

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

6 RUN ALL DAY is stretching out an additional furlong after showing a fondness for the local surroundings when she encountered double-trouble (steadied backstretch & turn) and was beaten a neck at seven-eighths of a mile. Trainer Brian Lynch adds second-time Lasix on the Stronach Stables homebred daughter of War Chant. **4 FILM CHARM** is stretching out to a mile after an eventful but promising 6 ½-furlong debut in which she broke slowly and steadied prior to finishing second. Trainer Bill Mott has Kent Desormeaux returning on the daughter of Langfuhr.

3 MALIBU PRAYER is stretching out after expending valuable energy when she was fractious at the gate prior to stalking the pace and finishing a head behind Film Charm, as the favorite, last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher has John Velazquez in the saddle. **7 WON TOKEN** is stretching out to a mile after gaining late to finish a neck behind Run All Day last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-3-7

SECOND RACE:

6 GOLD TRIPPI, 5-2-2-0 at the distance, stretches out after breaking slowly and finishing fourth behind classy Cool Coal Man in his local return at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Stan Hough has Cornelio Velasquez atop the son of Trippi, who can be claimed for \$125,000 today. **3 TRUTH RULES**, one of two from trainer Nick Zito, makes his first start since rallying from 16 lengths 'off the pace' to finishing third - beaten 2 lengths - in the 9-furlong Grade 3 Pegasus at the Meadowlands (Oct. 24). **4 CHRIS GOT EVEN**, the other entrant from Nick Zito, turns back to a mile after stalking the pace and fading to finish fourth in his local return at 9 furlongs. Joe Bravo guides the gelded son of Stephen Got Even.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-4

THIRD RACE:

11 DELRAY DIVA makes her career turf debut after a solid local outing vs. \$25,000 maidens on the dirt in which she broke from Post 10, disputed the pace, and finished third behind a pair of next-out winners. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jose Lezcano handling the surface switch. **6 JUST A DREAM** is dropping into a competitive spot after tracking the pace and finishing fifth - beaten 4 lengths - vs. \$40,000 maidens on the Calder sod. Trainer Herman Wilensky has Rene Douglas atop daughter of Dream Run. **4 SENORITA BEITZ** drops \$10,000 on the maiden scale after stalking the pace

and tiring to finish seventh vs. \$40,000 maidens on the Calder turf. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia has Eibar Coa named to ride. **10 ALBALI** is a daughter of Aldebaran debuting for the always-dangerous Todd Pletcher barn. The sophomore shows 10 Palm Meadows workouts in preparation for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 11-6-4-10

FOURTH RACE:

3 MEAN DEMAND will try \$25,000 claimers on the dirt after a sharp outing vs. \$45,000 types at 5 furlongs on the turf in which he broke from Post 12, sat behind the pace, and rallied late to finish third - beaten 1 ½ lengths. Trainer Joe Orseno, 19% with the turf-to-dirt move, has Jose Lezcano in the saddle again. **7 GONE MISSING** moved to the Steve DiMauro barn via the claim after recovering from a pokey start to defeat \$20,000 claimers here at 6 ½ furlongs. The new connections keep the status quo with Cornelio Velasquez in the saddle. **1 CASINO GAMBLER** plunges to the \$22,500 level after facing Calder stakes caliber competition throughout his 2008 summer and fall campaign. Trainer Stan Gold lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Roan Vargas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1

FIFTH RACE:

6 NIKKIANDME will try to make it two in a row locally after notching her third consecutive victory, and fifth win in her last six starts, when she shipped down from Tampa to win at this level and distance. **5 R VICARIOUS GIRL** got back to her winning ways vs. \$16,000 starter handicap competition after her 2-race win streak had ended when she split horses to finish second to Nikkiandme at Tampa on Jan. 17th. Trainer Kirk Ziadie has Jose Lezcano handling the rematch. **7 CUT FOR LUCK**, the last horse to beat Nikkiandme (Nov. 24), will try to repeat that fete in South Florida after finishing fourth behind her and R Vicarious Girl at Tampa last out. **1 SWEETSOUTHERNQUEEN** is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying 3-wide to defeat \$12,500 starter allowance competition here at a mile. Trainer Vinnie Blengs, 3 for 10 with horses winning consecutive races, has Edgar Prado trying to repeat.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-7-1

SIXTH RACE:

3 TIGER'S FROLIC moved to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after she responded to a hand ride with a commanding victory vs. \$12,500 claimers at Calder. The daughter of Tiger Ridge looks strong in a race where six of the seven participants lost their last race by a combined 88 lengths, and the other horse was pulled up. **6 GREEDY DEBBY** plunges to the \$16,000 level on the dirt after dueling for the lead and getting beat 15 lengths by \$45,000 claimers at a mile on the turf. Trainer Wesley Ward, 29% with the turf-to-dirt move, has E T Baird in the saddle. **2 AM I BAD** drops into the claiming ranks after getting beat 17 ¾ lengths vs. entry-level allowance competition at Calder (Oct. 25th).

