

**Race by Race**  
**with Ellis Park Racing Analyst Megan Devine**

**Race 1:**

#3 ZAP CAT has been racing on the turf at 1m and 1 1/16 m in his last four starts but only hit the board in his most recent attempt at Churchill Downs. The son of Pioneer of the Nile (sire of 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah) looks to be on the improve with a better finish and a professional work. #4 NANA LOOCH finished second on the dirt under the twin spires but hasn't had much success on the turf. He may appreciate a distance he's comfortable with. #7 MEMORIAL BLUE found some trouble in his last start, so he needs a clean race and some luck on the grass. #2 SUMMER BULL, a homebred for historic Calumet Farm, tries turf for the first time for trainer Dale Romans.

***Selections: 3-4-7-2***

**Race 2:**

#2 MADE ME TALK, Texas bred, takes a drop in class but been in the money 5 out of 10 lifetime starts, though he hasn't won since January when he put away horses on a wet fast track at Oaklawn Park. #6 RAZORBACK RED, Arkansas bred, has the most recent success of the field with a very close second place finish at Prairie Meadows. He's been training here at Ellis Park so he should be familiar with the surface. #4 APOCALYPSE has good closing speed and finished a close third behind a horse that won its next start at Ellis. #7 GARLAND SPIRIT drops down from 1m to sprinting 5 1/2 f on the main track. Illinois bred gelding has hit the board in his past 6 starts at a similar level. Expect this carefully placed gelding to be sitting just off of the pace.

***Selections: 2-6-4-7***

**Race 3:**

#2 FOUND MY LADY, a homebred for Ken & Sarah Ramsey and trained by two year old expert Wesley Ward, seems tightened up and ready to fire based on her morning. #6 PIMENTA, trained by Steve Asmussen (2016 Racing Hall of Fame inductee), finished a nice 2nd last time. #3 WHAT WHAT WHAT who finished 3rd in her last two starts, will run half a furlong longer than she's used to but her closing style may be useful here. #4 HAL'S MISCHIEF finished second in both of her previous races and looks to be competitive. Her morning times have been slow, but it's her afternoon performances that count and she's done well.

***Selections: 2-6-3-4***

**4<sup>th</sup> Race:**

#9 RUE DE MISIQUE breaks for the barn of Mark Casse who has been on fire since winning his first two Breeders' Cup races last year. The first time starter looks very professional in his morning workouts, which have included a bullet 5f breeze from the gate in 1:00 flat. #3 ARCHANGEL ROSE has shown closing speed in his career 6 starting routing on the grass. He's sire is Flower Alley who also produced 2012 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, I'll Have Another, so he shouldn't have any

trouble with the distance. #8 NILEATOR who is owned by Zayat Stables and shares a sire with champion American Pharoah, has been in the money in his past six starts. He has experience going long on the turf and drops down from the Maiden Special Weight levels, so this seems like the perfect spot for him. #1 HUMOR hopes to recover in his second start after a rough break at Churchill Downs over the main track in June. Trainer Neil Howard switches things up from a short race on the dirt to a long race on the turf. The 4 year old gelding by Distorted Humor looks to be competitive as he's put in some speedy workouts before slowing things down in preparation for this race.

***Selections: 9-3-8-1***

**Race 5:**

#6 SEEKING GOLD drops in class here for McPeck after tiring going long on the turf but switches back to sprinting on dirt. #5 MISS HETTY also takes a class drop after a disappointing finish at Churchill Downs. Works show fitness for trainer Steve Margolis who has a win at Ellis. #8 ANGELS AND ARCHES had a nice 2nd place finish at Indiana over similar conditions. #2 SWEET BETTY shortens up on the dirt after she weakened over a mile at Churchill Downs.

***Selections: 6-5-8-2***

**Race 6:**

#7 MACCORLEOT has impressive workouts and shares a sire, Uncle Mo, with 2016 Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist. #3 FRIEND OF LIBERTY runs for trainer Steve Asmussen who also does well with first time starters. #11 CONQUEST SLAYER has turf breeding and breaks for the barn of Mark Casse who has been nearly unstoppable since winning his first two Breeders' Cup races last fall. #12 MORTICIA has shown talent in her workouts over the Keeneland main track.

***Selections: 7-3-11-12***

**Race 7:**

#2 PROVEN WARRIOR has finished 1<sup>st</sup> in four of his last 5 starts. He's shown extreme speed in the mornings including a 5f work in 58 seconds. #7 JACK'S THE WON has shown closing speed in his previous races and overcame a troubled trip to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> last time out. #4 DREAMING OF JOEY has beaten a few of the horses in this field already. He was driving past the wire in his last race at Churchill Downs, so expect him to be competitive. #5 ROYAL DEHERE finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his last start and has consistently hit the board in his career. Note, he raced only 12 days ago on opening weekend of Ellis. This gelding has raced off of short layoffs before and performed okay.

***Selections: 2-7-4-5***

**Race 8:**

#7 MAZIETTE is one of the only contenders with success on the turf in this race. She returns after a gutsy finish at Oaklawn Park, some time off and a few eye-catching works. #9 CLASSY CORINTHIAN has shown excellent speed in her morning workouts but hasn't had a win since last fall. But, she has been very close while

facing some tough competitors. #4 MISS COBBLESTONE has been successful at this distance but tries Turf for only the second time in her career. Throw out her last race, as she seemed to hate the longer distance. #1 KITETA also has experience on the turf but hasn't won since last spring. She takes a drop in class here.

***Selections: 7-9-4-1***

**Race 9:**

#8 WAKE TURBULENCE tries turf for the first time for owner/trainer Jack Frost. She put in a bullet work recently and drops in class from much tougher races. #6 COUNTON CLAIRE also takes a drop after a short rest. She has also been working great and her pedigree fits this distance. #7 FALINA'S SONG raced on opening weekend of this Ellis meet. Notes say she was steadied during the race so she may be looking for redemption over similar conditions. #9 TEMPERATURE RISING also takes a few steps down to this level of racing. Has been working over the synthetic track and racing on the turf at Golden Gate. The move east from California should be noted.

***Selections: 8-6-7-9***