



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

5 FARM BOY, listed as a gelding, is stepping up slightly after taking a step in the right direction when finishing an improved 3rd vs similar quality in a \$12,500 maiden test at the distance. Diane Morici has Cristian Torres up.

2 SETTE STELLE, who was knocking on the door in back-to-back turf races at this level, is going back to the grass after showing brief interest and fading in a race moved to a mile on a sealed muddy track.

10 SWEENEY'S CAT, who was threatening to break his maiden in 3 start turf routes vs \$16,000 maidens before going to the bench in May, goes back to the grass after finishing a distant 4th in the mud last out.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-10

RACE 2:

6 HERO TIGER is returning from the layoff, and going to the main track after the pair of solid turf sprints before going to sidelines in May. Gilberto Zerpa, 4 for 10 (40%) with the turf to dirt angle, has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **3 TONALISM** moves to the Juan C Avila via the claim, and drops a notch, after shaking off trouble at the start to defeat \$20,000 conditioned claimers going a mile. Emisael Jaramillo handles the turnback to 5 ½ furlongs. **5 SIR KHAN** has his claiming tag carved in half after returning from the layoff to finish a late closing 3rd vs \$35,000 conditioned claimers.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-5

RACE 3:

6 RUN LEA RUN is dropping to the \$16,000 level after bumping at the start, dueling for the lead, and tiring from his earlier efforts to finish 5th in his \$25,000 career debut. Juan C Avila is 26% with maidens making their 2nd start.

4 VENEZUELAN TRIUMPH is a gelded son of Social Inclusion debuting for Victor Barboza Jr with a slew of stamina enhancing workouts showing over the Gulfstream main track: Miguel Vazquez rides.

1 REGAL HOLIDAY is another working well locally for the debut, which includes the recent bullet 3-furlong gate work in 35 & 4. Fernando Abreu has Luca Panici handling the always interesting inside post.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1

RACE 4:

6 PICKING UP PENNIES is making his first start since following his \$35,000 maiden victory in February with a neck defeat at this level and distance during May. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the latest return to action. **7 JOSH YAK** is making his first start since posting back-to-back sprint victories before going to the sidelines in March. Antonio Sano has Miguel Vazquez handling the return. **1 FAMOUS GENT** makes it a trio returning from an extended layoff when he makes his first start since finishing 3rd vs \$50,000 claimers on the turf here during February. Ed Plesa Jr is 19% with the grass to dirt angle.

SELECTIONS: 6-7-1

RACE 5:

7 BLAKENSTEIN is wheeling back after taking a step in the right direction when finishing a set-the-pace 2nd at this level and distance. Jorge Delgado has Samy Camacho up. **6 SIXTY ONE** moved to owner/trainer Saffie Joseph Jr's barn via the claim, and immediate drops to the \$6,250 level, after getting pinched at the start prior to finishing a distant 8th vs \$12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 furlongs. The barn is 21% with horses stretching out in distance. **8 HERE COMES BULLET** is stepping up to face winners after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat \$12,500 maidens at the distance. Victor Barboza Jr is 27% winning consecutive races.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-8

RACE 6:

9 WHISKEYONHISLIPS is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs with blinkers added after the chase and fade out vs this level of competition going five-eighths of a mile. Carlos David has Miguel Vazquez trying to remedy the chalk burning status. **3 FROSTED ARMOUR** is turning back after setting a pressured pace and fading to finish 4th vs \$50,000 maidens going three-quarters of a mile. Antonio Sano has Edgard handling the turnback. **1 SKIPPERINI** is stepping up the competition after dueling throughout and finishing 2nd – beaten a length – vs \$25,000 maidens going 5 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-1

RACE 7:

11 ANYQUIST is a \$160,000 daughter of Nyquist, and a half-sister to 6-time turf winner Siem Riep, debuting for trainer Mark Casse, who is 6 for 16 (38%) thus far with his freshman runners: Emisael Jaramillo rides.

