



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

11 RUN BLONDIE RUN is stretching out to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish a 4-wide 2nd – beaten a half-length – going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Paco Lopez handling the added distance. **7 SCAT GAL** is debuting locally at the \$16,000 level in the first start since opening and surrendering a 2-length leading when fading to finish 7th in a \$40,000 ‘2-lifetime’ claimer going 7 furlongs on a yielding Belmont turf. Trainer Mike Stidham has the daughter of Scat Daddy firing bullets in preparation for her Gulfstream West unveiling.

1 WINNING GAME will depart from the rail again after encountering trouble at the 1/8th-pole (lacked room) when finishing 3rd behind Run Blondie Run.

SELECTIONS: 11-7-1

RACE 2:

4 MY PEOPLE SING is hoping to make amends after returning from the layoff, stumbling at the start, and finishing a distant 3rd – as the favorite – in a \$20,000 maiden sprint at the distance.

7 GRAN PARAISO is dropping to the \$16,000 level on the main track in the first start since pressing the pace and fading to finish 5th vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile on the turf. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch. **1 GEM JUAN** is dropping a notch after rallying to finish a distant 2nd behind much-the-best winner Leaky Cup in a \$20,000 maiden test at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-1

RACE 3:

3 GOLDEN ALINA moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and steps up to the next level, after posting her 2nd consecutive open-length victory when defeating \$8,000 ‘2-lifetime’ claimers by 8 lengths.

5 DERBY DAY DARLING is stepping it up to face ‘non-winners of 3-lifetime’ runners after responding in her local return with a front running score vs \$10,000 ‘2-lifetime’ foes. Trainer Kathleen O’Connell has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **7 NOTHINS FREE** is dropping into a competitive spot after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-7

RACE 4:

2 REAGAN’S HEART, beaten only a half-length on the turf at this level and distance during August, is shifting back to the grass, and dropping to the \$35,000 level, after an eventful start vs \$50,000 state-bred maidens on the dirt in which he broke outward, and had to be coaxed back into the field before finishing a distant 5th going 5 ½ furlongs here last out. Trainer Rory Miller has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **8 R BOY BODE**, listed as a gelding, is debuting on the lawn in the first start since chasing the pace and fading to finish 4th vs \$50,000 state-bred runners on the dirt. The son of Kantharos is bred to handle the surface switch. **3 MONEY COME** is dropping in the selling ranks after fading to finish 7th in his local debut vs state-bred maiden special weight runners. The son of Adios Charlie should love the grass.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-3

RACE 5:

7 BRAG DUDE is shifting to the main track after breaking from Post 10, dueling for the lead, and weakening to finish 5th in a \$16,000 maiden test on the turf just 7 days ago. He looks like a major piece of the pace puzzle. **4 MISCHIEF KID** is a son of Duke of Mischief debuting in a race where a first-time starter may be the way to go. Trainer Pedro Castillo adds Lasix, and has Carlos Montalvo named to ride.



2 LA LEYENDA may have finally found the spot where he can improve on the trio of 3rd place finishes at this level and distance; Romero Maragh rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-2

RACE 6:

1 PERFORMANCE BONUS is debuting locally for trainer Jason Servis in the first start since finishing 3rd vs \$8,000 open-claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Monmouth turf. Trainer Servis, 28% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Nik Juarez named to ride. **7 REMEMBER THE MAINE** is wheeling back at the same level and distance after responding in the first start after the claim by trainer Juan Carlos Abarrio with a neck defeat last out. **2 DON'T OVERLOOK** was given some time off after a solid turf campaign across town, which includes the game victory at this level and distance. Trainer David Fawkes has Jeffrey Sanchez atop the son of Quality Road.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-2

RACE 7:

4 XIROMA moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and cuts back to 6 ½ furlongs, after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going seven-eighths of a mile. The drop to the \$10,000 level looks like a winning move. **6 DUKE OF MIAMI** is another plying his trade at the \$10,000 level after encountering trouble in the stretch (steadied) when finishing 3rd behind Xiroma at the \$16,000 level. **3 FRENCH ACCENT** is stepping up to face winners in the first start since drawing clear – as the favorite – to crush a field of \$16,000 maidens going a mile at Gulfstream on May 3rd. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Samy Camacho atop this interesting proposition.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-3

RACE 8:

6 FIRST TIME PROUD, a very impressive winner when shaking off major traffic problems to defeat \$35,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs on September 6th, is turning back after stalking the pace and fading in the mile and a sixteenth \$400,000 Susan's Girl Division of the Sire Stakes. Trainer Dave Braddy has Miguel Vasquez handling turnback. **4 MIDTOWN ROSE**, 2nd behind First Time Proud on the dirt 2 starts back, is going back to the main track after tracking the pace but proving no match for Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Bulletin in the 5-furlong \$82,000 Hollywood Beach going 5 furlongs on the turf. **7 MRS. CREWS** is turning back to a sprint distance after her 2-race win streak sprinting on the dirt ended when she faded in the mile and a sixteenth Susan's Girl.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-7

RACE 9:

4 CONISTON is turning back to a mile after losing a protracted stretch duel with 7-to-5 favorite Remember the Main when finishing 2nd – beaten a head – going a mile and a sixteenth last out. Leading trainer Marcus Vitali has Paco in the saddle again. **8 VICTOR LOUNGE** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after shipping in after the maiden score at Belmont to finish 3rd – as the favorite – in a \$30,000 conditioned claimer at this 1-mile distance. Trainer Danny Gargan tabs leading jock Edgard Zayas to ride as Paco sticks with Coniston. **12 PUT THE HAT BACK** is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying to finish 2nd – as the tepid favorite – in an \$8,000 '2-lifetime' claimer contested at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Sarah Nagle, 6-2-1-2 at the meeting, has Jonathan Gonzales handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-12

BEST BET: RACE 9 - 4 CONISTON

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 1 PERFORMANCE BONUS