Handicapping Analysis
Sun October 29th, 2023

Stakes Spotlight

Churchill Downs Race 8

Post Time 3:33 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 V V'S DREAM has the edge on foundation and stakes experience with strong numbers and has herself as the one to beat. In terms of the lightly raced runners, many hold upside: #4 WEST SUNSET was dominant on debut; B+ OptixGRADE paired with a 87 OptixFIG while overcoming the outside post and X_WIDE trip that followed. #6 TWIRLING GOOD TIME also given a B+ OptixGRADE on debut and solid 91 OptixFIG, though visually there are some questions for today's route, two-turn distance.

Churchill Downs Race 10

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#5 PARCHMENT PARTY might just have one start under his belt though the manner he handled himself on debut looked like a seasoned professional racehorse. He came out on the track making a positive PRERACE+ appearance, a trait for B. Mott runners. His in-running performance was just as eye-catching overcoming a rough/TROUBLE_S start (something of note as he can rate tactically, not a confirmed closer as the running line might suggests) showing some GRIT making a MOVE through a tight spot along the inside and continued to run on/GALLOP+ after the wire. He is already experienced over today's course and distance and has remained at CD since, keeping up his training and to prepare for this graded stakes race.