



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

9 CATNIP KITTEN should be primed and ready to shed the maiden tag after responding to the dropdown in competition with a set-the-pace 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Jairo Rendon in the saddle. **3 STREAK OF KITTEN**, a 4-year-old daughter of Kitten's Joy, is dropping to the \$12,500 level after dueling for the lead and fading in what should prove to be a beneficial debut at the \$20,000 level. Trainer Mike Maker tabs Edgard Zayas to ride as Rendon sticks with the top choice.

6 DRAMA IN THE RAIN is making her first start since rallying to finish 3rd when facing similar quality during May. Trainer Leo Azpurua Jr has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-6

RACE 2:

8 CONGRATS THIS is cutting back to 6 ½ furlongs in the first start since dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd in a 1-turn mile vs this caliber of competition during May. **1 CASH ON HAND** is stretching out, and breaking from the rail, after vying for the lead and finishing 2nd vs similar going 5 furlongs. The drop to the \$10,000 level was the right move. **3 SAINT LARNED** is another stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after recovering from a slow start to finish 3rd – as the favorite – behind Cash On Hand last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-3

RACE 3:

2 DUBAIAN is stepping up to the next level after making a strong late move to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row on the lightly raced 5-year-old daughter of Hansen.

5 MY MASTERPIECE, who has shown good speed when facing this caliber of competition when racing around 2-turns, stretches out after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 4th in a screw-tightening performance going 5 furlongs. Trainer Carlos David has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the stretchout.

7 THANKS MOM is cutting back slightly after closing to finish 3rd going a mile vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-7

RACE 4:

3 BLINGS EXPRESS, who runs well fresh, albeit when coming back from shorter layoffs, makes his first start in 14 months looking to flaunt his speed and win for the 24th time. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Tyler Gaffalione atop the hard-knocking 10-year-old. **1 DR HARLAN** is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs with the ideal stalking style needed capitalize on the hot pace expected. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas atop the 7-year-old son of Harlan's Holiday. **4 SALAMBO** moved to the red-hot Elizabeth Dobles barn after rallying in the slop to defeat \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 5 furlongs. The new connections keep the status quo with Samy Camacho at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-4

RACE 5: THE MECKE

5 DRIVEN BY THUNDER is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after getting back to his preferred surface and drawing clear to defeat a solid field of \$62,500 optional claimers going a mile.

7 UNO EMAYO, who won the \$50,000 Little Magician in February, is back vs stakes competition after posting back-to-back \$25-20,000 optional victories going a mile. The 'now' horse has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

3 TOUGHEST 'OMBRE is stretching out to his best distance thus far (11-2-1-1) after rallying to finish a wide 2nd going 7 ½ furlongs last out. He's worth a stab at a price.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-3

RACE 6:

4 JOPLIN is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after recovering from a troubled start (pinched back) to finish an improving 4th in her \$25,000 debut going 4 ½ furlongs. **8 I'LL DO IT MY WAY** is a daughter of Jack Milton (War Front) debuting for trainer Ron Spatz with a solid morning work tab showing over the track. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **7 IRISH THUNDER** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after failing to get untracked in her state-bred maiden special weight sprint contested on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Samy Camacho returning on the daughter of Uncaptured.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-7**RACE 7:**

3 YAKO, a multiple stakes-placed performer on the turf, is looking to bounce back in this \$50,000 starter optional claimer after returning from the freshening to finish a track-and-fade last – as the favorite. Trainer Antonio Sano has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride, as Edgard Zayas moves to the other Sano entrant **8 PASSION PLUS**. The latter is going back to the grass after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd in the \$100,000 Ginger Punch, which was moved to a mile and a sixteenth on a wet track listed as 'good'. **6 ANABELLA QUEEN** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after making a 5-wide charge to finish 3rd vs similar quality in a \$35,000 claimer contested at a mile and a sixteenth.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-6**RACE 8:**

6 MANDAMUS is a daughter of Constitution (Tapit) debuting for trainer Victor Barboza Jr with a series of sharp workouts, including a 3-furlong bullet gate work in 35 & 1, showing in preparation for this assignment; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **1 KIMURA** is a daughter of Proud Citizen debuting for trainer Jorge Delgado with a series of strong 3 and 4-furlong workouts showing over the track; Tyler Gaffalione rides. **5 AWESOME INDRA** is a daughter of win-early sire Awesome of Course debuting for trainer Scott Becker with Lasix, and a positive morning workout pattern showing.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-5**RACE 9:**

6 MOONLIT SEA is dropping a notch after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2nd at the distance vs \$12,500 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Johnny Collins tabs Jairo Rendon to ride. **3 GRAN DIAMOND** is stepping up to face winners after responding to the dropdown in competition with a rousing 4-length plus maiden score at the \$12,500 level. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls. **5 HEIDI HO**, now in the Julio Cartagena barn, drops to the \$10,000 level in the first outing since she broke from a demanding post (12) and finished 4th vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' foes.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5**RACE 10:**

1 ONLY IN AUGUST, who has shown the ability to run well from a stalk/close position, can end up sitting in the catbird seat behind the strong pace expected. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jose Batista handling the inside draw. **6 PRINCESS LATINA** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after following her almost 9-length maiden victory at the \$10,000 level with an equally impressive \$6,250 '2-lifetime' victory in the 'slop' last out; cheap, maybe! **7 CHIQUI THE GRAY** didn't miss a beat when returning from the layoff to notch her 2nd consecutive victory, and her first score after the claim by Victor Barboza Jr.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-7**RACE 11:**

2 PERFECT KIMBERLY S is shifting her focus to the turf after the solid debut going a mile on a 'good' track in which she dueled for the lead and finished 2nd, in front of a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Miguel Vazquez returning on the daughter of Street Sense. **6 ELITE APPEAL** will face open special weight competition in the first start since finishing 2nd vs state-bred runners here before the layoff. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Albin Jimenez atop the daughter of Uncaptured. **3 LA CHAUFFER** may have found the spot where she can notch the elusive maiden victory after a trio of 2nd-place finishes, and a 3rd place finish, in her 4 previous turf races. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-3**BEST BET: RACE 11 – 2 PERFECT KIMBERLY S****LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 1 ONLY IN AUGUST**