Saturday, March 13, 2021

RACE 1:

6 BAHAMIAN RHAPSODY looks solid in the opener after responding to both the dropdown, and the addition of Lasix, with a 2nd place finish at this level and distance: Miguel Vazquez rides. **10 LA DAME** is going back to the turf, and dropping to this level, after following a stalk-the-pace 5th on the grass vs $25,000 maidens with a poor showing vs $25,000 maidens sprinting at 5 furlongs on the dirt. Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo up. **2 MISS LAMARR** is a daughter of productive turf sire Khozan debuting for trainer Carlos David with Lasix, and Junior Alvarado named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 9-10-2

Race 2:

2 INFATUATING moved to the David Fawkes barn via the claim, steps up, and stretches out to a mile, after posting back-to back sprint victories going 6 furlongs: Miguel Vazquez rides. **7 MAUREENLOVESFRANK** is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat $16,000 maidens at the distance just 6 days ago. Trainer Brad Cox has Luis Saez handling the short turnaround. **6 GREENWOOD DRIVE** is stretching out to a mile after rallying to finish 2nd vs $12,500 '2-lifetime' claimers going 6 ½ furlongs. She finds an ideal spot to try more distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-6

RACE 3:

5 OCEAN AIR is dropping to the $40,000 level, and turning back to a mile, after tracking the pace and finishing 5th going 9 furlongs vs maiden special weight company. Trainer Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle again. **4 TALK RADIO** is dropping to this level, and receiving Lasix, in the first start since failing to fire vs special weight competition going 7 ½ furlongs here in December. Red-hot trainer Bill Mott has go-to jock Junior Alvarado handling the dropdown. **3 HONOR HOP** is another dropping to this level, and turning back to a mile, after finishing 6th, a half-length behind Ocean Air, going 9 furlongs.

SELECTIONS: 5-4-3

RACE 4:

7 CONVERTER is dropping to the $20,000 level after showing speed and finishing 2nd in back-to-back sprints vs $35-25,000 state-bred runners. Trainer Jena Antonucci has Tyler Gaffalione up. **5 PACIFIC LEGEND** is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt after breaking from a tough post (12), dueling for the lead, and fading vs $25,000 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Jorge Abreu has Victor Lebron handling the combo dropdown/surface switch. **4 SUPER DRIVER** couldn't have scripted and easier spot to start his career. Trainer Dan Hurtak has Paco Lopez atop the son of Overdriven.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-4

RACE 5:

1 WEISSER will depart from the rail after breaking midpack, dueling for the lead, and finishing 2nd at this level and distance. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Emisael Jaramillo returning on the inside speed. **7 RESIDENT**, a sharp winner at this level going 7 furlongs 2 races back, drops after pressing the pace and weakening vs $12,500 state-bred optional claimers going 6 furlongs. Trainer Peter Walder has Luis Saez in the saddle. **8 DR HARLAN** will try to remedy the situation at 6 ½ furlongs after rallying late to finish 4th going three-quarters of a mile last out. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Edgard Zayas atop the hard-knocking 9-year-old.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-8

RACE 6:

1 ARMY WIFE is debuting locally for trainer Mike Maker after ending her campaign at Churchill with a 2nd-place finish behind next-out stakes' winner Oliviofthedesert going a mile on the main track. The sophomore gets Lasix, and is reunited with Tyler Gaffalione. **6 LEN LO LADY** is stepping up to face winners after responding to the dropdown from maiden special weight to the $50,000 level with a much-the-best 10-length maiden score at this mile distance. Trainer Dale Romans has Corey Lanerie going for 2 in a row. **5 SWEET PEARL** became the only multiple winner in the field when she defeated 5 rivals in a $50,000 starter optional claimer moved from the turf to a mile on the dirt. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Leonel Reyes going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-5

RACE 7:
7 BEARS WATCHING, a half-brother to multiple Grade 1 winner Code of Honor, is stretching out to 7 furlongs after promising 6-furlong debut in which he broke from Post 12 before rallying to finish 3rd – beaten three-quarters of a length – in his 6-furlong debut in the slop. Trainer Shug McGaughey has Jose Ortiz returning on the William Farish homebred.
1 GRAN RUNNER is stretching out to seven-eighths of a mile in the first race since finishing 4th in a monster key-race that's produced 4 next-out maiden special weight winners from 5 starters. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Edgard Zayas up. **2 RABDAN** is hoping to bounce back after following the 2nd place finish at this level and distance with a poor showing behind rising superstar Prevalence last out. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Hall of Fame jock John Velazquez atop the son of Speightster.

