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SHE CAN'T SING WINS GRADE III, \$300,000 CHILUKKI

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022) – Lothenbach Stables Inc.'s 5-year-old homebred mare **She Can't Sing** contested the early pace with **Empire House** and **Liberty M D**, assumed command midway around the turn and spurted clear down the stretch to easily win Saturday's 37th running of the \$300,000 Chilukki (Grade III) at Churchill Downs by 3 ¾ lengths at odds of 7-2.

After the first quarter mile in :22.82 and a half-mile in :45.50, She Can't Sing clocked one mile over a fast track in 1:35.38 to beat five other fillies and mares for Chicago-based trainer **Chris Block** and jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.** It was the filly's fourth stakes win of her career, but first against graded stakes company.

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She Can't Sing banked the \$183,450 first prize in the Chilukki and rewarded her backers with \$9.04, \$5.42 and \$4.18.

Ice Orchid, ridden by **Tyler Gaffalione**, finished second at odds of 8-1 and paid \$7.28 and \$4.02. Liberty M D was another 2 ¼ lengths back in third at 5-1 under **Julien Leparoux** and returned \$4.02.

Coach, the 7-5 favorite, was fourth and was followed by Empire House and **Mariah's Princess**. **Center Aisle** was scratched.

Overall, She Can't Sing has won eight of 33 starts and \$816,588. Prior to the Chilukki, she raced on turf in her eight previous starts this year, including a third-place effort last out in the \$736,030 Mint Ladies Sprint (GIII) at Kentucky Downs on Sept. 10. A year ago, She Can't Sing finished sixth of seven in the Chilukki won by **Obligatory** – her last start on dirt.

"This mare has been really consistent on both dirt and turf so I've been able to try a couple of different things with her," Block said. "She loves this dirt track. Last year she won an allowance at seven-eighths but ended up having a really tough trip in the Chilukki. So, I decided to make it a goal to get her back for this race. I think we'll see her back next year. She'll head to Fair Grounds after this and get a little bit of a freshening before we start looking at a spring campaign."

She Can't Sing is a bay daughter of Bernardini out of the Distorted Humor mare Distorted Magic and was bred in Kentucky by her owner, **Bob Lothenbach**.

Known as the Churchill Downs Distaff from 1996-2004, the Chilukki was renamed in 2005 to honor **Stonerside Stable's** graded stakes-winning filly. The daughter of **Cherokee Run** made four starts at Churchill Downs, all of which were victories. Chilukki won the 2000 edition of this race in what would be her final start with a final time of 1:33.57 – a track record at the time.

Racing at Churchill Downs resumes Sunday with a nine-race program that begins at 1 p.m. ET.

CHILUKKI QUOTES

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