

RACE BY RACE PREVIEWS: TURFFONTEIN INSIDE@2025.04.05

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 1, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 12:15GMT+2

Race Summary: BACK FROM WAR had legitimate excuses for a disappointing last start in a feature over 1000m. This extended distance should suit and she is worth another chance back in a maiden. Improving CONCORDIA has shown enough to trouble the selection but well-bred newcomers JAPANESE GARDEN and WITCHING HOUR are also worth noting on debut, especially if the market speaks in their favour.

Selections:

#1 Back From War, #2 Concordia, #4 Japanese Garden, #8 Witching Hour

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 2, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R120.000, 12:50GMT+2

Race Summary: OLD FASHIONED wouldn't be winning out of turn after consecutive seconds but it could pay to follow the progress of CURTISS CONDOR who would've come on appreciably after an encouraging debut 3rd and is ideally positioned in gate No 1. MISS TAKES fits a similar profile and could get involved. MISTY METAL and BLUE QUARTZ have the form and experience to make their presence felt too.

Selections:

#3 Curtiss Condor, #1 Old Fashioned, #6 Misty Metal, #4 Miss Takes

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 3, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R105.000, 13:25GMT+2

Race Summary: ON A JET PLANE had excuses for a disappointing last start and will be competitive if bouncing back to her earlier form. BLINDFIRE improved to finish 3rd behind a debut winner who subsequently placed in a Grade 2, so she should also have a role to play with further improvement expected. Improving TRAIL RUNNER and class-dropper BRIGHT AND BRAZEN have the form and experience to fight out the finish.

Selections:

#2 Trail Runner, #7 Bright And Brazen, #6 Blindfire, #8 Captain Selvie

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 4, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R130.000, 14:00GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. ARISTOTLE was outfought in a similar contest over slightly further last time but is worth siding to go one better over a trip that suits. Best-weighted GIMMEANOTHERCHANCE makes a quick reappearance after a disappointing no-show in a recent Grade 2 but shouldn't be underestimated with the blinkers removed. ROYAL FORCE has a bit to find on recent form behind the selection but is open to improvement and could get closer. THE AFRICA HOUSE and recently gelded SHINTO SHRINE appeal most of the remainder.

Selections:

#1 Aristotle, #2 Gimmeanotherchance, #3 Royal Force, #4 The Africa House

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 5, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 14:35GMT+2

Race Summary: Last-start winner FROZEN FANTASY scored over 1200m in a similar contest last time and is good value to follow up over this extended trip off an unchanged mark. SCARS OF WAR hasn't been seen since running in a 600m 2yo Grade 1 at the end of last season but she is weighted to be competitive on her reappearance. However, POINTER, FRANCILIEN and CALANTHA have the form, experience and recent race fitness to pose more of a threat.

Selections:

#1 Frozen Fantasy, #2 Pointer, #3 Francilien, #4 Calantha

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 6, Gallops, 1450m, Turf, R120.000, 15:10GMT+2

Race Summary: Good race. Thriving JUST VAR was winning for the 4th time in 6 starts a fortnight ago and a further 6-point penalty isn't likely to prevent another forward showing. Preference, however, is for fellow last-start scorer PLUS FOUR who comfortably landed a betting coup over track and trip on his stable and Highveld debut. KEY NEWS, THERES A LIGHT, SPRING TRADITION and ROAMING SPIRIT aren't taken lightly and have the means to trouble the principals.

Selections:

#3 Plus Four, #2 Just Var, #6 Theres A Light, #1 Key News

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 7, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R150.000, 15:45GMT+2

Race Summary: Tyrone Zackey has a strong hand in the race with LA MOOHAL and FLASHY APACHE part of a formidable 3-pronged attack. Both bounced back to form with encouraging recent displays and will be competitive if repeating those performances. The latter is closely matched on recent form with STAR COIN and HAWKBILL. Last-start winner KING'S EXPRESS, PLAYER and KUDZU also remain competitive despite carrying resultant penalties. Consistent TWO MILES WEST is another with genuine Eachway credentials.

Selections:

#1 La Moohal, #4 King's Express, #2 Flashy Apache, #9 Two Miles West

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 8, Gallops, 1800m, Turf, R120.000, 16:20GMT+2

Race Summary: Progressive DANCE KING made an impressive winning comeback reappearance in a similar contest over 1600m and is open to further improvement over this slightly extended trip, so a 4-point penalty shouldn't curb his momentum. DJ JUNIOR and stablemate DIESEL'S SHADOW, and Alec Laird's pair of BIRTHRIGHT and DARK SILVER all have the form and experience to make life difficult for their younger rival.

Selections:

#2 Dance King, #3 Dj Junior, #6 Dark Silver, #9 Gamer

Turffontein Inside, 05.04.2025, Race 9, Gallops, 1200m, Turf, R105.000, 16:55GMT+2

Race Summary: Unexposed GREGARIOUS and fellow 3yo rival ONE PARTY acquitted themselves well at a higher level last time and need only repeat those performances to play leading roles in this grade off unchanged marks. Hard-knockers RATTLE BAG, IN THE ETHER and TWICE AS WILD can not be taken lightly at this level and shouldn't be far off the mark, although younger filly EXCEEDINGLY GLAM is likely to pose more of a threat.

Selections:

#3 Gregarious, #4 One Party, #1 Exceedingly Glam, #5 In The Ether

Best Win: #1 BACK FROM WAR

Best Value Bet: #1 LA MOOHAL

Best Longshot: #1 LA MOOHAL