. STORM AHEAD, FLAG BEARER and GAMER are honest hard-knockers with the form and experience to make their presence felt too. VOLTE FACE, CARNELO and CIRCLE OF GRACE are others with earning potential.

Selections:

#1 Molotov Cocktail, #3 Dual Prophecy, #4 Volte Face, #5 Flag Bearer

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R135.000, 16:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Tricky. WECANGOALLNIGHT acquitted himself competitively under 50kg in a stronger race over track and trip recently and should have a role to play if reproducing that effort off an unchanged under 60kg. BACCHUS, COMMAND PILOT and PRESLEY are better than recent performances suggest and can take home a cheque. WILLOW EXPRESS bounced back to form in a minor KZN feature last time so isn't taken lightly, even at this level, under bottom weight. Course-and-distance specialist JURY'S OUT would have tightened up after a much-needed comeback run over 1160m and will likely fare better over this trip.

Selections:

#9 Jury's Out, #2 Bacchus, #7 Presley, #5 Command Pilot

Turffontein Standside, 12.07.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 16:50GMT+2

Race Summary: Stablemates BIRTHRIGHT and THE PLAYBOY BOMBER are undefeated over track and trip. The latter overcame a wide draw when winning over course and distance last time and a 3kg-penalty isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. However, preference is for the consistent latter who caught the eye with a fast-finishing 4th over 1450m on the Inside track last month and will prefer the Standside track. WARHAWK BOMBER, KING OF NUMBERS, BLOOMINGTON and EIFFEL TOWER should be competitive for the places. Highveld newcomers LUCE VERDE and PRIME VENTURE, as well as returning MASTER ARIANO, aren't taken lightly.

Selections:

#3 Birthright, #7 The Playboy Bomber, #5 King Of Numbers, #9 Eiffel Tower

Best Win: #1 MOLOTOV COCKTAIL

Best Value Bet: #9 SURPRISE PARTY

Best Longshot: #9 SURPRISE PARTY