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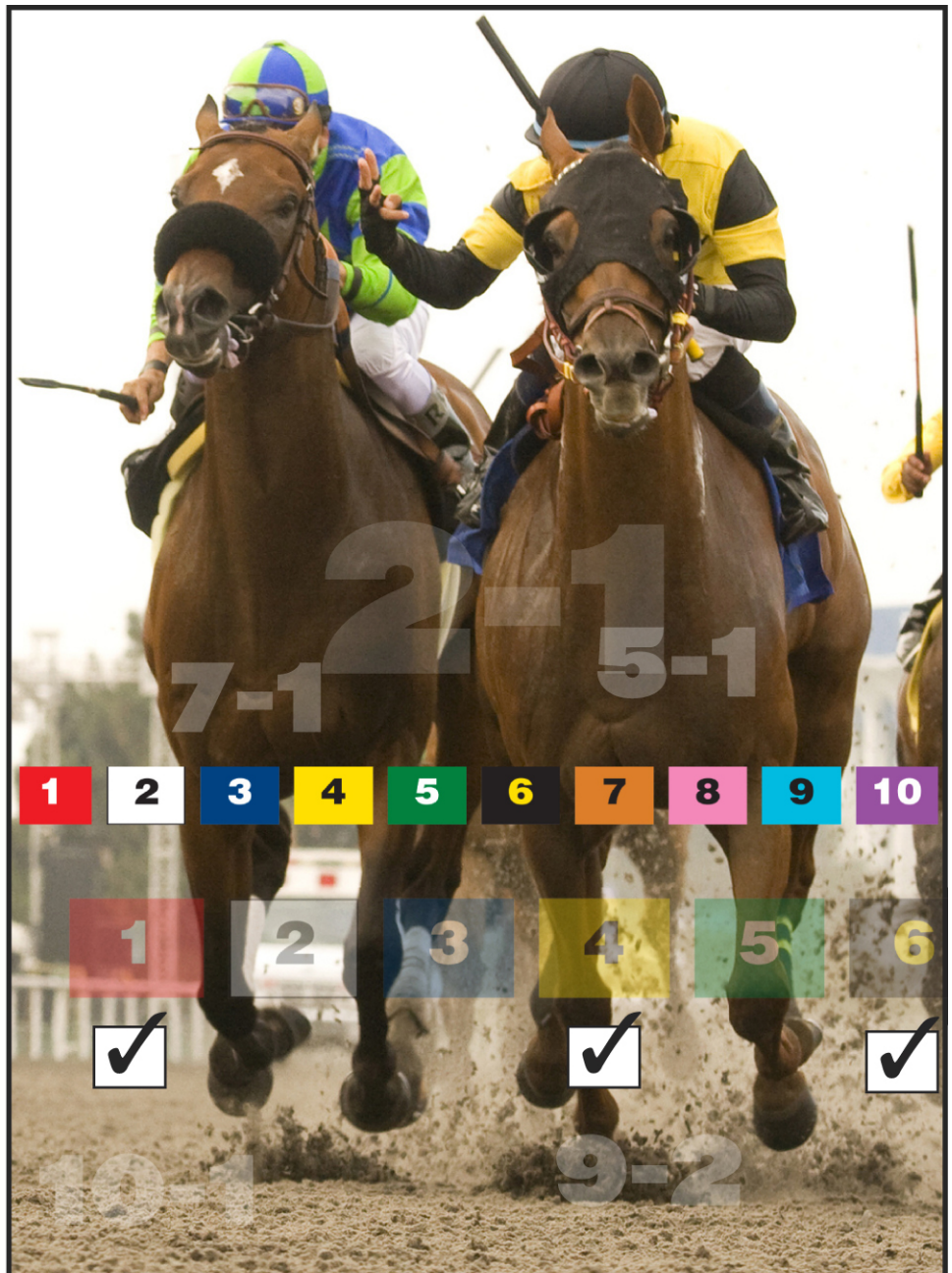
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Churchill Betting Information

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Best Bets: Prize Master (2ND Race), Down With Dixie (10TH Race)

