

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.04.08

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R95.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: GOLDEN ALEXIA had legitimate excuses for her disappointing last start and need only bounce back to her earlier form to make amends in this Work Riders' opening event. LAVA LAMP ran well enough on debut to suggest she'll play a leading role, especially with that experience to count on. POTATO SALAD, experienced MADAME POMPADOUR and unexposed SASHA LEE appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#1 Golden Alexia, #8 Lava Lamp, #3 Potato Salad, #5 Madame Pompadour

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R130.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: OPERA FAN wouldn't be winning out of turn after consecutive seconds. She sets the standard and her 2.5kg sex allowance will stand her in good stead against inexperienced rivals, of whom One World colts ALPHA WORLD and ONE TIGER are of particular interest. SERGEANT SOQRAT and RACEWAY are other newcomers worth keeping an eye on. Watch the betting for clues!

Selections:

#6 Opera Fan, #1 Alpha World, #4 One Tiger, #5 Sergeant Soqratt

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R120.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: EIGHT HATS would have come on appreciably from her encouraging recent debut 3rd over this distance and that experience should stand her in good stead. Newcomers MY EYES NEVER LIE, SPIRITRIX and WINTER BELLE are well-bred fillies worth a market check on debut. EXPLOSIVE POWER and HOTARU complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#1 Eight Hats, #8 Winter Belle, #7 Spiritrix, #5 My Eyes Never Lie

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R120.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Runner-up in 3 of 6 starts, returning ICHACHA needn't be fully tuned to make a winning reappearance. GREEN STREET, 2nd in 2 of her 3 outings, returns from a short break but has also shown enough to fight for victory. SHAMOON finished a career-best 3rd last time and need only repeat that performance to have a say in the outcome. Youngster FREE BIRD and lightly raced CHICAGO LASS are others with earning potential.

Selections:

#1 Ichacha, #6 Green Street, #7 Shamoon, #10 Free Bird

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R120.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: GIFT OF ROYAL and BLURRED VISION have the form and experience to have a say at the finish but are vulnerable to less-exposed rivals, especially fillies ART NOUVEAU and NKWENKWEZI who benefit from a 3.5kg sex allowance. FUTURE KING, INCLUSION and THAT'S MAGICAL are also unexposed and should improve to make their presence felt.

Selections:

#11 Nkwenkwezi, #10 Art Nouveau, #7 Inclusion, #6 Future King

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R120.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Veteran ROMEO'S MAGIC justified market support when winning a similar contest over track and trip last month, and a 5-point penalty isn't likely to halt his momentum. Runner-up TO THE RESCUE is 2.5kg better off with his last-start conqueror so could avenge that defeat. Both ROSY LEMON and ARLINGTON ACTION are also better off on these revised weight terms so shouldn't be taken lightly. Last-start winner MO MENT and class-dropper PANNING GOLD aren't underestimated either.

Selections:

#1 To The Rescue, #3 Romeo's Magic, #7 Rosy Lemon, #9 Mo Ment

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R160.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: BUFFALO STORM CODY could hardly have been more impressive when winning over a similar trip on his reappearance as a gelding last month. He remains open to improvement so a resultant 6-point penalty may not be enough to prevent him from following up. MINOGUE concedes weight to male opposition but is favourably treated by the conditions, while joint best-weighted runner ROCK OF BISMANTOVA is capable on his day but likely to need the outing after a lengthy absence. SILVER TUDOR, PASSAGE OF POWER, ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES and versatile BOB'S YOUR UNCLE are honest hard-knockers with earning potential.

Selections:

#2 Buffalo Storm Cody, #9 Bob's Your Uncle, #3 Silver Tudor, #7 Night Bomber

Turffontein Standside, 08.04.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R120.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Course-and-distance specialist WARM WINTER NITE copped a hefty 8-point penalty for winning over track and trip last time. He ought to remain competitive but has more to do at this level under 62.5kg. Lightly raced HONG KONG also has a good record over this course and distance. She was narrowly beaten last time on her return from a break and needn't improve much - if at all - to go one better. Hard-knockers LONGSWORD, OPEN HIGHWAY, PHANTOM EXPRESS and PRINCE OF KILDARE all have the form and experience to get involved, though a bigger threat will likely come from maturing 3yo PAUL REVERE.

Selections:

#4 Hong Kong, #1 Warm Winter Nite, #8 Paul Revere, #5 Open Highway

Best Win: #2 BUFFALO STORM CODY

Best Value Bet: #1 TO THE RESCUE

Best Longshot: #1 TO THE RESCUE