



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 MRS. MAISEL moved to the Terri Pompay barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after following her promising debut vs special weight debut on the grass with a duel-for-the-lead 2nd – as the odds-on choice – going 5 furlongs on the main track. **2 GOLDEN NOLE** is wheeling back after encountering trouble on the turn (steadied, lost action) when finishing a distant 4th in her turf debut at this level and distance. **1 MYSTICAL CHARGE** is dropping to the \$50,000 level after responding to the addition of blinkers with a distant 2nd place finish vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Juan Avila has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-1

RACE 2:

7 BIRD OF PEACE was solid in defeat when she dueled throughout and finished 2nd – beaten a neck at this level and distance. Trainer Elizabeth Dobles has Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Discreetly Mine. **2 LIL B QUICK** will be outfitted with blinkers after following a commanding victory vs \$6,250 ‘2-lifetime’ claimers 2 starts back with a distant 6th place finish vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers last out. **6 LISA MILA**, still eligible for her ‘non-winners of 2-lifetime’ condition, skips a couple of conditions after threatening to defeat ‘2-lifetime’ foes 8 consecutive races. Leading trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-6

RACE 3:

5 CULTIVATION is stretching out to 7 ½ furlongs after showing some late interest when finishing 3rd and 4th, respectively, in a pair vs similar quality going 5 furlongs on the turf.

2 SWEET BLOSSOM, the beaten favorite at this level in 3 consecutive races, gets the services of jockey Jairo Rendon trying to remedy the chalk burning status. **8 PANAMOKA** is a daughter of Wrote debuting for trainer Rohan Crichton with Lasix, and Paco Lopez named to ride. The tote action should tell is more about her chances to win at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-8

RACE 4:

3 FOLLOW THE RIVER is a daughter of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Ron Spatz with Lasix, and apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride. Trainer Spatz, 24% with his debut maiden claimers, has the freshman working consistently over the track. **5 ANGELIC KNUGGET** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive at the \$12,500 level after vying for the lead and weakening to finish 4th when facing \$10,000 maidens at the distance last out. Trainer Angel Quiroz keeps it light with 7-pound apprentice Gaddiel Martinez in the saddle. **7 LA TRES JOLIE** is a daughter of Birdstone debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with Lasix, and leading jockey Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-7

RACE 5:

5 DIAMOND MINT, a sharp late-closing winner at this level 2 starts back, is hoping for a clean trip after encountering traffic, and having to alter course, when finishing 2nd – beaten a length last out. Trainer Monica McGoey has Jairo Rendon in the saddle again.

7 STURGEON moved to the Angel Quiroz barn via the claim after following the 2nd place finish behind Diamond Mint 2-starts back with a dominating front running score at this level and distance last out. The new connections tab Jesus Rios to ride. **6 OUR INDEPENDENCE** is making the 3rd start back from the layoff looking to rebound from the troubled (checked) 3rd behind Sturgeon when they hooked up last out. Trainer Bob Hess Jr has Hector Berrios named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-6

RACE 6:

5 ROCK YOU, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, turns back to 6 furlongs looking to sit the 'trip' behind the abundance of speed in the field. Trainer Efren Loza Jr has Jesus Rios atop the 3-time winner at the distance (7-3-3-0). **6 HARRYHEE** is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after doing what Harryhee does when he set the pace and defeated similar going 5 ½ furlongs last out. **4 I'M CARDINAL** is dropping to this level after drawing clear to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers in a race moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. The hard-knocking 9-year-old, who is an 11-time winner on a fast-main track, should be running as soon as they spring the gate latch.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-4

RACE 7:

9 VERDICT IS IN is stretching out to a mile after the promising turf debut in which he rallied to finish 2nd going 5 furlongs. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez guiding the gelded son of Lea. **7 THE DOER** will get the blinkers removed after setting the pace and weakening in the stretch when facing similar in the one race with the blinkers added. Trainer Barry Croft has Jonathan Gonzales rationing the gelding's speed. **3 FRIO** is another removing the blinkers after the failed attempt with the shades added in which he broke from the outside (Post 12), tracked the early pace, and faded from his earlier efforts.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-3

RACE 8:

8 MS HEADLEY, who was impressive breaking her maiden at first asking at Churchill, drops into this starter optional claimer in the first start since prompting the pace and fading in the \$100,000-plus Astoria at Belmont during June. Trainer Wesley Ward, 20% with the 61-180 days layoff, has the daughter of The Big Beast working well at Palm Meadows. **2 MARCHING IN** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs with Lasix added after returning from the layoff to set the pace and finish 2nd vs this caliber of competition going three-quarters of a mile. **7 SUSIE ITS YOU** will step up to face winners after drawing clear to win her \$25,000 career debut by 4 ½ lengths. Trainer Rohan Crichton has J J Gonzales returning on the daughter of Tizway.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-7

RACE 9:

3 I TURN A NIGHT UP is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after a pair of solid performances at a mile in which he followed his \$40,000 maiden victory with a set-the-pace 2nd – in front of a trio of next-out winners – in a 'key' \$50,000 starter optional claimer last out. **9 SOUPER JAGUAR** will race without the blinkers after the glib performance with the shades added in which he set the pace and got nailed at the wire when finishing 2nd vs state-bred allowance runners going 7 ½ furlongs. **1 BLASPHEMY** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish 2nd going a mile vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers last out. The son of Anthony's Cross, trained by Bob Hess Jr, should sit the 'trip' behind the speed.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-1

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 3 I TURN A NIGHT UP

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 5 ROCK YOU