



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 CENSUS is a son of Data Link debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with a solid work tab showing at GP West; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **4 BROTHER REID**, half-brother to multiple stakes winner Bellavais, the son of Empire Maker debuts for trainer Vladimir Cerin with Lasix, and jockey Jose Batista named to ride this intriguing possibility. **6 TACTICIAN**, a beautifully bred son of Tapit, debuts for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 2:

4 HARTS N FLOWERS moved to the Gilberto Zepa barn via the claim, and stretches out to 5 ½ furlongs, after the promising 4 ½-furlong debut in which she dueled for the lead and finished 2nd – beat a half-length. **3 EXTREME MEASURES** is wheeling back after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance. **5 MAD ABOUT MADNESS** is a daughter of With Distinction debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and leading apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-5

RACE 3:

1 BULLGRATS is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after setting the pace and finishing 2nd – beaten a neck – going 6 ½ furlongs. **3 FOLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and drops to the \$16,000 level, in the first start since vying for the lead and fading to finish 4th vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. **7 OH DANNY BEAR** is another dropping to the \$16,000 level after hitting the board in 1 of 2 starts at the \$25,000 level. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Albin Jimenez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-7

RACE 4:

3 PEACE SPEAKER, a solid maiden winner on the turf 2 starts back, returns to the grass after surrendering a late lead to finish 3rd in a race moved from the lawn to 7 furlongs on a fast track. **10 BLUESKY KITTEN** will depart from the outside after drawing clear – as the even-money favorite – to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Reylu Gutierrez handling the outside draw.

6 TANGIBLE is dropping to the \$10,000 level after making a wide late bid to finish 5th – beaten 1 ¼ lengths – vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-6

RACE 5:

4 CHISELED, trained by Aubrey Maragh, the 19-time winner stretches out to a mile (25-9-4-1) after encountering double-trouble (steadied twice) when 3rd going 7 furlongs in the slop last out. **1 IL FARONE**, trained by Shamir Maragh, will try to make it 2 in a row after rallying from 11 lengths 'off the pace' to win at this level and distance last out. **7 DREAMY MARTINI**, another from trainer Aubrey Maragh, ridden by Tony Maragh, is cutting back to a 1-turn mile after stalking the pace and finished 3rd going a mile and a sixteenth last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-7

RACE 6:

3 TARANTO, beaten only a neck at this level on May 25th, drops after hitting the board in 1 of 2 turf outings at the \$20,000 level; Jairo Rendon rides. **2 ALPERES** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after a quartet of 2nd place finishes from a mile to a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Reylu Gutierrez trying to cure the case of seconditis. **12 BUNYAN'S AXE** will depart from the demanding outside post after making a move for the lead and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-12

RACE 7:

2 INFINITY SKY, beaten a nose at this distance 2 starts back, stretches out after finishing a distant 4th behind runaway winner Mambo Dancer going 6 ½ furlongs last out. **9 POESIA** will break from the outside after responding in the first race after the claim by Alexis Delgado with another 2nd place finish – as the favorite – at this level and distance. **1 PAPA'S GIRL** is hoping to show more after making a move and flattening out to finish 3rd behind Infinity Sky last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-1



RACE 8:

4 CODESEVENTYSEVEN, now in the Herbert Miller barn, is stretching out around 2-turns after showing speed on both turf and dirt in a trio of recent sprints. The gelding can get brave if left alone on or near the front end. **11 GRANNY'S KITTEN** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after tracking the pace and yielding late when facing similar in a pair going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas atop the 7-year-old son of Kitten's Joy. **3 ONE FINE RIDE** moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after the consistent campaign on the dirt, which includes the narrow defeat going a mile on a fast surface last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-11-3

RACE 9:

7 POE, a full-brother to stakes winner Cookie Dough, is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the addition of Lasix and blinkers with a 3rd place finish behind red-hot rising superstar Chance It going 5 furlongs on June 1st. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jairo Rendon atop the son of Brethren.

2 DREAM D'ORO is stretching out to 6 furlongs after bumping at the start, checking at the half-mile pole, and steadying at the three-eighths pole when beaten a half-length – as the favorite – going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **3 EXPRESS PHAROAH** is a \$90,000 son of American Pharoah debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with Lasix, and a solid morning workout pattern showing.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-3

RACE 10: THE SHARP SUSAN

5 FUJAIRAH is a daughter of Ghostzapper stepping up to face winners after the impressive maiden score on the turf in which she broke from a tough post, stalked the pace, and drew clear to win by 4 lengths, despite the fact she drifted in the stretch. **1 CHAMPAGNE HUMOR** is making her first journey around 2-turns after shipping up to Saratoga and finishing 3rd in the 5 ½-furlong Bolton Landing on August 14th. Trainer Antonio Sano has Luca Panici returning on the daughter of Distorted Humor.

2 ONYX is making her stakes debut after showing a definite fondness for the turf when she drew clear to break her maiden at the distance by 2 ½ lengths.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-2

RACE 11: THE FLORIDA SIRE SUSAN'S GIRL

2 KEY BISCAYNE is turning back to 7 furlongs on the main track, and racing with the blinkers off, after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. The daughter of Brethren can upset the applecart at a price.

9 LENZI'S LUCKY LADY is stretching out to 7 furlongs after keeping her record unblemished when she followed her victory – on a sealed sloppy track – in the 5 ½-furlong Golden Isles with a driving score in the 6-furlong Desert Vixen Division of the Sire Stakes, contested on a sealed sloppy surface. **6 DIENDA**, a daughter of Kantharos, is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-6

RACE 12: THE PROUD MAN

7 ISLAND COMMISH is a son of Commissioner making his turf debut after drawing clear - in race moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy' track – to win by 9 ½ lengths. The freshman will be tested for class with Samy Camacho in the irons.

1 GRACEFUL KITTEN is making his stakes debut after drawing clear to break his maiden at first asking going 7 ½ furlongs on a firm surface. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios handling the inside post.

9 MONTFORTE is making his stakes debut after drawing clear – as the odds-on choice – to break his maiden on the turf by 8-plus lengths.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-9

RACE 13: THE FLORIDA SIRE AFFIRMED

2 CHANCE IT is stretching out to 7 furlongs after following his dominating maiden victory with an even more impressive score in the 6-furlong Dr. Fager. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the impressive son of Currency Swap.

10 LIAM'S LUCKY CHARM will try to turn the tables on Chance It at 7 furlongs after finishing a game second to him in the Dr. Fager. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Reyly Gutierrez handling the rematch. **3 GENGHIS**, a distant 2nd to Chance It on June 29th, is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after stalking early, and shaking free late, to break his maiden – as the favorite – going 5 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-3

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 7 POE

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 2 KEY BISCAYNE