



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**2 STAKE N EGGZ** is a daughter of Bird Song debuting for trainer Carlos David in an ideal spot for a first-time starter to succeed. The barn is 10 for 21 (48%), over the last 2-years, with 2-year-olds debuting at Gulfstream. Paco Lopez rides. **7 QUEEN'S BEST** is turning back to 6 furlongs on the main track after dueling for the lead and weakening when facing \$16,000 maidens going a mile & 70-yards on the Tapeta. Trainer David Fawkes has Jesus Rios handling the combo surface switch/turnback.

**3 ANGELIC STORM** is dropping the \$12,500 level in the first start since stalking the pace and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$16,000 maidens going 7 furlongs. Trainer Dan Pita has Marcos Meneses up.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-3**

## RACE 2:

**8 SAMARONTI** is hoping for clear sailing after the rough outing last out in which he was boxed in, and parked wide, before rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Gustavo Delgado has Paco Lopez handling the outside post. **5 SEAZAN** is stepping up to the next level after drawing clear to defeat 'non-winners of 2-lifetime' foes at the distance. Carlos David, 22% winning consecutive races, has Hector Berrios going for 2 in a row. **2 CHUCKY** is another trying 3-lifetime competition after closing to defeat 2'-lifetime' runners going this 1-mile distance. Jorge Delgado has Chantal Sutherland in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-2**

## RACE 3:

**6 GOLDEN BELIEF** is looking to rebound locally after following the well-meant 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish in her turf debut at Delaware with a late-closing 5<sup>th</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth on the Laurel turf. Trainer Michael Matz has Mychel Sanchez named on the \$150,000 daughter of Goldcents. **1 BLYTHE SPIRIT**, a \$550,000 daughter of Ghostzapper, and full-sister to graded stakes-placed Telekinesis, debuts for trainer Jack Sistonson with a string of consistent workouts showing over the Keeneland main track. Tyler Gaffalione rides.

**9 SISTER NELL** is a daughter of productive turf sire Kitten's Joy debuting for trainer Todd Pletcher with 9 Palm Beach Downs workouts showing in preparation for this assignment. Junior Alvarado rides.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-9**

## RACE 4:

**4 LIAM'S KISS** is a daughter of Liam's Map debuting for Todd Pletcher, who has a 22%-win average with his freshman runners. Tyler Gaffalione gets the riding assignment. **7 STELLAR RIDE** is a \$250,000 daughter of Klimt debuting for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with a series of sharp workouts showing at Palm Meadows. Tab the tote action for more clues about her readiness to win at first asking. **6 KAEKO** is a daughter of Brethren, and a half-sister to multiple stakes-placed Filly Jean King, debuting for Arindel and Carlos David with a bullet half-mile drill showing in preparation for her first start. Paco Lopez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-6**

## RACE 5:

**6 BABY MO**, a solid maiden special weight winner sprinting on the turf during July, is going back to the grass after returning from the layoff to show speed and stop when facing \$12,500 optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Mark Casse has Miguel Vazquez handling the surface switch.

**5 DADDY'S JOY** is returning to what is clearly her preferred surface after the pair of so-so performances sprinting on the all-weather Tapeta. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas atop the 2-time winner at the distance (4-2-1-0). **4 THE GREAT KATH**, a 3-time winner sprinting on the turf, goes back to the lawn after getting nailed late when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Corey Lanerie handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-4**

## RACE 6:

**7 UNDER THE COVERS** is freefalling to the \$12,500 level on the Tapeta after facing tougher on the turf, with success, before going to the sidelines in January. Saffie Joseph Jr, 25% with the turf to synthetic angle, has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **11 EMICRACK (CHI)** will depart from the outside after a couple of solid performances on the all-weather, which includes the head defeat at this level and distance last out. Amador



Sanchez has Edgard Zayas in the saddle. **3 ZAMFIR** is dropping to this level in the first outing since finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on the turf vs \$35,000 claimers last February. The gelding, working consistently over the main track, will have Paco Lopez handling the surface change.

