



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 CAMEL SWIRL, a daughter of Union Rags, will try the turf after a trio of solid 2nd place finishes on the dirt, which includes the place showing going around 2-turns here last out. Trainer Bill Mott has Edgard Zayas handling the grass debut. **3 STUNNING PRINCESS** is making her sophomore debut with Lasix and blinkers added after showing tons of talent on the turf, especially the pair of 2nd-place finishes at Saratoga. Trainer Danny Gargan has Miguel Vazquez atop the daughter of Cairo Prince.

6 NEVISIAN SUNRISE is a beautifully bred daughter of War Front making her turf debut in the first start since finishing a distant 2nd sprinting on the Saratoga main track. Trainer Chad Brown adds Lasix, and leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr, for the return.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-6

RACE 2:

8 PROJECTED (GB), now in the Aubrey Maragh barn, the gelding stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after breaking from the outside, stalking the pace, and finishing 4th going a mile: Emisael Jaramillo rides.

3 KEEP QUIET (FR) will try to make it 3 in a row at the distance after following the \$12,500 dated-claiming score at GP West with the game score at this level here last out. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas going for the hat trick. **7 DREAM FRIEND** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after using his speed to defeat \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile. Trainer Mike Maker has Jose Ortiz atop the one to catch.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-7

RACE 3:

6 KRSTO SKYE, an absolute speedball on the dirt, is going back to the main track after following his popular victory in the Claiming Crown Express with a clunker sprinting on the grass. **5 CREED** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile in the first start since following the 2nd place finish in his 7-furlong debut with consecutive victories going a mile and a sixteenth at Belmont. Trainer Shug McGaughey readied the \$650,000 son of Honor Code for this shorter distance with a bullet half-mile drill at Payson Park. **3 POSITIVELY AWESOME**, who positively does his best running on a fast track, hopes Mother Nature cooperates after showing speed and fading in his return in the slop.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-3

RACE 4:

6 THIRD DRAFT, a half-sister to Grade 1 stakes-placed Bold Script, makes her sophomore debut with Lasix added after showing promise in a pair on the turf up north. Trainer Shug McGaughey has Jose Ortiz atop the daughter of Curlin. **1 JUST OK IS NOT OK** is a daughter of productive turf sire English Channel debuting for leading trainer Todd Pletcher with leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr handling the inside draw. Need we say more?

12 FUCHSIA; a half-sister \$4.2 million earner Stephanie's Kitten, debuts locally at a mile after showing some late interest when 4th going 9 furlongs on the Tampa turf. Trainer Rodolphe Brisset has Victor Lebron handling the outside post.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-12

RACE 5:

2 LAVI is dropping to the \$12,500 level again after making a 4-wide bid to finish 4th vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Paco Lopez handling the dropdown. **3 SUBSIDIARY** is stepping up, and stretching out, after responding in the first race after the claim by the Noda Brothers with a game \$6,250 victory going 7 furlongs: Irad Ortiz Jr rides again.

6 DANA GRACE is stretching out to a mile after responding to the dropdown with an improved 2nd-place finish vs this level of competition going 7 furlongs. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Edgard Zayas atop the previous winner at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 6:

2 MONTAUK SUMMER, a son of Summer Front, is stretching out to 9 furlongs after returning from the layoff to finish a rallying 3rd – beaten a length – vs this level of competition going a mile. Trainer Christophe Clement has Joe Bravo handling the added distance.

10 SEIZE THE HAY, a previous winner at the distance, stretches out after showing some late interest when finishing 6th vs \$20,000 starter allowance runners going a mile. Trainer Todd Pletcher spots the son of Carpe Diem perfectly vs 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' competition.

