

## RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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#### FIRST RACE:

**4 SALUTE THE COUNT**, a multiple Grade 3 stakes-placed performer at the distance, drops into this \$50,000 claimer after encountering trouble at the start and getting beat 3 ¼ lengths in the 6 ½-furlong Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. has Eibar Coa negotiating the first 5-furlong turf sprint at the meeting. **2 CRACK THE COGNAC**, a sharp second in a pair of 5-furlong turf sprints at Churchill last summer, is hoping to get away from the gate without incident after losing all chance when he stumbled badly at the start of his comeback performance in Louisville. Trainer Michelle Nihei reunites the gelded son of Hennessy with jockey John Velazquez. **3 CESARE BEWARE** makes his first start of the year after a solid 2008 turf sprint campaign on the New York circuit in which he won 3 of his last 6 races. **8 CHIHULYKEE** shows a string of local bullet workouts in preparation for the first start since encountering trouble (steadied) and dropping the rider in a \$50,000 claimer at Churchill. Trainer Wayne Catalano reunites the gelding with E T Baird, who was the unfortunate pilot last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-3-8**

#### SECOND RACE:

**10 SQUIRES WINGMAN** will try \$20,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at 5 ½ furlongs after setting a pressured early pace and holding on to finish third behind next-out winner Glass Blower in a 6-furlong \$16,000 allowance optional claimer at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Kent Desormeaux named to ride. **2 DEVIL MAKER**, who broke his maiden at this distance by 10 ½ lengths vs. \$32,000 types on the Laurel main track, returns to the dirt after coming within a nose of notching this 'two-lifetime' claiming condition on the Laurel sod. **9 OISTINS BAY** will tussle with 'two-lifetime' types after a 5-wide trip produced a fourth place finish vs. \$25,000 open claimers at Churchill. **6 GALACTIC GLIDE** is debuting locally after a couple of sharp outings at the distance across town at Calder. Trainer Erik Posada, who got his first-ever training victory on Sunday, has journeyman Jose Rivera II in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 10-2-9-6**

#### THIRD RACE:

**5 NO DETOUR**, a full bro to Grade 1 Belmont Stakes third place finisher Nolan's Cat, returns to a traditional dirt surface after following a neck defeat at 6 ½ furlongs on the Churchill main track with a stalk-the-pace second place finish at a mile and a sixteenth on the Turfway Polytrack. **9 ALMA D'OR**, now in the Rick Dutrow Jr. barn, the son of Medaglia d'Oro has been firing bullets over the track in preparation for his sophomore debut. Edgar Prado rides. **3 DUBINSKY** will be outfitted with blinkers after stalking the action and fading to finish a distant fourth in

a 'key' 6-½ furlong dash at Aqueduct that has produced a pair of next-out winners. The recent 5-furlong bullet in :59 flat, we assume with the blinkers added, indicates a major performance is expected. **7 PASS CODE**, a half to Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillyes runnerup Cara Rafaela, has trained consistently at Palm Meadows in preparation for his career debut. Trainer Tom Albertrani adds Lasix and jockey Alan Garcia to the mix.

**SELECTIONS: 5-9-3-7**

#### FOURTH RACE:

**5 BE GLORIOUS**, a consistent performer on turf and synthetic surfaces in California, stretches out to a mile after a successful trek east in which she drew clear on a sealed 'sloppy' track to defeat 'two-lifetime' allowance runners at Belmont on Sept. 28th. Trainer Bobby Frankel has John Velazquez atop the daughter of Red Bullet. **10 ONE CAROLINE** makes her 4-year-old debut after an impressive 2-race sophomore campaign in which she followed her ambitious mile and a sixteenth career debut victory with an even more impressive 7-length entry-level allowance score. Trainer Rusty Arnold, 5 for 15 with the longer than 180-day layoff, has Javier Castellano named on the \$400K daughter of Unbridled's Song. **2 CAMARA OCULTA** is returning to the main track after surrendering a late lead to finish third vs. \$50,000 allowance optional claimers in a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Marty Wolfson, 24% with the grass-to-dirt angle, has Jermaine Bridgmohan in the saddle.

**9 WHIRLING AGATHA**, second to multiple winner Flibberjibit at this distance on Oct. 5, stretches out after posting back-to-back sprint victories.

**SELECTIONS: 5-10-2-9**

#### FIFTH RACE:

**1 WILD TIGRESS** will depart along the 24-foot temporary rail after an eventful mile and a sixteenth turf outing at Calder in which she hit the gate at the start, set the pace, steadied at the 1/16th pole, and faded to finish fourth. Her biggest challenge will come from late-striding **2 BRAZILIANBOMBSHELL**. The daughter of Wild Event turns back to a mile after recovering from a pinball start (bumped, steadied) to finish a fast-closing second in front of Wild Tigress, as the favorite, in their recent confrontation at a mile and a sixteenth. **4 ENTERTAINING** stretches out with blinkers added after facing tougher in a pair of 5-furlong sprints across town, including the recent 'key' \$100K optional allowance-claiming event on the Calder sod that has produced a pair of next-out winners.

