



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 KUHLE STAR is dropping to the \$25,000 level after recovering from a stumbling start to finish a distant 3rd vs maiden special weight competition going a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr is 38% with similar class drops. Edgard Zayas rides. **5 POWER G**, listed as a gelding, trainer Antonio Sano adds blinkers after the gelding took the overland route and finished a wide 2nd, beaten double-digit lengths, at this level and distance. Jesus Rios rides.

2 UNION FREEDOM is dropping to this level on the main track after returning from the layoff to encounter early trouble (tight quarters) and finishing 5th vs \$35,000 maidens going a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Ralph Nicks is a strong 28% with the grass to dirt angle.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2

RACE 2:

2 MUTED made herself heard when she drew clear to win her maiden special weight debut by 7-plus lengths. The \$450,000 daughter of super sire Into Mischief, trained by Tom Proctor, will have Emisael Jaramillo going for 2 in a row.

3 YES I'M A BEAST became the only multiple winner in the field when she followed her maiden claiming victory in July with an almost 14-length score vs \$25,000 open-claimers at the distance last out: cheap, maybe?

4 RUSSIAN TO WIN is stepping up to face winners after using her speed to defeat \$50,000 maidens at this 6-furlong distance. Ed Plesa Jr, 19% winning consecutive races, has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-4

RACE 3:

2 BERHANU is dropping to his lowest level in the first race since stumbling at the start and finishing 4th vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers during August. Saffie Joseph Jr has J C Diaz Jr atop the usually fleetfooted gelding.

3 SEA TRIDENT moves to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after disputing the pace and fading to finish 5th at this level and distance. The barn, 22% with new claims, has Angel Arroyo atop the gelded son of Mizzen Mast.

5 STRONG ENDING, now in the Monica McGoey barn, is turning back to 6 furlongs in the first outing since he was bothered at the start and finished 5th behind a trio of next-out winners in a 'key' \$6,250 conditioned claimer going a mile. Apprentice Franklin Calles rides.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-5

RACE 4:

5 GUNMAN will be outfitted with blinkers after the setting the pace against the stalk/close bias and tiring to finish 5th here going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Apprentice Franklin Calles handles the stretchout around 2-turns.

10 NO GETTING OVER ME is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the Tapeta after showing early tracking speed and tiring late vs \$25,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Samy Camacho handling the surface switch. **4 NOT SO EASY** will give the all-weather surface a whirl after rallying 5-wide – and getting carried out – when finishing 3rd – beaten only three-quarters of a length – vs similar quality going a mile on the turf. Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface change.

SELECTIONS: 5-10-4

**RACE 5:**

6 KHOZMORE will try to keep her record unblemished after following her debut maiden victory with a rousing score vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici returning on the undefeated daughter of Khozan.

3 RESTOFTHESTORY is turning back to a sprint distance on the main track after following the 2nd-place finish on the dirt in the 7-furlong \$75,000 Azalea with a stalk-and-fade to last outing going around 2-turns on the turf in the 7 ½-furlong \$75,000 Miss Gracie. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the return to her best surface (8-2-3-2). **1 NACHO MAMA** is hoping to sit in the catbird seat behind what should be a solid early pace scenario. Trainer Carlos David has Chantal Sutherland handling the stretchout from 6 to 6 1/2 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-1

RACE 6:

4 LONG BEACH KID is trying to become the first repeat winner on the Tapeta surface after stalking early and drawing clear late – as the favorite - to defeat \$20,000 claimers going a mile & 70 yards. Juan C Avila has Marcos Meneses handling the slight stretchout to a mile and a sixteenth. **3 AMBASSADOR JIM** will give the Tapeta a try after the pair of solid efforts on the turf in which he defeated \$12,500 dated claimers 2 starts back, and was a well-meant late-closing 2nd vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile last out. Joe Orseno has Luca Panici in the saddle. **8 SPINNING KITTEN** is stretching out on the Tapeta after returning from the 4-month layoff to finish a late-closing 3rd vs \$12,500 open-claimers going a mile on the grass. Kathryn Davey has leading jock Edwin Gonzalez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-8

RACE 7:

2 SEAZAN is stretching out to a mile after following a nose defeat to next-out Tapeta winner, and 6th race choice Long Beach Kid, going 8 furlongs, with a late-closing 4th vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Carlos David is 26% with horses stretching in distance.

3 TWELVE VOLT MAN is hoping to reignite his form after starting his career with back-to-back victories, then coming up empty in the \$75,000 Carry Back in July, and a \$60,000 overnight handicap in August. Saffie, 21% with the 61-180 days layoff, has the gelding working sharply for the return. **6 BIG THORN**, listed as a gelding, the sophomore wheels back after making a 5-wide charge to finish 2nd behind hard-knocking Khozy My Boy at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 8:

12 SPECTACULAR GAL is returning to the maiden ranks, and debuting on the Tapeta, after getting checked at the ¾-pole and getting vanned off in the \$200,000 Susan's Girl Division of the Sire Stakes. Saffie Joseph Jr has the daughter of Jess's Dream working forwardly for the return. **4 SPLICER** is stretching out around 2-turns on the Tapeta after rallying 4-wide to finish 2nd vs similar quality going 7 furlongs on the main track. Gilberto Zerpa readied her for the surface switch with a 'key' half-mile workout on the Palm Meadows turf. **9 BABY BLUE** is another returning to the maiden ranks after failing to show much in the \$400,000 My Dear Girl Division of the Sire Stakes. Juan Alvarado has Samy Camacho handling the dropdown to the \$16,000 level.

SELECTIONS: 12-4-9

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 4 LONG BEACH KID

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 5 GUNMAN