Thursday, April 18, 2019

RACE 1:
8 LOVE NEST drops to the $12,500 level, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after returning from the freshening to finish 5th at the $35,000 level. Trainer Tom Albertrani has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **1 KITTEN'S SPA** is another freefalling through maiden claiming ranks after coming up empty – as the favorite – in a $35,000 maiden race contested at 9 furlongs.
2 INDISPUTABLYLINKED will race with the blinkers off after an inconsistent pair at the $20,000 level in which he was a good 2nd 2 starts back, and a stalk-and-fade 7th last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-2

RACE 2:
1 QUEEN ROLLER, a reclaim by Gary Jackson, stretches out to three-quarters of a mile again after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners when going 5 ½ furlongs last out.
7 SHE NAILED IT lived up to her name when she nailed them at the wire in a $6,250 claimer on March 2nd. **2 TREATHERLIKESTAR** is turning back to a sprint distance after pressing the pace and finishing 3rd vs $10,000 starter optional claimers going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Chucky Lopez handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-2

RACE 3:
3 MYSTERY WITNESS is dropping to the $6,250 level after following a $12,500 victory vs open company with a 3rd place finish vs $12,500 conditioned claimers last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Paco Lopez in the irons.

7 DUBULL moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and drops to this level, in the first start since chasing the pace and fading when facing hard-knocking $12,500 state-bred optional claimers going a mile during February.
5 BRONZE AGE, now in the Natalie Fawkes barn, the gelding steps up to next level after leading every step of the way to defeat $6,250 2-lifetime' claimers at the distance.; Miguel Vazquez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-5

RACE 4:
7 ARMS WIDE OPEN is dropping to the $20,000 level after finishing an even 5th – beaten 2 ¼ lengths – in a fruitful $50,000 maiden sprint that produced 3-next-out winners, 4 second-place finishers, and 1 third place finisher from 8 starters. **2 GRAN DIAMOND** is making her first start since posting back-to-back 2nd place finishes at this level and distance.
6 ENDUROS TIGRESS is another who merits major consideration on the ticket after knocking on the door in back-to-back sprints at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-6

RACE 5:
6 IS THAT MAGIC is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after tracking the pace and finishing 2nd going seven-eighths of a mile. The John Vinson trainee jumps off the page vs this level of opposition. **5 ROSEPATH** is dropping to the $6,250 level after showing some early interest and fading vs $12,500 open-claimers.
7 PERFECT STATE is turning back a half-furlong, and adding blinkers, after recovering from some bumping at the start with a 3rd place finish going 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-7

RACE 6:
8 CAPTAIN GAUGHEN is dropping to the $12,500 after a consistent body of work sprinting against some hard-knocking competition before the layoff. Trainer Jason Servis has Nik Juarez named to handle the 9-time turf winner.
3 DANCE PROUDLY is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff after rallying to finish 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **10 G Q COVERUP** is dropping a notch after returning from the freshening to come within a head of defeating $16,000 claimers at the distance. Trainer Milt Wolfson has Jairo Rendon atop the sprint specialist.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-10

RACE 7:
10 DING DONG DITCH is wheeling back after shaking off traffic on the far turn to come within a head of notching this 2-lifetime condition as the odds-on choice. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Victor Lebron named to ride. **6 MORE MO** moved to the Joe Orseno barn via the claim after following the $20,000 maiden score at a mile and a sixteenth with a 5-wide 2nd place finish at this level and distance. **5 FIVES WILD** is tumbling into this 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' affair after facing $40,000 optional claimers upstate at Tampa. Trainer Graham Motion has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 10-6-5

RACE 8:
1 ZIPPY WILLY is dropping to the $6,250 level, and stretching out to a mile, after dueling for the lead and finishing in a dead heat for 3rd in a $12,500 conditioned claimer going 6 furlongs. The son of City Zip is bred to handle the distance. **5 MAX Q** is dropping to a competitive level after returning from the layoff to show some early interest and fade vs $25,000 conditioned claimers. **9 IRISH LETTERS** breaks from the outside in his quest to notch the elusive '2-lifetime' condition (24-1-3-6). Trainer Antonio Sano has Jose Batista in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-9

RACE 9:
6 MAR VISTA MIGUEL, who runs well fresh, makes his first start since reeling off 3 consecutive sprint victories, including back-to-back wins here during the 2018 Championship Meet, and a New York state-bred allowance going 6 furlongs on the Belmont turf last April.
3 MANIACAL is making his first start since finishing 4th in the $106,000 Claiming Crown Canterbury on December 1st. Trainer Mike Maker, 20% with this type of layoff, has Fergal Lynch atop the son of Kitten's Joy.
4 TENACITY ZIP, in for the $25,000 tag in this optional claimer, the gelding steps up after setting swift fractions of 21 & 2 and 44 & 1 on route to a hard-fought score at the $16,000 level.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-4

RACE 10:
7 KNOCKABOUT is a gelded son of Artie Schiller debuting for trainer Christophe Clement with Lasix, and a slew of morning workouts showing on the Palm Meadows turf. He's worth a look at a price. **9 FANTASIZING**, listed as a gelding, drops to the $20,000 level, and debuts on the turf, after facing maiden special weight competition on the dirt in his lone start last September. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas atop the son of Malibu Moon.
2 JAMMIN JIMTOWN figures on the 'what have you done lately' angle after responding to the stretchout from 5 furlongs to a mile with an improved 2nd place finish. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Victor Lebron named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-2

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 7 ARMS WIDE OPEN

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 7 KNOCKABOUT