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**4 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (2:00 ET) 66**  
**MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 120K, 7F DIRT**

3 BATTIS GROVE	10-1	VELAZQUEZ
4 COUplet	6-1	HERNANDEZ
6 PASSERINE	8-1	I ORTIZ
11 TAMMY'S KISS	9-2	GAFFALIONE

**PICK: 3 BATTIS GROVE**

In the last 9 weeks, William Walden has had 9 first timers at 6-1 or less. He won 5 of them (56%) and was second with the other 4 (100% in the exacta). He is 6 for 11 (55%) with a firster in a MSW on the dirt for this ownership. Dam was G1 placed routing on the dirt. They've been allowing her to stalk in the morning works. Gets a top level rider. Should be live in here.

**VALUE: 4 COUplet**

This filly has been consistently since September with a few breaks. Michael McCarthy has had 4 first timers in MSW on the dirt for this ownership. He won with one and he finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the other three. The dam won the 2012 G1 Alcibiades at KEE for Mark Casse. McCarthy has had 16 debut winners on dirt in MSW. All were 5-1 or less. Look for betting.

A) 3,4,6 B) 1,7,9,11,13 C) 5,10,12 D) 2

**5 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (2:35 ET) 54**  
**MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 120K, 1M TURF**

11 ROYAL GUARD	5-1	I ORTIZ
10 PREPPED	3-1	J ORTIZ
6 EXECUTIVE	4-1	ALVARADO
2 CLARK'S CORNER	12-1	SAEZ

**PICK: 11 ROYAL GUARD**

Brad Cox is 5 for 7 (71%) off a layoff of at least 200 days in a MSW routing on the turf at either CD or FG. 4 of the 5 winners were getting Lasix for the first time, as this one is. This is the female family of G1 turfers Dumaani and Shadayid. Trainer is 36% in a turf route with Irad Ortiz. He is 42% with such in MSW. 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> out of last start ran 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> next starts.

**VALUE: 2 CLARK'S CORNER**

He chunked up for second at 37-1 in the debut at KD. He was off a bit slow and traveled wide but came with a resolute late run to get into the exacta. Caught a key race last time when he was 9<sup>th</sup> beaten just over six lengths. The fact that he has first time Lasix could mean he bled in last here. Take note of these workouts for a trainer who doesn't work them that fast.

A) 2,6,10,11 B) 5,9,13 C) 1,3,4,8 D) 7,12

**6 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (3:12 ET) 37**  
**OPTIONAL CLAIMING 127K, 6.5F DIRT**

5 PAIGE TURNER	4-1	J ORTIZ
6 CARMEL COAST	3-1	GAFFALIONE
13 BLUE FLAME SIX	20-1	ACHARD
12 FRENCH BLUE	9-2	PRAT

**PICK: 5 PAIGE TURNER**

First start of the year for this Cherie DeVaux filly. She ran very well in all 3 starts as a 2YO. Drew the 11 post but blew the doors off that full field here in the maiden win two starts ago. Winner of the last start returned to win a G3 at GP. Third won the G2 Beaumont at KEE in early April. DeVaux nearly 40% with Jose Ortiz with one coming off a layoff of this length.

**VALUE: 13 BLUE FLAME SIX**

She cost 400k about 14 months ago at the OBS sale. She easily won her debut at TP at 7-1 in early March and then hung in for third in a stakes there a few weeks later. Those were synthetic races so this will be her first dirt start. Sib to the \$2M G1 winner dirt sprinter Mind Control and the G1 placed Goddess of Fire. Trainer, owner of Chunk of Gold (G2 placed).

