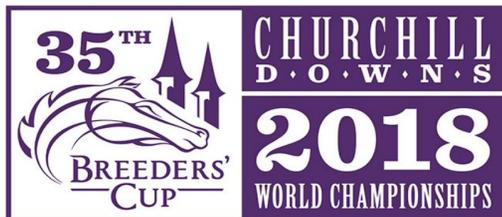
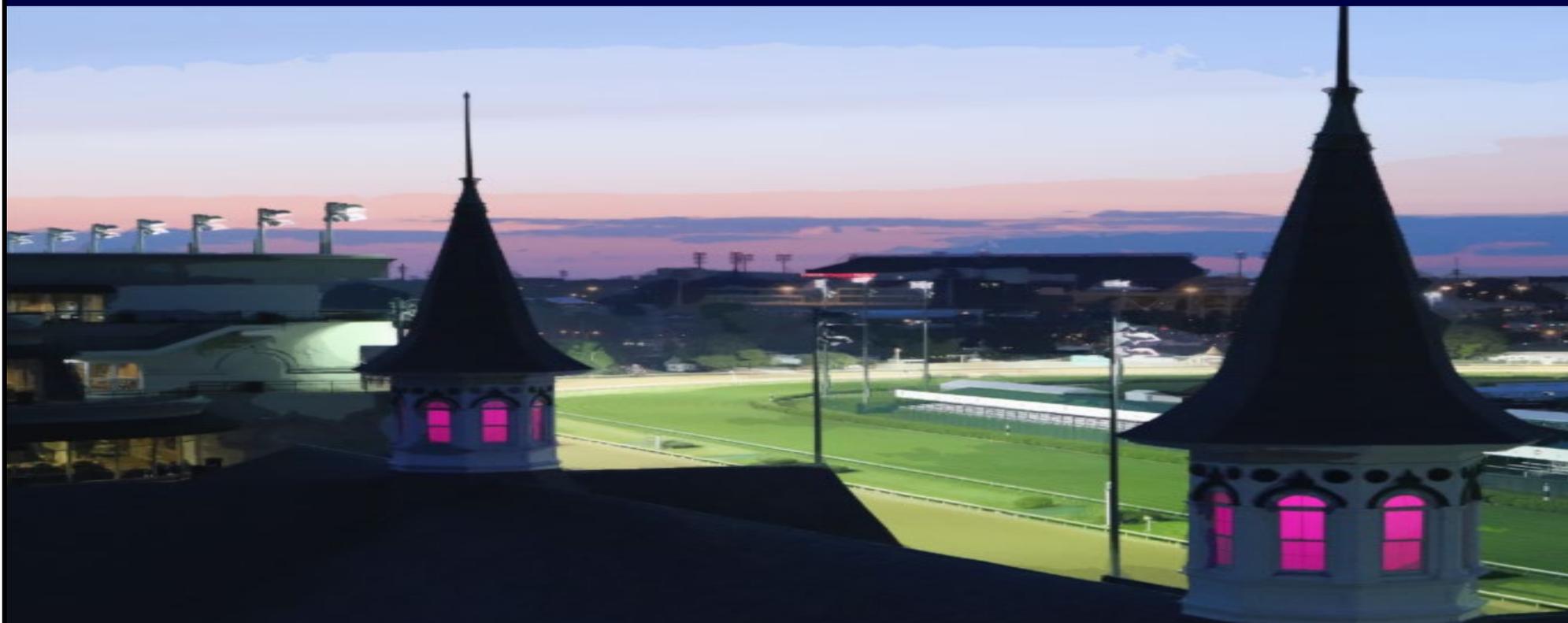


DAY 2

SATURDAY

TRACK PHANTOM 2018 BREEDERS' CUP GUIDE



Saturday, 11-3-18
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RACE 1	.50 P5	\$360
1st	1,4,5,6,7,8	No
2nd	3,7,8,10,11	Guarantee
3rd	5,13	
4th	5,7,9	
5th	1,4,6,10	PICK 5