Horses listed in Post Position order

RACE 1
Probable Post: 12:45 EDT
5 1/2 Furlongs. 3YO & Up. F & M. Md 40000(40-35) Purse: \$21,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (1-2-3) / \$0.50 Pick 4 (1-2-3-4)
DRF Picks: 4-6-3 Beyer Edge: 6-4-1

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	6/1	Heir de Vye	L	Canchano A	118	Turner D	48-40-37
2	8/1	Cypress Isle	U	Desormeaux K J118	Hanna C		x-x-x
3	4/1	Elusive Sabu	L	Gomez G K	118	Stewart D	17-56-x
4	5/2	Bayou Baroness	L	Bridgmohan S X118	Lovell M		59-62-x
5	10/1	Inner Truth	L	Rossi O	116	Cesare V	29-x-x
6	2/1	Maya's Mystery	L	Borel C H	118	Byrne P	40-68-63
7	15/1	Wauchula	U	Roman C ⁷	111	Minnock W	x-x-x
8	15/1	Race Rocket	U	Kuntzweiler G	118	Bennett W	x-x-x

RACE 2
Probable Post: 1:14 EDT
6 Furlongs. 3YO & Up. Clm 10000 Purse: \$18,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (2-3-4)
DRF Picks: 4-3-2 Beyer Edge: 1-3-5

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	4/1	He Ain't Right	L	Pompell T L	120	Denzik W Jr	77-73-78
2	7/2	Grasmere Park	L	Napravnik R	120	Kaelin F	63-66-44
3	9/2	Holly's Pal	L	McKee J	120	Connelly W	64-70-70
4	5/2	Prize Master	L	Borel C H	120	Wiggins L	82-79-70
5	5/1	Four Wealth	L	Kuntzweiler G	122	Ford W	63-63-67
6	4/1	Long Range Missile	L	Hernandez R	120	Woodard J	72-51-65

RACE 3
Probable Post: 1:44 EDT
6 Furlongs. 3YO & Up. Md 10000 Purse: \$13,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (3-4-5)
DRF Picks: 8-3-7 Beyer Edge: 7-3-9 Live Longshot: 8

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	4/1	Zimmaron Kid	L	Castanon J L	118	Peery C	53-6-31
2	10/1	Bandman	L	Borel C H	118	Bradley W	20-x-x
3	3/1	Gone Dixie Gone	L	Roman C ⁷	117	Arnold G II	53-53-54
4	5/1	Big Blue Fever	L	Hernandez R	118	Woodard J	44-43-40
5	20/1	Mr. Investor	L	De Leon A	118	Pate D	0-32-x
6	12/1	Shot of Kela	L	Lenclud F	118	Lauer M	0-46-24
7	5/2	Hey Drew	L	Lanerier C J	124	Gowan W	59-54-56
8	12/1	Smoke'n Al	U	Albarado R J	118	Stewart D	x-x-x
9	10/1	Casron's Pride	L	Kuntzweiler G	124	Miller J	27-53-53

RACE 4
Probable Post: 2:14 EDT
1 Mile. 3YO & Up. Md 30000(30-25) Purse: \$19,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (4-5-6) / \$0.50 Pick 4 (4-5-6-7)
DRF Picks: 10-3-4 Beyer Edge: 3-11-1

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	15/1	Spy	L	Graham J	118	Wigginton J	56-52-x
2	12/1	Samurai Sonata	U	Borel C H	118	Wilkes I	20-x-x
3	7/2	Recognize	L	Gomez G K	118	Hiles R	67-66-59
4	8/1	Forefront	L	Albarado R J	118	Romans D	47-x-x
5	4/1	Quartermaster	U	Napravnik R	118	Stall A Jr	x-x-x
6	10/1	Lake Creek	U	Leparoux J	118	Kenneally E	x-x-x
7	12/1	Stinking Creek	L	Mena M	116	Maker M	30-39-x
8	12/1	Rocky Bear	L/b-on	Pedroza M ⁵	113	Michael B	58-38-37
9	20/1	Assipattle	U	Djuric S	116	Knava M	x-x-x
10	4/1	Asset Play	L	Castanon J L	125	McGaughay III	C72-52-35
11	5/1	Toreador	L	Hernandez B Jr	118	Howard N	66-52-52

