

# Athena is ready for action

**FIT:** CLASSY FILLY WILL BE HARD TO BEAT IN PINNACLE STAKES OVER 1600M

» **Prince Of Fire in Race 2 will enjoy the step up in trip.**

**Muzi Yeni**

**W**hile much of the focus today will be on the Cape Guineas at Kenilworth, we have a great card on the Standside track at Turffontein which includes the running of the Listed Secretariat Stakes over 1400m.

It is a lovely race for three-year-olds who are just not ready for the Classic races.

Many top horses have won this race and then gone on to bigger and better things so it's a race I quite enjoy and like to follow.

This race is backed up by a Pinnacle Stakes over 1600m where we see two incredible horses take their places – War Of Athena and Malmoos.

This is why I love this time of the year, because every week we seem to see such high-class horses in action.

This Pinnacle Stakes serves as a lovely prep for the upcoming features both in Cape Town and locally.

The Grade 1 Cape Guineas is one of the great races in our country and I cannot wait to see the race. I feel it's quite open, but I really like the prep of Waterberry Lane who has been impressive in his two starts as a three-year-old.

I make him the horse to beat while I think Cosmic Highway and Trip Of Fortune are the main dangers.

Last week saw WSB Grand Heritage meeting go ahead despite numerous rain delays, but we managed to get through the meeting so well done to everyone concerned.

Congratulations to Candice Dawson and the connections of Stone Cold for winning a lovely race.

I've had a decent week with a couple of winners so I hope I can

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**BANKER.** Prince Of Fire, who runs in Race 2, is Muzi Yeni's best bet on today's Turffontein card. Picture: JC Photographics

keep ticking over.

Today I have nine rides which means I have a mount in every race, and once again I'd like to thank the trainers for their continued support.

Race 1 is a Maiden Plate for fillies and mares over 1160m and I ride Time Silhouette who ran an improved race last time but will have to improve even further to feature, so I'm hoping to run a place.

Baby Dont Hurt Me returns after a small break and if she reproduces her first start then she will be the filly to beat. Love Bite has good form and will be right there as the danger.

Betting support for any of the unraced runners will be the best guide as to their chances.

Race 2 is a MR 88 Handicap over 1400m and I ride Ivalo's Prince who is ever-consistent and I'm expecting him to finish in the money. But we all have to beat Prince Of Fire who will enjoy the step-up in trip on the evidence of his last start and off a good draw will take all the beating.

He is my best bet on the card and a banker in all bets.

Motown Magic has been gelded

and off a light weight could rate the main danger.

Race 3 is a Maiden Plate over 1160m and I ride Nichathan who is a nice type but will enjoy further and will benefit from the experience.

This is a wide-open race with many well-bred first-timers so my suggestion is to watch the betting closely.

Of the raced horses I think Lemme Go sets the standard after a lovely debut and if this run hasn't come too soon, he will just about win.

Quick Run is ultra-consistent and could shed her maiden tag anytime now so she must be included while Montmerency is another who should improve drastically on his debut run and could be right there.

Race 4 is a MR 88 Handicap over 1160m. I ride Gallic Chief who is having his first run for the stable but seems well above average and I wouldn't be surprised to see him fight out the finish.

We are still learning about him and the race will help us, but we definitely have a chance.

Sea Virescent is the horse to beat after a good last win in which

the form has been franked in no uncertain terms.

Grappler won well last time out and is a definite danger as too is Theory Of Flight who has the benefit of the apprentice claim so should also be competitive.

These horses should get you through all bets.

Race 5 is a MR 83 Handicap over 2400m and I ride White Fang who has blinkers fitted for this run.

I thought he would have been a major player in all the staying features through the season because of the way he won a couple of his earlier starts.

I am hoping the blinkers get him to concentrate and if they do, I believe he will be very competitive.

The horse to beat though is Raiseahallelujah on the way he won his last start. He beat two very smart horses and should enjoy the step up in trip.

Black Thorn is a smart stayer and is the main danger and must be included in all bets.

These three horses should get you through all bets.

Race 6 is the Pinnacle Stakes over 1600m and I ride the phenomenal War Of Athena who ran a great race in the Summer Cup.

This is her third run after a rest and there is no doubt she feels fitter and stronger now. Off No 1 draw I'll be very disappointed if she doesn't win.

I think she is a banker in all bets.

Of course, Malmoos is the main and obvious danger, and he now has the addition of blinkers which could prove the difference, but I just don't know if he can give a great filly like War Of Athena 3kg and a beating.

Race 7 is the Listed Secretariat Stakes over 1400m and I ride highly impressive Bureau Des Legendes who goes for four wins on the trot.

