



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 ODRAMARK, now in the Kathleen O'Connell barn, the mare makes her first start since drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 conditioned claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Monmouth turf: Jose Ortiz handles the local return. **6 PROPER MANNERS** is making the 3rd start of her current form cycle after back-to-back narrow defeats at this level and distance. The 3rd start off the bench can be the charm.

9 MS HEADLEY is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after setting the pace and getting overhauled in the stretch when finishing 3rd behind Proper Manners last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-9

RACE 2:

4 LUVNMESUMCAJUN is a gelded son of win-early sire Cajun Breeze debuting for trainer Mike Yates in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The 4-year-old gets Lasix, and has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **6 CHAMBERLAIN** is an obvious choice to be on the ticket after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance: Angel Arroyo rides for Marcial Navarro.

8 DEBBIE'S ROAD is a late-striding type who should be along to grab a share of the exotic wagers: Miguel Vazquez rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-8

RACE 3:

2 SKYFLY is dropping to the \$35,000 level, and stretching out to 7 furlongs again, after hitting the board in 2 of 3 sprints vs state-bred special weight runners. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Paco Lopez named on the daughter of Jess's Dream.

6 MAUREENLOVESFRANK, now in the Brad Cox barn, the daughter of Wicked Strong competes vs state-bred maiden claimers locally after facing open special weight competition in a trio of sprints at Hawthorne. The barn, 33% with similar class drops, has Luis Saez named to rides.

4 WE BLESS LUCK is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile, and getting Lasix, after returning from the layoff to finish 3rd vs \$25,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Carlos Perez has leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-4

RACE 4

7 EXCHANGE DAY is hoping to bounce back after his 2-race win streak ended when he finished a slow starting 4th vs \$35,000 claimers last out. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Luis Saez handling the son of Itsmyluckyday. **6 ZAMFIR** is dropping to the \$35,000 level after following the 2nd place finish behind Exchange Day on December 18th with a stalk-the-pace 4th vs \$50,000 starter optional claiming competition. **8 SPEARGUN** is returning to the turf after winning 1 of 2 recent sprints vs similar quality on the main track. The son of Khozan will have Tyler Gaffalione handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-8

RACE 5:

7 SAMBACER, who broke his maiden on the turf here - at first asking - during 2019, makes his 5-year-old debut for Shug McGaughey the first start since trying the dirt locally almost 2 years ago. The barn, 20% with extended layoffs, has Jose Ortiz handling this interesting proposition. **9 COWTOWN**, drops, and turns back to a mile, after facing tougher at distances from 11 to 16 furlongs. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Irad Ortiz Jr atop the son of Tonalist.

8 PALACE KITTEN is cutting back to a mile after setting the pace and getting caught late in back-to-back races going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Bill Downing has Leonel Reyes handling the shorter distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-8



RACE 6:

3 SECRET POTION is debuting locally for trainer Chad Brown, and trying the dirt for the first time, after racing exclusively on the turf vs tougher during his freshman campaign. The barn, 29% with the turf to dirt angle, has Irad Ortiz Jr atop the \$475,000 son of Into Mischief. **6 VALUE CREATION**, another from Chad Brown, the \$410,000 son of Uncle Mo is making his career debut off a series of solid workouts at Palm Meadows. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Jose Ortiz in the irons.

2 SUMMER SERMON is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after tracking the pace and fading to finish 8th - behind next-out G3 Sam Davis winner Candy Man Rocket - going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Mike Yates is 20% with maidens making their 2nd start.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-2

RACE 7:

12 WHATMAKESAMMYRUN is making his first start since the troubled outing here in December in which he was searching for racing room but still managed to finish a willing 2nd. Trainer George Weaver adds Lasix, and has Luis Saez handling the demanding outside post. **5 ADVANCE CASH** is turning back to a mile after setting a pressured pace and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Junior Alvarado returning on the speedy son of Handsome Mike. **4 HYPERFOCUS** is a gelded son of Constitution debuting on the turf for trainer Todd Pletcher after following his debut victory here on the dirt with a clunker in the Grade 3 Bashford Manor on the Churchill main track. The barn, 26% with the dirt-to-turf move, has Irad handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 12-5-4

RACE 8:

6 OUR FANTASY is stepping up the competition after drawing clear to wallop 5 rivals in a \$12,500 'non-winners of 3-lifetime' claimer at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **2 DIZZY** is hoping to find a little more fire power for the stretch run after rallying to finish 2nd in consecutive races at this level and distance. Trainer Juan Alvarado tabs leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr to ride.

1 TIZ ENOUGH is getting the blinkers back after chasing the pace and fading to finish 5th and 3rd, respectively, behind Dizzy, in both starts since returning from GP West: Hector Berrios rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-1

RACE 9:

5 MISS TEHERAN (IRE) is debuting locally at a mile in the first start since making a move for the lead before fading to finish 4th – as the favorite – behind repeat Grade 3 winner Mucho Unusual in the 9-furlong G3 Frankel at Santa Anita.

8 SUN SUMMERS is cutting back to her most accomplished distance (7-3-2-0) after having nowhere to run in the stretch, and still only beaten a half-length when 3rd in 8 ½-furlong Sunshine F & M Turf. Trainer Mike Maker has Joe Bravo named to ride, as Irad moves to the top choice.

3 CHOATE BRIDGE is cutting back to 8 furlongs after following a victory here at the distance with a troubled (steadied) 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Brendan Walsh has Corey Lanerie atop the daughter of Street Sense.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-3

RACE 10:

4 WILL TAKE CONTROL is dropping to the \$35,000 after setting the pace and weakening vs \$50,000 maidens going this 1-mile distance. Edgard Zayas should have the aptly named son of Will Take Charge on or with the pace as soon as the pop the gate latch. **7 PASSWORD PROTECTED** moves to the Eddie Keneally barn via the claim, and immediately drops to the \$35,000 level, after getting mugged at the start prior to finishing 6th in his \$50,000 debut at the distance: Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

5 FLAMINGO HAWK is another getting some class relief tracking the pace and finishing a so-so 4th going a mile at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-5

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 12 WHATMAKESAMMYRUN

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 4 WILL TAKE CONTROL