

CHURCHILL CLOCKER REPORT

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**SPECIAL
DERBY DAY
EDITION**

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- All workouts are observed in person by DRF's clocking team.
- Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths in front/behind workmate at a particular split.
- The time after a backslash (/) indicates the gallop-out time.
- A greater-than sign (>) shows that the horse(s) worked past the wire.

Race 1

Race 7

#10 BODEXPRESS

Aug. 28 SAR 5f fst 1:03.10

Final worker of the early session over a pretty chewed-up strip, easy once again from the five-eighths in 38.41, 1:03.19, out in 1:16.40. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 22 SAR 5f fst 1:01.88

Walked away from the three-quarters in :14.14, completed final five-eighths in 1:01.75 going easily throughout under Castellano, out 7F in 1:29.21. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 2 SAR 5f fst 1:02.66

Rock solid for Bodexpress this morning over the main. 25.00, 37.80, 1:02.00 while asked some to finish, continued out full 6F into turn, Castellano aboard.

RATING: B

July 27 SAR 5f fst 1:02.12

Easy five-eighths in 24.96, 37.04, 1:02.11, was taken well off the rail continuing out a full three-quarters in 1:15.50. **RATING: B-**

Race 8

#4 FIELD PASS

Aug. 6 SAR 5f fst 1:02.43

Almost maintenance-like on the main track returning locally for first time this season, 5F in 24.09, 36.18, 1:02.54, was angled wide off the bend and never asked to extend self to finish, out in 1:16. **RATING: B**

#5 SMOOTH LIKE STRAIT

Aug. 22 DMR 4f fst :48.00

Feel-good half-mile. Easy, fluid action for the rangy strider. **RATING: B**

Race 9

#1 CEZANNE

Aug. 30 DMR 4f fst :47.00

Gave a good late response late to go best of a team over Mickelson. **RATING: B**

Aug. 23 DMR 5f fst 1:00.00

Forced to work very hard to keep pace with Thousand Words. Final half-mile in 47.40. Second best. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 11 DMR 5f fst 1:00.40

Best drill of the series. Great appearance in the flesh and coat. 24.00, 47.00, 1:00.00, out in 1:13.60 – best of a team over Cruel Intention. Unfortunately, he never was able to repeat this drill. **RATING: B+**

July 25 DMR 6f fst 1:13.80

Putting in some serious work when battling it out all the way in company with Thousand Words. **RATING: B**

July 18 DMR 5f fst 1:00.00

Made a healthy physical impression pre-work. Then got the best of older speedster McKale. **RATING: B**

#2 ECHO TOWN

Aug. 24 SAR 5f fst 1:00.84

On even terms throughout outside younger mate Sonneman 5F in 36.14, 1:00.69 going easily with full 7F run out around turn in 1:14.47, 1:28.08. Maintaining good form off Grade 1 win. With Santana up. **RATING: B**

Aug. 16 SAR 4f fst :50.49

Not doing a thing out of the race. Going through the motions in early morning half. **RATING: M**

July 20 SAR 5f fst :59.63

Was eager to begin from the half with Grade 1-placed Shoplifted, hit wire in 23.41, 47.27 under slightly less encouragement, continued the easier of the pair completing 5F -1/2L in 59.56, both remaining on point getting three-quarters in 1:12.68. With Ricardo Santana up. **RATING: B+**

#6 TAP IT TO WIN

Aug. 23 SAR 3f fst :37.11

Maintenance from the three-eighths, came down the lane in 24.59 on own, out in 50.12. **RATING: M**

Aug. 15 SAR 4f fst :47.72

Got a bit rank while well held to the pole, showed off that early speed going 23.39 to the top, switched back to his left lead approaching wire completing 47.65 half, continued willingly enough to ease up 5F in 1:00.76. **RATING: B**

July 20 SAR 5f fst 1:00.72

One of the final workers of morning over a chewed-up strip, had his speed on full display right from the start, posted 22.35 opening quarter from the half, hit wire in 46.90, continued on own getting five-eighths in 1:00.49, up three-quarters in 1:13.92. **RATING: B+**

