



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

2 HANNAH'S STORM is stretching out around 2 turns after responding to both the dropdown in competition, the surface switch, and the addition of blinkers, with a well-meant 3rd place finish going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 26% with horses stretching out in distance. **6 SUDDEN LIGHT**, a new face on the local scene for trainer Patrick Biancone, makes her first start since facing better on the turf in California during 2018; apprentice Cristian Torres rides the daughter of Bodemeister.

3 GOLDEN TAP is stretching out to a mile after back-to-back 2nd place finishes going 7 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-3

RACE 2:

5 LADY JOANNA is a daughter of young Brian debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride. The tote action should tell us more. **6 BARCELONA**, a daughter of Brethren, has her claiming tag carved in half after chasing the pace and finishing 5th vs \$25,000 maidens going 4 ½ furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Miguel Vazquez handling the dropdown.

7 SNOW AND LILYLYNN is cutting back to five-eighths of a mile after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd when facing similar quality at 5 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-7

RACE 3:

1 TRACY ANN'S LEGACY takes a classic owner Frank Calabrese drop after returning from the freshening to finish a game 3rd vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

6 GLORY ROLL, a consistent daughter of Adios Charlie, returns to the turf after following the neck defeat on the grass vs \$20,000 claimers 2 starts back with a 3rd place finish, on a sealed 'sloppy' track, vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. **3 FEATURE CREATURE** moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after finishing 2nd vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers during April. Note that the barn is 33% with new claims.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-3

RACE 4:

5 COMPANY STORE has been firing bullets in the morning in preparation for the first start since finishing 3rd – as the favorite – at this level and distance before the layoff. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr sports a 25%-win average with the 31-60 days layoff. **7 HIP HIP JORGE**, a well-meant 2nd at this distance 2 starts back, is stretching out after finishing 2nd again – as the odds-on choice – going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Mark Casse has apprentice Cristian Torres returning on the regally bred son of Tapit. **4 RACK GIN** is making his first start since the eventful debut – as the favorite – in which he bumped at the start, pressed the pace and faded, going a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track here last December. Trainer Bobby Dibona has the son of Include training forwardly for the return.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-4

RACE 5:

1 GRAN GREYFROST is stretching out to a mile after responding his local return with a 4th place finish – from an outside post (9) - going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Samy Camacho handling the inside post.

7 CONISTON is hoping to bounce back after following a trio of solid performances on the turf vs this caliber of competition with an uncharacteristic wide trip that produced a disappointing 7th place finish.

2 TEMPLE MOUNT is hoping to finally get back on the turf after a win and a pair of second-place finishes in a trio of races moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on the main track.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-2

RACE 6:

4 CAUTIOUS GIANT, in for the \$40,000 tag in this optional claimer, the 11-time winner jumps off the page when dropping to this level after the chase-and-flatten performance in the Grade 3 Smile Sprint. **2 FLORIDA COTTON** will try to make it 3 in a row after responding after claim by Elizabeth Dobles with a pair of optional claiming victories at 6 and 6 ½-furlongs, respectively. **6 TRAPPEZOID**, another from Liz Dobles and Imaginary Stables, debuts locally after facing similar quality at Churchill with inconsistent results; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 7:

1 CASH CALL KITTEN, undefeated in 2 previous races on the GP turf, is making his first start since finishing 4th vs \$40,000 conditioned claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the synthetic surface at Turfway. Trainer Mike Maker in 19% with the synthetic-to-turf angle.

6 TIPSY KITTEN is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after dueling throughout and coming up a neck shy of defeating similar when 2nd going a mile. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

2 SON OF OAHU is turning back to this distance after dueling from start-to-finish and coming up a half-length shy vs \$12,500 open-claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-2

RACE 8:

3 DIXIE TALK is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from the layoff to track the pace and finish 3rd at the distance vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers. **6 LISA MILA** has been knocking on the door in 5 consecutive races at this level, which includes the slow starting 4th – as the 3-to-5 favorite – at this level and distance last out. **8 BIRD OF PEACE** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after rallying 4-wide to finish 2nd vs similar going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr. who also trains Lisa Mila, has Cristian Torres on this half of the uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-8

RACE 9:

10 SUNSET SUMMER is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after returning from the layoff to finish 5th – beaten 2 ½ lengths – vs \$20,000 maidens. The concern is a demanding outside post (10).

5 MISS ANTONELLA, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn the sophomore drops to this level, with blinkers added, after failing to ‘hit the board’ on the turf vs better before the layoff.

4 J P’S ROSE is going back to the turf after showing speed and retreating when facing similar going 7 furlongs on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. Her turf performance, at this level and distance during April, would be good enough to grab a share in this spot.

SELECTIONS: 10-5-4

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 5 COMPANY STORE

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – CASH CALL KITTEN