SELECTIONS: 7-1-2

RACE 8:
4 YAMATO, a lightly raced son of Artie Schiller, proved he could handle this 12-furlong marathon distance when he defeated this caliber of competition going a mile and a half 2 starts back. Trainer Murat Sancal has pace master Luis Saez at the controls.
5 BOURBON IN MAY is stretching out an additional furlong after returning to Gulfstream to defeat $25,000 starter allowance runners going 11 furlongs. Trainer Mike Maker has Jose Ortiz atop the son of More Than Ready. **7 RIJEKA (IRE)**, who has the distinction of being the only multiple winner in the field at the distance (4-2-1-0), stretches after finishing the 6-wide 4th behind Bourbon in May going 11 panels last out: don't ignore!

SELECTIONS: 4-5-7

RACE 9:
6 PLEASE THE PHAROAH, a half-brother to Grade 1 winner Certify, took a step in the right direction when trainer John Kimmel stretched him out to this distance and $320,000 son of American Pharoah responded with a 4th-place finish – beaten a length.
8 FLY LIKE AN EAGLE is stretching out to 9 furlongs after rallying to finish a promising 3rd in his mile and a sixteenth debut. Trainer Barclay Tagg has Jose Ortiz returning on the son of Constitution. **9 BIGGIE** is a beautifully bred son of Uncle Mo debuting for trainer Shug McGaughey with Lasix, and a consistent morning workout pattern showing at Payson Park: Tyler Gaffalione rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-9

RACE 10:
2 FUNNYBET shows a bullet half-mile drill over the track in preparation for the first start since debuting locally and coming within a nose of scoring at this level and distance. Trainer Dale Romans has John Velazquez named to ride. **3 DON'T GET KHOZY** will try to make it 2 in a row after parlaying a 3-wide charge into a popular victory at this level and distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Junior Alvarado in the saddle.
9 HEIRESSINDY is stretching out to her best distance (11-2-3-3) after finishing 3rd vs similar quality going 6 ½ furlongs. The consistent 4-year-old is a must-use on your tri and super tickets.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-9

RACE 11: *THE SILKS RUN*
4 CAROTARI, who runs well here (3-2-1-0), returns after chasing the pace and coming within a neck of winning the $100,000 Turf Sprint at Sam Houston. Trainer Brian Lynch has Julien Leparoux in the irons.
6 MAI TY ONE ON will try to make it 3 in a row after using her staking style, and strong finisher Luis Saez, to defeat $35,000 claimers 2 starts back, and $62,500 optional claimers last out. **1 YES I AM FREE** is another who has been razor sharp since returning from GP West. The gelding, 5-3-2-0 on the local turf, has 5-furlong specialist Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-1

RACE 12:
5 DIGITAL FOOTPRINT is dropping to the $12,500 level after following the narrow defeat vs $20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers 2 starts back with a 4th place finish vs $20,000 starter allowance runners last out. Trainer Mike Maker has Tyler in the saddle. **7 JUAN PABLO** moves to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim after rallying to finish 3rd – beaten three-quarters of a length – vs this level of competition going 8 ½ furlongs. Jose Ortiz handles the turnback to gelding's best distance (8-2-1-1). **4 DANZING DUNHILL** is freefalling to this level after facing considerably tougher on the turf before going to the sidelines last May. Trainer George Weaver has Edgard Zayas atop this intriguing class dropper.

SELECTIONS: 5-7-4

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 4 YAMATO

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 6 PLEASE THE PHAROAH