



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 MAGIC VICTORY is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track after getting carried out wide when beaten double digit lengths vs \$35,000 maidens going 5 panels on the turf. Saffie Joseph Jr is 29% with the grass to dirt angle. **12 SPLICER** is a daughter of Speightster debuting for Rohan Crichton in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The barn, 15% with debut runners, has Chantal Sutherland handling the outside post.

1 THE CUBAN MISSILE is a daughter of Exaggerator debuting for Herman Wilensky with 6 useful workouts showing over the track. The tote action should tell us more about her chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 8-12-1

RACE 2:

6 FRENCHMEN STREET will try to make it 3 in a row after almost identical victories at this level and distance in which he stalked early and got up to win by a neck and head, respectively. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas going for 3 in a row. **4 GRAN SAMAN**, 1 of 2 in the field for Steve Klesaris, the 7-year-old drops to the \$12,500 level in the first race since facing better with success before going to the sidelines in January. The 8-time winner at the distance has Emisael Jaramillo in the irons. **1 REAGAN'S HEART**, now in the R Eduardo Castro barn, the 5-year-old makes his first start since rallying at double-digit odds to finish 3rd behind the Frenchmen Street last out: Hector Berrios rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1

RACE 3:

7 ELUSIVE UNCAPTURED is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici returning on the daughter of Uncaptured.

8 COMMISSIO is another cutting back to 6 furlongs after dueling with Elusive Uncaptured and finishing a nose behind her going 6 ½ furlongs. The rematch should be fun to watch.

9 YEGUITA QUEEN is dropping to the \$20,000 level in the first start since finishing 3rd behind a pair of next-out winners in a \$35,000 maiden sprint last December. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-9

RACE 4:

7 KING FORCE is dropping to the \$40,000 level, and returning to the turf, after vying for the lead and finishing 3rd vs maiden special weight runners going 6 ½ furlongs on the main track. Juan C Avila has Edwin Gonzalez handling the surface switch.

4 ALADO, still looking for the elusive maiden victory (12-0-5-1), drops to the \$40,000 level after coming within a neck of getting his picture taken at the \$50,000 level. Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes at the controls. **3 TAP GOLD**, now in the Joe Orseno barn, the \$80,000 son of Tapiture debuts locally on the turf after facing special weight company on the dirt in Kentucky. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Miguel Vazquez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-3

RACE 5:

2 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR, who runs well fresh, makes her first start since finishing 5th behind a trio of next-out winners in \$16,000 starter optional claimer back in June. Victor Barboza Jr readied the 8-time local winner for this assignment with 3-furlong bullet in :35 flat. **1 LET'S BE HONEST**, a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, stretches out to the mile after encountering double trouble (bumped start, took up ¼ pole) when 6th going 6 furlongs last out. Leonel Reyes rides for Enrique Torres.

6 RASPBERRY BALLET is a late-striding type who should be along to grab a spot on the tri or super ticket.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-6



RACE 6:

8 CANDYMEISTER should be primed and ready to score after the solid debut in which she stalked the winner and finished 2nd at this level and distance. Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the daughter of Bodemeister.

12 DESIGNED TO DAZZLE is a daughter of Noble Mission debuting for trainer Kelsey Danner, who has a solid 21%-win average with her debut turf runners. The obvious concern is the tough outside post. **4 BRODY'S CAUSEWAY** is a daughter of Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway) debuting for trainer Mark Casse with a series of useful workouts showing on both the turf and dirt at Palm Meadows: Cristain Torres rides.

SELECTIONS: 8-12-4

RACE 7:

3 T VILLE is cutting back to 7 furlongs on the main track after showing speed, encountering trouble at the ¾ pole, and finishing 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Leon McKanas has Chantal Sutherland handling the surface switch.

5 THE TWIN SNEAKERS is stepping up to face state-bred special weight competition after running a better than it appears on paper 3rd in his \$25,000 career debut. The Happy Alter homebred will be tested for class with Marcos Meneses up.

6 PALIMONIUM is another cutting back to 7 panels on the dirt after recovering from a troubled start to finish a 5-wide 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Saffie Joseph Jr has J C Diaz Jr handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-6

RACE 8:

12 KICK IN THE GAS moves to the Jennifer Young barn via the claim, and goes back to the turf, after returning from the layoff to demolish \$16,000 maidens – as the favorite – in a race moved from the turf to a mile on a sealed muddy track: Romero Maragh rides.

10 SURPRISE FACTOR, a previous winner at the distance, is stretching out in the first start since setting the pace and fading vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile last out. Samy Camacho will be playing catch me if you can.

3 SEIZE THE HAY is making his first start since rocketing clear to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers going a mile back in June. Carlos David is 21% winning consecutive races.

SELECTIONS: 12-10-3

RACE 9:

1 DARK TIMBER is dropping to the \$20,000 level after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd in a fruitful \$35,000 starter optional claimer that's produced 3 next-out winners, including repeat winner Rough Entry. Saffie has Edgard in the irons. **6 GIGANTIC**, listed as a gelding, the sophomore moves to the Gustavo Delgado barn after drawing clear late to defeat \$16,000 maidens while in the Louie Rousell III barn.

7 LOST A LEGEND is making his first start since vying for the lead and weakening to finish 4th behind common thread Rough Entry in a \$12,500 state-bred optional claimer during May. Ralph Nicks is 21% with the 61-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-7

RACE 10:

2 MAURO'S TEAM moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, in the first start since he was haltered out of a \$35,000 maiden turf race in April. The barn, 30% with new claims, has Chantal Sutherland handling the shaky dropdown. **7 WARP SPEED BABY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after finishing an improved 3rd when facing similar quality at a mile last out. Ralph Nicks has Samy Camacho handling the added real estate.

1 MR. EINSTEIN is going back to the turf after finishing an improved 2nd in a race moved from the grass to a mile on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-1

BEST BET: RACE 9 – DARK TIMBER

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 12 KICK IN THE GAS