A) 5,6 B) 11,12,13 C) 4,8,13 D) 2,10

**7 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (3:48 ET) 71**  
**UNBRIDLED SIDNEY (G2) 500K, 5.5F TURF**

6 SHISOSPICY	9-5	ORTIZ
5 QUEEN MAXIMA	7-2	HERNANDEZ
3 TIME TO DAZZLE	15-1	J ORTIZ
4 CREED'S GOLD	20-1	PRAT

**PICK: 6 SHISOSPICY**

This trainer has the best turf sprinter (this one) and the best dirt sprinter (Bentornato). Both won BC Sprints this last Nov (turf and dirt). Sold for \$5.2M at the '25 Fasig-Tipton Nov Sale which the owners bought out their partners. Never lost in a turf race in the US. Did have an infection that caused her not to ship overseas but the works are strong. The obvious class.

**VALUE: 3 TIME TO DAZZLE**

She always runs her race. She doesn't win all of the time (4 wins in 16 starts) but seems to always be close in the end of her races. Excellent effort in Saudi Arabia two back. Kept on to the end beaten just about 3 lengths. Likely needed the first run in the US afterwards. She got a wide trip and was going well late but out of time. J Ortiz rode her to the G2 win 3 back.

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

**8 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (4:30 ET) 82**  
**EIGHT BELLES (G2) 700K, 7F DIRT**

7 LUV YOUR NEIGHBOR	6-1	SAEZ
9 ON TIME GIRL	5-2	I ORTIZ
3 RIVER WIND	4-1	GAFFALIONE
2 FRENCH FRICTION	6-1	TORRES

**PICK: 7 LUV YOUR NEIGHBOR**

A filly cutting back from a route has won this race in 6 of the last 9 years. That includes Obligatory for Bill Mott back in '21 who was also out of the FG Oaks (4<sup>th</sup> beaten 8). Those with a bit of route speed cutting back in this race has been the right formula. This filly has never run in a sprint on fast dirt. She is unlucky to not have 5 wins. Wins if track is allowing closers.

**VALUE: 3 RIVER WIND**

Drew the rail in both starts. In the debut, at 4-1 odds, she was quick to the front and never gave that field a chance. It was not an overly good group but she didn't wait around to find out. Had a miserable trip in the last start. She was in tight in the middle part of the race and lost ground. Tight again into the turn and bounced off the rail. Deserves a long look here.

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

**9 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (5:12 ET) 75**  
**ALYSHEBA (G2) 750K, 1M 1/16 DIRT**

2 BAEZA	5-2	ALVARADO
6 NU WHAT'S NEW	8-1	SAEZ
7 SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING	7-2	GAFFALIONE
8 CORPORATE POWER	10-1	ORTIZ

**PICK: 2 BAEZA**

Moves from the late John Shirreffs to Bill Mott. This is his 1<sup>st</sup> start since the Classic. There are some camps who have said this will be a better 4YO and with Mott he has a chance to be a superstar this year. Sib to Derby winner Mage and Belmont winner Dornoch. Much the best over recent Dubai World Cup winner Magnitude in the Pa Derby. Gets speed to set him up.

**VALUE: 6 NU WHAT'S NEW**

He has speed and might be the quickest early. He has a speed rider who is aggressive. If he's allowed to relax early (that is a big "if") he could be hard to run down. Was very game two back when second to Magnitude. That 4YO went to Dubai and beat Forever Young in the World Cup next. This distance may be on the outer edge for him. Price will be worth the chance.

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

**10 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (6:01 ET) 80**  
**MODESTY (G3) 500K, 1M 1/16 TURF**

6 GEZORA	4-5	PRAT
2 PROCTOR STREET	6-1	GAFFALIONE
3 WHISKEY DECISION	4-1	I ORTIZ
5 KATHYNMARISSA	8-1	J ORTIZ

**PICK: 6 GEZORA**

There is no doubt that this is the most talented filly in here. She won the G1 BC F&M Turf in her last start. She won a very prestigious race in France, the G1 Prix de Diane. She moved to the Chad Brown barn after the BC. Brown trained the turf superstar Sistercharlie (7x G1 winner) for Peter Brandt. The big question is readiness. Clearly not the goal. Could need one.

**VALUE: 2 PROCTOR STREET**

Lightly raced 5YO mare. She's only started 10 times (all turf) and won 5 of them. One of the losses came last time out by a neck in the G2 Hillsborough. That was a better effort than it may appear. She moved early into the slow pace on that good turf and was just outfinished. She won a stakes on this grass course three back with Gaffalione. She'll be closing strongly.

