

Premier Turf Club presents our guest handicapper: Guest handicapper Derby1592, Chris Larmey is not only a close friend of ours, but someone I consider one helluva horse player. It is my opinion that he is the perhaps the best grass handicapper in the country. Chris has qualified for the NHC each of the last 3 years and I'm confident with a little racing luck, he will win it at some point. So without further adieu...

This week we will try two turf races, starting with a race from **LaD, the 5th race (4:27 EST)**. The LaD turf course has definitely been favoring closers of late and we have a couple of live longshot closers in this race that could make some noise. **Lori's Limerick** ran a big one last out despite a very tough post. She draws better this time and with a decent trip she has a big shot. She is a bit of a plodder but, as mentioned earlier, that is not much of a negative given the current bias toward closers on this course. **Wasted Money** is another longshot with a chance. She's also a plodder but runs her best races fresh so could fire at first asking off the bench. The main negative is the inexperienced apprentice rider who has never won on turf. It would be hard to key this horse but she is a must use in exotics. **Miss Jeri** looks like the most likely winner and is also one that is hard to leave out of the exotics as is **Neversoelegant** who fits if ready off the bench. **A P Sunrise** is a big underlay at the morning line and we can leave her off while **Presley** and **Joyeux Frau** are two other live longshots worth using in trifectas or supers.

The second of the two grass races is the **7th from CBY (5:19 EST)**, a field of evenly matched allowance horses running 7 ½ furlongs. The favorite in this race, **Citi Smoke** has drawn the dreaded 12 post in a race with less than a 2 furlong run to the first turn and is no value at 9/2 ML. He's also not much faster than others in here despite an apparent "class edge" on the ship from AP. We think two of the liveliest shots in here are **Agent Danseur** and **Spanish Springs**. Danseur may have lost a step from last year's form, but even this year's efforts can get it done with the expected ground saving trip. If he can run back to last year's numbers, and we think he might with a 6f dirt leg-up 2 weeks ago, he should beat these. Spanish Springs is lightly raced, and his last two efforts are concealed. He lost considerable ground around both turns in his last at TAM, and two starts back was "carried out twice during the drive by the winner." Either of the Rhone horses can be played at **7-1** or more. If you really feel brave, **Esau's Thunder** has run fast enough on dirt to win this and has turf efforts that lead us to believe he's as good on the grass. He needs to work a trip, but at anything above **12-1** is fair value. The strategy might revolve around keying Agent Danseur and Spanish Springs 1st and 2nd with Esau, **Dynamite Will** (ships in from LS and should get a good trip from the hedge) and **Little Wagon** (lightly raced 4YO could improve with switch to Bell) and hope favorites Citi Smoke, **Reengage** (turf bred and very hot barn but tough post), and **Did** (jockey 0 for last 50 on grass) finish 3rd or worse.

Identifying Potential Longshot Races

This is the first in what will be a regular column where our handicappers will identify races throughout the country that present some interesting price play possibilities. The characteristics we use to tag a race as a “potential long shot race” will vary from individual race to individual race but will include such reasons as:

- ✓ A race where the favorite or top two favorites
 - are slower than some others
 - have weak connections
 - may be unsuited to the distance and/or surface
 - can be expected to get a “tough trip” based upon post and pace
 - are taking a suspicious drop in class

- ✓ A race with a lack of or an abundance of early pace.

- ✓ A race where none of the contenders have any “finishing power”, i.e. the ability to run a final fraction in greater than 50 feet per second.

- ✓ A race where all of the contenders seem evenly matched.

Premier Turf Club Potential Long Shot Races for PTC Tracks: May 26, 2007

<u>Post EDT</u>	<u>Track - Race</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>CLA</u>
15:00	STP-01	6.0D	M12
16:10	YAV-01	5.0D	C02
16:51	HST-02	6.5D	MSW
17:10	YAV-03	4.5D	C02
17:19	CBY-07	7.5T	NW1
17:44	HST-04	6.5D	C15
18:12	HST-05	6.5D	C08
18:38	STP-09	6.0D	C07
18:54	RUI-10	6.0D	M12
19:20	IND-02	8.0T	NW2
19:41	SRP-09	7.0D	C05
19:45	IND-03	6.0D	C04
19:50	MNR-03	8.0D	M05
20:15	IND-04	8.0T	C15

20:15	MNR-04	8.3D	C05
20:32	HST-10	6.5D	M05
20:35	IND-05	6.0D	MSWs
21:00	IND-06	5.5D	C05
21:04	EVD-05	6.0D	C08
21:56	EVD-07	7.0D	C04
23:00	FP-07	8.3D	C03
23:50	FP-09	6.0D	C10

Premier Turf Club Potential Long Shot Races for Select Non- PTC Tracks:

<u>Post EDT</u>	<u>Track - Race</u>	<u>DIST</u>	<u>CLA</u>
14:08	CRC-04	7.5T	STK
14:36	BEL-04	5.5D	MSWs
15:08	BEL-05	6.0T	NW1s
16:06	CRC-08	5.0T	M40