

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN INSIDE@2026.02.19

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 1, Gallops, 2600m, Turf, R100.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: BATTLEGROUND is a course-and-distance specialist with good recent form at a higher level off his current mark, so he will be hard to beat in this grade. MILITARY MOVES and EUPHRATES are maturing stayers closely matched on recent form. Both have shown enough to pose a threat, especially under light weights. APACHE SON and BELLEROPHON didn't go unnoticed in recent outings and could make their presence felt too.

Selections:

#2 Battleground, #6 Euphrates, #5 Military Moves, #3 Vesuvio

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: GALAXY QUEEN finished a career-best second over this trip last time and won't need to improve much in first-time blinkers to open her account. STORM BALLET and IN BETWEEN should have roles to play if building on improved recent efforts. FUTURE GAMBLE remains open to improvement after a break and can get involved too.

Selections:

#1 Galaxy Queen, #7 Storm Ballet, #2 Future Gamble, #4 In Between

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: GIMMETHESPORTLIGHT confirmed the promise of his 1400m debut fourth with a fast-finishing second over this trip after a break. With further progress likely, he will be a tough nut to crack. QUEVANO and POMPEII SHIELD have the form and experience to keep the selection honest, while CRONUS may have more to offer after a much-needed comeback outing. STATUS and TOP FLOOR are open to any amount of improvement following respective absences after encouraging introductions.

Selections:

#7 Gimmethespotlight, #9 Status, #1 Quevano, #10 Top Floor

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: PRESSONREGARDLESS showed his form and well-being with a career-best performance to win a Listed race last time over slightly further. He is equally effective over track and trip so a resultant 5-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another bold showing. ALMOND SEA ventures beyond 1160m for the first time but could pose a threat after a career-best victory in her last start. Stablemate DOITWITHDIAMONDS is course-and-distance suited and capable of playing a leading role, as is WINDS OF CHANGE who, along with returning duo BACK IN BUSINESS and JUST BE LEKKER, is weighted to be competitive.

Selections:

#2 Pressonregardless, #5 Doitwithdiamonds, #3 Almond Sea, #10 Winds Of Change

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 5, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: DRIVELIKEAMASTER acquitted himself competitively at a higher level over 1200m last time and a repeat of that effort over this extended trip off an unchanged mark could suffice in this grade. TURBO POWER and FOSTINOVO are consistent performers at this level so will likely have a say in the outcome too. Lightly raced 3yo geldings GOT THE FEELING and MY LUCKY CHARM appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#4 Drivelikeamaster, #7 Fostinovo, #1 Turbo Power, #2 Got The Feeling

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 6, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R112.500, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: SAKURA HANAMI has improved in two starts with headgear fitted and is open to further progress on her handicap debut, so it could pay to side with her over this extended trip. SPIRITRIX fluffed her lines last time but remains open to improvement on her reappearance trying this distance for the first time. MISTY METAL is unbeaten over course and distance but has to raise her game at this level. WAITING ON CHARLIE, WINDS OF GRACE, BELL OF ANGELUS and ROYAL HORIZON complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#3 Sakura Hanami, #4 Spiritrix, #5 Waiting On Charlie, #6 Misty Metal

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 7, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R135.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: ANCIENT WISDOM caught the eye when a fast-finishing second in a similar contest last time over 1800m and a repeat of that effort off an unchanged mark could suffice. COCOMELON, AZALEAS FOR ALL and BOOM BOOM are closely matched but have a bit to find on recent form. FUTURE DATE is better than her last start suggests and will likely give a better account of herself reunited with Muzi Yeni. Recent Listed second KISSING MACHINE ought to play a leading role off an unchanged mark.

Selections:

#4 Ancient Wisdom, #5 Kissing Machine, #1 Future Date, #6 Azaleas For All

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 8, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R105.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: LITTLEMISSSPLENDID was outrun late when third in a 2400m Listed race recently and a return to this shorter trip should suit, even off a 3-point higher mark. Fellow class-dropper BACK FROM WAR also has form at a higher level off her current mark so could fight out the finish with the benefit of her rider's 1.5kg allowance. OPEN SESAME, TOP SHELF TEDDY and FALCONFLY are open to improvement trying this trip for the first time, so they shouldn't be taken lightly. Hard-knockers ANNEWITHAN E and PARTY PUNCH have the form and experience over this distance to make their presence felt too.

Selections:

#2 Littlemisssplendid, #1 Back From War, #10 Falconfly, #4 Open Sesame

Turffontein Inside, 19.02.2026, Race 9, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R100.000, 16:55GMT+2

Race Summary: A case can be made for several of these, though none appeal more than FORCE PUBLIQUE whose second over 1800m at this level last time gave the impression that this extended trip will suit. CASUS BELLI, FUTUREWOLFF, CARNELO, CHABAL and FULL GO are experienced hard-knockers with sufficient means to threaten the selection, especially in receipt of weight from their younger rival. EXPRESS YOURSELF and recent maiden scorer PALACE GUARD can get into the picture too if overcoming awkward starting berths.

Selections:

#2 Force Publique, #11 Full Go, #4 Futurewolff, #10 Casus Belli

Best Win: #1 GALAXY QUEEN

Best Value Bet: #2 FORCE PUBLIQUE

Best Longshot: #2 FORCE PUBLIQUE