



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 VERSED, always competitive vs this level of competition, drops after failing to show his usual early interest when he was shuffled back vs first-level allowance runners going 5 ½ furlongs on the Laurel turf. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Tyler Gaffalione named on the previous winner at the distance.

2 MODERN TALE, a reclaim by Imaginary Stable and trainer Elizabeth Dobles, is stepping up the competition after dueling throughout and drawing clear to defeat \$12,500 conditioned claimers going a mile here last out. **3 DREAM SHOT** is a late-striding type who can pick up the pieces if the abundance of speed in the field hooks up in a suicide duel. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Jose Batista named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-3

RACE 2:

4 PROMETE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile on the main track after dueling for the lead and getting caught late when finishing 4th – beaten less than a length – going 7 ½ furlongs on the grass. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa, 6 for 10 (60%) with the turf-to-dirt angle, has leading jock Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface switch. **3 LIL'S FAST BOY** moved to the Marcial Navarro barn via the claim, and turns back to 6 furlongs, after surrendering a late lead to finish 2nd here going seven-eighths of a mile. The only 4-time winner in the field has Juan C Diaz in the saddle. **5 POLISHED STEEL** is a candidate for a rebound performance after following the open-length maiden score at the distance with a set-the-pace-and-fade outing vs \$20,000 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-5

RACE 3:

7 BAYLOR, who has shown steady progress in each local turf start, is sitting on a winning effort after coming within a neck of defeating \$50,000 state-bred maidens at the distance. Trainer Stanley Gold has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

6 THREE SOCKS ONE is stretching out around 2-turns after a troubled outing going 5 furlongs vs maiden special weight competition in which she bobbed at the start, rushed up to track the pace, and weakened from here earlier efforts to finish 6th. She's a pace factor at this distance.

4 SOL DAT SUGAR is hoping to stretch her speed to the wire after setting the pace and fading late to finish 7th behind Baylor and Venezuelan Forever last out.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-4

RACE 4:

3 VALDOCCO, back in the Gustavo Delgado barn, the son of Tapizar returns to South Florida after shipping up to Belmont, stumbling at the start, rushing up to set the pace, and weakening from his earlier exploits to finish 5th in a \$40,000 maiden sprint contested at 7 furlongs; Emisael Jaramillo rides. **7 FOR THE GIPPER** is trying to win one at the \$30,000 level after ending his sprint campaign across town with back-to-back 2nd place finishes vs maiden special weight company. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Jose Batista in the saddle.

4 MR JOSHUA is making the 3rd back from the layoff after following a strong 2nd place finish in the 'slop' with a duel-and-fade outing going this distance on a fast track last out. It's the old bounce/rebound angle.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-4



RACE 5:

1 MONONGAH is debuting locally, and departing from the inside with blinkers added, after breaking from an outside slot (Post 10), pressing the pace, and fading to finish last in a competitive special weight test on the Laurel turf in which the winner returned to win the Grade 3 Grey at Woodbine in his next start, and the 3rd place finisher, Quail Hunt, won a maiden special weight race at Keeneland.

6 FELIX IN FABULA is debuting locally for trainer Christophe Clement with both Lasix and blinkers added after failing to mount a rally in his maiden special weight debut on the Parx turf. Trainer Clement is 44% with horses dropping form special weigh to maiden claiming. **2 CRYOGENIC** is a son of Soldat debuting for trainer Mark Casse with Lasix, and a pair of solid workouts showing at Palm Meadows; Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-2

RACE 6:

6 TREV is dropping to the \$8,000 level after returning from the almost 11-month layoff to duel for the lead and get beat three-quarters of a length vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers on the turf. Trainer Ralph Ziadie is 29% with the turf-to-dirt angle.

2 DREAMING OF JOEY is stretching out slightly to three-quarters of a mile after returning from the layoff to open and surrender a 5-length lead when tiring to finish 3rd here going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Elizabeth Doble has Emisael Jaramillo rationing his speed today. **3 BULL DOZER**, who does his best running the later stages of the race, can reap the spoils if the top two engage in a torrid early duel.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-3

RACE 7:

5 CRAZY FOR SOFIA is stepping up to face winners after the impressive maiden score here in which she drew off to win by 6 widening lengths. Trainer Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas returning on the daughter of Mizzen Mast.

7 ROSES IN THE SOUTH became the only multiple winner in the field when she drew clear to defeat \$35,000 optional claimers here by 6-plus lengths (5-2-1-0). Trainer Larry Bates keeps it light with apprentice Alvaro Donis in the saddle.

4 LITTLE BRIDGE is debuting on the turf after following her debut maiden victory going 5 furlongs on a sloppy track with an ambitious chase-and-fade outing in the mile and a sixteenth \$400,000 My Dear Girl Division of the Fla Sire Stages.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-4

RACE 8:

6 DINNER PARTY is an \$85,000 daughter of Power Broker debuting for trainer Jason Servis, who has a 27% average with his debut maiden claimers. The freshman gets Lasix, and has Albin Jimenez named to ride. **1 BLUES SONG** is a daughter of Wrote (Ire) debuting for Northwest Stud and trainer Pedro Castillo with a trio of useful workouts over the track showing; Marcos Menses rides. **5 PURO BLANCO** is another daughter of Wrote (Ire) debuting for trainer Francisco D'Angelo with Lasix, and Juan C Diaz named to ride. The tote should tell us more about both daughters of Wrote (Ire).

SELECTIONS: 6-1-5

RACE 9:

5 FEED ME CARATS is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and debuting locally for trainer Jeremiah Englehart, in the first start since setting the pace and weakening to finish 6th vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Belmont turf; Tyler Gaffalione rides. **3 PILLANGO** is dropping a notch on the claiming scale after stalking the early pace, getting the lead, and failing to hold it when finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers here last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Samy Camacho in the saddle.

10 STAY SAFE KITTEN is debuting locally at a mile after closing strongly to defeat \$5,000 conditioned claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the Meadowlands turf. Her current speed figures indicate she can compete with these.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-10

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 1 MONONGAH

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 DREAMING OF ACA