



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**9 LOVELY JULZ** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and facing the boys again, after setting the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – in her \$50,000 debut at the distance. **7 MONEY RIDE**, a son of Candy Ride, is shifting to the turf after chasing the pace and finishing a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> going 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. Trainer Mike Lerman adds Lasix, and leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

**1 BOLT**, a half-brother to G1 winner Bustin Stones, drops into the maiden claiming ranks after chasing the pace and fading in his special weight debut on the main track. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 9-7-1**

## RACE 2:

**7 FLAT OUT FLYING**, the only 4-time winner in the field, tries \$10,000 conditioned claimers in the first race since drawing clear to defeat \$6,250 types going a 1-turn mile. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has apprentice Cristian Torres handling the turnback in distance. **2 SI ES GOYA** is cutting back to a sprint distance after notching his 3<sup>rd</sup> career victory when he led throughout to defeat \$6,250 claimers going a mile as the 3-to-5 favorite.

**6 VENEZUELAN WARRIOR** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after rallying late to defeat \$6,250 conditioned claimers going three-quarters of a mile. The sophomore should be closing best of all.

**SELECTIONS: 7-2-6**

## RACE 3:

**6 HIRE THE LADY** moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and shifts back to the grass, after disputing the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a rained-out affair going 5 furlongs in the slop. Trainer D'Angelo, 7 for 18 (39%) at the meeting, has Samy Camacho handling the surface switch. **5 JOPHIEL** is dropping back to this level, and debuting on the turf, after following her 2<sup>nd</sup> place vs \$12,500 maidens in the slop, with a chase-and-fade outing vs \$20,000 maidens going 6 furlongs on a fast surface.

**4 SIERRA LOVE**, who has turned finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> into an art form, will return from the layoff, and go back to the turf, in the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a pair of main track sprints during June.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-4**

## RACE 4:

**3 SEPTEMBERTEN** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after responding to the addition of blinkers by showing improved speed when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar going a mile in race moved from the turf to the main track. Trainer Angel Medina has Jose Batista handling the gelding on September 13.

**7 GRAND UNION** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the 3-month plus layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$40,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs in the slop. Trainer Juan Avila has Edgard Zayas back atop the son of Street Boss. **8 GUMP** is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks on the dirt again after failing to fire when facing maiden special weight runners going around 2-turns on the turf. Note the Arindel homebred gelding is 4 for 7 'in the money' on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-8**

**RACE 5:**

**1 DIAMOND MAJESTY** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale in the first race since breaking from a demanding outside post (11) and closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind next-out winner Sleeping Giant in a \$12,500 turf sprint on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trainer Patrick Biancone has the gelding working sharply at Palm Meadows.

**3 OUR INDEPENDENCE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level after returning from California to finish a duel-for-the-lead 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Hector Berrios atop the logical choice. **7 STURGEON** was reeled into the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim after following a 'come-from-behind' victory 2 races back with a late-running 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck last out; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

**SELECTIONS: 1-3-7**

**RACE 6:**

**6 TRAELEE** is a \$90,000 son of Lea debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher off a series 11 workouts showing at Monmouth Park. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

**4 DISC JOCKEY** is a son of Bodemeister debuting for trainer Mike Maker with 12 local workouts showing in preparation for the debut. The colt gets Lasix, and has Reylu Gutierrez in the saddle.

**1 CAPTAIN FLINT** is a gelded son of Big Drama debuting for trainer David Fawkes with Lasix, and Samy Camacho named to handle the inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 6-4-1**

**RACE 7:**

**6 SUGAR BOLT**, 5 for 5 in the money sprinting on the turf, albeit with only 1 victory (5-1-2-2), should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – vs similar quality last out. **8 AVOCADO TOAST** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and returns locally, after breaking from Post 12, dueling for the lead, and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$30,000 '2-lifetime' foes going 5 ½ furlongs on the Saratoga turf.

**4 TRACY ANN'S LEGACY**, a consistent daughter of Shackleford, who is 4-2-0-2 sprinting on the GP turf, is hoping to show more on a 'firm' course after dueling for the lead and weakening late to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Sugar Bolt on a softened surface last out.

**SELECTIONS: 6-8-4**

**RACE 8:**

**8 QUIJOTE** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after the useful return the 4-month plus layoff in which he finished 4<sup>th</sup> – as the favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs in the slop. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Reylu Gutierrez atop the Grade 3 stakes-placed gelding. **5 SOLDOLLIE** is cutting back to 6 furlongs with that always-dangerous commodity on his side – Speed! Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Tony Maragh rationing the gelding's glib early tactics.

**7 SANTIAMEN**, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, should be able to carve out a 'key' stalking trip behind the speed, especially if Three Rules can recapture his past form.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-7**

**RACE 9:**

**6 ETE INDIEN** is an \$80,000 son of Summer Front debuting for trainer Patrick Biancone with Lasix, and a sharp morning work tab showing at Palm Meadows. The freshman is bred to love the turf.

**2 PARLAY PETE** is turning back to 5 furlongs, and debuting on the turf, after opening and surrendering a 2-length lead when finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs state-bred maiden special weight competition going three-quarters of a mile on a fast-main track.

**10 DEO FORTE** is stepping up to face special weight competition again after responding to the dropdown with a well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$50,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Barry Croft has Edgard Zayas handling the outside post (10).

**SELECTIONS: 6-2-10**

**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 8 QUIJOTE**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 6 ETE INDIEN**