RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:
3 SWEEPENO is dropping to the $12,500 level, and stretching out to a mile, after closing to finish 4th – as the favorite – vs $20,000 maiden going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Terri Pompay tabs Miguel Vazquez to ride. 7 TAPIZAR GIRL is stretching out slightly after responding to the dropdown in competition with an improved 3rd place finish vs this level of competition at 7 ½ furlongs. 1 ALWAYS LUCKY is another dropping to this level after tracking the pace and weakening to finish 5th behind Sweepeno last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-1

RACE 2:
1 MIDNIGHT MIRACLE, the only 4-time winner in the field, is dropping to the $25,000 level again after failing to fire when facing $50,000 starter optional claimers on a wet track listed as ‘good’. Trainer Terri Pompay has Miguel Vazquez handling the inside draw. 5 I LIKE ARCHIE is dropping back to this level after responding in the first race after the claim by Angel Quiroz with a 2nd place finish vs $35,000 starter optional claimers going 6 panels on a sealed ‘sloppy’ track. The winner of 3 of 7 races has Jose Batista in the irons. 3 FIRE ANGEL MIKAELA will make her first start in claiming ranks after facing allowance level competition in Canada, and stakes runners in her local debut for trainer Carlos David. The lightly raced 5-year-old mare has Albin Jimenez at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-3

RACE 3:
7 JUDGE KITTEN is turning back to 5 furlongs after responding in the first race under the tutelage of trainer Angel Quiroz with a stalk-the-pace 6th going 7 ½ furlongs; Cecilio Penalba rides. 8 ANJALI has been knocking on the door in 3 consecutive races at the distance since dropping to the $12,500 level, which includes a pair of 2nd place finishes, and a 3rd. Trainer Antonio Sano has leading jock Edgard Zayas trying to notch the elusive maiden score. 1 VICTORIA’S SMILE is a daughter of Adios Charlie debuting on the turf after finishing a useful 4th in her 6-furlong debut on the main track. Trainer Ron Spatz has leading apprentice Cristian Torres named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-1

RACE 4:
10 KAUFY FUTURES, a lightly raced daughter of Prospective, has been knocking on the door at the distance since dropping to $10,000 level on the main track. Trainer Tammy Levy has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. 3 ROSETTA’S GIFT, who has turned finishing 2nd into an art form (12-0-7-2), is looking to make amends after coming up a neck short as the favorite last out; Edgard Zayas rides. 11 YES ITS FACTUAL, who finished in front of Kaufy Futures in her 20th race at trying score, may have found the level and surface where she can jettison the maiden moniker.

SELECTIONS: 10-3-11

RACE 5:
6 RATE OF RETURN will try to make it 3 in a row after following her maiden victory with a perfectly timed victory, over a pair of next-out winners, in a ‘key’ ‘2-lifetime’ claimer at the distance.
8 BEACH DREAMING moved to the Jose D’Angelo barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after drawing clear – as the tepid favorite – to defeat $12,500 ‘2-lifetime’ claimers at 7 ½ furlongs; Leonel Reyes rides.

2 GIA LIA JOE must be respected on her ability to set or stalk the pace, that’s if she can stay out a ruinous duel with Courageous Change. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Emisael Jaramillo rationing her speed.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-2

RACE 6:
5 SANSA will try to dethrone this group at five-eighths of a mile after rallying to finish 3rd vs maiden special weight competition going 4 ½ furlongs. The dropdown to the $50,000 level should help. 9 STUNNING MUNNINGS is dropping to the $50,000 level on the main track after recovering from a trouble beginning to make a middle move and fade when facing maiden special weight competition in her 5-furlong turf debut. Trainer Wesley Ward has Albin Jimenez handling the combo dropdown/surface switch.

8 EXTREME MEASURES is a daughter of Competitive Edge debuting for trainer Kathleen O’Connell, and that should be more than enough to pique tour interest; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-8

RACE 7:
2 HELEN, who was stakes-placed in her only previous turf race, moves to the Ruben Gracida barn via the claim, and goes back to the lawn, in the first start since tracking the pace and finishing 2nd – as the 4-to-5 favorite – vs $20,000 claimers going 7 furlongs on a wet surface lasted as ‘good’. 6 ISADORABLE AIDA, who has shown in the past that she can string together back-to-back victories, will try to make it 2 in a row after returning from the freshening to defeat $35,000 conditioned claimers by a hard-fought nose.

7 LABHAY (IRE) is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after returning from the year-plus layoff to finish a wide 4th behind Isadorable Aida going 7 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Hall of Fame jock Edgar Prado at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-7

RACE 8:
7 ZIPPY is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff, and 3rd race over track, after bumping at the start and finishing a 5-wide 4th behind ‘much the best winner Jalen Journey going a mile last out. Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr has Luca Panici named on the Louisiana-bred.

3 WINKING AT THEDUDDE is dropping back to the $16,000 level after coming up only a nose short when 2nd at the distance vs $25,000 optional claimers. He’s strictly the one to beat for trainer Terri Pompay. 2 VINCERO is stepping up, and stretching out for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, after following a nose defeat to Winking At Thedude 2 starts back, with a ‘much the best’ score vs $12,500 state-bred optional claimers going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-2

RACE 9:
1 CHANDLER’S DRAMA goes from a demanding outside post (10) to the rail in the first race since finishing 2nd vs this caliber of competition going 7 ½ furlongs on May 11. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Jeffrey Sanchez handling the inside draw.

7 SOUTH WEST BAY (GB) is dropping to the $40,000 level after making a middle move and finishing 3rd in his maiden special weight debut at the distance. Trainer Wesley Ward has Albin Jimenez returning on the sophomore.

11 HARD COUNT will depart from the outside again after responding in the first race after the claim by Mike Maker with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance; Jairo Rendon rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-11

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 2 HELEN

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 7 ZIPPY