Handicapping Analysis
Sat November 25th, 2023

Stakes Spotlight

Churchill Downs Race 10

Post Time 4:18 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 CENTRAL AVENUE was given a follow from the Frizette (G1) effort and flattered when Just F Y I won the BC Juvenile Fillies (G1) earlier this month. As far as the distance she projected to improve with the STRETCH out despite picking up the debut win around one-turn. The connections might have wanted more time after the Frizette (G1) skipping the BC and pointing to this race.

Churchill Downs Race 11

Post Time 4:48 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 AWESOME ROAD was pointed to the Breeders' Futurity (G1) after his dominant debut win in August at Ellis Park. While the intent was there, the trip was not; he was compromised from start-to-finish, losing his footing out of the gate and and was unable to establish position after. He can IMPROVE off that effort and also likely to show more natural early speed. #7 RISK IT will also look to get back on track today. The Asmussen barn was COLD at the time of the Iroquois (G3) and has been freshened since for this spot and two-turn debut.

Historically, the Kentucky Jockey Club (G2) has been a productive race on the Derby trail and worth keeping in mind going forward and into the 2024 season.