

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN INSIDE@2024.10.05

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 11:50GMT+2

Race Summary: THE OCTAGON has made progress in 3 starts since he was gelded and needn't improve much on his Highveld return to open his account, having finished 3rd in consecutive KZN appearances. CLIFFIE CLAVIN, after an improved 4th over 1500m, and likely improver OBSIDIAN, who wasn't disgraced on his 2yo sprint debut against winners, are the only dangers. BALLARINO, JABBERWOCKY and DESPINA have minor roles.

Selections:

#1 The Octagon, #4 Cliffie Clavin, #5 Obsidian, #2 Ballarino

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: FETCHING FLYER disappointed when staying on to finish behind QUELLO CHE over track and trip last time but is worth another chance given her rider's 1.5kg allowance. The latter has since finished 3rd over this course and distance ahead of MESSALINA and should confirm her superiority. ANCIENT WISDOM caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd on debut over 1450m and shouldn't be hastily condemned for a disappointing subsequent effort over that distance, with this extended trip expected to be more to her liking. COUNTESS Q and STORMY SUNDAY are also likely improvers with earning potential.

Selections:

#3 Fetching Flyer, #4 Quello Che, #6 Ancient Wisdom, #2 Messalina

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R110.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: ATARIME won back-to-back 1600m races after he was gelded and on the evidence of his recent fast-finishing 5th over that distance, the step up to this extended trip ought to unlock further progress. Progressive BATTLEOFBARBERTON was a start-to-finish winner over this distance on his reappearance last month, and a resultant 5-point penalty shouldn't halt his momentum, especially with improved fitness on his side and Strydom in the irons again. MOOLA MAN, CELTIC RUSH and MASTER TIK TOK are consistent hardknockers who should acquit themselves competitively. MILLAHUE is capable but out of sorts.

Selections:

#1 Atarime, #3 Battleofbarberton, #4 Moola Man, #7 Master Tik Tok

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 2600m, Turf, R175.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: RAISEAHALLELUJAH won a similar course-and-distance contest last month, beating EXPLOSIVE BOND and ZEUS. He is 1kg worse off with both re-opposing rivals but good value to confirm his superiority off an unchanged mark. TWIN TURBO and BANHA BRIDGE have run well over this distance so could get into the picture, though a bigger threat is likely to be posed by maturing stayer MAMBO COME TESIO whose consistency in a slightly lower grade should stand him in good stead at this level.

Selections:

#2 Raiseahallelujah, #7 Explosive Bond, #1 Zeus, #5 Mambo Come Tesio

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: SALENIO PENINSULA was hard-pressed to preserve her unbeaten record over this course and distance last time. She faces another stern test of her mettle under a resultant 5-point penalty but remains open to further progress, so she could take the step up to this class in her stride en route to

bigger and better things. Debut winner SAY IT LOUD is another with any amount of scope for improvement. FORCE EIGHT, best-weighted MIA MOO and BOSUM BUDDY showed enough during promising juvenile campaigns to also warrant respect. CALANTHA is unexposed and not taken lightly on her reappearance either.

Selections:

#1 Salenio Peninsula, #6 Say It Loud, #5 Bosum Buddy, #3 Mia Moo

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 6, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R450.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Consistent CAPTAIN PEG finished 2nd in this race last year from gate No 3 off a 5-point higher mark. She should again acquit herself competitively. Fellow 5yo mares GIMME A SHOT and CELTIC RUMOURS are consistent performers with solid credentials and should play leading roles. The latter is unbeaten in 3 starts over track and trip so could represent the value. LET'S GO NOW, MY SOUL MATE and WHITE PEARL are favourably treated by the conditions but are returning from lengthy layoffs. Grade 1 2yo winner VJ'S ANGEL and progressive FIERY PEGASUS are awkwardly drawn but not to be taken lightly.

Selections:

#2 Celtic Rumours, #1 Gimme A Shot, #11 Vj's Angel, #3 Captain Peg

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R550.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: MAIN DEFENDER was a wide-margin winner of this race last year, beating subsequent Grade 1 winner Thunderstruck by 6.50 lengths. He finished 2nd to UNZEN over 1400m when last seen but is 6.5kg better off for that 1.40-length defeat so should turn the tables - he sets a lofty standard. WILLIAM ROBERTSON, KZN raider GLADATORIAN and progressive BACK IN BUSINESS have the means to make life difficult for the selection. GRAND CRESCENDO and DANTONFROMSANDTON (gelded) showed promise during their 2yo campaigns and are open to improvement, so could get into the picture. Keep an eye on GIMMEANOTHERCHANCE.

