

## **Race by Race with Ellis Park Analyst, Megan Devine**

### **Race 1:**

PRINCESS IZABELLA runs with blinkers today for a small trainer that wins at a very high percent. She drops in class a little to fit in this spot after a sprint at Indiana. ROWDY RONDA tries the Ellis dirt for the second time this meet after she ran 2<sup>nd</sup>. She's had a work over this track since then and looks for redemption. PINKY PROMISE runs without blinkers today in her third start in 2 years. She finished a disappointing 7<sup>th</sup> at Churchill Downs last month, but she may have needed that race after the long layoff. TAYLONNIE comes out of the same race as ROWDY RONDA. She's bred well for this distance.

***Selections: 4-8-1-9***

### **Race 2:**

CAP TRICK drops back down from the Allowance level to a Claiming race. His workouts have been very impressive and he's finished in the money 4 out of 4 times. He last won by 10½ lengths over a muddy track at Oaklawn Park this year. SIDEWAYS VISION has performed well for hometown hero Tim Glyshaw. He's been carefully placed to finish in the money in his last 8 starts, some of which were more competitive spots. Part of entry BLUE GRASS ROAD hated the slop last time but was competitive at Churchill Downs and closed to win at Keeneland this year. His counterpart, K ONE COBRA will set or be close to the pace and has shown some gumption before. RHYTHM PARK runs without blinkers and looks to have speed.

***Selections: 3-6-1/1A-2***

### **Race 3:**

MISIA SEKIGUCHI will have to prove herself again in this rematch of a race. She finished a solid second here on opening weekend after following a good pace. SO MANY DREAMS finished 2½ lengths behind the aforementioned mare after an awkward start. If she can get a good jump she may be more competitive. GIVE ME THY HEART breaks for trainer/owner Steve Asmussen. She has potential but she's also had some troubled starts and her best performances came in the Spring of 2015. LUVURITA also raced opening weekend to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. She may not be as fast as some others in here but could keep on to round out the exotics.

***Selections: 4-2-6-8***

### **Race 4:**

MORE THAN SHIRL listed as a first time gelding and previously trained by a turf extraordinaire. Drops in class drastically but continues on the turf. Trainer Gary House hits at 20% running horses for the first time and 25% on the turf. ROBERT J also moves down in class and distance after running a mile on the turf on opening weekend. Expect him to be just off of the pace. REDREAM, a likely speed horse, comes off a bit of a rest and tries turf for the first time. BRO STROLL runs for Jeff Barkely for the first time. His best efforts have been on sloppy tracks but he has some turf breeding.

***Selections: 11-1-6-10***

**Race 5:**

ROCK STAR STATUS has had one start since his winter break. He may have needed that last race to get him back in to form. He drops in class here and recorded a bullet work at Keeneland this month. CONSEQUENTIAL starts for the very first time for trainer Mark Casse. He receives Lasix for the first time and shows a very professional, and speedy, workout. CURLINS VOW seems to be on the improve, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, in his only two starts. He's had a few months off but recorded a bullet workout last week. Look for him to have late speed. DISCREETLY FIRM has finished in the money in all of his starts except one, when he was pulled up. He drops in class here and also clocked a bullet workout at Churchill Downs.

***Selections: 6-1-5-3***

**Race 6:**

FIRST HERITAGE broke her maiden on the turf but hasn't had a win since. She finished 2<sup>nd</sup> last at the same level and distance but on the dirt. BEELINE has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her last two starts on the turf. She's got turf breeding and expect this one to be speedy early on. CAPRIASCA drops back down in to the claiming levels after two allowance races. She finished 2<sup>nd</sup> going two turns earlier this year. GOLD CELEBRITY was third against FIRST HERITAGE two starts back on dirt. She's bred well for the turf and the distance.

***Selections: 10-4-2-8***

**Race 7:**

BON HEIR has been very competitive in her last three races, two of which were at Allowance levels. She's nearly perfect in the mornings and should be on or close to the pace in here. In her last three starts, BRILLIANT BELLE won by 5 lengths at Churchill Downs and 4 lengths at Keeneland this year. CAN'T BE DAZZLED was very game in her last start after a few months off. JULERETTE runs best on an uncontested lead, as she demonstrated two starts back. Drops down in class after running at the stakes level last time.

***Selections: 9-8-5-2***

**Race 8:**

GOTHAM NEWS has put up some very big speed ratings in his last three starts, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He cuts back in distance a little bit and looks fresh off of a short freshening and a quick workout under the twin spires. FOR GOODNESS SAKE preferred a muddy track, after a 6½ length win in his last race. He cuts back to a mile for the first time since October 2015. PINNACLE PEAK has raced at the Graded Stakes level and won the Prairie Meadows Juvenile Mile Stakes last year. He breaks well and will try to set the pace.

***Selections: 3-4-9-1***

**Race 9:**

SHE'S A TEN will most likely make a late run, as she's done before. Her best performances have been off the turf but she appears talented. COLD DESERT raced on the turf last time at this distance to finish a competitive 4<sup>th</sup>. She steps up in class here. GURLIN is bred for this surface and distance but hasn't been close to a win since her first start 7 races ago. TIZTHESOUND also seems to be bred for this surface and distance. This filly drops down

from Maiden Special Weight levels after multiple starts on the turf at a similar distance.  
She's got speed in here.

***Selections: 6-1-7-10***