



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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Cathryn Sophia (E/P 5)

Own: Cash Is King Llc

Green, Multi-colored Crown, Green Shamrocks On White

CASTELLANO JAVIER (0 0-0-0 0%)

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+2016

JKYw/EP types

JKYw/ Trn L60

JKYw/ Routes

494 22% 54% -0.54

591 26% 57% -0.15

2 50% 100% +10.60

107 22% 54% -0.28

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B. f. 3 FTMSEP 2014 \$30k

Sire: Street Boss (Street Cry (IRE)) \$12,500

Dam: Sheave (Mineshaft)

Brdr: Robert T Manfuso (MD)

Trnr: Servis John C (0 0-0-0 0%)

8

Prime Power: 147.1 (1st)

11

L 121

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Life: 5 4- 0- 1

2016 3 2- 0- 1

2015 2 2- 0- 0

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\$295,520 99

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Fst (109)

Off (109)

Dis (108)

Trf (110)

AW

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E1 92

E2 99

Late 90

SPD 99

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Sire Stats: AWD 6.7

Dam'sSire: AWD 7.3

Dam'sStats: Unraced

SoldAt: FTMSEP 2014

15%Mud

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100%2yo

\$30.0k (27/47)

SireAvg: \$53.3k

241MudSts

820MudSts

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Pressed3w;bid1/4;handy

Off step slowjn hand

On left lead; handily

Sharp; handy fashion

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Land Over Sea (S 1)

Own: Reddam Racing Llc

White, Purple Belt, White Band On Purple Sleeves, Purple

GUTIERREZ MARIO (0 0-0-0 0%)

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B. f. 3 OBSAPR 2015 \$130k

Sire: Bellamy Road (Concerto) \$7,500

Dam: Belle Watling (Pulpit)

Brdr: Jack Swain III (KY)

Trnr: O'Neill Doug F (0 0-0-0 0%)

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Prime Power: 139.7 (4th)

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Saturday, April 27	The William Walker		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	5 Furlongs
Tuesday, April 30	The Champions Day Marathon		\$90,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/2 Mile
Wednesday, May 1	Kentucky Juvenile		\$100,000	2YO	Dirt	5 Furlongs
Thursday, May 2	The Unbridled Sidney		\$100,000	3FM&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Thursday, May 2	The Opening Verse Overnight Stakes		\$90,000	3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Friday, May 3	The Edgewood	III	\$250,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Friday, May 3	The Eight Belles	II	\$250,000	F3YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Friday, May 3	The Alysheba	II	\$400,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Friday, May 3	The La Troienne	I	\$500,000	FM4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Friday, May 3	The TwinSpires Turf Sprint	III	\$250,000	3&UP	Turf	5 Furlongs
Friday, May 3	The Kentucky Oaks	I	\$1,250,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
Saturday, May 4	The Pat Day Mile	III	\$400,000	3YO	Dirt	1 Mile
Saturday, May 4	The American Turf	II	\$400,000	3YO	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, May 4	The Churchill Downs	I	\$500,000	4&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, May 4	The Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	II	\$400,000	FM4&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, May 4	The Humana Distaff	I	\$500,000	FM4&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, May 4	Old Forester Turf Classic	I	\$1,250,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/8 Miles
Saturday, May 4	The Kentucky Derby	I	\$3,000,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/4 Miles
Saturday, May 11	The Mamzelle Overnight Stakes		\$90,000	F3YO	Turf	5 Furlongs
Saturday, May 18	The Louisville	III	\$100,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/2 Miles
Saturday, May 25	The Winning Colors	III	\$100,000	FM3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, May 25	The Keertana Overnight Stakes		\$90,000	FM3&UP	Turf	1 1/2 Miles
Saturday, June 1	The Aristides		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, June 1	The Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes		\$90,000	3&UP	Turf	5 Furlongs
Saturday, June 8	The Old Forester Mint Julep	III	\$100,000	FM3&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, June 15	The Matt Winn	III	\$150,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, June 15	The Regret	III	\$150,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/18 Miles
Saturday, June 16	The Stephen Foster Handicap	I	\$600,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
Saturday, June 15	The Fleur De Lis Handicap	II	\$250,000	FM3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
Saturday, June 15	The Wise Dan	II	\$250,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, June 22	The Roxelana Overnight Stakes		\$90,000	FM3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, June 29	The Debutante		\$100,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, June 29	The Bashford Manor	III	\$100,000	2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, June 29	The Kelly's Landing Overnight Stakes		\$70,000	3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs



AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous Spring Churchill Downs meet: April 28, 2018 through June 30, 2018

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 4.50 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 34% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 70%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	72.62
Daily Double	77.04
Trifecta	548.51
Pick 3	624.85
Superfecta	3,649.91
Pick 6	103,316.20
Pick 4	5,422.38
Pick 5	66,918.79
Pick 6 Jackpot	256,104.45
Future Wager	113.81
Super High Five	31,776.26



TRACK BIAS MEET (04/28 - 06/30)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	67	30%	E	Mid/Out
7.0fDirt	44	27%	E/P	Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	42	19%	E	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	60	18%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	14	43%	E	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	72	14%	P	Inside