**11 SERENE LIGHT** is hoping to find her way to the winners' circle after finishing third in consecutive turf outings, including the show placing behind Brazilianbombshell, and in front of Wild Tigress, last out.

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-4-11**

**SIXTH RACE:**

**9 MARASCHINO RED**, a half to Grade 1 winners Spun Sugar and Daaher, will make her sophomore debut after showing speed and tiring late in a pair of maiden special weight sprints at Aqueduct. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Alan Garcia atop the \$900K daughter of Medaglia d'Oro. **10 MALIBU PRAYER** is a daughter of Malibu Moon who is training forwardly at Palm Meadows in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds Lasix and jockey John Velazquez on the Edward Evans Virginia homebred. **4 GOLDEN MYSTERY** shows a series of swift Calder workouts, including a couple of bullets, in preparation for what is expected to be a speedy career debut. Trainer Jose Pinchin adds Lasix on the daughter of Awesome Again. **7 LISTEN LATER** is a daughter of Fusaichi Pegasus who shows six Palm Meadows workouts in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Rebecca Maker has Julien Lejaroux in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 9-10-4-7**

**SEVENTH RACE**

**5 CONNIE MAC**, a Group 2 stakes-placed sprinter at Ascot, makes her mile and a sixteenth North American debut with Lasix added. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, 20% with his Euroshippers, has Alan Garcia testing the distance limitations of the daughter of Elusive City, whose sire Elusive Quality was an ultra fast sprint/miler. **1 HOT CHILI PEPPER** is stretching out after recovering from a serious confrontation with the gate (hit it sharply) to finish a fast-closing third - beaten a head - vs. \$100K allowance optional claimers at a mile. Trainer Marty Wolfson has Joe Bravo atop the daughter of Mecke. **8 FULFILLING** is stretching out to her best distance (3-2-0-0) after finishing only a nose and head behind Hot Chili Pepper in their recent race at a mile. Trainer Phil Gleaves has Javier Castellano in the saddle. **10 TIGERBYTHERAIL** debuts locally after a couple of solid turf efforts across town in which she followed her narrow defeat vs. entry-level allowance competition with a second place finish in front of Hot Chili Pepper in the \$75K restricted Ga. Debutante.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-8-10**

**EIGHTH RACE:**

**8 KEEP LAUGHING**, a full brother to 2006 Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Handicap third place finisher It's No Joke, makes his first start since highlighting his versatility when he followed his 7-furlong maiden win here last March with a victory in the 7-furlong \$110K Lafayette on the Keeneland Polytrack (April 6). Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, 19% with the longer than 180-day layoff, has John Velazquez in the saddle. **12 JOPPA FLATS** has been an absolute monster since trainer Bobby Ribaudo returned him to the dirt. The 5-year-old posted triple-digit Beyer figures of 106 and 100, respectively, in his two victories, and

was a troubled third (boxed in) behind repeat winner National Pride in his other race. **7 CONNECTICUT YANKEE** shows a trio of Palm Meadows workouts, including the recent 5-furlong bullet, in preparation for the first start since his productive sophomore campaign, which included a couple of victories at this 6-furlong distance. **3 VINCERO**, who won the Clasico Juvenile Sprint in Uruguay on May 18, makes his North American debut for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin with a string of solid Palm Meadows workouts. Alan Garcia rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-12-7-3**

**NINTH RACE:**

**12 KIM D** is cutting back to a mile and a sixteenth after finishing a troubled fifth (lacked room) - beaten only 1 3/4-lengths - in a monster 'key' 9-furlong turf race at Churchill that has produced four next-out winners. Trainer Dave Kassen has Eibar Coa handling the closer from the outside post (12). **11 JELLY ROLL**, drops, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth again (6-0-2-2), after finishing a troubled third in back-to-back maiden special weight turf races at a mile. Trainer Marty Wolfson is banking on Julien Lejaroux to get her out of third gear. **6 SHOSHONE GIRL** gets the services of John Velazquez after hitting the board in three consecutive \$32,000 maidens tests, at the distance, on the Calder turf. Her consistency must be respected. **1 VALKIM** is stretching out after closing strongly to finish fifth behind Jelly Roll at a mile. Trainer Terri Pompay readied her for this assignment with a strong half-mile bullet drill over the track.

**SELECTIONS: 12-11-6-1**

**MINEBENDER BEST BET: RACE 9 - 12 KIM D**

**LONG SHOT: RACE 7 - 11 GOZZIP GIRL**

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