TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



THE IROQUOIS STAKES

The Iroquois Stakes (Gr 3) 1 1/16-Miles PURSE \$150,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS	ТОР РІСКЅ
1	Mr Wrench It	30-1	4 Tight Ten
2	Royal Urn	12-1	10 Hog Creek Hustle
3	Drunk as a Skunk	30-1	12 Everfast
4	Tight Ten	2-1	
5	My Sixth Sense	10-1	\$20 WIN
6	Tobacco Road	6-1	4 (\$20)
7	Pole Setter	6-1	
8	Cairo Cat	8-1	\$10 EXACTA KEY BOX
9	Manny Wah	8-1	4 with 10,12 (\$40)
10	Hog Creek Hustle	10-1	\$.50-CENT SUPERFECTA PART WHEEL
11	Synthesis	12-1	
12	Everfast	12-1	4 with 10,12 with 2,6,7,10,12 with all (\$36)

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A field of 12 two-year-olds will travel 1 1/16 miles in Saturday's \$150,000 Iroquois Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs. The first-place finisher of the Iroquois earns an automatic berth in the November 2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) as part of the "Win and You're In" Challenge Series.

Steve Asmussen's TIGHT TEN is the one to beat. Speedy son of Tapit was a sharp debut winner on the Churchill strip in late June and followed that up with a strong second in the Saratoga Special (G2). Winchell homebred is bred for the distance and comes in with a trio of solid morning drills in advance of today. March foal keeps Ricardo Santana, Jr. in the controls. Expect to see the bay colt forwardly placed and inching to the lead at the top of the stretch.

HOG CREEK HUSTLE is a longshot with a lot of appeal. Dark bay son of Overanalyze was full of run late in an Ellis Park debut tally for trainer Vickie Foley. \$150,000 yearling purchase has done all of his morning work here at Churchill Downs for a conditioner who is better with experienced runners. Corey Lanerie stays atop the April foal. Hog Creek Hustle will be a nice price and he will get ample pace help to aid his late rally.

EVERFAST is another good-looking Ellis maiden winner in the field. Dale Romans pupil ran down a clear one to graduate at first asking and is bred to run long. Take Charge Indy colt won at the tricky seven-furlong trip in that maiden voyage for a trainer who is very good with his route runners. The outside post could be demanding, but the move to pick up Robby Albarado is a positive one.

