



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 VIOLENT TRICK** gets a full complement of changes (Lasix, blinkers) when dropping for maiden special weight to the maiden claiming ranks. Trainer Brian Lynch, 4 for 10 (40%) with similar class drops, has Nik Juarez up.

**7 MAMMA DEE** is stepping up to the \$35,000 level after the solid \$20,000 debut in which she shook off trouble at the start (bumped hard) to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length. **4 SI'MON LI'MON**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the daughter of Oxbow stretches out to a mile after finishing a so-so 9<sup>th</sup> in her 6 ½-furlong turf debut at Santa Anita; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-4**

## RACE 2:

**5 SILVER SHIELD** is turning back to a mile after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Norm Casse has Julien Leparoux in the irons. **2 GREAT KAHUNA** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after shipping down from Woodbine for trainer Mark Casse to set the pace and finish a weakening 4<sup>th</sup> here vs maiden special weight competition; Jose Ortiz rides. **7 ABE FROMAN** is another who figures prominently after responding to the dropdown from special weight conditions with a late-closing 4<sup>th</sup> place finish behind Silver Shield.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-7**

## RACE 3:

**1 STAR PLAYER**, an impressive winner at this level and distance 3 starts back, drops after proving no match for G1 Florida Derby bound Maximum Security in a \$50,000 start optional claimer going 7 furlongs last out.

**2 QUASAR MOON** is going back to the main track for trainer Todd Pletcher after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind Star Player on the dirt with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish behind impressive next-out winner Baffin Bay going a mile on the turf in the \$60,000 Sage of Monticello. **6 TACTICAL QUALITY** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and makes his first start since finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance during late January; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-6**

## RACE 4:

**6 PREACHER POWER** will be outfitted with blinkers after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Eddie Kenneally, 7 for 15 (47%) with first-time blinkers, has Javier Castellano named to handle the rematch with **4 DOWNSIDE RISK**. The latter, trained by Barclay Tagg, comes off the impressive debut in which he recovered from a mugging at the start to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of the top choice; Jose Ortiz rides. **5 ST. DENMAN**, who showed promise when competing on the turf in Kentucky, is shifting back to the grass for trainer Brendan Walsh in the first start since coming up empty on the Churchill main track last November.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-5**

## RACE 5:

**7 MOON EYES** is returning to the dirt, and hoping to compete on a fast track, after following a pair of sprints on wet tracks listed as 'good' with a troubled starting 6<sup>th</sup> sprinting on the turf.

**6 I LOVE SHOPPING**, a half-sister to stakes winner Imprimis, is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 7-furlong debut. Trainer Tim Hills has Joe Bravo in the saddle.

**2 CHERORAMA** is a daughter of Big Drama debuting for trainer Teri Pompay with Lasix, and a steady morning work tab showing in preparation for her first start.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-2**

**RACE 6:**

**4 MISS ACCUSE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after returning from the 7-week freshening to finish a slow starting 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$30,000 '2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Mike Tomlinson has Brain Hernandez Jr in the saddle. **5 BLUE MAGIC**, who ran well on the turf during December, moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim after responding to the dropdown in competition with a much the best victory vs \$12,500 claimers on the dirt; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **1 MOONLIGHT RAIN** is another getting some needed class relief after failing to hit the board in a trio of local turf races vs better.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-1**

**RACE 7:**

**3 WORTH AVENUE** is shopping for her proper level on the dirt after failing to fire behind next-out stakes winner Samara in a \$62,500 optional claimer going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Aubrey Maragh is 22% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **8 TOO MUCH TIP** will break from the outside after knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Irad handling the outside draw. **4 MIZ CLIPPER** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff hoping to build on a pair of strong outings at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-4**

**RACE 8:**

**2 SCRAPS**, who does his best running from 'off the pace,' should get more than enough pace needed to compliment his running style. **6 VOW ME NOW** will try to make it two in a row after using his tactical speed to defeat a pair of next-out winners in the 1-mile Sage of Monticello. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez named to ride.

**8 FALSE INFO** is turning back to a mile after opening and surrendering an early 4-length lead to finish 7<sup>th</sup> vs similar going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez handling the turnback. **1 NO BANG NO BOOM (IRE)** is stretching out around 2-turns in the first start since setting blistering early fractions of 20 & 4 and 44 flat, before driving clear to defeat \$50,000 maidens going 5 furlongs. Trainer Wesley Ward has Albin Jimenez handling the inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-8-1**

**RACE 9:**

**5 AVERY ISLAND** is making his 4-year-old debut the first start since winning the Grade 3 Withers at Aqueduct last February. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has the multiple graded stakes winner training sharply at Palm Meadows in preparation for this assignment. **8 HY KODIAK WARRIOR** is turning back to a mile after returning from the freshening to come within a neck of defeating \$62,500 optional claimers at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the 1-turn mile. **10 RICH DADDY** is turning back to a mile (12-6-1-3) after following a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish in the mile and a sixteenth \$100,000 Native Dancer at Laurel with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish here in the 8 ½-furlong \$60,000 Old Hickory.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-10**

**RACE 10:**

**9 JAMMIN JIMTOWN** is stretching out to a mile after recovering from a slow start to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going five-eighths of a mile. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the added distance. **4 WINE AT THE BEACH** is a logical choice in the nightcap after breaking from an outside post, tracking the pace, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Allen Iwinski tabs Jose Ortiz to ride. **7 TEMPLE MOUNT** is a son of Temple City debuting for trainer John Servis in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to be successful. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Paco Lopez at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 9-4-7**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 3 WORTH AVENUE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 2 SCRAPS**