July 13 SAR 4f fst :48.09

Made a good impression in first work out of the Belmont, came down the lane with plenty of run, completing final quarter of a 47.98 half in 23.11 before easing up 5F in 1:01.12. **RATING: B+**

#7 NO PAROLE

July 24 SAR 4f fst :46.42

Got serious this week, in set-down mode showing off that speed from the half in 22.88, 46.23 under shoving pressure through final eighth, eased up on own after 5F in 59.28. **RATING: B+**

#8 SONNEMAN

Aug. 24 SAR 5f fst 1:00.84

Held in there throughout with older Grade 1 winner Echo Town 5F in 36.14, 1:00.69 while never asked for best, continued out a full seven-eighths in 1:14.47, 1:28.08 nearest rail. **RATING: B**

Aug. 17 SAR 5f fst 1:02.58

Steady paced leg-stretcher working heads-up on the inside of Lady Lily. 26.20, 1:02.60, out in 1:32.00. **RATING: B-**

July 26 SAR 4f fst :50.32

24.60, 50.00 – Out for a simple leg-stretching half-mile. **RATING: B-**

July 19 SAR 5f fst 1:00.40

Solo five-eighths in 24.56, 35.76, 1:00.34 picking up the pace readily through final three-eighths under just some light urging to finish before being encouraged by his rider to get the full 6F into turn in 1:13.94. **RATING: B**

#9 RUSHIE

Aug. 28 CD 5f fst 1:01.60

Local test drive was a settled five furlongs. No pressure applied. Stayed in one speed. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 20 DMR 5f fst :59.00

34.40, 59.00 – Disappointed some here with a backward five panels while working in blinkers. Swapping those leads midstretch. **RATING: C+**

Race 11

#4 NEWSPAPEROFRECORD

Aug. 30 SAR 4f fst :48.30

24.00, 48.40 – Easy-striding half-mile over the Oklahoma in final move of the pattern. **RATING: B**

Aug. 23 SAR 4f fm :48.45

24.60, 48.60, out in 1:14.40 – Flashy as ever when in cruise control every step of this solo half. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 16 SAR 5f fm 1:00.46

Restrained throughout matching strides with multiple Grade 1 winner Uni going five-eighths inside the dogs in 24.76, 36.41, 1:00.61, out three-quarters in 1:14.03. **RATING: A-**

Aug. 9 SAR 5f fm 1:02.20

26.00, 38.40, 1:02.60, out in 1:28.80 – Broke off in usual aggressive manner but didn't get rank. Pretty much loaded with run while never let out an inch outside of Uni. **RATING: B+**

#5 HARMLESS

Aug. 20 DMR 4f fm :48.80

This one is in tip-top shape. 26.40, 49.00 – Came home well outside of Mis-chiffie. Galloped out with extra interest. **RATING: B**

Aug. 2 DMR 5f fst 1:00.60

Second best in this five panels to mate Table for Ten. **RATING: C+**

Race 12

#1 MIA MISCHIEF

Aug. 23 SAR 5f fst 1:00.01

Full of run from the outset, from the half in 23.47, 47.05 on own throughout, continued strongly into turn completing 5F in 59.76 with plenty of energy still left in the tank on the run out around club turn. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 16 SAR 5f fst 1:01.75

Healthy appearance in solo five panels. 23.80, 48.60 for the final half. Traveling along on own power. **RATING: B**

#8 SERENGETI EMPRESS

July 26 SAR 4f fst :46.93

Similar to previous week 4F in 23.23, 46.63 under a light shove at the end, galloped out eagerly continuing into, around turn in 1:00.13, up in 1:14.05 with rider totally up in irons through the final furlong. **RATING: B+**

July 19 SAR 4f fst :47.39

Speedy filly can rattle off fast clockings in her sleep, 4F in 22.90, 47.22 while sent along some through late stages, eased up after 5F in 1:00.58. **RATING: B+**

#9 BELLAFINA

Aug. 29 DMR 4f fst :48.40

Slow and easy half-mile. Basically an open gallop. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 2 DMR 4f fst :47.60

Left target Takeo in the dust when storming by on the way to this clocking. Geared down late. **RATING: B+**

#10 CE CE

Aug. 22 DMR 4f fst :47.60

The big, strong-framed filly is thriving. Powerful finish through the lane. Shading 23 while under a monster hold. **RATING: A-**

