Handicapping Analysis
Sat May 23rd, 2026

Emily's Analysis

Churchill Downs Race 4

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Longshot look to #3 START MO UP one who holds back numbers competitive with the higher end of today's par and with the main rivals in this group. As far as current form they wheel right back from a WIDE trip on 5/10 putting in a solid GALLOP+ noting the subtle distance change here to the two turns.

Churchill Downs Race 9

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Weaker Favorite: #3 AYRA STARK showing some distance limitations back at TP racing 10f and could take that into account for coming up short on the win end or winning efforts in the GP graded stakes races with favorable front end trips and race flow.

Churchill Downs Race 10

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Vulnerable Favorite: #2 GETHSEMANE one who should hold their current form, form which is a touch short on the win end. They could stick for a share though worth taking on at what projects to be a shorter number in this race, could even be shorter than the ML projection.

#7 C MCGRIFF brings in upside second start this meet, slight change to the ONE_TURN distance and class with this event restricted to 3yo only. Form cycle wise they can step up second off and noting a HARD (also GRIT) effort to break their maiden back on 3/14 at Oaklawn.

#3 HIGHLY CONNECTED making the changes from the Oaklawn meet and from stakes company last out while noting some subtle trips this year playing a role in outcome and potential figure as well, needing to step up in that department.