



Race by Race with Ellis Park Analyst, Megan Devine

Race 1:

URBAN BOURBON seems to prefer a shorter distance on turf. Trainer Eddie Kenneally is currently winning at 25% at Ellis Park and adds blinkers today. He's had two Grade 3 performances, one of which resulted in a close 3rd. Out of all the contenders, he's the best bred for this distance and surface. GOLD WING has been training well over this track. He's also well bred and will appreciate the drop in class. HANDIWORK has run well by sitting off of the pace or making a late run. His worst result was his only turf start, so he'll need to handle the change. Trainer Paul McGee has won with 3 of his 4 Ellis Park starters. TIZ TOO has run on grass in all of his starts. He drops in class after running in Allowance levels and prefers a mile.

Selections: 1-3-5-7

Race 2:

PIMENTA seems like the clear favorite in here. She's already had 3 starts and appears to have gotten a good education. She drops in class to a level where her trainer wins at 23%. She has speed. SETNFIRETOTHERAIN makes her first start after a couple of bullet works at the Thoroughbred Training Center. BOSSY B runs for trainer, Ian Wilkes, for the second time. She's dropping in class and her trainer is currently winning at 36% at Ellis Park. ANOTHER STONE made one start since her layoff and may be more fit this time. She drops in class here.

Selections: 2-5-6-7

Race 3:

BEELINE raced at Ellis Park last time out to finish 2nd after a layoff. She seems to be competitive, as she's hit the board in almost all of her starts. She should set or be just behind the pace. BELLA BE PROUD drops from a tougher claiming race to a more comfortable spot. She's clocked a few fantastic workouts in this past few months but has never won a race. MARYBLUEEYES steps down from the Allowance levels and moved back to turf. She's well bred for this surface and distance. CAPRIASCA dropped in class last time at Ellis Park to finish a distant 3rd. She has fast work times and gets blinkers today.

Selections: 6-1-3-5

Race 4:

RHYTHM PARK just missed last time after lugging out badly at Ellis Park. He stays exactly at the level he was to redeem himself. He has a good amount of speed and has shown talent in the mornings. WILDWOODSGREATEST comes off a bit of a rest after losing by a head to a horse that won its next race. Trainer Chris Richard wins dirt races 21% of the time. GERMAINE'S BOY will run further than he ever has but drops in from an Allowance race. He will most likely try to set a pace that suits him. PIONEER JUSTICE, sired by Pioneer of the Nile, the same sire as American Pharoah

and a few Ellis Park winners from this meet. He moves up in class but cuts back in distance. He went on a bit of a winning streak this spring and seems competitive.

Selections: 3-5-2-8

Race 5:

TIZTHESOUND just missed breaking her maiden at Ellis Park last time out. She stays at the same level, but drops a little in distance on the turf. Note, her best efforts have actually come at the longer distance, so we'll see how she paces herself over the mile. TIZ FASHIONABLE had one start in which she broke slow and was late getting in to the race. With a better start, she should be complete for a trainer that has been doing well here. She's best bred for this distance and surface. BEST GUESS makes her second start while dropping in class from the Maiden Special Weight ranks and trainer Brad Cox excels in these types of races. BELLA AMBER drops in class after a nice 3rd place finish at Belterra Park off the turf. Her race before that was over a longer distance on the Churchill turf where she finished 7th but only beaten 3 lengths. Jockey Sophie Doyle is slated to ride, her first race back after recovering from a broken collarbone. This filly seems to have speed and the mile may be better.

Selections: 8-6-4-7

Race 6:

PREEMPTIVE STRIKE has been working very well at Keeneland and drops just a little bit to this spot. He's well bred for the turf and distance and looked to have taken a bad step and was eased last time out. DIG CHARLIE DIG has put in some fast times in the mornings at Churchill Downs. Trainer Greg Foley wins at 20% in turf sprints. SHIRL'S READY makes his first start for trainer Steve Asmussen who wins 20% with first timers. IRISH PROUD comes off of a very speedy work from the gate over a wet track. He's well bred for a turf sprint.

Selections: 2-3-9-10

Race 7:

FAR RIGHT, a name familiar to anyone that watched the 2015 Kentucky Derby. He's won Graded Stakes at Oaklawn Park but hasn't shown the same talent in his 4 year-old year. He drops down from the Graded Stakes level to an optional claiming race. He hasn't raced since April but has clocked some very fast bullet works at Churchill Downs. There's a concern that there may not be enough speed in here. COUGAR RIDGE hasn't run since February when he finished 5th in a stakes race. Prior to that, he was on a 4 race win streak. He's also shown talent in the morning. He may appreciate the drop in distance to the mile. RAAGHEB has late speed and has run well at the stakes level and levels similar to this. ULANBATOR last raced in a stakes race. He typically sits just off the pace, but as there doesn't seem to be much speed he could lead.

Selections: 7-3-6-2

Race 8:

MICHAEL has run well at lower levels for trainer Tim Glyshaw. He may like the longer distance as he was gaining late last time over a mile. STRETCH FOUR made his first start at Belmont Park in a tougher race in May. DUKE OF CHATNE moves up

in class after finishing 6th by only 2 lengths. BIG BROWN SEVENS gets blinkers for the first time.

Selections: 5-8-10-6