



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**6 WAR STRATEGY** is a regally bred son of War Front debuting for trainer Mark Casse, who leads all trainers with 9 freshman winners from 49 starters (23%): Edwin Gonzalez rides. **8 BLIND EYE** comes off the rock-solid debut to merit the call of the one to fear in the opener. Ralph Nicks has Samy Camacho atop the son of Maclean's Music. **3 HARRY'S ONTHEBEACH**, a half-brother to local stakes winner Harry's Ontheloose, is eligible to show more after rebounding from the slow start to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in his career debut at this level and distance. Herman Wilensky has Jesus Rios in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-3**

## RACE 2:

**3 EXCALIBUR**, now in the Carlos David barn, the gelding is looking to get away trouble free after breaking awkwardly and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. The barn, 34% with new additions to the shedrow, has Edwin Gonzalez named on the son of Brethren. **8 BOLD ENVOY** drops to the \$6,250 level after returning from the layoff for Aubery Maragh and failing to get untracked vs \$20,000 claimers going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. **6 GUACO** is stretching out to a mile after rallying wide to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of opposition going 5 ½ furlongs. Paul Kopaj is 23% with a limited sampling of horses going from a sprint to a route.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-6**

## RACE 3:

**2 CHESS NOT CHECKERS** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after breaking from the outside, dueling for the lead, and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Dave Braddy adds 2<sup>nd</sup>-time blinkers on the daughter of Astern. **1 STRATEGY QUEEN** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after finishing a slow starting 4<sup>th</sup> in her special weight debut. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 37% with similar class drops. Edwin Gonzalez handles the always interesting inside post. **7 RAPTUROUS** is a daughter of win-early sire Kantharos debuting for Kathleen O'Connell, who has an 18% average with her freshman runners. Luca Panici rides.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-7**

## RACE 4:

**8 BRONX** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after getting floated wide and still finishing in a dead heat for 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a head – in his 6-furlong career debut. Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo up. **7 TINTORERO** is cutting back to seven-eighths of a mile after surrendering a late lead to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> when going a mile last out. Antonio Sano has Gaddiel Martinez handling the turnback. **6 FUN LOADED** is another turning back after dueling with Tintorero and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind him last out. Saul Matos has Marcos Meneses in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-6**

## RACE 5: THE NORTH BAY VILLAGE

**6 SUMMERING** is turning back to a mile in the first start since weakening through the lane to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mile and a sixteenth \$75,000 Ginger Punch back in June. Tom Proctor has the daughter of War Front training sharply in preparation for this assignment.

**4 KAHIKO** is wheeling back in 7 days looking to post her 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive victory, and her 5<sup>th</sup> victory in her last 6 starts. Kent Sweezy has Samy Camacho going for the hat trick. **5 MO OF THE WEST**, a multiple stakes-placed daughter of Uncle Mo, is going back to the grass after showing speed and retreating to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the Monroe Stakes, which was moved from turf to the main track. Mark Casse has Cristian Torres in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-5**

## RACE 6:

**6 SILVERLY ENOUGH** is dropping back to the \$35,000 level after stepping up off the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr and finish a late-closing 5<sup>th</sup> behind hard-knocking Well Defined in the \$100,000 Benny the Bull. Edgard Zayas rides. **4 FRONT LOADED** moves to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after dueling for the lead and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. The barn, 28% with recent claims, has go-to jock Chantal Sutherland atop the 9-time local winner. **2 CAJUN BROTHER** is dropping to this level after returning from the layoff and failing to show much on the turf in a \$60,000 5-furlong overnight handicap. The gelded son of Cajun Breeze classes up perfectly on the dirt vs this level of competition.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-2**

**RACE 7:**

**8 FREE DATA**, a beautifully bred daughter of War Front, is working sharply in preparation for the first start since dueling for the lead and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a stamina tweaking performance at this 1-mile distance. Tom Proctor has Keiber Coa named to ride.

