



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**1 RUDIGER** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, drops to the \$16,000 level, and turns back to a mile, after breaking from the rail, stalking the pace, and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth; Edgard Zayas rides.

**2 TOUPHA** has his claiming tag sliced in half after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind a field of \$35,000 conditioned claimers contested at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Jeffrey Sanchez in the saddle. **7 GRAN GREYFROST**, another from Victor Barboza Jr, drops a notch, and returns to the turf, after using his tactical speed to run well on the dirt at the \$20,000 level.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-7**

## RACE 2:

**4 VALLEY GIRL** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after a hard-trying 2<sup>nd</sup> when beaten a head vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Note that the daughter of Fort Loudon is 2 for 3 in the money at the distance. **1 NONCENTS** will depart from the tough inside post after holding on gamely to defeat Valley Girl by a head last out. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo atop the sophomore, who is zero for 2 at the distance.

**2 R KISS EM GOODBYE** is turning back slightly after returning from the 3-month layoff to set the pace and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$25,000 maidens going 6 furlongs. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Reylu Gutierrez atop the lightly raced 4-year-old.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-2**

## RACE 3:

**2 GOT GLEE** is looking to make amends after setting the pace and getting nabbed at the wire when beaten a neck as the favorite last out; Edgard Zayas rides for Steve Klesaris. **6 GOSSIP ISLE** is hoping to close the gap on the top choice after chasing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – a length behind her last out. Trainer Kathy Mongeon has Leonel Reyes handling the rematch. **1 LEARN STORY (DOM)** will break from the rail after recovering from trouble at the start (steadied) to finish a 5-wide 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top 2. The Dominican-bred can close the gap with a clean start.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-1**

## RACE 4:

**7 C'ERA UNA VOLTA** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 5-month plus layoff to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 5<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – at this level and distance.

**1 DEEP FIRE** moved to the David Fawkes barn via the claim, and plummets into this \$6,250 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' event, in the first race since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$16,000 claimers last December. The son of Drosselmeyer makes his 3-year-old debut as a shaky proposition. **3 OLD TIMER'S DAY** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn after the claim, and adds blinkers, after the chase-and-fade performance vs 2-lifetime' foes going 5 ½ furlongs; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-3**

## RACE 5: THE JAMES H. KYLE

**3 GALLEON MAST** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth (8-5-1-1), and making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from a layoff, after rallying to come within a neck of defeating \$62,500 optional claimers going a mile. The winner of more than \$550,000 has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

**5 FOREVER MO**, who defeated older horses on the dirt last out, is returning to the turf for trainer Antonio Sano with the tactical speed needed to sit an ideal stalking trip behind the speed. The sophomore has Reylu Gutierrez in the irons. **1 COWBOY'S HERO** is making his first start since drawing clear to win the \$75,000 Mecke going a mile and a sixteenth on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Carlos Lugo going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 3-5-1**

**RACE 6:**

**4 DR HARLAN** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs, and facing \$10,000 open-claimers, after failing to fire vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going seven-eighths of a mile last out. The gelding's resume, before the miscue last out, earns him top honors on my ticket. **7 PARTICULARITY** is stretching out, and stepping up, after posting the best last-race speed figure (77) when beaten a head by a hard-knocking group of \$6,250 open claimers going 5 ½ furlongs. He's worth a flyer at a price. **1 NATIVE HAWK**, beaten a neck by Dr Harlan when they sprinted in the slop on June 14<sup>th</sup>, turns back after hitting the board vs better in a pair going a mile.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-1**

**RACE 7:**

**4 WINGMAN** moved to the Bob Hess Jr barn via the claim, and returns to his best surface (9-4-2-1) after closing to finish a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> in a race moved from the lawn to a 1-turn mile on wet track listed as good. **8 CASH CALL KITTEN** will try to make it 3 in a row after proving he could win at this level when he followed his \$16,000 conditioned claiming victory going 7 ½ furlongs with a 'come from behind' score at this level and distance last out. **3 GRAND NENUCO** is an ultra-consistent son of Lookin At Lucky who is 7 for 9 'in the money' on the turf this year (9-3-4-0), which includes a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the stamina testing 12-furlong \$60,000 R H Lee.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-3**

**RACE 8:**

**2 BROKEN SPOKE** will try to keep his record unblemished after following his \$25,000 maiden victory at 4 ½ furlongs with an almost 5-length victory vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on tiring track listed as 'good'. **6 MALETTA** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear – as the 3-to-5 favorite – to wallop a field of \$16,000 maidens by 6 ½ lengths. **7 MAN WITH A PLAN** is dropping into the claiming ranks after following his first-out maiden victory with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the \$75,000 Kodiak Island, and a chase-and-fade 5<sup>th</sup> in the \$100,000 Dr Fager. Trainer Jose Pinchin adds blinker, and Edgard Zayas for the dropdown.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-7**

**RACE 9:**

**5 CITY CAT** is a son of Temple City debuting on the turf after taking money and failing to fire in his \$35,000 career debut moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Rajiv Maragh named to ride. **8 THE DOER** will be outfitted with blinkers after setting the pace and weakening late to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length – at this level and distance last out. **4 KEEPSAKELITTEN** is a son of productive turf sire Kitten's Joy debuting for trainer Mike Maker, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-4**

**BEST BET: RACE 5 – 3 GALLEON MAST**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 5 CITY CAT**