RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:
2 FLYING QUEEN is returning at the same level after being forced to take a wide trip before rallying to finish 2nd behind repeat winner Taylor's in Orbit at this distance.
7 RICHIE'S SISTER is dropping to the $10,000 level after returning from a year layoff to duel for the lead and fade – as the favorite - when facing $25,000 claimers last out. Trainer Dave Braddy has apprentice Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.
3 LITTLE MISS MAY is cutting back to five-eighths of a mile after dueling for the lead and holding sway to defeat $12,500 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on a 'good' turf.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-3

RACE 2:
4 FORTY FATHOMS moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim after responding to the dropdown in competition with a '2-lifetime' victory going 5 ½ furlongs; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **1 TIME WILL TELL** is making his first start since tracking the pace and finishing 2nd between next-out winners African Chief and Disruptor in a '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance on May 11th. **2 DREAMING OF J C** is dropping a notch after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd behind hard-knocking Starship Apollo in a $16,000 claimer moved to 5 furlongs on a sealed 'good' track.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-2

RACE 3:
7 FRENCHMAN STREET is returning to the turf after shipping from Santa Anita into the Fernando Abreu barn and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – in a maiden special weight sprint moved to 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.
5 VISIONS OF YOU, another from trainer Fernando Abreu, is making his 3rd start back from the layoff after following a 3rd place finish behind his stablemate in the 'slop' with a solid 3rd place finish on the turf. **4 JINGLE BELLS** is stepping up the competition after returning from the extended layoff to post a duel-for-the-lead 3rd place finish vs $25,000 maidens.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4

RACE 4:
2 QUENANE, a much-the-best winner at this level and distance 2 starts back, drops after rallying to finish 2nd behind repeat winner War Giant, who won the Carry Back Stakes by 5 ½ lengths in his next start, and got a 94 Beyer figure for his effort. **8 TO DARE**, now in the Ralph Nicks barn, the gelded son of Curlin makes his first start since finishing 4th behind Quenane on May 5th; Emisael Jaramillo rides.
5 CHEPSTOW is dropping to the $10,000 level after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in a $25,000 optional claimer going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-5

RACE 5:
3 WAKE ME UP AT NOON is dropping to the $10,000 level after rallying to finish 4th behind repeat winner Stay On Base in a $16,000 conditioned claimer going a mile. Trainer Mark Casse has Nik Juarez atop the son of Temple City. **5 COCO IS LOCO** is hoping to find a little more for the stretch run after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance.
2 ANDREW THE BULL, a good 2nd when facing similar on the Tampa turf, is going back to the grass after stalking the pace and fading when facing this level of competition here – as the favorite – in a race moved to 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-2

RACE 6:
1 FULLY LOADED is stepping up to face winners at 5 ½ furlongs after the impressive 5-furlong debut in which he held on gamely to score as the favorite. **2 WELL DEFINED** is stretching out after a strong 4 ½-furlong debut in which he drew clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners, including today's rival Passionate Hachi. **6 NACHO PAPA** will be treated with Lasix in the first start since winning his career debut despite the fact he had trouble at the start. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez atop the son of Brethren.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 7:
1 MEANT TOBE MINE is dropping into a winning spot after following a 2nd place finish at this level and distance with a chase-and-weaken performance behind red-hot Miz Mayhem in the $75,000 Nicole's Dream. **8 EILA** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd – a neck behind Meant Tobe Mine – when they hooked up on May 10th. Note that the trainer/jock combo of Zerpa and Jaramillo win races here at a 40% clip.

5 TAYLOR'S IN ORBIT is stepping up the competition after posting her 2nd consecutive victory at the distance when she defeated $20,000 optional claimers last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-5

RACE 8:
1 HELEN VIRGINIA, a winner at the distance 2 starts back, shortens up after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd when going a mile in the first race after the claim by trainer Ralph Nicks.
4 PURE BLISS is another dropping into a competitive spot after showing early interest and fading when facing $16,000 optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs last out. The previous winner at the distance has apprentice Romero Maragh in the saddle. **6 A SQUARE TO SPARE** is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after the chase-and-fade performance going 6 ½ furlong vs similar quality; Nik Juarez rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6

RACE 9:
9 LADY OF SHADY LANE should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish 4th behind the top choice. Trainer Jesus Lander has Leonel Reyes atop this longshot possibility. **1 LA DUQUESA** will depart from the rail after setting the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Armando De la Cerda keeps it light with apprentice Romero Maragh in the irons.
12 DRINKS ON MAGGIE moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim after bumping at the start and finishing 6th behind a pair of next-out winners at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-12

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 2 QUENANE

LONGSHOT: RACE 9: - 9 LADY OF SHADY LANE