

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

2 MYSTERY PROSPECT will try \$16,000 starter allowance competition after defeating \$25-20,000 claimers in consecutive starts at a mile. Trainer Peter Walder has Javier Castellano named to ride. **1 NOTICE ME NOW** is stepping up the competition after stalking the action and finishing second vs. \$12,500 starter allowance competition at the distance. He should 'sit the trip' right behind the speed in the race, which includes **3 FIUMES**. The gelding, a 3-time winner at the meeting, will try for two in a row at the distance after breaking from the tough inside post, setting the pace, and holding off Notice Me Now to win it by a half-length. **5 STARSHIP DESTROYER**, who notched his second victory in only three tries at the distance (3-2-0-0) when he defeated \$10,000 claimers by a neck, shows a 3-furlong bullet at Calder in preparation for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3-5

SECOND RACE:

7 PIT ALLEY is turning back to a mile after coming within a neck of defeating this caliber of competition at a mile and a sixteenth on Feb. 13th, and following that with a third place finish vs. \$40,000 starter allowance competition at a mile and a sixteenth on March 14th. **9 EL WINDO** is facing winners after leading from start to finish to defeat \$80,000 maidens in his career turf debut at the distance. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Chris DeCarlo going for two in a row.

8 RISQUE moved to the Chad Brown barn via the claim after an impressive first-out turf victory vs. \$30,000 maidens in which he drew off, as the favorite, to score by 3-plus lengths. **3 PUT IT BACK TWENTY**, 3-1-1-0 on the turf, returns to the lawn after failing to show much vs. 'two-lifetime' state-bred allowance competition on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Larry Pilotti has Elvis Trujillo handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-8-3

THIRD RACE:

8 R B HAPPY FEET drops, turns back to a 1-turn mile on the dirt, and wears blinkers, after tracking the pace and giving way to finish sixth vs. \$27,500 maidens at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Bill White, 21% with the turf-to-dirt angle, has Paco Lopez in the saddle.

6 DIAMOND DANZIG is stretching out to a mile after racing greenly and finishing fourth in her needed 6-furlong career

debut vs. similar on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Ken McPeck, 24% with horses making their second start, has Manoel Cruz handling the stretchout. **1 BEDDA VICTORY** gets some need class relief after making a modest middle move and fading in a 'key' \$20,000 maiden test that produced next-out local winners Asiatic Pearl and Perfect Cup Of Tea. **2 SPLENDID STORM** drops to the bottom of the maiden scale after showing speed and retreating vs. \$30,000 types at 6 ½ furlongs (March 20th).

SELECTIONS: 8-6-1-2

FOURTH RACE:

6 TREKKIE beams down to a winning level after proving no match vs. entry-level allowance competition at 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Tom Schell lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Joseph Berrios in the saddle. **4 SMOOTH VALENTINE** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after closing to finish third vs. similar at 5 ½ and 6 furlongs, respectively. Trainer Bill White has 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos in the saddle. **9 TAKING OVER**, 3 for 3 'in the money' at the meeting (3-1-0-2), stretches out to 6 ½ furlongs to merit a top three call on the ticket.

8 SHREWD STIPULATION returns from the 6-month layoff after a pretty successful 2008 campaign vs. similar on the New York/New Jersey circuit. (12-3-3-2).

SELECTIONS: 6-4-9-8

FIFTH RACE:

9 DESERT FLIGHT drops to the \$15,000 level, and turns back to 5 furlongs, after disputing the pace and retreating to finish a distant fourth vs. \$25,000 types at seven-eighths of a mile. **7 UNHOLY NIGHT**, now in the Marty Wolfson barn, plummets to the \$15,000 level in the first start since showing speed and fading vs. \$75,000 maidens at 6 furlongs on the Belmont turf (Oct. 3rd). Trainer Wolfson, 41% with new tenants to his shedrow, always spots them where they can win. **4 SHE'S TRIPPING** is cutting back to five-eighths after stalking the action and fading to finish third behind repeat winner Yes I Am American at 6 furlongs, which was her first start since Dec. 23rd. **6 DARCU** is hoping to show more at 5 furlongs after dueling for the lead and tiring to finish fourth behind Yes I Am American and She's Tripping at 6 panels.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-4-6

