

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS



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FIRST RACE:

4 HARD TOP will race for the \$17,500 tag, and carry 122 pounds again, after recovering from a slow start to defeat similar at 9 furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 22% with the 31-60 day freshening, has Chris DeCarlo in the saddle.

2 EASTERN SEABOARD is turning back to a mile after making what looked like a winning bid an settling for third vs. this level of opposition at a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has Jose Lezcano in the irons again.

3 SOMES SOUND, making the third start of his current for cycle, turns back to a mile after finishing fourth behind similar at a mile and sixteenth. Trainer Bill White has 5-pound apprentice Eddie Dominguez at the controls.

1 TRYING BRIAN makes his first start since he dueled for the lead and finished second vs. \$25,000 'three-lifetime' claimers on the Calder turf last June. Trainer Steve Standridge has Elvis Trujillo handling the first start in 10 months.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-3-1

SECOND RACE:

1 LIZARD, part of a Giuseppe Iadiseria entry, plunges to the \$5,000 level after facing tougher in New York in the three races after he defeated \$20,000 'two-lifetime' claimers here last Feb. 3rd. **6 RENICK CREEK** drops a notch on the claiming scale after posting the best last-race speed figure when finishing seventh vs. \$6,250 claimers here last out. **5 YOMBO MAUGERE** drops to the \$5,000 level after failing to earn a check in four local starts at the \$10,000 level. Trainer Rosemary Homeister has 7-pound apprentice J C Sanchez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-5

THIRD RACE:

6 POWDERED SUGAR is sifting back to the turf after a solid local return on a sealed 'good' track in which she set the pace and finished second. Trainer David Fawkes, 24% with the dirt-to-turf move, has Elvis Trujillo handling the surface switch. **8 DRESSED TO WIN**, third at the distance vs. \$50,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at Tampa on Feb. 8th, moved to the Chad Brown barn via the claim, and stretches out, after failing to show much when facing this caliber of competition in her Gulfstream turf debut at 5 furlongs. Trainer Brown, 21% with his turf runners, and 27% with the sprint-to-route angle, has leading jock Jose Lezcano in the saddle. **1 DATTS BABY SELINA** drops into this conditioned claimer after showing some late interest in a pair of entry-

level allowance races at 9 furlongs. Trainer Mark Hennig has Joe Bravo at the controls. **7 POETIC PRINCESS**, second at this level and distance, at 53-1, on Feb. 26th, returns to the lawn after finishing fourth behind Powdered Sugar in their recent outing on a 'wet' track.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-1-7

FOURTH RACE:

8 WOOD BE ME is hard to leave off the top of the ticket after stalking early and draw clear late to defeat \$10,000 'three-lifetime' claimers by almost 3 lengths. Trainer Mike Pino, 20% with horses winning consecutive races, has E T Baird going for two in a row. **3 MAMA'S WONDER BOY**, a 4-time winner, is hoping to get away from the gate in a timely fashion, after stumbling at the start, rushing up to set the pace, and weakening to finish third vs. \$10,000 conditioned claimers at the distance. Trainer Ferris Allen has Elvis Trujillo named on the gelded son of Three Wonders.

4 FORTY ZIP is dropping to the \$10,000 level after setting the pace and finishing a drifting third vs. \$16,000 claimers on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr. has Paco Lopez atop the 5-year-old. **5 REAFFIRMED**, the only 10-time winner in the field, gets some much needed class relief after getting beat a combined 30 lengths in both local starts vs. better. Trainer Peter Walder lightens the load with 7-pound bug Ares Campos.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-4-5

FIFTH RACE:

2 TRIQUETA, who broke her maiden on the turf here for an \$80,000 tag (Feb. 4th), has her claiming tag sliced in half after parlaying a 3-wide trip into a third place finish, as the favorite, vs. \$50,000 claimers at a mile last out. Trainer Ken McPeck has Manoel Cruz atop the daughter of Yankee Victor. **5 BESO DEL SUR** will face multiple winners after rallying 3-wide to come within three-quarters of a length of defeating \$35,000 'two-lifetime' claimers at the distance. It's Pletcher and DeCarlo. **4 SPEED NOTE** has trained sharply across town in preparation for the first start since failing to earn a check in a 'key' \$45,000 claimer that produced next-out local winners Princess Town and Fancy River. **7 ADEEDANDAPRAYER** should be a major part of the pace scenario when she stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth after using her speed to defeat \$25,000 maidens at 5 furlongs on a 'firm' Calder turf (Jan. 2nd).

