

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

5 FAPPIES FOR CHANCE moved to the Barbara Pirie barn via the claim after continuing her domination over \$6,250 claimers at a mile when she won for the third time in her last four races, and was beaten a neck in the other. The new connections tab Junior Alvarado to ride. **4 DANCIN SAMBA** moved to the Scott Lake barn via the claim after making a failed 5-wide bid to finish sixth behind Fappies For Chance last out. Trainer Lake, 27% with new claims, tabs 10-pound bug Ares Campos to ride. **6 PAGO ISLAND** is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice Fappies for Chance after finishing third behind her in two of their last three races, and fourth behind her in the other.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-6

SECOND RACE:

5 CHOICE PLAY is hoping to bounce back after following a couple of sharp seconds vs. similar in Kentucky with a distant third place finish, as the odds-on choice, in her local return from the 11-week freshening. Trainer Ian Wilkes has Julien Leparoux returning on the 4-year-of daughter of Vindication. **2 KEEPIN COMPANY**, who finished second in front of Choice Play when they competed at this distance on Feb. 13th, stretches out again after bobbling at the start when breaking from the rail, rushing up to stalk the pace, and retreating to finish fifth at 6 furlongs. **4 ABUNDANTIA** hasn't been seen since her promising Saratoga debut in which she dueled throughout and finished second vs. maidens special weight competition at 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer John Terranova has Cornelio Velasquez atop the IEAH Stables daughter of Alex's Pal.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4

THIRD RACE:

1A MINE ALL MINE and **1 TERRIFANY** are an interesting pair from trainer Wesley Ward. The former makes her first start since following an almost 10-length maiden victory on a sealed 'sloppy' track at Saratoga with a chase-and-fade performance in the \$100K Sorority at Monmouth on Aug. 31st while latter, owned in part by Goodfella Joe Pesci, makes her first start since winning her 4 ½-furlong career debut at Keeneland last April. **3 WICKED WOMAN OF NY** makes her first start since her 3-race win streak at Calder ended when she shipped up to Tampa and finished a fifth in the \$65K Sandpiper (Dec. 27th). Trainer Dave Braddy has Manoel Cruz named to ride. **2 MAX SPEED** will race for the \$150,000 claiming tag in this race after using her speed to defeat \$50,000 allowance optional claimers at 6 ½ furlongs on the Tampa main track.

SELECTIONS: 1A-1-3-2

FOURTH RACE:

10 HOLD 'EM SLEW, a half to graded stakes performers Pool Land and My Chickadee, makes her first start since she set the pace and finished second, at odds of 30-1, in her local turf debut at the distance. **11 ELLE TEMPO**, a half to Calder Derby, Pete Axthelm, and Hallandale Beach Stakes winner Can't Beat It, makes her debut for trainer Marty Wolfson, who is 5 for 13 (38%) with his first-time starters. Alan Garcia rides. **4 BEVY**, 2 for 2 sprinting on the Laurel turf, cuts back to 5 furlongs after stalking the pace and tiring in a 'key' 1-mile \$80,000 maiden test here on Jan. 17th that produced next-out winners Alexandrite Ring and Check Point. **12 LEXIE G.** is a daughter of Cape Canaveral debuting on the turf for trainer Christophe Clement with series of sharp Payson Park workouts showing. Note that sophomore is bred to love this abbreviated distance.

SELECTIONS: 10-11-4-12

FIFTH RACE:

9 SANTURI moved to the Wesley Ward barn via the claim, and stretches out to 7 furlongs, after coming within a neck of defeating similar in his local debut at 6 ½ furlongs. Junior Alvarado rides. **7 ARMAMENT** is cutting back to seven-eighths of a mile after showing speed and weakening late in a pair vs. similar at a mile. Trainer Luke Poulos has Paco Lopez at the controls. **4 MR. CONOVER** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after responding to a drop in competition with a late-striding third - beaten 1 ½ lengths - vs. similar at 6 ½ furlongs. **3 GARY'S BOOMER** will try 7 furlongs again after following a win vs. similar at three-quarters of a mile with a troubled third place finish (steadied backstretch) vs. another group of \$6,250 claimers at a mile.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-4-3

SIXTH RACE:

5 STEPPEDOUTOFPLACE is stretching out to 9 furlongs after notching his third consecutive turf victory, and second consecutive starter allowance score at the meeting. Trainer Jessica Campitelli has E T Baird going for the local hat trick. **9 SELF MADE MAN**, a 5-time winner last year when facing similar competition, makes his first start since racing wide vs. New York-breds in the 'key' \$150K Mohawk Handicap that produced a pair of next-out winners, including Alysheba Stakes winner Get Serious. **1 TIDY UP** and **1A DUE EAST** are debuting locally for trainer Francine Faraci-Walder and merit respect at a mile and an eighth. The former won his only previous race at 9 furlongs in front running fashion (Aug. 29) while the latter was beaten a neck in back-to-back 9-furlong turf races at Arlington on Aug 29th and 14th, respectively. **3 LIMONADA** is debuting at the distance after notching his three career turf victories vs. similar quality at a mile and a sixteenth (8-3-1-1).