This is her acid test and it's not going to be easy for a filly giving weight to everyone, but I think she is well above average and has to be respected as the horse to beat.

I make Iron Will my main danger and even though he disappointed in his last start, he is far better than that and must be respected.

Litigation and Fisher King are others to include.

Race 8 is a MR 72 Handicap over 1400m and I ride Sequoia

who won a good race in his penultimate start before a fair effort against quality three-year-olds last time.

He is drawn No 1 which is a major plus and I think he is better than rated so he must be a massive runner. I feel he is the horse to beat, and I have made him my value bet on the day.

Funky Music is my main danger and always gives of his best so he can be included into all bets while River Jordan and After Hours must be considered for larger bets.

Race 9 is a MR 72 Handicap over 1160m and I ride Procrastinator who was very stiff not to win last time out and another honest and bold run is expected. He could very well be the horse to beat.

Into The Future, Blue Eyes and True Brit all have winning claims and seem to be my main dangers.

This is an open race so my suggestion is to go as wide as the budget allows.

## BEST BET

Race 2 No 2 Prince Of Fire

## VALUE BET

Race 8 No 6 Sequoia

## PICK 6

R960

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

Leg 2: 2, 3, 5

Leg 3: 2

Leg 4: 1, 2, 3, 4

Leg 5: 1, 4, 6, 10

Leg 6: 1, 6, 10, 11

## Scottsville moved to Greyville

Following heavy rain over the past few days Gold Circle has been forced to make an early decision to move tomorrow's meeting to Greyville.

Scottsville has had 78mm of rain and the penetrometer reading is 36 and even 41 in some areas.

The meeting at this stage will be on the turf track at Greyville but this is subject to rainfall received.

Race times will remain as carded but Race 4 is now over 1800m. For updated fields go to [www.tabonline.co.za](http://www.tabonline.co.za)



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SHA TIN (HONG KONG) SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2021

ALL RACES: Commingled Win, Place, Swinger (7 or more runners), Quinella (FIRST, SECOND any order), SA pools Trifecta, Quartet (RACES 4-10) AND BIPOT (RACES 5-10), P/A (RACES 4-10), Jackpot (RACES 7-10), Pick 3 (RACES 8-10), Daily Double (RACES 9-10). All bets R1 unit, minimum bet R6 (minimum EACHWAY Bet = R6 Win, R6 Place = R12). WIN, PLACE, SWINGER, QUINELLA amount bet must be multiple of R3 so bet R9, R12, R21 not R7 or R16 (3-horse SWINGER or QUINELLA Box = R9, 4-horse Box = R18). DAILY DOUBLE, PICK 3 amount bet must be multiple of R2 so bet R8, R10, R12. HKJC PLACE Rules: Less than 4 runners no Place betting, 4-6 runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, 7 or more runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, THIRD. TELEVISION: Races 1-10 TT1 (in TABs/Tellytrack ch 249 Dstv), 4Racing TAB betting form: mark 12 oval. Gold Circle: mark SPA oval.

1 7:00 LUKFOOK JEWELLERY HEXICON HANDICAP (Class 4) Turf R1,497,600 1200m

Race 1 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

BETTING: 4.00 SMART WONGCHOY; 5.00 WONDERFUL HORSE; 5.50 FIRE BALL; 9.00 SUPER HIGHWAY; 10.00 CHIU CHOW BROTHER; 11.00 PRESIDENT'S CHOICE; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS: #8 JOYFUL GENIUS 5 VAMOS 6 WONDERFUL HORSE 10 NAMJONG CORTEZ. PREVIEW: #8 Joyful Genius clearly has his fair share of ability. He's done well so far and the step back in distance here appears suitable. He looks a strong chance for Luke Ferraris. #5 Vamos steps out on debut. He's caught the eye in the lead-up to his first outing. Expect a bold showing. #6 Wonderful Horse is open to further improvement. He pairs with Joao Moreira which looks a plus. #10 Namjong Cortez has claims here from the inside gate. Don't discount. FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: FIRE BALL (R3 060 288), SMART WONGCHOY (R2 068 128). TOP 1ST 3%: SMART WONGCHOY (70%), FIRE BALL (60%).