RACE 5
Probable Post: 2:44 EDT
1 1/16 Miles. Turf. 3YO & Up. F & M. Md Sp Wt 49k
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (5-6-7) / Pick 6 (5-10)
DRF Picks: 1-9-11 Beyer Edge: 1-9-13

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	5/2	Warm Hugs	L	Smith M	118	Mott W	76-x-x
2	8/1	Dynaqueen	L/b-on	Maragh R	118	Albertrani T	55-43-x
3	6/1	Pirate Party	L	Cruz M R	125	Proctor T	62-59-63
4	6/1	Wanta Go	L	Borel C H	118	LaCroix G	65-64-59
5	8/1	Barbies M	L/b-off	Hernandez B Jr	118	McKeever A	67-47-37
6	20/1	Aramus Strategy	L	Johnson J M	118	Hebert A	30-x-x
7	20/1	Bella Dama	L	Desormeaux K J118	Hanna C		56-37-x
8	15/1	Zaphia	L	Bridgmohan S X118	Seitz F		x-x-x
9	3/1	Jamaican Ginger	L	Leparoux J	125	Wilkes I	78-70-68
10	15/1	Peggie's Treasures	U	Castanon J L	118	Langemeier J	x-x-x
11-MTO	3/1	Empress of Gold	L	Desormeaux K J118	Mott W		67-68-46
12-AE	12/1	Strike the Light	U	Lanerier C J	118	Howard N	x-x-x
13-AE	8/1	Heart Union	L	Napravnik R	125	Sheppard J	61-0-57
14-AE	12/1	Crafty Winner	L	Pedroza M ⁵	120	Pellegrini R	59-72-54

RACE 6
Probable Post: 3:15 EDT
1 1/8 Miles. 3YO & Up. Clm 5000 Purse: \$15,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (6-7-8) / Pick 5 (6-7-8-9-10)
DRF Picks: 7-10-11 Beyer Edge: 7-10-6 Live Longshot: 1

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	10/1	Smoke Trail	L	Borel C H	121	Hyland A	62-56-57
2	30/1	Bk's Other Brother	L/b-off	Orm C ⁷	114	Clevenger D	40-34-59
3	6/1	Saratoga Vicar	L	Mena M	121	Montano A Sr	52-52-59
4	10/1	Canadian Wish	L	Albarado R J	121	Romans D	59-59-60
5	12/1	Won Happy Bachelor	L	Kuntzweiler G	121	Ford W	55-58-58
6	4/1	Caracas	L	Hernandez R	121	Woodard J	56-67-57
7	7/2	Deputy Sreva	L	Rossi O	121	Martinez R	61-69-65
8	20/1	Romney Marsh	L	McKee J	121	Medley J	13-33-55
9	12/1	Gift Coupon	L	Lebron V	121	Hill J Jr	60-59-60
10	6/1	Jolly Ol' Nick	L	Johnson J M	123	Hartlage G	56-77-61
11	4/1	Indianapolis (BRZ)	L	Roman C ⁷	114	Vance D	58-69-35

RACE 7
Probable Post: 3:48 EDT
6 Furlongs. 3YO & Up. F & M. Clm 30000(30-25)N2L Purse: \$23,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (7-8-9) / \$0.50 Pick 4 (7-8-9-10)
DRF Picks: 8-5-4 Beyer Edge: 5-1-8 Live Longshot: 4

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	10/1	Miss Dixie Rose	L	Desormeaux K J121	Hanna C		67-66-69
2	8/1	Norma's Dream	L	Castellano J J	115	McCauley T	52-8-71
3	6/1	Bayou Miss	L	Roman C ⁷	114	Arnold G II	60-63-59
4	8/1	Holy Royal	L	Maragh R	115	Vance D	53-55-42
5	3/1	Aregulationhottie	L	Leparoux J	121	Kenneally E	68-67-76
6	15/1	Moon Struck Nemi	L	Albarado R J	121	Werner R	38-57-x
7	12/1	Pride of Paris	L	Lanerier C J	115	Connelly W	63-62-57
8	7/2	Exhilarating	L	Saez G	121	Dollase W	73-64-50
9	10/1	Nothing Wild	L	Mena M	121	Romans D	54-55-70
10	6/1	Maegans Princesses	L	Bridgmohan S X115	Margolis S		6-59-65

