



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 COLLIERY is dropping to the \$12,500 level on the main track, and turning back to a mile and a sixteenth, after returning from the layoff and finishing a troubled starting (bumped, clipped heels) 6th vs \$16,000 types going 9 furlongs on the turf. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Emisael Jaramillo handling the surface change.

6 SOCIAL EQUALITY is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying to finish 3rd in back-to-back races vs similar going a mile. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Edgard Zayas up.

1 MAXI MOON is another trying 8 ½ furlongs after responding to the combo dropdown and surface switch with a late-running 2nd – a neck in front of Social Equality last out. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Paco Lopez handling the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 2:

6 OMEGA MOON is dropping to the \$20,000 level, turning back to a 1-turn mile, and removing the blinkers, after setting the pace and fading to finish 5th vs \$30,000 '3-lifetime' claimers going a mile & 70 yards. Trainer Louie Roussel has Emisael Jaramillo atop the 7-year-old son of Malibu Moon.

4 NEW YORK STYLE is stretching out to a mile again after putting it all together when drawing clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners in a \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimer going 7 furlongs. Trainer Happy Alter has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **2 ENANO ASTRAY** moves to the Mary Eppler barn via the claim, and steps up the competition, after following the 2nd place finish behind New York Style 2 starts back, with a \$12,500 '2-lifetime' score going a mile last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2

RACE 3:

5 MONTE NE gets the tepid nod in the most competitive race of the day after tracking early and drawing clear late to defeat \$25,000 optional claimers last out. His ability to set, or be just off the pace, is his biggest asset. **7 LEGAL DEAL** can end up sitting in the garden spot right off the pace after following a victory at this level and distance on the dirt with a late-closing 3rd – beaten a neck - vs similar on the grass last out.

3 TROPICAT is another late-striding type who brings his good recent form into the race looking to win for the 2nd time since returning from the lengthy layoff in January. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Joe Bravo at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-3

RACE 4:

3 LOOK WHAT I FOUND is dropping to the \$35,000 level after encountering trouble at the start in consecutive turf outings vs tougher. She can spring the upset with a clean trip.

9 FRANKIE'S GIRL moves to the Wesley Ward barn after the claim, turns back slightly to 7 ½ furlongs, and removes the blinkers, after closing from 'off the pace' to finish 3rd vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile. The new connections tab Mario Pino to ride. **5 LUCY'S CAKES FLY** is a 3-year-old daughter of Vancouver debuting for trainer Kelly Breen with Lasix, and a consistent work tab showing, on both turf and dirt, at Palm Meadows. Tab the tote action for clues about her readiness to win at first asking. **2 FOXTROT SEVILLE** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after stepping up the competition and failing to fire in a maiden special weight test at the distance. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Chantal Sutherland handing the class relief.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-5-2

**RACE 5:**

4 LYRICAL is dropping to the \$6,250 level in the first start since setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Infatuating in a \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimer contested here in February. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo handling the return. **1 PINK FIZZ** will depart from the rail after responding to the dropdown in competition with a well-meant 2nd place finish at this level and distance. Antonio Sano has Jesus Rios in the irons again.

10 GO GATOR GIRL GO is freefalling to this level after facing considerably tougher here before going to the sidelines last May. Trainer Mike Yates has Jose Morelos handling the first start in 11 months.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-10

RACE 6:

5 PILLAR MOUNTAIN (IRE) is turning back to 11 furlongs after rallying to defeat this level of competition going a mile and a half here last out. Note that the 6-year-old, trained by Todd Pletcher, won back-to-back races at this distance during the 2019 Saratoga Meet. **2 GO POKE THE BEAR** is hoping to turn the tables on the top choice at a mile & three-eighths after closing to finish 3rd behind him going 12 furlongs last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas up. **6 BASHA** is hard-trying 7-year-old son of Uncle Mo who should be along to grab a share of the exotic wagers. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Leonel Reyes in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

RACE 7:

2 TRAPPEZOID will try and make it 3 in a row after posting back-to-back victories at the distance since the claim by Jorge Delgado: Edgard Zayas rides. **1 AYCAPOTE** will depart from the rail after dueling from start to finish and coming up a neck short vs \$6,250 open-claimers going a mile last out. Trainer Peter Walder has Chantal Sutherland handling the inside draw. **5 PLEASE SIT DOWN** is wheeling back after following back-to-back well-meant 2nd place finishes with a 4th place finish behind the top choice last out. His consistency can be 'key' vs this level of opposition.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-5

RACE 8:

8 PIONEER MAN moves to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and cuts back to a mile, after debuting locally and finishing 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length – vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on a 'good' turf: Miguel Vazquez rides. **7 FIG JELLY**, still looking for his first victory since 2019, came pretty close last out when he set the pace and finished 3rd – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Kelly Breen has Edgard Zayas trying to notch the elusive local turf victory (10-0-4-3).

2 PROLIFERATE should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from exactly a 1-year layoff to finish a screw-tightening 5th at this level and distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo handling the 2nd race off the bench.

SELECTIONS: 8-7-2

RACE 9:

2 MISS LAMARR is wheeling back after the strong career debut at this level and distance in which she dueled throughout and was beaten a half-length. Trainer Carlos David is 27% with maidens making their 2nd start.

5 BAHAMIAN RHAPSODY moves to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim after hitting the board' in back-to-back races at this level, which includes the 3rd place finish – as the favorite – behind Miss Lamarr last out. The barn, 32% with new claims, has Emisael Jaramillo handling the rematch.

9 SILVER PACKAGE is making her first start since she was mugged at the top of the stretch in a \$40,000 maiden sprint here last September. Trainer Ralph Nicks adds Lasix, and Joe Bravo, for her sophomore debut.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-9

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 8 PIONEER MAN

LONGSHOT: RACE 4 – 3 LOOK WHAT I FOUND