

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

2 DISPERSE plunges to the \$15,000 level on the dirt after failing to fire when facing maiden special weight competition on the turf. Trainer Ian Wilkes readied her for this easier spot with a bullet half-mile gate work at Palm Meadows. **10 WALKERS BEACH** will be treated with Lasix after an eventful career debut vs. similar at 7 ½ furlongs in which she broke awkwardly, apparently bled, and still managed to finish third. **1 MACGRAEME** cuts back to 6 ½ furlongs, and departs from the rail, after dueling for the lead and giving it up at the 1/16th pole when finishing second vs. this caliber of competition at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Elliston Rolle has 10-pound apprentice Ares Campos handling the inside speed. **7 RED HOT BARONESS** tries bottom level competition after showing little when facing maiden special weight New York-breds in a pair of sprints last year. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Alan Garcia handling the \$110K daughter of Hook and Ladder.

SELECTIONS: 2-10-1-7

SECOND RACE:

11 MR. DR. PROFESSOR will face 'two-lifetime' claimers on the dirt after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish fourth vs. multiple winners in a mile and a sixteenth \$25,000 starter allowance on the turf. Leading trainer Ken McPeck, 31% with the turf-to-dirt move, has leading jock Kent Desormeaux handling the surface switch. **1 CLASSY ORIENTATION** is stepping up to the next logical level after edging away to defeat a pair of next-out local winners in a 'key' bottom level outing at the distance.

2 SCOTCHONTEROCKS moved to the Scott Lake barn via the claim after making a solid middle move and tiring vs. multiple winners in a \$16,000 claimer at the distance. The new connections tab Jermaine Bridgmohan to ride.

4 TWENTY FOR TEN is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after closing to be fourth vs. similar at a mile on Jan. 4th. Trainer Fred Warren lightens the load with 10-pound bug Ares Campos.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-2-4

THIRD RACE:

1 KING'S FLEET will try 6 ½ furlongs after dueling for the lead and finishing second at 5 ½ and 6 furlongs, respectively. Trainer Steve Standridge has Kent Desormeaux in the saddle. **4 BEER BOY** is stretching out an additional furlong after dueling through the stretch with King's Fleet and finishing a nose behind him last out. Trainer Dale Romans has

Rene Douglas handling the rematch. **11 STARSHIP SCOTT** is stretching out after breaking slowly and finishing fourth behind King's Fleet and Beer Boy in their recent meeting at 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Eibar Coa returning on the son of Running Stag. **7 MOM EXTRAORDINARY** drops \$10,000 on the maiden scale after finishing third and fourth in a pair of \$25,000 sprints at Calder during November.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-11-7

FOURTH RACE:

5 MY SWEET NATALIE, the only filly in the field, will try \$35,000 claimers in her 3-year-old debut after ending her sophomore campaign with back-to-back 5-furlong stakes victories at Calder. Trainer Wesley Ward, 26% with his turf sprinters, reunites the daughter of Bring The Heat with jockey Paco Lopez, who was aboard for both 2008 stakes victories. **10 PURELY BY CHANCE** is returning to the claiming ranks after showing a fondness for sprinting on the local sod when he finished second vs. entry-level allowance competition at the distance. **8 CLASH OF ARMS** moved to the Chad Brown barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after a hard-fought local score vs. \$40,000 claimers on the dirt in which he set the pace and held on to win by a head. Note that trainer Brown is 4 for 12 (33%) with his debut turf runners. **6 NOTECARD** is hoping to find a little more during crunch time after making a middle move and tiring to finish fifth behind Purely By Chance last out. Trainer Mike Trombetta tabs Julien Leparoux to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-10-8-6

FIFTH RACE:

2 LE GRAND CRU hasn't been seen since he repulsed all challengers to win his career debut in a 6-furlong maiden test here last March that stopped the timer in a swift 1:09 & 4. Trainer Allen Jerkens has Cornelio Velasquez atop the \$230K son of Dynaformer. **1 BIG RED HOPE**, a very impressive second sprinting here on the dirt on Jan. 11th, returns to the main track after recovering from a slow start to finish a fast closing third vs. similar at 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Eddie Broome has Edgar Prado handling the surface change. **6 HYRULE** is turning back to a sprint on the dirt after a stamina enhancing performance at a mile on the turf in which he dueled for the lead and tired. Trainer Bill Mott has Kent Desormeaux in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-6

SIXTH RACE:

7 STAGE STREAM is a son of Theatrical, out of the Cape Town mare Seaside Dream, debuting for the strong turf outfit of Christophe Clement. The beautifully bred colt starts his campaign with Lasix and Joe Bravo added to the mix.