RACE 8
Probable Post: 4:20 EDT
1 1/8 Miles. Turf. 3YO & Up. F & M. Alw 51000N1X
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Pick 3 (8-9-10)
DRF Picks: 7-3-10 Beyer Edge: 12-3-7

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	4/1	Ms Silver Oak	L	Castellano J J	114	Brown C	77-76-73
2	15/1	C P Hath a Way	L	Bejarano R	123	Foley G	62-61-59
3	3/1	Media Madness	L	Gomez G K	121	Motion H	80-78-76
4	8/1	Sparky's Dream	L	Borel C H	121	Wilkes I	76-70-80
5	20/1	Unbridled Quest	L	Pedroza M ⁵	116	Oliver V	74-64-58
6	15/1	Distorted Love	L	Mena M	121	Pitts H	77-82-58
7	4/1	Silk Route	L	Desormeaux K J121	Mott W		79-82-74
8	12/1	Frances Gardner	L	Albarado R J	121	Nicks R	72-55-72
9	8/1	Miss Laa di Da (GB)	L	Napravnik R	121	Sheppard J	74-76-x
10	4/1	Kathern's Kitten	L	Leparoux J	121	Maker M	81-78-72
11-MTO	3/1	Hidatsa	L	Bejarano R	114	Amoss T	85-82-73
12-AE	10/1	Mimi's Special Six	L	Castanon J L	121	Langemeier J	72-73-79
13-AE	30/1	Grey Mist	L	Pedroza M ⁵	116	Dyer J	50-44-54

RACE 9
Probable Post: 4:50 EDT
6 Furlongs. 3YO & Up. OC 80k/N3X Purse: \$56,000
Daily Double / Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta
DRF Picks: 10-5-8 Beyer Edge: 8-10-4

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	10/1	Suyeta	L	Borel C H	122	Borel C	76-91-77
2	30/1	Canon Man	L	Graham J	122	Lovell M	77-87-85
3	10/1	A Diehl	L	Bridgmohan S X120	Arnold G II		83-85-82
4	5/1	China	L	Albarado R J	120	Good J	89-83-90
5	7/2	Snapshot	L	Leparoux J	120	Mott W	67-99-79
6	12/1	Auspicious Risk	L	Mena M	122	Calhoun W	92-75-68
7	10/1	Three Day Rush	L	Hernandez B Jr	120	Margolis S	85-85-68
8	5/2	Irrefutable	L	Smith M	122	Baffert B	97-81-97
9	50/1	Lucky Chuck	L	De Leon A	120	Pate D	68-61-43
10	4/1	Safe Trip	L	Castellano J J	120	Brown C	90-94-100
11	20/1	Posse Cat	L	Court J K	120	Fires W	89-72-74

RACE 10
Probable Post: 5:20 EDT
1 1/16 Miles. 3YO & Up. Clm 15000(15-10)N3L Purse: \$18,000
Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Super Hi-5
DRF Picks: 6-8-11 Beyer Edge: 5-6-8

Prq.#	ML	Horse	Med/EqChg	Jockey	Wgt	Trainer	Last 3 Beyers
1	30/1	Luv Gov	L	Castanon J L	122	Dorsey S	34-34-56
2	8/1	Secret Commander	L	Gomez G K	122	Kaelin F	75-61-51
3	20/1	Almighty Adversary	L	Court J K	122	Thomas M	68-49-62
4	30/1	March Nine	L	Lanerier C J	125	O'Brien G	56-40-48
5	12/1	Baby Afleet	L/b-on	Borel C H	122	Gowan W	70-68-71
6	4/1	Down With Dixie	L/b-off	Desormeaux K J122	McGee P		66-70-75
7	12/1	H. J. Arvin	L	Saez G	118	Fires W	64-54-58
8	9/2	Custers Last Stand	L	Leparoux J	120	Maker M	75-64-66
9	15/1	Jeff's Kitten	L	Lebron V	122	Jarvis K	58-60-57
10	6/1	Woodman's Charm	L	Bejarano R	122	Caramori E	64-51-53
11	9/2	Political Agenda	L	Hernandez R	122	Woodard J	79-76-75
12	5/1	Good Family	L	Napravnik R	122	Foley G	73-78-63

