



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 AMERICAN JAK is stepping up to face winners in the first start since drawing clear to defeat \$25,000 maidens, at Gulfstream, by almost 6 lengths. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the stretchout to a mile. **6 COUNTRY GIRL SHIRL** is stretching out around 2-turns after following her \$16,000 maiden victory at 5 furlongs with a track-the-pace 3rd vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. **4 HI HI HOLLY** is back in the claiming ranks on the main track after following her \$16,000 maiden score on the dirt with a poor showing on the turf in the 1-mile \$75,000 Our Dear Peggy.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-4

RACE 2:

2 VINCERO is stretching out to a mile after returning from the freshening to defeat 3 of the 6 rivals in this field when she scored in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer going 7 furlongs. **1 ANIMUS** is dropping to the \$30,000 level on the main track after facing better on the turf in the Bluegrass State. Trainer Dane Kobiskie is 19% with the turf-to-dirt angle. **3 FORTUNE COOKIE** is dropping into a competitive spot after returning from the 5-month layoff to break slowly and fail to reel in stakes caliber Belle Tapisserie in a \$16,000 optional claimer. Note the sophomore is 3 for 3 'in the money' at a mile (3-1-2-0).

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3

RACE 3:

7 VIDA TROPICAL is stretching out to a mile with blinkers added after chasing the pace and finishing 4th when facing this level of competition going 6 furlongs. The daughter of Oxbow should be mixing it up early. **3 DIVINE DIVA**, a good 2nd at this level and distance 2 starts back, stretches out after tracking the pace and weakening to finish a distant 4th going 7 furlongs in her last. **6 LADY PLAYER** is stretching out around 2-turns after rallying 5-wide to finish a distant 2nd vs similar quality going 7 furlongs last out. Trainer Gustavo Amaya has Leonel Reyes handling the added distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-6

RACE 4:

1 ALONG THE TRAIL, 2 for 3 at the distance, stretches out after breaking from the rail, encountering traffic on the first turn, and rallying along the inside to get beat only 1 3/4-lengths when finishing 6th at 7 1/2 furlongs; don't ignore. **7 SILENT SOFIA** is debuting locally for trainer Troy Wismer after a pair of solid turf outings at Indiana Grand, which includes the \$10,000 claiming victory at this mile and a sixteenth distance; Samy Camacho rides. **5 VENEZUELAN FOREVER** is stepping up to the next level in the first start since drawing clear to defeat \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at this distance on August 12. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Paco Lopez named on the daughter of Treasure Beach.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5



RACE 5:

2 REAL FAST MUSIC is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after setting a pressured pace and weakening late to finish 4th going 7 furlongs last out. His biggest challenge will surely come from **4 ROYALTY SALVATORE**. The latter also cuts back to 6 furlongs after dueling with Real Fast Music before yielding to finish 5th behind him last out. Leading jock Edgard Zayas returns on the top choice, while Paco Lopez has a return engagement on the latter.

3 TRIO OF CHAMPIONS is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff after following his 5-furlong maiden victory on the turf with a 2nd place finish vs \$10,000 '2-lifetime' claimers on the dirt.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3

RACE 6:

7 BLUE LUTE is debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker after the pair of sharp victories in Kentucky in which he defeated \$75,000 maidens at Kentucky Downs and followed that up with a \$50,000 starter allowance score at Keeneland. **5 SALSA JACK** is returning to the turf for owner/trainer Juan Arriagada after a couple of solid performances on sloppy tracks in which he crushed \$30,000 conditioned claimers 2 starts back, and was a duel-for-the-lead 3rd going a mile vs state-bred optional claimers in his last. **3 AMBASSADOR JIM** is making his first start since rallying to finish 2nd vs this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs across town. Trainer Joe Orseno has Paco Lopez in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-3

RACE 7:

5 BELLE TAPISSERIE will try to make it 2 in a row at the distance after dueling throughout to defeat a competitive field of \$16,000 optional claimers last out. **2 TAKE YOUR PLACE** is stretching out to 7 furlongs after shaking off early trouble to finish a 5-wide 2nd vs this level of competition going 6 furlongs on a 'sloppy' track. **4 RED CRESCENT** is hoping to bounce back on a fast track after the chase-and-fade outing in the slop. Watch the skies and bet accordingly.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4

RACE 8:

1 GIA LIA JOE is stepping up to face winners after leading every step of the way to defeat \$10,000 maidens at a mile. Inside speed on this turf course is always an intriguing proposition.

5 BRIDGE OF SIGHS, now in the Juan Arriagada barn, the 4-year-old is eligible to offer more in the 2nd outing over the course after shipping in from Monmouth and running an okay 5th.

6 INSIDE TRIP may have finally found the spot where she can repair the chalk burning status and getting beat – as the favorite – in 3 consecutive turf outings vs this caliber of competition.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-6

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 7 BLUE LUTE

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 1 ALONG THE TRAIL