



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

3 ALEXANDRA AM I is making the 3rd start of her current form cycle after knocking on the door with a couple of solid efforts at this level and distance. Trainer Antonio Sano has Jose Ortiz named to ride.

4 PRIZE PORTRAIT is hoping for a clean start after getting squeezed back between horses before showing some late interest when finishing 6th behind the top choice last out. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Paco Lopez in the irons. **11 LA DAME** gets both Lasix and blinkers after breaking outward at the start prior to running 5th behind Alexandra Am I, and in front of Prize Portrait, last out. Saffie Joseph Jr has Emisael Jaramillo handling the outside post.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-11

RACE 2:

5 JUST LIKE MIKE should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff, dropping to this level, then opening an early 3-length lead before tiring to finish 4th at this mile distance. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Irad Ortiz Jr at the controls.

8 PRINCE IGOR is stretching out to a mile on the dirt after pressing the pace and finishing 2nd – as the favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs last out. Trainer Murat Sancal has Luis Saez handling the stretchout. **3 ORAN** is plunging to the \$12,500 level on the dirt, and adding blinkers, after failing to show much in his \$50,000 debut on the turf. Trainer Eddie Kenneally has Jose Ortiz in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-3

RACE 3:

2 I'LL DO IT MY WAY is dropping to the \$20,000 level after returning from the 7-month layoff to finish a 5-wide 5th – beaten a length – in a \$35,000 '2-lifetime' claimer going a mile. Trainer Ron Spatz has Tyler Gaffalione returning on the daughter of Jack Milton.

6 WHAT'S THE MOVE is moving on up after debuting locally and rallying – as the favorite – to defeat \$20,000 maidens going a mile. Trainer Danny Gargan, 29% winning consecutive races, has Luis Saez handling the mile and a sixteenth distance. **10 KITTEN'S FINEST** is another dropping to this level after hitting the board in 1 of 2 turf outings at the \$35,000 level. Trainer Jerry O'Dwyer has Robby Albarado up.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-10

RACE 4:

3 ELLIERE ESEASTON moved to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim, and stretches out to a mile, after drawing clear – as the favorite – to defeat \$16,000 maidens going 6 furlongs: Edgard Zayas rides.

4 TEN PIN ALLEY is stepping up to face winners after bowling over the competition when she drew clear at a mile to defeat \$12,500 maidens by 7 lengths. Trainer Kathy Ritvo has go-to jock Luca Panici going for 2 in a row. **6 HEART OF GOD** is stretching out to 8 furlongs after notching her 2nd career victory when defeating \$20,000 claimers at three-quarters of a mile: Jose Ortiz rides.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-6

RACE 5:

3 MIAH SOLOMIAH is dropping back to the \$16,000 level after following a 2nd place finish at this level with a set-the-pace 3rd vs \$20,000 maidens last out. Trainer Jorge Delgado has Irad handling the usually fruitful 3rd start off the bench. **10 TALEGA DINERO** should be primed and ready to offer more after chasing swift early fractions and finishing 6th – behind the top choice – when they hooked up at the \$20,000 level last out. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Luis Saez named to ride.

4 OUR WEST INDY is turning back to 5 furlongs after showing speed and weakening late in a pair of \$20,000 maiden races contested at 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Kelly Breen has Emisael Jaramillo handling the shorter distance.

SELECTIONS: 3-10-4

RACE 6:

9 BOSTON POST ROAD is a \$525,000 daughter of Quality Road debuting for trainer Chad Brown with a string of solid workouts showing over the Payson Park training track. The sophomore starts her campaign with Lasix, and Paco Lopez named to ride. **4 ICED LATTE** is a daughter of Pioneer of the Nile debuting for leading trainer Todd Pletcher, with leading jockey Irad Ortiz Jr in the saddle. The tote action should tell us more.

