

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

7 ANYTHINGYOUWANT is cutting back to 6 furlongs after stalking the action and finishing second in a 'key' 2-turn \$25,000 starter allowance at Calder that produced 3 next-out winners, which included Decaf Again, who defeated \$50K claimers here on Jan. 21, Cinnamon Road, who beat \$35K claimers here on Jan. 7, and Man Of Faith, who defeated \$12,500 starter allowance runners at Calder on Dec. 28. **2 RIM OF FIRE** drops to the \$25,000 level after closing to finish third vs. \$40,000 starter allowance runners in his local debut at the distance. Trainer Dale Capuano has Kent Desormeaux handling the inside post. **1 STARSHIP VALOR** and **1A STARSHIP STEVE** are a winning pair from trainer Steve Dwoskin. The former steps up after defeating 'two-lifetime' claimers at Calder while the latter faces winners after defeating \$25,000 maidens here by almost 11 lengths.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-1-1A

SECOND RACE:

2 OFF SHE GOES is a daughter of El Corredor who has trained sharply at Palm Meadows both breezing from the gate, and handily at 4 and 5 furlongs, in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Eddie Kenneally adds Lasix and Cornelio Velasquez for this assignment. **7 CASSIE'S BOOT**, the most experienced runner in the field, returns to the dirt after posting her second consecutive 'in the money' finish when she closed to be third at 5 furlongs on the turf.

4 FRENCH DIP is a \$270K daughter of Speightstown who has trained consistently in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds Lasix and jockey Jose Lezcano to the mix. **5 REVEL IN THE WIN** is a daughter of Red Bullet who shows nine local workouts in preparation for her career debut. Trainer Joe Orseno adds Lasix and Joe Bravo for the debut.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-4-5

THIRD RACE:

7 MEADOW ASHLEE is dropping to the \$6,250 level after couple of well-meant outings vs. \$10,000 claimers in which she was second in a 2-turn mile at Calder on Dec. 11, and third - beaten 2 lengths - in a 1-turn mile here last out.

9 FAPPIES FOR CHANCE will try to make it two in a row locally after notching her second consecutive victory when she edged away to score at this level and distance. Trainer Manny Estevez has Paco Lopez in the saddle again.

8 ILLUSTRATER is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after her 2-race win streak ended when she finished second to Fappies for Chance last out. **1 PAGO ISLAND** is a

late-striding sort who earned her way onto the superfecta ticket when she closed to finish third behind Fappies For Chance and Illustrater last out. Note that she's 6 for 8 'in the money' at Gulfstream.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-8-1

FOURTH RACE:

8 FORTYNINEGEORGEST drops to the \$15,000 level, and stretches out to 9 furlongs after finishing a useful third in his \$25,000 career debut at three-quarters of a mile. Note that the gelded son of Ecton Park is bred to respond favorably to the distance. **2 SATURN FIVE** plunges to the bottom of the maiden scale with blinkers added after showing early interest and fading vs. \$70,000 maiden at a mile on the turf. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr., 37% with the turf-to-dirt move, has Jose Lezcano handling the major dropdown.

4 ANASHEED FLASH is hoping to get back on track at a mile and an eighth after following a third place finish here at a mile with a chase-and-fade performance at 7 ½ furlongs. Breeding suggests no problem with the added real estate.

3 ANKIMO gets immediate class relief after being eased in his maiden special weight career debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds blinkers on this shaky proposition.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-4-3

FIFTH RACE:

1 AWAKINO CAT, 1 of 2 in the race for turf sprint specialist trainer Linda Rice (Tahoe Warrior), makes his first start after ending his 2008 campaign with back-to-back 5-furlong victories and a well-meant second place finish, as the favorite, in a mile and a sixteenth \$50,000 allowance optional claimer on the Meadowlands turf (Nov. 11). Alan Garcia guides this half of the uncoupled entry. **6 MR. SILVER**, the leading money winner in the field (\$354K) will race for the \$62,500 tag in this optional claimer after getting up to defeat \$75,000 optional claimers, at the distance, on the Calder turf. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr. has Elvis Trujillo going for two in a row. **2 AIRCRAFT INTERCEPT** is hoping to find a little more after dueling for the lead and getting caught late by Mr. Silver last out. Trainer Luke Poulos has Manny Aguilar handling the rematch. **4 HE LOVES ME NOT**, a sharp winner at 5 furlongs on the Churchill turf (Oct. 29), moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim after coming within a head of defeating \$40,000 allowance optional claimers on the Turfway poly stuff. Cornelio Velasquez rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-2-4

SIXTH RACE:

8 SWAMPY TOWN is debuting locally for trainer Larry Pilotti after finishing second best to repeat winner, and fifth race choice Awakino Cat, in an entry-level allowance test on the Suffolk turf (Sept. 17). Watch Awakino Cat in the fifth before you make an investment in Swampy Town.

