



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 HILLBILLY**, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the colt freefalls to this level, and gets Lasix, after showing zilch vs tougher while in Kentucky.

**2 BACKCHAT** drops, and looks to make amends, after showing brief interest and fading – as the favorite – vs \$25,000 state-bred runners going 7 ½ furlongs on the grass. Kent Sweezey has Samy Camacho handling the class relief.

**5 LORD DARNLEY** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar opposition going 7 ½ furlongs. Roger Laurin has Luca Panici named to ride. **8 HE AIN'T NO SAINT** is another trying to find more for the stretch drive at 8 ½ furlongs after closing to finish 5<sup>th</sup> behind Lord Danley last out. Leading jock Edgard Zayas adds to the appeal.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-5-8**

## RACE 2:

**5 TOOLEGITTOQUIT** is stretching out to a mile after responding to both the dropdown and surface switch with a 4-wide 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going 7 furlongs. Dave Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo handling the added distance. **2 YES IT'S FREE** wheels back after recovering from a slow start, and wide rally, to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Saul Matos has Jesus Rios aboard.

**1 ASPROPODIA** will depart from the rail looking to parlay her 'come-from-behind' style into a piece of the exotic wagers.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-1**

## RACE 3:

**10 BRODY'S HONOR**, now in the Jose D'Angelo barn, the sophomore steps up, and cuts back to 7 ½ furlongs, after drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 conditioned claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Edwin Gonzalez rides.

**2 THEUNCAPTUREDLADY** took a step in the right direction when responding to the slight cutback in distance with an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the \$20,000 level.

Kathleen O'Connell has Samy Camacho atop the daughter of Uncaptured. **1 STARSHIP MISHKA**, who was solid defeating \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers on the grass 2 starts back, is going back to the turf after the distant 2<sup>nd</sup> going a mile on the dirt. The daughter of High Cotton couldn't have found an easier spot to step up the competition.

**SELECTIONS: 10-2-1**

## RACE 4:

**6 FRU FRU ZAN**, a half-sister to multiple local stakes winner Well Defined, drops to the \$40,000 level after dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> to undefeated stablemate Khozmore in a \$50,000 maiden sprint at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici returning on the daughter of Khozan. **7 STARSHIP NUGGET** is looking to make amends after finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – behind the O'Connell tandem last out. Steve Dwoskin is 19% with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from a 45-180 days layoff.

**4 FROST THIS** is a daughter of Frosted debuting for Kent Sweezey with Lasix, and Samy Camacho named to ride. The tote action should tell us more.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-4**

## RACE 5:

**1 EXPRESS PHAROAH** may have found the spot where he can remedy the chalk burning status when he departs from the rail after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. Victor Barboza Jr has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **10 FEELING DANGEROUS**, another trying to notch the elusive 2<sup>nd</sup> career victory, returns after finishing an even 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Jose D'Angelo has Edgard Zayas returning on the Midshipman gelding.

**5 MAJORITY RULES** is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice after closing to finish an even 4<sup>th</sup> behind him last out. Ernesto Ochoa has Jose Morelos up.

**SELECTIONS: 1-10-5**

**RACE 6:**

**5 LAKI LIO** boasts a couple of solid 5-furlong workouts after following his debut maiden victory with a chase-and-stop outing in the Dr Fager Division of the Fla Sire Stakes. Jena Antonucci has Angel Arroyo returning on the son of Ride On Curlin. **6 HEY PORTER** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to win his \$50,000 debut in driving fashion. Jorge Delgado, 19% winning consecutive races, has go-jock Chantal Sutherland going for 2 in a row.

**2 DESERT RULER** is back locally, and wears blinkers, after shipping up to Ellis Park and finishing a duel-and-fade 5<sup>th</sup> in the \$124,000 Juvenile. Dan Pita has Leonel Reyes named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 5-6-2**

**RACE 7: THE BEAR'S DEN**

**1 FULMINI** is turning back slightly, and departing from the rail again, after rallying 3-wide to defeat next-out winner Kartano in a \$75,000 optional claimer contested at a mile. Carlos David has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **3 OFFICIATING**, 4<sup>th</sup> behind Fulmini 2 starts back, will try to reverse that outcome after closing stoutly to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – beaten a neck – vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going this 7 ½-furlong distance. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas returning on the stakes-placed son of Blame. **4 EXCHANGE DAY** is making the 2<sup>nd</sup> start back from the layoff after setting the pace and yielding late when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Fulmini and Kartano last out. The proverbial screws should be tightened for Ed Plesa Jr and jockey Miguel Vazquez.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-4**

**RACE 8:**

**4 DANA GRACE** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance. Kathy Ritvo has go-to jock Luca Panici at the controls. **5 RAIN** is stretching out to a mile again (2-0-1-0) after getting bumped at the half-mile pole when 4<sup>th</sup> going 6 furlongs last out. She should be part of the pace with a clean trip.

**1 CHEZ PAREE** is dropping to this level again after stepping up the competition and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers going a mile last out. The inconsistent 4-year-old can be a major player with her best effort.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-1**

**RACE 9: THE PEMBROKE PARK**

**11 TIGER BLOOD** is hoping for smooth sailing after having to alter course when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Harry's Ontheloose in a \$60,000 overnight handicap at the distance last out. Steve Klesaris has Edgard Zayas at the controls.

**1 HARRY'S ONTHELOOSE**, 5<sup>th</sup> behind Tiger Blood 2 starts back, and game winner over him last out, renews the rivalry when breaking from the rail this time around. Leonel Reyes rides.

**5 ROMARIO** certainly adds to the intrigue in this race after taking the overland route when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the top 2 last out. The faster they go up from the better it is for this Mark Passley trainee.

**SELECTIONS: 11-1-5**

**RACE 10:**

**7 FOSTER HOPE** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after using his speed to defeat this level of competition by 3 widening lengths. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the 3-year-old gelded son of Frosted.

**8 CURRENT HOPE** is hoping to turn the tables on Foster Hope after Current Hope showed early speed and faded to finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind Foster Hope last out. **9 JUST LIKE MIKE**, beaten a neck when 2<sup>nd</sup> between Current Hope and Foster Hope back in June, renews the rivalry after failing to show much when sprinting on the turf last out. Armando De La Cerda has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 7-8-9**

**BEST BET: RACE 9 – 11 TIGER BLOOD**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 5 LAKI LIO**