WARRIOR'S CLUB HOPES TO REBOUND AT HIS HOME TRACK IN SATURDAY’S $75,000-ADDED KELLY’S LANDING OVERNIGHT STAKES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, June 29, 2018) – Churchill Downs Racing Club’s Warrior’s Club has raced on the grandest of stages throughout his 24-race career including the undercard of the Kentucky Derby (Grade I) and Belmont Stakes (GI) but the colt hopes to rebound from a disappointing effort in the Met Mile (GI) three weeks ago in Saturday’s $75,000-added Kelly’s Landing Overnight Stakes at his home track of Churchill Downs.

“This is quite the horse,” Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. “These people involved with the club take so much pleasure in this horse that it makes it so much fun to be involved with. It is a wonderful concept and this horse is the real deal.”

Warrior’s Club was purchased by Lukas in 2016 for the Churchill Downs Racing Club and has since won five races and banked $614,504, most notably winning the $250,000 Commonwealth Stakes (GI) at Keeneland in April.

“This horse is very special and has brought these great people together from all around the country,” Lukas said. “I’ve had some great moments in my career but nothing like it is for these people.”

Inaugurated in 2016, the club gives fans a chance to go behind the scenes in Thoroughbred ownership with exclusive club events for morning training, access to the paddock area for the horse’s races and complimentary admission to Churchill Downs. More than 50 people have joined other ownership groups, according to Churchill Downs Racing Club Manager Gary Palmisano.

Jockey Gabriel Saez picks up the mount on Warrior’s Club and will break from post six at odds of 3-1 on the morning line.

The Kelly’s Landing, which attracted a field of 10 sprinters, is one of three stakes races on Churchill Downs’ 12-race closing day card. The seven-furlong contest will go as Race 10 at 5:26 p.m. (all times Eastern).

The field for the Kelly’s Landing from the rail out (with jockeys, trainers and assigned weight):
- Shanghai Rain ( ridden by Brian Hernandez Jr., trained by Bret Calhoun, 121 pounds, 9-2 morning line odds); Lookin for a Kiss (Jon Court, Mike Tomlinson, 121, 20-1); Mr. Crow (Joe Rocco Jr., Ben Colebrook, 121, 7-2); Harmac (Jose Valdivia Jr., Grant Forster, 121, 30-1); Cool Arrow (Adam Beschizza, Joe Sharp, 121, 20-1); Warrior’s Club (Saez, Lukas, 123, 3-1); Requite (Julien Leparoux, Ian Wilkes, 121, 20-1); Storm Advisory (Ricardo Santana Jr., Brian Williamson, 121, 20-1); C Z Rocket (Shaun Bridgmohan, Al Stall Jr., 121, 12-1) and Chief Cicatrix (James Graham, Shawn Davis, 123, 7-5).

General admission to Churchill Downs is $3 on Saturday and admission gates open at 11:30 a.m. Box seats are $10 and reserved dining packages are $39. They can be purchased online at www.ChurchillDowns.com/Tickets. Because it’s closing day, there will be a mandatory payout in Churchill Downs’ 20-cent minimum Single 6 Jackpot.

CALHOUN HOPES FOR 2-YEAR-OLD DOUBLE IN BASHFORD MANOR, DEBUTANTE – Trainer Bret Calhoun has already won five races in 2018 with 2-year-olds but hopes to add to his win total Saturday with Tom Durant’s Shanghai Roo and Shanghai Rain in the $100,000 Bashford Manor (Grade III) and $100,000 Debutante (Listed), respectively.

“(Shanghaied Roo) was so impressive in his debut at Keeneland that we thought he would be in a great spot for the Kentucky Juvenile,” Calhoun said. “It was just a freak incident of him tying up (cramping) before the Kentucky Juvenile. I was so confident in him that day, I thought we could win for fun.

“We’re excited to get him back to the racetrack Saturday. We’ve thought very highly of him and this should be a good spot.”

Shanghaied Roo is a 2-year-old by Shanghai Bobby out of the Uncle Abbie mare Hollye Lynne. The colt broke his maiden on April 6 at Keeneland when he rallied from just off the early pace in a 4 ½-furlong maiden special weight to win by 2 ¼ lengths under jockey Gabriel Saez.

The six-furlong Bashford Manor goes as Race 11 Saturday with a post time of 5:56 p.m. (all times Eastern).

