

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

6 DRESSMAKER drops into this \$20,000 'two-lifetime' claimer on the dirt after rallying wide to finish third - beaten a length - vs. \$35,000 'two-lifetime' foes at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Note that she'll need an honest pace to compliment her 'come-from-behind' style. **1 GOLDEN COVE**, claimed out of a \$10,000 'three-lifetime' claimer in which she ran third last out, drops into this 'two-lifetime' claiming event to figure prominently. Trainer Greg Sacco has Kent Desormeaux handling the turnback from a mile to 7 furlongs. **4 TRIPPIN' EASY**, 2 for 2 'in the money' at the distance (2-0-2-0) stretches out after finishing a distant fourth vs. similar at 6 furlongs. Trainer Anthony Pecoraro, who claimed her on Jan. 16th, has Cornelio Velasquez in the saddle. **2 GENUINE DIAMOND** is stepping up, and stretching out, after encountering trouble at the start and rallying late to finish second and third, respectively, in a pair of \$10,000 'two-lifetime' claiming sprints at shorter distances.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4-2

SECOND RACE:

7 RED HOT BARONESS, a \$110K New York-bred daughter of Hook and Ladder, plummets to the \$15,000 level in the first start since she was eased in a 'key' state-bred maiden special weight event at Aqueduct last March that produced three next-out winners. Trainer Barclay Tagg, 7 for 17 (41%) with horses making similar class drops, has Jose Lezcano named on this shaky proposition. **2 EMOTIONAL** is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish fifth vs. similar at 7 ½ furlongs, which was her first start in 3 ½ months. The proverbial screws should be tightened today. **4 ANNA'S UNREAL** is a daughter of Anasheed who is training consistently enough to be a factor in her career debut. Trainer Jose Pinchin, 17% with his first-time starters, adds Lasix and jockey Pedro Monterrey Jr. for this assignment. **1 SILVER ASHLEE** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after tiring late to finish fourth vs. similar in her recent outing at 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-4-1

THIRD RACE:

1 JUST A COINCIDENCE will try to make it two in a row at a mile after parlaying an inside trip into a 5 ¼-length maiden victory. Trainer Nick Zito, 32% with horses winning consecutive races, has Paco Lopez returning on the \$200K son of Forestry. **2 B Z WARRIOR** is stretching out to a mile after a very game first-out victory at 6 ½ furlongs in which broke from Post 11, dueled throughout, and held sway to defeat next-out winner Custom For Carlos by a head. Trainer Todd

Pletcher has John Velazquez returning on the son of Malibu Moon. **4 GONE ASTRAY**, who is training beautifully over the track, makes his first start since he rallied to finish fourth behind Vineyard Haven in the Grade 1 Champagne on Oct. 4th. Trainer Shug McGaughey has Jose Lezcano atop the Phipps Stable homebred son of Dixie Union.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4

FOURTH RACE:

5 G. POLI is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after a solid return from a year-plus layoff in which he chased the pace and finished second vs. similar at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Terri Pompay has Manny Aguilar penciled in for the return assignment. **3 NOS MAN** plunges to the \$30,000 level on the dirt after making a strong middle move and fading to finish sixth on the turf in his 5-furlong career maiden special weight debut. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has a 23% win average with the turf-to-dirt move. **8 I KNOW WHY** will wear blinkers after steadying in traffic on the turn and finishing fourth in his \$50,000 career debut. The drop to the \$30,000 level looks like a winning move. **1 TOP ROCK** is a gelded son of Unbridled's Song who is training sharply over the track in preparation for his career debut. Trainer Tony Reinstedler has Carlos Marquez Jr. handling the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-8-1

FIFTH RACE:

8 HURRICANE ANNIE is turning back to what is definitely her best distance (9-5-2-0) after setting the pace and tiring to finish seventh in her local debut vs. \$12,500 starter allowance runners at a mile. Trainer Linda Rice, 27% with her turf sprinters, and 25% with horses making the second start back from a 45-180 day layoff, has Cornelio Velasquez at the controls. **13 VUE DE CHAT**, a speedy daughter of Adcat, turns back to 5 furlongs after setting the pace and getting caught late in consecutive route races here vs. similar quality. Trainer Peter Walder has John Velazquez poised to ride if the mare can get in off the top of the also eligible list. **3 SALT SYN**, a winner of 50% of her turf races at the distance (12-6-3-0), makes her first start since stalking the pace and fading in a productive \$35,000 claimer on the Arlington Polytrack that produced a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Larry Rivelli has E T Baird atop the turf-sprint specialist. **6 CRISSY'S HONOR**, a winner of 2 of 5 races on the Gulfstream turf, makes her first start since showing speed and fading to finish fourth vs. allowance optional claiming competition at Calder.