11 PLEASECALLMEBACK is dropping to this level after facing tougher since Mike Maker claimed him for \$50,000 3 starts back. He's finds a perfect spot to get a return on the investment.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-11


RACE 7:

4 LIL JOJO, now in the Danny Gargan barn, the gelding hopes to come up big vs \$16,000 maidens after failing to show much in a pair of \$40,000 maiden tests that were moved from the turf to wet tracks up north: Corey Lanerie rides. **9 EASY STRIDE**, who was facing considerably tougher, on both turf and dirt, before going to the sidelines about 14 months ago, returns for trainer Steve Dwoskin with a consistent work tab showing. The colt is worth a look at a price. **7 BEYOND THE CALL** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after finishing an improved 4th when facing this level of competition going a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-7

RACE 8:

4 ANTIGONE, a reclaim by Saffie Joseph Jr, immediately drops to the \$6,250 level after chasing the pace and finishing 4th at the distance vs \$12,500 '3-lifetime' claimers last out: Edgard Zayas handles the somewhat suspicious drop. **2 TOKYO** is another dropping to this level after being claimed by Alfredo Velazquez when the daughter of Brethren failed to handle \$12,500 claimers going around 2-turns on the Tampa turf. Irad Ortiz Jr rides 4-year-old, who is a perfect 2 for 2 on the Gulfstream main track. **1 LAILONI** is stretching out to a mile after returning from the layoff and finishing a disappointing 7th – as the favorite – going 6 furlongs. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Jose Ortiz handling the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-1

RACE 9: THE HUTCHESON

3 WILLY BOI, undefeated sprinting at this distance locally (2-2-0-0), turns back after setting a pressured pace and fading in the mile and a sixteenth Grade 3 Holy Bull last out. Trainer Jeff Engler reunites the son of Uncaptured with Corey Lanerie, who was aboard for both sprint victories. **4 RODERICK**, a \$550,000 son of Into Mischief, is making his 3-year-old debut after ending his well-traveled freshman campaign with an impressive allowance victory going 5 furlongs on the Churchill main track. Trainer Wesley Ward, who has colt training sharply for the return, has Irad Ortiz Jr in the irons. **6 REAL TALK** is trying open competition after couple of solid state-bred allowance races, including the front running score going 5 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Carlos David has Jose Ortiz going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 10: THE CAPTIVA ISLAND

6 MISS AURAMET is back locally after shipping up north to win the \$90,000 Lightening City at Tampa. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez atop the versatile mare, who can win from on – or with – the pace. **5 KARAK**, who won the Tyro Stakes at this distance, and was 3rd on the turf in the 6-furlong Stewart Manor, returns to the grass after ending her 3-year-old campaign with a 3rd place finish on the dirt last May. Trainer Wesley Ward, 19% with the longer than 180 days layoff, has Irad in the saddle. **3 CHOOSE JOY** has been razor sharp since trainer Steve Dwoskin moved her to sprinting on the grass. The daughter of Munnings should sit a nice trip stalking the pace.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-3

RACE 11: THE ANY LIMIT

8 SHOP GIRL will try to make it 2 in a row at the distance after following her 2nd-place finish in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Glitter Woman with a driving score at the distance vs \$75,000 optional claimers. Trainer Christophe Clement has Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride.

1 BOSTON POST ROAD will get her first class check after the impressive debut victory at the distance in which she drew clear to win by 3 widening lengths. Trainer Chad Brown has Paco Lopez returning on the \$525,000 daughter of Quality Road. **5 COACH JER'S JOY** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile, and adding blinkers, after chasing the pace and fading to finish 5th in the 7-furlong Grade 3 Forward Gal. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-5

RACE 12:

9 DONJI is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after facing tougher on the turf with a modicum of success. Trainer Bobby Dibona, 21% with the turf to dirt move, has Paco handling the surface switch. **8 ZONIC** moved to the Monica McGoey barn via the claim after responding to a dropdown by the previous connections with a 5-wide score at this level and distance: Marcos Meneses rides. **1 TRAPPEZOID** moves to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim after the chase-and-fade outing at this level and distance last out. Trainer Delgado, 25% with new claims, has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-1

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 2 MONTAUK SUMMER

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 3 WILLY BOI