



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**9 MY RULES** moved to the Rodolfo Garcia barn via the claim, and drops to the \$8,000 level, in the first start since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$16,000 conditioned claimer on Independence Day. The gelding is the obvious choice unless the dropdown has you reluctant to commit. **5 LEROI'S GEM** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after taking the overland route when rallying to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs last out.

**12 THE STIFLER** is breaking from the outside after setting the pace and fading when facing similar going 7 ½ furlongs last Saturday. Trainer Joe Aboritanza has Paco Lopez trying to steal the opener on the front end.

**SELECTIONS: 9-5-12**

## RACE 2:

**5 ASSUME CONTROL** is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first race since she tracked the pace and faded to 4<sup>th</sup> in a \$20,000 maiden test moved from the grass to 7 furlongs on the dirt. Trainer Mike Yates spots the sophomore where she can score.

**1 CHIEF BOW NO MOVE** will race with the blinkers off after dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> when facing similar at 6 ½ furlongs. The turnback to three-quarters of a mile can help the mare finally notch the elusive maiden victory (26-0-4-3).

**7 VIDA TROPICAL** is plunging to the bottom after encountering some trouble (bumped) when finishing 5<sup>th</sup> vs \$30,000 maidens going a mile on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-7**

## RACE 3:

**8 SEARCH FOR SAMMY**, a consistent 3-1-0-2 on this course, drops a notch after stalking the pace and finishing 5<sup>th</sup> when facing \$10,000 '3-lifetime' claimers across town. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has Carlos Montalvo atop the budding horse-for-course play.

**1 ALONG THE TRAIL** is stepping up to the next level after returning from the layoff to break from an outside post and uncork a late rally to defeat \$8,000 '2-lifetime' claimers here going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' turf.

**4 SPEEDING STARLET** is debuting locally for trainer Gerald Bennett, and dropping to this level, after facing tougher at Delaware, which includes the \$20,000 '2-lifetime' score on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SELECTIONS: 8-1-4**

## RACE 4:

**7 COWTOWN SPIRIT** a sharp 4-for-4 'in the money' this year (4-2-1-1), makes her local return at 5 ½ furlongs the first start since leading every step of the way to defeat this level of competition going 6 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' Gulfstream main track. The 6-year-old mare will be tough to catch.

**3 MILBRA** is hoping to bounce back after coming up empty when facing these familiar foes here last out. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Leonel Reyes named to ride. **1 FAME GALORE** is cutting back to this distance, and breaking from the rail, after dueling for the lead and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 50-1 – in her GP finale going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Francisco Valentin in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 7-3-1**

## RACE 5:

**9 SEISMIC JOLT**, an \$800,000 son of Kantharos, now in the David Fawkes barn, the pricey freshman debuts locally after dueling for the lead and fading finish 4<sup>th</sup> behind next-out Grade 1 winner Fog of War in a 5 ½-furlong turf sprint at Saratoga.

**5 KING OTTOKAR**, a half-brother to Grade 2 Del Mar Derby winner Free Rose, is debuting for trainer Mark Casse with series of solid workouts showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Meadows. The son of Temple City gets Lasix, and has red-hot jock Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**2 GLADIATOR KING**, a son of Curlin, is debuting on the turf at 5 furlongs after shaking off trouble at the start (ducked in) to duel throughout and get beat a neck going 7 furlongs on the main track.

**SELECTIONS: 9-5-2**



#### RACE 6:

**8 OLIVIA'S DREAM** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and turning back to a sprint distance, after stalking the pace and fading to finish a distant 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$20,000 maidens going a 1-turn mile at Gulfstream. Trainer Ricko Maragh has Romero Maragh handling the combo dropdown/turnback.

**9 QUEEN MADELEINE** is stretching out to 6 furlongs after responding to the dropdown by finishing an improved 3<sup>rd</sup> vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. **5 STEADY ROCK** is stretching out an additional half-furlong after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> here going 5 ½ furlongs.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-5**

#### RACE 7:

**1 SPEED STAR** will depart from the rail after a solid local return at this level and distance in which she rallied strongly to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. There's more than enough suspect speed needed to bolster her running style. **5 CATHARSIS** is debuting locally for trainer Kathleen O'Connell in the first race since she dueled for the lead, was carried wide, and faded to finish 8<sup>th</sup> in a \$20,000 optional claimer on the Delaware turf. She'll be in the first-flight playing 'catch me if you can'. **10 PASSING MOMENTS** is debuting locally for trainer Tim Hills after losing her best chance when she was bumped at the start in her Monmouth Park finale going 5 furlongs vs \$20,000 optional claimers.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-10**

#### RACE 8:

**8 NO CHOICE** should be ready to exit the maiden ranks after responding to both the dropdown in competition, and the change in scenery, by coming within a nose of winning at this level and distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Edgard Zayas at the helm. **7 ROSAS FOR JIMMY** is looking to make amends after bumping at the start, saving ground early, and closing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> – as the even-money favorite – behind No Choice last out.

**2 DEUCE OF DIAMONDS** is another eligible to show more in his 2<sup>nd</sup> outing over the track after dueling early and settling for fifth behind the top two selections.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-2**

#### RACE 9:

**4 WARRANTY**, in for the \$25,000 tag in this optional claimer, plummets after returning from the layoff at Belmont and failing to get untracked when finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and last in a \$62,500 optional claimer contested on a 'yielding' turf. She's a major player on a 'firm' turf. **2 PROUD O'PADDY** is debuting locally for trainer Jane Cibelli after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of a pair of next-out allowance winners in a first-level allowance going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' Laurel turf. The consistent sophomore boasts a 9-3-3-1 record this year. **6 ONE DIRECTION SONG** should have the screws tightened after returning from the freshening to set the pace and finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in her Gulfstream turf finale going a mile and a sixteenth. The turnback to 7 ½ furlongs can prove to be the winning move for the daughter of Flower Alley.

**SELECTIONS: 4-2-6**

#### RACE 10:

**8 CARIBBEAN BABE** is hoping to keep a straight course thru the lane and spring the upset in the nightcap after lugging in and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Steve Dwoskin has strong finisher Miguel Vasquez in the saddle.

**9 WINDJAMMER** is dropping to the \$35,000 level, and turning back to a mile, in the first turf outing since she dueled for the lead and tired in a 10-furlong maiden special weight stamina test on the Belmont sod. Trainer Danny Gargan has Samy Camacho named to ride. **7 CHILLED MILK** is an obvious choice to be on the ticket after returning from the 8-month plus layoff to come within a neck of exiting the maiden ranks here at this level and distance. Trainer Cam Gambolati has Chucky Lopez in the saddle again.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-7**

**BEST BET: RACE 3 – 8 SEARCH FOR SAMMY**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – CARIBBEAN BABE**