



# RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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## RACE 1:

**4 BERHANU** moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, drops to the \$50,000 level, and returns to the turf, after following a duel and fade outing going 8 ½ furlongs on the Saratoga turf with a with a speed enhancing outing going 6 furlongs on a good Belmont main track: Tyler Gaffalione rides. **1 UNDER THE COUVERS**, another from Saffie Joseph Jr, turns back to 5 furlongs after setting the pace and fading to finish 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$35,000 maidens going 7 ½ furlongs across town: Edgard Zayas rides. **2 SPEND BENJAMINS** is another dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after chasing the winner and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs special weight competition going 5 furlongs on the Indiana Grand turf. Trainer Kelsey Danner has Paco Lopez at the controls.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-2**

## RACE 2:

**8 CAPTAIN DUKE** has his claiming tag cut in half after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in 7 consecutive races at the \$10,000 to \$12,500 levels. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Emisael Jaramillo trying to notch the elusive 2<sup>nd</sup> career victory. **9 YES FOR LESS** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar quality going 7 furlongs at GP West. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Luis Saez named to ride. **3 EXTREMELYEXCLUSIVE** is making his local return the first start since finishing a late-closing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$16,000 '2-lifetime' claimers going 5 ½ furlongs at Laurel. Trainer Steve Klesaris spots him perfectly at the \$6,250 level.

**SELECTIONS: 8-9-3**

## RACE 3:

**7 TAKE CHARGE RO** is back locally for trainer Brian Lynch after returning from the 6-month layoff at Keeneland to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – as the favorite – going a mile on the turf. The daughter of Will Take Charge, who ran well here in April, has Robby Albarado in the irons. **6 BLACK MAGIC WOMAN**, a beautifully bred daughter of Uncle Mo, is debuting on the turf after showing speed and weakening late in a pair of sprints at Saratoga. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Edgard Zayas handling the stretchout around 2 turns.

**3 SUMMER RETURNS**, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Imprimis, is stretching out to 7 ½ furlongs after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> going 5 ½ furlongs on the GP West turf. Trainer Joe Orseno has Paco handling the added distance.

**SELECTIONS: 7-6-3**

## RACE 4:

**6 MADAME ROUGE**, beaten a half-length when trying the dirt at Delaware, albeit in the slop, goes back to the main track after encountering trouble on the turn when failing to earn a check sprinting on the GP West turf. Trainer Amador Sanchez has Luis Saez handling the surface switch. **7 FLORADO** is making the usually fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> start of her current from cycle after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$10,000 maidens across town. Trainer Peter Walder has Miguel Vazquez handling the local return. **4 TOASTNJAM** is debuting locally for red-hot trainer Kent Swezey after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> vs similar quality at Monmouth and Tampa, respectively. Emisael Jaramillo rides the likely off-time favorite.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-4**

## RACE 5:

**7 NEW YORK STYLE** is returning to the turf after setting the pace and just getting nipped at the wire when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a head – going a mile & 70 yards on the GP West main track. Trainer Happy Alter has Luis Saez atop the son of Malibu Moon. **9 ALASTOR**, who broke his maiden on this course during August, is going back to the grass after returning from the layoff to finish a stalk-the-pace 6<sup>th</sup> in a \$25,000 optional claimer moved from the turf to a mile on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Tyler Gaffalione handling the outside draw. **2 RELIABILITY**, who was sharp defeating \$40,000 maidens on the Laurel turf, is going back to the grass after failing to run a step when beaten double-digit lengths going a mile in a rained-off turf race across town. Trainer Brittany Russell has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 7-9-2**

**RACE 6:**

**3 TEACHABLE MOMENT**, who has always faced better on the turf, is dropping to the \$20,000 level, and going back to the grass, in the first start since finishing a distant 4<sup>th</sup> going a mile and a sixteenth on the dirt here last December. Trainer Mike Maker has Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. **12 SEIZE THE HAY** has his claiming tag sliced in half after finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in back-to-back \$40,000 maiden races on the Saratoga turf. The obvious concern for the Todd Pletcher trainee is the demanding outside post: Edgard Zayas rides.

**4 BEYOND THE CALL** is another getting some class relief in the first race since 'hitting the board' in 2 of 3 turf races vs a notch tougher during 2019. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has Cristian Torres named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 3-12-4**

**RACE 7:**

**1 GLITTER BAY** is stepping up to face winners after responding to both the dropdown in competition, and the addition of blinkers, with a rousing 12 ½-length \$32,000 maiden victory going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas going for 2 in a row. **4 PINK FIZZ** is another stepping into the winner's category after putting it all together when defeating \$20,000 maidens by 6 widening lengths. Trainer Antonio Sano has Paco Lopez returning on the daughter of Dialed In.

**5 SASSY BEAST** is debuting locally after the successful outing across town in which she stalked early, and drew clear late, to defeat \$25,000 maidens at this 6-furlong distance. Trainer David Fawkes is 21% winning consecutive races.

**SELECTIONS: 1-4-5**

**RACE 8:**

**1 CHOATE BRIDGE** is turning back to a mile in the first start since finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind repeat winner Lucky Money in a 9-furlong allowance at Keeneland. Trainer Brendan Walsh has Corey Lanerie named to ride.

**9 BEAN COUNTER**, who was impressive winning going a mile on the Saratoga turf, stretches out after showing some late interest in a pair of allowance sprints up north. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Paco Lopez handling the stretchout.

**7 ALL COME TRUE (FR)** makes her North American debut for trainer Graham Motion – with Lasix added – in the first start since winning her 6-furlong debut at Chantilly France during October 2019. The sophomore has been training consistently at Fair Hill in preparation for this assignment.

**8 CENTSLESS DRAMA** was given some time off after the string of frustrating 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes here in which she set the pace only to get caught at the wire. Trainer Carlos David, 30% with the 61-180 days layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the speedy daughter of Big Drama.

**SELECTIONS: 1-9-7-8**

**RACE 9:**

**3 NORTHERN**, reclaim by Kathy Mongeon, is back on his favorite surface (21-9-1-3) after the rousing victory at this level and distance across town. The 11-time winner at 6 furlongs will have Edgard Zayas doing out his speed. **1 SOLDOLLIE** is dropping to the \$6,250 level, and stretching out to three-quarters of a mile, after winning 1 of 2 sprints vs tougher in 5-furlong races moved from the turf to the main track. Trainer Ricko Maragh has Rajiv Maragh handling the inside speed. **8 KILLA DEE** is cutting back to three-quarters of a mile after setting the pace and yielding late when finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> vs this familiar competition going 6 ½ furlongs across town. Trainer Rohan Crichton has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

**SELECTIONS: 3-1-8**

**RACE 10:**

**5 HERO TIGER** is going back to the turf after finishing a bang-up 2<sup>nd</sup> to winning machine Avant Garde in a \$16,000 starter optional claimer going a 2-turn mile in the slop across town. The gelding, 2 for 3 'in the money' on the turf, will have Edgard Zayas in the irons.

**2 RULE YOURSELF** is stepping up to this level after responding in the first race in the Carlos David barn with a 2<sup>nd</sup>-place finish – beaten a nose – vs \$10,000 claimers going 8 ½ furlongs on the GP West turf: Paco Lopez rides. **6 CASH CALL KITTEN**, a 6-time winner on the local turf, returns looking to turn his stalk/close running style into another victory in Hallandale Beach. Trainer Joe Orseno has Victor Lebron atop this hard-knocking 5-year-old son of Kitten's Joy.

**SELECTIONS: 5-2-6**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 5 HERO TIGER**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 7 NEW YORK STYLE**