Handicapping Analysis
Fri December 1st, 2023

Emily's Analysis

Del Mar Race 3

Post Time 3:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 BEAU SOLEIL could be overlooked while holding a pace advantage in today's race shape with her early speed. The field looks fairly evenly matched on paper and that tactical advantage presents the separator.

Del Mar Race 7

Post Time 5:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#6 MISS KALINE fits at this level and appears intent for this spot first off the claim for Hess. In terms of this current form cycle, she recorded the B- OptixGRADE off the layoff with the place finish in September and returned with a "trip" showing a MOVE while in TRAFFIC and WIDE last month. The shift to the outside post and other confirmed front runners in the field should assist in terms of trip.

Del Mar Race 8

Post Time 6:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 HIGH KING was BTL on debut and given a look when they expected to stretch out for the second start on 10/21 - the vet scratch in play and rerouted here. #7 DRIVE FOR SHOW also showed run first out and projects to improve on the STRETCH out in distance. Their 5th place on debut was a blanket finish with the top six within lengths at the wire. #11 FLEET BROTATO projected to improve off the debut with the STRETCH out and did just that with a BTL effort in that 10/21 common race.

Fair Grounds Race 5

Post Time 2:45 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 LEVEE WAS DRY was GREEN on debut through showed run and projected to IMPROVE. There was not much of a step forward in the second start at KEE, though to their credit they were able to show more early speed and switches back to the turf, the debut surface.

Fair Grounds Race 7

Post Time 3:45 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#6 OF THE MOMENT finds the right class relief to compte. He has been racing against a higher class throughout most of his career and lands today in the right spot for his abilities. His form is stronger than what appears on paper given the trip, distance and progression making this third start off the layoff. #5 SONIC SPEED is returning to the claiming level upgraded further given an EX - EXCUSE in the most recent (10/13) start.