SELECTIONS: 2-5-4-7

SIXTH RACE:

7 PROMO is turning back to 7 furlongs on the dirt after dueling for the lead and fading vs. \$27,500 maidens in a 2-turn mile on the turf. Trainer Joe Catanese has apprentice Ares Campos handling the combo turnback/surface switch.

1 DUBAI AFFAIR, second vs. this caliber of competition in his 6 ½-furlong debut, drops after showing early interest and fading vs. \$25,000 maidens at this 7-furlong distance.

9 ROVE'S BOY takes an immediate drop to the bottom with blinkers added after failing to show much in his maiden special weight debut at the distance (Feb. 14th). Leading jock Jose Lezcano handles the plunge. **3 ALLMANS** gets Lasix and blinkers after breaking slowly and failing to get involved in his 6 ½-furlong career debut vs. similar. The recent 5-furlong bullet workout indicates an improved performance is in the cards.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-9-3

SEVENTH RACE:

8 SANDI'S READY is hoping to live up to her name in the first start since she set the pace and yielding late to get beat 1 ½ lengths, at this level and distance, on Feb. 25th. Trainer Cam Gambolati has Paco Lopez returning on the daughter of More Than Ready. **7 MANY KISSES** is cutting back to a mile after rallying to finish third in a 'key' \$40,000 starter allowance at a mile and a sixteenth that produced three next-out winners, including local allowance winner Romin Robin. **3 ALBALI** is hoping to finally get a clean trip after following her first-out \$40,000 maiden victory with a troubled fourth place finish behind Many Kisses on March 13th (steadied twice), and a troubled sixth (blocked stretch) behind Romin Robin on April 8th. **5 CHICALELEE** makes her career turf debut for trainer Christophe Clement after rallying late, at first asking, to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a 'key' maiden special event moved from the turf to a wet-fast Tampa main track.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-3-5

EIGHTH RACE:

1A ENDYMION and **1 DISGUISE** are parts of a Peachtree Stable entry that merit serious attention. The former, trained by Christophe Clement, should be ready to notch this condition after returning a 5 ½-month layoff to set the pace and finish second at this level and distance to impressive winner Santana Six while the latter, trained by Todd Pletcher, stretches out after rallying on a sealed 'sloppy' track to break his maiden, at first asking, at three-quarters of a mile. **3 GLITTERMANS CARTEL** is facing winners after dueling from start-to-finish and holding sway to break his maiden at the distance in a swift 1:36 flat. Trainer Ken McPeck has Manoel Cruz in the saddle. **7 SINCERO** is turning back to a mile after a couple of strong performances at

9 furlongs in which he was third behind Grade 1 Florida Derby runner up Dunkirk in an entry-level allowance on Feb. 19th, and fifth behind Quality Road and Dunkirk in the Florida Derby on March 28th. **5 SAN VALENTINO** shows back-to-back bullet workouts in preparation for the first start since breaking his maiden here at 7 furlongs. Trainer Tom Albertrani has Javier Castellano going for two in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1A-1-3-7-5

NINTH RACE:

6 UNACCOUNTABLE drops to the \$50,000 level, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after finishing third in front of next-out local winners Excess Capital and Roman Silver in a fruitful maiden special weight event at a mile (Feb. 21st). Note that trainer Chad Brown is 22% with the 31-60 day freshening. **4 STRAIGHT THUNDER** is stepping up the competition after encountering double-trouble (steadied early, bumped stretch) and closing to get beat only a neck vs. \$30,000 maidens at a mile. **7 STROLL FOR ACURE** is dropping into this high priced claimer after getting beaten 3 ¾ lengths in his maiden special weight turf debut at a mile. Trainer Bill Mott has Manoel Cruz atop the son of Stroll.

5 HOMESTEAD STRIKE will tussle with \$50,000 types after setting the pace and weakening to finish sixth in a pair of almost identical performances vs. maiden special weight competition at the distance. He's a major speed play vs. this level of competition.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-7-5

BEST BET: RACE 9 - 6 UNACCOUNTABLE

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