

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

5 PLATINA ROSE, a good second on a fast track at this level on Feb. 18th, is hoping Mother Nature cooperates after failing to show much on a sealed 'sloppy' track last out. Trainer David Fawkes has Manny Aguilar in the saddle.

3 SHE'S TRIPPING is stretching out to 6 furlongs (3-0-1-1) after losing her best chance when she broke a step slow vs. similar at five-eighths of a mile. **7 FRISKY PJS** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after hitting the gate at the start and finishing third vs. this caliber of opposition at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ron Spatz lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos. **4 MALL CHICK DENISE** turns back to three-quarters after showing speed and retreating vs. similar at 7 ½ and 6 ½ furlongs, respectively. She'll take them as far as she can.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-7-4

SECOND RACE:

2 SPARKLE OF LIGHT, a daughter of Alke, who is 5 for 31 with his first-out freshman runners, debuts for sizzling trainer Wesley Ward, who is winning races with his 2 year olds both here and at Keeneland. Trainer Ward, 31% with his first-time starters, adds Lasix and jockey Elvis Trujillo for this assignment. **1 MISS QUACK QUACK** and **1A GIVONNA ALYSSA** are a pair from trainer Dave Vivian who merit serious consideration. Trainer Vivian, 25% with his 2 year olds, has both daughters of B L's Appeal training sharply for their respective debuts. **6 CALLIPYGIAN DREAM**, another from 'the king of the 2-year-olds' Wesley Ward, shows a couple of 3-furlong drills over the track in preparation for her 2 ½-furlong debut. **3 COUNTY WAGE** wheels back in only 7 days after finishing fourth in her 2 ½-furlong debut, a race that resembled a pinball game.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-1A-6-3

THIRD RACE:

9 INTAGLIO is facing 'two-lifetime' foes after drawing clear to defeat \$30,000 maidens by 3 ¼ lengths. Trainer Barclay Tagg, 22% with horses winning consecutive races, has leading jock Jose Lezcano handling the stretchout to 9 furlongs. **5 BENEATH THE CROWN** drops to the \$20,000 level after finishing a troubled fifth (shuffled back stretch) - beaten only 2 ½ lengths - vs. \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Tim Hills has Paco Lopez in the saddle. **8 KIM'S DIXIE TUNE**, 4 for 5 'in the money' at 9 furlongs (5-0-2-2), stretches out after checking on the far turn and finished sixth, as the tepid favorite, behind Beneath the

Crown. Trainer Ferris Allen secures the services of Joe Bravo as Lezcano shifts to Intaglio. **6 SUN SCORPION** is shifting back to the turf (7-0-1-2) after rallying to finish second vs. similar at a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-8-6

FOURTH RACE:

2 JOY OF COMPOUNDING is a \$300K daughter of Saarland debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with 12 Palm Meadows workouts showing. **7 HONEY SNIPPETS** drops to the \$80,000 level, and turns back to 6 furlongs, after a troubled outing vs. special weight competition at seven-eighths of a mile in which she was chasing the pace along the inside before taking a bad step and stumbling some on the backstretch. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. has Manoel Cruz named to ride. **3 LOFTY**, a daughter of Sky Mesa, drops into this high priced maiden claimer after breaking poorly and finishing fourth in her special weight debut at 6 furlongs on wet track listed as 'good'. Trainer Allen Jerkens readied her for her second start with a bullet 3-furlong drill in :35 & 2. **9 STARSHIP NOVA**, who showed promise on both turf and dirt during her sophomore season, makes her first start since hitting the board in four straight races at Calder last summer.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-3-9

FIFTH RACE:

2 LEXIE G. moves to an inside starting position (Post 2) after a very promising debut from the outside (Post 12) in which she rallied 3-wide to finish second - beaten only a length at this level and distance. Trainer Christophe Clement, 18% with horses making their second start, has Joe Bravo in the saddle. **1 IBERIAN GATE** is turning back to 5 furlongs after opening and relinquishing a 2-length lead to finish second vs. \$80,000 maidens at a mile. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Chris DeCarlo handling the classic turnback move.

