



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**7 GILDA F.** is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – at this level and distance.

**2 CULTIVATION** is another eligible to take a positive step forward after rallying late to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind the top choice last out. **5 ITALY RED**, a daughter of Kantharos, has her claiming tag sliced in half, and gets the services of jockey Leonel Reyes, after the stalk-and-fade outing vs \$40,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-5**

## RACE 2:

**1 SONOMA STORM**, a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level 2 starts back, drops after chasing the pace and fading vs \$10,000 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **4 BIRD OF PEACE** is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after bumping at the start, stalking the pace, and finishing an uninspired 5<sup>th</sup> going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Liz Dobles tabs leading jock Edgard Zayas to ride.

**6 TRULY COURAGEOUS**, a sharp winner going 5 furlongs 2 starts back, shortens up after closing from far back to finish 4<sup>th</sup> going 6 ½ furlongs in her last.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-6**

## RACE 3:

**4 PHISH FAN** moved to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim, and stretches out to his most accomplished distance (30-7-10-4) after rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs last out.

**5 NORTHERN** responded in the reclaim by Elizabeth Dobles with a hard-fought head victory over Phish Fan last out. The rematch at 6 panels should be fun to watch. **1 ONE FINE RIDE** moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn after the claim, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after coming up a neck shy of defeating similar going a 1-turn mile last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-1**

## RACE 4:

**5 ALIEN INVASION** is stepping up a level, and breaking mid-pack, after departing from a tough post (10), setting the pace, and just getting nailed at the wire Billy Big last out. Red-hot trainer Mike Maker has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **8 TROPICAT** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after facing \$25,000 starter optional claimers in the first race after the claim by trainer Bobby Dibona. The 4-time turf winner is spotted perfectly vs this level of opposition. **3 COMPLETELY BONKERS** was solid in defeat when he followed the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind Billy Big and Alien Invasion with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-3**

## RACE 5:

**4 FIAMMA MAMMA** is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs again, and dropping back to the \$10,000 level, after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 furlongs in her last. **5 MY LITTLE JOHARA** tussles with bottom level maidens locally after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a trio of maiden special weight races at Evangeline Downs. The unknown quantity gets in light with 10-pound bug Miguel Arroyo. **2 QUEEN MARCELLA** is a daughter of Run Away and Hide debuting for trainer Gustavo Amaya in a perfect spot for a first-time starter to succeed.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-2**

## RACE 6:

**3 SHE'S RIGHT AGAIN** tries \$35,000 conditioned claimers after rallying 2-wide to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs a salty group of \$25,000 optional claimers. Trainer Sarah Nagle has Luca Panici named to ride. **6 ENLISTING** is debuting locally for trainer Bob Hess Jr after following a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs \$50,000 starter allowance runners at Belmont with a troubled (forced inward) 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$18,000 optional claimers on the Arlington turf. The well-travelled daughter of Candy Ride has Albin Jimenez in the saddle.

**1 REAGAN'S ODYSSEY** makes her 51<sup>st</sup> career start with the stalking style needed to grab a share on her favorite turf course (33-6-5-9).

**SELECTIONS: 3-6-1**

**RACE 7:**

**5 STARSHIP TAXI** finds the perfect spot to exit the maiden ranks after opening a 2-length before getting collared at the wire and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. **1 LONDON WEREWOLF**, listed as a gelding, is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the dropdown to the bottom with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – at odds of 33-1 – going 6 ½ furlongs last out. **7 TITERE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first start since proving no match for future G1 Florida Derby winner Maximum Security in a \$16,000 maiden race here last December.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-7**

**RACE 8:**

**4 VICTORIA'S SMILE** is stretching out around 2 turns after showing speed in a series of 5-furlong sprints on both turf and dirt. The daughter of Adios Charlie should be in the first flight playing catch me if you can. **1 ADAMANT** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs with blinkers added after tracking the pace and flattening out when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth.

**8 SWEEPENO**, a game maiden winner on the turf 2 starts back, returns to the grass, and immediately removes the blinkers, after chasing the pace and fading, on a sealed sloppy track, vs \$10,000 2-lifetime' foes in the one start with the shades added.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-8**

**RACE 9:**

**2 RAVEN**, 2<sup>nd</sup> behind undefeated Lenzi's Lucky Lady in the \$75,000 Golden Isles, drops into the starter optional claiming ranks after getting bumped hard early and failing to get untracked when finishing a distant 6<sup>th</sup> behind Lenzi's Lucky Lady in the \$100,000 Desert Vixen. **5 LUCKY MILADY**, a full-sister to stakes winner Itsmyluckyday, drops after proving no match for Raven when they hooked up in the Golden Isles.

**8 LADY JOANNA** an impressive \$12,500 maiden winner in her debut, drops after tilting windmills when beaten double-digit lengths in the 6-furlong Desert Vixen.

**SELECTIONS: 2-5-8**

**RACE 10:**

**8 MAMBO DANCER**, who broker maiden going long on the turf, moved to the Padarath Lutchman barn via the claim, and stretches out, after showing speed in a pair of sprints on the dirt. She can get brave on the front end at a price. **9 RAPID TRANSIT** moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim, and turns back to 7 ½ furlongs, after tracking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length as the favorite – going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **11 DUBAIAN** is hoping to get away from the gate in a timely fashion after breaking slowly and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez handling the rematch with Rapid Transit.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-11**

**RACE 11:**

**5 KARAKONTIE FLYER**, a half-sister to a pair of stakes winners, debuts for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, with a series of swift workouts showing at Palm Meadows in preparation for this assignment; Edgard Zayas rides. **3 ASTROMELIA** is stepping up to face special weight competition after coming within a neck of posting an 18-1 upset when beaten a neck in her \$50,000 debut. She has that oh so important experience angle on her side.

**2 CAJUN DELIGHT** is a daughter of productive sire Kantharos debuting for trainer Bob Hess Jr, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-2**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 4 VICTORIA'S SMILE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 8 MAMBO DANCER**