



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 BAD GUS a half-brother to a pair of Graded Stakes winners on the turf, the son of More Than Ready debuts on the grass for trainer Antonio Sano to merit longshot consideration: Leonel Reyes rides.

8 C MY MEISTER is debuting on the turf after rallying to finish 3rd in a special weight race moved from turf to 7 furlongs on the dirt. Kelsey Danner has Miguel Vazquez atop the son of Bodemeister, who is most seasoned runner in the body of the race.

6 GLOBES is making his career debut on the turf for Arindel Farm with leading rider Edgard Zayas at the controls. The tote action should tell us more about a field replete with first-time starters.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-6

RACE 2:

8 COZY CAFÉ is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out to 7 furlongs, after hitting the board in 1 of 2 recent 6-furlong sprints at the \$20,000 level. Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the class relief. **3 MY BEAUTY PRINCESS** is dropping a notch, and stretching out an additional furlong, after back-to-back 2nd place finishes at the \$16,000 level, including the last when blinkers were added. Amador Sanchez has Hector Berrios named to ride. **6 ILLUSIONS OF LOVE** drops, and tries 7 furlongs, hoping both karma changes help produce a winning performance. Dave Braddy has Romero Maragh up.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-6

RACE 3:

8 TRAPPEZOID will try to make it 2 in a row, and the 4th victory in 5 races, after shaking off a slow start to draw clear at the 7/16th pole to win. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Chantal Sutherland going for the gelding's 6th win at the distance.

1 ROYAL SQUEEZE is stretching out to a mile after dueling from start to finish when beaten a neck by repeat winner Pudding in a \$20,000 claimer going 7 furlongs. The 9-year-old is the inside speed with Cristian Torres in the saddle.

2 BRASSTOWN has chased Tappezoid home in his 2 previous races on the main track, and hopes to reverse that outcome for Sano and Zayas.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-2

RACE 4:

4 HEALS THE SOUL is debuting on the turf with Lasix added in the first start since finishing a troubled 3rd going 6 furlongs on the GP West main track. Trainer Louie Rousell has the gelded son of Maclean's Music training sharply in preparation for the surface switch. **2 WHIRL CANDY**, who showed promise sprinting on the turf at Santa Anita last year, debuts locally in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, and goes back to the grass with blinkers added, after ending his 2020 campaign going a mile on the Del Mar main track. The barn 23% with new additions to the shedrow, has Miguel Vazquez atop the regally bred son of Twirling Candy. **6 TWICE TOO MANY** will try the turf after back-to-back 'in the money' finishes sprinting on the dirt vs similar quality. Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 5:

10 RANGER UP moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and makes his first start since defeating \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile during May. The barn, 31% with new claims, keeps the status quo with Miguel Vazquez in the irons.

1 PLEASE SIT DOWN is dropping to this level in the first race since facing hard knocking starter optional claiming company, which includes 3rd race participant Trappezoid. Joe Orseno has Victor Lebron handling the class relief.

5 STRONG ENDING is hoping to find more firepower for the stretch drive after rallying late to finish 2nd at this level and distance. Paul Kopaj has Fanny Olsson in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 10-1-5



RACE 6:

3 SUGAR FIX is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth again (7-2-2-0) after posting her 2nd consecutive turf victory when defeating \$62,500 optional claimers going a mile last out. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas going for the hat trick.

2 ZODIAC PRINCESS is hoping to break trouble free after steadying at the start prior finishing a rallying 2nd behind Sugar Fix when they competed at a mile during May. Trainer Laura Cazares has Miguel Vazquez handling the rematch at 8 ½ furlongs. **5 ISADORABLE AIDA** is looking to make amends after responding in the first race after the claim by Carlos David with a 2nd place finish – beaten a length as the tepid favorite – vs \$20,000 claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-5

RACE 7:

5 OUR FANTASY, a sharp winner at this mile distance 2 starts back, stretches out after encountering trouble at the start, and getting parked 5-wide, when finishing 6th in the 6 ½-furlong \$75,000 Musical Romance last out. Kathleen O’Connell has Luca Panici returning on the 5-time winner at the distance. **1 DON’T GET KHOZY** is stretching out to her best distance after breaking outward at the start when finishing 5th in a \$60,000 overnight handicap contested at 7 furlongs. Antonio Sano has Edgard returning on the consistent 7-time local winner.

4 CRUMB BUN is stretching out to 8 furlongs after rallying to finish an improved 2nd behind hard-knocking Hallawallah, and in front of Don’t Get Khozy, going 7 furlongs in her last.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-4

RACE 8:

7 TEMPLET moves to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and turns back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs, after chasing the winner and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile: Samy Camacho rides.

8 KRAMDEN is stepping up, and returning to the turf, after following the 2nd place finish vs \$12,500 ‘3-lifetime’ runners on the grass, with a 2nd place finish going a mile on the dirt last out. Mark Casse has Miguel Vazquez atop the consistent gelding.

3 COMPLEX SYSTEM is dropping into a competitive situation after following \$16,000 state-bred optional claiming victory 2 starts back with a slow starting 8th and last vs \$25,000 optional claimers last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-3

RACE 9:

2 FRONT LOADED moves to the Bob Hess Jr barn via the claim, and stretches out to seven-eighths of a mile, after encountering trouble on the turn (steadied) when finishing 3rd vs this level of opposition going 6 furlongs: Samy Camacho rides.

4 WANDERING WEST is cutting back to 7 furlongs after dueling throughout, and drifting late, when finishing a well-meant 2nd going a mile last out. Louie Rousell has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback. **8 PUDDING** will try to make it 3 in a row at this 7-furlong distance after returning from Tampa to defeat \$20,000 claimers in driving fashion. Kathleen O’Connell has Chantal in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-8

RACE 10:

9 HUSTLE QUEEN is dropping to the \$16,000 level after back-to-back 4th place finishes at the \$35,000 level. The daughter of Kantharos has tried 5 and 8 ½ furlongs, and now hopes to score at a mile.

2 UPTOWN QUEEN has been knocking on the door in both recent turf outings, which includes the 2nd place finish behind repeat winner Tammany- as the favorite – last out. **5 KICK OUT THE JAMS** is cutting back to 8 furlongs after setting the pace and weakening late vs this caliber of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Mike Maker has Chantal handling the turnback.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-5

BEST BET: RACE 4 – 4 HEALS THE SOUL

LONGSHOT: RACE 1 – 3 BAD GUS