



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

12 SUM NATION is dropping to the \$16,000, and breaking from the outside, after recovering from a troubled start (tossed head) to finish a late-closing 4th behind a pair of next-out winners, and in front of another next-out winner, in a 'key' \$25,000 maiden race going a mile. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas named to ride. **1 SUPER LEGGERA** is a daughter of Gio Ponti debuting for trainer Christophe Clement with Lasix, and Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. The tote action should tell us more. **7 SARA MIA** is a daughter of English Channel, out of the Artie Schiller mare Gutierrez Girl, who is bred on both sides of the family tree to excel on the turf. Trainer Juan C Avila adds Lasix, and jockey Marcos Meneses to the intrigue.

SELECTIONS: 12-1-7

RACE 2:

3 MS V TIME is dropping a notch on the maiden scale after pressing the pace and finishing 2nd – as the even-money favorite – vs \$50,000 maidens last out. Trainer Dale Romans has Luis Saez in the irons. **1 IZSHEFROSTED** will depart from the rail after opening and surrendering a late 2-length lead when finishing 2nd vs 4 rivals in a compact \$35,000 maiden test at the distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside speed play. **2 NUSCAA** will be outfitted with blinkers after chasing the pace and finishing 3rd behind Izshefrosted going this 6-furlong distance last out. Trainer Fausto Gutierrez has Edgard Zayas trying to close the gap.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2

RACE 3:

7 IT'S A RISK is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after following the upset '2-lifetime' victory at the distance with a 4th place finish vs this level of competition going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kelly Breen has leading jock Irad Ortiz Jr named to ride. **4 MOON PISTOL** is another cutting back to this distance after shaking off traffic on the turn to finish 2nd in front of It's a Risk going 6 ½ furlongs last out: Leonel Reyes handles the rematch.

6 DECKOLOGY, 3rd at this level 3 starts back, drops after failing to hit the board in a pair of \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers (1 on dirt & 1 on turf). Trainer Mauricio Fuentes has Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6

RACE 4:

5 FOXXY BELLE is sitting on a winning performance after shipping from Canada into the Saffie Joseph Jr barn and finishing a well-meant 2nd at this level and distance: Tyler Gaffalione rides. **2 LIZA STAR** has license to improve after finishing 4th behind Foxy Belle, which was her first-ever turf race after 35 races on the dirt. Trainer Peter Walder has Corey Lanerie atop multiple stakes-placed mare. **6 PRECOCIOUS PEACH**, a 6-time turf winner at the distance, who is 5 for 8 in the money locally, was freshened after breaking through the gate prior to coming up empty in the Claiming Crown Distaff Dash. The mare is spotted perfectly vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

RACE 5:

11 BEEBOO drops, and gets both Lasix and blinkers, after setting the pace and fading to finish a distance 3rd in consecutive sprints at the \$50,000 level. Trainer Brad Cox, better than 25% with both first-time blinkers and Lasix, tabs Tyler Gaffalione to ride as Irad moves to **8 BERHANU**. The latter is plunging to the \$12,500 level after a couple of slow starting sprints – as the favorite - vs \$35,000 maidens on the dirt last out, and \$50,000 maidens on the turf 2 starts back. **6 CHAMPION UP** is dropping to this level on the main track, and getting Lasix, after showing speed and fading in his \$35,000 career debut going 7 ½ furlongs on the turf. Trainer Antonio Sano has Luis Saez handling the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 11-8-6



RACE 6:

6 I'M LISTENING moved to the Kelly Breen barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile and a sixteenth, after following the neck defeat at the distance with another 2nd place finish going a mile last out. The barn, 30% with new claims, has Irad Ortiz Jr atop the daughter of Freud. **8 BAREEQA**, the senior citizen in the field, the 8-year-old mare, who is a 5-time winner at the distance, stretches out after recovering from an awkward start to finish 3rd behind the top choice going 8 panels last out. Trainer Danny Gargan has Luis Saez handling the rematch. **1 LOOKINLIKEAQUEEN** will depart from the rail after closing late to finish 6th – beaten only a length – by Bienville Street in the Sunshine F & M Turf. Trainer Herman Wilensky drops her to the \$35,000 level with John Velazquez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-1

RACE 7:

7 FRENCH REEF (IRE), beaten a head – as the 4-to-5 favorite – at this level and distance 2 starts back, wheels back after encountering early traffic when finishing 5th – as the public choice – last out. Trainer Rohan Crichton, who claimed him 2 starts back, has Irad named to ride. **2 PUTMAN**, a sharp \$35,000 maiden winner sprinting on the turf 2 starts back, is returning to the grass after stumbling at the start and finishing 5th and last in a \$35,000 '2-lifetime' sprint moved from turf to fast main track. Trainer Hector Rodriguez has Junior Alvarado at the controls. **1 OUR DESTINY** is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after disputing swift early fractions and finishing a one-paced 6th at this level and distance. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Luis Saez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-1

RACE 8:

6 AMPERSAND is making his sophomore debut after the brief, but interesting, 2-year-old campaign in which he broke his maiden in the mud at the Spa, and followed that with a distant 4th place finish behind multiple Grade 1 winner Jackie's Warrior in the G1 Hopeful. Trainer Phil Serpe has the son of Speightster working well locally, and adds Lasix, and Luis Saez for the return. **3 REAL TALK** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after responding in the first start after moving to the Carlos David barn with a duel-for-lead 2nd vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile: Jose Ortiz rides.

2 BAILEY moved to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn via the claim, and steps up with Lasix added, after drawing clear to defeat \$25,000 state-bred maidens by almost 4 lengths: Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-2

RACE 9:

2 BLIND AMBITION is back in the allowance optional claiming ranks after returning from the layoff to finish 6th behind graded stakes-place superstars Imprimis and Extravagant Kid in the \$75,000 Janus. The classy 7-year-old has John Velazquez in the saddle. **8 YES I AM FREE** will try to make it 3 in a row after following his victory in the slop at GP West with a 'come-from-behind' score here at this level and distance on the turf. Trainer Mark Casse has Emisael Jaramillo going for the hat trick. **6 MAI TY ONE ON** rekindled the horse-for-course angle when he returned from the layoff to win for the 4th time from 9 races on the Gulfstream turf, albeit at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Luis Saez atop the previous winner at this \$62,500 level.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-6

RACE 10:

12 KARTANO is a gelded son of Tamarkuz debuting for Efren Loza Jr, who is 3 for 6 (50%) with his debut turf runners. He's worth a flyer at a price, despite the tough outside post. **5 CONGRATS AGAIN** is dropping to the \$25,000 level, and getting Lasix, after tracking the pace and finishing 5th behind next-out winners Golovkin and Raulito at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Mike Yates has Irad atop the son of Congrats. **3 GAEL POWER** is a gelded son of Soldat debuting for trainer George Weaver in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Tyler Gaffalione at the controls. **1 SUPPLICATION** has his claiming tag carved in half after debuting locally and finishing a track-the-pace 9th vs \$50,000 maidens. Trainer Mark Casse has Luis Saez atop the son of Point of Entry.

SELECTIONS: 11-5-3-1

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 2 BLIND AMBITION

LONGSHOT: RACE 10 – 12 KARTANO