



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 KING FORCE** is dropping to the \$20,000 level on the main track after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs maiden special weight competition on the dirt with a clunker vs \$40,000 maidens going 5 panels on the turf. Juan C Avila has Edwin Gonzalez named to ride. **3 PROUD CONTENDER** is another getting some class relief after hitting the board in 3 of 4 sprints at the \$25-35,000 levels. Fernando Abreu has Leonel Reyes at the controls. **2 GIVE ME TWO STEPS** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$35,000 maidens going seven-eighths of a mile. Rory Miller has apprentice Franklin Calles up.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-2**

## RACE 2:

**5 TRAPEZOID**, 6 for 7 in-the-money this year, including 4 victories, cuts back to 7 furlongs after shifting into overdrive and crushing this level of competition – as the favorite – going a mile in the slop. The previous winner at the distance has Chantal Sutherland going for 2 in a row. **1 SCAR** is dropping to this level after drawing clear to defeat 5 rivals in a \$62,500 optional claimer going a mile in the slop. Steve Klesaris has Cristian Torres handling the demanding inside post. **2 JOE DI BAGGIO**, a 3-time at the distance, turns back in the first start since finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Trapezoid going a mile back during May. Carlos David is 17% with the 61-180 days layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-2**

## RACE 3:

**2 ROYAL ROCKER** is stretching out to a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta after dueling for the lead and finishing a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> behind much-the-best winner Opalina going a mile on the turf. Trainer Mark Casse, 5 for 11 (45%) on the Tapeta course thus far, has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

**6 STRAIGHT TO GO** will give the all-weather Tapeta a try after showing some late interest in a pair of \$35,000 maiden turf races going 7 ½ and 8 furlongs, respectively. The daughter of productive synthetic producing sire Gone Astray should sit the 'trip' behind the speed. **5 YES I'M SPITEFUL** will be outfitted with blinkers after coming up only a neck short when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Straight to Go on the grass last out. Joe Catanese has Luca Panici handling the move to the Tapeta.

**SELECTIONS: 2-6-5**

## RACE 4:

**6 AWESOME VIEW** moves to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs, after dueling throughout and finishing a game 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going three-quarters of a mile. The barn, 27% with new claims, has Cristian Torres in the irons. **3 GAGA OH LA LA**, a previous winner at 6 ½ furlongs, stretches out after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – behind Awesome View going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Aubrey Maragh keeps it a family affair with Romero Maragh in the saddle. **2 FREEZER BURN**, 2 for 3 in-the-money at the distance, stretches out after returning from the layoff to finish a screw-tightening duel-for-the-lead 4<sup>th</sup> vs similar going 5 ½ furlongs. Victor Barboza Jr is 23% with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from the layoff.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-2**

## RACE 5:

**4 LONG BLADE**, a versatile 6-year-old, debuts on the Tapeta after following the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish going 5 furlongs on the turf with a game 2<sup>nd</sup> place showing vs \$12,500 claimers going 5 furlongs in the slop. Juan Arias has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.



**5 MARCELINO** is another moving to the Tapeta after returning from the 4-month layoff to finish an even 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$12,500 claimers going 5 panels on the grass. Amador Sanchez, 1 for 3 on the Tapeta, has Jose Morelos looking to sit in the garden spot behind the speed. **2 EVERYONELOVESJAMES** will try the Tapeta after showing improved speed when turning back to 5 furlongs on the grass last out. Jennifer Young has Chantal named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-2**

**RACE 6:**

**5 LADY BAFFLED**, a \$220,000 daughter of Frosted, should be primed and ready to score after tracking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind impressive winner Muted, who is a \$450,000 daughter of Into Mischief. Kent Sweezey has Edwin Gonzalez in the saddle.

**4 CHROME RACER** will be outfitted with blinkers in the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs maiden special weight runners going 5 ½ furlongs here during August. Trainer Louie Roussel III, 26% with the 61-180 days layoff, has the daughter of California Chrome working sharply for the return. **1 MADEFORSUMMER** is making her 3<sup>rd</sup> career start after taking a positive step forward when she finished an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance last out. Trainer Mike Yates has go-to jock Jesus Rios handling the inside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 5-4-1**

**RACE 7:**

**7 CUESTION DE TIEMPO** is stretching out slightly after shaking off early trouble (bumping) to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 starter allowance runners going a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta. Trainer Antonio Sano, 5 for 21 (24%) on the Tapeta, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **5 THORN** will shift to the Tapeta after the pair of well-meant outings going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf, which includes the close-up 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind

**2 THENORTHREMEMBERS** last out. The former, trained by Aubrey Maragh, has Romeo Maragh in the irons, while the latter, conditioned by Leon McKanas, will have Chantal Sutherland handling the move to the Tapeta.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-2**

**RACE 8:**

**8 VINNIE VAN GO**, a reclaim by Saffie Joseph Jr, wheels back at the same level and distance after tracking the pace and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to repeat winner Mister Luigi last out. The new/old connections have J C Diaz Jr named to ride.

**2 ROYAL SQUEEZE** moves to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after rallying 4-wide to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Vinnie Van Go when they hooked up during August. The barn, 22% with new claims, has Angel Arroyo handling the rematch.

**1 GANGLY** moves to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and breaks from the rail again, after showing some late interest when 4<sup>th</sup> behind Mister Luigi and Vinnie last out. Samy Camacho rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-2-1**

**RACE 9:**

**5 GLORIOUS BUSINESS** is returning to the maiden claiming ranks, and moving to the Tapeta, after following a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs \$50,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on the dirt with a duel-and-weaken 4<sup>th</sup> vs special weight competition going 6 ½ furlongs, also on the main track. Jeff Engler, 1 for 3 on Tapeta, has Miguel Vazquez up.

**9 PALIMONIUM** is dropping to the \$35,000 level on the Tapeta after showing improved early speed when going from turf to 7 furlongs on the main track last out. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edwin Gonzalez handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **7 TELECAST** is a son of Tale of the Cat debuting for trainer Gilberto Zerpa, who is 23% with his first-time starters. The freshman is working well for this assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 5-9-7**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 5 GLORIOUS BUSINESS**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 7 CUESTION DE TIEMPO**

