

THE LOCKSMITH

Weekend Handicapping Analysis *Smart Plays*

By Pete Denk for races on **Saturday, May 25, 2013**

Churchill Downs

Race 5 2:51 EDT

Allowance NW1X F&M (1¹/₁₆ miles turf)

2 Oscar Party (6-1 ML odds) showed she was a runner when winning a stakes at Kentucky Downs and finishing fourth, beaten just a neck against a solid field in the Jessamine Stakes (gr. IIIT) at Keeneland. Trainer Wayne Catalano fires off the layoff, and the works look great on paper. Inside post is ideal on this course, and she could get the pocket trip. Should be tough to run down. Win bet on Oscar Party, plus I'll key **11 Assets of War** (10-1 ML odds) to come along for a piece underneath in her first turf try. \$5 Exacta 2-11 and 50-cent trifecta wheel 2 with ALL with 11 (\$5 cost if no scratches).

2013 STATS

Selections	99
Wins	22 (22.2%)
Places	12
Shows	11
\$2 win bet ROI	\$1.72
\$6 WPS ROI	\$4.83

Arlington Park

Race 1 2:00 EDT

Claiming \$25,000 NW2L 3yo & up (6 furlongs Polytrack)

6 Rojo Verde (5-1 ML odds) was bumped at the start and checked back hard in his most recent race at this class level. He still came through traffic and put in a solid run for third. He gets over this track well, and should get a clean stalking trip today under Eddie Castro. Win-place.

Race 5 4:08 EDT

Allowance NW1X 3yo & up (1¹/₁₆ miles turf)

2 Roi Le Roy (6-1 ML odds) was compromised by a crawling pace last time against a salty crew of \$30,000 claimers. He split horses nicely and came home in :29³/₅ while tiring late. He can improve here second off the layoff and should get a better pace scenario with three or four pace types entered. Win-place.

Race 6 4:38 EDT

Maiden Illinois-bred F&M (1 mile turf)

Taking a shot with angle-laden **6 Wifeonthewarpath** (8-1 ML odds), who goes first-time turf, first-time route, and first-time Lasix. Her pedigree (by War Chant out of an El Prado mare) suggests a mile on the turf is what she wants. Ran an ok third last time sprinting at Hawthorne, and she gets the weight break along with hot apprentice rider Esquivel. Tactical speed should help in what appears to be a fairly paceless affair. Win-place.

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5 Ausus (8-1 ML odds) drops from grade I company to grade III company and gets back on the Arlington Polytrack, where she sports a 5: 2-2-0 career record. Even more importantly, she has improved considerably since clearing her first two conditions here last year. Sustained runner should be able to sit mid-pack and try to wear them down late. Win-place.

Race 9 6:08 EDT**Hanshin Cup S. (gr. III) 3yo and up (1 mile Polytrack)**

9 Mister Marti Gras (3-1 ML odds) goes second off the layoff after getting a useful prep going a flat mile on the Keeneland grass. He pressed the pace from the inside that day and re-bid strongly to gain second. He should get a more comfortable stalking trip today from the outside, with quite a bit of speed signed on, and he's never been off the board in four tries on the Arlington Polytrack.

Race 10 6:38 EDT**Arlington Classic S. (gr. IIIT) 3yos (1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles turf)**

1 Brown Almighty (12-1 ML odds) has never failed to run his race in six career tries on the turf, despite more than his share of tough trips. Going through his replays, it becomes apparent this is a gritty horse who is a little better than he looks on paper. He got yanked back early last time in the Transylvania Stakes (gr. IIIT) but put in a solid close for fourth. His sharpness and tactical speed are an asset on this turf course, and I could see him running big from on or just off the pace. Rider Eddie Castro is one of my favorite turf jocks. I like Brown Almighty at half the quoted morning line. Win bet and exotics key, with 6, 7, and 8.