



Race by Race Analysis

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Saturday, August 27

FIRST – PARC CELESTE has been very consistent and unlucky not to win a couple of her recent races. She's been no worse than 4th in her last eight starts and only twice beaten more than two lengths while racing at five different tracks. One of those was here July 15 with the same race conditions when she was 2nd by less than a length. Versatile running style usually just off the early speed should be in a good spot with a couple others in here likely to go to the front. One on the early pace should be D'PRINCESS who shipped up from Texas for Steve Asmussen and shows four local works since the two 3rd place tries at Lonestar; nine-time winner has big shot to go gate-to-wire. HEARTBREAK HILL has run best races turf sprinting and was only beaten three lengths last race at Arlington by a filly that came back to win next start. She comes from far back and not sure enough speed to really set her up for the win. BULLDASHANSWERS has been off for a year but only one in the field with a win at today's distance.

Selections **6-5-3-7**

SECOND – Very confusing race with only six entered. 5-year old gelding SHATHOOR was an \$850,000 yearling purchase that didn't pan out for Shadwell, drops from maiden special but hasn't raced in six months after two dull efforts at Oaklawn. He's shown enough speed in some of his races to get the lead and probably need that from the rail; lots of good works this summer but figures to be favored and disappointed too many times. ZANOTTI ran good in a couple of dirt races this spring but last two efforts on grass were poor, including 6th as even money favorite three weeks ago at Indiana for claiming \$25,000. I'll take shot with BEAT GOES ON, who should offer some value. He's been exclusively racing in sprints and last three times in for a tag. But he's been working here at Ellis for a month and Asmussen having such a good meet with local horses, giving him a slight edge over the others that just haven't produced. CAP'S TALE was moving forward in races last year but comeback effort against claiming \$50,000 tired badly behind a runaway winner; nice work pattern since but unlikely for top spot.

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

THIRD – SKY ALERT ran a good 2nd in the same race here three weeks ago and finished ahead of a couple others in today's field. It was first time in for today's \$5000 claiming price and winner that day Showbiz Star has run three good races at the meet. HYPOTHETICAL was also 2nd in a similar race here last month, beaten only a length, when making his first start in a couple months. He's won or placed in 5-of-6 this year all at this claiming level. BOURBONIZE drops in for half the price of his last race when 4th here on the dirt. He's only been on turf once before but two races at Churchill in June were good enough to win this if he can take to the grass. EU BANDOLERO drops from a couple tries at the \$7500 level.

Selections **3-7-10-9**

FOURTH – Even is OUR ADIEU bounces of that last race, a career lifetime best, still has a good shot here. She's 2-for-2 at the meet, a win on both turf and dirt. The starter conditions of today's race is a class jump but give her a slight edge on sharp current form. ALOHA ROSE takes a class drop and cuts back in distance here. Her last four races have been hot and cold with two wins and two clunkers. She hasn't been sprinting in awhile but has won going short. PINKCHAMPAGNEONICE won 2-fo-3 at today's distance before a poor effort at Fairmont last race, finishing behind LEISURELY RENNY who came back to win again. Both fillies usually show early speed but neither has raced here at Ellis before.

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

FIFTH – DISCREET MOVE takes the biggest drop here; he's run once at the meet against a field of \$16,000 claimers. He's in today for \$5000 and making second start in four months. He shows a ½ breeze since the race last month and gives him an edge over most of the field that has already been at this level. STATELY OAK was 3rd in the same race here three weeks ago and winner that day came back to win his next start. REDREAM was a sharp maiden winner here for the same claiming price. He went wire-to-wire and looks like the one to chase down. Runner-up from his maiden win came back to win next start. BUDDY BUD was a couple lengths behind STATELY OAK then tried a long turf race for \$7500; should show more cutting back in distance and back on dirt.

Selections 7-4-8-2

SIXTH – CHARGIN STORM needs a clean break from the gate. He's been competitive in all his three races but poor start has cost him in two of those efforts. Bargain purchase last year for just \$1000 moves to the grass; favorite last start at Indiana when he checked in 4th, beaten just three lengths, not a really tough field here and if he can get a good start, previous races say he can win this one. ROCKY TOUGH improved in his second start and was just a few lengths behind in similar race her August 5. Good to see Calvin Borel back in action and rides a first time starter for Buff Bradley; KISS MY NOTE is a homebred by sire Macleans Music who is off to good start with first crop runners. TEMPESTOUSLY debuts from Paul McGee barn; trainer doesn't win with many first timers but not the toughest 2-year old group here this summer and he's 9-for-10 in the money with starters at Ellis.

Selections 6-2-4-9

SEVENTH – MICHAEL J drops into this allowance from a mediocre effort in an overnight stake at Arlington on Million Day. He's never been on the turf but usually not a problem for horses from Maker barn. Fifth start at five different tracks so not even close to a slam dunk but slight edge based on the start two races back at Indiana when a good 2nd going long in and off the turf race. TIZ TOO ran good 2nd when dropped to claiming \$30,000 here last race. He didn't show a lot the race before when in the same allowance condition as today but speed figs in races this summer say he should be competitive here. AMERICAN ROMA tries the grass first time and adds blinkers; equipment change has been good angle for trainer David Vance, three of last five starters adding blinkers have produced nice payoff but best two races were on sloppy tracks and prefer to use him underneath here. MORE THAN SHIRL was an impressive winner against maiden claimers here three weeks ago in turf sprint. He got a nice speed figure on that race but big step up here stretching out.

Selections 4-6-5-7

EIGHTH – TIZABELLA was a high priced yearling purchase; not able to break her maiden in Florida shipped to Buff Bradley and ran good 2nd here three weeks ago. She wasn't able to put two good races in a row in Florida but taking positive view here. PRINCESS PALOMAR ran several races at Oaklawn against big fields that would win against this group but return effort here going long on the turf wasn't encouraging. She moves back to the dirt and shortens to a sprint, adding blinkers and certainly run fast enough to win this but playing underneath. SUPER SHOPPER was a non threatening 3rd here last month behind a nice filly that won next start back. She's improved in all three career starts but need to see more. PEMBA hasn't hit the board in four starts but was only three lengths behind TIZABELLA last time; best races have been sprinting and but hasn't improved much and minor award seems more likely.

Selections 9-4-8-7

NINTH – REMEMBER ROSIE has done just enough to warrant slight edge in this spot. She's been within a couple lengths last two starts, one on turf last time in a mile race taken off the grass. Trainer Ben Colebrook names apprentice rider today and gets a 7-11 pound weight break over the rest of the field. Likely favorite STARS OF THE NILE drops to this level for the first time. Her two races at Churchill in June were good but didn't run well last race at 3/1 when she had a wide trip over at Belterra. COLD DESERT was narrowly beaten 3rd at this level here last start, first time she ran for \$7500, but she's had nineteen tries to break the maiden and using her underneath again.

Selections 7-2-3-1