



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 COLEMAN JOSEPH (IRE) is dropping to the \$35,000 level after responding to the turnback in distance with a 4th place finish – beaten 1 ½ lengths – vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Mike Maker is 20% with similar class drops. **2 ZAYA** proved he could compete with these when he stepped up and was beaten a head at this level and distance. **1 DECIDER**, 2nd at the \$50,000 level during February, drops after returning from the layoff with blinkers added to duel for the lead and fade vs special weight competition.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-1

RACE 2:

1 ICE SHOW will depart from the rail, and hope to get away trouble free, after back-to-back incidents at the start. The lightly raced mare should sit the 'trip' behind the pace, which includes **4 AWESOMENDENSOME**. The latter, trained by Jenna Antonucci, drops to a level where she used her speed to win back-to-back races before she was given some time off, and then stepped up the competition; Edgard Zayas rides. **6 FIRST APPEAL** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after losing her best chance when she encountered trouble at the start of a \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance. She's won at this level in the past (March 10).

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6

RACE 3:

2 COTTON HOUSE is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and going back to the main track, after returning from the layoff to press the pace and weaken to finish 7th when facing \$50,000 maidens going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Christophe Clement is solid (24%) with the grass-to-dirt move.

5 BRILLIANT LIGHT, 2nd in back-to-back maiden claimers at this distance on the dirt, is going back to the main track after the stalk-and-flatten 5th place showing vs \$20,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the lawn. **3 ZAMAN** is eligible to show more after chasing the pace and finishing a distant 2nd vs similar quality in a \$12,500 maiden test at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3

RACE 4:

1 VICKY APPLE is dropping to the \$12,500 level in the first race since finishing 5th behind a quartet of next-out winners in a monster key race vs \$35,000 maidens at GP West during November. **7 BODE BABY** is dropping to this level on the main track after failing to show much in her \$20,000 career debut on the turf. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Miguel Vazquez trying to spark the wakeup call. **3 BALLY SQUALL** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-3

RACE 5:

3 BROADCAST TIME was solid in defeat when he responded to the dropdown in competition by setting the pace and finishing 2nd at this level and distance last out. **5 STARSHIP PINNACLE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to 5 furlongs, in the first race back from an extended layoff. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Luca Panici to ride.

7 MCBRIDE is debuting on the turf for trainer Monte Thomas after failing to show much in his 4 lifetime sprints on the Tampa main track. The gelding gets in light with 10 pound apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-7

RACE 6:

3 RED HOT KITTEN, a daughter of Kitten's Joy, is debuting on the turf for trainer Mike Maker after showing speed vs allowance level competition on the Turfway synthetic surface. Trainer Maker, 21% with the synthetic-to-turf angle, has Samy Camacho handling the drop into the claiming ranks. **4 HELEN**, now in the Victor Barboza Jr barn, the 3-year-old was stakes-placed sprinting on the Laurel turf last year, makes her first start since failing to fire on the dirt in the \$100,000 Smart Halo during November. The barn, 28% with debut turf runners, has Edgard Zayas trying to rekindle her considerable back class.

6 COURTESY NOTICE was solid last out when she set a pressured pace and settled for 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Jesus Rios named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 7:

8 BOSWORTHY is a daughter of Uncaptured, and a half-sister to stakes winner It's High Time, debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with back-to-back bullet workouts showing at GP West.

1 SOLID AS A ROCK is a daughter of Khozan debuting for Kathleen O'Connell with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to handle the always demanding inside post. **4 CHICLE SPARKS**, owned and trained by former jockey David Flores, the daughter of Can the Man debuts with a string of workouts showing at the Classic Mile Training Center; Tab the tote action for more clues about her chances to win a first asking.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-4

RACE 8:

1 NILESTAR, now in the Ralph Nicks barn, the daughter of Pioneerofthe Nile drops into the claiming ranks after facing tougher in her 3-race sprint campaign thus far. The new connections tab Edgard Zayas to ride. **2 AVACADO TOAST**, who has faced better when sprinting on the turf, goes back to the lawn after proving no match for a stakes quality field on the main track that produced a trio of next-out winners, including Brunette Princess, who won the Any Limit Stakes in her next start. **4 BLUE EYED BETH** is stepping up to face winners after dueling throughout to defeat \$35,000 maidens in a race moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

RACE 9:

6 SUNSET SUMMER is hoping for a clean trip after having to steady in upper stretch when 4th behind the logical contenders in the field, which includes **3 UNCAPTURED ANGEL**. The latter is stretching out slightly to a mile, and breaking from an improved post, after departing from Post 10 and closing to finish 2nd – beaten a length – going 7 ½ furlongs. **9 TENNESSEE COTTON** will break from the outside after rallying to finish 3rd behind Uncaptured Angel when they hooked up at 7 ½ furlongs last out. **4 FOREVER MARTA** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after stalking tepid fractions and finishing 5th vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile. She must be respected on her ability to set or stalk the pace in race that's light in the speed department.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-9-4

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 3 RED HOT KITTEN

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 6 SUNSET SUMMER