



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 COOP TRIES HARDER is debuting on the Tapeta in the first start since facing better sprinting on the turf here last winter. Trainer Jane Cibelli, 33% with the longer than 180 days layoff, has Paco Lopez atop the son of Gone Astray, who is working sharply for the return. **2 NOTACATBUTACARD**, now in the Mike Dini barn, the gelding debuts locally fresh off an \$6,250 starter allowance score on the Presque Isle synthetic. The gelding, 6 for 9 in the money on all-weather surfaces, has Edwin Gonzalez up.

6 EARTH will try \$16,000 conditioned claimers after stalking the pace and weakening late vs \$12,500 starter allowance runners going about 5 furlongs on the Tapeta. He'll be in the first flight playing catch me if you can.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 2:

4 BIONIC BOTTLE is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after vying for the lead and weakening late to finish 3rd vs similar quality going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Chantal Sutherland handling the mini turnback. **1 PIPER** has her claiming tag cut in half after showing speed and retreating vs \$12,500 claimers going 5 furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Liz Dobles has Leonel Reyes handling the inside draw. **7 MISS ITALY** is cutting back to a sprint distance after showing some late interest when finishing a distant 3rd behind winning machine Pretty Rachel going a mile on the dirt. The sophomore is worth a flyer at a price.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-7

RACE 3:

6 FIVE PRIZES is turning back to a 1-turn mile on the dirt after stalking the pace and flattening out vs maiden special weight foes going a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta. Trainer Todd Pletcher readied the \$330,000 daughter of Bernadini with a half-mile bullet workout at Palm Beach Downs. Paco Lopez rides.

5 ICE COLD GOLD is a \$100,000 daughter of Frosted debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a solid work tab showing over the Palm Meadows training track. The barn, 21% with their 2-year-olds, has Edgard Zayas in the irons.

1 CINDY'S SONG is hoping to show more at a mile after losing her best chance when she broke slowly and steadied at the start of her 7-furlong debut. Ralph Nicks removes the blinkers, and has Chantal handling the inside post.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-1

RACE 4:

1 SILVER SPUR is cutting back to 5 ½ furlongs after shipping into the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, setting the pace, and finishing 2nd – as the odds-on choice – going three-quarters of a mile. The \$270,000 son of Anchor Down should have the screws tightened for the 2nd outing over the main track.

2 MEETMEINKINGSTON, now in the Aubrey Maragh barn, the son of Uncaptured, who is a half-brother to versatile stakes winner Bucchero, makes his first start since coming within a head of winning at first asking when in the Todd Pletcher barn here in April. The new connections add blinkers for the return. **3 EQUULEUS** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the 10-month layoff to show speed right out of the gate before weakening in the stretch to finish 3rd behind Silver Spur. Trainer Kent Sweezey, 22% with 2nd start back from an extended layoff, has Paco Lopez in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-3

RACE 5:

1 SEQUIN LADY is stepping up to face winners again after following a couple so-so performances behind superstar Outfoxed in the FSS series with an impressive maiden victory, from a tough post (10), going 6 furlongs in the slop. Kelsey Danner has Miguel Vazquez in the irons.



2 RAPTUROUS will try to make it 3 in a row after following her \$50,000 maiden score on the dirt with a game victory at this level and distance on the Tapeta. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici going for the hat trick. **3 STRATEGY QUEEN**, 2nd behind Rapturous on the dirt 2 starts back, renews the rivalry after rallying 5-wide to break her maiden going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Saffie Joseph Jr has Cristian Torres going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-3

RACE 6:

7 GREATEST GLORY is stepping up to face winners at the \$25,000 level after responding in the first race after the claim by Jorge Delgado with a commanding 15-length victory – as the favorite - vs \$12,500 maidens. Chantal Sutherland, who was aboard for the cruise-in-the-park score last out, will be in the saddle again. **2 MADAME CLAUDE** is hoping to find more for the stretch drive after dueling for the lead and finishing 2nd – as the 4-to-5 choice – at this level and distance. Antonio Sano has Edgard Zayas at the controls. **5 MILL LAKE LADY** is eligible to show more in only her 2nd time ever on a dirt surface after shipping in from Presque Isle and finishing a closing 3rd vs \$16,000 starter optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs over the main track. Trainer Kevin Rice has Cristain Torres up.

SELECTIONS: 7-2-5

RACE 7:

6 DON'T MAKE ME BEG is dropping to the \$10,000 level locally after facing allowance competition in her 2 previous races on the Presque Isle synthetic. The daughter of Oxbow, who is 6-2-0-2 at the distance, and 11-3-2-0 on all-weather surfaces, will have Paco Lopez handling the turnback to 5 furlongs. **2 AFFICIONADO (FR)** is wheeling back in 7 days, and cutting back to 5 furlongs, after stalking the pace and finishing 2nd vs similar quality going a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta. The filly, who has run well going 5 furlongs on the turf, will have Leonel Reyes handling the turnback on the all-weather.

3 REGAL CHANT moves to the Gerald Brooks barn via the claim after shaking off trouble at the start (hopped) to finish 3rd vs \$13,000 starter optional claimers going 6 ½ furlongs at Presque Isle. Trainer Brooks, who also conditions the top choice, has Miguel Vazquez atop this half of the uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-3

RACE 8:

3 NAUGHTY SHIRLEY is returning to the main track after responding in the first race after moving to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn with a 2nd place finish behind multiple stakes winner Choose Joy in a \$60,000 Handicap going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. The 4-time winner on a fast track will have Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **5 GITANA** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after finishing 2nd behind repeat winner Bramble Berry in a competitive \$20,000 starter allowance going 6 ½ furlongs. Rohan Crichton has Emisael Jaramillo handling the usually fruitful 3rd start off the bench. **2 MIZZEN** is stepping up, and stretching out, after parlaying a late bid into a victory vs \$25,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 ½ furlongs. Edgar Prado rides for Juan C Avila.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-2

RACE 9:

9 ALBA'S STAR, now in the Steve Klesaris barn, the daughter of Elusive Quality drops to the \$16,000 level on the Tapeta after facing tougher on the turf at Belmont and Saratoga. The barn, 27% with the turf to synthetic angle, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **2 COPPER** is turning back slightly to a mile and 70-yards after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs this level of competition going about 8 ½ furlongs on the all-weather surface. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Cristian Torres up. **7 BRODY'S HONOR** is debuting on the Tapeta after the consistent campaign vs similar quality on the turf. The figure she posted on the turf at the Meadowlands (77) puts her right in the hunt to score in the nightcap.

SELECTIONS: 9-2-7

BEST BET: RACE 5 – 1 SEQUIN LADY

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 9 ALBA'S STAR