



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**8 BURLY BOY** is dropping to the \$40,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish a well-meant 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the favorite – vs special weight competition going a mile.

**5 RAGS FOR BRITCHES** is another dropping, and stretching out, after returning from the layoff to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of Burly Boy when they hooked up at a mile last out. The rematch should be fun to watch and wager on. **3 UNLIMITED DATA** moved to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and makes his first start since making a move and flattening out when 6<sup>th</sup> vs \$40,000 maidens during June. Note the barn is 7 for 17 (47%) with recent claims.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-3**

## RACE 2:

**5 DURLYN** moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim after posting her 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive victory at the distance when she shook clear to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers last out.

**1 AMALUNA**, an 11-time winner at the distance, drops into a competitive spot after failing to fire when finishing a distant 6<sup>th</sup> in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Sheer Drama last out. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Marcos Meneses handling the mare's 80<sup>th</sup> career start. **4 SLINGIN SAMMY B** moved to the John Vinson barn after the claim, and looks to get back to her winning ways, after her 2-race win streak ended when she finished 2<sup>nd</sup> vs \$6,250 conditioned claimers last out.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-4**

## RACE 3:

**4 STRAND DE ORO** is returning to the turf, and stretching out to a mile, after showing speed, on both turf and dirt, in a series of sprints vs this caliber of competition. The daughter of Treasure Beach should be running and gunning as soon as the spring the gate latch. **3 QUEEN FIELD** is heading back to the turf hoping the surface switch sparks a wakeup call. Trainer Antonio Sano has leading jock Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Constitution. **11 FRERET**, who ran well sprinting on the grass 2 starts back, returns to the turf after breaking poorly and never getting untracked when finishing a well-beaten 4<sup>th</sup> going 7 furlongs on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-11**

## RACE 4:

**4 LIZA STAR** is turning back to a distance where she's never tasted defeat (2-2-0-0) after posting her 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory when defeating \$16,000 optional claimers going 6 furlongs last out. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vasquez returning on the consistent mare.

**2 PRINCESS LATINA**, no slouch in the win department either, turns back to 5 ½ furlongs after notching her 4<sup>th</sup> victory in her last 5 races when defeating this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. **5 NIKKI BELLA** is shortening up to this distance after vying for the lead and settling for 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Princess Latina going 6 panels last out.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-5**

## RACE 5:

**9 PINK** moved to the Oscar Gonzalez barn, and drops to the \$16,000 level, in the first race since 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 sprints at the \$25,000 level. The barn, 25% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Edgard Zayas named to ride.



**7 LITTLE BIT GOOD** is hoping to be a lot better when she drops to this level, and adds blinkers, after breaking from the outside (Post 11) and finishing a late-running 4<sup>th</sup> in her \$25,000 career debut contested at 5 ½ furlongs. **4 SHADDAY** has her claiming tag carved in half after bumping at the start and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in her \$35,000 career debut; Leonel Reyes rides for trainer Juan Rodriguez.

**SELECTIONS: 9-7-4**

**RACE 6:**

**8 STORMY NELLY** is hoping to stretch her speed to the wire after setting the pace and just getting caught late when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at this level and distance last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Leonel Reyes rationing her speed.

**6 SHIFTY SHE** is expected to take a positive step forward after tracking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Stormy Nelly in her career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Gone Astray. **7 SHE FLED THE SCENE** is stepping up, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after stalking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$40,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. The beaten favorite in 4 consecutive maiden claimers has Jairo Rendon trying to cure the chalk burning status.

**SELECTIONS: 8-6-7**

**RACE 7:**

**1 AWESOME ACTION** is stretching out to three-quarter of a mile again after following his debut victory at the distance with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas returning on the lightly raced son of Awesome of Course.

**7 R MERCEDES BOY** will try to make it 2 in a row after tracking the pace and drawing clear to defeat \$35,000 conditioned claimers – as the favorite – with a perfectly timed ride by Reylu Gutierrez.

**4 ALLUSTRA** is hoping to bounce back on a fast track after following a trio of consistent outings with a chase-and fade 6<sup>th</sup> behind the top 2 when they hooked up going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' surface. Trainer Terri Pompay has Leonel Reyes in the irons.

**SELECTIONS: 1-7-4**

**RACE 8:**

**1 CREATIVE AWARD** moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and turns back to a sprint distance with blinkers added, after tracking the pace and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs similar quality going a mile. The new connections tab Paco Lopez to ride. **9 SELECT FRIDAY** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after returning from the almost 10-month layoff to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs state-bred allowance competition going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Manny Cruz returning on the daughter of Kantharos. **2 GREY MANNERS** is stepping up to face winners after an auspicious North American debut in which she crushed a field of \$12,500 maidens in the slop. Trainer Efren Loza Jr has Albin Jimenez returning on the New York-bred from Mexico City.

**SELECTIONS: 1-9-2**

**RACE 9:**

**1 HENRY'S WORLD** will depart from the rail after the promising debut in the slop in which he vied for the lead and finished a distant 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell, 21% with maidens making their 2<sup>nd</sup> start, readied the son of Soldat for this outing with a solid 5-furlong drill at GP West.

**8 SMASH** is making his first start since the pair of \$50,000 sprints during May, which includes the 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish going 5 furlongs. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Emisael Jaramillo handling the stretchout to 6 furlongs. **4 MR IMPRESSIVE** is stretching out after returning from the layoff to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> when blinkers were added vs \$50,000 state-bred maidens going 4 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-4**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 1 AWESOME ACTION**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 4 STRAND DE ORO**