



# Cold fact of weight reversal

**DEBATE:** WHAT EXTENT DO WEIGHT TURNAROUNDS MATTER IN SPRINTS

» **Bella Chica has benefit of 4kg claimer up.**

Jack Milner

There are opposing views expressed about the difference a turnover of weights makes in a sprint. Some people believe it to be the same as a race run over a middle distance while others feel the shorter trip nullifies much of the turnaround.

That debate will come under a microscope in Race 6 at the Vaal today, a MR 93 Handicap for fillies and mares over 1000m.

Bella Chica and Cold Fact last met on 3 August over this track and trip. That race was won by Ashley Fortune-trained Bella Chica, who beat Cold Fact by 2.50 lengths.

When they meet this time, Paul Peter's charge will be 3kg better off and that means there should be little between the pair.

But we can add in another fac-

tor. The only reason the gap is so close is because Fortune has engaged 4kg claiming apprentice Kaidan Brewer to ride Bella Chica.

According to the "rules of the game" that allowance is given to compensate apprentices for their lack of experience, and in some cases, any deficiency in competence.

Former champion jockey Pieter Strydom argues that 4kg is 4kg and it makes a massive difference, especially in the finish.

So, will the allowance compensate Brewer to such a degree that it will raise his level to match somebody of the proficiency and experience of Gavin Lerena, who will be riding Cold Fact?

Only the race will answer that, but Cold Fact is extremely fast, and Brewer might find it tough to get past Lerena in a tight finish.

Peter's charge last ran on the Polytrack at Greyville but performed badly. She was examined afterwards and nothing obvious was detected. It just could have been the surface, or maybe she did not travel all that well.

But she's better than that and deserves another chance.



**WEIGHTS.** Cold Fact should go close in Race 6 at the Vaal today as she is favoured by a weight turnaround. Picture: JC Photographics

Bella Chica won four in a row before contesting the Listed Gardenia Handicap over 1000m at Turffontein in which she finished sixth, beaten 3.75 lengths by Hello Winter Hello.

She will appreciate the drop in

class.

Other runners to consider are Muleta and Captain's Run. Muleta had a decent comeback run from a break when finishing a 0.80-length second behind Before The Dawn. Muzi Yeni takes the

ride.

Captain's Run is in good form and had excuses last time when beaten four lengths by Lucy English. She does tend to make a respiratory noise in running and that is a concern.

## Progressive Remorse looks best in Listed Entisar

Ed Marnane

The season cranks up a gear with the running of the Entisar, the opening Listed race of the campaign, at Meydan today.

First run in 2014, the 2000m contest on dirt has attracted a field of eight, with Saltarin Dubai, runner-up in the last two renewals, back for a fourth crack for trainer Bhupat Seemar.

Winner of the Jebel Ali Stakes (Listed), the highlight of his campaign last season, he has to overcome a lengthy absence and having turned nine in August, he makes little appeal in the hands of Richard Mullen.

Tadhg O'Shea, stable jockey

for Seemar at Zabeel Stables, has elected to ride the exciting and progressive Remorse. By Dubawi, he made a winning comeback in a 1600m handicap at Jebel Ali last month, quickening readily to get the better of Tenbury Wells, the pair pulling a long clear of First Winter.

In February, Remorse impressed on his sole appearance on Meydan's main track, winning a 2000m handicap in dominant fashion, a performance that was backed up by a quick time. He is fancied to handle the step-up in grade and will take plenty of stopping.

The RRR Racing owned Quip, formerly trained by Satish Seemar after a spell with Doug Watson,

represents last year's winning trainer, Salem bin Ghadayer.

The son of Distorted Humor, the highest rated horse in the field with a mark of 109, has largely struggled since arriving in the UAE and unless a switch to a new yard sparks a revival, he's hard to fancy.

Doug Watson has a fantastic record in the Entisar, winning four of the eight renewals, the most recent with Cosmo Charlie three years ago.

The 2019 UAE Derby winner Plus Que Parfait has his first start for Watson and has the services of Pat Dobbs. Formerly trained by Brendan Walsh in the USA, he is winless since his shock victory in the final leg of the Triple Crown at

Meydan.

Returning after a seven-month absence, he's entitled to better for the race and is best watched.

In-form Ray Dawson rides Aydon Castle for his main employer, Ahmad bin Harmash. The horse ended last season by posting a career-best in the Abu Dhabi Championship, a Group 3 over 2200m on turf, when third behind Irish Freedom.