A) 6 B) 2,3,5 C) 4,9 D) 1,7,10

**11 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (6:56 ET) 54**  
**LA TROINNE (G1) \$1M, 1M 1/16 DIRT**

1 BLESS THE BROKEN	9-2	I ORTIZ
9 FULLY SUBSCRIBED	7-2	PRAT
11 DREXEL HILL	15-1	CURTIS
5 SHRED THE GNAR	3-1	SAEZ

**PICK: 1 BLESS THE BROKEN**

No disgrace losing to the Baffert BC F&M Sprint winner (and winner of 5 straight) last out. You can't beat Baffert with one like that when he controls the pace. 4<sup>th</sup> beaten 14 returned to win the G3 Santa Maria by 6. Love Irad Ortiz on a late closer from the rail in a spot like this. He'll save ground, swing out and move late. Third start off the layoff. Top effort expected.

**VALUE: 11 DREXEL HILL**

She has only been at Churchill Downs once. She really made it count. She was a 32-1 runner-up in the G1 Kentucky Oaks a year ago. She came from last to grab 2nd in front of the top choice. She's run three times since. Only last was subpar. But the winner crushed next in the G1 Apple Blossom. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> also won stakes next. Will finish if the pace is hot. Don't overlook.

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

**12 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (7:40 ET) 69**  
**EDGEWOOD (G2) 600K, 1M 1/16 TURF**

5 JUST ALOOF	8-1	PRAT
8 LION LAKE	8-1	VELAZQUEZ
3 IMAGINATIONALADY	4-1	GAFFALIONE
9 DANDONA	6-1	J ORTIZ

**PICK: 5 JUST ALOOF**

It looked like she ran in place in the final half of a furlong in the Grade 2 Appalachian at Keeneland last time out. But that was not unexpected. It was her first start of the year and she was on the rail for the entire stretch. The rail on that day, on the turf, was dead. The winner and runner-up closed way outside. Shipped to California along with a stablemate (who won the G1 Hollywood Derby) and easily beat a decent field two back. Brown is 38% with Prat in a G1 turf route for 3YO's.

**2ND: 8 LION LAKE**

She closed alongside the top choice near the inside in the G2 last out. She wasn't quite as close to the rail but was running on the dead part of the track, nonetheless. She seems to have something left in each start. She either won or was right in the group at the wire in all four starts this year. She has one sib who was a G1 winner on the turf and won over 700k over his career. Trainer won the G1 Arl Million and G1 Turf Classic here in 2022 with Santin. Clockers high on the 4/26 TP work.

**3RD: 3 IMAGINATIONALADY**

She hasn't run a bad race yet. She's run four times. She won twice including the G2 Jessamine at 10-1 in her second start. She was a game fourth in the BC Juv Fillies Turf beating 8 in there and within two lengths in the end. Closed next to the winner in the same aforementioned Appalachian in the last start. She likely needed that race coming off a layoff after the Breeders' Cup. Gaffalione sticks with her after getting up for the first time in last. Love the pedigree. Has a big future.

**4TH: 9 DANDONA**

She sold for over \$1M a year ago. The dam was mainly synth sprinter in her career. Lone sib to run was a turf route but only at the allowance level into last year. Sire was a star in his career. He won the Fla Derby, Belmont and Travers (2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ky Derby) during the covid impacted 2020 season for Barclay Tagg. He's had some decent turfers including the G3 winner Tiz Dashing. Seems that Saffie Joseph is winning just about all the big races. Too early to know what we have here.

