



Race by Race Analysis

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FIRST – I AM SUPERIOR TOO is the only real class dropper in the race and had an excuse last race with traffic trouble. The distance today a little question mark but the two Churchill dirt races leading up to last effort would win this and she's won on grass before. Get's jockey Channing Hill back which should be a plus he rode her in three best races this year. She's never run on off track if it comes off the turf but dirt form still would make her top pick. STORMIN JORJA was 3rd in a race with the same conditions here three weeks ago; she's the only filly in the race with a win at the distance and turf her preferred surface; race in the slop two back was good if this one comes off the grass. DISONES PRETTY looks like the pace setter from the rail post and can see her hanging around for a share.

Selections **4-6-1-9**

SECOND – Looks like a two horse race with the inside horses; DON'T MAKE ME MAD failed in her first try on turf last race but previous dirt races look good in this spot. She's only 1-for-25 lifetime but 3-of-4 in the money this year when at this level on the dirt. Her only poor effort was parked outside in two turn race at Churchill. She should sit just off the pace off sprinter stretching out on her outside but thinking the race two back is the key here and Asumussen barn on a roll here. GRACEQUINNANDRMADY draws the rail and drops in for \$5000 after being claimed three races back; she didn't show much when moved up in class but broke maiden in one turn mile at Gulfstream. She comes from way back and don't think that running style works here for the win but logical contender on the drop. ELONA probably makes the lead here coming off two ¾ sprints and on the board both races here this summer but don't see her lasting the mile.

Selections **2-1-3-7**

THIRD – WINGATE HALL missed the break in the same race here three weeks ago, then hustled to the lead and just got beat on the wire. I think he's faster than the speed to his inside here and goes wire-to-wire today. LOVE YOUR HONOR was the horse that beat HALL last race, posting mild upset at 9/1 but got a perfect pace setup in smaller field than today; not seeing repeat in the cards. GEORGIE MY BOY gets some class relief from his last two races, the last one here at Ellis. He was only beaten a couple lengths in each try against tougher starter allowance rivals. Best chance is a trip just behind early leaders but not expecting much value. ROSKI tries to make it 3-for-3 on the year after front running scores at Fairmount Park, the last one at 3/5. He knows how to win, 13 victories in 32 career starts but draws tricky rail post and think a couple in here are better than what he has been beating.

Selections **7-8-4-1**

FOURTH – SUPERSTYLE makes second career start, was runner-up in debut on the grass at Lonstar with a troubled trip and still couple lengths clear of third place finisher. Looks like son of Derby winner Super Saver settled into Ellis with two nice morning works, including bullet best 5/8th a week ago. Asmussen hits at 25% with maidens making their second start and with six first time starters in here, thinking even one race experience helps. Of the first timers, DATTS ARTIES BOY looks interesting, strong Maker/Ramsey connections this Artie Schiller colt was \$75,000 yearling purchase and strong grass breeding and Maker can win going long first time out and he's had two 2-year old winners at the meet so far. Trainer Ken McPeek has also had 2-year old success here this summer and YOUNG AMERICAN hasn't missed a work since May; he's 12% with first timers at a mile or longer. GEMACHO took some money in his first race here when 2nd in an off the turf race last month. \$70,000 yearling buy shows nice ½ mile breeze last week and would move him up if race comes off the grass.

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

*Thoroughbred Metrics, Inc. has provided race analysis at Ellis for the last five years
Top Pick – 32% win, 67% in the money, \$1.85 ROI*

FIFTH – I think CAN'T BE DAZZLED can win right back at this next condition. She was impressive here at 5/1 in first level allowance and gets a nice outside post to stalk the early speed. She ran one of the fastest ¾ miles times so far at the meet and three published morning works since that strong effort. She's raced once further than ¾ mile and beat half the field at Keeneland last fall; third race of current form cycle might have room for improvement. COVEY TRACE didn't show much in the mile turf stake at Indiana but dirt sprinting looks like where he fits best. Churchill win two races back was nice and ran two good races here last summer. Likely favorite is TWIRL GIRL who returns to action in Kentucky after shipping to Gulfstream for a stakes try against straight 3yo fillies on Summit of Speed Day; can forgive that effort with the shipping and worked three times since but draws the rail and looks more likely for minor spot. BIG RED SEVEN was local winner here a month ago at 12/1.

