



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**5 HIDDEN STRENGTH** is stretching out to a mile after rebounding from a troubled debut at 5 ½ furlongs with an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Larry Pilotti has apprentice Christian Torres named to ride.

**3 FRANCISCAN** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start back from the layoff after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, in a pair at this level and distance.

**6 SEDITIOUS** is dropping to the bottom on the main track after showing little vs better in a trio of route races on the turf. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Albin Jimenez handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-6**

## RACE 2:

**1 BLACK JET** is dropping to the \$16,000 level in the first race since recovering from a slow start to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers at the distance during May. Trainer Georgina Baxter, 32% with this type of layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw. **7 BLACKJACK BABY** is making the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from the 6-month layoff looking to sit the 'trip' behind what looks like a glib early pace scenario.

**5 ANOTHER SOFTBALL** is stepping up the competition after posting his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory when setting strong fractions of 20 & 4 and 43 & 4 on route to a \$12,500 '2-lifetime' score at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-5**

## RACE 3:

**4 CHIQUI THE GRAY** moved to the Mary Eppler barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after chasing the pace and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Eppler, 3 for 9 (33%) with horse stretching out in the first start after the claim, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**2 ELISSAS SECRET** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and stretching out to this 1-turn mile, after facing better in the 4 consecutive sprints since the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr; Edgard Zayas rides. The connections of **3 MARY LEE AND ME** must have rejoiced after when they didn't see current nemesis Violent Trick named in the entries. She should be along for a share.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-3**

## RACE 4:

**2 SNOWZILLA** moved to the Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim looking to rebound from the poor showing, on the main track, behind repeat winner Violent Trick, in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer on the dirt. Trainer Dobles, 32% with recent claims, and 24% with the dirt-to-grass move, has Jairo Rendon named to ride.

**3 SHEPUTASPELLONME**, now in the David Fawkes barn, is making her first start since finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in a \$30,000 '3-lifetime' claimer during January; Samy Camacho rides.

**4 MOTHERWELL** will face \$35,000 conditioned claimers with the tactical ability to set or stalk the pace and add to her consistent turf record at the distance (9-2-1-1). Trainer Eduardo Azpurua Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-3-4**

## RACE 5:

**4 MALETTA** is dropping a notch after dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing \$20,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride. **2 WHERE YA GOIN OWEN** is plunging to the \$16,000 level after chasing the pace and fading when facing \$50,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Note that gelding finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in his career debut going 5 furlongs on the main track.

**1 VERDICT IS IN** is dropping to this level after failing to show much in his \$25,000 career debut. The recent gelding, trained by Ed Plesa Jr, has Diego Gomez handling the inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-1**

**RACE 6:**

**5 SWEET BLOSSOM** is stretching out to a mile after responding to the dropdown in competition with an improved 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

**2 ANDREA'S WORRY** is an \$85,000 daughter of The Factor debuting for Midwest Thoroughbreds and trainer Armando De La Cerda with Lasix, and jockey Jairo Rendon named to ride.

**6 GOLDEN TAP** has been knocking on the door in 3 consecutive turf races at this level, and may have found the spot where she can cure the current case of seconditis; Samy Camacho rides.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-6**

**RACE 7:**

**5 LEVY LAND** moved to the Shamir Maragh barn via the claim after a trio of sharp races, which includes back-to-back open-length \$6,250 claiming victories, and a narrow defeat vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going a mile last out.

**3 AMALUNA** is returning to the optional claiming ranks after rallying from far back to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 7-furlong \$75,000 Added Elegance last out. Trainer Ricko Maragh has Marcos Meneses atop the late-striding 8-year-old mare. **1 CHUTZPAH** is stretching out to 7 furlongs in the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 'slop' when going 6 furlongs vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers during June. Trainer Mike Lerman has Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 5-3-1**

**RACE 8:**

**7 FEATURE CREATURE**, who runs well when stretching out from 5 furlongs to a route distance on the turf, tries 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the freshening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> going 5 panels last out. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

**2 SAND DRIFT** is stepping up the competition after returning from the 2-month layoff to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers going a mile. Trainer David Fawkes has Luca Panici in the saddle. **9 SECRET O'LIFE** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the freshening to finish 5<sup>th</sup> behind Sand Drift last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Miguel Vazquez riding.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-9**

**RACE 9:**

**2 PILOTING** will face \$20,000 starter optional claimers after his 2-race win streak ended when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$35,000 conditioned claimer that was moved from the turf to a mile and a sixteenth on a 'sloppy' main track. **1 EMPIRE POWER** will try to make it 3 in a row at the distance after following his open-length score at the \$20,000 level with a hard-fought victory – as the odds-on choice – vs \$25,000 optional claimers.

**6 LOVE NEST**, in for the \$20,000 tag in this starter optional claimer, has speed, and the current form needed to grab a share.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-6**

**RACE 10:**

**3 GABY'S DREAM** is a daughter of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Victor Barboza Jr with strong turf breeding on both sides of the family tree. The freshman gets Lasix, and has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls. **4 LADY MARCHELLA** is a daughter of Afleet Alex debuting for trainer Antonio Sano in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to be successful; Jonathan Gonzales rides.

**8 MYSTIC SPARKLE** is hoping to shine at 7 ½ furlongs on the turf after failing to fire when facing maiden special weight competition in her 6-furlong debut on the dirt. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Victor Lebron in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-8**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 7 FEATURE CREATURE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 2 SNOWZILLA**