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2019 KENTUCKY OAKS GUIDE



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RACE 1	.50 P5	\$560
1 st	3,5,7,8	
2 nd	2,5,6,7	
3 rd	2,6,7,8,9	
4 th	17,19	
5 th	3,4,5,6,7,8,9	

RACE 7	.50 P5	\$450
7 th	1,2,5,8	
8 th	1,2,3,5,9	
9 th	1,6,7,9,15	
10 th	4,6,7	
11 th	2,4,14	

RACE 9	.50 P5	\$472
9 th	1,6,7,8,9,10,15	
10 th	4,6,7	
11 th	2,4,14	
12 th	3,5,6,8,11	
13 th	1,4,5	

BEST BET
#19 NAPOLEON'S EMP (4 th)
LIVE LONGSHOT
#9 MOJO MAN (9 th)
MOST LIKELY
#1 NEWSPAPER OF REC (6 th)

<p>1st CHURCHILL DOWNS 37 STARTER ALLOWANCE \$50,000 1 MILE *DIRT* (10:30 ET)</p> <p>7 GIGGING 12-1 3 OFF SIXES 12-1 8 LUCK OF THE DRAW 9-2 5 TOM'S LAST GENERAL 9-2</p> <p><u>1st: 7 GIGGING</u> Really think this one was most helped by the move to the dirt here. Didn't think he had grass pedigree but he does have wet bloodlines. Faced tougher last out in the OP allowance race at 6-1 odds from the 11 post. Had a wide trip but made up a bit of late ground. Moves to Prat for the first time. He will come out of the clouds today. An overlay.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 3 OFF SIXES</u> Another one coming in from OP but he has a bit more tactical speed than the top choice. Will depend on how the track plays with the wet weather. If speed holds, I'd give him an edge on the top pick. Love the wet track blood with Cure the Blues deep in the pedigree. Only mud race track came 4 back at CD where he was in the 11 post. Can win.</p> <p>A) 3,7,8 B) 5 C) 1,4,9</p>	<p>2nd CHURCHILL DOWNS 64 OPTIONAL CLAIMING \$109,000 6 FURLONGS DIRT (10:58 ET)</p> <p>7 SULTRY 8-1 2 AWESTRUCK 5-2 5 UPSET BREWING 8-1 6 MAGICAL 6-1</p> <p><u>1st: 7 SULTRY</u> 400k purchase in 2016 took a 100k stakes here as a 2YO. She ran 2nd in a G3 at GP. She drew the rail in 3 of her last 5 starts and towards the rail in each of her last 5 races. Now she gets the outside post which may be helpful given the race flow she will see here. Lanerie was up in 2 of her 3 starts. Broke slow in last 2. Nice drill here last week.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 2 AWESTRUCK</u> She has been in the exacta in 3 of 5 starts here. Seems to want to sprint on fast dirt as she has been better in those runs. Ran in front of Dream Pauline race 4 back on a fast track here but was drilled twice by that one in G3 starts at GP on sloppy track after that. Didn't break cleanly but made a nice middle move last. Rider knows her very well.</p> <p>A) 7 B) 2,5,6 C) 3,4</p>	<p>3rd CHURCHILL DOWNS 58 OPTIONAL CLAIMING \$103,000 7 FURLONGS DIRT (11:26 ET)</p> <p>8 ULTIMATE MO 6-1 6 IRISH MISCHIEF 3-1 9 GOLDEN CURL 3-1 7 BLAME THE FOG 12-1</p> <p><u>1st: 8 ULTIMATE MO</u> Wayne Lukas filly cost 300k in '17 but has yet to live up to that purchase price. She ran 2nd in a MSW at OP behind a good filly Motion Emotion who has since won an op clm and then ran 2nd in back to back G3's there. She won wire to wire on a wet track that favored speed but think a fast track is what she prefers. Last winner has won 5 in a row.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 6 IRISH MISCHIEF</u> Was 20-1 in the G3 Fantasy last time out and she split the field. She is the first one to run back from that race. The winner won 3-in-a-row for Asmussen. Dam was a stakes winner sprinting about 5 years ago. Deep in the female tree is the 1999 Florida Derby winner Vicar. Cox having his usual huge season and this rider wins at 26% for him at CD.</p> <p>A) 6,8 B) 2,7,9 C) 4,5</p>	<p>4th CHURCHILL DOWNS 61 MAIDEN SPECIAL WGT \$100,000 1 MILE 1/16 *DIRT* (11:59 ET)</p> <p>19 NAPOLEON'S EMPIRE 5-1 17 MIRACLE HILL 10-1 6 SPLIT THE WICKETS 15-1 13 STOCK CHAIN 20-1</p> <p><u>1st: 19 NAPOLEON'S EMPIRE</u> Disappointed to see this race come off the turf as there are many scratches including the best bet of the day. This one is a deep closer who is shipping from OP where he was 4th from 9 in a race where the pace was a bit too slow for this style. He did not care for the turf in the start two back. Faced stronger company in first few. Late run.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 17 MIRACLE HILL</u> This is the other runner from the main track only part of the entries. He comes in from the tougher OP circuit. He was 5th in his last start. Winner ran off by 7 lengths and he was about 3 out of the runner-up spot. He has a lot of off-track pedigree with the Quiet American blood on the female side. Ran well in his first two starts for J Servis.</p> <p>A) 19 B) 2,6,13,17 C) 3,4,7,,10,11</p>	<p>5th CHURCHILL DOWNS 41 8 BELLES - G2 \$250,000 7 FURLONGS DIRT (12:35 ET)</p> <p>7 LYRICAL LADY 8-1 4 BREAK EVEN 4-1 6 DEL MAR MAY 5-1 9 MOTHER MOTHER 3-1</p> <p><u>1st: 7 LYRICAL LADY</u> Cost 625k about 13 months ago and exhibited very big talent in her short career. Won at 7-1 in SAR debut for Asmussen who normally is better in 2nd start. Didn't want the good track two back but came off the break in last with an authoritative win. 109.1 is very fast at OP. Slow 3F work 4 days from the race is a strong indicator for Asmussen.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 6 DEL MAR MAY</u> High percentage Southern Cal outfit in play here. They won w/ her in last at KEE in a fast time with Rosario aboard. Was post time favorite over Bellafina in her second start and ran a nice 2nd to that super filly. She likely didn't want to go long two back when she basically eased in a G1 at Santa Anita. Is reportedly working sharply at KEE for this.</p> <p>A) 4,7 B) 3,5,6,8,9 C) 1,2</p>
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6th CHURCHILL DOWNS 91
EDGEWOOD - G3 \$250,000
1 MILE 1/16 TURF (1:17 ET)

