



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 SECRET O'LIFE is stretching out to a mile after eventful local return in which she stumbled at the start, was shuffled back, then had to close 4-wide when finishing 3rd going 7 ½ furlongs last out.

5 MI KARLITA is an interesting choice in the opener after getting carried wide and still managing to finish an improved 2nd – at 84-1 – at this level and distance.

11 MIA'S BOBTAIL is making her career turf debut after showing improved early interesting when stretching out to a 1-turn mile on the main track. Trainer Rohan Crichton tabs Tyler Gaffalione to handle the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-11

RACE 2:

2 DISCREET HEAT is wheeling back after responding in the first race after the claim by trainer Murat Sancal by using his speed to come within a nose of winning at this level and distance.

1 ROYAL HOLIDAY drops to the \$12,500 level with blinkers added after stalking the pace and 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 recent outings at the \$30,000 level. Trainer Peter Walder has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **6 TAKEDOWN** moved to the Eddie Broome barn via the claim after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd – as the favorite – behind Discreet Heat last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-6

RACE 3:

8 KEEPING THE PEACE is a son of Elusive Quality debuting for trainer Jason Servis with Lasix, and 6 Palm Meadows workouts showing in preparation for the debut. Trainer Servis, 30% with his first-time starters, has Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride.

2 HASTA LA BYEBYE is making his 4-year-old debut at the \$50,000 level after showing promise vs maiden special weight sprinters here last summer. Trainer Joe Orseno has Roberto Alvarado Jr handling the first start in about 8 months.

3 BULLGRATS is making his local return for trainer Teri Pompay the first start since dueling for the lead and fading – as the favorite - when facing \$35,000 maidens at GP West. The barn, 5 for 13 (38%) with horses returning from a 61-180 days layoff, tabs Jonathan Gonzales to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-2-3

RACE 4:

6 JORDY'S READY should be ready to make amends after responding in the first race after the claim by Marcus Vitali by pressing the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – at this level and distance; Irad Ortiz Jr rides. **1 DANCING STARLET** will depart from the rail after responding to the stretchout from 7 to 8 furlongs with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance. **2 SO FRESH** is hoping to find a little more firepower for the stretch drive after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd behind Jordy's Ready last out. Trainer Antonio Sano has Tyler Gaffalione handling the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2

RACE 5:

1 AVOCADO is dropping to the \$50,000 level after the inconsistent 2-race turf campaign vs maiden special weight competition in which she was beaten less than a length when finishing 3rd on December 1st, and a track the pace and fade 10th when breaking from a tough post last out.

4 PEACEFUL FELLING, a daughter of War Front, is making her sophomore debut for trainer Chad Brown the first start since making a middle move and flattening out in her maiden special weight debut at Belmont last October. The barn, 31% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Tyler Gaffalione at the controls. **3 GET REWARDED** is another dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after failing to fire when facing special weight competition going 5 furlongs here during December. Trainer Tom Bush has Javier Castellano handling the combo dropdown/stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-3

RACE 6:

8 JOHNNY TICKETS is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track after returning from the 4-month layoff to track solid early fractions before tiring to finish 5th vs \$25,000 claimers going 5 furlongs on the grass. Trainer Jason Servis is 38% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **4 ORGANIC JENNY** drops, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after 'hitting the board' in 1 of 2 recent outings going a mile vs \$20-25,000 claimers. Note both the ridglings previous victories where sprints. **6 BRAVER THEN WE ARE** is stepping up to face winners after responding to the class relief with a 'much the best' \$12,500 maiden victory.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-6

RACE 7:

3 INDICIA is turning back to a mile after setting the pace and fading late when finishing 4th going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Roberto Alvarado Jr returning on the speedy daughter of Skipshot. **2 MS. MAXIMUM** is a daughter of Violence debuting on the turf for trainer Todd Pletcher after breaking poorly and failing to get untracked in a 'key' 6-furlong dash here on December 13, a race that produced a trio of next-out winners, including impressive repeat winner Queen of Beas. **4 CHARGE IT JENN** is turning back to a mile after rebounding from a disqualification 2 races back with a late-closing 3rd going a mile and a sixteenth last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 8:

3 COME ON CITY (GER) is making the 3rd start in North America after debuting locally and finishing a wide 3rd here at this level and distance. Trainer Graham Motion has Chris Landeros returning on the daughter of Wiener Walzer (Dynaformer).

8 SO CHARMING is turning back to 9 furlongs after returning from the layoff to finish a troubled 6th – beaten 3 lengths – in the mile & three-sixteenths \$75,000 Via Borghese. Trainer Michael Matz has the mare working consistently for this assignment.

1 PASS IT ON is stretching out to a mile and an eighth after returning from a 9-month layoff here in December and finishing a screw-tightening 6th going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Shug McGaughey has Javier Castellano atop the daughter of Data Link.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-1

RACE 9:

6 ASTICOU TRAIL, a daughter of Hard Spun, is making her 5-year-old debut for trainer Shug McGaughey the first start since following her maiden victory at Belmont with a 3rd-place finish vs 4 rivals in rained out turf allowance at Aqueduct. Note the back-to-back bullet workouts at Payson Park in preparation for the return.

2 TREASURE IN HEAVEN is stretching out to a mile after returning from the freshening to finish 2nd here vs entry-level allowance runners going 7 furlongs. Trainer Brian Lynch is 23% with the 2nd start after a 45-180 days layoff. **5 PRINCESS VICTORIA** is stretching out to 8 furlongs after responding in the first race after the claim by Jorge Navarro with a 2nd place finish – as the 4-to-5 favorite – going 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-5

RACE 10:

1 SECOND GUESS is dropping a notch, and getting Lasix, after breaking from the rail and failing to fire in his \$50,000 career debut. Trainer Brian Lynch has Javier Castellano in the irons. **5 COLD WARRIOR** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after breaking from a demanding outside post (11), vying for the lead, and fading when facing state-bred maiden special weight competition here going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Scott Becker has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

10 GO POKE THE BEAR is dropping to this level, and adding blinkers, after failing to show much when facing maiden special weight competition on the Tampa turf. Trainer Todd Pletcher is 17% with first-time blinkers.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-10

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 1 SECOND GUESS

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 3 COME ON CITY