



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 THREE SOCKS ONE is dropping to a level where she should be able to flaunt her speed after setting the pace and fading vs a tough group of state-bred optional claimers. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas handling the 3rd start off the bench.

1 SECOND ILLUSION is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 ½ furlongs. The Oscar Gonzalez trainee will be there to pick up the pieces if the top choice fails to negotiate the distance.

3 AUREA AURA has her claiming tag sliced in half, and returns to the main track, after showing some early interest and fading when facing \$20,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-3

RACE 2:

2 JUPI'S LIGHTNING is an obvious choice to score after making a 4-wide rally to finish 2nd in his career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Bobby Dibona tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride. **6 FAYEZ** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after back-to-back distant 4th place finishes at the \$16,000 level. Trainer Antonio Sano has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

3 NO LOOK BACK is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after pressing the pace and fading to finish 4th behind the top choice last out; Marcos Meneses rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-3

RACE 3:

6 ZAO'S DREAM moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after drawing clear to post her 3rd career victory when beating this level of competition at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer D'Angelo, 6 for 13 (46%) with new claims, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

5 BRITESIDEOFTHEROAD moved to the Shamir Maragh barn after the claim, and turns back to a mile, after closing 4-wide to finish 2nd behind Zao's Dreams going 8 ½ furlongs; Albin Jimenez handles the rematch. **8 LABHAY (IRE)**, and late-running 2nd at this distance 2 starts back, is turning back to 8 furlongs after setting the pace and fading to finish 4th behind the top two last out. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Victor Lebron atop the versatile daughter of New Approach.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-8

RACE 4:

5 CHARLIE THE GREEK, one of the gamest horses on the grounds, will try to make it 3 in a row at the distance after re-rallying to defeat entry-level allowance runners by three-quarters of a length. Trainer Joe Catanese has Albin Jimenez atop the son of Adios Charlie. **1 ROCK YOU**, who defeated Charlie twice during May, and was 3rd behind him during July, breaks from the rail after the stalk-the-pace 3rd when breaking from the outside last out (Post 8).

7 DIZZY GILLESPIE is stretching out to his most accomplished distance (15-6-1-2) after the useful tune up at 7 furlongs in which he dueled for the lead and finished a screw-tightening 2nd. Trainer Peter Walder has Emisael Jaramillo handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7

RACE 5:

7 MUSIC CITY WOLF, 2nd – beaten a neck at the distance – in her career debut, turns back after showing some early interest and fading when facing maiden special weight runners going 7 ½ furlongs last out.

2 RACK DADDY, bred to the respond favorably to the turf, the daughter of The Factor debuts for trainer Joe Orseno with Lasix, and Jairo Rendon named to ride. Tab the tote action for more clues about her chances to win at first asking.

5 GOLDEN NOLE is debuting on the turf at the \$50,000 level after showing speed and weakening when facing special weight competition going 5 and 5 ½ furlongs, respectively, on the main track. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-5

RACE 6:

1 GAMBLA, a half-sister to Grade 2 stakes-placed Flexibility, debuts for red-hot trainer Bob Hess Jr with Lasix, and a sharp morning work tab showing, which includes the recent half-mile bullet. The big concern is the tough inside post. **7 TWIRLING STAR** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs on the main track, and stepping up to special weight competition, after recovering from a slow start to finish a 5-wide 3rd in her \$40,000 career debut going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Carlos David has Jairo handling the surface switch.

5 INTROSPECTIVE, a half-sister to multiple Grade 1 stakes-placed Central Banker, makes her first start since threatening to break her maiden on both turf and dirt before the layoff. Trainer Chad Stewart has Leonel Reyes named on the consistent 4-year-old (8-0-3-2).

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5

RACE 7:

7 AWSUM ROAR moved to the Yvon Belsoeur barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same level, after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when setting fractions of 21 flat and 43 & 3 on route to a victory as the 3-to-5 favorite. The speed of the speed will have Marcos Meneses at the controls. **8 GRAN LETIZIA**, 3rd behind Awsum Roar during July, moves to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and renews the rivalry, after setting the pace when defeating \$10,000 claimers going 7 furlongs on the main track. Note the daughter of Broken Vow is 6-3-0-0 sprinting on the turf. **1 VITAEMI** is turning back to 5 furlongs after showing speed and fading when facing \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. Her ability to stalk the hot pace expected should bolster her chances.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-1

RACE 8:

7 J P'S DELIGHT will be tested for class when stepping up to face state-bred allowance competition after drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners when winning her \$35,000 career debut by 9-plus lengths, and getting an 89 Beyer figure for her effort. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Jairo Rendon atop the daughter of J P's Gusto. **5 R PREROGATIVE** couldn't have been more impressive when she returned from the layoff to defeat a field of \$75,000 optional claimers at the distance, and receive an 89 Beyer figure for her performance. **4 MIDTOWN ROSE**, who won the \$60,000 Queen Mother when stalking the pace, can end up sitting the 'trip' if the top 2 get hooked in a ruinous duel. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4

RACE 9:

1 CHAOS RISING is stretching out around 2 turns after vying for the lead and finishing 2nd when facing similar at 5 furlongs. She should be running and gunning when breaking from the rail in the nightcap. **8 ABJURE** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the 4-month layoff to finish 3rd at the distance vs \$20,000 maidens. Trainer Mark Casse has Reylu Gutierrez named to ride. **6 BOASTFUL CONTESSA** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish 2nd vs similar quality going a mile and a sixteenth. She should be along to grab as share.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-6

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 7 AWSUM ROAR

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 1 CHAOS RISING