



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 TIP SHEET is tumbling to the \$30,000 level on the turf after facing stakes caliber competition on the dirt since breaking his maiden for \$25,000 last July. Trainer Stanley Gold has go-to jock Jeffrey Sanchez in the saddle.

4 REMEMBER THE MAINE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the layoff with blinkers added and proceeding to finish 3rd vs similar quality going a mile; Jonathan Gonzales rides. **2 LITTLE TOE**, 2 for 6 'in the money' on the turf, is going back to the grass after following his \$35,000 maiden victory going 7 furlongs in the 'slop' with a troubled starting (fractious) 4th vs this level of opposition going a mile on a 'fast' track.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2

RACE 2:

5 TREATHERLIKESTAR is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown in competition by coming within a head of defeating this level of competition at three-quarters of a mile.

6 STELLAMATTUTINA will try to make it two in a row after responding to the addition of blinkers with a \$12,500 conditioned claiming victory at the distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes in the irons. **1 PURE BLISS** will depart from the rail, and turn back to 5 ½ furlongs, after setting a pressured pace and getting caught late and settling for 3rd behind the top choice.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-1

RACE 3:

5 MAJESTIC TOM is dropping to the \$10,000 level on the turf after his 2-race win streak, which includes a turf victory 3 starts back, ended when he dueled for the lead and faded to get beat double-digit lengths by red-hot 3-time winner Prince Tito in a \$25,000 optional claimer going 7 furlongs on a 'good' main track.

Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Romero Maragh named to ride. **2 MORE MIA** moved to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim, and tries \$10,000 open-claimers, after returning from the 5-month layoff to finish 5th vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. The 5-time turf winner at the distance is spotted for success. **4 GO GONE GONE** is dropping to this level after setting the pace and fading to finish 4th – as the favorite – vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia, who claimed him 2 starts back, tabs Tyler Gaffalione to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4

RACE 4:

3 SECRET PLEASURE will try to make amends after returning from the freshening to finish 2nd – as the odds-on choice – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Nik Juarez in the saddle. **7 LIGHT SHOW** is a daughter of Tale of the Cat debuting for trainer Armando De la Cerda with a string of consistent workouts showing over the stamina enhancing Gulfstream West training track. **6 R LUCKY DICE** is a daughter of Adios Charlie debuting for trainer Ralph Ziadie with Lasix and apprentice Romero Maragh named to ride. Check to the tote action for more clues about her readiness to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-6

RACE 5:

5 LA DUQUESA is dropping to the \$12,500 level after dueling for the lead and weakening to finish 5th in her 5-furlong turf debut at the \$20,000 level. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has apprentice Romero Maragh named to ride.

7 TRUE HEIRESS is eligible to show more after chasing the pace and finishing 5th in her career turf debut at this level and distance. **6 CLOUDY DAY**, 4 for 4 'in the money' on the turf, the 4-year-old comes off a workman-like 3rd place finish at this level and distance to merit a spot on the trifecta ticket.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 6:

5 GREGORY SUN is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after stepping up off the claim, chasing the pace, and fading to finish last when facing \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Jose Batista returning on the 2-time winner on the dirt. **4 FORCE** finds a perfect spot to score after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 5th – as the favorite – at this level and distance last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Miguel Vasquez in the saddle. **2 SMART RETURN** is another dropping to this level on the dirt after 12 consecutive races on the turf vs tougher competition. Trainer Peter Walder lightens the load with 7-pound apprentice Reylu Gutierrez.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-2

RACE 7:

1 REGAN'S ODYSSEY is turning back to a mile with blinkers added after returning to her favorite turf course (18-5-3-7), hopping at the start, and finishing a stalk-the-pace 3rd going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Nik Juarez handling this inside speed threat. **2 MI CUAIMA**, a game winner at this level and distance, is poised to bounce back after pressing the pace and fading to get beat double-digit lengths in her last start. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez readied her for this performance with a pair of solid half-mile workouts over the Palm Meadows training track.

10 TERI'S BIG HEART moved to the Lonnie Arterburn barn via the claim after rallying to finish 4th vs this level of competition going a mile. The 5-time turf winner has Shane Laviolette in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-10

RACE 8:

6 GIOIELLI is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after chasing the pace and finishing 2nd in her 6-furlong career debut for trainer Todd Pletcher, who is 34% with maidens making their 2nd start.

3 HIGH CANDY proved she could compete at this level when she followed her \$50,000 career debut with a duel-for-the-lead 2nd place finish vs state-bred special weight company going 6 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. **5 COUNTRY QUEEN** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finishing 3rd behind Gioielli in their respective 6-furlong debuts.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5

RACE 9:

1 BOGULATOR, a well-meant 2nd at this level on the Aqueduct turf when she was claimed by Danny Gargan, is going back to the grass after finishing 3rd when facing maiden special weight competition in her local return here going a mile on a 'good' main track. **9 LA DEFENDER** was impressive in her 7 ½-furlong debut when she recovered from a stumbling incident at the start to finish 3rd vs state-bred special weight competition going 7 ½ furlongs on a 'firm' turf.

6 SLEWYS CHOSEN ONE, 5 for 6 'in the money' on the turf, is shifting back to the grass after shipping in from Tampa for trainer John Vinson to show speed and come up empty when finishing 7th behind Bogulator on the dirt last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-6

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 1 BOGULATOR

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – REAGAN'S ODYSSEY