RACE 7	.50 P5	\$490
7th	1,2,5,8,9	\$2M
8th	ALL	Guarantee
9th	10	
10th	2,12	
11th	2,3,6,9,10,11,14	PICK 5

RACE 8	.50 P4	\$392
8th	ALL	\$3M
9th	2,7,10,11	Guarantee
10th	2,12	
11th	2,3,6,9,10,11,14	PICK 4

BEST BET
#10 BLUE PRIZE (9TH)
LIVE LONGSHOT
#8 LIMOUSINE LIBERAL (7th)
MOST LIKELY
#2 ENABLE (10th)

1 CHURCHILL RACE 1 (10:45 ET) 50
ALLOWANCE 82K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

8 BIG GEMMY 6-1
 7 LAST BAD HABIT 7-2
 6 TIZ MISCHIEF 3-1
 5 MO'S MOJO 5-1

1ST: 8 BIG GEMMY (6-1)
 Last start has to be looked at as a prep to go longer here. He finished well at 26-1 to grab second. The show finisher ran 2nd by a neck in an allowance at KEE next. He's a NY-bred that should love as much ground as they'll give him. Right behind multiple G1 placed Lone Sailor two back. He has a strong worktab here at CD highlighted by a fast move 12 days ago. Looks live today.

2ND: 7 LAST BAD HABIT (7-2)
 Sharp win two back to break his maiden at Fair Grounds with Rosario up. Ran 2nd to King Zachary in last and that one took the G3 Matt Winn in his next start and he ran 4th beaten 6 in G1 Travers (in front of 6 runners) at 28-1. Trainer hits at 27% w/ a comebacker on dirt routing. Good that Rosario stays up. Works are decent here and the last 3 are perfectly spaced out.

3RD: 6 TIZ MISCHIEF (3-1)
 On paper he is the one to beat. Good 2nd in last here in the Matt Winn behind King Zachary. Unfortunately, most out of that race have underwhelmed in their return races. In addition, Romans does not have a good record with stakes runners off the shelf into an allowance or opt clm. Faced tougher competition in his career, has every right to win. Will be overbet though.

A) 6,7,8 B) 1,4,5 C) 2,3

2 CHURCHILL RACE 2 (11:15 ET) 41
CHEROKEE RUN 200K, 7F DIRT

7 PRINCIPE GUILHERME 12-1
 3 AUDIBLE 2-1
 11 STILL HAVING FUN 4-1
 10 AVEENU MALCAINU 15-1

1ST: 7 PRINCIPE GUILHERME (12-1)
 His last two were so poor that it is hard to take them seriously. He looked like a big prospect for the Derby after he romped 2 straight races to start his career. Ran 2nd from the 10 post in the Lecomte in his 3rd start, and while it was disappointing then as he was 6-5, the winner did come back for a 4th in the Dby. When Asmussen puts in a fast 5F then a slow 4F work...look out!

2ND: 3 AUDIBLE (2-1)
 Have to believe this isn't the goal for this Ky Derby placed colt. He's been off since then and comes back in a non-graded sprint. Pletcher 6 for 16 (38%) off a layoff going graded stake to non-graded stakes or allw, cutting back from route to sprint on dirt. Works are just ok. This is a strong field and he'll need to be ready to win. He should be on all bets at least defensively.

3RD: 11 STILL HAVING FUN (4-1)
 Upset winner of the G2 Wood Stephens 3 back at Belmont. He enjoyed a great trip in there behind sub :44 fractions and he rolled in from nearly dead last. Key races in last two starts. First and third from the two back start came back to win graded stakes. 5th from last was Battle of Midway who returned to crush in the 78k Comma to the Top at SA. LRL works are excellent.