Selections 7-3-1-6

SIXTH – Half the field in this 2-year old maiden mile turf race make their first lifetime start. I like the two Kitten's Joy colts – KITTEN'S CAT and CONQUEST CROWN ME on top. Both come from top barns – Joe Sharp and Norm Casse and both win at 15% with first timers going a mile or longer. CROWN ME was a \$170,000 yearling purchase and Casse won here last weekend with 2-year old first timer. HARDLY SEEN SLIM ran once, 3rd here last month in a similar race. Hard Spun colt broke from the rail that day, dropped back and raced wide and closed ground to get the show but wasn't a fast race; expecting improvement and has nice ½ breeze coming into this race but like the first time angle in the Kittens a little better here. MR MISUNERSTOOD moves to the grass and stretches out after debuting with a decent 4th going ¾ on dirt. Trainer Brad Cox is 33% dirt to turf but most of those with older horses. The winner from that race did come back to win again already and no big surprise if this colt improves here.

Selections 3-2-7-4

SEVENTH – EL SOMBRE has run two strong races here this summer in the same non-winners on the year condition. Runner-up each time he gets better post draw here than either of those races and repeat of either race should get the job done. His main threat looks like RAZORBACK RED who takes a slight drop in class and conditions off that last race and was 2nd, beaten just a neck in a non-winner of the year race here July 15. KIAWAH'S WARRIOR makes second start after a three month break but best races for him have been on grass. WALT shows an almost identical pattern to RED and was just a neck behind EL SOMBRE two races back before trying a step up for new connections after the claim.

Selections 2-8-6-4

EIGHTH – Tough call here but going with AMERICAN COWGIRL who was 2nd here last month in similar race. This filly faced tough company over the winter at Gulfstream, running in some key races that produced next start winners then had a troubled trip when stretched out to 1 ½ against a formidable group at Keeneland. She followed that with mediocre effort off the turf then two good runner-up tries. She's had more chances with six starts than anyone in the field but repeat of her last gets the diploma today. MELLWOOD SUMMER, by top freshman sire Uncle Mo ran one time going short in an off the turf race last month with a nice effort to be 3rd, beaten less than a length behind a winner that came back to win her next start. Stretch out and surface change should be no problem; was bet in her debut down to 5/2 and expecting less today. OCEAN REEF is exceptionally bred for grass and four career starts has shown some ability; trainer Rusty Arnold adds blinkers today but think this field as good as last at Indiana when 4th. QUEEN OF KEENE debuts for trainer Brad Cox who can win going long first out; nicely bred Bernadini filly shows steady works but think others sitting on a win make her more likely for a minor spot.

Selections 4-3-2-1

NINTH – Short priced favorite will be SAY HEY KID for trainer Brad Cox; off for three months, he's been gelded since last race and hit the board in five of dozen lifetime starts. He was unlucky not to win a couple times, especially in route races so distance shouldn't be problem and trainer is 25% with this type of layoff. Three morning works coming into this race, including nice bullet ½ mile three weeks ago and even with suspicious drop in class all signs

say 'go'. MR SENSIBILITY was 5th, beaten less than two lengths in the same race here a month ago. The rest of the field has had a lot of chances at this level and not really been competitive so maybe first time starter OTTOMAN WARRIOR can have an impact. A \$37,000 yearling purchase last year now debut for \$7500 tag but trainer Murat Sancal has hit the board with all three runners at the meet; with a limited sample he's done well with debuting starters. BLUE SKY LAW looks best of the rest, 2nd for \$5000 on the dirt here last month and trying turf first time.

Selections **2-8-10-6**