



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 SLAMMIN' MIKE** breaks midpack after departing towards the outside, setting the pace, and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance last out. The son of Handsome Mike looks like the controlling speed again, and should prove tough to catch.

**6 COURAGEOURLUKE**, 2<sup>nd</sup> on the dirt when going 7 furlongs 2 starts back, returns to the main track after failing to factor when trying the turf last out.

**1 OPERATED**, 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance a couple of races back, drops after breaking poorly and never getting untracked when jumping up to the \$30,000 level last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

## RACE 2:

**4 OVERWATCH** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after showing improved early speed when blinkers were added for his recent turf outing at the \$20,000 level. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Ademar Santos in the saddle. **3 ALPERES** was given some time off after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4 consecutive turf races before the layoff, the last 2 as the beaten favorite. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Reylu Gutierrez named on the zero-for-12 maiden. **6 MATURIN**, a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> on the turf at this level and distance during June, is going back to the grass after back-to-back 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in races moved from the lawn to a mile and a sixteenth on wet main tracks.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-6**

## RACE 3:

**7 STEADY EARNER** is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after failing to earn a placing when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$16,000 conditioned claimer on the turf. Note that the sophomore has never run this cheaply on the dirt. **2 C'ERA UNA VOLTA** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after stalking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Juan Avila has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the 3<sup>rd</sup> start off the bench.

**1 SOUPERY DUPERY** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile (4-0-1-2) after chasing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> when facing similar going 6 ½ furlongs last out.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-1**

## RACE 4:

**3 DIDNT DO IT** is dropping to the \$10,000 level again after making a 5-wide charge to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs entry-level allowance competition at the distance last out. Trainer Ramon Minguet has Marcos Meneses in the saddle. **2 BLUESKY KITTEN** will try to make it 3 victories in a row after following his \$12,500 maiden score on the turf with a victory vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 furlongs on a fast-main track. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Reylu Gutierrez going for the hat trick.

**5 AMERICA'S SIMMARD** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after rallying 5-wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth last out.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-5**

## RACE 5:

**8 VENEZUELAN HEART** is plunging to the \$10,000 level on the main track after making a middle move and retreating when facing \$25,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. The son of Fury Kapcori clearly does his best running on the dirt.

**7 WHERE YA GOIN OWEN**, claimed for \$16,000 a couple of starts back, drops after vying for the lead and fading to get beat double-digit lengths when facing another field of \$16,000 claimers last out.

**4 POWER PUNCH**, listed as a gelding, the freshman stretches out to three-quarters of a mile after responding to the dropdown to this level with an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishing going 5 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-4**



**RACE 6:**

**10 LIVIN AT THE BEACH**, now in the Joe Orseno barn, the daughter of Treasure Beach makes her local debut the first start since racing greenly and finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in a strong maiden special weight test on the Saratoga turf in which the winner Crystalle won the P G Johnson Stakes in her next start, before being disqualified; first-time Lasix today.

**8 SHELL SHOCK**, a \$200,000 daughter of American Pharoah, is shifting her focus to the turf after running a useful 2<sup>nd</sup> in her 7-furlong career debut on the main track. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has the regally bred freshman working sharply at Palm Meadows. **9 ELUSIVE MOLLY** is stretching out around 2-turns after recovering from a slow start to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 5-furlong career debut. Trainer Mark Casse, who has 2 in the field (Three Flamingos), has Edgard Zayas atop the daughter of Elusive Quality.

**SELECTIONS: 10-8-9**

**RACE 7:**

**10 MR JOSHUA** moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and drops to the \$6,250 level, after pressing the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$12,500 claimer moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a sloppy track; Emisael Jaramillo rides the speedy 7-year-old.

**3 ONE FINE RIDE** can get one fine trip when he breaks from Post 3 after departing from the rail and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Tony Maragh named to ride.

**7 DR HARLAN** is dropping to this level, and turning back to 6 furlongs, after stalking the pace and flattening out when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$10,000 open-claimers going seven-eighths of a mile. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 10-3-7**

**RACE 8:**

**10 BURNIN DAYLIGHT** is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, after pressing the pace and fading when facing \$16,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Monmouth turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 23% with the route-to-sprint angle, has Edgard Zayas negotiating the outside draw. **1 FRANKIE APPS** will depart from the rail after encountering traffic at the 3/8<sup>th</sup> pole when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the gelded son of Kantharos.

**9 MISTER STORM** is making his first start since dueling for the lead throughout and coming up a neck short when 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance during July.

**SELECTIONS: 10-1-9**

**RACE 9:**

**2 NUNC PRO TUNC** is stretching out to a mile after tracking the pace and finishing a bang-up 2<sup>nd</sup> to classy Trophy Chaser in an entry-level allowance going 7 furlongs. Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr has apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle.

**3 BABY I'M PERFECT** is stretching out to a mile (8-1-2-3) after stalking the pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind the top choice when they hooked up at 7 panels last out. The 5-year-old merits a spot on the ticket. **1 EMPIRE POWER**, 6 for 7 'in the money' at a mile, breaks from the rail after proving no match for current nemesis Just Kidding in back-to-back \$20,000 optional claimers. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the son of Bodemeister.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-1**

**RACE 10:**

**2 HANDSOME LIL DEVIL** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and receiving Lasix, after failing to fire in his maiden special weight debut moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a fast-main track. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Luca Panici handling the colt's turf debut. **6 MASPERO** is stretching out to a mile after a couple of well-meant outings going 7 ½ furlongs, including the neck defeat when 2<sup>nd</sup> last out.

**5 TRANSLATE SLOWLY** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and returning to the turf, after following his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish going 5 furlongs on the grass with a chase-and-fade outing vs \$35,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer David Fawkes has Jairo Rendon handling the combo dropdown/surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-5**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 2 NUNC PRO TUNC**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 2 HANDSOME LIL DEVIL**