**1 MARIA'S REVENGE** is hoping to stay in closer contact with the field after getting fanned wide when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in front of Free Data last out. Murat Sancal has Edgard Zayas handling the rematch.

**4 VENTRILOQUIST**, a half-sister to \$787,000 earner Conquest Tsunami, wheels back after racing greenly and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> behind the top two last out. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edwin Gonzalez named on the daughter of Nyquist (Uncle Mo).

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-4**

**RACE 8:**

**1 STARSHIP BENJAMINS** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and breaking from the rail, with the tactical speed needed to use the inside draw to his benefit. Kelsey Danner has Angel Arroyo atop the son of Competitive Edge. **3 CALL BROS** is stepping up to the next level after departing from the rail, dueling throughout, and holding on gamely to defeat \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Joe Orseno has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row. **9 TREASURE RUN** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the layoff in the Henry Collazo barn, stalking the pace, and holding on to spring the 52-1 upset last out. The 5-year-old should see the same pace scenario that afforded him the stalk-the-pace victory last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-9**

**RACE 9:**

**1 SPUNTACULAR**, a half-brother to Thousand Words, who won the G2 Los Alamitos Futurity at age 2, breaks from the rail looking to improve on the pair of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, which includes the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind next-out stakes' winner Cajuns Magic, in his debut. The concern is the daunting inside draw. **4 R BIG G** is a son of The Big Beast debuting for trainer Georgina Baxter, who has a strong 33%-win average with her freshman runners. Jose Morelos rides.

**7 MR RUM RUNNER** is a son of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Patrick Biancone with a string of solid workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. Romero Maragh will be atop the colt.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-7**

**RACE 10:**

**1 CAPTAIN RON** is returning from the layoff looking to add to both his consistent local record (16-5-5-4), and his record at the distance (18-7-5-4). Trainer Rohan Crichton has the 8-year-old working well for the return.

**2 THE VIRGINIAN** is turning back to his best distance (8-2-2-1) after hitting the board in 1 of 2 turf outings going a mile. Steve Klesaris is 21% with the route to sprint angle. **9 DISCREET TUNE** is stepping up the competition after parlaying a stalking trip into an odds-on victory vs \$12,500 claimers. Carlos David has Samy Camacho going for 2 in a row.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-9**

**RACE 11: THE SHEER DRAMA**

**5 SOUND MACHINE** is making her first start since following her victory vs state-bred runners in the \$75,000 Musical Romance with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish behind impressive winner Ce Ce in the Grade 2 Princess Rooney. Saffie Joseph Jr has the daughter of Into Mischief firing bullets for the return.

**8 BRAMBLE BERRY**, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sound Machine in the Musical Romance, renews the rivalry after rallying to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Kent Sweezey, 24% winning consecutive races, has Edwin Gonzalez in the saddle again.

**2 SONAR** is hoping to find her way to the winner's circle in the first start since shipping up to Monmouth and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the \$75,000 Regret, which was contested at 6 furlongs in the mud. Carlos David has Cristian Torres atop the previous winner at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 5-8-2**

**RACE 12:**

**10 MARISA'S MISSION** is stepping up, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after rallying between horses to defeat \$12,500 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a course listed as 'good'. Ron Spatz, 26% winning consecutive races, has Jose Morelos atop the gelded son of Soldat. **3 MONTANA MAN** is cutting back slightly after returning from the extended layoff to run a better than it looks on paper 4<sup>th</sup> vs this level of competition going a mile. Trainer Happy Alter has Leonel Reyes in the saddle again.

**9 CATCHING FISH** became the only 3-time winner in the field when he drew clear to defeat \$12,500 claimers at the distance by 3-plus lengths. Rich Silvestri has Cristain Torres atop the son of High Cotton.

**SELECTIONS: 10-3-9**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 8 FREE DATA**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 10 MARISA'S MISSION**