



Race by Race with Ellis Park Analyst, Megan Devine

Race 1:

ITS OVER BABY ran a close 2nd in an identical race at Ellis Park last time out. He's best bred for the turf and sprint distance. He has early speed but will be heavily contested. SUPER BEAU hasn't done as well as expected on turf, but tries the grass again after a distant 3rd in his last race. KNEE PADS was 2nd by only a head after a bad stretch run at Ellis Park in his last race. He should improve over the very same distance and turf course. PERFECT SOCKS hasn't run on turf since last year but drops in class here and may be able to improve.

Selections: 7-3-2-4

Race 2:

COPUS hasn't run since June, when he won defiantly at Churchill Downs. The slight cutback in distance should be beneficial. KOWBOY KODY had success this winter but hasn't been able to hit the board since then. The longer distance may suit him, as he's finished in the money 3 out of 4 times at this distance. ARBORETUM has two disappointing finishes at Ellis Park already, but those were on the turf. He clearly likes the dirt better, so the change in surface may help him. C J'S GILDED CAT comes off of two bullet workouts and a win, but that was in a state bred Indiana race, so the competition may not have been as tough as this field.

Selections: 8-6-1-4

Race 3:

SUNNY KITTEN moves up in class but seems to be the strongest of this field. He has a turf pedigree, decent workouts and runs for a trainer that wins at 20% in these types of races. MOUNT DESERT drops in class and may benefit from the added distance, as he's a closer. ROJO RIO moves up in class and prefers to lead the pack. He has a few great workouts at the Thoroughbred Training Center but runs on turf for the first time. BARBAD BERNIE has run well on the Ellis Park turf, but that was a whole year ago. He'll need to be strong off the layoff.

Selections: 1-5-8-7

Race 4:

CAT IN DE NILE makes her second start for soon to be Hall of Famer, Steve Asmussen. She shares a sire, Pioneer of the Nile, with 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah. She's well bred for this distance and was purchased for \$100,000 as a yearling. She most likely received an education from her debut. SHAREEHA is owned by Shadwell Stables who has only sent winners to this track. She's worked very well over the surface and Churchill Downs and seems ready for her first start. CHEATIN HEART debuts with Lasix for a trainer that wins at 25% in these types of races. LUCKY ME LUCKY YOU has early speed and should improve off her 8th place finish when she hit the gate at the start.

Selections: 2-9-6-1

Race 5:

CAM AND CON'S GIRL comes in to this race off a win in a turf sprint here at Ellis Park. She's been in the money 2 out of 3 times on the Ellis Park turf, and 5 out of 10 times on the turf at

this distance. Of this field, she seems to be the most comfortable with grass. LITTLE NORWEGIAN drops in class slightly and returns to grass, on which she had her last win. She's best bred for the turf and this distance, and has had a few convincing workouts recently. OUR ADIEU also comes off a win, but that was over the dirt at this track. She's been working well over the main track at Ellis and has run here before. MISIA SEKIGUCHI runs for trainer Seth Romero for the first time. He switches her to turf despite her being very competitive on dirt.

Selections: 6-4-7-5

Race 6:

GIVE ME THY HERART just missed a win last time at Ellis Park. She adds just a touch of distance but looks to improve in this race. Expect her to be just off the pace or making a late run. TEN EASY STREET drops in class after a distant 6th place effort at Arlington. She hasn't sprinted since early this year but looks to have good speed numbers. Her trainer, James Baker, wins at 23% in claiming races. LUVURITA has won over this track 2 out of 4 tries. She will have to make a big run but may be competitive with her early speed. KRISTA'S ROSE finished a solid 3rd last time at this track. She may have needed a little more distance that day, so 6 furlongs could suit her well.

Selections: 3-11-5-2

Race 7:

TIZABELLA returns off a layoff but looks fit, as she has shown a lot of speed in the mornings. She's a closer, so she'll have to stay involved on this track. PARKING TICKET made a big run on the muddy track last time to just miss after a bad start. She caught the eye of top jockey Robby Albarado that day, who will get the leg up. MINER'S CAT drops in class and comes back off a layoff for trainer Charles Lopresti. She's been working well over the track at Keeneland and is well bred for this distance. PEGGY IN MOTION has not raced since March of this year, but she's been clocking very fast times at the Thoroughbred Training Center.

Selections: 4-8-9-12

Race 8:

LOPE drops down from tougher Allowance levels. She's adjustable and seems to be able to run in any sort of style. Trainer Tommy Drury, Jr. wins at 30% after a 31-60 day layoff and this filly has great experience on the turf. Note, she adds blinkers today. NEILINGER last raced at a similar level at Indiana Downs, where she just missed a win. She's won in turf sprints before and has been working well at the Churchill Downs Training Center. MARCH ON moves up after breaking her maiden at Indiana in a similar race. She's best bred for the turf and had a bullet workout over the synthetic Keeneland training track. REMEMBER LUCY just missed last time at Indiana. With a win on the dirt and a very close 2nd on turf, it may not matter what the surface, as long as she's sprinting. Trainer William Van Meter is 1 for 1 here.

Selections: 5-9-6-1

Race 9:

PINKY PROMISE was 2nd by only a neck last time on the Ellis Park dirt. She'll need to transfer that success to the grass to be successful. ROWDY RONDA moves up in class after a 2nd and 3rd place finish at Ellis Park. She's had one start going long on turf prior to this. STARSHIP LAUREN contested a fast pace over the Ellis Park turf last time out. She stays a relatively the same spot to try to improve. KATOOMBA is best bred for the turf course and trainer Ron Moquett is currently winning at 19% at Ellis Park.

Selections: 4-7-6-2