



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

2 LADY FIORELLA will try to make it 4 in a row, and 3rd straight victory vs \$6,250 claimers going a mile. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes for the 4-peat. **6 CHEZ PAREE** is dropping to this level in the first start since facing considerably tougher before going to the sidelines in February. Trainer Paul Kopaj has Luca Panici named to ride. **5 BAHAMIAN GIRL** moves to the Joe Catanese barn via the claim, and hopes to rebound, after following a solid victory at this level and distance 2 starts back with an awkward starting 6th behind Lady Fiorella last out. The new connections keep the status quo with Marcos Meneses in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-5

RACE 2:

6 MERLIN is stretching out slightly to 5 ½ furlongs after closing to finish 2nd going 4 ½ furlongs in his debut, and 2nd going 5 furlongs last out. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **8 WHISKEYONHISLIPS** should be primed and ready to offer more after pressing the pace and weakening to finish 3rd behind Merlin in his career debut going 5 furlongs. Trainer Carlos David, 29% with maidens making their 2nd start, has Cristain Torres handling the rematch. **2 DEAL GO DOWN** is a son of Cairo Prince debuting for trainer Mark Casse, who is 4 for 6 with his 2-year-olds this far: Edwin Gonzalez rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-2

RACE 3:

3 TIL THE END, who won at this level before being disqualified 2 starts back, drops after failing to fire when facing \$25,000 allowance optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Saffie Joseph Jr reunites the 9-year-old with Edwin Gonzalez, who was aboard on April 16.

5 KROY, who was elevated to first when Til the End was disqualified, renews the rivalry after prompting the pace and finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 starter allowance competition going a mile last out. Armando De La Cerda, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the 5-time winner at the distance. **1 LAHINCH** drops, and turns back, after following a solid 4-race campaign vs \$16,000 types with 5th place finish in front of Til the End last out. Joe Orseno has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside draw.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1

RACE 4:

1 UNION GAP moves to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when he defeated a pair of next-out winners in a \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimer going 6 ½ furlongs last out. The barn, 30% with new claims, has Jose Morelos named to ride.

4 THE REIGN MAN is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile again after shifting out to finish a 5-wide 2nd vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the consistent 4-year-old.

7 TIMEWON'TLETMEGO is hoping to stretch his speed to the wire after responding to the dropdown in competition with a duel-for-the-lead 2nd at this level and distance. Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez up.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

RACE 5:

1 KEITANY, a previous winner at the distance, stretches out after finishing a late closing 3rd vs similar quality when going 7 ½ furlongs last out. The daughter of Cairo Prince, trained by Bobby Dibona, should sit the trip behind the suspect pace, which includes **5 COURTED**. The latter, conditioned by Jorge Abreu, stretches out with the tactical speed needed to set, or be with, the pace. Samy Camacho adds to the appeal.



2 STARRY HOPE will try to make it 2 in a row after responding to the dropdown in competition with a duel-the-lead score vs \$16,000 maidens going this mile and a sixteenth distance. Trainer Monica McGoey has Jose Morelos atop the daughter of Lea.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-2

RACE 6:

4 TONALISM is dropping into this conditioned claimer after facing \$25,000 allowance optional claimers in his 2 previous races, which includes the workman-like 4th at the distance 2 starts back. Enrique Amado has Leonel Reyes handling the class relief. **3 BRETT'S WORLD** is stepping up to face winners after responding to the class relief, and the return of blinkers, with a wire-to-wire victory vs \$20,000 maidens going a mile last out. Bobby Dibona has Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row. **7 GREYZER** is dropping into a competitive situation after posting his 2nd career victory when he defeated \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 8 furlongs 2 starts back. Trainer Barry Croft has Miguel Vazquez returning on 1 of only 2 multiple winners in the field.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-7

RACE 7:

8 SETTING THE MOOD is stepping up the competition after rallying 5-wide on the turn to defeat a trio of next-out winners in what has turned out to be a 'key' \$20,000 '2-lifetime' race. Saffie Joseph Jr has J.C. Diaz Jr named to ride as Edgard Zayas moves to **1 KITTENS ROMANCE**. The latter, trained by Mark Hennig, has been knocking on the door in 3 consecutive races at this level, which includes the even performance from the rail last out. **6 LOOKINLIKEAQUEEN** is stepping up to this level again after following the well-meant 2nd place finish – as the favorite – this level and distance 2 starts back, with a so-so 4th place finish vs \$16,000 starter allowance runners last out. Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho atop the daughter of Lookin At Lucky, who is 13 for 25 'in the money' on the local turf.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-6

RACE 8:

1 HONOLULU EXPRESS is dropping to the \$12,500 level, after returning from the layoff and running into a buzzsaw named Miles Ahead, who posted a 95 Beyer figure with his dominating performance at the distance. Gilberto Zerpa has Edgard Zayas returning on the 7-time winner.

2 HIGH HEATER, undefeated in his 2 previous races at this niche 7-furlong distance, drops, and stretches out, after failing to handle \$25,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs last out. Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

3 KAREN'S COVE is stepping up to this level after drawing clear to wallop \$8,000 dated claimers – at the distance – by almost 6 lengths. Rohan Crichton has Edwin Gonzalez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-3

RACE 9:

3 FOR EVER OURS should be ready to offer more after shipping from Tampa into the Victor Barboza Jr barn and finishing a useful 7th in her career turf debut vs \$16,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Edgard Zayas handles her 2nd journey over the local sod. **1 TOURING EGYPT** is dropping to the \$16,000 level, and turning back to a mile, after facing \$25,000 maidens in 3 consecutive races, which includes the close-up 3rd place finish when going 7 ½ furlongs 2 starts back. Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez in the irons.

4 AWESOME ELLA is cutting back to a mile, and looking to make amends, after rallying to finish 2nd – as the 4-to-5 favorite – when dropped to this \$16,000 level last out. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Samy Camacho up.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-4

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 8 SETTING THE MOOD

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 3 FOR EVER OURS