



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 CRAVE is dropping to the \$25,000 level after making a move between horses, encountering some traffic at the 3/8th-pole, and finishing 2nd in her local 5-furlong debut under maiden special weight conditions. Trainer Jonathan Thomas has Tyler Gaffalione handling the stretchout to a mile.

3 SAMUARI'SFIRSTLADY is another dropping into the maiden claiming ranks in the first start since setting the pace and fading to finish 5th vs special weight competition going 7 ½ furlongs on the Gulfstream turf (Sept 21). Trainer Mark Casse is 18% with horses making similar class drops. **6 OSCURA** is returning to the turf after 'hitting the board' for the 4th consecutive time when she closed on a sealed 'sloppy' track to finish 2nd going 6 furlongs last out. Her consistency earns her a spot on the ticket.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-6

RACE 2:

4 QUEEN LIZZIE is stepping up the competition, and stretching out to a mile, for the red-hot Dennis Ward barn, after drawing clear on a sealed 'sloppy' track to break her maiden going 7 furlongs. **3 ZARABANDA**, who broke her maiden when defeating Queen Lizzie on October 13th, renews the rivalry looking to make it two in a row. The freshman, who finished 2nd at this distance 2 starts back, has Aby Medina handling the stretchout.

5 MISS LOTUS FLOWER will try to make it two in a row at the distance after returning from the layoff to crush a field of \$12,500 maidens by almost 9 lengths; 2nd-time Lasix today.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-5

RACE 3:

6 MANO FOX, a new face on the local scene, who was impressive sprinting on the Belterra Park turf (3-2-1-0), debuts locally after showing speed and fading when trying \$10,000 starter allowance competition at the competitive Kentucky Downs meeting. Trainer Eduardo Caramori has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

7 TEXAS RUSTLER, still looking for his first victory this year (9-0-2-1), was solid when he rallied between horses to finish 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Mickey Kroger has Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

3 PIONEER PETE is hoping for a clean trip after having to steady back from 2nd to 7th at the 3/8th-pole before re-rallying to finish 5th – beaten 2 ½ lengths – vs similar.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-3

RACE 4:

2 STORMYMEISTER is making the jump up to face winners after the impressive \$35,000 career debut at Gulfstream in which she drew off at 5 furlongs to win by 6 widening lengths. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the daughter of Bodemeister. **4 FORTY KILOS**, the only multiple winner in the field (6-2-1-3), is making her first start since losing all chance when she hopped in the air at the start, spotted the field an 11-length lead, and then closed to finish 3rd – as the favorite – vs \$25,000 optional claimers across town; Tyler Gaffalione rides.

6 TONI ANN'S MIRACLE, 2nd to Stormymeister 2 starts back, renews the rivalry after drawing away – as the 3-to-5 favorite – to defeat \$50,000 maidens by almost 15 lengths.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-6



RACE 5:

3 TAKE A STROLL is making the 3rd start of her current form cycle after a rough outing in which she had to take up sharply along the rail, then had to rally 4-wide when finishing a fast-closing 3rd in her local turf debut at this level and distance. **1 ARIEL B** is a daughter of Hansen, and a half-sister to 7-time turf winner Blue Bahia, debuting for trainer Jason Servis, who has a 32% average with his turf sprinters. **7 LITTLE HAVANA** is making her first start since showing speed and weakening late when facing \$75,000 maidens going a mile, and a mile and a sixteenth, at the Championship Meet. Trainer Eduardo Caramori has Emisael Jaramillo handling the turnback to 5 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7

RACE 6:

1 AL KHOR, a \$500,000 son of Bodemeister, is making his first start since stalking the pace and fading to finish a distant 4th behind both repeat winner Midnight Cello and next-out winner Flowers for Lisa, and in front of next-out winner Smooth Talkin Tom, in a 'key' \$20,000 optional claimer at Monmouth (July 21). Trainer Todd Pletcher has the colt firing bullets at Palm Beach Downs. **4 PRINCE TITO** is stretching out to a mile after rallying wide to finish 2nd in his local debut going 7 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the previous winner at the distance. **5 CHATIMENT** is stretching out around 2-turns for the first time after chasing the pace and finishing 3rd – as the favorite – vs \$20,000 claimers going three-quarters on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-5

RACE 7:

8 DYNAMIC DANCER, who was threatening to break his maiden when sprinting on the grass at Gulfstream during June and July, makes his first start since failing to handle the undulating course at Kentucky Downs. Trainer Patrick Biancone has the son of Sky Mesa working forwardly for the return. **1 NEWS ALERT** is a \$240,000 son of Unbridled's Song debuting for trainer Jason Servis with Lasix, and Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. The concern is the tough inside pot.

2 ASKED AND ANSWERED, a half-brother to stakes winner R Kinsley Doll, is returning to the turf after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 3rd in a race moved from the grass to 5 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 8-1-2

RACE 8:

2 DELICIOUS PURSUIT moved to the Rodolfo Garcia barn via the claim, and wheels back at the same level and distance, after stumbling slightly at the start and finishing 4th – as the favorite – in her career debut.

5 HONEY HEARTS is dropping to the \$20,000 level after following a 2nd place finish at the \$25,000 level with a duel for the lead and fade 6th place finish vs \$35,000 maidens.

6 TOTAL TREASURE is hoping to get away in a timely fashion after drifting out and bumping at the start before closing to finish a distant 2nd at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 3 TAKE A STROLL

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 8 REBA'S RIGHT