Picks Panel

Consensus Totals Based on 5 points for First (7 for Best Bet), 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd. Best Bet in **Bold Type**.

	Byron King 21-4(12)	HANDICAP Kenny Peck	HERMIS™ Marty McGee	SWEEP™	CONSENSUS	
1	Bayou Baroness Maya's Mystery Elusive Sabu	Elusive Sabu Maya's Mystery Bayou Baroness	Bayou Baroness Elusive Sabu Maya's Mystery	Maya's Mystery Bayou Baroness Elusive Sabu	Bayou Baroness Maya's Mystery Elusive Sabu	13 12 9
2	Prize Master Holly's Pal Four Wealth	Prize Master Long Range Missile He Ain't Right	Prize Master Holly's Pal Grasmere Park	Prize Master Grasmere Park He Ain't Right	Prize Master Holly's Pal Grasmere Park	24 4 3
3	Zimmaron Kid Gone Dixie Gone Shot of Kela	Smoke'n Al Gone Dixie Gone Hey Drew	Shot of Kela Smoke'n Al Gone Dixie Gone	Hey Drew Gone Dixie Gone Zimmaron Kid	Smoke'n Al Gone Dixie Gone Hey Drew	7 7 6
4	Forefront Recognize Toreador	Asset Play Recognize Toreador	Asset Play Lake Creek Recognize	Recognize Quartermaster Asset Play	Asset Play Recognize Forefront	11 10 5
5	Jamaican Ginger Warm Hugs Empress of Gold	Warm Hugs Jamaican Ginger Zaphia	Warm Hugs Jamaican Ginger Barbies M	Warm Hugs Jamaican Ginger Empress of Gold	Warm Hugs Jamaican Ginger Empress of Gold	17 11 2
6	Saratoga Vicar Jolly Ol' Nick Smoke Trail	Indianapolis Deputy Sreva Jolly Ol' Nick	Jolly Ol' Nick Smoke Trail Deputy Sreva	Deputy Sreva Caracas Indianapolis	Deputy Sreva Jolly Ol' Nick Indianapolis	8 8 6
7	Exhilarating Aregulationhottie Holy Royal	Bayou Miss Holy Royal Norma's Dream	Holy Royal Exhilarating Aregulationhottie	Aregulationhottie Exhilarating Bayou Miss	Exhilarating Aregulationhottie Holy Royal	9 8 8
8	Silk Route Media Madness Ms Silver Oak	Kathern's Kitten Silk Route Media Madness	Silk Route Media Madness Miss Laa di Da	Media Madness Hidatsa Ms Silver Oak	Silk Route Media Madness Kathern's Kitten	12 10 5
9	Safe Trip China Irrefutable	Snapshot Canon Man Safe Trip	Safe Trip Snapshot Irrefutable	Irrefutable Snapshot Safe Trip	Safe Trip Snapshot Irrefutable	12 9 7
10	Down With Dixie Custers Last Stand Woodman's Charm	Down With Dixie Custers Last Stand Political Agenda	Down With Dixie Baby Afleet H. J. Arvin	Down With Dixie Custers Last Stand Political Agenda	Down With Dixie Custers Last Stand Political Agenda	22 6 2

Expert Analysis

By Byron King

BEST BET: Down With Dixie (10th race)

