

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

7 MYMISSJULIAC is dropping into this \$20,000 'two-lifetime' claimer after hitting the board in a trio of sprints at the \$35-30,000 level (2 on turf, 1 on dirt). Trainer David Fawkes has Eibar Coa atop the daughter of Tactical Cat.

1 SKIP THE DEPOSIT is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after stalking the pace and weakening late to finish third vs. similar opposition at three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Eddie Broome has Elvis Trujillo in the saddle. **2 BLUES SINGER** debuts locally after an interesting tour vs. better that started at Oaklawn Park last March and ended at Mountaineer on Dec. 15th. Ed Plesa Jr. takes over the training and tabs Paco Lopez to handle the former allowance runner.

3 TRIPPIN' EASY will race without blinkers after making a 3-wide bid and fading vs. similar at 7 furlongs. Trainer Anthony Pecoraro lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Joseph Berrios.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2-3

SECOND RACE:

9 FROLIC ON HOME drops a notch, and turns back a tad, after making what looked like a winning move and fading to finish third vs. \$20,000 maidens at a mile. Jose Lezcano rides for trainer Juan Arias. **5 DIRTY DURING** drops to the bottom of the maiden scale after stalking the action and weakening vs. \$25,000 types at 7 furlongs. **3 ANTICK GOLD** drops to the \$15,000 level, and turns back to 7 ½ furlongs, after rallying late to finish a distant third vs. \$22,500 maidens at a mile. **12 MOM EXTRAORDINARY**, now in the Aaron Rivera barn, stretches out an additional furlong after showing speed and faltering in a 'key' bottom level 6 ½-furlong dash that produced next-out local winners Skyebay and Bears General.

SELECTIONS: 9-5-3-12

THIRD RACE:

3 I'VE REPENTED was game in defeated when he rebounded from a troubled beginning (bumped after start) to come within a half-length of defeating \$10,000 claimers at the distance. **2 CRUZATTE** is hoping to bounce back after following a couple of solid performances vs. 'three-lifetime' competition with a stalk-and-fade sixth place finish behind I've Repented last out. **9 WARDYAN** returns to the conditioned claiming ranks after following a \$10,000 'three-life-

time' victory here on March 6th with a couple of fourth place finishes vs. hard-knocking starter allowance competition.

1 SHONE drops to the \$10,000 level for trainer Nick Zito after encountering trouble at the start in consecutive sprints vs. \$25,000 claimers. Jockey Paco Lopez will handle the stretchout to a mile.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-9-1

FOURTH RACE:

1 GIRL BAR and **1A MISS LULU BELLE** make their respected freshman debuts at 2 ½ furlongs, for trainer Wesley Ward, who has a 27% average with his 2-year-old runners. Note that Paco Lopez is named to ride both halves of the entry, so one may scratch. **7 JOYFUL JULY** is by a sire that produces first-time freshman winners at a healthy 20% rate. The daughter of Dance Master is debuting for trainer Phil Gleaves with Manoel Cruz in the saddle. **3 SHE IS GIBSON** is a daughter of Gibson Country, who is 5 for 25 (20%) with a limited sampling of his freshman first-time starters. Trainer Jocelyn McKathan lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Ares Campos. **8 BELLA MONETA** shows five workouts on the farm, which includes a 3-furlong bullet, in preparation for her 2 ½-furlong career debut. Trainer Greg DiPrima teams with journeyman jockey Jose Rivera II.

SELECTIONS: 1-1A-7-3-8

FIFTH RACE:

4 TRIQUETA, a sharp \$80,000 maiden winner on the local turf (Feb. 4th), returns to the grass after an eventful outing at a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track in which she stumbled at the start, set the pace, and weakened to finish fourth vs. entry-level allowance competition. Trainer Ken McPeck has Manoel Cruz handling the surface switch. **5 ENTERTAINING**, beaten a neck at this level on Feb. 14th, turns back to a mile after dueling for the lead and weakening vs. \$40,000 starter allowance competition at a mile and a sixteenth.

