

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.12.16

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R105.000, 12:00GMT+2

Race Summary: INSPIRATION has finished 2nd in consecutive course-and-distance maidens recently so she wouldn't be winning out of turn. TAKING A RISK fits a similar profile after filling the runners-up berth in back-to-back recent outings. PRINCESS OF ALL has the form and experience to acquit herself competitively too. RUBY FROM HEAVEN and GIRL IN VERDITE appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#1 Inspiration, #3 Taking A Risk, #2 Princess Of All, #10 Ruby From Heaven

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R120.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: QUEVANO stayed on to finish 4th of 16 on debut as 2yo and would have come on with that experience. She hasn't been seen since and is open to any amount of improvement after a 560-day absence, so it may pay to follow her progress. MAGIC CARPET RIDE and WINTER BELLE are better than their last starts suggest and they could make their presence felt on earlier form. Newcomer TROMBOLINES needn't be special to have a say in the outcome either - watch the betting.

Selections:

#4 Quevano, #7 Magic Carpet Ride, #6 Trombolines, #8 Winter Belle

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R105.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: DELAWARE RIVER has finished close-up in 3 recent outings so won't need to improve a great deal to open her account. AQUARIUS has shown promise in 2 introductory sprints but on pedigree, could be even better stretching out to this trip. PALACE SCRIPT didn't go unnoticed (from the widest gate) over track and trip last time and should be more competitive from the No 1 gate. TRULY MAGICAL and newcomer JACK'S LEGACY complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#7 Aquarius, #2 Delaware River, #10 Palace Script, #3 Truly Magical

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R130.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: SHADOWFAX was dropped out from the widest draw before running to finish a commendable 4th in a Grade 2 over 1600m last time and a repeat of that effort should suffice in this. ONE EYE ON VEGAS was touched off in a competitive 1160m sprint last time and will play a leading role if running to that form again. ARISTOTLE, PUMPKIN PIE, WHISPERING DEATH and ELEGANTRIX are better than their last starts suggest and will likely have a say if bouncing back to their earlier form.

Selections:

#4 Shadowfax, #6 One Eye On Vegas, #1 Aristotle, #5 Elegantrix

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R105.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: MONKEY PUZZLE finished 2nd behind an unbeaten prospect at this level last time and a repeat of that performance off a 2-point higher mark could suffice. CARNELO is closely matched on the form of that recent meeting so should be competitive if overcoming a wide draw. Last-start winner CLARKSON, consistent GAMER and recently gelded BUDDY BOY could also make life difficult for the selection.

Selections:

#2 Monkey Puzzle, #3 Clarkson, #1 Buddy Boy, #12 Carnelo

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R125.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: CORRUPT and DOUGLAS DRAGON are competitive off their current marks and effective over this trip. JORDAN, DUAL PROPHECY and TITANS OF WAR have form up to 2000m but could have more to offer over this extended trip, especially off their current ratings. CHABAL and ARLINGTON ACTION have no stamina doubts and are capable of getting involved too.

Selections:

#2 Corrupt, #3 Douglas Dragon, #6 Titans Of War, #7 Chabal

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R150.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: TEO TORRIATTE is held by ROYAL INVITATION on the form of their 1800m meeting last month but is capable of turning the tables over this extended trip. POPLAR PARK and LAVA LAMP are unbeaten over 2400m and could play leading roles too. Consistent AZALEAS FOR ALL and enigmatic KEY WORKER also have the means to make their presence felt.

Selections:

#1 Teo Torriatte, #2 Royal Invitation, #3 Poplar Park, #6 Azaleas For All

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R500.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Stablemates CALLMEGETRIX and RODEO DRIVE are closely matched on the form of their 1450m Grade 2 meeting on the Inside track. Both have the means to fight out the finish. However, preference is for last-start Listed winner KISSHOTEN whose form was franked by the runner-up winning the Grade 1 Summer Cup. Fellow recent scorer MINOGUE remains competitive off an unchanged mark. CEUTA and FROZEN FANTASY are versatile and capable of getting into the picture.

Selections:

#3 Kisshoten, #2 Callmegetrix, #5 Rodeo Drive, #4 Minogue

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R100.000, 16:50GMT+2

Race Summary: SPLITTHEEIGHTS confirmed the promise of his 1160m debut by improving to win a lucrative course-and-distance maiden last time, and he could follow up with improvement on the cards. Stablemate CLEVER TREVOR will appreciate reverting to this trip and is also open to improvement after a layoff on his reappearance after gelding. BELIEVE IN FATE was last seen in a 2yo Grade 1 and warrants respect on his return from a lengthy absence with top jock Richard Fourie booked to ride. ANTONIO GAUDI and SPY STORY are consistent hard-knockers with the form and experience at this level to be competitive.

Selections:

#2 Splittheights, #6 Antonio Gaudi, #10 Quiet Winter, #11 Spy Story

Turffontein Standside, 16.12.2025, Race 10, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R120.000, 17:25GMT+2

Race Summary: TOP DIVISION (4th) and stablemate BANYAN (3rd) are closely matched on the form of a recent 1000m meeting at a higher level. The former has a bit to find on that form but is weighted to turn the tables on 0.5kg better terms. ABOUND didn't go unnoticed behind those rivals and should have a say in the outcome too. TWENTYTWENTYVISION had legitimate excuses for a disappointing last start but, on the strength and consistency of his earlier form, will be more competitive with blinkers refitted. Hat-trick seeking OLD FASHIONED and lightly raced ONE TIGER complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#2 Top Division, #4 Banyan, #3 Twentytwentyvision, #8 Old Fashioned

Best Win: #2 TOP DIVISION
Best Value Bet: #3 KISSHOTEN
Best Longshot: #3 KISSHOTEN