



Race by Race with Ellis Park Analyst, Megan Devine

Race 1:

CAPE PROMISE moves back up to this class after a disappointing loss as the favorite at a lower level on the dirt. Her career best came in an Ellis Park turf race identical to this. LOOKING AT EDY takes a small step down after finishing a distant 7th. She has both turf and distance breeding in her pedigree. As a closer, she'll appreciate the added distance. STARSHIP ADVENTURE moves up after her debut in a sprint over the muddy track. Trainer Don Hunt wins at 31% moving from sprint to route races. RUNAWAY GYSPY is well bred for this surface and distance. She hasn't taken to the shorter races so she may be more comfortable with a bit more room to run.

Selections: 6-7-2-4

Race 2:

ALABAMA SLIM has finished in the top three at this distance 3 out of 5 times. He drops in to this spot after a solid second place finish at Indiana. He's won on and off of the pace in previous races, so he should be able to adjust to the pace in here. NIAM'S HONOR won here last time out at this distance and surface. He has speed, so expect to see him on the lead. He takes a step down in to this level, as well. BUDDY BUD has shown speed in his morning workouts and has already run third here at Ellis Park. LEFLORE COUNTY gets blinkers back on after mixing things up for one start turf. Trainer Chris Richard may have gotten his attention and currently wins at this track 33% of the time.

Selections: 8-3-5-6

Race 3:

JUKEBOX won over this same turf distance last time out with James Graham, who has been king of the Ellis Park turf course. Provided this horse came out of his last race well, he should be able to be competitive again. PANAMA WILL put in a big effort despite a wide trip in his last start on dirt. Trainer Rusty Arnold II wins at 23% in claiming races. This gelding has won in both wire-to-wire and closing style. REALITY finished 2nd over a turf mile last time and will look to improve in this field. RUN LIKE ELLE hasn't come close to his early 2015 form, but has been steadily improving since her last layoff. Expect him to make a late run.

Selections: 8-1-4-2

Race 4:

CURLINO will have to overcome a 180+ day layoff but has been consistently clocking bullet works this summer. Trainer Mark Casse wins at 18% with horses that have had that much time off. This colt by Curlin and owned by one of Mark Casse's most prominent owners, drops in class here and has already won at this distance. MAYOR MAC has only had two starts but drops from a higher level at which he finished 3rd. He's never mused the board and has been working very well. Trainer Greg Foley currently winning with 40% of his starters. A TERRIFIC SHOT has been in the top three in all 3 of his starts, all of which were at this distance. DREAM SEEKER has been in the money 6 out of 8 times at this distance. If you throw out his last race, he has been very successful since his 1 year layoff.

Selections: 3-2-7-5

Race 5:

ATTRACTION has had a bit of time off since his last race in June. He last ran at a level a bit tougher than this one to lose by only a neck. He's well bred for this type of race and has a couple of nice work times. CURLINS VOW may have needed that last race after taking the Spring season off. He has been most successful sitting off of the pace and making a late run and is also well bred for this distance. MARINE PILOT has had trouble in the gate in two of his three races. His last race he just missed in a long stretch drive to finish 3rd.

Selections: 3-7-8-2

Race 6:

SEEK THE PRIZE is best bred for this type of race. Trainer Greg Foley wins turf sprints 20% of the time. LADY HANSEN was expected to win easily in her debut but disappointed after a bad start. She moves to the turf for her second start and has continued her impressive work tab. MORTY is well bred for the turf and short distance. Train Joe Sharp wins at 12% with 2 year olds. POCKET OF ACES has also clocked a number of speedy workouts.

Selections: 6-1-10-4

Race 7:

LOOKIN AT LEE looked nothing like a two year old when he won by over 4 lengths in last start. The Asmussen barn is expecting great things from this colt and he's certainly bred to meet those expectations. He stalked the pace last time and won as the favorite. HONOR THY FATHER, also favored to win his last start, won by almost 10 lengths over a mile on a good track. There should be no question as to whether or not he can handle the 7 furlongs here. He came back to put in a decent won at Keeneland to prepare for this spot. CARDINAL SIN won impressively last time in a 5½ furlong sprint on the grass. He hasn't clocked a workout since then but trainer Mike Maker wins at 24% after having won his last start. SOBRINO was driving to win his debut at Indiana in the Spring. The second and third place finishers of that race came back to win their next start, so you have to give some credit to that field.

Selections: 5-3-2-4

Race 8:

ANGEL OF JOY (IRE) drops in from tougher Allowance levels where he finished a good 4th in his last two starts. He's been in the money 4 out of 8 times at this distance but may benefit from the shorter distance as he was leading until the very end of his last 1 1/16 mile race. NILEATOR has found his most recent success on the dirt, but if you look back at his previous races, he has been very game on the turf, finishing in the top three 4 out of 8 starts. It took him 17 starts to break his maiden but the light bulb may have come on for this son of Pioneer of the Nile. Expect him to set or be close to the pace. GLITNIR pulled a huge upset in his second career start at Ellis Park this year. Despite the fact that he'll be jumping up to the allowance level and this will be his first time on turf, he's bred for the grass and seems to have talent. PATRICK'S DAY comes off a layoff here but is 3 for 4 on turf and 1 for 1 at this distance. He drops in from tougher levels and has really found his stride this year.

Selections: 2-10-7-1

Race 10:

MORE THAN SHIRL was 5th last time but only beaten by 1 length. He returns to an identical race to try for a better result. Previous figures have indicated that he may be much more talented than that last performance. ALIBYTHEE comes from off of the pace and was first before disqualification last time at Ellis PARK. He seems to greatly prefer the sprint races. ARENZANO will be dropping in class a little for trainer Dan Peitz, who is currently winning with a small number of horses at 25%. This gelding hasn't sprinted since his debut, so he may appreciate the cutback in distance. Best bred for this distance and surface. BRO STROLL also comes from off of the pace and will have to get involved. He's had some okay workout times in the morning.

Selections: 10-6-2-4

