

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN INSIDE@2025.10.04

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R95.000, 12:20GMT+2

Race Summary: After 3 consecutive seconds (one over track and trip), WITCHING HOUR deserves to open her account. She was beaten at short odds over 1800m on this course last time and a repeat of that performance over this shorter distance should suffice. TAKING A RISK and KENSAL GREEN could improve over this extended trip to have a say in the outcome, though a bigger threat will likely come from well-related newcomer DRUMNADROCHIT who won't need to be special to play a leading role on debut. BLOOD OF EDEN and CODEWORD also have earning potential.

Selections:

#2 Witching Hour, #6 Drumnadrochit, #3 Blood Of Eden, #4 Taking A Risk

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: OLYMPIAN GOLD has improved to finish 2nd in back-to-back recent starts over this distance and with any progress could go one better. MY LUCKY CHARM was beaten at prohibitive odds last time but is open to improvement and could make amends with blinkers now fitted. WAR SUMMIT should make his presence felt if confirming the improvement of his fast-finishing 3rd over this trip last time. THOONSIL finished ahead of that rival on debut so must be respected too. CARNARVON has stamina doubts but isn't taken lightly over this extended trip.

Selections:

#1 Olympian Gold, #7 My Lucky Charm, #9 Thoonsil, #10 War Summit

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R80.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: PRIZED PLATINUM bounced back from a disappointing KZN display with an impressive last-start win at this level when stretching out to 1400m for the first time. He copped the maximum 8-point penalty for that runaway victory but could follow up, even under top weight, if confirming that improvement over the extended trip. Class-droppers FOSTINOVO and PRINCE OF KILDARE have the means to pose a threat in this grade, along with improving recent maiden scorer MATROOSBERG who should make his presence felt. With the aid of rider's 4kg allowance, consistent PEREGRINE FALCON should trouble the selection.

Selections:

#1 Prized Platinum, #4 Peregrine Falcon, #2 Fostinovo, #6 Matroosberg

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Top-rated BARBARESCO would have benefitted from a much needed comeback outing and is weighted to be competitive. Younger rivals GREATERIX and CONFEDERATE enjoyed productive 3yo campaigns and remain open to improvement following respective absences. Neither will be fully tuned for their 4yo reappearance, with bigger targets later this season on the agenda, but they are classy enough to be competitive. Last-start winners MONEY HEIST and DON'T CRY FOR ME are respected, as is in-form filly THAT'S MY BABY, given their fitness edge.

Selections:

#3 Greaterix, #4 Confederate, #1 Barbaresco, #5 Money Heist

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R100.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Hard race to assess. ARISTOTLE and SALENIO PENINSULA are favourably treated by the conditions but return from lengthy layoffs. CHARMING CHEETAH (Grade 1 placed), improving GOLDEN WARRIOR and ZALATORIS (Grade 2 winner) are open to improvement after promising 2yo

campaigns and could be better than rated. Recent maiden scorers MIAMI MOUNTAIN and ROMILLY face a test of their mettle against opposition of this quality but they also have scope for progress so will likely hold their own from favourable inside stalls. The form of the latter's debut win has been franked so it could be worth siding with him.

Selections:

#9 Romilly, #10 Miami Mountain, #3 Charming Cheetah, #5 Zalatoris

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R450.000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: VJ'S ANGEL was backed to make a winning reappearance in last year's renewal of this Grade 2 event. She made no impression from the widest barrier that day but will likely give it a better go this time. MINOGUE and stablemate CALLMEGETRIX, who was 2nd over track and trip against male rivals on her Highveld debut, finished behind the selection at Grade 1 level last year but warrant respect on 0.5kg better terms. Improving last-start winners DESTINY OF FIRE and ANCHORAGE remain competitive off their current marks, as do unbeaten VALENTINA BALDUCCI and RODEO DRIVE. Good race!

Selections:

#4 Vj's Angel, #2 Callmegetrix, #10 Anchorage, #9 Destiny Of Fire

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R550.000, 15:50GMT+2

Race Summary: LUCKY LAD sets a lofty standard and the booking of Richard Fourie, under whom he has achieved all 7 career victories, is encouraging. Stablemate TIN PAN ALLEY finished 2nd at Grade 1 level as a 2yo and is open to any amount of improvement after a subsequent gelding, so he could pose the biggest threat. Last-start Listed scorer QUANTUM THEORY completes a strong 3-pronged attack for the Tarry yard. Last season's Highveld 3YO Winter Series hero CHOISAANADA and familiar foe MUSICAL SCORE also have the means to acquit themselves competitively.

Selections:

#2 Lucky Lad, #12 Tin Pan Alley, #8 Choisaanada, #13 Nyaka Nyaka

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R90.000, 16:25GMT+2

Race Summary: PRETTY PERSUASIVE justified spirited betting support when making a winning comeback at this level over the same course and distance. She would've benefitted from that outing so her progress should be worth following. PERFECT MIRACLE could hardly have been more impressive when a wide-margin winner on debut and, with natural improvement expected, should be competitive. A BIT OF CLASS and BACK FROM WAR are closely matched on the form of their 1600m Grade 1 meeting at the end of last season and will likely fight out the remaining Trifecta berth.

Selections:

#2 Pretty Persuasive, #4 Perfect Miracle, #3 A Bit Of Class, #7 Back From War

Turffontein Inside, 04.10.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 17:00GMT+2

Race Summary: OMBUDSMAN bounced back to form (refitted with blinkers) with a last-start victory at this level and remains competitive under a 3-point penalty with the heagear retained. Lightly raced stablemate FUTURENAIRE is open to improvement over this extended trip so shouldn't be underestimated. Recently turned 3yo's READ ALL ABOUT IT and SINGLETON SAM should progress this term after promising juvenile campaigns. Both are probably better than rated and likely to be competitive on handicap debut. The latter benefits from a 4kg allowance. FRERE JACQUES is on the up and should have a say in the outcome too

Selections:

#9 Singleton Sam, #10 Frere Jacques, #3 Read All About It, #5 Ombudsman

Best Win: #2 WITCHING HOUR

Best Value Bet: #9 ROMILLY

Best Longshot: #9 ROMILLY