The complete Bashford Manor field from the rail out (with jockeys, trainers and assigned weight): Shanghaied Roo (Gabriel Saez, Bret Calhoun, 120 pounds, 9-2 morning line odds); Weiland (Carlos Villasana, John Ennis, 122, 6-1); Baytown Glory (Jack Gilligan, Paul McIntee, 120, 30-1); Sir Truebadour (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 120, 4-1); Mr Chocolate Chip (Euclyn Prentice Jr., Cory Davidson, 120, 30-1); The Song of John (Sonny Leon, Rey Hernandez, 120, 20-1); Eye Cloud (Rogelio Miranda, Tracy Norris, 120, 20-1); Mr. Granite (Nathan Vickers, Wayne Rice, 120, 30-1); Tales of Chaucer (Julien Leparoux, Norm Casse, 120, 4-1); Dalliance (Arienne Cox, Wayne Rice, 122, 20-1); Toothless Wonder (Mario Gutierrez, Doug O’Neill, 120, 7-2); Cat Addiction (C. J. McMahon, Steve Asmussen, 118, 15-1); and Overanalyzer (Andres Ulloa, Michelle Elliott, 120, 20-1).
DICKEY RETURNING TO THE JERSEY SHORE WITH ONE GO ALL GO – It’s been six years since trainer Scooter Dickey left his Churchill Downs barn to send a horse to his former “summer home” at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, N.J. but the veteran conditioner is targeting Elkhorn Stakes (Grade II) winner One Go All Go for Saturday’s $300,000 United Nations Stakes (GI).

“I used to live at the Jersey Shore and would go to Monmouth after the Spring Meet at Churchill Downs,” Dickey said. “It was my summer home. I haven’t been back since my wife (Dana) got sick a few years ago. It’s been nearly six years since I’ve been there but I’m ready to go back with this horse.”

One Go All Go, a 6-year-old Virginia bred by Fairbanks entered Dickey’s barn in November after owner Rodney Paden purchased the horse for $62,000 at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

“One of my other really nice grass horses (Flatlined) beat this horse last summer at Ellis Park,” Dickey said. “I told Mr. Paden he’s good enough to buy him if he doesn’t bring too much. I think we stole him out of the sale.”

Locally-based at Churchill Downs, One Go All Go sprung a 9-1 upset in the 1 ½-mile Elkhorn after leading gate to wire on May 18. The bay has a career record of 26-4-5-4 with $713,538 in earnings.

COURT TO MISS FIVE WEEKS WITH SHOULDER INJURY – Veteran jockey Jon Court will be sidelined for at least five weeks because of a shoulder injury suffered earlier this week, according to agent Steve Krajcir.

Court, 57, began his career in Colorado and moved to Kentucky in 1995. The eight-time Grade I-winning rider was scheduled to ride at Ellis Park following the close of Churchill Downs’ Spring Meet.

Prior to his injury, Court had six wins through 96 starters at the 2018 Spring Meet.

DOWN THE STRETCH – The 2018 Spring Meet concludes with live racing Friday and Saturday. Friday’s 11-race card features a 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot carryover of $60,164 which begins in Race 4 at approximately 2:13 p.m. Saturday’s closing-day 12-race program will also get underway at 12:45 p.m. … Should Churchill Downs’ parking lots fill up Saturday, the track will provide free parking and shuttle service from Lot H at the Kentucky Exposition Center (inside Gate 4). Guests also may park in the gray, maroon, lime and Wagner’s Pharmacy lots starting at noon but they will have to park and walk. Parking in the neighborhood also is an option. …

… Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen’s impressive maiden winner Tight Ten, who won his debut in a six-furlong maiden special weight in Race 5 Thursday night at Churchill Downs, added his name to a growing list of graded stakes winners who also broke their maiden on closing week of the Spring Meet at the same conditions, including 2005 Hopeful Winner (GI) First Samurai; 2009 Forego (GI) winner Payntermaniac (Carlos Villasana, John Ennis, 30-1); O’Keefe (Valdivia, Rivelli, 3-1); Restless Rider (Hernandez, McPeek, 5-2); War Ballad (Marcelino Pedroza Jr., James Chapman, 15-1); Beach Getaway (Joe Rocco Jr., Ben Colebrook, 8-1); Hay Dilly (James Graham, Kelly Rubley, 6-1) and Shanghai Rain (Gabriel Saez, Brett Calhoun, 3-1). All fillies will carry 120 pounds.

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