

THE LINDO REPORT FOR CHURCHILL DOWNS

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| 1 st race *** FIRST POST TIME 8:35 AM PACIFIC *** | Fair Odds | 7 th race | Fair Odds |
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| 1. Hollywood Ending (#7) | 5/2 | 1. Keyana (#7) **BEST BET** | 3/1 |
| 2. Brilliant Man (#2) | 7/2 | 2. Golden Irish (#1) | 8/5 |
| 3. Black Iron (#6) | 4/1 | 3. Gerlin's Empire (#6) | 4/1 |
| Hollywood Ending was shuffled back to last after start & parked very wide off layoff Oct 31. Improvement likely with better trip on drop. Brilliant Man adds blinkers & Sharp barn good 1 st after a claim. Black Iron should be close to soft early pace. | | Keyana is drawn outside main pace rival Golden Irish . She has improved with each start & fits conditions perfectly. Golden Irish demolished Maiden-Claimers in debut. Will she regress leaving Cox stable? Gerlin's Empire hoping top pair go too fast early. | |
| 2 nd race | | 8 th race | |
| 1. Asternia (#4) | 2/1 | 1. Ash Wednesday (#6) | 7/2 |
| 2. Blue Squall (#6) | 5/2 | 2. Taka (#9) | 9/2 |
| 3. Tanya Showers (#3) | 7/2 | 3. Wowers (#8) | 4/1 |
| Asternia got a much needed freshening and should have all of her speed returning from layoff. Only concern is best races have come at OP. Stablemate Blue Squall should get enough pace to set up her run. Tanya Showers good 2 nd off layoff vs. this kind. | | Ash Wednesday showed speed and battled back from the rail until deep stretch going 7f vs. no tag Maidens at GP. Taka finished with interest in debut & also drops in for a tag for first time. Wowers should get plenty of pace to set up late run. | |
| 3 rd race | | 9 th race *** GR. III FALLS CITY STAKES *** | |
| 1. Outlier (#8) | 3/1 | 1. Musical Mischief (#4) | 5/2 |
| 2. Background (#5) | 4/1 | 2. Tarifa (#2) | 8/5 |
| 3. Pike Place (#30) | 5/1 | 3. Peignoir (#3) | 6/1 |
| Outlier has found a home in these long one turn races. Look for outside stalking trip. Background was re-claimed by Asmussen stable out of game win Nov 20. Pike Place likes this course and distance. | | Musical Mischief has tactical speed & loves CD. She can run all day. Tarifa one to beat Facing elders after winning the Gr. II Mother Goose at BAQ. Her form at CD is just modest, however. Peignoir is unbeaten at 9f trip. She gets tested for class today. | |
| 4 th race | | 10 th race | |
| 1. Candy Cause (#3) | 7/2 | 1. Line of Scrimmage (#10) | 3/1 |
| 2. Cruise Missile (#4) | 3/1 | 2. Moonlight (#13) | 6/1 |
| 3. Chica Arma (#8) | 4/1 | 3. Tour Player (#7) | 4/1 |
| Candy Cause beat no tag Maidens at BTP in July only to be DQ'ed from purse money later. She returns for a tag & gets barn's 'go-to' rider. Cruise Missile raced evenly vs. tougher at KEE. Drop helps. Chica Arma is improving & gets off the rail. | | Line of Scrimmage toyed with softer in slop & earned Maiden win on dry land. He is vastly improved & one to catch. Moonlight won only one turn race & gets right pace scenario for balanced attack. Tour Player earned Maiden win over course/distance. | |
| 5 th race | | 11 th race *** GR. III CARDINAL STAKES *** | |
| 1. Sterling Luck (\$4) | 7/2 | 1. Dreaming of Mo (#10) | 5/1 |
| 2. Anointed of God (#2) | 4/1 | 2. Stir Crazy (#7) | 7/2 |
| 3. Tres Chic (ARG) (#9) (#8) | 3/1 | 3. Implicated (#6) | 3/1 |
| Sterling Luck has shown she can fire fresh, drops into restricted, & has a sneaky good jockey/trainer combo. Anointed of God showed some grit beating Maiden-Claimers on the drop. Tres Chic has found a home on dirt & is improving on numbers. | | Dreaming of Mo looked good winning off-the-turf race vs. softer Oct 31 & likes this grass course. Stir Crazy another with proven CD turf form. She will be rolling late. Implicated exits best races but last two wins racing with Lasix. No Lasix today. | |
| 6 th race | | 12 th race | |
| 1. American Retro (#7) | 7/2 | 1. Jane Payne (#2) | 7/2 |
| 2. Proctor Street (#4) | 5/2 | 2. Lil Breezy (#10) | 4/1 |
| 3. Federalism (#3) | 4/1 | 3. Flying Delilah (#3) | 5/1 |
| American Retro looked good winning on stretchout off layoff at GP. She is locally based & Saez takes the mount. Proctor Street gets Lasix back on drop. Best if covered up early. Federalism has improved with each start but Saez opts for top choice. | | Jane Payne has work ready pattern over the tapeta at TP & Prat takes the call. Lil Breezy put in a long sustained run after poor start in debut. Gaffalione takes over. Flying Delilah bred to win early but barn's 'go-to' rider opts for top choice. | |

TODAY'S KEY PLAYS

Race 6

Exacta boxes keying **American Retro to Proctor Street & Federalism**

Race 7

Daily Doubles using **Keyana & Golden Irish (7th) to Ash Wednesday & Taka (8th)**

\$.50 PICK FOUR RACES 9-12 (\$24 TICKET):

9. **Musical Mischief, Tarifa**

10. **Line of Scrimmage, Moonlight, Tour Player**

11. **Dreaming of Mo, Stir Crazy**

12. **Jane Payne, Lil Breezy, Flying Delilah, Red Gate**

NEWS AND NOTES

The turf rails are 24 feet out from their normal position...The main track played fair Wednesday. There was no turf racing scheduled...First post time is 8:35 am pacific...Temperatures are expected to be in the mid 40's with a 20% chance for rain...**Tyler Gaffalione** returned to the saddle with a win aboard **Fun to Run (\$4.36)** in the Wednesday opener after being sidelined due to body soreness from a spill Nov 16...**Luis Saez** has a commanding lead in the jockey standing with 35 wins, followed by **Tyler Gaffalione (17)** and **Luan Machado (14)**. **Steve Asmussen** in the leading trainer with 15 wins, followed by **Brad Cox (11)** and **Joe Sharp (10)**...Favorites are winning at a 36% clip for the meet.