First Race

1. Bayou Baroness

2. Maya's Mystery

3. Elusive Sabu

BAYOU BARONESS has performed well in both of her starts, first running third in a maiden \$30,000 race on the grass at Fair Grounds and then fifth in a straight maiden race at Keeneland. Now back in for a tag - for maiden \$40,000 - she looks set for a winning performance. Trainer Michelle Lovell's horses have been firing this spring in Kentucky, and this one has the pedigree that suggests the ability to handle traditional dirt. MAYA'S MYSTERY makes her first start for a tag after a poor performance on grass at Gulfstream Park Apr. 10. Previously, her other three races had been very good - two seconds and a third; would have liked to have seen a published work at Churchill preceding this start, however. ELUSIVE SABU certainly sped around quickly over the Churchill strip Apr. 29, breezing a quick half-mile in 48.40, but she has always been a speedy, good work horse. What she has lacked is finishing power, at least in straight maiden company. This marks her first time for a tag.

Second Race

1. Prize Master

2. Holly's Pal

3. Four Wealth

PRIZE MASTER is dropped from \$16,000 to \$10,000 after a third at Keeneland Apr. 17 on the Poly; fully expecting him to maintain his sharp form on dirt. All three of his wins have come on dirt, with two of those coming locally. Maintenance breeze Apr. 30 here hints of readiness. HOLLY'S PAL drops a notch after running somewhat competitively against richer at Turfway this winter. He, too, is likely better on dirt than synthetic, but he shows no published works since a fourth at Turfway Mar. 25; still respect trainer Bill Connelly, who has won at a 20% clip teaming up with jockey John McKee in 2010-2011. FOUR WEALTH faces open claimers for the first time after leading throughout against \$15,000 N3L opposition Mar. 6 at Turfway. He is in good form, but is unraced for nearly two months and 3-0-0-0 at Churchill Downs.

Third Race

1. Zimmaron Kid

2. Gone Dixie Gone

3. Shot of Kela

ZIMMARON KID faced a near impossible task in his latest at Keeneland, returning from a lengthy layoff Apr. 22 at Keeneland and racing route for the first time. All things considered, he ran alright to show speed for about seven furlongs or so. Now he is dropped to the maiden claiming cellar, the \$10,000 level, and poised for a much better effort in a sprint. Note he was a respectable fourth over this track last May in his debut. GONE DIXIE GONE takes a similar plunge in class and has performed well this year with two thirds and a fourth. He looks like the chalk, however, and hasn't worked since finishing fourth at Keeneland Apr. 13. Threat but price is likely too short to accept in light of the circumstances. SHOT OF KELA lost all chance in his latest at Keeneland when the rider lost his irons, swerving to avoid a fallen rider in a spill-marred race. Toss that race out and his form is respectable. Barn has given him a couple gate breezes leading into this after this gelding has broken poorly in three straight races.

Fourth Race

1. Forefront

2. Recognize

3. Toreador

FOREFRONT beat just a single opponent when racing in a tough straight maiden race Apr. 3 at Gulfstream, but logically figures to move forward from the experience and with a class drop to maiden \$30,000 company. He has stayed active on the worktab here in recent weeks and is bred to handle the stretch out to a mile; offers value at 8-1 on the line. RECOGNIZE has hit the board in five straight races and owns some of the better numbers in the field. He lacks early speed but otherwise fits. Another closer, TOREADOR, has not lived up to his \$170,000 price tag by going unplaced in his first four starts, but this marks the lowest tag for which he has started and he continues to train steadily. Outside post is no worry with a half-mile run to the first turn in this one-turn mile.

Fifth Race

1. Jamaican Ginger

2. Warm Hugs

3. Empress of Gold

JAMAICAN GINGER has improved in each of her four starts, and is dangerous moving back to the grass after a runner-up finish on the Poly. She finished behind WARM HUGS when they met at Gulfstream in March, but should be a fatter price...hence her getting the nod. WARM HUGS certainly ran well at first asking, taking the lead in midstretch when racing in a straight maiden contest, along to weaken to second late. The top choice was three lengths behind her, too; attractive on paper, but is likely to get bet down from her 5-2 morning line and is therefore the second selection in light of her expected lower price. EMPRESS OF GOLD, entered for the main track only, stands a strong chance if this race comes off the grass due to inclement weather. Although a no show in her latest on Poly at Keeneland, her two efforts on dirt were respectable.

