



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 PARADISE ISLAND is dropping into the allowance optional claiming ranks after following his maiden win at Saratoga last summer with a pair vs stakes competition, which includes the troubled trip (lacked room stretch) in the \$75,000 English Channel here last out. Trainer George Weaver has Nik Juarez named to ride.

1 FAMOUS FACT will depart from the rail after a trio of competitive performances at this level and distance. Trainer Juan Rizo has Miguel Vasquez atop the son of Factum. **4 THORISTIC**, claimed in 3 consecutive races, the gelding moves to the Peter Walder barn after finishing an even 5th vs this familiar competition last out; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 2:

5 DANCING NOELLE moved to the Steve Budhoo barn via the claim after responding the dropdown in competition with her 3rd career victory in 5 races. The new connections tab Miguel Vasquez to ride. **3 BEAUTIFUL ALLY** is stepping up and turning back to three-quarters of a mile, after rallying to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 furlongs last out. The filly gets in light with apprentice Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle. **6 FAME GALORE** is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff after dueling for the lead and flattening out when finishing 3rd behind Dancing Noelle last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-6

RACE 3:

7 CAN'TTAKEITWITHYOU moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$16,000 conditioned claimer contested at 7 ½ furlongs on a 'good' turf.

3 DON'T OVER LOOK has been knocking on the door in both recent turf outings at this level, including the 2nd place finish in the first start after the claim by trainer David Fawkes last out.

5 REMEMBER THE MAINE will be outfitted with blinkers in the first start since finishing 4th – as the favorite – behind the top choice when they hooked up on April 15th. Trainer Luis Ramirez claimed him last out and tabs Jonathan Gonzales to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-5

RACE 4:

2 BRANDT is hoping for a little more for the stretch drive after finishing 2nd in back-to-back races at the distance. Trainer Agustin Bezara has Jonathan Gonzales atop the son of Flatter.

4 MARNESIA ONE STEP is dropping to the \$16,000 level on the main track after encountering trouble at the start in consecutive turf races vs better. Trainer Albino Rossi readied him for the surface switch with a bullet half-mile workout over the main track.

7 MORE ILLUSIONS, another from Agustin Bezara, is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after finishing a promising 2nd in his 6-furlong career debut at this level; Joe Berrios rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-7

RACE 5:

2 POINTEDLEE, a half-sister to Grade 1 stakes-placed Engaginglee, is dropping to the \$50,000 level after shipping up to Tampa and finishing 3rd in a maiden special weight test at the distance. Trainer Reid Nagle, who claimed her 2 starts back, has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

5 MOTIVATE is dropping to the \$50,000 level with blinkers added after stalking early and finishing 6th – beaten 4-lengths – in her maiden special weight debut. Trainer Jonathan Thomas has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the \$260,000 daughter of Uncle Mo. **4 TROPICALITY** is dropping in for this high-priced tag with blinkers added after finishing 4th – as the odds-on choice – vs maiden special weight competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Chuck Simon tabs 7-pound apprentice Romero Ramsay to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-4

RACE 6:

1 PADEN is dropping into this \$6,250 conditioned claimer in the first start since finishing 5th behind hard-knocking repeat winners Blings Express and Social Roy in a \$10,000 optional claimer on March 29th. **8 SQUADRON A** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from the freshening to finish 4th in a \$12,500 conditioned claimer contested at three-quarters of a mile on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track.

4 THE SON WIND is stretching out to 7 furlongs (10-2-3-1) after rallying on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track to finish 3rd vs \$6,250 open-claimers going 6 furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-4

RACE 7:

5 EPIC LOVE is dropping to the \$50,000 level in the first start since dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in a mile & 70-yard maiden special weight test on the Parx turf last October. Trainer John Servis, 24% with the longer than 180-days layoff, has apprentice Romero Ramsay named to ride. **7 OUTRUN**, a gelded son of Medaglia d’Oro, is making his turf debut the first start since finishing 3rd on the dirt at Belmont about 19 months ago. Trainer Todd Pletcher, who has 2 in the race (8 Charming Billy) has Tyler Gaffalione atop this interesting proposition. **10 MR STARK** will try \$50,000 maidens after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd, with blinkers added, vs state-bred maiden special weight competition going a mile on a ‘good’ turf last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-10

RACE 8:

1 EARLY ENTRY is dropping to the \$40,000 level after returning from the 13-month layoff to stalk the pace and finish 4th behind classy Classic Rock in the \$75,000 Jeblar. Trainer Kathleen O’Connell has Tyler Gaffalione handling the inside draw. **3 DIDLEY** is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding to the surface switch from turf to a ‘good’ main track with a \$25,000 optional claiming victory going 5 furlongs. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **2 MY FRIEND FLAVIN**, a 5-time winner, competes for the \$40,000 tag in this optional claimer, after shipping in from the Fair Grounds and defeating \$30,000 conditioned claimers at the distance. Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr has Luca Panici going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-2

RACE 9:

7 ENTIRELY is a daughter of Point of Entry debuting for trainer Jonathan Thomas with a series of solid workouts showing on the Bridlewood Farm turf course. The freshman faces the boys with Lasix and has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

5 MY WHIPPERSNAPPER is a son of Kantharos debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix and jockey Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. The morning work tab at Palm Meadows should have the colt ready to fire at first asking. **11 SCRAPS** is debuting on the turf with both Lasix and blinkers added after losing his best chance when he broke poorly at the start of his \$50,000 debut on the main track. The son of Brethren is bred to respond favorably to the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-11

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 1 EARLY ENTRY

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 2 POINTEDLEE