

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: DURBANVILLE@2026.07.25

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 1, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R125,000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: 8 MERRIMENT stayed on well for third behind She's Chosen on debut, the form of that race has worked out well, with natural improvement expected from this well-bred filly, she must have a big winning chance. 3 EVANA finished four lengths behind Sing Forevermore on debut, she can only improve going into her second run on Saturday, watch her closely from a good draw. 5 GIMME PERFECT stayed on well late last time behind World Of Secrets, she will love the step up in trip, include her into all bets at a decent price. 7 VERSE FOR SUZANNE could be anything, she gets the services of top jockey Richard Fourie, watch the market, and watch her moving down to the start.

Selections: #8 MERRIMENT, #3 EVANA, #5 GIMME PERFECT, #7 VERSE FOR SUZANNE

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 2, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R120,000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: 8 LANDMAN ran a great race on debut, he finished second behind My Bonny Boy on the 27th of June, in hope that he gets some luck in running from a tricky draw, he will be hard to beat in this field. 4 SICILY is much better than his last run, ignore that performance on the 16th of June, he needs a particular ride, if the race works out for him early, he will be right there in the finish. 2 LE TISSIER has run two very good races in succession, he drops in trip, and he gets 2.5kgs off his back, watch him closely from a neat draw. 5 AUTOCORRECT has been rested and gelded, with natural improvement expected from this individual, he could sneak into the places at a decent price.

Selections: #8 LANDMAN, #4 SICILY, #2 LE TISSIER, #5 AUTOCORRECT

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 3, Gallops, 1500m, Turf, R120,000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: 3 ROYAL INFLUENCER just got touched off late by Superhero in a driving finish on the 23rd of June, he easily brings in the best form into this race, he will be hard to beat from a good draw. 7 HAVOC ran a much better race last time, he will love the step up in trip to 1500m, watch him closely. 4 MADRA RUA ran a fair race behind Swift Serenity on the 16th of June, in hope that he stays this trip, he should be competitive from a good draw. 5 THE BIG BANG only got going when the race was over on the 7th of July, he has a good place chance on his best form, include him into all bets.

Selections: #3 ROYAL INFLUENCER, #7 HAVOC, #4 MADRA RUA, #5 THE BIG BANG

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 4, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R90,000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: 7 ECHO FOXTROT has run two lovely races in succession, the blinkers stay on, with some luck in running from a tricky draw, he will go close to winning. 8 UP IN FLAMES stayed on well for third behind Liefing on the 7th of July, she will be just off the speed early from a bad draw, and she will be running on strongly late, include her into all bets. 2 SPARKLING SKY didn't have much luck in running on the 31st of May, she is a big filly with a big action, she will love the step up in trip to 2000m, watch her closely from a nice draw. 6 QUIET PLACE never runs a bad race, he could sneak into the places.

Selections: #7 ECHO FOXTROT, #8 UP IN FLAMES, #2 SPARKLING SKY, #6 QUIET PLACE

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 5, Gallops, 1600m, Turf, R125,000, 14:40GMT+2

Race Summary: 7 MARCUS AURELIUS quickened up smartly to win a good race on the 16th of May, he was given three points for that win, the step up in trip to 1600m will be no problem for this gelding, he has a big winning chance again. 3 BOURBON KING didn't have much luck in running last time behind Waloyo Yamoni, in hope that he is closer to the speed on Saturday, he will run a massive race from a good draw. 6 CAPTAINS ALLIANCE must have a good place chance in this field, he is much better over this trip, include him into all bets. 8 MUTINY IN HEAVEN has been rested for 62 days, he won his maiden impressively on the 24th of May, he looks progressive, with some luck in running from a tricky draw, he will be competitive.

Selections: #7 MARCUS AURELIUS, #3 BOURBON KING, #6 CAPTAINS ALLIANCE, #8 MUTINY IN HEAVEN

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100,000, 15:15GMT+2

Race Summary: 5 ONE MAGIC was heavily supported in the market on the 7th of July, unfortunately the race didn't go according to plan for him, he is much better than that, he will love the step up in trip to 1400m, if he bounces back to his best form, he will be hard to beat in this field. 3 DEVIL A SAINT will be cherry ripe for this race on Saturday, he travelled like a winner in his last start behind Baton Rouge on the 7th of July, he has a big winning chance on his current form. 7 THOMAS JENKINS just needed his last run on the 27th of June, he is nice and consistent at this level, he will be much fitter going into this race on Saturday, watch him closely. 2 NOON DAY GUN stayed on well for third behind Super Viking last time, he should be amongst the places again from a neat draw.

Selections: #5 ONE MAGIC, #3 DEVIL A SAINT, #7 THOMAS JENKINS, #2 NOON DAY GUN

HOLLYWOODBETS DURBANVILLE, 25.07.2026, Race 7, Gallops, 1250m, Turf, R110,000, 15:50GMT+2

Race Summary: 7 GIRL LIKE US was unfortunately bumped out of the gates on the 27th of June, she stayed on well late to finish just under two lengths behind Raffish Trend, in hope that she gets some luck in running here from a tricky draw, she will go close to winning. 9 STAR WORLD has been rested for 89 days, she absolutely loves this track and distance, top jockey Richard Fourie knows this filly well, she will be right there in the finish. 1 BLUE LAGOON won a good race on the 31st of May, she was given three points for that win last time, she must have a good winning chance from a neat draw. 8 MY ONLY WEAKNESS gets the blinkers fitted, and she drops in trip, she will be running on strongly late, watch her closely at a decent price.