2 7:30 LUKFOOK JEWELLERY LOVE IS BEAUTY COLLECTION HANDICAP (Class 5) Turf R1,123,200 1200m

Race 2 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

BETTING: 5.00 SUNNY AND GOLD; 5.50 GOLDEN MISSION; 6.00 SPEEDY DRAGON; 8.00 TAKING-FURTHER; 10.00 AMAZEMENT, UNIVERSAL CROWN, TELECOM MISSILE; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS: #2 AMAZEMENT 4 SUNNY AND GOLD 10 ALL THE WAY 7 SPEEDY DRAGON. PREVIEW: #2 Amazement has taken his time but he appears to be coming to hand nicely. Expect improvement here switching back to the turf from dirt. #4 Sunny And Gold is ready to win. He's doing everything right of late except get his head in front. Joao Moreira hops up and he bears close watching. #10 All The Way is the each way play of the contest. He's a value and Derek Leung should get the best out of him. #7 Speedy Dragon draws well and warrants consideration. FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: ALLOY STAR (R1 055 200), UNIVERSAL CROWN (R995 616). TOP 1ST 3%: GOLDEN MISSION (40%), ALLOY STAR (30%).

3 8:00 LUKFOOK JEWELLERY WEDDING COLLECTION HANDICAP (Class 5) Turf R1,123,200 1600m

Race 3 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

BETTING: 6.00 LUCKY MISSILE; 7.00 DIAMOND STAR; 8.00 LIGHT MY DAY; 9.00 DAILY CHARM, FIGURES TWO; 10.00 JOY MASTER; 11.00 JIMMU, PAKISTAN ZINDABAD; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS: #4 WAH MAY LUCK 1 DAILY CHARM 12 FIGURES TWO 14 RIGHTTEOUS WIN. PREVIEW: #4 Wah May Luck has turned a corner these last two starts. He's racing very well and further improvement is expected here. #1 Daily Charm is due another win. The dip back to Class 5 is a plus and the booking of Vincent Ho indicates a strong showing is expected. #12 Figures Two has the ability but isn't quite piecing it all together. Joao Moreira takes the reins after partnering the galloper in a recent trial. #14 Righteous Win slots in light and shouldn't be too far away. FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: JOY MASTER (R1 475 712), DAILY CHARM (R1 101 024). TOP 1ST 3%: DAILY CHARM (40%), JIMMU (30%).

ASCOT (UNITED KINGDOM) SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 2021

RACETRACK: Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. DRAW: No significant advantage. TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK LAST 12 MONTHS: JAMIE MOORE 72-9 (12.50%-4). TOP TRAINERS: N HENDERSON 169-34 (20.10%-1), P NICHOLLS 192-30 (15.60%-1), V WILLIAMS 52-8 (15.40%-5), D SKELTON 85-13 (15.30%-1).

ALL RACES: Commingled Win, Place, Exacta, Swinger. All bets R1 unit, minimum bet R6 except SWINGER minimum bet R2. EACHWAY bet of R5 Win and R3 Place, as well as 3-horse EXACTA or TRIFECTA Box or 4-horse SWINGER Box for R6 total cost can be taken. UK Tote SWINGER Rules: SWINGER only if 6 or more carded, payout FIRST TWO if 4 or 5 runners, refund if less than 4 runners. PLACE Rules: Handicap Races = Less than 5 runners NO PLACE betting; 5-7 runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, 8-15 runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, 16+ runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH. Non-Handicaps = Less than 5 runners NO Place betting, 5-7 runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, 8 or more runners payouts FIRST, SECOND, THIRD. If more than 30 carded, TAB operates SA pools on race and SA rules apply. All runners numbered 30 and higher are bracketed as Number 30, which can only qualify in case for dividend purposes. TELEVISION: Races 1-4 TT4, 4Racing TAB betting form: mark 15 oval. Gold Circle: mark SPC oval.

1 14:40 FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENTS NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (GBB RACE) R171,046 4700m

Race 1 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

Race 2 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

2 15:15 HOWDEN GRADUATION CHASE (GBB RACE) R778,528 4200m

Race 2 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

3 15:50 HOWDEN HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) R486,600 3800m