8 MOLLYSINTHECLOUDS is stepping up after becoming the only multiple turf winner in the field when she defeated \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimers with a late run (6-2-0-1).

1 MULTIPASS will face winners after responding to both the addition of blinkers, and a surface switch, with a \$30,000 maiden victory on the local sod.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-8-1

SIXTH RACE:

2 TWEEBIE is a \$190K son of Lion Heart who shows eight local works, including three straight blistering 5-furlong drills, in preparation for his career debut. Trainer Dale Capuano teams with jockey Javier Castellano. **9 BARGE**, a \$280K son of Forest Camp, shows back-to-back Palm Meadows bullets workouts in preparation for his career debut for trainer Todd Pletcher, who is in a battle for leading trainer with Ken McPeck, who conditions **4 KICKY TUNE**. The \$155K son of Songandaprayer signaled he liked the local surroundings when he shipped down from Palm Meadows and worked a bullet in the slop on the same day as stablemate and Swale Stakes winner This Ones For Phil. **5 PASHITO THE CHE** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after breaking slowly and finishing third in his 6-furlong career debut at the \$80,000 level. His past experience may be key in a race replete with first-time starters.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-4-5

SEVENTH RACE:

2 MACCARIB PASS is dropping into the \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimer after finishing a willing fourth behind next-out winner Cheeks Malone in a \$40,000 starter allowance at a mile. Trainer Chad Brown has Jose Lezcano in the saddle. **9 LIVINGSTON STREET** is hoping to get a clean trip after bumping at the start, and steadying in the stretch, when finishing sixth behind Cheeks Malone in a \$40,000 starter allowance on March 14th. Trainer Bill Kaplan has Paco Lopez in the saddle. **4 ABE IS HONEST** drops into this conditioned claimer after breaking outward and bumping at the start, prior to rallying to get beat 3 lengths vs. \$50,000 claimers at the distance. **7 BENGAL RIDGE** will move to the next logical level after holding on gamely to break his maiden vs. \$30,000 types at the distance. Trainer Dave Braddy has Javier Santiago named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-4-7

EIGHTH RACE:

4 DA TARA, the 2008 Grade 1 Belmont Stakes winner, is stretching out around 2-turns after a useful return from a 3-month freshening in which he recovered from a stumbling incident at the start to finish second at 7 furlongs. He's the obvious class in this spot. **5 DREAM MAESTRO**, 4 for 5 'in the money' at the distance, stretches out after closing to finish third behind a solid group of \$62,500 allowance

optional claimers at a mile. **2 B. B. BEST** is stretching out to 9 furlongs after following a \$40,000 claiming score here at a mile with a middle-move-and-fade sixth place finish vs. \$62,500 optional claimers, a race that included Dream Maestro.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-2

NINTH RACE:

3 VALISE is turning back to a mile and a sixteenth after making a 6-wide bid to finish third behind repeat winner, and impressive Grade 3 Appleton runner-up Artic Cry at 9 furlongs. Note that the gelding has never been beaten at the distance (2-2-0-0). **1 POLO ARGENTINA**, part of a Peachtree Stable entry, who was stakes-placed on the Belmont turf last July, drops into this \$35,000 'three-lifetime' claimer after finishing a troubled tenth (steadied far turn) vs. 'two-other-than' allowance runners here on Jan. 24th. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Chris DeCarlo at the controls.

8 HOLIDAY TRIP will try 'three-lifetime' types after rallying along the rail to finish third vs. multiple winners' last out. Trainer Stan Hough has Eibar Coa named to ride.

2 MADDY'S CROWD makes his first start since getting beat only 4 lengths in a 'key' 'two-other-than' allowance at Philadelphia Park that produced a pair of next-out winners.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-8-2

BEST BET: RACE 9 - 3 VALISE

LONG SHOT: RACE 7 - ANASHEED FLASH

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