



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

9 REORGANIZE is returning to the turf after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs on a good main track. Trainer Dave Braddy tabs Reylu Gutierrez named to ride. **2 SLICK STAR** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and going back to the grass, after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and fade when finishing a distant 3rd vs \$20,000 maidens going 5 panels on a good track. **7 FRITZEN** is plunging to this level, and going back to the turf, after facing maiden special weight competition on the dirt with inconsistent results.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-7

RACE 2:

7 WELLY, now in the Peter Walder barn, the daughter of Street Sense makes her first start since finishing 2nd vs similar quality going a mile & 70 yards on the Delaware main track. **2 COUNTRY STRONG** is a candidate for a rebound performance after following the 2nd place finish at this level and distance with a clunker last out. Trainer Dave Kassen has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **3 HANDSOME GIRL** is debuting locally at the \$6,250 level after ending her campaign at Evangeline with a 2nd place finish vs \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile on a sloppy track.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-3

RACE 3:

5 FUZZY KITTEN, a son of Kitten's Joy, wheels back following the \$12,500 maiden victory going a mile with a middle move and fade 6th place finish at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez atop the lightly raced 4-year-old. **10 TANGIBLE** is dropping to the \$10,000 level, and stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth, after taking the overland route and rallying wide to finish 5th – beaten 1 ¼ lengths – vs \$16,000 claimers going a mile. Trainer Antonio Sano has leading jock Edgard Zayas handling the outside draw. **2 ERIC THE SALESMAN** is looking to get out of 3rd gear after back-to-back show placings at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Jeffrey Sanchez returning on this logical choice.

SELECTIONS: 5-10-2

RACE 4:

7 DANZAR, a \$500,000 son of Will Take Charge, is stretching out to a mile after the useful 6-furlong debut in the slop in which he broke inward at the start, stalked the pace along the inside, and finished 3rd. Trainer Mark Casse has Edgard Zayas handling the added distance. **4 ARMANDO R** is back vs state-bred competition, and turning back to a 1-turn mile, after finishing 2nd going a mile and a sixteenth vs open maiden special runners. The recent gelding has Jesus Rios handling the turnback. **6 DUELLIST** will be outfitted with blinkers after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd behind Armando R going 8 ½ furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 5:

5 THEMANBEHINDTHEMAN, now in the Robert Falcone Jr, barn, the gelding returns to his favorite course (4-2-0-0) after failing to fire when facing \$25,000 claimers going a mile on a softened Saratoga turf; Reylu Gutierrez rides. **3 REMEMBER THE MAINE** is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after just getting edged at the wire when 2nd going a mile last out. Trainer Juan Carlos Perez has Leonel Reyes in the saddle. **1 CAN'T TRUMP KITTEN** moved to the Terri Pompay barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$16,000 level, after posting his 2nd consecutive victory when defeating \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on a good turf.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-1

RACE 6:

8 DARK AGES moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and moves to the main track, after rallying to defeat a trio of next-out winners in a 'key' dash going 5 furlongs on the turf. The barn, 40% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **5 BIG SPENDER** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after setting the pace and just getting nabbed at the wire when beaten a half-length going three-quarters of a mile. The logical choice has Samy Camacho in the saddle. **1 OH DANNY BEAR** moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim, and steps up to the \$35,000 level, after drawing clear to wallop a field of \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-1

RACE 7:

4 BUDGET BUSTER is stretching out to a mile after rallying late to finish 2nd in his \$50,000 debut going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mike Maker has Reylu Gutierrez named to ride. **6 TOOK A CAB** is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying in the stretch to finish 2nd in his \$25,000 career debut going 5 furlongs. The gelded son of Handsome Mike should be part of the pace at this distance. **10 DOHKO** is eligible to improve at a mile after his promising turf debut at 7 ½ furlongs in which he finished 3rd behind Budget Buster last out. Trainer Patty Burns has Marcos Meneses named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-10**RACE 8:**

5 DRILL'S VALENTINE is a daughter of Drill debuting for trainer Antonio Sano with a solid morning work tab showing, including the 3-furlong bullet gate work in 35 & 4. **6 STORM DELITE** is a daughter of Flashstorm debuting for trainer Luis Ramirez with a string of promising works showing over the track. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

4 WILD COOPER is a daughter of Turbo Compressor debuting for trainer Jorge Delgado with Lasix, and Albin Jimenez named to ride. The barn is 12% with their freshman runners.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-4**RACE 9:**

10 KELSEY'S CROSS is back home after shipping up to Saratoga and finishing 3rd in the \$695,000 Saratoga Oaks. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Jairo Rendon atop the classy daughter of Anthony's Cross.

4 BELLO PORTE is going back to the turf after following the 6th place finish on the turf in the Martha Washington with a set-the-pace 2nd in a \$75,000 optional claimer going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. The speedster can get brave when going a mile on the turf.

3 OUR CLOSURE will be tested for class after following a solid \$12,500 victory on the turf with a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer going a mile and a sixteenth on a sealed sloppy track.

SELECTIONS: 10-4-3**RACE 10:**

8 CHISELED is turning back to 7 furlongs (5-1-1-2) after the driving finish produced his 3rd victory in 4 races when defeating this level of opposition going a 1-turn mile.

2 EIGHTHS AND ACES is another turning back to 7 furlongs after his 3-race win streak ended when finishing a duel-and-fade last – as the favorite – vs \$10,000 starter optional claimers going a mile last out.

1 DOC KANE, who finished 2nd in front of Chiseled when they competed at this distance on August 3rd, moves to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and turns back, after surrendering a mid-race lead when 3rd going 8 furlongs last out.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-1**RACE 11: THE MISS GRACIE**

8 ITSMYLUCKYCHARM is a versatile daughter of Itsmyluckyday making her first start since posting victories on wet tracks in both the \$75,000 Azalea and Portofino Stakes. The previous stakes winner on the turf is a major player come rain or shine. **11 VOW TO RECOVER** is turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after shipping up to the Spa and finishing 5th – beaten 1 ½ lengths – in the mile and a sixteenth Grade 2 Lake Placid. The big concern for the classy daughter of Broken Vow is a post that hasn't produced a turf winner in 14 previous turf races at the meeting. **2 ZARINA**, who won the \$102,000 Martha Washington on July 6th, is back facing 3-year-olds after rallying 5-wide to finish 2nd vs older horses in a \$62,500 optional claimer at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 8-11-2**RACE 12:**

3 SUNDOWN KID is hoping to shine at 7 furlongs after rallying to finish 4th in his 6-furlong debut. Trainer Allen Maragh has the son of Khozan training sharply at GP West. **5 NANAHCUB** is back vs state-bred competition after following the 2nd place finish 2 starts back with a 5-wide 4th vs open special weight competition last out. Trainer Luis Olivares has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

1 DRAMA IN DIXIE is a son of Big Drama debuting for trainer David Fawkes, who has a solid 27%-win average with his freshman runners. The concern is the tough inside post.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-1**BEST BET: RACE 6 – 8 DARK AGES****LONGSHOT: RACE 12 – 3 SUNDOWN KID**