2 FORTYNINEGEORGEST. makes his career turf debut after stalking the pace and finishing fourth in his useful career debut vs. similar at 6 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Wesley Ward, 25% with his debut turf runners, has Paco Lopez in the saddle. **8 DUBAI RAMBLER**, beaten 2 lengths on the Calder turf vs. maiden special weight competition on Nov. 30th, drops, and returns to the lawn, after finishing a distant third vs. \$50,000 maidens at a mile on the main track. **9 THE SILVER TUNE** is stretching out to a mile again after making a bid and finishing fourth vs. similar in a 5-furlong turf sprint at Calder. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has apprentice Jose Ortiz in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-8-9

SEVENTH RACE:

4 MOUNT WILTON drops to the \$6,250 level after following a strong second at the distance vs. \$14,000 claimers here on Jan. 22nd with a poor showing vs. \$16,000 claimers in his next start. Trainer Greg DiPrima has Cornelio Velasquez atop the winner of 3 of 14 races at the distance (14-3-2-2). **8 EARLY RELEASE** moved to the Pablo Andrade barn via the claim after responding to a drop in competition with a totally dominating victory, as the favorite, vs. this caliber of opposition at 7 furlongs. The new connections tab J M Camejo to ride. **12 BANDIT NAILHEAD**, a game winner at this distance on Jan. 18th, turns back after making a middle move and fading vs. similar at a mile and an eighth. Trainer George Handy teams with Carlos Marquez Jr. **9 ARMAMENT** is hoping to find just a little more after dueling throughout and getting nailed at the wire by Bandit Nailhead last out.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-12-9

EIGHTH RACE:

1 KIM'S DIXIE TUNE is cutting back to a mile after a solid local return vs. similar in which he closed strongly to come within a half-length of notching this condition at 9 furlongs. Note that there is enough speed in the race to compliment his patient running style. **11 YAROSLAV**, now in the Peter Walder barn, cuts back to a mile after dueling throughout and getting beat 1-1/4 lengths vs. similar at 9 furlongs. Trainer Walder, 31% with new tenants to his shedrow, keeps the status quo with John Velazquez in the saddle.

3 B B'S CONCORDE, 2 for 4 'in the money' at the distance, turns back after surrendering a late lead to finish third - a

neck behind Kim's Dixie Tune - at a mile and an eighth.

7 HABITUAL is hoping for a clean trip after following a third place finish at this distance with a troubled eighth place showing (steadied far turn) behind Kim's Dixie Tune and B B's Concorde at 9 panels.

SELECTIONS: 1-11-3-7

NINTH RACE:

11 STOMP drops into this high priced claimer after posing the best last-race Beyer (83) when yielding late to get beat three-quarters of a length vs. maiden special weight runners at 6 1/2 furlongs. John Velazquez rides. **3 JACOBY'S RUN** is hoping for a clean journey after encountering trouble on the backstretch (bumped hard) in what is turning out to be a monster 'key' race that has already produced three next-out winners, including very impressive sprinter Presto Change O. **4 ANSWER MAN** is stepping up the competition after stalking throughout and finishing second in his \$50,000 career debut at the distance. Trainer Stan Hough tabs Alan Garcia to ride. **9 B L'S WHO'S WHO** is stepping up with blinkers added after stalking 3-wide and finishing third in his \$50,000 career debut. Trainer Larry Pilotti, 2 for 3 (67%) with first-time blinkers, has Edgar Prado in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 11-3-4-9

BEST BET: RACE 2 - 11 MR. DR. PROFESSOR

LONG SHOT: RACE 8 - 5 THE RIVER MON

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