2 HITECH IS BACK is a daughter of Outwork, and a half-sister to Grade 2 Davona Dale, and Grade 3 Forward Gal winner Tonalist's Shape, debuting for trainer J C Avila with 11 local workouts showing: Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 9-4-2


RACE 7:

2 JOUSTER is stepping up to face winners after the head-swirling turf debut in which she drew clear to break her maiden by almost 9 lengths. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez returning on the daughter of Noble Mission. **8 KARAKATSIE** is stretching out to a mile and a sixteenth after following her debut maiden victory at a mile with a stalk-the-pace-and-fade outing behind multiple stakes winner Con Lima in the 8-furlong \$75,000 Ginger Brew. Trainer Armando De La Cerda has Irad handling the outside draw.

5 INTHEWINNERSCIRCLE, who won the \$60,000 Juvenile Turf at GP West as a maiden, gets Lasix after stalking the pace and finishing 5th behind Con Lima in the Ginger Brew. Trainer Mark Casse has Corey Lanerie atop the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro.

SELECTIONS: 2-8-5

RACE 8:

1 FIGHTRESS will depart from the inside post after stalking the pace and finishing a well-meant 2nd behind this familiar competition. The daughter of Tapizar, ridden by Irad Ortiz Jr. should see the same early pace scenario that afforded her the good performance last out. **3 GOT GLEE** will try to make it 2 in a row after leading every step of the way when holding off Fightress last out. The rematch sets up another classic clash between speed and stalker. **2 SWEETLY MAID** is hoping to find a little more firepower for the stretch drive after making a 5-wide charge to finish 3rd behind the top two last out. Trainer Kent Sweezey has Luis Saez named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 1-3-2

RACE 9:

1 OBLIGATORY, a beautifully bred daughter of Curlin, is stretching out to a mile, and getting Lasix, after shaking off trouble at the start to finish 4th in her freshman debut at Belmont last October. Trainer Bill Mott has Jose Ortiz named to ride the Juddmonte Farms homebred. **7 PRECIPITATE**, a daughter of Pioneerofthe Nile, is stretching out to a mile in the first start since finishing a distant 3rd in her 6 ½ furlong debut at Aqueduct, a race that's produced a couple of next-out winners. Trainer Chad Brown adds Lasix, and Irad Ortiz Jr to the equation. **4 FRONT SEAT** is making her first start since coming within a neck of breaking her maiden going a mile and a sixteenth at Keeneland during October. Trainer Ken McPeck adds Lasix on this proven distance performer.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-4

RACE 10:

2 RESERVENOTATTAINED is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs after proving his open-length \$35,000 victory wasn't a 1-shot deal when he came right back to defeat \$25,000 starter allowance runners by 6-plus lengths. Trainer Mike Yates has Paco Lopez going for 3 in a row. **3 MILES AHEAD** is hoping to get back to his winning ways after his 3-race win streak vs this caliber of competition ended when he finished a chase-the-pace 7th behind Avant Garde in the Claiming Crown Rapid Transit. **7 WHAT'S TO BLAME** will try to make it 2 in a row at this 6 ½-furlong distance after parlaying a hard-fought stretch duel into a nose victory vs \$25,000 optional claimers.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-7

RACE 11:

5 GOLDEN DECISION is dropping to the \$16,000 level, removing the blinkers, and turning back to a mile, after following the 2nd place finish vs \$35,000 claimers at this distance, with a 4th place finish vs \$35,000 types going a mile and a sixteenth. Trainer Peter Walder has Paco in the saddle. **12 PROJECTED (GB)** will depart from the outside after uncorking his patented late run to finish 3rd behind a repeat winner in a \$16,000 starter allowance going a mile here during December. Trainer Carlos David has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

3 ABIDING STAR is dropping to the \$16,000 level with the speed needed to lead this level of competition on a merry chase. Trainer Kathleen O'Connell has Jose Ortiz atop the son of Uncle Mo.

SELECTIONS: 5-12-3

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 1 OBLIGATORY

LONGSHOT: RACE 11 – 5 GOLDEN DECISION

