

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.11.29

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R300.000, 11:25GMT+2

Race Summary: No form to go on in this 2yo race to kickstart proceedings, so pay close attention to the betting/market movers, and include as many as the budget allows in Leg 1 of Jackpot ONE. Stablemates STATUS SYMBOL and TURN IT UP are attractively bred colts from a leading Highveld stable so both have to be respected, especially with leading jockeys booked to ride. HEATH HOUSE and ONE STATE fit a similar profile so shouldn't be overlooked either. THEODORE ROOSEVELD and STAGE ONE appeal too, while well-bred filly CALADRIUS can't be taken lightly in receipt of a sex allowance.

Selections:

#11 Turn It Up, #10 Theodore Roosevelt, #12 Caladrius, #4 Heath House

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R300.000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Several with chances in this lucrative maiden, Leg 1 of BiPot ONE. TINTIN returned from a lengthy layoff when finishing ahead of WITCH HAZEL over track and trip earlier this month, and would've tightened up with the benefit of that comeback run. However, Rachel Venniker's 1.5kg allowance could swing the decision in the latter's favour. SPLITTHEEIGHTS and MASTEROFTHEBAROQUE debuted in the same race and acquitted themselves competitively. They will know more about it so should improve to make their presence felt once more. HIGHWAYMAN HARRY and newcomers LOVEABLE and PROPER are also respected.

Selections:

#10 Witch Hazel, #1 Tintin, #9 Splittheights, #7 Proper

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R300.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Grade 1 winners COSMIC SPEED and FIERY PEGASUS set a lofty standard and are favourably treated by the conditions, but both have questions to answer. The former is carded to make his comeback 9 days earlier, while the latter returns from a lengthy 245-day absence. Thriving East Cape raider MERCANTOUR reverts to the turf on his Highveld return and does so with legitimate claims, while a favourable inside draw should bring about a more competitive showing from CHOISAANADA, whose last-start Grade 2 no-show should probably be ignored. CATS PAJAMAS and WILLIAM ROBERTSON aren't making up the numbers.

Selections:

#1 Cosmic Speed, #5 Fiery Pegasus, #6 Mercantour, #7 Choisaanada

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R400.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Fascinating first leg 1 of the carryover Pick 6 MEGAPOOL. Grade 1 winners FATAL FLAW and MIA MOO return from lengthy absences and chinks in their armour will be exposed. CHASING HAPPINESS, ALMOND SEA and ELEGANT ICE have the means to acquit themselves competitively but are held on recent form. Last-start winners WHISTLE THE TUNE and progressive RACHEL WALL arrive at the top of their game and should have a say in the outcome. RODEO DRIVE and ELEGANTRIX were second in the same 2yo Grade 1 a year apart and at their best could fight out the finish. It doesn't end there, so go wide in the Pick 6.

Selections:

#7 Rodeo Drive, #9 Elegantrix, #3 Whistle The Tune, #10 Rachel Wall

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R550.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: COSMIC STAR sprung a 33-1 surprise in a Listed 1000m sprint early this month and

will have a role to play if repeating that performance. AFRICAN PRIDE and CHARMING CHEETAH are closely matched on the form of that meeting so should be competitive too. QUANTUM THEORY was dropped from an inside stall and ran into traffic problems when finishing behind those rivals, and he could be worth siding with from an outside barrier and on better weight terms over a track and trip he enjoys. TRUTH and FUTURE VARIETY are capable speedsters with the form and experience to make their presence felt too.

Selections:

#6 Quantum Theory, #10 Charming Cheetah, #11 African Pride, #2 Truth

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R500.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: VALENTINA BALDUCCI made all when winning a 1400m Grade 3 last time but she faces an uphill task under top weight and from the widest draw in Leg 1 of BiPot TWO. On that form, MAMLAMBO and PRETTY PERSUASIVE have a bit to find but they ought to pose more of a threat on these revised terms over this extended trip. Unbeaten LITTLEMISSMILLION won both outings over this distance and is open to any amount of improvement on her reappearance, so it could pay to follow her progress. Debut winner DRUMNADROCHIT fits a similar profile so has to go into calculations. FISH HAWK and UNITED OFFER can earn too.

