

RACE 9: 1200 MTS, FM 74, CLASS A

PRINCE OF KILDARE – MR 69 (HMR 84) → 15-point drop

Last run: 3.00 lengths behind winner (10 days ago). Drawn 2, Malesela Katjedi rides — MR drop from peak but recent runs show he's struggling to finish close.

RODEO DRIVE – MR 103 (HMR 105) → 2-point drop

Last run: 2.25 lengths behind winner (21 days ago). Drawn 9, Craig Zackey rides — consistent high MR performer, but wide draw is a challenge.

SYLVAN WARRIOR – MR 101 (HMR 91) → MR improved

Last run: 0.90 lengths behind winner (21 days ago). Drawn 4, Kobeli Lihaba rides — coming off a strong close finish, good draw, strong contender.

BJORN IRONSIDE – MR 108 (HMR 110) → 2-point drop

Last run: 1.50 lengths behind winner (172 days ago). Drawn 7, Gavin Lerena rides — long layoff but quality horse, could surprise if fit.

FROZEN FANTASY – MR 107 (HMR 107) → stable rating

Last run: 0.60 lengths behind winner (15 days ago). Drawn 8, Kabelo Matsunyane rides — good recent run, but wide draw will make it tricky.

VULCANITE – MR 102 (HMR 104) → 2-point drop

Last run: 4.25 lengths behind winner (22 days ago). Drawn 3, Serino Moodley rides — consistent but not winning, needs a strong ride.

WILLIAM WEST – MR 64 (HMR 84) → 20-point drop

Last run: 8.90 lengths behind winner (10 days ago). Drawn 5, Louis Nhlapo rides — huge MR drop over time but form poor.

NYAKA NYAKA – MR 91

Last run: 2.80 lengths behind winner (42 days ago). Drawn 6, Calvin Habib rides — steady but not spectacular, place chance.

BAKWENA – MR 95 (HMR 97) → 2-point drop

Last run: 41.25 lengths behind winner (169 days ago). Drawn 1, Muzi Yeni rides — long layoff + huge losing margin, unlikely threat.

TOP 3: SYLVAN WARRIOR, FROZEN FANTASY, RODEO DRIVE