Handicapping Analysis
Sun November 19th, 2023

Emily's Analysis

Churchill Downs Race 1

Post Time 12:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 MEDAGLIA FOREVER came into her own after the first couple starts and finding some consistency in Kentucky. The improvement came with distance keying off the B OptixGRADE over this course back in April and upgraded from the 10/22 TRAFFIC trip when stuck behind horses when the winner, Flashy Lass made first run.

Churchill Downs Race 2

Post Time 12:28 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 IMPLEMENTION finds the right changes from the class DROP to distance (ONE_TURN) landing in this spot where he projects to compete and still remains protected by the connections.

Churchill Downs Race 4

Post Time 1:24 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#2 JENNIFER MY LOVE could be overlooked on the surface switch though the change to DIRT (especially with the drop) could be just what she has been looking for.

Churchill Downs Race 6

Post Time 2:20 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The pace scenario could benefit #8 TREATY with his ability to show early speed in a race that lacks front runners. That is noted for #4 YONO in terms of value required to compensate for trip as otherwise he fits as a contender and has buried form into this race and returning to CD.

Del Mar Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 HURRICANE CLOUD turned in a BTL effort under similar claiming conditions, course and distance over the summer; the B- OptixGRADE and 87 OptixFIG fits right on par and in with today's field.

Del Mar Race 2

Post Time 3:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 SIGNOFTHECROSS has held his form this year and returning to this circuit. He has form at the distance, course and upgraded making a MOVE X_FLOW last month. Some further intent could still be in play with the ship-and-win bonus.

Del Mar Race 3

Post Time 3:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 BIRTH OF COOL wheels right back from a BTL effort over this course last week and could be a positive sign with the timing and protection here as well. There are some challenges with class as a top effort is required, though he has run competitive under similar conditions in the past and the par from the races in this current cycle are right in line with this event.

Del Mar Race 6

Post Time 5:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 SIGNORA VITTORIA requires price compensation with the SLOG habit, though there are things to endorse returning here. Class wise the DROP is the right move to find the level for her to compete. Timing is also noted as she comes into this off a 42-day freshening. Her prior starts had been rushed, running back on shorter rest since her debut here at DMR early in the summer season.

Del Mar Race 9

Post Time 6:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 MAXVILLE should offer some value in this spot with buried form and races that make him a contender. Some of those races have been recorded over this course and distance including a BTL 8/31 race. The most recent start at SA, had some excuses attached following a SLOG from the rail and poor handling that saw him NO_PUSH late. #8 ANTIBES will get a chance to stretch-out and the right distance for this longer bodied runner. He has some upside keying off the debut as well as the 10/21 event, a race that had minimal change in running order to take with a grain of salt.

Hawthorne Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Juvenile #4 PONDA SPARK finds a change in class to run here and for the $24k tag where a top effort is required against the established older rivals.

The buried form for #2 KEY INGREDIANT earlier this season gave him a look on 11/5, right back on 11/12 and once again this evening. #3 MUCHO DIAMANTE returns from that 11/12 common race showing interest and competitive in a less than ideal trip.

Hawthorne Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

On 11/5 #4 FROZEN SHARK visually projected to improve and did so in a subtle/hidden manner on 11/12 giving up ground at the start and finishing with a strong close. The 11/5 race was a common race with main rival and projected favorite, #6 SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Hawthorne Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 MY FIRST TIME is in his second start this season and on an every other pattern looks well-intended for this spot. There is some buried form to key off of with the open length qualifier win back in September and off that raced at HoP in contentious events.

Hawthorne Race 4

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The significant class drop has #5 THAT'S CACHE the clear horse to beat. Looking to find some value to pair #1 IRIDESCENT REMI has held her form this season and an alternative to #6 FOX VALLEY BUSTIER.

Hawthorne Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 DANDY'S SHOWTIME is a legit favorite. She was a contender last week, however was unable to overcome the draw/trip. #1 JOANIE B has some buried form off her races this season that stack up on par. She had the setup with the upset win early in the meet and kept her at a higher level that had her exposed. Some further intent could be in play with the driver change given the tactics on 11/5. C. Stewart sticks with #7 TONCREDBLYFASTFORU one that could be overlooked and with form that fits at this level and in with some of today's rivals.

Hawthorne Race 6

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#2 PONDA HAWK did not appear as intended as his stablemate winner Fox Valley Carlin on 11/5; and part of the tell that day was the choice of K. Husted to Carlin and noted driver change as he is back in the bike here. #9 CUTTING CLASS moves up naturally on the drop as further intent with a positive form cycle pattern.

#8 MANNYS TOO SPECIAL is not the "obvious" horse to take from the 11/12 common race and overall is soft to make a case for as a contender, though one that can sneak in the deeper minors at a big number.

Hawthorne Race 7

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

A longshot case can be made for #3 BROOKE'S OCEAN off some form at this level back in September and as she returns here in the second start off the layoff.

Hawthorne Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 TIME TO RYDE had been working her way into condition racing against older and that form allowed her to transfer with the change in class last week. She was able to sit the trip and also benefit from #4 ADALECIA coming off a top and just running out of gas at the wire. #1 DANDY'S MS SWIFTY has moved forward with each start and did not offer much value in that common race last week, though that expects to change here. Change in value should follow #2 DELIGHT MOON in the opposite direction as she projects to be single digits for the first time this cycle here.