SIXTH RACE:

10 IN DEBT JOANNE drops into this 'two-lifetime' claimer, and turns back to 5 ½ furlongs (4-1-2-0), after surrendering a 2 ½-length lead vs. multiple winners in a \$10,000 claimer at three-quarters of a mile. **11 LUCKY LIZA** drops into a competitive situation after showing speed and fading vs. multiple winners in a \$30,000 claiming event at the distance. Trainer Scott Lake tabs 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos to ride. **2 LAURA'S LUCK** drops, and turns back, after making a 3-wide bid and tiring to finish fifth behind repeat winner Yes I Am American in a \$15,000 'two-lifetime' claimer at 6 ½ furlongs. **5 MONAVISTA** drops a notch on the claiming scale after a ground saving trip produced a fifth place finish vs. \$15,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 10-11-2-5

SEVENTH RACE:

4 DYNASLEW, a beautifully bred daughter of Dynaformer, makes her first start since coming within a nose of winning a 'key' maiden special weight turf event at Saratoga (Aug 22nd) that produced three next-out winners, including repeat winner Dream Empress, who won the Grade 1 Alcibiades on Oct 3rd. **9 PROMULGATION** is turning back to a mile after a stamina enhancing local turf debut at 12 furlongs in which she was beaten only 3 ¼ lengths. Trainer Graham Motion has Eibar Coa in the saddle. **7 REGGAE ROSE** is Stronach Stables homebred daughter of Touch Gold debuting on the turf for trainer Brian Lynch after showing promise in a couple of local sprints on the dirt. Trainer Lynch, 3 for 6 (50%) with the dirt-to-turf angle, adds Lasix, and a bullet half-mile drill, for the surface switch. **3 AILBE** merits major consideration after dueling from start to finish and getting beat a nose at this level and distance on Feb. 14th. Note that trainer Mike Doyle has a positive ROI (\$2.47) with the 31-60 day layoff.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-7-3

EIGHTH RACE:

5 B R'S GIRL, a sharp entry-level allowance winner at this distance on Jan. 30th, returns to the main track after a ground saving trip produced a fifth place finish vs. 'two-other than' allowance types at a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Marty Wolfson, 24% with the grass-to-dirt move, has Javier Castellano in the saddle. **1 JASMINE GARDENS** makes her 4-year-old debut the first start since her 2-race win streak ended when she finished third in a 'key' overnight stake at Aqueduct (Dec. 12th) that produced a pair of next-

out winners. Trainer Tom Albertrani has Jose Lezcano handling the return. **3 CAMARA OCULTA**, another from trainer Marty Wolfson, who was a troubled fourth at the distance behind undefeated Grade 2 Rampart winner One Caroline on Jan. 15th, stretches out after a couple of 'in the money' sprint performances vs. allowance competition.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-3

NINTH RACE:

10 SLEWSMARTSTRIKE drops to the \$30,000 level after encountering early trouble (steadied) and finishing fifth in a 'key' \$80,000 test that produced three next-out winners. Trainer Marty Wolfson has Jermaine Bridgmohan in the saddle. **1 MUTIANYU**, a son of strong turf sire Lemon Drop Kid, debuts on the turf for trainer Ken McPeck with a series of useful workouts showing. The 3-year-old starts his campaign with Lasix and Manoel Cruz added. **8 SUITE ERNIE B**, another son of Lemon Drop Kid, makes his career turf debut for trainer Linda Rice the first start since finishing fourth in a pair of sprints at Belmont last May. Trainer Rice, 22% with the longer than 180-day layoff, has Javier Castellano named to ride. **2 GRAND BLACK JAK** will shift to the turf after finishing third vs. \$45,000 maidens in a race moved to a sealed 'sloppy' track. He's spotted perfectly for \$30-large.

SELECTIONS: 10-1-8-2

BEST BET: RACE 7 - 5 DYNASLEW

LONG SHOT: RACE 9 - 5 FOG ISLAND

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