



## Race by Race Analysis

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### Friday, August 26

**FIRST** – Going with a hunch play in the opener, AFTERMARKETSPOILER hasn't raced in eight months but high percentage trainer Dane Kobiskie has won with two other layoff runners here this summer, both with jockey Declan Cannon riding. Both those winners, like this filly, showed a couple of similar recent works at Thoroughbred Training Center. Each of her wins were turf sprinting and looking for lightning to strike a third time. HENRY'S SONG drops to \$7500 today after not showing much on the synthetic at Arlington. There are lots of gaps between starts over last year but best races have come turf sprinting. CAM AND CARN'S GIRL returned from a ten month layoff to run a career best race and score at 15/1 here last month. She bounced off that race and followed it with an even 4<sup>th</sup> as the favorite.

*Selections*      2-3-1-5

**SECOND** – Looks like a two horse race between the 7-year old mares on the inside. KITCHEN BOSS liked the change of scenery to Ellis when shipped up from Texas. She won this same open \$5000 claiming race impressively as the 2/1 favorite by five lengths. She might bounce of that big effort and only shows four wins in thirty-five lifetime starts but like the fact they've brought her back with two morning works since that race. She comes from way back so needs some pace to run at and think she'll get the job done again. Likely favorite is FIGHTING XENA who was respectable 5<sup>th</sup> beaten just five lengths in the turf stake here last month. She followed that with a dull effort against a tough allowance field at Indiana. Massive class drop down to \$5000 but skeptical and couple others figure to keep her company up front. ARTIST CRY was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the KITCHEN BOSS race making her first start in three months; Louisiana bred mare has three mile turf wins but never run as fast as top two.

*Selections*      1-2-4-6

**THIRD** – AMERICAN HOLIDAY drops down to \$5000 level after a couple of subpar efforts at Indiana. Two races back was against allowance then a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish for \$10,000 behind where the runner-up came back to win. She also won twice here in two starts last summer. She's won four times but fits the 'never won three' condition as a 3-year old; short-priced favorite likely winner with repeat of almost any her previous races. CARMEN'S PICTURE would be most likely upsetter, 3<sup>rd</sup> in her last two, including last race here three weeks ago. The other outside shot would be VIRGINIA WALLS who's run her best races on the lead and will probably try to gun it from the rail post. KRISTA'S ROSE becomes first horse to make five starts at this meet, was 3<sup>rd</sup> a week ago in similar race.

*Selections*      6-2-1-7

**FOURTH** – PINK'S HONOR was 2<sup>nd</sup> in a similar race here three weeks ago. She's been no worse than 4<sup>th</sup> all year at around this \$16,000 claiming level and shows more of a closing style since taking blinkers off three starts back. Runner-up in three of five tries on the grass, shows better current form than some of the class droppers, like MUSICAL SCORE and BACKLASH. SCORE is one of only two in the field to win on grass but was 4<sup>th</sup> as beaten favorite in six horse field at Indiana last race. I expect to see BACKLASH on the lead, he's run in mostly sprints all year. His lone try on turf came here last start against allowance company and could see him lasting here for a minor piece. TURN TO INCLUDE was 4<sup>th</sup> in the same condition race here six weeks ago.

*Selections*      2-6-4-7

**FIFTH** – Inside post position and early speed a plus in the one mile races here and FRYERS WELL fits the bill. He ran a good 3<sup>rd</sup> here last start, beaten just a length after a wide trip. He's been in the money four of six starts this year and more consistent than anyone else in this non-winners of the year condition. He won at Ellis last summer going a mile, versatile running style on or just off the early pace and gets jockey Marlon St Julien has been aboard for both recent starts. WICKED CHEER was competitive here in two starts this summer, including 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile July 10, then took a detour and checked in 3<sup>rd</sup> in a race at Fairmont two weeks ago. On the board in half his starts here and four career wins at a mile but recent form seems a couple lengths below the top pick. PERFECTLY AT HOME got a seven week break after 4<sup>th</sup> here in a similar race. Running style from far back usually gets him a minor share. Indiana-bred SHEBA'S ECHO has been alternating sprint and route races and will be up close early but hasn't been able to beat state bred at Indiana and see him in one of the runner-up spots.

*Selections*      **2-4-9-3**

**SIXTH** – Evenly matched field in this \$7500 starter allowance turf race and price on GILL'S TERRACE will be attractive. 7-year old is one of two in the race for trainer Gary House and GILL has run well each summer at Ellis and today's 1 1/16<sup>th</sup> his best distance. He was 4<sup>th</sup> here against \$15,000 claimers in first race in six months and followed that with 2<sup>nd</sup> two weeks ago. He won this same condition last summer off a similar three race sequence and looking for some déjà vu. Texas-bred MAGNA BREEZE has been favored in ten of last twelve starts. Interesting to see was claimed by Steve Asmussen off Mike Maker for \$5000 from a race he won. Best races from a year ago would trounce this field but not expecting much value and tougher group here than he beat last month. A little surprised LIMONTE has never tried the turf; pretty good grass breeding and eight time winner drops from tough allowance company to level where he's been competitive all year.

*Selections*      **5-3-8-2**

**SEVENTH** – GOLDEN MISCHIEF shows up here after making three starts, 2<sup>nd</sup> first time out at Churchill, then 4<sup>th</sup> twice at Belmont, one of those in a stakes race. Already proven she has some ability and big experience edge on a field that includes six first time starters. QUE HANSEN makes first start, she's by 2-year old champion Hansen and trainer Mike Maker ran 2<sup>nd</sup> last weekend here with one of these offspring; shows nice work tab including two bullets at Churchill Training Center. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has STETSON GOLD by hot stallion Uncle Mo, another filly from top barn that shows nice morning works. DEFY was a \$250,000 yearling purchase that ran once at Keeneland back in April. She didn't show much but returns adding blinkers for high percentage trainer Dane Kobiskie.

*Selections*      **8-3-5-7**

**EIGHTH** – Three fillies in here faced each other and were less than two lengths apart in the same race on August 7. FREEDOM WORKS was 5<sup>th</sup> in that race but it was her first start of the year and she had the worst trip checked in the stretch and probably cost her at least running 3<sup>rd</sup> that day. She breezed ½ mile since that race and like to see Corey Lanerie back aboard; expecting improvement. PINKY PROMISE is the likely favorite, she was 2<sup>nd</sup> in that race at 2/1 and was also 2<sup>nd</sup>, beaten just a neck as even money favorite the previous race. Since taking off the blinkers she's come from off the pace and should get a similar set-up today just not expecting any value. STARSHIP LAUREN is the fastest filly in the field, she's made a clear lead last two times against similar company just hasn't been able to finish. A new face on the scene is PATSY EM, off since being claimed at Churchill in May. She takes a little drop off 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish on dirt and been working here at Ellis.

*Selections*      **5-4-6-8**