



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 EQUITY is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after coming within a head of notching this condition when closing to finish 3rd here going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Jose Pinchin has Jose Batista atop the son of High Cotton. **7 THE MESS** is hoping to make amends after following his \$10,000 maiden victory with an unfortunate outing at this level and distance in which the jock lost his irons as the favorite last out. Trainer Armando De la Cerda tabs Carlos Montalvo to ride as Jose Batista sticks with the top choice. **3 D. SHIFFLETT** is hoping to finally notch this elusive condition after finishing 2nd in back-to-back races here on sealed 'sloppy' tracks. The 1-for-26 son of Valid Expectations has Darryll Holland in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-3

RACE 2: THE JUVENILE FILLIES SPRINT

2 STARSHIP BONITA is turning back to a sprint distance after following her victory in the 7-furlong Susan's Girl Division of the Sire Stakes with a neck victory in the \$400,000 mile and a sixteenth My Dear Girl Division in her last start. **1 SILVER BAY** is stretching out an additional furlong after the impressive debut performance going five-eighths of a mile in which she drew off to win by 5 ½ lengths. Trainer Bill Hickey has Tyler Gaffalione atop the daughter of Currency Swap (High Cotton). **3 WEEKEND MISCHIEF** shows a couple of stamina enhancing 5-furlong workouts in preparation for the first start she broke her maiden vs state-bred maiden special weight competition on July 15th. Trainer Stanley Gold is 22% with the 61-180 days layoff.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3

RACE 3: THE TURF PREVIEW

7 GALLEON MAST is stretching out to one of his best distances (4-3-0-1) after notching his 3rd consecutive stakes victory when he won the 1-mile \$75,000 Mr Steele across town. **6 ENTERPRISING**, who won the Turf Preview here last year, is back vs state-bred competition after facing Graded Stakes competition in three consecutive races, which includes the 4th place finish – beaten less than a length – in the Grade 1 Arlington Million. **3 CHARLIE MOPS** is stepping up the competition with the great equalizer on his side – speed! The hard-knocking 6-year-old will be playing catch me if you can.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-3

RACE 4: THE JUVENILE SPRINT

3 WILDCAT'S LEGACY is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after head-swirling debut in which he drew off to break his maiden at first asking by 7-plus lengths. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas returning on the son of Wildcat Heir. **2 Highborn** is cutting back to a sprint distance after finishing a distant 4th to nemesis Soutache in the \$400,000 mile and a sixteenth In Reality Division of the Sire Stakes. Trainer Jose Pinchin has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback in distance.

4 REED CAN will be tested for class after using his speed to spring a 55-1 upset when breaking his maiden last out, and getting a 77 Beyer speed figure for his effort. Trainer Phil Combest has Carlos Montalvo atop the son of Kantharos.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 5: THE JUVENILE TURF

5 FLYING LIBERTY is sitting on a winning performance after following his maiden victory on the Gulfstream turf with a 3rd place finish -as the favorite – in his local turf debut at the distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the gelded son of High Cotton. **3 THE X** is debuting locally after setting the pace and fading to finish 6th when facing '2-lifetime' allowance competition going a mile on the Keeneland turf. Trainer Ben Colebrook has Tyler Gaffalione atop the son of Soldat (War Front). **1 NAUTI BUOY** is stretching out to a mile, and racing without the blinkers, after stalking the pace and fading to finish 5th behind repeat stakes winner Therapist in the 6-furlong \$100,000 Laurel Futurity last out. Trainer Lilli Kurtinecz has Edgard Zayas atop this inside speed threat.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-1

RACE 6: THE SPRINT PREVIEW

1 SPLASH RULES is turning back to three-quarters of a mile (9-3-2-0) after posting his 2nd consecutive stakes victory when he won the 7-furlong \$50,000 Alabama Jacks Handicap with his patented stalk-and-close move. Trainer John Vinson has Tyler Gaffalione going for three in a row. **6 SUNSHINE N SHADOWS** was given some time off after posting back-to-back sprint victories vs optional claiming competition during August and September. Trainer Stanley Gold has the son of Wildcat Heir training consistently for the return.