A) 3,7,8,10 B) 1,6,11 C) 2,4,5,9,12

3 CHURCHILL RACE 3 (12:00 ET) 55
BC F&M SPRINT (G1), \$1M, 7F DIRT

5 GOLDEN MISCHIEF 10-1
 13 MARLEY'S FREEDOM 8-5
 4 KIRBY'S PENNY 30-1
 1 SELCOURT 4-1

1ST: 5 GOLDEN MISCHIEF (10-1)
 Sold privately following the victory in the 50k Flashy Lady at RP seven starts back. She won 4 of 6 for Brad Cox. The loss here in the G3 Winning Colors four back could be overlooked as she had a rough trip in there. Blew the doors off Hot Shot Anna 5 back. She has won 4 in a row including G2 and Beyers of 99 twice. TCA at KEE has produced 5 of the 11 winners of this race.

2ND: 13 MARLEY'S FREEDOM (8-5)
 Very sharp item for HOF trainer B Baffert. She has won 4 straight and has not really been challenged. Last w came for Baffert. 4th from the G1 Ballerina, Union Strike, returned to take the G2 Gallant Bloom at Belmont at 6-1 for Asmussen. Runner-up two back, Skye Diamonds, won the G3 LA Woman at 5-1 next. Has worked great for Baffert. That 1:10.4 move on 10/8 is huge.

3RD: 4 KIRBY'S PENNY (30-1)
 Trainer/owner risked her for 20k in start 10 back and lost her via a claim. Took her back for 40k claiming next out and she's been rock-solid since. She dispatched of a main rival, Chalon, three back in the G3 Vagrancy at 7-1. Might have been forced to soon to hold the rail in the G2 Gallant Bloom in last. Think she's better just off the early pace. May carve out a great trip.

A) 5,13 B) 1,2,4,6,9 C) 3,7,8,11,14

4 CHURCHILL RACE 4 (12:00 ET) 29
BC TURF SPRINT (G1), \$1M, 5.5F TURF

5 DISCO PARTNER 7-2
 9 STORMY LIBERAL 4-1
 7 LOST TREASURE 20-1
 13 WILL CALL 20-1

1ST: 5 DISCO PARTNER (7-2)
 First instinct is to find an upset in a race like this. You have a field of 14 and many of these have beaten each other. But this one is consistent and the most talented runner in the race. He is 3 for 4 with a 3rd (in this race last year) sprinting on a firm turf course for Clement. Would have won this race last year if at this 5.5F distance. Just has to get lucky with the trip in here.

2ND: 9 STORMY LIBERAL (4-1)
 Upset winner of this race last year when he just got up over stablemate, Richard's Boy, at 30-1. After a flat start at Belmont coming back from a huge run in the \$1M Al Quoz Sprint, he has rattled off 3 wins in a row, all in photo finish style. Pressed a :42.3 half at Santa Anita in last and got by the pacesetter. 3 for 3 at this distance. Game gelding is going to be tough again.

3RD: 7 LOST TREASURE (20-1)
 Aidan O'Brien colt comes in off of 3 close finishes in a row. Added blinkers in most recent start and ran well with them. Was in traffic in three straight and was void of running room. 5th beaten 1 in a G1 3 back at Longchamp. That was a deep field and he was right there despite getting off bad and lacking room. Big rider move, Moore is up for the 2nd time (5-1 win in 2nd start).

A) 5,7,9 B) 2,4,6,11,13 C) 1,8,10,12

5 CHURCHILL RACE 5 (1:16 ET) 67
BC DIRT MILE (G1), \$1M, 1M DIRT

- 10 CATALINA CRUISER 8-5
- 4 SEVEN TRUMPETS 15-1
- 6 SEEKING THE SOUL 5-1
- 1 CITY OF LIGHT 5-2

1ST: 10 CATALINA CRUISER (8-5)

Certainly the most likely winner and gets the nod due to the fact we likely have not seen his best yet. Having said that, he did get two straight graded stakes handed to him by being the only speed and drawing the rail. Battle of Midway ran 5th in the G2 Kelso at even money before he won 78k Comma to the Top. Sib to G1 placed, 754k winner, Eagle. Might crush here but does look like the kind you should bet against.

