



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 KICK IN THE GAS, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the son of Tourist drops to the \$16,000 level after finishing 4th in his \$35,000 turf debut while in the Christophe Clement barn: blinkers on for the return. **7 SETTE STELLE** is cutting back to a mile after rallying late to finish a well-meant 2nd vs similar quality going a mile and a sixteenth. Juan C Avila has Hector Berrios atop the zero-for-11 gelding. **5 SWEENEY'S CAT** is making his first start since making the pace and finishing 3rd behind Sette Stelle when they hooked up at 8 ½ furlongs on May 15. Note that the 3-year-old son of Kitten's Joy in 4 for 7 'in the money' at a mile.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-5

RACE 2:

3 LIESEL moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim, and was sent to the sidelines, after finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Nationalist at this level and distance during April. Edgard Zayas is named on the daughter of Brethren.

7 MANUELA is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear in the slop to defeat \$12,500 maidens going a mile. Rodolfo Garcia has Samy Camacho going for 2 in a row.

4 STARSHIP BLANCA is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and stretching out to a mile, after rallying 5-wide to finish 2nd – beaten a length – vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 7-furlongs in the slop. The 4-year-old, zero-for-2 'at the distance', has J C Diaz Jr. up.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-4

RACE 3:

6 GAMBLE'S ORB is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after setting the pace, bumping at the 1/16th pole, when finishing 2nd in her 5-furlong debut in the slop. Trainer Joe Orseno has Miguel Vazquez handling the stretchout.

1 ULTIMATE BREEZE is a daughter of win-early sire Cajun Breeze debuting for trainer Mike Yates with a trio of solid workouts showing over the track, which includes the sharp 3-furlong gate work on July 3rd: Edgard Zayas rides. **4 BASKING** is a \$100,000 daughter of Lord Nelson debuting for trainer Lisa Lewis with 7 productive workouts showing at either Payson Park or Palm Meadows. The tote should tell is more.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 4:

4 I'M A COCO PEBBLES will try to make it 3 in row after proving she could win at this level when the sophomore drew clear to win going 7 furlongs. Carlos David, who claimed her 2 starts back, has Cristian Torres handling the stretchout to a mile. **6 BEYOND HEAVENLY** is stretching out to a mile after posting her 2nd consecutive victory when defeating '2-lifetime' claimers going 6-furlongs. Note that the 3-year-old ran well in her previous race at the distance, albeit a 2-turn mile at GP West. **5 PRETTY RACHEL** makes it a trio of 3-year-olds trying to notch their 3rd straight victory after defeating similar going 6 furlongs on a wet track listed as good. Saul Matos has Marcos Meneses in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-5

RACE 5:

5 HIGH NOON RIDER is plunging into this \$12,500 dated claimer after 'hitting the board' in 3 of 5 turf outings vs considerably tougher. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the precipitous drop. **6 BRAY** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 3-month layoff to finish 2nd – a head behind repeat winner Robintakincharge – in a \$16,000 dated claimer at the distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Emisael Jaramillo up.



2 EVERYONELOVESJAMES is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and returning to the turf, after following a 4th place finish vs \$25,000 optional claimers on the grass with a set-the-pace-and-fade outing going a mile on a sealed muddy track. Trainer Jennifer Young has Chantal Sutherland atop the 3-time turf winner.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2

RACE 6:

4 PENS STREET is returning to the allowance optional claiming ranks on the dirt in the first start since failing to fire on the turf, behind multiple stakes winner Con Lima, in the mile and a sixteenth \$75,000 Honey Ryder Stakes. Trainer Rohan Crichton adds blinkers on the son of Street Sense, who is working lights out for the return.

1 R PREROGATIVE is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after returning from a trip up to Tampa with a 2nd place finish vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers going 7 furlongs on a good track. Georgina Baxter has Edgard Zayas handling the inside post.

2 AWESOME ANNMARIE proved she could compete at this level when she followed her \$12,500 state-bred score with a well-meant 2nd place showing at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-2

RACE 7:

3 NEPOTI, a half-brother to triple stakes-placed turf runner Fulmini, shifts to the grass after the rough debut on the dirt in which he bumped at the start, and steadied at the ½-mile pole. Joe Orseno has go-to jock Victor Lebron handling the surface switch. **9 KITODAN**, a son of Point of Entry, is stretching out around 2-turns on the turf after rallying late to finish 5th – beaten 1 ½ lengths – going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt. Note that the freshman is bred to love both the surface and distance. **7 PHARAOH'S PROPHECY** is a son of Pioneerofthe Nile debuting for trainer Mike Maker, and that should be more than enough to pique your interest: Emisael Jaramillo rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-9-7

RACE 8:

1 BAILEY is stretching out an additional half-furlong after responding to the dropdown with a 2nd place finish – as the odds-on choice – going 6 furlongs. Saffie has Edgard handling the inside draw. **7 FIRST RULE** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after tracking the action and finishing a workman-like 4th vs similar going a mile. Diane Morici has Leonel Reyes handling the turnback.

6 STAR JUANCHO is stretching out after making a bid and weakening to finish 3rd behind Bailey going three-quarters of a mile. The hard-knocking 6-year-old has 'hit the board' in 3 of 6 races at the distance during his 43-race campaign.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-6

RACE 9:

8 EARNESTINE N HAZEL (IRE) is dropping to the \$12,500 level after debuting locally in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn and finishing a rallying 3rd – as the favorite – going a mile vs \$25,000 maidens: Edgard Zayas rides. **3 YAMBOREE QUEEN** has her claiming tag carved in half after showing some late interest when finishing 5th behind the top choice in her \$25,000 career debut going a mile. Tom Proctor has Keiber Coa handling the rematch. **6 MY BEAUTY PRINCESS**, 2nd sprinting on the turf vs \$16,000 maidens 2 starts back, stretches out to a mile on the grass after posting another 2nd-place finish vs \$16,000 maidens going 5 furlongs on the dirt. The son of Verrazano is bred to respond favorably to the distance.

SELECTIONS: 8-3-6

BEST BET: RACE 6 – 4 PENS STREET

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 3 NEPOTI

