Racing on the Polytrack has some punters a little nervous but there appear to be three good bets on the Fairview card today.

All three are relatively short priced so the best way to go is take an All-To-Come bet on the trio and that could make the odds more attractive.

However, as there are only eight races on the card and the three are Teofilia in Race 1, Blushing Bride in Race 2 and Dubula in Race 7, they can also be used as bankers in various exotic bets.

The first kicks off the BiPot, Race 2 is the start of the Place Accumulator and Race 7 is part of the Pick 6 and Jackpot.

Teofilia has run twice for two seconds and his last race introduced him to the Polytrack. He was well beaten by Big Bay that day but Gavin Smith's charge was all the rage and went off as the 15-20 favourite.

This not the strongest of fields and the danger to Teofilia, Black Night, finished 2.75 lengths behind him last time.

Alan Greeff and jockey Greg Cheyne have had a barren couple of meetings and a big win is on the cards.

Blushing Bride will be having her first start on the Polytrack but has placed in her two runs on the turf, the latest being in a feature race when third behind Luna Wish. Lyle Hewitson rides for Yvette Bremner.

Dubula is the best priced of the three but comes up against some very moderate opposition. He has won two of his last three starts, one with Bernard Fayd'Herbe up, who rides again.

Ken Nicol

Frank Lloyd Wright has proved costly to follow over his short career but he seems to have regained a bit of the old form with a start-to-finish victory in a MR 80 Handicap over 1400m at Kenilworth last time. Of course, his merit rating had come down quite significantly and that also would have helped him as it allowed the three-year-old son of Captain Al to take on some weaker opposition.

There was a lot to like about the manner of his last win and hopefully trainer Justin Snaith has him back on track. He cost R3.25 million as a yearling so it comes as no surprise that he is a very good looking gelding.

Hopefully the last win gave him some confidence and he can put up a repeat performance when he runs over the same course and distance tomorrow in Race 7, a MR 88 Handicap.

The average merit rating of this event is 82, six points stronger than the field he raced against last time, but he does come into the race carrying just 52.5kg and champion jockey and current log leader Lyle Hewitson is in the irons.

The human version of Frank Lloyd Wright is considered one of America's greatest architects and buildings he designed go for massive sums of money. He was also immortalised in a song by Simon and Garfunkel in the 1960s called "So Long Frank Lloyd Wright".

The main threat to the gelded version could be the ever-consistent Zeb, who has run two consecutive thirds in his last two runs. This will be his third run after a layoff so if there are any cobwebs they should be out of his system by now.

Vaughan Marshall has engaged apprentice Sandile Mbele for the ride and that takes 1.5kg off his back and could help this five-year-old gelding.

Candice Bass-Robinson sends out Meraki but he was well beaten by Frank Lloyd Wright last time. However, he was reported not to be striding out and that may have contributed to his 6.40-length defeat. Bernard Fayd'Herbe takes the ride this time and Meraki is 2.5kg better off on this occasion.

If he does remain sound during the race he should get a lot closer.

The best bet on the card could come up in Race 6, a Pinnacle Stakes over 1800m. Despite this being a stakes race many of these runners are very closely handicapped but there was a lot to like about the way Man About Town won his last race.

He beat quite a strong field with ease and should pay to follow in a race of this nature. Grant Behr rides.
**FAIRVIEW POLY**

Best, Stories

LOVE MAMBO has faced stronger in Cape Town. TEOFILIA D Smith 674-51 (7.57%)-203, S B Kotzen 272-38 (13.97%)-88.

6 ANDREA

4 KING OF PROMISE

7 PROMISING OF ALL

2 CALANDRA

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**TOP BETS**

**Best**

Race 7: 1 Dubula

**Value**

Race 6: 13 For Luck Sake

**Swinger**

Race 3: 1x6
Three winners for Spies

GOOD DAY: STABLE SCORES FIRST AND SECOND IN GRADE 2 GOLDEN HORSESHOE

>> Eden Roc proves to be the right banker of the day.

Jack Milner

The Tobie Spies yard had a delightful day at Greyville on Saturday when they came away with three winners at the Durban July race meeting. Their run began in Race 2 when Muzi Yeni, who was very positive about the chances of his mount, won this Pinnacle Stakes on Basilious. Their final winner was ridden by Corne Orffer, who brought home Van Halen to win the Non-Black Type eThekwini Sprint over 1200m.

But the cherry on the top came in the Grade 2 Zulu Kingdom Explorer Golden Slipper over 1400m. The Spies yard are known for their precocious two-year-olds and once again that proved to be the case as two runners from their yard – Cockney Pride and What You Are – fought out the finish. Cockney Pride, who went off at 17-1, showed a touch of greenness as she came under pressure but in the end, she proved too good for her stablemate by 0.75 lengths. Craig Zackey brought home this filly and he could not stop heaping praise on her ability.

“I told them all when I won on her last time – I made it very clear,” he said.