1 FLIGHT TO EDEN drops back down to a level where he used his patient running style to score at this distance here on Jan. 7. Trainer Henry Collazo has Eduardo Nunez named to ride. **2 SUPER WHIPPER**, now in the Pablo Andrade barn, hopes to stretch his speed to the wire after yielding late and finishing second to Flight To Eden on Jan. 7th.

7 CHAMPAGNE ACCOUNT hasn't been in action since he made a middle move and faded to finish third behind second place finisher Flight to Eden in a \$16,000 claiming event at Calder on Nov. 29.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-2-7

SEVENTH RACE:

7 SEPARATIST is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after steadying on the far turn when trying to avoid running up on rivals and finishing second in his useful 1-mile career debut on the turf. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Alan Garcia atop the son of Fusaichi Pegasus. **1 CLANDESTINE FURY**, a sharp second on the turf here last March 9th, should be primed and ready to score after returning from a lengthy layoff to finish second in front of a pair of next-out winners in a 'key' 7-furlong test on the Churchill main track (Nov. 20).

2 SETTE E MEZZO, a son of Dynaformer, makes his career turf debut the first start since showing promise on both dirt and Polytrack last spring. Trainer Bill Mott has Joe Bravo at the controls. **5 WHIRLING THUNDER** is stretching out an additional 1/16th of a mile after stalking the pace and finishing fourth behind Separatist at eight furlongs. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Paco Lopez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2-5

EIGHTH RACE:

7 FLY WITH THE WIND drops to the \$6,250 level after shaking of problems on the first turn (steadied) to defeat \$10,000 claimers in his local return at the distance. Simple handicapping logic points this gelding out as the one to beat. **2 BANDIT NAILHEAD**, 6 for 8 'in the money' at 9 furlongs, stretches out after notching his first victory in 13 local outings when he defeated this caliber of competition at a mile. **5 SWEETSOUTHERN SON** drops, and stretches out, after coming up empty in a 'key' 7-furlong \$10,000 starter allowance at Calder that produced a couple of next-out winners. He's spotted perfectly vs. this caliber of competition. **3 SPEED AND HEART**, 3-0-1-0 at a mile and an eighth, stretches out after closing to finish third behind Bandit Nailhead in their recent confrontation at a mile.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-5-3

NINTH RACE: THE TALLAHASSEE

3 SMOOTH AIR, who proved he could handle the turf when he won the \$100K Needles at Calder on Sept. 27th, returns to the grass in the first start since getting beat only 5 ¼ lengths, on the unfamiliar Pro-Ride surface at Santa Anita, in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic. He looks awful strong vs. Florida-breds. **13 JET PROPULSION**, the aptly named son of Double Honor, will use his abundance of speed to overcome the pitfalls associated with the tough outside post (13) when he goes for his third consecutive front running victory at the distance. **10 FEARLESS EAGLE** should be primed and ready to score after returning from a 8-month plus layoff to stalk the pace and get beat just a length by Jet Propulsion last out. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr. has Joe Bravo named to ride. **9 RUFF AND READY** is another who should offer more after returning from a 5-month plus vacation to finish fifth behind Jet Propulsion and Fearless Eagle last out. Trainer Todd Pletcher tabs Eibar Coa to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-13-10-9

TENTH RACE:

11 TRUSTING HEART is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after checking out of tight quarters on the backstretch when finishing second in his local debut vs. similar at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Stan Hough teams with Rene Douglas.

2 WHAT'S THE DEAL will be treated with Lasix after breaking slowly, rushing up to set the pace, and finishing second in his \$32,000 debut, despite the fact that he apparently bled. **12 TRUE ALLY** plummets on the maiden scale after making a 3-wide bid and fading in his local debut vs. \$70,000 types. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Cornelio Velasquez in the saddle again. **7 MYMAMADONTDANCE** is a son of Delaware Township debuting for red-hot leading trainer Ken McPeck, and that should be more than enough reason to add this first-time starter to your exotic tickets. The colt starts his campaign with Lasix and Kent Desormeaux added to the mix.

SELECTIONS: 11-2-12-7

BEST BET: RACE 9 - 3 SMOOTH AIR

LONG SHOT: RACE 7 - 8 - ROCKY ENGAGEMENT

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