



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 DON'S BEACH, now in the Lisa Allen barn, the gelding will make his first start on a traditional dirt surface since July 2017, after shipping in from Presque Isle to finish 3rd – beaten a length – vs a notch tougher on the turf. **4 RIGO** is stepping up to face winners after shipping from across town to defeat \$10,000 maidens going 7 furlongs.

6 AMERICA'S SIMMARD, now in the Juan Rodriguez barn, the gelding makes his 3rd start after following a well-meant 2nd 2 starts back with a clunker vs similar at the distance in his last. It's the old bounce/rebound angle.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 2:

3 FOR THE ROAD is dropping to the \$10,000 level on the main track after breaking inward at the start, dueling for the lead, and fading when facing \$20,000 maidens going a mile on the turf. Trainer Dennis Ward has Carols Montalvo handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **1 EBRIO** is taking another dropping a rung on the class ladder after responding to the drop from the \$25,000 to \$12,500 level with an improved 4th place finish. He's spotted perfectly for \$10,000 today.

7 KARAS is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, and dropping to this level, after finishing 4th vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs here last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7

RACE 3: THE GINGERBOY

5 CHISELED is stretching out to one of his most productive distances (21-5-1-4) after rallying to finish 2nd – beaten a length vs \$10,000 starter allowance runners going a 1-turn mile across town. Trainer Peter Walder has Paco Lopez named to ride.

2 SPIRIT LOVE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth for the first time after returning from the layoff to defeat \$8,000 '3-lifetime' claimers -as the even-money favorite – when going 6 furlongs in the slop here last out. **6 CHEECH THUNDER**, another from trainer Peter Walder, moved to his barn via the claim, and makes his first start since finishing 3rd in the slop in a \$16,000 optional claimer at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

RACE 4: THE STAGE PLAYER

3 MANIACAL is dropping into this \$25,000 starter allowance, and going back to the turf, after the ambitious outing on the main track in which he showed some early interest before tiring to get beat double-digit lengths in the 6-furlong Grade 1 Vosburgh Invitational at Belmont. Trainer Mike Maker spots him in a competitive spot today.

2 GRAN MALBEC was given some R & R after incredibly reeling off 5 consecutive 5-furlong turf victories. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle again. **5 CALLING DISCO** is making his first start since he drew clear to crush a field of \$16,000 conditioned claimers at the distance back in April; C C Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-5

RACE 5:

7 SARA'S DAY proved she could compete vs open-competition when she followed her 'non-winners-of-3-lifetime' victory with a neck defeat when 2nd at this level and distance last out.

6 MOTION'S FIRST is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after rallying to finish 3rd behind Sara's Day when they hooked up at this level and last out. **8 LUZ ESTRELLA**, who has used her speed to win 3 of 7 races going a mile, will give it another try after setting the pace prior to weakening to finish 4th behind the top two.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-8



RACE 6: THE P.D. LUCKY

8 BIRD HUMOR will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the layoff to defeat \$20,000 starter optional claimers going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf, and padding his local record to 3-2-0-1. **9 ALL GO** is making his local return after the solid outings' vs \$10,000 types at Indiana Grand, which includes a win and 2nd-place finish going a mile and a sixteenth. **2 GRAY DUDE** is renewing the rivalry with Bird Humor after talking dead aim at him when rallying to finish 3rd in their recent clash at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-2

RACE 7:

7 MYRRH is returning to the maiden ranks, and turning back to a sprint distance, after following the 3rd place finish in her 4 ½-furlong debut in August with a duel-for-the-lead 5th place finish in the mile and a sixteenth \$400,000 My Dear Girl Division of the Florida Sire stakes. **3 LAILONI**, back in the Stanley Gold barn, the Arindel homebred should improve on a fast surface after dueling into the turn and fading to finish 4th here going 6 furlongs on a wet track listed as good.

1 HOW SWEEP IT IS will debut locally from the rail, and make her first start since finishing 4th vs maiden special weight competition at Delaware. She faces Florida-bred competition with Nik Juarez at the helm.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-1

RACE 8: THE TENS HOLY SPIRIT

1 INDYGITA was impressive in her local return when she rated early, and pounced late, to defeat \$20,000 starter optional claimers here by 2-plus lengths. The turnback to 7 ½ furlongs should bolster her chances. **4 FEED ME CARATS** is turning back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs after returning from the 2-month freshening to finish 3rd behind Indygita last out. Trainer Georgina Baxter, 27% with the 2nd start back from a layoff, has Paco Lopez handling the rematch.

3 MI CUAIMA will try to flaunt her speed advantage in her 2nd start back from the layoff after setting the pace and fading to finish 4th behind the top two last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

RACE 9: THE TRULY A JUDGE

4 RACE ME HOME is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth (4-2-1-0) in the first start since he was claimed by Mike Maker when finishing a productive 4th in a \$50,000 claimer at Churchill during September. **5 THE SCOTSMAN** is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying to finish 2nd in almost identical performances going 7 furlongs vs \$16,000 optional claimers. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Miguel Vazquez handling the added distance. **1 ROYAL HOLIDAY** is stretching out an additional 1/16th of a mile after finishing 2nd behind repeat winner The Best Candy going a mile on a wet track lasted as good.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 10:

8 PASSION FOR HOPE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish – as the favorite – going a mile at this level last out.

5 VENEZUELAN SPIRIT is hoping to make amends after crossing the wire first but being disqualified and placed 2nd for drifting out through the stretch when going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf here last out. **2 HOXIE** is stretching out to 8 ½ furlongs after the promising career debut at 7 ½ furlongs, a race where she was wide on both turns, and still managed to finish a good 2nd; don't ignore

SELECTIONS: 8-5-2

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 4 RACE ME HOME

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 8 PASSION FOR HOPE