



# Handicapping Analysis

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### Emily's Analysis

#### Turfway Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#2 FREEDOM DREAMS could present the edge of the front runners over #6 LOTTA LISSA one that takes the class drop and should move up naturally with the change though still must step up overall - noted as the projected favorite. If looking for a runner to improve on the class change today's conditions suit #3 LIBERATION DAY one that brings in progressive form and upgraded off the 1/29 trip with the rider change following the TACTIC- and TRAFFIC.

#9 BAYTOWN SHINKU recorded a B OptixGRADE under similar conditions back on 1/1 and can IMPROVE coming back from the 1/29 effort. #8 CHRISTINA OF MILAN moved up on the change in class recording the B- making a RUSH MOVE and GALLOP+ moving up after a pair of WIDE trips.

#### Turfway Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#10 COTE D'IVOIRE is far from the most likely winner though one that holds form on par to compete with a top effort. That form is buried going back to last March on this circuit and spent the majority of the rest of the 2024 season against a higher class. Returning to TP and keying off the 1/17 race turned in a competitive B- OptixGRADE effort some subtle adversity with TROUBLE- SHUFFLE before making a WIDE MOVE.

#### Turfway Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

With the right trip and race shape #8 LINCOLN HIGHWAY comes into this race well overdue for a win and with buried and progressive form into this race. He recorded a BTL effort in N2 allowance company last May followed up with three EX - EXCUSE trips and returning to this allowance level and this circuit has moved up.

#### Turfway Race 4

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#2 OUT N OUT DISGRACE out was overmatched and outrun last month at OP and interesting to show up on this circuit for the connections while remaining protected. A top effort is required though did record figures on the higher side of today's par back at WO and does find a lower par today for the second start of the year. The ownership is the same and the barn change noted as 2025 has been productive for trainer J. Esquivel

#### Turfway Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#6 HEAR THE QUEEN is a vulnerable favorite in this race a race that does not set up in terms of pace while stepping up to take on winners for the first time.

#8 POPPY THE PRINCESS find the DROP returning from the WIDE trip last month (could present value and similar form/trip to rival #3 HEARTS UNITED also logical to be clear with the class change) competitive from the 12/26 - a BTL effort making a MOVE through TRAFFIC. #12 RANDO is upgraded from that same 12/26 event requiring a DROP and coming back on 1/31 improved number wise and with the B- OptixGRADE in a similar starter allowance event however with a higher par.

## **Turfway Race 6**

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 ROCKET HOSS has moved forward (Grades & Fig) with each start since beginning the cycle on 1/4 and another move forward should have them in contender status at this level.

## **Turfway Race 7**

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 VODKA N GINGERALE takes the big drop for the thirds start this season and while they present upside from the EX back on 12/28 and a X\_FLOW upgrade from the 1/31 start this placement is still a test in against older and as a result finding a higher par - things to consider when it comes to value.

## **Turfway Race 8**

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#6 SANT' ANTIMO recorded a B OptixGRADE with the place finish at this level and par back on 1/15 and wheeling back in 17-days for the 2/1 event might not have allowed enough time for full recovery. In addition, the trip did them no favors a subtle TACTIC- (and noted rider change) to IMPROVE off the outcome.

In terms of runstyle and Plot position, #3 DEVILS GOTTA GO shows up similar (if not stronger Large Square) to rivals #4 BROKEN JUSTICE and #10 NOAH'S ARK two of the likely top betting choices.