Previously Aydon Castle ran with credit on his dirt debut at Meydan, finishing less than nine lengths behind Remorse.

He is weighted to get closer to the winner with a 4.5 kg pull at the weights. From a yard going well, Aydon Castle shouldn't be overlooked.

### Ed's best bets

**Best Bet:** 6 Remorse (Race 5)

**Best Value:** 7 Mr Kafoo (Race 2)

**Best Swinger:** 4 Hero D'Oro and 1 Creek Horizon (Race 3)

**Jackpot R32 Races 4 to 7**

**Leg 1:** 1, 4, 7, 10

**Leg 2:** 6

**Leg 3:** 1, 2, 4, 7

**Leg 4:** 1, 8

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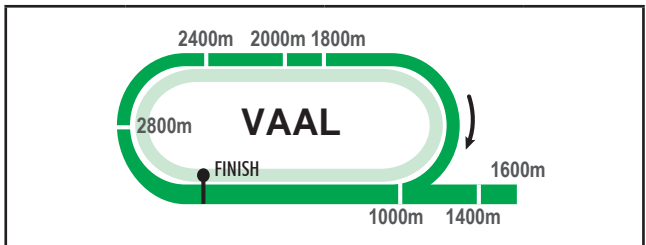


VAAL TURF THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2021

RACETRACK: Turf. 3000m oval circuit. Races up to 1600m straight course; beyond 1600m clockwise round turn with 1000m run-in. DRAW: Low-number draws slightly favoured in 1700m races. TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK LAST 12 MONTHS: M Yeni 203-26 (12.81%)-67, C Zackey 186-25 (13.44%)-67, G Lerena 134-24 (17.91%)-50, W Kennedy 118-17 (14.41%)-45. TOP TRAINERS: P A Peter 266-41 (15.41%)-93, S G Tarry 231-25 (10.82%)-65, C Spies 178-20 (11.24%)-49, M N Houdalakis 138-19 (13.77%)-47. APPRENTICES (ALLOWANCES): K A Brewer (4.0), C F Dicken (1.5), D B Geerthsen (4.0), S Hlangwa (4.0), X Jacobs (2.5), M K Katjedi (4.0), P Mxoli (2.5), S W Njokwe (4.0), J Solomons (1.5), K Strydom, J R Syster, M H Zuma (4.0).

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1 11:45 #THISRACING WELCOMES YOU MAIDEN PLATE (F & M) (For Maiden Fillies and Mares) Turf (straight) R90,000 1400m

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1 17:00 ABU DHABI SPONSORED BY LAND FORCES - PLACE ACCUMULATOR - LEG 1 \$80,000 1600m

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2 17:30 DUBAI SPONSORED BY UAE NAVY \$82,500 1400m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like AL GHAITH, AL MOOHAJIM, BIN ASKAR, etc.

3 18:00 SHARJAH SPONSORED BY AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENSE \$82,500 1600m

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4 18:30 AJMAN SPONSORED BY PRESIDENTIAL GUARD - JACKPOT - LEG 1 \$92,500 2200m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like SANAD LIBYA, DUBLIN PHARAOH.

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3 12:55 COMPUTAFORM ONLINE MR 80 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Open) Turf (straight) R85,000 1600m

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4 13:30 BETONTAB.CO.ZA MIDDLE STAKES (For horses with nett rating of 92 and below) Turf (turn) R92,500 2400m

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5 14:05 PLAY SOCCER 6, 10 AND 13 FM 75 DIVIDED APPRENTICE HANDICAP (F & M) (Open Fillies & Mares) Turf (straight) R85,000 1000m

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6 14:40 WWW.HIGHVELDRACING.CO.ZA FM 93 DIVIDED HANDICAP (F & M) (For Fillies and Mares) Turf (straight) R92,500 1000m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like BELLA CHICA, COLD FACT, IMPRESSIVE DUCHESS, etc.

7 15:20 ALL TO COME APPRENTICE CLASSIFIED STAKES (For horses with nett rating of 71 and below) Turf (straight) R85,000 1200m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like EDWARD LONGSHANKS, A B Fortune, etc.

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8 15:55 RA TOPS UP FEATURE RACE STAKES APPRENTICE CLASSIFIED STAKES (For horses with nett rating of 71 and below) Turf (straight) R85,000 1200m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like ENJOY THE VIEW, BLUE EYES, PURPLE SHADOW, etc.

