

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2023.12.12

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 1, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R80.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: Not much form to go on especially over 2000m. But WELL LOVED, having stayed on in his two starts to date, could enjoy it. He may turn the form around with PIKE PLACE and JUDGEMENT DAY. The latter finished second on debut over 1500m. If over his respiratory issues he could prove hard to beat. DUKE OF OXFORD is another lightly raced individual who should enjoy a race like this. He wasn't far off in his third start after showing little earlier. PEDASOS, DISTRICT TWELVE and PLAY WITH FIRE have shown enough to run well.

Selections:

#4 Duke Of Oxford, #6 Well Loved, #5 Judgement Day, #8 Play With Fire

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 2, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R100.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: YOU BRING ME JOY should improve on her debut run but there should be plenty of speed in the race. RING A LING may be a daughter of Futura but she must be showing good work back home for her to come out this early - she does have a speedy female line and with Richard Fourie up for Sean Tarry could be the one. Lancaster Bomber sends out precocious types and SHE'S A MIRACLE should also get speed from her dam. IT'S HER WAY and KINDRED HEART should show good pace and need to be watched. Could be an exciting race - follow the money!

Selections:

#4 Ring A Ling, #6 She's A Miracle, #7 You Bring Me Joy, #2 It's Her Way

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 3, Gallops, 800m, Turf, R100.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Well named ADDRESS THE NATION is a One World colt out of a 10-time winning mare and must be one to watch, follow the betting on the first timers closely. But both GUERILLA WAREFARE and FIRE ATTACK turned in promising debuts and could fight it out. The former showed good pace throughout and could be hard to catch in this smaller field. The latter ran on well after jumping slowly. He could have finished closer but should have better luck this time. ALCARAZ had things go wrong on debut and could improve markedly.

Selections:

#3 Fire Attack, #4 Guerilla Warfare, #1 Address The Nation, #6 Ready Set Fire

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R135.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: If ROSSORE FINALE doesn't prove in need of the run he could be hard to peg back. He showed promise earlier and will have matured. STORM BRASCO was eye catching in his second start. He chimed in late and could be looking for this longer distance. FEEL ALL RIGHT finished ahead of him when running his best race to date. He should strip fitter but has drawn wide and will need a bit of luck. Still, he rates a serious contender. FORCE DE DIEU was gelded after a disappointing last effort. He may turn up a better proposition this time. PUERTO PLATA, LA MOOHAL and THOMAS RAINWATER can earn.

Selections:

#14 Storm Brasco, #12 Rossore Finale, #3 Feel All Right, #10 Force De Dieu

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: There aren't trainer comments for SUKHUMVIT and MARIESKOP and the betting market could be the best guide to their chances. Both are well bred and may be worth following. BEATING WINGS came in for support on debut and turned in a decent effort. She can show more. SILKY

JET gives the impression she is looking for a track with a longer straight and could show more than she did when racing at Hollywoodbets Greyville. She could make amends after getting beaten as favourite. The pair have drawn wide along with capable DARLING HARBOUR who didn't show from a wide draw last time.

Selections:

#10 Beating Wings, #13 Silky Jet, #5 Darling Harbour, #14 Sukhumvit

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R175.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Just about all of these have shown class and it is as competitive as it gets. Specialist SAVANNAH STORM could get his head in front again after a brilliant win over top filly Feather Boa. He did, however, have the best of the draws last time. CRIMSON KING has draw No 1 and after making improvement in his second start after a rest could be cherry ripe. MELECH wasn't far off in the Charity Mile last time and should have MERIDIUS beaten on that. He has strong form and needs to be taken seriously. TULIP TREE ran a cracker in a sprint and having matured could get the job done. LITIGATION is capable.

Selections:

#6 Savannah Storm, #2 Melech, #9 Tulip Tree, #7 Crimson King

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 7, Gallops, 2850m, Turf, R135.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: FLYING BULL won a four-horse contest last time but the form was franked by Rule Book who then easily beat BATTLEGROUND, INDIAN WAR DANCE and APACHE FIGHTER. He wasn't far off Betway Summer Cup-placed ZEUS in an earlier race. ABSOLUTE VALUE was narrowly beaten by subsequent Gold Bowl winner Breeze Over in his penultimate and then won a nice race last time. He is receiving 6kg from FLYING BULL and could take it to the wire. Both ARLINGTON ACTION and BATTLEGROUND have been a tad disappointing but either could suddenly get the race run to suit and come up trumps.

Selections:

#4 Absolute Value, #1 Flying Bull, #3 Arlington Action, #2 Battleground

Turffontein Standside, 12.12.2023, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: TAEGAN'S CHAMP could be a good sort. He impressed on debut and should make further progress. It could get close between CARE TAKER and COMMAND PILOT after both ran creditable races in a much stronger division. The latter has drawn wide again but should strip fitter and could be dangerous. The former will be looking to go start to finish. WYZEACT acquitted himself well in a strong sprint last time and if enjoying the extra should be right there. All of SLINKY MAPIMPI, NYALI BEACH, VIVA SPIRIT and LADY FALLON need to be considered for exotic bets.

Selections:

#1 Taegan's Champ, #4 Command Pilot, #5 Care Taker, #9 Lady Fallon

Best Win: #3 FIRE ATTACK

Best Value Bet: #6 SAVANNAH STORM

Best Longshot: #6 SAVANNAH STORM