- 1 **NEWSPAPEROFRECORD** 3-5
- 5 **CONCRETE ROSE** 8-1
- 2 **CAMBIER PARC** 2-1
- 3 **WINTER SUNSET** 10-1

1st: 1 NEWSPAPEROFRECORD

Undefeated Chad Brown filly has yet to be tested at any point. All 3 wins were in the same fashion and that included the dominant Breeders' Cup win at the end of the year. Her works are really superb and perfectly spaced. No real chinks in the armor and she might actually get a soft turf again. All systems go in return.

2nd: 5 CONCRETE ROSE

This one tells you how good the top pick really is. The only loss this filly has in 4 starts was the BC Juvenile Filly Turf last November to the top choice. Otherwise, she is 3 for 3. Drew the tough rail on wet turf in the BC and made a middle move to the winner. Might be better than that race appears. Beat 31 foes in her 3 wins.

3rd: 2 CAMBIER PARC

Another for top trainer Chad Brown and this one cost 1.25M. Her dam won near \$2M and finished her career running 2nd to Forever Together at 50-1 in the 2008 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf. Went off at 4-5 in the G3 at GP in last and got a perfect trip pressing a pretty slow early pace. Cannot dismiss top connections.

VALUE: 5 CONCRETE ROSE

- A) 1 B) 2,3,5 C) 4,6

7th CHURCHILL DOWNS 60
ALYSHEBA - G2 \$400,000
1 MILE 1/16 DIRT (2:00 ET)

- 2 **TOM'S D'ETAT** 5-1
- 1 **MCKINZIE** 8-5
- 8 **SEEKING THE SOUL** 5-2
- 5 **BOURBON RESOLUTION** 15-1

1st: 2 TOM'S D'ETAT

6YO horse with just 10 starts but won 6 of them. He is 5 for 6 on a fast dirt track and the only miss was runner-up finish going a mile and a quarter in his second career start. He's run well here and is 3 for 4 at the distance. Clearly didn't want the sloppy surface in the Pegasus. He'll get the perfect trip stalking a fast pace.

2nd: 1 MCKINZIE

Talented Baffert runner was unlucky to lose the Santa Anita Handicap to Sadler trained Gift Box. There wasn't much to beat in that race as it was a weak group for G1. Colt who was 4th (Campaign) won the G3 Tokyo City next at 5-2 odds with a 95 Beyer. Rattled off 101+ Beyers in five of last six starts. Looks the one to beat.

