



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 MUCH ABOUT IT is turning back to the distance where she broke her maiden after squandering her best chance when she broke poorly and spotted the field 13 lengths right out of the gate when going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Samy Camacho named to ride. **7 STARSHIP GUSSIE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after showing speed and 'hitting the board' in 2 of 3 \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers before the layoff.

1 MISS MARIU is dropping a notch, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after rallying from far back to finish 5th – beaten 2 ¼ lengths – with facing \$12,500 claimers last out; Jairo Rendon rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-1

RACE 2:

3 CAT CAY is a daughter of Brethren, and a half-sister to 2-time freshman winner Pancake, is debuting for Arindel and trainer Oscar Gonzalez with Lasix, and leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride. **2 AFANDI** is daughter of Wrote debuting for trainer Gilberto Zerpa, who boasts a 40%-win average with his freshman runners; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **5 CHICLE SPARKS** is dropping to the bottom on the main track after showing speed and weakening when facing maiden special weight competition going 5 furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-5

RACE 3:

8 HEIDI HO, now in the Julio Cartagena barn, makes her first start since breaking from a demanding outside post (12), dueling for the lead, and finishing a wide 4th at this level and distance; Edgard Zayas rides.

2 ENDUROS TIGRESS is turning back to 5 furlongs, with blinkers added, after following the maiden victory at the distance, via a steward's decision, with a wide trip going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **3 LITTLE NICOLE** is expected to show more vs this caliber of competition after returning from the layoff to get beat 3 lengths vs tougher at this level and distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-3

RACE 4:

3 BALLY SQUALL is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after responding to the dropdown with a set-the-pace 3rd place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Enrique Arroyo keeps it light with apprentice Cristian Torres in the saddle.

8 COUNTRY STRONG looks like the logical choice to pick up the pieces if Bally Squall fails to negotiate the distance. The late running gelding, 3rd as the odds-on choice last out, has Jairo Rendon trying to garner the elusive maiden score (12-0-4-3). **5 KAUFY FUTURES** can turn out to be a good investment after responding to the dropdown to this level on the main track with an improved 4th place finish behind Bally Squall last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-5

RACE 5:

6 NOTORIOUS NICK is stretching out slightly to a mile after responding to the re-addition of blinkers with a press-the-pace 2nd going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **2 TEN CARAT DADDY** renews the rivalry with Notorious Nick after closing to finish 3rd behind him when going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Mark Casse has Luca Panici handling the rematch.

4 UNDAUNTED is another eligible to show more at this distance after rallying late to finish 4th behind to the top two last out. The half-brother to stakes winner Noble Drama has Leonel Reyes in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

RACE 6:

1 OH DANNY BEAR has been a bear when winning 3 consecutive races, for 3 different trainers, including the 3-length score vs \$25,000 claimers last out. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Victor Lebron handling the stretchout to 7 furlongs.

6 SO NIFTY is dropping to this level, and turning back to seven-eighths of a mile, after stumbling at the start, rushing up to attend the pace, and weakening to finish 4th behind repeat winner Nunc Pro Tunc in a \$35,000 claimer going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' main track.

5 FOLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS is debuting at the distance after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 4th behind Oh Danny Boy last out; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-5

RACE 7:

4 TRUE HEIRESS, beaten a neck when 2nd at this level 2 starts back, drops after chasing the pace and flattening out when fading to last vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers last out. It's the old bounce/rebound angle for the Klesaris/Zayas collaboration. **2 RACHEL'S SMOKIN** has been very consistent since following her maiden victory 3 starts back with a '2-lifetime score in her next start, and the well-meant 2nd at this level and distance last out. **5 LITTLE CHRISTINA** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish a stalk-the-pace 3rd behind the top choice last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-5

RACE 8:

8 FILM FAN is dropping to the \$20,000 level after chasing the pace and fading to finish 7th in a 'key maiden special weight turf dash that's produced 3 next-out winners from 5 starters. Trainer David Fawkes has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the \$70,000 son of Tale of the Cat's move to the dirt.

4 SCRIBE, 2nd sprinting vs \$35,000 maidens on the dirt 2 starts back, goes back to the main track after the stalk-and-weaken outing going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. **6 SACCO AND VANZETTI** is a son of Will Take Charge debuting for trainer Dave Braddy with Lasix, and string of solid workouts showing over the GP West training track; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-6

RACE 9:

1 ITSHERLUCKYDAY, a half-sister to turf superstar Lady Shipmen, is eligible to take a positive step forwards after finishing a useful 7th in her 7 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Jairo Rendon atop this intriguing play.

4 LA CHAUFFER was given some time off after 'hitting the board' – as the favorite -in three consecutive state-bred maiden special weight races at the distance. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas returning on the \$170,000 daughter of Cairo Prince. **3 ELITE APPEAL**, who has chased the La Chauffer around in 2 of her last 3 races, renews the rivalry at a mile after finishing 2nd going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Albin Jimenez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 8 FILM FAN

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 1 ITSHERLUCKYDAY