



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 FOLLOWHISFOOTSTEPS moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, drops to the \$16,000 level, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 4th vs \$25,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs. The barn is 47% with new claims. **1 FLAGET BRAVES** is another getting some class relief after returning from the extended layoff to press the pace and fade vs \$50,000 maidens.

7 DEMPSEY, a \$65,000 son of Awesome Again, will try to deliver the knockout punch when he debuts for \$16,000 for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and 10-pound apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-7

RACE 2:

6 DIAMOND MINT will try and finally notch this 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' condition after finishing a close-up 3rd in 3 of 4 recent turf sprints at the distance. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Edgard Zayas trying to get the gelding out of 3rd gear.

7 DIAMOND MAJESTY, 2nd in front of Diamond Mint on the grass 2 starts back, goes back to the turf after finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 open-claimers going 5 panels on a wet-fast main track. **5 EARTH** renews the rivalry with the top two at the \$12,500 level after dueling with Diamond Mint early before fading to finish 4th.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-5

RACE 3:

8 TREV, a 10-time winner, who fits the conditions of his dated-claimer perfectly, make his first start since a couple of solid performances vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers before the layoff. Trainer Georgina Baxter is 26% with the 31-160 days layoff.

7 DOC KANE moved to the Elizabeth Dobles barn via the claim after tracking the pace and finishing 5th vs a salty group of \$12,500 conditioned claimers. The gelding's recent speed figures indicate he's fast enough to win here. **2 DUNK** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following the open-length victory at the distance 2 starts back with a slow starting 5th going 7 furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-2

RACE 4:

7 ROLLING BOBBY, a 3-year-old daughter of Shanghai Bobby, moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim after notching her 2nd victory when she defeated \$12,500 open-claimers going 7 furlongs. **5 BLUE MAGIC**, who was impressive breaking her maiden on the dirt 2 starts back, returns to the main track after chasing the pace and fading vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa, who claimed her 2 starts back, has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch.

1 PAPA'S GIRL moved to the Linda Rice barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, after tracking the action and finishing 4th behind Rolling Bobby last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-1

RACE 5:

4 POSITIVELY AWESOME, a son of Awesome of Course, and a half-brother to stakes winners Grand Shores, and \$1.8 million earn Jackson Bend, debuts for trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride. **2 GENGHIS** is a son of Brethren debuting for Arindel and trainer Juan Alvarado with a series of sharp workouts showing on the farm. The tote action should tell us more.

6 CAJUN CASANOVA is a son of win-early sire Cajun Breeze debuting for trainer Mike Yates, who had a stellar campaign with his freshman runners last spring and summer; Diego Gomez rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 6:

7 COTTON HOUSE is debuting locally on the turf for trainer Christophe Clement after knocking on the door, on both turf and dirt, when facing \$50,000 maidens at Aqueduct during November. The gelded son of Malibu Moon has Paco Lopez at the controls. **1 SHAHKAAR** is stepping up, turning back, and breaking from the rail, after setting the pace and getting caught late in a \$35,000 maiden race contested at 9 furlongs.

4 BLUESKY KITTEN, beaten a total of a length in back-to-back turf races at a mile, turns back after tracking the pace and finishing a half-length in front of Shahkaar in their recent clash at a mile and an eighth.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-4

RACE 7:

9 MISSION DRIVEN will try \$25,000 starter optional claimers at 7 ½ furlongs after posting his 3rd consecutive \$16,000 turf victory at a mile. The Jorge Navarro trainee has never tasted defeat on the GP turf. **7 CHIEF EXCHANGER** is turning back to one of his best distances (5-3-0-0) after stalking the pace throughout and finishing 2nd vs \$40,000 claimers going a mile and a sixteenth.

3 FLOWMOTION, a strong winner vs \$16,000 types 2 starts back, proved he could compete at this level when he stepped up off the claim by Jane Cibelli and finished 3rd going an 8 ½ furlongs last out; Feargal Lunch rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-3

RACE 8:

1 WORTH AVENUE is hoping to make amends after breaking slowly, getting mired in traffic in the upper stretch, and finishing 5th – as the favorite – vs a notch tougher last out. **7 RASHETTE** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd vs \$25,000 optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs last out.

Trainer Mike Yates has Paco Lopez handling the turnback. **3 SAMMIE SUNSHINE** is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after back-to-back 4th place finishes vs this caliber of competition.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-3

RACE 9:

1 SINGANDCRYINDUBAI is back in the optional claiming ranks after finishing 4th behind next-out Grade 2 Shakertown Stakes winner Imprimis last out, and recent Grade 1 Carter Handicap winner World of Trouble 2 starts back.

4 PURE SENSATION, a multiple graded stakes winner sprinting on the turf, makes his 8-year-old debut for trainer Christophe Clement in the first start setting the pace and weakening late to finish 3rd in the Belmont turf Sprint last October.

10 McERIN is making his first start since a monster \$25,000 optional claiming victory in which he drew clear to win by 5-plus lengths, and get a 105 Beyer figures for his effort. Trainer Jason Servis has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-10

RACE 10:

5 JUDGE KITTEN is a daughter of Kitten's Joy debuting for trainer Mike Maker in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Feargal Lynch at the helm.

7 PRINCESS GABY is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after responding in the first race after the claim by trainer Gustavo Amaya with a 2nd place finish vs this level of opposition going a mile.

10 UNCAPTURED ANGEL is dropping to the \$20,000 level after stalking the pace and weakening to finish 5th vs tougher at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Jalon Samuel handling the dropdown.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-10

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 5 JUDGE KITTEN

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 1 SINGANDCRYINDUBAI