

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.07.19

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R105.000, 12:25GMT+2

Race Summary: DONDOYAKI finished 2nd over track and trip 2 starts back so needs only to produce a similar effort in first-time blinkers to play a leading role. AMAZONIAN, LASTING LOOKS and WINDSOR SILK would have benefitted from their introductory outings and could be competitive with natural improvement likely. The latter showed pace on debut over 1160m which suggests this shorter trip may be more to her liking. Watch the betting on newcomer PARADISE WAY who won't need to be special to have a say in the outcome.

Selections:

#8 Windsor Silk, #1 Amazonian, #4 Paradise Way, #2 Dondoyaki

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R105.000, 13:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Improving DELAWARE RIVER stayed on to finish 3rd over 1200m suggesting this extended trip will be more to her liking, especially with further progress expected after an 11-week break. CONCORDIA was 2nd over track and trip in her penultimate outing and a repeat of that performance should put her in the frame. AMAZE ME improved to finish 4th over 1000m last time and she remains open to further improvement stretching out to this distance. Newcomer AMBER'S FATE is worth a market check, while TOP SHELF TEDDY and ZAHRA DOMINIA are likely improvers after satisfactory introductions.

Selections:

#4 Delaware River, #3 Concordia, #2 Amber's Fate, #1 Amaze Me

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R115.000, 13:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Competitive maiden. JABARI THIMBA was a clear 2nd best on debut over 1160m and won't need to improve much over this extended trip to go one better. Well-related PALACE ATTACK has also shown enough in 2 starts over 1160m to suggest he could fight for victory if improving for the step-up to this trip. CARNARVON, ROYALE JACKET, WILLOW CHARM and WORLD ORDER have earning potential although a bigger threat to the principals will likely come from newcomers BIG JOE and MILLENNIUM WARRIOR.

Selections:

#4 Jabari Thimba, #6 Palace Attack, #1 Big Joe, #7 Royale Jacket

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R105.000, 14:10GMT+2

Race Summary: JET QUERARI, SUMMER SHADE, CYBER SPIRIT and CHILLI MARMALADE and SECRET WARRIOR have the form and experience to play leading roles. However, in a race that won't take much winning, newcomer TRUE HERO won't need to be special to upstage those rivals. So, any market support for the youngster would speak volumes of his chances on debut.

Selections:

#8 True Hero, #4 Chilli Marmalade, #2 Summer Shade, #1 Jet Querari

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 2400m, Turf, R135.000, 14:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Course-and-distance specialists BREEZE OVER, TWENTY DRACHMA'S and best-weighted filly FETCHING FLYER are proven at this level. They have the experience and good enough recent form to play leading roles. ALADDIN'S LAMP has thrived since relocating to the Highveld, winning consecutive recent starts and a further 5-point penalty (career-high mark) isn't likely to prevent another bold showing in his hat-trick bid.

Selections:

#6 Aladdin's Lamp, #3 Twenty Drachma's, #2 Breeze Over, #7 Fetching Flyer

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R115.000, 15:20GMT+2

Race Summary: AMERICAN REBEL and THE ULTIMATE KING race off career-high marks after consecutive victories but both should remain competitive in their bids to complete the hat-trick. The latter has more scope for progress and this extended trip should also unlock further improvement. ENFLAME fits a similar profile and should make his presence felt too. Veteran BANHA BRIDGE, consistent POCKET WATCH and recent course-and-distance 2nd EIGER SANCTION are capable hard-knockers with the means to get involved. CHABAL isn't taken lightly off a reduced rating.

Selections:

#2 The Ultimate King, #7 Enflame, #1 American Rebel, #6 Banha Bridge

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R100.000, 16:00GMT+2

Race Summary: LAVA COUNTY relished the step up in trip when a fast-finishing winner of his maiden over 1500m and this looks a good opportunity for him to follow up on his handicap debut, especially as this extended distance should unlock further improvement. Last-start winner ROSY LEMON, best-weighted SHEETS AND GOGGLES and class-dropper LAPIS LAZULI are females with the form and experience to challenge the youngster. Hard-knockers UNSOLVED RIDDLE and SPY STORY shouldn't be underestimated.

Selections:

#3 Lava County, #10 Sheets And Goggles, #8 Rosy Lemon, #5 Spy Story

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R130.000, 16:35GMT+2

Race Summary: DON'T CRY FOR ME wasn't disgraced in his last 2 starts in the 3YO Winter Series and even under top weight should acquit himself competitively in these calmer waters. Maturing last-start winner PIONEER SQUARE improved after he was gelded and was a wide-margin winner over this trip last time. He is awkwardly drawn in gate No 11 but is expected to be competitive under just 53kg on his handicap debut. Fellow last-start winner HAWKBILL shoulders a big weight but ought to remain competitive too. IMPERIAL MASTER, ON TARGET and MOUNT DARWIN aren't taken lightly after respective absences. BEYNAC comes next.

Selections:

#2 Don'T Cry For Me, #11 Pioneer Square, #3 Hawkbill, #7 On Target

Turffontein Standside, 19.07.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R115.000, 17:05GMT+2

Race Summary: OBSIDIAN trounced a subsequent winner over 1600m on the Inside track 6 weeks ago and copped the maximum 8-point penalty for that victory. However, he remains open to improvement and it could pay to follow his progress, even over this shorter trip. GREGARIOUS (in first-time blinkers) and consistent KING OF NUMBERS will appreciate reverting to this distance after unsuccessful attempts over further. In-form SEA SHANTY and promising youngster PALACE PRINCE are not taken lightly either. Both PEACE TREATY and GIMMEACHOICE are also respected with improvement likely after pleasing reappearances.

Selections:

#1 Obsidian, #8 Gimmeachoice, #10 Sea Shanty, #12 Palace Prince

Best Win: #1 OBSIDIAN

Best Value Bet: #8 WINDSOR SILK

Best Longshot: #8 WINDSOR SILK