



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 MARQUEE MOON appears ready to notch this '2-lifetime' condition after following the \$12,500 maiden score with a duel-and-weaken 3rd place finish last out. **10 HARDENED** is turning back to five-eighths of a mile after breaking towards the outside, tracking the pace, and finishing 5th going 7 ½ furlongs last out. **2 CRIMSON SPADE** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and finishing 2nd in front of Marquee Moon 2 starts back, and a fading 4th when facing similar last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-2

RACE 2:

3 TO DARE should be primed and ready to score after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 2nd behind hard-knocking nemesis Quenane in a \$10,000 optional claimer at the distance.

4 MOTOWN MAN is stretching out to a mile (2-1-0-0) after rallying to finish 4th when facing this level of competition going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Dave Kassen has strong finisher Miguel Vasquez handling the stretchout.

2 LITTLE SHACKLEFORD, the only 3-year-old in the field, is stretching out to a mile after following the bottom score going 7 furlongs with a late-running 3rd vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going three-quarters of a mile.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

RACE 3:

4 CATANA'S EDGE is dropping to the \$12,500 level after following the solid debut victory at the \$10,000 level with a slow starting 6th and last vs a seasoned group of \$16,000 optional claimers last out.

7 SCOTUSCARE drops, stretches out, and lures the services of jockey Emisael Jaramillo after showing speed and fading when facing better, on dirt and turf, going 5 furlongs. **6 TIME WILL TELL** is expected to show more after returning from the freshening to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 4th at this level and distance. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Tyler Gaffalione atop the 1-for-25 gelding.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-6

RACE 4:

1 GUNNEVERA, a winner of almost \$3 million dollars, is making his 4-year-old debut the first start since damaging his hoof when finishing 8th in the Grade 1 Dubai World Cup on March 31st.

4 ASTERISK is making his first start since crushing a field of \$16,000 optional claimers at this distance during June. Trainer Stanley Gold has Jeffrey Sanchez atop the Arindel homebred son of Mineshaft. **2 LEITONE**, the Chilean Champ, is making his North American debut for trainer Kathy Ritvo the first start since winning the Grade 1 El Derby at Valparaiso on February 4th. The son of Dunkirk gets Lasix and has Luca Panici in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-2

RACE 5:

2 R BABY DRIVER, now in the Georgina Baxter barn, the son of Overdriven is facing \$10,000 maidens on the dirt in the first outing since dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 5th vs \$12,500 types going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf; blinkers off for the return. **6 DON FAGER** is plummeting to this level after facing maiden special competition in back-to-back sprints on the main track. Trainer Michel Arrieta has Jilver Chamafi handling the swan dive through the maiden ranks.

5 SUB FACTUM is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs again after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-5

RACE 6:

2 RAHY MOMENTA is returning to the turf after a solid effort on the dirt in which she had to steady behind horses at the ¼-pole before splitting rivals in the stretch to finish 2nd last out. Trainer Alexis Cordero-Lopez has 10-pound bug Kevin Carmona atop this longshot play. **1 FUN AND GAMES**, no match for speedy repeat winner Fallen Leaf when breaking outward at the start and finishing 3rd on the turf 2 starts back, goes back to the grass after rallying to finish a 6-wide 3rd in a rained-out affair contested on the main track. **6 FLYING QUEEN** is hoping to finally notch the elusive 2nd career victory after ‘hitting the board’ in 4 consecutive races at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-6

RACE 7:

9 YAKUT is dropping to the \$6,250 level after her 2-race win streak ended when she hopped at the start, rushed to attend the pace, and tired to finish 4th vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers last out.

8 HIGH END LADY, a sharp ‘2-lifetime’ in winner at this 6 ½-furlong distance 2 starts back, albeit on a ‘good’ track, is stretching out after finishing 5th – as the favorite – behind a pair of next-out winners going three-quarters of a mile in her last.

3 LIZA STAR, who runs well fresh, is making her first start since finishing 2nd in a ‘3-lifetime’ claimer going 7 furlongs in the ‘slop’ in early January. Trainer Albino Rossi has Jorge Ruiz in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-8-3

RACE 8:

7 FIRST SPRING, listed as a gelding, is debuting locally for trainer Mark Casse after following his maiden special weight score with a chase-and-weaken 6th place finish vs entry-level allowance runners going a mile on the Churchill turf.

5 SALSA JACK is going back to the grass after his 2-race win streak on the turf ended when he finished a rallying 2nd in a race moved from the turf to a mile on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. Trainer Juan Arrigada has Samy Camacho atop the son of Two Step Salsa. **6 FAMOUS FACT** is back vs state-bred competition after stalking the pace and flattening out when finishing 5th in a \$20,000 starter-allowance going a mile last out. Trainer Juan Rizo has Miguel Vasquez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-6

RACE 9:

7 DARWISH will try to make it 3 victories in a row after returning from the layoff to defeat \$30,000 conditioned claimers by 3-plus widening lengths.

1 GRAN TOGOSHI is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following his \$25,000 maiden victory at the distance with a late-closing 3rd going 6 ½ furlongs in the ‘slop’ in his last.

3 ROYALTY SALVATORE is going back to the main track after stalking the action and finishing 4th vs similar quality going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface change.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-3

RACE 10:

9 GORBACHOV, listed a gelding, freefalls to the \$12,500 level after tracking the pace and finishing an even 4th in his \$50,000 debut at the distance.

4 WAR PIPE was solid in defeat when he turned back to this distance and finished 3rd last out. Trainer Monte Thomas has journeyman Eduard Nunez penciled in for the return riding assignment.

10 CREST OF EDEN is returning to the turf after finishing 3rd again (12-0-0-4) in a race moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on a ‘fast’ main track. Trainer Henry Collazo has Marcos Meneses in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-10

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 7 DARWISH

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 2 RAHY MOMENTA