



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

1 BLAME THE VETS is daughter of productive turf sire Kitten's Joy, out of the War Front mare Voiced, debuting for trainer Tom Proctor with the breeding to love both the surface and distance.

2 OVERTHEBLUESKY is debuting on the turf, and stretching out around 2-turns, after rallying to finish 2nd vs \$25,000 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs on a sealed sloppy track. The daughter of Overanalyze gets a nod on the previous experience angle, albeit sprinting on the dirt. **5 SHE'SANANIMAL** is daughter of Animal Kingdom debuting for trainer Tim Hamm with the breeding needed to succeed going 7 ½ furlongs on the grass: Romero Maragh rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-5

RACE 2:

2 BIG RED STYLE is plunging to the \$16,000 level after returning from the 7-month layoff to finish a useful chase-and-fade 5th vs maiden special weight competition. Trainer Ramon Minguet has Chantal Sutherland handling the class relief.

3 SANDY DUDE, beaten a length going a mile when 2nd at the \$12,500 level 2 starts back, drops, and turns back to three-quarters of a mile, after finishing a distant 4th vs \$16,000 maidens going 7 furlongs last out. Trainer Barry Croft has Miguel Vazquez up.

6 GIGANTIC is another dropping into the maiden claiming ranks after breaking poorly, chasing the pace, and calling it a day vs maiden special weight runners going a mile. Trainer Louie Rousell is 3 for 10 (30%) with similar class drops.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 3:

12 MAJORITY RULES steps up to face winners after dueling throughout and holding sway to defeat a trio of next-out winners in what is now officially a 'key-race'. Ernesto Ochoa has Edgard Zayas handling the demanding outside post.

11 EXPRESS PHAROAH is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and cutting back to 7 ½ furlongs, after bobbling at the start, and rushing up to set the pace, before tiring to finish 9th and last vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile. His turf races 2 and 3 starts back are both good enough to win here. **1 CALL BROS** was given some time off after following a well-meant 2nd place finish at this level and distance during April with a poor showing, from a tough outside post, during May. Trainer Joe Orseno has Miguel Vazquez handling the return.

SELECTIONS: 12-11-1

RACE 4:

1 MIZZEN is turning back to 6 ½ furlongs after returning from the 7-month layoff to stalk the pace, and get the lead, before settling for 2nd vs similar quality going 7 furlongs. Trainer Juan C Avila is 3 for 6 (50%) with 2nd start after a 180 days-plus layoff.

6 ELUSIVE UNCAPTURED is another cutting back to this distance after responding to a dropdown in competition with a set-the-pace-and-fade 4th behind Mizzen last out. Kathleen O'Connell has Luca Panici atop the 3-year-old. **4 COMMISSIO**, 1 of 2 in the field for Antonio Sano (Check Twice), is stepping up and stretching out, after recovering from trouble at the start to finish 3rd vs \$12,500 maidens going 5 ½ furlongs: Leonel Reyes rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-4

RACE 5:

4 KING OTTOKAR is dropping to the \$12,500 level after facing tougher on the turf, both here and at Tampa, before going to the sidelines in March. Trainer Mark Casse has Luca Panici named to ride.

12 CALABASH will depart from the outside after rallying 4-wide to finish 4th – as the 3-to-5 favorite - at this level and distance. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has J.C. Diaz Jr handling the outside draw. **10 HONORABLE** is another getting some needed class relief after showing early interest and fading vs \$20,000 claimers going a mile on the grass. Trainer Mike Maker has Samy Camacho atop the \$60,000 son of Constitution.

SELECTIONS: 4-12-10

**RACE 6:**

7 CHROME RACER is debuting locally in owner/trainer Louie Rousell's barn, and dropping to \$50,000 level, after rallying to come within a nose of winning her special weight debut going 4 ½ furlongs at Louisiana Downs. The daughter of California Chrome has Emisael Jaramillo at the controls.

3 STORY TOLD is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after the solid 5-furlong debut in which she set a pressured pace and finished a game 2nd. Jose Pinchin tabs Edgard Zayas to ride, as Jaramillo moves to Chrome Racer.

8 CHESS NOT CHECKERS is moving to the Dave Braddy barn via the claim, and stepping up, after rallying wide to come within a neck of winning her \$25,000 career debut going 5 furlongs: Luca Panici rides.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-8

RACE 7:

2 INCLUDE THE BEAST is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs after a couple of solid efforts going three-quarters of a mile in which she set the pace before getting collared at the wire. Trainer Aubrey Maragh has 7-pound apprentice Mario Fuentes handling the turnback. **4 LEYENDA** is hoping to find more firepower for the stretch run after breaking from the outside (Post 11), and making a middle move, before fading to finish 4th behind the top choice last out. Antonio Sano has Gaddiel Martinez handling the rematch. **3 WORLD GONE WILD** is stepping up to face winners after shaking off trouble at the start (stumbled) to cruise away on a sealed muddy track to defeat \$16,000 maidens at the distance. Kathleen O'Connell has Miguel Vazquez going for 2 in a row.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3

RACE 8:

4 UNCLE JAMO is dropping to the \$25,000 level after following the nose defeat at the distance vs \$50,000 maidens 2 starts back with a troubled outing (pinballed) vs \$50,000 foes going a mile last out. David Fawkes has Miguel Vazquez handling the dropdown. **2 ASYMPTOMATIC (IRE)**, another from trainer David Fawkes, the new gelding drops, and gets Lasix, in the first start since finishing 4th in a maiden special turf sprint here last July while in the Wesley Ward barn: Emisael Jarmillo rides this half of the uncoupled entry.

6 LAZARETTO moved to the Gilberto Zerpa barn via the claim, and was sent to the sidelines, after encountering early trouble (bumped twice) when finishing a late-closing 3rd vs \$12,500 maidens going a mile on the grass. He returns to action as a gelding, with blinkers added.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-6

RACE 9:

2 AMERICAN OF COURSE gets the call of the speed of the speed after shipping down from Tampa to defeat \$20,000 claimers in front running fashion. Kathleen O'Connell has Samy Camcho going for the 4-year-olds 3rd consecutive victory. **7 COREY** moves to the Peter Walder barn via the claim after adding to her local horse-for-course status when she won for the 3rd time in 4 races here. Walder, 24%-win new claims, has Edgard Zayas up.

3 BABY LION is making the usually fruitful 3rd start back from the layoff after shaking off a troubled start (stumbled) to finish 2nd behind Corey last out. Saffie has J.C. Diaz Jr handling the rematch.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-3

RACE 10:

7 MONY is dropping to the \$12,500 level after getting steadied repeatedly when finishing 7th vs \$16,000 claimers last out. His performance at this level 2 starts back points him out as the one to beat in the nightcap. **4 DILIGENT** is making his first start since knocking on the door in back-to-back turf outings vs this caliber of competition. Trainer Ed Plesa Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the return to action. **1 MR. AXEL** has speed, the rail, and chance to lead this group from flag fall to finish. Trainer Michelle Nihei spots the gelding perfectly at the \$12,500 level.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-1

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 7 MONY

LONGSHOT: RACE 3 – 12 MAJORITY RULES