



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

6 GONE FISHING is dropping to the \$6,250 level on the main track after back-to-back 4th place finishes vs better sprinting on the grass. The gelding clearly does his best work on the dirt (4-1-1-2).

10 PEGASALL is stepping up to face winners after dueling throughout and edging away late to defeat \$10,000 maidens her last out. Trainer Terri Pompay is 20% winning consecutive races. **5 SPINTALK** is dropping to this level in the first start since tracking the pace and fading to finish 5th behind repeat winner Game Day Drama in a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimer going 5 ½ furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-10-5

RACE 2:

3 COUNTRY SINGER is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after the promising debut going three-quarters of a mile in which he pressed the pace and finished 4th. Trainer Ralph Nicks has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls.

5 UNBEKNOWNST TO ME is a \$180,000 son of Fed Biz, and a half-brother to multiple Grade 2 stakes-placed runner Take Charge Paula, debuting for trainer Dane Kobiskie with a series of solid workouts showing. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

4 FOREVER MO, a \$140,000 son of Uncle Mo, is stretching out after a useful 5-furlong debut in which he vied for the lead and flattened out to finish 4th. Trainer Antonio Sano has Samy Camacho in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-4

RACE 3:

5 BIG CLUE gets the tepid nod in this evenly matched field after tracking the pace along the inside before angling out to finish 2nd going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Samy Camacho penciled in for the return riding assignment. **9 ECCENTRIC WARFARE** is looking to get back to the winner's circle after his 2-race win streak ended when he set the pace and faded late to finish 4th in his local debut at this level and distance.

Trainer Mike Maker has Antonio Gallardo named on the lightly raced son of Data Link. **6 THIS LAND** is hoping to make amends after tracking the pace and weakening to finish 3rd - as the favorite - behind Big Clue last out. Trainer Juan Arriagada has Hector Berrios at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-6

RACE 4:

3 SHE NAILED IT is turning back to 6 furlongs after dueling for the lead and getting nailed at the wire when beaten a head - as the favorite - when going a 2-turn mile here last out. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa is strong with the route-to-sprint move.

9 MARIEALENA is dropping to the \$6,250 level after returning from the 4-month layoff to chase the pace and fade when tussling with \$16,000 conditioned claimers. Trainer Leon Minott has Jonathan Gonzales atop the daughter of High Cotton.

1 MONOGAMY is looking to mix it up early in the first start since using her speed to win 2 of 5 races on the dirt before the layoff, including the \$12,500 maiden victory here in 2016. Trainer Dane Kobiskie has Roberto Alvarado Jr handling this inside speed threat.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-1

RACE 5:

9 LUMUMBA is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and racing without the blinkers, in the first start since showing speed and fading when facing \$20,000 maidens at Gulfstream during August. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vasquez atop the son of First Dude. **7 WHITE SOCK WOLF** is dropping to the bottom on the dirt after returning from the approximate 7-month layoff to stalk the pace and fade vs \$16,000 maidens going a 2-turn mile on the turf. **3 NATION U S A** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs hoping the added distance helps him finally notch the elusive maiden victory (32-0-3-6). I have him penciled in for another minor award.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-3



RACE 6: THE CELLARS SHIRAZ

7 SISTER SUNDAY is turning back to a mile after returning from the layoff to use her speed to defeat entry-level allowance runners going a mile and a sixteenth on a softened Belmont turf listed as 'good'. Trainer Christophe Clement has Antonio Gallardo atop the lightly raced daughter of Denman.

2 GO NONI GO is looking to flaunt her class at a mile in the first start since disputing the pace and fading behind repeat graded stakes winner Rushing Fall in the 9-furlong Grade 2 Lake Placid, which was contested on a bog-like soft turf at the Spa.

10 DARK ARTIST, who defeated older horses when she returned from a layoff at Gulfstream in April, is making her first start since encountering traffic and finishing 4th in the Grade 3 Pucker Up at Arlington. The daughter of Paynter should sit the 'trip' behind the speed.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-10

RACE 7:

1 SHE READ MY TEXTS is departing from the rail after breaking from an outside post (10), dueling to get the lead, and then yielding late to finish 3rd vs \$7,500 claimers going 6 furlongs on the Keeneland main track. Trainer Dane Kobiskie has Emisael Jaramillo atop the speedy gelding.

6 DASH OF DAZZLE, who has been claimed more times than my watch at the Pawn Shop, moves to the Peter Walder barn after edging away to win at this level and distance here last out.

2 SHACKLEFORDS STORM, now in the Rodolfo Garcia barn, the gelding stretches out after finishing 2nd and being placed first when getting bumped in the stretch going 5 ½ furlongs here last out; Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-2

RACE 8: THE SHOWING UP

11 RENAISSANCE FROLIC will try to make it two in a row after returning from the layoff to win the \$75,000 Bear's Den with a game late rally. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the stakes quality speed in this field. **1 GIDU**, a son of Frankel, who is Grade 3 stakes-placed at a mile, stretches out in the first start since prompting the pace and tiring to finish a distant 5th in the 6-furlong Belmont Turf Sprint. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Antonio Gallardo atop the probable pacesetter.

6 APOSTLE is making his turf debut the first start since posting back-to-back victories going a mile on the dirt. The \$900,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro is bred on both sides of the family tree to respond favorably to the grass.

SELECTIONS: 11-1-6

RACE 9:

9 EKHLAAS is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after surrendering a late 2-length lead to finish 2nd in an \$8,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance.

4 SHIM has been knocking on the door in consecutive races at this level and distance, and just needs a push from Lady Luck to get his picture taken. Trainer Larry Pilotti tabs Emisael Jaramillo to ride as Samy Camacho sticks with the top choice.

11 IN HIS IMAGE is moving to the main track after setting the pace and fading late – as the favorite – in a trio of 5-furlong turf sprints. The gelding is a previous winner on the dirt, albeit on a wet track listed as 'good'.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-11

RACE 10:

9 DILUTEM is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs after shipping in from Delaware and coming within a nose of defeating this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Baltazar Galvan has Antonio Gallardo in the irons. **1 WICKED BOY**, now in the Antonio Sano barn, takes a suspicious drop to the \$8,000 level in the first start since fading to finish 5th behind Gunnevera's workmate Cometin in a \$50,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream during January. **2 HE'S A LEADER** is dropping a notch after following the \$12,500 maiden score with a stalk-and-fade 6th place finish vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers.

SELECTIONS: 9-1-2

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 7 SISTER SUNDAY

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 11 RENAISSANCE FROLIC