4 QUIJOTE is making his first start since following his victory vs state-bred runners in the \$100,000 Big Drama during May with a stalk-and-weaken outing in the Grade 3 Smile Sprint Handicap on July 1st. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has the gelding firing bullets over the track in preparation for the return.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-4

RACE 7:

5 ACCOLADE is dropping to the \$20,000 level after showing early interest and fading to finish 6th – on turf and dirt - vs New York state-bred runners going a mile at Belmont. Trainer Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione named on the \$150,000 son of Pioneerofthe Nile. **2 HE'S A LEADER** moves to an inside post (2) after breaking from an outside slot (Post 10), stalking early, taking the lead, and getting nailed late when finishing 2nd to 'much the best' repeat winner King Angelus at this level and distance.

9 CROWN OF GOLD, 3rd on the turf behind King Angelus and He's a Leader 2 starts back, is returning to the turf after rallying to finish 2nd in a race moved from 7 ½ on the grass to 7 furlongs on a sealed wet-fast track last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-9

RACE 8: THE MILLIONS DISTAFF

7 MAMA JOYCE is turning back to 7 furlongs in the first start since posting back-to-back victories at a mile, which includes the 4-length score in the \$50,000 Sea of Grass last out. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Tyler Gaffalione handling the turnback. **5 SWEET KHALEESI**, a consistent Arindel homebred daughter of Maimonides, is making her first start since using her tactical speed to win the 6-furlong \$50,000 Sugarloaf Key Handicap on August 26th. Trainer Stanley Gold has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **10 MONEY OR LOVE** is debuting locally in the first start since rallying to finish 2nd behind graded stakes winning Curlin's Approval in the \$50,000 Barely Even Handicap across town. Note that she's a solid 7-2-1-1 at this 7-furlong distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-10

RACE 9: THE JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

7 HOMEMADE SALSA is making her first start on the turf after following her debut maiden score on August 4th with a 2nd place finish behind classy Blonde Bomber in the \$75,000 Our Dear Peggy, which was moved from the turf to a mile on a 'fast' main track. Trainer Mike Maker, 20% with the dirt-to-turf angle, has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle.

2 ANABELLA QUEEN, a daughter of Wildcat Heir, who used her tactical speed to break her maiden at this distance on the turf, is going back to the lawn after setting a pressured early pace and fading to finish 3rd behind Blonde Bomber and Homemade Salsa in the Our Dear Peggy. **10 GIFT OF GLORY**, 4 for 4 'in the money' on the turf, is going back to the grass with the perfect 'come-from-behind' style needed to sit behind the solid early pace scenario expected.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-10

RACE 10: THE CLASSIC PREVIEW

7 MR. JORDAN, a perfect 3 for 3 on this surface, which includes a victory in this race last year, returns after ending his campaign up north with a wide last-place finish in the \$150,000 Pennsylvania Derby. Trainer Eddie Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the gelded son of Kantharos. **2 ZIPPING**, who was impressive winning on a sealed 'sloppy' track here 2 starts back, is returning to the main track after hopping at the start and failing to get untracked when getting beat double-digit lengths on the turf in the \$75,000 Showing Up last out.

5 RICHARD THE GREAT is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth for the first time, and returning to South Florida, after failing to fire in the 6-furlong Grade 2 Phoenix at Keeneland. He's a major player vs state-bred competition.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-5

RACE 11:

6 GEAR JAMMER moved to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim, and drops to the \$8,000 level, after returning from the 2-month layoff to finish 4th in a \$12,500 open-claimer going a mile here last out. His biggest challenge will surely come from speedy

7 WEEZA GONE GRAY. The latter is dropping back to the level where he won here 2 starts back, after setting the pace and fading to finish 3rd behind rejuvenated Rizwan in a \$12,500 claimer at this 7 ½-furlong distance. Trainer Javier Negrete has Edgard Zayas rationing his speed again. **11 ALBERT CHARLES** will break from an outside post (11) with the ideal stalk/close style needed to capitalize on what should be a hotly contested early pace.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-11

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 7 MAMA JOYCE

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 6 UNSTABLENTHMORNIN