



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 Fafa Foey will depart from the rail after a sharp local debut at this level and distance in which he was beaten only a half-length; Luis Saez rides for Sid Attard. **8 LAST JUDGEMENT** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile for trainer Todd Pletcher after breaking slowly, being rushed into contention, and finishing 4th in his 7-furlong career debut. **4 OHANZEE** is expected to show more for trainer Jane Cibelli after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd behind Fafa Foey last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-4

RACE 2:

2 DASH OF DAZZLE, claimed in 10 of his last 12 races, the popular gelding wheels back for new trainer Danny Gargan after the 4-race win streak ended when he broke poorly in his last start. The new connections tab Luis Saez to ride. **4 EXCLUSIVE ZIP** moved to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim, and cuts back to 6 furlongs, after posting his 3rd consecutive victory when defeating similar at seven-eighths of a mile.

5 NORTHERN will try to make it 3 in a row after returning from the freshening to win impressively at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-5

RACE 3:

6 ANGELIA is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth for trainer Todd Pletcher after making a move for the lead before settling for 2nd behind impressive repeat winner Queen of Beas going 7 furlongs; John Velazquez rides. **3 ALASAAYIL** is shifting back to the main track for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin after showing some early interest and weakening to finish 5th in what should be a perfect setup for the surface switch.

2 MALIBU RAINBOW is hoping to keep a straight course thru the lane after finishing 2nd at the distance before she was disqualified and placed 4th for drifting in the stretch.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-2

RACE 4:

6 MIJA BELLA is a logical choice in this wide-open affair after making a 5-wide move to finish 2nd at this level and distance last out. **5 SUNNY SONATA** is stepping up to the next level after returning from the extended layoff to defeat \$12,500 maidens going 7 furlongs. Trainer Michael Matz has Luis Saez going for 2 in a row. **1 HANNAH CATHERINE** is stretching out to a mile after returning from the 3-month layoff to finish a stalk-and-weaken 3rd at 6 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 5:

1 BLUE JEAN KITTEN, a daughter of Kitten's Joy, makes her sophomore debut the first start since coming within a neck of exiting the maiden ranks when finishing 2nd on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Danny Gargan has Luis Saez handling the inside draw.

7 PIECE BY PEACE is a \$280,000 daughter of Declaration of War debuting for trainer Chad Brown with Lasix, and Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride.

8 WEEKEND MADNESS will be treated with Lasix after a promising career debut for trainer Christophe Clement in which she finished 4th. The daughter of Include has Tyler Gaffalione at the helm.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-8

RACE 6: THE SUWANNEE RIVER (G3)

4 RYMSKA (FR) is making her first start back for trainer Chad Brown after following her impressive victory in the Grade 3 Athenia at Belmont with a late-closing 6th in the Grade 1 Matriarch at Delmar in December. The multiple grade 3 winner has Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. **2 SPECIAL EVENT** is making her first start since she rallied to finish 3rd behind a pair of next-out stakes' winners in the 'key' Grade 3 My Charmer here on December 15. Trainer Shug McGaughey has John Velazquez named to ride. **5 VALEDICTORIAN** is stretching out to 9 furlongs after a couple of well-meant outings at a mile and a sixteenth in which she 2nd in the Claiming Crown Tiara, and 3rd last out in the Grade 3 Marshua's River.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-5

RACE 7:

5 DRILL DOWN DUDE is a son of Drill debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The colt gets Lasix, and has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **2 OH DANNY BEAR** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after shipping in from Woodbine for trainer Mike DePaulo to finish a distant 3rd going a mile. **1 WATCH YOUR STEP** is cutting back to a sprint distance after showing speed and fading late in 4 consecutive races going a 1-turn mile.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-1**RACE 8:**

9 DYNATOWN is stretching out to a mile after shipping in for trainer Mark Casse and rallying late to finish 2nd – beaten a neck – going 5 furlongs. The daughter of Speightstown has the breeding, and the speed, needed to clear from the outside post and score going 2-turns. **2 REAGAN'S ODYSSEY** moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim after a solid effort at this level and distance in which she dueled throughout and finished 2nd. **5 HERA** is eligible to show more after debuting locally for trainer John Kimmel and finishing a stalk-and-tire 7th at this level and distance; Luis Saez rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-5**RACE 9:**

9 CAN'T BY ME LOVE, a daughter of War Front, comes off the impressive debut in which she rallied to wide to finish 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length at this level and distance. Trainer Graham Motion has Nik Juarez in the saddle. **4 CLAUSE** is a Juddmonte Farms homebred daughter of Speightstown debuting for trainer Chad Brown with Lasix and a solid morning work tab showing at Payson Park; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **10 AMANDREA** is hoping to get out of 3rd gear after surrendering a brief lead when finishing 3rd behind Can't By Me Love last out; Emisael Jaramillo rides for trainer Mike Maker.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-10**RACE 10:**

3 GLOBAL CAMPAIGN is a \$250,000 son of Curlin, and a half-brother to Grade 1 winner Bolt d'Oro, is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after the head-swirling 7-furlong debut in which he drew clear to win by almost 6 lengths.

1 AWESOME D J, now in the Jimmy Jerkens barn, the Stronach Stables homebred son of Awesome Again makes his first start since winning his career debut at Laurel, despite the fact he was loose prerace.

7 OUTSHINE, a \$625,000 son of Malibu Moon, is stretching out around 2 turns with blinkers added in the first start since finishing 5th in the 5 ½-furlong Tremont, a race that has produced 4 next-out winners from 5 starters in which 3 were stakes' winners.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7**RACE 11: THE EL PRADO**

5 MR CUB is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs in the first start since he prompted the pace and finished 2nd to Bricks and Mortar, who won the Pegasus World Cup Turf in his next start. **8 HEMBREE**, a Grade 2 winner sprinting on the turf, who is 6 for 7 'in the money' at the distance, stretches out after ending his campaign up north with a 4th place finish – beaten 2 lengths – in the Turf Sprint Championship at Aqueduct. **12 UNCLE B** is cutting back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs, and departing from a tough post, after following his victory in the mile and a sixteenth Claiming Crown Emerald with another solid victory going a mile vs \$25,000 optional claimers last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-12**RACE 12:**

6 MODERN MUSE, a daughter of Sky Mesa, is debuting on the turf with blinkers added after finishing a troubled 7th (steadied) behind a trio of next-out winners on the main track, which included impressive repeat winner Queen of Beas. The sophomore, bred on both sides of the family tree to love the turf, is firing bullets for trainer Troy Wismer. **12 SILVER KITTEN** is expected to take another step forward after returning from the layoff with blinkers added and finishing 3rd at this level and distance. Trainer Danny Gargan has Luis Saez handling the outside post. **1 CAFÉ AMERICANO** is a \$625,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro debuting for Eclipse winning trainer Chad Brown with Lasix, and Irad Ortiz Jr. named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 6-12-1**BEST BET: RACE 8 – 9 DYNATOWN****LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 6 MODERN MUSE**