

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

2 CARNITA drops, and cuts back to a 1-turn mile on the dirt, after stalking the pace 3-wide and getting beat 2 ¼ lengths vs. \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Bruce Levine, 37% with the turf-to-dirt move, has Jose Lezcano handling the surface switch. **6 HICKORY GRAY** will face winners after responding to both a drop in competition, and a switch from the grass to the dirt, with a monster 15 ¼-length bottom level maiden victory at the distance.

1 RAINFALL MISS is stretching out to a mile after dueling for the lead and drawing clear to defeat \$15,000 maidens at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Angel Medina has Javier Santiago going for two in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-1

SECOND RACE:

4 WILD BLUE DREAMS drops to the \$10,000 level, and turns back to 5 ½ furlongs, after surrendering a late lead to finish second vs. \$20,000 'two-lifetime' types at three-quarters of a mile. **5 B L'S NOISE** is hoping to turn the tables on Wild Blue Dreams after setting the pace and tiring to finish fourth behind him in their recent clash at 6 furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder lightens the load for the rematch with 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos. **2 SATURN FIVE** will face winners at 5 ½ furlongs after stalking early and holding on late to defeat \$15,000 maidens at 7 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'good' track. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr., 24% with the 1 to 7-day turnaround, has Mario Madrid handling the colt's second start in 6 days.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-2

THIRD RACE:

3 UNTUTTABLE GAL drops to the \$6,250 level after finishing second, as the public choice, in consecutive outings at the \$10,000 level. Trainer Peter Walder reunites the mare with jockey Jose Lezcano. **1A DANCIN SAMBA**, part of a Scott Lake entry, will try to make it two in a row at the distance after finishing second and being placed first via a steward's decision. Apprentice Ares Campos is penciled in for the return assignment. **7 PAGO ISLAND** is hoping to find a little more for the stretch drive after finishing third behind similar in back-to-back starts at the distance. Trainer Steve DiMauro has journeyman Eduardo Nunez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 3-1A-7

FOURTH RACE:

8 THREETIMESA WONDER is stretching out to a mile after finishing second behind nemesis No Speed Limit in consecutive

sprints at this level. Trainer Bill Kaplan has Manny Aguilar atop the daughter of Three Wonders, who is bred to respond favorably to the distance. **3 MARGARET SMILE** is stepping up the competition after notching her second consecutive score at the distance, and third victory in a row, when she defeated \$16,000 starter allowance runners by four widening lengths.

5 AUTUMN ASH, who broke her maiden at this distance by 3 lengths, stretches out after rallying late to finish third behind Threetimesawonder in their March 14th clash at 7 furlongs. Trainer Steve DiMauro has Javier Santiago handling the stretchout. **9 SKIP AWAY BELLE** is hoping to parlay an additional furlong into a victory after finishing fourth behind Threetimesawonder and Autumn Ash last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-5-9

FIFTH RACE:

9 BIG BAD BLUE is dropping to the bottom of the maiden scale after rallying to finish third vs. \$30,000 types at a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Ken McPeck has E T Baird handling the stretchout to a mile and an eighth. **1 COVE STAR** gets some class relief after a couple of respectable performances vs. \$25,000 claimers at a mile. Trainer Barry Croft has Eduardo Nunez handling the stretchout to 9 furlongs. **7 MOGUL MAKER** is expected to show more in career start number two after breaking slowly and finishing fifth vs. similar at the distance. Trainer Bill Mott has Jermaine Bridgmohan in the saddle.

5 A T M MELODY, a troubled eighth (checked early & turn) vs. better in his previous race at the distance (March 4th), returns to the dirt after showing little vs. \$30,000 maidens on the grass.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-7-5

SIXTH RACE:

1 TIFFANY ROCK is stretching out to 7 furlongs after expending valuable energy when she broke through the gate prior to finishing second, as the favorite, vs. similar at 6 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **5 MAJESTIC WONDER** is turning back to seven-eighths after proving she could win at this level before she was disqualified and placed second for bumping a rival late. Trainer Herberto Toledo has Ariel Smith in the saddle again. **3 TICKLE ME TICK** is hoping for a clean trip after breaking awkwardly, rushing up to set the pace, and weakening to finish fourth behind disqualified winner Majestic Wonder.