SELECTIONS: 5-9-1-1A-3

SEVENTH RACE:

9 POWER EXPRESS, drops to the \$10,000 level in the first start since trainer Greg DiPrima halted her out of a 'key' \$16,000 claimer here on Jan. 29th that produced three next-out local winners. The new connections tab Carlos Marquez Jr. to ride. **4 IN DEBT JOANNE** drops to the \$10,000 level with blinkers added after disputing the pace and finishing second vs. \$14,000 claimers at 6 ½ furlongs. The turnback to three-quarters looks like a winning move.

2 WINNING BREW drops into the claiming ranks after dueling for the lead and fading to finish seventh behind hard-knocking repeat winner R Brown Sugar in an entry-level allowance race at Tampa (Dec. 27th). **7 ILYSSA'S TURN** will race with blinkers after chasing the pace and giving way to get beat 2 lengths vs. \$12,500 'three-lifetime' claimers at Tampa (Jan. 25th).

SELECTIONS: 9-4-2-7

EIGHTH RACE: THE HERECOMESTHEBRIDE (G3)

3 DREAM EMPRESS, a previous winner on the turf, makes her first start since finishing fourth on the Churchill main track in the 'key' Grade 2 Golden Rod, a race that produced three next-out winners, including repeat winner Rachael Alexander, who won the Martha Washington on Feb. 15th, and War Echo, who won the Grade 3 Silverbulletday at the Fair Grounds on Feb 7th. **6 GOZZIP GIRL** is stretching out to 9 furlongs after recovering from trouble at the start (steadied) to win the \$125K Coconut Grove with a strong late run. Trainer Tom Albertrani tabs Elvis Trujillo to ride as Kent Desormeaux sticks with Dream Empress.

2 BLUEGRASS PRINCESS is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after taking the overland route and closing wide to finish third in her local allowance debut at a mile. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has John Velazquez atop the stakes-placed daughter of Dynaformer. **4 OILGONEWILE** is stretching out to 9 furlongs with the distinction of being the speed of the speed in the race. She'll take them as far as she can.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-2-4

NINTH RACE: THE INSIDE INFORMATION (G2)

5 GAME FACE shows back-to-back bullet workouts in preparation for her rematch with Any Limit, who she defeated in the 6-furlong Grade First Lady Handicap here on Jan. 18th, and who defeated her in the 6 ½-furlong (Grade 3) Hurricane Bertie last out. It's Pletcher and John Velazquez. **2 ANY LIMIT** is stretching out to seven-eighths (4-1-1-0) after using her speed to defeat Game Face in an exciting rendition of the Hurricane Bertie last out. Trainer Allen Jerkens

has Cornelio Velasquez in the saddle. **3 KEEP THE PEACE**, beaten a neck by Game Face in the 7 ½-furlong Grade 3 La Troiene at Churchill last May, renews the acquaintance after drawing off to win her 6-furlong local debut vs. 'three-lifetime' allowance competition. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Julien Leparoux in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-3

TENTH RACE:

9 LAFFANS BRIDGE, drops, and stretches out to what looks like her best distance (3-1-1-1) after showing early interest and fading vs. \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at a mile. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Eibar Coa in the saddle.

7 RICH CITIZEN is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to finish fourth in front of Laffans Bridge when they competed at a mile last out. Trainer Graham Motion has Julien Leparoux handling the rematch. **5 SKY FIVE** will try condition claimers after failing to fire when facing multiple winners in a \$25,000 starter allowance here last out. Trainer Jesus Chavez has Paco Lopez named on the daughter of Stack. **3 LIME TIME** is hoping to squeeze out a late-striding victory after closing from far back to finish a half-length behind Laffans Bridge here, at this distance, on Jan. 23rd.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-5-3

BEST BET: RACE 8 - 3 DREAM EMPRESS

LONG SHOT: RACE 4 - 8 ROYAL AMBITION

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