“There is just something you can feel about good horses. When she won last time I knew there was something there. I chose her over Singforafa, and I’ve won a Grade 3 on Singforafa, but this filly (Cockney Pride) is just something special.”

When this daughter of Queerari ran first time the yard thought she could not lose but she ran a shocker, trailing in at the back of the field. That left them totally mystified but she showed her class when she won at Scottsville, and based on this performance, there is a lot more to come.

The Durban Golden Horseshoe went to favourite Eden Roc who was regarded as one of the best bets on the card. He went off at 17-20 and had the race in the bag some way from home but like the Spies yard did a race earlier, Sean Tarry copied in this race both thought she could not lose but she ran a shocker, trailing in at the back of the field. That left them totally mystified but she showed her class when she won at Scottsville, and based on this performance, there is a lot more to come.

The money came for Sunshine Silk, who went off a weak 4-1 favourite but from a wide draw, she was always too far back and although she ran on late, Geoff Woodruff’s charge could only finish fifth.

In a race which changed dramatically in the latter stages, Shenanigans (10-1) won the first Graded event of July day with a narrow victory in the Betting World 2200.

PROMISING. Cockney Pride, ridden by Craig Zackey, wins the Grade 2 Zulu Kingdom Explorer Golden Slipper for trainer Tobie Spies, one of three winners for the stable on the card. Picture Golden Circle
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B Fayd’Herbe | 212-37 | (17.45%) | -73, | G Cheyne | 291-32 | (11.00%) | -98, | C Orffer | 256-30 | (11.72%) | -94, | S Mbhele | 228-20 | (8.77%) | -75.

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3 DOUBLE GRATITUDE
7 WATCH ME NOW
5 SWIFT SAILING
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3 DOUBLE GRATITUDE 5.04 R16,000
5 GOLD MEDAL 3.67 R8,000
7 WATCH ME NOW 11.60R8,000
6 TO DO RON RON 11.28R0

Same Trainer - NOT COUPLED on Tote: (none)

FOR HEADGEAR CHANGE:

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Best
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Low-numbers draws slightly preferred all races. Wet going can impact on
1200m 1400m

12 BEETHOVEN
14 QUARLLO 2.93 R180,575
13 FORTY DAYS R66,000
7 SUMMER OLIMPICS
5 PRINCE ORACY
4 HELLO WINTER
3 LASATA
2 FERGIE’S ROCK
1 BRONZED

FORECAST BETTING:

12-12 Good C+D debut - go close
10-12 Won latest C+D - confirm?
12-12 Won maiden before break
10-12 Could make the frame
10-16 Peak run - be right there
14-16 Unexposed - is respected
14-20 Seldom far off, respected
18r 4w 8p
36r 5w 22p
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364 DAYS A YEAR!
Treble hopes for Do It Again

TRAVEL: OVERSEAS TRIP FOR DOUBLE CHAMPION LOOKS UNLIKELY AT THIS STAGE

>> Hawwaam doing well after unfortunate incident as start.

Jack Milner

T he question now on many people’s lips after Do It Again won the R4.25-million Vodacom Durban July on Saturday for the second successive year is: could he become the first horse in the history of the Greyville race over 2200m, to make it three in a row.

“If he does,” quipped joint owner Bernard Kantor, “we might have to change the name of his sire from Twice Over to Thrice Over.”

Do It Again became the fifth horse since El Picha in 1939 and 2000 to complete the July double.

However, much of the credit for the success must go to jockey Richard Fourie. Like all champions, he knew exactly how much horse he had under him and at no stage did he panic, even when Gavin Lerena escaped on Rainbow Bridge 300m from home.

Do It Again, carrying top weight of 60kg, came charging up the centre to run Rainbow Bridge out of it 50m from home to win by 0.40 lengths.

Third place went to Twist Of Fate, a further 1.30 lengths back, with Eyes Wide Open a neck further back fourth, Miyabi Gold, fifth and Camphoratus in sixth.

This is the second Durban July win for Fourie, his first coming in 2014 when Legislate got the race on an objection. “At last I will be able to do my own lap of honour,” he said. “This horse is simply remarkable. He is such a smart horse, very intelligent and he definitely has big-match temperament.”

Return Flight led the field at a pedestrian pace from Head Honcho and Twist Of Fate, who was perfectly placed on the rail from his wide draw by Noorsch Jugall. Lady in Black and Rainbow Bridge were behind them and only then came Do It Again.

Return Flight did not have much left in the tank and Lerena swept into the lead aboard Rainbow Bridge, looking a winner with 200m to run.

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“Under the circumstances the vet did the right thing,” said trainer Mike de Kock. “But I don’t want this story to grab the headlines and detract from the brilliant victory of De It Again.”

One had to have sympathy for veterinarian Roehann Sutherland who had to make that decision and he looked under real pressure when he was explaining what happened to De Kock. De Kock’s acknowledgment of the decision clearly came as a relief.

Once they came back to the saddling enclosure Hawwaam was walked around and showed no sign of discomfort.

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