

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.05.01

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R90.000, 12:40GMT+2

Race Summary: VERSACE ONTHETRACK attracted betting support and ran with promise on debut over track and trip so, with natural improvement expected, should play a leading role. RACEWAY and SNOW QUEEN will also know more about it after their satisfactory course-and-distance introductions. Newcomers CHERICHERILADY and GIRL IN VERDITE are worth a market check on debut, as are MY EYES NEVER LIE and HAWKSDALE with championship-chasing riders booked to ride.

Selections:

#10 Versace Onthetrack, #2 Chericherilady, #6 My Eyes Never Lie, #3 Girl In Verdite

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R90.000, 13:15GMT+2

Race Summary: Filly EIGHT HATS confirmed the promise of her debut third by finishing a close-up second over this trip on the Inside track recently in open company. With the benefit of a sex allowance, she could improve sufficiently to open her account. Speedy TIME WILL TELL also acquitted himself well in open company last time and should be competitive with a similar performance. BINGO and CARNARVON have shown enough to make their presence felt. ONE TIGER was supported in betting on debut and is not to be underestimated. Watch the betting on newcomer DRAGONHEART with Lerena booked to ride.

Selections:

#7 Eight Hats, #5 Time Will Tell, #3 Dragonheart, #2 Carnarvon

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R90.000, 13:50GMT+2

Race Summary: ICHACHA was unlucky on his reappearance but would've benefitted from that encouraging comeback outing, so should improve to fight out the finish. Both ALESIAN BEAU and filly GREEN STREET are better than their unplaced recent displays and could get involved if bouncing back to earlier form. MIRROR FLECTION didn't go unnoticed when staying on to finish third on debut over a shorter trip and, on that evidence may find this distance more to his liking. Youngsters MIGHTY EAGLE and newcomer FIRE STARTER are also respected - watch the betting.

Selections:

#1 Ichacha, #6 Mirror Flection, #9 Fire Starter, #10 Mighty Eagle

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 14:25GMT+2

Race Summary: POINTER was a fast-finishing second over this trip at a higher level last time and need only repeat that performance under a 2-point penalty to capitalise on this ease in grade. Consistent CAPE LIGHTS also has form and experience to fight for victory, along with progressive 3yo PALACE DANCER who should play a leading role back against her own sex after beating male opposition last time. WINGS WITHIN ME, ALESIA'S LOVE and MOUNTAIN HIGH appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#1 Pointer, #2 Cape Lights, #5 Palace Dancer, #8 Mountain High

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R85.000, 15:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Last-start winner SAFE SPACE remains competitive under a 6-point penalty but needs luck from a wide gate. BANHA BRIDGE is closely matched with his last-start conqueror and is weighted to pose more of a threat. SPRING TRADITION, THE PLAYBOY BOMBER and TINTAMARRE aren't taken lightly off their current ratings and should make their presence felt. However, it could pay to follow the progress of maturing SHINTO SHRINE who produced an encouraging effort after gelding. This extended distance will be more to his liking and blinkers are refitted with Gavin Lerena booked to ride.

Selections:

#4 Shinto Shrine, #5 Spring Tradition, #3 Safe Space, #8 The Playboy Bomber

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R85.000, 15:35GMT+2

Race Summary: EIGER SANCTION and FLAMBOYANT FLYER are unbeaten over this distance but are currently out of sorts. AMERICAN REBEL, on the other hand, was an authoritative winner over this trip last time and the step up in class under a 5-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another bold bid. Hard-knockers ARLINGTON ACTION and TO THE RESCUE have the form and experience at this level to trouble the selection. Class-dropper PANNING GOLD isn't taken lightly either.

Selections:

#4 American Rebel, #6 Arlington Action, #2 To The Rescue, #7 Panning Gold

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R110.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: CYMRIC rallied gamely under pressure to score in this grade over the same track and trip last time, and another bold showing is expected under a 2-point penalty. SILVER TUDOR ran on from a hopeless position after being drawn on the wrong side, beaten 2-lengths and will likely pose more of a threat on 2kg better terms. YAMADORI has thrived since relocating to the Highveld and his consistency ought to be rewarded sooner rather than later. Hat-trick seeking WARM WINTER NITE and gutsy 3yo filly BOSUM BUDDY complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#3 Yamadori, #4 Silver Tudor, #2 Cymric, #7 Warm Winter Nite

Turffontein Standside, 01.05.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R92.500, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Top-weight DONTSHOOTTHEBARMAN has form and experience at a higher level but shoulders 64kg and is out of sorts, so best watched for now. SECRET CHORD is at the top of his game and ideally suited to this track and trip. He went close over 1200m in a stronger race last time and, even under a 3-point penalty, should give another competitive account of himself. PENNSYLVANIA, ENSUING and TURBO POWER are others with earning potential. None, however, appeal more than WAR OF KINGDOMS who confirmed the promise of his debut second over track and trip by winning last time and is open to progress.

Selections:

#9 War Of Kingdoms, #2 Secret Chord, #10 Prince Of Kildare, #5 Turbo Power

Best Win: #9 WAR OF KINGDOMS

Best Value Bet: #1 POINTER

Best Longshot: #1 POINTER