Aug. 16 DMR 4f fst :47.40

Rider had this one under a big hold while kept well off the rail in a very strong half. **RATING: B+**

July 26 DMR 5f fst :59.60

Carved out this swift clocking while never given much rein to work with. Galloped out with interest. **RATING: B**

July 18 DMR 5f fst 1:01.60

Rider had this one all wrapped up while working well off the rail. **RATING: B**

Race 13

#2 BOWIES HERO

Aug. 16 DMR 4f fm :47.40

This one is fully primed. Carrying great flesh and color. Stormed home to catch intended target Beguiled. **RATING: A-**

July 19 DMR 5f fm 1:00.40

Fantastic five panels over the turf. Blew the doors off his target for a sizzling final half in 47.00. **RATING: B+**

#3 ROCKEMPEROR

Aug. 30 SAR 4f fst :49.56

Fantastic final move over the dirt. Had a tug hold of that bit late working inside of company. 25.20, 49.60, out in 1:16.40. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 23 SAR 5f fm 1:00.02

Solid half-mile on even par with Digital Age 23.38, 47.55, held slight edge saving ground on the gallop-out, 5F in 1:00.13, out three-quarters in 1:14.28.

RATING: B+

Aug. 16 SAR 5f fm 1:01.32

Big finish inside the dogs nearest hedge with Olympico 5F in 37.77, 1:01.43, shading :24 while hard held to the wire, continued out another strong quarter into/around turn in 1:14.04, up in 1:27.45. Remains sharp off near-miss in Manhattan. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 9 SAR 5f fm 1:01.77

Rock solid working with run in reserve on the inside of Value Proposition. 37.60, 1:01.80, out in 1:28.60. **RATING: B**

#4 DIGITAL AGE

Aug. 30 SAR 4f fst :49.56

25.20, 49.60 – Not getting a hold of the dirt quite as nicely as his neighbor Rockemperor. Working harder late. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 23 SAR 5f fm 1:00.02

Matched stride for stride working outside Grade 1-placed Rockemperor inside the cones from the half in 23.38, 47.55, out in 1:00.13, up in 1:14.28.

RATING: B+

Aug. 16 SAR 5f fm 1:01.41

13.80, 37.40, 1:01.80 – Steady-striding five panels keeping company with Analyze It. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 8 SAR 4f fm :50.03

Was a bit quick to the top, well held to finish 4F in 24.60, 50.23 inside narrowly beaten N2X allowance mate Value Engineering, both decent on the run out.

RATING: B-

#8 SACRED LIFE

Aug. 30 SAR 4f fst :48.33

Not going to wow over the dirt. Just getting in some final prep work outside of company. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 23 SAR 4f fm :48.83

Stamina-building drill working heads-up on the outside of Flavius. Best part of the drill was the run out after the wire. 24.60, 49.00, out in 1:15.20 **RATING: B**

Race 14

#2 MAX PLAYER

Aug. 31 CD 4f fst :49.80

Capped the series with a solid-looking solo move. In breeze mode. **RATING: B**

Aug. 24 CD 5f fst :59.60

35.80, 59.60, out in 1:25.60 – The serious drill of the pattern with Geroux in the irons. On the ploddy/grinding style when just prevailing over Allege. Whip taken out on the forced gallop-out. **RATING: B-**

#3 ENFORCEABLE

Aug. 29 CD 4f gd :49.60

Love the way this one is acting. Into the bridle right from the jump with Adam B. in the irons. Doing everything we wanted to see. Also note his daily high-powered gallops. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 23 CD 6f fst 1:12.20

Making an eye-catching impression once emerging from the fog. Gigantic stride on display while crushing workmate. Appears to be coming out of his skin right now. **RATING: B+**

#4 STORM THE COURT

Aug. 29 DMR 6f fst 1:12.80

Trying to ensure that fitness level. Final half-mile in a respectable 47.80. Main question here is the 1 1/4-mile distance. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 22 DMR 5f fst :59.00

Nothing to knock here. Responding to the loose-rein tactics with a 35.20, 59.00. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 2 DMR 5f fst :59.80

