



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 LEWIS CAL is stretching out around 2-turns, and adding blinkers, after breaking awkwardly and finishing 7th in a strong 5-furlong sprint that was won by next-out Keeneland stakes winner Chasing Artie, and behind next-out maiden winner Wora, who received an 87 Beyer for his victory. **12 CITY MAGIC** is dropping to the \$25,000 level after finishing 3rd vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile, which was the first race after the claim by Mike Maker.

1 SETTE STELLE, listed as a gelding, the sophomore turns back to 7 ½ furlongs after finishing 4th behind City Magic when they hooked going a mile and a sixteenth during March: Edgard Zayas rides for Juan C Avila.

SELECTIONS: 8-12-1

RACE 2:

7 SWING WEST moves to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim after returning from the layoff, breaking from the outside (Post 10), dueling throughout, and finishing 3rd. The screws should be tightened in the 2nd race off the bench. **6 RESIDENT** is stretching out to a mile after dueling for the lead and finishing 3rd vs similar going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder has Chantal Sutherland handling the added distance. **1 DARK AGES** is dropping to the \$6,250 level after responding in the first race after the claim by Kelly Breen with 5-wide clunker vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers last out: Paco Lopez rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-1

RACE 3:

3 HARRY'S ONTHELOOSE is dropping into this \$35,000 conditioned claimer after facing stakes competition in 4 consecutive turf sprints, which includes the 3rd-place finish in the Grade 3 GP Turf Sprint. **6 SMOKE ALARM** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to duel for the lead and weaken to finish 4th vs \$25,000 optional claimers. Trainer Paul Kopaj has Edwin Gonzalez in the irons. **5 ROMARIO** is stepping up after leading every step of the way to defeat \$20,000 '2-lifetime' claimers last out. He'll be playing catch me if you can.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-5

RACE 4:

6 SCRAPPY ARTIE is stretching out to three-quarters of a mile after dueling through some swift fractions and finishing 3rd behind impressive winner Wora going 5 1/2 furlongs. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle. **8 TWICE TOO MANY**, the beaten favorite in his 3 previous races, will try to remedy the chalk burning status when cutting back from 6 ½ to 6 furlongs. Ed Plesa Jr takes over the training, and tabs Angel Arroyo to ride. **4 MY MANE MAN** is another cutting back to three-quarters after making a middle move to get the lead before weakening to finish 3rd behind Twice Too Many last out.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-4

RACE 5:

2 GOING FOR GOLD moves to the Jorge Delgado barn via the claim, and will go for 2 in a row, after drawing clear to defeat \$20,000 '2-lifetime' foes with relative ease. The new connections have Chantal Sutherland at the controls. **4 SOVEREIGN WARRIOR**, looking for his first victory since last May, was game in defeat when beaten a head at this level and distance last out. Trainer Juan C Avila has Edgard Zayas atop the hard-trying gelding. **10 GRAINGER COUNTY** is stepping up the competition again after the confidence building victory vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Edwin Gonzalez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-10

RACE 6:

8 NACHO PAPA, a reclaim by Jorge Delgado, drops into this \$8,000 dated claimer, and turns back to 7 furlongs, after finishing 3rd vs \$12,500 state-bred optional claimers going a mile: Jose Morelos rides. **9 BENEFACITOR** has his claiming tag carved in half after tracking the pace and finishing 3rd vs \$16,000 conditioned claimers going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Marcial Navarro has Angel Arroyo up. **2 ROYAL SQUEEZE**, a 6-time winner at the distance, drops after pressing the pace and fading to finish 4th vs \$12,500 open claimers. Trainer Liz Dobles lightens the impost with 10-pound bug Rene Diaz in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 8-9-2


RACE 7:

8 MY MISS MIRACLE, a \$190,000 daughter of Kantharos, will be treated with Lasix in the first start since defeating \$35,000 maidens in her career debut. Trainer Todd Pletcher has the sophomore training sharply for the return. **10 PRETTY RACHAEL** is dropping to the \$20,000 level after pressing the pace and weakening to finish 5th behind red-hot 4-time winner Por Que No in a \$50,000 starter optional claimer going a mile and a sixteenth: Marcos Meneses rides for Juan C Avila.

