



Official Wagering Guide of 2012 Racing Challenge Championships



Leading Challenge Jockeys By Wins

G.R. Carter	9
Jacky Martin	5
Eddie Garcia	5
Cody Jensen	5
Saul Ramirez	4
Ramon Sanchez	4

Leading Challenge Trainers By Wins

Paul Jones	10
Blane Schvaneveldt	7
Janet Van Bebber	4
John Bassett	4
Bobby Martinez	4
Steve Van Bebber	3
Charley Hunt	3
Don Mourning	3

Record \$2 Win Payoffs By Division

Distance	\$81.60	High On Cat ('08)
Juvenile	\$39.60	RJ Not Easy ('94)
Derby	\$55.80	Gallant Ways ('08)
Distaff	\$35.60	Texas Chatterbox('05)
Championship	\$95.20	Policy Tacs ('99)
Starter	\$27.60	Heza Cash Request ('03)



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CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

DISTANCE: The past 2 Distance winners are back when Yin Your Eyes and De Passem Okey meet. On a 1-mile oval like Prairie Meadows, there's a short run to the first and only turn of the Red cell Distance Challenge. Posts positions are key and De Passem Okey drew the all-important rail when he clashes with All About Larry. It looks like a Southwestern showdown between those Oklahoma / Texas raiders.

DISTAFF: Fredaville just missed as runner-up in last year's Distaff and is the 3-1 morning line favorite to one-up her performance this time around.

DERBY: 5 of the 11 finalists were bet to 9-5 or less odds last time so the public will a tough decision to make. With a 4-1 morning line favorite, it's a bettor's paradise.

JUVENILE: Jockey Cody Jensen aims for a 3rd Juvenile in 6 years when he pilots 10-1 shot RC Had To Be My Day. Local regional winner Heroes Heart aims for 3 straight.

CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP: The nation's #4-ranked AQHA performer, Llano Teller, clashes with last year's runner-up Rylees Boy in the race of the night. Paul Jones saddles a pair of hopefuls as he guns for a third win in this race since '07, and Ramon Sanchez looks to build on his two-win performance at last year's Challenge.

STARTER: Last year's event went to a 12-1 longshot claimed for \$5,000 earlier in the year, so the "now" horse is always in order in the blue-collar Starter. Six competitors come off of victories last time out in a fitting finale to the Challenge program.



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JERRY'S PICKS

6th Race: \$125,000 Red Cell Distance Challenge Championship, 3 year olds and up, 870 yards.

There's no shortage of championship trophies in the De Passem Okey camp, and they have a good chance to add another.

The Rodney Reed trainee has won 20 races and simply doesn't have enough blemishes on his form to force someone to go elsewhere with their selections. He prepped with an easy allowance win at Will Rogers Downs and got a good post-position draw here.

If De Passem Okey loses, All About Larry will probably be the victor. He often wins his races by several lengths and is tremendous around the turn.

Yin Your Eyes won this race last year and can get a piece of it with an equal effort.

Selections: (#1) De PassemOkey, (#4) All About Larry, (#7) Yin Your Eyes, (#2) Call Her Hero.

7th Race: \$125,000 Merial Distaff Challenge Championship, 3 year olds and up fillies & mares, 400 yards.

It's tough to be more of a fighter as Fredaville, who comes in off a third in the Gr. I Martha Vessels at Los Alamitos and has been a threat anywhere she goes.

This solid mare doesn't have to take her racetrack with her, and the past two years for this six year old Mr Jess Perry have been her best. This year she's probably better than last year at this point, although with fewer wins. She was seventh in the Vessels and improved for a second in this race last year. There's not a blemish on her form this season, and trainer Cody Joiner has her ready to run a big one.

Bertha Venation has won three straight minor stakes and takes a step up. She's never been better and has a shot to put her number on the board. Believers Gathering has had a few local starts and could benefit from those.

Believers Gathering and Painted Sable have run over this strip and are playable 'price' horses.

Selections: (#10) Fredaville, (#6) Bertha Venation, (#5) Believers Gathering, (#4) Painted Sable.



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8th Race: \$200,000 Adequan Derby Challenge Championship, 3 year olds, 400 yards.

Coming into a particular race in top form is what all trainers hope for their horses, and Guy Hopkins has to be pretty happy with the recent progress of Jess a Comment.

Jess a Comment comes off two hard-earned victories over favorites and has won three of his last four. He had a decent season last year but seems ready to step up into another class and looms as the one to beat.

Second Painted Sign also comes in with good form, with recent wins at Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows. He's won more than he's lost (6 of 12) and fits nicely with these.

Mr Taka B hasn't won a race in more than a year but has faced some rugged company in New Mexico. There's a good chance he can wake up in this spot.

Selections: (#8) Jess a Comment, (#9) Second Painted Sign, (#10) Mr Taka B, (#2) Huckleberry Mojito.



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9th Race: \$150,000 John Deere Juvenile Challenge Championship, 2 year olds, 350 yards.

Rockin Disco has mixed it up in a lot of top-flight futurity trials and might have an edge in this wide-open affair.

He lost a three-race winning streak last time out at Lone Star and has a good chance to get back to winning ways. He won the Juvenile Challenge at Ruidoso and likely will finish with a good burst.

Heroes Heart goes for his third straight and has won two over this strip. That's always a plus. He turns back to 350 yards and that could help.

Brace for Bernal has a legit chance at an upset after a solid score in the Juvenile Challenge at Will Rogers. He's much improved over this last three and is a serious player.

Selections: (#4) Rockin Disco, (#5) Heroes Heart, (#1) Brace for Bernal, (#3) All Out Arrogant.



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10th Race: \$354,000 Bank of America Challenge Championship, 3 year olds and up, 440 yards.

The headliner on tonight's card could be as contentious as any, and 11 veterans will spring forward with sights on the big prize.

Ethics Aside pulled off a huge upset over Llano Teller in the Prairie Meadows Championship Challenge and goes for his third straight. He's getting better with age and has been successful at several different tracks.

Rylees Boy has come up empty in his last 2 but we all know what he's capable of doing. A good break will put him right in the hunt.

Llano Teller is a rival of champion Cold Cash 123 and is always one to look at in these races. He was second to Ethics Aside last time and will be right in the mix.

Selections: (#11) Ethics Aside, (#9) Rylees Boy, (#4) Llano Teller, (#10) A Royal Dervish.

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AQHA RACING / HORSE PLAYER NOW NATIONAL RANKINGS, 3YOs & OLDER

1. COLD CASH 123 (100)
2. OCHOA (90)
3. EL AGUILA REAL (79)
4. LLANO TELLER (52)
5. EXECUTIVE BRASS (47)
6. FLAME N FLASH (46)
7. JLS MR BIGTIME (34)
8. CHARAL KID (28)
9. PRICELESS FEATURE (23)
10. A TOSS UP (18)

11th Race: \$75,000 Pfizer Starter Allowance Challenge Championship, 350 yards, 3 year olds and up.

Senor Fish is as game as they come and goes for his third straight victory over this strip. He also ran very well at Remington Park early in the year and stretches out from shorter distances.

Zoomfection has been on the board in six of seven this year and has never been better. He has come up from the bottom claiming level and came up with an impressive score last time over this track.

Dear Henry was at the top of his game during the spring and looks to get back to good form. He should be in the hunt with a good break.

Aint I Kool has won four of his last five and comes in off solid performances at Sunray. Likely right there throughout this one.

Selections: (#9) Senor Fish, (#1) Zoomfection, (#10) Dear Henry, (#5)Aint I Kool.

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