2ND: 4 SEVEN TRUMPETS (15-1)

Overachiever hit the board 3 straight and at odds of 6-1, 32-1, 10-1, 3-1. He will have to come out of the gate better to win this today. He's broken a step slow in his last 3 starts. Clearly looks like a better horse after the freshening Romans gave him 5 back. Loves the track. He is 3 for 3 on this surface. Three-year olds and off the pace types have done well in this race. Jockey has been aboard for all of his best races.

3RD: 6 SEEKING THE SOUL (5-1)

Flopped in the Woodward but most of his other starts have been pretty good. Has 3 wins here and two of them have been in graded stakes company. Has the style for this race. Typically late runners have run well in this spot. Runner-up in last came back to run 3rd at 19-1 in the G2 Fayette at Keeneland. He's reportedly working fast for a trainer who has fired with prices in big races before. Use him in the exotics.

- A) 1,4,6,10 B) 5,7 C) 3,8,9

HISTORICAL TRENDS (11 Years)

Closers have done well in this race. In the two Breeders' Cups at Churchill when this race was run there, the winners closed in from dead last. The Kelso has been a key prep for this race. 3YO's have won this 3x including last year with Battle of Midway. So Cal based runners won this 5 times. Goldencents the only wire to wire winner.

6 CHURCHILL RACE 6 (2:04 ET) 44
BC F & M TURF (G1), \$2M, 1M 3/8 TURF

- 14 EZIYRA 15-1
- 3 WILD ILLUSION 7-2
- 10 MAGIC WAND 5-1
- 6 SISTERCHARLIE 3-1

1ST: 14 EZIYRA (15-1)

She checks all the boxes for this. She's a graded stakes winner, deep closing type that has handled any surface and been in with top female turfers in Europe. Was 3rd two back behind Sea of Class, a filly who was beaten a scant nose to Enable in the Arc. She was game in there as she kicked back over a recent G2 winner. Runner-up, Coronet, ran 2nd in the Champions next. Trained by one of Ireland's best all-time.

2ND: 3 WILD ILLUSION (7-2)

Trainer Charlie Appleby is back to defend his title in this race after he won it in '17 with 11-1 Wuheida. That filly was coming out of the Prix de l'Opera, as well and was ridden by William Buick. Appleby has sent 3 runners to the BC (all for Godolphin). He won this race in '17, won the Juv Turf with 6-1 Outstrip in '13 and was beaten 2 in '17 in the Juv Turf with Masar, a colt who lost his iron during the race. Consistent filly.

3RD: 10 MAGIC WAND (5-1)

She has traded punches with Wild Illusion a few times and was behind the top pick a couple of times. Slow break two back in the G1 Vermeille might have been a good thing. She ran on well to just miss at 5-1. They purposely took her back in last and was staying on well for 2nd to Wild Illusion at 5-1. One of the world's best riders back up here and the trainer who has won 12 Breeders' Cups, 10 wins came on the turf.

- A) 3,6,10,14 B) 1,5,9 C) 2,7,11,12,13

HISTORICAL TRENDS (19 Years)

Euros made up 33 of the 57 trifecta spots (58%) all-time despite having had roughly 35% of the starters. Last year, Euros ran one-two. So. Cal based horses are 0 for 43 with just 5 in the money. Euro's dominate but not always the fancied one. Favorites have won 21%. 11-1 upset in 2017. 3 huge closers and 1 stalker in 4 times run at CD.

7 CHURCHILL RACE 7 (2:46 ET) 75
BC SPRINT (G1), \$2M, 6F DIRT

- 8 LIMOUSINE LIBERAL 6-1
- 5 IMPERIAL HINT 9-5
- 9 ROY H 5-2
- 1 WHITMORE 6-1

1ST: 8 LIMOUSINE LIBERAL (6-1)

We know he loves this track as he is 6 for 8 at Churchill Downs. Probably best in the G2 Phoenix in last. He was really hurt by the lack of running room in the lane and just couldn't get out in time. Don't think he loved being on the rail and given his running style he had to overcome the rail draw 2 and 3 back. 7F might actually be a better distance for him. He'll need some pace help to pass them all in the stretch.

