Handicapping Analysis
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Stakes Spotlight

Keeneland Race 9

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SYCAMORE STAKES G3:

#6 CELLIST could be a live longshot (assigned 15-1 ML) in this race. He has proven class, stamina and speed recording OptixFIG that stack up on OFR (par) and for this graded stakes level. He is proven at today's 12f distance, along with class, winner of the Louisville (G3) at CD last season. He brings current form in this race as the third start of the year and second start of the cycle given fitness in the allowance just 20-days ago. His form carries to Keeneland where he has run well in each start over this course. One of those efforts came in this event last year - a common race with some of today's rivals recorded the same B- OptixGRADE as #1 HIGHEST HONORS, #2 RED KNIGHT and #7 CHANNEL MAKER and should be the higher on the board come post time. He also has age on his side compared to those other rivals as a five-year-old coming into this race in top form.