6 LET'S GO OUT WEST is another hoping to find more gas for the stretch run after finishing fifth behind Majestic Wonder and Tickle Me Tick last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-3-6

SEVENTH RACE:

8 AERIN SHE LOVELY drops a notch on the claiming scale after responding to the addition of blinkers with an improved third place finish vs. \$30,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Steve Standridge has Jose Lezcano in the saddle.

10 ALIENS LAST STRIKE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after finishing second vs. similar at Tampa at 7 and 6 ½ furlongs, respectively. **2 OUR FLYING TREND** drops into the maiden claiming ranks in the first start since finishing fifth in a 'key' maiden special weight dash on the Presque Isle synthetic surface that produced a pair of next-out winners (Sept. 28th).

5 CODE LEGAL is a daughter of Omega Code debuting for the always-dangerous Joe Orseno barn. The sophomore shows 10 local workouts in preparation for the debut.

SELECTIONS: 8-10-2-5

EIGHTH RACE:

7 CHIHULYKEE drops \$10,000 on the claiming scale after rallying to finish a game second at the distance vs. \$35,000 claimers. Trainer Wesley Ward reunites the gelded son of Mr. Greeley with jockey E T Baird. **11 SILVER TIMBER** is another dropping a dime after ending his 2008 campaign with a third place finish vs. \$35,000 claimers at 6 furlongs on the Belmont turf. Trainer Linda Rice, 25% with her turf sprinters, has Carlos Marquez Jr. named to ride. **1 RUNNING WISH** gets in light with 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos after dueling for the lead and finishing second in his recent outing at this level and distance.

8 POSSETOTHEMAX is a late-striding type who can end up sitting an ideal second-flight trip behind what is sure to be a hotly contested pace. Note that the gelding beaten was only 3 lengths vs. similar last out, despite the fact he encountered early trouble (bumped start, and early).

SELECTIONS: 7-11-1-8

NINTH RACE: THE SKIP AWAY (G3)

7 NISTLE'S CRUNCH is stretching out to a mile & three-sixteenths after a useful return from a 4-month plus layoff in which he dueled early and drew clear to defeat It's Never to Late in a 2-horse race that was decimated by scratches when it was moved to a 'sloppy' main track. Trainer Ken McPeek has E T Baird at the controls. **2 FINALLYMADEIT**, who has given new meaning to the term hard-knocking campaigner, makes his sixth consecutive start vs. stakes competition after dueling throughout and finishing second in the 1-mile Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Handicap. **4 TOMCITO**, now in the Tom Albertrani barn, makes his first start since an interesting soph-

omore campaign in which he was a distant third to Big Brown in the Grade 1 Florida Derby, was the beaten favorite in the Grade 2 Lexington, and a troubled seventh (checked ½-mile pole) in the 'key' Grade 2 Peter Pan that included Japanese superstar Casino Drive, Postponed Stakes winner Mint Lane, and Unbridled Stakes winner Golden Spikes.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-4

TENTH RACE:

8 DR. SMARTY JACK, a well-meant second at this distance in his Jan. 28th career debut, turns back after encountering double-trouble (steadied 1st turn & stretch) and finishing fourth - beaten 2 ½ lengths as the favorite - at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Christophe Clement adds second-time Lasix, and first-time Jermaine Bridgmohan. **6 CALIMONCO**, the full brother to Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Sweet Catomine, makes his first start since threatening to break his maiden in consecutive outings on the New York turf circuit. Trainer Bill Mott has Manny Aguilar atop the regally bred son of Storm Cat. **10 DUCDUC** is turning back to a mile after stalking the pace and yielding late to finish third vs. similar in a stamina tweaking performance at 9 furlongs. **11 CAUSEWAY'S KIN** is a son of Giant's Causeway who showed a fondness for the local turf when he finished third behind Dr. Smarty Jack in their respective 1-mile career turf debuts. Trainer Bill Mott has E T Baird on this half of his uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 8-6-10-11

BEST BET: RACE 1 - 2 CARNITA

LONG SHOT: RACE 10 - 1 FOREST BELL

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