



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 I STAND CORRECTED, a closing 3rd on the turf vs \$40,000 maidens, drops after failing to fire vs another group of \$40,000 maidens going 7 furlongs on a fast track. He's the one to fear at the \$20,000 level. **8 FINE SPIRIT** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 2-month layoff to make a move for the lead and settling for 4th behind a pair of next-out winners; Cristian Torres rides. **7 TIZ LUNA** was game in defeat when finishing 2nd between a pair of next-out winners, including Fine Spirit, when they hooked up on July 18. The concern is the zero-for-19 record.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-7

RACE 2:

8 WATERLOO SUNSET is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after responding to the dropdown in competition with an improved 3rd place finish vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. **5 MIZ CHAPLIN** will try to save more for the stretch drive after vying for the lead and fading to finish 4th behind Waterloo Sunset last out; Fanny Olsson rides. **7 CLASSIC MELODY**, a full-sister to Grade 3 GP Sprint winner Classic Rock, debuts for trainer Kathy Ritvo with Lasix, and journeyman Manny Cruz named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 8-5-7

RACE 3:

7 NILESTAR is dropping to the \$10,000 level in the first start since chasing the pace and weakening to finish 5th behind a pair of next-out winners in a \$16,000 conditioned claimer during July. Trainer Ralph Nicks has apprentice Cristian Torres atop the daughter of Pioneerofthe Nile.

4 MOONLIT SEA needs little improvement on her last when she rallied 4-wide to come within a neck of notching this condition when finishing 3rd last out. **1 SHANGHAISWEETHEART** is going back to the turf, and breaking from the rail, after chasing the pace and finishing 3rd going 5 panels on a sealed sloppy track. She can steal it from the rail.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-1

RACE 4:

1 RICHARD THE GREAT is returning from the 13-month plus layoff looking to recapture the form he displayed when facing stakes caliber competition before getting sent to the sidelines. Trainer Juan Alvarado has the Arindel homebred firing bullets for the return to action. **6 DROP KICK** is stepping up, and stretching out, after rallying to finish 2nd when facing \$25,000 claimers at 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Yvon Belsoeur has leading jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **4 FORTUNATE FRIENDS**, in for a \$35,000 tag, drops after proving no match for classy stakes winner Trophy Chaser when they competed under allowance conditions last out.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-4

RACE 5:

6 SHELDOR has been knocking on the door 3 times recently when splitting a pair of 'in the money' finishes at this level on the turf with a 2nd place showing going a mile and a sixteenth on the main track. Trainer Tammy Levy has Edgard Zayas trying to notch the elusive maiden victory. **2 ALPERES** was freshened after finishing 2nd at this level in 4 consecutive turf outings. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Reylu Gutierrez trying to get the gelding out of 2nd gear.

4 BUNYAN'S AXE is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after surrendering a late lead to finish 2nd vs similar going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Robert Falcone Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 1-for-15 maiden.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

RACE 6:

10 SWEET KAYDEN moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile (3-1-2-0), after stalking the pace and fading when facing \$10,000 conditioned claimers going 6 furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. The barn, over 40% with new claims, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the recent gelding. **2 GRISACEO** moved to the Juan Arriagada barn via the claim after drawing clear – as the 3-to-5 favorite – to defeat \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimers at the distance, and get a lofty 80 Beyer figure for his effort. **8 NIGHTSTRINGS** comes off a solid 2nd place finish at this level and distance to figure on the ticket for trainer Ralph Nicks; Jeffrey Sanchez rides.

SELECTIONS: 10-2-8

RACE 7:

7 RIVER FRONT, a beautifully bred son of War Front, debuts on the turf, and should sit the 'trip' behind the speed, after returning from the layoff to finish a distant 3rd vs \$16,000 optional claimers going a mile on the dirt. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

4 MAX K.O. is going back to the turf after leading every step of the way to defeat \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers going a mile and a sixteenth on the main track. The speedy sophomore has Reylu Gutierrez doling out his speed.

6 ROBINTAKINCHARGE moved to the Bobby Dibona barn after the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after using his speed to defeat \$35,000 claimers going 7 ½ furlongs. The gelding loves to the local turf (4-2-0-1).

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 8:

2 BELLA TORMENTA is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs again after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when she held on to win by a neck over next-out winners My Sarasota Star and Three Socks One going 6 panels last out. Trainer Jorge Navarro has Emisael Jaramillo going for the hat trick. **6 GRACEFUL PRINCESS** will be outfitted with blinkers after tracking the pace and weakening when finishing 5th vs entry-level allowance runners at Saratoga. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Reylu Gutierrez atop the beautifully bred daughter of Tapit. **1 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR** will be outfitted with blinkers hoping the equipment change, and the turnback from 7 to 6 ½ furlongs produce positive results.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-1

RACE 9:

6 KAYLA'S TUNE is debuting on the turf after responding to the dropdown with a duel-for-the lead 3rd place finish vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs on the main track. Trainer Joe Orseno has Jairo Rendon returning on the daughter of Wicked Tune. **3 ARCTICA**, a daughter of Brethren, is dropping into the selling ranks, and trying the turf, after showing early interest and fading when facing state-bred special weight runners in her 5 ½-furlong debut on the main track; Edgard Zayas rides. **4 FURY SONG** is another trying the grass after responding to the dropdown in competition with a 2nd place finish at this level going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-4

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 2 BELLA TORMENTA

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 7 RIVER FRONT