TRACK BIAS WEEK (06/24 - 06/30)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	8	63%	E	Middle
7.0fDirt	4	25%	E/P	Rail
1 MileDirt	6	0%	E/P	Rail/Ins
1 1/16mDirt	4	25%	E	Inside
Turf Sprint	2	50%	E	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	10	0%	P	Middle

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Cox Brad H.	15	7	1	1	3.02	5	27%
Maker Michael J.	10	4	0	1	3.70	2	19%
Lovell Michelle	5	3	0	0	8.98	1	14%
Lauer Michael E.	6	3	1	0	13.67	0	14%
Casse Norm W.	3	2	0	0	3.30	1	22%
Jones J. Larry	3	2	0	0	10.17	1	21%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Santana, Jr. Ricardo	30	8	4	7	6.68	6	17%
Geroux Florent	18	6	2	2	7.91	1	19%
Bridgmohan Shaun	15	5	2	2	5.43	3	18%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Calhoun W. Bret	15	0	2	2	16.31	1	19%
Lukas D. Wayne	11	0	0	3	9.55	1	10%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Camacho, Jr. Samuel	11	0	2	1	35.77	0	5%

AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous Fall Churchill Downs meet: September 14, 2018 through November 25, 2018

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 5.99 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 34% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 69%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	104.77
Daily Double	110.10
Trifecta	759.00
Pick 3	900.99
Superfecta	5,780.07
Pick 4	8,943.20
Pick 5	55,926.54
Pick 6 Jackpot	264,980.53
Head2Head	3.40
Super High Five Jackpot	258,404.40
Super High Five	82,211.30
Z-5 Super Hi-5	8,072.27



TRACK BIAS MEET (09/14 - 11/25)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	78	27%	E/P	Outside
6.5fDirt	33	33%	E	Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	56	14%	E/P	Outside
1 1/16mDirt	65	17%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	3	33%	E	Middle
Turf Routes	31	26%	E	Rail/Ins

TRACK BIAS WEEK (11/19 - 11/25)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	10	10%	E/P	Outside
6.5fDirt	11	64%	E	Ins/Mid
1 MileDirt	12	25%	E	Rail
1 1/16mDirt	9	22%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	1	0%	S	Middle
Turf Routes	3	0%	E/P	Middle

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Ward Wesley A.	3	3	0	0	1.30	2	23%
Jones J. Larry	4	2	0	1	4.65	0	21%
Catalano Wayne M.	5	2	1	0	23.40	1	18%
Holthus Paul E.	6	2	0	1	21.12	1	14%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Lukas D. Wayne	19	0	3	1	21.67	1	8%
Glyshaw Tim	12	0	2	1	29.58	2	12%
Bradley William B.	10	0	2	0	22.73	0	10%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Court Jon Kenton	15	0	1	1	35.61	0	12%

CHURCHILL DOWNS STAKES OVERVIEW

by Jeremy Balan

The massive slates of world-class racing on Kentucky Derby Day and Kentucky Oaks Day stand out every spring at Churchill Downs, but the meet also features important stakes throughout its run into June.

Here is a rundown of the important stakes races, outside of the big Oaks and Derby days, at the Churchill Downs Spring Meet.

\$100,000 KENTUCKY JUVENILE STAKES, MAY 1

The first 2-year-old stakes in the country, the Kentucky Juvenile in recent years has mostly featured talented youngsters coming off impressive debut performances at the Keeneland spring meet. Trainer Steve Asmussen has dominated the race, with six wins in the last 11 editions of dirt sprint, including in 2017 with Buy Sell Hold.

\$100,000 LOUISVILLE HANDICAP (G3), MAY 18

The marathon turf race has had a South American flavor in the last two years, as each winner was bred in Brazil and also raced there. Both Kenny McPeck trainees were group 1 winners in South America and earned their first graded stakes wins in the Louisville.

\$100,000 WINNING COLORS STAKES (G3), MAY 25

Jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. could be in a position to win his third straight edition of the six-furlong sprint for fillies and mares. Hernandez won his first Winning Colors with Finley'sluckycharm in 2017, then took the race with Miss Kentucky in 2018.

\$100,000 OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP STAKES (G3), JUNE 8

The 1 1/16-mile turf race for fillies and mares has largely been a revolving door in its history. Megans Bluff is the only horse to win back-to-back editions of the race. The John Hennig trainee achieved that feat with her victories in 2001 and 2002.

STEPHEN FOSTER NIGHT, JUNE 15

Five graded stakes pack the Saturday program, including two Breeders' Cup "Win & You're In" races. The \$600,000 Stephen Foster (G2) is a major mid-season target for the handicap division and provides the winner an automatic berth to the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and produced 2017 Classic winner Gun Runner. The \$250,000 Fleur de Lis (G2) for fillies and mares provides an automatic berth into the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) and produced 2017 Distaff winner Forever Unbridled. Also on the undercard is the Matt Winn (G3) on dirt for 3-year-olds, the Regret (G3) on turf for 3-year-old fillies and the Wise Dan (G2) on turf for 3-year-olds and older.