Selections: #7 GIRL LIKE US, #9 STAR WORLD, #1 BLUE LAGOON, #8 MY ONLY WEAKNESS

Best Win: Race 2 #8 Landman

Best Value Bet: Race 3 #3 Royal Influencer

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN STANDSIDE@2026.07.25

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 1, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R125.000, 12:35GMT+2

Race Summary: SKITT SMILING and RHYTHMIC QUEEN made encouraging introductions and would have benefitted from that experience. Both made eye-catching headway once getting the hang of things late so the step up to this distance should be more with their liking. HARTREE fits a similar profile and should have more to offer following a pleasing course-and-distance debut. KING SOLOMON and ONE STATE could get involved if building on improved last starts. Watch the betting on well-bred newcomer GREEN FAIRWAY.

Selections:

#7 Skitt Smiling, #8 Rhythmic Queen, #3 Hartree, #5 King Solomon

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 2, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R105.000, 13:10GMT+2

Race Summary: LIGHTINTHEWOODS has shown promise in each outing over a shorter trip and won't need to improve much over this extended distance to open her account. EMPRESS OF PEACE and TREX ON FIRE have the form and experience over this trip to trouble the selection. REGAL QUEEN has earning potential, while any market support for newcomer TU GIUSTO will need to be taken seriously.

Selections:

#2 Lightinthewoods, #5 Trex On Fire, #1 Empress Of Peace, #6 Tu Giusto

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 3, Gallops, 2000m, Turf, R125.000, 13:45GMT+2

Race Summary: BEST CANDIDATE has rediscovered his best form after gelding and remains open to improvement. He stayed on to finish a close-up 3rd in a stronger race over 1800m and a similar performance over this extended trip off an unchanged mark should suffice in this grade. ROBERT BROWNING finished ahead of the selection last time and has experience over 2000m but has less scope for progress. Last-start winner MOUNT DARWIN and consistent KUDZU are proven hard-knockers at this level and should remain competitive. DECEPTION PASS and EIGER SANCTION have the means to make their presence felt too.

Selections:

#6 Best Candidate, #3 Robert Browning, #5 Mount Darwin, #2 Kudzu

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 4, Gallops, 1160m, Turf, R115.000, 14:20GMT+2

Race Summary: WINTER IN AUCKLAND beat GEOSTORM over track and trip recently but the latter could avenge that on 2.5kg better terms. Class-dropper STONEYWOOD gives weight to all but is a course-and-distance winner with the means to play a leading role under a 2.5kg-claiming apprentice. Hat-trick seeking KIA KAHA is unbeaten with cheekpieces fitted and remains competitive with the headgear retained. TRADITIONAL BELIEF and stablemate TURBO POWER complete the shortlist.

Selections:

#2 Geostorm, #3 Winter In Auckland, #1 Stoneywood, #7 Kia Kaha

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 5, Gallops, 1000m, Turf, R130.000, 14:55GMT+2

Race Summary: PLUS FOUR overcame a tardy start when running out an authoritative winner over track and trip last time. Runner-up UMZINGELI WENYATHI is 1kg better off but unlikely to turn the tables on the former, whose resultant 7-point penalty should not halt his momentum. JUST THE TWO OF US has found her niche racing with cheekpieces fitted and remains competitive with the headgear retained. ESPINOZA and IT'S PERSONAL also have the means to make their presence felt.

Selections:

#2 Plus Four, #5 Umzingeli Wenyathi, #1 Espinoza, #4 Just The Two Of Us

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 6, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R135.000, 15:30GMT+2

Race Summary: PRECOCIOUS concedes weight to older male rivals but is the best-weighted runner in the lineup and open to improvement stretching out to this trip for the first time since relocating to the Highveld. Versatile SLINKY MAPIMPI had excuses for a disappointing last start and should play a leading role if bouncing back to earlier form. RADICCHIO was unlucky not to have finished closer over this trip last time so is best kept onside. LEAD THE CHARGE has benefitted from the application of cheekpieces so warrants respect, as does progressive 3yo QUICKFREEZE with the his cheekpieces refitted.

Selections:

#1 Precocious, #3 Lead The Charge, #2 Slinky Mapimpi, #10 Quickfreeze

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 7, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R110.000, 16:10GMT+2

Race Summary: CAPE SAFFRON finished behind AMERICAN BEAUTY in a stronger race over 1400m last time but is weighted to turn the tables on that rival. VAMANOS is held on that form but will appreciate reverting to this course so may pose more of a threat off a reduced mark. FISH HAWK and SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE are lightly raced 3yo fillies with scope for improvement and the means to make their presence felt. Last-start winner BEAUTIFUL RANIA has more to do stepping up to this class but could have more to offer in her peak outing. PRINCESS ILARIA and POINTER have earning potential too.

Selections:

#3 Cape Saffron, #2 American Beauty, #7 Somebody Somewhere, #6 Fish Hawk

Turffontein Standside, 25.07.2026, Race 8, Gallops, 1400m, Turf, R100.000, 16:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Consistent WINDS OF GRACE was well-backed last time and acquitted herself well in a stronger race over 1450m. A repeat of that effort in this grade off an unchanged mark could suffice. Stablemate WINTER VOICE is a frontrunner and could be dangerous over this shorter trip under a 1.5kg claimer. ONCEINABLUEMOON and MASTER'S ROSE had excuses last time and are capable of better. Both could have a say in the outcome if bouncing back to earlier form. FIERY FROLIC caught the eye when a fast finisher (not beaten far) over 1160m last time so shouldn't be underestimated over this extended trip.

Selections:

#1 Winds Of Grace, #5 Winter Voice, #3 Fiery Frolic, #6 Master's Rose

Best Win: #2 LIGHTINTHEWOODS

Best Value Bet: #3 CAPE SAFFRON

Best Longshot: #3 CAPE SAFFRON