



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

10 ECCENTRIC WARFARE is debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker after using his tactical speed to post back-to-back victories on the Indiana Downs turf. The son of Data Link looks like the controlling speed, and should be tough to collar. **8 SUMMER SPICE** is stretching out to his most accomplished distance (12-2-2-3), and drops a notch, after rallying late to finish 4th in a \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimer going a mile across town. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas handling the added real estate. **5 SMART RETURN**, a previous winner at a mile and a sixteenth, stretches out after rallying from 'off the pace' to finish in a dead heat for 3rd going a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 10-8-5

RACE 2:

6 K K'S REVOLVER will race with the blinkers off after setting the pace and getting outkicked at the wire when beaten three-quarters of a length vs similar opposition going a 1-turn mile in the 'slop'. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa, 5 for 11 (45%) with the blinkers off angle, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **7 OCTOPYTHIUS** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after opening and relinquishing a mid-race 3 ½-length lead when finishing 2nd going a 1-turn mile across town. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez keeps it light with 7-pound bug Kevin Carmona in the irons. **3 BONUS CARD**, who does his best running from well off the pace, can end up sitting a 'key' trip behind what should be a solid early pace.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-3

RACE 3:

7 DASH OF DAZZLE, claimed in 5 of his last 6 races, cuts back to three-quarters of a mile after drawing clear to defeat this level of competition at 7 furlongs. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa, an unworldly 47% with new claims, has go-to jock Emisael Jaramillo named on the popular gelding. **2 MASTER RORY** is stepping up to face open competition after notching both his 2 & 3-lifetime conditions – as the favorite – for trainer Oscar Gonzalez. He's the 'now' horse.

8 JERSEY STREET should be able to carve out another stalking trip behind the speed, and just needs a little racing luck to improve on the 4th place finish in his last.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-8

RACE 4:

3 SNAKE EYED GIRL is dropping to the \$25,000 level after finishing a promising 3rd vs state-bred \$50,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs in the slop. Trainer Aubrey Maragh keeps it in the family with apprentice Romero Maragh in the saddle. **8 BLUE SKY VENEZUELA**, a daughter of Sky Mesa, is dropping to this level on the main track, and racing without the blinkers, after responding to a dropdown in competition with an improved 4th place finish vs \$35,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Alexis Delgado has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

9 ENOUGHANDTHENSOME is stretching out an additional furlong after rallying to finish a useful 3rd in her 5-furlong career debut. Trainer Henry Collazo has Orayne Sewell in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-9

RACE 5:

8 AFFLUENTIAL a strong 3rd behind repeat stakes winner Archer Road and Kikinboy in the 12-furlong \$60,000 Copingaway during July, is stretching out after his late runs have come up short going 9 and 8 ½ furlongs, respectively, in his previous pair on the turf. The gelding should get the pace needed to spring the upset for trainer Lilli Kurtinecz and jockey Emisael Jaramillo. **1 GIVE TO U. K. CATS** is heading to uncharted territory when stretching out to a mile and a half after using his speed to post back-to-back turf victories going shorter. The gelding breaks from the rail with a front running victory in his plans.

9 UNBRIDLED HOLIDAY is stretching out to 12 furlongs for the first time after a game outing going a mile and an eighth last out. The son of Harlan's Holiday is bred to handle the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-9



RACE 6:

7 OUTRUN is turning back to 6 furlongs after following his 16-length maiden victory going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track with a set-the-pace-and-weaken 3rd going a 1-turn mile across town. **1 BULLROARER** is stepping up to the next level after cruising away to wallop a field of \$10,000 maidens – as the favorite – by 8 ½ lengths. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **6 GLOBAL HERO** is turning back to a sprint distance looking to sit in the catbird seat behind what should be some honest fractions up front. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has Jose Batista in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-6

RACE 7:

6 HOT AND HEAVY, a game 2nd vs \$10,000 claimers during July, drops into a winning spot after returning from the layoff to stalk the pace and weaken – as the lukewarm favorite – in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer. Trainer Rodolfo Garcia has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the gelding. **3 BINGO KITTEN** should be primed and ready to offer more at the \$8,000 level after returning from the layoff to finish 2nd in a \$10,000 claimer at the distance. Trainer Armando de la Cerda has Miguel Vasquez atop the 8-year-old son of Kitten's Joy. **8 ESCAPE VELOCITY** will try to make it 2 in a row after posting his 2nd victory in his last 3 starts when he defeated this caliber of opposition in a \$10,000 claimer at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-8

RACE 8:

10 WONDER IN is a \$180,000 gelded son of Uncaptured debuting for trainer Jonathan Thomas with a string of consistent workouts showing at Bridlewood Farm. The freshman breaks from the outside with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride.

6 LIAM LETS GO is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, and returning to the maiden special weight ranks, after stalking the pace and finishing 3rd – as the 3-to-5 favorite – when facing \$50,000 state-bred maidens last out. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Jonathan Gonzales named on the son of He's Had Enough.

5 RESTART is a son of Mineshaft debuting for trainer Oscar Gonzalez with a series of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows, which includes the recent 5-furlong bullet drill from the gate; Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 10-6-5

RACE 9:

8 PACO ENSACO is dropping to the \$8,000 level in the first start since dueling for the lead and tiring when facing \$16,000 conditioned claimers at Gulfstream on July 4th. The gelding should be able to flaunt his speed vs this caliber of competition. **5 PUT THE HAT BACK** is back in South Florida after shipping to Suffolk Downs to track the pace and finish 3rd in a \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimer going a mile on a 'firm' course. Trainer Sarah Nagle spots the stalker perfectly for his return to the Sunshine State. **2 COCO IS LOCO**, trained by Lilli Kurtinecz, who also conditions Paco Ensaco, drops the son of Macho Uno into a proper spot after following the 2nd place finish vs this caliber of opposition 2 starts back with a 6th place finish vs \$10,000 starter allowance competition going 6 ½ furlongs on the Kentucky Downs turf.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2

RACE 10:

4 PEGASALL, beaten a neck at this distance when returning from a lengthy 19-month layoff 2 starts back, shortens up after chasing the pace and finishing 4th when trying 6 furlongs in his Gulfstream finale at the \$10,000 level. Trainer Terri Pompay has Jonathan Gonzales atop the lightly raced son of Fusaichi Pegasus. **8 SWEET TEA JACK** has his claiming tag sliced in half after following a 4th place finish in his \$12,500 debut on the turf with a troubled (tight quarters) 5th vs \$20,000 maidens on the Gulfstream main track. **2 NATION U S A** has rallied to finish 3rd in 3 consecutive races vs similar quality, and the zero-for-30 maiden seems poised to grab another piece of the trifecta or superfecta.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-2

BEST BET: RACE 1 – 10 ECCENTRIC WARFARE

LONGSHOT: RACE 5: 8 AFFUENTIAL

