



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**3 PAPA'S GIRL** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after rallying 4-wide to come within a neck of defeating the \$12,500 conditioned claimers. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has apprentice Cristian Torres handling the Mike Napoli class-dropper. **4 UNCAPTURED ANGEL** is another dropping to this level after following her \$20,000 maiden victory on a wet track with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 7 ½ on the turf. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 27% with the grass-to-dirt angle. **5 SLINGIN SAMMY B** is looking to make amends after responding to the surface switch with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish – as the favorite – at this level and distance.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-5**

## RACE 2:

**6 TEMPLE** is stepping up to face winners after pressing early, and drawing clear to late, to break his maiden at the distance with a strong late move. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Jairo Rendon going for 2 in a row. **9 STRIKE PLAY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding in the first race after the claim by Elizabeth Dobles with a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs. **8 LUCKY FAST**, the only 3-time winner in the field, which includes a victory at the distance, wheels back after encountering traffic problems when 6<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-9-8**

## RACE 3:

**7 SAINT LARNED** is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first race since showing speed and weakening late vs considerably tougher competition during the Championship Meet. **2 HEATED ELEMENT** is turning back to 5 furlongs after dueling for the lead and fading to finish a distant 4<sup>th</sup> in a pair at three-quarters of a mile. **5 UNCLE YOLANDA** is cutting back to five-eighths of a mile after the chase-and-fade outing at 7 furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-5**

## RACE 4:

**4 UNA LUNA** will try to make it two in a row, and her 3<sup>rd</sup> victory this year, after returning from the layoff to defeat this level of competition at the distance. **8 TRILBY**, who was 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Una Luna in February, renews the rivalry in her first race since finishing a 5-wide 4<sup>th</sup> – beaten 1 ½ lengths – at this level and distance before the layoff. **5 MALKIA** is dropping down after following the red-hot 3-race win streak on the Tampa turf with an ambitious 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 'key' \$75,000 Powder Break, a race that's produced a pair of next-out winners from 6 starters; Samy Camacho rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-8-5**

## RACE 5:

**1 AMARDINE** is a daughter of Biondetti debuting for trainer Gilberto Zerpa with Lasix, and has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo handling the always-adventurous inside post. **3 JOPLIN** is a daughter of Brethren debuting for trainer Stanley Gold with 10 local workouts showing in preparation for the long-awaited debut.

**2 BARCELONA**, another daughter of Brethren from Arindel, is dropping to the \$25,000 level on the dirt after failing to show much in her maiden special weight debut on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-2**

**RACE 6:**

**3 DIAMOND MINT** moved to the Monica McGoey barn via the claim, and can turn out to be the controlling speed, if he can rebound from the troubled trip (steadied early) last out; Edgard Zayas rides. **2 MODERN TALE** is turning back to 5 furlongs after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> when facing similar opposition going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has apprentice Cristian Torres handling the turnback in distance. **6 HARRY'S GONE GRAY** moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim looking to sit the 'trip' behind the speed, and notch his first victory in 5 starts this year; Jonathan Gonzales is in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-6**

**RACE 7:**

**2 LENNOX**, a son of Flatter, is stretching out to a mile after responding to the dropdown in competition by coming within a neck of exiting the maiden ranks when 2<sup>nd</sup> going 6 furlongs vs \$35,000 maidens. **8 BOROUGH BOY** is wheeling back after responding to both the dropdown, and surface switch, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at this level and distance last out.

**6 I STAND CORRECTED** is hoping to save more firepower for the stretch run after making a 5-wide bid into the lane and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Borough Boy last out.

**SELECTIONS: 2-8-6**

**RACE 8:**

**11 LOVELY LUVY** is making her first start since rallying to come within a nose of catching next-out stakes-placed Sweet Hitch Hiker – as the tepid favorite - at this level and distance last out.

Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **3 AQUEMINI** moved to the Angel Quiroz barn after the claim, and is turning back to a mile, after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – going a mile and a sixteenth last out. **6 VENEZUELAN FOREVER** is turning back to a mile with the tactical speed needed to set or stalk the pace vs a field where the main contenders do their best running from 'off the pace'.

**SELECTIONS: 11-3-6**

**RACE 9:**

**1 LEVY LAND** moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after posting her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory at the distance just 6 days ago. **5 GALILEO'S AFFAIR** moved to the Steve Klesaris barn via the claim after notching her 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive score when she defeated \$6,250 open-claimers at the distance.

**4 SCHMISS** is hoping to finally turn the tables on Galileo's Affair after chasing her in back to back races at the distance. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-4**

**RACE 10:**

**4 IMPERIAL MAJESTY** is plunging to the \$12,500 level after stalking the pace and fading when facing next-out stakes winner Vow Me Now in a \$35,000 optional claimer on April 11.

**10 SOURCE CONTROL** is looking to make amends after encountering trouble at the ¼-pole when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – as the odds-on choice – going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **6 SILVER BEACH** is stretching out to a mile again after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 ½ furlongs. The 1-for-17 son of Tapit has journeyman Roberto Alvarado Jr at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 4-10-6**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 11 LOVELY LUVY**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10: 4 IMPERIAL MAJESTY**