



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 SPA JAZZ** is stretching out to his best distance thus far (4-2-1-1) after rallying on a wet track listed as 'good' to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going 7 furlongs. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios handling the outside draw. **3 BIG BOY BRUNO** is another trying a 1-turn mile after rallying with a purpose to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$10,000 open-claimers going seven-eighths of a mile. Trainer Peter Walder tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride.

**5 COURAGE AND HONOR** is dropping back to the \$12,500 level, and removing the blinkers, after following a monster 12-length drubbing over \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers 2 starts back with a chase-and-fade outing, with the shades added, vs \$20,000 starter optional claimers going 7 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-5**

## RACE 2:

**4 EARLY TIME (FR)** continues her freefall though the claiming ranks when she tries \$10,000 claimers after finishing a rallying 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers last out. **1 KARENINA** is dropping a notch, and returning to the turf, after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish on the turf vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers with a duel-for-the-lead 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite - vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

**7 MAMBO DANCER** drops a peg after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile last out. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-7**

## RACE 3:

**1 AEQUOR** is turning back to a 1-turn mile after returning from the freshening to set the pace and finish 3<sup>rd</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw. **4 SO LONG CHUCK**, in for the \$40,000 tag, the 6-time winner drops after following a front running score vs \$25,000 optional claimers with a poor showing in the 'slop' in the mile and a sixteenth \$100,000 Soldiers Dancer.

**5 FRONT LOADED**, another one in for the \$40,000 tag, drops after failing to 'hit the board' in both the \$100,000 Soldiers Dancer and Big Drama state-bred stakes.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-5**

## RACE 4:

**4 GOOD TIMING MAN**, a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> on the turf at this level during April, is going back to the grass after the inconsistent pair moved from the lawn to sealed 'sloppy' tracks. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Jairo Rendon in the irons. **6 SPANNED** takes a big drop to the \$20,000 level after returning from the 13-month layoff to stalk the pace and weaken vs maiden special weight competition going a mile. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas atop the gelded son of Arch. **8 TARANTO** is stepping up the competition, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after vying for the lead throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – vs \$12,500 maidens going 8 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-8**

**RACE 5:**

**7 ROCK YOU**, undefeated in 2 previous races at a mile (2-2-0-0), stretches out after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing similar quality going 7 furlongs last out. **6 LOVE TREE** renews the rivalry with the top choice after having to steady at the 3/8<sup>th</sup>-pole when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind him when they competed at the distance on May 25. Trainer Peter Walder tabs Tyler Gaffalione to handle the rematch. **1 DIZZY GILLESPIE**, another from Peter Walder, has speed, the rail, and will try to turn the tables on Rocky You after finishing a fading 5<sup>th</sup> behind him on May 4; Miguel Vazquez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-1****RACE 6:**

**1 LET'S RUMBLE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and departing from the rail, after setting the pace with a 21 & 3 first quarter before fading to finish 6<sup>th</sup> vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the hole shot. **2 STROLL BY LEA** is an obvious choice to be on the ticket after setting the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 16-1 – at this level and distance. **7 BAMBINO** is looking to hit out of the park at this level after chasing the pace and finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> in his \$25,000 debut contested at 5 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-7****RACE 7:**

**4 JUSTCALLMENORMAN** is making his first start since responding in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr with a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish going a mile on April 19. Tyler Gaffalione rides the 3-year-old son of Uncaptured. **7 BIG AGENDA** is stepping up to face winners after following the disqualification from a maiden special weight victory 2 starts back with another front running victory vs special weight competition last out. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Emisael Jaramillo atop the speedy son of Data Link. **2 LIL COMMISSIONER** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs hoping the shorter distance sparks a wakeup call after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 state-bred optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-2****RACE 8:**

**2 DRILL DOWN DUDE** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and tries \$10,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the main track, after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in back-to-back sprints on the turf. Trainer Zerpa, 46% with new claims, readied the colt for the surface switch with a bullet 4-furlong drill at GP West. **9 BUFFON** will be outfitted with blinkers after the promising 6-furlong debut at this level in which he set the pace and was beaten a neck, and that was after getting loose in the post parade. **7 STARSHIP TAXI** is hoping to fare better after returning from the freshening to finish a stalk-and-fade outing going 5 ½ furlongs in the 'slop'.

**SELECTIONS: 2-9-7****RACE 9:**

**9 ALPERES** is turning back to a mile after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> again when beaten less than a length vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Jeffrey Sanchez trying to cure the current case of seconditis.

**6 CAN'T TRUMP KITTEN** is a 4-year-old son of Kitten's Joy debuting for Ken and Sarah Ramsey, and trainer Mike Maker, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest.

**3 PEACE SPEAKER** is plunging to the \$10,000 level in the first start since showing vs better here before the 17-month layoff. Trainer Mary Eppler has Jairo Rendon atop the 5-year-old gelded son of Elusive Quality.

**SELECTIONS: 9-6-3****BEST BET: RACE 7 – 4 JUSTCALLMENORMAN****LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 4 GOOD TIMING MAN**