4 MAREANA is hoping for a clean trip after clipping heels on the turn and getting beat 7 ½ lengths vs. \$20,000 'two-life-time' claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-2-4

SEVENTH RACE:

11 RISQUE, a gelded son of Horse Chestnut, bred to love the turf, makes his career debut for leading trainer Ken McPeck with Lasix and go-to jock Kent Desormeaux added to the equation. **2 OUTTA SPACE**, a troubled second (steadied backstretch) in his previous turf race at this level and distance (Nov. 11th), drops, and returns to the turf, after finishing a distant third vs. better in a pair of sprints on the main track. **5 DIRTY DURING** is debuting on the turf with blinkers added after showing promise vs. similar in a pair of main track sprints at Calder during October and November.

12 KROME AVE, beaten 3 lengths in his 5-furlong career turf debut (Dec. 6), returns to the lawn after showing little vs. \$25,000 maidens on the main track. Trainer Dave Brownlee has Paco Lopez handling the surface change.

SELECTIONS: 11-2-5-12

EIGHTH RACE:

4 RUBY RED SOCKS debuts locally at one of his most productive distances (7-4-2-0) after drawing off to defeat \$16,000 starter allowance competition at Tampa. Note that the last time the gelding competed at this level and distance at Calder he won by 9 ½ lengths. **8 CHASING THE PRIZE** moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after drawing clear to defeat \$20,000 claimers, as the favorite, in his local return at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Maker, 31% with new claims, has main man Julien Leparoux at the controls. **9 FIUMES** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after notching his second victory at the meeting when he defeated similar at seven-eighths of a mile. **6 DEATH VALLEY**, a troubled second (stumbled start) at this distance on Jan. 14th, turns back after opening a relinquishing a 3-length lead when finishing fourth behind Fiumes last out. Trainer Jim DiVito reunites the gelding with E T Baird, who was aboard on Jan. 14th.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-9-6

NINTH RACE: THE VERY ONE (G3) - Rail Set At 0 Feet

9 CRITICISM, a model of consistency since arriving from France, turns back to 11 furlongs (2-1-1-0) after rallying 3-wide to win the mile and a half Grade 3 Long Island Handicap at Aqueduct (Nov. 1). Trainer Tom Albertrani has Edgar Prado

in the saddle. **7 BACKSEAT RHYTHM**, 7-4-1-1 on the grass, which includes a victory in the Grade Garden City, and a second in the Grade 1 QE II Cup, stretches out to uncharted territory when she tries to negotiate 11 furlongs for the first time. Trainer Pat Reynolds has Eibar Coa guiding the classy daughter of El Corredor. **4 CALLWOOD DANCER**, second in the 10-furlong Grade 1 E P Taylor at Woodbine in October, stretches out after closing, as the favorite, to come within 1 ¾ lengths of catching Lady Carlock in the 9-furlong Grade 3 Suwannee River. Alan Garcia gets the call for injured jock Javier Castellano, also rode Criticism, Backseat Rhythm in their last starts. **3 LAMENTATION** is turning back to 11 furlongs after following a third place finish in the 12-furlong Grade 2 La Prevoyante with a 12-furlong score here vs. allowance competition. Note that trainer Christophe Clement has won the Very One Handicap an incredible six times!

SELECTIONS: 9-7-4-3

TENTH RACE:

10 OUR POST will break from the 10-Post at five-eighths of a mile after dueling for the lead and finishing second best in her local debut vs. similar at 6 furlongs. Trainer Alan Goldberg has Cornelio Velasquez penciled in for the return assignment. **7 YES IT'S BARBARA** makes her local debut the first start since making a huge middle move and fading in a 'key' maiden special event at Turfway that produced a pair of next-out winners, including Jehan, who won here on Jan. 17th. **9 JANE'S GAL** is a \$300K daughter of Speightstown who has trained consistently at Palm Meadows in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds Lasix and John Velazquez to the mix. **3 HOLD 'EM SLEW** will try the dirt for the first time after showing a fondness for the distance with a second place finish at 5 furlongs on the grass last out. Trainer Phil Gleaves has Jermaine Bridgmohan handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 10-7-9-3

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