



Race by Race Analysis

Handicapping Analysis by Trifecta George

Friday, September 2

FIRST – POUR GIRL had a rough trip in her first ever grass race here last month. She was mid-pack in a good spot then lost all chance when steadied hard but still ran on to be beaten less than three lengths; ran a career best but she's had six weeks off and three ½ mile works to prep for the return. LUCKY ME LUCKY YOU was 2nd at this level sprinting a month ago. First time she tried the turf was two starts back and she missed the break, took her out of usual up front running style; the one to catch. PROMISE ME KITTEN makes first ever start for owner/breeder Ken Ramsey; by prominent sire Kitten's Joy, but entered at this modest claiming I'm inclined to watch. BELLA AMBER is the only real class dropper in the race, recent start she beat one horse against \$30,000 claimers; does show a nice 3/8th mile morning breeze last week but using underneath.

Selections **3-4-2-5**

SECOND – JEANINES PRIDE has been very consistent, six of seven starts this year she's been in the money. The only time she was worse than 3rd was last start when 7th but only a length out of third behind a runaway winner in a much tougher open \$5000 claiming event. The distance is a little question mark, effective most of the year going longer, but was close up in those 7/8th mile races at Churchill this spring and she should be just off the early lead. HEIDI WHO ships over from Fairmont Park where's she crossed the wire first in four straight races. She rolled through her eligible conditions and run better speed figs each race; regular rider Tavares makes the trip over. MI ERMANA TINA was 3rd here in the same race a month ago.

Selections **4-3-2-1**

THIRD – Evenly matched field in this ¾ mile sprint of open \$10,000 claimers. GEORGIE MY BOY was 3rd here three weeks ago when making his first start against this class level. He was beaten just over a length and slightly shorter distance today should help him. It's been awhile since been to winner's circle but three races this summer been within two lengths. HOTBUTTEREDSOUL is hot right now, winner of two in a row here; those wins came against conditioned claimers for \$5000 and in today for twice that price but he's in good form. Both wins were going wire-to-wire and not an abundance of early speed in this race. LOVE YOUR HUMOR won a similar race here two starts back then didn't fire next time three weeks ago when he was a couple lengths behind GEORGIE. INDIAN COMPANION race pretty good to be 4th in that same race when cutting back to a sprint.

Selections **7-1-2-4**

FOURTH – R H IS A RUNNER has gotten closer to the diploma with each successive drop in class. He's been 3rd both starts here and last time beaten just length for twice today's \$5000 claiming level; raced on the lead and caught late he's going further today but not much other early pace in this field. STORY ON THE STREET finished a couple lengths back of R H last race and main threat to the top pick. TALES OF WAR really struggled in three starts at Churchill this spring after being competitive in 2-3 tough races at Oaklawn. He's been gelded since last race two months ago maybe that and the class drop can move him up. RACE READY was 3rd against a similar group two weeks ago.

Selections **4-7-5-3**

FIFTH – This race and the seventh today both feature maiden 2-year olds going 6 ½ furlongs. TEXAS SKY improved in his second start when going from turf to dirt. He ran 2nd in a full field going today's distance and shows two ½ mile maintenance works here at Ellis. A little surprised to see Miguel Mena get off this one to ride another horse in the race but like experience edge in group where eight of the other nine are making their first start. MAS MISCHIEF was a \$120,000 purchase at the March Ocala sale; Into Mischief sired colt hasn't missed a work in three months and trainer Brad Cox is good with first time starters. Another Into Mischief colt in the field is HUNKA BURNING LOVE; this Mike Maker trainee has been up at Saratoga and a couple of Maker 2-year olds have hit the board here this summer. NOSHACKLESHERE has a couple nice recent ½ mile works over at Keeneland.

Selections **5-7-4-10**

SIXTH – QUIET MAN is part of a coupled entry with EVAN'S CALLING for trainer Chris Richard and Midwest Thoroughbreds. I like QUIET a little better of the two off his recent form, a win two starts back and runner-up last time behind hard knocking Saylers Creek, both races at this open \$15,000 condition. He'll have to run down TUBA who was impressive, six-length winner at Indiana two starts back when running first time for this price. He followed that up with a narrow loss, 3rd beaten just a length at Arlington in a tougher starter allowance condition. Trainer Anne Smith put the blinkers back on two starts back and he'll be out front but might be better just a little shorter than today's 1 1/16th. SATURDAY LAUNCH has been a big price last several races against tougher; drops to this level for the first time and has a good career record at Ellis.

Selections **1-5-8-7**

SEVENTH – Part two of the maiden 2-year old races and only three of the ten in this group have a race under their belt. One of them is GEVAIS a Godolphin homebred colt that Chicago-based trainer Mike Stidham shipped to Prairie Meadows for a start where he ran 2nd three weeks ago. He was five lengths clear of 3rd place finisher in the debut and though not crazy about him drawing the rail, he did show speed and will need a good break here. Dale Romans entered two high priced colts, GRAY NILE and PURE HEART both cost over \$250,000. GRAY NILE morning works look a little quicker than stablemate. A few other first timers of note are Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred ZARGAUX out the stallion they raced Tapizar and Brad Cox-trained JOEY B.

Selections **1-5-8-3**

EIGHTH – OLD MOUNTAIN LANE makes his first start after being claimed here six weeks ago for today's \$7500 price. He was runner-up in that July 22 race, beaten just a head in the same condition as today. I like the time off since that hard effort and shows a local ½ mile breeze ten days ago. I also like his running style against this field, typically on or just off the lead, which gives him an edge or main rival SHUTTER SPEED who usually is coming from last to first. SPEED won the 'non-winners of two' condition here last month then was 3rd for \$15,000 at Indiana ten days ago. TIZON also rates a shot. Trainer Conor Murphy adds blinkers today; 3-year old colt has been 3rd twice here in last two races, including the same July 22 race as MOUNTAIN.

Selections **2-7-9-3**