

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2025.03.15

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R130.000, 12:20GMT+2

Race Summary: ONE FINE WINTER caught the eye when a fast-finishing 2nd on debut over 1000m and on the evidence of that performance she needn't improve much over this extended trip to go one better. Newcomers SAFE TRAVEL, SAKETINI and SNOW QUEEN are worth a market check on debut for the Azzie stable, as is MASTER PREDATOR with Gavin Lerena a notable jockey engagement.

Selections:

#7 One Fine Winter, #4 Saketini, #8 Snow Queen, #1 Master Predator

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1100m, Turf, R120.000, 12:55GMT+2

Race Summary: TINA LOVELACE finished a close-up 5th on debut in a feature against male opposition and she needn't improve much (if at all) against female rivals to open her account. OPERA FAN improved to finish 3rd on this track last time and should have a role to play if confirming that progress. Watch the betting on newcomers BOLD ACTION, FRANGIPANI, HOT COCOA and YENTYL.

Selections:

#8 Tina Lovelace, #9 Yentyl, #3 Frangipani, #5 Opera Fan

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R120.000, 13:30GMT+2

Race Summary: APACHE CHIEF has finished 2nd in both starts since relocating to the Highveld and deserves to open his account. He's unlikely to get a better opportunity to break his duck and any improvement in first-time cheekpieces should yield an overdue maiden career win. SOVEREIGN CROWN appears the most likely danger but is engaged to run at an earlier meeting. CRONUS, GIMME A GREEN CARD and BLURRED VISION complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#2 Apache Chief, #3 Sovereign Crown, #1 Cronus, #8 Gimme A Green Card

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R105.000, 14:05GMT+2

Race Summary: THE MIGHTIEST will enjoy reverting to this shorter trip. She has both the form and experience to fight out the finish. ON A JET PLANE and NKWENKWEZI finished a career-best 2nd over slightly shorter last time and could have more to offer over this extended distance. CITY LIGHTS wouldn't be winning out of turn but has been costly to follow and is exposed. AURORA GREEN stayed on encouragingly for 2nd over 1500m last time out and is good value to go one better with further progress expected over the extra 100m. MATTIAZO made a pleasing debut behind the selection and ought to improve to have a say.

Selections:

#8 Aurora Green, #1 The Mightiest, #11 Mattiazo, #3 Nkwenkwezi

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R200.000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Top-weight PURPLE PITCHER won a course-and-distance Grade 1 last season and showed his well-being when 2nd in a Grade 3 over track and trip last time. He sports first-time blinkers and needn't improve much in the headgear to end a 343-day wait for his 8th career victory. Last-start winner HOTARUBI is favourably treated by the conditions of the race and is weighted to fight out the finish, as are consistent RADICCHIO and hat-trick seeking TAMARISK TREE. Well-related CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL isn't taken lightly either.

Selections:

#1 Purple Pitcher, #2 Hotarubi, #3 Radicchio, #4 Tamarisk Tree

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R200.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: POMODORO'S JET has thrived on the Highveld and is unbeaten in 2 starts with cheekpieces fitted. He races off a career-high mark but is hard to oppose under favourable conditions. Best-weighted CAPTAIN PEG returns from an 18-week absence, while GIMMEANOTHERCHANCE and KEY ELEMENT could be in better form. As such, last-start winner IKIGAI and consistent NIGHT BOMBER will likely pose the biggest threat to the selection.

Selections:

#1 Pomodoro's Jet, #5 Ikigai, #2 Gimmeanotherchance, #6 Night Bomber

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R225.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Many with chances in a big field, though none appeals more than prolific last-start course-and-distance Listed winner ALMOND SEA who races off an unchanged mark and remains open to improvement. Runner-up POBLANO is 1.5kg better off so is weighted to trouble the selection. However, thriving NIGHT VIGIL is probably better than rated and could pose more of a threat in receipt of 7.5kg. CALANTHA, ELEGANT ICE and MIA MOO also have the form and experience to have a say in the finish.

Selections:

#2 Almond Sea, #11 Night Vigil, #1 Elegant Ice, #14 Calantha

Turffontein Standside, 15.03.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R135.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: MARY'S GREENLIGHT acquitted herself well against male opposition over 1600m when last seen and a repeat of that performance (off an unchanged mark) against female-only rivals should suffice. JUST BE LEKKER and POINTER are better than disappointing last starts suggest. Both have the means to make their presence felt, as do last-start winner MY LADY SOUL and hard-knocker BLUE HORIZON.

Selections:

#1 Mary's Greenlight, #9 My Lady Soul, #5 Blue Horizon, #7 Pointer

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: SCOTTSVILLE@2025.03.15

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R135,000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: BLACK FROST (3) is the only runner to have been in a race and has shown some ability. Improved last run when runner-up and experience could count. I'M A FIREBALL (1) gets a thumbs up from the stable and given a good each-way chance. PINETTI (8) could prove best of the balance. (Andrew Harrison: 3-1-8-5).

