



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 CASHLESS SOCIETY is breaking mid-pack after departing from the rail and rallying to finish a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

7 MISS LAMBORGHINI should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to track the pace and weaken to finish 6th vs this familiar competition. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell, 20% with 2nd start after a 45-180 days layoff, has Tyler Gaffalione at the controls.

6 COWTOWN JANE will try to make it two in a row after rallying to spring the 33-1 upset over Cashless Society. She's a tepid choice to win back-to-back races.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 2:

6 SAIL THE SEAS is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from the layoff to stalk the pace and finish 6th and last when facing \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **7 OCTOPYTHIUS** is looking to make amends after dueling for the lead and losing the rider when sent off as the favorite at this level and distance last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez tabs Leonel Reyes in the saddle today.

4 EL CHAVAL is a late-running type who should be along to grab a share of the tri or super.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-4

RACE 3:

5 FASHIONABLY WILD is wheeling back at the same level after setting the pace and finishing 2nd in back-to-back races. The daughter of Unbridled's Song looks like the controlling speed again and may have found the spot where she can cure the current case of seconditis. **1 GAME GIRL** was given some time off after she tracked the pace and finished 4th behind Fashionably Wild when they hooked up going a mile on May 13th. Trainer Lonnie Arterburn has Samy Camacho handling the inside post.

7 STARSHIP TRIBBLES is hoping to finally close the gap on the top choice after rallying to finish 6th and 5th, respectively, behind her in her last two starts.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7

RACE 4:

3 POWER JAK is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following the sharp '2-lifetime' score at this distance two starts back with a late closing 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs in her last start. **2 HIGH END LADY** is stepping up, and turning back, after closing strongly to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 ½ furlongs on a wet track listed as 'good'. **1 STAR MILY** is cutting back to 6 furlongs after tracking the pace and weakening to finish 3rd behind Power Jak when they hooked up at 6 ½ furlongs in their last.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-1

RACE 5:

7 SOBER ON SUNDAY will face \$16,000 conditioned claimers in the first start since showing speed and fading late when facing better before the layoff. The daughter of Awesome of Course should be able to flaunt her tactical speed advantage vs this level of opposition. **8 LOVE FLUTE** is another who should be part of the pace scenario when she stretches out around 2-turns after the pair of turf outings going 5 furlongs, which includes the trouble trip (taken up sharply) last out. **3 AQUEMINI** is plunging to this level in the first start since racing wide and finishing 5th behind repeat winner Dark Artist in a \$25,000 optional claimer on April 27th. Trainer Ralph Nicks has go-to jock Tyler Gaffalione handling the return to action.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-3

RACE 6:

3 MISS AURAMET is stretching out to five-eighths of a mile after a promising 4 ½-furlong debut in which she finished 2nd. Trainer Eddie Plesa has Edgard Zayas named on the daughter of productive sire Uncaptured.

6 LAILONI is stretching out to 5 furlongs after getting slammed back at the start before rallying to finish 3rd when going 4 ½ furlongs in her last. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez atop the daughter of Brethren. **9 MARDI GRAS GIRL** is looking to make amends at 5 furlongs after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – when going 4 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vasquez returning on the daughter of Cajun Breeze.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-9

RACE 7:

7 EPIC LOVE is wheeling back after returning from the extended layoff to stalk the pace and finish 5th at the distance vs \$50,000 maidens. Trainer John Servis, 24% with the 2nd start back from a long layoff, has Nik Juarez in the saddle.

3 SENSATIONAL SAM is the obvious choice to score after rallying from 15 lengths ‘off the pace’ to finish 2nd in front of Epic Love last out. **2 DIG IN** is another trying \$40,000 maidens after rallying to finish 3rd behind Sensational Sam when they competed for \$50,000 in their last start. Trainer Antonio Sano has Samy Camacho named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2

RACE 8:

7 PLAYERS LUCK is dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first start since he dueled for the lead and finished 2nd in front of a trio of next-out winners in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer during April. Trainer Ralph Ziadie is a strong 35% with the 61-180 days layoff. **5 CURIOUS CAL**, now in the Armando De la Cerda barn, the gelding makes his first start since showing speed vs allowance level competition up north during his 2017 campaign. The gelding drops to the \$12,500 level with apprentice Reylu Gutierrez named to ride. **1 MIDWAY PLAYA** is making his first start since leading every step of the way to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer on April 6th.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-1

RACE 9:

6 PERFECT TAY is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish a much improved 2nd when facing similar quality at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer William Tharrenos has Jonathan Gonzales handling the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff.

1 LUCKY KITTEN is stretching out slightly after stalking the pace and fading to finish 3rd behind Perfect Tay in their recent clash at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder has Edgard Zayas handling the inside post position. **4 BROWNS GAP**, who is only 1 for 19 on the turf, is going back to the grass after returning from a layoff in mid-April and running 3 sharp races on the main track. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 10:

1 TAKE YOUR PLACE is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling for the lead and weakening late to finish 4th in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Ocala Flame last out. **3 RED CRESCENT** is turning back to 6 furlongs after stalking the pace and finishing a well-meant 3rd vs this caliber of competition going seven-eighths of a mile.

7 STARSHIP APOLLO, listed as a gelding, is stepping up the competition for trainer Brett McLellan after cruising on wet sealed track to wallop a field of \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs. Watch the skies and bet accordingly.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-7

RACE 11:

3 ORDER IN must be respected on her ability to control the pace in a race that is definitely lacking in the speed department. Trainer John Servis has Nik Juarez atop the daughter of Orb. **1 LADY AND ME** will depart from the rail again after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish – as the favorite – at this level and distance. Trainer Francisco D’Angelo lightens the impost with 7-pound apprentice Romero Maragh at the controls.

2 SHOW BIZ LIZ is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the freshening to finish 5th vs \$20,000 maidens.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 7 PLAYERS LUCK

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 7 EPIC LOVE