

Race 5 The R80 000 Class D Classified Stakes over 2000 m will be contested at 15:00 on Friday, 15 August 2025 at Fairview's Main Turf track.

Pace at start: Average

1. **GEORGE HANDEL – MR 74 (HMR 93) → 19-point drop**
Last run: *1.75 lengths behind winner* (3 days ago). Back quickly after solid run; drawn 4, Luyolo Mxothwa rides for Zietsman Oosthuizen — major player.
2. **ALADO'S PRIDE – MR 73 (HMR 83) → 10-point drop**
Last run: *5.45 lengths behind winner* (11 days ago). Has dropped from past peak; drawn 5, Wayne Agrella rides — needs improvement but has ability.
3. **GARDEN SUN – MR 72 (HMR 77) → 5-point drop**
Last run: *3.75 lengths behind winner* (21 days ago). Consistent efforts; drawn 9, Craig Zackey rides — wide gate may require early work.
4. **HENRY'S HEDGE – MR 72 (HMR 73) → 1-point drop**
Last run: *1.85 lengths behind winner* (11 days ago). Competitive; drawn 2, Chad Little rides — good draw for stalking run.
5. **CHERE FOR ME – MR 72 (HMR 91) → 19-point drop**
Last run: *PU (previous: 2.85 L)* (35 days ago). Drawn 8, Chase Maujean for Jacques Strydom — inconsistent but can place on best form.
6. **BEER WITH THE BOYS – MR 62 (HMR 65) → 3-point drop**
Last run: *PU (previous: 4.50 L)* (28 days ago). Lightly weighted (54 kg); drawn 6, Stallone Naidoo rides — outsider.
7. **DUMISANI – MR 64 (HMR 64) → 0-point drop**
Last run: *4.00 lengths behind winner* (11 days ago). Drawn 1, Gareth Wright claims 1 kg — inside draw advantage could help.
8. **DUTCHESS D'ORANGE – MR 56 (HMR 58) → 2-point drop**
Last run: *3.10 lengths behind winner* (28 days ago). Drawn 7, Malesela Katjedi rides — needs improvement.
9. **MOTHERSHIP – MR 50 (HMR 75) → 25-point drop**
Last run: *2.00 lengths behind winner* (28 days ago). Big drop from peak, but latest run respectable; drawn 3, Nirvan Nastili claims 2.5 kg + 0.5 allowance — possible place chance.

Top 3: GEORGE HANDEL, HENRY'S HEDGE, MOTHERSHIP