Selections: #3 BLACK FROST, #1 I'M A FIREBALL, #8 PINETTI, #5 MAGIC SURPRISE

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R125,000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: CAPTAIN'S PRIDE (8) has shown up well in both starts to date and does rate the one to beat. MALSHANA MOU (2) found some market support on debut but did not handle the soft ground and is likely to improve. MISS DANON (10) started at long odds on debut but was not too far back and likely to improve. WILLOW GEM (5) has had the benefit of a run and can improve. (Andrew Harrison: 8-2-10-5).

Selections: #8 CAPTAIN'S PRIDE, #2 MALSHANA MOU, #10 MISS DANON, #5 WILLOW GEM

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R110,000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: MS GALORE (6) has not had much luck in running in both starts. She made a smart debut and if building on that could be the one to beat in an open affair although she does take on males. VERIFICATION (2) made some improvement second time out and her first on turf. She can do better in this field. LIFE ON THE TIDES (9) improved nicely second time at the races. He should have a good chance in this field. SOVEREIGN COMMAND (8) has been disappointing since showing early promise. He could surprise on his best showing. (Andrew Harrison: 6-9-2-8).

Selections: #6 MS GALORE, #9 LIFE ON THE TIDES, #2 VERIFICATION, #8 SOVEREIGN COMMAND

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R110,000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: MASTER DU ROUVRAY (7) may just have needed his last run, his first back after a lengthy break. He meets modest opposition and can go one better. O SPACE O (10) was a little disappointing when sent out a short-priced favourite last time out. He has improved in blinkers and this shorter trip may suit. VENCEDOR (4) has not been far back in his last two on this course. This appears to be his ideal trip and he must have a strong chance.

DOIN' TIME (1) is a long-time battler having his 24th start. His last run was much improved but that was on the poly. (Andrew Harrison: 7-10-4-1).

Selections: #7 MASTER DU ROUVRAY, #10 O SPACE O, #4 VENCEDOR, #1 DOIN' TIME

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1750m, Turf, R100,000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: CALL ME HARRIET (8) got a big shunt up the ratings after her second to the promising Mocha Blend but disappointed next time out on the poly. She stays the trip and should be competitive in this line-up. UMZOLOZOLO (5) has not been far back at recent outings over shorter. The step up in trip should suit. ROYAL MERMAID (4) has only had three starts two of those on the poly where she did not shape. However, her one effort on the turf showed some promise and she meets a modest line-up. MAGIC MAVERICK (3) put in a much better showing last time out when running on late. This trip should suit. (Andrew Harrison: 8-5-7-3).

Selections: #8 CALL ME HARRIET, #4 ROYAL MERMAID, #5 UMZOLOZOLO, #3 MAGIC MAVERICK

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100,000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: BEAUTIFUL RANIA (7) has come down in the handicap and now looks to be off a more competitive mark. She is never too far behind. FORT J'ADORE (11) is the best performed in the race going for her sixth win. Although she has the widest draw she is back on her more favoured surface and should run well in this company. SIBERIAN WINTER (10) has also drawn wide but has shown up well in her two recent sprints and the extra furlong could suit. BUTTERCUP BABY (4) has only had three starts and was not far back in her handicap debut. She could prefer this shorter trip. (Andrew Harrison: 7-11-10-4).

Selections: #7 BEAUTIFUL RANIA, #11 FORT J'ADORE, #10 SIBERIAN WINTER, #4 BUTTERCUP BABY

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R110,000, 16:05GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: GOLDEN CHANDELIER (3) has her first run for a new stable. Her Highveld form had gone off at recent outings and the change of environment could bring out the best although she does return from a length break. HAPPY ANALIA (5) found stable companion One Smart Cookie just too smart at her last run but it was an improved effort. She goes well on this course. MAMAS BABY (6) has started favourite in four of her last five starts. Her last two were on the poly where she won and was a close-up second at her most recent. WINGS OF JOSEPHINE (1) is way better than her last run and can surprise with a 4kg claimer up. (Andrew Harrison: 3-5-6-1).

Selections: #3 GOLDEN CHANDELIER, #5 HAPPY ANALIA, #6 MAMAS BABY, #1 WINGS OF JOSEPHINE

HOLLYWOODBETS SCOTTSVILLE, 15.03.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R120,000, 16:40GMT+2

Race Summary: Summary: LEXICAN POINT (2) makes his local debut after showing some fair Cape form. That form has recently proven stronger than local and the change of environment and a big drop in the ratings could see him home for his second win. ALL THE TIME (10) has run two big races over course and distance of late. He is now 1.5kg better off with ABADDON (7) who jumped five points in the handicap for his last win with All The Time less than a length back. MAR DEL PLATA (8) has been in good form over course and distance and should give another good account. (Andrew Harrison: 2-8-10-7).

Selections: #2 LEXICAN POINT, #8 MAR DEL PLATA, #10 ALL THE TIME, #7 ABADDON

Best Win: Race 4 #4

Best Value Bet: Race 6 #7

Best Longshot: Race 3 #6