Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Churchill Downs Race 6

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 PERRYLU has a longshot look returning to the TURF and with form this season. They also race in here as one of the few 4yo with that maturity on their side along with the current conditioning.

Churchill Downs Race 9

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#8 TOUGH LITTLE NUT turned in a B/BTL effort under similar conditions in the 6/4 common race and a look right back at the projected 8-1 ML. While capable of the winning effort here, they still require the right trip and ideal handling (TACTIC- the case three weeks ago) especially with the slight change in distance to a flat mile. The early pace should be honest and on that note a scenario up front for #9 JOEJOE GO to compete with their early speed and off a freshening with a trip and flow upgrade (VF early/late) in their own right back at KEE in April - a race which has held form not only with TOUGH LITTLE NUT coming back but also two N2X allowance winners and the 4/12 race winner, Capitol Hill finishing a photo second in the Poker (G3) at SAR earlier this month.