12 CASSIE'S BOOT moves from an outside starting position (Post 12) to an inside slot (Post 2) after dueling for the lead and finishing third behind Lexie G. in their recent clash at the distance. **3 SPLASH OF COLOUR**, another from the Todd Pletcher juggernaut, is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after finishing third at this level and distance on March 22nd. Jockey Javier Santiago will guide the \$725K daughter of Tale Of The Cat.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-12-3

SIXTH RACE:

3 KIERNAN'S LEGACY moved to the Wesley Ward barn via the claim after a game effort at the distance in which he bobbed at the start, dueled for the lead, and finished second best. Trainer Ward, 25% with new claims, has E T Baird handling the geldings' first start since Jan. 29th.

5 STIRRUP EXCITEMENT drops to the \$10,000 level after a couple of respectable outings in which he finished second to \$20,000 'three-lifetime' claimers at 7 furlongs on the main track (March 4th), and a troubled fourth (steadied) vs. \$30,000 'three-lifetime' foes at five-eighths on the grass.

1 SONOFAWITCH is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after showing speed and weakening late vs. similar at 8 and 9 furlongs, respectively. Trainer Peter Walder teams with jockey Jose Lezcano. **4 BOBCAT BRODY** drops to the \$10,000 level after following his commanding 'two-lifetime' score on Feb. 12th with a chase-and-fade fourth vs. \$20,000 types last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1-4

SEVENTH RACE:

3 COMMON CHANNEL drops to the \$30,000 level after rallying late to hit the board in board in 1 of 2 local turf outings at the distance vs. maiden special weight competition. Trainer Michael Matz has Jose Lezcano atop the daughter of Empire Maker. **12 TRIPPI'S HOLIDAY** drops a notch on the maiden scale after finishing a well-meant third in consecutive turf outings at the \$45-40,000 level. Trainer Stan Hough has Manoel Cruz handling the outside post (12).

8 GILDED DAPHNE is turning back to a mile after making a middle move and finishing third behind next-out winner Shoshone Girl at a mile and a sixteenth. Paco Lopez rides.

5 SENORITA BEITZ, beaten only 1-¾ lengths at this level and distance on Feb. 22nd, merits serious consideration on the exotic tickets. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia has Jermaine Bridgmohan in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 3-12-8-5

EIGHTH RACE:

9 SCOTCHONTEROCKS is hoping to find a tad more after posting the best last-race Beyer (83) when getting beat a half-length, as the lukewarm favorite, vs. \$20,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at the distance. **10 DISTANT POINT** is another stepping up into this \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimer after posting a 79 Beyer when he was beaten a head vs. \$20,000 types at seven-eighths of a mile. Trainer Allen Jerkens has Jose Lezcano handling the outside post. **8 TEN IS ENOUGH** figures to be a major player after responding to a drop in

competition with a third place finish at this level and distance last out. Trainer Manny Estevez has Elvis Trujillo in the saddle. **3 CATCH RIKKI**, who showed promise during his sophomore season, makes his 4-year-old debut the first start since finishing a troubled sixth in a 'key' race at Calder last July that produced three next-out winners. Trainer Larry Pilotti has him firing bullets for the return.

SELECTIONS: 9-10-8-3

NINTH RACE:

12 INSTINCTIVELY wheels back at the same level and distance hoping to improve on the late-striding second place finish on Feb. 11th. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Jose Lezcano handling the outside post. **6 JOEY BLUEEYES**, a hard-knocking 9-year-old, who has made more starts than my 1996 Pinto (85), drops and stretches out, after finishing a troubled fifth (bothered turn) vs. \$16,000 starter allowance competition at 7 ½ furlongs. **8 MASCOT** is turning back to his most accomplished distance (11-5-3-1) after coming up empty vs. \$17,500 claimers at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Eddie Broome teams with jockey Elvis Trujillo. **10 STRAIGHT MONEY MAN** is turning back to a mile after a solid outing vs. \$10,000 starter allowance runners at 9 furlongs in which he showed speed and finished fourth.

SELECTIONS: 12-6-8-10

BEST BET: RACE 3 - 9 INTAGLIO

LONG SHOT: RACE 5 - 4 ROYAL AMBITION

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