Selections:

#3 Littlemissmillion, #5 Pretty Persuasive, #1 Valentina Balducci, #13 Drumnadrochit

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R800.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Fascinating renewal. JAN VAN GOYEN hasn't been seen since his wide-margin 2yo Grade 1 win in late July when beating TIN PAN ALLEY (2nd) and CHRONICLE KING (3rd). He is open to any amount of improvement but his fitness has to be taken on trust, whereas his familiar foes have gone unbeaten since and are racing fit. TRUST is 2kg worse off with his last-start conqueror but this extended trip could play more to his strengths, so he could turn the tables at generous Eachway odds. SHADOWFAX wouldn't line up here without a prayer.

Selections:

#11 Trust, #2 Tin Pan Alley, #1 Jan Van Goyen, #3 Chronicle King

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R6.000.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Grade 1 main event with a likely Quartet MAXIPOOL of R2 million to get involved in. ATTICUS FINCH has raised his game fitted with blinkers and the defending champion can complete an unprecedented Charity Mile-Summer Cup double after an ideal prep. However, there are dangers aplenty, including KZN raiders ROYAL VICTORY (2023 winner), KING PELLER and MADISON VALLEY who have all been carefully and deliberately aimed at Africa's richest race. THE EQUATOR also arrives at the peak of his powers so has to be factored in. MY BEST SHOT and ON MY HONOUR complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#1 Atticus Finch, #7 Madison Valley, #3 King Peller, #5 The Equator

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R300.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: FIELD MARSHAL was a fast-finishing second to Summer Cup contender The Ultimate King in an 1800m Grade 3 last time and a repeat of that performance, off an unchanged mark, should suffice. MONEY HEIST, THUNEE PLAYA and DON'T CRY FOR ME are held on the form of that race but could get into the picture. However, a bigger threat will likely come from fellow KZN raider CAPE EAGLE who wasn't disgraced in the main race 12 months ago off a higher mark. Mares LADY FALLON and SOLDIER'S EYE, and recent runners-up ALADDIN'S LAMP and BEYNAC have the means to play a role

in the outcome too.

Selections:

#5 Field Marshal, #2 Cape Eagle, #11 Aladdin's Lamp, #3 Money Heist

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 10, Gallops, 3200m, Turf, R350.000, 17:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Like his stablemate in the preceding event, SHOOT THE RAPIDS acquitted himself well enough in an 1800m Grade 3 (won by a Summer Cup contender) last time to suggest that he will be hard to beat if repeating that performance over this extended trip. He has no stamina concerns and has enjoyed an ideal prep. Maturing DAIMYO won a 2400m feature from the front last time and could be hard to peg back if equally effective over this distance and allowed to adopt similar tactics. NEBRAAS and improving ENFLAME finished behind that rival but are weighted to pose more of a threat. Others aren't out of it!

Selections:

#2 Shoot The Rapids, #6 Daimyo, #10 Enflame, #4 Nebraas

Turffontein Standside, 29.11.2025, Race 11, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R175.000, 17:50GMT+2

Race Summary: THE PLAYBOY BOMBER was a fast-finishing second under this rider last time in a stronger race over track and trip. He races off an unchanged mark in his peak outing so won't need to improve on that performance to go one better. OPEN HIGHWAY is matched on the form of that race and better off at the weights but is carded to run a few days earlier. Hard-knockers ZIP CODE and ARUMUGAM have the form and experience at this level to be competitive. NEVER NEVER LAND has more scope for improvement and could pose more of a threat stretching out to this trip under a light weight. SKY PILLAR ROCK can earn too.

Selections:

#4 The Playboy Bomber, #1 Open Highway, #11 Never Never Land, #2 Zip Code

Best Win: #4 THE PLAYBOY BOMBER

Best Value Bet: #6 QUANTUM THEORY

Best Longshot: #6 QUANTUM THEORY