



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 NUMERIC is a daughter of productive synthetic surface sire Khozan, and a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Pay Any Price, debuting on the Tapeta after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish vs \$25,000 going 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track.

7 WITHOUT A VIEW is a daughter of Cross Traffic debuting for trainer Mark Casse, who is 22% with horses running on synthetic surfaces. The freshman has been working well over the Palm Meadows training track. **2 SUPER FINE** is a daughter of Munnings dropping back into the maiden claiming ranks after following the 2nd place finish in her \$35,000 career debut going 5 furlongs on the turf with a clunker vs special weight company going around 2-turns on the grass. Barry Croft has Edwin Gonzalez handling the combo dropdown/surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-2

RACE 2:

4 WANDERING WEST is dropping into this \$20,000 conditioned claimer, and firing bullet workouts, in preparation for the first start since breaking slowly and never getting untracked vs a hard-knocking group of \$25,000 optional claimers, including repeat winner Pudding. Louie Rousset III is 23% with the 61-180 days layoff. **2 BOLDNESS** is dropping to this level, and stretching out to 7 furlongs, after hitting the board in 1 of 2 recent starts at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Dave Fawkes has Chantal named on the previous winner at the distance. **6 GODS PROMISE** is cutting back to seven-eighths of a mile after dueling through the stretch and coming up a neck short when finishing 3rd vs this level of opposition going a 1-turn mile.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 3:

7 BELOVED WARRIOR moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, and debuts on the Tapeta surface, after the promising debut going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf in which he broke from a demanding outside post on the Saratoga Inner Turf Course and finished 4th while in the Danny Gargan barn. Saffie Joseph Jr, 24% with new additions to his shedrow, has Edgard Zayas up.

4 MERLIN will try the Tapeta after responding to both his return to the maiden ranks, and the turf debut, with a set-the-pace 2nd going 7 ½ furlongs on a firm course. **5 GRANNY MAKES CENTS** is a son of Goldencents debuting for Saffie with a series of sharp workouts over the Palm Meadows surface, including the recent half-mile bullet in 46 & 4, which was the best time of 63 workers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-5

RACE 4:

8 J D'S VISTA is hoping to break trouble free after recovering from a stumbling start from Post 12 to finish a game 2nd at this level and distance. Pete Wasiluk Jr has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

5 PRINCESS TERESKA moves to the Juan Reviriego barn, and shifts to the main track, in the first start since pressing the winner and finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. The new connections keep the status quo with Carlos Lugo in the saddle. **4 SADE PURSE** is a daughter of Beau Choix debuting in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. Trainer Steve Dye has Victor Lebron atop this interesting proposition.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-4

**RACE 5:**

3 MISZLO is candidate for a rebound performance after following her hard-fought maiden victory with a troubled starting (bumped) 5th behind impressive winner Pens Street at this level and distance. It's the old bounce/rebound angle for trainer Terri Pompay and Edgard Zayas, who was aboard for the maiden score. **7 COREY** is going back to the main track after holding on to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Peter Walder, 28% with the grass to dirt angle, has Edwin Gonzalez going for 2 in a row.

5 SHINY EMPIRE is stretching out to a mile in the first race since recovering from a slow start to make a 6-wide charge to defeat a trio of next-out winners in a \$20,000 claimer going 6 ½ furlongs. Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the return to action.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-5

RACE 6:

1 DILIGENT is stretching out to a mile & 70 yards on the Tapeta after highlighting his versatility on the turf when he won going around 2-turns two starts back, and was a closing 3rd vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs last out. Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

6 MR. AXEL is another shifting to the new Tapeta surface after drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Michelle Nihei has Jesus Rios going for 2 in a row. **2 LONG BEACH KID** moves to the Juan C Avila barn via the claim, and switches surfaces, after holding on gamely at a mile to defeat \$20,000 claimers by a nose. The new connections keep the status quo with Marcos Meneses in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-2

RACE 7:

7 MR MAC QUHAE, a promising 2nd in his 6 ½-furlong debut, cuts back to 5 ½ furlongs after pressing the pace and weakening to finish up the track vs similar quality going a mile last out. Antonio Sano has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback move. **3 CAPTAIN CAJUN** is a son of win-early sire Cajun Breeze debuting for Mike Yates with a slew of 3-furlong workouts showing in what should be a speedy debut. Angel Arroyo rides.

9 NEOPHYTE is shifting to the main track after recovering from trouble at the start (forced inward) to finish 3rd vs \$35,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-9

RACE 8:

2 ALL QUALITY, who won her only previous race on a synthetic surface, is moving to the Tapeta after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2nd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Mark Casse has Edwin Gonzalez handling the surface switch.

8 SNOW SHOWER (GB) is another moving to the Tapeta after returning from the layoff to finish a troubled 3rd (tight quarters) behind All Quality last out. Patrick Biancone has Romero Maragh handling the rematch. **5 FREE DATA** is stepping to face winners on the all-weather Tapeta after drawing clear to defeat maiden special weight runners going a mile on the turf. Tom Proctor is a perfect 2 for 2 with the turf to synthetic angle.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-5

RACE 9:

5 BILLY YANK is wheeling back after dueling throughout and yielding late when 2nd at this level and distance last out. Joe Orseno has Edwin Gonzalez returning on the Union Rags gelding.

8 CONGRATS AGAIN is stretching out to a mile after responding to the surface switch with a late-closing 2nd vs this level of competition going 7 furlongs on the dirt. Mike Yates has go-to jock Jesus Rios in the saddle. **6 CHUCKY**, now in the Jorge Delgado barn, the gelding returns with Lasix added after ending his 2020 campaign with a 4th place finish vs \$16,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs last December. Jose Morelos rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-6

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 2 AIR QUALITY

LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 3 MISZLO