SELECTIONS: 8-13-3-6

SIXTH RACE:

8 NOORISSUN, a hard luck daughter of Chapel Royal, will try the dirt after encountering trouble on the turn when facing maiden special company on the Calder turf on Dec. 21st, and encountering trouble at the start (bumped hard) and finishing third - beaten three-quarters of a length - vs. \$40,000 maidens here at a mile and a sixteenth on the grass. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez handling the surface switch. **6 PUTTINGONTHEMIST** will shift to the main track after dueling throughout and getting nipped at the wire vs. similar at 7 ½ furlongs on the turf (Jan. 7th). Trainer Tim Ritvo has Edgar Prado named to ride.

2 LIZZIE GREY drops to the \$35,000 level with blinkers added after breaking awkwardly and finishing last in her maiden special weight career debut. Trainer Nick Zito, 20% with first-time shades, tabs Julien Leparoux to ride.

4 WITH MOMS BLESSING is cutting back to a 1-turn mile on the dirt after dueling for the lead and fading to finish a couple of lengths behind Noorissun in their recent outing on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-2-4

SEVENTH RACE:

12 HARD TOP plummets to the \$20,000 claiming level after recovering from a poor start to finish a willing fourth - beaten only 3 lengths - in the 12-furlong Grade 2 McKnight at Calder on Dec. 13th. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez handling the major plunge. **8 TRUE DANCER**, drops, and stretches out to one of his most accomplished distances (7-4-0-1) after making what looked like a winning bid and getting beat a half-length vs. \$35,000 claimers in his local return at a mile. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. has Edgar Prado in the saddle. **10 GRAND** is stretching out to 9 furlongs after yielding late to finish second in his local return vs. similar at a mile and a sixteenth.

4 LEAD WITH YOUR CHIN is hoping for a clean trip after searching for racing room on the turn, and in the stretch, when finishing fifth behind Grand last out. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr. has Paco Lopez in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 12-8-10-4

EIGHTH RACE:

7 CAPTIVATING CAT was given time to recharge his batteries after a strong local debut in which he pressed the pace and edged away to defeat entry-level allowance competition at 6 ½ furlongs, and receive a triple-digit Beyer (101) for his effort. Trainer Bill Mott has Alan Garcia in the saddle again. The last time **2 DISCO'S SON** competed at Gulfstream he defeated this caliber of competition by 5-plus lengths, and received a 107 Beyer for this performance (March 2007). Trainer Phil Serpe has the 6-year-old training sharply for his first race in 18 months. **3 EDGE OF CHAOS** will try to avoid

the bounce when he steps up the competition after posting a 101 Beyer when he crushed \$25,000 claimers in a swift 6-furlong sprint that was timed in 1:09 & 3.

9 DUKE OF STANCO is shifting to his best distance on the dirt (8-2-3-3) with the ideal stalking style needed to capitalize on what should be a solid early pace. Trainer Mike Trombetta has Rene Douglas handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-3-9

NINTH RACE:

7 NATIONAL CAPTAIN, who runs well fresh, steps up to the \$35,000 level in the first start since he followed a \$60,000 claiming score on the Aqueduct turf last April with a \$25,000 claiming victory here on Jan. 24th. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has go-to jock Alan Garcia in the saddle again.

1 BANG BANG BANG moved to the Diane Alvarado barn via the claim after setting the pace and just getting nipped at the wire in his local debut at this level and distance. This inside speed threat looks strong on a course that has favored front running types. **11 MONASHEE GOLD** will try to make it two in a row after recovering from a troubled start (bumped, steadied) to score at this level and distance. He should see the same pace scenario that afforded him the 'come-from-behind' victory last out. **8 T HARRY** is stepping up, and turning back, after rallying 4-wide to defeat \$25,000 claimers at 9 furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder, 24% with horses winning consecutive races, has John Velazquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-11-8

BEST BET: RACE 5 - 8 HURRICANE ANNIE

LONG SHOT: RACE 8 - 4 MOTOR PATROL

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