



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 DEAR MAMA MIA will try maiden special weight competition after pressing the pace and finishing a promising 2nd in her \$50,000 debut at the distance. Trainer Carlos David is 35% with maidens making their 2nd start. **3 BEMBE** is a daughter of Gone Astray debuting for trainer Gustavo Delgado, who has a 25%-win average with his freshman runners: Edgard Zayas wins.

4 FLOR DE PLATA is a daughter of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Jorge Delgado with a string of solid workouts showing over the track. The barn, 25% with their 2-year-olds, has Chantal Sutherland in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-4

RACE 2:

3 MORNING COLORS is stretching out to a mile after returning from the layoff to finish a hard-held 3rd vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Lisa Lewis has Luca Panici returning on the New York-bred daughter of Midshipman.

5 CHOOSE TO BE HAPPY is stretching out around 2-turns after chasing fractions of 21 & 3 and 44 flat when finishing 2nd – in front of a pair of next-out winners – vs similar going 5 furlongs. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr adds blinkers on this logical piece of the pace puzzle. **1 ALEXANDRA AM I** is going back to the turf, and breaking from the rail again, after following her front running maiden score on the turf with a set-the-pace 3rd going a mile in the slop last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1

RACE 3:

3 HIGH GLORY is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and adding blinkers, after finishing a 4-wide 3rd in her \$20,000 career debut going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Joe Orseno has Victor Lebron handling the class drop.

8 DEFENDANT is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4th vs this level of opposition going seven-eighths of a mile. Trainer David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Gone Astray.

2 SWEET PENELOPE is dropping to this level on the main track, and cutting back to a sprint distance, after facing \$25,000 maidens going a mile on the grass. Note that the sophomore was 3rd on the dirt at this level when Diane Morici claimed her in March.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-2

RACE 4:

3 BABY MO, who ran an okay 4th at this distance in March, turns back after returning from the layoff to finish a set-the-pace-and-fade 7th going 7 ½ furlongs on the grass. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback.

4 BETTABB SWIFT proved she could compete at this level when she stepped up from her 2nd place finish at the \$50,000 level with a rallying 3rd last out. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez up. **1 VENTRILOQUIST** is a daughter of Nyquist, and a half-sister to \$787,000 multiple turf winner Conquest Tsunami, debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, who is only 9% with his debut turf runners. The sophomore gets Lasix, and the services of leading jock Edgard Zayas.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 5:

2 ROUGH ENTRY is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding in the first race after the claim by Rohan Crichton with his 2nd consecutive open-length victory, albeit vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs. He'll be tested for class with Jose Morelos in the irons.

1 DARK TIMBER moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and makes his first start since drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$25,000 maiden sprint during May. The barn, 26% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **3 THINKABOUTIT** will try to make it 2 in a row after rallying late to defeat \$35,000 claimers at the distance. The gelded son of Uncaptured should sit the 'trip' behind the hot pace expected.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3

RACE 6:

4 NUMERIC, half-sister to 5-furlong track record holder Pay Any Price, debuts for owner/trainer Dan Pita with 5 useful Palm Meadows workouts showing. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to upset at first asking. **5 ZEN (IRE)** is a beautifully bred daughter of Zoffany debuting for trainer Mark Casse, who is 5 for 12 (42%) with his freshman runners. She's been working consistently on the Palm Meadows turf, and will have Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

6 FRECCIA D'ARGENTO, bred for the turf, the daughter of Liam's Map moves to the grass after a pair of 'in the money' efforts on the main track. Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-6

RACE 7:

2 AIN'T WASTING TIME is dropping to the \$10,000 level after his 2-race win streak ended when he finished a game 2nd – beaten a head – vs \$12,500 starter allowance runners going 5 ½ furlongs. The previous winner at this tricky 7-furlong distance, has Edgard Zayas handling the stretchout. **4 MUSTANG CAT** is another getting some class relief after following a \$12,500 optional claiming score 2 starts back with a clunker at the \$16,000 level last out. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez handling the turnback to 7 furlongs (3-2-1-0). **6 OMEGA MOON** is another turning back to seven-eighths of a mile after responding in the first race after the claim by Armando De La Cerda with a \$6,250 conditioned claiming victory going a mile: Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-6

RACE 8:

8 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR is dropping back to the \$12,500 level after following a commanding victory at this level with a duel-and-fade outing vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr, who claimed her 2 starts back, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

2 PACIFIC PRINCESS is hoping to break trouble free after breaking inward at the start prior to finishing 2nd at this level and distance last out. Trainer Roger Laurin has Chantal Sutherland in the saddle. **3 NATIONALIST** is stepping up the competition after drawing clear to wallop a field of \$6,250 claimers by 8-plus lengths. Trainer Jorge Delgado names Jose Morelos to ride, has Chantal sticks with Pacific Princess.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-3

RACE 9:

3 UNCLE JAMO is plunging to the \$12,500 level after encountering early trouble when finishing a distant 8th in a 'key' \$50,000 maiden affair that's produced a trio of next-out winners. David Fawkes adds blinkers for this precipitous drop.

7 DREAM OF ANFIELD will try to stretch his speed to the wire after opening and relinquishing a 3-length lead vs similar going a mile last out. The turnback to 7 ½ furlongs should bolster his chances. **6 TRACEABILITY** is dropping a notch after returning from the 11-month layoff to finish 4th – as the favorite – vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Joe Catanese has Jonathan Gonzales handling the 2nd race off the bench.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-6

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 3 BABY MO

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 4 NUMERIC

