



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**8 GOT GLEE** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 11-month layoff to set the pace and finish 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has leading jock Edgard Zayas penciled in for the return riding assignment. **6 DEER ISLAND DIVA** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after following her recent \$12,500 '2-lifetime' score with a chase-and-flatten 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers. **5 TRUE HEIRESS** is hoping to keep a straight path through the lane after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level prior to being disqualified and placed 8<sup>th</sup> for drifting inward.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-5**

## RACE 2:

**6 POESIA** moved to the Alexis Delgado barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same level and distance, after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to repeat open-length winner Slingin Sammy B last out. **4 COUNTRY STRONG** was solid in defeat when she followed her bottom level victory at the distance with a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level. Trainer Dave Kassen has Jairo Rendon in the saddle. **3 YES ITS FACTUAL** is dropping into a competitive spot after following her \$10,000 maiden score with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers at this 1-mile distance.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-3**

## RACE 3:

**4 NONSENSE** is not fooling around when she drops to the \$35,000 level after following her victory vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers with an ambitious 5<sup>th</sup> place finish behind open-length winner R Prerogative in a \$75,000 optional claimer. **3 MERTZ** moved to the Rasharn Creque barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 claimers going 5 ½ furlongs last out.

**2 VALLEY GIRL** is stepping up, and stretching out, after drawing off at 6 furlongs to defeat \$20,000 maidens by 8-plus lengths. Trainer Ralph Nicks has apprentice Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-2**

## RACE 4:

**1 SCRAPS** who has been knocking heads with some of the best turf runners at the meeting, will face state-bred competition after encountering traffic in the stretch when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – a half-length behind next-out winners Art G Is Back and Forever Mo in the \$122,000 Not Surprising. **3 NOTORIOUS NICK** is stretching out slightly to a mile after following his maiden victory at this distance with a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **7 SOUPER JAGUAR**, listed as a gelding, is stretching out after setting a pressured pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> -as the favorite - behind Notorious Nick last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Luca Panici in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-7**

## RACE 5:

**8 SLINGIN SAMMY B** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim after posting her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive open-length victory when she drew away in the slop to win by 12 ½ lengths last out. **2 SAUCE ON THE SIDE** has her claiming tag sliced in half, and is stretching out to a mile, after shipping from Churchill into the Joe Orseno barn and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> behind a field of \$12,500 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. **5 MYFRANCESCA** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after proving no match for the top choice in the slop last out. She can offer more if Mother Nature cooperates.

**SELECTIONS: 8-2-5**

**RACE 6:**

**9 SHELDOR** is going back to the turf after following his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at this level and distance on the grass with a set-the-pace 2<sup>nd</sup> in a race moved to a mile and a sixteenth on a fast-main track. The gelding will be playing catch me if you can. **5 JOHNNYTHETIREMAN** moved to the Padarath Lutchman barn via the claim, and is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs, after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 ½ furlongs when dropped to this level last out.

**6 KNOCKABOUT** is going back to the turf hoping to spark a wakeup call after finishing a distant 5<sup>th</sup> behind Sheldor on the dirt. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Cristian Torres handling the surface change.

**SELECTIONS: 9-5-6**

**RACE 7:**

**6 VELVET ISLE** is dropping a notch, and turning back to 5 ½ furlongs, after setting the pace and getting caught late when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Jairo Rendon in the saddle. **5 SHENU SHENUME**, another from Kathleen O'Connell, the daughter of Prospective debuts with Lasix, and apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

**7 TIME TO TWO STEP** is a daughter of Two Step Salsa debuting for trainer Peter Walder with a solid, and extensive, workout pattern showing over the track; Miguel Vazquez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-7**

**RACE 8:**

**10 PICARA**, now in the Jorge Delgado barn, the daughter of Turbo Compressor, who is 2 for 2 at the distance, is making her first start since setting the pace and fading in the \$100,000 Distaff Turf at Tampa while in the Todd Pletcher barn. The new connections have the 4-year-old working lights out for her return to the races.

**2 BEAUTIFUL BALLAD** is making her local debut for trainer Mark Casse the first race since breaking poorly and never getting untracked when finishing last in the Grade 2 Appalachian at Keeneland during April. The \$260,000 daughter of Maclean's Music is spotted perfectly for the return.

**6 RAVEN'S LADY (GB)** adds to the intrigue in this race when she debuts locally for Patrick Biancone after facing graded stakes competition at Belmont, Churchill and Santa Anita. The well-traveled mare has Jairo Rendon in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 10-2-6**

**RACE 9:**

**5 SUMMER SPICE**, who has shown the ability to win from a stalking position, can end up sitting in the garden spot behind the hot pace expected. Trainer Kathy Mongeon has Jairo Rendon named to ride the upset special. **1 EIGHTS AND ACES**, a reclaim by Joe D'Angelo, is stretching out to a mile (7-3-2-1) after drawing off to defeat similar quality in a race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **8 ROCK YOU** is a consistent gelding looking to get back to the winner's circle after following a string of 3 consecutive victories with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish 2 starts back with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind repeat winner Charlie the Greek last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-8**

**RACE 10:**

**10 R LOVELY JULZ** is a daughter of City Zip debuting for trainer Georgina Baxter with Lasix, and a solid morning work tab showing over the track; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **3 YEI YEI** is a son of Discreet Cat who steps up to the \$50,000 level after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in his 5-furlong turf debut at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr lightens the impost with apprentice Cristian Torres at the controls.

**8 SURPRISE FACTOR** is a son of The Factor debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with Lasix, and Reylu Gutierrez named to ride. The freshman is bred to love the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 10-3-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 4 – 1 SCRAPS**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 5 SUMMER SPICE**