Striding out with strength over the dirt while much best over Royal Act. 36.00, 59.80. **RATING: B+**

July 26 DMR 5f fm 1:02.00

Appearing to relish the turf when dominant in team drill over Royal Act. Had those ears straight up. **RATING: B+**

#5 MAJOR FED

Aug. 28 CD 5f fst :59.00

Did not feel as good as the time might indicate. 23.80, 47.00, 59.20 – Graham in the irons. Had that head cocked sideways in the final stages. **RATING: C+**

#6 KING GUILLERMO

Aug. 29 CD 4f gd :52.20

Throttled it down after the fireworks show last week. 27.60, 52.20, out in 1:18.40 – Showing a touch of kidney sweat in the jogging tempo drill. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 22 CD 5f fst :58.20

Impossible to fault the warp-speed clocking earned and major gallop-out, but the overly aggressive early antics are a touch concerning. Fighting with the rider never ideal. Mixed feelings overall about this drill. **RATING: B**

#7 MONEY MOVES

Aug. 28 SAR 5f fst 1:00.14

Held slight edge much of the way working inside older, long-winded stakes type You're To Blame going easiest to wire, 5F in 35.99, 1:00.03, responded well to some nudging pressure continuing on three-quarters in 1:13.01, out a full mile in 1:40.20. Short on experience, long on talent. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 21 SAR 5f fst 1:00.75

Worked inside of Dr Post, the pair going three furlongs in 36.31, coming home in 24.44, and galloping out strong in 1:13.78, and 1:27.66 with Dr Post a bit stronger on the out. **RATING: B**

Aug. 14 SAR 4f fst :48.55

Even-up with older N2X allowance-type En Wye Cee through a 24.57, 48.40 half, both finishing strong while just given a light cue nearing wire with head cocked a bit down the lane, called this one slightly second best while galloping out solidly around turn. **RATING: B+**

July 19 SAR 5f fst 1:00.59

Matched strides with Grade 1 stakes-placed filly Off Topic 5F in 35.60, 1:00.40 going easily to wire, was slightly second best when asked along to go full three-quarters in 1:13.90. **RATING: B**

July 9 SAR 5f fst 1:02.37

Productive team drill working on the inside of morning machine Candy Tycoon. 24.00, 48.80 interior half-mile. Pushed home late stages. **RATING: B**

#8 SOUTH BEND**Aug. 28 SAR 4f fst :49.78**

Picked up late over this sped-up Oklahoma surface. Ran out around the turn in 27.40. Stretching those legs. **RATING: M**

Aug. 22 SAR 4f fst :50.45

12.80, 37.20, out in 51.20 – Not asked to get serious in solo stroll. **RATING: M**

Aug. 2 SAR 5f fst 1:00.70

Colt is clearly feeling good as he was finishing with some purpose while looking best outside of Tacitus. Stayed in stride well past the wire. 24.00, 48.00, out in 1:14.40 **RATING: B+**

July 27 SAR 4f fst :49.12

Rock-solid half when matching strides with Chewing Gum. The duo stuck right together. 25.20, 49.00, out in 1:15.20 **RATING: B**

#10 THOUSAND WORDS**Aug. 29 DMR 5f fst :59.80**

Arguably going to be the fittest horse in this field off this pattern. 36.00, 59.80, out in 1:11.40, 1:25.00, and 1:39.00 – let roll along while going best over maiden Tapitutation. Encouraged on the run out. **RATING: B**

Aug. 23 DMR 5f fst 1:00.00

Blue-collar activity when handling business in team drill with Cezanne. Final half-mile in 47.40. **RATING: B**

Aug. 17 DMR 6f fst 1:11.80

Most speed this one has shown in the a.m. 58.80, 1:11.80 – logged this clocking while under a managed rein. Best over Cezanne. **RATING: B**

July 25 DMR 6f fst 1:13.80

1:00.60 for the final five furlongs while under a drive to put a nose down on stablemate Cezanne. **RATING: B**

#11 NECKER ISLAND**Aug. 28 CD 4f fst :48.40**

Mena in the irons. Ran down intended target Kurilov by sneaking up the rail. 25.00, 48.40 – productive. **RATING: B-**

