



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 SWEEPENO will depart from the rail, and try to come from 'off the pace' to score when sitting behind what appears to be a suspect early pace scenario. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jairo Rendon named to ride. **4 TENNESSEE COTTON**, a solid 3rd on the turf 2 starts back, is going back to the grass after disputing the pace and fading when facing similar going a 1-turn mile on a 'good' main track.

6 LADY NINA, who was a set-the-pace 2nd at this level and distance last September, is shifting back to the lawn, with blinkers added, after getting parked wide in her \$35,000 return contested at 5 furlongs on a 'good' main surface.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6

RACE 2:

1 BODEBABE is cutting back to 7 furlongs on the main track after returning from the freshening to set the pace and weaken when facing \$35,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. The daughter of Bodemeister should sit a 'key' stalking trip behind the speed, which includes

5 I LIKE ARCHIE. The latter will try to make it 3 in a row after following a commanding victory vs \$12,500 claimers going 6 ½ furlongs with an equally impressive score going 7 furlongs on a wet track last out. **7 PAPA'S LITTLE GIRL** is dropping, and stretching out, after chasing the pace and finishing 4th in a fruitful \$35,000 optional claimer that's produced a pair of next-out winners from 4 starters.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-7

RACE 3:

3 ANTOANETA, 5 for 6 'in the money' on the GP turf, is back, after returning from a 7-month layoff at Tampa to finish a wide 4th in a \$32,000 optional claimer contested at a mile on the turf. Trainer Sarah Nagle has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

2 MI CUAIMA is dropping to the \$20,000 level after returning from the freshening to open and surrender an early 5 ½-length lead when tiring to finish 6th in a \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance. The proverbial screws should be tightened today.

7 VITAEMI, who showed a fondness for this course last year, makes her first start since showing speed and fading in a pair on the GP West turf. She can get brave if ready.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-7

RACE 4:

6 CAGLIARI, who was a sharp 2nd vs this level of competition during February, drops in the first start since tracking the pace and fading to finish 4th vs \$30,000 maidens before the layoff. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Trappe Shot. **4 CURIOSO** is turning back to 7 furlongs after making a 4-wide bid to finish 2nd vs a notch softer going a 1-turn mile last out. The zero-for-11 maiden may have found the spot when he can get the diploma. **2 FLAGET BRAVES** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after responding to the dropdown with an improved 2nd going 6 furlongs vs \$16,000 maidens. Trainer Dave Kassen has Marcos Meneses handling the 3rd start off the bench.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2

RACE 5:

1 GREAT KAHUNA moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after proving his front running maiden victory wasn't a 1-shot deal when he used his tactical speed to defeat \$35,000 conditioned claimers last out. The new connections tab Victor Lebron to ride.

7 SOULMATE debuts locally for trainer Wesley Ward after showing some late interest when facing \$50,000 starter allowance runners at the competitive Keeneland meet. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the abundance of speed in the field.

5 GRAND JOURNEY, a consistent son of Giant's Causeway, is making his first start since returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and tire when facing \$50,000 starter allowance runners last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Emisael Jaramillo quarterbacking the latest comeback.

6 JUST THE FACTS wheels back after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd in a fast \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance in which he received a best last-out Beyer figure of 86!

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5-6

RACE 6:

7 EMPIRE POWER moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim, and stretches out, after rallying to come within a neck of defeating repeat winner Colormepompom going 6 ½ furlongs last out. The new connections have Victor Lebron negotiating the added real estate. **4 FAFA** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn after the claim, and plummets to the \$12,500 level, after the chase-and-fade outing – as the even-money favorite - vs \$35,000 claimers on March 29. The recent half-mile bullet work indicates the gelding in back on track. **6 PILOTING**, a reclaim by trainer Shamir Maragh, is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after opening and surrendering a 2-length lead when fading to 5th at the distance last out. The new/old connections lighten the impost with apprentice Cristian Torres at the helm.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 7:

2 SCRAPS is dropping into a competitive situation after following back-to-back 2nd place finishes vs \$50,000 optional claimers with a troubled trip (taken up stretch) in the \$75,000 English Channel. The son of Brethren should sit an ideal trip behind the speed. **1 BERN' JAMES BERN** is cutting back to a mile and a sixteenth after just getting nailed late when 2nd in back-to-back turf outings going 9 furlongs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the inside draw. **3 FRANKLIN TOWERS** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after responding in the first race after the claim by trainer Rohan Crichton by coming within a head of defeating \$25,000 starter optional claimers at 7 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3

RACE 8:

5 MR. KISSES, now in the Georgina Baxter barn, the gelding drops to the \$12,500 level after displaying speed and winning vs \$25,000 optional claiming types before the extended layoff; apprentice Cristian Torres rides. **4 DUNK** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after pressing the pace and finishing 3rd behind repeat winner Colormepompom, and 6th race participant Empire Power, going 6 ½ furlongs. Use the 6th race as a handicapping guide before you plunk down your cash on Dunk. **6 FORMAN THE FOREMAN** moved to the Jorge Navarro barn via the claim, and wheels back, after chasing the pace and weakening to finish 5th behind repeat winner Trev, Dunk, and next-out winner, and common thread Colormepompom, on April 12th.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-6

RACE 9:

8 RAPID TRANSIT is a 4-year-old daughter of Bullet Train debuting for trainer Mike Maker in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed; Edgard Zayas rides. **11 MAKE NO MISTAKE** is debuting locally after showing a fondness for the turf when finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile on the Tampa turf. **4 SHANGHAISWEETHEART** is dropping the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to 7 ½ furlongs, after shaking off traffic along the rail to finish 3rd vs \$20,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the local turf. Trainer Juan Avila has Jose Alvarez handling the stretchout. **5 JUDGE KITTEN**, now in owner/trainer Angel Quiroz barn, the daughter of Kitten's Joy turns back after the chase-and-fade 5th going a mile and a sixteenth.

SELECTIONS: 8-11-4-5

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 3 ANTOANETA

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 2 SCRAPS