2ND: 5 IMPERIAL HINT (9-5)

What a fast and consistent horse. He's 12 for 16 all-time and 8 for 11 at the 6F. Was 2nd in this race last year in a game effort in the stretch with Roy H. He did go wire to wire in last but that was simply due to the fact there was nothing in the soft G1 Vosburgh. Notice his rating ability in the 2 and 3 back starts. He's fast and he may be in a speed duel early but if allowed to settle a bit they'll have him to beat today.

3RD: 9 ROY H (5-2)

Don't underestimate the fact that trainer Peter Miller has entered Distinctiv B here along with his main runner, Roy H. There might be enough early speed already to produce an honest pace but Distinctiv B is simply an insurance policy for P Miller. Returned to 2017 form with a win last out in the G1 SA Sprint. Notice he ran virtually the same two races prior to his '17 win. A repeat well within scope. Good trip likely.

- A) 5,8,9 B) 1,2 C) 4,6

HISTORICAL TRENDS (34 Years)

Only 3 of the last 21 winners went wire to wire (Drefong was the last to do it in 2016 on a speed favoring SA dirt). The average superfecta payout is the 2nd highest of all BC races. Forwardly placed runners have made up the top 2 in each of last 4 years. Churchill has played fairly in 8 runnings of this (2 speed, 3 closers and 3 stalkers).

8 CHURCHILL RACE 8 (3:36 ET) 19
BC MILE (G1), \$2M, 1M TURF

- 3 HAPPILY 15-1
- 7 EXPERT EYE 8-1
- 5 OSCAR PERFORMANCE 6-1
- 11 LIGHTNING SPEAR 20-1

1ST: 3 HAPPILY (15-1)

Absolutely super pedigree. Dam was a G2 winner in England and her full sib is the great Giant's Causeway (won \$3M and ran 2nd in the 2000 BC Classic). All 5 siblings were stakes winners led by Gleneagles, a \$1.4M winner and a 2x G1 winning miler. She was facing some of the best females in Europe and holding her own. She got a brutal trip in the BC Juv Fillies at Del Mar last year. She'll be forwardly placed here.

2ND: 7 EXPERT EYE (8-1)

Really only one poor start in 2018 which came 5 starts back in the Two Thousand Guineas. He was carried out wide in that race and then tired. Looks to be close to the speed, getting the jump on Oscar Performance. There's class in the female tree with Tate's Creek, a \$1.5M turfer who won graded stakes at one mile, and \$2.5M winner Sightseek, who won the G1 Beldame twice. Expecting a box seat trip.

3RD: 5 OSCAR PERFORMANCE (6-1)

Wire to wire win in the G1 Woodbine Mile, a race that has produced live runners in this race 10 years in a row. Pulled up and vanned off in the Arlington Million but his win in the WO Mile proved that is nothing to worry about. Full sib to a \$1.5M winner, Oscar Nominated. Ran poorly in only race here but that was also the only time with Lasix and it came on a very soft turf. He'll likely be the one they have to reel in late.

- A) 3,4,5,7,11 B) 1,8,10,12,13,14 C) 2

HISTORICAL TRENDS (34 Years)

Normally a race that closers do well. The 3 that were 1st, 2nd and 3rd early last year finished 10th, 12th and 14th. You'd have to go back to 1993 the last time a big closer didn't hit the board. Strongest prep race has been the G1 Woodbine Mile (10 of last 11 years had one out of that race hit the board). US-based horses have won 6 of 7.