Sixth Race

1. Saratoga Vicar

2. Jolly Ol' Nick

3. Smoke Trail

SARATOGA VICAR worked a half-mile here Apr. 28 in 49.20 seconds, a sharp move for a \$5,000 claimer that suggests he is coming into this race in top condition. He is better than he showed last time out when fifth vs. \$10,000 claimers on the Poly, a surface over which he is 6-0-0-0. Dirt is his surface of preference, and \$5,000 claiming is his level. An overlay if he sticks to his 6-1 morning-line odds. JOLLY OL' NICK had a rough trip Apr. 10 at Oaklawn and ran seventh vs. better. Previously, he had won a \$5,000 race at this 1 1/8-mile distance at Oaklawn; he seems at his best when he makes the lead. SMOKE TRAIL, a winner of 5 of 17 on dirt, is an honest sort and well suited to the class level. He just doesn't seem quite as well suited to the 1 1/8-mile distance as the top two.

Seventh Race

1. Exhilarating

2. Aregulationhottie

3. Holy Royal

EXHILARATING has never seen a tag, comes off a close third in an allowance at Oaklawn, and is winner at Churchill. She also makes her third start off a layoff; class of this \$30,000 N2L claimer. AREGULATIONHOTTIE is returned to the dirt after a couple of useful turf tries this winter at Gulfstream. She has hit the board in all three of her local starts, and has twice earned her highest speed figures over this strip. HOLY ROYAL had a quite winter vs. allowance and stakes runners at Tampa, but is a 3-year-old with upside; training swiftly but out of action since Mar. 11.

Eighth Race

1. Silk Route

2. Media Madness

3. Ms Silver Oak

SILK ROUTE, scratched from the Bewitch Stakes late last month at Keeneland, finds a more suitable spot in this 1 1/8-mile first-level allowance on turf. She is a winner at this distance, and the mere fact that her connections entered her in the Bewitch obviously indicates they hold her in high regard. MEDIA MADNESS rallied to be second in a race at Keeneland Apr. 8 gong a mile. She finished nicely, giving every indication more ground would benefit her. The winner of that race, Oregon Lady, repeated against N2X runners here opening night. MS SILVER OAK, among the top 3 in all five of her starts, won a straight maiden race at this distance in march at Gulfstream on the grass before rallying for third in a slow-paced race at Keeneland in a race moved from turf to Poly.

Ninth Race

1. Safe Trip

2. China

3. Irrefutable

Stakes dropping SAFE TRIP is returned to the allowance ranks after running fifth behind such classy sprinters as Capt. Candyman Can and Regal Ransom in a small stakes race at Gulfstream Apr. 3. He has breezed smartly in recent weeks at Keeneland, and now returns to Churchill, where he was twice a flashy winner last spring. Narrow edge. CHINA ran into some traffic problems and ended up third in a fast race at Keeneland on the Poly Apr. 8. With better racing luck, he likely would have been second. He appears capable of moving up at Churchill, where he is perfect in two starts. IRREFUTABLE and SNAPSHOT also must be respected in this salty third-level allowance/\$80,000 claimer. The former has won tw of his last three for Baffert, while the latter, a graded placed sprinter, returns to Churchill, where he impressed with a win in a similar race in November here.

Tenth Race

1. Down With Dixie

2. Custers Last Stand

3. Woodman's Charm

DOWN WITH DIXIE has underachieved since last fall, but can spring to life against \$15,000 N3L runners. He had a troubled trip when eighth most recently on the Poly at Keeneland, which followed a loss at Oaklawn when returning from a layoff. Both races are toss outs. The class of the field, he breezed a sharp half in 48.60 seconds Apr. 28 and gets his blinkers removed. CUSTERS LAST STAND ran a close fourth against open \$10,000 claimers at Keeneland on the Poly, which probably is not his best surface. Both of his wins have come on dirt, including a maiden victory here last July. He doesn't seem as classy as the top choice but rates well vs. others. WOODMAN'S CHARM won a N2L allowance at Mountaineer Mar. 14, but didn't face much in the latter race. His connections are wise to put him in for a tag at Churchill; can rally for a share.