3rd: 8 SEEKING THE SOUL

He's been in the money in 8 of 10 at CD and his career best have come over this surface (won the G1 Clark and was 2nd in the G1 Dirt Mile). Huge run for 2nd in the Pegasus World Cup two back at 34-1. He beat just 4 home in the Dubai World Cup but only beaten 8 in the end. Back to his regular rider today. Needs a quick pace.

VALUE: 5 BOURBON RESOLUTION

- A) 1,2,8 B) 5,6,11 C) 4,10

8th CHURCHILL DOWNS 55
LA TROIENNE- G1 \$500,000
1 MILE 1/16 DIRT (2:53 ET)

- 5 **MOPOTISM** 15-1
- 1 **SHE'S A JULIE** 7-2
- 9 **SECRET SPICE** 5-2
- 2 **BLUE PRIZE** 3-1

1st: 5 MOPOTISM

Some may see her as slightly below the other more fancied runners in here but the public bet her down to 6-1 in the G1 Beholder while the winner Secret Spice was over 11-1. This 5YO mare was sitting in a good spot to strike at the top of the stretch before she was steadied. Third 2 back a prep for longer. 3rd off the layoff.

2nd: 1 SHE'S A JULIE

She had just one bad run since Santana took over 7 starts back. She was off the board in the Zia Oaks at 1-5. It appears that was an aberration. She ran into a very fast pace in there and tired late in the lane. Strong win in her 1st start as a 3YO. Asmussen had success with older runners like this (thinking Gun Runner).

3rd: 9 SECRET SPICE

Is she a filly who in wildly talented but a bit inconsistent or did she just turn the corner three back and didn't want a wet track two back? 106 and 100 Beyer figs around a 6-5 flat third behind a filly she drilled previous start. Runner-up in last is a millionaire and third place finisher won G2 at SA by nearly 11 last weekend.

VALUE: 1 SHE'S A JULIE

- A) 1,5,9 B) 2,3 C) 4,6,7

9th CHURCHILL DOWNS 36
OPTIONAL CLAIMING \$106,000
7 FURLONGS DIRT (3:53 ET)

- 9 **MOJO MAN** 10-1
- 6 **STROLLING** 15-1
- 15 **SOUL STREIT** 2-1
- 7 **SOLID WAGER** 5-2

1st: 9 MOJO MAN

Trainer is 14 for 46 (30%) w/ a \$5.25 ROI on the dirt at CD going 6F to 8F. Ships in from OP and out of fast races (109.2 and 1.09.3 are two of the fastest 6F times at the OP meet). Key race 2 back. Winner was 2nd a nose, 99 Beyer next. 4th (Glory Stars) won next and beat some in here. 1st-6th all ran back earning an 88+ Beyer.

2nd: 6 STROLLING

He might not be quite fast enough here but the odds will be large enough to roll the dice. He was hammered down in the betting four back at OP and circled very wide to win on track that you had to be on the lead and tucked to the inside. He chased a lonely leader 3 back and might not have wanted slop in last. Flying late.

3rd: 15 SOUL STREIT

Always have to pay attention when one draws in from the also-eligibles for Bob Baffert. This one was last seen winning an opt clm at SA as the favorite in a very game effort. Loved his debut at Del Mar back in 2017 and thought he was going to be another star. Laid off a year and a half. He comes back very sharp at age 4.

VALUE: 6 STROLLING

- A) 1,6,7,9,15 B) 3,5,8,10 C) 4,11,14



10th CHURCHILL DOWNS 42
TURF SPRINT - G2 \$250,000
5 1/2 FURLONGS TURF (5:04 ET)

- 7 ANGASTON 15-1
- 6 WORLD OF TROUBLE 1-1
- 4 JAZZY TIMES 20-1
- 8 UNRAFTED 8-1

1st: 7 ANGASTON

Much of this race will come down to the pace set by the top two favorites. Both have the best speed and it appears they will throw it down early. This one should be in a great spot early. Exits the G2 Shakertown when 3rd after he made an early stretch move. He drew wide in last 3. Improves 2nd off the layoff. Great trip.

2nd: 6 WORLD OF TROUBLE

Obviously the most talented with 7 wins in 11 starts and five straight 100+ Beyer figs. Won the G1 Carter but was all out to do it vs a weak field even for a G1 race. He'll go out quickly along with the Ward runner on the rail. It could soften both of them and allow another to run by. He wins if he isn't broiled in the early pace.