6 DOLCE APRILE is hoping to break trouble free after veering out at the start, stalking the pace, and finishing 4th in her turf debut at the distance. Antonio Sano has Leonel Reyes up. **10 DOMINANT JOY** is a daughter of Mohaymen debuting for Saffie Joseph Jr with 12 Palm Meadows workouts showing in preparation for the long-awaited debut. The tote action should tell us more.

SELECTIONS: 11-6-10

RACE 8:

4 CANDY CRUSHEM is wheeling back after making the pace and finishing 2nd vs a hard-knocking field that takes turns beating each other. Gilberto Zerpa has Cristian Torres up. **9 DOCTOR D J** will try to make it 2 in a row after splitting horses to catch Candy Crushem at the wire last out. Herbert Miller is 22% winning consecutive races. **2 DARK AGES**, who defeated both Candy Crushem and Doctor D J on June 5, moves to the Amzadali Jehaludi barn after finishing 4th behind the top 2 last out: Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-2

RACE 9:

1 THORN is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after rallying between horses to defeat this level of competition going 7 ½ furlongs. Bobby Dibona has J C Diaz Jr going for 2 in a row. **3 EXPONENTIAL** is stretching out an additional 1/16th of a mile after rallying 4-wide to finish 3rd vs similar quality going a mile. Ron Spatz has Samy Camacho at the controls. **5 GO MIKE** is hoping for clear sailing after steady on the 1st turn, lacking room at the ¼ pole, and still managing to finish 2nd at this level and distance last out. Herbert Miller has Angel Arroyo up.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-5

RACE 10: THE DESERT VIXEN

3 NOBLE DREAMER is stepping up to face winners after putting it all together when rocketing clear to defeat state-bred maidens by 7-plus lengths. Saffie Joseph Jr has Zayas atop the daughter of Noble Bird. **7 SILVER SMILE** is stepping the competition after driving clear to defeat \$50,000 maidens going 5 furlongs. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Emisael Jaramillo atop the daughter of Long Island Sound (War Front). **9 MY SASSENACH** is stretching out to 6 furlongs, and adding blinkers, after setting the pace and finishing 2nd in her promising debut going 5 ½ furlongs. Dave Braddy has Miguel Vazquez atop the daughter of Uncaptured.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-9

RACE 11:

7 KHOZY MY BOY is going back to the turf with that dangerous commodity on his side – Speed! The son of Khozan can get brave from on or with the pace.

4 PLENUM is turning back slightly after encountering early trouble when finishing a game 2nd vs this level of competition going a mile. Oscar Gonzalez has Cristian Torres up. **6 OFFICIATING** will face \$16,000 starter optional claiming runners after rallying to finish 4th behind stakes faced Fulmini in a state-bred allowance going a mile. Saffie has go-jock Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-67

RACE 12: THE DR. FAGER

7 HOPE IN HIM is making his first start since his head-swirling debut in which he drew clear to defeat a pair of next-out winners going 4 ½ furlongs. Joe Orseno has Samy Camcho handling the stretchout to 6 furlongs.

9 DEAN DELIVERS is stepping up after delivering a knockout punch in his 5-furlong debut. The gelded son of Cajun Breeze, trained by Mike Yates, has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row. **8 BIG AND CLASSY** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after drawing clear to break his maiden in a race moved from the turf to 7 furlongs on a wet-fast track. David Fawkes has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the son of The Big Beast.

SELECTIONS: 7-9-8

RACE 13: THE BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

1 REINAGOL is making her first start since posting her 2nd career victory when she walloped a field of \$75,000 allowance optional claimers in May. Victor Barboza Jr is 27% winning consecutive races. **8 CHOOSE JOY**, a stakes winner at the distance (Golden Beach) is making her first start since coming within a neck of winning a \$60,000 overnight handicap at this distance on May 30. The suddenly hot Steve Dwoskin barn has Miguel Vazquez handling the return. **5 LAGERTHA (CHI)** is making her first start since rallying to defeat both Choose Joy and Cat's Astray last out. The rematch will be fun to watch.

SELECTIONS: 1-8-5

BEST BET: RACE 7 – 11 ANYQUIST

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 7 KHOZY MY BOY

