



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 GRAN NENUCO, who returned from a similar layoff last year to run very well on this turf course (2-1-0-1), is making his first start since posting back-to-back turf victories during May and June. Trainer Gerard Ochoa has Jonathan Gonzales in the saddle.

6 UNEXPLAINED is dropping to the \$12,500 level after returning from the layoff to finish a wide 6th vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers going a mile on the Gulfstream turf. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle. **4 GOTSOMEMOJO**, a 4-time turf winner, is going back to the grass after the pair of solid \$10,000 claimers moved from the lawn to the main track. Trainer Peter Walder has Paco Lopez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-4

RACE 2:

1 TIGER BLOOD will depart from the rail after a solid performance from an outside slot (Post 8) in which he set the pace before settling for 2nd vs \$6,250 claimers at this 7-furlong distance. Trainer Juan Arrigada has apprentice Romero Maragh returning on the son of Cowtown Cat. **2 OVER LIMIT** is turning back to a sprint distance, and facing these 'non-winners of a race in 6 months' claimers after dueling for the lead in the slop before fading to finish 4th vs similar going a 1-turn mile across town; Paco Lopez rides.

6 THE WAYNE FACTOR is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile after returning from the extended layoff to finish a late-running 3rd at 5 ½ furlongs. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the speed.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-6

RACE 3:

3 SPRING JOY is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs again after following a 2nd-place finish at the distance with a well-meant 3rd going a mile. Trainer Michelle Nihei has jockey Leonel Reyes handling the usually fruitful 3rd start back from a layoff. **6 BLASPHEMY**, now in the David Fawkes barn, the sophomore drops to the \$25,000 level with blinkers added after facing tougher at Saratoga with limited success. The new connections tab Miguel Vasquez to ride. **2 BOOMING BODHRAN**, a competitive 3rd on the turf vs this caliber of competition 2 starts back, is hoping to rebound after making a bid on the turn and flattening out in his Gulfstream turf finale going a mile. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Jesus Rios named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-2

RACE 4:

6 ARTIST moved to the Angel Quiroz barn via the claim, and debuts locally, after taking the overland route when finishing a wide 4th vs similar quality across town. Trainer Quiroz, 22% with new claims, has Paco Lopez at the controls. **1 GIANT DILEMMA** is stepping up to the next level after responding to the surface switch from turf to dirt with a 6-length plus victory vs \$12,500 maidens. Gustavo Delgado takes over the training, and tabs Emisael Jaramillo to ride. **5 RESIDENT** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after getting beat a scant nose by repeat winner Master Rory in a \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimer contested at 6 ½ furlongs; Samy Camacho rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-5



RACE 5:

8 CORN OFF THE COB is debuting on the turf after the impressive maiden victory on the main track during July in which she drew clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$35,000 maiden test on the dirt. Trainer Leon Minott has the daughter of Kettle Corn firing bullets locally in preparation for the return to action.

3 SUSIKIN is stepping up to face winners in the first start since she rallied to defeat a pair of next-out winners in her 5-furlong career debut on a softened turf listed as good.

1 NONCENTS is shifting her focus to 5 furlongs on the turf after leading every step of the way to defeat \$35,000 maidens in her 6 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Paco Lopez handling the inside speed.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-1

RACE 6:

8 LORD BARNA, stakes placed at Tampa in the 7-furlong \$100,000 Sophomore during March, is making his local debut for trainer Kathleen O'Connell the first start since finishing 5th behind recent Wildcat Heir Stakes winner Noble Drama in the Silver Charm Sire Stakes on May 5th. **3 FOR THE GIPPER** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after following his \$40,000 maiden victory with a late-running 3rd vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Armando De la Cerda has Emisael Jaramillo up. **5 OVER SENSUAL**, a consistent son of Overanalyze, is turning back to a sprint distance after sharp outing a mile in which he finished a neck shy of defeating hard-knocking Chiseled in a \$16,000 state-bred optional claimer going a mile.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5

RACE 7:

1 GOLDEN ALINA, 4 for 5 'in the money' on the dirt in her career thus far, returns to the turf after responding to the dropdown in competition with a rousing \$10,000 maiden victory going a mile on a sealed 'sloppy' track. The daughter of Gemologist figures prominently vs a field that is a combined 7 for 109 thus far. **9 HANNAH CATHERINE** is dropping a notch after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd in a \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimer at the distance. Trainer Eddie Broome has Oscar Ulloa in the saddle. **2 SHE'S NO JOKE** is making her local return the first start since finishing a late-running 3rd vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers on the Gulfstream turf. The 1-for-20 sophomore has Hector Berrios at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-2

RACE 8:

5 CHIEF BOW NO MOVE will race with the blinkers off after returning from the 11-month plus layoff to set-the-pace and fade in a much-needed \$10,000 maiden test going 6 ½ furlongs in the 'slop'. **4 LITTLE DIRTY GIRL** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after tracking the pace and fading to finish a distant 4th vs \$10,000 maidens going a 1-turn mile across town. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Romero Maragh handling the turnback in distance. **3 BOURBON TRACE** is cutting back to this distance after the game try at 6 ½ furlongs in which she came within a length of notching the very elusive maiden victory (43-0-4-6).

SELECTIONS: 5-4-3

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 8 CORN OFF THE COB

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 8 LORD BARNA