3rd: 4 JAZZY TIMES

Not likely for the win end but could be a viable longshot exotics adder. Claimed for 25k five starts back and the trainer (who is also the owner) moved to grass in the start 3 back and won. Notice that 2nd was over 6 clear of 3rd. Beat a 500k winner 2 back. Came off a layoff and drew a tough rail in last. Improves here.

VALUE: 4 JAZZY TIMES

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

11th CHURCHILL DOWNS 66
KENTUCKY OAKS - G1 \$1,250,000
1 MILE 1/8 DIRT (6:12 ET)

- 14 RESTLESS RIDER 6-1
- 4 BELLAFINA 2-1
- 2 CHOCOLATE KISSES 20-1
- 1 OUT FOR A SPIN 15-1

1st: 14 RESTLESS RIDER

Never been worse than second in her 7 race career and she has really handled this Churchill track well. You can excuse her runner-up in the Golden Rod at 3-5 two back. The winner crawled setting a slow pace. No excuse last out when she couldn't stay with 52-1 winner. Loads of speed signed on. She will tuck in easily.

2nd: 4 BELLAFINA

There is no question she is the one they will have to beat in here. She's won 6 of her 8 starts and only time off the board she drew the 10 post in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and hopped right at the start. Only beat 19 foes in her last 5 wins. Another who will try and relax off a wicked pace. She'll be overbet in here.

3rd: 2 CHOCOLATE KISSES

Love the breeding here. Dam won nearly million dollars and was 2nd to Zenyatta in the 2008 Apple Blossom. This one is a deep closer in a race filled with speed. Didn't run a step in the Ashland but had won back to back starts prior. Needs to improve in order to win this but worth a look given the way this race will unfold.

VALUE: 2 CHOCOLATE KISSES

- A) 4,14 B) 1,2,8,9,10,12 C) 3,5,7,11,13

12th CHURCHILL DOWNS 39
OPTIONAL CLAIMING \$103,000
1 MILE 1/16 DIRT (6:48 ET)

- 3 HIGH REGARD 7-2
- 5 GOODBYE EARL 15-1
- 8 COSMIC CODE 5-1
- 11 FREE COVER 5-1

1st: 3 HIGH REGARD

Only time worse than 4th came two back when she stumbled badly at the gate in the G2 Davona Dale. Otherwise, she has run well in all of her starts. Castellano aboard for the runner-up finish in most recent out. The winner was the favorite who got loose up front for trainer Brad Cox. Her career best efforts were at CD.

2nd: 5 GOODBYE EARL

Her debut came at 6F in one of the best MSW races run at OP. There were 4 next out winners from that group and 3 more ran 2nd next. Forget her 2nd start when a hop at the start from the rail and a wide trip cost her. Only route produced a win 2 back. Fanned 6 wide from the 10 post last out. Think there is something here.

3rd: 8 COSMIC CODE

Never worse than second before a 6th in last vs G3 foes at OP. She broke from the very difficult rail in that race at 25-1 and really never had a chance. She did beat five home in better-than-it-looks effort. Winner two back won a La-bred stakes at 13-1 next. High % outfit will ensure odds lower than her actual chances are.

VALUE: 5 GOODBYE EARL

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

13th CHURCHILL DOWNS 56
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT \$100,000
6 FURLONGS DIRT (7:23 ET)

- 4 HALLAWALLAH 5-1
- 1 CRAZY SEXY MUNNY 8-1
- 5 NEW RULES 6-1
- 8 VOMBA 7-2

1st: 4 HALLAWALLAH

Asmussen is 20 for 79 (25%) with a 1ster in MSW going 6F on dirt for 3YO+. Those 20 winners had a few things in common with this runner. They had a fast 5F drill from the gate followed by a slow breeze before the race. Dam won 1.3M as a G1 winning dirt sprinter. Like the fact she's been working out at CD. Tab tote action.

2nd: 1 CRAZY SEXY MUNNY

Trainer Doug O'Neill is a tough read with a first timer. He wins quite a bit but he also runs up the track with good looking debuts. Has just 1 firster MSW for 3YO+ debut outside of So Cal and was for this owner at OP in Mar. That winner won by 6 with an 88 Beyer, and was also by this same sire. Prat 33% when up for O'Neill.

3rd: 5 NEW RULES

This is a very tough race and this one is going to have to carry her speed farther than she has been. First and third starts aren't much but the middle run 2 back is interesting. 3rd out of 9 but 10 clear of 4th. The winner drew off by 7 1/2 at 5-1 in her debut and hasn't run back. Runner-up won by 4 in a KEE MSW next time out.

VALUE: 1 CRAZY SEXY MUNNY

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