



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

7 CHARLOTTE THE BRIT, a daughter of Treasure Beach, is dropping to the \$35,000 level on the turf after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and encounter late traffic when finishing 4th vs \$50,000 maidens on the main track. Trainer Joe Orseno has Jairo Rendon handling the surface switch.

1 PRINCESS TRINA is hoping to rebound vs this caliber of competition after the inconsistent pair vs special weight competition in which she was a set-the-pace 3rd a couple of starts back, and a stalk-and-fade 9th last out. **4 LADY MIAH** is a daughter of Union Rags debuting for trainer Efren Loza Jr with Lasix, and a so-so morning work tab showing.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-4

RACE 2:

7 EMPIRE POWER is plunging to the \$12,500 level after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and fade vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers. The son of Bodemeister is a shaky call on the drop. **6 DUNK** is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after drifting out through the lane when finishing a distant 2nd going three-quarters of a mile last out.

4 COLORMEPOMPOM, 3rd at this distance 2 starts back, and 3rd behind Dunk last out, merits a spot on the ticket.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-4

RACE 3:

2 SOVEREIGN WARRIOR was solid in defeat when he followed his hard-fought maiden victory with a stalk-the-action 3rd – beaten a length – vs \$25,000 claimers last out. **1 TWISTED LICORICE** is making his first start since following his \$20,000 maiden score with a nose defeat to repeat winner Quick Connect in a \$20,000 open-claimer during March.

7 BULLGRATS will depart from the outside after rallying to finish 4th behind the top choice last out. The faster they go up front the better it will be for this son of Congrats.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-7

RACE 4:

2 MIZ CLIPPER is dropping a notch after dueling for the lead and fading to finish 6th vs a solid group of \$30,000 conditioned claimers at the distance. The mare should find an easier time on of just off the pace this time out; Samy Camacho rides.

1 WORTH AVENUE will depart from the rail again after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd – beaten three-quarters of a length – at this level and distance. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has Jose Alvarez in the irons. **4 SAMMIE SUNSHINE** is hoping to stay in closer contact with the field after talking the overland route when finishing a wide 5th behind Worth Avenue last out.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-4

RACE 5:

2 MAX K.O. is back locally, and turning back to a mile, after shipping up to Tampa and finishing a duel throughout 4th – beaten 1 ¼ lengths – in the mile and a sixteenth \$100,000 Sophomore Turf. Trainer Kieran McLaughlin has Albin Jimenez handling the turnback. **6 EXTRAORDINARY JERRY**, now in the Todd Pletcher barn, the son of Overdriven faces state-bred competition in the first race since finishing 3rd – beaten a length – in a \$40,000 optional claimer going 6 ½ furlongs on the downhill course at Santa Anita; Edgard Zayas rides. **3 SOUPER JAGUAR**, who broke his maiden here at a mile, turns back after dueling with Max K.O. early before fading to finish 7th in the Sophomore Turf upstate.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-3

RACE 6:

9 STAY SALTY moved to the Aubrey Maragh barn via the claim, and drops to the \$12,500 level, after breaking slowly from the rail and finishing a distant 4th in her \$20,000 career debut for trainer Kathleen O'Connell. **2 KEILANI** is debuting for trainer Armando De La Cerda with Lasix, and Jeffrey Sanchez named to ride. The \$35,000 daughter of Strong Mandate is working okay at GP West.

3 MALEFICENT BEAUTY, now in the Don Swick barn, makes her first start since finishing 3rd in her \$16,000 debut, but only getting a single digit Beyer figure for her effort.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-3

RACE 7:

3 BIG ROCK should be ready to get his picture taken after returning from the layoff to finish a troubled 3rd (tight quarters) at this level and distance. Trainer Christophe Clement is 39% with the 2nd start after a longer than 180 days layoff. **5 HIGH HONORS (BRZ)** is making his first start since showing speed and getting nailed late in a pair vs similar quality before the layoff. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edgard Zayas named on the 8-year-old. **4 BOLD ENVOY** is going back to the turf for trainer Georgina Baxter after following a 2nd place finish at this distance on the grass with a stalk-and-fade outing behind hard-knocking Star Juancho going 6 furlongs on a sealed 'sloppy' track.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-4

RACE 8:

4 SUNSET PROMISE is a daughter of Broken Vow debuting for trainer Wesley Ward with Lasix, and a consistent work tab showing at Palm Meadows. The filly faces the boys with Eduardo Nunez at the controls. **8 LURE HIM IN** is a son of Khozan debuting for trainer Ralph Nicks, who is 16% with his 2-year-old first-time starters. **2 SMASH**, a gelded son of Congrats, debuts for Arindel Farm and trainer Juan Alvarado with Lasix, and Edgard Zayas named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 4-8-2

RACE 9:

3 BLACK JET is stepping it up a notch in the first race since he dueled through fractions of 21 flat and 44 flat to defeat \$16,000 claimers by a nose. The son of Arch may prove to be too fast for this group. **8 SURGEON** is dropping back into the claiming ranks after following his \$16,000 '3-lifetime' victory with a late running 5th vs \$25,000 optional claimers last out. **5 MOONWALKER** is a late-running type who can reap the spoils if a suicide speed duel develops on the front end. Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza has Albin Jimenez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 3-8-5

RACE 10:

4 LISA MILA is wheeling back after responding in the first race under the tutelage of trainer Victor Barboza Jr by setting the pace and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. Edgard Zayas will ration her speed today. **5 CHUTZPAH** is dropping into this \$6,250 '2-lifetime' claimer after returning from the layoff to track the early pace and fail to fire vs \$35,000 claimers in a race moved from the turf to a sloppy track. Trainer Mike Lerman has Jairo Rendon atop the New York-bred. **1 ESTRELLA GUIA** is stepping up to face winners, and breaking from the rail again, after setting a pressured pace and drawing clear to defeat \$16,000 maidens in her 6-furlong debut. Trainer Jorge Delgado is 6 for 16 (38%) winning consecutive races.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1

RACE 11:

2 TEMPLE MOUNT is stretching out around 2-turns again after responding in the first race after the claim by Oscar Gonzalez with a stalk-the-pace-and-flatten-late 5th place finish going 5 furlongs. The son of Temple City will be in the first flight playing catch me if you can. **6 BIG SPORT** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim, and debuts on the turf, after facing state-bred competition on the main track before the layoff. The gelded son of Kantharos is bred on both sides of the family tree to like the grass. **9 GOOD TIMING MAN** will break from the outside after responding to the surface switch with a late-closing 3rd at this level and distance on the turf. Trainer Patrick Biancone has Jose Batista in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-9

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 3 BIG ROCK

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 2 TEMPLE MOUNT

