



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 SAMURAI'SFIRSTLADY will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the 11-month layoff to defeat \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance in front running fashion.

9 FAITHFUL SUE is wheeling back after making a big middle run and settling for 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Albin Jimenez returning on the consistent daughter of Factum. **1 TRICKIZAR** moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim, and shifts back to the turf (3-0-0-2), after returning from the layoff to defeat \$6,250 claimers sprinting on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-1

RACE 2:

6 BIRD OF PEACE is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff after closing to come within a half-length of notching this '2-lifetime' condition when finishing 2nd last out.

3 SECOND ILLUSION, a daughter of First Samurai, is making her first start since finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 claimers about 14 months ago. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has 4-year-old working steadily for the return. **5 FAITH FLYS AGAIN** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish an improved 3rd – at 14-1 – when facing similar quality at 5 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5

RACE 3:

4 RUN RITE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again after following his \$35,000 maiden victory with a well-mean 2nd vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the consistent son of Smart Strike.

7 SOLAR WARMING, 2nd at this distance on the main track 2 starts back, stretches out with blinkers added after making a move for the lead and flattening out when fading to 5th behind Run Rite going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

1 SOULMATE will face \$35,000 conditioned claimers after rallying from last to finish 4th vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers in his local turf debut for trainer Wesley Ward. The lightly raced gelding shows a pair of solid workouts on the Palm Meadows turf in preparation for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-1

RACE 4:

5 FRANK'S LEGACY, a half-brother to Grade 1 stakes-placed Axelrod, is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and stretching out to five-eighths of a mile, after encountering trouble at the half-mile pole and finishing a distant 7th in his special weight debut. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr, has Albin Jimenez returning on the \$130,000 son of Kantharos. **1 REBELDE** is stretching out to 5 furlongs after rallying to finish 2nd again when facing this level of competition at 4 ½ furlongs. The son of breakout sire Khozan, and the most seasoned runner in the field, has Hector Berrios handling the inside draw.

6 MY RUNNER RUNNER is eligible to take a positive step forward after the solid debut in which he dueled for the lead and finished 3rd behind Rebelde last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-6

RACE 5:

8 PRICKLY KITTEN is dropping to the \$20,000 level after following her solid debut vs \$12,500 maidens with an ambitious stalk-and-weaken performance at the \$40,000 level. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Kitten's Joy.

1 TENNESSEE COTTON has been knocking on the door in both recent turf outings at this level and distance, which includes the well-meant 2nd – beaten a half-length - last out. **2 GOLDEN TAP** is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after rallying to finish 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Jose Garoffalo has strong finisher Miguel Vazquez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-2

RACE 6: THE GOLDEN ISLES

7 LUCKY MILADY, a full-sister to multiple stakes winner Itsmyluckycharm, is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding to both the dropdown, and the addition of blinkers, with an almost 7-length maiden victory at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Diego Gomez handling an advantageous outside draw.

5 SOLID AS A ROCK, a daughter of Khozan, certainly lived up to her name when she used her speed to win her 4 ½-furlong debut by 3 widening lengths. Trainer Kathleen O’Connell has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **8 SONAR** is making her stakes debut at 5 ½ furlongs the first start since breaking her maiden here going 5 furlongs on May 11. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-8

RACE 7:

3 KYLLA INSTINCT (GB) is dropping to the \$25,000 level in the first start since finishing 8th and last in what turned out to be a monster ‘key’ race that produced a trio of next-out winners, including next-out stakes winners Vow to Recover, and G3 winner Miss Mo Mentum. Also note the 2nd-place finisher, Thewayiam, finished 2nd in the G3 Gallorette at Pimlico.

6 THINKIN COWTOWN is stretching out to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff to run a stamina tweaking 4th – beaten 2 lengths – vs \$35,000 claimers going 5 furlongs. The previous winner at the distance has Jose Batista in the saddle.

7 LADY GREATNESS is stretching out around 2-turns after the steady dose of 5-furlong sprints, including the 2nd pace finish last out. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has leading apprentice Cristian Torres handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-7

RACE 8:

2 CABRE is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the 5-month layoff to finish a strong 2nd – beaten a neck – vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers going 7 furlongs. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas atop the son of Flashback. **7 STEADY EARNER** is stepping up, and stretching out, after following a 2nd place finish at this distance 2 starts back, with another 2nd going three-quarters of a mile vs \$16,000 optional claimers last out. **4 HE’S SMOKIN HOT** has trained sharply in preparation for the first race since facing similar quality before the layoff with some success. Trainer Joe Orseno has Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-4

RACE 9:

3 GOOD TIMING MAN finds a good time to go back to the turf after following a well-meant 3rd at this level and distance on the grass with an inconsistent pair in races moved from the lawn to sealed ‘sloppy’ tracks. **10 SPANNED** is plunging to the \$20,000 level after returning from the 13-month layoff, breaking from a tough outside post (12), stalking the pace and fading to 6th vs maiden special weight runners last out. Trainer Mike Maker tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride, a Jairo Rendon moves to the top choice.

4 THE EXCEPTION gets a full compliment of changes (gelded, blinkers off) when he drops to the \$20,000 level after facing \$50,000 maidens before the 6-month plus layoff. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-4

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 3 KYLLA INSTINCT (GB)

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 7 LUCKY MILADY