



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

4 FAST PASS is back in the optional claiming ranks after following back to back victories with a respectable 3rd place finish behind superstar stakes winners Diamond Oops and Jalen Journey in the Grade 3 Smile Sprint.

5 DR HARLAN is stretching out to 7 furlongs (3-0-1-1) after rallying to finish 2nd when facing this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls. **6 SMALL FORTUNE** is making his first start since posting back to back optional claiming victories at Tampa, including the 7-furlong score on February 1st. Over the past year trainer Georgina Baxter is 25% with the 61-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-6

RACE 2:

7 R BOY BODE is making his first start since finishing a troubled 4th in the \$75,000 Texas Glitter here during February. Trainer Georgina Baxter, 25% with this type of layoff, has the swift son of Kantharos training consistently for the return. **6 MARCELINO** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim after posting his 2nd consecutive turf sprint victory when defeating \$16,000 conditioned claimers last out. The new connections keep the status quo with Samy Camacho named to ride. **1 CRYOGENIC** is going back to the grass after his 2-race streak sprinting on the lawn ended when he finished a duel-for-the-lead 3rd on a wet track listed as 'good'. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 3:

3 MAKABIM is dropping to the bottom after encountering double-trouble when breaking slowly, steadying in the stretch, and still finishing 4th in his \$20,000 debut. **1 SHORTY** is plummeting to the \$10,000 level after failing to 'hit the board' when facing better on both turf and dirt. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **6 JUPI'S LIGHTNING** is a son of Global Response (A.P. Indy) debuting for trainer Bobby Dibona, who is 5 for 10 (50%) at the summer meeting. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-6

RACE 4:

2 GRAN JOURNEY will try to make 3 turf victories in a row after following a \$35,000 starter optional claiming score with a sharp tally vs \$75,000 optional claimers last out. The gelding loves the local sod (5-4-0-0).

5 ART G IS BACK is back in the allowance ranks after rallying to come within a neck of winning the \$122,000 Not Surprising last out. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez trying to get the sophomore's first turf victory (5-0-2-2). **6 AMBASSADOR JIM** is turning back to a mile after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd in the mile and a sixteenth \$75,000 Mecke. Trainer Joe Orseno has Jairo Rendon in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

RACE 5:

5 EMPIRE POWER, a consistent son of Bodemeister (19-3-7-1), will try to make it 2 in a row at the distance after leading every step of the way to defeat \$20,000 conditioned claimers by 8 ½ lengths. **4 TRAPPEZOID** is stretching out to a 1-turn mile after shipping in from Churchill Downs to finish a useful 5th going 6 furlongs vs \$40,000 optional claimers. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Samy Camacho handling the added distance. **2 AEQUOR** is trying to rebound at the \$25,000 level after setting the pace and tiring when beaten double-digit lengths vs \$40,000 optional claimers. The speedy 4-year-old can get brave if left alone on the front end.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-2

RACE 6:

6 STREET CODE moved to the Dave Kassen barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after dueling throughout and finishing 3rd behind next-out winner Could Be in a \$12,500 open-claimer going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Kassen, 4 for 8 (50%) with the 1st start after a claim on the turf, has Jairo Rendon in the irons.

4 TIPSY KITTEN is stretching out slightly to a mile again after following a well-meant 2nd at the distance 2 starts back with a slow starting, and wide trip, going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Dave Fawkes tabs Samy Camacho to ride as Rendon sticks with the top choice.

1 SUMMER SPICE is hoping to save more for the stretch drive at 8 furlongs after tracking the pace and fading to 4th going 7 ½ and 8 ½ furlongs, respectively.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1

RACE 7:

6 BAD STUDENT, a 17-time winner, tussles with \$12,500 conditioned claimers after facing tougher with some success since the last time he crossed the wire first at Saratoga last August. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the 8-year-old war horse. **4 BEAU TRACE** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when defeating \$12,500 conditioned claimers by a hard-fought neck last out. The new connections tab red-hot apprentice Cristian Torres to ride.

1 COURAGE AND HONOR moved to the Gustavo Delgado barn via the claim after dueling throughout and coming up a neck shy of defeating similar as the 3-to-5 favorite. Trainer Delgado, 28% with new claims, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1

RACE 8:

3 STARSHIP ARAMIS will face state-bred competition with the blinkers removed after breaking slowly from the rail when finishing a late-closing 6th – beaten 1 ¾ lengths – in the \$122,000 Not Surprising. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios atop the upset special. **8 TROPICAT** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim after getting bopped in the nose by a whip when finishing 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs last out. The new connections tab Samy Camacho to try to turn the tables on **4 NOTORIOUS NICK**. The latter stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth for the first time after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd in front of Tropicat when beaten a half-length last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-4

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 2 GRAN JOURNEY

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 3 STARSHIP ARAMIS