Selections:

#1 Main Defender, #3 William Robertson, #4 Gladatorian, #7 Back In Business

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: HOTARUBI is slung in under the conditions but has achieved his rating over further and may need this outing after a 90-day absence. TRUTH won on debut over 1160m so has already proven himself effective in a sprint and shouldn't be written off on his seasonal reappearance after unsuccessful attempts at 2yo features over 1400m and 1600m. BUFFALO STORM CODY was a fast-finishing 2nd in a similar contest over track and trip 6 weeks ago and need only repeat that performance to fight for victory. Debut winners MUSICAL SCORE and BAKWENA could be anything so aren't underestimated.

Selections:

#4 Buffalo Storm Cody, #5 Musical Score, #8 Bakwena, #2 Truth

Turffontein Inside, 05.10.2024, Race 9, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R140.000, 16:30GMT+2

Race Summary: KARANGETANG finished behind KINSHIN SHA and SMITH AND WESSON over this distance last month but has slidden further down the ratings and will enjoy the benefit of his rider's 1.5kg weight allowance, so could turn the tables on those rivals. However, preference is for stablemate RAINBOW REWARD who deserves a reward for his consistency. He has proven most effective over this distance and his competitiveness at this level off his current mark is guaranteed. Top-weight SWING UPON A STAR isn't without a chance.

Selections:

#6 Rainbow Reward, #8 Smith And Wesson, #5 Karangetang, #7 Kinshin Sha

Best Win: #1 MAIN DEFENDER

Best Value Bet: #2 CELTIC RUMOURS

Best Longshot: #2 CELTIC RUMOURS

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: DURBANVILLE@2024.10.05**Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110.000, 12:05GMT+2**

Race Summary: ROSA OSIRIA ran improved races in KZN earlier this term and there is no reason to suggest she shouldn't continue her momentum during the Western Cape summer. MRS SHACKLETON has the form and experience to play a leading role although a bigger threat could come from a well-bred newcomer. ALLTHEBOYSIVELOVED, CATCH A PENNY, FRIDA KAHLO and CASA ESTIVA are all attractively bred and worth a market check on debut.

Selections:

#3 Rosa Osiria, #7 Frida Kahlo, #5 Catch A Penny, #8 Mrs Shackleton

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: FENCING CAPTAIN has finished a close-up 2nd in consecutive course-and-distance appearances so he wouldn't be winning out of turn. KRIM was a beaten short-priced favourite when last seen but need only bounce back to the form of his previous outing to make his presence felt after a 15-week layoff. Both CORK BAY and returning SCOTTISH LINKS showed promise on debut and would have come on appreciably with the benefit of that experience. BAGATELLE FLASH also has the form and experience to stake a claim. Respect any market support for newcomers BEAUTIFUL WINTER and NEW YORK CITY.

Selections:

#2 Fencing Captain, #6 Cork Bay, #8 Bagatelle Flash, #10 Scottish Links

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 3, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R110.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: SPECIAL GLAMOUR was friendless in the market on debut but finished ahead of CHAMPAGNE KISSES and should confirm her superiority with that experience to count on and improvement likely. BITTER SWEET, NOODSBERG and DE VLUGGE also have scope to improve so could get into the picture. BEACH QUEEN and OCOTILLO are well-bred fillies (out of Grade 1 winners) worth watching, especially if the market speaks in their favour. Returning SPIRIT GUIDE and newcomers VIVO PER LEI and PAST IS PROLOGUE, whose dam finished 2nd in back-to-back 2yo Grade 1 races, are others to note.

Selections:

#9 Special Glamour, #3 Beach Queen, #8 Champagne Kisses, #7 Ocotillo

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 4, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R110.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: CUMBRE VIEJA has been costly to follow but he wouldn't be winning out of turn and this shorter trip with blinkers fitted may be more to his liking. SIR KORSKI, SCOTTISH KISS and ZEITZ ran encouraging first-up races and would've come on appreciably with that experience so they ought to be competitive with natural improvement on the cards. MY ARCHANGEL was the subject of betting support on debut and shouldn't be hastily written off either. CRESCENT and MYSTIC MAJESTY are others with earning potential.

