

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2021.12.09

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: MOTOR CITY HITMAN ran a close second over this trip last time despite excuses and could go one better with a repeat of that effort if overcoming that issue. SPRING WILL COME returned from a rest when second over this trip too last time out and with improved fitness on his side could fight it out. LIL WAHOO has been threatening to open her account and from pole position should be competitive. Newcomers PLAYER and VAGUELY FAMILIAR are worth a market check and could have a say if the market speaks in their favour.

Selections:

#2 Motor City Hitman, #4 Spring Will Come, #9 Lil Wahoo, #12 Vaguely Familiar

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 2, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R90.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: COOL WINTER outran big odds to finish second on debut over track and trip. He ought to have improved with that experience so rates the one to beat. VASILIKOS was fancied when fourth in that same race. He too would've come on since so should have a say in the outcome. LADY GREENSLEEVES and SOUTHERN STYLE are well-bred newcomers and likely to be competitive too, though the betting market should provide a better guide to their chances on debut.

Selections:

#1 Cool Winter, #7 Vasilikos, #10 Southern Style, #9 Lady Greensleeves

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 3, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R90.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Open. ABOVE THE WORLD is one of only two runners in the lineup with experience and that should stand her in good stead with natural improvement expected. Newcomers NOW IS THE TIME, PRINCESS ZENOBIA and SWEET PEPPER are all likely to run well. The latter is out of a mare with a solid track-record and hails from a yard that excels with its youngsters. Watch the betting.

Selections:

#8 Sweet Pepper, #4 Ode To The Ocean, #3 Now Is The Time, #1 Above The World

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R92.500, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. Top-rated BARD OF AVON is best treated by these conditions, effective over this distance and boasts the strongest form, so rates the one to beat. Speedy ULTRA QUICK is untried over this distance but could be well suited to it and is likely to pose a threat. IRFAANS BOY and ROLLWITHTHEPUNCHES are closely matched. Both have the form and experience to stake a claim. Fillies CAPTAIN'S RUN and ABALUS are capable over this trip and could make their presence felt under handy galloping weights.

Selections:

#1 Bard Of Avon, #2 Ultra Quick, #4 Irfaans Boy, #3 Rollwiththepunches

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R85.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: VUITTON confirmed the promise of her debut fourth by winning a work riders' maiden last time. She looks well-placed to make another bold winning bid on handicap debut. KAPTEIN MARTIENS shed his maiden tag with blinkers fitted. He has been rested since but has plenty of scope for improvement and could be worth following on his return. Several of these have prior engagements so their participation must be monitored. TRUE BRIT is one of those who could have a say in the outcome if taking his place in the lineup. VENETA, BRIDGE OF SPIES and FLORENCE have claims too.

Selections:

#7 Vuitton, #2 Kaptein Martiens, #4 True Brit, #5 Veneta

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 6, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R92.500, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Wide open. Speedy MUFASA lost his unbeaten record over further when returning from a rest but could be back to winning ways over shorter with that run under the belt. CAPTAIN MORISCO made a winning comeback over this distance and will strip fitter for that run, so could follow up. SINGFONICO and MARENGO are distance-suited sprinters who are capable of playing a role racing fresh. PERMESSO AVANTI won well on debut and could be anything so is also best kept onside. BATTLEOFTRAFALGAR, MULETA and WINTER TIGER are no forlorn hopes in a wide-open contest.

Selections:

#1 Mufasa, #2 Captain Morisco, #15 Permessio Avanti, #3 Singfonico

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R100.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: AL SAKEET is unbeaten over this trip and would've needed his comeback run over further. He'll strip fitter and could resume winning ways reverting to this his optimum distance. Last-start winners BOLD RANSOM and HELLO WINTER HELLO get weight from that rival and are likely to pose a threat, which also applies to best-weighted TRUE TO LIFE who should make her presence felt on these terms. RIVARINE and VALYRIAN KING are capable speedsters who could stake a claim too in a tricky sprint. Go wide.

Selections:

#2 Al Sakeet, #5 Bold Ransom, #7 True To Life, #10 Hello Winter Hello

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 15:55GMT+2

Race Summary: A good race and it should see a competitive finish. ANYTIME CHAMP won well on debut. He did not show much in his second start when taking a crack at a big race. If fit and well after a break he deserves the utmost respect but he does give weight to his rivals. WINTER WITH JO was not disgraced when third last time out. He is returning from a break and his fitness will need to be taken on trust. OUTFOTHE DARKNESS is unbeaten in two starts and there is no real reason to suggest he will not complete the hat-trick. The step up in distance is also likely to suit. LITIGATION may have just proven in need of his last run. He would probably prefer it a bit further but has a winning chance. TIMBAVATI RIVER holds his form and must be considered.

Selections:

#3 Outofthedarkness, #2 Winter With Jo, #1 Anytime Champ, #4 Litigation

Turffontein Standside, 09.12.2021, Race 9, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R85.000, 16:25GMT+2

Race Summary: KIAWAH overcame obvious inexperience to make a winning debut and should improve appreciably for that outing, so could follow up after a rest. ONTHEVERGE has improved for the fitting of blinkers and should have more to give from a favourable inside draw. DARK TRAVEL caught the eye last time but will need to overcome a wide starting berth to make her presence felt. Last-start winner ELUSIVE SWANN was only raised 2 points so remains capable of playing a role once more. TRACK COMMANDER, VALENCIA and maiden WONDERING STAR could pop up.

Selections:

#10 Kiawah, #6 Ontheverge, #7 Dark Travel, #4 Elusive Swann

Best Win: #1 BARD OF AVON

Best Value Bet:

Best Longshot: #10 KIAWAH