Joe Kristufek returns for his third season as Churchill Downs’ paddock host. He has an extensive background in horse racing and wagering and has been instrumental in the creation of and hosting fan education programs at the premier racing events at racetracks coast to coast. A native of Chicago, Kristufek is the morning-line odds maker for several racetracks, including his hometown Arlington Park. He is also the racing writer and handicapper for the Daily Herald newspaper in Arlington Heights, IL. Joe is well recognized for his diversified handicapping skills and suggested wagering tactics and he loves interacting with all racing fans - from beginner to expert.

Joe’s ‘17 Top Pick Stats through June 18

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Race 1

#1 Sabbatarian – Evenly with better on turf; good on dirt.
#5 Elitch – Patience after claim; fits like a glove with these.
#3 U S S Altair – Drops in off even run; good as any here.
#6 Little B – Blew by softer competition; wins right back?

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 1-5-3/6-7-4-2

Race 2

#3 Shoot Craps – Monstrous win in last; roll of the dice.
#4 Proven Warrior – Name says it all; fights for every yard.
#8 Restless Rambler – Excuse for AP clunker; the one to beat.
#1 Bobby V. – Model of consistency; runs on anything.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 3-4-8/1-2-7

Race 3

#2 Double First – Drops below claim level; tactical advantage?
#3 Gurlin – 2nd to runaway winner in last; willing finisher.
#8 Miss Mamacita – Fits on the drop; passes beaten foes.
#4 Harlan’s Rose – Forwardly placed; hangs around late.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 2-3/8-4/5-7

Selections subject to change due to scratches, off the turf, etc. Tune in to the twinspires.com pre-race paddock show for the most up to the minute information. Check program numbers for accuracy.

Race 4

#9 Blame the Law – Maker claim overmatched in last.
#4 Fault – Chased loose winner; go to whoa threat here.
#3 Prado Vision – Closed into slow pace; reliable kick.
#1 Little Irishdancer – Game maiden score; sits pocket trip?

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 9-4-3/1-6-2/-8-7

Race 5

#4 Abbaa – Overmatched in last; served his purpose.
#3 Cha Mono – Rates with A-game; excuse rare clunker?
#7 Curlino – Claim fits like a glove; picks up pieces late.
#1 Beach Hut – NY raider steps up razor sharp; intriguing.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 4-3-7/1-6-2/8-5

Race 6

#5 Assume Disclosure – Closing 2nd in springboard run; edge.
#4 Likeitlikethat – Sharp works off freshening for hot barn.
#8 Stone Mountain – In fine form; go to whoa threat here.
#2 Blake’s Lucky Star – Chased monster stablemate in debut.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 5-4-8/2-3/9-7-10-6-1
Race 7

#8 Sister Kan – Romped off Cox claim; good for another.
#5 Friend of Liberty – Fits like a glove on drop; main threat.
#4 Charity Stripe – Blinks on; best of the rest with these.
#7 Mia Bella Rossa – No match for top pick in last; gimmicks.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 8-5/4-7-1-2/6-3-1a

Race 8

#9 Dawn Raider – Sharp turf seconds in last two; over hump.
#2 Cicerone – Overcame trouble to break maiden; arrow up.
#5 Durango Dan – What you see is what you get; gimmicks.
#6 War Union – Sharp slop score; green blood on bottom.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 9/2-5/6-1-4-10-11-8-7-3

Race 9

#6 Awesome Saturday – Knocking on the door; tough here.
#2 Watch Me Whip – Has a bright future; serious threat.
#7 Power Walker – On the improve; fresh, fit & ready.
#4 Broken Promise – Solid OP form; best of the rest here.

Joe’s SELECTIONS – 6-2/7/4-1-8-5/3

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**KK’s Play of the Day**

By: Kevin Kerstein

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**Race 2:** Let’s start the point in Race 2 with the come out roll on #3 Shoot Craps. Bettors were gutted in Shoot Craps’ race two starts ago when he was defeated on a sloppy track. Trainer Dane Kobiskie had Shoot Craps ready to roll the field in his last race, winning by 13 lengths. The hot dice could me mighty nice as we bet the field and hope an ace catches a loose duce with #3 Shoot Craps.

Suggested Play: #3 Shoot Craps

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**Work of the Day**

By: Brandon Stauble

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**Race 5: 6/3 -- #7 Curlino** was shown the stick down the lane and rolled home in 46.3 for last 1/2 mile. First-time gelding galloped out with plenty in reserve.

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