<p>9 CHURCHILL RACE 9 (4:16 ET) 70 BC DISTAFF (G1), \$2M, 1M 1/8 DIRT</p> <p>10 BLUE PRIZE 6-1 11 MONOMOY GIRL 2-1 7 MIDNIGHT BISOU 6-1 2 ABEL TASMAN 7-2</p> <p><u>1ST: 10 BLUE PRIZE (6-1)</u> Argentine-bred improved in her 5YO year. She was unlucky to lose at Pimlico when tagged by a 10-1 deep closer on a sloppy track. Otherwise she'd be coming in here on a 5-race winning streak. Has a superb record at Churchill Downs (5 for 5 in top 3 and 3 wins in a row). Her top two Beyers have come at CD. Really bolted out to the middle of the track in the Spinster in last start. She righted herself and won easily.</p> <p><u>2ND: 11 MONOMOY GIRL (2-1)</u> This is an amazing filly having won 8 of 10 starts with her two losses coming via DQ last time out and by a neck on this track in her 4th start and 1st graded stakes try. Has proven she can win on the lead if she needs to or come off the pace. She won the G1 Kentucky Oaks here from the wide 14 post. Really no knocks in her game but think the pace might work against her in here. Deserving favorite and one to beat.</p> <p><u>3RD: 7 MIDNIGHT BISOU (6-1)</u> Went off favored in the Kentucky Oaks on this track and actually ran a big race for 3rd while extremely wide. Asmussen took over the training on her after that. Moved up via DQ in a throwdown with Monomoy Girl in the Cotillion. Both fillies ran brave. This one went wide while Monomoy Girl got a big opening on the inside. Working better than she ever has. Will need a fast pace to develop. Think she gets it today.</p> <p>A) 2,7,10,11 B) 5 C) 1,4,9</p> <p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (34 Years)</u> One of the original 7 BC races dominated by low prices in 34 years. Since '07, 37 of 44 trifecta spots were filled by runners at 10-1 or lower (84%). Speed has done well but the Breeders' Cups at CD have played fairly. 3YO's have been part of the exacta in each of the past 9 years. This is one of the more formful of Breeders' Cup races.</p>	<p>10 CHURCHILL RACE 10 (4:56 ET) 84 BC TURF (G1), \$4M, 1M 1/2 TURF</p> <p>2 ENABLE 1-1 12 WALDGEIST 9-2 5 MAGICAL 10-1 4 ROBERT BRUCE 10-1</p> <p><u>1ST: 2 ENABLE (1-1)</u> Absolute superstar for John Gosden. She won the prestigious Arc de Triomphe two years in a row. She has missed training in the months leading up to the '18 Arc and Gosden said she wasn't 100%. She gamed out the win over another sensational filly Sea of Class. She likes firm ground and is handy and not compromised by traffic up front. Arc winners 0 for 7 all-time in this race. Expecting her to move up off of last.</p> <p><u>2ND: 12 WALDGEIST (9-2)</u> The Breeders' Cup Turf has been won by quite a few also-rans in the Arc. 11 of the past 27 BC Turf races were won by those who lost in the Arc a few weeks earlier. It includes Highland Reel and Found most recently. This trainer is no joke. He's won this race 3x (In the Wings '90, Shirocco '05 and Talismanic '17). Running line says he lacked room in the Arc but he actually got a great trip. A major threat to top choice.</p> <p><u>3RD: 5 MAGICAL (10-1)</u> Got an poor ride by a new rider in the Arc after she took serious money. Rider took her far back (actually to last) despite fact that she normally presses the pace. Did run late without an impact. Showed the strength of the Arc with a comeback win in a G1 at Ascot 2 weeks ago. Connections had the sibling to this one, the multiple G1 turf winner Rhodedendron, who was 2nd in the F & M Turf last year. Interesting.</p> <p>A) 2,12 B) 4,5 C) 1,3,10,11,13</p> <p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (34 Years)</u> Talismanic won this race last year which meant Euros have been victorious in this race 23 of 34 years (68%). Only 1 horse in last 10 years won this as solely US-based. The Arc produced 11 of past 27 winners although none of the 7 Arc winners have won this. Closers have dominated in the 8 years at CD, especially with large fields.