



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 WINGMAN will break from the outside after stalking the pace and finishing a game 2nd when facing tougher in a \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance. Trainer Phil Serpe has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

3 THREEOHTWOCASSIE moved to the Jorge Navarro barn via the claim after drawing clear late to defeat \$16,000 open-claimers at the distance; Nik Juarez rides. **5 BARNEY REBEL** (IRE) is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after showing some late interest in a pair of \$25,000 conditioned claimers going a mile on the turf. Trainer Mary Eppler has Paco Lopez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-5

RACE 2:

2 UNNAMED SOLDIER, listed as a gelding, is plummeting to the \$12,500 level after facing maiden special weight competition on the Laurel turf last summer. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas handling the 3-year-old debut.

7 BROADCAST TIME is dropping to this \$12,500 level, and cutting back to 5 furlongs, after tracking the pace and fading vs \$20,000 maidens going a mile on the turf.

3 MY MAN MIKE is a son of Duke of Mischief debuting for trainer Mario Maver in a good spot for a first-time starter to be effective.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-3

RACE 3:

6 SHANGHAISWEETHEART is dropping to the \$16,000 level with blinkers added after dueling for the early lead and fading to finish 4th in a \$20,000 maiden sprint moved from the turf to 5 furlongs on fast track.

1 ESTRELLA GUIA is a daughter of Turbo Compressor debuting for trainer Jorge Delgado, who posted an 8 for 28 (38%) win average at the Championship Meet. The sophomore starts her career for this hot barn with Lasix, and Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **4 BACKCAT** is a daughter of Backtalk debuting for Goldmark Farm and trainer Ralph Nicks with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride. Tab the tote for more clues about her readiness to score at first asking.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 4:

1 ZAYA is stepping it up a notch after showing a fondness for both the dropdown in competition, and the move to the turf, with a 2nd place finish – beaten a head – at the \$20,000 level, despite the fact he steadied early, and took the overland route. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Nik Juarez named to ride. **5 LLANO** is a \$60,000 gelded son of Mineshaft debuting for trainer Mark Hennig with Lasix, and Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride. The tote action should tell us more. **6 LIVE FOR THE DAY**, now in the David Fawkes barn, the son of Two Step Salsa drops to the \$35,000 level on the grass after facing maiden special weight company on the dirt during his 3-race freshman campaign; Paco Lopez has the mount.

SELECTIONS: 1-5-6

RACE 5:

5 BRAVER THAN WE ARE will try to make it 2 in a row after responding in the first race after the claim by Saffie Joseph Jr, and the addition of blinkers, by making sharp late move to defeat this familiar competition by 3 ½ lengths.

7 PASSIONATE HACHI moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and renews the rivalry with the top choice, after the latter ran by him in the stretch last out. The new connections have Edgard Zayas handling the rematch.

1 BEST THUNDER is hoping to find more for the stretch run after finishing a distant 3rd behind the top two last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-1

RACE 6:

3 COCKTAIL SKIRT moved to the Mike Maker barn via the claim, and steps up to the next level, after rallying to come within a half-length of winning when finishing 2nd vs \$16,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

2 TRILBY moved to the Ruben Gracida barn via the claim after the pair of solid efforts vs \$16,000 state-bred optional claimers. The new connections have Paco Lopez named to ride.

4 WINDJAMMER (GER) moved to the Troy Wismer barn via the claim, and turns back to a mile, after drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' claimers at a mile and a sixteenth; Nik Juarez rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-4

RACE 7:

5 MORNING BUZZ moved to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and faces \$35,000 conditioned claimers, after chasing swift fractions of 21 & 4 and 44 & 4 when finishing 3rd vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Jorge Delgado, 44% with new claims, has Edgard Zayas in the irons. **2 BIG ROCK**, 9-3-1-2 at this distance on the turf, the new gelding returns to the lawn at the \$35,000 level in the first start since finishing a distant 3rd on the Belmont main track vs \$62,500 optional claimers. Trainer Christophe Clement has Paco Lopez handling the dropdown. **8 SHOSHONE BRAVE**, 1 of 2 in the field for trainer Angel Rodriguez (Apache Brave) wheels back after a sharp effort vs \$25,000 optional claimers in which he disputed

strong fractions and finished 2nd – beaten only a neck.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-5

RACE 8:

6 WHY TRUST moved to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim, and takes the big jump to face state-bred allowance competition, after surrendering a late lead to finish 2nd in a \$12,500 open-claimer at the distance.

2 JOE DI BAGGIO is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after following a pair of strong efforts going 7 furlongs with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$50,000 optional claimers going a 1-turn mile. **3 ARRIVEDERLA**, 4th behind Joe Di Baggio going 7 panels on February 22nd, renews the rivalry after dueling for the lead and fading to 5th going this 6-furlong distance last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-3

RACE 9:

9 SECRET O'LIFE has her claiming tag sliced in half after following the \$20,000 maiden victory with a 2nd place finish vs \$25,000 open claimers. Trainer Marcus Vitali has Paco named to ride.

3 DUBAIAN is dropping a notch, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs after surrendering a late lead when finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going a mile. **6 DIXIE PRINCESS** is cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs at the \$12,500 level after tracking the pace and tiring to finish 6th vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers at a mile and a sixteenth. **12 POINTEDLEE** merits longshot status when the 4-year-old drops to this level after facing tougher during her sophomore season last summer. Trainer Sarah Nagle has Jonathan Gonzales handling the tough outside post.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-6-12

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 3 COCKTAIL SKIRT

LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 6 WHY TRUST