



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

2 ZENMAN is dropping to the \$35,000 level, and stretching out around 2-turns, after squandering his best chance when he swerved inward at the start of a 5-furlong special weight sprint. The son of He's Had Enough is bred on both sides of the family tree to love the added distance. **8 STILL THE ONE** is another trying 7 ½ furlongs after getting bumped hard at the start and finishing 5th in front of Zenman last out. **4 FLAMINGO BEACH** is hoping to make amends at this level after failing to launch a rally when finishing 8th and last – as the lukewarm favorite – vs maiden special weight competition.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-4

RACE 2:

3 TOWA is dropping a level on the maiden scale after showing improved speed when blinkers were added for her recent 5-furlong sprint. The turnback to 4 ½ furlongs should also help.

5 SHE'S UNBRIDLED is expected to take another step forward after responding to both the addition of Lasix and blinkers with an improved performance at this level and distance. **1 COUNTRY GIRL SHIRL**, a half-sister to 3-time local winner Poopsie Doopsie, is debuting for trainer Dave Braddy with Lasix and Miguel Vasquez named to handle the adventurous inside post.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1

RACE 3:

4 SILENT CITIZEN, who was also entered to run Saturday in the Not Surprising Stakes, jumps off the page if trainer Efren Loza Jr opts to run him here. The son of Hat Trick is 4 for 6 in his career, which includes a stakes victory at Delaware last out.

1 SALUTE THE COLONEL is turning back to a mile after returning from the 2-month freshening to close and spring a 41-1 upset in the mile and a sixteenth \$100,000 Soldiers Dancer. Trainer Joe Orseno has Leonel Reyes going for 2 in a row.

2 SONGEUR is making his first start since a solid 2017 campaign in which he won 4 of 7 turf races over this course. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 33% with the longer than 180 days' layoff, has the gelding working consistently for his first start since early January.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-2

RACE 4:

6 GRACE'S DRAMA will try \$6,250 open-claimers after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when she defeated \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. The 'now' horse has Emisael Jaramillo going for the hat trick. **4 FLYING GIRL** was solid in defeat she broke from a tough post (10) and rallied 5-wide to finish in a dead heat for 2nd vs \$6,250 conditioned claimers going this 1-mile distance.

5 WINNING FOR SARAH moved to the Marcial Navarro barn after the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after showing speed and tiring late in a pair of \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-5

RACE 5: THE MECKE

6 GALLEON MAST is stretching out to 9 furlongs (3-0-3-0) after returning from the layoff to finish a late-closing 4th behind upset winner, and 3rd race participant Salute the Colonel, in the \$100,000 Soldier's Dancer. The screws should be tightened today. **1 CONQUEST SANDMAN**, 2 for 3 'in the money' at a mile and an eighth, departs from the rail with a front running victory in his plans. Emisael Jaramillo will send him on his way as soon as they pop the gate latch. **5 TIL THE END**, claimed for \$16,000 just 3 starts back, is heading to uncharted territory when he stretches out to 9 furlongs for the first time. The 6-year-old, 2nd in the Soldier's Dancer, has Jonathan Gonzales handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-5

RACE 6:

3 DIVINE DIVA, now in the Antonio Sano barn, the sophomore stretches out to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the addition of blinkers and front wraps with an improved 4th place finish at 5 ½ furlongs. **9 GLOTONASA** is making her 4-year-old debut the first start since showing speed and finishing 3rd at this level over 11 months ago.

2 DASHING DUCHESS is a daughter of Duke of Mischief who finds an ideal spot to start her bottom level campaign. Trainer David Fawkes is 15% with his debut maiden claimers.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-2

RACE 7:

1 SCATNAP, a sharp winner on the turf vs similar quality 3 starts back, is returning to turf after failing to reel in repeat winner Untrue in back-to-back races on the main track. **4 BAR LIBRE** is a candidate for a rebound performance after following a driving score at this level and distance 2 starts back with a troubled (steadied) 7th place finish in her last start.

8 SWAPL, a 4-time local turf winner, is looking to get back on track after making a failed outside bid when finishing 8th at this level and distance last out. Trainer Marcus Vitali, who has 2 in the field (Mojo's Queen), tabs Jeffrey Sanchez to ride this half of his uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-8

RACE 8:

6 SNIPER SHOT is a \$175,000 son of Shackelford debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with his signature Palm Beach Downs workout pattern showing. The freshman gets Lasix and has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **8 HIGH FIVE** is a \$130,000 son of Street Sense debuting for trainer Mary Lightner with 6 local workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. Trainer Lightner, 4 for 9 (29%) with her 2-year-old runners, has Samy Camacho at the helm.

4 RAYO MY KING is already making his 4th career start hoping to build on the recent 3rd place finish going 5 furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-4

RACE 9:

1 BIG MONEY MACHINE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the 5-month layoff to finish a late-charging 3rd vs similar opposition going 7 ½ furlongs.

8 GOTSOMEMOJO certainly found his mojo when he closed from far back to win at this level and distance and received an 81 Beyer figure for his effort. **3 SPIN CYCLE** has that always dangerous commodity on his side – speed in race stocked with closers. Trainer Angel Penna Jr has Edgard Zayas returning on the son of Hard Spun.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-3

RACE 10:

4 YEEHAW, stakes-placed on the Tampa main track, is going back to the dirt after showing some early interest and fading on the turf in the \$100,000 Soldier's Dancer. He classes up perfectly in this spot. **5 RULER OF THE NILE** will be outfitted with blinkers after shipping back from Keeneland to finish 2nd – as the favorite – going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 29% with first-time blinkers, has Tyler Gaffalione handling the turnback to a mile. **3 WEISSER** is stepping up the competition after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when he defeated \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers at the distance. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez going for the threepart.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-3

RACE 11:

9 COUNT ARCHIBALD is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after rallying to come within a neck of shedding the maiden moniker at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **7 THE STIFLER** was solid in defeat when he made a 4-wide move to get into contention before settling for a 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Stifler's mom (Precious Lady) would be pleased with his last race.

10 THE CHANCHI is hoping to make amends after finishing 3rd – as the favorite – in back-to-back races at this level. Trainer Angel Rodriguez hopes Tyler Gaffalione can remedy the chalk burning status.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-10

BEST BET: RACE 7 –1 SCATNAP

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 4 YEEHAW