**VALUE: 8 LION LAKE**

A) 5 B) 3,8,9,11 C) 1,4,13,14 D) 2,6,10,12

**13 – CHURCHILL DOWNS (8:40 ET) 76**  
**KENTUCKY OAKS (G1) \$1.5M, 1M 1/8 DIRT**

5 MEANING	5-1	HERNANDEZ
11 PERCY'S BAR	6-1	MACHADO
2 ZANY	4-1	I ORTIZ
4 COUNTING STARS	8-1	ARRIETA

**PICK: 5 MEANING**

Makes just her 5th career start for top class trainer Michael McCarthy. The runner-up (also for McCarthy) got a big jump on her in the Santa Anita Oaks but this one quickly went out wide and ran her down. Taken in hand in the last 100 yards. Went :22 for the last quarter in the work here on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Has \$1.8M earner Flying Continental (was 2nd to Sunday Silence in the '89 SA Derby) in the female line. Only question is if the So Cal 3YO filly division is good. Will sit a pocket trip.

**2ND: 11 PERCY'S BAR**

Proof that a good horse can come from anywhere. This filly has zero pedigree. She cost 52k and is not bred to be all that much. But she is a G1 winner (should be a two-time Grade 1 winner but was wrongfully DQ'd in the Alcibiades). She did get a dream run on the inside in the Ashland but it was how such just exploded when asked and never gave the 3-5 fav a chance. Has handled everything thrown at her. She was won on this dirt track. Wide post is a bit of a concern in this spot.

**3RD: 2 ZANY**

Todd Pletcher has won this race 4 times. Two of those four winners were coming out of the Ashland at Keeneland. This filly was 3-5 in there and sat well behind and moved wide on the turn. The winner, Percy's Bar, stayed on the rail and was strong once clear. Beat Life of Joy rather easily in the 100k at Tampa two back. That runner-up came back to win the G2 FG Oaks beating the top choice. She has the team behind her with Irad Ortiz in the saddle. A win today would shock nobody.

**4TH: 4 COUNTING STARS**

Mark Casse had an amazing meet at Oaklawn Park. This is one of his stakes winners from there this winter and spring. She won two non-graded stakes and then crushed them last out in the G2 Fantasy. That was a career best effort. The OP Fantasy has been a strong producer of top level finishers in this Ky Oaks over the years. This Honor A.P. filly won on this track in her debut and did so with authority. Regular jockey Arrieta is in for this ride. Very dangerous with her best run.