CLOSING DAY, JUNE 29

The final day of racing of the Churchill meet features a pair of important stakes for 2-year-olds--the \$100,000 Bashford Manor (G3) and the \$100,000 Debutante for fillies. Classic Empire, the 2-year-old champion male of 2016, earned his first stakes win in the Bashford Manor that year. The Mark Casse trainee then went on to win two grade 1 races in 2016, including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).



SHARP HANDICAPPING ANGLES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

by Jeremy Balan

Spend enough time around the racetrack and you'll learn--everybody has an angle.

Some are straightforward and some are wild (we won't get into the player who likes to bet only gray horses on the fourth Friday of the month), and while none are infallible, they are an important aspect of any horseplayer's toolbox.

The question of readiness for any horse entered in a race is one handicappers try to answer on a daily basis, and layoffs play a big part in finding that answer.

If a horse has been off for several months or longer, they may need a race under their belt, but horses who are making their second start after an extended layoff often improve. In racetrack parlance, this is the "second off a layoff" angle. There are foils, however, to that principle. Some trainers excel at bringing horses back fit off a layoff, and other horses who run very well off a layoff could "bounce" in their second start back, meaning they could regress off such an exertive effort.

Fitness can also come into play if a race is a departure from what a horse has been doing recently. Another successful angle can be related to a "cutback" in distance. If a horse has been racing at longer distances and cuts back for a shorter sprint race, the logic follows that, in the late stages of that race, the horse could have an endurance edge over others who have been only sprinting lately.

On the flip side, the angle for horses "stretching out" can also yield results. Horses who tend to tire sprinting, may have a pace advantage at longer distances, and with a slower pace might hang around longer in the late stages than they have been going shorter.

The aspect of class is one of the more popular angles, with horses "dropping" in class often garnering favoritism. The drop from the maiden special weight ranks to the maiden claiming level, for example, is considered by many to be the most significant class change in racing, but digging deeper into conditions also presents opportunity. In claiming races, a drop from open contests against tougher competition to a conditional race (non-winners of two races, for example) could be a key. On the other hand, an improving horse moving up in class could present an opportunity to catch a nice price.

The setup of races, specifically those on turf, is also important.

At Churchill Downs and at other racetracks across the country, when the rails are out for turf racing, early speed can present an advantage in comparison to when the turf course is wider. With less room to work with in the stretch, closers can be at a disadvantage.

As you grow as a horseplayer, experience will lead to your own angles and potential profits. Nothing is more important than watching, learning, and testing your observations and opinions on the racetrack.



THE KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD, AN EARLY LOOK

by Jeremy Balan

If you consider the likely favorite wasn't decided until the last day of prep races, the common sentiment that the 145th edition of the Kentucky Derby will be one of the most wide open in recent history is not overstated.

Every time the Derby picture appeared to get some clarity, there would be a new development in the next prep on the schedule. When the end of the schedule came, however, the final winner of a major prep set himself apart.

That horse is named Omaha Beach, and he showed his mettle twice at Oaklawn Park by turning back two different highly regarded Bob Baffert trainees.

In the Rebel Stakes (G2) March 16 it was previously undefeated Game Winner who got turned away by the Richard Mandella-trained War Front colt. Four weeks later it was Improbable who couldn't get by the determined Omaha Beach during the stretch run of the Arkansas Derby (G1).

Those two will get another shot at Omaha Beach on the first Saturday in May, along with a third Baffert trainee, Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner Roadster, but the projected field of 20 has enough flavors to strike any handicapper's fancy.

Want back class? Game Winner is the champion 2-year-old of 2018 and was an impressive winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1). Looking for a speedy colt with a rags-to-riches backstory? Maximum Security went from debut maiden

claiming winner to Florida Derby (G1) victor in just more than three months. Both happen to be owned by Gary and Mary West.

If you're seeking to back historic firsts, look no further than UAE Derby (G2) winner Plus Que Parfait (no UAE Derby winner has ever won the Kentucky Derby) and Japanese qualifier Master Fencer. Only two Japanese-based horses have competed in the Kentucky Derby, with the best finisher Lani (ninth) in 2016.

How about a deep closer who can rally from the clouds to bring you Derby glory? That could be Country House, Win Win Win or Haikal, who can all make things interesting late, although the modern Derby-winning trip has favored horses with better tactical speed. For that, Tacitus, Vekoma, By My Standards, War of Will, Long Range Toddy, Tax, Cutting Humor, Gray Magician and Spinoff would be better options.

There may be ample angles, and it's a part of the gambler's code to never talk someone off a big price, but the facts remain--the once-chaotic Derby run has become quite formful. The post-time favorite has won the last six Derbys. The last big price to win was I'll Have Another at 15-1 in 2012.

That doesn't mean there was no big money to be made. In the exotic pools, payouts have done just fine over the past six years. Even with the chalk on top, the average \$1 trifecta payout during that span was just more than \$2,300, for example.



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