#13 ATTACHMENT RATE**Aug. 30 CD 5f fst 1:01.20**

Expected better from this one today. 36.80, 1:01.00 – had to be forced to switch those leads and was under extra pressure nearing the wire. **RATING: C+**

#14 WINNING IMPRESSION**Aug. 28 CD 5f fst :59.20**

Decent on the clock – 34.00, 47.00, 59.20, out in 1:12.20 – but not the visual we wanted. Pulling in early stages, which led to a soft, fully extended finish. Also a bit wet in the coat. **RATING: C+**

#15 NY TRAFFIC**Aug. 28 SAR 5f fst :59.45**

New Partner, new rider, same results, broke two back of Grumps Lil Tots, readily drew clear well off the rail with a 35.24 final three-eighths to complete 5F in 59.43, continued out seven furlongs solo in 1:26.58 with David Cohen aboard, blinkers on. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 20 SAR 5f fst :59.03

Had recent Charles Town stakes winner Queen Nekia as a target today, broke 4L back, held the edge to wire going easily, completed final three-eighths in 34.51, easing up after three-quarters in 1:12.32. With blinkers. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 13 SAR 5f fst 1:00.38

Matched strides with the older Grade 1 winner Math Wizard in 36.59, 1:00.34 while anchored throughout by Tyler Gaffalione, ran out a full seven-eighths in 1:28.23. With blinkers. **RATING: B+**

#16 HONOR A. P.**Aug. 29 DMR 7f fst 1:27.20**

25.80, 50.20, 1:02.80, 1:14.80, 1:27.20, out in 1:40.60 – certainly getting the mileage in. Adding serious air to those lungs with Smith pointing him along. **RATING: B**

Aug. 22 DMR 5f fst 1:00.20

Smith in the irons. The key to this drill was the run out to the bottom. 1:00.20 wire and responding to encouragement to get 1:12.20 on the out. **RATING: B+**

Aug. 15 DMR 5f fst :59.40

23.80, 36.20, 47.40, 59.40, out 1:11.40, 1:23.80, 1:40.00 – very aggressive drill today with Smith in the irons. Stamina-based. **RATING: B-**

July 25 DMR 5f fst 1:01.20

25.00, 1:01.40, out in 1:14.60 – plugged along to be best of a team over Takeo. **RATING: B-**

#17 TIZ THE LAW**Aug. 29 SAR 5f fst :59.21**

No let up again back in just six days, may have been his best a.m. trial yet cruising five-eighths in 35.97, 58.96, galloped out three-quarters in 1:11.89 before disappearing into total darkness while continuing to motor around the turn, regular work rider Heather Smullen up. **RATING: A-**

Aug. 23 SAR 5f fst :59.47

Sharp as ever exiting big Travers performance going five furlongs effortlessly in the dark in 35.75, 59.47, seemed to get stronger the further he went tugging his way out a full mile in 1:40.06. **RATING: A-**

Aug. 1 SAR 5f fst :59.94

Completed series with another big effort, looked like he was going much slower than the 59.99 final clocking while covering final quarter in 23.68 going effortlessly under regular exercise rider Heather Smullen. Galloped out strong again, easing up after 7F in 1:28. **RATING: A-**

July 25 SAR 5f fst 1:00.48

More of the same while never turning a hair when slipping inside a galloper who wandered close to the rail at the eighth pole, kept about his business in a professional manner while again on own throughout, 5F in 35.65, 1:00.75, out in 1:13.72, up a mile in 1:41.05. **RATING: A-**

#18 AUTHENTIC**Aug. 30 DMR 6f fst 1:12.40**

Rattled off that customary high-octane morning move. Rider turned him loose, and he responded with usual quick clocking. **RATING: B**

Aug. 25 DMR 1m fst 1:38.60

24.40, 1:00.00, 1:11.80, 1:24.80, 1:38.60 – this drill was delayed by a day. The seven furlongs was fantastic, but that extra furlong seemed quite telling. Under stiff pressure. **RATING: B-**

Aug. 19 DMR 6f fst 1:13.40

1:00.80, 1:13.40 – confidence-building drill when running away from mate Once on Whiskey. **RATING: B**