Saturday, June 8, 2019

RACE 1:
3 DOC KANE is dropping to the $6,250 level after rallying to finish 4th when facing $12,500 conditioned claimers in the first race after the claim by trainer Jorge Delgado. **6 TRAVY BOY** is dropping to this level again after rallying to finish 2nd when setting the pace and getting beat less than a length by $10,000 state-bred claimers. **2 BLACK PEPPER** is turning back to 6 furlongs (4-1-0-2) after following the sprint victory vs $6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers with a stalk-and-fade outing going a mile vs $12,500 claimers.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-2

RACE 2:
8 COCKTAIL SKIRT moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after dueling from the 1/8th pole to the wire when beaten a length going a mile and a sixteenth last out.
5 DIXIE PRINCESS is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 2nd – as the favorite – when facing this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. **2 AZARCH** will give the turf a try after drawing clear to defeat $6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Joe Catanese has leading jock Edgard Zayas atop the 3-year-old daughter of Archarcharch.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2

RACE 3:
1 BE A HERO is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and weakening at the 1/8th pole when finish 4th vs similar going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Angel Quiroz lightens the load with 10-pound apprentice Kennyel Suarez handling the inside post.
4 MONKEY MONEY is making his local return after knocking on the door vs similar quality at Tampa, including the recent 2nd place finish at this distance in his last. **6 EXPRESS JET** is turning back after closing from 8th and last to finish 3rd vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs. He should be along for a piece of the tri and super.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6

RACE 4:
3 TOSS wheels back after breaking midpack, chasing the pace, and finishing 3rd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Sandra Slivka has Angel Rodriguez in the saddle. **1 MISTER STORM** is stepping up to face winners after stalking early, and drawing clear late, to defeat $12,500 maidens at the distance; Jesus Rios rides. **4 CODESEVNTRYSEVEN** is turning back to five-eighths of a mile after the inconsistent pair going 7 ½ furlongs in which he was 2nd a couple of races back, and a stalk-and-fade 8th last out. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-4

RACE 5:
7 DIENDA, a daughter of Kantharos, is stretching out to 5 furlongs after the well-meant career debut at 4 ½ furlongs in which she shook off a troubled start (broke inward), and a wide trip, to come within a neck of winning at first asking. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **1 LET'S BE HONEST** is shifting back to the main track after responding to the addition of Lasix with an improved 3rd place finish going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Larry Pilotti, 26% with the grass to dirt angle, has Miguel Vazquez handling he surface switch. **5 CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY**, a $90,000 daughter of Liam's Map, is stretching out after tracking the action and finishing a promising 3rd in her 4 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr is 19% with maidens making their 2nd start.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-5

RACE 6:
2 ROMPIN REED moved to the Angel Quiroz barn via the claim, and turns back to 7 ½ furlongs, after breaking from the outside (Post 11) and rallying to finish 2nd when facing this level of competition at a mile and a sixteenth. **5 MODERN TALE** is wheeling back for the red-hot Elizabeth Dobles barn after making a move for the lead before settling for 3rd at this level and distance last out. Equally hot jock Jairo Rendon returns on the 7-year-old gelding. **3 ALIEN INVASION** is stepping up to face open competition after cruising through his 2 and 3-lifetime conditions in wining fashion. Trainer Mike Maker has Miguel Vazquez trying to make it 3 in a row for the son of Desert Party.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3

RACE 7:

1 STARSHIP TAXI is hoping to deliver in the first race since dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd at this level and distance before the layoff. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside post.

8 SOUTH PASS is a son of Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy) debuting for trainer Oscar Gonzalez is a perfect spot for a first-time starter to be successful.

10 TAYLORSINITATION moved to the Allen Iwinski barn via the claim, and freefalls to the $10,000 level, in the first race since finishing 4th vs $35,000 maidens during February. He's a shaky call on the drop,

SELECTIONS: 1-8-10

RACE 8:

5 STAY AGAIN is making his first start since posting speed figures good enough to compete with this caliber of competition before being sent to the sidelines more than 20 months ago. Trainer Juan Rizo has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **8 I'LL MAKE U FAMOUS** figures on the 'what have you done lately' angle when he turns back to 7 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and fading to finish 3rd going a mile last out. Trainer Miles Heinen keeps it light with 10-pound apprentice Alberto Burgos in the saddle. **6 WINE AT THE BEACH** is hoping to find more for the stretch run after making a middle move and failing to launch a bid when 5th at this level and distance. Trainer Allen Iwinski has apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-6

RACE 9:

7 FOR THE GIPPER will try to win one for Midwest Thoroughbreds and trainer Armando De La Cerda after finishing a duel-for-the-lead 3rd behind repeat winner Oh Danny Bear at this level and distance last out. The 3rd start off the bench can be the charm.

3 WHY TRUST, listed as a gelding, will try to find more for the stretch run after finishing 2nd to current nemesis Zalza at this level and distance last out. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Victor Lebron in the saddle.

4 VINNIE VAN GO is dropping to the $12,500 level after showing early interest and fading when facing entry-level allowance competition going 6 furlongs last out. The sophomore has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-4

RACE 10: *THE SOLDIER'S DANCER*

4 GALLEON MAST is making his 6-year-old debut after ending his consistent 2018 campaign with a victory at GP West in the $75,000 Millions Turf Preview. Trainer David Fawkes has the multiple stakes winner working well for the return. **1 SECOND MATE** is stretching out to his most accomplished distance (17-5-3-2) after taking the overland route when finishing 6th vs $62,500 optional claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Miguel Vazquez handling this half of his uncoupled entry.

6 SWAGGER JAGGER, the other entrant from Mike Maker, stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after following his 2nd place finish in the 9-furlong $100,000 Turf Classic at Tampa with a duel-for-the-lead 3rd in front of his stablemate going a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-6

RACE 11:

7 SALSA JACK moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after tracking the action and finishing 2nd going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **8 CHIRPING**, a solid winner going a 1-turn mile 2 starts back, is shortening up after the chase-and-fade outing going a mile and a sixteenth vs this familiar opposition, including top choice Salsa Jack last out.

6 NOMINAL DOLLARS moved to the Juan Avila barn via the claim, and makes his first start since failing to fire when finishing 7th behind hard-knocking repeat winner W W Concerto on April 13. The new connections tab J J Gonzales to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-6

RACE 12:

9 SHO MO THE MONEY, a son of Uncle Mo, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, drops to the $12,500 level after the chase-and-fade debut at the $20,000 level. The barn, 32% with new additions to the shedrow, tab Victor Lebron to ride. **6 SCHILLER NAV** is a son of productive turf sire Artie Schiller debuting for trainer Jorge Navarro with Lasix, and Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

3 FIVE STAR RECRUIT was solid in defeat when he responded to the dropdown to this level by coming within a half-length of springing the 25-1 upset last out. Trainer Monica McGoey has Angel Rodriguez returning on this major player in the nightcap.

SELECTIONS: 9-6-3

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 7 FOR THE GIPPER

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 5 STAY AGAIN