



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 DEFENDANT, who has been solid sprinting on both turf and an off-track, debuts on the Tapeta for trainer David Fawkes, who is 2 for 5 on the synthetic surface thus far. Note the daughter of Gone Astray is bred to handle the Tapeta.

9 SENORITA SALSA is debuting on the Tapeta after rallying to finish 4th in recent sprints going 5 furlongs on both turf and slop, respectively. Her stalk/closing style should bolster her chances on a course that's been tilted to that type of runner.

1 SHOULDACKNOWLEDGE is another shifting surface after, and breaking from the rail again, after stalking the pace throughout and finishing 3rd vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-1

RACE 2:

2 AWSUM ROAR is hoping to break trouble free after stumbling at the start prior to stalking the pace and finishing 3rd behind hard-knocking multiple stakes winner Choose Joy in a \$60,000 overnight handicap at the distance. The 2nd start over the Tapeta can be the charm. **1 PALOMITA** is debuting on the Tapeta after vying for the lead and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition in a race moved from the 5 furlongs on the turf to a sealed sloppy track. Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post.

4 REAGAN'S ROSE is shifting surfaces after parlaying a 3-wide stalking trip into a \$20,000 victory going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Rory Miller has Marcos Meneses in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 3:

7 SIR SAFFER is a gelded son of Valiant Minister (Candy Ride) debuting for trainer Kathleen O'Connell with a series of consistent workouts over the main track. Kathleen, 18% with her freshman runners, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside draw. **4 BOGGIEMIESTER** has his claiming tag sliced in half in the first start since showing speed and fading in his \$50,000 career debut going 6 ½ furlongs here during August. Aubrey Maragh readied him for the return with a couple of stamina tweaking 5-furlong workouts over the main track. **3 SWIFTWISH** is another dropping to this level after tracking the pace and finishing an even 5th vs \$50,000 maidens in his career debut during July. Trainer Tim Hamm has Victor Lebron in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-3

RACE 4:

7 CALIDAD gets the tepid nod to score in career start 18 after finishing 2nd – as the favorite – going 8 and 7 furlongs, respectively. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas trying to notch the elusive maiden victory. **3 STEVIELYNN** will race with blinkers off hoping the equipment change will help improve the recent 3rd place finish vs this caliber of competition going 7 furlongs. Sharon Boland has Marcos Meneses atop the lightly raced 3-year-old. **4 DANCIN AT THE RITZ**, now in the Patrick Bianco barn, the daughter of Graydar makes her first start since hitting the board in a pair of \$16,000 maiden route races at Tampa last winter. The sophomore may have signaled her intentions with a sharp 5-furlong workout at Palm Meadows.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-4

**RACE 5:**

6 IDEAL BREEZE is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after dueling for the lead before tiring to finish 5th behind undefeated Khozmore going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Mike Yates drops her into this 2-lifetime claimer with Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

4 MIZZEN is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Juan C Avila has Hall of Fame jock Edgar Prado handling the turnback in distance. **1 SWEET PENELOPE** will depart from the rail after setting the pace and weakening to finish 3rd behind Mizzen in their recent confrontation going 6 ½ furlongs. Diane Morici has Leonel Reyes atop the inside speed.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1

RACE 6:

3 LAUDA SPEED, stakes-placed before going to the sidelines in July, is freefalling to the \$16,000 level after returning from the layoff to show some early interest and fade to last in a \$60,000 overnight handicap going 7 furlongs. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop this intriguing proposition. **8 VALID EXCHANGE** is going back to the main track after highlighting his versatility when he followed his 2-lifetime score on a sealed sloppy track with an even 4th place finish vs \$12,500 claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. The big knock is the zero-for-6 record on a fast main track. **2 WICKED TEMPTATIONS** is going back to the main track after returning from the layoff to finish last vs 5 rivals in a \$12,500 claimer on the Tapeta. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Hector Berrios handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-2

RACE 7:

1 DEL REY DOLLY is stretching out around 2-turns on the Tapeta after following her \$25,000 6 ½-furlong maiden score with a 3-wide late-closing 2nd going three-quarters of a mile vs \$35,000 optional claimers last out. The daughter of California Chrome, bred to handle both the surface and the distance, has Edwin Gonzalez handling the stretchout for Mark Casse, who has won 5 of 11 races on the Tapeta thus far.

3 OCEAN SAFARI is stretching out to a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta after proving she can handle 2-turns when she defeated a pair of next-out winners going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Gilberto Zerpa has Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row.

5 SHE NASTY is another stretching out after rallying to defeat top choice Del Rey Dolly at 6 furlongs. The daughter of Keen Ice is also bred to handle this distance and beyond.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 8:

1 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR will depart from the rail, and try and make it 2 in a row, after dueling early, and shaking free late to score at this level and distance. Carlos David, who claimed the mare 2 starts back, has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle.

4 PAPA'S LITTLE GIRL is hoping to find a little more firepower for the stretch drive after rallying to finish 2nd behind Tiz Possible Dear last out. Trainer Jose Garoffalo has Leonel Reyes handling the rematch. **7 BIMINI** moves to owner/trainer Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim after the uncharacteristic chase-and-fade outing behind the top two last out. The barn, 24% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-7

RACE 9:

1 ROYAL WAR is dropping to the \$16,000 level on the Tapeta after the consistent turf campaign vs a notch tougher in which he's been 2nd or 3rd in 4 consecutive races. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell is 2 for 4 on the Tapeta surface.

3 LINE OF HONOR is dropping to this level, and debuting on the Tapeta, after losing his best chance when he bumped and steadied at the start of his \$35,000 career debut going 7 furlongs on the main track. Ralph Nicks has Samy Camacho handling the combo stretchout/surface switch.

5 TUTANKHAMUNATCHA is stretching out a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta after rallying late to finish 3rd vs \$12,500 maidens going a 1-turn mile on the dirt. Strong finisher Edwin Gonzalez rides

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

BEST BET: RACE 3 – 7 SIR SAFFER

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 1 DEL REY DOLLY