9 16:25 NEXT VAAL RACEMETING TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER MR 66 HANDICAP (Open) Turf (straight) R85,000 1600m

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VAAL TIPS RACING EXPRESS Jack Milner

Table with 3 columns: TO WIN, SECOND, THIRD. Includes horses like 14 PUTTING GREEN, CORAPI, FLYING BULL, etc.

Top tips for today's UK meetings

TAB is betting on 4 UK race meetings today. Here are the tips:

MARKET RASEN: Race 1: 14.22 George Bancroft, Race 2: 14.52 Great Commission, Race 3: 15.22 Foxinthebox, Race 4: 15.52 Newberry New, Race 5: 16.22 Chase The Wind, Race 6: 16.52 Misscarlett, Race 7: 17.22 Chianti Classico.

WINCANTON: Race 1: 14.45 Galileo Silver, Race 2: 15.15 Rainyday Woman, Race 3: 15.45 In Rem, Race 4: 16.15 Crealion, Race 5: 16.45 ON TO VICTORY (NAP), Race 6: 17.15 Arc Of Bubbles, Race 7: 17.45 Pocket Too.

LEICESTER: Race 1: 15.07 Lary Mouth, Race 2: 15.37 Zabeel Champion, Race 3: 16.07 Nordan, Race 4: 16.37 Do You Think, Race 5: 17.07 Esme Shelby, Race 6: 17.37 Durragh.

CHELMSFORD: Race 1: 18.00 Eleven Eleven, Race 2: 18.30 Widaad, Race 3: 19.00 Crunchie, Race 4: 19.30 Internationalangel, Race 5: 20.00 Crimson King, Race 6: 20.30 Buy Me Back, Race 7: 21.00 Shanghai Rock.

ALL TO COME: George Bancroft (Market Rasen, Race 1) and On To Victory (Wincanton, Race 5).

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3 STRICKER (GB) 5 S Al Balushi 61 080 4 MIRACLE MAKER (USA) 10 X Ziani 59 273 5 DALAALAT 7 D O'Neill 58.5 527 6 MILLER'S HOUSE (USA) 4 S Kirrane 58.5 803 7 MUDALLEL (IRE) 2 R Dawson 58.5 942 8 TOLMOUNT 6 R Ffrench 57 010 9 ARABIAN MOON (GB) 9 A Al Balushi 55.5 509 10 DARK OF NIGHT (IRE) 1 A Fresu 53 802

BETTING 7-2 MUDALLEL; 9-2 SANAD LIBYA; 5-1 DARK OF NIGHT; 7-1 DUBLIN PHARAOH, MIRACLE MAKER, MILLER'S HOUSE; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS 10 DARK OF NIGHT 7 MUDALLEL 1 SANAD LIBYA 4 MIRACLE MAKER

5 19:00 THE ENTISAR PRESENTED BY UMM AL QUWAIN SPONSORED BY JOINT AVIATION COMMAND - PICK3 - LEG 1 \$132,500 2000m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like AYDON CASTLE, FOR THE TOP, MONDAIN, etc.

6 19:30 RAS AL KHAIMAH SPONSORED BY SUPPORT FORCES - DAILY DOUBLE - LEG 1 \$95,000 1600m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like BOCHART, CAPEZZANO, EVERFAST, etc.

6 R Dawson 55.5 173 2 A Fresu 55.5 001 3 R Mullen 55.5 902 4 ALKAAMEL 2 CAPEZZANO 1 BOCHART 7 TENBURY WELLS

BETTING 22-10 CAPEZZANO; 9-2 BOCHART, TENBURY WELLS; 5-1 EVERFAST; 6-1 ALKAAMEL; 7-1 GENTILE BELLINI; 8-1 CASEY JONES, CELTIC STRIKER; 12-1 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS 4 ALKAAMEL 2 CAPEZZANO 1 BOCHART 7 TENBURY WELLS

7 20:00 FUJAIHAIH SPONSORED BY NATIONAL AND RESERVED SERVICE AUTHORITY \$87,500 1200m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like MOQARRAB, WAY OF WISDOM, RAHY, etc.

8 21:00 THE ENTISAR PRESENTED BY UMM AL QUWAIN SPONSORED BY JOINT AVIATION COMMAND - PICK3 - LEG 1 \$132,500 2000m

Table with 4 columns: Race number, Name, Trainer/Jockey, Odds, and Time. Includes horses like AYDON CASTLE, FOR THE TOP, MONDAIN, etc.