



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 INSIDE OUT is dropping back to the allowance optional claiming ranks after following a nose defeat at this level and distance with a 6-wide 9th place finish in the \$75,000 Powder Break. Trainer Danny Gargan has Tyler Gaffalione handling the 6-year-old daughter of Colonel John.

4 NO SWEAT is returning to the turf after following a 4th place finish on the grass in the \$75,000 Soaring Softly with a 4-wide distant 5th place finish going 7 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Todd Pletcher is 18% with the dirt-to-turf angle.

3 KING'S GHOST, another from trainer Danny Gargan, drops back to the allowance ranks after competing in 8 consecutive stakes races, including the troubled starting 8th place finish in front of her stablemate in the Powder Break.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

RACE 2:

1 KING MAURO moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and turnback to 7 furlongs on the main track, after racing wide and finishing 5th vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Barboza is \$40% with new claims, and 42% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **2 ARCHVILLAIN** is turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after setting the pace and giving way grudgingly when finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **3 SAL'S JET**, another from Victor Barboza Jr, is stretching out after a 4-wide bid produced a 3rd place vs \$10,000 claimers going 5 furlongs on a 'good' main track.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-3

RACE 3:

2 I TURN A NIGHT UP, a son of Artie Schiller, exits a 'key' sprint on the dirt that has produced 3 next-out winners, including next-out \$100,000 stakes winner Noble Commander, moves to the turf with the breeding needed to love the surface switch. **5 GREEN MANSIONS**, a good 2nd on the turf at this level and distance 2 starts back, is going to the grass after bumping at the start and chasing for a bit before fading from contention when going 5 furlongs in the slop last out.

4 HASTA LA BYEBYE is making his turf debut after running a promising 3rd in his 6 ½-furlong debut on the main track. Trainer Joe Orseno has Miguel Vasquez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-4

RACE 4:

8 BLUEGRASS ENVY is making the 3rd start back from the layoff after following his commanding '2-lifetime' victory with a set-the-pace 3rd place finish – beaten a half-length – at this level and distance in the 'slop'. **4 DANCE AROUND** mamboed pass the competition when he drew off on a wet track listed as 'good' to defeat '2-lifetime' claimers – as the 4-to-5 favorite – by 10-plus lengths. The son of Biondetti, 3rd behind Bluegrass Envy 2 starts back, has Tyler Gaffalione handling the rematch. **1 LUMINARY FLIGHT** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after a pair at the \$12,500 level, which includes the strong 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' score on April 19.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-1

RACE 5:

7 VIOLENT NATURE is making his first start since dueling through the stretching and coming up a neck short when 2nd vs this level of competition when going a mile on the turf on April 20th.

4 CHASTITY, who showed promise sprinting on the grass at Woodbine last July, returns to the turf for trainer Ralph Nicks in the first start since coming up empty on the Woodbine Tapeta surface last September; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

8 PLAY THAT TONE is an obvious choice to end up in the picture ceremony after responding the equipment change (blinkers off) with a 2nd place finish – beaten a length at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-8**RACE 6:**

8 FORTY FATHOMS is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the freshening to duel for the lead and tire when facing \$25,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. The turnback to 5 ½ furlongs is another positive move.

3 ELVIS COLE is dropping to this level after ending his 3-race sprint campaign at Tampa with a chase-and-fade performance behind a trio of next-out winners in a fruitful \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs. **4 BALISTICO** is another dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the layoff to finish a distant 2nd vs \$20,000 open-claimers going 6 furlongs on a 'good' track.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-4**RACE 7:**

8 STRIKING HEIR is making his first start since this son of Wildcat Heir used his speed to defeat a field of state-bred maiden special weight runners in his 7 ½-furlong turf debut during March. Trainer Jose Pinchin has the colt working strongly for the return. **3 ASKED AND ANSWERED** proved his maiden victory wasn't a 1-shot deal when he followed that score with 2nd place finish – beaten a neck – by **2 DOMENIC** last out. The latter will try to make it two in a row after the perfectly timed ride by Edgard Zayas got him his 2nd career victory at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-2**RACE 8:**

2 INTROSPECTIVE, a half-sister to Grade 2 winner Central Banker, was sent south after dueling throughout and finishing a game 2nd in a 6-furlong maiden special weight test at Tampa. Trainer Chad Stewart has Tyler Gaffalione at the helm. **3 DANCE WITH MACHO** is stepping up the competition after following the clunker going a mile on the turf with an improved 2nd place finish in a 7-furlong \$50,000 maiden test on the dirt last out. **7 CRYSTAL AVALANCHE**, a 4-year-old daughter of Dialed In, is making her first start since finishing 2nd in a state-bred maiden special sprint here last May. Trainer Stanley Gold has her working consistently for the return.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-7**RACE 9:**

8 DRINKS ON MAGGIE is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff after coming within a head of exiting the maiden ranks at this level and distance. Trainer Michelle Nihei has Leonel Reyes in the saddle. **3 PARIS SUNSET**, a \$140,000 daughter of super turf sire Kitten's Joy, debuts at the \$12,500 claiming level for trainer Jonathan Thomas. This shaky proposition has Nik Juarez at the controls. **7 ALL IN GIRL** moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim after following a couple of solid efforts sprinting on the turf with a wide 6th – from a tough post (12) – in a race moved from the lawn to a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-7**BEST BET: RACE 4 – 8 BLUEGRASS ENVY****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 2 INTROSPECTIVE**