



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

### **Race 1:**

CAPE PROMISE, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> here over this distance on opening weekend, gets a second chance here. She comes from off of the pace and was closing well last time but ran out of room. NATIVE is the biggest class dropper in here. She last raced in a Maiden Special Weight and comes off a layoff in to this spot. They held on to her for two years, so she might have talent. MINE NOT YOURS made her first start at Ellis but didn't get the best break. She's put in some serious workouts at the Thoroughbred Training Center. REMEMBER ROSIE finished 5<sup>th</sup> last time, but only by 2¼ lengths. She runs best on turf.

***Selections: 1-5-11-2***

### **Race 2:**

LEAD THE CHARGE runs for Brad Cox, who is currently winning at 28%. He drops from a Maiden Special Weight to this spot after a distant 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Hopefully, that race gave him an education and blinkers go on for a trainer that hits at almost 20% with them. NICE NOT NICE takes a drop in class after a short rest. He's been working well, as he comes off a few bullet works to this spot. He's the best bred for this distance. COWBOY MOVIE, a first time starter for Steve Asmussen, a trainer that wins at 20% with young horses. THE WHEELMAN is also well bred for this spot. He makes his second start and gets blinkers for owner/trainer, Don Hunt.

***Selections: 8-2-6-3***

### **Race 3:**

FORT SMITH runs for trainer Ron Moquett for the first time, after taking a decent drop in class. He's clocked a few bullet workouts at Keeneland and has experience long on the turf. He comes off a layoff but should fit well here. PITCH COUNT started last time at Ellis Park but stumbled at the start. Despite his troubles, he picked off a few horses for 4<sup>th</sup>. OATFIELD has some turf and distance breeding to back him up. This will be his second start after a race at Ellis Park that may have provided some education. ROCK MUSIC tries turf for the first time to find his spot. He's sired by the almighty Tapit, so he has some speed.

***Selections: 6-5-3-2***

### **Race 4:**

VIRGINIA WALLS comes off a win over the main track at Ellis Park. She's been in the money 3 out of 6 times over this distance, and looks to be one of the only speed horses in here. SECRETS OF SUMMER, has been going very well over this track and even earned an unusual "handily" comment for her last work. She also has speed but will need to get back to the form she had last year to do well. LITTLEBITCRANKY drops a small step in class to fit here. She has late speed but looks to be professional

in the mornings. PROFITRESS is a closer, as well, and comes off a win in a race that may not have been as competitive as this one.

***Selections: 4-7-5-3***

**Race 5:**

BANDI'S GAL drops from the Allowance levels after two wins going long on the dirt at Churchill Downs. She has a lot of speed but can also sit off of the pace which may be helpful here. SUGAR CUBE has put up a couple of big efforts in her last two races. She typically runs as a closer, so expect late speed. ALOHA ROSE won her last race despite losing her footing at the start. She will run against some of those same horses today. A mile seems to be the best distance for THRYLOS, as she won defiantly at Churchill two starts back and just missed last time out.

***Selections: 3-8-4-2***

**Race 6:**

EVER SPECIAL makes her debut for trainer Brad Cox, who does very well with two year olds (32%) and first time starters (21%). She's been working well at Churchill Downs and gets Lasix for the first time. CONQUEST SWEETRIDE is definitely bred for this distance. Her workouts at Keeneland have been very impressive and she runs for a trainer that wins at 19% with 2 year olds. MAMA TRACE had a bullet workout two back going 3 furlongs. Her next work was over 7 furlongs, so it looks like she may be fast and fit for the distance. MOON BLOSSOM had one start already but finished a disappointing 9<sup>th</sup>. She stretches out today from 5 furlongs to a mile.

***Selections: 10-1-6-4***

**Race 7:**

LOOKIN FOR A KISS takes a steep drop from a Grade 3 race to an allowance race. He has clocked some serious workouts and has been competitive in the Grade 3 Pat Day mile and the Grade 1 Blue Grass Stakes. This will be a much easier spot for him. MOON KING returns off a layoff for trainer Mark Casse, and boast a couple of quick workouts at Churchill Downs. This colt has early speed to expect to see in in front. CAPITAL LETTERS back to the allowance levels and stretches out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time for trainer Ian Wilkes. He's has recent success at levels close to this. CALIFORNIA COAST last worked 5 furlongs in under a minute, the fastest of that day.

***Selections: 8-1-3-7***

**Race 8:**

CRONINTHEBARBARIAN has some serious back class. He's already won a stakes race and just missed winning a few graded stakes races. He's definitely the class of the race but comes off a short layoff. FLASHY CHELSEY finished 3<sup>rd</sup> last time after time off. He made have needed that race but still put in a solid performance. WEST VILLAGE drops in here for Wayne Catalano. He won and just missed in his last two starts at the Allowance level. Expect him to be competitive and make a late move. If PATERNAL PRIDE puts in anything close to the performance he gave at Indiana two starts back, he'll do well.

***Selections: 7-1-4-2***

**Race 9:**

OPTICAL drop a little here after his big win at Ellis Park on opening weekend. He has early speed but will most likely face challengers. WOLF BAYOU already has a win at Ellis, as well. Despite the jockey losing his whip, this colt soared to a win on the dirt last time. READY RESERVE drops in class after a close 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish and a bumped break. SAMICEAN had high hopes at Ellis last time and drops in hopes of an improve.

***Selections: 7-9-5-4***