



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 EARLY TIME (FR) is dropping to the \$20,000 level after breaking slowly and failing to get untracked when finishing 7th in her local return at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

7 COURTESY NOTICE, a solid set-the-pace 2nd going mile on the turf 2 starts back, returns to the grass after finishing a 6-wide 3rd vs similar in a race moved from the lawn to 7 furlongs on a 'good' main track. **4 ZAO'S DREAMS**, the only participant in the field with a previous win at the distance, moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim after making a middle move and fading vs this level of opposition going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-4

RACE 2:

7 VINA is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the dirt, and stretching out to 6 furlongs, after showing speed and weakening late in a pair vs \$20,000 maidens going 5 panels on the turf. Trainer Gustavo Delgado is strong with the turf to dirt move. **1 MY SWITCHAROO** is pulling a switcharoo when she returns to the dirt after responding from the dropdown from special weight company with a fifth-place finish vs this level of competition on the turf.

6 VICTORIA'S SMILE is a daughter of Adios Charlie debuting for trainer Ron Spatz with Lasix, and Miguel Vazquez named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-6

RACE 3:

4 TRUE HEIRESS is stepping up after returning from the 3-month plus layoff to finish a well-meant 2nd vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. Trainer Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas up.

5 SUGAR BOLT has been knocking on the door in consecutive races vs this level of competition, and the 3rd start over the course can be a winning affair for trainer David Fawkes.

1 TAYLOR'S IN ORBIT will try state-bred competition after closing from 8th and last to defeat \$20,000 starter optional claimers last out. The 3-time winner at the distance has Luca Panici in the irons again.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 4:

9 VERY AMUSING, now in the Dave Kassen barn, the gelding returns to the main track after breaking from a tough post, making a middle move and fading, in a 'key' turf sprint that's produced 4 next-out winners from 9 starters; Jairo Rendon rides this longshot stab. **8 JUST DO THE MATH** adds up in this spot after getting mugged at the start and getting beat double-digit lengths in his \$35,000 career debut. Trainer Ron Spatz readied him for the dropdown with a bullet half-mile drill in 48 flat. **6 ROYAL DUKE** is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding to the surface switch with a neck defeat vs \$10,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-6

RACE 5:

3 PAINT THE CORNERS moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth (10-2-0-4), after responding to the dropdown to this level with a rousing victory going a mile; Edgard Zayas rides the horse-for-course mare (6-3-1-2). **2 STAY SAFE KITTEN** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs. The daughter of Kitten's Joy will try to turn the tables on the top choice with Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

6 VOILA LA VICTOIRE (IRE) is stretching out after rallying to finish 2nd behind Paint the Corners going a mile last out.; Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 6:

4 RAINFALL will try to make it 2 in a row after the successful return at the distance in which she defeated \$6,250 conditioned claimers in driving fashion. Trainer Armando De La Cerda tabs Emisael Jaramillo to ride. **2 QUEEN ROLLER**, a popular 5-year-old, claimed in 4 consecutive races, stretches out for new trainer Jessica Campitelli after finishing 2nd vs \$10,000 claimers going 6 furlongs. The concern is the zero-for-4 record at this tricky 7-furlong distance.

6 BODY HIGH is making her first start since finishing a distant 2nd to 'loose on the lead' winner Starship Reina in a \$10,000 starter optional claimer during March. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez is 29% with the 61-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 7:

8 SHANGHAI NOON is stretching out around 2-turns after responding to the dropdown to this level with a 3rd place finish going 5 furlongs. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the \$230,000 gelded son of Shanghai Bobby.

7 CODESEVENTYSEVEN is primed and ready to put this condition on his resume after following his maiden victory with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance. **12 SOURCE CONTROL** will break from the demanding outside post after taking the overland route when rally wide to finish 3rd behind repeat winner Alien Invasion at this 7 ½-furlong distance; apprentice Cristian Torres rides.

4 ARMCHAIR JOCKEY is dropping to the \$12,500 level after facing tougher with limited success before the 14-month layoff. Trainer Mike Maker has Jairo Rendon atop the son of Bullet Train.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-12-4

RACE 8:

1 IS THAT MAGIC is stretching out to a mile (4-0-1-2) after finishing 2nd again when facing similar at 6 ½ and 7-furlongs, respectively. Trainer John Vinson has Miguel Vazquez trying to cure the case of seconditis. **6 TRESTE KANTA** is stepping up to face winners after surviving a protracted stretch duel to defeat 4 rivals in a \$10,000 maiden test at the distance. **8 BUENAMOZA** is stepping up, and stretching out, after drawing clear to wallop a field of \$10,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Francisco D'Angelo has Jesus Rios going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-8

RACE 9:

8 ONLY IN AUGUST is sitting on a winning performance after rallying to finish 2nd best when facing this caliber of competition at the distance. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jose Batista returning on the daughter of Brethren.

10 INCREDIBLE MISS drops to the \$35,000 level in the first race since bumping at the start and finishing up the track in her maiden special weight debut here last September. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas named on the \$135,000 daughter of Into Mischief.

7 TOO MUCH MINUTIA is a daughter of Gemologist debuting for red-hot trainer Jorge Delgado with Lasix, and Jonathan Gonzales named to ride; don't ignore. **9 MIAMI ROSE** is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after shaking off trouble at the start to make a move on the turn before settling for 3rd vs \$50,000 maidens; 2nd-time blinkers on this major player.

SELECTIONS: 8-10-7-9

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 4 RAINFALL

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 9 VERY AMUSING