

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2026.07.11

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 1, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R125.000, 11:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Two well-bred sorts, RISING EAGLE and OCTOBER REEF, should fight out the first race on the day. Vercingetorix colt RISING EAGLE was unlucky not to win on debut as he lost ground and found only one better in a more experienced sort. Rafeef colt OCTOBER REEF was only a length behind when also in need of the experience and both look to have much more to come. There are first-timers in this one, follow the betting moves closely. BERRY LANCER and ELUSIVE DRAGON have run some decent races and must be considered for prize money.

Selections:

#6 Rising Eagle, #5 October Reef, #9 Hot Choice, #2 Berry Lancer

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 2, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R105.000, 12:30GMT+2

Race Summary: RIVERA must rate the one to beat after a promising second place finish behind speedy colt Bisou Bisou. She finished clear second best and should make the required improvement. Watch out for ARABELLA FIGG who was not disgraced finishing a decent third behind winner Perfect Sky in her first outing. She can only improve and has a pedigree for more ground. LIGHTINTHEWOODS has shown useful ability. She could show more back from a break and the 1160m trip could suit.

Selections:

#8 Rivera, #2 Arabella Figg, #5 Lightinthewoods, #6 Moosalekka

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 3, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R120.000, 13:05GMT+2

Race Summary: UMZINGELI WENYATHI is in solid form at present. The son of Buffalo Bill Cody turned in a creditable effort in a strong race and could add another win to his tally. TWENTYTWENTYVISION looks a bit better than his last run when having things go wrong. It was not a bad run and he was beaten only 0.20 lengths by the former and is 3.5kg better off so must have a big say. But it doesn't end there. If speedy PIVOTAL ROLE is ready after a rest he could be hard to catch. PLUS FOUR and STONEYWOOD aren't ones to take lightly either.

Selections:

#1 Umzingeli Wenyathi, #7 Twentytwentyvision, #4 Pivotal Role, #2 Plus Four

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 4, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R130.000, 13:40GMT+2

Race Summary: The form of BEST CANDIDATE was franked when Sky Pilot came out to win recently. BEST CANDIDATE has shown versatility and even though his merit rating has been upped he still carries bottom weight and could go on to win again. BOUNDLESS LOVE was on a roll before coming up short over 2000m last time. Expect a better performance back over 1800m. THE PLAYBOY BOMBER's last two wins have come on the inside track, but he has also won two on the Standside track. He has made good strides as a five-year-old but has a bit to find with top weight. JORDAN could be the dark horse.

Selections:

#9 Best Candidate, #8 Boundless Love, #2 The Playboy Bomber, #3 Jordan

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R115.000, 14:15GMT+2

Race Summary: DOCTOR STRANGELOVE took a big jump in distance in his stride, winning as he liked. He didn't beat a strong bunch but the late maturing son of Master Of My Fate is only just getting the hang of things and could make a decent handicap debut. PAGE BOY will test him. He showed his wellbeing last time with a good win from a wide draw and goes well for rider Keagan de Melo. HEAL AND SOUL could also be dangerous. He has fair Western Cape form and wasn't disgraced on local debut. THOONSIL was gutsy on the Poly and must also be respected.

Selections:

#9 Doctor Strangelove, #2 Page Boy, #6 Heal And Soul, #3 Thoonsil

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 6, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R100.000, 14:50GMT+2

Race Summary: The race has a wide-open look. NARETOI came in for support and had a 'look in' last time. Blinkers may do the trick this time. SPACE MISSION turned in a fluent performance on the Polytrack at Hollywoodbets Greyville. A wide draw is a worry. BRAVE WAAM suddenly got into the swing of things with a change of headgear. He can step up on his form at this venue. ITSNOWORNEVER wasn't far off in stronger contests before striding short in his last start. He could prefer the drop in distance. GUERILLA WARFARE could suddenly pop up. More with upset claims.

Selections:

#9 Naretoi, #2 Space Mission, #1 Brave Waam, #8 Itsnowornever

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 7, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R140.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: VIBE SA won a cracker getting the better of DANTE'S BOND and the pair could fight it out again. MAX THE MAGICIAN was most unlucky in that race but will be drawn in gate No 1. ANTONIO GAUDI confirmed betting support with a good performance round the turn last time but has won down this straight too. He comes into it. ECHO CHECK tired late after showing good pace over 1000m. This is a better distance for him. It would be encouraging to see CHARMING CHEETAH come back to best. He had excuses in his last two and gets some reprieve at the weights with a 1.5kg claim.

Selections:

#9 Dante's Bond, #4 Max The Magician, #5 Vibe Sa, #8 Antonio Gaudi

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 8, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R100.000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: WINTER IN AUCKLAND brings fair Western Cape form into the race and could be anything. She makes her debut for in form trainer Tony Peter. READY SET FIRE has figured it all out and won two in a row at the Vaal. He should have a big say even if switching to Turffontein this time. TIME WILL TELL has finished runner-up in his last three and could finally turn the form around with READY SET FIRE. He deserves a change of luck. Juvenile EVENING PARADE won in good style and is one to watch for more improvement. GEOSTORM, GUNBOAT and NKANDLA GOLD all can earn.

Selections:

#6 Winter In Auckland, #3 Ready Set Fire, #8 Evening Parade, #11 Time Will Tell

Turffontein Standside, 11.07.2026, Race 9, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R125.000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Two-year-old LIFE IN COLOUR lacked extra after setting the pace in the Highveld Winter Juvenile Stakes. It was, nevertheless, a fair run and he should improve on his handicap debut. He takes on many hard-knocking older rivals. But a big threat could be lightly raced WILD AS THE WIND who could be flying under the radar. He is worth another try over the extra. DRIVELIKEAMASTER can take advantage as he has all the experience needed to win a race like this and can finally reward his followers. SATYAGRAHA's merit rating has dropped, and he can pop up one of these days.

Selections:

#13 Life In Colour, #11 Wild As The Wind, #7 Drivelikeamaster, #10 Super Awesome

Best Win: #8 RIVERA

Best Value Bet: #6 WINTER IN AUCKLAND

Best Longshot: #6 WINTER IN AUCKLAND