Selections:

#8 Zeitz, #6 Scottish Kiss, #3 Sir Korski, #1 Cumbre Vieja

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R110.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: TUSCAN ROMANCE wouldn't be winning out of turn, having finished 2nd in each of her 3 starts, and she should open her account sooner rather than later. However, she's awkwardly drawn in stall No 14 which does her chances no favours. DOUBLE DASH is closely matched with that rival on recent form and is favourably positioned in gate No 2. BERRY'S BOOGIE and WILD APPLAUSE make more appeal after promising introductions and both should improve with that experience to count on. WHITE WATERS, runner-up over track and trip last time, and unexposed ALEX MILLER aren't without chances either. Good race!

Selections:

#8 Wild Applause, #5 Berry's Boogie, #14 Tuscan Romance, #2 Double Dash

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R85.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: HANG OUT THE STARS was ridden aggressively from a wide draw when finishing 1.50 lengths behind re-opposing last-start winner FLY TO RIO (1.5kg worse off) and could turn the tables on these revised weight terms from a favourable No 2 gate. DREAM SEARCHER finished further adrift but is weighted to get closer. TRES CHIC is in good form and has dropped to an attractive mark in the ratings but she is poorly drawn in her first attempt at this distance. IM THE BUZZ and QUESTION OF FAITH could also get involved.

Selections:

#2 Hang Out The Stars, #3 Fly To Rio, #12 Tres Chic, #5 Dream Searcher

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R120.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Hard-knocker DAS GUTE is maintaining form and consistency at this level off his current mark and he ought to acquit himself competitively. PLEASE BE TRUE and ONE LINER are promising One World colts with bright futures. They renew rivalry with the former 1kg better off having finished 2.75 lengths behind his paternal half-brother over 1250m last month. Both should improve over this extended trip, though the same could be said of fellow unexposed 3yo BOUNDLESS ENERGY who impressed on his winning 1250m reappearance. SPIRIT'S UNITE and last-start winner AUGUSTA BLUE will keep those rivals honest.

Selections:

#9 One Liner, #4 Please Be True, #7 Boundless Energy, #2 Das Gute

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 8, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R120.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: SHE'S MY CAPTAIN is reunited with Richard Fourie after scoring over 1000m under Gareth Wright. She races off a career-high mark and is vulnerable over this trip with 60.5kg on her back. OMIKAMI could hardly have been more impressive when winning on debut and is open to any amount of improvement, so it could pay to follow her progress. Consistent GREAT CAT, lightly raced LA DIVINA and DARK WINTER, a stakes-placed 2yo last season, have the form and experience to expose any chinks in the selection's armour. FIRST MASTERPIECE and JOU LEKKER DING also have the means to make their presence felt.

Selections:

#4 Omikami, #8 Great Cat, #5 Jou Lekker Ding, #7 Dark Winter

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 9, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: JET TO THE SUN and PENTOLINA improved for the step up to this trip to register course-and-distance maiden victories. The latter benefitted from the fitting of first-time blinkers that day and should have more to offer returning from a nine-week absence during which she would have strengthened and made further progress. GLEE CLUB, COULDITBE and KINKY BOOTS are consistent hardknockers with the form and experience to acquit themselves competitively. MISS NEW YORK and CATTALEYA have dropped to a dangerous mark and also have the means to stake a claim under these conditions.

Selections:

#5 Pentolina, #1 Glee Club, #9 Coulditbe, #7 Miss New York

Durbanville, 05.10.2024, Race 10, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R110.000, 17:20GMT+2

Race Summary: DUBBELOSIX improved to finish on the heels of game frontrunner JOUEUR DE FLUTE over 1400m last month. Both are open to improvement over this extended trip with the former good value to reverse the form of that meeting on 0.5kg better terms. LATE DECEMBER has another wide draw to negotiate but his experience will stand him in good stead. Well-related MARINE MERCHANT fared worst of all in the barrier draw but showed enough promise when finishing 3rd on debut over 1250m to warrant respect, with improvement likely over this distance. Blinkered again, HAPPY DAYS and BLACK CHERRY have claims too.

Selections:

#1 Dubbelosix, #7 Joueur De Flute, #13 Marine Merchant, #3 Happy Days

Best Win: #2 HANG OUT THE STARS

Best Value Bet: #9 ONE LINER

Best Longshot: #9 ONE LINER