Race 3 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

4 16:25 HOWDEN LONG WALK HURDLE (GRADE 1) (GBB RACE) R2,046,789 4800m

Race 4 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

5 17:00 HOWDEN SILVER CUP HANDICAP CHASE (LISTED) (GBB RACE) R1,364,533 4800m

Race 5 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

6 17:35 BETFAIR EXCHANGE TROPHY (GRADE 3 HANDICAP HURDLE) (GBB RACE) R2,046,789 3200m

Race 6 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

12 CHATER PINSS 6Bh D A Hayes 8 A Hamelin 53 0H16 6H16 4H16
13 GO GO SIXTEEN 4Bc K W Lui 9 K Teetan 51 9S20 4S16 0S16
14 KUNG FU TEA 6Bh D J Hall 11 M F Poon 50 5S14 3H16 9S14
BETTING: 3.50 OSCAR GLORY; 5.50 DARCI JOY; 6.50 LEADING FORTUNE; 10.00 RIGHT AS RAIN; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS.
TIPS: #8 RIGHT AS RAIN 9 DARCI JOY 11 LEADING FORTUNE
PREVIEW: #8 Right As Rain might be worth taking a chance here at a price. He closed off nicely last time out clocking a sub 23 seconds for the final two furlongs and with clear running room he easily could have finished much closer. #9 Darci Joy is a talent. He relishes every inch of the mile and it wouldn't surprise to see him bounce back to winning ways. #1 Oscar Glory is holding his condition. He rarely runs poorly. #11 Leading Fortune is no stranger to turning his form around. Expect a strong showing from gate four.
FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: DECISIVE ACTION (R2 158 272), EZRA (R1 917 504). TOP 1ST 3%: EZRA (50%), KUNG FU TEA (40%).

8 10:35 THE LUKFOOK JEWELLERY CUP (HANDICAP) - PICK3 - LEG 1 (Class 2) Turf R3,456,000 1400m

Race 8 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

BETTING: 1.50 BLAZE WARRIOR; 8.00 THE GOLDEN SCENERY; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS: #5 BLAZE WARRIOR 14 THE GOLDEN SCENERY 10 IMA SINGLE MAN 3 HIGHLAND
PREVIEW: #5 Blaze Warrior is a superb talent who is looking for his fifth win at just his sixth start having only suffered the one defeat. He scored with ease last start in this grade and a repeat of that effort here would not surprise. #14 The Golden Scenery gets in light. The form around him is top-notch. #10 Ima Single Man is a powerful finish when required. Gate two will afford him every opportunity. #3 Highland Fortune regularly defies expectations. Expect the same again.
FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: HINCHINLOVE (R5 656 320), BLAZE WARRIOR (R5 340 096). TOP 1ST 3%: BLAZE WARRIOR (100%), THE GOLDEN SCENERY (67%).

9 11:10 LUKFOOK JEWELLERY F-STYLE PT IN STYLE COLLECTION HANDICAP - DAILY DOUBLE - LEG 1 (Class 3) Turf R2,260,800 1200m

Race 9 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

BETTING: 3.50 ROMANTIC WARRIOR; 5.00 SEASONS BLISS; 6.00 FIVE ELEMENTS; 9.00 TEAM SPIRIT, ENNEA FORTUNE; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS: #7 SEASONS BLISS 2 FIVE ELEMENTS 1 CALIFORNIA CONCORD 12 HANDSOME TWELVE
PREVIEW: #7 Seasons Bliss is after a hat-trick of wins. He's beginning to realise his early hype and the manner of his most recent wins suggest that he isn't about to begin slowing down. #2 Five Elements clearly has ability. He's failed off since his debut but a return to that level here would not shock. #1 California Concord is chasing consecutive wins. He has race-experience and a class-edge on his side. #12 Handsome Twelve can improve further following a strong showing on debut.
FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: CALIFORNIA CONCORD (R2 803 536), THE HULK (R2 592 000). TOP 1ST 3%: ROMANTIC WARRIOR (100%), HANDSOME TWELVE (100%).

10 11:45 LUKFOOK JEWELLERY F-STYLE HEY COOL COLLECTION HANDICAP (Class 3) Turf R2,260,800 1600m

Race 10 table with columns for race number, horse name, jockey, trainer, and odds.

BETTING: 3.00 SOULMATE; 5.50 HELENE NORTH STAR; 9.00 SUPER TEN, CROSSFORD; 10.00 XIANG YIN; 13.00 AND UPWARDS OTHERS. TIPS: #4 SUPER TEN 2 CAPTAIN WIN 8 XIANG YIN 12 GOLDEN LINK
PREVIEW: #4 Super Ten is a seriously smart operator. Expect he'll roll to the front under Alexis Babel and from there proves difficult to catch. #2 Captain Win scored in style last time out. He draws awfully awkwardly here but still, the manner of his last win shouldn't be ignored. #8 Xiang Yin is a two-time winner from his last three starts. He can figure with the right run. #12 Beauty Spirit deserves respect. Next best.
FACT FILE: TOP EARNERS: GOLDEN LINK (R4 262 256), LOOKING GREAT (R3 843 360). TOP 1ST 3%: CAPTAIN WIN (50%), GOLDEN LINK (50%).

END MEETING - SHA TIN - 10 RACES

RACECOURSE: Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. TOP JOCKEYS AT TRACK: JAMIE MOORE 72-9 (12.50%-4). TOP TRAINERS AT TRACK: N HENDERSON 169-34 (20.10%-1), P NICHOLLS 192-30 (15.60%-1), V WILLIAMS 52-8 (15.40%-5), D SKELTON 85-13 (15.30%-1).

END MEETING - ASCOT - 6 RACES