**SELECTIONS: 7-11-3**

**RACE 7:**

**7 NEVER SAY KNOW (IRE)** moves to the Rohan Crichton barn via the claim, and returns to the turf, after following the head defeat vs maiden special weight competition on the Indiana Grand turf with a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile and 70-yards on the Tapeta. The barn, 24% with new claims, has Chantal Sutherland handling the surface switch.

**6 KING TSUNAMI** is son of leading sire Into Mischief debuting for trainer Mike Trombetta with a string of productive workouts showing on the Fair Hills synthetic track, and a 4-furlong maintenance work over the local main track, in preparation for this assignment. Samy Camacho rides. **9 GENERAL'S DUTY** is debuting locally after rallying from far back to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a half-length – in his special weight turf debut at Laurel. Trainer Jane Cibelli has Paco atop the son of Union Rags.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-9**

**RACE 8:**

**6 EXPRESS PHAROAH** is wheeling back, and looking to save more firepower for the stretch run, after setting the pace and weakening to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at this level and distance. Trainer Victor Barboza Jr has Samy Camacho atop the \$90,000 son of American Pharoah. **9 MARISA'S MISSION** was solid in defeat when he rallied in the stretch to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> at this level and distance on the Tapeta. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **11 PAPA HONOR** has his claiming tag sliced in half after finishing an even 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$25,000 claimers going a mile & 70 yards on the all-weather track. Ramon Minguet has David Boraco in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 6-9-11**

**RACE 9:**

**4 REINAGOL**, now in the Carlos David barn, the daughter of Shanghai Bobby goes back to the turf after returning from the layoff to finish a troubled 5<sup>th</sup> (steadied) vs this level of competition going 5 furlongs on the Tapeta. The barn, 32% with new additions to the shedrow, has Paco Lopez in the irons.

**6 MISS AUARMET**, a multiple stakes winner sprinting on the grass, returns to action after the solid sprint campaign at Monmouth, which includes a victory in the

\$75,000 Politely, albeit going 5 furlongs on a sloppy track. She classes up perfectly in this spot. **2 MUMBAI** is a candidate for a rebound performance after following the allowance score on the Monmouth turf with a chase-and-fade clunker going 5 ½ furlongs on a yielding Laurel turf. Trainer Christophe Clement has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-2**

**RACE 10:**

**8 SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING**, an impressive maiden winner here at the distance 2 starts back, returns after stalking the pace and finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> in the mile and a sixteenth \$200,000 Street Sense at Churchill last out. Saffie Joseph Jr reunites the son of Exaggerator with Tyler Gaffalione. **1 SO DETERMINED**, an \$875,000 son of Into Mischief, is stretching out to a 1-turn mile on the dirt after rallying to break his maiden – as the odds-on choice – going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Todd Pletcher, 22% with the sprint to route angle, has Paco Lopez in the saddle.

**6 A. P.'S SECRET**, another from the Saffie Joseph Jr juggernaut, steps up to face winners after drawing clear to win his 7-furlong career debut by open lengths. The \$150,000 son of Cupid (Tapit) has Edgard Zayas up.

**SELECTIONS: 8-1-6**

**RACE 11:**

**1 WINTER'S GHOST**, who finished a late moving 4<sup>th</sup> in his 5 ½ furlong debut on the Arlington synthetic surface, moves to the Tapeta, and drops to the \$25,000 level, after showing some early interest in a competitive mile turf race in the Windy City that's produced a pair of next-out winners, including repeat winner Sport Pepper, who won an allowance at Keeneland in his next start. **4 SAVAGE SAILOR**, listed as a gelding, is dropping into the maiden claiming ranks in the first start since setting the pace and fading in the final furlong to finish 5<sup>th</sup> vs maiden special weight competition going a mile on the Presque Isle synthetic track. Trainer Graham Motion is a strong 28% with similar class drops. **7 EUPHORIA STAR** will be outfitted with blinkers after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Morrison adds blinkers for this assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-7**

**BEST BET: RACE 7 – 7 NEVER SAY KNOW (IRE)**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 1 WINTER'S GHOST**