Handicapping Analysis
Wed November 26th, 2025

Emily's Analysis

Churchill Downs Race 1

Post Time 12:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 ZEN YOGA should move up second off and from closer to a lateral move recording a B- OptixGRADE in the 11/1 start. The break was problematic (SLOG TROUBLE_S) and with ground loss X_W)DE making a middle MOVE and CLOSE in a race with the top two running forwardly placed and finishing together at the wire.

Churchill Downs Race 4

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Some excuses can be made for the recent two starts for #3 EXPRESS LINE and without excuse here (and price compensation) the opportunity to compete. They ran a big race off the freshening back on 8/16 at ELP and adversity with the SLOG TROUBLE_S while racing WIDE and noted physically WARM on 9/26. TACTIC- and again ground loss WIDE played a role while going the two turns on 10/31 and should hold fitness wheeling back for this one turn event and less than 30-days a further positive with C. Lanerie remaining aboard.

Churchill Downs Race 9

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While #3 GOLDEN IRISH could present a pace advantage in this spot, there are other factors to consider and weigh against a projected shorter number as the come off a LONE win on 9/14 and 10/16 working HARD in the KEE win and now step up in class. Would not be surprised to see #2 SHE CALLED contest the pace and second start of this cycle while returning to CD would be the time to see her return to top form.

Both of the layoff returnee runners #5 TRUST FUND PHILLY and #9 TIPSY TAMMY hold class and figures on par with steady works coming back around late in the season. Especially the case overall with TRUST FUND PHILLY off the 2yo figures with maturity potentially.