**VALUE: 4 COUNTING STARS**

A) 2,5,11 B) 1,4,9,10 C) 3,14 D) 7,13,15,17

<p><b>1</b> <b>EXPLORA</b></p> <p>Bob Baffert needs to be respected in a race of this type whenever he has even a reasonable chance. He has won this race 3 times. This one was second in the BC Juv Filles in front of the top two selections just 4 starts ago. She won 2 of her next 3 with her only loss to Meaning in the Las Virgenes. Inside post is still a tall order given her running style. If she works out a trip she can win.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>7</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>ZANY</b></p> <p>Todd Pletcher has won this race 4 times in his career and two of the four winners last ran in the Grade 1 Ashland. Looked sensational in 3 straight wins to start her career. She was no match for Percy's Bar in the Ashland but that winner did get a dream run on the rail. Was a strong winner of the Suncoast over the G2 FG Oaks winner, Life of Joy. Have to respect these connections.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>3</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>SEARCH PARTY</b></p> <p>Game winner of the 300k Martha Washington at OP three starts ago for high percentage trainer, Mark Casse. She just nibbled in the next two losing to her stablemate twice and Explora. She's a solid filly with a superb pedigree. She has never run a bad race but she does appear to be just slightly behind the main players in here. Underneath at the most but would still need a big price.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>9</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>COUNTING STARS</b></p> <p>This one looks the more serious of the two for Mark Casse. She has 4 wins in her 7 career starts. Throw out the Martha Washington in the start three back. She walked to the finish line as something was not right that day. Gave Explora a big scare at 11-1 in the G3 Honeybee 2 back. Strong 92 Beyer in the G2 OP Fantasy at 4-5. Arrieta knows her well. Makes sense at a square price.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>MEANING</b></p> <p>Think she's been brought along so well by superb trainer McCarthy. She took some action in the G1 BC Juvenile Filles (12-1 in just her 2<sup>nd</sup> start) and ran very well (beaten just over 3). Was the cream of the crop in So Cal having easily turned back the Baffert filly Explora two back in the Las Virgenes. Doesn't appear McCarthy has reached the bottom yet. Connections love her.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>1</b></p>
<p><b>7</b> <b>DAZZLING DAME</b></p> <p>She's 4 for 6 but hardly has what amounts to the resume to be good in this spot. All 4 of those wins at 1 mile or shorter. Set the pace in the Va Oaks. It looks like a fast pace in that race but that tracks was very fast all meet. That :45.3 probably plays more like a :47.3 on a normal surface. Can't discount speed the way this track is playing. Has the right rider to take them all the way.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>13</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>ALWAYS A RUNNER</b></p> <p>Let's see. A million dollar purchase for Hall of Fame trainer and rider who is undefeated. That sounds as if she is worth a look at 10-1 odds. Dam was also trained by Brown in her racing career but it was short due to injury. Sire won \$16M and is one of the top sires in the country right now. Pretty lightly raced for this rough and tumble stakes. She has talent and will get a great ride.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>6</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>PROM QUEEN</b></p> <p>Tough one to get a read on. She has looked great in her three starts so far for Brad Cox. When she added ground in her second start, it was a huge 8-length win tracking them early on. Much the best in the G2 GP Oaks last time out. That 90 fig is good enough to compete in this spot. She has more tactical speed than some of the other main foes. Could be in the golden seat in here.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>5</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>PERCY'S BAR</b></p> <p>Since 1985 (41 years) the G1 Ashland at Keeneland has been a key prep for this. 11 winners of the Ky Oaks have last run in the Ashland since 1985. This filly has been excellent in every one of her starts. She has no pedigree but has proven to be quite the bargain (52k purchase in 2024). She had an amazing turn of foot on the turn in the Ashland in that last start. Sky is the limit here.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>2</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>PASHMINA</b></p> <p>Has just one win to her credit. That was a 10 length score in her second start. It was also the only time she ran on Lasix (which she isn't able to have in this stakes). Set the pace in the Gazelle when she hung in for second. Those were slow fractions on that day. The Wood (next race on the card) went over a second faster early. Nice pedigree but she looks a rank outsider in this event.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>10</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>BROOKLYN BLNDE</b></p> <p>She has to be given some credit for her effort behind the top choice in the SA Oaks. She was second to her stablemate and was over 13 clear of the rest of the field. The problem is she got a huge jump on her when she moved on the turn but was no match for that winner in the later stages. Think the female pedigree also indicates shorter. Could find a way into the bottom of the tickets.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>8</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>LOVELY GREY</b></p> <p>Dave Portnoy (owner of Barstool Sports) owns this one. She's done some good things but hasn't been on the dirt yet. She moves to dirt in here and draws the widest post for this tough race. That is not ideal to try this G1 stakes. Lone win came at Colonial Downs in her 2<sup>nd</sup> start in a turf MSW there. Has a bit of a decent pedigree and does come in the end. Doubt she makes an impact.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>12</b></p>	<p><del><b>16</b> <b>NYCON</b></del></p> <p><del>Major scratch of Bella Ballerina on Thursday allows this one into the body of the race. She has two place finishes in moderate stakes at GP and AQU. She was a non-threat 4<sup>th</sup> in the G3 Gazelle behind Always a Runner and Pashmina. She did win her only start at this track (it was her lone career win). But that win was slow against much weaker in a MSW. Would be a massive shocker.</del></p> <p><del><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>SCR</b></del></p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>RESIST</b></p> <p>Longshot draws into the race after a couple of scratches. She's been on the TP synthetic only in her 4 starts so far. She won her first two from off the pace and then moved into stakes company. The last two were third place finishes. She was able to beat Lovely Grey in her last win but was behind that one in the 2 stakes races. Has some very solid CD dirt works leading into this. Late move.</p> <p><b>PREDICTION</b> <b>11</b></p>	