



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**8 BLAME THE VETS**, beaten a neck in her \$35,000 career debut on the grass, drops, and debuts on the Tapeta, after stalking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs maiden special weight company going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Tom Proctor is 2 for 3 (67%) with the turf to synthetic move. **6 BARBARA** will be outfitted with blinkers after shaking off traffic on the backstretch to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten three-quarters of a length – vs \$35,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. **5 PAINTBRUSH** will try the Tapeta after rallying on a ‘good’ main track to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her 7-furlong debut. Bobby Dibona readied her for the surface switch with a bullet 5-furlong drill on a wet-fast track.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-5**

## RACE 2:

**1 LOOK UP TO HEAVEN** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, and wearing 2<sup>nd</sup>-time blinkers, after pressing the winner and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> going 5 ½ furlongs last out. She breaks from the rail with the speed needed to use the inside post to her advantage. **7 ALA TURKA** is hoping to get away from the gate in a timely fashion after hesitating at the start prior to finishing a rallying 3<sup>rd</sup> in front of Look Up to Heaven. Murat Sancal has Leonel Reyes handling the rematch. **4 HAPPY’S NICE CANDY** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after failing to show much in her \$25,000 career debut. Trainer Happy Alter has Chantal Sutherland in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-4**

## RACE 3:

**5 DISCREET TUNE** is debuting on the Tapeta after using his tactical speed to post back-to-back 5-furlong turf victories. Trainer Carlos David has Samy Camacho going for 3 in a row. **7 MALRAUX**, who posted 2 of his 4 career victories on synthetic surfaces, shifts to the Tapeta hoping the surface switch sparks a wakeup call. Trainer Jena Antonucci, who also has Earth in the field, has Edwin Gonzalez atop the gelded son of Speightstown.

**4 THE VIRGINIAN** is another changing surface after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – a neck behind Discreet Tune last out. The gelding can sit the ‘trip’ on a course that’s favored stalk/closers.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-4**

## RACE 4:

**2 LARA’S LADY** is dropping to the \$25,000 level in the first start since showing speed vs state-bred special weight competition before going to the bench in July. Saffie Joseph Jr, 38% with similar class drops, has Edgar Prado named to ride.

**1 LA BOKAINA** is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and flattening out when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. The daughter of Honor Code has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **6 GOOD TROUBLE** has her claiming tag sliced in half after back-to-back 5<sup>th</sup> place finishes vs \$50,000 maidens. Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-6**

## RACE 5:

**2 UHTRED** is debuting on the Tapeta after closing to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar quality going a mile on the grass. The English Channel gelding should get the early pace need to compliment his late running style.

**8 KRAMDEN** is cutting back to a mile and 70 yards on the Tapeta after rallying late to defeat \$12,500 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a good turf course. Trainer Mark Casse is 19% with the turf to synthetic angle. **10 SOUPER JAGUAR** is shifting the Tapeta with the speed needed to lead this group on a merry chase. The concern is that there’s been only 1 front running victory thus far on the new surface.

**SELECTIONS: 2-8-10**

**RACE 6:**

**3 K.C. CHIEF** is a son of Noble Bird debuting for trainer Bobby Dibona with a series of solid workouts showing over the main track. Dibona, 2 for 7 with a limited number of first-time starters, has Leonel Reyes named to ride. **4 RISK VS REWARD** has been training forwardly in preparation for the first start since facing a strong group of next-out maiden special weight winners, including multiple stakes winner Octane, in his debut during June. Trainer Carlos David, 38% with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Practical Joke. **2 MAKE IT BIG** is a \$120,000 son of Neolithic debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a string of sharp workouts showing, including the recent 5-furlong drill in a swift 59.4. Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-2**

**RACE 7:**

**7 HARD TEN** is hoping for a dry surface after following a neck defeat vs this level on a fast track with a stalk-the-pace 4<sup>th</sup> going a mile on a sealed sloppy track last out. Trainer Jorge Delgado has go-to jock Chantal Sutherland in the irons.

**9 GODS BLESSING** will depart from the outside after a solid effort at this level and distance in which he dueled throughout and finished a drifting 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length going 8 furlongs on a sealed sloppy surface. Enrique Torres has Carlos Lugo in the saddle. **2 CAMP PENDLETON** is stepping up to face winners after breaking from an outside post (10) and closing from last to defeat \$12,500 maidens with a 5-wide charge. Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 7-9-2**

**RACE 8: THE OAKLAND PARK**

**5 HARRY'S ONTHELOOSE** is debuting on the Tapeta after the pair of stalk and pounce victories going 5 furlongs on the turf. The son of Uncaptured, who is bred to handle synthetic surfaces, should sit in the garden spot behind the speed, which definitely includes **6 WIND OF CHANGE (BRZ)**. The son of Forestry, trained by Saffie Joseph Jr, is back locally after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 6-furlong Tale of the Cat at Saratoga, and a prompt the pace 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 7-furlong Russell Road at Charlestown. The cut back to 5 furlongs on the Tapeta should definitely see this 6-year-old on or with the pace.

**1 YES I AM FREE**, who is the only participant in the field with an 'in the money' finish on a synthetic surface, moves to the Tapeta after rallying in the slop to score in a 5-furlong overnight handicap last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-1**

**RACE 9:**

**4 NEW YORK STYLE** is turning back to 6 furlongs on the main track after following a couple of solid efforts on the dirt during the Spring with a slow starting clunker going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf during July. Trainer Happy Alter, 3 for 8 (38%) with the turf to dirt angle, has Edwin Gonzalez atop this intriguing choice. **7 SWAGGY GEORGE** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after returning from the layoff to set the pace and weaken vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going a mile. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Miguel Vazquez handling the previous winner at this 6-furlong distance. **5 FREE FLAY** is wheeling back after vying for the lead along the inside and finishing a hard-fought 2<sup>nd</sup> going 6 furlongs on a muddy main track. Trainer Sandra Slivka has Rajiv Maragh in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-5**

**RACE 10:**

**3 CLASSIC FILM** is stretching out to a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta after responding to a dropdown in competition with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile on a good turf. Kent Sweezey has Angel Arroyo in the saddle.

**7 EYE OF THE TEMPLE**, listed as a gelding, moves to the Tapeta after dueling throughout and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a length – vs \$35,000 maiden going a mile on the grass. Antonio Sano, who already has a couple of victories on the new Tapeta surface, tabs Gaddiel Martinez to ride. **1 MACHISTO** is a son of Honor Code debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest. J C Diaz Jr will handle the always-tough inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-1**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 4 NEW YORK STYLE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 2 UHTRED**