4 COFFEE BUZZ BUZZ moves to the Peter Walder barn via the claim, and returns to her best surface, after coming up empty vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile on the dirt. The daughter of Ghostzapper gets blinkers for this assignment.

SELECTIONS: 8-10-4

RACE 8:

2 TAITA, who has the best closing figures in the field, wheels back hoping to get the same pace scenario that afforded him the solid 3rd place finish – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Joe Bravo named to ride. **8 MR. BRIGGS** is a gelded son of Super Saver debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with a consistent work tab showing at Palm Beach Downs. The sophomore gets Lasix, and has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside post. **6 BEN COPENHAGEN** is stretching out to a mile in the first start since stalking the pace and finishing 3rd in his 6 ½ furlong debut during February. Trainer Juan C Avila, 30% with maidens making their 2nd start, has Edgard Zayas in the saddle again.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-6

RACE 9:

4 UHTRED, now in the Elizabeth Dobles barn, the gelding drops, and turns back, after failing to show his usual tactical ability when broke from the outside and encountered early trouble last out. He's an upset possibility with a clean trip. **7 HARBOUR MASTER (GB)** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after facing considerably tougher before the layoff, which includes a 2nd-place finish in the Mecke Stakes last July. Trainer Patrick Biancone has the hard-knocking 7-year-old training sharply on the Palm Meadows turf. **8 ALL GOOD** is dropping a notch after his 2-race win streak vs conditioned claimers ended when he failed to handle \$16,000 claimers that included Uhtred. Trainer Mike Maker has Edgard Zayas atop the son of Will Take Charge.

SELECTIONS: 4-7-8

RACE 10:

4 RESERVEDNOTATTAINED is turning back to his most accomplished distance (6-4-0-2) after his impressive 3-race win streak ended when he finished 3rd vs \$16,000 starter allowance runners going 7 furlongs. Trainer Mike Yates has Paco returning on the gelded son of Shanghai Bobby. **1 LIFE IN SHAMBLES** is making his first start since drawing clear to defeat \$35,000 claimers going 6 furlongs during January. Trainer Peter Walder readied the 7-time winner at the distance for the return with a bullet 3-furlong drill in 34 & 4. **6 LUDINGTON**, another from Peter Walder, drops, and turns back, after his 2-race win streak ended when he failed to handle the jump up to the \$62,500 level. Edgard Zayas rides the former, while 10-pound apprentice Rene Diaz handles the latter.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-6

RACE 11:

2 MYSTIC LANCELOT, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, should get the perfect setup in a race stocked with horses that need the lead, or to be with the pace, to offer their best. Trainer Happy Alter has strong finisher Edgard Zayas handling the turnback to a mile. **6 DUNDALK** will try to make it 2 in a row after leading every step of the way to defeat \$35,000 claimers at the distance. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has strong front running jockey Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

1 LIGHT FURY, another speed merchant, will break from the rail, and cut back to a mile, after setting the pace and finishing 2nd vs \$20,000 starter allowance runners going 8 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez atop the consistent gelding.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-1

RACE 12:

4 TIME SENSITIVE will be outfitted with blinkers after making a move to get the lead prior to finishing a weakening 5th vs similar last out. Trainer Gustavo Delgado is 3 for 7 (43%) with first-time blinkers.

10 SECRETS KEPT is dropping to the \$16,000 level after responding to both the dropdown, and the addition of Lasix, with a pair of solid turf outings at the \$25,000 level, which includes the 2nd-place finish at the distance last out.

12 AMERICAN CLASSIC will depart from the outside, and drop to the \$16,000 level, after tracking the early pace and finishing a distant 5th in her \$50,000 debut. Trainer Kelly Breen has Paco Lopez handling the outside draw.

SELECTIONS: 4-10-12

BEST BET: RACE 11 – 2 MYSTIC LANCELOT

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 4 UHTRED