</p>	<p>11 CHURCHILL RACE 11 (5:44 ET) 62 BC CLASSIC (G1), \$6M, 1M 1/4 DIRT</p> <p>11 MIND YOUR BISCUITS 6-1 6 MCKINZIE 6-1 3 CATHOLIC BOY 8-1 14 ACCELERATE 5-2</p> <p><u>1ST: 11 MIND YOUR BISCUITS (6-1)</u> It's not often that a 5YO horse enters this race off of his first route win and actually gets consideration. But this \$4.2M winner is unique. He spent most of his time as a top flight sprinter before Chad Summers started pointing him to longer races. Big second in the Met behind an Asmussen runner who is 5 for 6 in the US. Beat little in last but did so in style. He has reported to have worked sharp since his last start.</p> <p><u>2ND: 6 MCKINZIE (6-1)</u> You can't say trainer Bob Baffert doesn't know his way around this race. He's only won it three consecutive years. He's said for quite some time that this colt was his best runner earlier in the year (no slight to Triple Crown winner Justify). Huge run in the PA Derby to win from a wider post off a 6 month layoff. Baffert stated he will move forward off that race. The workouts have been sensational. Major win player.</p> <p><u>3RD: 3 CATHOLIC BOY (8-1)</u> Just like Mind Your Biscuits, this one has made a career change going from a class turf horse to a G1 winning dirt horse. Won the Travers with a strong stretch run but might not have been a lot behind second. Beat Chad Brown's Analyze it 2,3 back but that one flopped in the Shadwell Turf Mile as the favorite. Has the right style for the why this race shapes up. He'll get a great stalking trip. Needs to improve off of last.</p> <p>A) 3,6,11 B) 2,9,10,14 C) 4,7,12</p> <p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (34 Years)</u> East Coast based runners have done very well in this. The Jockey Club Gold Cup has been the best race prepping for this one, as has the Whitney. Most successful style has been sitting midpack. Winners on the lead have mostly come on speed friendly SA surfaces. Last price winner came here in '11 w/ stone-cold closer Drosselmeyer.</p>	<p>12 CHURCHILL RACE 12 (6:22 ET) 59 CHILUKKI (G2), 200K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>5 STUDENT BODY 15-1 6 DIVINE MISS GREY 9-5 1 MOONLIT GARDEN 7-2 7 BERNED 8-1</p> <p><u>1ST: 5 STUDENT BODY (15-1)</u> One of two in here for Christopher Davis. The other has speed (on the rail) but not the kind of speed this one showed in her last start at AP. She went :43.4 for the half on a track that wasn't playing like that. There are excuses in the 3 losses. Looks like something physically went wrong in the start 2 back (off for a year). Slop and a bad start caused the other two defeats. Nice KEE work on 10-5. Wire to wire upset.</p> <p><u>2ND: 6 DIVINE MISS GREY (9-5)</u> Formerly a 16k claimer has now become a G1 placed runner. She ran a big race to get second in the Beldame behind a Chad Brown filly. Those fractions were fast and she stayed right up with them. She's now won 10 of 21 and been in the exacta in 16 of those 21 starts. Likes to be up on early speed but might have a lot of company in that spot today. Franco is back. He rode her to 3 straight wins in 2017 at Belmont.</p> <p><u>3RD: 1 MOONLIT GARDEN (7-2)</u> Even though she went wire to wire in only 2 starts with Ortiz aboard, it's more likely she will try to rate in here. First off, other runner for this trainer has sprinter speed and he will not run this one into that kind of pace. Secondly, Ortiz is more known as a patient rider. Only poor start in last five came on the synthetic at Arlington Park 3 back. Comes into this off her two career best races. Will save ground from the rail.</p> <p>A) 5,6 B) 1,2,3,7 C) 4,8</p> <p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (32 Years)</u> This isn't a Breeders' Cup race but it has been run at Churchill Downs since 1985. The last time the BC was at CD was in '11 and this race was also the 12th race after the BC Classic. 4-1 Bucklebuttercup beat pacesetting May Day Rose with a closing kick. Since then the winners were 3 deep closers, 2 pressers, 1 wire to wire winner.</p>
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